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# DIPLMACY

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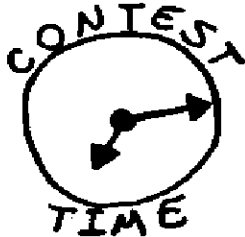
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Finally, ME! I'll be at 802 IDA SPRAUL HALL,  
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reach me by NOVEMBER 28 - otherwise, use  
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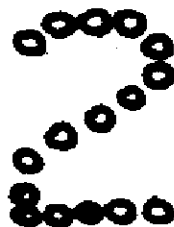
DIPLOMACY at its finest.....hobby ploitics.....articles coming out of the seams.....too bad it's only another issue of LIFE OF MONTY, or maybe you'd see some of those. Anyway, LOM sells for somewhere between 45 and 50 cents an issue, depending on what I have to go through to get this thing published and sent out. Game fees? Hopefully, they're still ZERO, but I may have to start charging 5¢ per extra sheet soon. Of course, players in the Ex-Challenge Game (where both Kathy and Dick decided to drop out, although I heard a rumor that more K & D exploits can be seen in MASS MURDERS, a subzine to Dick's 'zine, whatever it's called) don't have to pay any game fee, since it's part of the 'zine. Of course, if anybody who reads this thing doesn't like this game taking up valuable space in this thing, just let me know. If I get a lot of letters/postcards/etc. saying that you don't want to see the game, then I'll take it out. Speaking of games....



Well, if you all remember, the last contest dealt with the Leonard-Armstrong and Walcott-Robinson fights. Sugar Ray Leonard opened up a cut over Henry Armstrong's eye in the first round, forcing an early TKO, and Sugar Ray Robinson knocked Jersey Joe Walcott down in the fifth and followed it up with a flurry of blows, forcing a TKO of his own. Thus, Leonard and Robinson face off for the ALL-TIME MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE....

- ROUND 1: Robinson opens things up with a solid combination. Leonard steps back, then comes in with a left-right of his own. Robinson countered with a pair of jabs, forcing Leonard into a clinch. Leonard scored with a combination that forced Robinson into the ropes, but Robinson threw a left that opened a cut over Leonard's left eye. A Robinson right uppercut dazed Leonard, but he came back with a right jab at the bell.
- ROUND 2: Leonard misses with a left and winds up in a clinch. Robinson forces Leonard back with a right uppercut, then comes in with a left hook. Both boxers trade combinations, then Robinson comes up with a series of unanswered punches. Leonard swings but comes up short, and connects with a left-right at the bell.
- ROUND 3: Leonard opens up this time with a pair of lefts, but a right by Robinson forces him back. Robinson comes up and scores with a right-left, but Leonard shakes him up with a solid right hook, followed by a combination. Robinson counters with a weak jab, and the bell ends as the two are in a clinch.
- ROUND 4: Robinson ducks in and out with a right, but Leonard finds him with a left hook, followed by a right uppercut. Robinson scores with a pair of spaced-apart combinations as this round had both fighters go into their dancing routine.
- ROUND 5: Both men miss, then Leonard chases Robinson with a right jab. Robinson then throws six spectacular punches, all of which connect to Leonard's face. Leonard reaches out for a right, then steps back. Robinson, going for the KO, gets a warning for rabbit punching before the bell.
- ROUND 6: Robinson and Leonard trade jabs, then Robinson startles Leonard with a combination and throws a right hook, sending Leonard to the canvas for the mandatory eight. Leonard is shaken up, especially after strong blows by Robinson. Leonard moves in and somehow scores with a left-right, but a Robinson combination knocks Leonard powerless, and the referee steps in to stop the contest at 2:30 of the sixth round. (That's known as a TKO, you know.)

That's the last time I use cheap glue!



So Sugar Ray Robinson defeats Sugar Ray Leonard by a TKO in the sixth round. This was nothing like that Leonard-Hearns fight in issue #12A. Anyway, let's see if anyone picks up the \$3 credit good toward any 'zine (whether it's top-rated BLACK FROG or even bottom-rated LE FRONT).....

Well, Dick Hanson got 2 out of 3 (he said Henry Armstrong instead of Ray Leonard), so I'll be a nice guy and give him \$2 credit toward ANY 'zine. Let 's hear it for Dick!! This STILL leaves \$2 in the pot for this month's contest, found elsewhere.

But BEFORE continuing, it's time for a few notes on policy around here.....

First off, some of you (i.e. Sherwood, La Beau, and occasionally Lew, and even Matuschak once in a while) have sent in your orders for all of your games on the same sheet. This doesn't work very well with my system, which is to file each game separately. THEREFORE, if you don't PUT EACH GAME ON A SEPARATE SHEET, and I forget that two games are filed under one of those games, you're liable to NMR in the other game(s).

Second, some of you think that you can get away with asking me questions for personal reply. I wouldn't mind....if I had six and 7/8ths Kingmakers' ransoms to spend on stamps. IF YOU WANT A REPLY, IT'LL COST YOU EITHER (a) AN 18¢ STAMP (SASE will be accepted) or (b) A POSTCARD (addressed, if you don't mind).

~~MORE-QUESTIONS-HOW-CAN-I-ANSWER-ALL-OF-THESE-IT-LOOKS-EASY-WHEN-BEN-CAGEY-DOES-IT~~

John Diamond (41 Riverridge Trail, Ormond Beach, FL 32074) asked me a couple of typical novice questions. First, "do most people play in more than one game at a time?", and second, "How long does the average game take?"

The first answer isn't too easy, since I can only answer for myself, but I am playing in about 10 games - however, all 10 are different games! (Let's see....there's Variant Dip, Regular and Variant KM, Bismarck, Magic Realm, A Mighty Fortress, Mercator (Dip variant), Maxi-Multi-Player KM, Nuclear Holocaust, and some others). It depends on just how much you think you can handle.

The second answer is simple. There is no such thing as "an average game of DIPLOMACY"! If I had to guess, I'd say a game lasts to about 1910 or so, on the average (although there was once that lasted into the Roaring '20s!). Considering one month per move, and Winter 1901 separate, that's about 18 months or so. (KINGMAKER is a different matter - I'm in a game that started in November 1979 and it doesn't appear to be heading to an immediate end.)

Oh, by "students", I'm allowing graduate students and pre-high school students, if they're mad enough to play. The only rule is that only one person per school is allowed.

~~-THEATER-THEATRE-THEATER-THEATRE-THEATRE-NOW-THAT'S-A-USEFUL-SPELLING-UNIVERSAL-~~

If you're in New York in the near future, I hear there's a show called "An Evening With Dave Allen". Around here, they're showing reruns of his TV show, "Dave Allen At Large". This guy is the biggest comedy hit since FAWLTY TOWERS & MONTY PYTHON COMBINED. Absolutely MUST SEE, if you know what I mean. (Watch it close tomorrow....)

**P.P.** IS COMING SOON -  
DON'T MISS IT!

**3** NEXT MONTH -  
the DIP BOWL  
CHAMPIONSHIP

**WANT ADS...** Yes, I WANT ADS! Not big ads for things like ACE OF ACES and AXIS AND ALLIES, but little ads - personal stuff, buying & selling, lonely hearts; you name it, it'll appear here. Why pay the Avalon Hill 50¢ rate when you can have it here in LOM for FREE?

Speaking of ads, here's one by me to start things off: Looking for used WAR IN THE PACIFIC for reasonably cheap price. Will pay cash and/or trade such things as TASK FORCE, FORTRESS EUROPA, WORLD WAR 3, and THE GUNS OF AUGUST. Also looking for issues of MOVES before #45, issues of S&T (without games) before #62. Other games looking for (any condition, as long as they're not expensive): THE NEXT WAR and OBJECTIVE: MOSCOW. Contact me for details.

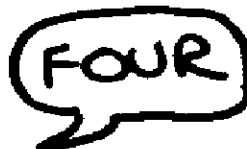
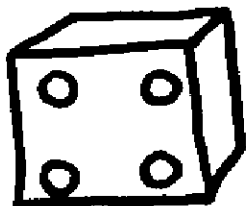
Did you get that? Well, it's time to head back to Berkeley for another year of politics, marches, and violence - and you should see what happens ON the campus! HOWEVER, there is one thing I'd like to point out. Please use my Greenbrae address UNLESS I PERSONALLY TELL YOU TO DO OTHERWISE! I may ask the Gals of the games I'm in to send their stuff to Berkeley while I'm there, but that's about it. I don't want to see any more of this "Forwarded to Greenbrae" stuff anymore. I had a letter forwarded from Berkeley in early September! And another thing; my address will certainly be changed, since 208 Priestley Hall is a freshman room. (At least I think so; you can never be sure about dorms.) Who knows; I may get lucky and draw a co-ed floor, complete with co-ed bathroom. (The advantages of Berkeley....)

And speaking of Berkeley, it seems that an increase in dorm fees and residence payments (i.e. college fees) has put me into a bind moneywise. Most of my money will go to one of two things: (1) paying the fees for school; (2) paying the costs to get this thing published and mailed. On top of this, there are a number of subs that are, shall I say, "on the line". Fortunately, THE BRUTUS BULLETIN is expected to fold, so that's one I don't have to worry about. THE VOICE OF DOOM, however, is going strong, and my sub will have to lapse soon. DIPLOMACY DIGEST is another that worries me, although I can always get any issues I missed when I resub. Once this year passes, I can lay my hands on a summer job (the kind that pays lots of \$\$ - the advantages of Computer Science) and don't have to worry that much. There are also some subs of mine in dire jeopardy - BLACK FROG (it's been lacking something lately, although it's beginning a comeback - however, Jack is cutting back because of his new job) and RUNESTONE among these. Also, if worse comes to worse, a few trades may have to be cut - THE WHITE DUKE and INVASION would probably go first, followed closely by PLAGUE TIMES. (Any trades with players won't be cut - that means ENVOY, THE DOGS OF WAR, THE BUZZARD'S BREATH, EMPIRE, WHITESTONIA, and a few others.) The following trades will not be cut under ANY circumstances: ENVOY, RETALIATION, EUROPA EXPRESS, and WHITESTONIA.

Which reminds me - I've been working on my "List of 'Zines for the True Hobbyist", and here they are:

- (1) MURD'RING MINISTERS - Ron Brown pubs what appears to be a games-only 'zine, but there has to be at least one of these, since this is what the game is about. I've only seen samples, so I can't give any details about it, except that Ron did win the latest DipCon. (Ron Brown, 1528 El Sereno Pl., Bakersfield, CA 93304)
- (2) RETALIATION - The hobby's unofficial "press 'zine", since that's what it mostly contains, plus a few articles and things. One of those 'zines that I put on my ABSOLUTELY MUST GET AT ALL COSTS list. Always extra-big issues, too. (Dick Martin, 6103 Breezewood Ct., Apt. 202, Greenbelt, MD 20770)
- (3) EUROPA EXPRESS - Don't let the fact that it's from the South turn you away; Gary Coughlan's 'zine is becoming the "hobby letter 'zine", what with his reputation from "Donovan" and those copies of "Y'ALL".

What do you MEAN,  
"no dice" in  
DIPLOMACY?



With BB folding and VOD dropping in quality a shade or two, this one may hit the big time soon. (Gary Coughlan, 4611 Martha Cole Lane, Memphis, TN 38118)

- (4) DIPLOMACY DIGEST - This tends to range from articles on hard strategy to humor to Mark Berch's latest vacation. Ask for a sample of #50 (send stamps, of course). (Mark Berch, 492 Naylor Pl., Alexandria, VA 22304)
- (5) For you novices, DIPLOMACY WORLD is supposed to be loaded with Dip strategy, but I don't subscribe to it (no wonder I never do well at cons). For that matter, I don't know who pubs it.

For you "Diplomacy is another wargame" types, please note they're called "adventure games" now, and try ENVOY (Roy Henricks, 128 Deerfield Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235) or JIHAD! (Glenn Overby, 23096 Tawas, Hazel Park, MI 48030), particularly (or however that word is spelled) ENVOY. There are some of us, Lew Pulsipher, that think there's more to this thing than DIPLOMACY - after all, if it wasn't for us "true gamers", who would read your stuff in THE GENERAL?


~~-I-HAVEN'T-DONE-ONE-OF-THESE-IN-A-WHILE-I-THINK-I'M-GOING-CRAZY-I-THOUGHT-FOR-A---~~  
Let me finish that.

~~-MOMENT-THAT-CAL-WON-A-FOOTBALL-GAME-IN-THE-CONFERENCE-I-HEARD-IT-AGAIN-I'M-NUTS?--~~  
The big question: Will John Boardman find a way to pbw RUBIK'S CUBE? Well, it's almost time for yet another world chess championship, and once again Karpov and Korchnoi will go through the motions of making "the world's oldest wargame, more or less" (there MUST be an older one somewhere) exciting. This only happens when Korchnoi makes 30 moves in 2 hours and 20 minutes (he only has 2:30 to make his first 40 moves or he loses). So why isn't there a world Diplomacy championship? Not one of those "high-fashioned, stylish, Vegas-type" things like the Backgammon championship has turned into (did you know that there was a world championship in 1970? Did you know there was Backgammon back then?), but some down-to-earth playing, political yelling & screaming, psyching out, "mysterious death rays", etc. And, of course, a nice big purse.

~~-THERE'S-NO-DIP-BOWL-BUT-AFTER-THE-GAME-OPENINGS-STAY-TUNED-FOR-A-BIG-SURPRISE-----~~  
**GAME OPENINGS** Yes, there are still openings. GUEST GMS are still being sought! Doesn't anybody out there read this section?

- (read on more)*  
SPIES.....5 players; ~~is~~ signed up. Standard rules apply. When was the last time you played a game with "Istanbul"?
- SOURCE OF THE NILE.....Any number can play. There's been a large casualty rate lately, but if your guy dies, you get a new one FREE!!!
- TEXTBOOK DIPLOMACY.....Guest GM ~~needed~~ *found!* ~~168/181/181/181~~ Need 3 more. Must be a student somewhere. (GM need not be a student, though.) GM is RON FISHER.
- EMPIRES OF THE MIDDLE AGES....FORGET IT! I'm having enough problems with the game I'm running now! See John Boardman.
- LEMON CURRY.....Lemon curry? *(I did NOT just say that I am abandoning my current EMPIRES game)*
- EMPIRES OF THE DIPLOMACY PLAYERS.....Coming soon, probably. Then again, that's what I said about KILLER DILLER, didn't I?

BEFORE TURNING THE PAGE, please read the top of the page before looking at the rest of the page, OK? (I'm required to say that.)

 When in Rome,  
try A ROM-NAP



THE OFFICIAL 1981-82 PROSPECTIVE HOBBYIST EXAMINATION  
as presented by the NORTH AMERICAN DIPLOMACY BOARD

INTRODUCTION: This examination will determine exactly how well you fit into the general PBM hobby, especially the Diplomacy version. Well, not exactly, but have fun anyway - something you can't do with an SAT or an MCAT.

INSTRUCTIONS: Read over each problem, and then answer it if possible. There is a PENALTY for incorrect answers! (Non-answered questions are not penalized, in other words.) Answers may be submitted to the NADB answering service (i.e. me) on a postcard. (Check elsewhere in this 'zine to see if this is the contest - if it is, it's worth free issues of ANY 'zine.) If this is the contest, the time limit is OCTOBER 25; otherwise, take your time. Some essay answers may be published, for which you will receive LOM credit. BEGIN THE EXAMINATION. (By the way, notes, help, etc. is allowed; you'll need it!) P.S. Only SOME of these are serious....

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. Which of the following columns in ALARUMS & EXCURSIONS is, or was, written by a person who has never subscribed to RETALIATION?  
A) DIG WE MUST B) THE VIEW FROM 3000 FEET C) TANTIVITY D) KISMET  
E) THREE D SIX (3D6)
2. What was the first Boardman number for a real game?  
A) 1962a B) 1963a C) 1964a D) 1965a E) None of the above
3. (One of these sentences is false. Two of these are false. Three of these are false. Four of these are false.) How many of the sentences in the parentheses are false?  
A) None B) One C) Two D) Three E) Four
4. Which of the following SPI games, when SPI stopped using their clear plastic-topped trays, was NOT packed in a 4 inch thick box?  
A) INVASION AMERICA B) HIGHWAY TO THE REICH C) OBJECTIVE MOSCOW  
D) OPERATION TYPHOON E) WAR IN THE WEST
5. The original name for RAIL BARON was:  
A) C&O/B&O B) TRACK MISERS C) BOXCARS D) RIDE THE RAILS E) RAIL BARON
6. Which of these was NOT on the original list of titles for SQUAD LEADER gamettes?  
A) OKINAWA B) CASSINO C) CROSS OF IRON D) OMAHA BEACH E) All were on the original list
7. What was middleweight boxer Jake La Motta's nickname?  
A) RAGING BULL B) BRONX BULL C) FULLA BULL D) BILL SMITH'S BULL  
E) JARRIN' JAKE
8. In which 'zine did Dave White's column CAT-TASTROPHE appear?  
A) RETALIATION B) WHITESTONIA C) VOLKERWANDERUNG D) THE DOGS OF WAR  
E) THE SHOGUN'S SWORD
9. You're playing bingo, and there's a prize for filling your entire 24-spot card in 48 called numbers. Your chances of winning are about one in:  
A) 1000 B) 6000 C) 23,500 D) 95,000 E) 800,000
10. A recent DIPLOMACY DIGEST told about Mark Berch's trip to:  
A) France B) Israel C) Morocco D) Botswana E) It was too boring
11. What 'zine has an official Hobby Christmas issue every year?  
A) ENVOY B) LIFE OF MONTY C) PEEK D) FOL SI FIE E) EMPIRE

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Okay, now for the "fill-in-the-blank" types. Your score depends on how correct and/or interesting your answer is.

12. THIRD REICH, SPIES, and PEARL HARBOR were designed or co-designed by the same person, namely \_\_\_\_\_.
13. A convoy from St. Petersburg to Syria requires a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ fleets and a maximum of \_\_\_\_\_ fleets.
14. Rubik's Cube has \_\_\_\_\_ sides. Kathy Byrne's Cube has \_\_\_\_\_ sides.
15. John Boardman once played under the alias of \_\_\_\_\_ in a game where he also played as himself. (according to a letter in EUROPA EXPRESS)
16. Many hobby personalities believe that Bernie Oaklyn is an alias for \_\_\_\_\_.
17. The son of the answer to #16 has his own alias: \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Jack Masters once faked a "David Perlmutter" 'zine called \_\_\_\_\_.
19. Who is Karen Bates's husband? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Of the following California cities, name the ones in the current Medfly quarantine area: Bakersfield, Encinitas, Chowchilla, Greenbrae, Valencia, Berkeley. \_\_\_\_\_
21. Name the only game that can be played in a strong wind. \_\_\_\_\_
22. Ron Brown, a UC-Berkeley alumnus, is usually referred to as an "Old Blue". What U.S. President is also sometimes called an "Old Blue"? \_\_\_\_\_
23. Remember Bruce Linsey's "Vatican Variant"? (That's where an extra space is added - Vatican - which is an SC and is surrounded by Rome, so an Italian A ROM which is dislodged can retreat to VAT and can't be dislodged because no unit can support A ROM-VAT) Its Miller Number Classification is \_\_\_\_\_.
24. The only game ever to win a combined H.G. Wells-Charles Roberts Award (and I should know - I was there) was \_\_\_\_\_.
25. The two E.O. Lawrence Nuclear Research Labs are in Livermore, CA, and \_\_\_\_\_, which has been the center of the Diplomacy Hobby's attention lately.
26. What town is at the southwest tip of England on a KINGMAKER map? \_\_\_\_\_
27. Bruce Linsey, in \_\_\_\_\_, said to ALWAYS open with A Con-Bul, and then, in GENCON EAST, won "Best Turkey" with a position that had, in its opening, A Con-Ank.
28. There are \_\_\_\_\_ pieces to a Rubik's Cube.
29. Before moving to Park Avenue, SPI's address was \_\_\_\_\_ East \_\_\_\_\_ Street.
30. Remember PACIFIC ORIGINS? A few years ago, an article appeared in the Avalon Hill GENERAL by \_\_\_\_\_ with that same name. (It was an expansion for ORIGINS OF WORLD WAR II)
31. (After #30, an easy one.) In 1974, Dave Grabar invented (designed) a game called NUCLEAR \_\_\_\_\_.
32. Speaking of Charles, the H.M.S. PRINCE OF WALES, which aided in the sinking of the BISMARCK in April 1941, was itself sunk by the \_\_\_\_\_ in the same year.
33. And speaking of creations, \_\_\_\_\_ designed DIPLOMACY.
34. Speaking of games, who wrote the book STARSHIP TROOPERS? \_\_\_\_\_

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Answers? I  
knew I forgot  
SOMETHING...

Time for a break....with some TRUE-FALSE questions.

35. It took 6 issues from the first announcement of a Diplomacy opening (i.e. issue #1 of the new LOM) until the game started (i.e. the first Diplomacy game to start in LOM started in LOM #7).
36. Confused? Here's an easier one: There are 35 supply centers in 10-man Diplomacy.
37. If you subtract John Caruso's original (Saul Street) zip code from Jack Masters's zip code, and divide by 8, then the result is a power of 10 (i.e. an integral power of 10).
38. John Boardman once ran a presidential poll (in 1968), promised not to reveal anybody's vote, and then, after the election (I think), listed the names of all people who showed a preference for Hubert Humphrey.
39. Rod Walker wrote about this "Hubert Humphrey" thing in an issue of EUROPA EXPRESS.
40. There was once a game by SPI called NEW YORK, NEW YORK.
41. There was once a game by SPI called CHICAGO, CHICAGO.
42. (This is a test of how well you've been reading LOM.) SPI has sold the rights of its game JOHN CARTER, WARLORD OF MARS to Avalon Hill.
43. The first team to win a World Championship in DIP BOWL had two members with the same last name.
44. A college football game once started at the ridiculous time of 10:45 in the morning. (That's a 1980-81 game.)
45. Mike La Beau is the only subscriber to LIFE OF MONTY who has had an article (not a letter, like me) appear in THE GENERAL.
46. SPI's ARES #2 game, WRECK OF THE PANDORA, can be played solitaire with the player playing either the crew or the aliens.
47. Another SPI game, TIMETRIPPER, can be played with more than one person, although it's mainly a solitaire game.
48. It currently costs more than twice as much to buy AH's THE LONGEST DAY as it does to buy SPI's ATLANTIC WALL.
49. SPI is currently working on an 8-map version of THE NEXT WAR, with the CENTRAL FRONT system. (In other words, 8 maps, three of which are from FIFTH CORPS, HOF GAP, and the upcoming BRITISH ARMY OF THE RHINE, will be put together to cover the beginning of the next War in Europe.)
50. Remember THE PEOPLE'S ALMANAC? There's an issue #2 and #3 as well.

Oh, boy, it's time for the "essay" questions.

51. Everybody picks on Bernie Oaklyn. Just what has he done?
52. Name 10 people on John Boardman's "Black List".
53. Okay, now 10 from Kathy Byrne's Black List.
54. Name 10 people on MY Black List. (Names only.)
55. What are the details of "Linsey vs. Caruso, Byrne, and Arnett"?
56. Name ANY game ~~SPI put out during its first 3 years~~ that does not contain any words which can't normally be said on television. *that appeared in SAT between issues 18 and 35.*
57. Avalon Hill's first three games were - what?

Eight will  
be enough  
next month

eight



58. Name any ONE of Flying Buffalo's Solo Dungeons for TUNNELS AND TROLLS.
59. Not much of essay....describe, in some detail, the dungeon you named in #58!
60. Take a Rubik's Cube in the "completed" position (i.e. each side is a different color). Let the letters B, W, R, O, Y, and G stand for the sides (which are determined by the sides' "center square"). Let, for example, B stand for a 90° clockwise turn of the Blue side and  $B^{-1}$  stand for a 90° counterclockwise turn of the Blue Side. Oh,  $B^2$  stands for a 180° turn in either direction of the Blue side. What happens when you do the following:  
 $RB^2Y^2BYO^2Y^2OY^2R^2O^2GW^2G^2W^2RW^2R^2WO^2YO^2Y^2OYO^2Y^2W^2YOY^2O^2YOY^2O^2W^2$   
 $WGW^2G^2WGW^2G^2BGWG^2W^2GWG^2W^2B^2$
61. Most people know how I knock Kathy Byrne (that name again....) for her spelling mistakes....find five (5) spelling mistakes that I have made!
62. Name something NICE about the Diplomacy hobby, as it is.
63. (This one will give the guys an advantage.) TRUTHFULLY, put down the exact date (month, day, and year) of YOUR birth. (HINT: It's not 2/14/1962 - that's mine.)
63. Ever hear of TUNNELS & TROLLS? This is a test of your luck. Put down a whole number from 0 to 9 inclusive. On the deadline day, I'll roll a D10, and that will be the answer.
64. Now for a dexterity test. Place yourself against a wall so that only your left side (i.e. left arm/shoulder and left leg/ankle/foot) is touching the wall and only your feet touch the floor. Describe what happens when you lift your right foot off of the floor.
65. Constitution test time! Find a quarter-mile or 400-meter track. Now, how many laps can you run around this track in one hour? (Prove it....after all, this IS an essay.)
66. Your charisma and intelligence don't need to be measured if you're taking this exam - the one thing left is strength. How many pull-ups can you do in succession?
67. Prove or disprove that the Treasure of Unicorn Gold is hidden somewhere in Moscow, Idaho. (Remember, the first person to find it gets to keep it - it's gold-plated silver - plus \$10,000 from METAGAMING.)
68. Submit a way for players from the west coast, the east coast, the north-midwest, and the south to get together without spending a fortune.
69. Name ONE good thing about AH's MACHIAVELLI.
70. At ORIGINS 82, the "smoking question" is going to come up again. OK, you're Robert Sacks, and you're running this thing. Somebody (besides a certain female whose initials are BK, although not necessarily in that order) comes up to you and complains. Solve the problem WITHOUT outlawing smoking OR creating two rooms or bothering the non-smokers.

END OF THE EXAMINATION

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You're reading  
this  
upside-down!

Time for a STATE OF THE 'ZINE MESSAGE....The state of this 'zine is California (MOAN)....actually, things look bad for LIFE OF MONTY, thanks to a tiny snafu created by your friendly neighborhood university. They still think I'm a freshman, which makes me work harder to get the classes I want, and those aren't easy classes. Therefore, unless I get some immediate help (articles and the like), future issues will contain 8 pages until I can settle down. Of course, the price will come down, to about 35¢ an issue, but I know you'd rather have the 12 pages. (If I do go to 8 pages, I'll squeeze some small stuff on the front cover.) OK, so my Leeder Poll rating won't be very high next year. Can it be much worse than it was this year - 28th out of 55? And, thanks to the late 1981CP, my GMing rating looks like it's due for a drop (I was surprised I did as well as I did this year!). GUEST GMs are still being sought to handle some of my current games. HOW ABOUT IT? Am I sounding desparate? I've got good reason.....

~~-GOT-GOOD-REASON-?-I'M-BEGINNING-TO-SOUND-LIKE-AN-ENGINEER-TWO-ENGLISH-COURSES-GO-~~

Why isn't WHITESTONIA among the list of 'zines that are a "must" for hobbyists? Anything in WHITESTONIA worth reading usually appears in every other 'zine....No! No! Just kidding. WHITESTONIA got its plug last time, but it's still worth reading. It has the KB Seal of Approval, and even that 1981CP garbage we went through won't discredit that. (Er, LIFE OF MONTY has the KB Seal, not WHITESTONIA, but only because KB writes KATHY'S KORNOR which appears in WHITESTONIA.) How many people will give you TWO plugs in ONE issue? That alone is worth reading W. You've got to see it to believe it! Ask for the "Bill Smith Vacation Issue" - you'll never be able to put it down. (WHITESTONIA by John Caruso, 160-02 43rd Avenue, Second Floor, Flushing, NY 11358.)

There's one left: my first ally in Diplomacy (although he never quite made it to help me - something about Russia, or was it Italy?), Honest Al Pearson, puts out JUST AMONG FRIENDS, complete with Diplomacy, Dip Candy Land, and lots of goodies like Ben Cagey, the Dippy Doctor, and Uncle Al's Personal Glimpses at Diplomacy Players. Write to Al at Rt. 1, Box 177B5 (177-B-5), Kearneysville, WV 25430, and ask for a sample.

In the meantime....have a few games you hide in your closet? When was the last time you played that certain game of yours? Can't get rid of it? Let GAMES EXCHANGE help! For \$6 per 6 months, you can get your ad in a ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ magazine where other buyers/sellers can read it. So if you're looking to buy, sell, or trade wargames, TV video games, role-playing stuff, or even computer games, write for information to GAMES EXCHANGE, 60 RIVER ROAD, CLINTON, CONN. 06413. (The magazine comes out every 2 months, not 3 - that's why the XXX...XXX appears.) Oh, each subscription includes free ads, free ad changes, and an opponents wanted section (similar to THE GENERAL but unlimited in type and publisher of games).

Just saw the 9/25 show of 20/20. Which game company (I'll guess one whose initials are SJG - after CAR WARS, I'll expect anything) will be first with "HAZING WARS - Fight to Join Your Favorite Frat, 1981"?

WHICH reminds me - who out there wants to join "Beta Theta Dipppa"? It's easy - find the tallest building on campus, go up to the top floor, head for an open window or some other opening, and jump six feet forward. (Of course, you remembered to turn around so your back is to the window before jumping.) NEXT, go down to the lowest floor of that building and return to the top via the stairway. Back down, and head for the football stadium. Climb up onto the crossbar and walk from one upright post to the other. (Naturally, you got back down first!) The only thing left is to come to me PERSONALLY (letters don't hack it) and accept your membership. How about that! (Don't forget the initiation fee of \$100.)

Does that look  
like a 10?



And now for an article straight from the attendees of Dick Martin's CLONECON....

Thanks a lot. I'm begging for articles, and what happens? Some midwestern guy gets the good stuff! What's the matter - you're afraid to compete with Perlmutter? OK, so you haven't appeared in any movies lately. (I just found out a few days ago that there was a film once filmed in Greenbrae - at least part of the film was....if I can trust my sources, somebody jumped off/fell off/was pushed off/etc. off a train trestle in DIRTY HARRY - said trestle still stands today not more than 1/2 of a mile from where I am. To get to Berkeley, I have to pass under the thing.) You know I give credit for articles (maybe you didn't know how to split the credit?). For those of you who don't like all of that blank space, write your own article. You have an excuse now.

PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING from Off The Wall Games, P.O. Box 15731, San Diego, CA 92115 (write for price). Remember EN GARDE? Move that to the friendly neighborhood wrestling ring, replace those fancy costumes with fancy shorts, and take away the swords. PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING! Little old ladies jump into the ring, wrestlers' trunks tear, beer flies all over the place, lady wrestlers beat up the referee - PW has it all! All of the real excitement of fake wrestling (well, semi-real; everybody KNOWS who wins out there, but here it's for real) can be yours. Topless dancers? Mobsters? MUD WRESTLING? (Well, 2 out of 3 ain't bad....)

Lemon curry? (I thought I might throw that in again.)

NEXT MONTH on whatever this thing happens to be called next month (an open invitation for fakers?), the long-awaited DIP BOWL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, not quite LIVE from Berkeley. Also, some other junk. 8 pages or 12? Wait and see.

LATE NEWS FLASH: Bruce Springsteen supposedly had an accident on one of his tours. Immediately, Alexander Haig grabbed a guitar and said to the audience, "All right, I'm the BOSS now!"

ANOTHER NEWS FLASH: Dick Martin has yet to be thrown out of his current college residence. Keep trying, Dick. I have yet to get a college residence PERIOD. Which brings me back to the "article" thing. How could Dick "borrow" something from LOM for his title and not repay in some way? (Wait a minute....so what if I do the same thing? I'm known for doing that, at least.)

I'm running out of space - I never thought I'd get this thing done. Remember: DIPLOMACY is non-sexist. That's the problem: not enough sex. (OK, you can drop those guns, knives, axes, poles, bows, etc.; I'm finally finished - don't forget the DIP BOWL final next time!)

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