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"Where have all the ratings gone?  
To Hell in a handbasket, every one...."

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I. Bob Lipton thanks us for our invitation to participate, but declines due to a heavy work schedule. (His rating system is only up through 1966.)

II. Doug Beyerloin informs me that he is working on the next EVERYTHING. He has statistics on at least 70 completed games. Looks like we're going to be pretty busy when he gets all that published.

III. My apologies to Len Lakofka. In LAPUTA 7 I left out a big chunk of his proposed Constitution: the Odd Membership provision. Len has been nice enough not to yell at me for this (or even to mention it). Its omission was strictly my fault...probably subliminal due to my negative reaction to it. But I am sorry for leaving it out, and here it is:

Len proposes that the membership of the Commission be limited to an odd number of persons, and that new members be admitted in numbers which will conform to that limitation. (If I may interject--Len does not give a reason for this provision, but it would appear to be for the purpose of avoiding a tie vote.)

Please send any comments you have on this to me. I would like to have them before the first of the year, please.

IV. This issue is Update #2 to LAPUTA 6. It is based on input from Jeff Power and Len Lakofka. The basic input is as follows:

1966L-O. RG: add.  
1968BU. BR: delete.  
1968CJ. BR: delete.  
1968CQ-CV. BR: not rated, so delete the "?" indications.  
1969AA. RG: delete.  
1969BS & BU. BR & RG: delete.  
1970H-I. BR: delete. RG: delete 1970I.  
1970AF. BR & RG: delete.  
19710. BR: add (I sent data to Jeff this week). Delete "no data" comment.  
1971W. BR: add.  
1971CC. BR & RG: delete.  
1972F & H. BR & RG: delete.  
1972GJ. BR: add.  
1973CA-CC. BR & RG: delete.  
1972BF. RG: delete.

In addition, add "?" under BR for 1971C. Jeff asked for the completed data on the game and I sent it to him from EVERYTHING 17. However, as indicated in LAPUTA 6, this game may still be in progress (?). Perhaps Doug can give us the official word on that.

I have also received a number of comments on various games, but at present I am listing only actual changes in the rating base for each system. We can cover other things as the specific issues or games come up.