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I guess we're finally rolling. To tell the truth, I had hoped that response would have been a little better to the samples I had sent out, but at least we have enough to play Diplomacy.

1984?? GEORGE WASHINGTON

ENGLAND (McIlvaine) F Lon-Nth, F Edi-Nrwg, A Lvpl-Yor  
FRANCE (Dycus) F Bre-MAD, A Par-Bur, A Mar S A Far-Bur  
GERMANY (Lambert) F Kiel-Hol, A Mun-Ruhr, A Ber-Kiel  
ITALY (Barents) F Nap-Ion, A Rom-Ven, A Ven-Tyr  
AUSTRIA (Gallagher) F Tri-Alb, A Bud-Ser, A Vie-Bud  
RUSSIA (Colandro) F St.P.(sc)-Fin, A War H, A Mos-Sev, F  
Sev-Rum  
TURKEY (Kwiatkowski) F Ank-Bla, A Con-Bul, A Smy-Con

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PRESS

RUS-World: The true aspirations of the Rumanian people require a short occupation by the Imperial Marines.

RUS-East: Let's not turn a little Balkan brushfire into a Global War; OK guys?

RUS-West: We're a little busy at the moment carving up our little friends in the Balkans. But we'll be ready if you guys cause any trouble.

RUS-GM: How many stabs do you count? Four of five?  
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1984?? JOHN ADAMS

Entered: Johnson, Gallagher  
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198???. THOMAS JEFFERSON, JAMES MADISON, JAMES MONROE

RE ENTERED

## COMMAND TRIVIA CONTEST

Trivia seems to be the rage these days, so I figured I'd jump on the bandwagon and run a small trivia contest. I'll offer a \$1.00 chip from Atlantic City's Tropicana Casino (WOW!) to the person who scores the highest in answering the following questions:

Prior to his current T.V. series, Bill Cosby had another series in which he played a Physical Education teacher. What was the name of the character Cosby played? (2 points)

How many number 1 hits did the singing group The Supremes have? (5 points for correct answer - 2 to person who comes closest).

In the old Dick Van Dyke series, Rob's son Richie Petry had an unusual middle name - what was it? (2 points)

In 1969, the Amazin Mets beat the Baltimore Orioles in 5 games in the World Series. Who was the winning pitcher in the 5th game? (1 point)

Which presidential candidate received less than 1/3 of the popular vote, but was elected after the election was sent to the House of Representatives? (1 point)

Who are Frederic Dannay and the late Manfred B. Lee better known as? (2 points)

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### IDLE RAMBLINGS:

Somewhere in this issue you will find a order form for joining the Musical Heritage Society. I urge you to use it; there is no obligation for you to buy any further recordings, and the recording of Vivaldi's Mandolin Concerti for \$1.00 is a tremendous bargain. If you like classical music, you'll love this recording. If you don't like classical music, you may find it's not too bad after listening to these pieces. . . .The new Boardman Number Custodian is Bill Quinn, 301 Conroe Dr., Conroe, TX 77301. I have sent a request for a BN for our first game. . . .There is apparently a new tradition in postal Diplomacy in that names are given to the games. I thought it might be nice to use the names of presidents for ours, so our first game is hereby named WASHINGTON. . . .I just picked up a copy of Axis and Allies by Milton Bradley (a re-release of a once popular wargame). I haven't had a chance to read the rules yet, but the components are very impressive - almost 600 plastic ships, tanks, planes and infantry men, a mounted mapboard and heavy cardboard reference cards all for under \$25.00 (a bargain these days). I played this game about 4 or 5 years ago and remember it as being pretty decent, somewhere between Risk and a full-blown wargame. I'll print a full review next issue. . . .If any of you own personal computers with modems, the PBEM (Play By Electronic Mail) hobby is alive and well on the CompuServe information

service. For those of you with accounts, look for section 5 of the games SIG. \*\*\*

GAME REVIEW

BLACK SPY

Black Spy by Avalon Hill is an excellent card game for 3 to 6 players. Based on the card game Hearts, Black Spy uses a special card deck of 5 suits, each suit running from 1 to 11. Play follows the rules of Hearts with each player playing a card of the suit led if he is able, and has a special suit (Black) which counts points against the player who takes them in tricks. The twist comes in Black Spy's definition of following suit - playing either the color led OR the number led. Where Hearts has a single Queen of Spades worth 13 points against the taking player, Black Spy has 6 of the 7 of Black, each counting 10 against. As in Hearts, a player in Black Spy can "shoot the moon" by trying to take all of the point cards, but the following suit definition makes this a much riskier and much more difficult proposition than doing it in Hearts. I highly recommend Black Spy for anyone who plays cards. \*\*\*

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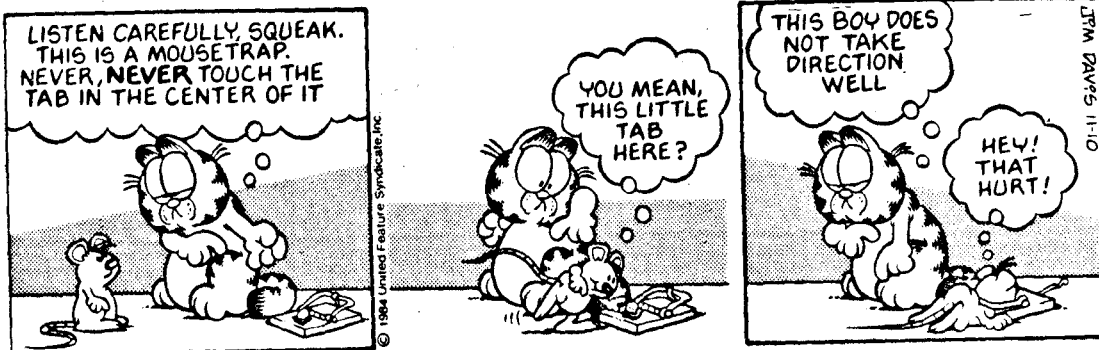
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