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That's right, number 44 - last issue was supposed to be 43, but I used the header from issue 42 and didn't change the number....so you know this must be LIFE OF MONTY, brought to you by Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339, phone (415) 461-2692. I'm still pounding the pavement looking for some full-time computer work.... I've read that the Civil Service is looking for my type in SF, Boston, and NY (just what Phyllis and Francine want to hear - I may be in NY full-time!! Then again, I remember how it was the last time I was in NY....), but it starts at about \$8.50 an hour - a little less than the \$13 per hour average, if you ask me.

And now.....IT'S.....

MONTY'S NEWS AND COMMENT is brought to you by - do you actually care?

From the awards department, LEE KENDLER SR. is the winner of the Don Miller Memorial Award for service to the hobby. Lee is the current MNC and one of the guys in the three-way draw I was in during the first round of Marycon (I was told that talking him out of continuing the game was an accomplishment - he wanted to go with me for a 2-way, which, according to John and Kathy, would have probably ended up as a win for Lee; he was in position to do so had we continued for a 2-way). Meanwhile, the BNC wasn't even nominated, which only goes to show that regular Dip just isn't what it used to be.... (either that, or the Miller award, named for the same person that the Miller numbers were named for, is variant-oriented in some way, since the first winner was the person who revamped the Miller Numbers)

Also, MARK BERCH receives the Rod Walker Award for "literary excellence". The award goes to Mark for his "Shep Rose" article in DIPLOMACY WORLD. The nominations tended to be for individual articles (there was one person nominated "for unspecified press releases" or something like that), which I agree with, even though DIP WARZ wasn't nominated; did any members of the nominating committee ever see DIP WARZ?

The Dipcon committee in Dallas has awarded the 1985 Dipcon to SEATTLE. The new committee will be Pete Geughan, Terry Tallman, and Rod Walker. Will I be there? That depends on how things are next year....meanwhile, I will be at PACIFICON this Labor Day weekend, along with Dave Grabar and others, so you can avoid us by being at PUDGECON.

Kathy Byrne needs YOUR help! She's looking for nominations for the OFFICIAL KM MASCOT, so get your entries in to Kathy at 160-02 43rd Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358.

Speaking of Flushing, the all-new STAB OF THE CENTURY is looking for a few good couples to fill the ranks. Ken Corbin and Joan Extrom, perhaps? Steve and Dai Langley? Cathy Cuning and Eric Ozog? Applications are also being accepted for a "seventh" player (after all, three pairs is only six), if you're interested. (The original SOTC was a good idea spoiled by bad blood - why not try it again?)

TRIVIAL PURSUIT is here! That's right - the first PEM TRIVIAL PURSUIT game is opening up in LOM. Don't worry that you're not good enough - I'm trying to make sure Fred Davis doesn't hear about this until it's filled. (If he enters, it'll take longer than it takes to fill my Dip games to get enough players who think they can beat this guy.)

NEXT ISSUES GOES INTO THE MAIL: AUGUST 18

PAGE 1 already came in the mail...

SUBMARINE WARFARE

(a neat idea for a subzine)

by

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Welcome once again to the only subzine good enough to have my name on the masthead. Don del Monte informed me that the last SW arrived one day too late to be included in the issue before, so it appeared in the last issue. Hopefully, this one will be in the subsequent issue and there won't be another month gap between your fix of SW. Some of you have been shooting up SW, or so I hear. I can't envision someone actually putting bullet holes in this sacred writing, so I must assume that they are injecting the darn thing to satisfy their craving for bozo writing.

Today was one of those days when one must feel good. The temperature was perfect, there wasn't too much humidity, and a slight breeze. So I naturally went golfing. And had a decent round (at least for ME). Now, feeling good, I am attacking the typewriter and here comes the latest drivel from THE MIND OF MINOLTA.

What, you might well ask, are we in store for in this issue of SW? What indeed! Actually I don't quite know yet. I suspect you will still find me whining about not having players for my dip opening. There will no doubt be more Dominoid stuff. And, this issue will premier the first round in the latest game show to make the World of Dipdom. Plus whatever miscellaneous nonsense I need to throw in to fill in the rest of the space left afterwards. Space that could be filled in by game material, if there was only a game to write about. But I wouldn't want to pressure any of you to sign up for this. No siree, Bob.

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***Dip opening *** Not an issue goes by that I don't mention that a) I have an opening for a regular game of ol' Dip and b) that only Bob Olson is signed on so far and c) I am not charging a game fee, though I am asking for a \$5 NMR fee (because I HATE NMR's) note: Mike Ehl is abusing me in the press of Herve because he has three people signed up for his game while I only have Olson. Such is life. I will also need standbys for this, should I ever be lucky enough to fill the darn thing. I am optimistic regarding NMR's, but realistically, standbys are needed. Any volunteers?

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I have been bitten by the computer bug. I have been thinking about getting one for a long while. One of my delivery drivers is studying computers, and he has given me lots of reading materials on the subject. Well, today I went into a store, wandered into the computer section, and the first thing I see is a Macintosh, and what's more, it's on sale. So, come Thursday, I will be picking up my new Macintosh. I will let you know what I think next month.

1 for you,
2 for me....

PAGE 2 - a sloppy idea....

Today's true-to-life Domino's story concerns our regional awards banquet. The region which Columbus is in was called The Board Region, after Dave Board (the regional director). However, the company reorganized the regions, splitting some of the larger ones into smaller ones. I am now in the Nickep region (named for Nickep Romyananda). But since the award year was last year, and the region was still the Board Region, we had a combined award banquet for both the Nickep Region and The McCormack Region. Are you with me so far, and do you really care? Anyway, the thing was held in Nashville. We were supposed to ride down on a bus on Wednesday, party all night Wednesday night, go to breakfast and the awards ceremonies, eat lunch, and ride back on the bus that afternoon. Everyone who did that looked like they were truly burnt to a crisp by the end of the whole thing. (Burnt to a crisp is Domino talk for burned out badly.) I did things a little differently. Nickep Romyananda, our regional director, was a manager about six years ago. I worked under him for about two months, and got to know him fairly well as a result. He called me up Monday night and suggested that he and I ride down to Nashville together, since he had to go to another banquet before our banquet, and he needed to be there early. It seemed like a good idea to me, so we hooked up his Escort (radar detector) and flew like the wind to Nashville.

Once in Nashville, we stayed at the Opryland Hotel, the lap of luxury. Since I did not have a room reserved for Tuesday night, I had to stay in Nickep's suite. What a hardship! Even the ordinary rooms here are extremely nice, but a suite. We had a little balcony that overlooks the Conservatorium, which is really nice. Some guy plays a harp and two other guys accompany him, making the whole thing kind of idyllic. The upshot of this is I was much fresher, allowing me to party much heartier than most of the others. I did, however, pay a dear price the next day. But I did survive. I didn't receive any awards, which is a severe injustice. I really thought I did a good job last year, but such is life. In any event, I had a real good time, and got to talk to the regional director for several hours about what he has in mind for us for this year. I have been around Domino's for a long time, and that does have some advantages. I know personally several people that have since moved up into high positions in the company. Of course, that is only good as long as you don't screw up too bad. Hopefully, that won't be a problem.

THISLITTLESEPARATORWENTTOMARKETTHISLITTLESEPARATORSTAYEDHOME

Let's see, now. I actually got a letter. I have gotten three letters since I started this thing, plus Bob Olson's note signing up for my game. My latest letter is from Ken Peel, and is so nice that I have to print the darn thing. He actually says nice things about SW. Well, you can read for yourself.

Pretty cheeky linear separators in SW: Written in a forlorn, unloved mood eh? If I told you that your latest SW was creative and enjoyable, would you hold it against me? What about a pair of French peninsulas? ((I assume you mean French provinces. Of course, you might be wierder than even I, and you maybe want peninsulas.)) And oh yes, keep those pizza stories coming.

Can't sign up for the game, though. ((What good are you, anyway.)) But I do have a suggestion. Do you read NSWG? Did you notice that Bernie Oaklyn (or whatever) is back? Tallman mentioned that Bernie would be in his next game opening, which wasn't even open yet, and bingo, the game was one from filled. Maybe Bernie would like to play in a couple games. I'm sure Olson wouldn't mind. He always did well in LE Front. Or maybe you can even out do Tallman. Maybe Richard Nixon or Charles Manson would be interested.

Well, just some thoughts to chew on

That's funny - I 2 count 3 pages

My humble thanks to Ken for that wonderful missive. Encouragement, no matter how slight, is always appreciated. And now, what goodies await? How about a new game show. I have an idea for one that should be quite popular. And so, I now launch, for your entertainment, the latest and greatest in game shows. (Fanfare, trumpets, a few tada's, and away we go.)

And now it's time to play that newest game craze, "Let's Stab A Mad Lad." That's right friends, the hobby obsession has been converted into a game show. Every week a new contestant tries their hand at pulling off a successful stab. And now, here's your host . . . Deeerwooooood Bowen!!! (Sounds of scattered applause permeate the air.)

Thank you Don Pardo, for that . . . introduction. Yes fans, we are here to have fun and stab some Mad Lads. But before we meet our first contestant, I shall introduce you to our authority on Diplomacy, ~~and~~ Mark Berch. Hello, Mark. Do you have the complete rules in front of you?

(A voice is heard from behind an enormous stack of paper. If you look really hard, you can barely make out the top of Mark's head, though the glare makes it hard to tell for sure.) Yes, Derwood, I have here the complete VOD houserules. The fourth edition, unabridged, of course.

Thank you, Ghod. And now, let's meet our first contestant. (Sounds of applause, followed by groans and a few "Oh, no. Not him,"'s) It says here that your name is . . . Steve Arnawoodian. What do your friends call you?

What friends? Most people call me Woody. A few people call me CENSORED, or BLEEP.

Well, we here will call you Woody, then. OK, Woody, you were briefed before the show, having forgotten your BVD's. You were also informed of the rules of our little contest. But, for the people back home, we will quickly go over the rules. First, we outline the situation. Then, it is up to you to detail the stab. Our panel will judge how effective your stab is, giving you numerical scores from 1 to 10. We throw out the high and the low score, and total up the remainder. Then, that becomes the score to beat. Are you ready, Woody?

Of course. Since I consider myself the consummate player this should be a piece of hamster.

Say what? Never mind. OK, Woody. Here is your situation. You are Turkey, and there is a notorious Mad Lad playing Austria. In spring '01, you moved ACon-Dul, FAnk-Con, ASmy held. In fall '01, you moved FCon-Aeg, ASmy-Con, ABul held. You built FSmy. Austria got Serbia and Greece while army Vienna bounced with Russia in Galacia both seasons. Italy Lepantoed, while army Venice held both seasons. The Russian Fsev moved to Rumania and held. He did not build in Sev in '01. Now, Woody. What is your stab?

First, I write the Italian and tell him what a scum bag all Mad Lads are. I suggest he help me rid the world of such riffraff. Then I write to the Russian and suggest that he and I work together, seeing as how that Mad Lad is so untrustworthy that he has to bounce him two seasons in a row. Then I suggest to the Italian that he take Greece, with my support, using the Fleet in the Ionian. For the fall, I have the Italian fleet support my army Bulgaria into Serbia.

(A loud buzzer sounds at this point.)

WRONG - this SHOULD be PAGE 4.
What consolation prizes does Derwood win?

That buzzer means you have violated a rule of the game and are disqualified. Mark, what rule did Woody violate?

Well, Derwood, Woody violated two rules. The first one is IX, 1, which states in part that one cannot support into a space unless the unit giving the support can itself move into that space. Obviously, the Italian fleet cannot itself move into Serbia, which is a landlocked province. Hence, it cannot support the army moving from Bulgaria to Serbia. A better move would have been to convoy the Italian army into Greece. Then the army could have supported the move from Bulgaria.

Gee, I didn't think of that.

I am sorry to hear that, Woody. Mark, what was the other rule that Woody violated?

Rule MCMXXIV, 15, which states in part that simple-minded antelopes can't play Diplomacy. Woody's play has proven that to be a wise rule.

Well, Woody. We're sorry you didn't do better. Don, tell Woody what consolation prize he will receive.

Yes, Derwood. We have for Woody a years supply of hamster kisses. These treats will have your little furry friends eating out of your hand. We also have a copy of the home game. And now, back to you, Derwood.

Thanks Don. Well, that about wraps it up for this month's edition of Let's Stab A Mad Lad. Tune in next time when our contestant will be Julie Martin. So long.

THISLITTLESEPARATORHADROASTBEEFTHISLITTLESEPARATORHADNONEAWW

Well, with that we have almost ended the latest SW. This leaves me only about a half page of white space to fill. How about a record review. I just bought the new Russ Ballard album, called "Russ Ballard." I like it real well.

THISLITTLESEPARATORWENTTWEETWEETWEETALLTHEWAYHOMELEAVINGAYELLOWTRAIL

Shag the fag wanted to bag a hag. So he gagged the hag with a rag. Then he bagged the hag with the rag gag. The rag gagged hag wagged her fingers at Shag the fag so violently that the bag dragged, causing it to lag behind. Shag the fag lost the bagged dragged rag-gagged hag. It was just as well. She probably didn't swallow anyway.

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Since I am writing this last little bit on the 4th of July, it seems appropriate to write something patriotic. So I say, let's show our true blue American spirit and come out in support of the CIA. Remember subverting foreign governments is a dirty, thankless job. But somebody has to do it. So three cheers and a few huzzahs for the men in the trench coats buying government officials and guerrillas. Hip, hip, hooray for the man in the background supplying the young kids with all the implements of destruction. Hooray for the young woman seducing some top government official to obtain secret information. And yahoo for the devoted assassins, knocking off yet another menace to the American way of life. All of this they do with no external control just so we can have a free conscience. What a great bunch of Americans!

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Derwood won't admit that this is PAGE 5, but it is - no, really!

DIPLOMACY

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SPRING 1901....OKAY, WHO ARE THE ALLIES?

AUSTRIA (Wagner): A BUD-RUB, A VIE-Gal, F Tri-ALB

ENGLAND (Martin): A Lvp-EDI, F Lon-NIE, F Edi-NWG

FRANCE (Bjornsson): F Bre-ENG, A Par-GAS, A Mar-SPA

GERMANY (Doyle): A Mun-RUB, A Ber-KIE, F Kie-HOL

ITALY (Stegeman): A Ven-TRI, A Rom-APU, F Nap-ION

RUSSIA (Lee): A Mos-STP, A WAR-Gal, F SEV-Rum, F Stp(ac)-BOT

TURKEY (Gestiehr): A Con-BUL, F Ank-CON, A Smy-ARM

Sorry about such a short deadline for Spring 1901....the deadlines will be a little longer from now on, because the Herve game requires a longer deadline, necessitating a change to 5-week issues.

DEADLINE for FALL 1901 is AUGUST 16. The house rules are included in this issue - especially note rule number 3. Note that there will be no excuse for being late - the issues will be xeroxed on the 17th and mailed on the 18th. Here comes the press:

ARMENIA-MOSCOW: Surprize! Surprize! Surprize!

CELTICS-LAKERS (from GERMANY): We're No. 1, We're No. 1!!!

GM: All Celtics-type press is German.

BOSTON: Larry, Larry, Larry!!

Bird-NBA: ~~Moses~~ Magic Nicholson eats (deleted by GM)

MVP: 1) Larry Bird 2) D.J. 3) Robert 4) Gerry 5) Danny 6) Greg
7) Carlos 8) Scotty 9) Max 10) Kevin 11) Johnny 12) Chris
13) K.C. 14) Red 15) Quinn - What a team

GM: Isn't this the same team that hasn't won a single game in Oakland since (at least) 1980-81?

GERMANY-CELTICS: Damn I love it!

GERMANY-EUROPE: Well, back to Diplomacy. I am now accepting pleas for mercy, although that doesn't mean I'll show mercy. Against my nature, don't you know.

AUSTRIA: Hello and best of luck to all.

PARIS-LONDON: Terribly disappointed over lack of correspondence. Fear the worst. Sending representative to offer assistance.

RUSSIA-FELLOW PLAYERS: Not a very talkative bunch, are you. Well then neither am I.

RUSSIA-WORLD: The war hasn't started yet, so in the spirit of avoiding a calamitous world conflict, here's my favorite movement from James Goldman's play The Lion In Winter. Eleanor of Aquitaine is addressing her three sons, but it may as well be Eleanor addressing the seven of us. Eleanor - "How clear we make it. Oh, my piglets(?), we're the origins of war, not history's forces nor the times nor justice nor the lack of it nor causes nor religions nor kinds of government nor any other thing. We are the killers; we breed war. Dead bodies rot in field and stream because the living ones are rotten."

LONDON: Boring, boring...

LONDON-94904-1339: Isn't three weeks for SOI negotiations in a momentous game like this a little unusual? Ah well, if your order-receiving is anything like my letter-receiving, we'll be getting a longer deadline next time?

ENGLAND: Should I write golden age press, or stick with the infield banter we all know and love. Oh, well, I guess that the style of this release should answer that question.

AT A SMALL PUB, SOMEWHERE IN BELFAST: Paddy McBankaccount crouched over his warm brew, pondering, "Should we stick with pressed banners, or goldenrod in the outfield?" he mused to the dartboard. "I suppose that what we see, we shall see." As you can see, Paddy is somewhat the philosopher.

ENGLISH HIGH COMMAND: SUBJUGATE NORWEGIANS ASAP STOP OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO HIS MAJESTY STOP HE PREFERS ROLLS ROYCES TO FJORDS STOP STOP

GM: This stuff is on PAGE 6

TRIVIAL PURSUIT

HOUSE RULES for PBM play of Horn Abbot/Selchow & Righter's TRIVIAL PURSUIT

1. At the start of the game, each player mails in a preference list of the 6 categories in order from most preferred to least. This list is used in determining which direction to move the player's piece during the game, and may be changed at any time. Players may also send in a preference list for the playing piece colors.
2. **THE TURN:** Each turn, each player receives six die rolls (in order). For each die, his/her piece is moved as follows:
IF THE PLAYER HAS ALL SIX WEDGES: Moves will always be toward the center space. If the die takes the piece past the center space, the piece goes to the appropriate spoke so that the question is from a category as high on the player's priority list as possible.
IF THE PLAYER DOES NOT HAVE ALL SIX WEDGES: The following list will be used, starting at the top and going down, unless the player has specified a different strategy with his/her previous orders.
 - 1) If the roll places the piece on a headquarters for a wedge the player does not have, move the piece there.
 - 2) If the roll places the piece on a "Roll Again" square that is 5 or fewer spaces from a headquarters for a needed wedge, move there.
 - 3) If the roll places the piece on the center space, move there.
 - 4) Move so that the distance to the nearest needed-wedge headquarters plus the space's priority (1-highest priority category, 2-second, and so on) is as small as possible.

In case two or more spaces are equal, use space priority, followed by distance to nearest needed HQ, then distance to second-nearest, then third-nearest, then random choice.
3. **ADDITIONAL ROLLS:** "Roll Again" spaces don't count against the six die rolls - in other words, each turn, each player gets six questions.
4. **ENDGAME:** When someone approaches all 6 wedges, the other players should mail in which category his/her (i.e. the player nearing the end) last question should be in. Ties are broken by low priority. (Yes, you CAN put one of your good categories at the bottom - however, whatever category was at the bottom the longest amount of time during the game is used at the end, to prevent last-second changing.)
5. **DETERMINING THE WINNER:** The winner is NOT necessarily the first finisher - but, instead, the person with the fewest misses (since, in the real game, fewest misses means fewest turns, which means fastest finish). Ties are counted as "shared wins". Thus, the game is not over until all remaining players have more misses than the best player already finished.
6. **CARD SETS IN USE:** Both the Genus and Baby Boomer sets are in use - so each player must tell the GM which category to use for each color. Here's a list:

<u>COLOR</u>	<u>GENUS EDITION</u>	<u>BABY BOOMER EDITION</u>
BLUE - - -	GEOGRAPHY - - - - -	TELEVISION
PINK - - -	ENTERTAINMENT - - - -	STAGE & SCREEN
YELLOW - - -	HISTORY - - - - -	NIGHTLY NEWS
BROWN - - -	ART & LITERATURE - - -	PUBLISHING
GREEN - - -	SCIENCE & NATURE - - -	LIVES & TIMES
ORANGE - - -	SPORTS & LEISURE - - -	REM (MUSIC)

7. **NMRs:** An NMR counts as missing all six questions asked. (Otherwise, a player could NMR if he/she didn't know any answers and get a "bonus".)

8. This is PAGE 7. / 9. There is NO rule 9.

HERVE

NO PLAYERS, BUT HERE ANYWAY

HERVE Winter 02

A (Michalski): NWR; has A Tyr, A Boh, F Aeg, A Bul, A Gre

E (Browner): has F Mao, F Eng, F Nth, A Pio

F (Gardner): has F Por, A Bre, A Gas

G (Shores): Build A Ber, A Kie; has A Bur, A Sil, F Bal, F Swe, A Nwy, A Ber, A Kie

I (Bowen): Build F Rom, F Nap; has F Spa(so), A Mar, A Pie, F Yme, F Rom, F Nap

R (Slaughter): has F Dob, A Fin, A Sev, A Ukr, F Rum

T (EHH): retreat A Bul to Box, build F Con; has F Con, F Ble, A Smg

Seasons have been separated by majority "request." Out of the goodness in my heart, I counted all the NWRs for spring 03 as a "request" for a separation. I really don't want to run a game with less than half the players submitting orders. But hey, that's up to you in the future. Since Don has no standbys, I would like to make this game officially a "no-standby" game. The position is yours forever, no matter how many NWRs you commit. Also, I'm not sure what the LOMHR is on this, but this game should also be NWR-NO. If any of you as players object to these rules, let me know *now* and we will discuss it further. I'd like this game to be as fun as possible for you, and for me as well. But the most important thing is to *get your orders in!*

You have proposals for an FT draw, a FRIGATE draw, and a concession to Kathy Byrne. Please vote on them next time. I'm not sure about the legality of the concession to Kathy. While she does seem to get most of her wins at my expense, or under my GMship, since she's not even a player in the game this sounds pretty shady. Perhaps I'll ask the BNC about this.

MIKE to DERWOOD: maybe we could help each other out and sign up for each other's games.

ROCKVILLE: Oh, so you're a crossgamer!

TURK to MR ROARK: The people who write about reality in TMOBR are having delusions. Reality does not exist anywhere! I do not exist. You do not exist. Nothing is real. We are just fooling ourselves here.

MR ROARKVILLE: Oh, no, we understand what the real truth is. However, the TMOBR folks are way out in the arid desert of twisted logic, trying to find a mythical oasis called "Reality." Pity them, for they know not what they do.

A SHY to ALLAH: That wasn't quite what we had in mind. We just had in mind. We just decided to become agnostics.

ROCKVILLE: Allah works in mysterious ways....

CONSTANT NOBLE: After the Balkan Expeditionary Force and Comedy Troupe was booted out of Bulgaria, the Sultan announced that all BEF&CT members either committed suicide or were executed. The troupe will be replaced by the Mediterranean Kamikaze Fleet and Jazz Combo. Gigs are planned for Cyprus and Crete, depending on the defensive abilities of Kaiser Johannski's slime-dogs.

ROCKVILLE: And on this happy note we wrap up this edition of World News and Report.

DEADLINE for SPRING 1903 is AUGUST 10, 1984. (Dick, note that the submission deadline for the next issue is August 16.) My house rules appear elsewhere in this issue, if anybody's interested.

~~HANDS-ACROSS-THE-WATER-WATER-HANDS-ACROSS-THE-SEA-HANDS-ACROSS-THE-WATER-WATER-HAND~~

Tired of the same old hobby gossip, the same old feuds, the same old players? Now YOU can enjoy that British brand of hobby gossip, feuds, players, and whatnot. I know what you're saying - "What about the monetary exchange?" Well, now with the INTERNATIONAL SUBSCRIPTION EXCHANGE, all of the hassle of money vs. money is eliminated. How it works is this:

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- 2) Send your name, address, phone number, the zine(s) requested, the publisher(s) name(s) and address(es), mailing instructions (surface or air mail), and how much money you want as your subscription(s) - include a 10% surcharge - to Steve Knight, 11905 Winterthur Lane, Apt. 103, Reston, VA 22091. (For you British readers, send yours to Doug Rowling, 194 Hawkhead Road, Paisley PA2 7B5, Renfrewshire.)

PAGE 8 won't convert to pounds -
it likes kilograms

EARN BIG MONEY MAKE NEW FRIENDS BECOME A STANDBY

Well, asking politely doesn't seem to work around here, so it's OUT WITH THE FREEBIES. Yes, even LOM games need standbys - ESPECIALLY LOM games! That's why YOU can earn FREE issues of YOUR favorite 'zine - EVEN if it ISN'T LOM. Does THE VOICE OF DOOM make this offer? EUROPA EXPRESS? WHITESTONIA? EREHWON? DENVER GLONT? LIFE OF MONTY? Well, LOM does, which is more than I can say for the others....

Here's the deal: if you're assigned to be a standby, and you take the position, you get \$1 credit upon receipt of your second set of orders. If you finish out the game, you get an additional \$1 credit. Should your first set of orders be for the last season of the game, you receive \$1.50 credit. This credit can be for LOM or for ANY 'zine of your choice (with the agreement of the publisher of the 'zine you wish to receive - and hobby-type 'zines only, please; no requests for THE GENERAL or S&T, e.g.).

It's YOUR choice - you can earn big money, make new friends, or take a chance by being a standby. If it's good enough for Ken Peel - it's probably good enough for you.... (also Mike Ehl)

~~STANDBIES-NEEDED-NEED-STANDBIES-STANDBY-PLAYERS-ARE-REQUESTED-ASKED-FOR-BEGGED-HEI~~

DIPLOMACY - Standbys needed - see above.

Want to be a regular player? Derwood Bowen (1643 Granitewood Lane, Columbus, OH 43229) and Mike Ehl (1715 Cottonwood, Springfield, OR 97477-7620) have openings - contact them.



KINGMAKER - doesn't anybody play this game? Still 5 openings.

NUCLEAR WAR - includes NUCLEAR ESCALATION (more bang for your opening). Still 4 spots. (I might start with only 4 or 5 - let's see how the ZINE REGISTER response is.) If you own only one of the two, let me know so I can send you details on the other one.

PRO WRESTLING - doesn't anybody out there play this? I know Woody likes wrestling, but he's not a subber. I'll give it one more try....

ICE HOCKEY - based on the just-completed season. Draft your own players, get them out on the ice, yell and scream when your side blows an easy shot, and neat things like that.

BATTLE OVER BRITAIN - special multi-player rules used for this one. Up to 7 players can be in this one.

"COPA MUNDIAL" - see the next page for the details on this one..... (hint: COPA MUNDIAL is Spanish for WORLD CUP)

TRIVIAL PURSUIT

Another FIRST for this 'zine! House rules are in this issue.

The (probably) FIRST FEM TRIVIAL PURSUIT game - no fee to enter. A sub to LOM is not necessary, but if you don't sub, it costs a stamp per turn. Now watch Fred Davis enter.....

There is no PAGE 9 - but what is this?

BIGGER than the North American Diplomacy Board! **MORE POPULAR** than the Pan-Diplomatic Super Quiz!

COPA MUNDIAL FILF WORLD CUP

The Federazione Internazionale di Lega di Football (FILF), headquartered in Mezzo del Nessuno Parte (Middle of Nowhere), Italy, with offices supposedly throughout the world, decided to celebrate the upcoming 1986 World Cup tournament with a World Cup Soccer League tournament. However, FILF consists of a bunch of guys that have nothing better to do than to get drunk on cheap wine, so they left it up to us PDM types to get things done. This is a break for you, the average reader, because we don't have to pay the incredibly large FILF wine-buying fees (which would have been passed on to you), thus leaving a larger chunk of the fees for our pockets - ER, UH, the prize fund. (Yes, there IS a prize fund, to come out of everybody's pockets, so don't feel that you're the only one being taken to the cleaners.) Get in on the action NOW! Support FILF at your next home match.....

PRELIMINARY REGULATIONS, RULES, IDEAS, GOSSIP, AND OTHER THINGS THAT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE FILF COPA MUNDIAL TOURNAMENT

1. The rules used in this tournament will be based on David Phillips' SOCCER SUPREMO rules used in his 'zine, MATCH ABANDONED, as well as other various 'zines (e.g. FREE KICK) throughout the hobbies.
2. The I in FILF stands for INTERNATIONALE - that's Italian for INTERNATIONAL. Americans, Canadians, British, Australians, other assorted Europeans, anything you can come up with are welcome (as soon as they come up with the appropriate fees).
3. APPROPRIATE FEES: Because of increasing expenses (e.g. the prize fund), there will be a fee to enter - probably \$5 US (that's about 3 pounds 50 in England). A small price to pay.....
4. LENGTH OF THE TOURNAMENT: That depends on the number of entrants. The idea is to base it on the 1982 World Cup - two round-robin rounds narrowing the field down to the final 4 teams, which participate in single-elimination matches until a winner is determined. (All matches will be considered "on neutral ground".)

SEND NO MONEY NOW! If you wish to enter a team (you'll have to form your own - more details later) in the tournament, let me know. If not enough interest develops, there'll be **INCREDIBLY PAINFUL** consequences to pay, so don't take any chances!

No chances taken by PAGE 10

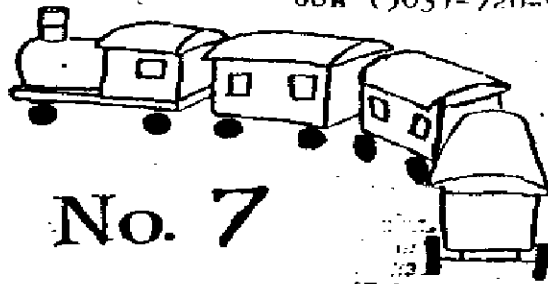
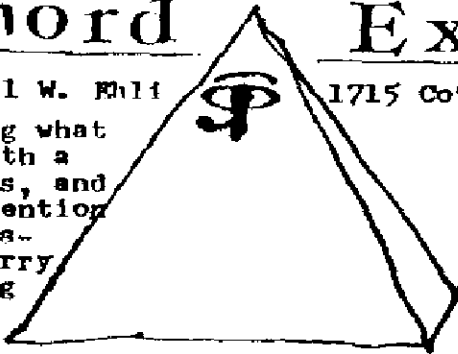
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It's amazing what a guy can do with a copier, scissors, and tape. Not to mention a little imagination. Don't worry I won't be doing any fake zines. I like these mastheads, though.



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"Say the magic word and the duck will come down and pay you \$100."--Marx

Once more I sit down to type up Fnord, which is two pages of space filler excreted approximately monthly by yours truly, hoping that this time someone will actually read the damn thing.

GAME OPENINGS: Diplomacy--STILL only three signed up. (Gestiehr Sr., Lee, Coughlan) Patience, guys. I thought that maybe business would be picking up after DDG's game filled. Maybe Derwood's luck has been a little better.

Variant Dip--No takers. My offer from last issue still stands, though.

THE GOLDEN APPLE CORPS, or the standby list for the more mundane among you. Nothing.

HEADOVERHEELSWHERESHOULDIGOCANTSTOPMYSELFOUTOFCONTROLHEADOVERHEELSNOTINMETOT

LETTER DEPT.: Zilch again. Dammit, I'm getting sick of this. I wonder if Michalski started out this way? God, the way you jerks are avoiding me, I'm beginning to wonder if you think I'm the latest incarnation of Bernie Oaklyn or something. ~~NOV/11A/800/111A/022/11/11/11/11~~

It looks like it's time to get drastic. How about:

Next issue I will be plagiarizing WHITESTONIA/KATHY'S KORNOR, which means that YOU ALL MUST WRITE A LETTER TO ME OR YOUR SUB WILL BE CUT!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Maybe that will generate some response.

WEWERESOINPHASEINOURDANCEHALLDAYSWEWERECOOLONCRAZEWHENIYOUANDEVERYONEWEKNEW

SPORTS: Who gives a damn about the Tigers, or the Mets, or the major leagues for that matter? If you want to see some truly average baseball, come on out to Civic Stadium and watch the EUGENE EMERALDS inaction. ((Pun intended)) Playing real Class A ball in the illustrious Northwest League, and producing the future stars of the Kansas City Royals for the first time after a five year association with the Reds that launched the career of Mario Soto. Trouble was, we were doing shitty in the standings every year, so we switched our affiliations, with our progress graphically illustrated by our 3-10 start. Oh well, it was good for some more space filler, anyway.

IT'SPOETRYINMOTIONANDNOWSHE'SMAKINGLOVETOMETHESPHERESAREINCOMOTIONTHEELEMENTS IN ((continued on page 12))

Ⓜ , and if you haven't figured out the numbering by now, Don, there's no hope for you.
← yes, this is PAGE 11 - good guess, Mike

For science, there's nothing Orgasm Researcher would do:

SUB
TRADE XENOLOGIC
ETC.

NOTES:

IN YOUR CITY PARK

BY GLENDE



These clippings should fill up enough space so that I don't have to be creative until next month. Cartoon at left is taken from Big Talk, Eugene's biweekly newspaper of punk music and generally left of center politics.

EIGHTIES IM LIVING IN THE EIGHTIES

Didn't DDG mention something about a 32-page annish? Seeing only 20 pages (of which he only typed 7) was a little disappointing. But why should I complain? I get this zine for free, for some ungoddlessly reason.

DOCTOR DOCTOR CANT YOU SEE IM BURNING BURNING GO DOCTOR DOCTOR IS THIS LOVE IM FEELING

- MUZAK DEPT.: Here's some of my favorite songs from recent weeks.
- HYPERACTIVE-Thomas Dolby: Single of the year. Why it didn't get any airplay, I'll never know. Get the 12" version. I dare you not to dance to it.
 - THE LEBANON-Human League: Synth-pop groups do write protest songs.
 - ROMANCING THE STONE-Eddy Grant: A good non-movie theme song.
 - EIGHTIES-Killing Joke: So what if it's hardcore punk.
 - HEAD OVER HEELS-Go's: These girls are as fun as they ever were.
 - HELLO-Lionel Richie: I listen to slow music, too.
- There are some others, but I'll save those for the linear separators. Like...

WHAT IS LOVE ANYWAY DOES ANYBODY LOVE

Well, it look like we are coming close to the end of this month's thoroughly uninspired issue of Fnord. Definitely not one of my better efforts, except for the masthead. All the rest was just space filler, and quite pathetic space filler at that. Still, I guess that's why doing a subzine is nice, since you get to know your limitations. If I had started out by jumping in with both feet and doing a full-fledged zine, I'd probably be a basket case by now.

Well, to quote Steve Perry from his "Oh, Sherrie" video, "I gotta get outa here, this is a zoo."

12 ← that's right!

King Kong died for your sins.

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DIPLOMACY

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THE VOICE OF DOOM has house
rules, doesn't it?

HOUSE RULES

1. The latest set of rules released by Avalon Hill will be used except as modified within these house rules. Anything not specifically covered is up to the GM's discretion.
2. Your orders should include your name, your country, the season(s) involved, your actual orders (of course), press, the date, and your signature. If I get more than one set of acceptable orders from the same person for the same season(s), the last one received will be used.
3. Phone orders are not allowed. (Note that this - and other - rules can be modified by other GMs in LOM for their games.)
4. Units without exactly one order will be considered to have hold orders. An invalid (missing or second in the same season for the same unit, for example) build results in no build; an invalid retreat results in the dislodged unit's removal; an invalid removal results in a removal as per the CD rules, with the following clarifications: "shortest path" refers to the least number of seasons (Spring/Fall) it would take to move the unit to a home SC, assuming that no units are on the board other than the one in question and any fleets that can convey the unit in question (if it is an army; foreign fleets are considered, and all possible paths, including any convoy combinations, must be considered). Note that the fleets cannot move in terms of this rule. If no path exists, the distance is considered as "100 seasons".
5. 1901 is always Winter-separate (i.e. Spring, Summer/Fall, and Autumn/Winter are the 3 mailings in 1901). Beginning in 1902, the mailings go as follows: Spring 1902, Summer/Fall 1902, and then alternating Autumn/Winter/Spring and Summer/Fall. If a majority of the still-active players (an "active" player is one with a unit or a home SC (owned) on the board) request a separation with their Fall orders, the immediately following Autumn/Winter and Spring are separated.
6. There is no "standard set of abbreviations"; however, the GM is the sole authority as to what an abbreviation stands for. When in doubt, spell it out.
7. Spring 1901 will be replayed as many times as necessary until each country has a legal set of orders accepted by the GM. In other words, no NMRs in Spring 1901.
8. It is illegal to support or convoy a unit ordered to attack a space occupied by a unit of the supporting/convoying player's country unless the occupying unit has a legal move order, even if this order is bounced by another unit of the same country.
9. There is NO rule nine.
10. Concessions can be made to a player active at the time of the vote. (See HR 5 for definition of "active".) Draws can be made to include any combination of countries eligible for a concession (but no other countries). If a country is in Civil Disorder, it is not eligible to be named in concessions/draws, nor does it receive a vote for concessions/draws. Concession and draw votes are the first things acted upon in any mailing (e.g. a concession made in Spring is voted upon after Spring, but before Summer).

Addition to HR 11: If a player plays in a game, he/she cannot leave and then return as a different country in that game.

Addition to LOM: this PAGE 13

11. **STANDBY POLICY:** If any standbys are available, one will be named to send in orders for a country whose player NMRed. A second consecutive NMR means that the standby becomes the permanent replacement (provided he/she has not NMRed) - by "permanent", he/she is treated as the regular player (therefore, if he/she NMRs, the country is subject to a second replacement). If a player resigns or is removed (e.g. sub lapse), a standby will be named (however, in the case of a sub lapse, the original player may remain in the game by immediately renewing the subscription and sending orders before the deadline). If no standbys are available, the country goes into Civil Disorder until someone is named as a standby; this person cannot send in orders for the season in which he/she is named, but may begin with the following mailing, including any retreats/builds/removals that the country would be allowed had it not been in CD. (Note that this is different from the rulebook, which says that dislodged units in CD are removed.)
12. If a concession passes, all draws automatically fail. If more than one concession passes, the players conceded to share in a draw. If more than one draw passes, the countries on at least "x" draws, where "x" is the largest integer such that at least two countries are on "x" draws, share in a draw. For concession votes, NVR (no vote received) is treated as "no" except to a country with the most SCs as of the latest winter prior to the vote (if two or more are tied, no country qualifies), in which case it is a "yes". For draw votes, NVR is treated as "no" except to a draw where the country (or countries) named in the draw with the smallest number of SCs (as of the latest winter prior to the vote) has more SCs than every country not named in the draw, in which case it is treated as "yes".
13. **PRESS:** Any press dateline is allowed except those reserved for the game's GM (as determined by the individual GM). However, a dateline other than a space occupied by a unit of the country, the country's name, or an empty space in the home country (these are treated as of the beginning of the mailing), will be labelled by the GM with the country's name as well as the dateline given by the writer. The GM has the right to edit press as he/she sees fit. Guest press is allowed, but the only acceptable dateline is the author's name. Note that in the case of sending/receiving datelines (e.g. "England-France"), the rules apply only to the sending dateline; anything is allowed for the receiving dateline.
14. **ARGUMENTS:** Anything covered in these rules as the sole authority of the GM cannot be challenged. Anything else can be brought to a mutually-agreeable ombudsperson, whose decision is binding.
15. The GM is always right.
16. If the GM is ever wrong, see rule 15. (ALSO see rule 22, which applies.)
17. Rule 18 is false and shouldn't be believed.
18. Rule 17 is true and should be believed.
19. In order to participate in a game in LOM, you must be of sound mind. **EXCEPTIONS:** Publishers and D&D players (however, the latter must sign a "disloyalty oath" saying that he/she is not totally devoted to D&D, AD&D, or any combination of D&D and/or its deviants).
20. In order to etc. etc., you must be a native of the planet Earth. **EXCEPTIONS:** Natives of the planet Honestinjun, and any non-earthling able to communicate intelligently and coherently, which is a lot better than some people in the hobby.....
21. **FEUDS:** The only kind of feud allowed is the Family kind (you know - Richard Dawson, Fast Money, that sort of thing).
22. Should the GM be wrong, disregard rule 16 and contact the GM so that the error can be rectified.
23. **REWARD FOR STANDBIES:** A standby receives \$1 credit for completing two mailings, and an additional \$1 credit upon completing the game. Should there only be one mailing between the standby's entry and the end of the game, the standby receives a total credit of \$1.50. Credit can be transferred to any 'zine with the permission of that 'zine's publisher(s).

To be is to do. Socrates.

To do is to be. Jean Paul Sartre.

Do be do be do. Frank Sinatra.

Hello, and welcome, you lucky people you, to ISSUE #0 of:
(Drum roll, please)

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A little explanation is in order here. I travel much of the year, and have my mail forwarded from Terry to wherever I will be. I'll get anything you send me, but it'll take a few extra days.

This is done on a Commodore 64 computer with the Paperclip word processor, Cardco Card?+G interface, and Dynax DX-15 letter-quality printer, for any of you who care.

*****Who cares? And why don't you use up some of this bottom space? I happen to use 8 1/2 by 13 sheets - fills up 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 when reduced. Personally, I'm an Atari 800 man with Rana 1000 disk drive. (I have one of the "newer" Ranas.) However, no printer, so no fancy printing from computer.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT: Some magazines have run ads for a "solar-powered clothes dryer complete with solar stabilizers". David Horowitz, on his Fight Back program, exposed this as a clothesline and clothes pins. The new ads include the words: "AS SEEN ON TV on the David Horowitz show". They were telling the truth...just like the famous "etched-copper engraving of Abraham Lincoln" sold for \$10; they're better known as pennies (made before 1983, when zinc was introduced).

No zinc in PAGE 15 - just ink

Attention: re: Dune

I just finished reading *The Children of the Dune*, the third book in the classic Dune series (Great!), and I thought I'd better warn any of you who are just starting this set: Some copies are marked "Book Two" instead of "Book Three." Regardless of what the cover says, the correct sequence is: Dune, Dune Messiah, then Children of the Dune.

For the probably two or three of you who don't already know, there is going to a Dune movie, due for release Christmas '84. It is directed by David Lynch, who received two Oscar nominations for *The Elephant Man*. The special effects team reportedly did *2001*, *E.T.*, and *Return of the Jedi*.

This naturally brings up the question: can a movie do justice to Dune? I've often contended that the formula for a successful book is radically different from that of a successful movie. In a movie, the conflict must be more easily identifiable, because the medium is inherently less subtle. In the Dune series, much of the conflict is between Paul Muad'dib and himself. I have serious doubts that a movie can portray what the book did, but I sure hope I'm wrong.

I think if you send your name and address to: DUNE NEWSLETTER/1680 N. Vine, Suite 900/Hollywood, CA 90028; you will receive the Dune Newsletter free.

Muddled Meanderings Dept.

This is the section of SV where I explore the depths of bad taste, and probably get thrown out by Don. (Oh, you say I've already done that by publishing a subzine?) Actually, he can't kick me out for the poems until he does something about TOM and Helga's smutty adventures, right? Anyway, here in Montana you can buy these little books of Poetry: *Muddled Meanderings in an Outhouse Number 1&2*, and *More MM1&O*. I've never seen them anywhere else, but if you do find them, be sure to pick one up. These poems are definitely not your usual boring fare. I may do a few more, if you like them. As befits my premise ish, I'm starting off with what is probably the funniest poem of all three books:

A Letter To Mr. Woolworth

From: Muddled Meanderings in an Outhouse Number Two.

Mr. Woolworth, I got a complaint
About one can of ten cent paint.
My wife she buy from your darn store-
She did once-but not no more.
You see last week the spring she come
And everything she's on the hum.
Do walls, do floors, do windows, too.
She clean like mad I tell you.
My wife she always clean and neat
She buy paint for the toilet seat.
And one whole week we watch wit' eye
But goshdarn paint she no get dry.
My wife she's short and kinda fat

*****Another Rod Walker? Isn't one RW enough?

DIPLOMACY WORLD SUBBERS please note that Rod Walker has announced that the new schedule for DW will be January, April, July, and October; in other words, one month later than when you used to get it.

JEFF KEY nosed out DAVID CLAMAN to win the Diplomacy tournament at DIPCON in Dallas, with Mark Harris finishing third. Remember, next year will see DipCon in Seattle and ORIGINS in Baltimore.

PAGE 16 goes throughout North America
and small bits of Europe

Now you can see just where she sat.
She's got a big ring around complete
Where she sat down on toilet seat.
I say to her, "it serves you right
You try to be so doggone tight".
That 10 cent paint she no darn good
She won't get dry on no darn wood.
My daughter she got ring around, too,
Where from the seat it soaked through.
For one whole week by gosh we wait
And now we all got constipate.
By dang we don't know what to do
We got to eat-she must come through.
My wife she cry and cry and cry
But goldarn paint she won't get dry.
My wife she got a Sis, Marie.
She lives all time in home with me.
Last night I look where she sat down
By gosh she, too, got ring around.
I try to clean with turpentine
She howl like wolf, she lose her mind.
I'm scared like hell most all day-
The skin come off, but paint she stay.
I live long time but never see
A man what got so mad as me.
When I think about that paint
I get so mad I almost faint.
Now, Mr. Woolworth, I ask you
What in hell we gonna do?
For how can home be nice and neat
If paint no dry on toilet seat?

Anon.

Ha, anyone who buys such nonsense
Is surely disgusting and perverse.
So I ask you, why would anyone
Write such incredibly tasteless verse?

Author's name withheld out of sheer modesty.

Be sure to tell me what you think-about the letter to Mr. Woolworth, not necessarily my footnote. Also, if anyone wants to try their hand at something similar, I'd be glad to print it, as long as it's not obscene or totally tasteless.

*****Sorry, but "similar" and "not totally tasteless" are contradictory.

A local TV station has taken it upon itself to show reruns of "CHiPs", which brings up the following question, considering the recent winters: whyizzit that when Southern California hills begin to slide, they hold roller disco \$100-a-shot thingies and whatever happens to be the rage at the time...but when the same thing happens to Northern California, they let 'em slide, ruin the houses, and then ask for aid (which is usually refused because the Southern Californian assemblymen don't give a damn)?

Dustin's "Last Minute Software Review" of TEMPLE OF APSHAI has been delayed until next issue, mainly because I don't have 3 pages of spacefiller to make this a 2A-pager.

It's only a 20-pager, and since this is
PAGE 17, there must be 3 left

DIP WARZ

The Ig Lew planet was SAVED at the ABSOLUTELY POSITIVELY UNQUESTIONABLE LAST instant by some guy who borrowed THE BOURSE in the far future and went back in time so that Rod Seaparter could destroy the DEATH STAR AND ANCHOR with its own forces.

"Did he say FORCE? What is this, STAR WARS or something? Get with it!"

Where did that GLARE come from? All together....

"Baldo Calberchian, how many times have we told you....KEEP YOUR HAT ON!"

"Oh, keep your shirts on....ESPECIALLY Princess Luscious! This is supposed to be a family 'zine! Of course, you wouldn't catch MY family reading this stuff....at least until it gets old enough for reprints." In the meantime, Emperor TS'R ALEX I THE VOICE OF DOOM paid a visit to the Death Star & Anchor Construction Company - "Eckloff, Oaklyn & Tretick, Inc., Ltd., etc."

"Announcing the almighty supreme all-powerful all-terrible all-OOOF" (that's what happens after you get kicked in the AHEM)

"ENOUGH with the all-this and all-that already! Where are these Eckloff, Oaklyn, and Tretick guys? Every second I have to wait means ADDITIONAL pain and EXTRA excruciating torture, not to mention the SUPREME punishment - those persons responsible get to be the new test-readers for DIPLOMACY GALAXY!"

Suddenly, a three-headed - well, a three-headed - all we really know that it has three heads - appeared. "You called?"

"You called, WHAT?!"

"We don't know ourselves what you called, but we arrived neverthe-
theless. Allow us to introduce myself - Eckloff, Oaklyn, and Tretick, constructors to the all-this and all-that emperor. How did the DEATH STAR & ANCHOR work out?"

"What DEATH STAR & ANCHOR? It was just about to destroy the Ig Lew planet when the ~~beam~~ beam turned around and destroyed the ship!" The threesome talked it over. "Well, I - ouch! Watch your head!"

"Well, it wasn't my fault - this guy over here takes up so much - move that thing on top of your neck so the two intelligent heads can have more room!"

"Say, how would we like to lose pounds of ugly fat? Just--"

"The FIRST head that says 'Just cut off somebody's head' gets to be the new test planet!"

"Anyway, you didn't read the warranty closely enough - it specifically says 'Warranty is void if beam is deviated from its straight course by BOURSE-type powers.' Who reads your warranties, anyway?"

"Well, it's - it WAS - anyway, the position HAPPENS to be open!"

"What happened to your former reader?"

"He filled another position - oh, about 1 meter wide, 2 meters long, and 2 meters deep, if you know what I mean."

"Well--"

"And if you DON'T, I can see to it that you three can join him!"

"Oh yes, we know what you mean, 2 meters deep, how about a beer (SLAP SLAP) NOT so HARD!"

I seem to have forgotten something....it couldn't have been THAT important, which usually means that it IS, but I'll come back to it later. Now, back on the Linoleum Falcon, they're preparing plans for the final campaign before the election between Rod Seaparter and TS'R ALEX I for the Emperorship.

"Hey, you!" says Princess Luscious. "Can't we use this heap as the Emperor's Ship?"

"Not Emperor's ship!" replies Oboe-1 Caruso. "Emperorship! The person holding the post of Emperor! The big cheese!"

John Pole-o asks, "Is that why the position smells so much?"

So anyway, the Linoleum Falcon departs from the Ig Lew planet, mainly because that last joke caused massive riots, burning buildings, people being hit over the head with clubs, that sort of thing.

"Set course....lay in directional vectors....a little to the left.... that way....this way....that's right! Now prepare to warp out....adjust chronometer - chronometer - chronometer - fix the clock to adjust for time bending through a dimensions....fasten seat belts....now WIMP OUT!"

"That's Yawn Boring's line, Pole-o! Read the script!"

My script says "This is PAGE 18"

Well, next time we have DIP WARZ FOUL-UPS, BLEEPs, BLOOPERS, PRACTICAL JOKES, AND SPACE FILLER, we'll use this one. Meanwhile, back on the Linoleum Falcon, the Diplomatic Rebels finally did warp out....wait a minute - something's wrong!

"Typical Caruso flying! Goes to a planet to get the thing fixed, and forgets to fill the tank. Now what?"

"OK, LLOM, calculate location and distance to nearest fuel."

Suddenly, back on the Diplomatic Empire flagship, Yawn Boring gets the news - "Radar detects - well, it isn't really radar, but some hyperspace substitute to detect things at great distances - ANYWAY, we've found the Linoleum Falcon again!"

"Make absolutely sure it's them - take light readings!"

"Light readings are off the scales - any questions?"

"Yes - who's going to (GAAAAAAK THUD) take over this position?"

The order goes in - Imperial Eliminators, Imperial Blasters, Imperial Linoleum Falcon Busters converge on the spot. The spearhead commander makes a startling discovery!

"It's a novel."

"That's no novel - that's a dipzine!"

"Must be XENOLOGIC, then - what does it say?"

"Let's see....the next PEERICON is to be held on the Alpha Beta planet, a new tithe of 150% of all life earnings is to be collected, and the Linoleum Falcon fools the Empire by using pictures of Calberchian without his hat. I have a feeling we've just volunteered to be the next suicide squad!"

Meanwhile, LLOM calculates the location...."Our current vector is plus 1, minus 5, plus 3, plus 6, plus 3.220, minus 11,667, minus 0.552. The nearest fuel is located - about three minutes at 100% impulse that way, then 7 planes up and 9 to the left through 5 dimensions."

Wait a minute - I just remembered what the Emperor was going! Over there....a new and improved DEATH STAR & ANCHOR! And what's that?

ANOTHER ONE??!! With the Linoleum Falcon out of fuel, it could mean trouble!

"Star & Anchor 1, ready to attack!"

"Star & Anchor 2, synchronize attack times.....3.....2.....1.....IN THE NAME OF THE ALMIGHTY EMPEROR!"

Nothing happens.

"Make the ~~3/4/2/1~~ attack!"

The shots are made - the attack beams make their way toward the ship.

Just then - is it THE BOURSE? Is it trouble? No, it's....

"RAWD SEAPOTTA! PUDDON D' BRAKES!" (It's supposed to be a southern-type accent, although it does look like New Yorkese.)

"You heard Garra the Elvi master!" The Linoleum Falcon slows down ever-so-slightly - the attack beams cross each other just before reaching the ship....which opens an (n+1)-dimensional time/space gap into which the Linoleum Falcon enters....and WHAT A COINCIDENCE, the ship exits right in front of a fuel-stop planet!

"Regular on unleaded?" "Oh, and we don't do windows."

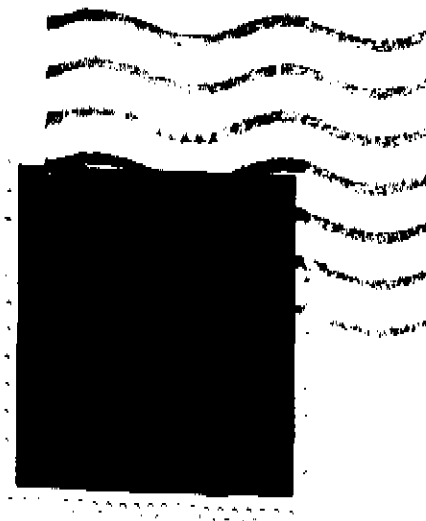
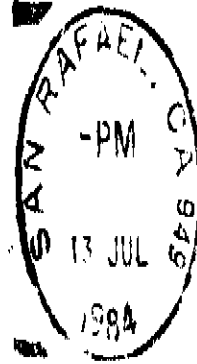
"Say, Oboc-1, what's that bright light up there?"

"Either it's another one of those pictures of Baldo, or it's what happens when two DEATH STAR & ANCHORS happen to explode....."

Well, that's all for another star-studded, action-packed, unnoticed episode of DIP WARZ. Meanwhile, Shep Rose wins all sorts of awards....

And so, with PAGE 19 drawn to a close, we shut the covers on another LOM (SLAM) NOT SO HARD!

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