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GRAUSTARK, WHITESTONIA, EUROPA EXPRESS, NO FIXED ADDRESS, CATHY'S RAMBLINGS, THE VOICE OF DOOM, XENOGOGIC, DIPLOMACY WORLD - put them all together and you'll probably have the beginning of an archives project. To this, you can add this issue of LIFE OF MONTY, from Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339, phone (415) 461-2692, but keep it to (Pacific time) 5 PM-11 PM weekdays (1 AM on Friday), and any time from noon Saturday to 11 PM Sunday.

Let's get right to....

MONTY'S NEWS AND COMMENT is brought to you by the richest business in town - the Commodore Computer Repair guys!

WRESTLEMANIA - Mr. T decides to fight it out against bad guys. Strange that he wasn't around at the end of the match! And how much of a coincidence is it that WTBS (Ted Turner's 'Superstation') switched from WWF (the WRESTLEMANIA guys) to NWA (the 'major league' of wrestling) on the first show after WM? (Especially since WTBS previously went from NWA to WWF!)

ORIGINS - June 27-30 at Towson State Univ., Towson, MD (just north of Baltimore). John Boardman & Robert Sacks will be running the Dip tournament, which begins Saturday at noon. Round 1 runs until 7 PM, with Round 2 on Sunday from 9 AM to 3 PM. The \$4 fees are divided 20% to the winner, 10% to second, 10% to third, and 60% divided among the ORIGINS people and the New York Gaming Board. The NYGB says that their share (it could be all 60% - I'm not sure) will be given to hobby services. The hobby meeting will be Saturday night at 9:00 and is free. "Services, groups, tournaments, 'zines, and controversies" will be discussed, along with a possible DIPCON bid. Right now, my schedule will allow me to be at the meeting, but not at the tournament (I'm in the FIREPOWER tournament Saturday 1-5 and the B-17 tournament Sunday 10-12), not that I'm a real tournament player anyway. (The only reason I was in the MARYCON tournament was that it was the only game played!) Meanwhile, you can meet me at the Adventures By Mail seminar (Friday, 10 AM), the ADVANCED SQUAD LEADER seminar (Friday, 2 PM), the VICTORY GAMES seminar (Friday, 7 PM), and I may be watching the finals of the STAR FLEET BATTLES Captain's Tournament (the annual "Gold Hat" event, with \$100 in Task Force Games merchandise to the winner) Saturday night at 7. (It's scheduled for 3 hours - can't the hobby meeting be moved to 10?)

ANNOUNCING - for those of you who, for whatever reasons, aren't voting in the Runestone Poll, Terry Tallman is running his own poll. To enter, just use any Runestone (or any other kind of) Poll ballot, or list the 'zines/GMs/subzines you want on a piece of paper, with votes from zero to 10 (10 being the best), and send it to Terry at 7239 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115. If you are voting in the RP, you are asked not to vote twice. Your name will not be listed if you vote in this poll, so people won't know that you voted in one poll but not the other. (However, Terry will know who voted in the RP but not his poll.) The final results will probably only list the order of finish and not the actual average scores, like the RP does, so you'll probably never know how much better the #1 'zine/GM/subzine is better than #2, or #5, or #26. (I see it this way: the only reason why the scores wouldn't be printed is to prevent an attempt to combine Terry's poll with the RP, although you'd have to know how many votes each specific 'zine got in each poll - this has always been done for the RP - and even then, since the top and bottom 10% are taken out of each 'zine's votes in the RP, the polls can't be combined unless you know the exact votes of every 'zine (and GM and subzine, of course) in both polls! On top of all

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of this, you would have to guarantee that nobody voted for the same 'zine/GM/subzine twice! (Terry would be the only person to know who voted for anybody in both polls - and he wouldn't know which 'zines/GMs/subzines were on both ballots.)

You want this poll thing cleared up? From where I'm sitting (in front of my typewriter, that is), the only person that can solve the schism (that means "split", more or less, for you non-EMPIRES OF THE MIDDLE AGES types) of the poll is Bruce Linsey himself. How? Well, the problem is that some people don't want Bruce running the poll, while others agree that it was Randolph Smyth's choice, and he chose Bruce, so Bruce should run the poll. The non-Bruce types want him out; the pro-Bruce types probably wouldn't complain very much if he chose a successor ("he" referring to Bruce). Therefore, expect the arguing and boycotting to continue as long as Bruce is running it. I am NOT advocating that Bruce step down - I think he should continue (at least for now - who knows what the future brings?) - but I don't see any other solution at the moment that doesn't require large amounts of time and perhaps some attrition of the hobby. We'll just have to live with the arguing and "two (or more) polls" and everything else.

CONGRATULATIONS to JOHN CARUSO, whose readership just increased by about 50 people - yes, some of this stuff comes out of WHITESTONIA. (So far, I've only gotten the Tallman Poll, or whatever it is, from the latest issue. Most of each issue's ramblings are original - certainly, DIP WARZ is 100% mine (not only that, but it's typed up as it's thought up - amazing what comes off the top of my head sometimes - so that's where my hair is going....) - but every now and then I start typing right after my letter to John (which is right after I read W), and some of the thoughts carry over. (Besides, it's hobby news.) Anyway, WHITESTONIA ranks with EUROPA EXPRESS as the top 2 on my list, especially since each issue of W contains KATHY'S KORNER (or is it KORNER now?) by Kathy Byrne, general editor of DIPLOMACY WORLD, hostess to wary travellers from the west, and (for those of you who can't decide between "Don Miller Memorial Award nominee" - she got my vote - and "drunken baglady", never mind....for those of you who CAN decide, those who chose the former will probably get a stamp on their LIFERS ballot in this issue - those who chose the latter are in BIG trouble, since you forget we're talking about someone who's immortal here!). The address for John and Kathy (that makes things easier) is 160-02 43rd Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358. Subs are \$1 per issue. (John, are you still taking new subs? Potential subbers had better ask John first before sending money. And call the 'zine "WHITESTONIA/KATHY'S KORNER", not just "WHITESTONIA".)

OOPS! This is an apology to those of you out there who may have thought the PEOPLE'S DIPLOMACY BOARD exists. Don't send in your money - not that anybody has, as of yet, but some people (you know who you are) may have misinterpreted that piece in last issue. You know, it wouldn't be that bad of an idea, with Mike Mills or some other PDO bigshot in charge - have \$10 for the SCs and \$5 for the other spaces - with the money going to hobby organizations. Of course, don't expect The Avalon Hill Game Company to put the "new" maps into the game boxes! (Here I go again - I could be the first two-time winner of Caruso's BONEHEAD OF THE MONTH award!)

(My old high school made the record book again - #5 on the all-time "most runs by both teams in one game". We lost 33-4.)

And I would STILL like to see John Boardman pay some company \$35 to have a star named after him.....

Good night!

BOOM rumble grumble BOOM - where did that thunder & lightning come from? I know....look, Kathy, I did NOT call you a drunken baglady up there. Enough with the fiery blasts from above, OK?

SOMETHING YOU'D PROBABLY PREFER WHITE SPACE OVER: Did you hear about the Navy's new submarine/airplane combination? It's called a Derwood Boeing.....(I told you you'd prefer white space, so here goes:)

(this is PAGE 2 white space)

DIP WARZ

When we last departed the rebel diplomats (John Pole-o hates it when I say "left"), they had just been hit by an NYGB COVENANT launched from the Imperial Diplomatic Flagship, currently headed by the new EMPEROR LORD SACKS FIFTHAVENUE, but Princess Luscious didn't want to land on the Earl of Linseed's planet for repairs before the Imperials could get off another attack (remember, even a VICIOUS HATE SHEET could spell the end - that's T-H-E, E-N-D - for the rebels). However, Baldo Calberchian still happens to be in charge, although tell that to his friends, Oboe-1 Caruso and Rod Seaparter, and so the Linoleum Falcon is headed for the Earl of Linseed hole.

"Don't you mean planet?" asks Oboe-1.

No, there's a big hole where the planet used to be, and the ship soon finds itself engulfed by darkness. This drives Emperor Lord Sacks Fifthavenue - well, wherever he wants to be driven, insofar as he is the head honcho.

"All right, you, drive me over there - no, no, more that way - say, where's the Linoleum Falcon?"

"Well," starts some low-level officer before he was painfully eliminated by a well-placed ZOT.

"That's what you get for taking so long! Next?"

"There's a more important question - where's the Linseed planet?"

Meanwhile, back in the darkness, not that space itself is exactly loaded with light, unless you HAPPEN to be near stars, planets, or other things like that....

"ATTENTION REBELS!"

"Whose voice is THAT?" asks John Pole-o.

"WHO DO YOU EXPECT ON THE LINSEED PLANET - ER, HOLE - TS'R ALEX I THE VOICE OF DOOM?"

Princess Luscious tries to come in with "Linseed, you--"

"IF YOU SAY 'LINSEED, YOU'RE AN OILY CHARACTER', IT'S THUNDERBOLT TIME! AND I'VE LEARNED WELL FROM THE LORD SACKS FIFTHAVENUE SCHOOL OF ZOT. ANYWAY, IT'S TIME FOR THE ONE TASK OF THE ECHOING VOICE!"

"What's that?" asks Princess you-know-who.

"Don't you ever read past issues?" Seaparter answers. "This is the one task Garra the Elvi master said we have to perform before we can be worthy of THE BOURSE!"

"Did you say WE?" asks Oboe-1. "I don't remember WE running for Emperor, WE involved in mortal combat, WE heading straight for the sun--"

"When did we ever head straight for any star, much less 'the sun', whatever that is?"

"Have you looked out there lately?" Amazingly, the darkness had been replaced by a giant star which appeared to be getting bigger and bigger.

"You mean CLOSER and CLOSER, don't you?" claims EMPEROR SACKS FIFTHAVENUE

"The Empire is quite pleased at this Linseed guy - too bad we have to blow up the planet because he refused to sign the BRAND NEW AND IMPROVED TOO IMPERIAL LOYALTY OATH!"

"How does that go, your everythingness?"

"(I) THE EMPEROR IS ALWAYS RIGHT. (II) In case THE EMPEROR is wrong, see (I). (III) Ignore (II) as THE EMPEROR is NEVER wrong. (IV) All planets must pay 150% tribute based on 25 hours a day, 8 days a week. (V), (VI), and (VII) are too hideous to mention in a family 'zine."

"Linseed Planet dead ahead!"

"Quite appropriate wording!" ZOT "But I make the word gimmicks around this corner of curved space! Load the usual stuff - LOM game openings, FNORD, Domino's Pizza Cartons, FNORD, Garfield books, more FNORD, and, to top things off, at #1 this week, the LINSEYBASHING XENOBLASTERS! Fight pages with pages!"

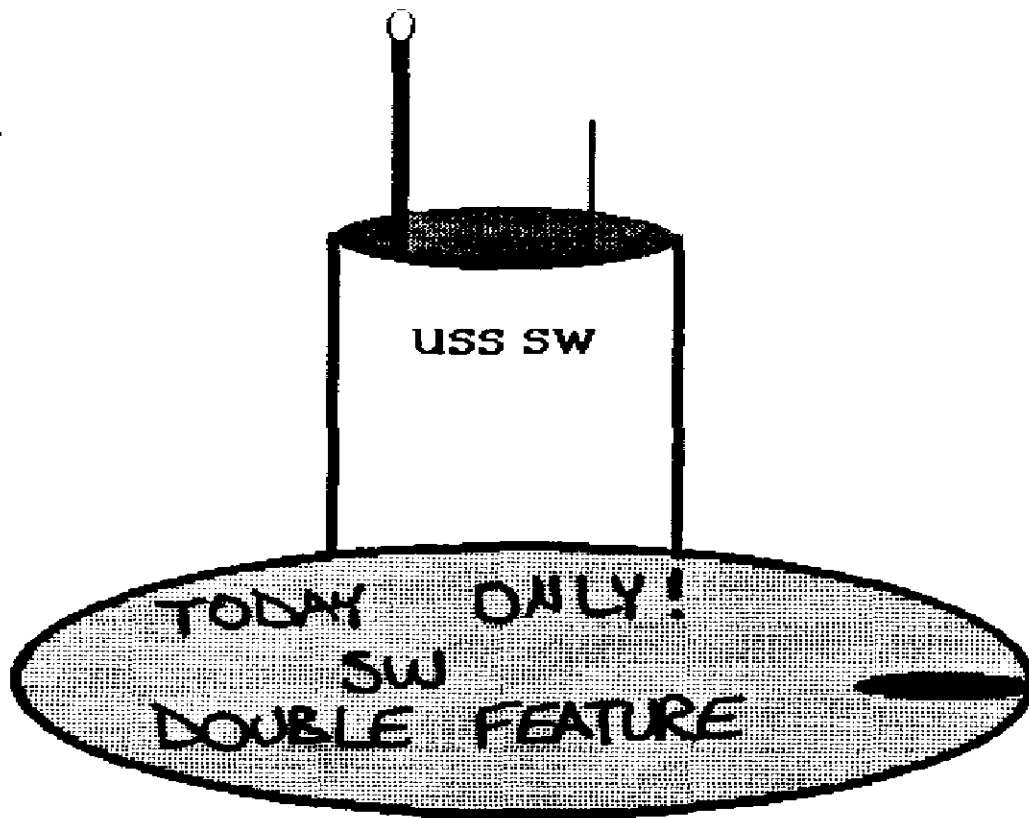
"LOM openings, pizza, fat cats, large economy size FNORD, and LINSEY-BASHING XENOBASHERS loaded!"

"How are they rated?"

"We've got SOCCERLEAGUE openings, PEPPERONI & EXTRA CHEESE, THE FNORD OF DOOM, and you know about the LINSEYBASHING XENOBLASTERS."

"Aim - aim some more - just to make sure - now - IN THE NAME OF THE ALMIGHTY ME!"

Will the LINSEYBASHING XENOBLASTERS destroy the Linseed planet? Will the Linoleum Falcon escape their stardive? Will DIP WARZ win the Rod Walker award? These and other questions may never be answered, but read this thing next time anyway....



Hello to my public. After a substantial absence SW returns to the high seas. There are several factors involved in the large delay. Foremost among them was a move from Columbus to Cleveland. As a result of that, I have a new address. Anyone wishing to send me mail should do so to: Derwood Bowen 4400 Clarkwood Parkway #101 Warrensville Heights, OH 44128. If you should need it, my telephone number is (216) 662-6459. Now that everyone who cares (and some who don't) knows how to reach me, on with this nonsense.

Another reason for my large time interval between SWs is the fact that I was involved in opening a new Domino's Pizza shop. That requires a large amount of time, even more than I spend in the shop normally. I went a long stretch of time without a day off. Every facet of my personal life suffered as a result. Including dip. The last major factor in my delay is my general disgust at the nonsense going on in the hobby today. I finally decided that I enjoy the people too much to allow one or two to ruin my enjoyment of the hobby, but that decision was a near thing, with me almost chucking the whole hobby down the shitter. After much reflection, I decided that I wouldn't give a few people that power over me. I control my own destiny (a grand sounding phrase), and no one but me can/will decide what I enjoy. I shall just avoid that part of the hobby which I find less than the best. With this paragraph, I have ended forever any even veiled mention of those things I find distasteful. Never again will I even comment on them. Now, let's move on to page two and entertainment.

Just when you thought it was safe to read PAGE 4 again...

PERISCOPE 1984 HD Winter 1901

TWO NBR'S & TWO PROBABLE REPLACEMENTS NEEDED

Austria: Remove A Boh, has A Ser, F Gre
Arnawoodian

England: Build F Lon, F Edi, has A Bel, F Nth, F Nwy
Bjornsson

France: Build F Bre, F Mar, has A Bur, F Spa(sc), A Por
Mazzer

Germany: NBR, has F Den, A Hol, A Mun
Doyle?

Italy: Build F Nap, F Rom, A Ven, has A Vie, A Tri, F Tun
Caruso

Russia: Build F Sev, F Stp (nc), A Mos, has A Bud, F Rum, A Gal, F Swe
Olsen

Turkey: NBR, has A Bul, A Con, F Bla
White?

I guess I am in search of two standbys. I will attempt to find them right away. The deadline will be 5 weeks this time, so that the standbys (when found) will have a chance to negotiate. **Deadline is April 19.**

Austria: Serbia, Greece 2 remove 1
England: home, Belgium, Norway 5 build 2
France: home, Spain, Portugal 5 build 2
Germany: home, Denmark, Holland 5 build 2
Italy: home, Tunis, Vienna, Trieste 6 build 3
Russia: home, Sweden, Budapest, Rumania 7 build 3
Turkey: home, Bulgaria 4 build 1

Press:

Rus-Aus: Woody, Woody, Woody! You are just not cut out to play Austria! You can't run the big A with a manic devil-may-care attitude, it just won't work. You have to be cautious, conservative, and paranoid. Leaving all your home centers open--!! Who did you think you were playing against, a couple of wimps? We are killer wimps and don't you forget it!

France-Woody: Boring? You're right. Your opening was much more spectacular.

France-Austria: Raped? Looks like you led them on to me. Were you wearing your black silk stockings and "Merry Widow" again?

France-Austria: So what else did Melinda Holley do to you?

San Rafael-Salinas: Oh man! Are you ever putting out bad vibes. Sure, we Californians can agree on lots of things. We've got a lot of shared experiences that're really special, right? Like, do you remember when we all got together and screwed in that light bulb? (Groucho: What they were ever doing in that light bulb I'll never know...)

France-England: Sorry, friend, but Cooper wouldn't let me build a fleet in Paris. (How would he know, he didn't even try?)

You're reading PAGE 5 sideways again!

France-Turkey: You dared to cross the hobby's consummate genius (Olsen,

not Woody)? Do you plan to live very long? (He evidently doesn't plan on playing very long.)

Caruso-Mazzer & Olsen: Did you see the Golden Age Press written by Queen Despina? I say we should put that trans-sexual misfit out of his/her misery before it infects Woody. (It appears hopelessly too late. He is infected/affected.) God only knows, Woody doesn't need any more negative influences, what with Rockem Sockem Sacks, Beer Barrel Coughlan & Personal Life Linsey already teaching him the ropes.

Italy-Hungarian Hordes: I'll offer you back your home centers if you'll help us rid Europe of the Golden Age nemesis in Turkey?

Mos-Rom: Good move, El Wimp. But watch out for Mazzer now, he doesn't like people who are bigger than he is. Come to think of it he doesn't like people who are smaller than he is, or the same size as he is, either.

Aus-Fra: Too bad Mike, I think you're SOL, having to face Italy with all those fleets. Couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

Woody-World: Who wants to play in game with a GM who was taught by that non-genius Dan Stafford. (I doubt that The Sleaze would take credit for me.) The fool doesn't even use maps! (Silly me, I assume people who play postal dip will have a set and can set up the game at home. Ah, well. There is always Woody.)

Whitehall to an anonymous whorehouse in the slums of Rome: Stooping to name calling is so pathetic. . . In other words, watch your mouth, scum breath! (a semi-polite way of saying "oh yeah?").

Rom to Mos: What? 3 builds for Bob in 1901? (It does boggle the mind.) Can my heart stand the strain! (Poor Bob's reputation may never recover from this.)

France-Russia: Here are the scores on that opening: 9.9, 9.9, 10.0! 10.0! 10.0! 9.9, 10.0! . . . a new world record!

Woody-Pussy brothers (Caruso & Olsen): Crossgamers! You two always ally.

Ven-Par: Now lets you & I crush Germany as if he was an insect.

Olsen-GM: Is it true that you dumped the Sleaze because there wasn't room for the two of you plus Woody? (What an insane question! Even without the Sleaze there isn't room here for Woody. Nor even his hamsters. Wait a minute. I could save some money on cat food. Send the hamsters!)

France to GM: Have you adjusted to life without the Sleaze yet? (The truth is that I did enjoy his company on occassion, though our schedules meant we didn't see each other that much. I was working so much up here that I didn't miss much of anything for awhile except free time. Now that I am getting back to normal (if that is possible for me to be normal), I wouldn't mind seeing him again.)

Enough already! Standby's needed. I am having Bob Sweeny standby for Turkey and Brad Wilson for Germany.

Bob Sweeny
614 Custer

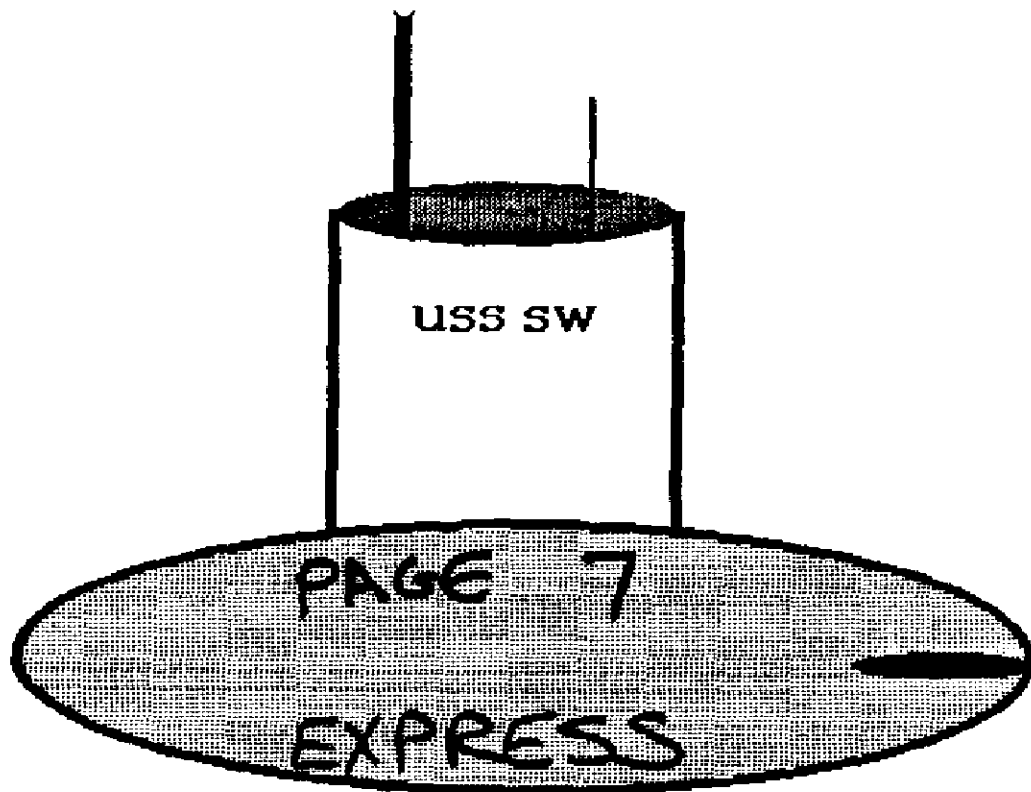
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I now have to get ready to go to work. I alize this isn't much, but it will just have to do. Tonight, after I get home, I will write some more entertaining stuff, which will no doubt not make this LOM. But the next SW will be better. I promise. Scouts honor! Until next time.

SUB BALANCE/TRADE/WATERS: XENOCGOGIC



SUBMARINE WARFARE

(a neat idea for a subzine)

by

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I guess I am reduced to copying Mike Ehli this time around, having not gotten the last mini SW in on time, so this time youse guys get a full blown SW and the mini. I am assuming that Don uses both of them. If he doesn't, I'll scream bloody murder about preferential treatment for some fnerd from Oregon, home of the Ducks? I am hopeful that this marks the fairly complete and regular return of SW. I attempted to offer some explanation for the abrupt collapse in the last mini-issue, so I'll not address that here. Instead, I'll follow my usual custom and talk about whatever.

Whatever this time starts out with a **CLEVELAND SUCKS!** I have decided, based upon the time I have spent here, that there is no better way to put it. The roads are full of potholes, the people drive really poorly, the weather sucks, even the record stores suck. I am exploring ways and means to get out of here. If I am successful, you will of course hear about it here and elsewhere. I hope my next move is my last for awhile.

There is a great deal of excitement around here concerning the Cleveland Cavaliers. They are actually going to make the playoffs (they clinched this week). Of course, they have to play Boston in the playoffs, but at least they're in. And after a 2-19 start, they have played fairly well. The Cleveland Force is also doing well. We won't mention the Indians, of course, except to say that the Michael Stanley Band is doing the theme song for the Indians this year. It is a remake of "This Town" where the words are now "This Team, my team, alright. Love em or hate em it don't matter The Tribes my team." (In case any of you don't know who the MSB is, they are a local band with a small national following. Some of their stuff is OK, but they aren't great by any stretch of the imagination.)

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And now, once again, after an absence of some time, it's time once again to play "Let's Stab a Mad Lad." And now, here's our host, Deceerwood Bowen.

Thank you, fans. Today's guest is Mark Frueh? What is that notorious Mad Lad doing on this show?

Well, Derwood, nowhere does it say that one Mad Lad can't stab another. As a matter of fact, I happen to be pretty good at it.

OK, Mark. But first, let's consult our authority, Mark "Ghod" Berch. Mark, is a Mad Lad allowed to stab another in our game?

Well, Derwood, there doesn't seem to be anything in the 3184 pages of the VOD houserules against it, so he is allowed to participate.

Thank you, Ghod. Well, then, Mark. Welcome to the game. Now before the game you were briefed on the rules. Are you all set?

Sure am, Derwood.

OK, Mark. Good luck. Now here is your situation. You are playing Austria, a notorious Mad Lad is Russia. You have convinced the Russian that you are going to hit Germany. You have an army in Silesia, an army in Bulgaria, a fleet in Greece, an army in Vienna, and a build coming. What is your stab?

Well, Derwood, I would build an army in Trieste. Then I would move army Trieste to Venice, army Silesia to Munich, army Vienna to Tyrolia. That way I get to nail both the Italian and the German at the same time.

But Mark, the Mad Lad is in Russia.

I know, but this way I get to grab a whole bunch of dots. Besides, this keeps my reputation intact!

OK, Mark. Judges, what do you say. 1.1, 1.2, 1.1, 1.0, 0.8. The scores are not too good, Mark. The judges do like your stab, but since you didn't stab the Mad Lad, you don't score too well. So Julie Martin is still our champ. Well, fans, another episode of "Let's Stab a Mad Lad" is history. Come join us again next time when our guest will be Mike Mazzer.

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Sue put glue in the flue. So the flue stuck to (itself). And when it got cold outside, Sue turned blue. But not for long. Sue's mother turned red, and soon Sue's bottom was red. Boo hoo for blue Sue and her glued flue.

WHOCARESITSONLYTHECAVSANYWAYWE

Oddly enough, I have experienced a drawback to having moved away from the Sleaze that I never thought about until recently. That is I am suddenly getting a dearth of dipzines to read. The Sleaze subs to many, many of them. So now I only get 3 dip zines. I am currently looking to expand my list of zines. Any worthwhile suggestions from the populace would be appreciated. I understand that Sherwood's new zine is worth reading. I got to see "Ultimately Cool," which I thought was very entertaining. Dick Martin says that his next several issues were good, but didn't come up to that. Still and all, I'll probably send the lad at least a sample request. An aside, does the Tro sub here, Don? If so, I can save myself a request. Otherwise, I guess I'll have to resort to the mails.

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Resort to the mails - TRO doesn't sub here

Nobody stabs PAGE 8

PERISCOPE 1984 HD Spring 1902

FRANCE AND ITALY SQUARE OFF!

Austria: NMR A Ser, F Gre hold
Arnawoodian?

England: A bel-Ruh, E nwy-st.p(nc) (dis ret to Bar or OTB), F edi-Nwg, F
nth-Ska, F lon-Nth
Bjornsson

France: F bre-Mid, E Mar-pie, F spa(ec)-Lyo, A por-Spa, A Bur S Eng A
bel-ruh
Mazzer

Germany: F den-Hel, A hol-Bel, A Mun-bur
Wilson

Italy: A Ven-pie, A Vie S A tri, A Tri S Aus A ser, F nap-Ion, F rom-Tyr,
F tun-Wes,
Caruso

Russia: F st.P-Nwy (F Swe S), A mos-St.p, F rum-Bla (F Sev S), A gal-Rum
(A Bud S)
Olsen

Turkey: F bla-Bul(ec), A bul-Con, A con-Smy
Sweeny

DEADLINE FOR FALL 1902 IS MAY 17, 1985

Would Mike Ehli please standby for Austria. Mike Ehli's address is:
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Press:

Perky to World: What happened?

France to GM: Sorry my orders are almost late. These fast deadlines are
hard to keep up with.

France to GM: My game result took longer than 30 minutes. Does that mean
I get a free pizze? (Sure, why not. But since I don't deliver pizza to
California, you'll have to come and get it.)

France to Russia: Appease the killer wimp? Never!

France to Austria: Oh, Woody, I'm just too good to you. You don't deserve
it, but hang on, I'll see what I can do.

COA Brad Wilson after May 5th
302 Friendship
Paoli, PA 19301

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NMR Derby Rolls On

HERVE Spring 06

R (Michalski): (build A Tri, A Vie, A Bud) A Rum-Ukr, A Ser S A Gre-Bul, A Gre-Bul, F Ank S F Con-Bla, F Con-Bla, A Mun-Kie, A Ber S A Mun-Kie, A Sil S A Vie-Gal, A Tri S Italian A Ven-Tyr, A Vie-Gal, A Bud-Rum

E (Browner?): NMR (plays one short) F Lp1, F Nth, A Kie, F Bel, F Swe, F Nac all hold

F (Gardner): (retreat A Bre-Pic) A Hol S A Pic-Bel, A Pic-Bel

G (Shores?): NMR (A Ber retreat DTB, removes F Stp(sc), F Fin) A Tyr, A Nwy hold

I (Bowen): (build A Rom) A Ven-Tyr, A Bur-Par, A Gas S A Bur-Par,

F Bre S F Mao-Eng, F Spa(sc)-Mao, F Wme-Tys, F Mao-Eng, A Rom-Ven

R (Slaughter?): NMR (even) A War, A Mos, F Sev all hold

T (Ehli?): NMR (A Rum retreat DTB, remove F Bla) A Bul hold

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Turkish A Bul retreats to Con or Box. The English A Kie retreats to Den, Ruh, or Box, and his F Bel is blown up. The German A Tyr retreats to Pie, Mun, Boh, Vie or Box. Not that I expect to see any of these, mind you, but it never hurts to list them out.

There is a proposal for an AI draw. If all players submitting orders vote in favor, it passes, otherwise we play on.

Another address change for you this month. Paul Gardner, Rt 1, Box 2338, Newfane, VT 05345. Hey, isn't that a whole different coast than before?

MOORE: Hey, what are these complaints about? I think this is a great game!

ROCKVILLE: No wonder so many people think you are sick!

FRA to WORLD: This game is a drastic mistake, and Eng - you look like a mistake all by yourself

ROCKVILLE: Hmmm...no comment. In keeping with the new trend set by this game report, this time's movie is...let's see...oh, Ladyhawk. Not a bad little flick, plenty of excitement, lots of flashy swordplay. Matthew Broderick has a good part, but the rest are fairly stereotyped. A good evening's light entertainment.

DEADLINE is MAY 23

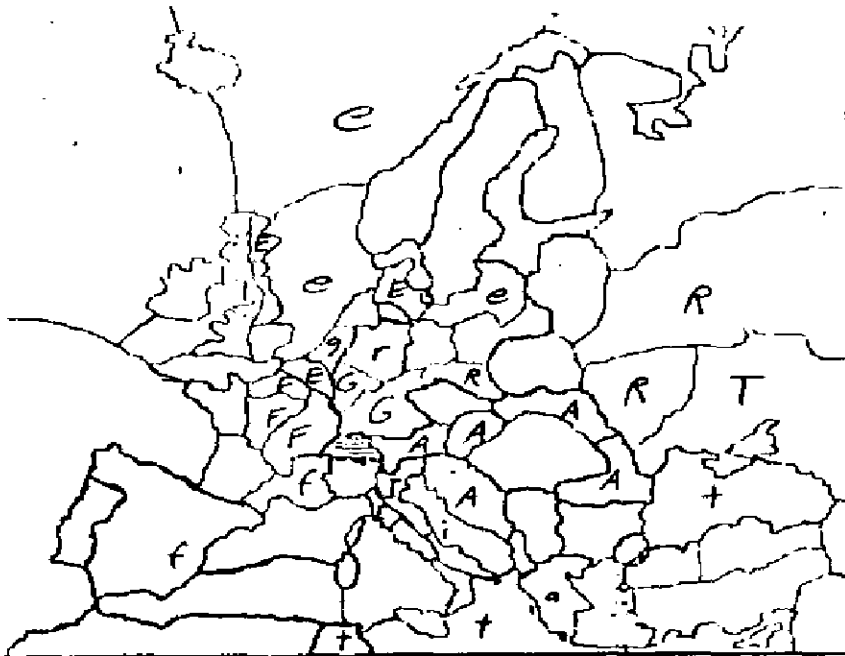
And now for the RETALIATION MEMORIAL WHITE SPACE - yes, RETAL is folding, becoming a subzine (or "subzeer", as Dick would say) in a soon-to-be-named 'zine. Dick names LOM as one of the possibilities - however, LOM is big enough as it is, and the long distance increases the chances of missing an issue's deadline. (However, if nobody else wants it, I'll take it....) Not much white space left, is there?

Well, PAGE 11 is full, but page 10 is loaded with white space

special FNORD edition of FNORD

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Verwirrung--Spring 1903

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Autumn 1902: Rus F Nwy r OTB

Winter 1902:
AUSTRIA builds A VIE, A TRI
ENGLAND builds A LON, A EDI
FRANCE builds A PAR, F MAR
GERMANY removes A BUR
ITALY removes F TYS
RUSSIA builds A WAR
TURKEY removes A BUL

AUSTRIA (Coughlan): NMR: A RUM,
A GAL, A VIE, A TRI, F GRE,
A TYO ALL HOLD. A Ven H
(d, ret Rom, Apu, otb)

ENGLAND (Bjornsson): F Swe-BAL,
F Nwy-NWG; A EDI H, A DEN-Kie,
A Lon-BEL, F NTH C A Lon-Bel,
F Spl S A Lon-Bel (d, r Hel,otb)

FRANCE (Sweeney): A Gas-BUR,
A PAR & A PIC S A Gas-Bur,
F SPA(SC) MS F MAR.

GERMANY (Budway): A MUN-Ber,
F Bel-HOL, A RUH S F Bel-Hol.

ITALY (Wilson): F ADR-Tri,
A Pie-VEN, A TUS S A Pie-Ven.

RUSSIA (Gestiehr): F KIE-Ber,
A War-SIL, A UKR H, A MOS SA Ukr,
F Sev-Bla (d, ann)

TURKEY (Lee): A Arm-SEV,
F BLA S A Arm-Sev, F Aeg-ION,
F Ion-TUN.

Fall 1903 deadline:
MAY 23

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GAME NOTES:

- ** Gary Coughlan sent in builds and press, but no orders. He requested a separation of seasons, but as I previously stated, a separation would require half the players to request it. I attempted to call, but to no avail. This is why there are builds but no moves for him.
- ** When the Spring 1902 results were sent out on flyers by Don, he forgot to send a copy to Bob Sweeney. (Very strange, considering that the flyers mentioned the fact that he had taken over the French position.) If Bob had wanted, I would have replayed the season, but he said to let the game go.
- ** A thousand pardons to Bob for not sending him the addresses of the players. When I called him to stand by, I referred him to a previous issue of LON, which contained the complete subber list. He later said he wasn't a subber when that issue came out, even though he was on the list. Anyway, the addresses should (finally) be on the way.
- ** A thousand curses and a spot on the FNORD Shit List for Dan Young, who failed to send in standby orders. (I did remember to send him addresses)
- ** I will accept orders after the deadline, but only if they come before I type the results and if they will prevent a NMR.
- ** COA for Brad Wilson, effective May 6; 302 Friendship, Paoli, PA 19301
- ** Press will be held over until next season.

It's been an extremely hard week-end schoolwise, so I don't have time for a regular (or irregular) issue of FNORD. There are still openings for my second Dip game. (no fees) Bjornsson, Wilson, Sweeney, Heintzman*, Bowen* signed up. See you next month. *pref list needed

PAGE 12 wonders what 'zire that was

IWH (International Wrestling Hobby) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP....well, when we last left the action, Phil S. the Hun (managed by Steve "Woody" Arnawoodian) and Robert "Beercan" Sax (managed by Frank Byrne) were fighting it out....as the action resumes, the wrestlers go after each other - now Sax goes for an eye gouge, but the crowd goes wild as Hun strikes first! Now Hun goes for a flying drop kick - but OH no, Sax gets out of the way as Hun crashes to the floor. Now here comes Hun again - but Sax gets right up and connects with a drop kick that sends Sax to the floor! Now Hun is heading for the corner - up on the top rope - here he goes -

OH, you the ring shaking after that one! Hun grabs Sax and can still feel

throws him through the ropes and out onto the concrete floor, and the blood is flowing all over the arena! My mistake - somebody spilled the ketchup. Anyway, Hun grabs Sax's leg and is going to wrap it around the metal ring post - but Sax grabs Hun's head and smashes it onto the mat. Now he's getting in the punishment - wait a minute, here comes Hun's manager trying to break it up, but Sax grabs him and throws him into the seats! Those \$500-a-shot ringside fans are getting their money's worth tonight! Now Sax drags Hun into the ring - he's slapping on the sleeper hold - but Hun reaches behind Sax and slams their heads together! OH, Sax's head is STILL ringing after that one, as he staggers around the ring. Hun grabs him and throws him into the turnbuckle - no, Sax reverses the throw! Now Sax trips Hun up - he's setting Hun up for - now Sax is on the top rope - and it's SUPERFLY time! Sax crashes down on top of Hun - it's all but over - there's a pin - 1 - 2 - the referee calls for a break as Hun's leg is over the bottom rope. Sax stomps on the leg - now he's going back on the top rope - but Hun's manager trips Sax off the top rope, and Sax falls head first onto the mat! Now Hun gets up....he's going over to Sax....it's a figure-four leg scissors....he's got it applied....it looks like it's over for sure! But HOLD ON - somebody threw a beer can into the ring, and it hit Hun right in the head! And since it's a FULL beer can, and of Beercan's favorite brand, Hun is really feeling the PAIN. Now the managers are going at each other - Sax's manager picks Hun's manager up and throws him into the crowd! Meanwhile, Hun has the figure-4 back on Sax - but where's the referee? He was knocked out when Sax's manager went into the crowd and threw Hun's manager into the ring? Sax is feeling the figure-4 - how long can his legs hold out? What now? Here comes Sax's manager with a can of beer - he's shaking it up - pointing it at Hun's face - SPRITZ - Hun's eyes take a canful of beer foam! Sax takes the opportunity to pick Hun up and apply a reverse neckbreaker - Hun is out of it - he doesn't know where he is. Now what's going on? Sax is taking Hun up to the middle rope - he's putting Hun's head in a piledriver position - off the middle rope?! It's a SUPER PILEDRIVER! That's REAL punishment! Now Sax's manager waves an open beer can under the referee's nose - the referee goes over to the wrestlers - Sax has Hun pinned.... 1....2....3....there's the bell!

"LAY-DEEES-AND-GEN-TUHL-A-MEN! The winner, and NEW IWH Heavy-weight Champion of the World, ROBERT 'BEERCAN' SAX!" The crowd joins in with a chorus of boos, and chants of "HUN - HUN - HUN - HUN!" Beercan Sax holds a couple of cans of his favorite up, at which time the crowd chants "DRUNK - DRUNK - DRUNK - DRUNK", and, as Sax walks back to the dressing room, he spills beer on a few patrons in the cheap seats.

R.J. Budway has applied for a manager's license in the IWH, but there will be a delay while the new HRs are thought up. (I haven't had much time recently.) STAY TUNED to this channel for FUTURE NEWS on the IWH - the DIP-WRESTLING CONNECTION!

#RESTLING-RASSLING-RUSTLING-WHAT-NEXT-HOBBY-RODEO-HOBBY-ROLLER-DERBY-HOBBY-TIDDL

And SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS to.....ME, for pretty much solving HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY (the latest Infocom computer adventure). Well, I only have 375 points out of 400, but I did manage to get off the Heart of Gold onto the planet, where it says the next adventure begins - where did the other 25 points go? (Maybe something in the maze I missed.....)

PAGE 13 loves a good match...

BRAD WILSON'S final round of questions.....

1. (RP) *What started at Hitsville, USA, in Detroit in 1958?
2. (GE) What famous Paris cathedral rises on an island in the Seine?
3. (LT) Who pinned more than 300 women in defense of his Intergender Wrestling Championship?
4. (NN) *Who was the first President to witness the firing of a Polaris missile?
5. (LT) What was the lowest air-conditioning temperature allowed in July 1979, according to President Carter?
6. (GE) How many Canary Islands are there?
7. (GE) The guns of Fort Ticonderoga overlook what New York lake?
8. (SS) *What Neil Simon film did David Gates perform the title song to?
9. (GE) What Lynchburg, TN distillery has been declared a national historic place?
10. (NN) What prominent American placed a wreath on his grandfather's grave in Gargalianoi, Greece, in 1971?
11. (AL) What does dentist Dr. Byron McKeeby hold in his hand in the painting "American Gothic"?
12. (LT) *Who declared "LSD is Western yoga"?
13. (GE) What are you wishing a Japanese tourist in Las Vegas if you tell him "Fuku"?
14. (SS) Who portrayed Billy Shears in "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band"?
15. (NN) What police force arrested James Earl Ray?
16. (LT) Who acquired the nickname "Tailgunner Joe" in WWII?
17. (RP) Who released the 1956 LP "Calypso", which sold a million copies in three years?
18. (GE) *What Pacific post is the 14th Naval District?
19. (RP) Who's first single was "That's All Right, Mom"/"Blue Moon of Kentucky"?
20. (AL) Who does Sally call her "Sweet Baboo" in "Peanuts"?
21. (GE) In 1981, what city became the USA's largest beer producer?
22. (NN) Whose ashes did Israel scatter over the Mediterranean in 1962?
23. (GE) What Alpine ski resort is nicknamed Kitz, home of the Horn and the Hahnenkamm?
24. (GE) What British protectorate is the home of Sun Lik beer?
25. (SS) *What musical was based on the play "Green Grow the Lilacs"?

Dick Martin dropped out, so his questions are lost forever. Here are the answers (Brad's wrong guesses in parentheses):

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|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. Motown Records | 2. Notre Dame |
| 3. Andy Kaufman | 4. Kennedy (LB Johnson) |
| 5. 78° F (72° F) | 6. ? |
| 7. Lake Champlain | 8. The Goodbye Girl |
| 9. Jack Daniels | 10. Sprio Agnew (Ari Onassis) |
| 11. A pitchfork | 12. Dr. Timothy Leary |
| 13. Good Luck | 14. Peter Frampton |
| 15. Scotland Yard (Miss. State Police) | 16. Joe McCarthy |
| 17. Harry Belafonte | 18. Pearl Harbor |
| 19. Elvis Presley | 20. Linus |
| 21. Los Angeles (St. Louis) | 22. Adolf Eichmann |
| 23. Kitzbuhel (St. Moritz) | 24. Hong Kong |
| 25. Oklahoma (Camelot) | |

Too bad, Brad didn't quite make it - congratulations to BOB OLSEN for winning the POSTAL TRIVIAL PURSUIT title! Now, Bob, you can stop and keep what you've got, OR you can challenge PTF hobby TP champion Fred Davis for the OVERALL HOBBY TITLE! (Rules to be discussed later....)

No, rules to be discussed NOW! Each participant gets 24 questions (2 each in every category from Genus (either set) and Baby Boomer sets) and a rather short amount of time to answer them - most correct answers wins the hobby crown, a round of applause, and all the hints to Infocom's THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY you want.

PAGE 14 has 375 points - what do you do with the 4 fluffs?

DIPLOMACY PURSUIT, TURN 1 - Pat Jensen NMRs twice in one issue, huh?

ANSWERS FROM ROUND 1

1. A vertical line on the conference map dividing the SCs 17/17 splits the German & Italian centers. (BW)
2. It takes 3 turns to get from one neutral non-SC to the other. (JC)
3. Avalon Hill's Dip variant is MACHIAVELLI. (PJ - NMR)
4. There are two possible Coastal Crawls in a given turn. (SA*- none; the question asked how many could be ordered.)
5. Julie Martin's maiden name is Glass. (JC)
6. Joyce Singer won the 1983 Dipcon. (JC)
7. Stantinople-Con was held in Berkeley. (JC - California; I asked for city)
8. The news greeting Gary Coughlan upon his arrival in England: the invasion of Grenada. (PJ* - NMR)
9. The last MNC before the current one was John Leeder. (KB)
10. Issues 11, A, 32, and 35 of EE are white - that's 4. (JC* - 1)
11. BLACK FROG was published on the premise that Dip was fun. (KB* - WHITESTONIA)
12. Pete Doubleday publishes THE THING ON THE MAT. (BW - Jim Williams)
13. The last GMAW was 47. (ME - 50)
14. The last 'zine to finish first in the N.A. Zine Poll before EE was BLACK FROG. (JC)
15. Two of Henry VIII's wives were beheaded. (PJ - NMR)
16. Abe Lincoln had 4 sons. (SA)
17. The Diplomacy Central game in VOD was won by the houserules. (BW*)
18. Every 3 years, the "Windsor" game in EE changes its name. (ME*)

After 1 turn, Kathy Byrne, Steve Arnawoodian, Brad Wilson, and Mike Ehli have 1 miss each; John Caruso has 2 misses; Pat Jensen has 3.

WEDGES: [REDACTED] Mike has G&P, and Brad has G&P.

ROUND 2 QUESTIONS

1. (D&V) What flaw did the original AH Dip boards have which required an "errata sheet"?
2. (HAL) What's the major difference between North American and European PBM Dip?
3. (HAL) What direction do you go to get from DipCon Region I to IV?
4. (HAL) What was the last "first letter" (e.g. 1984AB) of the 1984 Boardman Numbers?
5. (Z&P) How many subzines were in EUROPA EXPRESS #1?
6. (Z&P) How does Dick Martin write up RETALIATION? (e.g. what equipment does he use?)
7. (Z&P) What's the predominant game in THE BUZZARD'S BREATH?
8. (DPL) How many pages in issue 99 of THE VOICE OF DOOM?
9. (TRI) What Ottawa-born teen idol was the first North American pop singer to appear behind the Iron Curtain, in the late 1950s?
10. (TRI) What does "that lucky old Sun" do in the song of the same name?
11. (G&P) The titles of the games in EUROPA EXPRESS have what in common?
12. (G&P) Name the two people who DIDN'T resign from STAB OF THE CENTURY.
13. (G&P) What was so special about STAB OF THE CENTURY, anyway? (Besides the five resignations, that is....)

YOUR QUESTIONS ARE:

DEADLINE for ROUND 2 is MAY 31. If Pat Jensen NMRs again, he's out - although I don't know if he's as hobby involved as the others, so maybe these are out of his expertise.

~~DIPLOMATIC PURSUITS HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS HOBBY YOU'RE IN ANYWAY OH SUE~~

And don't forget - if you happen to get a perfect score in the audience, you become eligible for a FREE Babel Fish from GalacticMarts in the greater Milky Way area - there's one in a solar system near you!

PAGE 15 is sold out, though...

DIPLOMACY - 1984CI, SUMMER/FALL 1904.....SHORT SUMMER, WASN'T IT?

SUMMER 1904: Germany NRRed, so A Lvn goes OTB

FALL 1904

AUSTRIA (was Wagner): NMR - has A RUM, F GRE

ENGLAND (Martin): F Nwy-SWE, F PIC S FRENCH A Bur-Bel, F Nth-DEN,
A Wal-LVP

FRANCE (Bjornssen): F Mid-WES, A Gas-MAR, A Bur-BEL, A Par-BUR, F Nao-MID,
F BRE H

GERMANY (was Doyle): NMR - has F BOT, A SIL, A RUH, A MUN, F HOL

ITALY (Stegeman): A TUN-Gre, F ION C A Tun-Gre, A Gal-VIE (S A TRI),
A SER-Bud, F EAS-Smy

RUSSIA (Lee): A Lvn-STP, A Mos-SEV, A WAR H, A SMY-Con

TURKEY (Ehli): A Vie-Bud (d-retreat to Boh, Gal, Tyo, OTB), A BUL H
(S F BLA), F AEG-Con

SC COUNT FOR 1904

AUSTRIA: Bud, Rum, Gre - 3, build 1

ENGLAND: Lon, Edi, Lvp, Nwy, SWE, DEN - 6, build 2

FRANCE: Par, Bre, Mar, Spa, Por, Bel - 6, even

GERMANY: Kie, Mun, Ber, Hol, ~~Den~~, ~~Smy~~ - 4, remove 1

ITALY: Rom, Nap, Ven, Tun, Tri, Ser, VIE - 7, build 1

RUSSIA: Stp, Mos, War, Sev, ~~EMI~~, SMY - 5, build 1

TURKEY: Con, Ank, ~~Smy~~, ~~Vie~~, BUL - 3, remove 1 or even

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That's two NMRs in a row for A & G - ~~Jerry White, 170, Box 3075, Salinas, CA, 93312 3075~~ takes over Austria, and Brad Wilson, 302 Friendship Drive, Paoli, PA 19301 (as of May 6) takes over Germany.

DEADLINE for AUTUMN/WINTER 1904 and SPRING 1905 is MAY 31. Here comes the press:

ITALY-GM: That was LASAGNE press. Who would write press from Livonia? (Especially in this game.)

ROME-AUSTRIA: Do you always have Italians clean up your garbage?

ROME-ENGLAND: Do you know that gelato shop just off the Piazza Navonna? If you make it within four years, it's my treat.

POPE-GERMAN CATHOLICS: May the blessings of Easter be upon you. I look forward to your resurrection.

LONDON: Actually, what's on top of the pop charts today is that classic, "I Should Have Known Better".

GM: As a last note, Matt Wagner has let his sub lapse without so much as an "I resign" - I think a copy of "Poetry to Command Vagon Destruction Fleets By" would be appropriate, don't you? THEN AGAIN, perhaps he's sick or he's moved (he could have told somebody) or otherwise indisposed and thus unable to continue play or maintain his sub, so let's not jump to conclusions....not yet, anyway....

NUCLEAR-WAR-NUCLEAR-ESCALATION-NUCLEAR-HOLOCAUST-NUCLEAR-EVERYTHING-NUCLEAR-FREEZE!
or should that last one be NUCLEAR WINTER?

NUCLEAR ESCALATION - well, I still only have the one set of orders I had last time! THEREFORE, under the Unwritten Apathy rule, the game gets dumped. Too bad, too - it had possibilities, but not enough interested parties to really get this game rolling.

As for the NMRers - you know who you are - well, Dustin Laurence had to move around too much, Jerry White's sub ran out - Pat Jensen and Bob Sweeney, where are you?

PAGE 16, where are you? (Right HERE?)

DIP

It seems that I've been on Bruce Linsey's case over printing the names of the Runestone Poll voters. Mark Berch brought up a valid point - I didn't say anything when Larry Peery listed the names of the voters in the Pearipoll.

To tell you the truth, I didn't really notice it. (The list of names, that is.) There is one advantage - if Terry Tallman sees the list, he'll know who voted in both polls (so that, IF, by some MIRACLE, he decides to publish enough of the results in the "alternate poll" or whatever-it-is so that an attempt at combining the results is possible, he can leave out double-voters, although we'll never know if the ballots shared any 'zines/GMs). I still believe in the "secret ballot" myself, although (again, as Mark points out) this will be the first poll where the person running the poll doesn't see every ballot!

~~OOPS-OOPS-OOPS-OOPS-OOPS-OOPS-OOPS-OOPS-OOPS-OOPS-OOPS-OOPS-OOPS-OOPS-OOPS-OOPS-O~~



DIPLOMACY - Mike Ehli has an opening; see FNORD for more details

KINGMAKER - Wilson, Sweeney, Cunning signed up. Need 1-3 more.

COLD WAR - Olsen signed up. Need 3 more.

PRO WRESTLING - Delayed while new house rules are thought up.

NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST - up to 20 players! See below....

STANDBYS - I'm almost out! Need more immediately! (For Dip only, and it pays quite well, too.)

NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST

Yes, this is the same game Dave Grabar made famous in ITALIANO PRIBE. I don't know if it folded or not; I stopped receiving it a long time ago - either because it folded or I was wiped out; I never found out which one it was. ANYWAY, I've decided to see if there's any interest in opening up a new game of NH. It takes 20 players to make a full game, although fewer can actually start a game (10 can start with 2 countries each, for example). I'm only trying to find out who's interested in starting - I'm working on some rules (and map, possibly) changes that I might add to the game. (For example, air units have a much greater range over sea than over land.)

For those of you who DON'T know, NH is a game where countries fight each other (well, there are partnerships - most games end in draws) (er, "joint wins" is the correct term) using armies, tank units, airborne, navies (battleship and carrier groups), air units (fighters and bombers, with conventional and nuclear weapons), anti-aircraft, and, most importantly, production for control of economic (including gold) and other strategic areas (including oil fields - no oil means no movement....another flaw, since nuclear-powered units don't need oil as fuel, although there are still a lot of moving parts). Combat is based on the following principle: each unit has a rating - multiply the combined ratings by the amount of money you're willing to put into the battle. (Another rules flaw: a combat winner loses very little, besides money; the loser loses everything.)

So, if you think this is your kind of game, contact me AT ONCE - RIGHT AWAY - HURRY - TIME IS RUNNING OUT - NO PURCHASE NECESSARY (except a sub) - EACH 'ZINE COMES COMPLETE WITH A REAL QUARTER-POINT DIAMOND (that's 1/400 of a carat) AND 20 DIAPPOINTS (cheap imitations)!

PAGE 17 would pay \$50 - for YOU, only... (while supplies last)

LIFE

INSTRUCTIONS for the 1985 LIFER AWARDS ELECTION BALLOT

There are 10 categories of awards to be voted on, described as follows:

- DIRTIEST FOLD** - the 'zine which folds without replacing its games, takes subbers' money and runs, or otherwise makes things bad for its former subbers/players.
- HOBBY GENIUS** - the brains around here. Not the one that masterminds the hobby; rather, the person most likely to win at TRIVIAL PURSUIT, for example.
- MOST BORING TOPIC** - the thing you've heard over and over again in 'zines that you wish people would quit talking about.
- MOST IMPROVED 'ZINE** - "improved" is up to you.
- BEST 'ZINE FOR GAMES OTHER THAN DIPLOMACY/VARIANTS, BEST 'ZINE FOR HOBBY NEWS, BEST LETTER COLUMN, BEST GAME OTHER THAN DIPLOMACY/VARIANTS** - these four categories are self-explanatory.
- BIGGEST HOBBY PERSONALITY** - the person you'd most associate with in the hobby at the present time.
- TRUE HOBBY MASTER** - this is it - the big one - the one person you believe to see all, know all, and control all in the hobby - the brains behind this outfit - the mastermind of hobby operations - someone (alive) there should be a statue erected of.

To cast your votes, make a mark (e.g. "X") on the line to the left of the entry in each category you are voting for. You have three choices as to what to do in each category:

- 1) Vote for one of the five entries - but no more than one (if you vote for more than one, it will be treated as if you voted for no one in that category, but the remainder of the ballot is still valid);
- 2) Write in a different entry (by marking the small line next to the large line at the bottom of the listings for that category, and writing in your choice in the large line - note that you cannot vote for a listed entry and a write-in in the same category);
- 3) Don't vote in that category. As long as at least five categories have been (correctly) voted on your ballot, the ballot is valid. Remember, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO VOTE IN ALL 10 CATEGORIES, AS LONG AS YOU VOTE IN AT LEAST 5.

NOTE: If no entry, including write-ins, receives at least 20% of all of the votes cast in that category, or at least 55% of the ballots have no vote in that category, that category will have no winner. Should more than one entry in a category have the most votes (i.e. in case of a tie), the person running the poll (i.e. ME) will cast the tie-breaking vote (other than that, I won't vote).

AWARDS: What am I, made of money or something? A mention in LIFE OF MONTY and a few other 'zines not good enough, eh? Well, there is one award - the 1985 DIPLOMACY HOBBY MASTER T-shirt, which goes to the TRUE HOBBY MASTER winner. (Provided I know your T-shirt size.)

DEADLINE FOR VOTES is JUNE 21. This will allow for the votes to be counted and the T-shirt made before ORIGINS, where the results will be available if you can find me.

I'll repeat that - VOTING DEADLINE IS JUNE 21. Yes, you CAN vote for yourself / your own 'zine.

OFFICIAL 1985 LIFER AWARDS ELECTION BALLOT
(Substitutes will be accepted)

DIRTIEST FOLD

- EREHWON
- FESTUNGS HOF
- MANIFEST DESTINY
- MIKE'S MAG
- RAGING MAIN

HOBBY GENIUS

- MARK BERCH
- KATHY BYRNE
- FRED DAVIS
- STEVE HUTTON
- BOB OLSEN

MOST BORING TOPIC

- MARK BERCH
- BYRNE-LINSEY FEUD
- HOUSE RULES
- RATING SYSTEMS
- SLUGS

MOST IMPROVED 'ZINE

- BERSAGLIERI
- MAGUS
- NO FIXED ADDRESS
- THE VOICE OF DOOM
- WHITESTONIA/KK

BEST 'ZINE FOR GAMES
OTHER THAN DIP/VARIANTS

- THE BUZZARD'S BREATH
- EMPIRE
- ENVOY
- FEUILLETONIST'S FORUM
- LIFE OF MONTY

BEST 'ZINE FOR HOBBY NEWS

- CATHY'S RAMBLINGS
- DIPLOMACY DIGEST
- DIPLOMACY WORLD
- EUROPA EXPRESS
- WHITESTONIA/KK

BEST LETTER COLUMN

- DIPLOMACY WORLD
- EUROPA EXPRESS
- NORTH SEALTH
- WEST GEORGE
- THE VOICE OF DOOM
- WHITESTONIA/KK

BEST GAME OTHER THAN
DIPLOMACY OR VARIANTS

- CIVILIZATION
- KINGMAKER
- RAIL BARON
- TITAN
- TRIVIAL PURSUIT

BIGGEST HOBBY PERSONALITY

- STEVE ARNAWOODIAN
- MARK BERCH
- KATHY BYRNE
- BOB OLSEN
- ROD WALKER

TRUE HOBBY MASTER

- MARK BERCH
- KATHY BYRNE

- GARY COUGHLAN
- BRUCE LINSEY

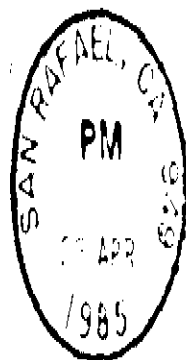
- BOB OLSEN

Ballots must arrive by JUNE 21. Please read the instructions, if you have any with this ballot. (If you don't, all you really need to know is that you can vote for no more than one entry per category; you can write in a vote in any or all categories, or not vote at all in certain categories, as long as you vote in at least 5 of the 10 categories (including write-ins); and, please cast votes on this ballot by putting a mark (X, for example) in the space to the left of the entry you are voting for - the blank line is for a write-in.)

SIGNATURE _____

SPECIAL PAGE 19 BONUS - All voters voting in at least 7 categories get 25¢ LOM sub credit! (Transfers are possible)

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