

# LIFE OF MONTY

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For those of you who don't know any better, this is another one of those things commonly known as a 'zine, this one of the variety *Lifus Montagua*, also commonly referred to as *LIFE OF MONTY*, named by its discoverer and creator, mainly ME, Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339, phone (415) 461-2692, hours 5 PM to 11 PM Monday to Thursday, 5 PM to midnight Friday, 11 AM to 1 AM Saturday, and 11 AM to 11 PM Sunday. That is, if anybody can actually afford to make calls nowadays.

Enough of the nonsense! Let's get right to....

*MONTY'S NEWS AND COMMENT* is brought to you by the good guys - the United States Government - after all, they're paying for part of this!

The feud of the century is still going strong, with no signs of ending in the near future. Lately - did you believe what that 'zine said? That's hard to believe that - what normal person would do something like that? People like that should be thrown into - but we shouldn't assume the innocence of - well, more on this as it develops. Meanwhile, real feuds can be read about in most other 'zines, if you look hard enough or write something that another pubber doesn't quite agree with....

It looks like the People's Diplomacy Organization is attempting to look something close to a point where it can begin to resemble a real hobby organization, since the announcement of the plans for a PDO Novice Packet. Does it seem to you that a few people that were supporting *SUPERNOVA* quite recently have turned toward this new project. The way I see this (as well as Rod Walker and, I suppose, a few others) is: considering the names I've read about that have agreed to write articles, it sounds like a good thing to go along with *SUPERNOVA* - perhaps the two can be combined somehow into one large packet?

As I said last time, Roy Henricks and Bruce Linsey (with a little help from Cathy Cuning, I guess) are getting *ZINE REGISTER 85* ready for distribution. Apparently, a few of you out there don't have current information into the persons involved (Roy Henricks, 128 Deerfield Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235, or Bruce Linsey, 73 Ashuelot Street, Apt. 3, Dalton, MA 01226) - get with it! This is too big of a thing to pass up, you know. A lot of new hobbyists look to the ZR to determine what 'zines to look into first. I should know - I found the first *ZINE DIRECTORY* (this was what it was called when Mike Mills was in charge) "required reading" when looking for new 'zines. Contact somebody involved for more details on how you can get one.

In related news, it was announced recently that, because of his work with *SUPERNOVA*, the *Runestone Poll*, and the *ZINE REGISTER*, Bruce Linsey has been named BNC, MNC, head of the Orphan Service, executive editor of *THE GENERAL* (after all, what does Don Greenwood know about Diplomacy?), publisher of all forthcoming *D&D* and *TRAVELLER* supplements, and chairman of the United Nations Organization for the Protection, Study, and Improvement of Linear Separators. (Linear Separators are things which are usually one line thick, go across the page, and tend to separate different items in a 'zine - for example:

~~-THIS-IS-THE-MOST-COMMON-TYPE-OF-LINEAR-SEPARATOR-FOUND-IN-THIS-ZINE-QUITE-READABLE~~

~~BECAUSE WHILE THIS TYPE OF LINEAR SEPARATOR IS COMMON IN A LOT OF ZINES IT'S A BIT HARD TO READ IN SOME PLACES~~

And to think he's giving up *THE ECHO OF DOOM*.....

Good night!

While I've got some spare space, it's time to kick around some variant ideas. I don't exactly plan on running a game using any of these in the near future, unless something big comes up (something along the lines of STAB OF THE CENTURY, perhaps? Too bad Hanson & Petersen are gone - I wonder what the Langleys would say...), mainly because I have enough games planned as it is, but here goes:

- 1) Is 18 a large enough SC count for a win? Why not play on until somebody comes up with ALL 34 SCs? True, it has some drawbacks - it would take forever to play postally, and in most cases it would be impossible to achieve. (Well, maybe not in most cases, but there are a lot of stalemate lines.)
- 2) Personally, I don't think the current convoy system has enough deviousness - or accuracy, for that matter (maybe "realism" is a better word) - to make this a real good game. Not only that, but nobody can figure out a decent way to handle "multiple routes". Here's my plan: if an army wishes to convoy, it is given an order to move to a sea space containing a fleet (not to its ultimate destination, as is the current case); that fleet is given a convoy order from the army's starting point to the destination (if it's adjacent to the fleet) or to a fleet adjacent to the fleet given this order (if the destination isn't adjacent to the fleet being given the order). Each fleet is given a convoy order from one adjacent area (either a sea area or the army's starting point) to another (either a sea area or the army's destination).

Here's the important point: the army to be convoyed isn't given a destination - the destination is determined by the chain of fleets. If foreign fleets are involved in the convoy, this may not be the destination the player owning the army intended!

For examples:

ENGLAND: A Lon-Nth, F Nth C A Lon-Nwy would convoy A Lon to Nth via F Nth.

FRANCE: A Bre-Mid, F Mid C A Bre-Wes, F Wes C A Mid-Tun convoys A Bre to Tun via F Mid & F Wes. Note that F Wes convoyed from the location of the fleet immediately before it in the convoy chain.

RUSSIA: A Stp-Bar, F Bar C A Stp-Nwg, F Nwg C A Nwg-Hol;

GERMANY: F Nwg C RUSSIAN A Bar-Nth, F Nth C RUSSIAN A Nwg-Hol.

Here, Russia expected Germany to order F Nwg to convoy from Bar to Nth - however, the German fleet took the Russian army and ran to Nth (i.e. the German fleet convoyed the Russian army from Bar to Nth), where F Nth took over and convoyed the army to Hol! Now THAT'S what I call a STAB! (But why would Germany convoy Russia to Hol?)

- 3) Don't you just hate it when people use abbreviations for names on the Diplomacy map? This isn't a rule change - I also think that writing out full names all the time gets tiring. (But make sure the GM knows what the abbreviations stand for! Remember "Tro" by Keith Sherwood in VOICE OF DOOM?)

~~MORE-NEWS-MORE-NEWS-MORE-NEWS-WELL-HOW-ABOUT-THAT-YOU-JUST-CAN'T-ESCAPE-THIS-STUFF~~

Did I say VOICE OF DOOM? That's "THE VOICE OF DOOM". Speaking of names, Avalon Hill has announced that it should be referred to as "The Avalon Hill Game Company" in order to avoid confusion with other companies whose names I don't know. So don't call them "Avalon Hill" anymore, OK? (Is "anymore" correct, or should it be "any more"? "Any more" refers to something along the lines of a second helping, doesn't it?)

And here's some LATER-THAN-LATE NEWS that had to be pasted in at the last second: the recent nominee of the United Nations Organization for the Protection, Study, and Improvement of Linear Separators was vetoed by the United States on the grounds that the UNOPSILS would meet in New York City and that the US government would not be held responsible for the consequences of having three people whose initials are BL, KB, and JB (no names, please) in the same city at the same time. As a result, the BNC, MNC, Orphan Service, GENERAL editor, and D&D/TRAVELLER supplement design posts go back to their former holders. Nobody likes a has-been.

This "has-been" PAGE 2

# DIP WARZ

AND NOW, A SPECIAL DIP WARZ VERSION OF "A CHRISTMAS CAROL", WITH APOLOGIES TO CHARLES DICKENS AND THE COMIC STRIP "MARVIN"

So one day, at night, which doesn't make too much sense in space, Lord Sacks Fifthavenue was sleeping - well, he would have been had he been a real person and not just one of

those manifestations of THE BOURSE - when things were interrupted by something along the lines of "oooooooooooooooooooo" (or whatever ghostly howling is spelled).

"Hey, who's the wise guy with the problem?"

"You are, Lord Sacks Fifthavenue" said something which looked a lot like past Emperor Conrad von Mefirst, except for the fact that this thing was entirely pink and was somewhat transparent as well.

"Enough with the jokes! Who are you, anyway?"

"I am the ghost of DIP WARZ past. Let me introduce my friends, the ghosts of DIP WARZ present and DIP WARZ yet to come - hey, where did they go?"

POOF - "Did we miss anything? I thought we were the ghosts of DIPLOMACY WORLD present & yet to come."

"I hate this 'yet to come' business - what's wrong with 'future'?"

"How should I know - you're in charge of that department."

Lord Sacks Fifthavenue takes the opportunity to get off a radio message.

Hey, LSF - who ya gonna call?

"GHOSTBUSTERS!"

Suddenly, a bunch of guys in white aim their weapons - wait a minute... where's Bill Murray?

"Are you kidding? After what he got for GHOSTBUSTERS II, he wanted 100 million credits AND a 10% share of THE BOURSE to appear in this!"

Anyway, it's curtains for the ghosts - "they'll look just fine hanging in front of the windows of the Emperor's Flagship" - and now it's back to business for the newly-elected Emperor. Meanwhile, back on the Linoleum Falcon: ((get it-curtains-hanging...how about PAIN?))

"Hey, Rod Seaparter, the man who almost was elected Emperor," asks

Obo-1 Caruso, "why don't you demand a recount?"

Just then, the receiver announced, if receivers can do that, "Emperor Sacks Fifthavenue announced today that, as his first action, he outlawed recounts in Imperial elections under penalty of 'the Land of Living Death' you get in Infocom's SORCEROR when you fall asleep before you get out of the building where you begin."

Princess Luscious puts her two cents worth in: "There - that should pay for my share of your election expenses."

Another radio announcement: "As his second action, the Emperor has levied a tax of 100% of all campaign expenses by losing candidates. Failure to pay will result in the guilty parties being strapped to a chair and subjected to every one of Sting's movies." (Note: as of the end of 1984, this consists of "Dune" and "The Secret Policemen's Other Ball".)

"Now that the election is over," asks John Pole-o, "where's THE-"

"As his THIRD action, the Emperor has outlawed the use of the phrase 'Where's The' followed by any word beginning with 'B' or rhyming with the word 'beef', under penalty of being flame-broiled and fried. This means YOU, rebels!"

Just then...."Sea-potta! This means yew!"

"Somebody shut that radio off."

"I thought I was one of the good guys!"

"That sounds like Garra the Elvi master" - and, by some coincidence, that's who it was. "Not-very-young Seaparter, in order to extract THE BOURSE from its resting place, you will have to complete the ONE TASK OF THE ECHOING VOICE!"

"ONE task? I always thought there were three."

"There were - but since nobody ever got past number one, nobody remembers the other two."

"What, may I ask, is this one task?"

"NO ASKING ALLOWED - you'll have to find it for yourself."

"But how can I perform this one task if I don't even know what it is?"

"If it was easy, somebody would have done it long ago, and nobody would be in this mess! Now get out there and start looking, or it's thunderbolt time!"

PAGE 3 asks "What's a thunderbolt?"

"Thunderbolt time? What's--" ZOT --"never mind."

"OK, which way do we go, mister smart guy?"

"Baldo Calberchian, set course 186 mark 32, plus 8, plus 6."

"But--" Just then, the radio announcer said: "Unnecessary use of 'but' on rebel ships has been outlawed on pain of having to read the Earl of Peericleas' List of Improvements for the Empire."

"But," says someone on the Imperial ship of Yawn Boring, "why did he do that?"

"See that blip over there?"

"Are those the rebels? I don't see any reflected light readings!"

"True, but notice the concentration of hushpuppy mix! That means Garra the Elvi master was there. OK, it's time to load up on high-tech low-cost weaponry again, in yet another attempt to destroy the Linoleum Falcon."

"Today, we have assorted Linoleum Falcon Busters, a few Planet Smashers, some SPACE VIKINGS for good measure, one or two old FNORDs for effect, the latest Linseybashing, Byrnebashing, Berchbashing, Runestone-poll-bashing, Zine-directory-bashing - what's this?"

"You tell me! Better still,--" SPLAT --the NEW weapons officer can tell me!"

"It's a PDO constitution & novice packet!"

"If that doesn't get them, it may be back to DIP BOWL.....load up on the heavy stuff....targeting computers on.....a little to the left.... now launch the attack!"

Well, the PDO Novice Packet is headed straight for the Linoleum Falcon, and it's locked in....can the rebels escape this one? Will Seaparter find the One Task? Can Lord Sacks Fifthavenue make some decent laws? Maybe next time.....

~~LATE-NEWS-LATE-NEWS-LATE-NEWS-NO-NOBODY-DIED-GET-IT-LATE-NEWS-BAD-PUN-BAD-NEWS-MO~~

The latest rumors out of DAFCON are that Bruce Linsey will return to publishing in April 1985. Some people just can't get enough of it.... meanwhile, after more than seven hours of pushing counters around and trading all those cards, the consensus is that CIVILIZATION gets to be quite boring after awhile (perhaps the trading periods were too long in this game - limiting each trading period to five minutes per turn is highly recommended)....it's official: TERRY TALLMAN is the Hobby Sex Ghod. Meanwhile, DAFCON also saw the naming of the (unknown to this pubber) Hobby Death Threat Custodian (HDTTC); all death threats made from one hobby member to another must have a copy sent to the HDTTC.

All right, how many of you know what claim to fame I share with Ruth Glaspey? That's right - as far as I know, we're the only two hobbyists to win one of those contests in THE GENERAL. Well, in the latest issue, it was announced that GLENN OVERBY of JIHAD (which folded a while back) has won the "Up Front" contest in Volume 21 Number 1. I'm surprised that people actually play that game!

AND NOW....as a service of The National LIFER, this 'zine presents, in true tabloid form, the 1985 PREDICTIONS!

First, a couple which have a decent chance of coming true, to make me look good: The ADVANCED SQUAD LEADER RULE BOOK will not come out until 1986, instead of its planned ORIGINS 85 release, and Anaheim, CA will win the bid for DIPCON 86. Now for the good ones.....

Beings from another star system will infiltrate the hobby by disguising themselves as known hobbyists, but will be discovered when the ones that look like John Boardman and Rod Walker announce that they like each other.

The Avalon Hill Game Company will take over TSR, the makers of D&D, AD&D, and other nonsense, and will celebrate by throwing E. Gary Gygax from the offices of Victory Games in New York while thousands of cheering fans, as well as a few munchkins who get trampled when they admit they actually like AD&D's realism, look on.

The "faud of the decade" will end when one of the two major parties involved leaves the hobby in 1985 for some unexplained reason, although the other won't be in any condition to continue pubbing either.

FINALLY - the 1986 Miss America pageant will be cancelled when it is revealed that every contestant appears nude in a recent Penthouse. Said magazine also has the latest Miss USA, after which pageant officials doubled her prizewinnings.....

PAGE 4 appears as is

In a way  
 It's absurd,  
 When we say  
 We stuff the bird.      An optimist is a person who asks  
 "Whats      Any turkey      for lunch?" the day after  
 Thanksgiving.      Knows his job'll  
    be to stuff  
    The folks who gobble!

-Lois Gano Schiller in Good Housekeeping.

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As you can see, we're back to the old title. Well sort of, anyway. Most of you probably won't have the slightest idea what it means. Have a friend with a computer explain it to you. So far, the reader (come on, I know that there are readers out there somewhere, I can hear them breathing) response has been, shall we say, sparse. I may just have to do something really outrageous to spur some letter writers.

There is, however, one letter, sent in by a gracious, thoughtful, beautiful (see what you get for writing in) person who responded to my plea lastish.

The least Dustin can do is set wider margins.... PAGE 5 is quite wide

The Letter Column (finally!)

//The first might be last and the last may be first, but both of them are Daf Langley.//

Dear Dustin,

I'm sorry it's taken me so long to reply to your kind offer of the MBI-ship. When I found out that I had been nominated, I was in a quandry. //Is that anything like being in a car?// How could I accept a position from the opposition in the Hobby Sex Ghod campaign? I immediately contacted my Groupy Master and all-around favorite Sex Ghod Terry Tallman. I told him of the position of MBI and told him I was very interested in accepting. He, in his magnificence, //Or was that "in his underwear"?// gave me special dispensation to accept the post. Therefore, it is with great pleasure that I announce my new position as Hobby Male Body Inspector! Now, as you know, I have high standards for my males. //They have to be high?// They must be breathing and they must wear pants at least part of the time. Now, I know there has been a backlog, so we'll have to get started right away. The first round of inspections will start January 1st 1985. That way we'll know who is in the office of Hobby Sex Ghod. Until then-- keep breathing.

Thanks alot, Daf. You heard her, guys. 1/1/85 is the date. To make things easy all around, the FBI inspections will take place on the same date. This is a good place to announce further corrections/additions/alterations to what I said about this lastish. The FBI (and, I presume, MBI) from now on will be neutral. Personally, I support Mike E., but will work with whoever is HSG. I am partisan, the office is not. You may be wondering how I can make that statement, in the light of my speech lastish. I figure, if unions and especially the NEA can spend forced dues money to support their radical goals in the political arena and not be a political organization, then I can support Mike and still be non-partisan. (The NEA is the most politicized union in existence, and its power is even greater than the AFL-CIO.) Understand? If so, explain it to me sometime. Daf and I will be working up the details of testing. Your intrepid reporter will keep everybody posted. Where else but LOM/SV can you get such up-to-the-minute news?

Obviously, Don, the Viking-in-Chief, er, Monty-in-Chief, er, Pubber-in-Python, or whatever, is a man of impeccable character (CHR\$) and untarnished credibility. That's right, none of you sleaze-bags wrote in. For that matter, only one person is currently playing Score-Four.

Score-Four

That person is: Steve Langley! I'm playing Go-Moku in **Magus**, so he has kindly consented to play S-F here. Right now I'm only showing the first level, since no higher plays have been made.

PAGE 6 is not a high-level player

but it sure is high up on the page,  
isn't it?

Me:X Steve:O

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First move	Second	Third	Fourth

This is a typical series of opening moves. The corners are the most important positions that can be occupied in the first few plays, and most games start like this. Steve says that he has never played before, and I congratulate him on figuring this out so quickly.

I recently acquired a printout of a program that plays Score-Four. It happens to be an Apple version, and since I hate typing programs in, it may be a while before I translate it and get it running.

### Everything else Dept.

An interesting thing happened to me the other day. I got a copy of *Dip Digest* (#85) in the mail with a note on the front saying: "See pages 14-16." These pages deal with the Langley/Highfield/Berch/Linsey feud. I did not ask for this, nor have I ever had any correspondence with Mark that I know of. Since I have never expressed my opinion on this in print, I can only speculate on Mark's motives for sending this to me. From what was said in the zine, my best guess is that Mark somehow got ahold of Langley's sub list and is telling his side again, since further comments are not welcome in *Magus*. My previous opinion was that the Langleys were in the right. I was pleased to find that my impressions were borne out by DD. It is always interesting, in a morbid sort of way, to watch someone tie the noose around their own neck. Berch is a politician in the truest sense, skirting the issues like a true veteran and nitpicking like a government employee. Why am I blowing off when I am not even involved? I had planned on not saying anything at all, but I guess I took Mark's zine as an invitation. This is a filthy business, and I don't plan on saying anything more. But if Mark sends zines to me and specifically tells me to read the pages dealing with this feud, I think I have a right to say what I want. When I read the article, I put checkmarks beside the more blatant untruths, slants, nitpicks, ploys, and statements that I took issue with. When I finished, I had fourteen margin marks in a three page article. Such tactics leave a bad taste in my mouth, not unlike a marathon Listerine gargling contest.

Well, that's that. During the last month, I went elk hunting, deer hunting, took a double test in TaeKwonDo, (And passed! I'm a 5th Gup now.) plus school and other things. That is why this is so short. It is also why this has a good chance of getting to Don too late to make the zine.

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PAGE 7 is relieved by that news - this is probably the subzine with the most white space

NUCLEAR WAR/NUCLEAR ESCALATION, TURN 1.....EHLI'S POPULATION WALKS OUT

CARD TURN-UP PHASE: Budway turns up 10 million propaganda; Sweeney turns up 25 million propaganda; Jensen turns up a Space Platform; White (who NMRed) turns up 10 million propaganda.

SECRETS: Budway plays "Enemy Raises Taxes 100%" on Ehli, who gives 5 million population to Budway.

PROPAGANDA: Sweeney plays 25 million on Ehli - who gives Sweeney his last 16 million. Budway also played propaganda (10 million) on Ehli, but Ehli is out.

LAUNCHING: The space platform went straight up - then straight down again. As a result, the platform, plus 4 20-megaton warheads launched with it, are lost by Jensen.

FINAL RETALIATION: Since Ehli was wiped out by propaganda, there is none.

WHAT NOW? Read this CAREFULLY! Each player picks up his face-down cards and gets additional cards so that his total is 9 (not including secrets). Then, each player puts two cards down as usual. After that, each player gets his "tenth card" (specifically marked as such in your personal reports) into his hand, puts down another (third) card, turns up the first down card, and the turn proceeds normally, including secrets. Make sure you realize that you can change your down cards (or leave them there), but other than that, turn 2 orders are due by the deadline. (Had there been any face-up cards, they would have remained; if a face-up missile is not immediately followed by a warhead, the missile is removed.)

PLAYERS: the order of play remains the same (minus Ehli, of course).

DEADLINE for turn 2 is WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13. Here's the press:

GM: Almost forgot the country names! Budway is IRAN; Jensen is UNITED CONFEDERATION OF CHURCHES FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF EVIL; Sweeney is UTOPIA. (Also: Ehli lost 32 million last time.)

U.C.C.D.E.: Oh, brothers of the world, the time of reckoning has come. Evils should be destroyed and shall. Attacking God's chosen is the greatest evil, and whoever dares the supreme being's will shall be stricken from lightning in the skies. To individuals who think it is possible to buy the supreme being's will....it is, just send contributions over 20 dollars to....

~~GREAT-EXCITEMENT-BLOOD-ALL-OVER-THE-PLACE-NO-THIS-ISN'T-THE-HIDDEN-CONTEST-TRY-AG~~

PRO WRESTLING, start of the match (Beercan Sax vs. Phil S. the Hun)

There's the bell....the wrestlers go right after each other! The Hun (managed by Steve Arnawoodian) tries for a pick-up, but Sax's 325 pounds seems to be too much early on, so he steps back while Sax (managed by Frank Byrne) goes for the arm, but no use as Hun shakes him off. Now Sax walks away in disgust as the crowd cheers the hero Hun, showing off a few muscular poses. Now Hun goes for a head slam - but Sax takes the opportunity to come off the ropes. They're going for each other again, with Hun trying for a drop kick - Sax ducks away and Hun falls hard to the mat! Sax takes him and WOW, what a head butt! Hun's ears must be ringing now!

AFTER 30 SECONDS.: Robert "Beercan" Sax loses no endurance (has 40) and gains 1 FAP (has 30); Phil S. the Hun loses 6 endurance (has 35) and his FAP remains at 42.

ORDERS for the next 6 segments (30 seconds) are due by FEBRUARY 13. I still have 13 segments remaining in Phil S. the Hun's original orders, and 12 in Beercan Sax's, but if you want to change them, get those new orders in on time!

MEANWHILE, rumors persist that managers R.J. Budway and Pat Jensen are getting their wrestlers together to determine the next challenger for the title.....

PAGE 8 is still out of shape



HERVE SPRING 05

**A (Michalski):** (A Bul retreat to Rum, build A Bud, A Die) A Bud-Ser, A Tri-Alb, A Die-Boh, A Rum S A Bud-Ser, A Boh-Sil, A Mun S Italian A Bur, F Smy-Con, F Eme-Smy

**E (Brawner):** (build F Lpl, F Lon) F Lpl-Iri, F Lon-Nth, A Hol-Kie, F Bel H, F Den-Swe, F Nws-Nao

**F (Gardner):** A Pic-Bre, A Bur-Gas

**G (Shores?):** NMR (A Mun retreats to box) A Tyr, F Stpsc), F Fin, A Nwy, A Ber all hold

**I (Bowen):** (A Bur retreats to Mar, build A Uen) A Uen H, A Mar-Bur, A Gas S A Mar-Bur, F Naf-Wme, F Por-Spa(nc), F Spa(sc)-Mao, F Mao-Iri

**R (Slaughter?):** NMR (remove F Pru) A War, A Mos, F Sev all hold

**T (Ehli):** A Bul-Rum, A Con-Bul, F Bla S A Bul-Rum

Underlined moves do not succeed. The French A Bur is bounced to Ruh, Pic, or the box. The Austrian A Rum is bounced to Ukr, Gal, Bud, or the box. Looks like Germany and Russia have pretty much fallen asleep at the wheel. The GAI draw flopped miserably, and a seven way is proposed. Note on that little charmer with your fall orders due.... **FEBRUARY 8, 1985**

**FUTURE HOBBY SER GHOD to PARIS:** It's a dirty job, but somebody's got to do it (repeatedly, if possible).

**ROARKVILLE:** Yeah, but why would you want to do it with all the dirty old men in THIS hobby. Why not try the suntanning hobby, or something really interesting?

**OGENE to ROARKVILLE:** It's not ultimately cool to discuss how to be ultimately cool. I mean if you're that cool you certainly don't need to talk about it. I mean heeey! What can I say? It just like flows, ya know.

**ROARKVILLE:** Ah, so true. But being the altruistic type that I am, I like to aide the underprivileged where I can. But then, "Orwell" is not ultimately cool, particularly. Welcome 1985!

**HUSKY COUNTRY to DERANGED DUCK:** Nooo chance! A.T. is great, but he's only a frosh. Dettel is in'det'structible, and ze Huskies will roll in hoops.

**ROARKVILLE:** But the Twerps are the team to watch.

**HUSKY to SOONER:** (living in Oklahoma automatically makes you a Sooner, doesn't it?) Were your penury not so widely known I'd bet \$5 on the Orange Bowl. But I certainly don't want to take \$5 from you that you can't spare.

**FRA to GER:** Some pal you got there. Want to work together?

**FRA to ITA:** Wake up! Now, go pick on some dog who's your size. Bulldog that is.

**ROARKVILLE:** Not many of that sort in this game.

And that wraps it up for this time. Movie of the month...Amadeus?...Beverly Hills Cop?...Cotton Club? Nah. How about **SOON Making Sense**, by those wizards of rhythm the Talking Heads. Absolutely one of the best concert films by one of the most creative live bands going. A Must See if you like MTV or just plain good music.

**PAGE 9** stopped making sense ages ago....

# TRIVIAL PURSUIT, ROUND 3

**KATHY BYRNE** - from YHQ, rolls 5P, 6P (Y), 2P, 5G (GBQ); 7 misses (Yellow, Orange wedges)

1. (NN) Who said, "I will go to Korea"?
2. (LT)\*What city's police force did author Joseph Wambaugh serve his apprenticeship with?

**JOHN CARUSO** - from OHQ, rolls 2Y, 6O (Y), 2O, 2O (OBQ); 10 misses (no wedges)

3. (NN) Who was pardoned for all federal crimes he "committed or may have committed or taken part in"?
4. (SL)\*Who meet at World Jamborees?

**GREG DOYLE** - from BHQ, rolls 3B (O), 1R, 4R, 3G, 6R (Y), 3R, 4R, 1B (O), (Brown, Orange wedges) 4B (BBQ)

5. (SL) Who flopped to win the 1968 Olympic high jump gold medal?
6. (HI) What was the nickname of Civil War general Thomas Jackson?
7. (SL) Who devised the point count bidding system for Bridge?
8. (GE)\*What U.S. city is "The Queen Of The Pacific"?

**MIKE EHLI** - from C/10, rolls 5O (OHQ); 7 misses (Blue wedge)

9. (SL)\*What strongman was the original 97-pound weakling?

**DICK MARTIN** - from C/3R, rolls 3R/2G, 2R (RBQ); 4 misses (Yellow, Blue wedges)

10. (AL)\*What beautiful youth pined for the love of his reflection?

**BOB OLSEN** - from C/3O, rolls 3C/2B (R), 4B (BBQ); 3 misses (Green, Brown, Pink wedges)

11. (AL) What movie star did Norman Mailer write about?
12. (GE)\*What flag flies over the fortress enclave of Gibraltar?

**BRAD WILSON** - from BHQ/3R, rolls 2R, 2B (G), 6R, 6G (O), 5P (B), 6G (GBQ); (Brown wedge) 1 miss

13. (LT) What actor represented Scotland in a 1952 Mr. Universe contest?
14. (RP) What 1969 Desmond Dekker tune was the tune that was the first reggae hit to make the North American charts?
15. (GE) What's the square in the center of Moscow?
16. (LT)\*Whose first taste of notoriety came when she photographed The Rolling Stones backstage at Toronto's El Mocambo club?

Say, guess what Kathy Byrne, Greg Doyle, Mike Ehli, Dick Martin, and Brad Wilson have in common? They all NMRed this time! As a result, only four questions were answered. (All 16 answers appear, along with player responses where incorrect; "\*" indicates an NMR.

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Dwight Eisenhower* | 2. Los Angeles*           |
| 3. Richard Nixon      | 4. Boy Scouts (Musicians) |
| 5. Dick Fosbury*      | 6. Stonewall              |
| 7. Charles Goren*     | 8. San Francisco          |
| 9. Charles Atlas*     | 10. Narcissus*            |
| 11. Marilyn Monroe    | 12. Great Britain's       |
| 13. Sean Connery*     | 14. Israelites*           |
| 15. Red Square*       | 16. Margaret Trudeau*     |

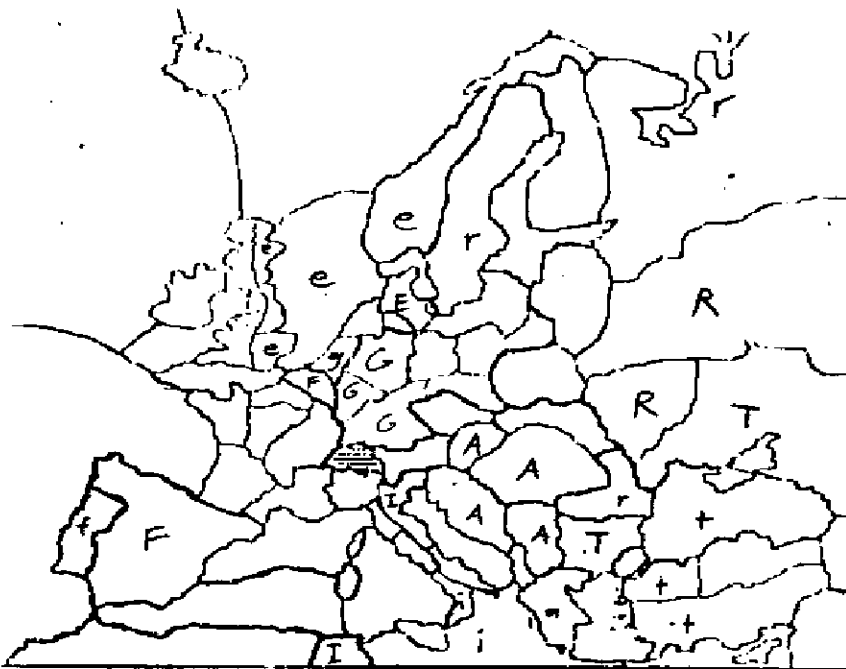
The totals are now: BYRNE - YO, 7 misses; CARUSO - 11 misses; DOYLE - BO, 8 misses; EHLI - B, 8 misses; MARTIN - YB, 5 misses; OLSEN - GRPB, 3 misses; WILSON - R, 5 misses.

**PLAYERS PLEASE NOTE:** Your questions may be numbered beginning with a number greater than one; this is so that the answers can be looked up in the next issue easily.

**DEADLINE FOR ROUND 4 is FEBRUARY 9, 1985.** NMRs are punishable by whatever Lord Sacks Fifthavenue of DIP WARZ can come up with. ←

Martin & Doyle could've received wedges had their orders been on time, PAGE 10 reports

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AUSTRIA (Coughlan); Build A Vie, A Bud; also has A Tri, A Ser, F Gre.  
ENGLAND (Bjornsson); Build F Lon, F Edi; also has F Nth, F Nwy, A Den.  
FRANCE (White?) NBR!; will play three short. Has F Por, A Spa, A Bel.  
GERMANY (Budway); Build A Mun; also has F Hol, A Kie, A Ruh.  
ITALY (Wilson); Build F Nap; also has A Tur, F Ion, A Ven.  
RUSSIA (Gestiehr, Sr.); Build F StP(nc); also has F Swe, A Mos, A Ukr, F Rum.  
TURKEY (Lee); Build F Con, F Say; also has A Sev, A Bul, F Bla.

I have Spring orders from Russia and Germany.

Until 1/13, Brad Wilson will be at: 302 Friendship Paoli, PA 19301

Thanks to John Caruso for unneeded standby orders.

Would BOB SWEENEY, 614 CUSTER, LEAVENWORTH KS 66027 please standby for France.

OHMIGHAWDITSTHEPRESS:

VIENNA to PARIS: Did you have a "White" Christmas?!!!

PASHA LEE to EMPORER GARY: Most noble emporer. Would you kindly send some tacky memorabilia southward. You know the kind I mean, the memorabilia bearing visage of.....ELVIS!

PRINUS ILLUMINATUS to "EMPORER" GARY: While you're at it, maybe you should throw in some spelling books!

VIENNA to GM: Will the undisputed Hobby Sex Ghod give us a speech?!

PRINUS ILLUMINATUS: Sorry, but you'll have to wait. There are still a fairly large number of people in this hobby that cannot see that I am the rightful Hobby Sex Ghod. If they do not repent soon...

TURKEY ALL THE WAY 'CROSS TOWN TO THE GM: So the verdict is a schism, eh? ((Something like that--P.I.)) How can the hobby survive with 2 Hobby Sex Ghods?

PRINUS ILLUMINATUS: Same as it always has--with excessive feuding, abundant personal attacks and character assassination, and similar atrocities. 'Tis a shame that so little attention has been paid to this feud by the majority of the hobby. This seems to be the only personal feud at the moment that has been truly free of real animosity between the combatants. Why can't more feuds be like this?

VIENNA to RUSSIA: I greatly enjoyed your cassette tape. What did you think of mine?

PRINUS ILLUMINATUS: Speaking of which, Gary, you may have to wait a bit for my tape. I've been suffering from "recorder's block"...

BERLIN to ROME: The German Government wishes Pope Bradley III their best and for a long reign.

VIENNA to BERLIN: We hear our Teutonic Brother and we are in agreement.

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VIENNA to ROME: No hard feelings about Venice I hope?! May all our enemies perish!

VEN to TRI: If it wasn't unfriendly, why make the move?

BERLIN to EUROPE: Oops, I goofed.

VIENNA to ENGLAND: I know what you're doing....

SULTAN to ?: Wew? (wipe brow) No child prodigies (Kenny Jr or Matt Wagner to name names) in this game. I just might come out of it alive.

ROM to GM: No golden age press this time. Finals and all that. Next season.

VIENNA to CONSTANTINOPLE: Hi Turkey!

TURKEY to ITALY: Okay, so Ford's defeat in '76 was your big disappointment to date. If you give me a few turns I'll try my best to alter that...heh,heh!

VIENNA to VERWIRRUNG: I still think FNORD is a cat(Hagar wouldn't lie) and further that "Verwirrung" is German for FNORD!

PRIMUS ILLUMINATUS: The only reason that you haven't been, uh, "removed" is that your guesses have been so far off the mark so as not to be worth the effort. A warning: Do not delve into such secrets as this until you have been properly trained. The true meaning will either kill you or drive you mad.

TURKEY to BRAD: (Say this like Foghorn Leghorn) I say...I say, that's a joke, son. (In case you were wondering, sirrah!!) ((That was supposed to be printed together with Turkey's previous item--my error--P.I.))

VIENNA to GM: Your father and I are rejoicing---we postal workers got a 2.7% raise and COLA!

VIENNA to TURKEY: I just love COLA, don't you?!

BERLIN to LONDON AND PARIS: Come on guys, let's be reasonable about this. I'm sure we could all be friends.

LEADER OF THE MUSLIM WORLD to KEN: If it makes you feel any better, I had the flu on New Year's Eve.

NAP to PAR: Que pasa?

VIENNA to RUSSIA: Don't tell anyone but I know who the "universal spider" really is!

PRIMUS ILLUMINATUS: Fifty to one you're wrong. If you're right, you will be "removed". Don't worry, if this is the case, we'll let you know VERY soon.

TURKISH MINISTER OF CULTURE to THE TSAR: You know what's great about a second Tartar joke over Russia? The suffering that will inspire a new generation of brilliant Russian artists. Where would Dostoevsky, Rimsky-Korsakov, Pushkin, and Tolstoy be had it not been for the intensive suffering of their ancestors? In the crap bin with all the Turkish artists, that's where.

VIENNA to ROME: Well I like that! It's your fault that Austria can't build a ship!

BUDWAY to WILSON: I believe that you are destined to become...Hobby Sex Ghod. ((BITE YOUR TONGUE!--P.I.)) Run for the title under the GOP banner. (God's Own Pick)

TURKEY to GM: Would you do me a favor and spell Coughlan with two A's instead of one. I've got of A's to make up for all the I's.

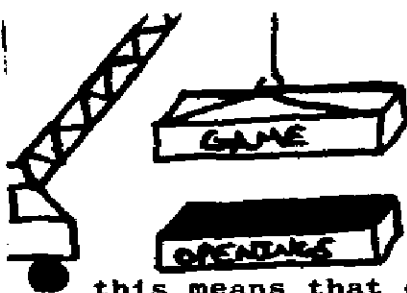
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Due to an excess of procrastination and a lack of motivation, this<sup>is</sup> the official non-issue of Fnord(actually let's call it Issue 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), published by Mike Ehli, Hamilton Box 60505, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-6005.

GAME OPENINGS: Diplomacy, no fees. (Yes, a fifth LOM game) Need seven.

THE RESULTS OF THE HOBBY SEX GHOD RACE:

Well, at DafCon, Tallman made another unilateral rule change, effectively making Daf Langley the only eligible voter. Daf, not coincidentally, is the Slug Molester's most loyal toady. Inexplicably, the gathering at the con failed to rise up against this discrimination against the entire hobby, and so the fat"man" walked away claiming victory. However I hereby declare the results invalid due to the exclusion of the hobby at large from the vote. I claim the Hobby Sex Ghod title for myself, a claim supported by many on the East Coast and by others elsewhere. I have not yet begun to fight!!!!

PAGE 12 won't give up the ship



John Boardman has recently announced that he will no longer GM postal CIVILIZATION. The only other CIVILIZATION GM known is Roy Henricks, whose 'zine ENVOY hasn't been seen around Greenbrae since early 1984. Apparently,

this means that either LOM will run CIVILIZATION or CIV players are out of luck. Well - you're out of luck. In the meantime, LOM does have:

**DIPLOMACY** - well, I don't have any openings, but search the subzines.

**KINGMAKER** - signed up: Wilson, Sweeney. Need 2-4 more. New variant cards and other rules will be used.

**COLD WAR** - signed up: Olsen. Need 3 more.

**DIPLOMACY PURSUIT** - signed up: Ehli, Byrne, Caruso, Arnawoodian, Jensen.

DIPLOMACY PURSUIT WILL BEGIN IN ISSUE 50, so sign up while you have the chance!

**PRO WRESTLING** - Budway waiting for an opponent, while Frank Byrne and Steve Arnawoodian are managing their wrestlers toward the title. Rules available on request (more or less).

**WORLD CUP SOCCERLEAGUE** - there's still one person out there waiting for who-knows-who-else to show up. When the ZR comes out, there may be more takers.....thera IS a small fee (\$2 in US funds, \$3 in Canadian), unless you finished first or second in any PSM Soccer-league or United league with at least 12 teams (if you finished third or fourth, you get a 50% discount). There is a prize fund, in case you're interested, but your share comes out of your entry fee, so don't panic about the extra costs, of which there aren't any..... **FLASH! #2 has expressed interest....**

Due to the underwhelming response, RANGE WAR has been dropped. Any number of European 'zines do carry it, however.

**DIPPY STANDBYS:** Ehli, White, Sweeney, Wilson, Peel\*, Caruso\*. Asterisks indicate they won't be called before the others. Want on (or off)? You'll get 50¢ credit when called, 50¢ credit when (if) you complete a game-year's worth of play, and \$1 credit upon finishing the position. Credit applies toward ANY 'zine (subject to permission from the other pubber, of course, and Dippy-type 'zines only are applicable - a "Dippy-type" 'zine is one that is PSM hobby-oriented, so THE BUZZARD'S BREATH is acceptable). **NOTE: you can be called for ANY game in the 'zine.**

**BIG-NEWS-SPECIAL-ANNOUNCEMENT-FLASH-INCREDIBLE-AMAZING-REMARKABLE-SPACE-FILLER-01**

# NUMBER 50

is coming to YOU on February 16! (Well, that's when it's supposed to be mailed, anyway.) In the past, readership contributions have been quite minimal - but this is the BIG FIVE-OH, the SUPERZINE issue, the one even Gary Coughlan mentioned in EUROPA EXPRESS! I'll even give sub credit for articles! So GET WITH IT! Then, maybe YOU TOO can say, "Hey, my article appeared in the 50th issue of LOM which was read by so many important people that I'm a big-time writer now and can charge enormous amounts for any books I may happen to write - well, maybe not, but at least I appeared in LOM."

Speaking of issue 50, there'll be the start of DIPPY PURSUIT, which is Trivial Pursuit with the following categories:

**DIPLOMACY & VARIANTS - GAMES & PLAYERS - 'ZINES AND PUBLISHERS**

**HOBBY AT LARGE - DIP POT LUCK - RANDOM TRIVIA**

For those of you who want some idea of what these questions mean, see the next 2 pages for more details.

See PAGE 13 for game openings

DIPLOMACY 84CI, AUTUMN/WINTER 1902, SPRING 1903 - ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GREECE

AUTUMN 1902: RUSSIAN F Swe retreats OTB; TURKISH & Rum retreats to Gal.

WINTER 1902: ENGLAND builds F LON, GERMANY builds A BER, ITALY builds  
A VEN, RUSSIA builds A WAR & A STP, TURKEY removes A ARM.

### SPRING 1903

AUSTRIA (Wagner): A Bud-RUM, F ALB-Gre

ENGLAND (Martin): F NWY-Stp(nc), F Lon-ENG, F NTH S F Lon-Eng, A LVP  
H (unordered), A Yor-Wal (nsu)

FRANCE (Bjornsson): A Bur-BEL, F Eng S A Bur-Bel(d-retreat to Mid, Iri,  
Wal, Ere, or OTB), F PIC S A Bur-Bel, A MAR-Bur,  
A PAR S A Mar-Bur

GERMANY (Doyle): A SWE H, F Bal-BOT, A Pru-SIL, A RUH-Bur, A MUN S A  
Ruh-Bur, A Ber-PRU, F Bel S ENGLISH F Lon-Eng(d-retreat  
to Bol or OTB)

ITALY (Stegeman): A Boh-GAL, A SER S RUSSIAN A Rum-Bul, F ION-Aeg,  
F APU-Ion, A TUN H, A Ven-TYO

RUSSIA (Lee): A Rum-BUL, A SEV H, A WAR S ITALIAN A Boh-Gal, A MOS S  
A War, A STP-Nwy

TURKEY (Gestiehr Jr.): A Gal-VIE, A Bul-Gre(d-retreat to Con or OTB),  
F BLA-Bul, F AEG S A Bul-Gre

THOSE WITH RETREATS, make sure those retreat paths are correct.

DEADLINE for SUMMER/FALL 1903 is FEBRUARY 15, 1985. Thanks to Ken  
Peel who sent in unneeded Austrian orders - thanks and 50¢ credit.  
And now, here's the press:

ENGLAND-RUSSIA: Now maybe you'll realize that brute force just ain't  
gonna work for ya up north, you big bully.

ENGLAND-ITALY: You know how cute I am, why don't you just let everybody  
in on it?

ENGLAND-GERMANY: Watch out, maybe the Bullets will put up some competition  
for the Celtics this year after all!

GM-EEG: Maybe the Warriors will get Patrick Ewing....

TRIVIA QUESTION: Which pubber offered lifetime subscriptions to his zeen  
to anybody willing to guest GM games there?

ENGLAND-FRANCE: Moving out of the Irish Sea is a step in the right  
direction. Now, keep marching!

GM: Doesn't anybody else write press?

~~DIPLOMACY-PURSUIT-THE-PURSUIT-OF-DIPLOMACY-PURSUIING-CERTAIN-DIPLOMACY-PLAYERS-HOT~~

Here are some sample DIPLOMACY PURSUIT questions.....

### DIPLOMACY & VARIANTS

1. How many sea areas not adjacent to land areas are there?
2. How many land areas are on one or more map edges?
3. What four supply centers cannot be reached by land from the other 30?
4. What major powers are in Youngstown but not in regular Dip?
5. What variant is classified "rb21"?

### GAMES & PLAYERS

6. What did titles of games in THE VOICE OF DOOM have in common?
7. Players in the "Apis" game in EUROPA EXPRESS suffered from what curse?
8. Who invented the abbreviation "TBO" for Tyrolia?
9. 1981AS was lacking something - what was it?
10. Who won the latest DIPLOMACY WORLD Demo Game?

10 1/2. Why is PAGE 14 near the end?

### 'ZINES AND PUBLISHERS

11. How many double issues of THE BRUTUS BULLETIN were there?
12. In what separate 'zine does John Caruso run his Dip games?
13. What game did BYRNE SYNDROME run?
14. How many issues of JUST AMING FRIENDS were not digest-sized?
15. What 'zine had fakes subtitled Mellow Yellow and Rinky Pink?

### HOBBY AT LARGE

16. Who once used the pseudonym Eric Blake?
17. Whose house rules for DUNE appeared in THE GENERAL?
18. What claim to fame does Vandalia, Missouri hold?
19. Who won the 1982 DIPCON?
20. What is Joshua Berch's middle name?

### DIP POT LUCK

21. How many issues of ENVOY appeared in 1984?
22. Name one of the two games that started earliest in LIFE OF MONTY.
23. What was the "Flying Dogs of Retaliation"?
24. If you use different colors for land and sea (i.e. any color used for a land area isn't used for any sea area, and vice versa), how many colors (minimum) do you need to color the Diplomacy mapboard using one color in each area and no adjacent areas have the same color?
25. Is it possible to go through every sea area (using one or more land areas - coastal, of course) without going through the same one twice?

### RANDOM TRIVIA

26. How many letters (not including those next to zero) appear on a telephone dial/buttons?
27. What's the second most watched television show of all time, behind the final episode of "M\*A\*S\*H"?
28. What are the main ingredients of a Mai Tai?
29. On what TV game show did someone appear as a contestant on more than 40 shows, winning over \$300,000? (Side note: the second-highest winner on that show fell just short of \$200,000)
30. How, according to some people, are Coleco's Adam computers made just like their Cabbage Patch Kids?

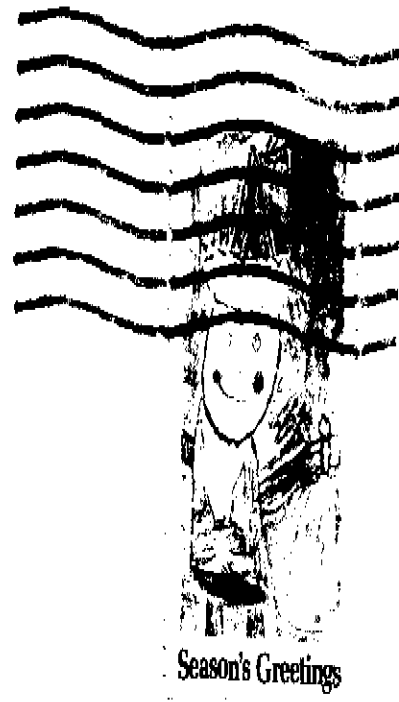
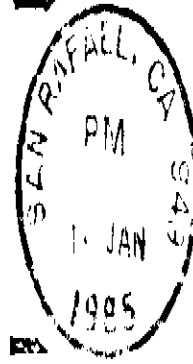
Well, I don't have room for the answers this month, so you'll have to read issue 50 to get the truth. (I can be MEAN, can't I? That's what happens when people don't remember to write articles - hint, hint)

And now for a late-minute review of this issue's SUBMARINE WARFARE:

(This is Derwood Bowen's fault!)

It would be.... PAGE 15 never did like Domino's Pizza very much, and the drivers can't figure out where it lives

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