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EDITORIAL/BEGATHON

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped with the Zine Register so far. Since I announced that I had taken over the zine, my mailbox has been stuffed full of zines, entries and much friendly advice.

It would take too long to mention everyone who has assisted me. (That is one listing I know I couldn't do!) However I would especially like to thank Gary Coughlan, Cathy Ozog, Fred Davis, Mark Berch, Rod Walker, John Caruso, Kathy Byrne, Melinda Holley, Mark Coldiron and Conrad von Metzke.

However there are still...

MORE WAYS TO HELP

INFORMATION Alas, errors creep unbidden into any listing. If I have inadvertently typed the wrong information then please let me know as soon as possible. I'm only human but, at least, I can try not to make the same mistake twice.

SUGGESTIONS I'm always keen to receive suggestions and constructive criticism. I listened to John Caruso and Melinda Holley and as a result I ditched the old ZR policy of "mandatory inclusion". Write to me and I'll listen to you.

ENTRIES Don't forget to send me your new entry by March 31st!

TRADES I would especially urge you to start up an all-for-all trade with the Zine Register. Although it may seem strange trading with a four-monthly zine, it is worth your while since all trades will go to the Zine Bank, eventually finding their way into the hands of novices. Also the more zines I receive, the more informed I will be about the American hobby. The more I know, the more comprehensive the listings will be.

SHIPMENTS If you want to get more out of the Zine Bank, why not send me a batch of back issues and over-prints? I've already received bulk shipments of Diplomacy Digest, Bushwacker, and Costaguana, but I will need more.

PLUGS Don't forget to tell everyone that the ZR is back on the road and eager to accept subscriptions.

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NEXT ISSUE Hopefully next time the ZR should be bigger and more comprehensive as more people send in entries and trades. I also hope to start a small, regular listing of PBEM "electronic mail" zines

HOW TO READ THE ZINE REGISTER

A typical entry is laid out below:

THE ZINE'S NAME: The editor(s) name(s)
Where the editor(s) live

the cost of the zine, the format, the method of printing,
the page count (approximately - these things can vary!)
the frequency (ditto above), the number of the latest issue
and when it was published, the circulation of the zine.

A list of postal games already being played in the zine.

A list of "open" games which require more players.

A description of the zine. These will invariably be written by the editor and will bear the editor's initials. Others (mostly in the British section) will be written by me and will finish with my initials: SCB.

ZRHELLO!!!

If you're interested in subscribing to a few zines, don't just send \$5 straight away. First be certain that the zine is still being published and will accept new subscribers. Most editors will be happy to send you a sample copy of their zine in return for a couple of stamps. (Lord knows we editors always need stamps!)

Alternatively you could also send \$2 and a large (preferably 'business' size) envelope to receive a selection of zines from the new American Zine Bank. This is a new hobby service run by me (Simon Billenness, 61A Park Avenue, Albany, NY 12202). I don't have spare copies of every zine but I'll do my best.

Enough. On with the listings...

APPALLING GREED: Mark Larzelere *****
7607 Fontainebleau #2352, New Carrollton, MD 20784

25¢/issue, open page, ditto, 2 pages, 3 weekly,
#78 (November), ca 21

Runs: Diplomacy, Intimate Diplomacy, Titan, Stellar Conquest
Openings: None, but see below

AG is now a two page flyer carrying only game results. I do not expect to have game openings until one of the present games ends.ML

BIG HITS OF MID-AMERICA (VOLUME THREE): Scott Hanson *****
3508 Fourth Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55408

No sub fee, reduced xerox, one sheet, 4 weekly,

Runs: Diplomacy

This is a warehouse zine which is available only to players and standbys. Inquire for gamefees and openings. SH.

BOAST: Herb Barents *****
317 Chesnut, Batavia, IL 60510

\$6.50/17 issues, open page, mimeo, 8 pages, 3 weekly
#230 (November)

Runs: Diplomacy (5)
Openings: Diplomacy

This is a small, friendly zine which runs games to prompt deadlines. There's also a couple of pages of reviews and news about games. SCB

BREAD & CIRCUSES: Chuff Afflerbach *****
5632 Oakgrove Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618

Free to stand-bys, open page, xerox, 5 or 6 pages,
#20 (October), ca a dozen

Runs: variant "S.P.Q.R." game #2
Openings: stand-bys welcome

Bread and Circuses presents "S.P.Q.R.", a new game created by Michael Mills. "Senatus Populusque Romanus" is the banner under which your Imperial Legions march as you compete for power in the year 191AD. Conspiracy and diplomacy are the rule; at your disposal are legions, fleets, and barbarians, gold and silver, Senate votes even written treaties to hold your allies to their promises. Feed your provinces, conquer your neighbors, control the Senate, and have yourself named Roman Emperor.... "S.P.Q.R." takes Diplomacy into a vast new realm of competition! CA.

BUSHWACKER: Fred C. Davis, Jr. *****
1427 Clairidge Road, Baltimore, Md. 21207

\$6/12 issues for non-players, \$9 flat fee for players, \$5 flat fee for standbys, open page, photocopy/mimeo, 10 pages, monthly,
#169 (November), circ. 70

Runs: Diplomacy variants. We try to run three different games at all times
Openings: A choice of new Diplomacy variants announced as needed. Standbys needed for "Vacation Dip III"

Bushwacker is devoted exclusively to Variant Diplomacy games. Readers get to vote on which ones they want to play. Rules and maps for new variants are sometimes printed. We also print items on hobby news, astronomy, politics, science fiction, or whatever else we feel like writing about. Now in its 14th year of publication. Players receive \$1.00 discount for all subsequent games. FCD.

CATHYS RAMBLINGS: Cathy Ozog *****
1526 N. Lawler Avenue, Chicago, IL 60651

\$7/10 issues (\$1.20 each to Europe), open page, litho, 18 pages,
6 weekly, #17 (October),

CATHYS RAMBLINGS: continued...

Runs: Orknaire(FRP campaign), Diplomacy(3), International Dip,
Gunboat(3), Bourse, Paranoia

Openings: Orknaire, Paranoia, Diplomacy and gunboat standbys

When an editor describes me (of all people!) as having "good looks, charm and a cute body", you just know that they're loopy enough to produce a fine zine. CR is one of the world's top international zines with players from all over North America and Britain. It is renown for its friendly approach and chatty (albeit rather ungrammatical) writing style. SCB

CHEESECAKE: Andy Lischett *****
2402 Ridgeland Avenue, Berwyn, IL 60402

Free to players & standbys, open page, litho, 4-6 pages,
4 weekly, #69 (November), circ. about 30

Runs: Diplomacy(4)

Openings: 2 games of Diplomacy which will be the only openings
until another game ends

Cheesecake is prompt and cheap and probably boring to non-players. AL

COSTAGUANA: Conrad von Metzke *****
4374 Donald Avenue, San Diego, CA 92117-3813

\$2.20/10 issues, digest, photocopy, 20 pages, 3 weekly,
#179 (November), circ. 42

Runs: Diplomacy(7)

Openings: Diplomacy, Cline 9 Man Diplomacy

Costaguana was established in April 1965, and is considered one of the "classic" journals. It emphasizes a few games, lots of room for press, and all manner of "filler" material (only rarely related to Diplomacy). One subject is taboo: Hobby feuds, otherwise within the limits of the libel laws, anything is fair. Costaguana once had a circulation near 200, but since 1983 has favored a small, friendly list. CvM

DIPLOMACY DIGEST: Mark Berch *****
492 Naylor Place, Alexandria, VA 22304

\$4.50/10 issues (Europe 2/5 issues), digest, photocopy, 12 pages
monthly, #94 (October), circ. 99

DD runs no games. Instead it contains a whole wealth of articles (usually reprinted) about the strategy and tactics of Diplomacy and the postal hobby as a whole, as well as up to date hooby news. It's an invaluable publication for anyone who wants to get deeper into the hobby... SCB

DIPLOMACY WORLD: Larry Peery *****
Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102-0416

\$12/year (Canada/\$14, Europe/\$16), digest, photocopy, 48 pages
quarterly, #40 (November)

DIPLOMACY WORLD: continued...

DW has recently been relaunched by Larry Peery, its enthusiastic and talented new editor. It is a quarterly service publication dealing with the game of Diplomacy, which publishes a wide variety of original material. An essential purchase for the North American Diplomacy player. SCB

DIPLOMAG: Fred C. Davis *****
1427 Clairidge Road, Baltimore, MD 21207

\$3/6 issues, open page, photocopy, 4 pages, bimonthly,
Vol III, No 16, circ. 40

This is the genzine and service for the Mensa Postal Diplomacy SIG. We set up postal games for Mensans. FCD

EUROPA EXPRESS: Gary L. Coughlan *****
4614 Martha Cole Lane, Memphis Tennessee 38118

\$1.20/issue (sample costs 39¢), digest, xerox, 40 pages,
5 weekly, #49 (November), circ. 150

Runs: Diplomacy(3) plus subzine games
Openings: None, except maybe in the subzines

EE's purpose is to act as a bridge bringing together the North American and European hobbies. The zine features articles, a letter column in which actual Canadian, American and European views (straight from the horse's mouth so to speak) are expressed. All games are run with maps so subbers can easily follow them. The zine is currently running a day-to-day chronology of World War One, upon which our game Diplomacy was based. Were you ever in Iceland? Write and tell me about your experiences there and win free EEs or, if you prefer, issues of another zine. CG

EXCELSIOR: Bruce McIntyre *****
6191 Winch St., Burnaby BC, Canada, V5B 2L4

\$2 Canadian/3 issues (\$7 US/10 issues), digest, xerox, 30 pages,
5 weekly, #9 (November), circ. 100 (approx)

Runs: Diplomacy(3), International Diplomacy
Openings: Diplomacy, Superbourse, International Diplomacy,
Patterns II, Clue

Excelsior was to be produced for the benefit of its editor, however, said editor has recently discovered that said benefits are not monetary. Unfortunately an uncanny quirk of fate put XL high on the '85 Runestone Poll list, with 41 of 42 votes 6 of higher. Said editor is now attempting to convince the mugwump who voted XL a "2" to reveal himself, so that others may follow his example. BM

FEUILLETONIST'S FORUM: Greg Ellis *****
700 Rio Grande, Austin, TX 78701

\$5/10 issues, digest, xerox, 16 pages (+ subzines),
5 weekly, #18 (November), circ. 50

FEUILLETONIST'S FORUM; continued...

Runs: Presidential Politics(2), Diplomacy(3)

Openings: Presidential Politics (Spring '86), Diplomacy (Summer)

FF is a publication dedicated to the play and discussion of various PBM games including Diplomacy and Presidential Politics. It also contains a heavily political letter column which is intended to act as a forum for debate "in the Lincoln-Douglas tradition". SCB

FOL SI FIE: Randolph Smyth *****
#119-70 Maryland St., Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3G 1K7

\$2 CAN/3, \$5 US/9, Open Page, computer printout, 10 pages,
5 weekly, #168 (October), circ. 37

Runs: Diplomacy (5)

Openings: Diplomacy (including one only for players with 2+ Calhamer points), Diplomacy standbys

Emphasis on strategy/tactics/negotiating articles. Zine begun in 1974. RS

FROBOZZ: Jeff Richmond *****
3313 Platt Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

\$3.50/10 issues, open page, xerox, 6 pages, 4 weekly,
#22 (November), circ. about 40

Runs: Diplomacy (5), World War III

Openings: Expected soon for Diplomacy. Standbys welcome.

Frobozz is devoted to the games themselves, though puzzles are featured regularly. Emphasis is placed on accurate GMing and timely publishing; Frobozz is always mailed within two days after the deadline for orders. JR

GRAUSTARK: John Boardman *****
234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11226

\$6/9 issues, open page, mimeo, 12 pages, 4 weekly,
#512 (October)

Runs: Diplomacy(7)

Openings: Diplomacy

Graustark was the world's first postal Diplomacy zine and it is still putting out the issues over 20 years after its inception. Each issue is largely devoted to the games though there is invariably some hobby news and political satire. SCB.

ITALIANO PRIBE: David Grabar *****
1583 Truman, Chowchilla, CA 93610

Free for players (though you must pay a gamefee), open page, ditto,
4 pages, monthly, #99 (October), circ. 30

Dave has taken a break. IP will restart in January. SCB

IT'S A TRAP: Steve Knight *****
2732 Grand Avenue S. #302, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

50¢ + postage, digest, xerox, 24 pages, 4 weekly,
#7 (November), circ. 81

Runs: Diplomacy (2), United, Twixt
Openings: United, Twixt, Diplomacy

IT is a pleasant little zine which contributes to transatlantic hobby unity by running United and by the fact that its editor is the American half of the International Subscription Exchange. Apart from the games, IT also contains an interesting letter column, originally only concerned with films but which is now branching into other topics. SCB

LIBERTERREAN: Kevin Kozlowski *****
2401 E. Northern Parkway, Baltimore, MD 21214

\$6/10 issues, open page, xerox, 8 pages, 3 weekly,
#232 (November)

Runs: Diplomacy (4)
Openings: Diplomacy, Armored Barbarism, Libourse

Liberterrean will offer 2 or 3 Diplomacy openings in January-February of 1986, as well as one game of Armored Barbarism, a multi-player game in which each player controls one country and attempts to conquer the world. Air, sea, and land units are all utilized, with each player building units with the characteristics he chooses. Espionage, supply, colonization, and weather are all taken into account in this game. Furthermore, around March or April, a LIBOURSE game will open up, which is an economic and trading game, and will be tied to one of the diplomacy games. Gamefees are \$3, with a fee of \$.50 per turn to apply for the Armored Barbarism game. KK

LIFE OF MONTY: Don Del Grande *****
142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339

55¢/issue (usually), digest, xerox, 16 pages, 4 weekly,
#58 (November), circ. 50

Runs: Diplomacy, Kingmaker
Openings: Diplomacy, Trivial Pursuit, Cold War, Doctor Who (this is the RPG by FASA, not the other one), Pro Wrestling, Car Wars

Life of Monty's most interesting feature is the three-year-old DIP WARZ SAGA - DIP WARZ and TRIVIAL PURSUIT - its TWO most interesting features are DIP WARZ and TRIVIAL PURSUIT, not to mention FNORD - that's THREE - its THREE most interesting features are DIP WARZ, TRIVIAL PURSUIT, FNORD, not to mention the variety of games..... What makes LOM interesting is DIP WARZ, TRIVIAL PURSUIT, FNORD (not to mention the other subzines), and variety, plus the occasional DIP BOWL (the varsity sport of the mouth), DIPRISONER ("Who is the hobby master?" "You are Fleet Syria" "I am not an anchor - I am a free player"), and maybe even some Diplomacy. DDG

LONE STAR DIPLOMAT: Mike Conner *****
8008 Gault Street, Austin, TX 78758

30¢/issue, open page, reduced photocopy, 4 pages, 4 weekly,
#46 (October), circ. 35

Runs: Diplomacy(2)
Openings: Diplomacy standbys only

LSD is mostly a warehouse zine, with droll cartoons for fillers,
occasional letters and hobby news. It is winding down towards a
probable late 1986 fold. MC

MACABRE: Mark Coldiron *****
3300 Parkside Drive #47, Rocklin, CA 95677

Free, digest, xerox, 42 pages, monthly, #29 (November), circ. 43

Runs: Diplomacy(4), Range War, Woolworth
Openings: Dip Battleships and Diplomacy standbys

This zine is dedicated to the proposition that variety is the spice
of life (with a few exceptions). As such, it majors (heavily) on
variants (called deviants by some). Apart from the games, there are
rock, TV and history trivia quizzes. Subs, games and standbys are
all free! (for the asking). SCB

MIDLIFE CRISIS: Paul Rauterberg *****
4158 Monona Drive, Monona, WI 53716

\$5/10 issues, Digest, photo reduced, 8-16 pages, monthly,
#27 (October), circ. 55

Runs: Diplomacy(6), World War III
Openings: Diplomacy

MC caters to players with no gamefees but with hefty NMR fines
(\$5 per offense). All submitted press is printed, unless it has
no conceivable relevance to the game. It also included two
subzines: Bottoms Up! by Dale Bakken and Vertigo by Brad Wilson. PR

MURD'RING MINISTERS: J. Ron Brown *****
1528 El Sereno Place, Bakersfield, CA 93304-4601

\$5.50/12 issues, open page, mimeo, 12-24 pages, quarterly(ish)
#77 (August), circ. 32

Runs: Diplomacy, Machiavelii

MM is winding down to its final days, and the zine will fold when
the games are completed. The occasional reading issues include a
letter column, quizzes, articles, Napoleonics and whatever
humorous stuff the readers produce. JRB

((Wah! What an awkward space to fill. How about listing the albums
I've been listening to whilst typing? OK, Talking Heads, Stop
Making Sense, Husker Du, Flip Your Wig, Smiths, Hatful of
Hollow, Red Guitars, Slow to Fade, Bronski Beat, Age of Consent))

NO FIXED ADDRESS: Steve Hutton *****
1175 Broadview Avenue #711, Toronto, Ontario, M4K 2S9 Canada

90¢ CAN, 80¢ US, \$1 US to Europe, digest, xerox, 48 pages,
5 weekly, #35 (November)

Runs: Diplomacy(6), Blow Up
Openings: Diplomacy standbys only, I expect

NFA is particularly noted for its humour and lively letter column. Steve is one of the postal hobby's most talented writers and produces a zine which often has me laughing out loud. Steve has bravely come out the closet and said he's gay so this is not a zine for bigoted fundamentalists. SCB

NOT NEW YORK: Paul Gardner *****
Rt. 1, Box 2338, Newfane, VT 05345

50¢/issue, open page, xerox, 8-10 pages, 4 weeks (hypothetically)
#9 (September), circ. 55

Runs: Diplomacy(4)
Openings: Diplomacy, Game From Ipanema

Captains Log, Stardate Nov. 14th, 2085: adrift in deep space out past universe 9. Scotty has been swearing and cussing a blue streak because the engines have not been cranking out the way the label on them claims they should. His theory? Somewhere between conception and execution the builders left out the motivational generator. Personally I think Scotty just needs to kick some ass down there in engineering, Because we've got some pretty wild and crazy missions yet to accomplish. Till then it's a dull ride. PG

QUINIPIQUE: Claude Gautron *****
150 rue Masson, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2H 0H2 Canada

50¢/issue, open page, xerox, 3 pages, 8 weekly,
#14 (August), circ. 25

Runs: Diplomatie Classique
Openings: Diplomatie Classique

Quinipique est un des deux seuls zines francophones de Diplomatie en Amérique du Nord. Une liste d'attente demeure toujours ouverte pour les joueurs, qu'ils soient Nord-Américains ou Européens, qui voudraient participer à une partie de Diplomatie classique en français. Si vous aimez jouer dans une partie où le Maître-de-Jeu (MJ) fait très peu d'erreurs d'arbitrage (ahem), Quinipique est pour vous! Les joueur de remplacement sont toujours les bienvenus! Essayez quelquechose d'exotique (et de rare), abonnez-vous à un zine canadien-français (qui est publié au Manitoba)! CG

PERELANDRA: Pete Gaughan *****
3121 E. Park Row #165, Arlington, TX 76010

75¢/issue, open page, photocopy, 12 pages, monthly,
#38 (December), circ. approx 40

PERELANDRA: continued...

Runs: Diplomacy(3), Snowball Fighting, Literary Quiz

Openings: Diplomacy, Gunboat, Downfall of the Lord of the Rings
(Definitive version), Ballpark (postal baseball league)

Perelandra moves into its fourth year as the hobby's only literary zine. Guest writers have included Mark Twain and Jonathon Swift; H. Beam Piper and C.J. Cherryh; John Muir and H.D. Thoreau. We offer games nobody else in North America offers. Perelandra only makes one promise - we'll never be mundane! PG

POLITESSE: Ken Peel *****
8708 First Avenue, #T-2, Silver Spring, MD 20910

39¢/issue, open page, photocopy, 18-24 pages, monthly, circ. 50-60

Politesse, the monthly publication of the Washington Area Retinue of (Tacitly) Highly-Organised Gamesters, is of, by and for the mid-Atlantic local gaming community - most particularly in the Baltimore/Washington area. The core of Politesse is the Havagame (which announces upcoming gaming meets) and Hadagame (which reports on...well, you catch my drift) sections, but it contains plenty of other diversions, including the postal (although mostly local) Dip games, guest GMed by Jeff Close in his section, the Diplomat-Times, the latest intrigues in the WARTHOG bureaucracy, reports on services and goings on in the postal hobby, reports on preparations for Dipcon/Marycon '86 in Fredricksberg, Virginia and chat by yours truly and Ed Wrobel. KP

POMMES MIT MAYO: Scott Hanson and Frauke Petersen *****
3508 Fourth Avenue S., Minneapolis, MN 55408

35¢/issue (45¢ overseas), open page, reduced xerox, 4 pages,
5 weekly, #54 (November)

Openings: Hase und Igel/Hare and Tortoise

Pommes is not a games zine rather an international talk zine which features political discussions. Recent topics discussed include the news media, peace demonstrations, the sinking of the Rainbow Warrior and the ethics of putting mayonnaise on your French fries. SCB

PRAXIS: Alan Stewart *****
702-25 St Mary St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4Y 1R2

80¢ CAN, 60¢ US/issue, open page, photocopy, 16 pages,
5 weekly, #1 (November), circ. 37

Runs: Diplomacy(3)

Openings: Standbys only

Praxis features "The Party Line" (an extensive letter column), "Solidarity" (the editor's embarrassing personal relations) and, most importantly "Demystification" a showcase for half-formed ideas about the strategy, tactics and psychology of Diplomacy. To its subbers Praxis is like a half-tipsy bore at a party: not the greatest thing to spend your time on, but better than talking to your ex-wife's new husband. AS

PROTOZOAN: Scott Cameron *****
4 Meadow Lane, Hicksville, NY 11801

Postage, open page, photocopy, 3 weekly, #21 (November), circ. 15

Runs: Conquistador(3), Kingmaker(2), Pax Britannica, Civilization,
Source fo the Nile

Openings: Source of the Nile. Later maybe Kingmaker, Pax Britannica,
En Garde, Monopoly or any SPI negotiation game

Each subscriber to Proto receives a page or two of articles, satire,
rules discussions etc plus the reports of any games he's playing.
By only sending game reports to players, I am able to keep my
page count and costs down. Protozoan is also guaranteed not to give
you leprosy (or your money back). SC

REDWOOD CURTAIN: Kevin Tighe *****
2026 Agate, Eugene, OR 97403

25¢/issue, open page, xerox, 3 weekly, #15 (November), circ. 23

Runs: Diplomacy(2)
Openings: Diplomacy

Step behind the Redwood Curtain and discover fast, well-run Dip
games with one page of filler from the man who brought you
Humboldt. RC is a cheap thin 'zijn and proud of it. KT

TACKY: Lu Henry *****
6C56 Waverly, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127

Free, digest, xerox, 5 weekly, #32 (October)

Runs: Diplomacy(3), Machiavelli, Woolworth
Openings: Diplomacy, Stonehenge Diplomacy, Royal Navy, Flattop,
Wooden Ships, Ironbottom Sound

Untrue to its name, Tacky is a neatly produced and efficient
gamezine. The latest issue included "The Gulf of Genoa" a new
Wooden Ships scenario which should prove very interesting to
owners of the game. SCB

TER-RAN: Steve Heinowski *****
12034 Pyle, Oberlin, OH 44074

\$1/3 issues ?, open page, ditto, 7 pages ?, 4 weekly,
#111 (November), circ. 40-50

Runs: Diplomacy(5), Cosmic Balance III(5)
Openings: Diplomacy, Cosmic Balance III

It's cheap, on time, and never been eaten by an iguana. SH

THE ALAMO CITY TIMES: John Walker *****
4819 Corian Oak, San Antonio, TX 78219-1848

30-35¢/issue, open page, xerox, 3 pages, monthly,
#8 (November), circ. no more than 20

THE ALAMO CITY TIMES continued...

Runs: Diplomacy, Gunboat (with NMR allies)

Openings: Gunboat or Gunboat (with NMR allies)

This is a pleasant (no feuds, only good hobby news), cheap (fairly low gamefee; if you get 2nd choice on your country preference list you get \$1 back; 3rd choice, \$2 back; etc), and very small zine. TACT's best and biggest feature lately has been the players' press in the gunboat game. Black press is okay. The right to edit for libel, obscenity, good taste, etc is reserved but so far nothing has been cut. Each game gets a map each issue. The first 10 people to volunteer to standby receive free subs! JW

THE APPALACHIAN GENERAL: David McCrumb *****
Route 1, Box 109, New Castle, VA 24127

75¢/issue, digest, photocopy, 12 pages, monthly,
#26 (October), circ. 50

Runs: Diplomacy(2), Gunboat(3), Youngstown IV, Youngstown XII,
Civilization

Openings: Standbys for all the above and Final Conflict III

The Appalachian General is a journal devoted to the playing of diplomatic games. Gunboat is offered for those with less time but a desire to play something. There is a quiz on military history every other issue, the prize being a book related to the subject of the quiz. Reliability and precision are the trademarks of The Appalachian General. DM

THE ARMCHAIR DIPLOMAT: Ken Hill *****
3092 Sawdust Lane, Dublin, OH 43017

Electronic Publication, 3 or 4 pages, weekly, #147 (November)
circ. 35-50 active players

Runs: Diplomacy(7)

Openings: Diplomacy

The Armchair Diplomat is the home of Play-by-Electronic-Mail Diplomacy on the CompuServe Information Service Network. Games are played via electronic mail and public message service on the CompuServe network. Game turns are usually every two weeks and the average game lasts about six months. Correspondence between players is transmitted instantly (no more waiting on the mailman) and is absolutely confidential. Orders are transmitted directly to the GM and are posted in The Armchair Diplomat within 72 hours of the adjudication. Many players feel, as I do, that PBEM is the ideal way to play Dip. Inquiries to the editor are welcome! KH

THE BUZZARD'S BREATH: Mark Matuschak *****
44 Garden Street, Boston, MA 02114

50¢/issue, open page, mimeo, 24 pages, 5 weekly,
#82 (November)

THE BUZZARD'S BREATH: continued...

Runs: Third Reich(9), Source of the Nile, War & Peace, En Garde
Openings: Third Reich, En Garde, Source of the Nile

With several games running as well as articles and letters on the subject, it can be said, without doubt, that no zine devotes as much attention to Third Reich as TBB. It's En Garde houserules expand on that fine game and have served as a model for other zines. Although TBB isn't really a part of the Diplomacy crowd it stays in touch and boasts a loyal following of its own. SCB

THE CANADIAN DIPLOMAT: Robert Acheson *****
P.O. Box 4622, Station SE, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6E 2A0

\$1 CAN/2 issues, \$2 US/5 issues, open page, xerox, 15 pages,
6 weekly, #8 (November), circ. 50

Runs: Diplomacy(3), Gunboat(3), Anarchy
Openings: Diplomacy, Gunboat, Anarchy

TCD is a publication devoted to the play of Diplomacy and its variants. There is some political and sports chat but the heart of the zine are its games which are well run and full of press. SCB

THE DIPLOMAT: Dave Kleiman *****
651 Fenster Court, Indianapolis, IN 46234

50¢/issue, digest, xerox, 16-20 pages, 3 weekly

Runs: Diplomacy(8), World War IIb, Gunboat, Trivial Pursuit
Openings: Diplomacy

The Diplomat is a very punctual game orientated magazine. We're on 3 week deadlines and we mail each issue within 24 hours of the deadline. TD has had 49 issues since its start in November 1982. All Diplomacy games are computer adjudicated and include game maps. TD was placed 9th in the 1984 Runestone Poll and I placed 10th in the GM poll. It features a very few articles, some contests and cartoons, but is not for those who want reading material. DK

THE DRAGON'S LAIR: Stephen Wilcox *****
5300 W Gulf Bank #103, Houston, TX 77088

50¢/issue, letter size, xerox, 12 pages, quarterly,
#5 (Fall '85)

The Dragon's Lair houses the DragonsTooth Rating System, the standby rating system, and a system combining the two: a total of over 700 listings. Also, in each issue appears a chart showing the number of wins, draws, survivals, and eliminations by country showing their relative strengths, and a list of the top five players for each country. A letter column appears in most issues discussing anything related to rating systems in general. A useful tool in sizing up your opponents. SW

THE GAMERS' ZINE: Earl E. Whiskeyman *****
27 Mark Street, Milford, CT 06460

\$1/issue, open page, mimeo, 20 pages, monthly, #89 (Nov), circ. 70

Runs: Diplomacy(3), Final Conflict, En Garde(2), Source of the Nile
Openings: Diplomacy, En Garde, Source of the Nile, standbys
required

This zine is particularly geared for gamers in Connecticut although there are several subbers from other states. Standbys are desperately needed in return for free copies of the zine, though you have to subscribe first. SCB

THE GONZO REPORT: Kevin G. Stone *****
229 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07302

\$15 per season, open page, xerox, 2 pages, weekly during football league system, Vol II #10 (November), circ. 8

The Gonzo Report is one of two zines currently running Gonzo Football League. The other is the Esse Fantasy Football Bulletin published by Ed Wrobel. The GFL, an invention of Jake Halverstadt, allows players to own and manage a professional football franchise. Each player drafts a team of NFL players, makes trades, signs and waives players and sets a weekly lineup. Weekly game results are based on the actual performance of NFL players. This year's champion will receive a prize of \$50, while the runner-up collects \$25. Last year the GFL had six teams, and this year 16 between the two sections. The GFL will continue next year, but the status of the Gonzo Report remains questionable. Players interested in playing in the Gonzo Baseball League should contact Chuff Afflerbach, 5632 Oakgrove Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618. KGS

THE K-ZINE: Bill Becker *****
810 Turwill, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

50¢/issue, open page, xerox, 8 pages, 4 weekly,
#17 (November), circ. 33

Runs: United

Openings: Standbys only though new positions will be available
around June 1986

The K-zine is one of those quiet, reliable publications which just gets on with the business of running a United league. It should be of interest to any soccer fan. SCB

THE NOT FOR HIRE: Steve Langley *****
2296 Eden Roc Lane #1, Sacramento, CA 95825

\$1/issue, digest, xerox, 36 pages, 5 weekly ?,
#5 (October), circ. 34

Openings: Diplomacy

TNFH is intended as a letterzine for Dipdom. It's mainly concerned with the "Great Feud" though Steve also plans to run a \$15 gamefee dipgame with the proceeds going to Diplomacy World. SCB

THE PRINCE: Jim Meinel *****
PO Box 832, Anchorage, AK 99510

25¢/issue, open page, xerox, 2 pages, monthly,
#39 (October), circ. 13

Runs: Diplomacy (2), Prophetic Play
Openings: Standbys only

Although there are no game openings at present, standbys are required. Subfees are waived for those who become standbys. SCB

THE RAZOR'S EDGE: James R. Early *****
3705 Uruguay Drive, Pasadena, TX 77504

75¢/issue, digest, xerox, 16 pages, monthly, #8 (Oct), circ. 50

Runs: Dipolmacy(2), Final Conflict III(2), Gunboat, Confusion,
US Diplomacy IV
Openings: Diplomacy. Standbys always needed

TRE is a rather new zine, and is definitely a players' zine. It has many features which help the player, such as the names and addresses of players in every issue and maps for all games. TRE has a variety of games to follow, including both regular Dip and variants. It has other interesting aspects, such as colored pages, a guaranteed article every issue, a subzine, and a running Trivial Pursuit contest. TRE is read by many publishers so it is a good place to plug hobby projects (and I always do so). Samples are free so check it out! JE

THE VORTEX: Dan Gorham *****
800 S. Euclid Street, Fullerton, CA 92632

\$10/12 issues, published every 30 days

Runs: Diplomacy
Openings: Diplomacy (\$5 gamefee)

The Vortex will be completely kept on record by computer, using a Tandy 1200 Hard Disk, and software entitled "computer Diplomacy" published by Microcomputer Games, a division of the Avalon Hill Game Company. All rules will be according to this software, and accordingly there should be NO Game Master errors, and a complete even handed reporting of the games. A complete print out of each game will be given at the conclusion of each game. Diplomacy only will be carried!

THIRTY MILES OF BAD ROAD: Mark Luedi *****
PO Box 2424, Bloomington, IN 47402

price ?, digest, xerox, #29, circ. ca 90

Runs: Youngstown (run by flyer)

No one is really sure if this zine is dead or alive, including its editor. Some word about its present and future status should be expected sometime before 1989.

TOUCHE: Ramon Lazaro *****
1120 Cordoza Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134

\$15/annual fee, open page, xerox, 18-21 pages, 7-8 weekly,
#60 (November), circ. 25

Runs: WS+IM(3), Conquistador(2), Civilization, Dune, Submarine(2)
Afrika Korps, Magic Realm, Source of the Nile, 1776,
Campaign Trail, B-17, Napoleon's Last Battles

Openings: Magic Realm, Civilization, Machiavelli, Rail Baron,
Source of the Nile, Conquistador (variant)

Touche is really a small PBM club and is now under strict limited membership. Interested parties may inquire submitting an SSAE. A current sample of Touche costs \$1.76 (in stamps). All members must play in at least one game. Touche will shortly be entering its eighth year and it features many diverse games. In addition it offers to the mature and responsible player a solid cadre of fellow members who participate in several gaming adventures featuring "multi-commander" and "fog of war" aspects. RL

TRAX: Bruce Linsey *****
73 Ashuelot Street, Apt. 3, Dalton, MA 01226

40¢/issue, open page, xerox, 10 pages, irregular, #1 (November)

Trax is devoted exclusively to Empire Builder and British Rails by Mayfair Games. The zine serves as a forum for discussion of the play of that game and the possibility of playing the game by post. It would be of interest to most Empire Builder fans. SCB

WESTERN STAR FREE PRESS/DIPPY: Jim Benes *****
417 S. Stough, Hinsdale, IL 60521

\$1/3 issues, open page, mimeo, 5-9 pages, 3 weekly,
Vol 15, #41, circ. 30-50

Runs: Diplomacy(4)
Openings: standbys only

Dippy is rekown for longevity and reliability. WSFP is plain weird. SCB

XENOGOGIC: Larry Peery *****
PO Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102

\$12/year, digest, offset, quarterly,

Xeno is one of the hobby's oldest publications, founded nearly 20 years ago. Recent issues have been as massive as 100 pages long! From now on, however, the zine should be smaller and less frequent now that Larry has taken on the great burden of editing Diplomacy World. Nevertheless 1986 represents the zine's 20th birthday so expect something unusual to appear. For up to date information on Xeno write direct to Larry enclosing a courtesy \$12 sub to Diplomacy World. SCB

Only one more North American zine to go!

KOMEREX ZHA: Stephen Dycus *****
3450 Koring Road, Evansville, IN 47712-2613

in The Diplomat

Runs: Diplomacy, Gunboat
Openings: Far East Diplomacy (\$5 per game), Trivial Pursuit (free)

Komerex Zha is a subzine dedicated to the play of Diplomacy, Diplomacy variants, Trivial Pursuit, and anything else you want to play. I am willing to GM anything here if there is enough interest in playing it. Except for Trivial Pursuit, a sub to The Diplomat is not required. Please send SSAE for current game openings. SD

THE BOOB REPORT: Jim-Bob Burgess *****
100 Holden Street, Providence, RI 02908

in North Sealth West George

Runs: Diplomacy
Openings: Press generating standbys

TBR is published every three weeks and reprinted in NSWG at extremely irregular intervals (best description of NSWG's schedule). Simple subzine with a reknown simpleton for a GM. The game features press, press and more press and three week turnaround on "Rusnak deadlines" (All summer and winter seasons seperated). Maps accompany the game. Guest press welcome. JB

VERTIGO: Brad Wilson *****
Box 327 Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL 60045 (till May 10th)

in Midlife Crisis

Runs: Diplomacy
Openings: Diplomacy, standbys

Vertigo is dedicated to running fun games and having a little fun besides. We feature music, sports, and cuisine besides Diplomacy and press. I always welcome newcomers, international players and anyone looking for a good, competitive game. Vertigo's not real big, but I hope it's real fun. BW

WHO CARES?: Russ Rusnak *****
16 W 536 Honeysuckle Rose, Bldg. 6, Apt 105, Hinsdale, IL 60521

in Whitestonia/KK

Runs: Diplomacy(4)
Openings: none

Russ does not intend to have any game openings till mid 1986, if at all. At this point he is planning to finish his games and then see what happens. SCB

HOBBY SERVICES

Worthy of your attention are the many valuable services run by individual hobby members. These are provided by dedicated, enthusiastic and altruistic people and operated on strict loss-making budgets. All you asked to do is to use and enjoy them.

Masters of Deceit: Steve Arnawoodian *****
602 Hemlock Circle, Lansdale, PA 19446

This costs \$1 and it contains a wide variety of articles of special interest to newcomers to the hobby. Writers include Bob Olsen, Kathy Byrne, Ed Wrobel, Tom Hurst, Tom Swider and many others. An invaluable publication for the novice.

Supernova: Bruce Linsey *****
73 Ashuelot Street, Apt. 3, Dalton, MA 01226

This also costs \$1 and contains a wide variety of articles of special interest to newcomers to the hobby. Writers include Bruce Linsey, Randolph Smyth, Mark Berch, Rod Walker, Fred Davis and many others. Another invaluable publication for the novice.

Diplomacy Introductory Publication: John Caruso *****
29-10 164th Street, Flushing, NY 11358

For a mere SSAE you can receive this 8 page listing of hobby services, conventions and a few zines. It is available free at major gaming conventions.

Black & Blue Book: Larry Peery *****
Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102

For \$5 (inclusive of postage and packing) you can receive this very chunky (128 pages!) list of hobby members, zines, services and conventions. A useful publication if you want to find some gamers who live near you.

Zine Bank: Simon Billenness *****
61A Park Avenue, Albany, NY 12202

Do you want to see sample copies of zines listed in the Zine Register? If you do then just send a large "business size" envelope and \$2 to cover postage and in return you'll receive as many zines as I can force into the envelope. Send more money and the USPS will let me send you more zines. I don't have copies of every zine you might ask for but I'll do my best.

DIP ZIP: Tom Hurst *****
2686 Richardson Drive, Fitchburg, WI 53711

DIP ZIP is a voluntary listing of zines and services. It's published every four months in order to keep the material current. It's not as comprehensive as the ZR (only 28 entries) but since it only costs an SSAE, it's certainly worth checking out.

KNOWN GAME OPENINGS/ZINE DIRECTORY: Robert Sacks *****
4861 Broadway 5-V, New York, NY 10034

For a mere 22¢ you can receive yet another zines listing. The ZD lists 34 publications and is conducted by the New York Game Board as a non-profit project.

Everything...: Bill Quinn *****
c/o Dave Kleiman, 651 Fenster Court, Indianapolis, IN 46234

This is the official publication of the American Boardman Number Custodian and it exists to list Diplomacy game starts. It costs between 50¢ and \$1 per issue.

Alpha & Omega: Lee Kendter *****
4347 Benner Street, Philadelphia, PA 19135

This is the official publication of the Miller Number Custodian whose job it is to list Diplomacy variant game starts and endings. The zine costs 5¢ per page plus postage and it is published only when there is enough material to warrant it.

US Orphan Service: Jim-Bob Burgess *****
100 Holden Street, Providence, RI 02908

Sometimes a zine which you're playing in will stop publishing without warning. If this happens your game has been orphaned. If you want to continue your game then contact the Orphan Service. They will do their best to find your game a new parent zine and they may help to get your subscription money refunded.

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EUROPEAN ZINES

Europe probably boasts as many zines as North America. Since Europe, as a whole, seems to be recruiting more efficiently and at a faster rate than in America, Britain and especially the Continent should be regarded as the main growth areas for postal gaming as a whole.

Transatlantic contact, however, is currently much lower than it used to be in the 1960s. This is a shame since many European and North American zines are crying out for international players and subscribers. If you want to subscribe to a zine across the Atlantic then you should contact the...

... INTERNATIONAL SUBSCRIPTION EXCHANGE

Here's how it works. If you're an American and you want to sub to a British zine, then simply send money to Steve Knight in US funds. Make sure you tell him what zine the money is for and whether you want to receive the zine by air or seairmail. Steve will then transfer the money to Doug Rowling in Britain via their joint bank account thus avoiding expensive exchange charges. On receipt, Doug will then send the money to the British editor concerned giving your name and address.

If you're British then simply send a few pounds to Doug Rowling and he'll send it to Steve. If you live in Canada, you should contact Bruce McIntyre.

USA: Steve Knight, 2732 Grand Ave. S. #302, Minneapolis, MN 55408

UK: Doug Rowling, 228 Kinnell Ave, Cardonald, Glasgow G52 3RU
Scotland

Canada: Bruce McIntyre, 6191 Winch St., Burnaby BC, Canada, V5B 2L4

Enough, on with the listings...

GREAT BRITAIN

Denver Glont: Glover Rogerson *****
31 Cornwall Road, Bishopston, Bristol, BS7 8LJ

£1/issue (airmail), open page, mimeo, 40 pages, 5 weekly,
#41 (November)

Runs: Diplomacy(6), Downfall(4), Excalibur, 1066, Vain Rats,
Blitzkrieg, MAD, Cline 9, Milan(2)

Openings: Milan, Downfall

Denver is one of Britain's top game zines, running a large gameload to regular deadlines. However Glover is also one of Britain's most ungrammatical and entertaining writers, attracting a virtual cult following especially amongst Americans living in Chicago...The zine also boasts a large subzine, Heimskringla, from John Norris a star British player now turned GM. SCB

DIVERSIONS/MONOCROME: Rip Gooch/Robin ap Cynan *****
RG: 49 Lightwood Avenue, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 6EE
RaC: Pen Parc, Holyhead, Gwynedd, LL65 1PH

See below, open page, xerox, 22 pages, 4 weekly,
#18/14 (October), circ. restricted to 70

Runs: Railway Rivals(15), 1829(4), Maneater(4), 1828,
Grab for Africa (4)

Openings: Railway Rivals, 1829, Maneater, Grab for Africa, 1828

Diversions and Monochrome are companion zines. The former is free to players who pay a £2 gamefee. The latter is free to confirmed elitists only. The entire package "combines elitist chat with an efficient and regular games service." RG & SCB

DOLCHSTOSS: Richard Sharp *****
27 Elm Close, Amersham, Bucks, HP6 5DD

50p (85p air to US), digest, photocopy, 32 pages,
4 weekly, #93 (October), circ. 160

Runs: Diplomacy(22), Dipsomashy, Vain Rats, Super Bourse
Openings: Diplomacy, Super Bourse, Jotto

Dolchstoss is currently running more games than any other UK zine, and is therefore not anxious to attract further customers! RS

GREATEST HITS: Pete Birks *****
65 Turney Road, Lodon, SE21 7JB

#1 to US (probably), open page, mimeo, 44 pages, 7 weekly,
#125 (September), circ. 143

Runs: Diplomacy(7), Espionage, Trainer, Bourse, Football League
Almanack
Openings: Diplomacy, Geophysical, Railway Rivals, League Almanack,
Bourse

GH is the hardy perennial of the British zine scene. Three times
winner of the British Zine Poll, GH has always been one of the
top notch. Pete's writing should appeal to most Americans. SCE

HOPSCOTCH: Alan Parr *****
6 Longfield Gardens, Tring, Herts, HP23 4DN

30p + postage, open page/reduced, photocopy, 4 pages,
6 weekly, 54 (October), circ. 160

Runs: United, Win Place & Show, Confrontation, Diplomacy,
Plutonomy, Railway Rivals, Latino, Middleman, Golden
Strider, Executive Decision, Kingmaker, Rail Baron
Openings: Confrontation, Railway Rivals, Latino, Middleman,
Golden Strider

Clapped out and long past its prime - just like its editor.
While several Americans do receive the zine, others are warned
that Hopscotch really isn't worth the trouble and the expense
of getting it to you. You have been warned! AP

LOKASENNA: Brian Dolton *****
40 Fosse Road Central, Leicester, LE3 5PR

40-50p + postage?, digest, offset litho, 40 pages, 5 weekly,
#22 (August)

Runs: Diplomacy, Rather Silly Diplomacy, Fleet Rome, Saga(2),
Sopwith(2)

Lok is predominantly a chatzine which might well appeal to North
Americans. Brian writes about Norse mythology, FRP games,
music, comics, politics, films, books and of course the postal
gaming hobby. If your interests mirror his, why not send him
a subscription? SCB

MAD POLICY: Richard J Walkerdine *****
144 Stoughton Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6PG

25p + postage, open page, mimeo, 18 pages, 5 weekly,
#113 (November), circ. 165

Runs: Diplomacy(11), Jotto, Multimind, Bourse, Railway Rivals
Openings: Diplomacy, Bourse, Railway Rivals and maybe another variant

MP is (officially") Europe's top zine after winning our Zine
Poll. It's fairly small and restrained, devastatingly regular
and always impeccably GMed. It's also good for important
British hobby news. SCB

NMR!: Brian Creese *****
256 Canbury Park Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT2 6LG

40p, open page, mimeo, 14-20 pages, 4-5 weekly,
#66 (November), circ. 120

Runs: Diplomacy(6), Railway Rivals(3), Sopwith
Openings: Diplomacy, Stab, Railway Rivals

A modest little Diplomacy zine, running a few games as efficiently as possible, and preceded by a few pages of chat - often politically based - which varies according to the time available to a grossly overworked editor. BC

ODE: John Marsden *****
Flat 1, Lynwood, The Roundel, St Leonards on Sea, TN37 7HE

40p/surface, 23p + postage (us. 70-75p) airmail, digest, litho,
24 pages, 5-6 weekly, #70 (October), circ. 140

Runs: Diplomacy(13), Diadochi V, Seismic, Vain Rats, Dipsomashy,
Gesta Danorum, Bourse, Railway Rivals(2), 1829(3),
Machiavelli, Wooden Ships & Iron Men, Sopwith, Origins
Openings: Mercator, Diplomacy, Origins of World War 2

Ode has slowed down lately due to the editor's engagement, but will soon be offering again a good games service and reading material on games and the hobby. It currently features a series of strategy articles by Steve Jones on Mercator, a 'whole world' variant popular in the UK. Sample copies are free on request. JM

PRISONERS OF WAR! Wallace Nicoll and Doug Rowling *****
228 Kinnell Avenue, Cardonald, Glasgow, G52 3RU, Scotland

80-90p/airmail to N. America, digest, photocopy, 48-72 pages,
7 weekly, #7 (October), circ. 110

Runs: El Nabisco (Wild West RPG), North West Frontier, What!
(Indian Raj wargame), Hare & Tortoise, Soccerleague,
Touchdown! (NFL sports game), En Garde, Sword & Shield,
Formula One, Diplomacy(3), Game of Clans
Openings: El Nabisco, En Garde, North West Frontier, What!,
Soccerleague, Downfall, Sword & Shield, Sagitarrius

POW is probably the best bet for North Americans who want to play in a British zine. Not only are there plenty of openings for games you can't find in the States, but the deadlines are also long enough apart for you to diplome and send in orders. In addition there is a pleasant, chatty letter column and plenty of news about about the British hobby. SCB

THE THING ON THE MAT: Pete Doubleday *****
302 Lordswood Road, Harbourne, Birmingham
price ?, open page, mimeo, 40 pages, 6 weekly

THE THING ON THE MAT: continued...

Runs: Diplomacy(4)

Openings: Diplomacy, Railway Rivals, Sopwith, Acquire,
Stab Happy, Machiavelli

Since, by Pete's own admission, Thing's games service is marked by "sheer whining inefficiency, this is probably not the best British zine to play in. However Pete's writing on both the hobby and life in general is amongst the best in Britain, so Thing is certainly worth the money if you want good reading. SCB

TWENTY YEARS ON: Ian Shaw *****
2 Whinfell Close, Streatham, London, SW16 1QG

30p + postage, digest, photocopy, 24 pages, quarterly,
#13 (June)

20yo is the European equivalent of the Zine Register. It lists far more British and Continental zines than the ZR ever will, so it's certainly a worth while purchase if you want to find out more about European zines. SCB

VENI, VIDI, VICI: Brian Frew *****
40 Thorns Close, Astley Bridge, Bolton, Lancs, BL1 6PE

40p, digest, photocopied, 20 pages, 4 weekly,
#7 (October), circ. 50

Runs: Diplomacy(3), Quadrosrabble, Chess

Openings: Diplomacy, Milan, Sopwith, Machiavelli, Chess

VVV aims to provide a reliable service for playing Diplomacy and related games to four week deadlines with a week's turnaround. There is a strong interest in chess among the readership and we have entered a team in the "Postal Chess League". The subzine, Marvin's Bit, is run by Bernard Emblem, another ageing hippy, and is concerned with computers, computer games and the songs of Bob Dylan. BF

WAR & PEACE: Derek Caws *****
57 Gordon Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 7SL

40p/issue (surface), 70p (air), open page, mimeo, 28 pages (av.),
4-5 weekly, #34 (November),

Runs: Diplomacy(11), International Dip, Woolworth(3), Excalibur,
Bourse

Openings: Diplomacy, International Diplomacy

W&P is an international Diplomacy zine. It's three main aims are to run games of Diplomacy reliably and efficiently, to include regularly new and old articles on the play of the game, and to establish international links between players in different countries. A series of overseas correspondents, including Bob O'Donnell, Bruce Linsey and Ulf Jiretorn of Sweden, write regularly. Strategy articles from Richard Hucknall, Randolph Smyth and myself are included. International games are run externally to independent deadlines to provide the most efficient service. Join one of the few British zines actively involved in the international hobby! DC

CONTINENTAL ZINES

BELGIUM

BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY: Malcolm Smith *****
Bus 26, Astridplein 31-32, Antwerpen 2018

40p/\$2/issue, digest, litho, 16 pages, 6 weekly ?,
Volume II, #7 (October)

Runs: Dragon Pass, Acquire, Railway Rivals
Openings: Diplomacy

BR is a true international zine. The first volume was published in Britain. The second volume is being edited from Belgium until Malcolm moves to...Norway! Only a complete nutcase like Malcolm could do this... Americans may find BR interesting. It is certainly unique. SCB

THE NETHERLANDS

OXYMORON: Jaap Jacobs *****
En Aglaia Cornelisse, Kaiserstraat 10-B, 2311 GR Leiden

1.60f + postage, digest, photocopy, 48 pages, 4 weekly,
#49 (October), circ. 108

Runs: Cricketboss, United, Diplomacy(11), Anonymous, Stab IV,
Abstraction(2), Downfall, Sopwith(2), New Eleusis(2),
White Box, Sum Up

Openings: Diplomacy, Fleet Rome, 34 35 36, Stab, Scramble
For Africa, Vain Rats, Abstraction II, Downfall V,
Republic, Diadochi V, United, Experimental United,
Cricketboss, Agribusiness, New Eleusis, White Box
(Phew!)

Oxymoron is the founder and flagship of the current, dynamic young Dutch hobby. Quite how Jaap and Aglaia manage to produce such a large zine on a regular basis is certainly beyond me! In addition Jaap is now interested in running a continental Zine Poll along the lines of the British and American versions. Jaap speaks and writes English fluently which allows non-Dutch speaking subscribers the opportunity to read about the hobby (and indeed the world in general) from a distinctly Dutch viewpoint. SCB

CONFLICTGAZET: A.D.F. Duurvoort *****
Zandkreek 46, 3079 AT Rotterdam

30 NLG/per year, digest, offset, 16-40 pages, monthly ?,
#93 (November), circ. 200

Conflictgazet runs no games. Instead it gives all the news about the Dutch Conflict Simulations Games Society. The latest issue contains news of the society's meetings and a Beneluxcon. There are also a couple of game reviews. Unlike Oxymoron, this zine is entirely in Dutch. SCB

Before any wise guy tells me, yes, I know I put those zines in the wrong order...

WEST GERMANY

OATH ON THE COLOURS: Ulrich Blenneman *****
Rosental 76, 4320 Hattingen

1.20 DM + postage, open page, photocopy, 15 pages, 5 weekly,
#13 (November), circ. 30

Runs: Diplomacy, Intimate(3), U-Boat Diplomacy, United,
Der Fuhrer

Openings: Diplomacy, U-Boat Diplomacy, Speed Circuit, United,
Decathlon, Grand Slam

Oath On The Colours is the small, friendly zine from the industrial heart of West Germany. International subbers are always welcome; international games will use the English language. If you want to become the ruler of Europe 80 years ago, win the majority in the Reichstag of the Weimar Republic 50 years ago, score more goals than Pele, beat "wunderkind" Boris Becker, Daley Thompson or Alain Prost, it is yours in Oath On The Colours. OOTC means quality since 1984! UB

SAURIS ALLSTAR UNLIMITED/GENESIS: Christoph Schunk *****
Zeughausstrasse 8, 5500 Trier

4.40 DM, digest, offset, 44 pages, 5 weekly,
#44 (November), circ. 120

Runs: United, Diplomacy(3), International Dip(6), Ancient Empires III, Woolworth, Capitalist(2), Imperial Governor, After the Holocaust

Openings: Diplomacy, International Diplomacy, Hare & Tortoise

Sauris is one of the world's top international zines with over 25 foreign readers and a franchise for Bahnhof Zoo. Soon, however, the International games will be run separately from the zine proper. From time to time we have an English letter column. CS & SCB

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...and so ends my first edition of the new Zine Register. I've certainly enjoyed editing a zine listing again, and especially an American one. It's fascinating to see the differences between the European and American hobbies. In fact I feel like writing a long article about it all, when I've finished the 1001 things I meant to do this month. (Hmm, that reminds me. Must clear the snow from the path outside tonight.)

Please let me know what you think of the latest Zine Register. I'd be particularly interested to know if any editors receive any new subscribers because of the ZR. I'm also keen to know how useful the zine has been to novices. All feedback is greatly appreciated, so don't hesitate to write. See you in April!

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