

A QUICK WORD TO MY SPONSORS...

Firstly I must apologise for the delay in producing this issue of the Zine Register. Unfortunately, when I set the deadline for July 31st all those months ago, I didn't realise that I would be moving to New York City on that date! Since I had to find a new job and sort out the new apartment as soon as I arrived, I decided to extend the deadline to August 31st. I mentioned this to as many people as I could, but I expect that many of you are just hearing this for the first time. Rest assured, I won't be moving again for a long time though I am doing my best to find another job; foreign exchange is dull...

ZINE BANK

Thanks to all of you who have donated zines. I currently have plenty of copies of Fryboaz, Europa Express, Yggdrasil Chronicle, Kaissa, Bohemian Rhapsody, Retaliation and Ter-ran. If other editors could send me a package of samples and back issues, I would be very grateful. Since the last ZR, I've received about 15 requests to use the Zine Bank, and I've certainly got enough samples and trades to cope with many more enquiries. Could editors please give this service a plug? Please note that to use the Zine Bank now costs \$2.50, 10¢ for a sturdy envelope and \$2.40 postage.

PONTEVEDRIA

Last issue I got it wrong. Pontevedria is the list of Diplomacy game openings. Ziamvia is a list of "new blood". I had intended to produce an issue of Ponte a couple of months ago, but since I only had one request on hand, I didn't bother. Since then I've heard from Larry Peery that he's had a few requests sent to him, which he didn't forward to me because I hadn't produced an issue of Ponte! Good organisation, eh? As a result I will really, truly produce an issue of Pontevedria, after I've mailed this issue of the ZR, and send it to those who've requested it (and anybody else who asks for it). From then on it should be produced every two months or so. Scott Hansen has offered to help out with this, so future issues may well be a collaborative effort using Scott's nifty word processor. Watch this space...

CHANGES ARE AFOOT

I've become a little bored with the straight-forward listing of zines in alphabetical order. I'd very much like to experiment a little with different formats. How about dividing the North American zines into categories? Next issue I may well lump each zine into one of four broad categories:

DIPLOMACY: Pretty self-explanatory really. In this section will go zines which just concentrate on the game like Diplomat and Ter-ran.

GAMES: Zines which try to run other games like The Buzzard's Breath, The K-Zine From Kasoo and The Gamer's Zine.

VARIANTS: Here I could plug the NAVY, MNC as well as Bushwacker, The Home Office and The Appalachian General.

CHAT: Of course there needs to be a section for zines which mostly contain non-gaming material like No Fixed Address, Europa Express and Costaguana.

Editors! How would you categorise your zine? If you let me know by next time, then you can place your zine in a category of your choice. Let me know what you think of the idea anyway.

HOW TO READ THE ZINE REGISTER

This is how I lay out a typical entry:

THE ZINE'S NAME; the person to whom you should send subscription checks where the above person lives

the cost of the zine, the format, the method of printing, the page count, the frequency, the # of the latest issue and when it was published, the circulation of the zine, the month and year the zine started

A list of postal games already being run in the zine.
(the # of each game is in brackets)

A list of open games, ie ones accepting new players
(the price of gamefees is in brackets)

Each entry is rounded off by a brief description of the zine. Most of these will be fairly interesting, bearing the editor's initials. The more boring ones will have been written by me and will end with my initials: SCB

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If you're interested in subscribing to a few zines, don't just send the editor \$5 straight away. First, be certain that the zine is still in publication and accepting new subscriptions. Most editors will be happy to send you a sample copy of their zine in return for the cost of an issue in 22¢ stamps. (Editors always need stamps...)

Alternatively you could send me \$2.50 to receive a selection of zines from the Zine Bank. This is an established hobby service run by myself: Simon Billenness, 630 Victory Blvd. Apt6F, Staten Island, NY 10301. I don't have copies of every zine published but I'll do my best.

Hey, ho - here we go...

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

postage + copying to the nearest nickel, open page, xerox, 3 pages, monthly, #13 (August), circ. 25, april 1985

Runs: Gunboat

Openings: Diplomacy(\$5), Gunboat(\$5), Downfall(\$5)

A very small zine with only 2 or 3 games running at one time, TACT does not overly encourage players' press due to space limitations and the editor's jealousy. TACT hopes to make it to its fourth month as literature's only hobby zine. Finances will force me to drastically reduce the sub list in July 1986; courtesy copies to hobby custodians will stop; instead of a full zine, TACT will be reduced to flyers sent only to players. As the hobby's 318th oldest publication, TACT has been promptly distributed in every month in which it has been published. Most importantly ((That's it, John! SCB))

ALPHA AND OMEGA: Fred G. Hyatt *****
60 Grandview Place, Montclair, NJ 07043

5¢ per page + postage, open page, xerox, 6-7 pages, irregular, #11 (August)

This is the official publication of the Miller Number Custodian. It lists Diplomacy variant gamestarts and finishes as well as news of the activities of the MNC. SCB

THE APPALACHIAN GENERAL: David K. Mc/Crumb *****
Route 1, Box 109, New Castle, VA 24127

75¢ or \$10 for 15, digest, xerox, 12 pages, monthly, #34 (July),
circ. 30, August 1983

Runs: Diplomacy(2), Gunboat(2), Youngstown, Final Conflict, Civilization
Openings: standbys only

TAG is mainly devoted to playing diplomatic games. Maps are provided for
all games to help observers keep up with the action. The only other
regular feature is a military quiz, questions one issue and answers the
next. Prize is usually related to the subject. There will be no new
game openings until January 1987. DKM

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

25¢, open page, ditto, 2 pages, 3 weeks, #78 (November), circ. 21

Runs: Diplomacy, Intimate Diplomacy, Titan, Stellar Conquest

AG is now a two page flyer carrying only game results. ML

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

electronic publication, 5 or 6 pages, weekly, #156 (January), circ 30-50

Runs: Diplomacy(?)
Openings: Diplomacy

The Armchair Diplomat is the home of the 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 TAD within 72 hours
of the adjudication. Many players feel, as I do, that PEEM is the ideal
way to play Dip. Inquiries to the editor are welcome! KH

BIG HITS OF MID-AMERICA (VOLUME 3): Scott Hanson *****
3508 4th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55408-4511

free, reduced xerox, 2 pages, 4 weeks

STOP PRESS: SEE "FRAMES HIT MAYO"

Runs: Diplomacy(5)
Openings: Diplomacy (\$6.50)

This is a reliable, warehouse zine available only to players and standbys. SCB

BOAST: Herb Barents *****
17187 Wildemere, Detroit, MI 48221

\$6.50/17 issues, open page, xerox, 8 pages, 3 weeks, #243 (August),
September 1971

Runs: Diplomacy(5)
Openings: Diplomacy(\$12)

Boast is a small and exceptionally reliable zine. It invariably contains
a couple of pages of reviews and news about games.

THE BOOB REPORT: Jim-Bob Burgess *****
100 Holden Street, Providence, RI 02908-5731

free, open page, xerox, 8 pages, twice monthly, #26 (August),
circ. 30-40, March 1984

Runs: Diplomacy, Spy Diplomacy
Openings: Gunboat, standbys

The Boob Report was originally a quasi-zine which ran only a couple of games and contained discussions on the musical merits of groups like the Smiths, the Replacements, the Pogues and the Tetes Noires. It will soon be a subzine to a full-sized, new zine which Jim plans to launch upon the hobby shortly. SCB

BREAD AND CIRCUSES: Chuff Afflerbach *****
5632 oakgrove avenue, Oakland, CA 94618

free to standbys, open page, xerox, 8-10 pages, 6 weeks, #26 (July)

Runs: variant "S.P.Q.R." game #2
Openings: standbys welcome

Bread & Circuses presents "S.P.Q.R.", a new game created by Michael Mills. "Senatus Populesque 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 you 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

BUFFALO STEAK TARTARE: Linda Carson and Jim Gardner *****
#1, 10 Young St. E., Waterloo, Ontario, Canada N2J 2L3

\$10/year, reduced xerox, 12 pages, irregular, #2(May), January 1986

Openings: Diplomacy

BST is a zine devoted to games and other amusements such as cookery, SF, sport and roleplaying. The zine is obviously intended as a reading zine rather than a gameszine. SCB

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

\$6/12 issues for non-players, \$9 flat fee for players, \$5 flat fee for standbys, open page, xerox/mimeo, 10 pages, monthly, #178 (September), circ. 72, March 1972

Runs: Vacation Diplomacy III, Zeus V, Turnabout
Openings: Balkan Wars III, standbys

Bush is devoted exclusively to variant Diplomacy games and is now in its 14th year of publication. Rules and maps for new variants are sometimes printed and readers get to vote on which ones they want to play. We also print items on hobby news, astronomy, politics, science fiction, or whatever else we feel like writing about. Players receive \$1 discount for all subsequent games. FCD

Don't you hate spacefillers?

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

50¢, open page, xerox, 24 pages, 5 weeks, #84 (January), January 1977

Runs: Third Reich(10), Source of the Nile, En Garde, War & Peace
Openings: Third Reich, En Garde, Source of the Nile

No zine devotes as much attention to Third Reich as TBB, with its mix of games, articles, letters and rules forum. it's En Garde house rules expand greatly on that fine game and have served as a model for other zines. Although TBB isn't really part of the Diplomacy crowd, it stays in touch and boasts a loyal following of its own. SCB & MM

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

\$1 CAN/2 issues, \$2 US/5 issues, open page, xerox, 24 pages, 6 weeks,
#14 (August), circ. 50, December 1984

Runs: Diplomacy(6), Gunboat(5), Anarchy
Openings: Diplomacy, Gunboat, Anarchy, Stonehenge, Cline 9, Youngstown,
Econopolicy

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CATHY'S RAMBLINGS: Cathy Ozog *****
PO Box 5225 Munds Park, AZ 86017

70¢ (\$1.20 to Europe), open page reduced, xerox, 14-18 pages, 6 weeks,
#23 (August)

Runs: Orknaire (FRP campaign), Paranoia(ditto), Diplomacy(4), Gunboat(2),
International Diplomacy
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CHEESECAKE: Andy Lischett *****
2402 Ridgeland Avenue, Berwyn, IL 60402

free to players/standbys, open page, xerox, 4-10 pages, 5 weeks,
#77 (August), circ. about 30, March 1979

Runs: Diplomacy(6)
Openings: standbys

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

THE COMMUNIST DINER: David Berk *****
1319 Washington, Wilmette, IL 60091

\$1. digest, xerox, 16 pages, monthly, #1 (July), circ. 30

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THE COMMUNIST DINER: continued...

This zine doesn't have much to do with the hobby, but it is very entertaining. The format is intended to make you laugh, with a few articles and super artwork. Some of the jokes are real bombers though. DB

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

10/\$5, digest, xerox, 24-32 pages, 4 weeks, Vol. II/2 (July), circ. 88

Runs: Diplomacy(6), Cline-9, Gunboat, Jihad-II, World War III
Openings: Rather Silly

COSTAGUANA is the hobby's second oldest active journal; it started in 1965. It runs variant and regular games, and is working to have an even mix. Other than games, it is overwhelmingly a reader's zine, offering letters and rejoinders, chat, lots of filler (frequently non-hobby), fun, silliness and incessant idiocy. Feuds are not allowed; anything else is welcomed. Good spelling and grammar is required. Not intended for squeamish or inhibited people; those in precarious emotional balance should consider concurrent gift subscriptions for their analysts.

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

\$4.50/10, \$2/5 to Europe, digest, xerox, 12-16 pages, monthly,
#99 (June), circ. 101, July 1977

DD has never contained any games. Instead it contains an array of articles (usually reprinted) about the strategy, tactics and psychology of Diplomacy, the hobby as a whole and up to date hobby news. The next issue (#100) will be an extra large special. SCB

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

\$12/year (Canada/US\$14, Europe/US\$16), digest, xerox, 60 pages,
quarterly, #43 (Summer '86). \$4.00 for a sample issue.

DW continues its quest to become the hobby's flagship publication once again by offering a wide variety of feature articles and new items, including several Demo games played by some of the hobby's best players along with commentary, strategy and tactics articles, contests, and matters of hobby record; all presented in an objective format. More than a dozen people contribute to DW on a regular basis and it has the largest circulation of any Diplomacy zine. DW is the one hobby publication that tries to cover it all. LP

DIPLOMACY WORLD ANTHOLOGY, VOL. I: Larry Peery *****
Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102-0416

\$10 (USA), \$12 (Canada), \$14 (Overseas), legal size pages, xerox, 200 pages,
printed on book weight paper and with comb binding.

At last the hobby has its own coffee table art book, the first volume of the DIPLOMACY WORLD Anthology. Vol I features some 60 articles from the first 39 issues of DW as chosen by its previous editors/publishers. They cover every aspect of the game, the hobby and Diplomacy culture. It is profusely illustrated with artwork, maps, and even a reproduction of the first DW cover. LP

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

\$75 (USA), \$75 + postage (for eight pounds) for overseas, legal size pages,
xerox, 1,320 pages, printed on book weight paper, unbound.

Would you pay \$161 for a Diplomacy book without a cover? Someone did.
It got them a complete reprinting of the first 40 issues of DIPLOMACY
WORLD, all 1,320 pages or so, produced from the originals. Every page
is included. Price includes a copy of the INDEX AND MENU DIPLOMACY
WORLD, a 30+ page index of DW by author, subject, and issue. The
printing of the 1985 edition is already sold out. Reservations at the
above price are being accepted (accompanied by a \$25 deposit) for the
1986 edition which will include DWs #1-44. Prices on publication will
be higher. LP

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

\$3/6 issues, open page, xerox, 4-6 pages, bimonthly, #70 (Jul/Aug),
circ. 42, July 1976

This is a service and gazette for the Mensa Postal Diplomacy SIG.
We set up postal games for Mensa members. Information on various
hobby services and publications is provided for the high proportion of
novices among its readers. Also, a running account on the progress of
the several all-Mensa games. Anyone may subscribe, but only Mensans
may vote on SIG business. PCD

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

50¢, digest, xerox, 12 pages, 3 weeks, \$5.62 (August)

Runs: Diplomacy(5), World War III
Openings: standbys

The Diplomat is a very punctual game orientated magazine. All Diplomacy
games are computer adjudicated and include game maps. It features a
very few articles, some contests and cartoons, but it is not for those
who want reading material. DK

THE DIPLOMATIC RAG: Kate Robison *****
1140 N.W. 59th, Seattle, WA 98107

50¢, open page, xerox, 2 pages, twice monthly, circ. 10, September 1985

Runs: All Asia
Openings: All Asia, standbys

When I started this zine, I didn't know what a "zine" was or that the rest
of you were out there. I have only just discovered the mainstream of the
hobby via Fred Davis and the MENSA SIG/ZINE. I ran a postal game in
College, XX years ago, and at a recent reunion began to reorganise roughly
the same group of people again. Therefore!! My zine is like it was in
college. The first half page has the moves, the rest is announcements and
press from the players. Moves are due on the 15th and last day of the
month. KR

THE DRAGON'S LAIR: Stephen Wilcox (editor) Pete Gaughan (publisher)*****
5300 West Gulf Bank #103, Houston, TX 77088 (Stephen)
3121 East Park Row #165, Arlington, TX 76010 (Pete)

75¢, open page, xerox, 10-12 pages, quarterly, #7 (Spring)

THE DRAGON'S LAIR: continued...

TDL houses the DragonsFooth 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

EMPIRE: John Boardman *****
234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11226

\$6/9 issues, open page, mimeo, 10-12 pages, monthly, #228 (June), circ.35

Runs: Empires of the Middle Ages(2), A Mighty Fortress

Openings: standbys

Empire has been continuously published since 1974. In the past it has carried postal games of Chariot, Spartan, Legion, Viking, Yeoman, Frigate, Dreadnought, Russian Civil War, Conquistador, and Origins of World War II, and will again if reader interest should justify it.JB

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

5/\$6 US (USA & Canada); 5/\$12 (overseas), sample 39¢/IRC, digest, xerox, 44-52 pages. 5 times a year, #53 (August), circ. 150, January 1981

Runs: Diplomacy(2)

Openings: Malabergers (standbys) only

As the games wind down, EE will concentrate more on its letter column which features heavy European participation. Subbers can win free issues by participating in the picture contest, catching GM errors in the games and various other contests including a big year end one in each December issue. EE is currently doing a day-by-day chronology of World War I, the scenario on which our Diplomacy game is based and which was happening 70 years ago. Were you ever in Iceland, or know someone who was? Tell me about it and you can get free EEs or issues of another zine. CG

EVERYTHING: Steve Heinowski *****
12034 Fyle, Oberlin, OH 44074

50¢-\$1, digest, xerox, 8 pages, quarterly, #69 (Summer)

This is the official publication of the Boardman Number Custodian. The BNC, amongst other things, lists Diplomacy gamestarts and finishes recording them in Everything. SCB

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

3/\$2 CAN; 10/\$7 US; digest, xerox, 28 pages, 6 weeks, #14 (August), circ. 100 approx, February 1985

XL is, as far as its editor knows, the only zine that is mailed from two different countries. US subbers avoid the incompetancy of Canada Post by the editor's trip to Pt. Roberts, WA every sixth week. However, most couldn't care less about page 2 on, as they're addicted to XL only for the cover art. BM

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

10/\$5, digest, xerox, 12 pages, monthly, #26 (July), circ. 50, October 1984

Runs: Presidential Politics, Diplomacy, Gunboat(3)
Openings: Diplomacy, Gunboat, Presidential Politics (maybe this fall)

FF is a forum for hobby debate on political and hobby matters, as well as the play of postal Diplomacy and Presidential Politics. During this coming Fall there will also be a 16 team Congo Football League. If you are looking for a lively letter column, first class reproduction, and competitive Diplomacy, but without the hobby gossip, this is the place to be. Ranked 15th in the Runestone Poll. GE

FOL SI FIE: Randolph Smyth *****
#426-555 St. Mary Ave, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3C 3X4

\$2 CAN/3, \$5 US/9, open page, computer printout, 8 pages, 6 weeks,
#170 (January), circ. 32, July 1974

Runs: Diplomacy(3)
Openings: standbys

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

Foundation: W. Elmer Hinton Jr. *****
20 Almont Street, Nashua, NH 03060

free, digest, xerox, 4 pages, monthly, #10 (April)

This is the organ of the Granite Archive, established to aid in the collection and preservation of postal-game hobby information and to promote the material currently held therein. Subs are free but a stamp or contribution is always appreciated. WEHJ & SCB

FROBOZZ: Jeff Richmond *****
P.O. Box 3288, Ann Arbor, MI 48106

10/\$3.50, open page, xerox, 6-8 pages, 4 weeks, #31 (August), circ
circ. about 40, April 1984

Runs: Diplomacy(5), World War III
Openings: Diplomacy, standbys

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

THE GAMER'S ZINE: Earl Whiskeyman *****
27 Mark Street, Milford, CT 06460

\$1; \$4.75/6, open page, mimeo, 16 pages, monthly, #97 (July), circ. 70,
July 1981

Runs: Diplomacy(2), En Garde(2), Source of the Nile
Openings: Diplomacy(\$7), En Garde(\$5), Source of the Nile(\$5)

TGZ draws the bulk of its subscribers from Connecticut, although there are many players from other states. The zine features the unique "En Garde... with an English accent" which, as you've probably guessed, shifts the action of the game from Paris to London. SCB

THE GONZO BASEBALL LEAGUE: Chuff Afflerbach *****
5632 Oakgrove Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618

\$15 fee per baseball season, open page, xerox, 8 pages, weekly,
12 teams in the league

Runs: Jake Halverstadt's "Gonzo Baseball"
Openings: Inquire now about the 1987 season

Gonzo Baseball, like Gonzo Football, allows to own and manage your own professional team. You draft your line-up of major league players and match them against other teams in the league. Each players real life performance in the field, at the plate, and on the mound is counted for his Gonzo team. Games are played every Saturday during the baseball season, culminating with a Gonzo Series in September. Cash prizes for the top three teams! CA

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

9/\$6, open page, mimeo, 12 pages, 4 weeks, #523 (August), May 1963

Runs: Diplomacy(13)
Openings: Diplomacy(\$20)

Graustark is the oldest bulletin for the postal play of Diplomacy in the world. Each issue is largely taken up by games, although John often writes some nicely cutting pieces of satire on the hobby and the world of politics. SCB

HAI! JIKAI!: Mark S. Keller *****
2 Seaside Court, Sacramento, CA 95831

35¢, digest, xerox, 12 pages, 6 weeks, #30 (February), circ. 36, Jan. 1983

Runs: Diplomacy(3), Bourse
Openings: Bio-War, Final Conflict, New Improved Extra Strength Dip

Mark is trying to get Hai! Jikai! back on schedule after some delays. He writes: "as you can see, the rumours of HJ's death are greatly exaggerated!" SCB

THE HOME OFFICE: Fred G. Hyatt *****
60 Grandview Place, Montclair, NJ 07043

12/\$6, open page, xerox, 10 pages, monthly, #6(August), circ. 53, March 1986

Runs: Diplomacy(3), Colonia(3), Gunboat Colonia, Youngstown(2), Woolworth
Openings: standbys only

The Home Office is a well-run and impeccably published players zine. Fred is the Miller Number Custodian and, naturally, his interest in Diplomacy variants is reflected in the kind of games played in his zine. SCB

HOUSE OF LORDS: Dick Martin *****
26 Orchard Way N., Rockville, MD 20854-6128

\$1, open page, xerox, 26 pages, irregular, #7 (August), circ. 95

House of Lords is a recently resurrected zine for publishing and publishers. It consists largely of an enormous letter column dealing with a variety of subjects and issues of the day. Fascinating. SCB

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

50¢ + postage, digest, xerox, 32-36 pages, 5 weeks, #12 (June), circ. 90

Runs: Diplomacy(3), Gunboat, Sopwith, United, Hare & Tortoise

Openings: United, Sopwith, Diplomacy standbys

Like Cathy's Ramblings, IT! is an honest fun zine which is heavily influenced by the British hobby and running United and Sopwith, both British inventions. IT! also contains a well thought out letter column which is currently discussing films and censorship. SCB

KAISSA: W. Elmer Hinton Jr. *****
20 Almont Street, Nashua, NH 03060

\$6/4 issues or \$10/8, digest, offset, 16-24 pages, 4 weeks, #110 (June), circ. 134

Runs: Diplomacy(2)

Openings: Diplomacy(free, \$10, or \$10/5 turns), Cline-9, Civilization

Kaissa, in its tenth year, provides quality (paid) articles, reprints; Novice Games for beginners, variants; active letter column, News & Views, trivia, and The Best Maps In The Hobby, every issue! For intelligent gamers like these: Conrad von Metzke: "Excellent" "Superb"; J.R. Baker: "I really liked the...article, that was excellent and a point of view I never considered." Simon Billenness: "One of the best for hobby news." Tony Strickland: "your maps...they are a tremendous advance." David McCrumb: "Kaissa has the best maps in the hobby." WEHJ

KATHY'S KATCH ALL KORNOR: Kathy Byrne *****
29-10 164th Street, Flushing, NY 11358

free, open page, xerox, 4-7 pages, 4 weeks, #17 (July)

Runs: Diplomacy

Openings: standbys only

Kathy's Katch All Kornor is a zine dedicated to giving players a break. It contains only orphan games which I pick up and run. It comes out every four weeks and is free. It is only received by players and standbys - no exceptions. At the moment my last orphan game is headed toward completion. KB

KATHY'S KORNOR/WHITESTONIA: Kathy Byrne and John Caruso *****
29-10 164th Street, Flushing, NY 11358

\$1, digest, xerox, 28-44 pages, monthly, #113 (July), circ. 151, Jan. 1979

Runs: Diplomacy(7), one variant

Openings: Diplomacy

KK/W is a zine composed of five subzines, which make their appearances regularly to sporadically. KK is the main portion of the zine and is not recommended for those without a sense of humor. KK is insanity, GMing discussions, sport talk (esp. Meta) and any useful or non-useful trash submitted by the readers. W is now the secondary portion of the zine, and contains the infamous Barroom Babble letter column. KK/W voted best letter column zine in the 1986 Lifer Poll. It's all here. Including a pretty white cover. JC

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

50¢, open page, xerox, 10 pages, 4 weeks, #22 (May), circ. 33

Runs: United
Openings: United

This is a quiet, reliable zine which runs a league of United, a soccer management game invented by an Englishman: Alan Parr, who produces the zine Hopscotch. It should be of interest to any soccer fan. SCB

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

55¢, digest, xerox, 16-20 pages, 5 weeks, #65 (August), circ. 45, May 1986

Runs: Diplomacy(2), Kingmaker
Openings: Diplomacy(free), Kingmaker, Railway Rivals, 1830, Federation & Empire, Stab of the Century (Dip for couples), Empires in Arms

I am sorry to announce that, due to a slight misunderstanding regarding the significance of LCD digital watches with 37 neat functions, none of which have anything to do with telling time, and the anger of some alien civilization over the fact that we thought of them first, this planet will be totally eliminated, completely annihilated, entirely disintegrated, and absolutely exterminated - read all about it, plus DIP WARE and a few games, in LOM. May THE BOURSE be with you! (Good news - the attack fleet miscalculated Mars' gravity and was diverted into the sun. Read LOM anyway.....) DDG

MAGUS: Steve and Daf Langley *****
2296 Eden Roc Lane #1, Sacramento, CA 95825

\$1, digest, xerox, 48-56 pages, monthly, #61 (August), circ. 53, Aug. 1982

Runs: Diplomacy(4), Bourse, Snowball Fighting, plus Diplomacy(4) in subzines
Openings: standbys only

Articles, light fiction, humour, a continuous round table discussion, hobby news and three subzines (Plat Bellum, Strange Doings and Hare of the Dog) round Magus out. Occasional puzzles and cartoons are used as filler. Subbers are encouraged to participate in the zine. SL

THE MESSENGER: Geoffrey Richard *****
1501 Harvey Road #558, College Station, TX 77840

50¢, open page, computer printed, 6 pages, 6-8 weekly, #18 (July), circ. about 20, December 1983

Runs: Diplomacy(3)
Openings: Diplomacy, D&D

This zine just started out as a "monthly" results letter to keep friends in touch who were headed to different parts of the country for college etc and it expanded from there. It's still more of a games results zine than anything else. GR

Playlist so far: Cabaret Voltaire, Crackdown; The Fall, Perverted by Language; The Danse Society, Seduction; New Order, Blue Monday (three times!), Clash, Combat Rock; Pillows and Prayers; Prefab Sprout, Swoon.

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

12/\$5.50, open page, mimeo, 12-24 pages, quarterly, #79 (January),
circ. 32, October 1978

Runs: Diplomacy, Machiavelli

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

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

90¢ CAN; 80¢ US; \$1 US to Europe, digest, xerox, 52-60 pages, irregular,
#37 (March), August 1982

Runs: Diplomacy(5), Blow Up
Openings: standbys only

NFA is particularly noted for its humour and its lively letter columns.
Steve is one of the hobby's most talented writers, producing a zine
which often has me laughing out loud. Sadly, Steve has decided to
abandon schedules because he simply does not have the time and energy
to put out the zine every 5 weeks.

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

50¢, open page, reduced xerox, 8-18 pages, irregular, #14 (August),
circ. 73, December 1984

Runs: Diplomacy(6)
Openings: standbys needed urgently, Kathy Byrne, Brazilian variant/1914

Warehouse zine - that's what I've become. Boy do I have warehouse zine
size standby problems. This is definitely the way to check out NNY,
the perks are good (two free issues just for joining the standby list,
get the zine free while standing by...). There is a possibility that the
world's second postal Empire Builder game will take place in NNY. Enough
serious stuff. Am still trying to be as irrelevant (sic) as ever. On the
other hand I may settle down and write an actual strategy article
someday. Ta! PG

QUINIPIQUE: Claude Gautron *****
150 rue Masson, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2H 0K2, Canada

50¢, open page, xerox, 2-3 pages, 8 weeks, #16 (March), circ. 25, Jan 1983

Runs: Diplomatie Classique
Openings: Diplomate 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
aimer jouer dans une partie où le Maître-de-Jeu (MJ) fait très peu
d'erreurs d'arbitrage (ahem), Quinipique est pour vous! Les joueurs
de remplacement sont toujours les bienvenus! Essayez quelque chose
d'exotique (et, de rare), abonnez-vous à un zine canadien-français
qui est publié au Manitoba! CG

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

postage, open page, xerox, 3 pages, 3 weeks, #21 (November), circ. 15,
August 1984

Runs: Conquistador(3), Kingmaker(2), Pax Britannica, Civilization,
Source of 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 out 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

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

10/\$6, digest, xerox, 6 weeks, #13 (May), circ. 50

Runs: Final Conflict(2), Diplomacy(3), Gunboat(2), US Diplomacy
Openings: standbys

TRE is a pleasant little zine which concentrates mainly on games.
A variety of variants are played and each game report is accompanied
with a map. The zine has suffered a few delays recently but James is
working hard to ensure future issues come out on time. Samples are
free so why not check it out? SCB

REBEL: Melinda Ann Holley *****
PO Box 2793, Huntington, WV 25727

20¢, digest, xerox, 24-32 pages, 4 weeks, #20 (June), circ. 55-60,
November 1984

Runs: Diplomacy(9), Gunboat(3)
Openings: standbys only

When the Diplomacy waiting list filled in May, Melinda decided to make it
the last gamestart until a current game ends. Rebel is also host to
an excellent subzine, High Inertia, produced by Steve and Linda Courtemanche.
SCB

REDWOOD CURTAIN: Kevin Tighe *****
2351 Westwood Court #F-8, Arcata, CA 95521

25¢, open page, xerox, 3 weeks, #28 (August), circ. 30

Runs: Diplomacy(3)
Openings: standbys only

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'zine and proud of it. KT

RETALIATION: Dick and Julie Martin *****
26 Orchard Way N., Rockville, MD 20854

3/\$1, open page, "pretty", 8-14 pages, monthly, #105 (August),
circ. 30, June 1979

RETALIATION: continued...

Runs: Diplomacy(6), Monopoly
Openings: standbys for both the above

Random titles: DM

SCIPIONIBUS: Eric Roberge *****
216 Lazard, Ville Mont-Royal, Quebec, H3R 1N9, Canada

90¢-\$1.67 CAN, digest, xerox, 10-28 pages, 2 weeks, #37 (March),
circ. 60

Runs: Diplomacy(7), Super Diplomacy(3), Apocalypse Super Diplomacy,
Diplomacy Fantomas, Quebec Diplomacy, Blitz Diplomacy
Openings: International Diplomacy

This is essentially a game-running zine for local players around Montreal.
There are some articles, jokes and a letter column. There is also a
subzine, Diplodocus, published by Dominic Tremblay once a month. The
zine is now open to everyone for playing international games, if you
don't mind playing in a French-speaking zine. CA

SEND ME A POSTCARD: George and Lauri Graessle *****
800 West Avenue, #420, Miami Beach, FL 33139

10/\$3.50, open page, xerox, 12 pages, 4 weeks, #8 (February), circ. 35

Runs: Diplomacy(4)
Openings: Diplomacy

Send Me A Postcard is the former Dip & Brew. The zine is xeroxed on
multicoloured paper to distinguish the games apart and I use maps for
all games. We also print articles, cartoons, puzzles, jokes, ratings
and other things of interest such as hobby news. The zine is growing
and will soon come out in digest format as we run out of space. Press,
no matter how much, is always welcome. CG & SCB

SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS: Dave Carter *****
118 Horsham Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada, M2N 1Z9

3/\$2 CAN, open page, reduced xerox, 8 pages, 5 weeks, #49 (January),
circ. 75, April 1981

Runs: Diplomacy(18), Rail Baron(6)
Openings: Diplomacy

SK is a low-profile, reliable zine which just gets on with the job of
running lots of games without producing pages of chat. There is a short
letter column and a couple of sick jokes; SK is renown for its sick
jokes which are printed upside down so that you can avoid them if you like.

STABACK: Howard Christie *****
PO Box 115, Millville, PA 17846

10/\$5, open page, xerox, 8 pages, 5 weeks, #23 (June), June 1984

Runs: Diplomacy(6)
Openings: Diplomacy

STABBACK: continued...

Stabback is another players' zine which runs a lot of games. The zine has suffered from a few delays of late, though I hear that Hugh Christie, Howard's father, may lend a hand in future to ensure that the zine comes out on time. SCB

STABBING GOURMET COOKBOOK: Larry Peery *****
Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102-0416

The unofficial hobby cookbook costs \$2 and includes a variety of real (and some not so real) recipes donated by hobby members. From soup to dessert a collection of items is offered to tempt the Dippy gourmet. Also includes a variety of Dippy related and beverage lore, including a variant Diplomacy game. Makes a neat gift for a non-Dippy playing friend.

TACKY: Lu Henry *****
3601 Penbrook, Apt. 18, Flint, MI 48607-1460

\$1, digest, xerox, 12 pages, 5 weeks, #37 (August)

Runs: Stonehenge Diplomacy, Diplomacy(3), Machiavelli, Wooden Ships
Openings: Diplomacy(\$10), Machiavelli(\$5), Royal Navy(\$3), Wooden Ships, Ironbottom Sound, Flattop, Standbys

Never mind the name, Tacky is neatly produced multigames zine. Lu is one of the few people who tries to adapt boardgames to postal play. As you can tell from the openings, the zine is excellent if you want to play naval simulations by mail. SCB

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

3/\$1, open page, ditto, 8 pages, 4 weeks, #121 (August), circ. 40, May 1977

Runs: Diplomacy(7), Cosmic Balance(3)
Openings: Diplomacy, Stellar Conquest and maybe Soccerleague

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

THIS BUD'S FOR YOU: Matt Fleming *****
445 W. Gilman #401, Madison, WI 53703

free, open page, xerox, 5-6 pages, monthly, #9 (August), circ. 25, April 1985

Runs: Diplomacy
Openings: Diplomacy, standbys

TBFY is strictly a warehouse style zine which is devoted to running games efficiently and finishing out orphans. Occasionally there is some reading material, but, for the most part, TBFY likes its current, small-time status.

THUMP 'N GRUNT: Steve Langley *****
2296 Eden Roc Lane #1, Sacramento, CA 95825

\$10/11 issues, open page, xerox, 12 pages, monthly, #1 (August)

Runs: PBM wrestling simulation game

THUMP 'N GRUNT: CONTINUED...

This is a brand new zine from a seasoned editor offering a unique PBM professional wrestling simulation. The game report is a long, very amusingly written narrative. The zine should be of interest to any professional wrestling fan. SCB

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

\$15/annual fee, open page, xerox, 14-24 pages, 7-8 pages, #64 (June), 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, Napoleons Last Battles

Openings: Magic Realm, Civilization, Machiavelli, Conquistador (variant), Dune

Touche is a small PBM club now under limited membership. Interested parties should inquire beforehand submitting an SSAE. A current sample of Touche may be had for \$1.76 in stamps. All members must play in at least one game. Several games are featured separately from the regular zine schedule. Several also include multi-commander and "fog-of-war" aspects. RL

THE TRAVELLER'S AIDE: W. Elmer Hinton Jr. *****
20 Almont Street, Nashua, NH 03060

free, open page, xerox, 1-2 months, #2 (February)

Runs: Traveller
Openings: Traveller

The Travellers Aide is a newsletter carrying the standards and variations used in a campaign of postal Traveller (an SF roleplaying game from Game Designers Workshop). The newsletter is free to players. The game may be entered at any time, either singly or in groups. Power-game fee structure, averaging the minimum \$1 per turn (maximum cap of \$5 per turn). First issue (with general campaign rules) free but a couple of stamps are always appreciated. WEHJ

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

10/\$4, open page, photocopy, 6-10 games, 2 weeks, #17 (August), circ. 18, November 1985

Runs: Empire Builder
Openings: standbys only

Trax is the home of the first postal game of Empire Builder. It is possible that a second EB game, or a game of British Rails, will open soon. The zine contains occasional articles or letters limited strictly to the above-mentioned games, but the focus is definitely on the one game I'm running - some issues contain nothing more. If you're not playing, there's not really much of interest. BL

Interesting: a whole page without a single mention of D*pl*m*cy...

THE VALOR OF IGNORANCE, John Boardman *****
234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11226

9/\$6, open page, mimeo, 6-10 pages, 4 weeks, #14 June)

Runs: Pax Britannica (2)
Openings: standbys needed

The Valor of Ignorance is a bulletin for the postal play of Victory Games' Pax Britannica, designed by Greg Costikyan. The zine carries the games, rules questions, press and articles related to the game and/or the era. JB

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

12/\$10, computer print out, 4 pages, monthly, circ. 16

Runs: Diplomacy
Openings: Diplomacy

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 Avalon Hill. 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!

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

3/\$1, open page, mimeo, 12 pages, 3 weeks, Vol. 16 #31 (August), July 1972

Runs: Diplomacy(3)
Openings: Diplomacy(\$5)

Dippy is a zine well-known for its reliability and longevity. It shares a staple with the WSFP, a collection of amusing news snippets and photos with added captions. There is no zine like this elsewhere. SCB

WHO CARES?, Russ Rusnak *****
900 N. Rohlwing Road #333, Addison, IL 60101

?, open page, xerox, 6 pages, monthly, #38 (July)

Runs: Diplomacy(2), Cosmic Diplomacy
Openings: Diplomacy, Cosmic Diplomacy, World War IIIB

The primary goal of Who Cares? is to have results in the mail within 36 hours of the deadline. This has been accomplished in 37 of the 38 issues. Games are run on a double deadline with all spring and fall moves due on the 20th of the month. All summer and winter adjustments are due on the 1st of the following month. This keeps games moving at the rate of 6 game years per calendar year. Gamefees are \$10 which include a free sub as long as you remain active in the game. Once you are eliminated from your game, you are eliminated from the mailing list. RR

XENOLOGIC, Larry Peery *****
Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102-0416

\$12/year, digest, xerox, quarterly, 50 pages, Vol. XX, #2 (April)

BAHNHOF ZOO; Scott Hanson & Frauke Petersen *****
3508 4th Avenue S., Minneapolis, MN 55408

***in Oxymoron, Mach Die Spuhl, Sauris Allstar Unlimited, C'est Magnifique,
Europa Express***

Runs: International Diplomacy(2)
Openings: International Diplomacy

This is the world's only international gaming subzine, which appears in
zines in the USA, Holland, Belgium, West Germany and Great Britain.
Scott also keeps a list of international Diplomacy openings, so he's the
person to contact if you're interested. SCB

CATCH MY SMOKE; Conrad F. von Metzke *****
4374 Donald Avenue, San Diego, CA 92117-3813

in Costaguana

Runs: Railway Rivals
Openings: Railway Rivals

Oddly enough, this four-page-maximum ditty offers David Watts' Railway
Rivale and chat about it. Two games run at a time. It is sent only to
those COSTAGUANA subscribers who have specifically requested it. CvM

D-DAY: Ronald J. Brown *****
70 F Chesterton Drive, Nepean, Ontario, Canada K2E 5S9

in No Fixed Address

Runs: Blow-Up
Openings: standbys only

Everything in D-Day! is secondary to reliable GMing. It is graced with
highly personal essays on family life, the hobby, and whatever catches
the interest of the sardonic, irreverent, and literate editor. RJB

THE GONZO REPORT: Greg Ellis *****
700 Rio Grande, Austin, TX 78701

in Feuilletonist's Forum

TGP is the vehicle of the Gonzo Football League. The GFL, an invention
of Jake Halverstadt, allows players to own and manage a professional
football franchise. Each owner drafts a team of NFL players, makes
trades, signs and waives players and sets a weekly line-up. Game
results are based on the actual performance of NFL players. The GFL
has recently been taken over by Greg Ellis for the coming year. SCB

HIGH INERTIA: Linda and Steve Courtemanche *****
1021 Penn Circle, Apt. E402, King of Prussia, PA 19406

in Rebel

Runs: Diplomacy

High Inertia is a fun, free-wheeling subzine which features one RegDip
game, a discussion forum, letter column, contests, cartoons, Woody abuse,
and chatter from two of the hobby's latest newlywed pubbers! Players
must sub to Rebel, but we encourage contributions from everyone. LMC

HUMBOLDT: Kevin Tigue *****
2351 Westwood Court #F-8, Arcata, CA 95521

in Europa Express

"Astonishing...it'll charm your socks off." Roger Ebert
"If you read one subzine this year, read Humboldt." Vincent Canby
"Capitalistic Trash by a godless American." Bhagwan
"Huh?" Ronald Reagan

THE MEGADIPLOMAT: Chris Carrier *****
1215 P St. 12, Sacramento, CA 95814

in No Fixed Address

The MegaDiplomat is the official publication of the Feud Number Custodian.
Prints humorous feud related material such as "Illuminated Megadip",
a version of the game Illuminati based on The Feud, printed in NPA 34.
Attempts to report feuds without getting involved in them: "the FNC
is not responsible for stating who started a feud or who is guilty in
a feud as these are irrelevant concepts in MegaDiplomacy. CC

VERTIGO: Brad Wilson *****
PO Box 43, Paoli, PA 19301

Runs: Diplomacy
Openings: Diplomacy, standbys

Vertigo is a subzine that understands what a subzine should be: short
but packed with goodies. In addition to exciting games, we feature
music, sports and the occasional political diatribe, usually against
some liberal. On staff is Dip's resident alcohol expert: Ted "Swizzle"
Stick. Vertigo is either with another zine or has gone independent
now that Midlife Crisis has folded. SCB

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HOBBY SERVICES

There are many services provided by individual hobby members. These are
run by dedicated people and are operated on a strict loss-making basis
(like the Zine Register). All you are asked to do is use and enjoy them.

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

This costs \$1 and contains a wide variety of articles intended to introduce
newcomers to the many nuances of the hobby. Writers include Kathy Byrne,
Ed Wrobel, Tom Hurst, Tom Swider and many others. An invaluable
publication for anybody who's new to the hobby.

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

This also costs \$1 and contains many articles which novices would find
both interesting and useful. Writers include Mark Berch, Rod Walker,
Fred Davis, Randolph Smyth and many others. Another invaluable
publication for newcomers to the hobby.

Quick! Turn the page! Turn the page!

A Word To The Wise: W. Elmer Hinton Jr. *****
20 Almont Street, Nashua, NH 03060

This is a novice handbook and is best described in a review by Lu Henry:
"New (and old) Dip players would be well advised to invest \$3 for...
a well done 21 page article...explaining many of the nuts and bolts
matters relating to postal Dip that have nothing to do with strategy
and tactics but which you have to know to play the game well."

Lexicon of Diplomacy: Mark Berch *****
492 Naylor Place, Alexandria, VA 22304

This is a glossary of the hobby and its history, including scores of
tactical ploys, variants, organizations, openings, GMing and publishing
jargon, famous press bylines, strategic concepts, scoring and rating
systems, various tricks, special projects (many never implemented),
a wide variety of flotsam and jetsam plus a few ringers. Alphabetized
with over 450 entries plus an accompanying essay, it's already a hobby
classic and reference text. 35 pages for \$1.25. Son of Lexicon is an
update with 150 new entries, corrections of old entries and a subject
index to Diplomacy Digest #1-57. 12 pages for a mere 50¢.

BLACK & BLUE BOOK, 1986 ed.; Larry Peery *****
Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102-0416

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The BBB is the hobby's own telephone book, with a difference. Instead of
just name listings you can also find people by looking in its separate
Area Code and ZIP Code Listings. The 1986 edition includes 1,492 names
of individuals, publications, and services/organizations devoted to the
hobby in North America. If it's fundamental to the hobby it's in the BBB.

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Pont lists game openings for Diplomacy. This service is associated with
Diplomacy World. The listings should be updated every two months and
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ONCE UPON A DEADLINE: Bruce Linsey *****
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For \$3 you can receive Once Upon A Deadline, a 204 page novice editors'
package. It contains articles on every conceivable aspect of GMing
games and publishing a zine. It is an excellent introduction for
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Boardman Number Custodian: Steve Heinowski *****
12034 Pyle, Oberlin, OH 44074

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and list Diplomacy gamestarts and finishes. If you want to find out
more about this service then, you should get hold of a copy of
Everything, the BNC service zine. (See page 9)

Miller Number Custodian: Fred Hyatt *****
60 Grandview Place, Montclair, NJ 07043

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North American Variant Bank: Fred Davis *****
1427 Clairidge Road, Baltimore, MD 21207

We have maps and rules on hand for about 700 Diplomacy variants. Most are available for sale @ 10¢ per page. The Bank produces a Catalog which lists the games according to their various categories. The categories are explained in the introductory material. While they last, copies of the old Catalog are available for \$1. The 1986 Catalog, when ready, will sell for \$3. There are variants for almost every time period and every part of the world, as well as games played on the Regular map with all sorts of rule changes. The best way to find out what's available is through the Catalog.

Postal Locator: W. Elmer Hinton Jr. *****
20 Almont Street, Nashua, NH 03060

This is a split listing of players who want games; one, the Postal Player Locator, is a new-game wanted list of players who want gamestarts; the Postal Standby Locator is a list of those willing to take standby positions. Invaluable for the GM who needs standbys, or the new gamer who wants the serious GMs to come to him. There's no cost to get on the lists. They are published monthly in Foundation. (See page 10).

Granite Archives: W. Elmer Hinton Jr. *****
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The last public-postal Archive: desires universal trades and any unwanted zines (excess duplicates to be sent to the Zine Bank), and any closing collections. The Archivist (who has had professional archival experience) will locate and copy information on request on games, players, zines etc. for minimal costs. Goal at present: a complete set (or near enough) from 1977 to present; all zines, flyers, newsletters of postal gaming. For details ask for the Granite Archives house organ, Foundation. (see page 10).

The Archives, Institute For Diplomatic Studies: Larry Peery *****
Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102-0416

Tracing its roots back to Walt Buchanan's original hobby archives, the IDS Archives include the largest collection of Diplomacy publications and memorabilia in the hobby. More than 30,000 Diplomacy publications are included, ranging from the 7,500 piece Larry Peery Collection, to the Don Miller Memorial Collection, to copies of Dippy publications from all over the world, and fotos from the 1984 Olympics Diplomacy event. Where else would you find translations of the Rules of Diplomacy in English, French, French-Canadian, Spanish, Mexican-Spanish, Mex-Tex, German, Dutch, Parsi, and Piscanian?

US Orphans Service: Jim Burgess *****
100 Holden Street, Providence, RI 02908

Sometimes a zine in which you're playing will stop publishing without warning or suffer from excessive delays. If this happens, you might want to contact the Orphans Service so that your games can continue in another zine. The service might also be able to help you recover subscription money, if it is not returned when a zine folds.

EUROPEAN ZINES

THE INTERNATIONAL SUBSCRIPTION EXCHANGE

Even though the major growth area of the postal gaming hobby is Europe, transatlantic contact is still relatively small. This is a shame since there are several zines with openings for international gamers. If you want to subscribe to these zines, then you should use the ISE.

Here's how it works. If you're an American and you want to sub to the British zine War & Peace, then you simply send Steve Knight a check for, say, \$5. Make sure you tell him which zine the money is for and whether you would like to receive the zine by air or seammil. (Airmail is fast (3-10 days) but more expensive. Seammil is cheaper but letters take over a month). Steve will then inform Doug Rowling of your request and Doug will send the editor concerned (in this example Derek Caws) the equivalent sum in pounds sterling. The service is fairly quick and it certainly saves you the ridiculous fees banks charge for sending money abroad.

If you're British, then you should send your money to Doug Rowling. If you're Canadian, you should contact Bruce McIntyre.

USA: Steve Knight, 2732 Grand Ave S., #302, Minneapolis, MN 55408
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Canada: Bruce McIntyre, 6191 Winch St, Burnaby BC, V5B 2L4 Canada

C'est Magnifique...: Peter Sullivan *****
36 Bushey Hall Road, Bushey, Watford, Herts, WD2 2ED

10p + postage, open page, mimeo, 10-14 pages, 3 weeks, #22 (June)

Runs: Diplomacy(3), Intimate(2), Abstraction(2), Rather Silly, Superbourse
Openings: Diplomacy, Railway Rivals, Superbourse, International Diplomacy

C'est Mag is a very reliable zine produced by the British Miller Number Custodian and organiser of the UK Variant Bank. Peter is looking for players for a 6 week deadline international Diplomacy variant. The zine also houses that roving international Diplomacy subzine: Bahnhof Zoo.SCB

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

see below, open page, offset, 10-22 pages, 4 weeks, #28/24 (July)

Runs: Railway Rivals, Maneater, 1829, Grab For Africa
Openings: Railway Rivals, 1829, 1830, Diplomacy

Diversions and Monochrome are companion zines. The former is packed with all sorts of interesting postal games which you will rarely find in US zines, and it is free to players who pay two pounds gamefee. The latter is free to confirmed elitists only and often contains material on art. SCB

THE FIVE YEAR PLAN: Denis Jones *****
22 Beechhill Road, Eltham, London, SE9 1HH

25p + postage, open page, mimeo, 5 weeks, #19 (May), circ. 70

Runs: Diplomacy(2), Circus Maximus, GLC Battleground, Rather Silly, United, Sopwith(4), Sopwith Vain Rate, Election, Cline 9
Openings: Chess, Diplomacy, Downfall, GLC Battleground, Sopwith, Warlock, United standbys

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20 Queens Drive, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 6PP

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#75 (May), circ. 140

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OUTPOSTS: Andrew Poole *****
27 Holmfield Avenue East, Braunstone, Leicester, LE3 3PD

35p. digest, xerox, 2-6 pages, monthly, #19 (June), circ. 10

Runs: Downfall II, Intimate, Railway Rivals, Cline 9

Openings: standbys only

This is the minizine, which is the external part of Shire Record, a sub-zine of a games zine called The Ring. TR started life as a sub-zine which was then relaunched to house the games from its erstwhile parent, a zine called Outposts. Life is never simple; however Outposts is supposed to be. The aim is to run well the games that are already running, with some occasional spice! AP

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

90p/#1 air to US/Canada, digest, offset, 60-68 pages, 7 weeks,
#12 (July), circ. 110

Runs: Touchdown, Diplomacy(2), Game of Clans, Downfall, El nabisco, En Garde, Superbike Challenge, United, Sopwith(4), Sagittarius, Sword & Shield

Openings: El Nabisco, En Garde, United, North West Frontier What!, Diplomacy, Touchdown, Gesta Danorum, Swashbuckler, Origins of World War Two

POW is one of the best bets for North Americans who want to play in a British zine. Not only are there plenty of openings for games you won't find in the States, but the deadlines are also far enough apart for you to diplomate properly and send in orders. In addition there is also a pleasant letter column, some reviews and lots of news about the British and Continental hobbies. SCB

ROSTERNE GAMES REVIEW: David Watts *****
102 Priory Road, Milford Haven, Dyfed, SA73 2ED

30p + postage, digest, xerox, 20 pages, 7 weeks, #81 (July), circ. 146

Runs: Railway Rivals (30), Agribusiness, Atlantic Airways, Rentsville, Big Steel(3), Dreadnoughts & Destroyers, 1829

Openings: Railway Rivals, Big Business

David Watts is the inventor and chief publicist for that ubiquitous British postal game: Railway Rivals, which explains why he runs so many games of RR. The often features inside news about the games industry which you won't be able to read elsewhere. SCB

THE THING ON THE MAT: Pete Doubleday *****
302 Lordswood Road, Harborne, Birmingham B17 8AN

1/3, open page, mimeo, 22 pages, 5 weeks, #46 (July)

Runs: Diplomacy(2), Railway Rivals(2), Sopwith, Acquire, Utterly Ludicrous

Openings: Diplomacy, Railway Rivals, Slightly Disappointing, Broker, Machiavelli, Pax Britannica, Empires of the Middle Ages

THING - the champagne of zines. Yes, it's the one that gets up everyone's nose. The zine is brought to you by Pete "Cerebus the Aardvark" Doubleday, Chris Spall, Mark Smith, a quart of tequila, two snorts of PCP, an abort of a typewriter and 25 imported cigars. The well brought up zine. SCB

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

40p. digest, xerox, 24 pages, 4 weeks, #13 (May), circ. 61

Runs: Diplomacy(4), Quadroskrabble, Chess

Openings: Diplomacy, Milan, Machiavelli, Sopwith, Cluedo, Chess,
Quadroskrabble

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 *****
The Old Kitchen, Bere Farm House, North Boarhunt, nr Fareham, Hants, PO17 6JL

((bloody long address! Nearly went off the end of the page. Move, Derek.))

40p/surface: 70p/air, open page, mimeo, 28 pages, 4-5 weeks, #40 (August)

Runs: Diplomacy(8), International Diplomacy, Woolworth(3), Excalibur

Openings: Diplomacy, International Diplomacy

The three main aims of W&P are to run games of Diplomacy reliably, 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 and myself also feature. 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

ZINE WITH NO NAME: Martin Le Fevre *****
1 Wellesley Nautical School, Blyth, Northumberland NE24 3PF

50p/surface: 70p/air, digest, offset, 28 pages, quarterly, #2 (January), circ. 200+

ZWNN is the European equivalent of the Zine Register. Every three months Martin intends to print a listing of British and Continental postal gaming zines. Every month he hopes to put out a small hobby news bulletin. It's certainly a worth while purchase if you want to find out more about the European hobby. It's a bit scruffier than the ZR but it is certainly more fun. SCB

THE NETHERLANDS: Jaap Jacobs and Aglaia Cornelisse *****
en Aglaia Cornelisse, Kaiserstraat 10-B, 2311 GR Leiden.

1.40f + postage, digest, xerox, 28 pages, 4 weeks, #56 (August), circ.104

Runs: Cricketboss, United, Diplomacy(9), Gunboat, Abstraction(2),
Downfall, Sopwith, Eleusis, White Box

Openings: Diplomacy, Gunboat, Stab, Abstraction, Downfall, Republic,
United, Cricketboss, Agribusiness, New Eleusis, White Box,
1829, Sopwith, Middleman

OXYMORON, continued...

OXYMORON is the founder and flagship of the Dutch hobby. Since Jaap is fluent in English, the zine often contains "OutlanAce D'Amour", a short column of hobby news and political views written in English. SCB

NORWAY

BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY: Malcolm Smith *****
Odvar Solbergsvæl 206, 0973 Oslo 9

\$1. digest, offset, 32-48 pages, 6 weeks, Vol III, #5 (July), circ. 76

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

A well produced xyn from a Briton fated to wander for all eternity around continental Europe. The xyn only runs games as an excuse to contain articles about foreign countries and the strange people within them who can't drive on the proper side of the road. Films, music and books always feature heavily as well as hobby news and any wacky new variants which come along. MS

WEST GERMANY

OATH ON THE COLOURS: Ulrich Biennemann *****
Körsental 76, D-4320 Hattingen

1.10DM + postage, open page, xerox, 25 pages, 5 weeks, #19 (June), circ. 41

Runs: Diplomacy, Intimate, U-Boat, United, DerFuhrer, Finchley Central, Grand Slam, Decathlon, Speed Circuit
Openings: U-Boat, Diplomacy, Der Fuhrer, Finchley Central, Speed Circuit, Grand Slam, Machiavelli, Das kleine Egon-Spiel, Komax Tour, United

Oath, the steadily improving little zine from the industrial heart of West Germany, always welcomes international subbers. International games use the English language. Although running the games - some rare ones - is the stress point of the zine, Oath contains a letter column, news of the German PBM scene and of Conflict Simulations. From time to time the sublime Major Thompson Lives in France/ Major Thompson and I is included. Oath means quality since 1984! UB

SAURIS ALLSTAR UNLIMITED/GENESIS: Christoph Schunk *****
Hirschberger Str. 58 (Zi. 40118), 53 Bonn

3.50-4DM/air, digest, offset, 44 pages, 5 weeks, #49 (July), circ. 106

Runs: United, After the Holocaust(2), Diplomacy(6), International Dip, Capitalist(2), Ancient Empires III, Woolworth, Machiavelli, Barbarian Kingdom & Empire, Imperial Governor
Openings: Imperial Governor, Diplomacy, International Diplomacy, SPQR, Capitalist, Vox Populi

Sauris is one of the world's top international zines with over 25 foreign subscribers and a franchise for Bahnhof Zoo, Scott Hansen's worldwide gaming subsine. From time to time there is an English letter column. SCB

I've also been asked to plug the British Variant Bank Package. This is a collection of articles about Diplomacy variants and is available from Andrew Poole (27 Holmfield Avenue East, Braunstone, Leicester, LE3 3FD) for a mere one pound (or the equivalent in International Reply Coupons).

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