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LIFER

AMERICA DROPS
NUKES FIRST!

True, it was in 1945 against
Japan, but if you're going to get
picky about every little detail,...

INSIDE: Rod's letter to
reply to John's telegram concerning
Larry about his
Cathy's phone call to Terry telling
the facts of Eric's mailgram
exposing the part of Roy's
candygram explaining Fred's latest
smoke signals and Robert's semaphore....

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For you Pete Tamlyn types,

HAPPY SATURNALIA — for the rest of us,
MERCY CHRISTMAS/HAPPY CHANUKAH

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With apologies to **ESVOY**, wherever it is....this is the "official (by default) Hobby Christmas Issue" of **LIFE OF MONTY**, brought to you by Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339, phone (415) 461-2692, but only between 6 PM and 11 PM Pacific time. I do have a work phone, but **DOD** (Department of Defense) doesn't like private calls on those things. Since these are the guys (well, the Dept. of the Navy actually controls things) that put out the things that say "Pay To The Order Of" to the tune of about \$500 every 2 weeks (actually, it's 660 before deductions - I expect a sizable refund from my income tax, mainly because I haven't worked long enough to be in a large tax bracket), it's no-making-the-work-number-an-open-item.

And now it's time for....

MONTY'S NEWS AND COMMENT is brought to you by the "chairman of the board" of the "company" that employs me - President Reagan. So what if he's thinking about cutting Civil Service benefits? (This is one of the alternatives to cutting Social Security).

Whatever happened to....**THE EMINENT AWARDS?** This was Mike Mills' American equivalent to the British **HUSTY BOLT** awards; the **EBs** featured (in 1984) such titles as Upstart of 1983, Least Regretted Fold, Feud of 1983, Hobby Heart-throb, Hobby Genius, Deathless Prose, Most Boring Topic of Correspondence, and Strangest 'zine. Since Mike folded **EMHAIN MACHA** (for the second time), nobody has picked up the awards....or has somebody done it and kept it quiet?

Whatever happened to....**THE ZINE DIRECTORY?** Larry Peery is thinking about printing the 1984 (1985?) edition since Roy Henricks is nowhere to be seen. I've seen his **BLACK & BLUE BOOK**, so I know he's capable of this; besides, it's the best offer we've had in the past 6 months. Those of you who wish to comment can write to Larry at P.O. Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102. Larry also mentions that if any of you would like to work on this project, he's willing to work with you on it. (oops! See inside...)

Whatever happened to....**DECENT POSTAL SERVICE?** In **GRAUSTARK #500**, John Boardman laments how postal rates have gone up while service for first class mail hasn't. I think he's forgotten that all first class mail was by land delivery back then, and air mail was quite expensive. I just hope that the **WEPs** doesn't print "B" stamps....

Meanwhile, Rod Walker and Kathy Byrne have teamed up on **DIPLOMACY WORLD**. Apparently, Rod couldn't sweettalk/strongarm enough writers (or was that enough decent writers?), so he called Kathy in. Can these two do the impossible? No - they can't get me to subscribe. (It's a fine 'zine for those of you who like to read up on the latest strategies and 3-month-old hobby news, but I'll take **THE GENERAL** any day.)

There's plenty of talk over Randolph Smyth giving the Runestone Poll to Bruce Linsey - I've got an entire page of it somewhere inside. Does it **REALLY** matter? I don't understand why there's so much talk over a poll that a lot of people claim is statistically inaccurate due to the lack of votes cast. Has anybody ever determined the average number of subbers per 'zine to determine a percentage of readers that vote?

SPEAKING of 'zines, Dick Martin wants **YOUR** sub list (pubbers only, naturally) for the next Hobby Census. The address is 26 Orchard Way N, Rockville, MD 20854. **WARNING:** publishing lists of subbers can lead to fakes - that is, if you don't **LIKE** fakes....

PAGE 2 likes fakes (in good taste)

FOR those of you who don't
Diplomacy hobby, turn the page,
don't feel like hearing any more
for those of you who haven't heard
(I'm saying these things NOW because
up as full-blown feuds, and you

one about the goings-on in the
for those of you who do care, but
my ramblings, likewise. HOWEVER,
high juicy tidbits lately, here goes.
if I wait too long, they may end
how I feel about those....)

As some of you may know, I
Runestone Poll in 1985. Apparently
who offered to take over, so he

Bruce Smyth has decided not to run the
Bruce Linsey was the only person
the job. Now, as some of you may

also know, Bruce has been involved in some rather controversial (for
lack of a more applicable word) circumstances lately, and his "hobby
credibility" has dropped somewhat in the eyes of a few people. At least
two hobbyists have made it known publically that they feel Bruce is not
the (my words in quotes) "most appropriate" person for this job - John
Boardman, in GRAUSTARK #300, suggests (I don't want to say "recommends"
because it wasn't written that way), "Simply do not send ballots to
Linsey", and Jim Meinel states in a letter to "Postal Diplomacy Enthu-
siasts" that "...irregardless of whether or not (the) charges are true
or not there are a large number of people, (Jim) included, who are not
going to send ballots to Bruce Linsey and will thus effectively boycott
the Runestone Poll...", adding a suggestion that someone else should be
chosen to run "(not) a 'counter' Runestone Poll or a 'second' poll or
even the 'real' poll....Just the Runestone Poll....Plug it as normal,
only this one with a legitimate Custodian with his address."

Sounds like the start of another Diplomacy Civil War, right? Well,
there's a way around this. Jim Meinel, in his letter, also notes that
with two polls, the total turnout will be greater, and I tend to believe
him here. It probably won't be too much of an additional effort over past
years, but considering the apathy of years past, any improvement is
a good one. Therefore, if we can spread the word around (assuming that
there are, in fact, two polls) for people to vote in one poll or the
other - but NOT both - then the two polls can be "combined", since poll
results list the number of votes each 'zine gets in addition to the
average vote. (Here's how it can work, as an example: suppose in poll
#1, LOM gets 25 votes with an average of 7.2, and in poll #2, LOM gets
15 votes with an average of 6. The sum of the votes in poll #1 is
 $25 \times 7.2 = 180$, and in poll #2 is $15 \times 6 = 90$. Thus, the sum of all 40
votes is $180 + 90 = 270$, and the overall average is $270 / 40 = 6.75$.)

There are two flaws in this system: one, if even one person votes
in both polls, the average is ruined since this would be the same as one
person voting twice in a single poll; two, grudge and other votes which
represent unintended factors would have to be included, since you can't
simply take out the top and bottom 8% from each poll and have it come
out the same as taking out the top and bottom 8% of a single poll. The
second problem can only be solved by the one thing I have said in the past
that would be the only real solution to the grudge vote problem - to
allow the poll custodian to decide what is, or isn't, a "bad" vote.
(The trouble is, the custodian would have to know enough about the voter
and the 'zine/GM in question to make a valid decision, which is hard to
do when more than a small number of cases are involved.)

To make matters worse, either (or both) of the custodians could
prevent the "combination of 'good' and 'bad' polls" by not listing how
many votes the 'zines/GMs received, or somehow prevent in another way
the combining of polls. But OF COURSE this will NEVER happen, because
this hobby would NEVER stoop to such depths.

Besides - who could run the "second" poll? John Boardman mentions
Kathy Byrne as an example of "some other hobby figure who commands
general respect among those of us who know what's going on". The
description is fine - but isn't this the former USOG custodian and BMC
who (twice, I believe -- i.e. from each position) resigned when she
started getting abuse? Whoever takes this position is certainly asking
for it from somebody! OK, how about Gary Coughlan? (Too much work as
it is for Gary?) Rod Walker? (After all, isn't DIPLOMACY WORLD
supposed to be "the hobby magazine"?) Jim Meinel says he'll do it if
no one else will, but he lives somewhat out of the way - in Alaska.
Personally, I'm probably going to vote in Bruce's Runestone Poll - not
that the poll was extremely accurate under Randolph Smyth or even John
Leeder. The first problem about the poll that has to be resolved is
the one concerning with the lack of voters. But, then again, if we can't
solve the same problem in Presidential elections.....

PAGE 3 deserves a 10 (a 9.95?)

You know, I forgot something in the F. Spectacular Issue? And so, without a version of the LOM awards, better know

anniversary Marycon Byrnecon ado, here is the 1984 hobbyists worldwide as

THE LIFERS

BEST DISAPPEARING ACT (other than ENVOY): No doubt about this one - has anyone seen, or heard, any word of THE COUGHLAN-MARTIN "FEUD" since the Battle of New England began? For that matter, has RETALIATION been around lately?

MOST SURPRISING FOLD: An upset? THE VOICE OF DOOM loses out by a nose to THE ACOLYTE, whose fold made it clear that Europeans can take their differences quite seriously as well as North Americans.

HOBBY POLITICAL DOUBLE-TAKE CITATION: This special note goes to JOHN BOARDMAN, the man who says that whatever President Reagan says is automatically true - yet John persists that, since the United States is the only major country which has not said that they will not be the first to use nuclear weapons, the Soviets shouldn't be surprised if (or was it when) our missiles head in toward Moscow without provocation, even though the President has said on numerous occasions that "nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought". (Apparently, we have found a way to launch our missiles without starting Nuclear War - and there is no such thing as a Nuclear Police Action.) Well, actually, there is a reason we can't claim not to be the first to use nuclear weapons - we were the first - in 1945!

HOBBY LONGSHOT AWARD: This goes to the guy that travelled the farthest - from San Francisco to Washington DC (National Airport) via Pittsburgh - to get to his first two survivals (a 3-way and a 6-way draw, no less) in Dip history, and I accept.....

BEST ZINE AWARD: VOY? THE ACOLYTE? EE? All losers this year, to.... the guy who wanted to be an MP but didn't feel like reporting his expenses, Pete Doubleday's THE THING ON THE MAT.

~~BIG-NEWS-IT'S-RISEN-FROM-THE-GRAVE-THE-MUMMY-SPEAKS-THAT'S-INCREDIBLE-UNBELIEVEAB~~

ENVOY is back! At least that's what Roy Henricks says....the games are being continued, and Roy is working on ZINE REGISTER 85 (?) with Bruce Linsey (what isn't BRUX doing these days?). So much for page one's news. Now, about that "hobby Christmas issue"....

And speaking of Christmas....once again, like always at this time of year, it's time for the HOBBY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS! What did YOU get this time?

Well, if you're BRUCE LINSEY, under the tree is an 8-day-a-week calendar so that BRUX has enough time for the Runestone Poll, the Zine Register, Supernova (the novice package), The Echo Of Doom (his subzine in EE), and that horror of horrors, COBOL.

To KATHY BYRNE: well, what doesn't Kathy have? (All right, who said "friends"?) I almost forgot - Kathy can use the universal constant.... money. Why?

To PHYLLIS BYRNE: what every teenager needs....your own phone. Getting it connected to actual phone lines - not to mention some details, like bills - is going to take a lot of that universal constant your mother doesn't have.

To DICK MARTIN: a new T-shirt....that Cal-Berkeley shirt you wore at Marycon is out of date. (Perhaps a nice "The Play" shirt, with football players running into band members and everything.) Say, where's RETALIATION been lately?

PAGE 4 has been here the whole time
(it gets a raise - to PAGE 4.5)

To JIM MEINEL: Your very own Meinel Poll - ranking right up there with the famous "Democratic Alternative Budgets" of the early Reagan era.... it doesn't mean anything, but people can say "I voted in a poll" without associating with people they don't quite associate with. (For those of you who don't know this, the "Democratic Budget" was never intended to be the real budget, but simply a device for members of congress to use in campaigns - "Congressman Scandoe voted for reduced spending".)

To ENSIGN JAMES WOODSON, USN: Good news - those \$1200 screws that my congresswoman likes to talk about appear in naval parts rosters for a staggeringly high maximum of....seven cents. (How long before it's LJG Woodson?)

To ROY HENRICKS: A sixth anniversary issue of ENVOY....and a seventh, for that matter. (Maybe next year I'll get you an eighth.) Amazingly enough, I'm only in three games, one of which is apparently close to an ending, one of which I'm in trouble, and the third of which is questionable as to whether it'll start up enough, given Roy's claim (according to Dick Martin) that ENVOY will have Dip as its mainstay and the other games will follow along in it. (When you consider the three games I'm in are KINGMAKER, MAGIC REALM, and GUNSLINGER, you might understand what effect this could have. I was also in BISMARCK and RAIL BARON - but the delays got to the point where I sold those and resigned.)

To BOB WALKER: some decent amendments to the Dipcon charter - but failing this, you can have some of mine instead. (I can't decide on which one(s) to submit - it's down to the 5-region map (New England/NY, the Southeast, the Midwest, the Rockies/Plains, and the Pacific Coast), the "no-rotation" rules (i.e. there are no "fixed regions" for Dipcons) with votes weighted based on how long it's been since a Dipcon has been in the region (e.g. given that region IV is hosting 1985, votes for sites in region IV for 1986 would count less than votes for sites in other regions), and the "minimum appearance" idea, where Dipcons can be held anywhere with equal chance except that each region must host at least one in any six-year period (i.e. the region hosting the current Dipcon must get another one within six years - this would go better with the five-region map and a seven or eight-year period).)

To JOHN CARUSO: a dishwasher? You've got two - the twins. A new car, perhaps? It would take the thrill out of driving. (Remember, you're the guy who asked, "Who's Bill Murray?" on the way to see "Ghostbusters".) I know - howabout we take out the deli under your apartment and turn it into an extra room? Just what you need for Dipcons, apart from AIR CONDITIONING.

To STEVE ARNAWOODIAN and FRANK BYENE: here's what happened at the Cow Palace in the \$100,000 16-man tag-team battle royal (if one half of a team is thrown over the top rope, the other half has to leave with him).... after some local replacement teams got thrown out, the Fabulous Ones and the Road Warriors ended up throwing each other out; eventually, Jerry Blackwell and Boom Boom (a/k/a King Kong) Bundy crushed all opposition (I do mean crushed - combined, these guys weigh over 900 pounds) to take the cash. Also, in a preliminary, Paul Ellering was beaten to a pulp by Black Jack Lanza - so much so that "the precious one" made his way out of the wrestling area....in the wrong direction (i.e. instead of going out the way he came in, he left through the doors the fans use!).

To LARRY PEERY: just ONE poll that enough people will take seriously! You're already the man behind the IDHOF, the Miller Memorial Award, and the Walker Award, but when it comes to polls, you're not exactly Lou Harris or George Gallup.

To ALL YOU LOYAL LIFERS: now that I'm actually making money (oh, about \$1000/month net), costs will probably be reduced to a constant 50 cents an issue, assuming the xeroxing remains as cheap as it is. Because I have to commute 40 miles each way, I'm busy from 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday, so I'll have to do all this stuff on Saturday... assuming I can remember to get stamps and I'm lucky enough to find an open, cheap copying place with decent machines. (Well, I can always get stamps the day before in Concord somewhere, since I leave work at 4:00 and post offices are open until 5:00.)

PAGE 5 is open 24 hours a day

EREHDRONF ^{ting!}

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EREHDRONF is a journal of postal Diplomacy published by the soon-to-be Hobby Sex Ghod, Mike Ehli, Hamilton Box 60505, U of O, Eugene, OR 97403-6005
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GAME OPENINGS: None at the moment, although I will probably try to start a new game once the game in SUBMARINE WARFARE fills. I am also considering running a section of Michael Lee's new variant, the Kathy Byrne Variant. Basically, it's a five-player game where EVERYONE gets to play Italy! Write me or get the November issue of THE CONCERT OF EUROPE for details.

HOBBY GNUS: Kathy Byrne and Rod Walker? Co-editors of DIPLOMACY WORLD? Are you sure this isn't some kind of elaborate hoax? Seriously, I wish them both well, although I question Kathy's wisdom somewhat in taking this position. When you consider that she resigned the BNCship due to all the flak she was taking, and that she quit her position in the US Orphan Service for much the same reasons, I wonder whether she is just setting herself up for another fall. I am sure she will perform well in her new job, but whether or not the hobby feuds will let her stay there is another question.

HSG ELECTION REPORT: RULE CHANGE...RULECHANGE...RULE CHANGE...RULE CHANGE
ALL votes (for me and the Fat Slugmolester) will be sent to:
DAF LANGLEY ((I'll be sending xeroxes of all the votes I have received so far, so those of you that have already voted for me need not vote again.))
2296 EDEN ROC LANE #1
SACRAMENTO, CA 95825
The winner will be announced at DafCon over New Year's, so get your votes in before then.
THE HONOR ROLL: BART AIKENS, KATHY BYRNE, JOHN CARUSO, GARY COUGHLAN, PAUL GARDNER, PAT JENSEN, MICHAEL LEE, JOHN MICHALSKI, JAMES WALL, BRAD WILSON, and DUSTIN LAURENCE. In addition, I have a vote from Ed Wrobel on the condition that I do a FNORDESSE. I will do this next issue, probably, if Ed ever sends me a sample.

EHLI FOR HOBBY SEX GHOD...IT'S NOT JUST A VOTE...IT'S A MORAL OBLIGATION.

LETTERS:

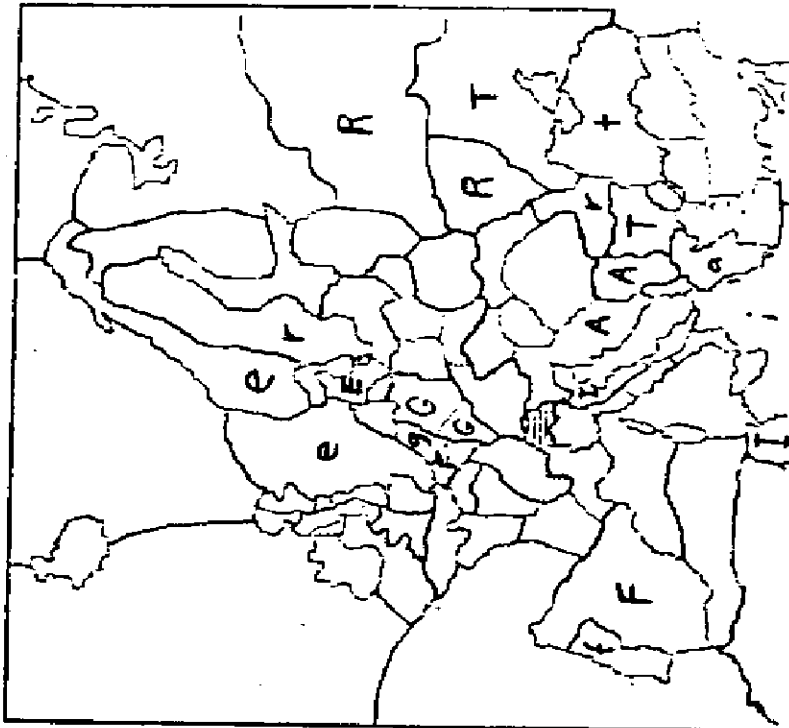
From Gary Coughlan:
Hi Mike! Thought you'd like to see this if you didn't get a chance! So FNORD's a cat, huh? ((Bite your tongue. Either the cartoonist is Illuminated, which my agents say is false, or it is merely an interesting piece of synchronicity..

Either way, we will probably have him replaced with someone less threatening. Secretly, of course. You Normals will never



know the difference.))

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Note my new phone # up front.

AUSTRIA (Coughlan): A TRI-Ven,
F Alb-GRE, A SER S F Alb-Cre
ENGLAND (Bjornsson): A Edi-DEN,
F NTH C A Edi-Den, F Nwg-NWY
FRANCE (White): F Mid-POR,
A Mar-SPA, A Bur-BEL
GERMANY (Budway?) NMR: F HOL,
A KIE, & A RUH ALL HOLD.
ITALY (Wilson): A Apu-TUN,
F ION C A Apu-Tun, A VEK sings
"Battle Hymn of the Republic"
RUSSIA (Gestehr, Sr): F Bot-SWE
F RUM H, A UKR S F Rum,
A StP-MOS
TURKEY (Lee): F BLA-Rum,
A BUL S F Bla-Rum, A Arw-SEV

The Venetian Army's attempt to sing "Battle Hymn of the Republic" fails, as they were drowned out by the Austrian artillery in the percussion section.

Would JOHN CARUSO, 160-02 43rd Ave, Flushing NY 11358 please stand by for Germany.

Players note: I do take bribes, but only those of \$50 and up. (cash only) If you're actually willing to pay that much to improve your position, why should I stop you?

And now for some press held over from last season.

VIENNA to ENGLAND: I'm reading The Last of the Mohicans but you you may see the last of the Austrians in living color--RED!!

RUS to TUR: I thought your favorite game was musical chairs? Want to see another switch?

VIENNA to PARIS: Don't write your neighbors then--but we'll eat more than cake. The Germans and English have voracious appetites!

PRIMUS ILLUMINATUS: And if you thought that was exciting, here's this month's press:

ROME (Jesus Christ News Service): As the white smoke fluttered up from the Sistine Chapel, Italians rejoiced that a new leader of the One True Faith was soon forthcoming. Since the 1899 coup d'etat that displaced the corrupt civilian government, Pope Brux the Last had governed Italy with an iron hand. Being now a theocracy, Italy reeled under the Pope's strict laws, which were referred to as "BRUX'S House Rules" as he governed not from the Vatican but from his villa in Daltoni near Naples. The tyranny of Bruxism was finally broken when a mad American washerwoman from Queens destroyed the Pope's reputation by a series of religious tracts widely published in Italy. The people rallied to these tracts and the Pope died of a broken ego; that his teachings were rejected in favor of the American's. The College of Cardinals knew that the selection of a known Bruxian like Cardinal Johnovich Kelleyich or the eccentric, balding head of the Vatican Legal office, Cardinal Markus Berchian would result in a revolt against the theocracy, so they chose Cardinal Robertini Wilsoni, an exile from Philadelphia. He took the Papacy as Pope Bradley III (the last pope named Bradley died in Malta of the dreaded Two-Way R6 disease) ((more on the next page))

PAGE 7 to page 6: "Right-to-left"
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OK?

((Verwirrung press--continued))

The new Pope, in his sermon to over 500,000 in St. Peter's, announced a policy of peace towards the "great Catholic powers of the North" (France & Austria) and declared "Italy will be a peaceful country under my rule ; only interested in spreading the Catholic faith to the Infidels." General Feroni Feroni, Admiral Monti Monti, and Bishop Rigatoni Rigatoni were leading the expeditionary force to Tunis to spread the Word while General Balbi Balbi, C in C of the Northern Front, suppressed Bruxist revolts in Venetia. His Holiness also announced that the notorious European adventurer, diplomat, and organizer Sir Robert Sacks, an English Catholic, would be Foreign Minister of Italy. Reaction to this was mixed, but the appointment of the American washerwoman as Holy Prefect of Milan went over better with the people.

PRINUS ILLUMINATUS: Can the rest of you top that?
AUSTRIA to MY FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS: Sorry I've not had time to write to any of you (probably) so I looked out for number 1 this season. I will write by Spring 1902!

PRINUS ILLUMINATUS: At least you're writing to me--that's better than a certain German player who shall remain nameless.

RUS to GM: How about Peery for Hobby Sex Ghod? Nah, he already holds the office of Hobby Mascot.

GARY to GM: Be careful there. I heard about the shooting at the U.of Oregon. You know how difficult it is to find a new Gm.....

PRINUS ILLUMINATUS: For those of you that didn't hear, a guy here flipped out and did some sniping one morning from the rim of our football stadium, killing a former Olympic runner who happened to be jogging by, and wounding a U of O wrestler at the entrance to the weight room before turning the gun on himself. The tragedy in my opinion is that his friends didn't try to get help for him when the signs were obvious that he was having problems. Then again, being a frat boy could do that to anyone. Fnord.

PARIS: Incursions into the Lowlands has incensed the PM and diplomatic messages have been sent to the Kaiser.

PRINUS ILLUMINATUS to GERMANY: Lack of incursions into my mailbox have incensed the GM and diplomatic messages have been sent to a possible new Kaiser just in case the old one cuts it too close again.

AUSTRIA to ITALY: Don't take this as an offensive move. I know I wouldn't get Venice and I do desire Italian friendship. And it was "catching frogs" last time that got left out!

PRINUS ILLUMINATUS: Sorry about that. Hey, it's my first game as a GM. Maybe I'm entitled to a typo or two, as long as it's in the press and not in the game report itself.

RUS to VIENNA: I don't care that much about war; but watch out for the guy with that match box. He's giving everyone a hot foot.

PRINUS ILLUMINATUS: Speaking of typos, I forgot the SC chart. Here 'tis...

AUS Home	SER GRE	5	build 2	//	ITA Home	TUN	4	build 1
ENG Home	WYU DEN	5	build 2	///	RUS StP	Mos War	5	build 1
FRA Home	SPA POR BEL	6	build 3	///		SWE RUM		
GER Home	HOL	4	build 1	///	TUR Home	BUL SEV	5	build 2

W '01 deadline is at the bottom of the previous page. I will adjudicate S '02 if I get seven sets of orders and no explicit requests for the usual separation. Note that in the future, it will require at least half the players to want a separation before I will grant it. I want my games to keep moving, you hear?

That's the report for this month. We now return you to the closing linear separators of our regularly scheduled zine.

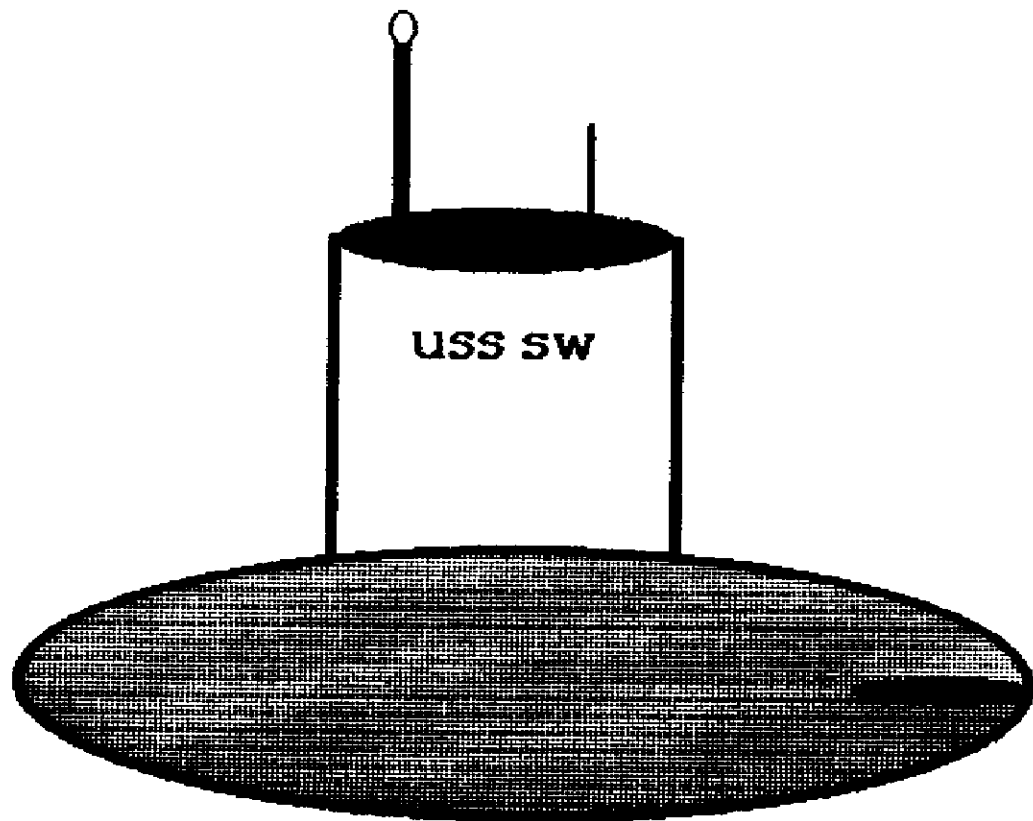
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NOTES:

"I would rather be right than President" - Henry Clay

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SUBMARINE WARFARE

(a neat idea for a subzine)

by

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Uh, yup. It is that time again. Time for me to sit myself down at the ol' computer keyboard and once again belch forth yet another several pages of drivel. When last we left you kiddies, I was in search of people to play in the first ever SW Dip game. Well, after much pleading, cajolery, wheedling, etc. I have actually filled the game up. So there Mr. Smarty pants Ehl. I actually conned several volunteers into this thing at Pudge Con. Enough to fill the game anyway. So you will find within the next page or so the announced game opening and (Gasp) Spring '01.

As for the rest of this stellar issue, we will have yet another installment of "Let's Stab A Mad Lad." And I have received a brief script from someone who goes by the name of Mr. Underhill. As for the rest, the usual nonsense and perhaps another Dominoid story.

FIRSTYOU SCRAPE OUT A DOUGH PATTY AND THE

I have received some small amount of correspondence. Gary Coughlin sent me some newspaper clippings, which I suppose I should have the decency to include. If I can find them I will. I found an old letter from Ken Peel, but since it is ancient (August) I can't see printing it. Too bad Ken. Meanwhile, this should get me to page two, where I can start the latest Dominoid edition.

THEN YOU ROLL OUT THE DOUGH PATTY AND THE

There was a certain Domino's Pizza shop here in Columbus that was something of a legend to the poor souls that ever worked there. It's location is about a block from the Ohio Fair Grounds on Seventeenth Ave., where the Ohio State Fair is staged every year. In addition, it was close to the OSU campus, so they delivered to students (mostly frats and sororities). But what really made the store legendary was the slummy areas that they delivered to. To manage this store was an exercise in frustration. The only compensation for the numerous headaches was the relatively large bonus checks the manager received for as long as he (I don't believe a woman ever managed this store.) could stand it. Since the college students that make up a fair number of delivery drivers usually apply to the two stores closest to the campus (which are known as north campus and south campus), the manager didn't get a lot of good applicants. This created two problems: a chronic shortage of drivers and less than the best employees. Since applicants were rare, if someone drove in and filled in an application, the odds were real good he would be hired (not any women drivers here that I know of either). There were actually times when an applicant was handed a hot box, a bank, and a pizza and told to deliver it and fill out the application when they got back.

What caused this condition? First, north and south campus deliver to the campus proper, so a lot of students don't even know about the Seventeenth Ave. store. But the poorer neighborhoods that the store delivered to are what really made all the problems. A lot of people felt uncomfortable delivering to the "Projects" and other run-down neighborhoods. In truth, there was a much higher chance of a driver being robbed working at this store than at any other store in Columbus. Because of security problems, the store was finally closed down. But while it was open it was some place to work.

My brother managed this store for about 8 months, before it got to him to the point where he actually resigned. I must admit that he did receive a lot of pressure from our office in the form of poor supervision. But the experiences are something else. Imagine that during the Ohio State Fair, Seventeenth Ave is closed off completely to traffic. Someone who only lives on the other side of the fair, instead of getting 15 minute delivery, finds themselves getting 45 minute delivery. Your service to all of your customers suffers because drivers can't get around in the area like normal. And, of course, you don't have a large staff, so you can't schedule in extra drivers to cover the situation. The only redeeming factor is that the fair itself generates extra business.

And, of course, there is the fun of a driver walking into the store carrying his hot box, slamming it on the floor, and telling you that he is quitting. Seems he doesn't think being robbed is any fun, and that his paycheck doesn't compensate for the risk. Or how about the drunk who literally drives in, right through the front window. Or the motorcycle fair, which brings in all kinds of bikers to the store. These guys came in the store and only raised mild havoc, but they walked into the carry-out next door and just helped themselves to whatever they wanted. One of these fine gentlemen asked some scared kid who worked at the Domino's shop, "Hey, would you fuck my ol lady?" The kid said something to the effect that he most certainly wouldn't. At this point, the biker got belligerent and wanted to know if she wasn't good enough for him. My brother saved the day by convincing the biker that the kid wasn't worth the bother.

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Of course, winter at any store is never fun. But in a store with lots of business and a chronic shortage of help, it is an exercise in futility. There is no more helpless, sickening feeling for a manager who cares than to sit in a store and watch pies get old waiting to be delivered. And when someone hits a fire hydrant and floods a major intersection, turning it into an ice rink, it is just too entertaining. Or a driver falls off an outside metal staircase which is icy. Or any of the other myriad of things that can go wrong in winter to cut an already short staff even shorter. And, what makes the whole thing still more fun, to compensate for a lack of delivery personal, you send pie makers on the road. Since you needed every one of them inside to keep up with the business, the people left inside must work extremely hard just to try to keep up. It makes for some hard nights.

Alas and alack, no one now in the system will know the joys that Seventeenth Ave. has to offer. The company finally decided that the store just plain wasn't worth the hassles. In truth, the profits were starting to erode because the company was forced to spend extre money for security. So even the high bonus checks that a manager once enjoyed were a thing of the past. So now Seventeenth lives only in the minds of those who spent some part of their lives there. I personally only worked there a few times. But one of those times I believe I detailed somewhere as just one of the most miserable nights I ever spent in a Domino's shop.

THEN YOU DOCK THE DOUGH PATTY AND THEN Y

On the next page will be my game start and Spring '01. I owe Ken Peel something of an apology, as I managed to sign up 7 players without him. I received a letter from Bob Sweeney offering to sign up after I had already started this game. Bob also generously offered to stand-by, should I need him. Thanks a lot, Bob. I do appreciate it. If Ken doesn't mind, I'll volunteer him for that lot also. And, if there is a demand for it, I will agree to run a second game. So that these two fine fellows can play in SW, too.

THEN YOU SLAP OUT THE DOUGHT TO SIZE AND SCR

I did find Gary's letter and clippings, so here they are.

Here's two clippings, fairly old, that you mighty not have seen about pizzas. Looks like Jenos got the good publicity edge on Delmonico's (sic), eh? And from the Birmingham article you can see how tough it is to be a pizza delivery person in the South. Should you, in your capacity as a Delmonico representative in the performance of your duties come face-to-face with "a very large woman" weighing "almost 200 pounds" who "jumped from the bushes" demanding your pizza--how would you handle it? (The clipping adds that the woman produced a revolver. That would be the clincher as far as I am concerned. She gets anything with a gun. DB)

Ohio Poor Get Pizzas

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI) — Two truckloads of Jenos' Pizza Rolls are being delivered from the company's southern Ohio plant to Columbus for distribution to the needy across the state, Deanne Jager, director of Operation Feed.

The 10,000 cases of the snacks will be financed through the food bank in Columbus and the Free Store Food Bank in Cincinnati and the Greater Cleveland Community Food Bank.

The three regional clearing houses will distribute the 120,000 packages of Pizza Rolls to nonprofit emergency food centers throughout Ohio, Jager said.

Woman fought for armed gluttony

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI) — Police yesterday were looking for a very large woman who robbed a delivery girl of a \$17 pizza with everything on it but anchovies.

The woman, described as being "almost 200 pounds," jumped from the bushes Thursday morning in Broad Birmingham and accosted Brenda Hollingworth, a delivery girl for the Little Italy Pizza Parlor.

The woman asked Miss Holling-

worth if that was the \$17 deluxe pizza she had ordered.

"She had to have been the one who called it in because I never told her how much the pizza cost. It was a large pizza with everything on it but anchovies," said Miss Hollingworth.

Miss Hollingworth said the woman told her to wait while she went upstairs for some money, but instead she returned with a revolver. She told the girl she was sorry for the robbery but she "just wanted the pizza."

Miss Hollingworth said the woman "casually walked away with her gun in one hand and the pizza in the other."

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HUMAN

PAGE 12 - FOUR Dip games in LOM? What are we coming to?

The gamestart!! AT LAST! Here is the cast of characters:
Austria is played by the redoubtable Steve Arnawoodian (aka Woody).
England is under the command of Jim Bjornsson.
France is being guided by Mike Mazzer, the noted Olsen stabber.
Germany is under the direction of Greg Doyle, whose press (1 line) was omitted from the mailed Spring '01 (sorry Greg).
Italy is for John Caruso, known in the hobby as "the wimp."
Russia is under the misdirection of one Robert Olsen (aka Pudge).
And last, our Turkey is Jerry White. He signed his letter Jerry, though he used Gerald.
I obviously didn't include addresses. I believe everyone in the game knows them already. If not, let me know. Without further ado, here comes

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ONLY ONE BOUNCE IN '01

Austria: A bud-SER, A vie-BOH, F tri-ALB

England: F lon-NTH, F edi-NWG, A lpl-YOR

France: F bre-MAO, A par-BUR, A mar-SPA

Germany: F kie-DEN, A ber-KIE, A mun-RUH,

Italy: A ven-TYO, A rom-VEN, F nap-ION

Russia: F stp(sc)-GOB, A war-GAL, A mos-UKR, F SEY-bla

Turkey: A con-BUL, A smy-CON, F ANK-bla

Press:

Mos-Vie: I wouldn't ordinarily do this, even to scum such as you, but I don't want you to needlessly ruin another game for me. Anyway I know you've got Wimp Caruso in your back pocket, so I've got just one thing to say...sit down, Woody! (You mean sit on it, don't you Bob?)

Woody-GM: Periscope? That's a stupid name for a game. It must have been Stafford's idea. You should name your games after pizza toppings. (But who would play in a game called anchovey? Besides, the name of my subzine is Submarine Warfare. It also gives Mazzer the chance to write clever press, like this...)

France-Periscope: Take her down! Take her down! Divell Divell!

Russia-Board: Since Bowen has chosen to place the hobby's #1 consummate genius in the French position, I am proposing a concession to France at this time. Believe me guys, we don't have a snowball's chance with Mazzer in the game. The man can sell refrigerators to the Eskimos, coal to the Newcastlians, and wheat to the Kansans. At least there's a big pile of the stuff in my backyard... (I put him as far away from you as I could, so he can't stab you till '03 or '04 anyway)

Turkey: SULTAN has sent his janissaris (Not his februaris) to bring peace to the Ottoman province of Bulgaria.

Moscow: Hmmm, Russia again, not bad. Hey, wait a minute, wait just a darn minute. I just found out that not only is our GM a hick who eats cornflakes with a fork, but he eats grits as well! Ugh! That's it! I resign! I quit! (Just kidding Boop...) (I may eat in ways you don't approve of, but my backyard isn't full of Mazzers prom...)

Olsen-GM: Why don't you get the Sleaz... write commentary for the game--you know, the sort of charming... e so often churns out, like "more Olsen works out another stu... and like that

Press: (cont.) I am including Greg Doyle's press here, so he won't feel left out, put upon or any other mean nasty thing.
Germany-Europe: Good luck to all. You'll need it against me. (Feel better now, Greg? I am sorry this didn't make the flyer.)

Well, what about it gang. No, not the game or the press. What about Olsen's suggestion to have the Sleaze do commentary? I don't know if I can talk him into it or not, not having mentioned it to him yet. If there is any interest, I will approach him. His ego is such that I think some cajolery will win him over. For the few who don't know, the Sleaze is Dan Stafford. He is most noted for doing the Influential Player Ranking, mostly because his own name figures prominently there. He is a good player, and he just happens to be my roommate. The next deadline is Nov 21, 1984.

YOULAYTHEDOUGHONASCREENANDPUTSAUCEO

Jaques the jock ate a crock of lox. The lox of the crock was too much for Jaques. His horse, Bach, could not leave the starting block, because the crock of lox made Jaques the jock too heavy. So Rock the doc gave Jaques a talk about eating less than a crock of lox. But Jaques the jock thought Rock was a quack of a doc, and didn't listen. The crock of lox put Jaques the jock into hock. Not to mention a size larger pants.

YOUSPREADTHESAUCEWITHASPOONANDTHENY

The following is a submission by a Mr. Underhill. I suspect this to be a pseudonym. After reading this, I can see why. Here it is.

Show picture of flashbulb from old time camera and show second picture after flash with rays coming out from it. Write flash. Then say, this bulletin just in. Write bulletin in morse code (dashes and dots). Show picture of flashbulb again and write flash. Show picture of guy getting shot with lots of gore, and say, "This bullet just in." Show picture of flashbulb again and write flash. Show picture of a bull sculpture of tin and say, "This bull of tin just in." (Yeah, I know. This is a truly god-awful pun. But since I didn't write it, I only have to take responsibility for including it in SW. I don't even have to take responsibility for printing it, Don Del Monte prints this.

THENYOUSPRINKLEONTHECHEESE TAKINGCAREN

You've seen black borders? Well,
everybody lived, so PAGE 13 has
a white border

It is now time to play once again every dippers favorite game, "Let's Stab A Mad Lad." And now, our emcee and master of ceremonies, Deeeeerwood Bowen.

Thank you people. Today our guest is the Mighty Pudge, otherwise known as Bob Olsen. Thanks for joining us today, Bob.

It is my pleasure, Derwood. Stabbing a Mad Lad is something of a new experience for me, and I am really looking forward to it.

I am glad to hear that, Bob. Will you and our audience say hello to our authority on Dip, Ghod himself. Hello, Mr. Berch.

Voice from behind large pile of paper. Hello, Derwood. Hello, Bob. Hello, audience.

Thanks, Mark. Now, Bob, you are familiar with the rules, aren't you, Bob?

Yes, Derwood. I believe so.

Good. Now, here is your situation. A notorious Mad Lad, knowing your reputation, has left his backside wide open. You are Russia, and the Mad Lad is Austria. You have an army in Rumania, an army in Warsaw, a fleet in Constantinople. The Austrian controls Bulgaria, but it is undefended. He is currently embroiled in a war with Italy, having just stabbed the Italian player. What do you do?

First, I move the fleet from Constantinople to the Aegean Sea to allow me to attack the Italian in the Ionian. Then, I move the army in Warsaw to Silesia to attack Germany, then the Army in Rumania holds, to protect myself.

Uh, Bob, the Austrian is the Mad Lad. This is not much of a stab.

"But, he is my ally. I could never stab an ally. I am actually in a game with a Mad Lad. He has promised to share a two-way with me. And if I stabbed a Mad Lad on this game, he'd think I'd stab him. But he said he wouldn't do like mean ol Mazzer does. He won't promise to work with me and stab me 5 times. All in the same game! I can't stab anyone. I can't! I can't! I can't! (Two guys with slicked-back hair and wrap-around sunglasses come in and take a babbling Bob Olsen, who is now screaming at the top of his lungs, "But I trusted you, Mazzer. How could you do that to me! I want to stab you so bad. Why can't I stab. Please, Ghod. Let me stab someone.")

At this point, a loud buzzer sounds. This alerts us to the fact that our authority has spotted a violation of the rules of Diplomacy.

Yes, Mark. What rule has been violated?

Well, Derwood. Rule #2109.4 clearly states that under no circumstances can Bob Olsen ever stab anyone.

Well, Mark. You see it clearly has upset Mr. Olsen. Isn't there something he can do?

Not likely, Derwood. You see, Mike Mazzer was one of the authors of the rules. And, unless I, in my capacity as Ghod, reverse the good Mr. Mazzer's inclusion, the situation cannot be corrected.

What, Mark, would it take to get you to reconsider?

A burnt offering would be nice!

Anything in particular?

How about a dozen Diplomacy sets. Not those lousey AH ones, but the real thing.

Your price is too high, Mark. There'll be no stabs for Olsen.

Well, folks. Our time is up. Next week, tune in again when our guest will be Mark Frueh.

And now, here PAAAAAAGE 14!

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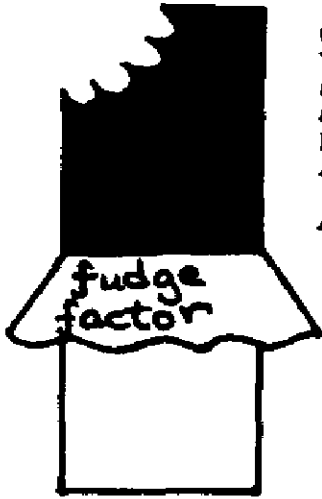
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STANDBY LIST: Peel, Ehli, White, Sweeney, Wilson

Peel and Caruso are called in this issue

PAGE 15 doesn't make calls - it always writes letters (e.g. A, Z, Q, M, ...)



ONCE AGAIN it's time for the FUDGE FACTOR RATINGS! Yes, another issue of EVERYTHING has come out, so it's a new set of ratings, and recent French players took a beating in the ratings, what with the rash of high-ranking French finishes in the past 2 years. ANYWAY, without FURTHER ado, here goes:

AVERAGE RANKINGS (minimum 3 games)

1. PETER WALKER (3 Games), 142.68
2. FRED WINTER (5), 132.69
3. BOB OLSEN (6), 125.55
4. JOHN AICKEN (3), 119.03
5. HUGH POLLEY (3), 117.32
6. BILL BECKER (3), 112.38
7. RANDOLPH SMYTH (3), 112.26
8. JAKE WALTERS (3), 111.14
9. STAN JOHNSON (6), 107.38
10. CHIP CHARNLEY (3), 102.89
11. MIKE MAZZER (4), 101.31
12. DON SCHEIFLER (4), 99.13
13. WALTER COMPTON (3), 97.85
14. DAN GORHAM (3), 97.63
15. BARRY HICKEY (4), 97.14
16. ROLAND MORRIS (3), 92.77
17. STEVE ARNAWOODIAN (10), 88.89
18. ERIC KANE (4), 88.48
19. BOB ACHESON (7), 87.88
20. RICK SLAUGHTER (4), 79.88

OVERALL (TOTAL) RANKINGS (minimum 2 games - this is AVERAGE multiplied by the number of games)

1. STEVE ARNAWOODIAN (10), 888.86
2. BOB OLSEN (6), 753.29
3. KATHY BYRNE (11), 706.81
4. LARRY McCLOUD (10), 673.53
5. FRED WINTER (5), 663.45
6. STAN JOHNSON (6), 644.25
7. BOB ACHESON (7), 615.14
8. PAUL RAUTERBERG (9), 552.54
9. RUSS RUSNAK (7), 429.67
10. PETER WALKER (3), 428.04
11. MIKE MAZZER (4), 405.23
12. DON SCHEIFLER (4), 396.53
13. BARRY HICKEY (4), 388.57
14. DAN PALTER (11), 377.36
15. NORM SCHWARTZ (2), 372.55
16. JOHN AICKEN (3), 357.09
17. ERIC KANE (4), 353.92
18. HUGH POLLEY (3), 351.97
19. JIM FINLEY (2), 349.24
20. BILL BECKER (3), 337.13

~~NEW-BLOOD-FRESH-MEAT-NEW-NAMES-BIG-NEWS-GUNS-BLAZING-SIRENS-BLARING-BODIES-FALLIN~~

Let's hear it for the newest lifers...the CONNECTICUT GAME CLUB, publishers of THE GAMER'S 'ZINE (27 Mark Street, Milford, CT 06460), featuring Dip, Final Conflict III, Milan Dip, En Garde, Source Of The Nile, and something called English Accent. Subs are 60¢ an issue. The Connecticut Game Club is, I believe, one of the teams that frequents the Northeast Gaming Area Playoffs of "Team Wargaming" (4 players per team - 4 1-on-1 encounters for 6 hours, with one point per "hour won" - e.g. a 4-hour game is worth 4 points); the CGC made it to the semi-finals in 1980, lost in the first round in 1981, went 0-2 in 1982 and 1-1 in 1983. (That's a 2-5 record over 4 years - typical LOMers....)

GAME OPENINGS: KINGMAKER, RANGE WAR (Dip variant), SOCCER (see page 23), COLD WAR, PRO WRESTLING (rules on request)

PAGE 16 gets high ratings

Say, what's happening on the Linoleum Falcon?

"Oboe-1 Caruso, see if you can get a report on the election....a little to the left....wait a minute....it can't be....but it IS! We're DOOMED!" Is it? Can it REALLY be? It's that time of year again - that voice! It can only be....

"Yes, that's right, it's me, Kathy Byrne, from Flushing, NY.... Speaking of which, I'm everybody's friend, Booby - Bobby - ROBERT Sacks, from New York, NY.....I'm John Caruso, from Flushing, NY....over here? I'm John Boardman, from Brooklyn, NY.....those are the varsity dippers from the DIPLOMACY ENTOURAGE of NEW YORK (DENY).....and now for the winners, starting with me, Bruce Linsey, from Dalton, MA.....behold (of course) John Kelley, from Klickitat, WA....I'm only Gary Coughlan from Memphis, TN....and the last time I looked, I was Mike Mills, from Sloatsburg, NY.....and those are the varsity dippers from the EUROPA EXPRESSIONISTS!"

(TWEEEEEEET) It's time to match stabs with the champions in America's favorite game with wooden blocks (plastic pieces notwithstanding), the varsity sport of the mouth,

DIP BOWL

Today's game, for the 1984 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, pits the DIPLOMACY ENTOURAGE of NEW YORK against the EUROPA EXPRESSIONISTS. Let's get to the match: (TWEEEEEEET)

"There's the whistle to start the game. You're playing for a 25-point bonus - here's the tossup: DIPLOMACY is a game with the seven major powers of Europa. For 10 points, how many of those powers are entirely-" (RRRING)

"DENY, Sacks....Five, unless you want to take into account continental drift over the millenia - right, John?"

"Well, yes, but Ronald Reagan, the President, Commander-In-Chief, Alpha Male, Supreme War Leader, and All-Around Good Guy, trusts people like Jerry Falwell (or however it's spelled) who want us to believe the stuff in the Bible about the Earth being only a few thousand years old, not to mention stuff about 'Ivory, Apes, and Peacocks' even though peacocks weren't anywhere near that area at the time."

"Hey, somebody should say that that was John Boardman and not John Caruso."

"Right, Kathy - now everybody knows I'm not capable of having a decent car, much less knowing the whereabouts of every ancient peacock-" Please! This is a family show. Not MY family, mind you. Oh, I might as well throw in that this match is being held in the traditional site, Benjamin Ide Wheeler Hall on the University of California campus in Berkeley.

"How about that! Zellerbach Hall not good enough? The Greek Theater? The New Keystone, even? But NO, we get the place with Economics lectures." Mills interrupts Linsey: "I would have liked USF myself."

"Of course - you're Irish, or at least you act that way."

"So what's wrong with choosing a Catholic school? Instead, it's a place where the City Council pledges allegiance once a year, and the other 364, they're Godless socialists."

"Hay, Doctor Boring-"

"That's Boardman."

"Whatever. Anyway, you're the closest thing available to the real thing - what do you intend to do about godless socialism?"

"Who am I - Berch?"

John Caruso breaks in: "Between you and Sacks, there's enough godly power to do anything."

But back to the task at hand...."OK, here's the bonus for 25 points: for 5 points each, name the 5 nobles in KINGMAKER that begin with a strength of 50 or more."

(Mumble grips argue) "Captain?"

"Percy, Neville, Mowbray, er, uh"

"Er and Uh are wrong - they should have been Stanley and Plantagenet Duke of York. 15 points-"

"ER and UM? I never said that - well, maybe in loud thought"

PAGE 17 always keeps its mouth shut (well, if it had a mouth)

"Well, Gary," replies Kathy, "maybe you shouldn't think so loud. I thought that it's enough of a strain on you when you think at all!"
"Perhaps that's from personal experience?" answers Linsey.
"I'm not speaking to you - talk to my lawyers! But don't write to them - I've seen the things you can write."
Uh, while we go past the feuding part of the show, which may be a while, I'll just say that the next LOM won't be out for the next five-week deadline period - well, it will be out, but a little after 5 weeks from now, because the 5-week period ends too close to the Christmas rush. The deadlines are also moved up to allow additional time for mailing. MAIL EARLY, however, just to make sure - don't wait until 3 days before the deadline.
And now, back to the show, with time running out....
"Well, after that 20-minute 'discussion', the score is 25 for the EE'ers to 10 for DENY. Here's the next tossup: for 10 points, who-" (BUZZZZ)
"EE, Linsey....Me, of course - I'm doing everything!"
"You're also losing 5 points - DENY, who writes the Diplomacy column in THE GENERAL?" (RRRING)
"DENY, Caruso....Rod Walker"
"That's right (TWEEEEEEET) and there's the whistle to end the game.... the score is 20 for the Diplomacy Entourage of New York to 20 for the Europa Expressionists (including 10 points scored in the outtakes). Well, it's a tie, so it's time for sudden death! Get out the weapons.... fire ONE!" (POW POW POW POW POW) "Well, it looks like Linsey, Coughlan, Byrne, and Boardman are out of it - now Sacks and Caruso have taken each other out....but they're on the same team! Wait a minute....Sacks and Boardman are getting back up! How?"
"We're supposed to be deities, remember?"
"Now Kathy's up - how?"
"I'm immortal, remember?"
"We're looking it up in the rules....5 point penalty against DENY for reincarnating during the match - by a 20-15 score, the EEers are the NEW CHAMPS!"
"Where did you find THAT rule?"
"Right here, in Volume XII, Section 11, Subsection 9B, Paragraph 5."
"Who designed these rules, anyway?"
"Now what's Linsey doing up?"
"I was protected by my DIP BOWL rules - er, the rules - that is, we'll take the trophy and run, if you don't mind."
"I'm writing a letter to complain!"
"Like the one you wrote Alex?"
Well, I think it's time to leave now, as the heavy artillery is about to be used - be back next year (if there is one after this battle) for yet another episode of DIP BOWL.....

~~-AND-NOW-FOR-BOMB-DROPPING-NUKE-BLASTING-FLAG-WAVING-GUN-FIRING-TRUE-BLUE-EXCITEME!~~

NUCLEAR WAR/NUCLEAR ESCALATION....SETUP & OPENING SECRETS

I forgot to mention - the players should "name their countries" (not limited to actual country names, of course) and use these names in their orders, so I know whose orders are what, or whatever that should read.

SECRETS....Sweeney played Peace Corps on Ehli (lose 2 mil.) and Enemy Environmentalists on Laurence (lose a turn); White played Drunk Ambassador on Ehli (lose a turn) and Boring Presidential Speech on Jensen (lose 2 mil.); Jensen played Meltdown (25 mil.) and First On Moon (5 mil.), both on Ehli. As a result, Ehli loses 27 million and a turn, Jensen gains 3 million (lose 2, gain 5), Sweeney gains 2 million, White gains 2 million, and Laurence loses a turn. Budway was not touched.

TURN 1 orders (secrets, card down, effects of turned-up card) are due by JANUARY 9, 1985.

YOUR CARD DRAW (incl. SECRETS) AND OTHER NOTES:

***** ORDER OF PLAY: Jensen/Ehli/White/Sweeney/Budway/Laurence (see HR 8)

This PAGE 18 is a BLAST!

KATHY BIRNE - rolled 10 (P), 50 (G), 30, 10 (G), 5B (Y), 40 (OHQ),
5Y, 2Y (YHQ)

1. (EM) What was the secret identity of The Shadow?
2. (LT) What group was Marianne Faithfull talking about when she said, "I slept with three and decided the lead singer was the best bet"?
3. (LT) What couple ended their marriage and split their TV empire in 1960?
4. (EM) What onetime Westinghouse hypnist became President Lyndon Johnson's special assistant for consumer affairs in May 1967?
5. (SL) *What's a fruit machine?
6. (NN) *What had Lyndon Johnson had removed to be able to flash his scar in October 1965?

JOHN CARUSO - rolled 5G, 5P (PHQ), 4G (Y), 6P, 6P (Y), 3G (GHQ), 5R, 5R (O),
6B, 50 (OHQ)

1. (SS) *What Chuck Berry song did Simon and Garfunkel perform at their Concert in Central Park?
2. (NN) What Michigan governor cited "the New Deal of Franklin Roosevelt, the Fair Deal of Harry Truman, and the ordeal of Lyndon Johnson"?
3. (NN) What Washington, D.C., woman noted: "Everybody should rise up and say, 'Thank you, Mr. President, for bombing Haiphong'"?
4. (LT) *What U.S. President dubbed his aircraft "Spirit of '76"?
5. (SL) How many stumps are there in a cricket wicket?
6. (SL) *What hobby uses the term "cast on"?

BRAD WILSON - rolled 2C (C), 2R (B), 3R (Y), 1R/2B, 4R, 2R (RHQ), 4G (B),
6R, 2B (G)

1. (GE) What river is known as "China's Sorrow" because of its flooding?
2. (GE) What ocean surrounds the Saragasso Sea?
3. (NN) What singer did Mickey Deans, her fifth husband, find dead when he smashed into her locked London bathroom on June 22, 1969?
4. (AL) *What's a warm puppy, by Charles Schulz's reckoning?
5. (GE) What river does the Hoover Dam dam?
6. (SN) How many legs does an oyster catcher have?

BOB OLSEN - rolled 6B (P), 6R (RHQ), 5G, 5G (Y), 2P, 3G, 2G (GHQ), 5C (P),
1C/30 (P); has Pink wedge

1. (EM) Who is Miss Piggy in love with?
2. (AL) *Who was famous for saying, "All you need to fly are lovely things and fairy dust"?
3. (HI) What member of the Chicago Seven did Jane Fonda marry?
4. (SN) *What fungus has a crown, spores, gills, and a stalk?
5. (EN) Who wrote "White Christmas"?
6. (EN) What movie had Professor Fate, played by Jack Lemmon, racing a Hannibal Twin 8?

GREG DOYLE - rolled 30 (Y), 40 (OHQ), 1Y (G), 30, 10 (G), 4B, 10 (Y),
20, 5B (BHQ); has Brown wedge

1. (HI) What country's flag was Columbus sailing under when he discovered America?
2. (SL) *What's another term for a badminton bird?
3. (SN) What's the shape of a camel's spine?
4. (SN) What does a conchologist study?
5. (HI) What are the only ~~two~~ countries to have declared independence from Britain?
6. (GE) What capital city does the Liffey River flow through?

DICK MARTIN - rolled 60, 4B, 3R, 4R, 1R (Y), 3R, 6B (P), 40, 20 (OHQ),
4B (Y), 20, 5B (B), 5R, 2R/3C (O); has Yellow wedge

1. (HI) What did a shepherd boy discover at Quaran, Jordan, in 1947?
2. (EM) Who did Liza Minnelli portray in the movie "Cabaret"?
3. (SL) *What two ingredients make a Black Velvet?
4. (HI) What gangster was gunned down by law officers outside the Biograph theater?
5. (GE) *What two Japanese cities are anagrams of KOOTY?
6. (SL) On a dartboard, what is the point value of the outer bullseye?

MIKE HELI - rolled 6Y (YHQ), 20, 20 (P), 10, 5) (R), 30 (OHQ), 2C (R),
3C (B); has Blue wedge

1. (HI) * How many ballots did it take JFK to win the nomination in 1960?
2. (EM) Who was known as "America's Favorite Flying Cowboy"?
3. (AL) What Boris Pasternak book sold 500,000 copies to become the fiction best-seller of 1958?
4. (SL) *What women's tennis star is nicknamed "Little Mo"?
5. (AL) What female painter produced primitives of rural New England life?
6. (GE) Where's the Blue Grotto?

TRIVIAL PURSUIT, ROUND 2 PAGE 19

CHANGES to the TRIVIAL PURSUIT HOUSE RULES (you still have them, don't you?)

Change the first paragraph of rule 2 to read: Each turn, each player receives enough die rolls to reach a needed HQ space. If a player has all six wedges, the player receives enough die rolls to land on the center space twice.

Change rule 3 to read: Each player may individually decide to have two (or more) turns per 5-week period. If a stamp is included with a player's answers, the results for that player only will be immediately mailed back, along with the next set of questions. Should that player get the second set of answers in before the posted deadline for the next issue, the second set of questions will be included in that issue's results. (Should it not be in time, they will be held until the following issue, or until the player sends a stamp or authorizes the use of part of the sub fee in lieu of the stamp, at which time the results will be mailed.) However, the deadline for any set of questions is 28 days after the mailing date.

THE ANSWERS, along with the guesses by the players (when incorrect)

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| 1. Lamont Cranston (Vincent Price) | 2. Rolling Stones |
| 3. Lucille Ball & Desi Arnaz | 4. Betty Furness (Ralph Nader) |
| 5. Slot machine | 6. Gall bladder |
| 7. Maybellene (Roll Over Beethoven) | 8. George Romney (no answer) |
| 9. Martha Mitchell (Mrs. Truman) | 10. Richard Nixon (Gerald Ford) |
| 11. Three (Two) | 12. Knitting (Fishing) |
| 13. Yellow River | 14. Atlantic |
| 15. Judy Garland | 16. Happiness |
| 17. Colorado River | 18. Two |
| 19. Kermit the Frog | 20. Peter Pan |
| 21. Tom Hayden | 22. Mushroom |
| 23. Irving Berlin | 24. The Great Race (Those Magnificent Men In Their Flying Machines) |
| 25. Spain | 26. Shuttlecock |
| 27. Straight (Square) | 28. Shells & Mollusks (Acids) |
| 29. USA, Zimbabwa (Canada, India) | 30. Dublin (I can't tell what Greg said, but it wasn't Dublin) |
| 31. Dead Sea Scrolls | 32. Sally Bowles |
| 33. Champagne and Stout (Uzo & Vodka) | 34. John Dillinger |
| 35. Tokyo, Kyoto | 36. 25 |
| 37. One (Four) | 38. Sky King (Glie Riekenbaker) |
| 39. Doctor Zhivago | 40. Maureen Connolly (Margaret Court) |
| 41. Grandma Moses | 42. Italy (French Riviera) |

SPEAKING OF MAILING DATES....I'm going to allow a 35-day deadline for this game, mainly because of the longer deadline for Dip because of the holidays. Deadline for TRIVIAL PURSUIT is JANUARY 5, 1985. (If you get your guesses in early enough and include a stamp, I'll send out the next set of your questions outside of the 'zine.) Your questions are included separately.

~~AND-NOW-FOR-SOMETHING-COMpletely-DIFFERENT-EVEN-FOR-THIS-ZINE-PRESENTING-FOR-THE-~~

LAAAAAY-DEEEEEEEZE-AND-GEN-TUHL-UHMEN! This is the MAIN EVENT - for the IWH (International Wrestling Hobby) Heavyweight Championship Of The World! In the red corner, weighing in at 325 pounds, from Queens, New York, managed by Frank Byrne, ROBERT "BEERCAN" SAX! And in the blue corner, weighing 250 pounds, from Lansdale, PA, managed by Steve Arnowoodian, PHIL S. THE HUN!

TALE OF THE TAPE: Beercan Sax has (modified) STR 16, CON 6, SPD 2, DEX 15, END 40; he rates as an "American WASP villain, in red/white/blue bikini shorts, with political rhetoric", so his basic PAP is 29. Phil S. the Hun has (modified) STR 15, CON 10, SPD 9, DEX 7, END 41; he rates "Viking Hero, in traditional garb, with a hard hat worker rhetoric", so his basic PAP is 42.

I didn't make the rules clear: your orders should be six actions, not six moves. (For example, "x-FM-O-O-O-Thr-O" is seven actions in two moves (Full Nelson and Throw).)

ORDERS for "round one" are due by JANUARY 5, 1985. You can keep the orders you already have in, but Woody has 19 actions and Frank 18. OK?

PAGE 20 has all the answers

HERVE Fall 04

- A (Michelski):** A Bul-Con, F Eme S F Aeg-Smy, F Aeg-Smy, A Bud-Tri, A Sil-Mun, A Boh S A Sil-Mun
- E (Browner):** (A Pic retreat to Bel) A Bel-Hol, F Eng-Bel, F Nth-Den, F Neo-Nws
- F (Gardner):** A Par-Bur, A Pic S A Par-Bur
- G (Shores?):** NMR, A Tyr, A Mun, F Stp(sc), F Fin, A Nwy, A Ber all hold
- I (Bowen?):** NMR, F Por, F Spo(sc), F Mao, F Naf, A Gas, A Bur all hold
- R (Slaughter?):** NMR, F Pru, A War, A Mos, F Sev all hold
- T (Ehli):** F Con-Bul(ec), F Bia S F Con-Bul(ec), A Smy-Con

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Austrian A Bul is dislodged to Gre, Ser, Rum, or the box. The German A Mun is dislodged to Kie, Ruh, or the box. The Italian A Bur may retreat to Mar or that same old box. Why not toss a chart of centers at y'all.

HERVE F04

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|---|------------------|
| A: home, ser, gre, <u>bul</u> , mun, smy (7) | build 1 or 2 |
| E: home, bel, <u>hol</u> , den (6) | build 2 |
| F: por, bra, <u>par</u> (2) | even |
| G: <u>mun</u> , ber, kie, den, <u>hol</u> , swe, nwy, stp (5) | remove 1 |
| I: home, tun, mar, spo, <u>por</u> (7) | build 1 |
| R: <u>stp</u> , war, mos, sev, rum (4) | even or remove 1 |
| T: <u>smy</u> , con, ank, <u>bul</u> (3) | even |

Well, the centers changing hands this year sure made up for the lack of excitement last winter! Note that if Austria retreats to Rum he gains that center and another build, and Russia will have a removal. Let's cut down a bit on the NMRs in the future, huh guys? If Paul and T-Bone can tough it out, so can anybody else.

Guess the draw didn't pass. Try again with a GAI draw this time? Vote with your next orders, please.

TURK to MR ROARK: I'll tell you what's wrong with "T-Bone." I hate it! (Great logic, huh?) I much prefer my KK nickname, "Lover." Now that's a nickname that a Hobby Sex Ghod would be proud to have.

ROARKVILLE: Didn't you know that it's not ultimately cool to be so forward? T-Bone is more low-key and unthreatening, and that is "in" these days. For instance, do you think "Man George" would go over well? No, of course not. Stick with T-Bone, it's a good icebreaker ("Why do they call you T-Bone?" "I make for great eating" etc, etc, etc).

PARIS to FUTURE HOBBY SEX GHOD: Goodness, how will you handle all that responsibility?

FRANCE to SILENT ONE: Bless you for NMRing, you continue to make me look good.

DERANGED DUCK to HUSKY COUNTRY: We almost took you out of #1, you know. Don't worry, we'll get even during basketball season.

DUCKVILLE to BUCKVILLE (That's right, BUCKEYETOWN): Are you panicking, Jack, or what? Afraid someones going to land a quick W while you're setting up to take England or is it just that finely honed greed instinct?

ROCKVILLE: Or maybe just narcolepsy? I suppose we'll find out with the next set of orders, due on **Don's deadline of: JANUARY 3, 1985**

Thank you, kind sir.

This month's movie was *The Terminator*, in which Arnold Schwarzenegger plays a killer robot from the future very convincingly. We loved it, anyway. Bye!

PAGE 21 - GM: Can't you use darker print on your originals?

SUMMER 1902: Russia retreats F Rum OTB, as a fleet can't retreat to Galicia. (There goes my GMing rating in the next poll.....)

FALL 1902.....

AUSTRIA (Wagner): **NMR** A BUD, F ALB hold

ENGLAND (Martin): F Eng-NMY, F MTH S F Nwg-Nwy, A Yor-LVP

FRANCE (Bjornsson): F Iri-ENG, F Bre-PIC, A Spa-MAR, A Gas-BUR, A PAR S A Gas-Bur

GERMANY (Doyle): A Den-SWE, F BAL S A Den-Swe, A PRU-War, A Bur-MIN, A Bel-RUH, F Hol-BEL

ITALY (Stegeman): A Tyo-BOH, A SER S RUSSIAN A Ukr-Rum, F ION-Gre, F APU-Ion, A TUN H & evades Libyan assassination squads

RUSSIA (Lee): F Swe-Nwy(d/retreat to Ska, Bot, Fin, OTB), A Ukr-RUM, A SEV S A Ukr-Rum, A MOS-War

TURKEY (Gestiehr Jr.): A Rum S AUSTRIAN A Bud-Ser(nso)(d/retreat to Gal, OTB), A BUL S A Rum, F Con-BLA, A Smy-ARM, F AEG-Gre

1902 SUPPLY CENTER CHART



AUSTRIA: Bud, Via - 2, even

ENGLAND: Lon, Edi, Lvp, NMY - 4, build 1

FRANCE: Par, Bra, Mar, Spa, Por - 5, even

GERMANY: Kie, Mun, Ber, Den, Hol, Bel, SWE - 7, build 1

ITALY: Rom, Nap, Ven, Tri, Tun, SER - 6, build 1

RUSSIA: Stp, Mos, War, Sev, Rum, SEV - 5, build 1 (or 2)

TURKEY: Con, Ank, Smy, Bul, Svy - 4, remove 1 (or even)

Greece is the only remaining neutral

RETREATS: if Russia retreats OTB, he builds 2; if Turkey retreats OTB, he is even.

DEADLINE for AUTUMN 1902 retreats, WINTER 1902 builds/removals, and SPRING 1903 moves is JANUARY 11, 1985.

HOUSE RULE CHANGE: Orders by phone ARE now allowed, subject to the following: the phone deadline is 11:00 PM Pacific Time on the day before the listed (mail) deadline; the GM (i.e. ME) is the only person allowed to accept the orders (i.e. members of the GM's family can't take a note); the GM's phone hours are 6 PM to 11 PM (Pacific time) Monday through Friday and 10 AM to 11 PM (Pacific Time) Saturday and Sunday, but I'm usually out Tuesdays until 9 PM and Fridays until 10 PM; finally, if what I take down as your orders happens to be different from what you said (or thought you said), that's your tough luck (even if you were taping the call) - try using the mail service next time! (However, I will never miswrite a phone order on purpose.)

And now for the press....

FRANCE-GM: Congratulations on the new job.

GM-FRANCE: Would you believe that out of \$660 every 2 weeks, I only see \$488? And not much back on taxes, either.

TURKEY-ITALY: Your socks don't match and your promises don't work.

GM: Before getting to the Italian press, I'd like to clarify something: yes, the deadline is 6 weeks from the last one instead of 5. The next issue will be held back one week to allow for the mail crunch to die down. Hopefully, the rate will still be 20¢.

Will KEN PEEL, 8708 First Avenue #T-2, Silver Spring, MD 20910, standby for Austria!

PAGE 22 is sorry for "black space" - I called John Corso as a standby before noticing Mike Fli did as well

ITALY-RUSSIA: Ask England how cute he is when he isn't mad.

ITALY-GERMANY: Did I tell you about the big storm here? You had written so many letters that when my mailbox blew over, they clogged the drains and half the town washed away! And I still don't know what you wrote!

ITALY-RUSSIA: And what did you have for Thanksgiving?

GM-ITALY: Big storm, huh? No wonder that excuse-for-a-high-school you went to has a basketball team that looks like it was washed up! (For those of you who are still reading, Bill Seligman and Ken Peel went to Santa Rosa (CA) High School, located about 50 miles north of San Francisco - and about 40 miles north of Redwood High School in Marin County, which I attended until 1980. ANYWAY, these two teams met on November 30 in basketball - despite the fact that the Santa Rosa schedule listed the girls' game before the boys' game, while the Redwood schedule has it the other way around. Since Redwood was the host school, the boys played first - after a 30-minute wait. Anyway, Redwood swept up the floor with Santa Rosa - well, at least we won 57-43, although the officials blew a few calls.)

WORLD CUP 1985/6

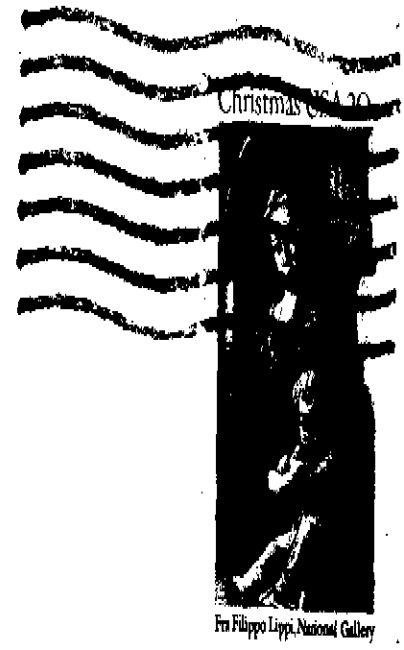
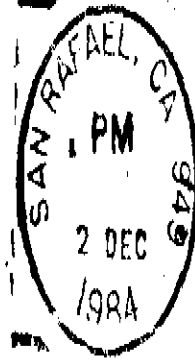
Because of the - how can I put it - underwhelming response to the WORLD CUP SOCCERLEAGUE TOURNAMENT, the opening will remain around for a while. I realize that it's unfair to eliminate half of the teams after 3 games, which comes to a lot of money for a little play. As a result, a few changes have been made as follows:

- 1) The fees have been reduced - in the US, \$2 for the entire tournament; in Canada, \$2 US or \$3 Canadian; in Europe, \$2 US or 2 pounds UK; in other places of the world, \$2 US or \$3 US-equivalent in foreign currency. The entire fee goes into the prize pool, which is doubled by the GM (i.e. for every \$1 put in by a player, the GM puts in \$1) and distributed as follows: 10% each to the losing semi-finalists, 20% to the losing finalist, and 60% to the winner of the tournament.
 - 2) Instead of 4 divisions, there will be 2 divisions. Each team plays every team in its division (excluding itself, of course); the two best teams in each division advance to the semi-finals, with the best team in one division playing the second-best in the other. This amounts to at least 7 games per player in a 16-team tournament, and 11 per player in a 24-team tournament. Should there be 32 or more teams in the tournament, 4 divisions will be used, with each division's winner advancing. (This would mean at least 7 games per player.)
 - 3) This is supposed to be World Cup. As such, there should be some incentive to draw "better" players. Any person who has finished first or second in any soccerleague season (PBM, that is, and it must have started with at least 12 teams) can enter this tournament FOR FREE. ("First" and "second" indicate the participants in the league's championship game - usually the F.A. Cup Final.) Third and fourth place teams (e.g. F.A. Cup semi-finalists) can get a 50% discount. (Proof of how you did would be nice!) The GM will pay the fees not paid by any player not paying the full rate under this condition. (Yes, this applies to UNITED leagues as well.)
- Maybe now we'll have some decent action....until then, you're stuck with Pro Wrestling and Trivial Pursuit.

Well, so much for this Hobby Christmas Issue of LIFE OF MONTY. Only 11 weeks until ISSUE NUMBER 50 - if anybody out there would like to submit an article (no strategy/tactics, please), I'll pay the going rate if it appears. (Currently, it's 75¢ sub credit to any 'zine for each page, with fractions paid proportionally to how much of the page is used.)

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