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Our First Anniversary Issue

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A DEDICATION: As this issue marks the completion of our first
year of publishing, we feel somewhat soft-hearted and senti-
mental and therefore have decided to express some of our thanks
publically to those who have done so very much to help us thru
our first year. Our appreciation goes out to Larry Peery, whose
help and encouragement, as well as constant publicity, made the
first year much easierr; to John McCallum, whose initial response
to our many inquiries was both friendly and essential; to Don
Miller, whose expert advice smoothed out many bumps; to Buddy
Tretick, who remained a friend even though we dumped on him a
couple times; and to Rod Walker, whose PONTEVEDRIA started the
whole thing. A special note of thanks to Alan Calhamer, who
answered some early questions about rules, and to GRI, for
making DIPLOMACY IN THE FIRST PLACE, DAMMIT!!

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With this First Anniversary Issue, ARMO undergoes a complete
FACELIFT AND NUMBERING CHANGE. We have come up with a new
logo which will appear until we design a better one. Our new
format will include the addition and deletion of a few things,
among which are Coop's Corner; Candid Comments Concerning Current
Circumstances; POLITICAL POLEMICS, in response to John Boardman;
SUPERSWINE; a few contests and puzzles; and continued editorials,
not to mention a few more games. We think we have put together
a first-class 'zine. Let us know how YOU feel about it...

REGISTER TO VOTE TODAY --- EVEN BEFORE READING THIS ISSUE...

And in case you are interested,

YOU ARE HOLDING...



"No man will ever
bring out of the
Presidency the
reputation which
carries him into
it."

--T. Jefferson,
1796

A FEW THOUGHTS ON LOOKING BACK OVER ONE YEAR...

Like every other publication, we like to reminisce. And seeing how this is our first chance to do so, we've got a few things on our collective minds.

ARMADILLO was born out of a desire to fill a void that existed at this time last year. It was created to carry on postal Diplomacy among friends at various colleges and universities across the nation. It has succeeded in that endeavor. But it has now grown into a Diplomacy 'zine; it has entered the mainstream of Postal Diplomacy; and it is here to stay. We have expanded and experimented, worked and worried, cried and cheered (and cursed), but most of all we have stuck with it, we have matured and learned, we have listened to others, and we have produced something we are proud of -- now we have to sell it to others. Our decision to 'turn public' was not an easy one: there were problems of how to print, how to distribute, whether we could add to the hobby, as well as financial and time concerns. But we were encouraged by Larry Peery, John McCallum, and Don Miller and decided to go ahead. Many people in the Diplomacy field know what goes into publishing a Diplomacy journal; many do not. But both share a common bond; both have a desire for intellectual challenge, both possess a strong competitive drive. And all seek the betterment of Diplomacy.

So does ARMADILLO. Which is why we're here. And with a little help from our friends, we aim on being around for a while. Why not stick with us?

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AND WHILE WE'RE AT IT, SOME EDITORIAL COMMENTS:

(1) To give credit where credit is due, we here at ARMADILLO wish to recommend the following zines to the masses. Our recommendation is based upon regular publishing, content, game expertise, and format.
 WITH GAME OPENINGS: IMPASSABLE; LA GUERRE; LIASONS DANGEREUSES;

CARPETBAGGER (new)

NO GAME OPENINGS: ARENA; GRAUSTARK; HOOSIER ARCHIVES; miller's many publications (DIPLOPHOBIA, DIPLOMANIA, GAMESLATTER)

And upon the resumption of regular publishing following vacations:

ERHWON; XENOCOGIC.

(2) We don't care whether the zines we receive have a staple in the upper-left-hand-corner or come in an envelope.

(3) If anyone knows the whereabouts of Doug Schaeffer; Ben Coss; or Dale Bosowski, please contact us immediately. They ripped us off for non-existent games and we're none too happy about it.

(4) Both Larry Peery and Edi Birsan agree with our method of selecting Player Polls. We thank them for letting us know.

(5) It has occurred to us that some of our readers may possibly be offended by our plugs of The International Diplomacy Association on the grounds that they didn't pay to hear us tell them what to join. On thinking it over, we somewhat agree; however, we will continue to publish info for those who may desire to join an organization. We will give info concerning organizations and/or zines as we receive it.

(6) We are strongly opposed to John Boardman's policy of 'No Choice/No Vote'. Surely you should be able to choose between the lesser of two evils.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF ARMADILLO, we are offering a once in a lifetime offer for new subscriptions: 10 issues for \$1. No way you can lose with an offer like this. Give one to a friend today.

The First Faithful Friends Diplomacy Game...

#1971DK

AUSTRIA LANBDS TROOPS IN SYRIA; GERMANY RECAPTURES MUNICH; RUSSIA TAKES NORWAY; ENGLAND LIBERATES EDINBURGH; ITALY SEIZES PORTUGAL...

- Spring, 1905: AUSTRIA: A Greece-Syria;F Ionian,F EasternMed C A Gre-Syr;A Bulgaria-Greece;A Serbia S A Rum; A Rumania S RUS A Mos-Sev;A Tyrolia-Vienna ENGLAND: A Liverpool-Edinburgh;A Yorkshire S A Liv-Edi (Miller) FRANCE: A Burgundy-Marseilles;A Paris-Gascony;F Tyrrn-GulfLyon;F WestMed S F Tyr-GOL (Norris) GERMANY: F North-EnglishChl;F Denmark-Swexen;F Norway-North;A Belguim-Picardy;A Holland-Belguim;A Ruhr S A Berlin-Munich;A Silesia-Warsaw (Hirsch) ITALY: F Spain(sc)-Portugal;A Marseilles S F GulfLyon-Spain(sc);F Naples S F Rome-Tyrrn (Chitlik) RUSSIA: A Munich-Berlin/D/;A Moscow-Sevastapol; (Norris) A StPetersburg S F Skaggerak-Norway TURKEY: A Sevastapol S F Black-Rumania;F Constantinople-Bulgaria(sc);F Aegean-Smyrna (Fang)

Retreat: RUSSIA: A Munich - Kiel,Silesia,Bohemia,Tyrolia

AND TO BRING THINGS UP TO DATE...

It would seem that Austria has finally broken the Turkish corner. Smyrna must fall, and it is doubtful that Turkey can hold both Sevastapol and Bulgaria. There is the possibility that Turkey and Russia will finally bury the hatchet in order to stop Austria. If this should occur, then Turkey would hold Sevastapol, but would be unable otherwise to add any units. Germany has Warsaw, and a good chance at regaining Norway. The Russian army most likely will retreat to Kiel and will be able to take Kiel,Holland, or Denmark - in effect, a trade of centers. France should take Marseilles, hold onto Tunis, and keep either Paris or Brest - a loss of one. Germany will probably add one in the fall. England may possibly add one if Germany chooses not to attack the island. That seems unlikely as Germany has lost Norway and another center to Russia - they must be made up somewhere. So look for all the powers to stay even at the close of the next season - with the possibility of France and Germany losing and gaining one respectively.

THE DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1905 MOVES IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1972...

Since there have been a number of changes in addresses, we give you... AN UPDATED ROSTER:

- Dave Chitlik, 4514 LaSalle Ave, Alexandria, Va, 22304 The Coop, 3073 S Buchanan St, B-2, Arlington, Va, 22206 Bill Fang, 2210 Stadium Rd, #14, Charlottesville, Va, 22903 Mike Hirsch, 730 19th St, NW, Washington, DC, 20006 Dave Miller, Palmer Hall, Box 71, Muncie, Indiana, 47306 John Norris, College Station, Williamsburg, Va, 23185 Steve Norris, 3517 Sterling Ave, Alexandria, Va, 22304

THE HOUSE OF COOP SEES THEM LIKE THIS:

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| (1) GERMANY | (4) RUSSIA | |
| (2) AUSTRIA | (5) TURKEY | (7) ENGLAND |
| (3) ITALY | (6) FRANCE | |

And now we see the return of INTERNATIONAL BULLSHIT:

BREST(funk): "As I sit here aboard the ship that is about to take me to my secluded refuge in Iceland the following thoughts come to my mind:

- 1) DAVID HUNTER MILLER runs a decent motel, but he is a farthead otherwise.
- 2) DAVE CHITLIK should explain to Roxy what he's been doing at Rita's place all summer.
- 3) MIKE HIRSCH's parents should explain to the world why they inflicted their son on all of us.
- 4) My brother is the essence of an ass.
- 5) BILL FANG is OK in my book (hardly a bestseller).
- 6) BIFF MESSINGER makes Dudley Do-Wright look good - no, great.
- 7) The Braves will win the pennant this Thanksgiving... Oohhhhh HENRY.
- 8) I will be the next chess champion of the Sterling world as soon as Miller has enough guts to respond to my P-K4 opening move.
- 9) STEVEN IRVING COOPER is good enough only to lie under Whimpy the hero's left leg during a bowel movement.
- 10) DREW CARROLL is a joke on humanity.

Anchors away,
Major DeNorris

VIENNA (RAP): After a brief vacation, the Arch-Duke Irving today returned from the Williamsburg plantation of the French *Général* Major. It was rumored that topics of conversation dealt with an unconditional surrender in return for survival, violation of the Schlitz Treaty (July 13, 1970 -- 823, Washington, DC) by the Major, New York State's liberalized abortion laws, and the superior taste of Grand Union strawberry jam. The Countess was not present with the Major and was rumored to be at home, resting. The Arch-Duke was accompanied by the Queen Suzanne and Princess Megan. The Grand Ball given in the Major's honor was a most delightful event, with nearly a thousand in attendance.

BUDAPEST (RAP): Legal advisors to the Arch-Duke today initiated proceedings against the Major DeNorris for grand larceny. It seems that the Major has spirited some highly prized organic gatherings belonging to the American Ambassador who had given them to the Major for temporary safekeeping. In truth, it has been discovered that they are actually the property of the Arch-Duke. The Major is advised that any such destruction of this property, in any manner, will be dealt with severely.

AND THERE IS SILENCE IN THE REMAINING CAPITOLS OF THE WORLD...

 The INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION is still alive and kicking. Info from Walt Buchanan, R.R. #3, Lebanon, Indiana, 46052, or John Boyer, 117 Garland Dr, Carlisle, PA, 17013. Membership is currently \$1 per annum, but this will rise shortly to \$2. The DIPLOMACY REVIEW, the IDA newsletter is also available from Boyer.

An Historic First...ARMADILLO proudly presents

THE FIRST GAME!

With this First Anniversary Issue, ARMO starts its first at-large regular Diplomacy game. Below is the roster for this game, and the preference lists. In keeping with the significance of this event, ARMO has decided to award the winner of its First Game a refund of his/her game fee. So with this in mind, go to it...

- AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Denise Bonis, 16980 Beverly Drive, Brookfield, WISC, 53005
- ENGLAND: Mark Thomas, 470 Johnston Drive, Watchung, NJ, 07060
- FRANCE: George Lowrance, 3722 Mary Mont, San Antonio, Texas, 78217
- GERMANY: Douglas Weber, Box 1210 Station 2, Amherst, MASS, 01002
- ITALY: Chic Hilliker, 3312 Stoneycrest, Bloomington, Indiana, 47401
- RUSSIA: Paul Stone, Box 485, Parksville, British Columbia, CANADA
- TURKEY: John Hendry, 17 Price Road, Peabody, MASS, 01760

Stone, Thomas, and Hendry each received their unique first choices.	Bonis	F T R E A G I
Lowrance won the three-way drawing for France. Weber then won the drawing for Germany (with Hilliker) and Bonis was given Austria since her preference was higher than Hilliker's. He was left with Italy. Note that Italy was last on ALL seven lists, hence someone had to get screwed. I apologize, Chic.	Hendry	I G A F E R I
	Hilliker	F G R E T A I
	Lowrance	F E G R T A I
	Stone	R G F T E A I
	Thomas	E T R F G A I
	Weber	F G R E T A I

Copies of the Houserules are being forwarded to you all. All rules will be used in accordance with the 1971 edition of the Rules of Diplomacy. The Houserules cover such things as deadlines, conditional orders, late orders, replacement of players, propaganda, etc. They DO NOT deal with interpretation of the rules, as it is felt that the new rulebook sufficiently covers situations which might arise.

THE DEADLINE FOR SPRING, 1901 ORDERS AND PROPAGANDA IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1972. PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THIS NOW - SEND TENTATIVE ORDERS TODAY.

STANDBYS are needed for this game. The only standby fee is a sub to ARMO. Why not subscribe today - its a pretty cheap way to get into a game. And remember that there are openings available in another game. C'mon you ecologists...help an ARMADILLO grow. Feed it money. Yeah.

And now, as promised, the true account of what happened in Chicago...

DIPLOCON V, or What a Miserable Way to Spend a Weekend

-- The Coop

Somewhere along the line, like in early June, I started getting these flyers about some Diplomacy Convention in Chicago from Len Lakofka. Fair enough, might have to make it. So I started making preparations to go. Like putting the flyer at the bottom of a ten-foot pile of junk on my desk and thinking that July whatever was a long way off. So on Wednesday or maybe Tuesday before that July whatever, I get a long-distance call from John Boyer. Or maybe I called him, I don't remember. Anyway, we failed at an attempt to work out some way to journey to Chicago together, as he was leaving earlier than was possible for me. So in my natural fashion, I decided that I'd just relax until Thursday, and then take off for the Windy City. And bright and early Thursday morning that's exactly what I did. Like around noon. Well, things were no sweat for the MGB and me until the Penn Turnpike. There is no stretch of road in the US that I despise more than the Penn Turnpike. It's poorly maintained, repaired only during peak traffic hours, and costs a fortune to travel on. So I decided that since I had plenty of time, I'd take an alternate route - the same one that I took Larry Peery on in February, only this time no snow. And again all was well until I decided to fool around on some back roads. I am a rallye freak, and thus find great pleasure in tooling down lightly traveled, twisting back roads. And that's exactly what I was doing when I approached an obscure side road at about 65. It seems that at about the same time, a 1923 Model A pickup was also approaching the same road I'm traveling on. Naturally, in the code of the hills, local yokels have the right of way, so here he comes right in front of me. So I do the only sane thing I can - I pass him and continue on my way. I get maybe half a mile down the road, when I hear a siren. Sure enough, here comes the local sheriff right down my ass. So I pull over, he pulls over, and the following conversation ensues:

"Well, good buddy, lemme see yo driver's license and owner's card. Yo know you went over a double yella line back there."

"Yessir, I know, but if you saw that you must have seen that truck pull out in front of me. Where else was I supposed to go?"

"Good buddy, you shoulda thought of that before you got there." After satisfying himself that the car was indeed mine, he proceeded to inform me that Joe (the driver of the truck) was gettin' a little old and didn't see or hear so well anymore, and that I should have been more careful when I saw him. I tried to explain that I didn't know any of this, that I was just passing thru on my way to Chicago, and that the old guy pulled out in front of me, and that to avoid hitting him I had to go around him, and over the yellow line. No dice. I was guilty of going over a double yellow line, and that was that. Well, me being the way I am, I said I wanted to see the justice of the peace and plead my case. OK. Follow me. So off we go for about thirty miles and 45 minutes until we arrive at the Municipal building of Shippingport, PA. Now this is some building: it contains the Post Office, Police, Fire Dept, Courthouse, Jail, and every other governmental concern possible - all in three rooms. Now Shippingport has a population of 328, according

to the 1972-73 AAA Mideastern Tour Book, is 915 feet above sea level, and is the only home of the Shippingport Atomic Power Station. Take a guess what those 328 people do. Anyway, once int the building, I had this funny feeling that I was in trouble. Probably because we entered a door marked City Clerk, City Collector, City Treasurer, Sheriff, Fire Chief, Deeds and Titles Division, a couple others I can't remember, and there was only one desk, which my 'good buddy' promptly provedeed to sit behind. Well, that court session lasted about three minutes, and I was ordered to pay a \$12.50 fine, plus court costs - a total of \$20. So I told him to go jump in a lake and he told me to jump in that there jail cell. And I did -- from Thursday until Saturday. By the time I finally got out of Shippingport, it was a little late to try and make Chicago. So I headed home. And that's what happened to The Coop and ARMADILLO during DIPLOCON V. Next year we thought maybe we'd take in Weetonka, Ohio, or Kneesville, Illinois. We understand they have really great accomodations. You better believe it.

(ED. NOTE: Many thanks are extended to Ole Biff, who had a better idea.)

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In our continuing effort to stay on top of things, we present

POLITICAL POLEMICS: RICHARD NIXON

In recent weeks, with the 1972 Presidential Election drawing ever closer, we have noticed a number of Diplosacy publications coming out in public support of either Nixon or McGovern. We feel that this is their prerogative; this election is of the utmost importance and should indeed be publicized. With that in mind, let us look at the record on which Richard Nixon will run in November.

VIETNAM: The biggest single issue of 1968 is still with us in 1972. Nixon's 'secret plan' to end the war has resulted in the removal of all U.S. ground troops from Vietnam, but 125,000 still remain in Southeast Asia, with 40,000 support troops still in South Vietnam. Combat deaths have dropped from 279/week in 1968 to 6/week in July, 1972. But the air war has continued unabated (with substantial loss of men and aircraft); the U.S. blockade of North Vietnamese ports continues; 1,651 Americans are still prisoners of war or missing in action, and there is no end to the controversy in Indo-China in sight.

DEFENSE: Mr. Nixon has increased defense spending in his 3½ years in office to achieve his pledge to restore "clear cut" military superiority over the Soviet Union. This enabled him to negotiate an arms-limitation agreement in May of this year with Russia controlling certain types of nuclear weapons. The provisions of the treaty, however allow Russia to surpass the U.S. in numbers of land and sea-based missiles. At the same time the armed forces have been reduced to 1.2 million men, the lowest level since before the Korean War. It takes some stretch of the imagination to call this "clear cut" superiority.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS: Historic visits to Peking and Moscow have resulted in expanded cultural and economic exchanges: a billion dollars worth of wheat to Russia (and a few million into a few pockets in the States), and a pair of pandas to Washington. Experts seem to agree that this has weakened ties with old allies, particularly Japan and Taiwan. No solution to the conflict in the Mid-East appears in sight, either.

THE ECONOMY: Nixon's "new economic policy" begun in August, 1971 resulted in the implementation of wage-price controls that Nixon had opposed early in his term. His price freeze; 10% import tax; cuts in personal income taxes and excise taxes; suspension of gold payments have resulted in devaluation of the dollar. which is still in trouble

abroad; consumer prices up 18%; and unemployment up 78%. In the four years Nixon has controlled the budget, the deficit is expected to total about 80 billion dollars, the largest deficit since World War II.

TAXES, WELFARE, SOCIAL SECURITY: Nixon has succeeded in reducing individual income taxes by 18.9 billion dollars; excise taxes by 3.5 billion. However, corporate taxes have risen by 4.9 billion. Nixon has also failed to get any of his welfare reforms through Congress.

EDUCATION, DESEGREGATION, BUSING: Federal spending has increased about two thirds to 53.9 billion dollars under Nixon, however not necessarily due to Nixon as Congress voted more money than he requested. New programs due include loans of up to \$1400 a year for students, as well as provisions for testing advanced teaching ideas. However, promised aid to financially troubled private and parochial schools has failed to materialize.

Under Nixon, black students attending all-black schools has dropped from 68% to 9%. The President has opposed busing of pupils to create racial balance in schools. Legislation to curb busing has passed the House but is not expected to pass the Senate.

The Nixon administration has also drawn considerable criticism from Negro and civil-rights leaders even though it has enlarged federal programs to aid black-owned businesses and increased the number of blacks in Government jobs.

CRIME: Since the 1968 campaign for "law and order" the crime rate has been slowed - mostly in big cities - but not halted. New crime problems have arisen: airplane 'skyjackings', truck hijackings, and the growth of illegal drug traffic and drug-related crimes. Nixon has pledged an "all-out war" on drug traffic in this country and into this country, threatening to cut off economic and military aid to countries dealing in drugs. But this would include South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, thus Nixon cannot implement his own plan.

GOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION, CONGRESS: Nixon has failed to get some of his key legislation such as welfare reform, national health insurance, and curbs on transportation strikes through Congress. He has consistently requested more money for defense and foreign aid than Congress has allowed him. His ideas for combining certain Cabinet departments and creating new ones have bogged down in Congress. The Senate also rejected two Nixon nominees for Supreme Court.

ENVIRONMENT: Small steps have been made (The Environmental Policy Act of 1969) to protect the natural environment, but experts agree that the battle has just begun. The massive cleanup necessary would cost about 300 billion dollars.

WOMEN: Cornelia Noland, writing for the Washingtonian, awarded Richard Nixon the blue-ribbon for male chauvinism. His attitude toward Womens' Liberation is one of open ridicule with remarks such as the one made in the summer of 1971: "Let me make one thing perfectly clear. I wouldn't want to have to next to a lady pipefitter." In May Nixon rejected the recommendations of his own Commission on Population Growth and came out against liberalized abortion laws and contraceptive devices. Nixon has expressed the belief "...that human life, all human life, is a precious commodity," and yet continues the bombing of North Vietnam which has caused the death of an estimated 100,000 innocent civilians.

According to recent polls, the major issues involved in this election are 1) Inflation, 2) Vietnam, 3) Drug abuse, 4) Crime, 5) Poverty, and 6) Busing. Thus far, the Nixon Administration has done considerable talking but has not alleviated any of these problems in 3½ years. It is time for a change.

And in a somewhat lighter vein, but still serious, how about

COOP'S CORNER: Candid Comments Concerning Certain
Current Circumstances

I recently received a copy of Steve Bell's initial issue of CARPETBAGGER. In this introductory issue, he presents a somewhat unique idea to alleviate the problem of missed moves. Almost every game ever played, with the possible exception of The Gurdge Game, has experienced missed moves. I myself have missed moves, due to reasonable excuses as well as plain negligence. But the idea of getting a rebate for sticking a game out until its finish intrigues me. I guess because I don't think it will witness any fewer missed moves; in short, I don't believe it will work. Look at it this way: You have three seasons to miss before you are dropped. If you do miss three seasons in a row then you deserve to lose your 4 bills. But is this what Steve meant? Or did he mean any three seasons in the duration of the game? Clarification is needed and I suspect it will be forthcoming. But either way, I still think there will be missed moves -- I guess I'll admittedly have to wait and see whether or not the frequency of those missed moves is less in CARPETBAGGER games than others.

In a moment of modesty, I should like to point out that the First Faithful Friends Diplomacy game has yet to experience ANY missed moves.

But let me continue with what I originally had in mind. After thinking it over, it seems to me that the surest way to prevent missed moves is to offer a cash prize equal to at least the gamefee. In effect then, the winner would play for free, or maybe even win a buck or two. This is what I am trying with The First Game. There are a couple reasons for this. First, with the rising cost of gamefees (that Nixon policy again) it would be a rare person who would be opposed to playing for nothing. And second, there would be an additional motivating factor to continue the game. But both of the ideas presented are gimmicks. The real reason for missed moves is usually because of lost interest.

Now we can boil losing interest down into two categories: you are getting wiped out, can't make an alliance to survive, and quit; or your game is taking for ever to play and is dragging, hence you lose interest. Can't do a whole lot about the first - I'm guilty of doing just that in PEERIPNOBIA. But take a look at the second reason. This becomes the responsibility of the gamemaster, to keep his game moving so that people don't lose interest. Which means that deadlines must be both regular and either short or long enough to reattach player interest. So my next proposal is to allow the players themselves to set the deadline length. A few zines have done this: IMPASSABLE had LA GUERRE that I can think of off-hand. And I have decided to give it a try in ARMADILLO.

So all this banter boils down to my feeling that missed moves would be alleviated by a cash prize awarded to the winner and by letting the players vote on the length of deadlines. I'll be trying this in upcoming games in ARMO and we'll see what happens.

Before I forget, please make checks payable to ACQUISITIONS, LTD. for games in ARMADILLO. Other checks, made payable to either the zine or Steve Cooper will have to be returned. Your cooperation is appreciated.

COOP'S CORNER: Continued

Another new publication crossed my desk this week. John Leeder has started publication of ARRAKIS. He has a novel idea to cut down on spelling and typographical errors. Any reader who documents ten errors is entitled to receive two additional issues free. After looking this issue of ARMO over, anyone who can't find at least one hundred errors owes me two issues...

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I have decided to accept Larry Peery's challenge to walk for Project Concern. As soon as I can figure out a free weekend, and get a few papers and exams out of the way, I'll be off. More on this...

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Included with this issue is the ARENA poll on finishing in Diplomacy. It would aid Edi a lot if you'd return it. It would make me feel a lot better to think that I didn't shell out a couple bills to have it copied for nothing. He wants them back by October 7.

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There are still plenty of openings in ARMADILLO. We also need standbys. And subscribers. Why not join the beautiful people and get in on the action today...You won't regret it.

REGISTER AND VOTE...REGISTER AND VOTE...REGISTER AND

This issue has gone out to about 150 people in the hopes that ARMADILLO can continue to grow and become a major force in Diplomacy. But it needs your help. Subscribe today, or pay to play, but don't just sit there.

COOP, AND HIS DOG, whimpy are on vacation. Their column will be resumed upon their return. Can't wait to hear from them again? Then make sure you get the next issue of ARMADILLO. Coming soon: SUPERSWINE

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