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INCREDIBLE PROOF
THAT EVERYBODY IN
THE HOBBY IS A
LIAR REVEALED:

- 1) everybody admits that they tell the truth
- 2) since everyone is a liar, these statements are false
- 3) therefore, nobody tells the truth, so everyone is a liar
- 4) this proves statement 2, which leads to statement 3

Therefore, everyone is a liar.
(But that means I am as well - so the statement is a lie - but...)

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LIFE OF MONTY

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I will print no 'zine before
its time... except for 30 days or so

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OOOPS OOPS

DOUBLE OOPS! There must have been a REAL boner last time! Forget about what happened in **EMPIRES OF THE MIDDLE AGES** in this 'zine.... this one was **REALLY** big! At least this 'zine admits when its publisher just **HAPPENS** to make one or two **MINOR** misconceptions, discrepancies, or other **INSIGNIFICANT** mistakes - not to mention the **WHOPPING GREAT** ones!

ANSWYAY, I said last time that Ed Wrobel is the publisher of **POLITESSE** and **FEUDESSE**. This is based on the fact that the last issues of those 'zines that I ever saw were, in fact, published by Ed. However, Ed folded **POLITESSE** last fall, at which time it was taken over by Ken Peel, which (I assume) is still around, although pretty much limited to the Baltimore-Washington area. **FEUDESSE** has folded, although I don't know when this happened. (I wonder what John Boardman intends to do with all of the Linsey-related material he may receive, now that he can't send it to **FEUDESSE**? I think I have an idea....here's a hint: it gets quite cold in New York in the winter.) Still, it doesn't answer the question: how did **FEUDESSE** finish so well in the **UnDarkside** poll while at the bottom of the **Runestone** poll? (Who cares any more?)

← see below

Dick Martin brought up a valid point: how did **MOUSE OF LORDS** do so well in the **NP**, given that it folded before the polling period began? Meanwhile....

MONTY'S NEWS AND COMMENT is brought to you by - well, maybe I'll get a sponsor by the next issue....

The winner and **NEW** champ.....**J.R. BAKER**, winner of the Diplomacy tournament at **DIPCON** in Seattle. Ron Spitzer and Jay Marshall finished second and third, respectively. But the **BIG** news is that the 1986 **DIPCON** will be held at **MaryCon** in Fredericksburg. (The only problem is that Diplomacy is the only event at **MaryCon**, so there may not be a much-larger-than-usual turnout here. However, **MaryCon 84** had one feature I did like: no time limits (except on the final day, of course). There's just about nothing worse than a tournament with early-round time limits and scoring based on win/draw. (For example: suppose a round ends on a time limit with a board at 16-16-1-1. In my opinion, there is **NO** reason why the two players with 1 SC should score just as well as those with 16 SCs. If the players agree to the draw - or if the scoring system gives the 16 SC players the advantage over the 1 SCs (and not just by some marginal amount) - then it's OK.) The 1986 **DIPCON** committee (its correct name may or may not be the "committee of 1/2/3") consists of Pete Gaughan, Ed Wrobel, and Ken Peel. Those who wish to complain about one or more members of this committee can write to the following address: **ALTERNATIVE TO DIPCON**, Box 8399, Long Beach, CA 90808. Actually, that's the address for **ORIGINS 86** in Los Angeles - the one with "no separate tournament registration fees" - and, if history is true to form, "no Avalon Hill either", since AH withdrew from **ORIGINS 81** after the **Pacificon** committee wouldn't let AH set the tournament fees for their tournaments.

Ken Peel said that **FEUDESSE** folded - according to **DIPLOMACY DIGEST**, Ed Wrobel said that he "is going to defer publishing **FEUDESSE** for the present".

More DIPCON news: once again, Proxy Voting failed miserably - that is, an attempt to put it into the DIPCON charter. Only one amendment made it this year: no, it wasn't mine (snif). From what I read in FEUILLETONIST'S FORUM, the amendment goes as follows: all (future) amendments to the charter require a 2/3 vote at one DIPCON and a majority vote at the next DIPCON that is not in the same region. (This will make it much tougher for amendments to pass; obviously, no amendments will be added at next year's con, although any proposals receiving a 2/3 vote will be re-voted at DIPCON 87 (or 88 if 87 is in region I), with those receiving a majority vote becoming part of the charter.)

Congratulations to - ME, for joining that very exclusive group of people who have published a Dip 'zine AND have had an article published in THE GENERAL - in a TWO-PLAYER game, yet! Of course, I don't expect any of you to know very much about AH's TOBRUK, also known as "Yahtzee in the Desert" because of the tons of dice that have to be rolled. (The game is on the one-tank-per-counter level, like SQUAD LEADER; unlike SL, however, each tank's attack requires one dice roll per shell fired, with those hitting their targets getting another dice roll to see where it hit.) (It's also known for its terrain on the map: 100% sand.) What I don't understand is: why is it being printed now, when it was written in the late 1970s? (Even before I opened my first Dip box....) As far as I know, the only other Dip pubber to write about a 2-player game was John Michalski (with, among others, a MIDWAY article back in the 1960s sometime), although Mike La Beau and Tom Swider have written about KINGMAKER and DUNE. And speaking of AH....where's ADVANCED SQUAD LEADER?

~~-ADVANCED-SQUAD-LEADER-SEE-LETTER-ELSEWHERE-IN-THISISH-AT-LEAST-THEY-DIDN'T-LOSE-I~~



Now that the convention season is over, let's see what new items will be added to the list....

DIPLOMACY STANDBYS - always room for more! Credit is available if you are called.

KINGMAKER STANDBYS - you never know who wants to drop out. \$1 credit if you are called, and another

\$1 for finishing the position.

COLD WAR - I'm STILL waiting to fill this game up! Or is everybody too busy playing PAX BRITANNICA (which I'm not running)?

PRO WRESTLING - see either of the last 2 issues for rules.

CAR WARS - drive offensively! Drivers needed for the Berkeley Bashup. Interested participants contact this 'zine for more details. INSURED drivers preferred.

TALES OF THE ARABIAN KNIGHTS - well, I'm working out the PBM system for this one, unless John Boardman beats me to it. Again, interested players contact me for more details.

And, in the midst of all of these science-fiction and time-travel movies, not to mention TV....

DOCTOR WHO - this is the role-playing game from FASA. Since everybody should already know who "The Doctor" is (any one of the 6 lives), I won't go into this. (If you have NEVER seen this show, look in your TV GUIDE on the PBS stations. If nobody is showing it, write nasty letters to the FCC complaining that the public interest is not being served in your area! Then again, if you don't pay a PBS membership fee, don't make waves....)

(By the way....I finally scraped enough money to get PAX BRITANNICA. Personally, I don't think it will have a following like Dip or CIVILIZATION - a "gathering" like MACHIAVELLI, perhaps. One of its flaws: "moves" can be made at any time in the movement phase by any player, so there may be a lot of "waiting for the first move before reacting", especially early in the game.)

PAGE 3 SPECIAL - another TRIVIAL PURSUIT opening! 6 players wanted

Here's a letter from John Caruso concerning issue 55:

LOM contained some inaccuracies that I hope to clear up with this letter.

First - your comments about the Darkside and Undarkside polls - FEUDESSE & POLITESSE are not "both by Ed Wrobel". POLITESSE was founded by Ed, but it has been put out by Ken Peel for almost the last year. Obviously, you don't get POLITESSE, so why politicize about it? Furthermore, you likewise do not get FEUDESSE, otherwise you'd know that practically none of it deals "solely with the feud". It predominantly deals with the 1982 DIPCON letters.

You found it amazing that FEUDESSE finished 3rd and POLITESSE 18th in the Undarkside Poll? Why didn't you print the same likewise amazement that FEUDESSE finished 71 and POLITESSE 56 in the Darkside Poll? (The same 15 places difference, only with POL over FEUD instead of the other way around.)

I also have another question - why did you omit noting that the zines that finished in the top 30, with the exception of one, MAGUS, were all either pro-Linsey, neutral, or folded? When you went to great lengths to point this kind of thing out regarding the Undarkside Poll results, you also didn't even give Terry and your readers the courtesy of printing these results, what results you did have. Personally, I'd like to have known how many people voted for each zine, but I like the idea of unprinted averages. It's less likely to offend.

You don't have to print this letter, on second thought, if you'd prefer not to. Simple corrections would be sufficient.

*****Actually, no, they wouldn't. Thanks for writing this letter, for two reasons: (1) not enough people comment about LOM, so I have no idea how things are going, and (2) I needed to fill some extra space this time....

First off, the corrections about POLITESSE/FEUDESSE appear on page one. However, the fact that FEUDESSE deals with some sort of hobby arguing (in this case, the controversy over 1982 DIPCON letters) while POLITESSE deals with "more normal aspects of PBM Diplomacy" (my quotes) should make it clear that the poll which rates POLITESSE first appears to be the better judge of how the hobby feels about Dipzines than the one rating FEUDESSE first. (By "first", I mean "ahead of the other".) I certainly question the absolute validity of a poll in which a zine like FEUDESSE finishes third! (Too bad, too, because I've heard that THE INNER LIGHT, which finished first, is very good.) By the way - if FEUDESSE deals solely with the DIPCON letters, why does John Boardman keep saying that anything he receives about Linsey will be sent to Ed Wrobel for publication in FEUDESSE?

By the way - what is the Darkside Poll? By some INCREDIBLE coincidence, POLITESSE and FEUDESSE finished in the same spots in the Darkside Poll as they did in the Runestone Poll!

29 of the top 30 'zines in the EP (I assume) are pro-Linsey, neutral, or have folded? How many 'zines AREN'T any of those? And how does this number compare to previous EPs? I have still seen NO REASON AT ALL to question the EP, other than the fact that a few of the "anti-Linsey" 'zines didn't do as well as in the past. Perhaps it's because the people who normally vote these 'zines high decided, ON THEIR OWN ACCORD, not to vote. It was their choice; they have NO RIGHT to complain about the results. (Well, they have the right, under the first amendment, but they had their chance to vote....)

Results of the "Undarkside Poll"? You mean the order of finish? (That's all that exists - no vote totals, no scores, and a "total number of votes" in excess of 300 - that's the number I've heard, anyway, but not by Terry Tallman, who ran the poll.) Tell you what; I'll be a NICE guy and print the order of finish. On the next page, where it will fit.

I could have just put it here - but
how could I tell everybody that
this is PAGE 4?

Order of finish of the UNDARKSIDE, "OFFICIAL DIPZINE POLL" (that's what it's called in a POLITESSE I found in W/KK 102)

1. THE INNER LIGHT
2. MAGUS
3. FEUDESSE
4. WHITESTONIA/KK
5. RETALIATION
6. REBEL
7. CATHY'S RAMBLINGS
8. HOUSE OF LORDS
9. EUROPA EXPRESS
10. BERSAGLIERI
11. PERELANDRA
12. NO FIXED ADDRESS
13. NORTH SEALTH WEST GEORGE
14. COAT OF ARMS
15. THE CONCERT OF EUROPE
16. THE PRINCE
17. IRKSOME
18. POLITESSE
19. EFGIART
20. GRAUSTARK
21. SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS
22. FLICK OF THE WRIST
23. ITALIANO PRIBE
24. BIG HITS OF AMERICA
25. THE CANADIAN DIPLOMAT
26. APPALLING GREED
27. WINSOME LOSesome
28. REDWOOD CURTAIN
29. LIFE OF MONTY
30. NOT NEW YORK
31. CHEESECAKE
32. ANDUIN
33. ZOMBIE FLESH
34. THE DIPLOMACY REVIEW
35. THE DOGS OF WAR
36. COSTAGUANA
37. LONE STAR DIPLOMAT
38. WHO CARES?
39. DIPLOMACY WORLD
40. THE DIPLOMAT
41. EVERYTHING
42. FESTUNGS BOF
43. MACABRE
44. MURD'RING MINISTERS
45. QUINIPIQUE
46. LIBERTERREAN
47. THIRTY MILES OF BAD ROAD
48. SO I LIED
49. EXCELSIOR
50. FEUILLETONIST'S FORUM
51. HAI! JIKAI!
52. HANSARD
53. MIDLIFE CRISIS
54. DIPLOMACY DIGEST
55. THE BUZZARD'S BREATH
56. ELECTRIC PENGUIN
57. EREHWON
58. BUSHWACKER
59. POL SI FIE
60. HOOF AND MOUTH
61. XENOGOGIC
62. RAGING MAIN
63. THE ORPHANAGE
64. EMHAIN MACMA
65. SNAPU!
66. THE END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS
67. BOAST
68. GIVE ME A WEAPON
69. PARANOIAC'S MONTHLY
70. KAISSA
71. ENVOY
72. THE VOICE OF DOOM

By the way....if anybody out there says something along the lines of "Well, everybody had just as much chance to vote or not to vote in this poll as the Runestone Poll", let me go back to the archives and bring forth this quote from page 2 of W/KK 97 in a reference to the Tallman/Undarkside/whatever poll: "If you are voting in the other poll, you are asked not to vote twice." Also, on the same page: "I therefore suggest that anyone who doesn't want to be listed in the Non-Tallman Poll, send a postcard to Terry, and Terry can forward a copy of all of those who choose not to be listed in the non-Tallman poll. I know I will be." Well, that may account for some W/KK non-votes....

Then again, if John doesn't want W/KK in the RP, the least Bruce could have done was to put a note in the results stating that John asked that W/KK not appear in the results - I think Bruce went a little overboard in attempting to make sure that the poll was valid.

And just in case some of you are saying "But Don, didn't you say you would publish only the Runestone Poll results?", keep in mind that someone who (a) actually printed a LIFERS ballot in his 'zine, (b) let me stay at his (new) home while I was on vacation, and (c) was one of the first people to read LOM, asked me to print these results. (Besides, did you read some of the things I said? And his letter wasn't exactly a "cheerful note", either.)

Speaking of John, he and Kathy Byrne publish WHITESTONIA/KATHY'S KORNER (don't call KK a subzine, or you'll feel the Wrath of Kath), still one of the hobby's best 'zines, even if censored and censored - er, Bruce Linsey and Mark Berch - are never mentioned. I don't know if there are any game openings, or what the sub fee is (or even if John is looking for new subbers) - details from J&K, 29-10 164th Street, Flushing, NY 11358. (Meanwhile, Kathy's son, Frank, manages IWHI wrestling champion Beercan Sax, and they're looking for more victims....)

PAGE 5 is a victim of circumstance

Here's a letter I received recently which won't be very interesting to you Dig-types, unless you're wondering where THE GENERAL is, in which case you can read my comments at the bottom....

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Dear Squad Leader Enthusiast: (That's **ADVANCED** SL enthusiast!)

I must apologize.

We promised you would have Advanced Squad Leader by now.

I'm writing you, first, to ask for your continued patience; and, secondly, your indulgence for a few moments while I explain the cause of the delay.

There is a saying in this industry that states, "90% of the time it takes to design a game is spent perfecting the last 10% of it." This means that many games roll off the presses only 90% complete due to the press of meeting schedules.

But after spending two years on perfecting ASL we could not see ourselves doing a game only 90% complete. So we've taken whatever extra time is necessary in an attempt to present you with a product that is as close to perfect as any have ever been. After all, the premise behind the development of ASL in the first place was our desire to improve on the entire Squad Leader system. To release something that, in itself is flawed, would be counter-productive.

This is our commitment to you . . . a commitment to produce the best possible game system on the market . . . a commitment to maintaining the highest level of quality synonymous with the name, The Avalon Hill Game Company.

At this writing, ASL is looking better and better each day. Better and better because every member of our staff has been involved in some way or another . . . at the sacrifice of a diminishing output of original games many gaming magazines have taken us to task for recently. Special kudos go to Don Greenwood and Bob McNamara who have given up vacation time, Saturdays and Sundays to complete this major undertaking.

I thank you for your patience. It won't be long now. (Didn't somebody say that about THE RISING SUN - back in the seventies?)

Cordially,

Thomas N. Shaw
Executive Vice President

OK, for those of you wondering where THE GENERAL is....Don Greenwood explained at ORIGINS that the only thing remaining to do with the ASL rules (the counters, maps, and scenarios were sold at ORIGINS in a "pre-publication" sale) was to prepare the 4-color process for printing. (I can't think of any other rules that use the 4-color process at the moment - even the original SL series and UP FRONT use a 2-color process.) Now the delays are probably holding up THE GENERAL. (Or perhaps it's the other way around?) And if you think I'm paying anything extra for all of this overtime, you're probably right. (Well, I've already paid - at a \$5 discount to the announced total cost (rules, maps, counters, and scenarios for Eastern Front battles, plus additional rules as they come out) of \$75. However, I wouldn't be surprised if the total cost at release is as high as \$80....)

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ALMOST

THE WORLD'S
TOUGHEST TELEVISION

QUIZ

in which YOU TOO can walk away with FREE ISSUES of this rag IF you know as much about the boob tube as a true Lifer should....

RULES: Rules? Well, all you have to do is to get your answers in to me by the deadline, and maybe you'll get lucky and win a few freebies. If you want to know what the deadline and the prizes are, look at the end of the quiz.

AND NOW it's time for THE QUESTIONS - but don't expect to find all of the answers in your average episode of TV GUIDE.....

1. Portmeirion, Wales, was the main filming location for what series?
2. How many shows of 60 minutes or less have been viewed by more than 32 million people (at one time) in the U.S.?
3. The BBC series "The Good Life" had to change its name when released in the U.S. because another show already had this name. What was the British show's American name?
4. Name the only regular M*A*S*H character portrayed by a different actor in the first (pilot) episode.
5. What two American shows are based on the British shows "Robyn's Nest" and "Man About The House"?
6. On the TV series "Benson", in which city is the State Capital?
7. What is the theme to "Monty Python's Flying Circus", and who composed it?
8. How many people, on "The \$128,000 Question", successfully answered the \$64,000 question?
9. Colin Baker is the sixth actor to portray "The Doctor" (a/k/a "Doctor Who"). Assuming that actors change only when The Doctor regenerates, and that (unlike The Master) he dies when all of his regenerations are up and his last body "stops functioning", how many more actors (maximum) can portray The Doctor?
10. "A Few Minutes with Andy Rooney", the final segment (before the mail) on "60 Minutes", was originally called something else. (I am NOT referring to "Point Counterpoint".) What was it called?
11. In what city does "Fawlty Towers" take place?
12. What show takes place in the "County of L.C."?
13. Of "Monty Python"'s five British male members - Eric Idle, Terry Jones, Michael Palin, Graham Chapman, and John Cleese - which ones went to Cambridge, which to Oxford, and which to neither university? (Hint: no more than one went to neither.)
14. What is the longest-running game show on American network television that is still on the air?
15. Twice, an announced episode of "Saturday Night Live" had to be cancelled because of a strike. Both times, two persons were scheduled to host the show (that's four in all). Name any one of the four persons involved. (Hint: as of the end of the 1984-85 season, none of the four have hosted.)

The deadline is OCTOBER 25. First prize is \$1 credit; second and third are 50¢ credit. Ties will be broken by random drawing. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Each prize is INCREASED by 50¢ for each correct answer above 10 on the entry receiving the prize in question. (Thus, a first-prize perfect entry gets \$3.50 credit.)

PAGE 7 asks : "What is this?
Where's the DJ? The KM? DJ WARZ?"

KINGMAKER, Turn 2 - TWO GRABBED, ONE BURIED

EVENT PHASE: Bouchier goes to Pleshey; Mowbray goes to Framlingham.

CROWN CARDS PLAYED: Audley is now Earl of Kent; Pole gets Burgundian Crossbowmen; Berkeley is released at Oxford(g).

ORDER OF THE RAMPANT LION (Bray)

NEVILLE (Warwick)-Coventry(g)
GREY (Rockingham)-h5-Coventry(g)
GREYSTOKE (Towton)-Towton-Towton-Coventry(g) via road
POLE (Wingfield)-Royston-h25-h22-Kennilworth-Coventry(g)

WACKY BABBITS OF WONDERLAND (Gestiehr)

BOURCHIER (Pleshey)-Barnet-St. Albans-h22-Daventry-Coventry(g)
CLIFFORD (Rockingham)-h5-Daventry-Daventry-Daventry-Coventry(g)
BEAUFORT (Oxford)-St. Albans-St. Albans-h22-Daventry-Coventry(g)

BAVARIAN INFILTRATION (Solomon)

MOWBRAY (Framlingham)-Thetford-Royston*

SHIPS

Le LUCAS (WD) holds in Ipswich
Le MICHAEL (BI) from Bristol to s12-s13-s15-s17-s18
Le NICHOLAS (SOMPH) remains in London

SACRED ORDER OF THE MIRACULOUS PANTY-HOSE (Mazzer)

CROMWELL (Belvoir)-Leicester-Coventry-Tewkesbury-m20-Bereford(g)
ROOS (Belvoir) same as Cromwell

WHITE DUCHESS (C. Ozog)

BERKELEY(Oxford)-St. Albans-Royston*
HOLLAND (Ipswich) holds

RAMPANT ROYALISTS (Wilson)

PERCY (Cockermouth)-n17-n6
FITZALAN (Chirk)-Chester-m36-m32
AUDLEY (Tickhill)-Tickhill-Tickhill-York via road

SPECIAL ORDERS & ALLIANCES

SOMPH and WWW moved neutral.
SOMPH,ORL,WWW are allies.
WD neutral to SOMPH,WWW.

The Rampant Royalists control York, so Audley controls Richard of York.

COMBAT

Mowbray vs. Berkeley outside of Royston (100-10)(MERCENARY STRIFE/Majority). Mowbray wins, but Berkeley is killed.

Meville, Grey, Greystoke, Pole, Bouchier, Clifford, and Beaufort siege Coventry. (STORMS AT SEA/3-2) Beaufort dies in the siege; Bishop of Lincoln goes to chancery. By previous arrangement, WWW control Coventry while Rampant Lion gets Margaret of Anjou. (Thomas, specify which of your nobles at Coventry actually controls Margaret for the moment.)

TURN 2 EVENT CARD:

Road Movement in Turn 3 occurs in movement segment 5.

EVENT CARDS: GALES AT SEA (Le Michael sinks); non-event to SOMPH; STORMS AT SEA (no effect); PLAGUE LONDON (Henry dies with no heir); PAPAL DIET (Roos and Percy to continent) PLAGUE CARLISLE.

Deadline for TURN 3 is THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24. Before the press, a few rules clarifications brought about by questions:

A ship is allowed to leave a neutral port (e.g. at the start of the game), but may only enter ports where that player's nobles may normally enter.

Nobles are only aboard ships between turns if the ship is at sea. A noble in a port may board a ship in the port at the beginning of the movement (i.e. the noble can board and move 5 squares by sea). If the ship ends the turn at a port, the noble must disembark. If (by Storms

AGE 8 has a lot of white space
to make up for the missing SPACE VIKING

at sea, for example) a ship is forced into a non-friendly port, the passengers (if any) disembark into the greens outside of the port, but the ship is "captured by the port" and cannot be moved until the ship's owner controls the port (or the port's controller manages to control the ship somehow). NOTE that as an exception to the first rule mentioned here, a ship CANNOT freely leave a neutral port if it was forced into the port from sea.

Each controlled Royal Heir must be controlled by ONE noble; the controlling noble may be changed at ANY time (especially if the controlling noble is called somewhere), assuming the new controlling noble is in the same square. (Exception: the nobles cannot be aboard two separate ships at sea at the time of transfer.)

PRESS

The Order of the Rampant Lion expressed gratitude to the Rampant Royalists for not siezing Margaret of Anjou at Coventry. This allows Margaret to survive and negates the necessity of a battle with Lord Fitzalan. The Order's forces are right now converging on Coventry in cooperation with allies to secure the person of Margaret. Hopefully Fitzalan will not try to intervene at this late date. If he does, the Order will recommend his execution.

WD: Holland was welcomed in his town of Ipswich. His ship, Le Lucas, was coming south and soon Berkeley and he could sail in search of an heir. But he knew Berkeley was a headstrong fellow. Still, he should be here by now. At last a messenger brought news.

"My Lord Berkeley tried to fight my Lords Bouchier and Beaufort! He never stood a chance. They will execute him unless our Lady the White Duchess can convince the Lords to let him live."

"Damn! Berkeley always was a fool. And what does the White Duchess suggest for me to do?"

"She thinks you should sail as soon as weather will permit, with or without Berkeley. She feels the sea will be the safest place for you until she can seduce....I mean succeed in gaining more men."

"Very well, send my neutrality to the other lords. I will not make Berkeley's mistakes!"

WHITE DUCHESS-WHITE RABBIT: OK, so my faction is wimpy. Now will you give me back my he-man Berkeley?

S.O.M.P.B.: (The story continues) And so, the brave Knights, Crowwell and Roos, rode forth to meet the brave Lord Berkeley. Along the road, they met some terrified peasants.

"Wherefore so afraid, sirrah?" said Roos to one of them.

"Lord Berkeley, m'lord, he goes about slashing every throat in his path!"

"Sounds indeed like a subject of the White Duchess," whispered Roos to his kinsman.

"It is said, m'lord, that Berkeley attacked a party thrice his size when even his Saxons fled in terror!"

"In sooth," said Crowwell, "this man art indeed no wimp. We must find him....if yet he lives."

And on they went to Hereford green.

WWW-WC: What's up Duch? Oooh! You pull an Eimer.

OXFORD(WWW)-WORLD: Don't be too concerned over the battle. The only thing of consequence is the rumor that green & purple smoke has been seen rising out of Belvoir at night. Just what is going on there?

WWW-BERKELEY: Surprise, surprise, surprise! We have a...secret weapon, which makes it almost impossible to exterminate us! (Hyork! Hyork!)

GM-WWW (and all others): When you play a Crown card which has cities marked on it, you take control of the listed cities IF they are neutral at the time. Also, town votes in Parliament are based on who controls the town when the parliament is called. (Remember, after a siege, successful forces take control of the town, like the WWW did in turn 2. Should someone subsequently get the Coventry City card, it does not give that faction control of Coventry, since the WWW already controls it. (The Coventry card immediately goes to the WWW when it is drawn - see rule 3 of Transfer in the basic rules.

The PAGE 9 expedition is looking for the sunken ship off the British coast

DIPLOMACY, 84CI, AUTUMN/WINTER 1905/SPRING 1906

There was a mistake in the Autumn/Winter portion; the players were notified by separate flyer.

AUTUMN 1905: French & Burgundy retreats to GASCONY
Italian & Tyrrhenian retreats to TUSCANY
Austrian & Greece, Russian & Constantinople,
and Turkish & Rumania are removed.

WINTER 1905: Austria is out
England builds & LON
France is even
Germany removes & Sil
Italy builds F ROM, F NAP
Russia is 2 short
Turkey is 1 short

SPRING 1906 - WHAT CONTACT THERE IS, THERE'S PLENTY OF

ENGLAND (Martin): A Lon-HOL, F Fin-SWE, A Nwy-STP, F BAR S & Nwy-Stp,
F NTH C & Lon-Hol, F PIC S FRENCH & Bel(ota),
F Kie S & Lon-Hol(d-retreat to Bel, Den, Bal, Ber, OTB)

FRANCE (Bjornsson): A Bel-BUR, A GAS S & A Bel-Bur, A Tyo-BOH, F Wes-MAO,
F Lyo-SPA(sc), F TYH R(d-retreat to Wes, Lyo, OTB)

GERMANY (Wilson): F Hol-KIE, A MUN S F Hol-Kie, A Bur-RUH

ITALY (Stegeman): F Tus-TYH, F ROM S F Tus-Tyh, F NAP S F Tus-Tyh,
F ION S F Tus-Tyh, A Naf-TUN, A Bud-TRI, A Ven-TYO,
A Ser-BUL, F GRE S & Ser-Bul

RUSSIA (Lee): NBR - A UKR, A LVN, A RUM, A SEV hold

TURKEY (Ehli): A Con-SMY, F Bla-CON (NOTE Mike's COA below....)

DEADLINE for SUMMER and FALL 1906 is FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25. Here's the press:

ENGLAND-TURKEY & RUSSIA: Wow, you guys must be good! Me, I need every unit I can muster.

ENGLAND-RUSSIA: Did I say that taking Stp with the army was also conditional on your writing me, or at least sending in orders? I didn't? Oh. Sorry.

ENGLAND-ITALY: Spring moves but no winter builds? There has to be some secret meaning there. Oh, I get it, the old GM-misdirection trick!

GM-ENGLAND: Well, stacking units is passe nowadays....

ENGLAND-GERMANY: And "your removal" gave me such high hopes....

ENGLAND-GM: You never cease to amaze me.

WHITEHALL (FRANCE)-THE KAISER: As an outsider, what do you think of the game? I really am curious. Having sent no less than four letters to you, and having received not a single postcard, letter, novelette, or even a singing telegram, I've seriously considered that you are illiterate (which would also rather neatly explain your performance in the game). Or could it be more heart-rendering than that? Are you a starving artist, who can't afford paper for letters, and, yet, is also too proud to scrawl a quick note on his candy wrappers? I've wracked my brain and am left with only two possibilities. You must either be dead....or an asshole.

STANDBY! CALLING THE STANDBY - will KEN PEEL, 8708 FIRST AVENUE #T-2, SILVER SPRING, MD 20910, take over for Russia?

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I have a note from Mike Ehli. (By the way - MIKE EHLI has a new address: CARSON BOX 63184, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, EUGENE, OR 97403-6031) FMOED is once again delays, thanks to moving and having a few friends dropping by. In addition, 3 standbys had to be called for his game, which is going out separately.

HOWEVER, both THE SPACE VIKING and SUBMARINE WARFARE are missing - that's 6 in a row for TSV, 3 for SW. I know Derwood Bowen is out there - he's a standby in Mike's game.

PAGE 10 is offering a reward for the return of the missing subzines...

DIP WARZ

Last issue, we left Fleet Syria in THE HOBBY. Two issues ago, the Linoleum Falcon and the Bobby Emperor's Flagship disappeared through (n plus 3)-dimensional space into an unknown universe, complete with planets named Cerabus the Aradvark and Finchley Central.

"Seaparter!" yells Oboe-1 Caruso. "Look what you've gotten us into now. Where are we?"

Rod Seaparter comes up with the appropriate answer: "In space, it looks like...yes, definitely in space!"

"Just like between your ears?" quips Princess Luscioms. "You ought to feel at home here!"

"Enough jokes! LIOM, location report."

"Well, Baldo Calberchian is over there, John Pole-0 is over there, (THACK) Seaparter, you'd rather GUESS where we are? It's about as accurate as my guessing, I'd say."

Well, they finally decided on a nice little planet at coordinates +6.523, -0.113, -2.347, up 2, left 2, up 6. However, they had a little trouble with the landing procedure....

"Linoleum Falcon, give Fall, Autumn, and Winter designators."

"Huh? I thought Summer and Fall go together, and Autumn and Winter go with Spring."

"Maybe in OTHER universes - here, it takes a little guesswork. That's why everybody flies on the wrong side of the space dividers."

So anyway, they land - however, the combination of the new procedures, the retrograde motion necessary for proper alignment, and assorted whatnot (love that whatnot!), combine to....

"Calberchian, get that hat back on!"

"Where did it go? Here, hat!"

Too late! "Your everythingness, Eaperor Sacks Fifthavenue, sensors detect heavy concentration of reflections on the Gladys planet."

"Someday, he'll tie that hat around his head, and then maybe they'll have a chance of actually surviving. Until then, what have we got?"

"Ready to load - assorted FEUILLETONIST'S FORUMS, recent DIPLOMACY DIGESTS, the occasional WHITESTONIA/KATHY'S KORNOR for double-barreled firepower, and our new secret weapon!"

"Throw in some Pro Wrestling openings for good measure!"

And so, once again, the Linoleum Falcon is sitting there waiting for....

"WARNING! WARNING!" (Insert arm-waving motions here)

"LIOM, how many times have I told you - NO LOST IN SPACE IMPRESSIONS!"

"Another attack on the way - assorted weapons....Presidential Politics detected-must be FEUILLETONIST'S FORUM....heavy repelling from DIPLOMACY DIGESTS and W/KK augmented by Pro Wrestling openings....what is THAT... can it be....it IS! Heavy doses of....RUNESTONE POLL RESULTS!"

"Break out the OFFICIAL DIPLOMACY POLL NEUTRALIZERS - how else do you fight fire?"

"With a hose?"

"No - with fire!"

Can the Official Diplomacy Poll Neutralizers take care of the Runestone Poll Results before they destroy the planet by sheer mass? Will the Pro Wrestling openings cause a break in reality? Will anybody actually remember who finished second in a poll for once? And who will qualify for the 1985 DIP BOWL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, which will appear in issue 58?

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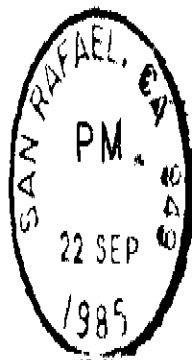
Well, so much for another issue. Short, isn't it?

The latest EVERYTHING contains a message that Bill Quinn is stepping down due to a lack of time. Anybody interested in the job should contact Bill at 301 Conroe Drive, Conroe, TX 77301. Dave Kleiman is willing to continue publishing for the new BMC.

SORRY TO ANNOUNCE... DIPLOMACY PURSUIT has been abandoned because of sudden player apathy....

PAGE 11 always has the bad news

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