

# LIFE OF MONTY

#53

JULY 1, 1985

actually, it's June 1, but I was tired of  
THE GENERAL being dated 2 months too late

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You'd better like this issue a little extra than the others - it's the last one you'll see for SIX weeks. Anyway, this is yet another of those 'zines that calls itself "yet another LIFE OF MONTY", brought to you by whatever postal services (if they can be called that) are involved, beginning with the one that takes them from me - Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339, phone (415) 461-2692, but not before 5 PM Monday-Friday or after 11 PM Sunday-Thursday. (Actually, that's "NOR" - "OR" means at least one, so calling at 11:30 PM Thursday is after 5 PM, and therefore would be OK, which it isn't.) SUBSCRIPTIONS go for 50c an issue. Well, the US Postal Service doesn't put "c" after the value of the stamps any more (new stamps say "22", for example, when 22 cents is meant - but how do foreign postal authorities know that it's not 22 dollars? Then again, why would they care?), so let's just say that each issue goes for \$0.50, OK? Hokay. (No, that's not really a word....)

Excuse me....the computer is sending a message....

KATHY-R-BEN-1, PLEASE ESCORT BRUCE-O-LNZ-1 TO THE TERMINATION CENTER. THANK YOU. THE COMPUTER IS YOUR FRIEND. DAN PALTER IS RUNNING A GAME (if you can call it that) OF 'PARANOIA' IN "CATHY'S RAMBLINGS", ALTHOUGH YOU'LL HAVE TO WRITE TO DAN (999 Central Avenue #300, Woodmere, NY 11598) FOR MORE DETAILS. NOT EXPRESSING INTEREST IN 'PARANOIA' IS CONSIDERED TREASON, AND THOSE FOUND NOT OWNING AT LEAST A PLAYER HANDBOOK WILL BE EXECUTED. SERVE THE COMPUTER.

You get the message? Anyway, enough with the announcements....

MONTY'S NEWS AND COMMENT is brought to you by THE COMPUTER. Failure to read every bit could be considered treason if you happen to mention it to somebody.

Good news on the ORIGINS front - my leave has been approved, so it's just about a sure thing now. If you want to meet me with large banners as I get off the plane, be at Baltimore-Washington International Airport on June 26 at about 5:30 in the afternoon (Eastern time) near the exit gate for the Delta flight from San Francisco. Those of you without the banners, I'll really be on the World flight from Oakland via Newark! (Banners are too conspicuous. Besides, if anybody ever finds out that I'm arriving, there may be innocent people in the crossfire.) Meanwhile, John Caruso & Kathy Byrne will wait until the last minute before deciding whether or not to go - John thinks it'll be "not", thanks to the fire in their building knocking out a couple of walls (more or less).

You COMPUSERVE members will be glad to know that my ID number is 70017,714, so now you know where to send the threats to.

The NYGB ZINE DIRECTORY has come out - not quite the quality of the ZINE REGISTER, if you ask me. Still, you might as well get all of the opinions you can when looking for 'zines. Get yours from Robert Sacks, 4861 Broadway 5-V, New York, NY 10034, although I'm not sure of what the cost is. (That's 2 in a row ending in prepositions!) PRICE is a SACK

After what seems to be a quite lengthy delay, the latest issue of THE GENERAL is out - this one deals with the remake of Metagaming's old HITLER'S WAR, plus some previews on ADVANCED SQUAD LEADER, which may or may not be for sale at ORIGINS. (Supposedly, it will be placed on mail-order sale soon after ORIGINS, as well as for sale to wholesalers, which soon sell to retailers, so expect it on the shelves soon.) Note that just about the only things from the SL series still used are the maps. Thousands of counters - 4 rulebooks - you might as well forget them, since new scenarios will be few and far-between (and not from TAHGC - The Avalon Hill Game Company), and really forget about DYO point values! (ASL will, eventually, have point values for all ASL units.)

# DIP WARZ

When we last left (apparently, John Pole-O, who doesn't like the word "left", was caught napping) "SLURP" - make that "nipping"! ANYWAY, the Empire, as commanded by EMPEROR LORD SACKS FIFTHAVENUE with his friend Yawn Boring, had just launched the

LINSEEDASHING KENOBLASTERS, plus some Domino's Pizza, Soccerleague Openings, and FNORD, at the Linseed Planet, where the Linoleum Falcon is being repaired - actually, the LF is heading straight for some star as part of the ONE TASK OF THE ECHOING VOICE which is on the way to finding THE BOURSE.

"Six seconds until impact with the sun!" yells Princess Luscious.

"Five seconds until impact with the Linseed planet!" announces Lord - er, EMPEROR - Sacks Fifthavenue - er, SACKS FIFTHAVENUE. (Now is NOT the time to get on Robert Sacks' bad side - the NYGB will have one of VERY few copies of the ORIGINS master list!).

"Five.....4.....3.....2.....1..."

".....4.....3.....2.....1.....Impact!"

The resulting combination of Domino's Pizza Cartons (with pepperoni AND extra cheese) and the Linseed planet's usual hot air combined to speed up the aging process (if it can be called that) of the star which was about to have the Rebels for a quick snack, which, as a result, caused the star to collapse upon itself and form a black hole, which sucked in all light, and pretty much anything else, in range - Linoleum Falcon included.

"Well," comments Baldo Calberchian, "this puts things in a whole new light."

"What light?" responds Oboe-1 Caruso. "It's a black hole, remember?"

"Will you guys shut up?" yells Rod Seaparter, although nobody probably heard him, because of the vast velocities obtained due to the black hole.

"Maybe it'll stay this way - it's the best you've looked yet!" added Princess Luscious.

But before anyone could respond, a bright light of changing colors appeared from in front of the ship.

"Hey, turn off that searchlight! We'll come quietly...."

"Oboe-1, mouth CLOSED, eyes OPEN!"

"Calberchian, put your hat on so we can see again!"

"It is on, Princess - LCOM, mass and origin of the light source."

"Velocity too?"

"Sure, velocity too. And size, while you're at it."

"OK, it's about - oh, I'd say - half the size of a wooden block. Made of wood, as well. Color analysis - blue, light blue, green, black."

"Half a wooden block - four colors...."

"Don't think too hard, Pole-O."

"Princess Luscious, if he thinks at all, it's probably too hard."

"Oboe-1, why don't you think about calling a hospital ship so that when I break your face, you might be able to salvage something?"

Suddenly, a light appears above Baldo Calberchian's head. "My hat came off."

"Could it be," asks Princess L, "the - Princess L?!"

I'm doing the writing - I don't see YOU sending in articles for the Fifth Anniversary Issue (which is NEXT ISSUE, by the way).

"Could it be THE BOURSE?"

Rod Seaparter thinks about it.

"I'm going in!" says Oboe-1 Caruso, as the ship heads for it.

"Wait! Hold it! Turn Back! STOP THIS THING!"

"Seaparter, is something wrong?"

"That's not THE BOURSE - it's the....the....the LEFT SIDE OF THE BOURSE!"

"Let's blast it" says John Pole-O.

"How do you know?" asks the Princess.

"Half the size - the colors are for the western powers, which are on the left when looking north - it has to be the LEFT side!"

"Maybe there's a right side that goes with it," suggests Oboe-1.

"And maybe there's a right side to your brain that's out there somewhere!"

"Seaparter, how about some GOOD advice?"

"THE BOURSE is one thing - it's not split - there's more searching to be done! Besides, do you think the writer would stop now, just before the Walker Awards?"

"Are you kidding? Who reads DIP WARZ?"

Say, what's that smell?

Not PAGE 2 - it just took a shower

All together now: "HUSH PUPPY MIX! With a side of Grits."  
 "Either that's Garra the Elvi master," says Obee-1, "or we've been invaded by unintelligible beings from some lesser forms of existence."  
 "Right on both counts!"  
 "PRINCESS LUSCIOUS, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO GRACELAND AND SEE WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE A LOWER ORGANISM?"  
 "Hey, Garra, what brings you here?"  
 "ALL TOGETHER NOW: I JUST POPPED IN. ANYWAY, I SEE YOU'VE COMPLETED THE ONE TASK OF THE ECHOING VOICE BY NOT TAKING THE LEFT SIDE. LORD SACKS FIFTHAVENUE AND YAWN BORING BOTH FAILED THIS TASK, AND ARE FOREVER DOOMED TO THE LEFT UNTIL THEY CAN FIND THE BOURSE AND KILL THE REBELS."  
 "Say, Garra, what about THE BOURSE?"  
 "OH, THAT. WELL, WAIT FOR THE BIG FIFTH-ANNIVERSARY ISSUE VERSION OF DIP WARZ, WHEN YOU AND THE NEW EMPEROR BATTLE IT OUT FOR THE BOURSE AND COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE DIPLOMATIC HOBBY EMPIRE THING, WHATEVER THAT IS."  
 "I heard that!" can be heard from the Emperor's Flagship. "Thanks for the clue! Follow course and speed of the Linoleum Falcon. Follow the trail of Hushpuppy Mix!"

You heard Garra - come back next time for what could look like it's the BIG CONCLUSION to DIP WARZ, only to have something happen at the end to keep the series going. Remember last time? Well, Lord Sacks Fifthavenue, in his pre-EMPEROR days, blasted Rod Seaparter, only to have someone come in from the future two pages later and absorb the blow. What will it be this time? Will either side end up with THE BOURSE? How about Ts'r Alex I The Voice Of Doom? (Now that she isn't EMPEROR any more, the name isn't in capitals) Well, you'll have to wait an extra week (PAIN and AGONY, I know), since I'll be on vacation June 26 through July 3. (I'll be at ORIGINS through June 30; on July 1 and 2, I'll be with John and Kathy, taking to the streets of New York City, watching people cause traffic accidents by slowing down at a yellow, things like that. Phyllis and Francine have 2 choices: either clean up their room, or steal my film - NO, I'M ONLY KIDDING, THERE'LL BE NO PICTURES OF THE ROOM THIS TIME, as I may have found one that takes the title away. (GASP!! That's impossible, isn't it?))

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GAME OPENINGS

DIPLOMACY - well, I'm sure one of the subzine editors/publishers/whatever has some openings, so check them out. Contact the publisher involved (not me) if you want in.

DIPPY STANDBYS - D. Walker, Ferguson, Sweeney, Peel, Ehli, Young, Wilson, Caruso. You get 50¢ after your first orders, 30¢ after your second, and \$1 if you continue until the end of the game. Amounts are for 'zine credit. This applies to all games in LOM - if you're in a game I'm not GMing and you standby, remind me to give you credit.

KINGMAKER STANDBYS - the KM game begins in this issue; I may need standby players. The same rates apply to KM standby credit as for Dip standbys. (By "rates", I'm referring to sub credits that standbys get for sending in orders. You only get credits when asked for orders - you can't send in orders and then claim credit!)

COLD WAR - Olsen signed up. Need 3 more.

WORLD CUP SOCCERLEAGUE - 2 players signed up. Where is everybody on this one? Doesn't anybody play this game? Especially for MONEY?

NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST - well, one person expressed interest. This one may not start - I'm working on a new map & rules - but if you have some interest, let me know. This game is a real BLAST!

PARANOIA - Dan Pelter is running this, probably in CATHY'S RAMBLINGS, which you should be reading anyway. See page 1. And don't worry about that camera behind you; it's there for your benefit. If you don't play, your termination will benefit you, since The Computer is your friend.

PAGE 3 is a traitor! Terminate  
 on sight

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After ORIGINS, my next appearance will be at PACIFICON in San Mateo over Labor Day Weekend. In past years, this required getting up at 6:30 AM - some hours before I normally manage to wake up (especially on a Saturday). This year, 6:30 - an extra 20 minutes of sleep! (Do you see the things I have to go through just to earn \$66 a day, which is actually about \$50 a day net?)

Speaking of ORIGINS....Avalon Hi- er, uh, TAHGC will also (supposedly) release a repackaged STELLAR CONQUEST as well as their third Eastern Front WWII game (not counting the East Front Scenarios in THIRD REICH and HITLER'S WAR), currently titled RUSSIAN FRONT, and a slightly changed version of DEVIL'S DEN. (STELLAR CONQUEST is probably available now for \$24.) Also, mapboards 9, 10, and 11 have been redone, with new terrain added. (The original 9, 10, and 11 will be given away, while supplies last, to purchasers of ASL.)

SPECIAL ORIGINS BONUS! TAHGC will accept orders on Thursday and Friday for ANY AND ALL parts, issues, etc. normally available in their catalog, and will hand them out (to those who have pre-paid) on Saturday or Sunday. No long delays - no 10% postage charges! HOWEVER, it is no longer possible to order the "complete set of wooden cubes" for DIPLOMACY. They cost \$1.50 for 8 fleets or armies (no mixing) - specify the color (again, no mixing). French units are not available. (Buy extra Italian ones - who can tell the difference?)

And now, one final preview of ADVANCED SQUAD LEADER....the main difference between ASL and regular SL/COI/COD/GI is that the ASL rules are all combined - no "programmed instruction" where you learn a few rules at a time. (Also, no fumbling through four rulebooks for four different changes of the same rules!) Also, the rules come separately from everything else, so you don't have to buy German and Russian counters just to get British and American ones (as you did with the SL series, since you needed COI to play COD and GI). Also, in case of errata, the rules are in a binder - just rip out pages and plug in new ones! ALSO, there will be a separate set of boards and rules for "deluxe ASL" - played on LARGE maps with 2.2 inch hexes! (Regular hexes are 0.8 inch. The original maps had 0.75 inch hexes - but somebody realized that putting 0.75-inch hexes together meant that putting 2 boards together left a set of "2/3 hexes".) Deluxe ASL can be played with 1/285th scale miniatures - GHQ will license some of its figures for Deluxe ASL playing. There's just ONE chance - all of this doesn't come cheaply. (SL/COI/COD/GI sell for about \$80 at the moment, as an example.)

One final question....do any of you actually CARE?

(Coming soon: a FIREPOWER variant showing how things went wild among the hobbyists one day....)

Those who said NO are true dippers.....

Good night!

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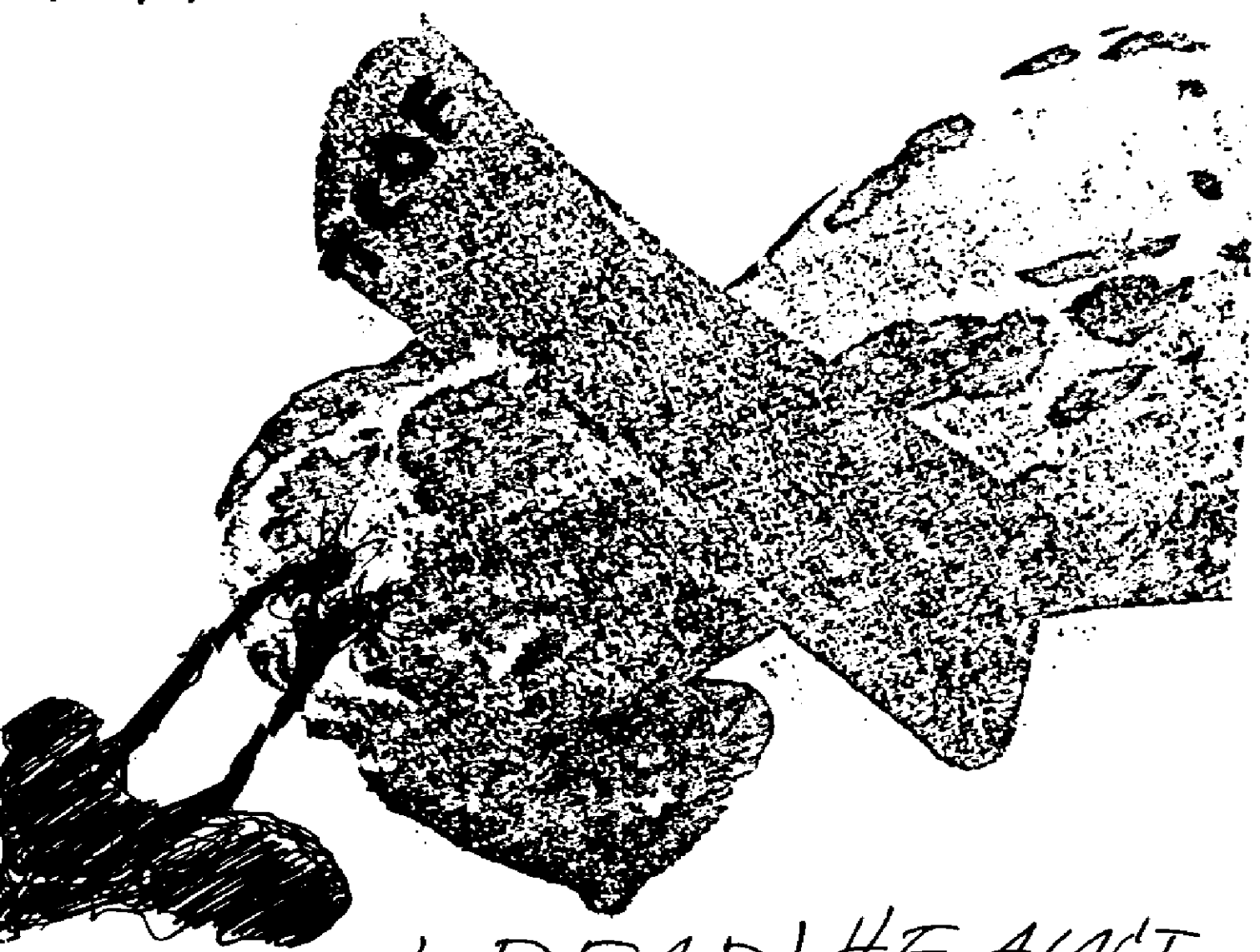
STRIKE TWO! It looks like there's going to be another baseball strike. Apparently, being exempt from Peter Ubarroth's drug testing isn't enough for the players. It wouldn't be so bad, except that cricket season is over - there's nothing left except minor league ball! (Well, ESPN has everybody's favorite sport - Australian Rules Football, best described as a combination of American football, rugby, and free-for-all wrestling. Besides, nobody has the hours on top of hours needed to show a cricket match. As far as I know, it's the only sport where the players stop play to eat. (Or is it drink?)) At least when the NFL strikes, there's Canadian football - or, next year, the USFL - to fall back on. There's also "Exhibition Soccer", featuring teams that survived the NASL and a handful of teams not good enough for later World Cup rounds. How about a hobby-wide effort to pay off the players so that they won't strike? Anything's better than watching Stockton vs. Modesto fight for third place in the California League on network TV....

PAGE 4 got rained out

THE CONCERT  
OF FNORD

(America's premiere  
gamey journal)

JUNE #15  
GLEEFULLY SAYS...



SPARKY'S DEAD! HE AIN'T  
GONNA MONOPOLIZE MY ZINE  
NO MORE! HE'S DEAD, DEAD, DEAD!

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PAGE 5 is LIVE, LIVE

Yes, it's Fnord time again. Time to read another installment of the ravings of mad scientist-in-training Mike Ehli.

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Summertime is rolling around again, and that means I must (reluctantly) start dealing with the real world again. (That is, everything outside of school, the record stores, the game stores, and the arcades) Time to get a place for these three months (living at home seems very repugnant to me right now), time to think about getting a part-time job (I've struck out at all the places where I am a regular customer, where they know me, so now I may have to stoop to the most menial labor possible--MCDONALD'S!!), and time to pick out which bullshit social science-type classes to take during the summer for fulfillment of university requirements (so I can load up on more chemistry, physics, and math during the rest of the year). Time to start thinking about DipCon (I'll be there if I have to walk to Seattle). Time to start getting depressed about my love life again (or lack thereof). Time to bask in the glory of having won the Byrne-Linsey feud.

"'Cause time won't give me time, 'cause time makes lovers feel like they've got something real, but you and me, we know they've got nothing but time. And time won't give us time...won't give us time..."  
--Culture Club

"Time...flowing like a river...to the sea." --Alan Parsons Project

"Forever young, I want to be forever young...Do you really want to live forever, forever, and ever"  
--Alphaville

"Inside you the time moves and she don't fade; the ghost in you, she don't fade."  
--The Psychedelic Furs

"I pledge allegiance to the Time" --The Time

"Oops, wrong room!" --line uttered by every girl that has come into my room (sigh...)

"Well, if there's any doubt who I am just call me John--Johnny Q. Public."  
--The Crazy 8's

"Please remember...the earth can be any shape you want it, any shape at all; dark and cold or bright and warm; long or thin or small; but it's home, and all I ever had, and maybe why for me the Earth is flat."  
--Thomas Doiby

"We'll be the Pirate Twins again, Europa." --Thomas Dolby

"Why don't you take your social regulations and shove 'em up your ass?"  
--Dead Kennedys

Mike, why don't you walk into a "wrong room" sometime? -- PAGE 6

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Gary Coughlan please read this!

Gary Coughlan has resigned his position because of the NMR he received last season. He seemed very upset over how I handled the matter of separation of seasons. Gary, turn back to LOM 48/EREHDRONF 12. You will see that it is there where I set down my policy on separations. I also believe I told you the same thing in person at Leprecon. I didn't call a standby for your position because you are an experienced, reliable player and because I thought you would understand what went on. I tried to call, but the line was constantly busy. I am delaying the game now because the position should not go unplayed for two consecutive turns. Anyway, that's my side of things. Gary, if you want to come back, you are certainly welcome, but just in case...

Would KEN PEEL, 8709 First Ave. # T-2,  
Silver Spring, MD 20910 please standby for Austria.

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  - PRIMUS ILLUMINATUS: Mike Ehli; see previous page for address

**DEADLINE:  
JULY 4**

NOTE TO ALL PLAYERS: Read ALL of the game report. Also, I guess I'd like to hear a few comments on my handling of this and other situations pertaining to this game. A little constructive criticism never hurt anybody.

GAME OPENING: Dip, no fees. Only one spot left, so you better move fast, since I won't be having any more for a while.  
Signed up: Wilson, Bjornsson, Sweeney, Heintzman\*, Bowen\*, and Walker ((not Rod))  
\*preference list needed

"Now get my message; stop spending our precious time, because before you know it, we'll be down to our last dime."  
--The Go-go's

"I've been in pain and I've been in shame, but ain't love a bitch?"  
--Rod Stewart

"Words like conviction can turn into a sentence."  
--General Public

"You can act real rude and totally removed, and I can act like an imbecile."  
--Men Without Hats

"What are words for, if no one listens anymore?"  
--Missing Persons

"Could I buy you a dress or something? Could I buy you some jewelry or something? Would you go out with me or something? Would you sleep with me or something?"  
--The Violent Femmes

COMING UP NEXT: Special guest subzine parody of The Cubist's Corner...

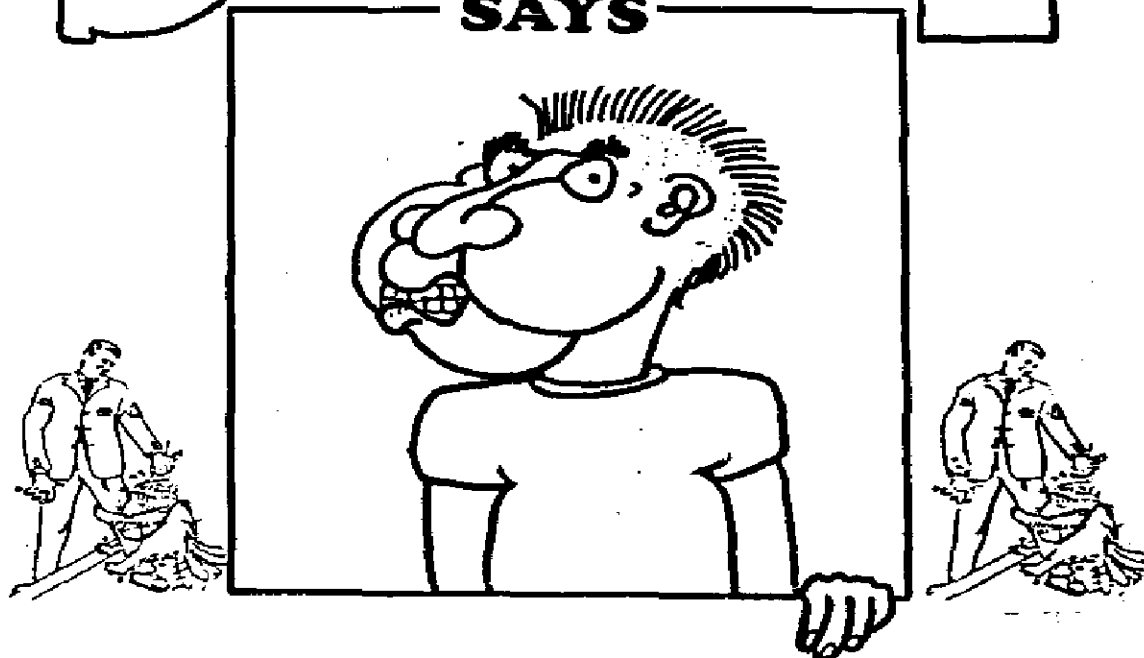
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\*\*\*\*\*Sorry, Mike, but your reproduction of "Cubist's Corner" was much too poor to be recopied. (That's why page 43 is missing.) You're lucky; I was another page over this issue's maximum, and it was either your page 44 or the instructions for THE LIFERS. THE LIFERS are self-explanatory - besides, I had to keep that last page of FNORD in, which will become apparent when you see it.

PAGE 7 is probably all Gary's fault...

# BUTTFACE

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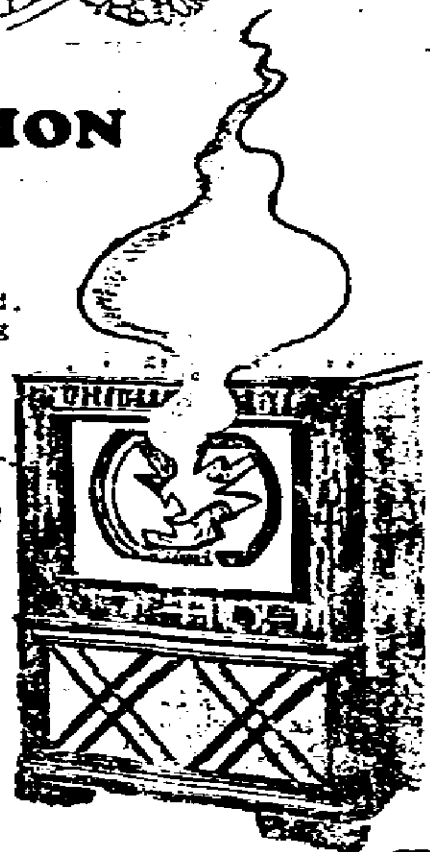


## SMASH YOUR TELEVISION

\*\*\* A BUTTFACE COMMUNIQUE \*\*\*

Buttface has a great idea for the New Year that he would like YOU to share with all the jaded, dispossessed kids in your neighborhood. It's called "T.V. On Trial", and we're making the verdict GUILTY and the penalty DEATH!!! C'mon, it'll be great! Picture this: no more sitting in front of the idiot box with that look of stupid agony on your face. No more psychological assaults from profit-hungry corporate dickheads! Just think....freedom is but a simple act away; just SMASH THE FUCKER!

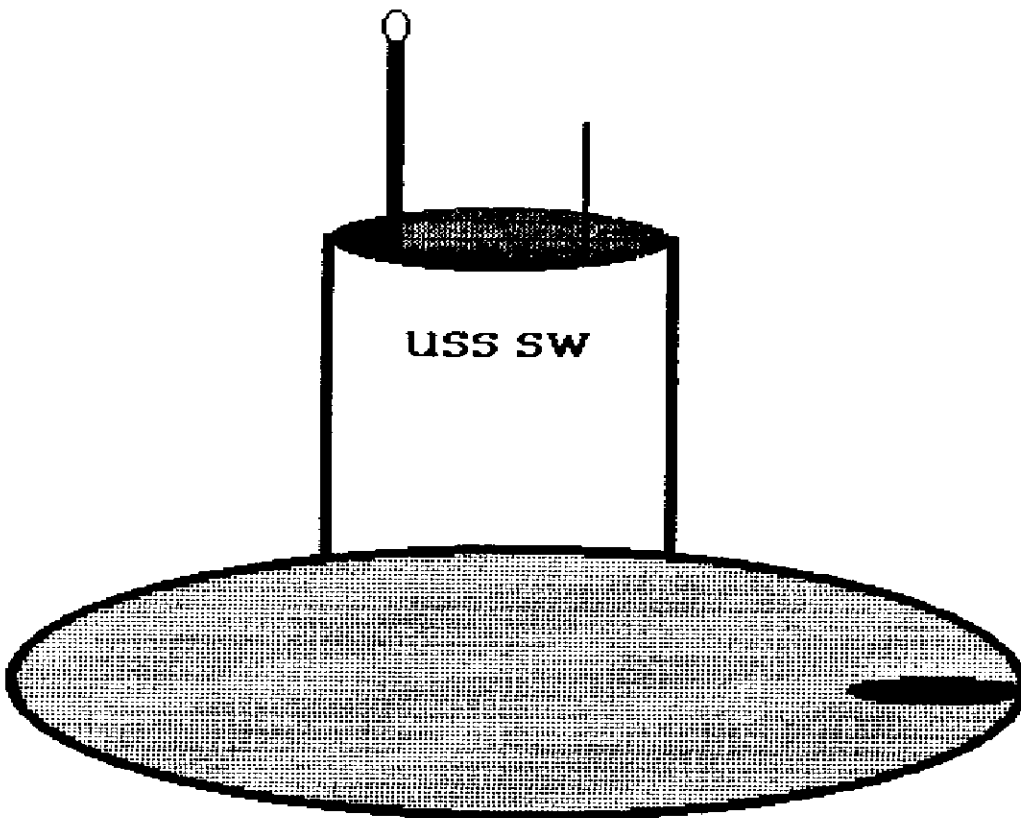
GET DOWN WITH YOUR BAD SELF



((Flyer seen on various telephone poles around town))  
P.I.

PAGE 8 listens to radio (did you hear the BBC on the day after the European Cup Final?)





## SUBMARINE WARFARE

(a neat idea for a subzine)

by

Derwood Bowen

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Hello, again, out there in SW reader land. This is the voice of your friendly Derwood speaking to you via the wonders of print. What's that? You can't hear a word I'm saying. Well read this and shut up, then. I have ventured into the realm of entrepreneurship. That's right, you heard right. The mudshark. (Oops, I slipped into another world. Be right back.) That's right, you heard right. I am now an entrepreneur (Oh how I like that word.). I just bought my own Domino's shop. It is located in a real small town in Ohio called Salem. I had barely heard of it before I bought it, but I checked it out and I can make money there. What more reason for one to become an entrepreneur than that? I'm going to have my own corporation and everything. Oh, frabjuous day calloo callay, he chortled in his joy. In all seriousness, this is the realization of a long pursued goal for me. The first of many stores I hope to own. My own version of the American dream or whatever. I hope to make myself wealthy doing this. I have payed for this with six years of my life, so you have some idea of how much this means to me.

At this time, I don't anticipate SW suffering as a result of this. I do expect to put in quite a lot of time working at my new business. However, I won't know anyone in Salem, hence there will be few distractions to keep me occupied in what little spare time I have. You in my one game needn't worry about it. I shall take good care of you. And you, Don, needn't worry yourself about filling up Life of Monty with drivel. I will help you keep the masses amused.

And now, once yet again it is time to play America's favorite diplomacy game, "Let's Stab a Mad Lad." And here's our host, that ever favorite of daytime TV, Deeeeerwoood Bowen!

Hey, thank you. Alright! Here we are once again with the great stab game. Today's guest is that famous dip player and one of the first Nixon award winners, Mike Mazzer. How are you doing today, Mike?

Just fine, Derwood. And gosh, you didn't have to mention the Nixon, did you?

Aw, Mike. Don't be bashful. You really earned it. Now, Mike, you do know how to play our little game, don't you?

Well, golly gee, Derwood, I think so. But couldn't you put Olsen in the game somewhere. I would feel a lot better if you could.

(A loud buzzer sounds at this point.)

That buzzer means that Ghod is about to speak. Our authority for the game is, of course, Mark Berch. He has with him all 2000 pages of the VOD houserules, which he knows by heart. What prompts you to buzz, Mark?

Well, Derwood, as you know, this game is only for stabbing notorious Mad Lads. And, as he has so ably proven in the past, Olsen is totally incapable of being a Mad Lad. Hence his presence in this game as Mazzer's oponent is prohibited under houserule #686.1, which states that only a stab-happy Mad Lad is permitted here.

Thank you Mark. Well, there you have it, Mike. No Olsen. How about Woody?

(Buzz.)

That means no Woody, either. You are just going to have face the Mad Lad without ere a single toad, antelope, or pudge. Now, Mike, here is your situation. You are playing Germany. A notorious Mad Lad is playing France. You and he have reduced England to rubble, and are now ready to swing east. You have a fleet North Sea, a fleet London, an army in Belgium, a fleet in Denmark, an army Ruhr, and 2 builds coming. France has a fleet Liverpool, a fleet NAT, an army Piedmont, a fleet GOL, an army Picardy, and 1 build coming. What is your stab?

First off, I persuade him to build a fleet in Marseilles to go after Italy. Then, I persuade him to move Picardy to Paris so he can move towards Italy. I then suggest he move his fleets towards Italy, pointing out how he is already in good position being in Piedmont and GOL. After this, I build an army Munich and an army Berlin. The Army in Munich goes to Burgundy, while Ruhr supports Belgium to Picardy. The Fleet London moves to Yorkshire to finish England, while Fleet North Sea moves to the Channel. The Fleet Denmark moves to Sweden, while army Berlin moves to Prussia.

It looks OK to me, except why Sweden and Prussia?

Derwood, I know Olsen is playing Russia and won't mind me borrowing a couple of his centers. He is in Russia, I know it.

Well, Mike. Let's see what the judges say. Here are the scores. 8.8, 8.9, 9.0 8.6, 8.8, 9.1. Your scores are good, Mike, but not good enough to dethrone our champ. It was a nice try, though. Thanks for playing.

But, Derwood, with Olsen in Russia my plan couldn't help but succeed.

Tough bananas, Mazzer. Well, that's all the time we have. Tune in again next time when our player will be none other than Dan Palter.

## EATMYPEPPERONIEATMYPEPPERONIEA

Well, we had fun with that one didn't we boys and girls. Next up is a feature which I tried last time with cartoon characters. I hope you enjoyed it. This time I decided to tackle some Walt Disney characters. Let's see

It was a nice, sunny May afternoon. A man sat in front of his CRT trying to decide just what he could write for a dip zine. It didn't seem that he had any real good ideas, but he figured if he just sat there punching keys that eventually he'd think of something. He had just finished several bottles of Michelob, but rather than being drunk, only suffered from a mild headache. So, with a glass of gingerale (gingerale?) beside him, he attempted to find inspiration. Does such a thing exist? Is there such a thing, or is there only a figurative form of ejaculation? The answer to that burning question shall be found in the next several paragraphs, if anyone is interested enough to be reading.

## **THEKENTUCKYDERBYWASTODAYSOWHATIDONTCARE**

The computer will thoroughly invade every facet of our lives. Any doubt I may have had about that was ended when I saw adds for computerized running shoes. There is actually a computer built in the tongue of the left shoe. You program information about the length of your stride and other info, and the thing keeps track of how many strides you make and how fast, thus computing how far and how fast you ran. You can then connect the thing to a PC and get all kinds of data about your run. Well, in the spirit of this, I have listed some new uses that computers can be put to.

A gigolo can put one in his bed to measure the heart rate and body temperature of the woman with him. With a radio receiver attached to his ear (looks like a hearing aid) he can keep constant track of just how excited his companion is, thus allowing him to know when no more foreplay is necessary.

A heavy metal band can use one to determine when the audience is at a fever pitch. This would allow them to know just when to end a song (useful on those protracted endings). Would also let them know if the audience was bored so that they had to do something (ie turn up the sound, say "fuck," or mention some drugs).

The computerized bar glass is a must. Now the bartender doesn't have to keep track of who needs a refill. The computer will let him know when a glass is empty. Will also let him know if someone is nursing a drink, cueing him to coax the laggard.

Of course, the computerized cat litter box. Measures the increase in weight from cat by-products and automatically cues you when kitty has gone once too often.

And the computerized joint. Guards against being bogarted. In addition, will remind you to use a roach clip at the appropriate time.

## **THECOMPUTERISMASTEROFALLTHECOMPUTE**

Slick Rick had a chic chick who turned a quick trick. She picked a hick for a trick, did his dick quick, and gave Slick Rick a kick with her quick dicked hick trick. The chic chick turned another trick lickety-split. She split quick from Slick Rick, because she didn't want to split with Rick no more. Slick Rick was sick because the chic chick quit. So Rick hired Mick to flick the chic chick with his Schick (razor). Mick was quick to flick the chic chick with his Schick. So don't try to slick Slick Rick.

*oops! Pages 3 and 4 of SW were switched  
(for your protection, of course)*

Mickey mouse: Would play dip pretty much square. He would be the eternal optimist, always with a smile on his face and in his letters. Probably not much of a liar. Would have a fair sense of humor, and his press would be decent. His tactics would be mostly sound, with an occasional flash of brilliance and an occasional lapse.

Scrooge McDuck: A shrewd bargainer. Would always try to come out best in any alliance. He would play very paranoid. I expect he would be good a tactics. Would only use the press to further his aims, rather than writing amusing press. Of course, he would never call, because it costs too much. And he would write few letters, because postage and paper costs, too.

Minnie Mouse: A real air-head. Probably plays only because Mickey does. She doesn't have much personality, and it shows. Few letters, not much brilliance, she will be eliminated in most of her games early. Will write vacuous press.

Daisy Duck: A sharp cookie. Will alternate between using her feminine wiles and her intelligence to get what she wants in a game. I expect she would be a good player who writes clever press and makes sharp moves. She would be a sore loser.

Donald Duck: The ultimate sore loser. Would rail at anyone who stabbed him forever. A mediocre player who believes he is craftier than he is. Some of his press would be funny. Could be manipulated by somebody sharp, but watch out if he figures it out.

Goofy: I don't think much need be said. He would play like a dumb Arnawoodian. His moves just would not make much sense. His press might prove to be funny enough to make it worth while keeping him around.

Ludwig von Drake: The professor would make tactically good moves. His letters would be entertaining, as would be his press. But somewhere he would lose sight of the objective. He would make a brilliant move while somebody else was winning the game. Not a really practical player.

Well, enough of Disney's group. Next time out some other cartoon characters take to the dip board.

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SUB BALANCE/TRADE : XENOLOGIC  
NOTES :



# PERISCOPE 1984 HD

SUMMER 1902

England retreats F Nwy to Bar

Fall 1902 **A GERMAN ARMY IN BURGUNDY!**

Austria: A ser S rus A rum-bul (dis ret to Alb or OTB) . F GRE S rus A rum-bul  
Arnawoodian

England: F nwg-NWY (F BAR S), F aka-DEN (F NTH S), A ruh-BEL  
Bjornsson

France: F MID-wes. A SPA-tus (F GOL C), F Mar S F gol), A bur-mun (dis ret to Mar, Par, Gas, Ruh, OTB)  
Mazzer

Germany: F hel-KIE, A bel-BUR (A MUN S)  
Wilson

Italy: A vie-TYO, A tri-SER, A ven-TUS (F TYR S), F ION-gre. F WES-mid  
Caruso

Russia: F NWY H (F SWE & A STP S), F bla-BUL (ec) (A RUM S), F sev-ARM,  
A BUD S Italian A tri-ser  
Olsen

Turkey: NMR A CON H, A SMY H, F bul (ec) H (ann.)  
Sweeny?

**DEADLINE FOR WINTER '02 & SPRING '03 IS JUNE 19, 1985**

## Press:

Russia to France: I thought you said just once you wouldn't scheme and connive and needlessly ruin another game for me? (The operative word here is needlessly. Mazzer needs this to maintain his reputation. Otherwise the next press wouldn't be relevant.)

Berlin to Paris: You thoroughly deserve your reputation. (Of course.)

Italy to France: One can not believe that you are actually coming to Woody's aid. Did you notice his NMR? Why don't you just back off of me, so we can discuss peace terms. Your volatile acts of aggression have no place in diplomacy. You threatened and lied to me. I defended myself.

France to Italy: Deceitful, treacherous, mendacious excrescence! Oh! You lied to me! You said you were moving East. And your wimp of an ally lied too! Oooh . . . you guys are sooo vicious! What's an honest type like me to do? (An honest type like Mazzer?)

Russia to Austria: So it's Woody, or Ehli. Just what we need--a choice of Phyllis Toadies.

France to Olsen: How many now, Captain Ruthless? 8? 9? 10? . . . Reagan was right, you are an Evil Empire!

Russia to Italy: I thought you said this was going to be easy?

Italy to Austria: Can I have another piece? (Of you?) (My God, John, a piece of Woody. Yeeeech!)

Italy to Turkey: You can write, or you can be next!

Italy to Germany: I'm on your side vs the E/F vermin!

France to Eng.: Ever onward, dear ally, hopeless though the cause may be.

Austria: Greece, 1 remove 1

England: home, Belgium, Denmark 5 even

France: home, Spain, Portugal 5 even (unless Burgundy retreats OTB)

Germany: home, Holland 4 build 1 (was playing short)

Italy: home, Tunis, Vienna, Trieste, Serbia 7 build 1

Russia: home, Sweden, Budapest, Rumania, Bulgaria, Norway 9 build 2

Turkey: home, even (was playing short)

Standby for Turkey is Mark Stegeman  
123 Fuller St  
Brookline, MA 02146

Since I have this unexpected white space, I'll just say that I have just had every game (all 2 of them) that I was playing in end. Now I need a new game or two. I have signed up for two game starts, neither of which is under way yet. So I get a game vacation, though I'll be busy enough with my new business for the next several. Ah, the heck with it. Don, you deal with this white space. Derwood

\*\*\*\*\*OK, Derwood, here's a special bit, since you're obviously a computer kind of guy. Recently, Atari announced their third generation of 8-bit personal computers; the 65XE and 130XE. The 65XE is pretty much the same as the 800XL, with 64K. The 130XE has 128K. They both use the 8-bit 6502 chip - which, strangely enough, is only capable of accessing 64K of RAM/ROM combined! How to access the other 64K? Well, it's only accessed 16K at a time - the 130XE can switch between 5 sets of 16K, whereas the 65XE can only have a specific 16K block in the same locations. (In "compatibility mode", the two computers are virtually identical - as well as being compatible with the 800XL, hence the name of the mode.) Note that it's possible for the CPU to access one 16K block while the screen driver access a separate 16K block! (In the 65XE, and earlier computers, screen memory has to fit in the RAM with everything else. The "largest" graphics screen uses less than 10K at a time; that is, about 10K fits on the screen at once, although it's possible to keep things "off the screen" (e.g. "to the left") and scroll it on and off.) There's still one question: is it possible to switch screen memory blocks without blanking the screen or showing a portion of the screen that you don't want to see for a split-second? (For example, it appears that to go from the bottom of "screen 1" to the top of "screen 2", you end up showing the bottom of screen 2 from the time the memory blocks are switched to the time the "top of screen" is moved from the bottom of the memory block to the top.)

PAGE 14 heard that the Atari 520ST - something like a "Color Macintosh" - will be released soon for \$600

# Another game in LOM ends....

83HV

## Ding Dong the Witch is DEAD!

As you may be able to tell at a glance, HERVE is, as we say in the business, "history." The A/I draw passed in a sweeping landslide, leaving me to do the endgame stuff. So here we go.....

**Boardman Number:** 1983HV

**Zoon:** Life Of Monty

**GM:** Dick Martin

### THE PLAYERS.....

### ...AND THEIR STRENGTHS

	<u>01</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>	
A: John Michalski	5	6	6	8	11	DRAW F06
E: Jack Brawner	4	4	4	6	7	
F: Paul Gardner	3	3	3	2	2	
G: Gregg Shores	5	7	7	5	2	
I: Derwood Bowen	4	6	6	7	8	DRAW F06
R: Tom Slaughter	5	5	5	3	3	
T: Mike Ehl	3	3	3	3	1	
neutral:	5	0				

And thus ends HERVE, a great name for a mediocre game. It started out interestingly with some interesting German/English work on France, but NMRs took their toll. Since LOM had no standbys when the game began, this quickly became a no-standby game, and a better reason never to play that way would be hard to find. Simply enough, the ones that got orders in the most, did the best (with the exception of Paul Gardner, who got jumped early and never recovered). Diplomacy? After the first year or two whatever communication there was evaporated. Ho hum. But it was easy to GM, and for that I thank you all.

If any of you kids have endgame stuff, I'll be glad to type it up just one more time.  
One last round of press to confound and amaze you:

MOORE to ROCKVILLE: Yes, YT is a whole different coast. Coast of Lake Ticonderoga, isn't it?

ROCKVILLE: And that makes Paul a member of which of the coastal cliques?

FRA to KING OF ENG: Have you given up the ghost or is this an act? I hope not.

FRA to I/A: You guys enjoying this? It stinks of rotten flesh to me; let's let the dead dog lie. I propose an I/A/F draw. Well, I had to try -- I also propose I/A.

ROCKVILLE: Too bad I/A passed, as I'm sure that I/A/F would have as well!

NEWFANE to ROCKVILLE: I agree with your assessment of Ladyhawke - good (fairly) light entertainment. If they ever made Roger Zelazny's "Madwand" series into a movie Matthew Broderick would be a natural for the part of Mouseglove the thief. Come to think of it I wonder if the writers of Ladyhawke stole "the Mouse" (that was what the thief was called, wasn't it?) from "Madwand."

ROCKVILLE: Haven't read it, though I've read a bunch of Zelazny stuff. For some reason, the best fantasy books rarely get turned into movies, while the most boring dramatic novels-turned-film are a dime a dozen. So should I spend some more time with Zelazny this summer?

NEWFANE to ROCKVILLE: I believe I started this game on the east coast or maybe while I was in the process of moving back to Wash/Ore. I was brought up in Vermont. These days I just return to help out around the homestead.

ROCKVILLE: That's a long flight just to carry out the garbage, isn't it?

For what could be the last movie-of-the-month, we have yet another adventure from 007 - "A View to a Kill." About the best and worst you could say for it is that it's typical Bond stuff. Action, gadgets, beautiful women, crazy villains, and more beautiful women. Hey, I liked it. Christopher Walken is a perfectly dippy psychopath villain, Grace Jones gets another sexy amazon role to show off in, and Roger Moore is, well, James Bond (though a bit on the old side now). My favorite is still "Live And Let Die." See 'em both!

PAGE 15 will wait for the Cable TV  
versions

# DIPLOMACY

1984CI, AUTUMN/WINTER 1904 / SPRING 1905....BAMAMIA BIG TOURIST ATTRACTION

AUTUMN 1904: Turkey retreats A Vie to GAL

WINTER 1904: Austria builds A BUD; England builds F LON, F EDI;  
Germany NERs (GM removes F Bot); Italy builds F ROM;  
Russia builds A MOS; Turkey removes F Aeg

## SPRING 1905

AUSTRIA (Caruso): A Bud-Ser(ann), A Rum S A Bud-Ser(ann), F GRE-Ion

ENGLAND (Martin): F Lon-Nth, F Edi-NMG, F SWE-Nwy, F PIC S FRENCH A Bel,  
F DEN-Swe, A Lvp-EDI

FRANCE (Ejornsson): F Wes-LYO, A Mar-PIE, A BEL S A Bur, A BUR S A Bel,  
F Mid-WES, F Bre-MMO

GERMANY (Wilson?): NER - has A SIL, A RUL, A MUN, A BOL

ITALY (Stegeman): F Rom-TYH, A Tun-NAF, A Vie-BUD, A TRI S A Vie-Bud,  
A SER S RUSSIAN A Sev-Rum, F Eas-AEG, F ION S F Eas-Aeg

RUSSIA (Lee): A Mos-UKR, A STP-Nwy, A SEV-Rum, A War-GAL, A Smy-CON

TURKEY (Ehli): A Gal-RUM, A BUL S A Gal-Rum, F BLA S A Gal-Rum

"ann" means that the two Austrian armies can't retreat and are eliminated, removed, wiped out, vaporized, things like that. (Annihilated? What does that mean?)

FALL 1905 orders are due by JULY 12. That's an extra week, because of ORIGINS and things like that (I said that already). And now for the next standby:

Will DENNIS A. WALKER, 2220 TRINITY DRIVE, ATWATER, CA 95301, stand by for Germany?

OK, here's the press:

ROME-PARIS: Thank goodness you showed up! My army in Tunis was getting lonely.

FRANCE-PETRINI VILLE: Well, the game seems to be boiling down to something. As for what, your guess is as good as mine.

ENGLAND-ROME: Four Years? That would make it, let's see, 1908? A goal to shoot for!

~~OK-ENOUGH-DIP-FOR-ONE-ZINE-AND-NOW-FOR-THE-TRIVIA-LET'S-HEAR-IT-FOR-DIP-PURSUIT-1~~

## DIP PURSUIT

### ANSWERS FROM ROUND 2

1. The original Dip boards for TAMGC (The Avalon Hill Game Company) had this error: the blue border went all the way around, so the Ionian and Eastern Med didn't touch! (BW - NMR)
2. In North American Dip (PBM), retreats/builds/removals are made after the results of moves are known; in Europe, retreats/builds/removals are sent with the moves that caused them! (In other words, Winter orders are sent with the preceding Fall, not the following Spring, orders.) (KB)
3. To get from DipCon Region I to IV, you go west. (ME\*)
4. The last "first letter" of the 1984 Boardman Numbers was - well, Z! (In 1984Z, Z is the first letter.) (PJ\* - NMR)
5. EUROPA EXPRESS #1 had no subzines. (JC\*)
6. Dick Martin does RETALIATION via his Macintosh. (PJ - NMR)
7. The predominant game in THE BUZZARD'S BREATH is THIRD REICH. (BW - NMR)
8. VOD 99 had only 20 pages. (PJ\* - NMR)
9. The first North American pop singer behind the Iron Curtain was Paul Anka. (ME - Frankie Avalon; SA\* - Bobby Sherman -- by mistake, Mike got this question instead of number 10)
10. That lucky old Sun rolls around heaven all day.

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## MORE ROUND 2 ANSWERS IN DIP PURSUIT

11. EUROPA EXPRESS games have titles dealing with World War I. (SA)
12. The only two non-resigners in STAB OF THE CENTURY were Scott Hanson and Frauke Petersen. (KB\* - Hanson and Arnawoodian)
13. STAB OF THE CENTURY was special in that three couples made up six of the players. (JC - it was the Byrne-Martin Challenge)

The players: SA - Steve Arnawoodian (2 wrong), KB - Kathy Byrne (2), JC - John Caruso (Z&P wedge/3), ME - Mike Ehli (G&P, HAL/2), PJ - Pat Jensen (now out - again, I don't know if he knows enough about the hobby to do well), BW - Brad Wilson (G&P/4)

ROUND 3 QUESTIONS (D&V - Dip & Variants; HAL - Hobby At Large; Z&P - 'Zines and Publishers; MPL - Dip Pot Luck; TRI - Trivia; G&P - Games & Players)

1. (D&V) Who thought up "Vatican Diplomacy"?
2. (D&V) Speaking of Vatican Dip, what spaces is Vatican adjacent to?
3. (HAL) Early issues of THE VOICE OF BOOM came from "Leisureville" in Watervliet - what state?
4. (HAL) How many more North American Zine Polls than GM polls have there been?
5. (HAL) What was the last year in which DipCon and ORIGINS were held at more-or-less the same site at the same time?
6. (HAL) Joyce Singer won in 1983 - but who won DipCon in 1981?
7. (Z&P) In 1984, how many GRAUSTARKs were on white paper?
8. (Z&P) What is MONGO's claim to fame?
9. (Z&P) How many issues of your DIPLOMACY DIGEST SUB, assuming you had one, were used up for the Lexicon of Diplomacy and the Son of Lexicon (the real one) combined?
10. (DPL) Who had a series of 3 articles on Diplomacy appear in consecutive issues of THE GENERAL before Red Walker started his column?
11. (TRI) What kind of meat is "Fray Bentos" synonymous with?
12. (TRI) What game is Acey-Deucey a variation of?
13. (G&P) Jack Masters has 3 PHM wins with which country?
14. (G&P) Who ran DIP CHESS & LADDERS?
15. (G&P) 1977MM recently finished in EFGIART - how many game years did it take?

## YOUR QUESTIONS:

ANSWERS are due by THURSDAY, JULY 11 - one day before the Dip deadline.

~~-DID-YOU-EVER-HAVE-THE-FEELING-YOU-HAD-TOO-MUCH-WHITE-SPACE-AND-NOT-ENOUGH-TIME-??~~

It's official; the NCAA has published the 1985-86 basketball rules for men, and the 45-second clock is official in all games, both "regular season" and tournament play. It is also illegal for any person on a team's bench, other than the head coach, to stand up except to react to a good play by his team or to report to the scorer's table as a substitute, and an intentional foul of a player shooting (and missing the shot) results in two free throws and the ball out-of-bounds. (That's the same penalty as a two-shot technical foul.) In addition to the rules, the NCAA has included "points of emphasis" (which usually means "referees, watch out for these things" - sometimes, they actually do that), among which are fouls late in the game in order to stop the clock (more intentional fouls may be called) and grabbing the rim (which is supposed to be a technical foul, but it's hardly ever called unless it's very obvious). (It's almost impossible to force the backboard or the rim to move on a dunk unless the rim is actually grabbed, even for a split-second.)

PAGE 17 got thrown out for fighting

# KINGMAKER

....and even if the lettering isn't quite straight, the KINGMAKER game, the second in this 'zine's history, is

ready to begin. (The first game was eventually abandoned when only three players remained - three who weren't NMRing, that is.)  
The starting lineup:

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CATHY CUNNING, 1526 N. Lawler Avenue, Chicago, IL 60651  
MIKE MAZZER, 1900 Kelton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025  
BOB SNEENEY, 614 Custer, Ft. Leavenworth, KS 66027

BRAD WILSON, 302 Friendship Drive, Paoli, PA 19301  
CECIL H. SOLOMON, P.O. BOX 354, WEST POINT, NY 10997

The variant cards VACILLATING ALLEGIANCE, TREACHERY, GALES AT SEA, CATASTROPHE, ROYAL DEATH (all from Vol. 14, No. 2 of THE GENERAL), RELIGIOUS DIET, HERESY, PAPAL DIET, ROYAL VISIT, ROYAL HUNT, ROYAL HEIR ESCAPES, MERCENARY STRIFE, MUTINY, ASSASSINATION, SAXON MERCENARIES GO HOME, and PLAGUE DUBLIN (all from Vol. 20, No. 4 of THE GENERAL), as well as the inclusion of the port of Dublin (a city, where Edmund begins the game), will be used. (Note that, for example, the variant Ship Combat will not be used.)

note 6th name  
(last-second addition) -  
also note his mail  
must be forwarded  
(1 week delay) in  
summer

## INITIAL CROWN CARDS:

INITIAL SETUPS are due by JULY 11. (That's a Thursday, and it's the day before the 84CI Dip deadline. It's also two days before the 'zine is copied - xeroxed - duplicated - whatever, so don't think that late orders are OK. Around here, late is just as bad as no orders at all. By the way - TELEPHONE orders are OK on 3 conditions: (1) I'm the only one allowed to take orders over the phone for LOM; (2) Calls are accepted only from 5-11 PM (Pacific time) Monday-Thursday, 5 PM-midnight Friday, noon-midnight Saturday, and noon-11 PM Sunday; (3) the phone deadline is one day before the mail deadline. Also note that if you take the risk of using the phone, I will try to get your orders straight, but if I happen to make a mistake over the phone, and you made a tape of the phone call, it's your tough luck - the orders as I have them stand. (Mistakes made with mailed-in orders will be corrected if caught before the next deadline, as well as general GMing mistakes, perish the thought.)

In your initial setups, state which nobles receive which cards, where they start (if there is a choice - a noble may start only at one of his "home castles", not one on a title/office/city/etc. card he receives), and which cards (if any) go to Chancery. The turn one event cards will be shown in the next issue, since event cards come up just before the turn's orders.

I almost forgot - there's one variant I forgot about: anybody who NMRs out, without so much as an "I resign", for whatever reason (it can't be THAT hard to send out just a postcard), will get the plague. (A truer KINGMAKER punishment has yet to be fitted out! By the way.... what does "fitted out" mean? I don't know, and I'm using it!)

~~FILLER-YOU-MIGHT-AS-WELL-READ-IT-ANYWAY-IT'S-HERE-FOR-A-REASON-YOU'D-RATHER-HAVE-~~

Remember, World Airways at Baltimore Airport, June 26, 5:30 PM (Eastern Time). Weapons optional. Beware of drug-sniffing dogs. (Some people are so suspicious of Californians!) Have fun figuring out which one is me! (You can always ask Robert Sacks, or Mark Berch, or anybody else who saw me at MaryCon last year - only ORIGINS rates all capitals, except maybe PACIFICON (see?). Hopefully, I won't be bounced by United overflows - but what United passengers want to fly via Newark?)

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

DIRTIEST FOLD

- \_\_\_ EREHMOM
- \_\_\_ 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
- \_\_\_ BOB WALKER
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

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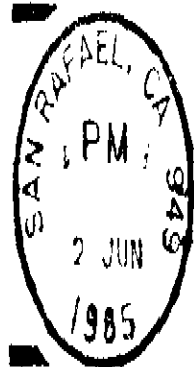
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- \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

DEADLINE for ballots is JUNE 21. Make sure your ballot is signed, and that at least 5 of the 10 categories are voted, or the ballot doesn't count.

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