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A QUICK WORD TO MY SPONSORS

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!!

This is my last issue of the Zine Register. Effective immediately please send all trades, subscriptions, entries etc (especially etc) to the new editor:

Ken Peel, 8708 First Avenue, Apt T2, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Ken is well qualified to do the Zine Register. He has plenty of experience as publisher of Politesse. I am also deeply envious of his access to free printing. He is relatively uncontroversial and he already has extensive hobby links. I'm sure he will do as good job as I have with the ZR. In fact, he may well produce a distinctly superior product. The spot...

Please note that Ken will also take control of the Zine Bank (which after all is largely dependent on Zine Register trades for samples). He also has first refusal on producing Zimiamvia if he's interested.

I've arranged for him to print this issue himself. I've also passed on all sub credits and back issues. Please everyone help Ken by sending him an updated entry or a copy of your zine in time for his first issue.

I'm not ^{sure} what changes Ken plans to bring to the ZR. I suspect the zine will continue pretty much as it has done before. However the international section may be chopped a little since Ken obviously does not have as much interest in the European hobbies as I do.

Best of luck, Ken.

THE INTERNATIONAL SUBSCRIPTION EXCHANGE

There is another hobby service being handed over. Steve Knight has decided that he doesn't have as much time as he would like to spend on the hobby, so he has decided to slim down his zine IT'S A TRAP! and hand over the US part of the International Subscription Exchange to myself.

I've no plans to change any aspect of the ISE. It works well so long as each national coordinator responds to each request promptly. I intend to speed up the turnabout time and, hopefully, publicise the service more. So if any of the British zines in the Zine Register take your interest, why not send me a couple of dollars? Thanks to the ISE, it only takes you the time to write a check in US dollars (and a short note to me saying which zine you'd like to sub to) in order to subscribe to a foreign zine.

EXCITEMENT CITY

Now that I've handed over the Zine Register, I intend to produce a small games zine of my own called Excitement City. I'm hoping to run a few variants and international games. If I have time, the zine will also contain a few articles and letters. If you're interested in trying such variants as Cline 9, EXcalibur (a variant based on early England), Stab (hidden movement Dip) and Downfall of the Lords of the Rings (a Tolkein variant), let me know. The zine will cost 50¢ per issue. Subscriptions are welcome now...

Perhaps if I leave the rest of this page blank, Ken will be tempted to fill it...

This is how I list a typical entry:

THE ZINE'S NAME: the editor(s)/publisher(s) name
his/her/their address

the zine's price, the format, the method of printing, the page count,
the frequency, the issue # of the last issue (and when it was published),
the circulation of the zine, the month and year the zine started.

The games currently being run in the zine
(the # of each game is in brackets)

A list of game openings i.e. games which need more players
(the price of gamefees is in brackets).

Each entry is rounded off by a brief description of the zine. Many of
these are witty, bright and profound comments on the quintessential
nature of the zine, bearing the editor's initials. The dull, run of the
mill entries will have been written by me and will bear no initials.

If you're interested in a zine, don't send the editor money straight away.
First, make 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.

Alternatively you could send Ken Peel \$2.50 to receive a selection of
zines from the Zine Bank. He won't have copies of every zine but I'm
sure he'll do his best. His address is 8708 First Avenue, Apt T2,
Silver Spring, MD 20910.

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ABATTOIR: David Mc/Crumb
Route 1, Box 109, New Castle, VA 24127

25¢, digest, xerox, 4 pages, 6-8 weeks, #4 (March), circ. 10, November 1986

Runs: International Diplomacy
Openings: standbys only

This zine runs the Diplomacy World International Demonstration Game.
At present, I am only taking standbys. DM

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE: Jim Burgess
100 Holden Street, Providence, RI 02908-5731

free/regular contributors; \$1/non-contributors; 25¢/others, open page.
xerox, 6-10 pages, monthly, #4 (May), circ. 40, December 1986

Runs: Diplomacy, Spy Diplomacy
Openings: standbys

The szine is named for the curious wandering prince of Samuel Johnson's
classic 18th century inquiry in to the nature of life. As a result, the
szine has a tendency to get intellectually stuffy that is tempered by the
author's insatiable curiosity. TAP seldom discusses Dip or games in general,
but focuses on the infinite spectrum of music. We discuss everything from
Bach to The The, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau to local rock bands, with emphasis
on hidden gems, sounds discussed nowhere else. JB

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

Postage and photocopying to the nearest 5¢, open page, xerox, 1 page,
monthly, #? (February), circ. 25, April 1985

Runs: Diplomacy, Gunboat
Openings: standbys

TACT is one of the hobby's smallest zines with only 1 to 3 games running at
one time. It's a good place if you want a cheap game of Diplomacy in
pleasant surroundings.

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

5¢ per page + postage, open page, xerox, 4-7 pages, irregular, #11

This is the official publication of the Miller Number Custodian. The MNC
lists Diplomacy variant gamestarts and finishes in A&O as well as
providing statistics and news about the service itself.

THE APPALACHIAN GENERAL: David Mc/Grumb
Route 1, Box 109, New Castle, VA 24127

75¢ or 15/\$10, digest, xerox, 16 pages, monthly, #41 (March), circ. 40,
August 1983

Runs: Diplomacy(3), Final Conflict III, Gunboat(8), Civilization
Openings: Gunboat(\$1), Skinny Dip(free), Woolworth II-D(\$3)
all games require a \$2 NMR deposit

The Appalachian General is a players zine. While there is an occasional
article, games are the main focus. Most games have a kibitzer map, so the
observers can easily follow the play. The maps are among the best in the
hobby. DM

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

25¢, open page, ditto, 1 page, 3 weeks, #96 (December), circ. 11

Runs: Titan, Intimate Diplomacy

AG is now a one page flyer carrying only game results for my last two games.
I expect to fold when these games end. MI

THE ARMCHAIR DIPLOMAT: Ken Hill
6199 Rockland Drive, Dublin, OH 43107

E-mail publication, 4-6 pages, weekly, #196 (November), circ. 50

Runs: Diplomacy(6)
Openings: Diplomacy

THE ARMCHAIR DIPLOMAT, continued...

The Armchair Diplomat is the home of the Play-By-Electronic-Mail Diplomacy hobby 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 PBEM is the ideal way to play Dip. Inquiries to the editor are welcome! KH

BERSAGLIERI: Tom Mainardi
1403 Laurence Road, Haverton, PA 19083

10/\$6, open page, xerox, 6-12 pages, 5 weeks, #58 (November), circ. 40

Runs: Diplomacy, Final Conflict
Openings: standbys only

Bersaglieri was originally a subzine to Emhain Macha, 1981-1982. In January of 1982, Bersaglieri became a zine in its own right. It features games of Dip and the occasional variant. The "Celebrity Page" is a semi-regular feature and has to be seen to be believed. TM

ELUNT INSTRUMENTS: Bruce Geryk
5748 S. Blackstone Ave #206, Chicago, IL 60637

10/\$10, open page, xerox, 18-48 pages, 5 weeks, #3 (February), November 1986

Runs: Diplomacy(2)
Openings: Civilization(\$5), and probably British Rails, Awful Green Things, ICBM, Snits Revenge, Titan and 1830

El is a fascinating and enthusiastic new zine. Although Bruce would like to run a variety of games, the zine is mainly intended to contain chat, letters and articles on such subjects as Empire Builder, Dipcon, the Hungarian Uprising, classical music, wargames, computers and world politics.

BOAST: Herb Barents
17187 Wildmere, Detroit, MI 48221

17/\$12, open page, xerox, 6-10 pages, 3 weeks, #254 (April), September 1971

Runs: Diplomacy(4)
Openings: Diplamcy(\$12), standbys

Boast is a small but exceptionally reliable zine which also contains news and Reviews of fresh game releases. It's one of the best places if you want a straight forward game of Diplomacy with a minimum of frills.

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

BUFFALO STEAK TARTARE: continued...

\$10/year, reduced xerox, 12 pages, irregular, #4 (September), January 1986

Openings: Diplomacy

BST is more of a general reading zine covering such subjects as cokkery, comics, SF, music and RPG. It has not been seen for many months.

BUSHWACKER: Fred Davis
3210K Wheaton Way, Ellicott City, MD 21043

\$6/12 for non-players; \$9 flat fee for players; \$5 flat fee for standbys, open page, xerox/mimeo, 10 pages, monthly, #185 (April/May), circ. 65, March 1972

Runs: Vacation Dip III, Turnabout Dip, Balkan Wars III
Openings: Character Dip, Woolworth II-D, standbys for most games

Bush is devoted exclusively to variant Diplomacy games and is now in its fourteenth 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. FGD

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

50¢; 10/\$8.50, open page, xerox, 24 pages, irregular, #86 (September), Jan 1977
Runs: War & Peace(9), Source of the Nile, En Garde
Openings: Third Reich, Source of the Nile, En Garde

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 houserules 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.

THE CANADIAN DIPLOMAT: Robert Acheson
PO Box 4622, Station SE, Edmonton, Alberta, T6E 2A0, Canada

\$1, open page, xerox, 30 pages, 8 weeks, #17 (March), circ. 80, Dec 1984
Runs: Diplomacy(7), Gunboat(7), Anarchy(3), Stonehenge
Openings: Diplomacy(\$2), Gunboat(\$2), Anarchy(\$1), Stonehenge(\$1),
Cline 9 (free), Youngstown IV (free), Colonia VI (free)

TCD is not for the player who expects his zine to be prompt. For the more laid back player who enjoys Diplomacy, plus whatever variants I feel like running as well as other varied articles - this is your zine. RA

Looks like room for a playlist: The The, Infected, Husker Du, Warehouse:
Songs and Stories; The Smiths, Louder Than Bombs

CATHY'S RAMBLINGS: Cathy Ozog
P.O. Box 5225, Munds Park, AZ 86017

10/\$7, \$1.20 to Europe, open page, reduced xerox, 14 pages, 6 weeks,
#28 (April), October 1983

Runs: Orknaire (FRP campaign), Paranoia, Diplomacy(3), Gunboat(2),
International Diplomacy, Sopwith(2)

Openings: Sopwith, International Diplomacy, standbys

CR is a fun zine from the pleasant and outgoing Cathy Ozog. It's very much a "personal zine" in that Cathy usually writes about her interests and experiences. CR is one of the foremost international zines with subscribers from all over Britain and North America.

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

free to players/standbys, open page, xerox, 6 pages, 5 weeks, #84 (April),
circ. 30, March 1979

Runs: Diplomacy(5)

Openings: standbys

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

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

60¢, digest, xerox, 16 pages, irregular, #2 (August), circ. 30, July 1986

Runs: Diplomacy(2)

Openings: Diplomacy, Car Wars, Dueltrack, Third Reich

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

COMRADES IN ARMS: Tom Swidar
699 Haddon Ave, Apt 2, Collingswood, NJ 08108

free to players/traders/contributors, open page, xerox, 3-4 pages,
3-4 weeks, #4 (January), circ. 10, August 1986

Runs: Paranoia

Openings: Paranoia

CIA is a tri-weekly political supplement to postal Paranoia, West End Games' roleplaying game which takes place in "a darkly humorous future". Those who have yet to try Paranoia and like Dip and D&D must purchase the game or report for Personality Readjustment (Rm. 101). The xyn will remain highly participatory and thus small. CIA may eventually become a "normal" xyn, whereupon Alpha Complex reaches critical mass. Mutants need not apply. "Freedom is the voice of your neighbor turning you in". TS

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

10/\$15, digest, xerox, 48 pages. "supposedly monthly", Vol. XI #7 (April),
circ. 115, April 1965

Runs: Diplomacy(6), Jihad, Rather Silly, World War IIb, Railway Rivals(3)
Openings: Railway Rivals(\$2), Rails Through the Rockies(\$2)

Costaguana is rather odd. Many have even used the word "strange". Actually,
"unusual" is more apropos, and perhaps "queer" (in the British sense) could
apply. There are some who prefer "esoteric" or "eccentric". For my own
part, I like "cranberry". If interested, send sub money to Costa's
business manager: Doug Brown, P.O. Box 584, Penngrove, CA 94951.

THE CREAM SHALL RISE: Bruce Linsey
73 Ashuelot Street, Apt 3, Dalton, MA 01226

\$1 voters/\$2 non-voters. open page, xerox. 52 pages, yearly. #2 (July),
circ. 80-90, July 1985

The Cream Shall Rise is the official publication of the Runestone Poll
custodian. It appears once a year and contains the results of the annual
Runestone Poll as well as announcing the winners of several incidental Poll
awards. There is also a little chat about the Poll itself and dozens of
statistical tables.

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

10/\$4.50; \$5/ 2 to Europe, digest, xerox, 12-16 pages, monthly,
#103 (January), circ. 90, July 1977

DD has never run any games. Instead it contains a veritable cornucopia of
articles (mostly reprinted) about the strategy, tactics and psychology of
Diplomacy, the hobby in general and up to date news and comment.

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

\$12/year (Canada/ US.D \$14; Europe/ US.D \$16), digest, xerox, 60 pages,
quarterly, #46 (Spring), sample issue costs \$4

Proving once again that life begins all over again at 40, DW continues its
voyage as the hobby's flagship publication. #45 offers a view of the
world of Diplomacy with contributions from Canada, Ireland, Britain, Norway,
France, Belgium, Holland, West Germany, Italy, Israel, Australia and
Papua/New Guinea. #46 offers the traditional DW content of Demc Games,
strategy and tactics articles, an exciting look at several rating systems,
and more. For over a dozen years DW has been the hobby's journal of
record, covering every aspect of the game and hobby. No hobby member
should be without it. LP

Playlist: (update) yes, I'm listening to the Smiths, Louder Than Bombs" again...

DIPLOMACY WORLD ANTHOLOGY, VOLS. I, II, III & IV: Larry Peery
Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102-0416

see below, legal size pages, xerox, 200 pages, printed on book weight paper and with comb binding

At last the Diplomacy hobby has its own coffee table art books. Vol. I costs \$10 and features some 60 articles from the first 39 issues of DW as chosen by previous editors/publishers. Vol. II costs \$5 and features the writing of Mark Berch. Vol. III will contain all the Diplomacy variants published to date in DW. Vol. IV will offer a complete reprinting of the DW demo games. LP

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

two 22¢ stamps or an IRC, legal size open page, xerox, 4 pages, quarterly, #1 (January), circ. 100

DWN is designed to bring the latest hobby news to all the hobby's publishers and editors. Basically, DWN offers the entire hobby a news service though we will need contributions from other publishers and editors to make this publication a success. LP

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

\$90 (USA), +\$45 overseas airmail, legal size pages, xerox, 1,700 pages (approx), unbound

For the serious collector. The DWRS offers a complete reprinting of the first 44 issues of DW; all 1,700 pages reproduced from the originale. Price includes a copy of the INDEX AND MENU OF DIPLOMACY WORLD, a 30+ page index of DW by author, subject, and issue. LP

DIPLOMAG: Fred Davis
3210K Wheaton Way, Ellicott City, MD 21043

6/\$3, open page, xerox, 6 pages, bimonthly, #74 (March), circ. 50, July 1976

This is a service & genzine 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. It also includes a running account of 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, 6-8 pages, 3 weeks, #6.73 (April)
Runs: Diplomacy(5)
Openings: standbys

THE DIPLOMAT: continued...

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
26513 233rd S.E., Maple Valley, WA 98038

50¢, open page, xerox, 1-2 pages, monthly, circ. 10, #32 (April), Sep. 1985
Runs: All Asia, Diplomacy
Openings: standbys

This is a very small and very regular newsletter devoted solely to the games published: press, moves, game announcements and the occasional cartoon. The Asian variant closely parallels the standard European game. Game fee is \$10 with extra postage money assessed for really long games. KR

DISEASE CITY: James Goode
443 Greenwood Avenue. #2, Clarksville, TN 37040-3711

\$6/year, open Page, xerox, 6-8 pages, 3-5 weeks, #18 (February), circ. 27, October 1985
Runs: United Soccer
Openings: occasional standbys

An infectious publication, DC is generally prompt and orderly. It is a mutant of Bill Becker's K-Zine but with a pathogenic theme and an Americanised league schedule. JG

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

75¢, open page, xerox, 10-13 pages, quarterly, #10 (February)

TDL houses the DragonsTooth Rating System; the Gold Crown Rating System (a system for standbys only), and the Enamel Toad Rating 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; a list of the top five players for each country; and the Player Reliability Rating. A useful tool in sizing up your opponents. The zine currently needs a replacement publisher - contact Stephen if you are interested. SW

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

10/\$7, open page, mimeo, 16 pages, monthly, #231 (September), circ. 35
Runs: Empires of the Middle Ages(2), A Mighty Portress, Pax Britannica(3)
Openings: standbys

Empire has continuously published since 1974. It has run games of Chariot, Legion, Viking, Yecman, Frigate, Dreadnought, Russian Civil War, Conquistador and Origins of WWII and will again if interest should justify it. JB

EVERYTHING: Steve Heinowski
12034 Pyle, Oberlin, OH 44074

50¢-\$1, digest, xerox, 16-18 pages, quarterly, #71 (Spring)

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

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

62¢ US; 90¢ Can, digest, xerox, 16 pages, irregular, #16 (April),
circ. 100 (approx), February 1985
Runs: Diplomacy(5), International Diplomacy, Superbourse
Openings: standbys

XL has suffered delays recently due to Bruce losing his job. However Bruce has pared the sine back and is trying to get it back on schedule.

FEUILLETONISTS FORUM: Greg Ellis
700 Rio Grande, Austin, TX 78701-2720

10/\$5, digest, xerox, 12-16 pages, monthly, #33 (March), circ. 60, Sep. 1984
Runs: Diplomacy(3), Gunboat
Openings: standbys

In FF we discuss politics, both real world and hobby. We have prognostications on election outcomes, discussion of current events, and debates on public policy. We also run a game of Presidential Politics, a game invented by Jake Halverstadt. Copies of the game are available from Jake for \$10 at 1106 Castlerock Road, Fort Collins, CO 80521. The game simulates an entire political campaign from primaries to the general election. Samples are 50¢ but a joke about lawyers or law school will get you one free. GE

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

4/\$3, open page, computer, 8 pages, 6 weeks, #178 (February), circ. 30,
July 1974
Runs: Diplomacy(3)
Openings: standbys

Pol Si Fie has gone through several incarnations in terms of printing methods, materials of interest, and game availability, but seems to have settled down now. I am aiming to fold with issue 200, so I am not taking on any further dip games. Most of the space is devoted to strategy and tactics articles. RS

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

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

This is the organ of the Granite Archive, established to aid in the collection and preservation of postal-game hobby information. Subs are free but a stamp or contribution is always appreciated.

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

10/\$3.50, open page, xerox, 4 pages, 4 weeks, #40 (April), circ. 40, April 1984
Runs: Diplomacy(6)
Openings: standbys

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

THE GAMER'S ZINE: Earl Whiskeyman (publisher)
27 Mark Street, Milford, CT 06460

12/\$10, open page, mimeo, 24-26 pages, monthly, #106(April), circ. 70,
July 1981
Runs: En Garde(2), Diplomacy(2), Gunboat(2), Collegiate Crew, Conquistador,
Source of the Nile
Openings: Diplomacy(\$6), Gunboat(\$6), En Garde(\$6)

TGZ attempts to live up to its name by continually searching for PBM multiplayer games to satisfy the diverse interests of its subscribers. The most recent addition is "Collegiate Crew". This is a rowing game in which each player acts as coach of his 8-man crews. The game pits various colleges against each other and it is refereed by the game's designer, Jeff Cornett. Diplomacy is now computer adjudicated and error free. En Garde...with an English accent shifts the action from Paris to London. Game reviews, trivia, occasional letters and editorials round out the contents. EW

THE GONZO BASEBALL LEAGUE: Phil Dancause
3 Laurel Lane, Stafford, VA 22554

\$15 per season, open page, xerox, 6 pages, weekly, 12 teams in the league
Runs: Jake Halverstadt's "Gonzo Baseball"
Openings: probably only standbys

Gonzo Baseball allows to own and manage your own professional teams. You draft your line-up of major league players and match them against other teams in the league. Each player's 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.

GRAUSTARK: John Boardman
234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11226-5302

10/\$7, open page, mimeo, 8-22 pages, 4 weeks, #534 (April), May 1963
Runs: Diplomacy(18)
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 sometimes writes some excellent satire of the hobby and the world of politics. The gamefee includes a subscription to Graustark as long as the game lasts.

HAI! JIKAI!: Mark Keller
2 Seaside Court, Sacramento, CA 95831-3775

30-35¢, digest, xerox, 4 pages, 6 weeks, #34 (November), January 1983
Runs: Diplomacy(3)
Openings: Final Conflict, standbys

Mark is gradually getting Hai! Jikai! back on schedule after some delays. The zine itself is just game reports with a minimum of chat.

HANSARD: Robert Sacks
4861 Broadway 5-V, New York, NY 10034

12/\$6, digest, xerox, 4-6 pages, monthly, #21(May), circ. 18, July 1984
Runs: Pax Britannica
Openings: Origins of World War II, Parliament, Pax Britannica

Hansard is a zine intended "to focus on diplomatic and parliamentary interplay". It includes a copy of Known Game Openings.

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

2/\$9, open page, xerox, 10 pages, monthly, #14 (April), circ 63, March 1986
Runs: Colonia(6), Diplomacy(4), Youngstown(2), Radar Dip, Gunboat
Openings: standbys

The Home Office is, above all, a well GMed and promptly published players zine. The zine is pretty much all game reports plus an occasional mini-bio. Fred is the Miller Number Custodian (see Alpha & Omega) and, naturally, his interest in Diplomacy variants is reflected in the kind of games played in his zine.

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

\$1, open page, laser/xerox, 14-30 pages, monthly/6 weeks, #12 (April), circ. 32, September 1986 (restart)

House of Lords is a zine for, by and about publishing and pubbers, GMS and GMing. It runs no games, and is available to just about anybody. It's composed primarily of the thoughts of its publisher, and a vast array of letters on topics relevant to publishing a dipzine. Hopefully, this is a forum for those with experience to share the wealth. DM

INTERVENTION: Michael Hopcroft
2190 W. Burnside #108, Portland, OR 97210

75¢, open page, xerox, 10 pages, bimonthly, #5 (January ?), circ. 20
Runs: Dr Who role-playing game
Openings: Dr Who role-playing game

Intervention is a newsletter-style sourcebook and zine devoted exclusively to the DOCTOR WHO RPG. It runs articles of interest to both gamers and fans, and regularly features character stats from the series. MH

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

50¢ + postage, digest, xerox, 16-40 pages, irregular, #16 (January), circ. 96
Runs: United, Twixt, Diplomacy(4)
Openings: Diplomacy & United standbys

IT! is a pleasant and chatty zine which has been heavily influenced by the British hobby. The zine also contains a well thought out letter column which currently includes contributions on films and censorship.

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

\$6/4 issues or \$10/8, digest, offset, 4-20 pages, irregular, #113 (January), circ. 134
Runs: Diplomacy(5)
Openings: Diplomacy, Cline 9, Civilization, Source of the Nile, Kingmaker 1830

Kaissa is currently in the midst of a reorganisation. The zine has been published irregularly, though the games appear to be run by flyer. For the latest details on the zine, perhaps you should write to Elmer directly.

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

\$1. digest, xerox, 24-36 pages, monthly, #120 (March), January 1979
Runs: Diplomacy(7)
Openings: standbys

KK/W is a zine containing 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 readers. W is now the secondary portion of the zine. KK/W was voted best letter column in the 1986 Lifer Poll. It's all here. Including a pretty white cover. JC

THE KING'S COURT: Jason Russ
Stonehouse Road, Somers, NY 10589

12/\$6, digest, xerox, 12 pages, monthly, #4 (February), circ. 20, October 1986
Runs: Titan(2), Diplomacy, Civilization
Openings: Civilization, Diplomacy, Gunslinger, Magic Realm, Rail Baron

Two things set The King's Court apart from most zines. First, I'll GM just about any game my subbers want to play (assuming I own it). Second, there are no gamefees. Traders or subscribers may play in as many games as they wish.

THE K-ZINE FROM KAZOO: Bill Becker
1515 Ridgewood, Jenison, MI 49428

50¢, digest, xerox, 12-14 pages, 4 weeks, #28 (March), circ. 33

K-ZINE FROM KAZOO: continued...

Runs: United
Openings: United

This is a relatively unknown, reliable zine which quietly gets on with the work of running a league of United, a soccer management game. It should be of interest to anyone who is into soccer.

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

55¢-90¢, digest, xerox, 16-28 pages, 5 weeks, #72 (April/May), circ. 40, June 1980

Runs: Presidential Politics, Diplomacy(2), Kingmaker
Openings: Kingmaker, 1830, Railway Rivals, Deluxe Car Wars, Kings & Kings & Things (Titan variant), Knights of the Air, Diplomacy standbys

With every issue of LIFE OF MONTY, you get another installment in the DIP WARZ saga (or the occasional DIPRISONER), a handful of games, the latest North American Tournament Ratings (ratings for FTP tournament play), SUBMARINE WARFARE (if Derwood feels like writing that month), plus you get a first-hand look at how well whatever my latest word processing software happens to be at the time works. Just make sure that you know my ZIP code is NOT 28138... DDG

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

\$1, digest, xerox, 36 pages, monthly, #69 (April), circ. 53, August 1982

Runs: Diplomacy(5), Bourse, Snowball Fighting
Openings: standbys

Articles, light fiction, humor, a continuous round table discussion, hobby news and four subzines (Fiat Bellus, The Melnibone Herald, Atrocity Exhibition 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 77840-3764

50¢, open page, computer printed, 14 pages, 6-8 weekly, #22 (February)

Runs: Diplomacy(3)
Openings: Diplomacy, Conquest of the Empire, Source of the Nile, Anarchy

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 more of a games results zine than anything else. GR

MICROPHAGE: Ernest S. Hakey III
63 Medford Street, Medford, MA 02155

25¢, decwriter printout, xerox, monthly, #17 (Nov.), circ. 15-20, Nov. 1984

MICROPHAGE: continued...

Runs: Diplomacy(2), Stellar Conquest, Civilization, Kingmaker, Conquistador(2)
Openings: None until something ends

Microphage is a slow and cheap but features relatively accurate GMing. I do not trade, and prefer that a subber actually be at least signed up for a future game. I do not wish to be "a forum for _____", except for the playing of games, though I do like press and comments on games in progress. Future games will most likely be Diplomacy or some variant as well as more Conquistador, Kingmaker and Stellar Conquest require too much bookkeeping, but I might run another game of Civilization later. EH

NOT NEW YORK: Paul Gardner
Route 1, Box 2338, Newfane, VT 05345-9734

50¢, open page, xerox, 10 pages, 4 weeks, #19 (April), circ. 73, December 1984
Runs: Diplomacy(5), Empire Builder
Openings: standbys only

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...) Enough serious stuff. I am still trying to be as irrevelant (sic) as ever. On the other hand, I may settle down and write an actual strategy article someday. Tai PG

NOT UP TO MODERN GRAPHICS STANDARDS: Michael Hopcroft
2190 W. Burnside #108, Portland, OR 97210

10/\$6, digest, xerox, 6-8 pages, 5 weeks, #2 (May), April 1987
Openings: Diplomacy, Gunboat, Supperdippers (Superhero RPG) - no gamefees

This is the zine for conneisseurs of bad spelling, lovers of bad puns, and players of bad Diplomacy. Good players are also welcome. An excellent example of misplaced charity for those who believe in humoring the postal-obsessive. MPH

OHIO / CRES: Robert Greier
35171 Cromley Road, Salem, OH 44460

10/\$6, digest, xerox, 8-12 pages, monthly, #5(May), circ. 24, January 1987
Runs: Diplomacy(5)
Openings: standbys

A very informal set of rubbish cooked up by me and Darwood Bowen. We talk sports, Dip, music but no politics please! We hope to be a very "on time" zine since our game players are very important to us. RG

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

50¢, open page, xerox, 2 pages, 8 weeks, #18(February), circ. 25, Jan. 1983

QUINIPIQUE: continued...

Runs: Diplomacy
Openings: Diplomacy

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 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

OVER THERE: Hugh Christie
43 East Houston Avenue, Montgomery, PA 17752

10/\$7.50, open page, xerox, 28 pages, monthly, #6 (March), circ. 71, Oct. 1986
Runs: Diplomacy(7), Gunboat
Openings: Diplomacy(\$5)

The purpose of OT is to provide a format for the play of Diplomacy and its variants, an open forum for the discussion of educationally related issues and personal expression on the game and the hobby. The latest issue contains plenty of hobby news, some discussion of Dipcon and religion in public schools, plus lots of game reports.

PENGUIN DIP: Stephen Dorneman
95 Federal Street #2, Lynn, MA 01905

10/\$6, open page, xerox, 14-18 pages, 5 weeks, #3(April), circ. 49, Feb. 1987
Runs: Diplomacy(3)
Openings: Diplomacy(\$3)

Penguin Dip is a science fiction and fantasy fansine, an artsine, a general gaming and role playing fansine as well as a Dipsine running only regular Dip games. PD features book and game reviews, lots of articles and artwork by subscribers, and a borderline-psychotic fixation on aquatic Antarctic avians. Generated on an Apple Macintosh, PD may soon be joining the ranks of laser-printed zines. Price is likely to be going up this year, so subscribing now is definitely cool. SD

PERELANDRA: Pete Gaughan
3121 East Park Row #165, Arlington, TX 76010-3744

12/\$12 US; \$15 Can.; \$18 US to Europe, open page, xerox, monthly, #48 (April), Circ. 41, June 1982
Runs: Diplomacy (2)
Openings: Diplomacy, Downfall of the Lord of the Rings (\$5 US, \$6 Can.), Snowball Fighting (\$3 US, \$4 Can.), Gunboat(\$3), Titan(\$7.50)

After a five-month layoff due to finances, Perelandra returns as the hobby's only zine devoted to literature. We reprint classic humor, poetry, essays, and short stories, but especially fantasy and SF. Not only do you get the best writing, you get the chance to play games found nowhere else in North America. PJG

POLITSESS: Ken Peel (publisher)
8708 First Avenue, #1-2, Silver Spring, MD 20910

39¢, open page, xerox, 22 pages, monthly, #48 (April), circ. 100, November 1982

Politesse is the journal of the Washington Area Retinue of (Tactily) Highly Organized Gamblers. If you are looking for postal Diplomacy news and game openings, keep looking (elsewhere). If, however, you are looking for frequent face-to-face opportunities in the Baltimore-Washington-Richmond area... If you are interested in review articles on new and old multiplayer games... If you have eclectic gaming tastes and don't mind a continuous flow of porcing related frivolity... well, have we got a line for you! Our reviews speak for ourselves!

"Too wild for my tastes." --Andy Warhol

"Too frivolous in tone." --Don Rickles

"Typical Great Satan Propaganda." --Ayatollah Khomeini

POMMES MIT MAYO: Scott Hanson and Frauke Petersen

3508 4th Avenue S., Minneapolis, MN 55408

45¢ (65¢ with game results); 55¢/90¢ overseas, open page, reduced xerox, 4 pages, ten a year, #61 (January), circ. 65, August 1981

Runs: Diplomacy(4), International Diplomacy, Hockey

Openings: Diplomacy(\$6.50)

Pommes Mit Mayo means French fries with mayonnaise. Comments on the line cost extra. If you like reading the letters to the editor in your newspaper you'll love Pommes. We use vegetable shortening.

PRAIXIS: Alan Stewart

702-25 St. Mary Street, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 1R2

10/\$7 Can. or \$5 US, open page, xerox, 32 pages, 5 weeks, #13 (April), circ. 67

Runs: Diplomacy(3), Advanced Diplomacy

Openings: standbys

Praixis is a very agreeable mixture of Diplomacy and non-Diplomacy chat. Alan is one of very editors who actually prints articles on the game itself as well as including a game complete with expert commentary. The press is always entertaining and the letter column contains discussion of Diplomacy house rules, American and Canadian politics and the Baby M trial.

THE PRINCE: Jim Meinel

P.O. Box 24003, Anchorage, AL 99524-0003

50¢, open page, xerox, 6 pages, monthly, #50 (March), circ. 20, September 1982

Runs: Diplomacy

Openings: Diplomacy(\$5)

A small, personal-type zine with a loyal following. Currently running only one game, but the bulk of the issues these days consist of information and articles about the Greatland (Alaska to outsiders). Standbys welcomed, and their sub is free for as long as they play a standby position. JM

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

postage, open page, xerox, 3 pages, 3 weeks, #21 (Nov. '84), circ 15, Aug. '84
Runs: Conquistador(3), Kingmaker(2), Pax Britannica, Civilization,

Source of the Nile

Openings: Source of the Nile. Maybe also 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 guaranteed not to give you leprosy (or your money back). SC

RANDOM THOUGHT: Jeff Zarse
1 N. Stonegate, Lake Forest, IL 60045

10/\$6, open page, xerox, 6 pages, 5 weeks, #3 (March), January 1987

Runs: nothing yet!

Openings: Diplomacy(\$3), Nuclear Destruction(\$2), Gunboat(\$2), Empire
Builder(\$10)

Random Thought (nearly typed Radon Thought there...) is a zine principally offering Diplomacy and Empire Builder. Jeff would also like to attract letters and articles (the latter may qualify you free issues), though he is primarily concerned with running a bunch of games.

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

25¢, digest, xerox, 32-36 pages, 4-5 weeks, #28 (April), circ. 65, November 198

Runs: Diplomacy(16), Gunboat(3)

Openings: standbys

Rebel is an excellent Diplomacy zine. It also contains the subzine High Inertia, which features two RegDip press games, a discussion forum, letter column, contests, cartoons, Woody abuse, and chatter from the hobby's most insufferable (only kidding...) newlywed pubbers! Players must sub to Rebel but contributions are encouraged from everyone. LMC

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

30¢, open page, xerox, 3-4 pages, 3 weeks, #36 (March), circ. 30

Runs: Diplomacy(3)

Openings: standbys

Though games are the central focus, RC is slowly developing into a performance art 'zine. Last years subbers received faded cartoons, junk mail, and containers for a required drug test. The 'zine has, at times, been colorized and fingerpainted, and the single sided xerox always makes excellent scratch paper. Currently, we are working on multi-subber tape recordings for the next year's PDO auction. And the recently hired Oliver North is using surplus sub fees to bring Sesler back to pubbing. RC, Dipdom's cutting edge. K

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

3/\$2. open page, laser/xerox, 30 pages, monthly, #111 (March), Circ. 90+, June 86
Runs: Diplomacy(11), Monopoly, Magic Realm
Openings: Diplomacy(free), Magic Realm(free)

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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 86), circ. 60
Runs: Diplomacy(7), Super Diplomacy(3), Apocalypse Super Diplomacy,
Diplomacy Fantomas, Quebec Diplomacy, Blitz Diplomacy
Openings: International Diplomacy

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

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

10/\$3.50, open page, xerox, 12 pages, 4 weeks, #8 (February '86), circ. 35
Runs: Diplomacy(4)
Openings: standbys

Send Me a Postcard is xeroxed on multicolored paper to distinguish the games apart and makes use of maps for all games. It also prints articles, cartoons, puzzles, jokes, ratings and other things of interest such as hobby news. Press, no matter how much, is always welcome. The zine suffered from a few delays recently but George is trying to keep the games running regularly.

SHRODIGGER'S CAT: Mike Dominsky
P.O. Box 702, Ignace, Ontario P0T 1T0 Canada

\$1 Can., open page, xerox, 5 pages, #0 (April)
Openings: Econopolicy

This is a new zine which will be devoted to experimental variants and other deviant pastimes. It will specialise in variants with novel rules and it will stick to a six-week publishing schedule.

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

3/\$2 Can., open page, reduced xerox, 8 pages, 5 weeks, #56 (September), circ. 75, April 1981
Runs: Diplomacy(17)
Openings: standbys only

SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS: continued...

SK is a low-profile, reliable zine which just gets on with the job of running lots of games. SK is also well known for its risque jokes which are often printed upside down so that you can avoid reading them if you like.

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. It 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 Lane Apt 18, Flint, MI 48507

\$1 (free to players), digest, xerox, 20 pages, irregular, #39 (February)
Runs: Diplomacy(3), Stonehenge Diplomacy, Machiavelli, Wooden Ships
Openings: Diplomacy, Machiavelli, Wooden Ships, Destroyer Captain, RAF, Flattop

Despite its name, Tacky is a neatly produced multigames zine. As you can tell by the games offered, the zine is largely devoted to naval simulations.

FER-RAN: Steve Heinowski
12034 Pyle, Oberlin, OH 44074

free to players, open page, ditto, 8 pages, 4 weeks, #130(April), Circ. 50, April/May 1976
Runs: Diplomacy(10), WS+IM
Openings: Diplomacy (\$5 and covers sub for duration of game)

It's cheap, on time, and when read in the bathroom it can perform a dual purpose. SH

THIS BUD'S FOR YOU: Matt Fleming
514 E. Washington, #1, Madison, WI 53703-2915

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

TBFY is a strictly 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 small time status. MF

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

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

THUMP 'N GRUNT: continued...

Runs: PBM wrestling management simulation game

This is a unique zine offering an interesting PBM wrestling simulation. The game report is a long and very amusingly written narrative. The zine should be fun for any professional wrestling fan.

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

\$15 annual fee, open page, xerox, 14-24 pages, 8 weeks, #67 (March), circ. 25, January 1979

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

Openings: Magic Realm, Machiavelli, Source of the Nile, WS&IM, Submarine, B-17, Civilization, Dune

Touche has no openings for new subscribers at present but anyone with a deep interest in Napoleonics, notably NLB/WS&IM may inquire first submitting an SSAE and perhaps something may be arranged at a future date.

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

free, open page, xerox, 2 weeks, #30 (January)

Runs: Traveller

Openings: Traveller

The Traveller's 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. WEJH

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

10/\$4, open page, xerox, 6-10 pages, 2 weeks, #30 (February), circ. 20, November 1985

Runs: Empire Builder

Openings: Empire Builder 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

VERTIGO: Brad Wilson
307 Sharpless Street, West Chester, PA 19382

10/\$2.20, open page, xerox, 8-12 pages, 5 weeks, #80 (April), circ. 23
Runs: Diplomacy(2)
Openings: Diplomacy(free)

Vertigo features exciting games, music, sports and the occasional political diatribe. On staff is Dip's resident alcohol expert; Ted "Swizzle" stick. The Diplomacy waiting list is open and games are free!

THE VOLCANO CITY NEWS: Rory Noble
435 S. 10th Street, St. Helens, OR 97051

35¢: \$3.50 yearly/12 issues, open page, xerox, 4-8 pages, 4 weeks, #5 (April), circ. 20, December 1986
Runs: Diplomacy
Openings: Diplomacy(\$6)

VCN is just now getting on its feet. Besides Diplomacy, I hope to run Kingmaker, some Dip variants, and possibly a few other games. There is a monthly music trivia game, with an award to be given at year's end. Also, each single winner of a game in VCN receives one free gamestart! What a deal! RN

THE VORTEX: Dan Gorham
806 South Euclid Street, Fullerton, CA 92632

\$10 per year, open page, laser/xerox, 4 pages, monthly, circ. 16. #4 (April)
Runs: Diplomacy
Openings: Diplomacy(\$5), Gunboat(\$5)

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. Allrules 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! DG

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

3/\$1, open page, mimeo, 12 pages, 3 weeks, Vol 17 #19 (May), July 1972
Runs: Diplomacy(4)
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, photo captions and miscellaneous humour. It is without doubt a unique zine.

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 III

WHO CARES?: continued...

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 first 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 at a rate of 6 game years per calendar year. Gamefees are \$10 which includes 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

YES, VIRGINIA, THERE A SANTA CLAUS: Rod Walker
1273 Crest Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024

25¢, open page, xerox, 8 pages, irregular, circ. 20-60
Openings: Standbys only

YVSC is the publication of the US Orphans Service. By the time you read this, it will probably be in the hands of the new Orphans Director, Rod Walker.

HOBBY SERVICES

There are many services provided by individual hobby members. These are run by dedicated people and operate on a strict loss-making basis. All you are asked to do is use and enjoy them.

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

This costs a mere \$1 and contains a wide variety of articles intended to introduce newcomers to the hobby. There are articles by Tom Hurst on preventing stabs, Bob Olsen on press and variants and Kathy Byrne on women in Diplomacy. An invaluable publication for anyone who wants to find out more about 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 informative. Articles include a history of the hobby by Rod Walker, Francois Cuerrier on stabs and Mark Berch on tactics. This is another invaluable publication for anyone new to the hobby.

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."

Black & Blue Book, 1986-87: Larry Peery
Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102-0416

This 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 1986-87 edition includes well over a thousand names, as well as publications, and services/organizations devoted to the hobby in North America. If it's fundamental to the hobby, it's in the BBB. It costs \$6.

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 ratings 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 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¢.

Zine Bank: Ken Peel *****
8708 First Avenue, Apt T-2, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Would you like to receive a large selection of the zines listed in the Zine Register? If you do, then all you have to do is send Ken \$2.50 (to cover postage) and, in return, you will receive as many zines as can be crammed into a large envelope (usually 15-20). To avoid duplication, please let Ken know which zines you receive already.

Pontevedria: Scott Hanson *****
3508 4th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55408-4511

Pontevedria is a list of postal game openings for Diplomacy in North America (and a few elsewhere). It is sort of associated with the Zine Register and Diplomacy World. The list is updated continuously between issues and it is available for a mere SSAE.

Known Game Openings: Robert Sacks *****
4861 Broadway 5-V, New York, NY 10034

KGO is another list of game openings. It is an independent hobby service published continuously since 1974. It is not as comprehensive as Pont but it does contain information on non-Diplomacy openings. It is sometimes accompanied with KGO Zine Directory, a cheaper but far less comprehensive version of the Zine Register. Both are available for an SSAE.

Once Upon A Deadline: Bruce Linsey *****
73 Ashuelot Street, Apt. 3, Dalton, MA 01226

For \$3 you can receive Once Upon A Deadline, a 204 page novice editor's package. It contains articles on virtually every conceivable aspect of GMing games and publishing a zine. It is very useful for anyone who would like to start their own zine.

Special Traxmasters Edition: Bruce Linsey *****
73 Ashuelot Street, Apt. 3, Dalton, MA 01226

This 30-page special edition of TRAX is designed to help people get started running Empire Builder and/or British Rails games. The centerpiece is a long, detailed essay on how I go about running a game in my zine. Also included is a typical adjudication for a game turn, my house rules, a letter column and more. It costs \$1.

Boardman Number Custodian: Steve Heinowski *****
12034 Pyle, Oberlin, OH 44074

The job of BNC is to assign Boardman Numbers to new Diplomacy games and list Diplomacy gamestarts and finishes. If you want to find out more about this service, you should get hold of a copy of Everything the BNC service zine.

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

The job of MNC is to list Diplomacy variant gamestarts and finishes. If you want to find out more about this service, you should send off for a copy of Alpha & Omega, the MNC service zine.

North American Variant Bank: Fred Davis *****
3210K Wheaton Way, Ellicott City, MD 21043

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 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 sells for \$3.00. Eventually, there will be an updated Catalog which will also sell for \$3.00. There are variants for almost every time period and every part of the world, as well as games played on the regular board with all sorts of rule changes. The best way to find out what's available is through the Catalog.

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

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 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.

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

Tracing its roots back to Walt Buchanon'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 photos 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, Farsi and Fiskanian?

US Orphans Service: Rod Walker *****
1273 Crest Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024

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. For further information see the entry for Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus.

Obudsman Service System: John Caruso *****
29-10 164th Street, Flushing, NY 11358

John Caruso holds a list of names of people who have volunteered to act as mediator or ombudsman for disputes between GM/player as well as between hobbyists. If you have a problem you'd like to have resolved, contact John Caruso for his help.

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EUROPEAN ZINES

THE INTERNATIONAL SUBSCRIPTION EXCHANGE

Even though the major growth area of the hobby is Europe, transatlantic contact is still relatively small. This is a shame since there are always openings for international Diplomacy games. If you would like to subscribe to any of the zines listed from abroad, you should consider using the ISE.

The International Subscription Exchange: continued.....

Here is how the service works. Let us suppose you are an American who wants to subscribe to Mission From God. All you have to do is send Simon Billenness a check for (about) \$10. Make sure you tell him which zine the money is for and whether you would like to receive the zine by air or seamail. (To compare, airmail is fast - 3 to 10 days - but more expensive. Seamail is much cheaper but letters take over a month.) Simon will then inform Doug Rowling of your request and Doug will send the editor concerned (in this example Pete Tulk) the equivalent sum in pounds sterling. The service is now fairly quick and it certainly saves you from the ridiculous fees banks charge you for exchanging foreign currencies.

If you're interested in using this service, you should contact your national coordinator (listed below):

USA: Simon Billenness, 630 Victory Blvd Apt 6F, Staten Island, NY 10301
UK: Doug Rowling, 228 Kinnell Avenue, Cardonald, Glasgow, G52 3RU, Scotland
Canada: Bruce McIntyre, 6191 Winch Street, Burnaby BC, V5B 2L4, Canada

UNITED KINGDOM

C'EST MAGNIFIQUE: Peter Sullivan *****
36 Bushey Hall Road, Bushey, Watford, Herts, WD2 2ED

13p + postage, open page, mimeo, 9-22 pages, 3-4 weeks, #36 (March)
Runs: Diplomacy(3), International Woolworth, Rather Silly Diplomacy, Abstraction,
Railway Rivals
Openings: Diplomacy, Railway Rivals, standbys

C'est Mag is an exceptionally reliable zine produced by the ever youthful and enthusiastic Pete Sullivan. Pete has a deep interest in both the American hobby and the US political scene so American subscribers would probably feel quite at home in this zine.

DIB DIB DIB: Tom Tweedy *****
29 Stanley Hill Avenue, Amersham, Bucks, HP7 9BD

28p + postage, open page, mimeo, 20-30 pages, 5 weeks, #65 (February)
Runs: Diplomacy(10), Sopwith
Openings: Diplomacy

Dib is still the solid, reliable and entertaining zine it has always been. Its most interesting feature must be its wide-ranging and highly amusing letter column which has won several awards in Britain. Dib has never been a particularly important or deep zine but it has always been fun to read and play in.

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

see below, open page, xerox, 16-24 pages, 4-5 weeks, #34/30 (March)
Runs: Railway Rivals(14), Maneater(2), 1829(5), Circuit
Openings: Railway Rivals, Maneater, 1829, Circuit, Grab For Africa, Utterly Ludicrous,
Diplomacy

Diversions and Monochrome are companion zines. The former is packed with all sorts of interesting postal games which you will rarely find in North American postal zines, and it is free to players who pay a £2 gamefee. The latter is free to confirmed elitists only and has recently contained material on the related topics of Alan Parsons and asphyxiation...

GAZPING: Richard Bairstow *****
20 Queens Drive, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 6PP

15p + postage, open page, xerox, 24-28 pages, 9-10 weeks, #27 (January)
Runs: Sopwith(3), Diplomacy(7), Maneater(4), Stab, Railway Rivals(3), Finchley Central,
Chess, Formula One
Openings: Diplomacy, Railway Rivals, Sopwith, Maneater, Formula One, Acquire, Stab,
Ark Royal Diplomacy, Chess

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

free on request, open page, mimeo, 6 pages, irregular, #2 (May)

Globetrotter is a mini-zine dedicated to discussing and promoting Diplomacy Worldcon.
It contains news of the preparations for the first Diplomacy Worldcon (to be held with
the British Manorcon in July 1988) as well as a letter column full of constructive
discussion about the continuation of Diplomacy Worldcon as a regular event.

MAD POLICY: Richard Walkerdine *****
13 Offley Road, Hitchin, Herts, SG5 2AZ

25p + postage (US airmail approx \$1 per issue), open page, mimeo, 14-22 pages
4-5 weeks, #129 (May), circ. 165, august 1972
Runs: Diplomacy(10), Jotto, Bourse, Brun Wars, Abstraction, Railway Rivals
Openings: Diplomacy, Multimind

MP is one of the Founding Fathers of the British hobby (launched 1972, relaunched 1982)
and is still a fairly "traditionalist" UK Diplomacy zine, though these days it also runs
a few other games. It is noted for its lively (hobby-related) letter column, its very
efficiently run games and its extremely modest editor! Winner of the UK Zine Poll in
1985 and bidding to win again in 1987 - all support welcome and bribes a distinct
possibility!! RJW

MASTERS OF THE PRIME: Bryan Betts *****
71B Eleanor Road, Hackney, London, E8 1DN

25p + postage, digest, xerox, 28-36 pages, 5 weeks, #42 (April)
Runs: En Garde, Diplomacy(3), Downfall, Sand, Deluge, Excalibur, Judge Dredd(3)
Openings: Gunboat, Diplomacy, Downfall, Judge Dredd, En Garde

This is a primarily chat and wordy games zine. It also includes a letter column and other
features - reviews of music, films, books, zines, games or whatever, articles, news, rules
for news games etc. - as long as I (or anyone else) can find time or energy! Also
included is the highly irreverent music and paganism subzine: Papal Bull.

MISSION FROM GOD: Pete Talk *****
76 Portland Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B16 9QU

35p, open page, mimeo, 20 pages, quarterly, #2 (February)

MFG is the British equivalent of the Zine Register. It lists zines but after that all
similarity ends. MFG is scruffy and rather disorganised but it is screamingly funny,
highly opinionated and conveys perfectly the personality of the zines it lists.
Without doubt, this is the best zine listing I have ever read. It is highly recommended
if you would like to find out more about the British hobby. It would probably set
you back \$3, if you wanted to receive it airmail.

MORRIGAN: Alan Kennedy *****
3 Drumglass Avenue, Bangor, Co Down, Northern Ireland, BT20 3HA

50p + postage, digest, xerox, 68 pages, 8 weeks, #22 (January), circ. 120

MORRIGAN: continued...

Runs: Maze Games, Bonking Game, Touchdown!, Warlock, Diplomacy(2), Bourse, The Struggle For Hegemony in Europe, En Garde, Chronicles of Avalon, Elementary Watson, Parliament, Murder, Title Bout

Openings: Diplomacy, Super Fluid, Holy Roman Empire, Abstraction, Vain Rats, Definitive Downfall, Struggle, MAD Dip, Davis Dip, Abstraction II, Deluge, Winter 1900, Winter 1986, Parliament II, Snits Revenge, En Garde, Murder, Maze Games, Finchley Central, Footrace, Capitalist Pig, Title Bout, Touchdown!, Warlock, Chronicles, Elementary Watson, Bourse

Morrigan is a very thick zine which offers one of the largest selections of games in the world. Due to its bulk it only comes out every eight weeks. It is notable for its large, rambling letter column which is impossible to take seriously.

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

80p, open page, mimeo, 20-24 pages, 4-5 weeks, #81 (April), circ. 120

Runs: Diplomacy(7), Railway Rivals(5), Stab, Vain Rats, Kingmaker

Openings: Diplomacy, Railway Rivals, Speed Circuit

NMR! used to be one of the British hobby's most trendy zines but now, due to the pressures of work, it has gradually turned into a modest little Diplomacy zine. However the zine is still graced by Brian's perennially fresh way of looking at things and a sense of humour which is so polished and understated that people miss it.

THE NUMBERS GAME: Richard Walkerdine *****
13 Offley Road, Hitchin, Herts, SG5 2AZ

25p + postage, open page, xerox, 6-8 pages, 4-5 per year, #4 (February)

This is the current British hobby stats zine. It is full of fascinating and (of course) totally useless information about the game of Diplomacy and the Hobby as a whole. Past issues have included tables on the overall performance of each country, a complete listing of all British zines ever published, and the 1986 Zine Frequency Survey. This is easily the best statistics zine in the world and it is therefore a must for anyone who is interested in Diplomacy stats.

ODE: John Marsden *****
49 Queen Elizabeth Square, Maidstone, ME15 9DQ

50p, digest, xerox, 28 pages, 5 weeks, #83 (February)

Runs: Diplomacy(11), Mercator, Seismic(2), Gesta Danorum, 1829(2), Machiavelli

Openings: Diplomacy, Railway Rivals, Origins of World War II, International Diplomacy

ODE is now the oldest continually running zine in the entire British hobby. In fact, it has been said in some quarters that the zine will never fold, ever. It offers Diplomacy, its variants and a couple of other games to exceptionally reliable deadlines as well as including some game related articles. Samples are free on request.

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

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

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

Openings: standbys only

This is the minizine, which is the external part of Shire Record, a subzine of a gamezine called The Ring. TR started life as a subzine, 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 zine runs games well and contains some occasional spice. AP

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

90p-£1 airmail to USA/Canada, digest, offset, 60-68 pages, 7-8 weeks, #18 (May), circ. 110
Runs: Diplomacy(3), Touchdown!, Downfall, Game of Clans, Gesta Danorum, En Garde,
Formula One, Sword & Shield, Sopwith, Sagittarius(4)
Openings: En Garde, Diplomacy, Touchdown! standbys, Swashbuckler, Excalibur/Stab,
Sagittarius, Fictionary Dictionary

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 far enough apart for you to be able to conduct diplomacy properly. In addition there is also a pleasant letter column, some reviews and lots of news about the North American and European postal gaming hobbies.

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

40p, open page, mimeo, 26-52 pages, 5-6 pages, #52 (March)
Runs: Utterly Ludicrous, Diplomacy(3), Railway Rivals
Openings: Diplomacy, International Terrorism, Slightly Disappointing Dip, Blobs,
No Quiche Dip, Ant Supremacy, Machiavelli, 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, 25 imported cigars and lots of fear and loathing. Thing, the well brought up zine.

WAR & PEACE: Derek Caws *****
The Old Kitchen, Bere Farm House, North Boarhunt, nr Fareham, Hants, PO17 6JL

45p/surface; 80p/air, open page, mimeo, 24-28 pages, 5-6 weeks, #49 (April)
Runs: Diplomacy(9), International Diplomacy, Woolworth, 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 have written for the zine. Strategy articles from Richard Hucknall, Randolph Smyth and myself also appear. International games 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

THE NETHERLANDS

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

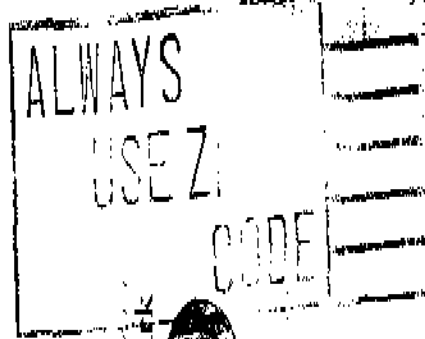
2F + postage, digest, xerox, 40-56 pages, 4 weeks, #63 (May), circ. 98
Runs: Cricketboss, United, Diplomacy(5), Gunboat(2), Abstraction, Downfall
Openings: Diplomacy, Gunboat, Stab, Abstraction II, Downfall V, Republic, United,
Cricketboss, New Eleusis/White Box, Sopwith, La Grand Boucle, Cornac

Oxymoron is the founder and flagship of the Dutch postal gaming hobby. The latest issue carries con reports, game rules, hobby news, an article on Wooden Ships & Iron Men written in excellent English and a few final comments in English.

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