

LIFE OF MONTY

#14

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So what if it looks different? The foot may be on vacation during the next few issues while I try some new headings. LIFE OF MONTY is a median 'zine - 28th out of 55 in the 1981 Leader poll. Say, does anybody know of any companies in the Baltimore area that can use a hard-working Computer Science student (2 years completed by next summer) next summer? If so, then I'll be at ORIGINS in 1982 - otherwise, forget it. Oops, my left margin seems to be slipping.

Amount left in sub: _____ unless you trade _____ or this is a SAMPLE or you're Allan Calhaver, who gets complimentary copies.

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Anyone who gets a 2-issue interview in ND gets the LOW SPECIAL!

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Would you believe this is the fourth draft of page two of LIFE OF MONTY, by Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904, which goes out for 45¢ this issue but the games are still free? So much for cheap stuff....This issue might be one or two days late. That's because I had to retype this page. That and I have to go to Berkeley to have these things copied, and I couldn't get them back before the 10th.

The big news is 1981CP. Here's a blow-by-blow description:

LIFE OF MONTY #12 has "F Black-Rum" as a Russian order for Spring 1901. Kathy Byrne, who is playing the position, claims that it was "F Sev-Rum" and she has a carbon copy. I don't have her copy of her original orders, but I'm sure I'm right, more or less.

KATHY asks for a delay while she talks to Randolph Smyth, the NADF ombudsman, and I talk to BNC Don Ditter. Apparently, I could either restart the game or go back to Fall 1901, allowing F Sev-Rum. After a player vote, it's 4 to 2 with 1 no-vote to go back to Fall 1901.

RIGHT ABOUT HERE, Mark Lew writes letters to the players and me, saying something about why Kathy should "get away with" something like this, how he can "show a carbon copy of Kathy's orders with 'F Black-Rum'," etc. I'm up to my third draft of page 2.

ON SEPTEMBER 8, I receive a letter from Kathy which says that Mark is out to start more trouble, and that "since (she) is not about to get abused by a player, because (she asked) a GM to check (her) orders, and since (Mark seems) to think that (she is) totally wrong in even thinking that a GM could make a mistake", Kathy has resigned from the game.

SO ANYWAY, now that I can't call this the "Byrne-Martin Challenge", I've decided to ask the remaining players (Dick Martin, Scott Hanson, John Michalski, Steve Arnaoodian, Dave Grabar, and Mark Lew) whether or not they want to continue. I didn't call Kathy because it was her resignation that caused this situation, and if I ask her to come back, Martin and/or Lew might want to come back, and we're back to square one.

HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED: STEVE ARNAWOODIAN, JOHN MICHALSKI, and DAVE GRABAR agreed to a restart; DICK MARTIN and MARK LEW resigned; SCOTT HANSON didn't answer, so I assumed (from a previous call) that he wanted to play in the restart. This leaves three positions open for sure, with one maybe. Here's how it'll go: the first three people who send me a preference list and want to play are in the game! Should Scott Hanson not inform me that he's playing by OCTOBER 1, then a fourth name will be accepted. Then again, forget about the preference lists; just let me know. The countries will be randomly drawn. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED, so hurry!

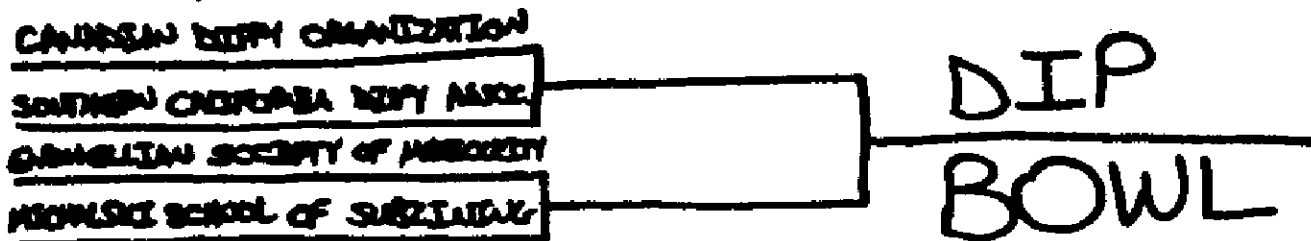
~~*****~~ ~~STROKE-STROKE-STROKE~~ ~~*****~~ ~~ABANDON SHIP~~

STANDBYS ARE WANTED FOR ALL GAMES! Standbys will get 5¢ per turn credit, although the 4¢/turn copy cost, if applied, goes against this. Usually, there's no game fee, so the 5¢ goes to your subscription. As you might have guessed, there are currently no standbys.

WHITESTONIA PLUG CONTINUED....some of the best stuff in the hobby, especially the Question Bit, the Dip Shutes And Ladders, and the ByrneCon reviews. NORMALLY, I'd say that, but that 1981CP thing made me so mad that I won't, even though it's all true. Without KK (your stuff is nice too, John), we'd have to go back to worrying about those plastic stars and anchors. Here's some BIG news; rumor has it that Kathy "I'll spell it my way" Byrne has been recommended for a spot in the Endwellian Society of Mediocrity! (Cheers, applause, etc.)

THE FAMOUS FOOT on the cover of the past 14 LOMs (including this one) is taking a little time off while I try to develop a new cover style. I may even be talked into a new title once in awhile. (Not once every issue, like Dick Martin does, but the occasional change-of-pace title.)

Say, GUESS WHAT'S BACK?....."Me, mainly, Nick Russon, from Mississauga, Ontario....Randolph Smyth, from Medicine Hat, Alberta....John Leeder, from Calgary, Alberta....Francois Cuerrier, from Ottawa, Ontario.... those are the varsity dippers from the CANADIAN DIPPY ORGANIZATION (not to be confused with the CDO)!.....Jerry Jones, from Pasadena, CA....Rod Walker, from Encinitas, CA....Black Jack Masters, from Valencia, CA....Jane Proskin, from Burbank, CA....and those are the varsity dippers from the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DIPPY ASSOCIATION!" (TWEEEEETTT... Start music) "It's time to match wits with the champions in America's and Canada's favorite game without wooden blocks, the varsity sport of the mouth,



The 13th game of the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT comes to you almost LIVE from Hearst Memorial Greek Theater on the campus of the University of California, Berkeley....." Due to a big surprise at the end, we'll pick up the action late in the game...."SC has a slim lead, 230 to Canada's 200. The next bonus is worth 20 points, here's the tossup: this letter of the alphabet is known rather well to Steve Heinowski, since it's the lowest Opponent Qualifier needed to make THE GENERAL-" (BUZZZZ) "SCDA, Walker.....C"

"Another one for the Americans, and here's the 20-point bonus: for 20 all-or-nothing points, which countries in DIPLOMACY have forces in THE GUNS OF AUGUST?" (Talk talk gab gab, then Masters's answer) "All of them"
 "20 points for that one, but the next bonus is good for 30. Here's the tossup: subtract the cost of 112 plastic pieces from 112 wooden blocks, and divide this by the cost of 14 conference maps. For 10 points, how many half-dollars would you need to reach this amount?" (BUZZZZ)
 "SCDA, Proskin....How should I know? I'm not for real"
 "You can say that again - I mean, CDO?" (RRRING)
 "CDO, Leeder.....4"

"No, 5, \$14 - \$4 = \$10 divided by \$4 leaves \$2.50, or 5 half-dollars. Here's another tossup: for 10 points, how many turns are possible in a campaign game of INVASION: AMERICA?" (Pause) "Again? Try 60. OK, here we go again: for 10 points, how many maps are needed to play all of these games: CAMPAIGN FOR NORTH AFRICA, WAR IN EUROPE, WAR IN THE PACIFIC, and ATLANTIC WALL?" (BUZZZZ)
 "SCDA, Masters....28"

"Wrong-" (RRRING) "CDO, Smyth....26"
 "That's right, and with seconds left, the score is 260-210, but here's a 30-point bonus: for 10 points each, what game was featured in these issues of AREB. First, WORLDKILLER."
 (Leeder speaks out) "One."
 "BARBARIAN KINGS"
 "Number three"
 "CITADEL OF BLOOD"
 "Number five"

"An odd question if you ask me, but good for 30. Here's the next tossup: Subtract the number of players on an American football team from the number of players on a Canadian football team, and multiply this by the difference of the lengths between the goal posts-" (RRRING)
 "CDO, Russon....10"

"That's right, and here's the 20-point bonus: for 10 points each, tell me what colors are used for the Russian and German pieces in THE GUNS OF AUGUST."

(Gab gab gab) "Brown and black"

"No, brown and grey, you got 10 points, and tied things up. Here's the next tossup: for 10 points, what science-fiction game includes a monetary unit called Lucre, provided you own the right expansion kit-" (BUZZZZ)

"SCDA, Masters...COSMIC EN-(TWEEET)-COUNTERS"

"Uh, er, um, ooh,....we'll take that answer....it's official! The final score is 260 for the Canadian Dippy Organization to 270 for the Southern California Dippy Association....SCDA is the winner! SCDA moves on to the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP GAME!!!"

Ready for the big surprise? "Bruce Linsey, from Albany, NY....Barbara Barno, from Endwell, NY....Tom Swider, from the mediocre capital of the world, Endwell, NY....Tim Bates, even though I'm not an official member, somebody's got to replace Marion, and we can't wait months for Barbara's OUCH! (Tom elbows him)....those are the varsity dippers from the ENDWELLIAN SOCIETY OF MEDIOCRITY.....Bob Osuch, from Chicago, IL.... Scott Hanson, from Minneapolis, MN....John Michalski, from Moore, OK.... Dave Marshall, from South Euclid, OH....and those are the varsity dippers from the MICHALSKI SCHOOL OF SUBZINING! (TWEEET) It's time to match stabs with the champions in America's favorite game without wooden blocks, the varsity sport of the mouth, DIP BOWL! The fourteenth game of the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT...." I'm really running late, so here goes, with scant seconds left (so I can fit in the action): "With scant seconds left, like he said, the ESM has an almost insurmountable lead, but here goes anyway: How many issues of MOVES were needed to print the WAR IN THE WORLD series? (Pause) Doesn't anyone here read MOVES? It took three issues. For these 10 points, may I ask that if SWORD AND THE STARS used the same terms as EMPIRES OF THE MIDDLE AGES, then what would a Stargate be known as?" (BUZZZ)

"ESM, Bates....Nothing"

"How did you know that? Here's a 20 point bonus (TWEEET) There's the whistle to end the game....it's official; the final score is 450 for the Endwellian Society of Mediocrity to ZERO for the Michalski School of Subzining. The ESM is the winner!"

"Well, what do you expect with 4½ vs. 4?"

"Hey, wait a minute-"

"Why should I? I've just waited 14 minutes while you guys scored 450."

"We're just lucky."

"Yeah, lucky you won't have to go to the finals after we get through with-" Right about here, some alert national guardsmen separate the two teams. "Wait 'till next year...."

Anyway, be here next time (or the time after that) when the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION meets the ENDWELLIAN SOCIETY OF MEDIOCRITY for the 1981 DIP BOWL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP! Maybe in 1982, the World Champs will meet the team from Honestinjun for the UNIVERSE CHAMPIONSHIP....

~~UNPAID-ADVERTISEMENT-THIS-AD-DOES-NOT-MEAN-THAT-IT'S-CHEAP-THE-FOLLOWING-EVENT- IS-GIVEN-THE-LOW-SEAL-OF-APPROVAL-WITH-5-ASTERISKS-OR-THEREABOUTS-HERE-GOES~~

The RIVER CITY DIPLOMACY TOURNAMENT will be held in SACRAMENTO, CA on October 10 & 11 at The Gaming Center, 1433 Fulton Avenue, Suite H, in Sacramento. The tournament will consist of three rounds with a maximum of five hours per round. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, and play begins one hour later, ending the next day at 5 p.m. Best country plaques will be handed out. Pre-registration (fee \$5) ends October 2; door registration costs \$10. Send your fee to Clark Reynolds, P.O. Box 160413, Sacramento, CA 95816. AWARDS will be based on the number of entrants; \$5 per entrant goes into the purse, which is divided up 4:2:1 for the first three spots. Maximum number of players is 28; assuming this many players, prizes are \$80 for first, \$40 second, and \$20 third. The scoring system? In order to preserve the quality of play, nobody will know what their score is until the tournament ends.

2. During a dribble from backcourt to forecourt, the ball and both feet must cross the division line for the dribbler to be considered in the front court.
3. Once the ball is handed to the player throwing the ball in during a throw-in, the defensive team may not ask for a time-out. Time-out cannot be called by either team while the ball is being thrown.
4. Intentionally faking a free throw attempt is a violation.
5. Players not lined up in lane spaces during a free throw attempt must stand behind the free throw line extended. Once the ball is released by the shooter, the players occupying lane spaces may move (even into the lane itself).
6. A player may not cause either backboard to vibrate.
7. In a 2-shot technical foul, two different players may each take one of the two shots.
8. (Major Change) When the "closely guarded 5-second count" is reached, it is considered an offensive violation, and the defensive team is awarded the ball out-of-bounds.

CLARIFICATIONS APPLICABLE TO HIGH SCHOOL: A technical foul charged against a player on the bench is a 2-shot penalty. No warning buzzer will be used when a coach has 30 seconds to replace a disqualified player. Officials will not tolerate time-outs which take more than 60 seconds!

CLARIFICATIONS APPLICABLE TO BOTH HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE: When two or more offensive players are in midcourt and the defense is responsible for action (i.e. the defense is not ahead), both players must attempt to gain control of the ball.

RULES CHANGES APPLICABLE TO COLLEGE ONLY

1. It is NOT illegal to grasp the rim if a player is dunking the ball and is fouled, if the player is trying to prevent injury.
2. Any technical foul called against the bench personnel counts toward the head coach's limit of three before he must leave.
3. (I've seen every set of rules since '69-70, and this has to be one of the biggest changes yet.) Jump balls will occur ONLY at the start of the game and at the start of an extra period. When a jump ball situation occurs other than those just mentioned, teams will alternate taking the ball out-of-bounds at the spot nearest to where the jump ball occurs. The team that didn't control the initial jump ball begins this process. (Note that the team that wasn't last to take the ball out in the first half begins the second half with the ball out-of-bounds. By "take the ball out", that refers to the team to be awarded the ball in a jump ball situation. I assume that the team not controlling the jump ball in an overtime period starts the out-of-bounds process during that period, but the rules aren't clear on this.)

I've got some space left, so here are a few little things that apply to both high school and college, if you're interested: it is travelling if a player falls down with the ball or stands up after receiving the ball while on the floor, and another thing officials are told to look out for is an "intentional foul" late in the game in an attempt to stop the clock and get the ball back. And some college conferences are allowing "3-point" shots; the lines range from 21 feet to 23. This could go national soon. (But first, bring back those jump balls!)

NOTE that these may not be 100% accurate; read the appropriate rulebook for the official rules.

GAME OPENINGS

Well, it seems that the upcoming school/football season along with the number of games being run as it is has forced me to sharply reduce the number of games currently open. Here's some REALLY bad news: TEXTBOOK DIPLOMACY has been called off, at least for now. KILLER DILLER has been postponed, as well. As a matter of fact, the only openings are:

TEXTBOOK DIP will be played if I can get a guest GM here.
SPIES.....5 players. Standard rules; PBM rules appeared in issue #12A. Signed up: Reagan, D. Hanson, and maybe even Wyatt.

SOURCE OF THE NILE....Still open to all. Hack your way through the vast unknowns of deepest, darkest Africa, and get back to tell about it. Game II is used.

SECOND CHANCE DIPLOMACY begins this month.

MIDWAY/CORAL SEA....2 players (maybe more than one game can be run at a time). Choose from MIDWAY or any of the Coral Sea Variant scenarios. Special modification to rule 17 (the one about how an attacking player must tell his opponent where the planes are returning to after combat).

REGULAR DIPLOMACY - See page 2
That's it. Remember the "game fees" usually amount to 4¢ per month per game (unless I use "cheap copying", in which case it's free, and I'll try to use cheap stuff for the games whenever possible). At least the Canadians stopped striking, so 1980G and 1981AS can continue, but 1981CP has been delayed pending BNC investigation and EMPIRES OF THE MIDDLE AGES has been delayed because of a few slight mistakes made last time, mainly concerning the Saracen raids. Remember the unofficial wargamers' motto: **CHIUSE QUELLA FINESTRA** (translated from Italian: **CLOSE THAT WINDOW!**). (NOTE: TRADES are exempt from Game Fees)

HERE'S-NO-KILLER-DILLER-SO-THE-CONTEST-IS-BACK-IT'S-WORTH-A-LOT-THIS-TIME-OH-WOW--



Yes, THE CONTEST is back, and it's worth a cool THREE DOLLARS worth of your favorite 'zine - provided it's this one! (Face it - I can hardly afford for MYSELF to sub to most of these things, much less the rest of you. On the other hand, it IS only \$1 per month, so I'll change my mind - the \$3 is good toward ANY 'zine (prozines such as S&T are excluded, of course) in North America, subject to approval.)

Anyway, HERE'S THE CONTEST: This one is very simple. Instead of football, it's BOXING this time, and, as usual, it's in the Welterweight division. In order to win the \$3 credit, you need only name (a) the winner, (b) whoever comes in second, and (c) the result of the final fight (KO, TKO, Unanimous Decision, Majority Decision, Split Decision, Draw, Technical Decision, or Technical Draw). A random drawing will be made from those solutions which have 100% correct answers; the person drawn will get the goods. Remember, if nobody wins, next issue's contest is worth \$4. Here's the catch: the two "finalists" will be the winners of two preliminary bouts. Bout #1 is between Sugar Eay Leonard and Henry Armstrong; #2 pits Jersey Joe Walcott against Sugar Ray Robinson. (Note: if you choose Draw or Technical Draw as the result, there is no "winner"; simply name the two fighters involved.) Your selections are due by September 30. Fights are 15 rounds, 10-point must system.

I had originally intended to give a financial report of myself, but let me just say that a few subs may run out and trades cut soon. In the meantime, I'm sure you've read this somewhere else already, but here are the LEEDER POLL RESULTS for 'zines and GMs. The numbers mean rank, average rating, number of votes, and rank in the 1980 poll.

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| 1. BLACK FROG/8.15/65/NR (not rated in '80) | |
| 2. DOT HAPPY/8.04/24/NR | ***** THE GMS ***** |
| 3. BRUTUS BULLETIN/7.95/60/8 | 1. JOHN DALY/9.15/20/4 |
| 4. MURD'RING MINISTERS/62/14 | 2. RON BROWN/8.90/29/19 |
| 5. RETALIATION/7.81/42/21 | 3. GARY COUGHLAN/8.86/7/* |
| 6. EUROPA EXPRESS/7.77/47/NR | 4. BOB SERGEANT/8.61/23/6 |
| 7. LONE STAR DIPLOMAT/7.72/58/NR | 5. DON DITTER/8.60/5/1 |
| 8. JUST AMONG FRIENDS/7.61/36/NR | 6. ANDY LISCHETT/8.55/20/15 and |
| 9. JIHAD/7.56/36/NR | JOHN MICHALSKI/8.55/11/11 |
| 10. CHEESECAKE/7.53/30/12 | 8. RANDOLPH SMYTH/8.50/8/21 |
| 11. EAST OF EDEN/7.43/30/NR | 9. FRED DAVIS/8.40/5/13 |
| 12. WHITESTONIA/7.36/50/43 | 10. JOHN CARUSO/8.38/21/39 |
| 13. BUSHWACKER (sic)/7.13/16/29 | 11. JOHN BOARDMAN/8.33/9/NR |
| 14. FOL SI FIE/7.11/28/1 | 12. LEE KENDTER, SR/8.20/15/8 |
| 15. SAINT GEORGE AND THE DRAGON/7.10/40/15 | |
| 16. DIPLOMACY DIGEST/7.07/60/13 | 13. DAVE MARSHALL/8.17/6/NR |
| 17. PLAGUE TIMES/6.97/29/NR | 14. GLENN OVERBY/8.14/14/NR |
| 18. WHY ME?/6.93/27/7 and | 15. AL PEARSON/8.13/15/NR |
| TORPEDO/6.93/27/NR | 16. BOB OSUCH/8.11/9/7 |
| 20. BHAIN MACHA/6.90/40/5 | 17. JACK MASTERS/8.00/31/NR |
| 21. DIPLOMACY WORLD/6.89/55/4 | 18. BOB ARNETT/7.94/16/14 |
| 22. DOGS OF WAR/6.88/40/19 and | 19. JIM BUMPAS/7.88/8/26 |
| VOLKERWANDERUNG/6.88/57/2 | 20. DREW MCGEE/7.80/5/27 |
| 24. BERSAGLIERI/6.85/13/NR | 21. MIKE CONNER/7.67/18/NR and |
| 25. SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS/6.78/18/NR | JOHN LEEDER/7.67/6/9 |
| 26. VOICE OF DOOM/6.71/77/10 | 23. STEVE HEINOWSKI/7.62/13/4 |
| 27. SNAKE PIT/6.67/12/NR | 24. BERN SAMPSON/7.55/11/NR |
| 28. LIFE OF MONTY/6.65/34/NR | 25. GERALD AUSTIN/7.40/5/NR |
| 29. ENVOY/6.60/42/17 | 26. DON DEL GRANDE/7.29/7/NR and |
| 30. PASSCHENDAELE/6.54/24/23 and | ALLEN WELLS/7.29/7/NR |
| RUNESTONE/6.54/24/16 | 28. MICHAEL MILLS/7.18/17/22 |
| 32. THE DRAGON AND THE LAMB/6.36/28/9 | 29. MIKE BARNO/7.17/6/NR |
| 33. TER-RAN/6.26/27/24 | 30. ROY HENRICKS/7.15/26/10 |
| 34. SNAFU/6.15/13/NR | 31. STEVE McLENDON/7.08/12/17 |
| 35. PEEK/6.12/26/NR | 32. MARION BATES/7.00/5/NR |
| 36. EVERYTHING/5.96/25/11 | 33. FRANCOIS CUERRIER/6.83/6/30 |
| 37. APPALLING GREED/5.92/25/NR | 34. DICK MARTIN/6.80/25/16 |
| 38. LIBERTERRAN/5.86/21/39 | 35. KEITH MERCER/6.60/5/NR |
| 39. GRAUSTARK/5.69/26/31 | 36. DON SIGWALT/6.57/7/34 |
| 40. THE SHOGUN'S SWORD/5.66/32/25 | 37. DON HORTON/6.50/6/18 and |
| 41. KLEPTO MANIA/5.60/10/NR | TONY WATSON/6.50/6/46 |
| 42. RURITANIA/5.56/16/27 | 39. AL RODRIGUEZ/6.40/5/34 |
| 43. CLAW AND FANG/5.41/22/19 | 40. TOM SWIDER/6.00/9/NR |
| 44. INFIDEL/5.27/15/22 | 41. JERRY JONES/5.67/6/41 and |
| 45. INVASION/5.25/32/NR | BRUCE LINSEY/5.67/30/48 |
| 46. Y'ALL/5.14/14/NR | 43. JACK FROST/5.33/6/37 |
| 47. EGGNOG/5.05/20/17 | 44. SCOTT HANSON/5.17/6/NR |
| 48. THE CHAMBER/4.81/21/NR | 45. BRUCE SCHNEIER/4.60/5/NR |
| 49. LIES, DECEIT AND NEFARIOUS SCHEMES/4.60/10/36 | |
| 50. ITALIANO PRIBE/4.54/13/46 | 46. RICHARD KOVALICK JR./2.25/8/50 |
| 51. TORONTO TELEGRAM/4.06/16/26 | 47. BRAD WILSON/2.22/9/NR |
| 52. BOAST/3.92/12/29 | |
| 53. BORN TO DIP/3.48/29/NR | |
| 54. TETRACUSPID/2.89/26/45 | |
| 55. LE FRONT DU LIBERATION DU DIPLOMACY/2.10/21/47 | |

I'd like to say that the results didn't surprise me. I'd LIKE to say that, but it's a sin to tell a lie. DOT HAPPY's high result isn't too surprising when you note how few people voted for it. To show how much one vote can change things, had I given BLACK FROG a 9 instead of a 10, it would have received an 8.13. Add one to one of the DOT HAPPY votes and it has an 8.08. Note which 'zine is in the median position - 27 above it and 27 below it. Yes, it's LIFE OF MONTY. I honestly thought I'd make the top 20, at least. Then again, I thought I'd be behind ENVOY and INVASION.

Turning to the GM poll, I'm tied with the guy that pub'd the #2 'zine - in 26th spot! Believe me, my GMing record isn't what you'd call spotless. For example, I can't remember a turn in EMPIRES OF THE MIDDLE AGES that hasn't had an error in it. (There goes next year's rating....) Getting to the GM poll, among those people who received 1-4 votes (ineligible for the main list) are Kathy Byrne, Dave Grabar, Mark Berch, Wade Dudley, Julie Glass, and Mark Matuschak. Considering the fact that the poll closed in July, I can't remember seeing any of these people GMing more than one SEASON of one game before the votes were due. Remember, this is a DIPLOMACY GMS poll, isn't it?

It's a sin to tell a lie - but how about diplomatically? Oh, you know that list of short-term GMS I just gave you? If I recall, the first four have never (to my knowledge - I haven't seen THE BROADSIDE lately, but the original never had Diplomacy in it) GMed Diplomacy, not even one retreat worth. True, Kathy and Dave have GMed Nuclear Holocaust, which is a Diplomacy variant of sorts, and the others (except for Berch, I think) are indeed GMS (Mark does who-knows-how-many THIRD REICH games, for example), but I always assumed this applied to Diplomacy. Then again, how did EMPIRE get among the "also-ran" 'zines? (EMPIRE is the non-Diplomacy version of GRAUSTARK, running Empires of the Middle Ages, A Mighty Fortress, Conquistador, and PRESTAGE, and I'm probably forgetting one or two.)

At least I did well in the RETALIATION poll.....

~~-GUEST-GM-NEEDED-FOR-TEXTBOOK-DIPLOMACY-ALSO-THREE-MORE-PLAYERS-NEEDED-GET-WITH-IT-~~

This month's plug goes to WHITESTONIA, mainly because I promised John I'd plug it. Anyway, it's pubbed by John Caruso, 160-02 43rd Avenue, Second Floor, Flushing, NY 11358, for somewhere in the vicinity of \$4 for 10 issues (give or take 50¢). Game openings are available in Diplomacy and WS&M for \$2 each. WHITESTONIA contains things like games, letters, more games, hobby game openings, a news comment or two, but who cares? 98% of the readers go right to KATHY'S KORNER first. KK is done by Kathy Byrne, same address, and normally I'd say that it's (I'm out of room - see page 2 at the bottom for the rest of this)

I see you've noticed that line right there. That's because I had originally planned to review my, well, "strange" record collection - strange because rock and roll albums are absent from this collection. Instead, I've just received the 1981-82 rules for Basketball as published by the National Federation of State High School Associations AND a set by the NCAA. Since some of you are basketball fans, and some of these changes defy description, I'm presenting this season's OFFICIAL (until further notice, that is) Rules Changes for High School and College Basketball. These changes apply to girls' high school basketball as well, but each state CAN make its own changes (in California girls' ball, a 30-second shooting clock, like in national girls' college ball, is used).

RULES CHANGES APPLICABLE TO HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

1. Schools will be allowed to use rims that are "releassable" (i.e. when 230 pounds static force pull on the rim, it releases from its horizontal position and automatically returns after the force is terminated). A school may use one movable and one non-movable rim.

It's a miracle....somebody actually wrote me an article for LOM.... who is it? No, it couldn't be....the postmark says Philadelphia, but it's - it's - look! Behind the lingerie! Uh - ah - eeeeeesaaaaAABGGHHE!

SEND LAWYERS, GUNS, AND MONEY: LIFE AFTER DIPLOMACY

by David D. Perlmutter

Like most non-theatrical events the shock of leaving Diplomacy was delayed. The piles of mail shrunk. I felt no real need to keep extra stamps. My phone bill acted like Chrysler stock.

The sickness grew. I woke up in the middle of the night in a cold sweat. I would mumble "take Trieste" under my breath in supermarkets. When I stopped at traffic lights, I was suddenly reminded of a Austro-Italian-Turkish alliance.

There were dreams. One very bad one: I was floating in the clouds. All of a sudden soviet submarines shot at me. They screamed "you promised not to touch Sevastopol!"

Another one: I was locked in a room. I had to play Austria in endless games while a loud stereo plays Shaun Cassidy records forever.

Dreams.

John Michalsky goes on welfare.

Brad Wilson buys Ted Kennedy lunch.

Mike Mills quotes Princess Margaret "The Irish are pigs"

Dick Martin finds a woman.

Don Del Grande finally graduates.

Dreams.

Then life goes on.

Diplomacy is forgotten. I loved it. And may play another game soon.

Now here's good news((s)) to all the Perlmutter fans. You will be able to see me in a movie. TAPS starring Timothy Hutton and George C "I love Fa" Scott. It was filmed at the Valley Forge military academy near me. I got a non-speaking part in it. It's about some cadets who take over a military school.

I was in three scenes. The crowd at the parade ground scene. I was in the fight at the front gate. I landed on top of Hutton. I wearing blue jeans and a blue t-shirt. I was also in the daytime fight at the streetcorner.

The gate fight took place after the cadet's senior prom. I and a group of "townies" pick on the cadets and get into a scuffle with them. George C. comes out, he is the commander of the school, he shoots one of us.

The day fight is the same plot. The cadets have just raided a supermarket for food. One of their trucks breaks down and we see them and pick another fight. Unfortunately they have M-16's, so we lose.

I was also in BLOWOUT but lost in the crowd.

So see what you can accomplish without Diplomacy?

In 1941 Churchill wired an urgent telegram to FDR. The subject? The lend-lease. The message?

SEND LAWYERS, GUNS, AND MONEY STOP

BUT NO BOARD GAMES STOP. ESPECIALLY

DIPLOMACY STOP

*****Back to LOM again. That's close enough to a full page to give Dave \$1.00 worth of LOM. See, I hand out the goodies.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT! John Daly, Rt. 2, Box 136-MS, Rockwell, NC 28138, wishes to announce that THE DOGS OF WAR has gone opening. John is the #1 GM according to the 1981 Leader poll, so get your sub fee (\$4 for 10) and \$3 game fee in the mail quickly. Void where prohibited. (It's nice to know that somebody out there knows where Greenbrae, CA is....)

What's this? Another of those blank pages, huh? Well, this is what happens when I don't get enough articles. How about a report of DUNDRACIONE? I wasn't there, so that settles that. Some DIPLOMACY strategy? You're asking the wrong guy. I would've been smart enough to give out the award gift certificates in the DipCon Dip tournament before the sellers' booths closed for the convention. How about some RUBIK'S CUBE stuff? Does anybody out there own the thing?

Say, remember the accident I had following the "no room" thing at ORIGINS? Trouble is, I'm not known for "hard luck stories" at these things. I know how she hates people to keep bringing up her name like this, but it's a good thing Kathy Byrne wasn't in my spot, or she'd never have lived through it. In ORIGINS 80, she had to find a ladies' room during the tournament after Robert Sacks told her to look for one, and at GEN CON EAST 81, she wasn't allowed to smoke. She once told me about her habitual passion with cigarettes (please, no jokes, this isn't Frankie Howerd, you know). That's one reason why nobody ever holds tournaments in Berkeley - no smoking in public places. (STANTINOPLE-CON was held in a smoking-legal dorm, you know.)

Speaking of STANTINOPLE-CON, I'm not in a dorm yet for this year, but once I am, I'll teach my floormates how to play Diplomacy (if they don't already know - last year, I lived across the hall from one of Clark Reynolds's good friends), and then it'll be downhill from there. Only Clark Reynolds and Tim Winger made it last year - come on, you Southern California types, if you can make it to Chowchilla, then it's only a short trip to Berkeley. I might make it to GrabarCon this December, if it's held. I still haven't been able to present my full-color Nuclear Holocaust map yet - maybe at River City....

They've canceled (two Ls?) those reruns of KING OF KENSINGTON up here in S.P. Bay, to make room for LOVE, AMERICAN STYLE. Can any of you Canadians tell me what happened to KOK since Larry's first wife (Cathy) (the blonde) (Finoa Reid) (what do you mean, you still don't know who I'm talking about?) left him and he started seeing the pharmacist's daughter? Does anyone know that show? While I'm on the subject, whatever happened to those British guys, Bernard Cribbins, Tommy Cooper, and Frankie Howerd? Does anyone care??

Enough about foreign TV, I know. (Or is that "foriegn"? They don't teach that at Berkeley, you know, since they figure we know enough words as it is.) It's better than most American sitcoms either way. Shows like "Three's Company", "Laverne & Shirley", "Mork And Mindy", and especially "Bosom Buddies" lack one thing - good scripts. At least "Too Close for Comfort" was created by British whiz Brian Cooke. I'll take Benny Hill over some "American Hero" anyday.

Soon Karpov and Korchnoi will face each other for another World Chess Championship. The Russians want to see one of their own (Karpov) beat an "exile" (Korchnoi), so they'll probably pull out all of the psychological stops to take this one. Give it to Karpov on clutch playing though. Korchnoi likes to eat up the clock. (By the way, the rules are that each game must have each player spend no more than 2 1/2 hours for his first 40 moves and 1 hour for each succeeding 16 moves. If you're out of time, you lose. I don't think there was a single checkmate during the 1978 match (32 games).) PBS might offer "move-by-move play" on weekends like they did in 1972. Let's see an instant replay of that checkmate....WOW, What a ploy! (No, it won't be covered from the game itself; the moves will be radioed in as soon as they're made.)

Well, Texas A&M beat Cal 29-28, and we lost our top QB for the season. Not only that, but I sweated through a Math class last quarter only to find out that the class doesn't count toward my major....Is RETALIATION folding? Send 40¢ an issue plus a long letter saying why you shouldn't pay twice that much to Dick Martin, 6103 Breezewood Court, Apt. 202, Greenbelt, MD 20770 and find out.

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*person affected by the TEXTBOOK DIP cancellation - *It will continue. If a guest GM will take it*

For BYRNE, Kathy, see CARUSO, John (subs/trades usually come under one name; Pam Overby's name was listed only because she was signed up for TEXTBOOK DIP. No other players in LOM are not listed above.) See you next time, and, for you Cal fans, ROLLLLLL-ONNNNN-YOUUUUU-BEARRR-RRRS!

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