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A postal Diplomacy genzine giving the number of games of Diplomacy, its variants and other games started, finished and in progress in British postal Diplomacy zines. Published by Richard J. Walkerdine, 'Cheriton', 15 Crouch Oak Lane, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 2AN, England.

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	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1973		1974	
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<u>Postal Games Started</u>									
Regular Diplomacy	2	5	7	32	85	21	27	29	22
Multi-player Variants	-	-	2	13	63	27	21	10	9
Total	2	5	9	45	148	48	48	39	31
Two-player Variants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	8
Other Games	-	-	-	5	10	2	5	4	2
Grand Total	2	5	9	50	158	50	53	68	41
<u>Postal Games Finished</u>									
Regular Diplomacy	-	1	3	3	12	7	3	8	9
Multi-player Variants	-	-	-	1	6	1	3	1	2
Total	-	1	3	4	18	8	6	9	11
Two-player Variants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Other Games	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	2
Grand Total	-	1	3	5	20	10	6	9	17
<u>Postal Games In Progress</u>									
Regular Diplomacy	2	6	10	39	112	88	112	133	146
Multi-player Variants	-	-	2	14	71	53	71	80	87
Total	2	6	12	53	183	141	183	213	233
Two-player Variants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	29
Other Games	-	-	-	4	12	7	12	16	16
Grand Total	2	6	12	57	195	148	195	254	278

Notes: (1). The 'Two-player Variants' category contains games of 'Intimate Diplomacy'.

(2). The 'Other Games' category contains games of 'Strategy 1', 'Origins of World War 2', '4000AD', 'Risk', 'Decline and Fall', 'Sleuth' and 'Parliament'.

Comments:

The second quarter of 1974 has seen a decrease in the number of new game-starts in every category - the first time this has ever happened. It has meant that, again for the first time ever, the total number of new games of all types to be started has declined from the previous quarter and is now back to the level of a year ago. Only the fact that the number of games finishing has still to catch up the number starting - which it should do in some 9 months from now - is causing the overall number of games in progress to continue rising. The indications are that the third quarter of the year will show a similar picture to the second, thus resulting in a far more stable situation than the hobby has yet known.