

The crowds are piling in....the radios are tuned....let's get to it!
"Ok, let's - I'm Jerry Jones, all the way from Pasadena, CA, a place where Cal's football team may not be for a long time....Rod Walker, from Encinitas, CA....Black Jack (21) Masters, from Valencia, CA....Jane Proskin, from, uh, what does that cue card say, oh yes, Burbank, CA.... those are the varsity dippers from the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DIPPY ASSOCIATION!.....Bruce Linsey, from Albany, NY....Mike Barne (the alternate, who was brought up for "personal" reasons), from Endwell, NY.... Terrible Tom Swider (TSS), from the mediocre capital of the world, Endwell, NY....Marion Bates, from Kalkaska, MI....and those are the varsity dippers from the ENDWELLIAN SOCIETY OF MEDIOCRITY!"
(Whistle and usual theme music) "It's time to match stabs with the champions in America's favorite game without wooden blocks, the varsity sport of the mouth,

19806-1980LE-1981AS

DIP BOWL

LOM #16
12/7/81
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Today's game, for the SECOND ANNUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, comes to you not quite LIVE from Hearst Greek Theater on the campus of the University of California, Berkeley (just like the Greatful Dead) (they played here once in 1981, you know) (you didn't?)....." Right about here, there were a lot of speeches by bigshots, so let's get to the action - which wasn't until the second half.....

"We're about to start the second half. The current score is 170 for the SCDA to 165 for the ESM. Remember, when the whistle blows at the end of this half, the game is over. Of it blows while I'm asking a question, THAT'S IT. If it blows while you're answering a question, you may complete that one answer only. The team that is ahead when the final whistle blows is the 1981 WORLD CHAMPION! (TWEEDEEET) There's the whistle to start the second half - yiu're playing for a 20 point bonus, here's the tossup: you're nearing the end of a postal game of Diplomacy, and you're going to end up in a 2-way draw, so, as usual, you're setting up a St. Petersburg to Syria convey. You notice that both countries have an abundance of fleets, so you try to set up the longest convey you can between the two provinces. For 10 points, just how many fleets are needed? (Pause) (BUZZZZZ)

"ESM, Barne.....12?"

"Sorry, that's wrong. SCDA, can you take it?" (FOURRING)

"SCDA, Jones....How about 13?"

"How about that? That's good for 10 points, and here's the 20 point bonus: you've noticed a lot of questions about Diplomacy - mainly because this is the big game. Anyway, for 5 points, how many supply centers in Diplomacy are unoccupied at the beginning of the game?"

(The SCDA thinks it over) "Captain?" (The third person - Masters, in this case - comes up with the answer) "Twelve"

"That's right. Now, for a tougher 15 points, how many of these 12 SCs can't possibly be occupied in Spring 1901 - in other words, how many aren't adjacent to non-neutral SCs at the beginning of the game?"

(More discussion) "Captain?" "Four"

"No, five: Portugal, Tunis, Greece, Belgium, and Sweden. The next bonus is worth 30 points. Here's the next tossup: In mid-1977, Avalon Hill allowed multi-player games like Diplomacy to be played for AREA ratings

What a game! What excitement! What thrills!
What next?

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Some of you haven't noticed exactly what my new address is.
Especially Dave Grabar! The new address is:

802 IDA SPROUL HALL, 2400 DURANT AVENUE, BERKELEY, CA 94720

ALSO NOTE that the above address will not be good for a short time in December and early January. The next set of orders will be due in BERKELEY on the deadline date. Once a week, I do go back to Greenbrae to pick up things like S&T and stuff like that, but the deadline is usually on a Friday, and sometimes I don't make it back. Should your orders be in Greenbrae while I'm in Berkeley on the deadline day, that's YOUR fault, and it's an NMRI. If you're not sure, call me - (415) 643-2185 on weekdays and Sunday nights and (415) 461-2692 on Saturdays and Sundays. If I'm there, I'll accept orders. Nobody else can accept your orders because nobody who answers these phones knows what you're talking about! I'll let you know next time when the address changes again, and when it comes back to Berkeley.

What? Oh, this is Bob, my roommate and AFROTC Flight Sergeant. Bob, this is Dick Martin, Kathy Byrne, Jack Masters, and USAF Reserve MAJOR (or is it Lt. Colonel?) Glenn Overby. Sa-LUTEI That's better. Who's the blonde with him? Let me take a look - oh, that's Erin, one of ~~my friends~~ our friends, and also the roommate of the person who had the umbrella handle bridgework mentioned earlier (what do you MEAN, you thought Erin was a male name?). No, Kathy, Erin's not Irish - well, she's about 6% Irish, but it's the 6% that has the name along with it. For some strange reason, I'm not talking to her (it has nothing to do with her roommate), so nobody gets to meet her. Excuse me, it's time for the 8:00 Movie - "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum". Wouldn't miss it for anything. Reminds me of Diplomacy - "Something familiar, something peculiar, something for everyone (a comedy tonight)" and all that.

NOTE to SPIES players: I know that L. Regan, D. Hanson, R. Wyatt and R. Peterson are signed up, and I thought there was one more - if he speaks up, we can start soon!

NEXT month, there'll be the opening game of the 1982 DIP BOWL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT, plus more of the usual stuff.

AMOUNT LEFT IN SUB: _____

SAMPLE _____

TRADE: _____

or COMPLIMENTARY

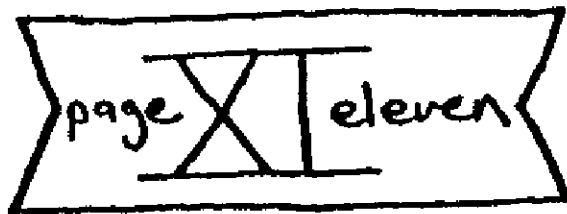
GAMES ENCLOSED: 80G 80E 81AS 8CD

(5¢/game extra, plus

3R 80N 81MA 8KM

20¢ add'l postage
where required)

*I'm not in ROTC,
though -



he's not MY
sergent!

Guess what? This is the SECOND ANNUAL LIFE OF MONTY UNOFFICIAL PREMATURE CHRISTMAS ISSUE! (The only OFFICIAL Christmas Issue is the December ENVOY, as most of you know.) And, as usual, it's time for the 1001 CHRISTMAS LIST.....

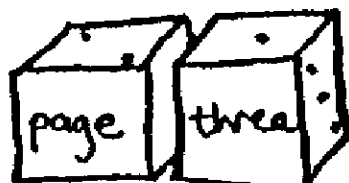
- This year's list begins with a gift to BLACK JACK MASTERS: the knowledge that COSMIC ENCOUNTER has SEVEN expansion kits now.
- To the person(s) responsible for the Marion Bates hoax: a Russian Roulette kit (I'm sure that everyone is tired of this issue....)
 - To ROY HENRICKS: a regular publishing schedule so that the Christmas issue comes somewhere around Christmas (preferably before).
 - To KATHY BYRNE: (All right, those of you who thought I was going to say "a copy of Webster's Dictionary" get Austria in my next game) the name of a good "hit man" in Albany.
 - To AVALON HILL: Three cheers for the latest rage in Berkeley - DOWN WITH THE KING.
 - To SPI: Some \$\$\$ as soon as BATTLE OVER BRITAIN or the UNIVERSE ALIEN SUPPLEMENT comes out.
 - To MARK MATUSCHAK: An address that you can use for more than a few weeks. Is Columbia U. near Flushing?
 - To DEBBIE OSBORNE: Any number of gamestarts that don't include me.
 - To TOM SWIDER: More mediocrity.
 - To MIKE BARNO: Your official ESM card. (Eventually....)
 - To JOHN CARUSO: 50¢ for another MASTERMIND start.
 - To MARK LEW: An anti-frostbite charm. I heard that 100 people wore these in the tropics and none of them came NEAR frostbite.
 - To DICK MARTIN: Another plug....hey, everybody out there, why aren't you reading RETALIATION?
 - To JACK MASTERS: No plug (your subs are closed still, right?).
 - To DAVID PERLMUTTER: An academy award - make a speech.
 - To KEITH SHEERWOOD: Support - there are NO Nestle' bars in any vending machine in Berkeley because of the "ASUC Boycott against the Nestle company's policy in South Africa".
 - To IEAPO STABO: Do you celebrate Christmas yet?

If I'm forgetting a few, I'll include them either in this issue or in next month's issue. Remember, it was FORTY YEARS AGO TODAY that the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

~~-WOULD-HAVE-PREFERRED-A-LARGER-TURNOUT-TO-THE-NADB-EXAMINATION-WHERE-WERE-YOU-ALL~~

Well, here's what you have been waiting for - the answers to the NADB examination in #15. If you don't want to look, you don't have to.

1. (C) DIG WE MUST and 3D6 are mine; KISMET and THE VIEW FROM 3000' are by Margaret Gemignani.
2. (A) The first game was 1962A. *1963A was the first complete game, I think.*
3. (D) The only true statement is "Three of these are false."
4. (A) INVASION: AMERICA came in a 1" box.



Not that some person has won 21 games, but that every country (should Kathy win) has had at least one person win three postal games. Here's how the hats go:

- AUSTRIA.....Ron Kelly, 3 wins
- ENGLAND.....Dave Crockett and Tom Slaughter, 3 wins each
- FRANCE.....Jack Masters, 3 wins
- GERMANY.....Steve McLendon, 4 wins
- ITALY.....None yet, but Kathy Byrne has 2 wins and a very possible win in RETALIATION R-5.
- TURKEY.....Lee Kendter, Sr., 3 wins
- And a DOUBLE HAT for RUSSIA.....Ron Kelly, 6 wins

That is a hat trick just for hat tricks for Ron Kelly! And to think he's ranked #20. However, he's been in 46 games and only 11 wins. That puts him at the BOTTOM of the top 25 players (according to the DRAGONSTOOTH system) based on winning percentage. Here are the rankings of the top 25 players in order of winning percentage (wins divided by games). (Ties are broken by highest number of wins, if possible.)

RANK	D-RANK*	GAMES	WINS	PLAYER
1	1	8	8	Dave Crockett
2	14	2	2	Andy Lischett
3	2	4	3	Bill Hart
4	3	3	2	Ralph Morton
	4	3	2	Tom Thorsen
	6	3	2	Arnold Vagts
7	9	5	3	Drew McGee
8	19	6	3	Trevor Baille
9	25	2	1	Bob Osuch
10	22	7	3	John Fleming
11	11	5	2	Steve Decker
	24	5	2	H.D. Bassett
13	13	11	4	Randolph Smyth
	15	11	4	Mike Lariton
15	17	14	5	Blair Cusack
16	18	23	8	Steve McLendon
17	8	9	3	Tom Ripper
18	10	6	2	Konrad Bauseister
19	12	24	7	Lee Kendter, Sr.
20	21	14	4	Bob Sergeant
21	5	7	2	Mark Berch
22	7	12	4	Dave Ditter
23	16	4	1	Tom Kissner
	23	4	1	Peter Reese
25	20	46	11	Ron Kelly

*DRAGONSTOOTH Rank. Number of games and wins are based on DIPLOMACY WORLD #28, which includes games finished between 1975 and March, 1981. Only the top 25 players in the DRAGONSTOOTH ratings were counted in the list; there are 10 people rated 26-75 that would be rated 9 (along with Bob Osuch, with the exception of #31 Alan Rowland, who is 2-for-4) with 50% ratings.

~~MONEY-MAKES-THE-WORLD-GO-ROUND-IF-IT-WASN'T-FOR-MONEY-WE'D-BE-FLAT-(BROKE)-----~~

Time for some of MONTY'S BELIEVEABLE UNBELIEVEABILITIES (or is it

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(by the way, ASUC=Associated Students of U.C.)

STANTINOPLE.....

CON 2.....

The BERKELEY CHALLENGE is back - featuring DIPLOMACY AT ITS not quite BEST. If you think last year was big - you're crazy!

That's true - last year's event wasn't very big, what with Tim Winger being the only "personality" bothering to show up. I think the trouble was a lack of publicity. This year, the word goes out in advance - STANTINOPLE-CON 2, held at the not very fabulous EIGHTH FLOOR IDA'S (better known as 8th floor of Ida Sproul Hall, located in the heart of Berkeley just one block south of the U.C. campus). The prospective date for this bash is FEBRUARY 13, 14, and 15, 1982* - that's THREE FULL MONTHS to think up some excuse for not showing up. (I may not be able to make it to all three days myself - something about my parents wanting me to come home for my birthday, or something like that) Last year, there wasn't a Diplomacy game seen anywhere - there weren't enough players. There have to be SOME people out there who are willing to show up for this thing. I can probably count on Tim Winger and Clark Reynolds (and I do mean probably), but there are a few names missing. Dave Grabar - where were you last year? I'm sure Jerry Lucas and Robert Goldberg (from the smash hit 1980G) will think it over. Who knows - maybe even Keith Sherwood will find his way up from San Diego, or perhaps some REALLY BIG NAMES like Jack Masters and Ron Brown and Jane Proskin (I forgot - that's when she's supposed to be in Flushing.... or was it Memphis? Maybe it was Moore.... I remember! She'll be in Vegas that weekend.). So GET WITH IT! Let's see some support! Just because it's probably 400 miles away doesn't mean you can't spend one day. For that matter, one day may be the limit, since hotels in Berkeley are full and, ever since somebody was raped in a dorm, "visitors" can't stay overnight.

Also, because of security reasons, I have to know that you're coming, so if you want to come to STANTINOPLE-CON 2, or if you even THINK there's a SMALL chance that you might be NEAR Berkeley on that day(s), then let me know in advance, so I can have some idea how many to expect (or, for that matter, not to expect).

Which brings up the question of "what's going to be played?". Well, if you bring it, we'll play it, if we can get enough people (there were 6 people last year, so Diplomacy was out, but Cosmic Encounter was the big thing last year). DIPLOMACY is the big thing, however; after all, where do you think the title of this con comes from? (The first person who says "Turkey" gets Austria in the first game.) *If there is a dip tournament in Berkeley that weekend, it may be delayed.

You've heard of the PLAGUE TIMES T-shirt? Well, here comes the - well, I don't want to call it the LON T-shirt, since it doesn't have to say that on the shirt. As a matter of fact, the shirt can say anything you want it to! Of course, longer messages cost more (it's 10¢ a letter), but you do get a choice of shirt size & color AND your choice of color of the message! (The "official" LIFE OF MONTY shirt, as shown at ORIGINS, is green with gold letters.)

It's not page 6 1/2, you know.... is that a \$100,000 BAR? DROP IT!
Try a CARAVELLE next time....
(see page 8)

Note that the students brought any beer bought right to the adviser to be confiscated, the students had their parents' permission, and that the act of selling beer to minors is illegal - but it's not illegal for a minor to buy it! (In other words, only the seller can be arrested.) If the BRUTUS BULLETIN was still in operation, there'd probably be a debate on this....well, the closest to BB is EE, so how about it, Gary? MEANWHILE, the Supreme Court refused to hear (this is the pre-O'Connor court, by the way) the case "Hinze vs. Redwood High School et. al.", in which a Redwood student attempted to sue the school because he wasn't allowed to wear a button which said "F--- THE DRAFT" (you know what the first word is, but the copiers don't like copying those kind of words, if you know what I mean, and besides, there ARE some people out there who don't like to read those kind of things). He lost, by the way. In the meantime, there was an incident while I attended the school (I knew the plaintiff personally - which didn't exactly put me in a good position when the school's Representative Council, myself included, voted by a 3-1 margin to take the school's side in the matter) (this was about a month after the button first appeared - the incident, that is) which involved the student and three football-playing-types who were carrying scissors. BEFORE they met, the button-wearing one had a hippie-style haircut. Afterwards, you couldn't tell him from a Marine recruit, hairwise. (Obviously, a case of Radical vs. Reactionary, if you ask me.) (But this is past history....I'd like to see those three try that sort of thing in Berkeley!)

SO-WHERE-ARE-THE-ADS-I-ASKED-FOR?-I-SUPPOSE-NOBODY-HAS-ANYTHING-TO-SELL-DIPWISE---

I can't find my black pen at the moment, so no logo this time, but GAME OPENINGS are available. The following still exist: (See page 10 also)

SPIES.....Need 1 more player. ~~I know Wyatt and D. Hanson are in the game, but I can't recall who the other two are. Would you mind confirming, since there might be a fifth player of some kind. At least one of the two is either Reagan or McComber.~~ See page 11!!

SOURCE OF THE NILE....Always open, and nobody's made it back to Europe yet, so you still have a good chance. Fight your way through africa, and maybe have some tea with Dr. Livingstone (I hear he came across a case of Darjeeling that was lost by an explorer....).

TEXTBOOK DIPLOMACY....Three openings left. Regular Diplomacy, but open to students only. This one will be played "by the book"..... (By the way, only one person per school.)

THIRD REICH.....One or two standbys might be needed due to a resignation. If the game continues, second edition rules & map will be used. No new game will be opened if this one should close.

DOWN WITH THE KING....Anybody interested? There's no DEFINITE opening yet, since I have to work on a PBM system, but anybody who's interested should drop me a line.

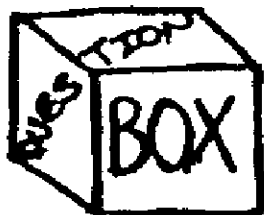
EVERYTHING-YOU-ALWAYS-WANTED-TO-KNOW-ABOUT-THINGSYOU-NEVER-REALY-WANTED-TO-KNOW---

In order for seven players to play enough games of Diplomacy so that each player plays each country against every possible combination of countries divided among the other players, at an average of 6 hours per game, those seven would be at it for almost 3½ years! (That doesn't include things like sleeping & working.)

Excuse me, but I've just been through the "Tuesday Night Bridge Club" meeting. I don't play, myself, since I spend too much time trying to learn how to play Diplomacy (I know HOW to play, but not how to PLAY).

This is page 6, and that over there is page 7; I'm almost positive....

Well, I'm already past 8 pages, so it looks like another 12-pager this month. And here's something from Jack Masters (the guy that got 2 presents from me - see page 3) that was in BLACK FROG #52: Late this month (November), Jack will tell all about the famous BLACK HOLE AFFAIR. From what I've heard, this involves a game in Bruce Linsey's THE VOICE OF DOOM in which a player was removed "for lying to the GM". You too can own a copy of this semi-historic issue of BLACK FROG by sending two "C" or 20c stamps (did you ever notice that the USPS uses "c" and not "¢" for cents?) to: Jack Masters, 28711 N. Vista Fairways Drive, Valencia, CA 91355. I don't know too much about this myself, so I don't want to lean one way or another on this one (remember Linsey vs. Caruso & Arnett in LOM #57), but I for one am getting this issue. (You know as well as I do that Bruce is going to make a rebuttal in THE VOICE OF DOOM, so get out your debate ballots and sit back....)



You can call it what you want to, but I like this logo, so it stays. There's one question this time, and it comes from your friend and mine, Kathy Byrne of Flushing, New York. Sez Kathy: "... (I say that Phyllis (her 12-year-or-thereabouts-old daughter)) is too young to date boys! It used to be 'can Phyllis come out to play'; now, it is 'can we (at least two at a time) take Phyllis

to the movies?'! I had another run-in today (October 12) with her, and I am calling on the hobby at large to vote on the biggest hobby feud. Is Phyllis old enough to date? And remember, if you vote against me, and I am in a game with you, I will repay you. And no matter what the outcome, Phyllis will never be allowed to date Crud!"

****Well, a recent "Eighth Floor Poll" revealed an almost-unanimous decision for Phyllis. I don't think it's a question of "is Phyllis old enough", but a question of "what can happen to Phyllis". At night, I don't even have to think twice - there have been innumerable attacks at night over here in Berkeley, and, besides, what movie could Phyllis possibly see at night that's not rated "R" or "X"? Therefore, this takes place in the daytime. Still, this is New York, and, even with the Guardian Angels, I still read about people being mugged on innocent street corners in San Francisco and muggings all over the place in Oakland. Can three people of that age make it to a movie theater safely? Will something go wrong? A mugging? Rape? Even MURDER? (The two boys are all right as long as they have Phyllis to protect them.) I still say "the brick in the purse", "the extra-loud airhorn" (in case the guy puts a hand over Phyllis's mouth and she can't blow her rape whistle), or even the "spray chemical" bit (it worked on the David Horowitz show - the guy's eyes stung for hours even after they were doused with water). (After that speech on "how not to be attacked", I'm sure Kathy will probably keep Phyllis under lock and key away from the windows and under 24-hour watch with a platoon of mercenaries walking her to school each day. Well, I'm not SURE...but there goes any chance of Phyllis's Pyramid appearing in this 'zine.)

CONFIDENTIAL TO ELSIE, MEMPHIS: Haven't you ever heard of Berkeley Farms brand? Or is that you on the Clover milk cartons? (Note: Clover milk is the brand in Marin and the Wine Country, and the cow's name is Elsie....)

~~THE-ZINE-THAT-WON-THE-MARCO-POLL-IS-FOLDING-COULD-IT-BE-COINCIDENCE-OR-THE-MAFIA?-~~

With Jack Masters's third win as France recently and Kathy Byrne's very possible (and third) Italian win coming up, it just may be the case that at least one person has scored a "hat trick" with every country!

If the ASUC is nice enough to do the copying, you can reciprocate by boycotting NESTLÉ products just like ~~the~~ us. (Can I help it if Cal students are automatically members?)

5. (C) C&D/B&O was a different game from BOXCARS/RAIL BARON.
6. (E) All four of those games, plus AIRBORNE and BLITZKRIEG: THE EARLY YEARS (renamed A RISING CRESCENDO, then CRESCENDO OF DOOM), were on the original SQUAD LEADER expansion list.
7. (B) No, it's NOT "Raging Bull".
8. (B) CAT-TASTROPHE was a subzine to WHITESTONIA.
9. (E) Actually, it's about 799,397 to 1 against.
10. (B) My sympathies to anyone who answered (E), though.
11. (A) ENVOY has the OFFICIAL Christmas issue.
12. John Prades had a hand in designing those 3 games.
13. A minimum of 8 fleets and a maximum of 13.
14. Rubik's Cube has 6; Kathy Byrne's cube has 7 (it's used in DIP SHUTES & LADDERS).
15. Eric Blake is the missing name here.
16. Buddy Tretick is the real name.
17. His son's ALIAS is "James Alan".
18. PEARL, although I'll be a nice guy and accept PEARL.
19. Not Marion, but Tim Bates. At least that's what the check says.
20. The only quarantine area I know of contains only one of those cities - Berkeley.
21. ACE OF ACES - it requires no loose pieces.
22. Jimmy Carter, who graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, whose grads are also called Old Blues.
23. I'll have to look it up in ARDA. (I did - it's "CM03")
24. Once again, ACE OF ACES.
25. Los Alamos, New Mexico.
26. Penzance (as in "The Pirates Of...") is in that location.
27. From what I have, it was in SUPERNOVA. I never saw it in VOICE OF DOOM.
28. 21 - the centers of each face are connected to the cube's center, and there are 20 other pieces.
29. 44 East 23rd Street
30. Dan Zadek was the author
31. It's called Nuclear Holocaust.
32. The Japanese sank it forty years ago this week (on the 10th, I think).
33. Our hero, A. Calhauer. (You spell his first name!)
34. Robert Heinlein wrote STARSHIP TROOPERS.
35. False - it took 5 months, not 6.
36. True - North Africa is an SC (actually, Naf is split into two provinces with one SC).
37. True - (91355-11355) divided by 8 = 10,000.
38. False - it was George Wallace, not Hubert Humphrey.

An official LOM cannon SALUTE for DICK MARTIN and JOHN CARUSO for "reimbursing" those subbers left in the cold from the folding of BORN TO DIP. **(BOOM)**

UNBELIEVEABLES?).....If you went north from Los Angeles, you'd pass to the east of Reno...for that matter, if you went north from the Pacific side of the Panama Canal, you would, again, pass east of the Atlantic side (in other words, in order to get from the Pacific to the Atlantic via the Panama Canal, you'd travel in a northwesterly direction, despite the fact that the Pacific is supposed to be west of the Atlantic and not the other way around)....the shortest plane ride in the United States is from San Francisco to Oakland - back in the days of "Super Saver" coupons, this was one of the most popular rides in the nation (\$10 a shot, and the coupons could save hundreds of dollars).

HOW-MANY-NON-UC-SCHOOLS-OUT-THERE-HAVE-MIDTERMS-IN-THE-FIFTH-WEEK-OF-CLASSES?-----

Yes, your illustrious friend here just went through a few midterms, including Discrete Mathematics (not "Psssst....don't tell anybody, but $2 + 3 = 5$ ") (one of very few classes where 88% is a B on the curve), Linear Algebra (for those of you who understand such things, the midterm was cut by 10 minutes because, 15 minutes into the exam, the professor announced a change in one of the problems; it seems that a given matrix which was supposed to be inverted by the student had a determinant of zero - the matrix was changed, and the exam was only extended five minutes), and Economics (somebody on the 8th floor here - and get with it, Grabar: the address is 802 1DA SPROUL HALL, not 208 Priestley Hall, although the 2400 DURANT AVENUE is still right - asked me how I did on that one....said person now walks around with my umbrella handle forged into her mouth).

STAMP OF THE MONTH DEPARTMENT: No, not the "C" stamp; if you're lucky, this month has a 20c (not 20¢) stamp with White House architect James Hoban on it. (It's a commemorative, by the way, so you won't see too much of it.) They might bring back the old General Marshall stamp; it used to be used for the 2-ounce third class 'zines, before the raise of first class to 18c and 2-ounce third class to 35c.

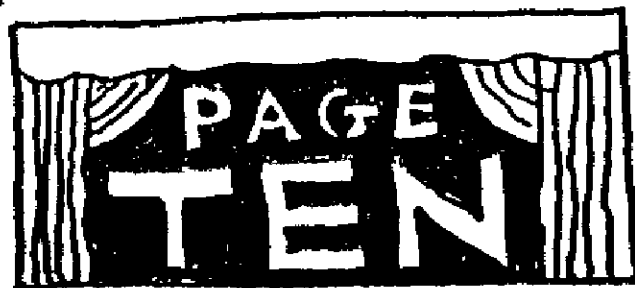
OH, BY THE WAY, that umbrella handle has been removed, in case anyone cares. Nobody wants to play Diplomacy, though - Bridge is the big thing around here, which is something I can't do. Once STANTINOPLE-CON 2 comes along, we'll see which game is tops. If there is a Diplomacy tournament that weekend, and it's in Sacramento, you're welcome to stop by on one of the three days, meet the gang, sign a few autographs, hand out a few samples, etc. Come and see the COLOR NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST MAP, along with the SOMEWHERE AROUND 185 (or is it 385) ISSUE 'ZINE COLLECTION dating back from ENVOY #9 and RETALIATION #13, as well as BRUTUS BULLETIN 72 and VOICE OF DOOM 24 plus BLACK FROG 19.

GAME OPENINGS

Still one opening in (SPIES I), two in TEXTBOOK DIPLOMACY, (that's regular Dip for students) unlimited in SOURCE OF THE NILE, and I think that's it. (see page 6)

Well, the NADB exams are in - thanks to Mark Berch, Kathy Byrne, John Caruso, John Michalski, John Pack, and Keith Sherwood for sending in their answers. The winner of the \$2 credit is KEITH SHERWOOD with an easy win over Mark Berch with John Caruso a close third. John Michalski was in the running as well - and Kathy Byrne, although lowest of the entrants, did better than anybody who didn't enter! Even I couldn't do as well at PACIFIC ORIGINS.

Say, did you know that they didn't put the eagle on the "C" postcards? Instead, there's Robert Morris, Patriot, but it's still "Domestic Rate". Canadians are out of luck. Next thing you know, prices will be raised on December 1, and the USPS will say, "Well, now we won't raise them again until 1982!"



PROVIDED there was an "AREA multi-player coordinator" that collected the AREA slips and did most of the work AREAwise. Until Roy Henricks of ENVOY-" (BUZZZZZ)

"ESM, Linsey....Heinowski"

"Right - Steve Heinowski was the only coordinator until then. Here's your bonus: 30 points for naming this game after one clue, 20 after 2 clues, 10 after all 3; you may give one answer after each clue, and the captain speaks for the team. First: this game was one of the first to go from Battleground to Avalon Hill."

(Captain Swider answers) "Machiavelli?"

"Wrong. Two: it's not MACHIAVELLI."

"Oh, great - SUBMARINE?"

"Blew it again. Finally: this game is sometimes associated with the answer to the tossup you just answered."

"What would that - oh, WOODEN SHIPS & IRON MEN."

"That's right for 10 points, and we're tied at 185...." Well, it remained this way (back and forth) until the final minute of play, when this happened: "It's tied at 250 with seconds remaining. Here's the tossup: for a quick 10 points, how many land provinces in Diplomacy begin with the letter "A" (RRRING)

"SCDA, Proskin....One?"

"No, but who's complaining? ESM?" (BUZZZZZ)

"ESM, Bates....Three"

"No, four, Apulia, Albania, Ankara, and Armenia. No points there. Another tossup: which province in Diplomacy comes LAST-" (BUZZZZZ)

"ESM, Swider....Vienna"

"Five point penalty....SCDA, which province comes LAST in the alphabet?" (RRRING) "SCDA, Masters....Yorkshire"

"Right for 10 points (cheers), and here's the 20 point bonus: you're so smart - what is the first letter that is the beginning of only ONE province in Diplomacy?"

(Fast talking between players, then the answer) "C"

"C for Constantinople is right for 20 points - here's the next tossup: for a quick 10 points, the Italian player is sometimes called the Pope. The last Italian pope was John Paul I, who was patriarch of a city that is also a province-" (RRRING)

"SCDA, Brown - Venice (TWEETEEET)"

"That's correct for 10 points, and there's the whistle to end the game!" (Crowd, obviously partisan, goes wild)

"It's official: the final score is 290 for the Southern California Dippy Association to 245 for the Endwellian Society of Mediocrity - the SCDA is the 1981 DIP BOWL WORLD CHAMPION!"

Well, that ends another year of DIP BOWL. I'm glad to see that very few of you submitted teams, as this means that I'm sure you won't mind if I make them up myself. Be with us on JANUARY 5, 1982, when the MICHIGAN DIPPERS meet the STARS & BARS in the opening game of the 1982 DIP BOWL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT!

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