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This issue #141 of Lemon Curry, courtesy of its editor, publisher, mailer, and all-around good guy, Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339, phone (+1) 415 461-2692, but only 6 PM to 11 PM Pacific time (that's 0200-0700 GMT until April 3, after which it's 0100-0600), E-mail ddelgran@nyx.cs.du.edu (NOTE that orders sent to any other E-Mail address I may have - for example, 70017.714@compuserve.com - will *not* be accepted), starts off with a trivia question: one of those NCAA commercials shown during the men's basketball tournament mentions that they have 21 sports. What are they? (Answer below, somewhere.)

MONTY'S NEWS AND COMMENT is brought to you by...DIPDOMANIA, available sometime this summer on your friendly neighborhood Pay-Per-View cable channel

Hey, if ESPN can run a "Rotisserie League Baseball Pay-Per-View Special", why can't we have a Diplomacy PPV? Speaking of rotisserie leagues, it seems to me that it's taking the game away from being a team game like it's intended to be and turning it into a game of individuals. ("Yeah, the Giants lost...but Williams got 4 RBIs, so I came out all right." "I don't care if it is tied in the bottom of the ninth and there's a man on first; I need hits from this guy, so he better not bunt!")

DIPCON XXVII is coming - May 27-29 at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, NC. It's not just Diplomacy (and variants - this year, Youngstown and Diplowinn) any more; there will be tournaments in Pax Britannica, Titan, 1830, History of the World, Victory in the Pacific (what, a 2-player game?!), and miniatures events, plus the traditional Dixiecon "Sho' Fine" Barbecue. Keep in mind that only the Diplomacy tournament is for the North American championship (note that all Avalon Hill/Victory Games *national* championships, including Diplomacy, are held at AVALONCON).

However, anybody who expects to see *me* there will be out of luck: I'll be lucky if I'm at this year's ORIGINS in San Jose for more than one day, as I'm saving up to go to WORLD DIP CON (July 21-25) in England. I did manage to get a bargain-basement plane fare (\$600 round trip on British Airways - my best guess is that it's a competitive fare against Virgin, which is starting flights to San Francisco this summer).

There should be a RUNESTONE POLL ballot included in here somewhere. Just in case you don't know what it is, this is the longest-running of the hobby's polls, first started in the 1970s by John Leeder in his 'zine *Runestone* (hence the name). To enter, give each 'zine and subzine you have seen more than once since last July, as well as each GM which you've played under, a rating from 0 to 10. The deadline is June 30.

TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER: The 21 NCAA sports are baseball, basketball, cross-country running, fencing, field hockey, football, golf, gymnastics, ice hockey, lacrosse, rifle shooting, skiing, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, outdoor track & field, indoor track & field, volleyball, water polo, and wrestling. (Division I-A football is the only NCAA sport that does not have an "official" national championship, although national champions as determined by "a national wire-service poll or the national (football) coaches association" can receive awards from their school as per NCAA Constitution rule 16.1.4.3.1)

Speaking of which, it turns out that Notre Dame *did* win an NCAA Championship in a sport beginning with "F" - Fencing.

TRIVIAL PURSUIT - Three players are one away

SCOTT CAMERON (13/7)

1. (BL-G2) What country's biggest-selling vodka is Stolichnaya?
2. (BR-G2) What name does Don Quixote give to peasant girl Aldonza?
3. (BL-80) What British novelist's heirs made over \$7,500,000 in royalties in 1988?
4. (GR-80) What NBA basketball player is nicknamed "The Mailman"?
5. (OR-80) What type of vehicle got Dan Rather around in Atlanta during the 1988 Democratic Convention?

MELINDA ANN HOLLEY (11/15)

6. (PK-G2) What Marx Brothers film has a noted stateroom scene?
7. (BR-G2) What are the six characters in the title of Luigi Pirandello's play in search of?
8. (PK-80) How does Frank kill Eddie in *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*?
9. (BR-80) What did the Pentagon admit that nuclear war would block, resulting in "Nuclear Winter"?
10. (BL-TV) On *The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis*, what is Maynard Krebs' middle name?
11. (PK-TV) On *The Andy Griffith Show*, what is Otis usually in jail for?
12. (BR-TV) What game show had Bob Eubanks ask "What vegetable would your husband most like to sit on"?

DOUGLAS KENT (13/10)

13. (PK-G2) What are the balls of purring fluff on *Star Trek* called?
14. (YE-G2) What patriotic date was Calvin Coolidge the first President to be born on?
15. (YE-80) What did Ronald Reagan promise to get "off the backs of American business" in 1980?
16. (BR-80) What does the "i" in Minolta's smart Maxxum 7000i camera stand for?
17. (BR-TV) What marsupial-centered series was filmed in Australia's Waratah National Park?

JACK McHUGH (9/10) and BRENT McKEE (7/5) NMRed - questions carry over

JOHN SPZYLKA (3/1)

19. (PK-G2) What Broadway musical character sings *I've Gotta Crow*?
20. (YE-G2) What 11th-century equistrienne was the wife of Leofric, Earl of Mercia?
21. (BR-80) Do more people believe in reincarnation or in UFOs?
22. (GR-80) What Oakland baseball player set the record for most home runs by a rookie?
23. (OR-TV) What long-running science documentary series debuted on PBS in 1974?
24. (BL-TV) What second banana did Garry Moore first team up with on radio's *Club Matinee*?

ANDREW YORK (13/13)

25. (BL-G2) What is the capital of Virginia (and don't say "the letter 'V'")?
26. (PK-G2) After Natalie Wood died, who did Robert Wagner "take up" with?
27. (PK-80) What actress was in *Transylvania 6-5000*, *The Fly*, and *Beetlejuice*?
28. (YE-80) What superpower did the Vatican finally accord full diplomatic links to in 1982?
29. (BR-80) According to C. Everett Koop, how many of every three Americans don't drink or smoke excessively?

ANSWERS (* indicates the player missed the question)

1. USSR / 2. *Dulcinea / 3. Ian Fleming / 4. Karl Malone / 5. Golf Cart / 6. **A Night at the Opera*
7. *An Author / 8. *With an ice pick / 9. Sunlight / 10. *"G" / 11. Being drunk / 12. *The Newlywed Game*
13. Tribbles / 14. July 4 / 15. Government / 16. Intelligent / 17. **Skippy* / 18. Peter Pan / 19. Lady Godiva
20. *UFOs / 21. *Mark McGwire / 22. *Nova* / 23. *Kurward Derby / 24. Richmond / 25. *Jill St. John
26. Geena Davis / 27. USA / 28. 2

HISTORY OF THE WORLD "ONCE ON THIS ISLAND", TURN 1A - not much happens on these "A" turns, does it?

The following rules clarifications/corrections from Avalon Hill were published in Protozoan #137 and are in effect in this (and all other) games of HOTW:

1. Crusades get +1 to each die (for weaponry), face Difficult Terrain when attacking from the sea, and may only attack lands adjacent to previously conquered Lands.
2. Attacking from West Deccan into East Ghats face Difficult Terrain.
3. Disasters remove a Fortress. (As the Fortress rule is not being used in this game, this does not apply.)
4. Japan starts in Honshu; Fujiwara starts in Hokkaido.

Also, a clarification needs to be made to some of the Event Card listings: you cannot put more than one fort per land (and, as previously mentioned, Fortresses are not being used).

EMPIRES FOR TURN 1: (1) EGYPT - Bowen; (2) MINOANS - Goode; (3) INDUS VALLEY - Bailey; (4) BABYLONIA - Wilson; (5) SHANG DYNASTY - Hood; (6) ARYANS - Anderson

NOTE: Normally, events are played in the "A" portion of a turn, but in this case, nobody knew what Empires they were playing in Turn 1 until after Turn 1A. *For Turn 1 only*, Event cards to be played need not be declared until 1B, where they can be played. Your orders cannot mention more than two of your Event cards, because technically you must declare up to two Event cards to be played before you do anything else.

ORDERS NEEDED FOR TURN 1B: Event cards to be played, movement orders, and who to pass your Turn 2 Empire card to (since the order of passing is not known, you must name all six players in preference order). For this turn only, you may make moves conditional upon Event Cards declared (but not played, unless that player goes before you). *If anybody objects to writing moves without knowing that Events other players have announced, I will stop the turn after Events are announced and continue Turn 1 in the next issue.*

DEADLINE for TURN 1B is APRIL 23



RAILWAY RIVALS "GYPSY", ROUND TWO THREE 4 - I thought Round 2 went so well, we'd play it again in Round 3

CORRECTIONS: HICK, CAMELOT, and CCM were given incorrect amounts for town bonuses; CCM's build from Sheffield to Doncaster should have included paying 1 to ST-AR (Sheffield-B48) and 1 to GC (B48).

GC (Goode): (C55)-F56; (F56)-F57-G58, (B44)-E43-York; (E31)-C30-Newport

HICK (Hood): (C54)-Nottingham, (F17)-F15; (F15)-F12-G12-G11-H10; (H10)-Manchester-H6-G6-Bolton
HICK pays 1 to CAMELOT (G12)

CAMELOT (Stimmel): (F53)-I55; (I55)-I56-K57-Peterborough; (Peterborough)-N61-Cambridge

CCM (Weiss): (D58)-G60; (G60)-K62, (I61)-Peterborough; (K62)-L62-L65, (L63)-Cambridge

ST-AR (York): (G49)-G51-H51; (H51)-I52-I57; (I57)-I59-Peterborough-K62

ST-AR pays 1 to CAMELOT (I52, I55) and 1 to CCM (K62)

ROUND 5 BUILDS: 5 - 3 - 4

ROUND 4 TOTALS (see CORRECTIONS above)

GC: 43 + 6 = 49

HICK: 37 - 1 = 36

CAMELOT: 56 + 6 + 3 = 65

CCM: 49 + 6 + 1 = 56

ST-AR: 41 - 3 = 38

DEADLINE for ROUND 5 is APRIL 25



KINGMAKER "ME AND MY GAL", TURN 39 - Fight! Kill! RAIN...

PRE-MOVE: King's Court starts Hastings in Tutbury and Howard in Farnham

PLANTAGENISTAS (Cameron)

STANLEY and Le GEORGE (Douglas)-s2-s4-s7-s9-s12-Cardiff (free move used)

CLIFFORD, GREY, NEVILLE*, SCROPE*, GREYSTOKE, PERCY, PLANTAGENET YORK, *Edward March and George* (Eccleshall)-Coventry-Kenilworth-h22-Oxford(g)*

Le TRINITY remains in Dartmouth

INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION (York) has no units on the board

KING'S COURT (Anderson)

BEAUFORT, BOURCHIER, CROMWELL, FITZALAN, ROOS, PLANTAGENET-LANCASTER, STAFFORD, *Margaret and *Edmund* (London(g))-Windsor-Wallingford-Oxford(g)*

HASTINGS (Tutbury)-Lichfield-Coventry-Northampton-h23-Oxford(g)*

HOWARD (Farnham)-Wallingford-Oxford(g)*

Le LUCAS, Le MICHAEL, and Le NICHOLAS remain in London

Le SWAN is stuck in Berwick

ROYAL TOADIES (McHugh) has no units on the board

COMBAT: King's Court faces Royal Toadies on Oxford Green (820-760), but Bad Weather Delays Attack (PLAGUE CANTERBURY). *Neville and Scrope die in the fight - Neville returns to Plantagenista's hand; Scrope and Burgundian Crossbowmen to discards; Warden of the Northern Marches, Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop of Lincoln, Duke of Exeter, and Lieutenant of Ireland go to Chancery.

END OF TURN: Edmund is killed by King's Court - only three Royal Heirs remain

YOUR TURN 39 CROWN AND EVENT CARD:

TURN 40 EVENTS: non-events to Cameron, York, and Anderson; ROYAL DEATH (dice roll 10 - Edward Lancaster is already dead, so there is no effect)

DEADLINE for TURN 40 is APRIL 27

DIPLOMACY "TOMMY", FALL 1903 - France must really want Liverpool, as he traded Brest, Belgium, and Portugal for it

AUSTRIA (Wilson): A BOH-Vie, A SER-Tri, A BUD S A Boh-Vie, F GRE-Ion

ENGLAND (Reynolds): F Eng-BRE, A Stp-Nwy(d/ret to Lvn,Fin,OTB), F BEL H, F Mao-POR

FRANCE (McHugh): NMR - has A PAR, F MAR, A BUR, A PIC, A SPA, and F LVP

GERMANY (Bailey): F BAL H, A BER S A Mun, A RUH S ENGLISH F Bel, A MUN H, F DEN H

ITALY (Goode): A TYO S A Vie, A Apu-ALB, F ION C A Apu-Alb, A VIE S A Tri, A TRI S A Vie,
F TYH S F ION

RUSSIA (Hood): A Mos-STP, F NWY S A Mos-Stp, A War-MOS

TURKEY (Kent): F AEG-Ion, A BUL S A Rum, A Ukr-WAR, A RUM S A Bul, F SEV S A Rum

1903 SUPPLY CENTER CHART (Keep / GAIN / Lose)

AUSTRIA: Bud, Gre, Ser, ~~Bul~~ - 3, remove 1

ENGLAND: Edi, Lon, ~~Lvp~~, ~~Stp~~, BRE, BEL, POR - 5, build 1 (build 2 if the retreat is OTB)

FRANCE: Mar, Par, Spa, ~~Bre~~, ~~Per~~, ~~Bel~~, LVP - 4, remove 2

GERMANY: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol - 5, even

ITALY: Rom, Nap, Ven, Tri, Vie, Tun - 6, even

RUSSIA: Mos, Swe, Nwy, ~~War~~, STP - 4, can't build (no unoccupied controlled home SCs); play 1 short

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy, Rum, Sev, BUL, WAR - 7, build 2

DEADLINE for AUTUMN (retreat) and WINTER (builds) 1903 and SPRING 1904 is APRIL 28

Spring will be held over if at least two players request separation of seasons

PRESS

VIE-FRANCE: I must be desparate - I'm asking you for help

GM-ALL: That's all the press for this turn...

And now for the moment you've all been waiting for...the 1994

INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY TOURNAMENT RATINGS (IDTR) WORLD TOURNAMENT DIPLOMACY CHAMPION



What, again? Well, his two big wins (at EURO DIP CON and COUPE de FRANCE), plus a fourth in the French National Championship, puts him well in front of any challengers (even Hohn Cho, who won DIPCON and ORCCON last year, but neither had 50 participants).

DIP WARZ

All eyes (and other appropriate visual-sensing appendages) are transfixed on hyperdimensional receivers throughout the known universes...and we would like to welcome the newly-discovered universe at +16, -1, -12, the place pretty much covered with that "space dust" that makes everything look blue. The two sides prepare for what is billed as the ultimate battle, and a handful of the less-intelligent planets actually believe this. As I speak (well, type), Oboe-1 Caruso shouts out the last command to the rest of the Linoleum Falcon crew: "I want NO interruptions during this match, and who took the cheese puffs?"

Meanwhile, on the Diplomatic Empire flagship, (ZOT) apparently Lord Sacks Fifthavenue *did* notice that his hyperdimensional receiver's images had the slightest amount of green shift.

"WELCOME TO HYPER-RASSLE-MANIA CCLVI!" (That's 256 for you Roman-Impaired types.) "We have a packed lineup tonight, including no less than 27 championship matches; however, because of time constraints and the fact that the longer this thing runs, the lower our profits, there will be only one match, but since it's the one everybody bought this thing for, nobody really cares, right? Anyway, it's time for the main event, for the Omni-Universal Combat Hobby (OUCH) Unquestionable Absolute Everyweight Rassling Championship, and here comes the challenger, to the cheers of the crowd, or reasonable facsimile thereof as this match is so big that it has to be held on its own planet, Flex Lubejob!" However, when he's about halfway to the ring, the lights go out, and at about this time, three planets report that the audience got so loud with its cheers that their orbits were noticeably shifted, as it's time for the entrance of the n -time champion, which is another way of saying he's won n title matches as the challenger and lost $n-1$ as the champion, the one and only, mainly because two of that ego won't fit on any planet, Incredibly Bulk Bogus!

Now Bogus is in the ring, the lights come up...and Lubejob is still halfway down the aisle, waiting for the lights to come up so he can see the path to the ring. **DING** "There's the bell - the referee counts 123456789 - Lubejob just makes it into the ring in time, but that sprint must have taken something out of him, especially as the Bulkster has no trouble picking him up and pretty much throwing him into the mat, and strikes a pose that has the orbiting press cameras flashing away to the point where the number of stars appears to have doubled, not to mention the stars Lubejob is still seeing. Now Flex has the nerve to try and get up and obstruct the views of all of those Bulkmaniacs, but he decides to be a nice guy and give everybody a close-up view by picking the Bulkster up and putting him in an airplane spin. Anti-sickness medication sales have taken an immediate 5% increase just by the fans thinking what he's going through, and those same stores are stocking up on aspirin because everybody is about to feel what Lubejob is going to do next...

Boy, ^{you} can really ^{feel} the ring ^{shake} after that slam!

Especially on those planets where the signal comes with Surround Sound. And what championship match would be complete without a patented Darkside Lie-Slam? Lubejob goes for a pin...one...two...."

1LOM chooses this moment to sound a full alert: "Warning! Cold beer levels approaching critical minimum point! Immediate cooler restocking required to achieve proper coldness before existing stocks run out!"

Oboe-1 Caruso, John Pole-O, and Rod Seaparter argue over who's going to get up and refill the fridge. My mistake; they're arguing over who's going to have to tell Princess Luscious to refill the fridge.

"That's EMPEROR Princess Luscious, and whoever so much as opens their trap won't have to worry about getting up for a long while, if you know what I mean!"

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 27, 1994

10:00 to 5:00 Pax Britannica Event (For early arrivals)
5:00 to 6:00 Registration and Check-In (can also be done Thur. night or Fri. during the day)
6:00 to 12:00 Diplomacy Round One
Titan/1830 Events Begin
Ancient and Naval Miniatures Events

Saturday, May 28, 1994

8:00 to 5:00 History of the World Event Begins (Rd 1 to 12:30, Rd 2 to 5:00)
9:30 to 5:00 Diplomacy Round Two (Doubles as Team Tournament)
United Event Begins
12:00 to 5:00 Youngstown Diplomacy Variant (For late starters and early eliminateds)
5:00 to 6:00 Barbeque (The noun, not the verb. We're talking pig pickin'.)
6:00 to 12:00 Diplomacy Round Three
Variant Diplomacy Event (tentatively the Diploinn variant will be used)
Civil War Miniatures Event

Sunday, May 29, 1994

8:30 to 9:30 Dipcon Society Meeting
9:30 to 6:00 Diplomacy Round Four (Ends between 4:00 and 6:00)
Final Boards - Titan and 1830 Events
Victory in the Pacific Event Begins
6:00 Awards Ceremony (Will take place as events end, particularly when Dip ends)
6:00 to Whenever Open Gaming

DIPCON XXVII REGISTRATION FORM

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Events: Diplomacy ___ Youngstown Variant ___ Diploinn ___

United ___ Team Dip ___ 1830 ___ Titan ___ HWD ___

Pax ___ VITP ___ Miniatures ___

Please send to: David Hood, 2905 20th Street NE, Hickory NC 28601

The 1994 Runestone Poll

ZINE POLL

You may rate any amateur postal or e-mail zine that you've read enough of to rate fairly. This means you've seen (or would have seen if not for delays) *at least two* issues since July 1, 1993. Only North American zines are eligible, but anyone may vote. Rate each zine from 0 (the worst) to 10 (the best)—no fractions, please. Do not rate your own zine. Blanks are for zines I forgot to list. Do not vote for me or my publications.

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GM POLL

You may rate any GM under whom you played any postal or e-mail game since July 1, 1993 for long enough to judge him or her fairly. Only North American GMs are eligible, but anyone may vote. List GMs alphabetically by name (not zine). Rate each GM from 0 (the worst) to 10 (the best)—no fractions, please. GMs may not rate themselves. Do not vote for me.

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SUBZINE POLL

A subzine is a regular section of a zine which is (a) edited by someone other than the zine editor(s), or (b) edited by the zine editor(s), but devoted to a specific hobby service. Any subzine of a North American zine is eligible. The other instructions are the same as those for the Zine Poll.

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Indicate one way in which you take part in the North American postal or e-mail gaming hobby (sub to zine XXX, play in game 1993YY, etc.) _____

Signature _____ (If I can't tell who you are or your ballot isn't signed, it may not be counted!)

Print your name neatly _____

Check here if you do not want your name on the list of voters.

RUNESTONE POLL CONTEST

Guess the Zine Poll winner—the prize is a travel Diplomacy board with magnetic pieces. To be eligible you must vote in the Poll and correctly guess the winning zine; I will pick the contest winner at random from the set of eligible entrants. The names of the winner and any other eligible entrants will be published in the Poll publication.

To enter, print your address neatly: _____

The zine you think will win:

**THE FIVE MOST DANGEROUS WORDS ON THE INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY:
"MY NAME IS DAVE RHODES"**

Just when you thought "junk mail FAXes" were the last straw comes the "Internet Pyramid Scheme". For those of you not familiar with Internet, one of its features is its "newsgroups", a set of about 2000 different topics to which computer users send, or "post", items of interest. (For example, the group "rec.sport.pro-wrestling" has any number of comments on how Wrestlemania X went, while "alt.fan.ren-and-stimpy" will contain comments on how the show has gone downhill fast since R&S's creator left.)

Occasionally, a large number of newsgroups will have the same article, titled "MAKE MONEY FAST", and invariably it starts with "My name is Dave Rhodes". It then goes on to tell Dave's story of how he was laden down with bills but now he has more money than he knows what to do with, and it's "100% legal". At the end of his remarks is a list of ten people; send \$1 to the person at the top and - this is the "legal" part - ask that person to send you his "address list". Since he is providing a service, this is no longer an "illegal pyramid scheme". Then, make five copies, put your name at the bottom, move the other names up one (removing the name at the top), and post them to five new newsgroups or send them to five people. Even if a small fraction of the people respond, you'll still make thousands of dollars. (Somebody tried this in the hobby a few years ago.)

PROBLEM: Despite the claim that "these people are providing a service", since it's obvious that the address lists aren't actually used for anything, this is ILLEGAL, and anyone involved is subject to anything from a slap on the wrist (if caught soon enough) to fines and/or imprisonment (if masterminding one of these things). Besides, there is NO guarantee that you will see ANY money. Any guarantees can be disproven using the following theory: assume all money that changes hands goes through the Internet Bank. Since every dollar that goes in immediately comes out, the total amount that goes in equals the amount that goes out. If everybody makes money, everybody must take more money out than they put in - but this is impossible if the total put in equals the total put out.

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