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"MONTY" PLANS
MAJOR CHANGE

BUT REFUSES TO REVEAL
WHAT AND WHEN

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INSIDE: "I played
Diplomacy on a UFO - but when I
stabbed the ship's commander, he
booted me out"

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LIFE OF MONTY

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BIG SURPRISE next issue

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It's OFFICIAL - the hobby is coming to an END! But you STILL have time to read this issue of LIFE OF MONTY, from Don Del Grande (the one and only - be glad for that), 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339 (note the ZIP code - THE GENERAL had a misprint), USA, phone (country code 1) (415) 461-2692, but only between 5 PM and 11 PM Pacific time (GMT - 7 until November 30, then GMT - 8).

What with the above announcement (oh, I might as well add that issues of LOM cost a varying amount depending on size - 12-pagers are 50¢, 16-pagers are 55¢, 20-pagers are 60¢, and anything more than that is probably a fake), it's time for:

MONTY'S NEWS AND COMMENT is brought to you by Havana Cigars - proud sponsors of the proposed Cuban boycott of the 1988 Summer Olympics. (When was the last time anybody boycotted a WINTER Olympics?)

Now, what's this garbage about the end of the hobby? Well, just recently, Rex Martin wrote me a letter asking for more information concerning the North American Tournament Ratings system (the one that combines all of the FTF tournament results) for possible mention in THE GENERAL (OK, so it's only a small blurb in the inside back cover, and that's only if it makes it at all - they may be more interested in my PFM rules for 1830, although "my" rules aren't much more than any number of "1829" systems with a few small changes). When one of my ideas actually gets noticed, it must mean that the hobby's demise is imminent. Meanwhile, I do have openings in 1830.....

Cuba recently announced that they will not appear at the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, Republic of Korea, unless the People's Republic of Korea (that's North Korea, if you didn't already know that) gets a fair share of the events. Recently, the Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee said that they were willing to have some of the preliminary events in the PRK - but the PRK government has (reportedly) asked for half of all of the events, including a share of the opening and closing ceremonies. (Also remember that one of the Warsaw Pact countries has already stated: "We don't want to have to boycott" - although that may have been incorrectly translated since the USSR never uses the word "boycott".) One thing may stand in Cuba's way: Teofilo Stevenson won the gold medal in the over-91 kg class at the 1986 World Boxing Championships, and could become the first(?) person to win gold medals in Olympic games 16 years apart....if Cuba shows up.

Those of you who actually READ the front page of LOM are the first to know - there could be some major changes to this 'zine next time. Then, when those people who don't read the front page get the next issue and are surprised, you can laugh in their faces and point to them and say "I told you so" and keep using the word "and" until it drives everybody crazy and things like that there, as well, even, also, too.

SORRY IT'S A LITTLE

I left out "additionally".....

LATE - I couldn't get any stamps

Good night!

until 9/24 (I was on a business trip 9/22-23)

PAGE 2 does NOT like to be late.....

Recently, I got a letter from Bruce Linsey (73 Ashuelot Street Apt. 3, Dalton, MA 01226) which he requested "for print". However, there were a few things that I, for one reason or another, left out of the LOM version. Anyway, here's what's left:

Sorry I didn't have anything in your annish. It was a busy Once Upon A Time, if you catch my drift. Speaking of Once Upon A Deadline, I appreciate your plug.

John Caruso is someone you mentioned who probably wouldn't write. Well, I sent John an exceptionally polite letter asking him if he'd like to contribute.

***** It's me again. Bruce described the letter John sent as a reply. Bruce, understand that I can't write what you said without at least seeing this letter (or a copy thereof), which you did say you would produce on request. (I've received the letter....)

So anyway, that is the reason that Caruso's brilliant prose didn't appear in Once Upon A Deadline. Despite my best efforts, I had to settle for the writings of all the hobby's second-rate authors instead - you know, people like von Metzke, Smyth, Button, Stewart, Knight, Beyerlein, Berch, Coughlan, McIntyre, etc. Let me tell you, people are just tossing out their copies in disgust because Caruso's writing isn't in there.

While we're on the topic of hobby services, I have a comment to make about Masters of Deceit. First of all, I happen to think it's a fine piece of work. As you probably know, I have plugged MoD in the insert sheet that is sent out with every copy of Supernova. I do this because I am genuinely interested in helping novices get their hands on as much good material as possible.

However, I do have two criticisms to make of MoD. First, it ought to be readily available to anyone who wants it. I sent Olsen a dollar for a copy, and despite several follow-up letters of inquiry he didn't mail me one. (It was advertised as being available from either him or Steve Arnawoodian.) Ultimately, Woody did send me a copy, but it took several weeks and several stamps for me to get it.

My second point is that if Olsen is really interested in helping novices, he really ought to mention Supernova to them as well. When I decided to plug MoD, I wrote Olsen a polite letter asking whether he'd reciprocate. I figured that maybe Olsen would be able to overlook our personal disagreements for the sake of the newcomers he is ostensibly trying to help. But to my shock, Olsen returned my letter to me unopened. (If he denies this, I can prove it.)

***** Maybe, but it still doesn't deny the fact that you used a split infinitive in that paragraph.

Conclusions: MoD is a fine publication, but it ought to be accessible to anyone (as Supernova is) and it really ought to plug the other novice packet (as Supernova does). Those are my firmly held opinions, with which you may agree or disagree.

My final topic for now is the Runestone Poll. I greatly appreciate your coverage. However, you made a rather minor error: Randolph Smyth instituted the modified mean method of averaging in 1984, lopping off the top-and-bottom 6% of votes for any publication. The only change I made in that department was to increase this amount to 10% for ease of calculation. And I believe that this is statistically a more accurate procedure than ranking by the straight mean, as you have done. The mean score can be unduly influenced by a tiny number of extreme votes, to the point where the opinion of the majority is skewed beyond recognition. The modified mean deals with this problem quite well.

So, your rankings are interesting, no doubt about it, and I'm glad you took pains to point out just what you were doing. Still, my preference (and it's only that; I'm not trying to dictate what you publish) is that the lists be printed accurately under the scoring system that is actually in use. This opinion derives especially from viewing your listing of the GM poll results, which show Mark Larzelere ahead of Gary Coughlan. Now,

PAGE 3 wants you to see some late-breaking letter news on page 12

Gary earned his place atop the list this year, just as Mark did last year, and I think he deserves to see it in print this way. Granted, you tell us that Gary won the Poll, but your list mitigates the effect of the announcement.

***** Perhaps - but when, in the first year that subzines were included, Mark Berch separated the 'zines from the subzines (the poll had them together at the time) when the results were printed in DIPLOMACY DIGEST, and the separate listings showed that EUROPA EXPRESS was at the top of the 'zines but third overall, Gary himself complained that EUROPA EXPRESS didn't finish first and shouldn't be listed that way. Gary knows how well he's done; besides, the results will be printed in other 'zines (the way you had them in THE CREAM SHALL RISE).

In closing, I want to stress that there's nothing inherently wrong with your printing the results as you did...but I'd prefer it if you'd at least print the list in the order determined by the scoring system officially in use; a reasonable one, I'm sure you'll agree.

Congratulations on six fine years of publishing - keep up the good work!

***** And congratulations to you on a second successful Runestone Poll. As for listing the poll results two ways, who wants to look at the same list of 'zines/subzines/GMs twice (with a few changes in the orders)? Besides, what really matters isn't the rank but the score. (I'd rather be last with a 9 than first with a 4.)

I'd like to say here that parts of this letter were not printed, and others were changed slightly, because they conveyed opinions of the letter's author which I felt weren't proper for appearance in LOM.

Opposing views are welcomed, and will be printed if the author(s) request, but remember that I retain the right to edit items for publication. After all, I am the publisher.

MEETING OF MINDS

the latest report of the North American Tournament Ratings - Number 3

Well, PACIFICOM and PEERICOM were held since the last issue, as was STRATEGICOM (although I don't know if a Diplomacy tournament was held), but I haven't received any results yet. (Not that it matters, since 1986 is just a "test year" to get the word out for the "real" start on January 1, 1987.)

Speaking of 1987, I want to ask all of you who plan to attend any Diplomacy tournament in the future. I'm trying to get at least one contact person at as many tournaments as possible. (Not that it's the same person at every tournament - just that as many tournaments as possible has somebody.) PREFERABLY, I would like somebody running the tournament to be the contact. Actually, "contact" isn't quite the word - just somebody who can get the final results on paper and mail them to me. (If you request, the appropriate forms and an addressed stamped envelope will be provided.) However, there are tournaments where nobody seems to know who's in charge until the event begins - that's why I would like to be sure that somebody can get the results. Your help is appreciated.

ALSO, if you know of any tournaments that are coming soon, let me know so that I can help spread the word.

ONE FINAL NOTE: in determining the "six game minimum" in a tournament, games that begin with five or six players count 1/2, and games that begin with 4 or fewer do not count.

If you want to be a NATR contact person,
fill out the Page 15 form

The story begins yet again with a member of the hobby - a 'zine publisher - announcing in his 'zine that he is dropping out of the hobby, but nobody knows why (especially since he didn't say). However, as he starts writing a letter to Adventures By Mail for information on BEYOND THE STELLAR EMPIRE, some masked man breaks into his house, comes up from behind, and knocks him out with a billy club. (Strange - the club has stripes in seven colors....)

Anyway, when the hobbyist came to, things appeared as they were before the incident, except that his letter was gone and the shades were drawn over the windows. He lifted the shades, looked outside - and didn't recognize a thing. Somebody had moved his room! (Or, as had actually happened, someone built a room just like his old one.)

Where am I? **IN THE HOBBY.**

What do you want? **YOUR SUPPORT.**

Which side are you on? **THE HOBBY'S SIDE.**

You won't get my support like that. **BY THREAT OR BY LIE, WE WILL.**

Who are you? **THE NEW GM.**

Who is the hobby master? **YOU ARE FLEET SYRIA.**

I am not a fleet - I am a **FREE PLAYER!** **YOU ARE A....**

(Any similarity between Fleet Syria and Patrick McGoochan is none of your business - report to the GM right away.)

DIPRISONER

(By the way - you may remember that, in the first episode, the line was "I am not an anchor....". Since plastic stars and anchors are not used outside of the United States, the line has been changed so that the nationality of Fleet Syria is not defined.)

Fleet Syria gets the usual awakening one morning - loud music over the radio, followed by The Hobby announcements, read as usual by Army Clyde. "Good morning! It's another day in The Hobby. The weather will be cloudy in the morning, but clearing by noon, with highs in the high teens Celsius, low 60s Fahrenheit. In the news today, The Hobby is expected to turn out for the annual Hobby Polls. The clear favorite is the GM's recently-retired 'zine, SWISS ARMY KNIFE, with Fleet Bulgaria South Coast's SOUTHERN DOUBLE-CROSS having an outside chance. **BEWARE** of other polls - there's only **ONE** Hobby Poll!"

Other polls? This should be interesting. So, Fleet Syria steps outside (after getting dressed, of course), down the path - "Watch your back, Fleet Syria" "And yours, Army Rumania" - and there's Switzerland, home of the GM and who knows what - or who - else. Just outside stand the polling places. One of them is crowded, with ballots being passed back and forth, while the other is pretty much deserted. So Fleet Syria, being the kind of guy he is, votes at the deserted poll. Let's see, **WHITE BLOCKS IN RUSSIA** is pretty good, and so was **GIFT OF THE MAGI**, better than **LITTLE LIES OUT OF BIG LIES**, not to mention **FOUR AND A HALF HOBBIES** - "Where's **SWISS ARMY KNIFE?**"

"Never heard of it."

"But the GM-"

"Never heard of him. And **NEITHER HAVE YOU.**" Touchy, aren't we? Well, half a ballot is better than none. Well, back to business - at least it was before every loudspeaker blasted the message "**FLEET SYRIA, REPORT TO THE GM IMMEDIATELY!**"

"Fleet Syria, what took you so long?"

"I'm not in the shape I was - where do you hide the Hobby Gym?"

"There's **ONE** game around here. Speaking of which, why didn't you vote in the Hobby Poll?"

"What did I vote in?"

"Something thought up by a few of the tougher cases here. They don't like the GM - they don't like things in general - so they run their own poll, knowing that only fellow rebels will vote, and that will make the GM's ratings low."

(PAGE) 5 is a free number

"But you weren't even on the ballot!"

"You can't get much lower than that, can you?"

So, loaded with this information, Fleet Syria tries to leave - but the door is locked. Suddenly, in front of him appears a Hobby Poll ballot. Fleet Syria is fed up with polls, and manages to dive through an open window. Just then, Army Yorkshire hands him a ballot. "You forgot this. Watch your back." Fleet Syria crumples it up into a ball and tosses it aside. Just then, Fleet Portugal hands another one to him. "Try not to litter. Watch your back." Fleet Syria folds this one into an airplane and tosses it toward Switzerland. A mysterious wind blows it to Fleet Aegean Sea, who hands it back to Fleet Syria. "Vote, Fleet Syria - vote for The Hobby and yourself." The chorus grows: "vote - vote - Vote - Vota - VOTE - VOTE - VOTE - VOTE!!" (Insert pictures of Fleet Syria's rebellious gestures here.) He runs to the polling place, makes a few marks, hands the ballot to the pollster, turns around - where did everybody go?

"It's time for the results. Watch your back."

Back to the room for the results - "In the Hobby Poll, using the new system of average preference matrix median deviation distribution regression with the introduction of generic randomness (translation: roll dice and write numbers), SWISS ARMY KNIFE was the big winner, with the GM taking a rare double by nosing out Fleet Bulgaria South Coast for the GMing honor. Meanwhile, in the 'other poll', which has a reported turnout of 'one vote more than the questionable poll', the winner was WHITE BLOCKS IN RUSSIA with a score of 'whatever it takes so that, no matter how the polls are combined, it's the overall winner and SWISS ARMY KNIFE finishes last'. Finally, the one question that is on everyone's lips: WHY DID FLEET SYRIA RESIGN FROM THE HOBBY? WHY?? WHY?? WHY??"

Here we go again....

~~-GAME-OPENINGS-DOOB-OPENINGS-GRAND-OPENINGS-JOB-OPENINGS-SCHOOL-OPENINGS-ETCETERA-~~



1830....I have had some interest in this game. 6 openings. House rules available on request.

KINGMAKER....Signed up: Coufal. Will begin when current game ends.

DIPLOMACY....Signed up: Dorneman, Bopcroft. Need 5 more.

RAILWAY RIVALS....Signed up: von Metzka, Watts. Map "C" (Western USA) map will be used.

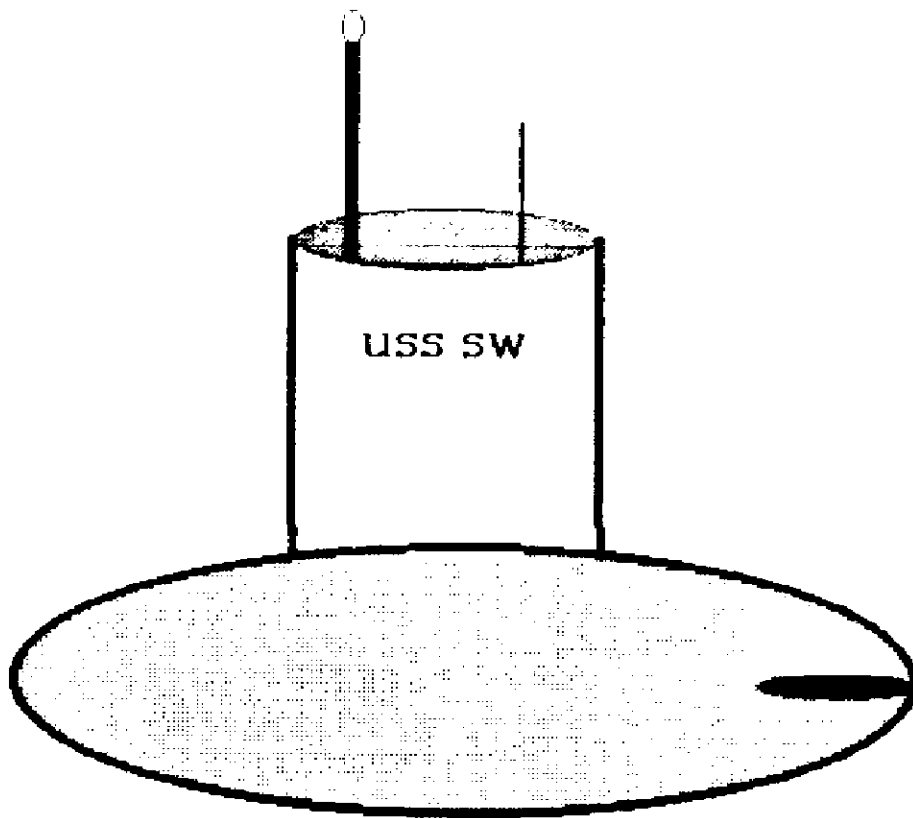
STANDEYS needed for Diplomacy (especially) and Kingmaker. You get 50¢ for your first orders (when called), 50¢ for your second orders, and \$1 for finishing the position.

~~-LATE-BREAKING-DEADLINE-BEATING-LAST-SECOND-JUST-UNDER-THE-WIRE-IN-THE-NICK-OF-TIM-~~

I just got the results of the Pacificon tournament, held August 30 through September 1 in San Mateo. Jim Bumpas and Tom Grey were in charge of this annual event, which saw 58 players complete 19 games (including the Top Board game). Eight boards ended in wins, and two others in 17-17 draws. A total of \$348 in cash and merchandise certificates were awarded. Games did not tend to drag on, since the Bumpas system deducts 0.1 point per season that a game lasts. Unfortunately, Jim didn't list the top 29 players like he was supposed to - just the top 7. (Next time, list the top 50%, or the tournament can't be counted.)

- 1 TOM LEHMANN
- 2 TOM GREY
- 3 MIKE MADDEN
- 4 BRIAN LARSON
- 5 VAUGHN BEPPNER
- 6 TODD SMITH
- 7 DAN DELLINGER

PAGE 6 finished 8th... well, not exactly, but it probably would have



SUBMARINE WARFARE

(a neat idea for a subzine)

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And now I find myself stationed in front of the computer once again, typing away in hopes that this might amuse the somewhat less than masses that peruses this little thing. I must, of course, offer my congrats to "Uncle Connie" for Costaguana. The past several issues have been quite large, but his last even surpassed them in size. Almost all of it is enjoyable reading. Of all the things Conrad's zine might be, a warehouse isn't one of them. But number one is. Congrats Conrad!

Of course, SW was listed somewhere in the poll. I don't remember where, but I'm sure it wasn't real high. I would hope it is because I have been irregular, rather than because no one likes this thing. I have no real way of knowing, since the reader feedback has been minimal. Gary Coughlin has been encouraging, and I got one letter from Brad Wilson. But that has been it. **I am not complaining.** I do this nonsense to please myself, and Don Del Monte sees fit to include it in LOM, so it can't be a total waste. I do enjoy it, too. Sometimes, it can be a drag. That is mostly when I have trouble finding inspiration for something to write. In that sense, I envy the people who have regular reader participation. That gives them something to play off of. I have tried to help myself there by running a feature for several issues (Let's Stab A Mad Lad, the Cartoon Characters Play Dip, the Domino's Stories, etc.). It has mostly worked. I seem to be able to come up with something to write every time. I hope this time around is no exception. Maybe someday I'll even write about dip. In the meantime, let's get on with the show.

ONWITHTHESHOWGOODHEALTHTOYOUONWITHT

This past week I made a pilgrimage to Columbus, Ohio, my former home city. I took my lady fair to the fair (The Ohio State Fair, that is). She had never been before, and it seemed the thing to do. We had a good time. (If someone ever reviews an event like that, we'll all know just what it was like, huh.)

Tonight I did something I have never done before in my life. I watched an entire hour of The Nashville Network. Egads! I'm not sure I can stand it. Actually, my fiancee is a country music fan, and she has suffered through MTV and some of my record collection. So I guess in fairness I have to give her music a share of our time. Actually, I have rather gone over board of late, seeing as how I got roped in to seeing Willie Nelson at the Ohio State Fair, too (Remember the Ohio State Fair?). We did have a good time there (at the fair, that is).

Anyway, about C&W music. Since she is sitting here watching me type this, you can imagine how exciting an evening we are having. Anyway, I suppose I can't say what total crap I really believe this is. I'll say instead that it isn't so bad. If you know me you'll know which of the above to believe. If you don't know me, you won't care (Hint, I have 800 albums, and not one of them is C&W). After all of this, I want to hear a guitar real loud with a lot of distortion. **REAL LOUD!** There are those of you out there that can't get into that kind of music either. Fortunately for both of us, you aren't in my living room right now.

Going to the state fair and not liking C&W is hard. Anymore, almost all the entertainers performing there are C&W. I had been sort of psyched up to see Mr. Mister, who were at the fair- but, of course, the day before I got there. I am aware that the discriminating among you will scream that Mr. Mister is too Top 40. But after a lot of country, I would have been ready for them. And, to tell the truth, I like the two songs I have heard them do. I have been tempted to buy an album by the band. That is as far as it has gotten. I have had bad luck buying albums when I haven't heard much by the artist except the hit/s (Riding the Storm Out by REO is a classic example of that).

I don't care what he says, country music's better than rock any day. At least you can understand the words that are being sung unlike a lot of songs I've heard on MTV that I can't make heads or tails of.

One thing about my fiancee sitting here, she felt compelled to put in her two cents worth. And, at the rate she types (hunt and peck), that is about all she could do in any reasonable amount of time. *(says who, smarty)* I'm not sure how this is going to turn out, given my spontaneous and totally new format, but it just might prove to be a tad interesting. Maybe, if I discuss some other topic, we might all be spared extraneous comments. Of course, maybe you'll enjoy this nonsense. *Trying to show off your meager intelligence, Dear, using words like extraneous.*

Anyway, having clowning around for a bit, I suppose I just might talk about the trip to the fair. It all started innocently enough, with a long (well, about a 3+ hour) drive from Salem to my mother's apartment in Grove City (a southern suburb of Columbus). We stayed the night there, and, bright and early (by Domino's standards) we got up and headed, not for the fair grounds, but for the Domino's Pizza regional offices, which are in Worthington (a northern suburb of Columbus). While there I discussed an upcoming campaign to improve my store's sales, and thus my personal financial well-being. *I'm all for that.* Anyway, this fact would have had no relevance to the trip to the fair, except for an interesting thing. Domino's Pizza had, in years past, had a booth at the fair. But this year, they sponsored shuttle rides from the parking areas to the fairgrounds

instead. What this is all leading up to is the fact that, since they did sponsor these shuttles, they also received complimentary passes to give out. And, since the marketing director was in a good mood and I am on fairly good terms with him, he gave us two passes good for free admission to the grounds, and passes to the VIP section of the grandstands for the Willie Nelson show. All we had to do to qualify for these was wear two Domino's Pizza painter caps (well, actually we each only had to wear one). Now, I was really excited to get these neat things, as was my dear love. Everything was peaches and cream until we tried to ride the first ride. (I must explain here about the mechanics of Ohio State Fair admission. In years past [remember that phrase from somewhere?] your admission to the fair basically got you onto the grounds and into the grandstand events. However, recently, the people that run the darn thing decided to crank up the admission charge, but include in that charge all the amusement rides for free. Previous to this, you had to pay to ride the rides, but the admission didn't cost as much.) Anyhow, when we tried to get on the first ride, it was explained to us that our wonderful free pass did not include any rides. So my fiancee was sorely disappointed, as she was psyched up to ride rides. Fortunately for me, there is so much other shit to see and do that we kept ourselves amused until Willie did his thing in the grandstands.

There actually is a lot to see and do at the fair. They claim to have one of the largest (it might even be the largest) cattle shows in the US. They also have prize winning rabbits, chickens, dresses, vegetables, quilts, art, food, handicrafts, and who knows what all. There are several buildings full of commercial exhibits, a youth building for 4H, high school industrial arts, scouts, and others. A large carny type midway full of all sorts of sucker games. (*Believe me, they are sucker games. I used to work at these games in a small carny*) Large quantities of rides. And about every type of food that can be sold from a booth or tent known to man. We spent the better part of a day there and didn't see it all. But what we saw was entertaining. I am sure that if I sat here long enough, I could probably recall more things we saw there (such as the nature trail), but I think you get some kind of idea that the thing is really big. (That's right, a really big shew for you.)

ITS DOLLAR STODONUTS THAT OUR STATE FAIR

A dog named Trog found a frog named Og dringing grog on a log in a bog in the fog. Trog flogged Og, the frog with the grog on the log in the foggy bog. Og dropped the grog, yelled, "Augh!" and leapfrogged off the log in the bog in the fog. The moral of the story is, "A dog flogged frog named Og, who drops his grog and leapfrogs in the bog in the fog says, "Augh," instead of ribbit. *I'm agog.*

FROGGY WOULD A WOODING RIDE WITH HIS VO

Having worked my way to the bottom of the page, I have the usual problem of how to fill this little space. I have no good answer except for this nonsense you are reading right now. Gary Coughlin uses these little spaces when he has a column which runs a little long. He just writes a "see page such and such." Of course, he writes a zillion page zine. I don't have anything I can do like that. Oh, I could write from page four, see page three, but boy would that be stupid. And, of all the things I might be, stupid is not one of them. So I am doing this instead.

Now, finding myself staring at page four, I wonder what I might write. If you could see my kitchen right now, you would realize that I have a great incentive to write this, rather than do dishes and other kinds of domestic stuff. But, I doubt any of you would like to read about that kind of stuff. So I'll write about something else.

SOMETHINGELSE SOMETHINGELSE SOMETHING

I am in a few games of Dip. That is hardly a remarkable fact. And, I mention that fact only as a prelude to what I have to say. The games I am in now seem remarkable in the fact that there is a dearth of letter writing. If I weren't writing letters, I would have no complaint. After all, you can hardly fault someone for not writing when you don't. But that is not the case. I am England in one game where I have gotten more letters from Turkey than the other five players.

The upshot of all this is, if you are in a game with me and you want to do well, write letters. I am much more inclined to ally with someone who bothers to write to me regularly. Incredibly enough, I am not alone in this approach. I believe that most players are like this. So, Derwood's playing tip for today is, "Write letters." If you find yourself playing with some brilliant strategist who writes these detailed tactics letters, don't be intimidated. And don't feel you have to match him. Just write him letters. And, you will find you will more than likely have him for your ally. Sure, he'd like to receive letters in kind. But, given his druthers, he would prefer to ally with someone who bothers to write. And, if you bother, there is a good chance someone else won't.

Now I realize that the above isn't brilliant advice. As a matter of fact, writing letters is very basic to the hobby. But, somehow, lots of people either forget that fact, never learn it, or just neglect it. So, I urge all of you to write lots of letters. Part of the reason I play Dip is to get letters. If you wish to do well, write them.

If you would wonder what prompted me to write the above, I shall tell you. First off, I really would like to get more letters. But also, I find emphasizing the basics is very important. I get this from Domino's Pizza. Whenever you hear Tom Monaghan speak at a Domino's gathering, he always talks about the basics. Make a good pizza. Give good service. Handle the rush. These are the things that day-in and day-out keep our customers happy and win us new ones. And yet, without constant attention they can get away from you. I see this same kind of thing in our hobby. Common sense tells you to write letters. And yet, lots of people don't. So, grounded in this sense of basics, you get my "write letters" lecture.

If I turned someone off by this, I sure am sorry. But, for the time I spent typing this, I didn't do dishes. And, if I encourage someone to write more letters, and that someone does better than he might have, great. If not, then I probably wasted some effort. Anyway, next time around, I may try to include another basic to Dip playing.

BASICACID BASICACID BASICACID BASICACID

And so, kiddies, we come once again to the end of yet another adventure into SW land, where yet more dung was piled upon the paper for your perusal. Until next time, keep in touch.

KINGMAKER, TURN 12.....DELAYED

I am delaying the turn for two reasons.

First, after noticing that a river on the main map doesn't show very well on the PBM map, both Mike Mazzer and myself didn't notice that his move from Southampton to Pevensey was illegal, being six spaces. Here is the correct move:

**CROMWELL, COURTENAY, and HOWARD (Southampton(g))-Chichester-Arundel-
h52-h53-h54**

One of the players noted the mistake and that it affected his/her orders.

ALSO, the White Duchess and the Krikkit Konfederation attempted a combined move (Stanley with two of the WD ships). However, I received a different set of orders for Stanley than for the ships! Since nobody told me who the commander of the alliance is, I can't decide whose orders to use.

Please inform me whose orders apply in an alliance - from now on, if alliance orders are not identical in such a situation, and I don't know who is in charge, the orders are not followed.

*****ALSO NOTE***** Cathy Ozog's new address: P.O. Box 5225, Munds Park, AZ 86017

By the way....apparently, Bouchier is Constable of the Tower, so the road move through London would have been legal after all.

NEW DEADLINE for TURN 12 is **OCTOBER 23**. Remember, catastrophe is in effect; only noble card and mercenary card strengths apply. In case you don't have issue 65 any more, here are the nobles (with their cards) and their locations:

KRIKKIT KONFEDERATION (Miller)

NEVILLE, Shrewsbury City, Northampton City, Burgundian Crossbowmen, in Oxford(g)
GREY, Earl of Worcester, in Oxford(g)
GREYSTOKE in Oxford (g)
STANLEY in Douglas

SACRED ORDER OF THE MIRACULOUS PANTY-ROSE (Mazzer)

CROMWELL, Earl of Richmond, Captain of Calais, Scots Archers, George, in h54
COURTENAY, Warden of the Cinque Ports, Flemish Crossbowmen, Saxons, in h54
ROOS in Pevensey
HOWARD in h54
LE TRINITY in Pevensey
LE GEORGE in Pevensey

WACKY WABBITS OF WONDERLAND (Gestiehr)

BOURCHIER, Earl of Wiltshire, Constable of the Tower of London, Flemish Crossbowmen, Richard of York, in Windsor
SCROPE in Windsor
STAFFORD, Bristol City, in Blackheath
PLANTAGENET LANCASTER, Margaret, in Windsor
BEAUFORT in Windsor
PLANTAGENET YORK in Newbury
HERBERT, Le Michael, in h27
LE MICHAEL in Milford Haven

WHITE DUCHESS (Ozog)

HASTINGS in Harlech(g)
HOLLAND, Earl of Salisbury, Lieutenant of Ireland, Ipswich City, Le Lucas, Le Rose, Edmund in Harlech(g)
PERCY, Chancellor of England, Nottingham City, in Harlech(g)
POLE in Northampton(g)
LE ROSE in Douglas
LE LUCAS in Douglas

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CAPTURED LOCATIONS: ORL owns Kenilworth; SOMPH owns Cardigan; WWW owns Coventry; RR owns Conisbore

OTHER ROYAL HEIRS: Henry is dead; Edward Lancaster is in Wallingford; Edward March is in Harlech; Richard Gloucester is dead

~~ZERO-FOR-TWO-ZERO-FOR-TWO-ZERO-FOR-TWO-ZERO-FOR-TWO-ZERO-FOR-TWO-ZERO-FOR-TWO-ZERO-FOR-TWO-ZERO~~

DIPLMACY 84CI, AUTUMN 1909/WINTER 1909/SPRING 1910...DELAYED

Why does everything happen at once?

Anyway, Mark Stegeman never got LOM 65, so the game is being delayed. (The reason I am also delaying Autumn, even though only France has retreats, is that showing France's retreats and then allowing builds and moves may change other players' strategies unfairly.)

DEADLINE for AUTUMN and WINTER 1909 and SPTING 1910 is OCTOBER 24. I have orders from England and France (as of September 18).

*****CHANGE OF ADDRESS***** Mark Stegeman, Laurel Ridge Apartments #89B, Highway 54 Bypass, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

STATUS AFTER FALL 1909

ENGLAND (Martin) has A BRE, F MAO, F ENG, A BEL, F NTH, F BER, F IRI, F MAO, A HOL, and 3 builds

FRANCE (Young) has A PAR, A RUM, a retreat from Mao to Gas, Spa(nc), or OTB, and a retreat from Lyo to Spa(sc), Tus, or OTB, plus 2 removals (1 removal if one retreat is OTB; even if both retreats are OTB)

ITALY (Stegeman) has F LYO, A TYO, A PIE, F POR, F WES, F MAF, A SIL, A GAL, A UKR, F BLA, A SMY, F RUM, A MAR, A MUN, and 3 builds

RUSSIA (Bark) has A PRU, A MOS, A LVN, A SEV, and 1 removal

Guess what? The day before printing, I got a letter from Dick Martin. He says that he wants to see what Bruce Linsey wrote about him. Since the letter has already been typed up, I'll include what Bruce actually wrote here.

Speaking of Once Upon a Deadline, I appreciate your plug. I almost decided not to respond to Dick Martin's foolish attack on it (which he wrote without seeing it, by the way). I especially liked his assertion that the handbook is a "one-man show". Considering that 47 other people have articles there, I think Dick has done no more than make a total fool of himself.

First of all, I happen to think (Masters of Deceit) is a fine piece of work - unlike Martin...I'm not going to run down a hobby service just because I don't get along with the custodian.

(Note that one or more persons were named with Martin, but I won't say who - at the moment, anyway.)

Speaking of Dick, HOUSE OF LORDS is back! HOL is "a seen by, for and about publishing and publishers, GMing and GMS", according to its latest issue. It is NOT "a forum for feuding and name-calling...not THE NOT FOR HIRE all over again"; Dick even says that he'll get along with the Canadians! If you want HOL, you must send \$1 per issue and either trade (yes, trade AND pay) or write something for HOL at least once every two issue (plus the \$1/issue). Send money TODAY to Dick Martin, 26 Orchard Way N, Rockville, MD 20854, and sharpen those pencils....

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HE HAS NO NECK!

TIMEWARP Fall 01

A (Kathy Byrne): A Tri S French A Pie-Ven, A Bud-Ser, F Alb-Gre

E (Gary Arkoff?): NMR! A Edi, F Nws, F Nth all hold

F (Mark Howorth): A Bur-Mun, A Pie-Ven, F Mao-Por

G (David Coufal): A Kie-Hol, A Ruh S French A Bur-Bel, F Den-Swe

I (Robert Miller): A Ven-Tyr, A Nap-Tun, F Tys C A Nap-Tun

R (Robert Thornsberry): A Ukr S F Sev, A War H, F Gob-Swe, F Sev H

T (Gary Behnen): A Bul S A Arm-Rum, F Bla C A Arm-Rum,
A Arm-Rum

**STANDBY FOR ENGLAND: STEPHEN H. DORRMAN, 95 FEDERAL STREET #2,
LYNN, MA 01905**

Underlined moves do not succeed. No dislodgements, though we'll need a standby for England...who'll it be Don? And a deadline, too?

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 16

In the hopes of encouraging you all to greater peaks of reliability, Kathy has pledged her prized Keith Hernandez poster against NMRing out. That's almost like wagering an arm or leg, or plate of mashed potatoes - serious stuff!

I suppose that titles from Rocky Horror were inevitable, with a game named Timewarp. While not a real groupie (I've only seen the thing five times), I should be able to remember enough to get us through the first couple game years.

A: home, ser, gre (5)

E: home (3)

F: home, mun, ven, por (6)

G: *mun* ber, kie, hol, den (4)

I: *ven* rom, nap, tun (3)

R: home (4)

T: home, bul, rum (5)

neutral: bel, *hol*, spa, *por*, *den*, swe, nwy, *tun*, *gre*, *ser*, *bul*, *rum* (4)

Underlines indicate centers gained, *italics* indicate centers lost. And thus it shall be, all game long.

FRA to AUS: Well, did we do this correctly?

AUST to FRANCE: For this support I expect you to say three times - I Love The Mets!

AUST to ITALY: I can't help myself, I just get these urges.

ITALY to FRANCE: I know that two lines seems cheap, but I had forgotten what the discussion was that we had previous to the letter. It seems you did too. I found your original offer after the deadline and guess what? You zig when you should have zagged. Oops!! Did I write Piedmont?? I don't know what came over me.

TURKEY to AUSTRIA: Mets? Astros in 4.



**ZIPPY SEZ: "TIMEWARP
IS MY FAVORITE GAME
TO WATCH! YOW!"**

TIMEWARP WRAPUP

AUST to TURKEY: I hope you play Dip better than your Red Birds play baseball!

AUST to RUSSIA: For Christmas I'd suggest you ask Santa Claus for some stamps.

FRA to RUS: I got a letter from you, but everybody else says that you are the strong silent type.

AUST to ENG: You don't have to write about diplomacy, want to talk baseball?

METS FAN to GM: Even with Gary on the DL they continue to wipe the opposition. What happened to the O's?!

ROCKVILLE: Alas, the O's have died. I'd say, "wait till next year," but I'm not sure they'll be any better by then. This team has serious problems.

METS FAN to CARDS FAN: It's not bad enough that you are 21 out, but the Phillies are in 2nd!! Don't you Red Birds have any pride?

AUST to GM: Do me a favor and keep Gestiehr out of this game, he always goes after me!

ROCKVILLE: Kinda like the way you and Dave Carter go after me?

GERMANY to GM: If we are using the LOM HRs, then Winter will be separate, right?

ROCKVILLE: Well, yes, maybe. I'd like to bend them slightly, to say that if I get S02 orders from everybody with an OK to run the turn, we'll combine W01/S02. No sense in delaying if everybody's ready to go.






FRA to GER: No David, it's not a mistake this time.

AUST to GER: What can I say, I wasn't about to take three builds in O!! That always leads to trouble.

ROCKVILLE to TURKEY: Sorry, Gary, guess Julie decided to keep her secrets to herself! And you aren't referring to "Browns" as in "St Louis Browns" are you? What is it about that place that makes people baseball crazy? Maybe it's because the whole state is so flat that you could use it to play the game ("It's a short 293 miles down the right field line, Joe..."). Just think, if the fastest man in baseball last year hadn't been outrun by a tarp, the Cards could be world champs, but nooooo....

This turn is my first attempt to use ReadySetGo - one of these "Desktop Publishing" programs that are all the rage. So what's the big deal about it? It's easy to use, but kinda flaky. And I can do some neat things...the jury is still out on it.

Bring the jury in. I've never seen a WP that didn't consider the end of text as an end of paragraph (without justifying the line) until now.

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is a form to fill out if you are 
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in 1987 or you plan on going to one 
and can get the final results 

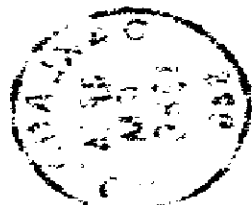
NORTH AMERICAN TOURNAMENT RATINGS

Contact Form

If you will be running a Diplomacy tournament in 1987, or will be attending one or more tournaments and are willing to be a "contact" (that is, get the final results and send them to me), please fill out this form and mail it in. (There could even be something in it for you.)

I will be running, or helping to run, the following tournaments (give names, dates, and locations):

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