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TWENTY-FIVE ISSUES. Will vendors never cease? And will I ever remember not to type LOM immediately after I type stencils? (For those of you who don't understand that....I write an occasional column for ALARMS & EXCURSIONS, which is mimeographed off of my stencils.) (No, everybody does NOT use my stencils for A&E; it's just that I type up the stencils and send them in to Lee Gold, who, I suppose, has a mime machine which prints the typed stuff on paper for a lot of people to see - but I actually wonder who reads those things....) Anyway, this issue contains the BIP BOWL 1982 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, the second annual NORTH AMERICAN DIPLOMACY BOARD HOBBY PLACEMENT EXAMINATION, some more Pythen, some News & Comment, and maybe a game or two.

But first, to renew an anniversary tradition with LOM.....

THE SECOND ANNUAL LIFE OF MONTY AWARDS (otherwise known as the Lifers)

Starting off with BEST 'ZINE, there's no contest here - send your complaints to me, but this one goes to EUROPA EXPRESS, from Gary Coughlan, 4614 Martha Cole Lane, Memphis, TN 38118. Lately, Gary has received some criticism about his "Bitch Page", but you can always skip that part and get on to the good stuff.

Insofar as I was in only one Diplomacy game in the past year, the BEST OPPONENT goes to (I hope this name is right) Bill "AREA Top 50" Hart. After a big AREA win, Bill joins the ranks of Steve Heinowski on the TOP 50 list.

BEST OVERALL PLAYER: Anyone who'd pass up a BipCon tournament to join an M&E game of WAR IN EUROPE deserves this one - Dick Martin. As for best overall Diplomacy player - who cares?

BEST GAME: This goes to THE TWO OCEAN WAR, a "variant" on WAR AT SEA and VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC with PLASTIC counters and something resembling a VINYL map! (GI: ANVIL OF VICTORY lost out because of the lack of DYO values.)

DIPLOMACY NEWS OF THE YEAR: PSEUDONYM WINS DIPLOMACY TOURNAMENT! Remember Michael Hasten at PACIFICON and his "friend" Michael X. Jackson, the tournament winner?

VARIANT OF THE YEAR: No contest here....in true Berkeley style, the prize goes to Frauke Petersen's BEER DIPLOMACY!

FAKE OF THE YEAR: Second prize goes to that fake GRAUSTARK that came out a few months back - the one with "John" pledging allegiance to Ronald Reagan.

First prize goes to me for faking half of you out there with that previous news about the "fake Graustark". You can relax, John.

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And now, continuing with my series of gamer's gripes, volume 2, I proudly (more or less) present the latest feud - AVALON HILL vs. THE PLAYERS. Not with wooden vs. plastic, though - this time, it's THE GREAT MAPBOARD CONTROVERSY!

In recent times, many Avalon Hill games have had a new style of map-board. Instead of the old backing, Avalon Hill now uses a thin cardboard backing, folding their maps in "accordion" style like some of their games (e.g. LUFTWAFFE, D-DAY) used to be; the maps are cut so that they are not in separate pieces, but will still fit into their boxes. Unfortunately, the combination of thin backing & accordion folding make it virtually impossible to make the board flat without breaking it apart! I should know - I tried "backfolding" my ROBIN HOOD board so that it might stay flat. As a result, one of the "pieces" split from the rest of the board, and is now held on with tape.

For games like MAGIC REALM and GUNSLINGER, where the pieces are separate, this backing is good - it allows for two-sided maps, which saves a bundle. However, for games like STRUGGLE OF NATIONS, STORM OVER ARNHEM, and the aforementioned ROBIN HOOD, it's almost impossible to keep the pieces from moving around by themselves because of the unevenness of the board.

There have been numerous complaints in the pages of THE GENERAL. However, I have a feeling that they're being listened to by the bigshots at AH about as much as the complaints about the plastic pieces in DIPLOMACY are. Meanwhile, games like CIVILIZATION and FLAT TOP have to suffer.

Like the plastic pieces, there are alternatives. For CIVILIZATION, for example, you can buy an unbacked mapsheet and some of AH's blank mapboard backings. It'll cost a small fortune, but that's your business. You can always split the boards apart - and pray that a strong wind or a heavy hand doesn't push them apart. You can yell until you're blue in the face, like some people are doing with SPI and TSR, but all you'll probably get is a blue face.

Of course, you can just accept things as they are. With luck, AH will not come up with the idea to use the cardboard backing and accordion folding for other games, like THIRD REICH or GUNS OF AUGUST or even DIPLOMACY. I'd like to see a DIPLOMACY game played with plastic pieces and an accordion map - maybe then somebody will take notice. That is, if they're not too busy keeping the pieces from flying all over the place. (Which brings up something I saw in EUROPA EXPRESS....what if they switch to accordion-fold maps AND cardboard counters?)

~~WHAT-IS-THE-DIPLOMACY-HOBBY-COMING-TO-NOWADAYS-HAVE-WE-ALL-GONE-GAME-DESIGN-CRAZY~~

MONTY'S NEWS AND COMMENT is brought to you by the NAAB, wherever it is....

Seems that West End Games just came out with what appears to be, if we can believe the cover art, a game that has something to do with feudal Japan. I forget what the title is, and I don't happen to have \$12 to spare at the moment to buy it for a preview, but I have this sinking feeling it's got something in common with DIPLOMACY - the designer's name is Michael Nills.

Say, what happened to Clark Reynolds' Diplomacy Tournament that's supposed to be held each year around Columbus Day? Has it been moved back to Valentine's Day Weekend - which is one week BEFORE Presidents' Day Weekend this year? And what about Larry Peery's planned tournament for that time? Time will tell....

Page 2, on the other hand, will
keep its big mouth shut.

Yes, it's happened....this is the TWENTY-FIFTH issue of LIFE OF MONTY, and nobody bothered to send in any articles. Probably because I never bothered to say, "Hey, next issue is the BIG TWO-FIVE and I'm looking for YOU, THE READERS to send in those articles for publication!" In cases of EXTREME emergencies, I have a reserve: I have the right to reprint articles from the National Wargaming Alliance magazine, the KRIEGSRAT. Not that I ever will, if I start seeing reader articles....

Some PBS station around here is showing the television version of THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY. It's a good series, but (a) it takes everything almost verbatim from the books THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY and THE RESTAURANT AT THE END OF THE UNIVERSE (by Douglas Adams) and (b) it does so in a span of six (or seven) half-hour episodes. How about a series including the new LIFE, THE UNIVERSE, AND EVERYTHING? Even better -- how about returning MONTY PYTHON?

QUOTE OF THE MONTH (by me) (with apologies to John Caruso, who publishes WHITESTONIA, from 160-02 43rd Avenue, Second Floor, Flushing, NY 11358, with samples available for 50¢ or so, since he started using quotes of the month long before I did): Diplomatic headaches can only be cured with extra-strength Tylenol. (Very funny....)

WHOEVER'S IN CHARGE OF LIGHT BULB JOKES DEPARTMENT: Say, how many Polish citizens does it really take to change a light bulb? (Answer somewhere else in this column)

Well, Steve Heinowski's AREA rating has remained at 1726 over the past two months (actually, from July to September), but he gained one place -- from 46th to 45th. He's still a far cry from five years ago, when he was fifth -- with a rating of 1744. My guess for the sharp rise in AREA scores is the multi-player rating rules introduced in mid-1977; even if a person with a 2500 meets six players, each with 600, the 2500 player gets a minimum of 120 points for a sole win (if a 2500 meets a 600 in one-on-one, the 2500 can't gain anything). That's probably the one thing wrong with the AREA rules. If a game that's hopelessly unbalanced, like WAR AT SEA, is played, both players can play each side once in a reasonable amount of time, and it counts as a draw in case of a 1-1 split. Take a game like DIPLOMACY -- which, although not as bad as WAS, is not a balanced game, and anyone who says it is has been in this hobby a bit too long. In order for everybody to play every country against every other permutation of countries, it requires 40320 games!

ANSWER TO THE LIGHT BULB QUESTION: None. Leonid Brezhnev is afraid that it could be the start of a Solidarity blackout and orders a Soviet soldier to change it. Which brings up one of James Dunnigan's recent questions: is the ICBM with your city's name on it carrying a chemical warhead (as opposed to nuclear)?

SPEAKING OF SPORTS....how many out there actually listened when I predicted that California would win the AL West? Not very many... insofar as nobody noticed I also picked the Dodgers and Mets. Nobody's perfect (except maybe Dave Crockett).

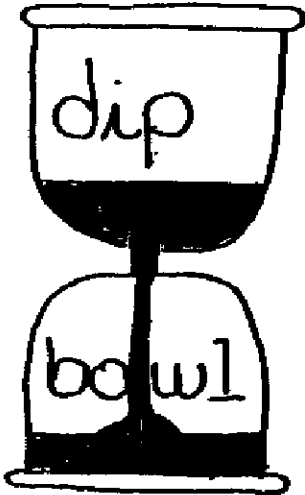
LATE NEWS FROM LAWRENCE LABS IN LIVERMORE, CA AND LOS ALAMOS, NM: After seeing the cover of LOM #24, they're thinking about opening up a third weapons lab in John and Kathy's house -- since "it already has a used weapons test site, or is that thing a waste dump?"

Eighteen points and forty places? That's progress.....

Good night!

This is the twenty-fifth PAGE
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From untold numbers of participants to 16 teams to...."Mike Conner, from Austin, TX....Peggy Gemignani, from St. Petersburg, FL....Gary Coughlan, from Memphis, TN....John Daly, from Rockwell, NC....those are the varsity dippers from the STAKS & BARS or-gi-ny-za-shun..... Robert Sacks, from New Yawk, NY....John Boardman, from Brooklyn, NY.... Allan Calhmer, from La Grange Park, IL....Doug Beyerlein, from Menlo Park, CA....and those are the varsity dippers from the DIPLOMATIC OLD GUARD.....(tweeet) It's time to match stabs with the champions in America's favorite game with fleets & armies of various shapes, sizes, and materials, the varsity sport of the mouth,



Today's game for the THIRD ANNUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP comes to you very nearly LIVE from - well, in order to prevent a repeat of the bloodbath of the final of 1980, we've put the two teams in separate rooms - one in New York, and the other in Atlanta, and the two teams are connected by satellite to the MC in Berkeley. Can everybody hear?"

Apparently, everybody could hear, so let's get to the good stuff...."With the score all even at 200, the next bonus is worth a big 30 points. Here's the tossup: the DIPCON map is divided into four districts. For 10 points, which regions-" (BUZZZZZ)

"S&B, Coughlan....Tennessee, of course, divided by I and III"

"-split a state? Hey, he's right, and, by some coincidence, he's from Tennessee. Now for the bonus....for 15 points each, name the supply centers at the beginning and end of a list of SCs in alphabetical order."

(Back comes the reply) "Albania and Yorkshire"

"I believe I said SCs! The answer is Berlin and Warsaw, so no points."

"WAIT a minute," Coughlan says as he stands up. "Albania and Yorkshire are SCs!"

"Gary," Boardman interrupts, "I think all of those fakes have been too much of a strain. Albania and Yorkshire aren't SCs!"

"They are on a variant map, so nyyyyah (nyyyyah?), and where are the 30 points?"

"Go take a hike, you southerners," can be heard from Sacks' direction. I never knew Robert was into physical fitness.

"What did he call us?" Gemignani asks Daly; John replies, "I think it was Southerners....Hey, Sacks, learn how to speak English, not New Yawkeza!"

"Look who's talking about English! Who knows what you four speak - it's amazing that any of your answers are ever allowed!"

Meanwhile, Beyerlein is still sleeping off last week's (actually, last month - these are tape delayed) match with Calhmer trying to wake him up. "That did it - next year, Maria takes your place!"

"Say," Gary continues, "are you sure that there aren't any wires connected to Doug this time?"

"We were going to, but all of our wire went into making a special surprise for you - lower it down!" Slowly, on the Southerners' side, a hangman's noose lowers in front of Gary's head, with a note saying, "Have a swinging time on us - the 1982 DIP BOWL champs".

"That did it - any southerners in Berkeley, see if you can pull the plug on those old geezers in New York or whatever it is they call that place."

This place is called PAGE 4,
even in such obscure places as
Memphis & Flushing

"Old Geezers? Fred Davis is NOT on this tea-"
The New York screen goes blank. "Well, let's see if we can't continue with this game - now where did the S & B go?" The other screen is now black as well. "I knew Sacks was God, but this is amazing!" After three minutes of blackness,....
(Tweeeect) "There's the whistle to end the game....it's official!"
(The two screens come back to life) "What? What's official?"
"Nothing's official unless I say so!"
"Hey, Calhmer, or was that Sacks, who's in charge around here? Anyway, the final score is 200 for the OLD GUARD to 210 for the STARS & BARS. The south comes through - the STARS & BARS are this year's WORLD CHAMPIONS!"
"Hey, Sacks, you're supposed to be God - do something!"
Sacks and Boardman get together and concentrate. Fractions of seconds later, half of Berkeley looks like Phyllis's room. Insofar as 3/4 of it did beforehand, somebody goofed.

~~THE-SOUTH-STRIKES-BACK-WHAT-ABOUT-NEXT-YEAR-WAIT-AND-SEE-WHEN-DIP-BOWL-RETURNS-SOX~~

DIPLOMACY....We've got THREE GMS for your approval:

GAME OPENINGS
DICK MARTIN: Game fee \$1, with three-week deadlines. Send game fees to me, and I'll forward them to Dick. Signed up: Michalski.

MARK KELLER: No game fee, run within LOM. Signed up: Michalski.

JIM MEINEL: No details yet, but I'll guess it'll be run within LOM. Needs 7.

Other games.....

The Rail Baron opening has been withdrawn insofar as I just looked at the PEM rules for this one - it'll take too long. Sorry, Dick.

SLAPSHOT: Up to 11 players for this one. I'm working on a full-season type of game, instead of the rules used in FTF play. Each team will play each other team once per month, with injuries replaced by draft before the next game played.

PACIFIC ORIGINS: This is the expanded version of ORIGINS OF WORLD WAR II which ran in THE GENERAL back in January of 1977 (the Jan/Feb 1977 issue, unavailable from AH, but you can get the rules from me). Seven players needed (USA/France/BRIT/GER/USSR/JAPAN/CHINA).

NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST - Dave Grabar, 1583 Truman Street, Chowchilla, CA 93610, is planning to open a game in December or January. Blast entire countries away at the slightest whim! Levy untold death and destruction on those people you hate! And no need to worry about a chain reaction destroying the solar system!! (This game will be run in Dave's 'zine, ITALIANO PRIBE)

~~BOOM-BLAST-POW-REAL-PULL-YOUR-HAIR-OUT-KINDS-OF-STUFF-SEND-IN-THE-TROOPS-RIGHT-AW/~~

And now for an advertisement.....WANTED: Copies of either SARATOGA or BRANDYWINE, two Revolutionary War games published in 1976 by the Oldenburg Grenadiers. I will pay \$20 for either of them. Please call Richard Hanson collect at 1-218-525-5586 or write to 4718 Norwood Street, Duluth, MN 55804.

Which reminds me....the ADVANCED CIVILIZATIONS in this country are the places where you don't have to dial "1" to make a phone call - but, then again, to call out of a dorm, you have to dial "9".....

Not only that, but it costs \$23 for
"installation" (throwing a switch) -
oh, this is PAGE 5

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ANOTHER GAME BITES THE DUST

Tim Winger, Keith Sherwood, and Jerry Lucas have agreed to a three-way AFR draw. Congratulations to the three of you on finishing what very well be the last Dip game I GM for a long time. I think I'll stick to simpler things for a while - SLAPSHOT and ORIGINS. I'll still run Diplomacy - under guest GMS. And, the Kingmaker game is still going on.

Game reports? Well, they're back home, and I'm in Berkeley. I may get a separate report out to the BNC in a few days if I can squeeze time between midterms. The report should be in the next LOM, along with the endgame statements, if I get any. I just hope that this game gets "regular status," which I doubt for four reasons: (1) nobody ever sent in orders for England; (2) the standby policy was a bit irregular; (3) there is still some doubt in certain minds as to whether or not Judy Winsome actually exists; (4) if she does (and I'm pretty sure, although I've never seen her), then she, along with Lucas and Winger, all live in the 415 area code area. (She....all live? Oops)

~~-GET-THOSE-DIPLOMACY-GAMES-FILLED-QUICKLY-I-DON'T-WANT-TO-HAVE-TO-BEG-FOR-FILLER-~~

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*MAKER, PARLIAMENT.....BOY, THAT WAS QUICK!

The BLACK HAND and GLASS UNION factions have conditional votes toward voting for all of Bob Wyatt's first proposals, so they pass in both houses. They are:

HOLLAND - Archbishop of York;
of Essex;
STAFFORD - Bishop of Norwich.

GREY - Earl
GREYSTROKE: Earl of Salisbury;

The next issue of LOM may be delayed a bit because it should come out during final exams, so let's get this part done quickly - let me know which nobles are returning to home castles (and which are staying at Barnet - remember King's Peace) by NOVEMBER 1.

NOTE: The nominations for the Marshal of England and the Earl of Westmoreland were illegal - Talbot is already Warden of the Cinque Ports, Cromwell was executed as a prisoner, and Holland is Earl of Richmond. These two cards return to Chancery.

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And now for something completely....a friendly visit to the neighborhood Pet Shop.....

(Opens the door) "I wish to register a complaint. Hello, Miss?"

"What do you mean, miss?"

"I'm sorry - I have a cold. I wish to make a complaint."

"Uh, we're just closing for lunch-"

"Never mind that. I wish to complain about this parrot that I purchased not half an hour ago from this very boutique."

"Yes, the Norwegian Blue. What's wrong with it?"

"I'll tell you what's wrong with it - it's dead, that's what's wrong with it."

"No, no, it's resting - look."

"Look, I know a dead parrot when I see one, and I'm looking at one now."

"No, he's not dead, he's resting."

"Resting?"

"Yes, resting. An exceptional bird, the Norwegian Blue. Beautiful plumage."

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"The plumage don't enter into it - it's stone dead."
"No! It's resting!"
"All right then, if it's resting I'll wake it up. HELLO POLLY! HELLO POLLY PARROT! I'VE GOT A NICE FISH FOR YOU IF YOU WAKE UP POLLY!"
(The shop owner hits the cage) "There, he moved!"
"No he didn't, that was you pushing the cage."
"I didn't!"
"Yes, you did." (Removes the parrot) "Wake up, Polly! (Throws the parrot a few times against the counter) Polly! Now that's what I call a dead parrot!"
"It's stunned."
"WHAT?"
"You stunned it just as it was waking up - Norwegian Blues stun easily."
"Look, I've had enough of this - the parrot is definitely deceased. When I bought it half an hour ago, you assured me that its total lack of movement was due to its being tired and shagged out after a long squawk."
"Well, it may be pining for the fjords."
"Pining for the fjords? What kind of talk is that? Look - why did it fall flat on its back the moment I got it home?"
"Why, the Norwegian Blue prefers kippin' on its back. Beautiful plumage!
"It's pining."
"It's not pining, it's passed on - this parrot is no more - it's ceased to be - it has expired - the parrot has gone to meet his maker - this is a late parrot - it's a stiff - vis a vis the metabolic processes, he's had his lot - if you hadn't nailed it to the cage, it'd be pushing up the daisies - it's rung down the curtain and joined the choir in Visibula - this is an ex-parrot!"
"I'd better replace it then...."
"If you want anything done in this country, you have to complain until you're blue in the face."
"I just looked - we're out of parrots. I've got a slug."
"Can it talk?"
"No."
"It's scarcely a replacement then, is it?"
"I'll tell you what - if you go to my brother's shop in Bolton, he'll replace the parrot for you."
"Bolton, huh? Very well...."
(Sound of a British Rail train)
"This is Bolton, is it?"
"No, it's Ipswich."
"That's Inter-City Rail for you...."
(Sound of a car)
"I wish to complain, British Railways person-"
"I don't have to have this job you know - I'm a qualified brain surgeon! I only do this job because I like being my own boss."
"Isn't this irrelevant?"
"It's not easy stretching these 'zines out every month."
"Well, I want to complain - I got on the Bolton train and found myself deposited here in Ipswich."
"This is Bolton."
"The pet shop owner's brother was lying!"
"You can't blame British Rail for that."
"If this is Bolton, I shall return to the pet shop."
(Another car)
"I understand this IS Bolton."
"Right."
"You told me it was Ipswich."
"It was a pun."
"A pun?"
"No, not a pun - what's that thing that's spelled the same backwards and forwards?"

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"A palindrome."

"Right."

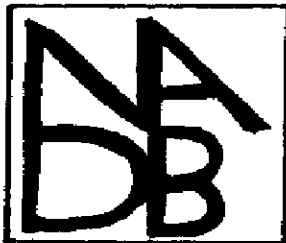
"It's not a palindrome - the palindrome of Bolton is Notlob - it doesn't work!"

"What do you want?"

"I'm not prepared to pursue my line of inquiry at the moment as I think this is getting too silly."

Well, that's easy for you to say - you don't have to fill all of these pages!

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1982-83 PROSPECTIVE HOBBYIST EXAMINATION

sponsored by the NORTH AMERICAN DIPLOMACY BOARD, wherever they are

INTRODUCTION: The NADB Prospective Hobbyist Examination was designed with two things in mind: (1) to see what stupid answers this hobby is capable of coming up with, and (2) to take up space in issues of LOM. To make sure nobody takes this seriously, there are a few questions **NOBODY** will get right! Remember the Bingo question from last year? (Q: What are the odds against filling a 24-number card in 48 calls? A: about 800,000 to 1 against) However, being the nice guy I am, I will hand out the freebies: \$1 credit to the high-scoring person, and 50¢ credit each to the second-high score **AND** whoever comes up with the best answers on those essay questions! (I couldn't believe that John Caruso actually tried that shoulder-and-foot against the wall stunt - I thought everybody had heard about that! If you don't remember, the question asked you to put your left shoulder and left foot against a wall, and to lift your right foot. Unless you're Spiderman, you end up on the floor, like John did.)

DIRECTIONS: There are four types of questions; (a) multiple choice, (b) fill-in-the-blank, (c) true/false, and (d) "essay". For each question, there is (well, should be) one correct answer (maybe not on some of the essay questions, though), which you have to find. You have until **JANUARY 7, 1983** to send in your answers.

HOW THIS THING IS SCORED: That's a secret. Don't worry, though; it'll be unbiased and non-arbitrary (and John Boardman's a Republican....)

A few pointers....

- (1) **DON'T PANIC!** (straight from the HITCH HIKER'S GUIDE)
- (2) Take your time - you've got lots of it.
- (3) If you don't know the answer to an essay question, write down something - remember the bonus prize.

STOP READING HERE - when the Vagon Construction Fleets come by, that will mean you waited too long to start, so hurry up.

Here they come - there goes **PAGE 8** -
hurry up and start, already

MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS

1. Which of the following is not necessary to make a Pan Galactic Gargle Blaster?
A) An Algolian Suntiger's tooth B) An olive C) A Babel fish
D) Some Zamphuur E) Santraginus V sea water
2. How many Avalon Hill games are in the 1982 GAMES 100?
A) None B) 1 C) 5 D) 10 E) 15
3. How many countries are depicted on a KINGMAKER map?
A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4 E) 5
4. What is the average per-turn time scale for the first two turns of CIVILIZATION?
A) 1 year B) 15 years C) 150 years D) 15 centuries
E) 15 millenia
5. Which of the major powers in DIPLOMACY begins with the fewest provinces?
A) Austria B) Italy C) Turkey D) Russia and Turkey
E) All but Russia
6. Which of the following people actually bothered to show up at PACIFICON 1982?
A) Marie Beyerlein B) Tim Winger C) Judy Winsome D) Dave Grabar
E) Keith Sherwood
7. With what game was Rod Walker's final column in S&T concerned?
A) ORIGINS OF WWII B) KINGMAKER C) DIPLOMACY D) THIRD REICH
E) NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST
8. Without using more than one set, what is the maximum number of fleets of one color that can be in play in DIPLOMACY at one time assuming that the wooden blocks are being used AND there are only 7 armies in play?
A) 5 B) 6 C) 7 D) 8 E) 9
9. Which of the following five games costs the most?
A) DIPLOMACY B) CIVILIZATION C) KINGMAKER D) WAR AND PEACE
E) THE GUNS OF AUGUST
10. Of the games in question nine, how many have the new cheaply-made accordion maps?
A) None B) One C) Two D) Three E) Four
11. In a six-player KINGMAKER game, what is the maximum number of cards that can be put in Chancery at the beginning of the game (after the Crown Card deal but before the first move)?
A) 5 B) 6 C) 8 D) 10 E) 16

PAGE 9 is only the beginning -
you've only done 11? Keep going,
you're almost out of time

12. How many issues of THE BRUTUS BULLETIN (counting doubles as 2) were published? (In other words, what was the number of the last BRUTUS BULLETIN?)
A) 100 B) 108 C) 109 D) 110 E) 99 zillion
13. What 'zine finished highest in the 1980 Leader Poll?
A) VOLKERWANDERUNG B) GRAUSTARK C) RUNESTONE D) FOL SI FIE
E) BLACK FROG
14. What GM finished lowest in the 1981 poll?
A) Bruce Linsey B) Brad Wilson C) Eric Ozog D) Bernie Oaklyn
E) Bruce Schneier
15. How many different "background colors" do the THIRD REICH counters come in?
A) 6 B) 10 C) 11 D) 12 E) 13
16. Most of SPI's R&D staff formed their own company called Victory Games. Their first planned release is now called _____.
17. Freeway I-80 runs from _____ to _____.
18. Speaking of what look like irrelevant questions at the moment, but could be of use someday: A king's first son is titled as a prince. A king's youngest son is titled _____.
19. _____ is the British version of the ZINE DIRECTORY.
20. Speaking of Britain, let's give them a chance to get a few right. _____ are the defending F.A. Cup champions, defeating _____ in the cup final replay.
21. Back to good old North America....Bruce Linsey's latest fiancee's name is _____. (I'm referring to the one who dumped him (I suppose) about a year back.)
22. Somebody at AH once drew the blue border all the way around the Diplomacy board - making _____ and _____ non-adjacent.
23. According to the Gamer's Guide to Diplomacy, there were three two-coast provinces in 1958 Dip - Spain, Bulgaria, and _____.
24. Before moving to 43rd Avenue, Kathy and John lived on _____ street.
25. Ieapo STABO comes from the planet _____.

The next set of questions are TRUE/FALSE.

26. According to the description in THE HITCH HIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY, Sandra Dickinson was a rather poor choice to portray Trillian in the TV series of the same name.
27. Question 26 has absolutely nothing to do with the hobby.
28. KINGMAKER was not one of this year's GAMES 100.
29. Nicholas Palmer, author on wargames, advises against a "two-front war" in DIPLOMACY.
30. Alan Moon lost a game of STORM OVER ARNHEM to Don Greenwood in which Don, as the British player, didn't get any artillery until turn 5.

Don't stop on this PAGE 10 -
there are 15 questions to go

31. Roy Henricks was the first person to run an AREA-rated game of RAIL BARON.
32. There has never been a 'zine published from Antarctica.
33. This is LIFE OF MONTY, a 'zine by Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904 (until January 1, 1983, that is) (even after that date, mail will still be accepted there, and I'll read it once a week), phone (415) 643-2185 Sunday night through Friday morning and (415) 461-2692 at other times, but keep it between noon and midnight Pacific time if you can.
34. The University of California, Berkeley recently placed a rather large computer software order with Bob Arnett's new company.
35. John Boardman once had a 'zine specifically for PBM ORIGINS OF WORLD WAR II.

And now for the essay questions.....

36. Choose any two of the following and tell what they have in common:
 - (a) Robert Sacks
 - (b) Marvin the Paranoic Android
 - (c) TSR, Inc.
 - (d) A Norwegian Blue Parrot
 - (e) Beer Diplomacy
37. Where should DipCon 1984 be held, instead of Dallas? For that matter, why? (Note that "Dallas is in the South" will not be accepted)
38. Remember last year's famous left foot/left shoulder against the wall problem? Okay, this one's a little different....place the side of your right foot and your right shoulder against a wall. Describe what happens when you lift your left foot.
39. What were the circumstances causing Kathy Byrne's name to appear in John Boardman's non-Dip 'zine EMPIRE?
40. Everybody can name your favorite 'zine - name your favorite single issue of all of the 'zines you have. (That should have read, "Everybody could name THEIR favorite 'zine....")
41. Describe the socio-economic benefits of the British Rail Service derived from the fact that PHYLLIS'S PYRAMID hasn't been seen in a while.
42. Comment on the statement: "Real Wargamers Don't Play Diplomacy."
43. If DIPLOMACY suddenly came out with cardboard-backed, accordion-folded maps, describe what you would do in retaliation.
44. How could dice best be used in DIPLOMACY?
45. Here comes the last question: What 'zine would be the best to have a THE BEST OF _____ featuring the best articles/letters/games from the issues of that 'zine?

END OF THE EXAMINATION.....end of this issue, for that matter. Because of upcoming final exams, the next issue may be delayed to late November or even mid-December, right in the middle of the Xmas "rush" (quite the opposite, actually - everything's slower!). Hopefully, I can get a Christmas/NewYear issue out in time, but it'll be close....get those answers in!

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it's only a 12-page issue

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