

LIFE OF MONTY

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I told you in issue #6 there would be a surprise this month, and here it is..... LIFE OF MONTY has lowered its print size (and its prices accordingly). From now on, subs will be 45¢ an issue instead of 55¢. Game fees are still FREE to subbers.

LIFE OF MONTY is a 'zine dedicated to, among other things, raising my GPA above 3.20, and that's a reason this issue is 12 pages instead of 16, which they probably will be from now on.

THE CREDITS.....DIPLOMACY is a game created by Allan Calhmer (anybody know his address?) and published by the Avalon Hill Game Co., who owns the copyright for DIPLOMACY, KING-MAKER (originally by Philmar Games of Eng.), THIRD REICH (created by John Prados), CRESCENDO OF DOOM and SOURCE OF THE NILE.. EMPIRES OF THE MIDDLE AGES is published by Simulations Publications Inc.

YOUR SUB ENDS WITH #
UNLESS YOU TRADE
OR THIS IS A SAMPLE
OR SOMETHING LIKE:

*I had to split
it into 2 separate
mailings*

I'll quote Dick Martin to start off this issue: "Small thinking, small writing." Yes, LIFE OF MONTY joins the ranks of ENVOY, JIHAD!, WHITESTONIA, and a few others by using small type. This way, 16 pages of stuff can be sent for what it used to cost 12, even with the upcoming postage hike. In this issue lies the beginnings of 1980LE and THIRD REICH #1 (the beginning moves/setup, as the case may be), the next part of the HOLY GRAIL thing, the usual garbage, plus an opening round match of the 1981 DIP BOWL World Championship Tournament.

First off, however, is a letter from David Perlmutter who shocked the Diplomacy "hobby" lately with his retirement.

Dear Don,

(Stuff about THIRD REICH and how he didn't publish any fakes)

I think I'll tell you the real reason I dropped out of the hobby.... You see Merion is only my mailing address. I really go to the U of Georgia. I am the third-string halfback behind Hershel Walker. Obviously with his starting I don't get much chance to play. However since I'm graduating this year some pro scouts have talked to me. I now know for certain I will be the 21st round draft pick of the L.A. ((I think he means Anaheim)) Rams. Neat huh?

You know the draft pick thing could be applied to Dip. I'll be willing to provide endless articles to any zine that picks my terms. They are: \$50. a month, postage costs, and a 3-year free agency option. Contact my agent, Brad Wilson.

Only in Diplomacy (it's me again)....Let's have one moment of silence for this man (OK, everyone get those knives out....now STAB).

While I've got time and space, here come the

GAMES OPENINGS

DIPLOMACY.....7 players. Signed up: Sherwood.

TEXTBOOK DIPLOMACY.....7 players. Regular Diplomacy game.

Each of the 7 players must be a student in some college or university at the time he/she enters the game, and no 2 players from the same university, please.

KINGMAKER.....5 players. Signed up: LaBeau, Wyatt.

EMPIRES OF THE MIDDLE AGES.....6 players. Signed up: Hanson.

THIRD REICH.....4 players. 1942 scenario.

SOURCE OF THE NILE.....Any number of players. This will be a "continuing campaign" and players may start and/or finish at any time, even after the start of the game. The game starts when two players sign up. This can be a good one if enough interest shows up.

CRESCENDO OF DOOM.....4 players. Signed up: Wallace.

Notice DALLAS and PYTHONIC DIPLOMACY are gone. All you pubbers out there (Henricks, Caruso, Masters, ~~Franklin~~, Daly, etc.), push TEXTBOOK DIPLOMACY and SOURCE OF THE NILE-give them 72-point print if you have to, just PLUG THEM!

Since most people don't read that part, I'll repeat it! Pubbers-plug TEXTBOOK DIPLOMACY and SOURCE OF THE NILE with everything you've got!

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THE PLUGS

Well, I don't normally do this, but "Jane Proskin" promised to appear in person if I did this, so....

PEEK....a new 'zine by Jane Proskin. If you want a sample, send 15 1¢ stamps to: Occupant, P.O. Box 6824, Burbank, CA 91510. PEEK contains the latest Diplomacy fashions for women plus the PET OF THE MONTH!!! There has been some question as to the authenticity of PEEK (see page 12), but it must be real since if Jane Proskin doesn't collect the mail at that P.O. box, whoever wrote PEEK is technically guilty of defrauding via the mail which is heavily illegal.

ORIGINS....It's only five months away, and if you want to see ME, IN PERSON, LIVE AND IN COLOR, this may be your only chance. July 2-4 at the Dunfey Hotel in San Mateo. Watch upcoming issues of THE GENERAL for further details.

ATLANTICON....I may decide to go to this year's ATLANTICON if somebody can tell me how to get there without forking over a fortune and 7/8 for air fare. Anybody chartering a bus?

And now it's time for the continuing saga of THE ORIGINAL QUEST FOR THE HOLY GRAIL.....

The knights return to the French castle and search for the grail amongst the dead bodies. As one dying knight continues his taunting, the search leads into the night. Suddenly God reappears and asks where the grail is.

Arthur answers, saying, "O Lord, we seem to have mislaid it. Can you give us a clue to where it is?"

"Who do you think I am, Mr. Riddles?"

Each of the knights names a place and Arthur asks who is warmest.

"For that," God replies, "I won't help you at all."

The knights accuse Nim of not knowing and sneak off, leaving Him to Himself.

"Hello? HELLO?"

He hides behind a tree and springs out behind a peasant, shouting "BOO" and scaring the peasant. He then gives him a bad foot, to which the peasant gets on his knees and says, "O Lord thank you for this bad foot which you have given unto me."

NEXT TIME: The knights seek Merlin

Before going any further, I'd like to clarify something on page 2. Referring to the list of pubbers: I am NOT saying that Jane Proskin is in reality John Daly; that's just how my order comes out. So all you Proskin and Daly fans can rest easy. (Besides, do you think Daly could put out PEEK?)

-FILLER-FILLER-FILLER-FILLER-FILLER-FILLER-FILLER-FILLER-FILLER-FILLER-FI

Ever see a game of Diplomacy played strictly by the book? You just might see one here in the near future. (Get it? Textbook Diplomacy-strictly by the book? Okay, it's not THAT funny.)

And now a quick comment about EUROPA EXPRESS.....there's something not authentic about it. In other words, chalk another one up to the MAD FAKER, whoever he is. There is a clue that's a dead giveaway: on page two, there's a comment about how the Moscow, Idaho postmark got there. The only person I can think of that knew about that idea was ME (I don't mean the "me" in WHITESTONIA-I mean the guy that puts this 'zine-and I didn't do EE), and I don't remember telling very many people (although it might have appeared in a past issue of LOM; I'm not sure). By the way, you can save your stamps, whoever you are, since I happen to know the city in California you're referring to is Sebastopol with a B, not a V.

QUESTION THING

For those of you that are sick of these disgusting-sounding things: Plague, Famine, Dorm Food, Homemade Chili, (for you older types) No-Host Cocktails--this is for you.

Dear Don-Rumor has it that you want in Kingmaker Press invitational game in JIHAD. I will officially nominate you in the game - your press is sensational and the other players will love you as you play like Dave Grabar. My question-are you really Dave's brother? Is it true you changed your name to avoid the family curse of losing every game you play? Is it true Rich Dunn taught both of you how to play? (Signed) Robert Wyatt - I think??

*****I think Overby will nominate me on his own behalf insofar as I'm blowing the pants off everybody in ENVOY's KM 5-79 (which he happens to be in). No, I'm not related to Dave Grabar, and what do you mean I lose every game I play? True, my AREA record in RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN is 0-3, but in the Dip game in MANIACAL I'm coming up strong.

Dear Don, in light of your house rule 27, how did you let John Caruso into your Dip game? (Name withheld)

*****For those of you that don't know, HR 27 says that you must have been born on Earth to play in an LOM game. In response to Anonymous here, those strange sounds emanating from that address don't mean Caruso is an alien - although the presence of alien beings hasn't been ruled out.

~~EVERYONE-SEEMS-TO ENJOY-THIS-SO-I'VE-DECIDED-TO-MAKE-IT-A-REGULAR-SERIES-HERE-GOES~~

"I'm Kathy Byrne from Flushing, New York....Dave Grabar, from Chowchilla, CA....John Caruso, from Flushing, New York....Phyllis Byrne, also from Flushing.....That's the varsity team from the defending champion WHITESTONIA INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST!"

"Sue Martin from Rockville, Maryland....Jack Brawner, from St. Petersburg, Florida....Dick Martin, also from Rockville, Maryland.... John Daly, from Rockwell, NC....That's the varsity team from the FDR HOME FOR ORPHANS!"

(TWEEEEEEET) "It's time to match stabs with the champions in America's favorite game with wooden blocks, the varsity sport of the mouth, DIP BOWL! The opening game of the 1981 World Championship Tournament pits the Whitestonia Institute of Nuclear Holocaust against the FDR Home for Orphans and comes to you live from B.I. Wheeler Auditorium on the campus of the University of California, Berkeley.

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DIP BOWL.....And now, here's the man with the knives, the host of DIP BOWL, (name withheld because I couldn't make up my mind)."

(Applause) "Thank you, thank you, and welcome to the opening game of the 1981 world championship tournament direct from the University of California in Berkeley. We'd like to thank the university for taking time off from its latest riots to host this tournament for the second consecutive year." (I'll skip the usual pre-game formalities and get right to the opening whistle....TWEEEEEEET)

"There's the whistle to start the game. You're playing for a 30 point bonus; here's the first question: for a quick ten points, what province in DIPLOMACY is adjacent to four sea-" (BUZZ)

"FDR, Daly"...."Uh, Denmark"

"Uh, that's right, and here's the bonus worth 30 points: just about everybody's heard of Donovan, but nobody knows where he comes from. I'll name three of his fakes; for 10 points each, tell me in which state it was postmarked. First, 'BANZAI FOR BONZO'."

(Dick Martin, being the captain, answers) "I'm gonna kill that- I mean, North Carolina"

"That's one....'THE SHOGUN'S SWORD'." ← The real Donovan didn't do this one.

"Cincinnati, Ohio"

"That's two....'MELLOW YELLOW'."

"New York"

"That's right for a full 30 points....The next bonus is worth".... (I'll cut to late in the first half)...."Whitestonia can tie it up with this 30 point bonus. For 30 points, all or nothing, in KINGMAKER, what castles and/or cities lie between Arundel and Masham via Shrewsbury?"

(Lots of discussion) "Captain?"

"London, Shrewsbury, and York"

"You seem to have forgotten Conisboro. No points there. Here's the next tossup with seconds remaining: for 10 points, what is the minimum number of fleets required to convoy an army from Syria to St. Petersburg?" (RING)

"Whitestonia, P. Byrne"...."Seven?"

"No, can you take it, FDR?"

(Off to the side, Kathy tells Phyllis,

"You're worse than Dick Martin in counting, how could you say 7?")

"Time, eight: East Med, Ionian, Tyrrhenian, West Med, Mid-Atlantic, North Atlantic, Norwegian and Barents. (TWEEEEET) There's the whistle to end the half with the score Whitestonia Institute of NH 140, FDR Orphan Home 170." (Skip the halftime stuff) "Before we start the second half, I'd like to thank the Oakland National Guard for searching all of our contestants today. I still remember what happened at last year's final. (TWEEEEET) There's the whistle to start the second half; the bonus is worth 25 points, but first the tossup: for 10 points, what was so strange about RETALIATION issue 13?" (BUZZ)

"FDR, S. Martin"...."It was done on the author's birthday?"

"That's not what we're looking for; can-" (RING)

"Whitestonia, K. Byrne"...."It was titled RETALIATION"

"Exactly, and here's your 25 point bonus: for 5 points each, name Austria's five LAND-LOCKED provinces."

"Vienna, Budapest, uh, Tyrolia, Galicia, and, uh, Serbia."

"The first four are correct, but the last one is Bohemia. You get 20 points." (John C. turns to Kathy and blurts out, "Serbia?") (More cutting, which brings us to the final minute or so of play)

"There's one minute left, with Whitestonia holding a 275-255 lead. The next bonus is worth 30 points, here's the tossup: according to the AD&D monster manual, it's a series of single cells capable of passing through small cracks and doing 3D8 damage, but to Dick Martin it means Don Del Grande sent in his orders-" (BUZZ)

"FDR, D. Martin"...."Black Pudding"

"That's right, and what a coincidence that Dick answered that one. Here's the bonus: for five points each, name the five cities in THIRD REICH that must be occupied by Russian units in 1939." (Long pause) "Captain?"

"Leningrad, Moscow, Odessa, Stalingrad, and Kharkov"

"You got four-instead of Stalingrad is Grozny, but you got 20 points and a 10-point lead. The next bonus is worth 30 points, here's the next tossup: according to Bob Osuch, any country can use this province as a press dateline in a grey press game because he's yet to see a unit move there-" (RING)

"Whitestonia, K. Byrne"...."Syria"

"That's right, and you've tied it up. Here's the bonus: for 15 points each, name the colors used for these purposes on the 'unofficial standard color Nuclear Holocaust map' here in Berkeley. Oil areas?"

"Black?"

"No, pink. The arctic and antarctic?"

"Light blue"

"No, purple! It's tied with seconds left. Here's the tossup: for 10 points, in which country on the KINGMAKER map can you find Cardigan?" (BUZZ)

"FDR, D. Martin"...."Wales"

"Wales is right, and here's your bonus: for 30 points, besides Cardigan, name the seven places where royal heirs can be found at the start of an advanced KINGMAKER game."

"London, York, Kenilworth, Coventry, Harlech, Calais, and Ireland."

"Good for 30 points (TWEET) There's the whistle to end the game....It's official: the final score is 285 for the Whitestonia Institute of Nuclear Holocaust to 325 for the FDR Home for Orphans. FDR is the winner!"

Right about here, Kathy leads the Whitestonia team toward the FDR team with blood in their eyes, but an alert National Guard squad grabs them and drags them off.

"FDR, you move into the quarter-finals of this world championship tournament....Now, this is (?) saying goodbye." (Usual theme music.)

NEXT MONTH: Another opening round match, pitting the Pennsylvania Diplomacy Society against the Endwellian Society of Mediocrity.

OAKLAND-RAIDERS-ARE-THE-CHAMPS-NOW-I-KNOW-HOW-ROY-HENRICKS-FELT-IN-1980-A'S-NEXT--

It's time for the long-awaited POLL RESULTS! Let's see who sent in replies: John Caruso, Kathy Byrne, John Michalski, Mark Matuschak, Dave Grabar, Jack Masters, Brad Wilson, and Tom Swider-although I must admit I lost Swider's reply.

- 1) Grabar, Masters, ~~and Michalski~~ will be at ORIGINS 1981, and maybe Caruso. (I thought it said YES, but it didn't)
- 2) Grabar and Byrne will; Caruso and Wilson are maybes. (This means Byrne and Michalski will miss each other.)
- 3) Wilson and Caruso are planning on going to EASTCON. Masters claims nobody east of Nevada will be at ORIGINS (~~that's funny, Oklahoma is east of Nevada~~).
- 4) Everybody but Matuschak got it.
- 5) Michalski claims I did it with help from Curtis Gibson; the others who got it (including Masters) said Masters did it.

Masters also gives BANZAI FOR BONZO credit to Gary Coughlan.

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STANTINOPLE-CON

THE PRE-ORIGINS "HOMETOWN TEST"-MARCH 7 AND 8, AT PRIESTLEY HALL DORM, 2400 DURANT AVENUE, ON THE U.C. CAMPUS (well, 2 blocks away).

ORIGINS will be held in four months right here in the S.F. Bay Area. In order to allow people to get a pre-ORIGINS tune-up in the vicinity of the con, STANTINOPLE-CON was developed. Since no lodging will be available in the vicinity, we'll be glad to have you here for just one of the two days. DIPLOMACY will be emphasized, but if you bring it, we'll try to play it-there HAS to be SOMEBODY in Berkeley who plays your game! If you plan to be in the Berkeley area on either of those two days, give me some notice and I'll make some room. All you west coast types, take note - Bumpas, Masters, Rodriguez, and if you're out there, Proskin - we need big names! (You too, Grabar - you can get a look at the COLOR Nuclear Holocaust map.) (And if Clark Reynolds is out there, ol' whatshisname from across the hallway - or was it next door? - will be there.)

DON'T MISS OUT ON "STANTINOPLE-CON" - THERE MAY NOT BE ANOTHER ONE!

~~-SCENARIO-EXCHANGE-PROGRAM-SQUAD-LEADER-SERIES-PLAYTESRERS-SOME-GOOD-STUFF-HERE--~~

I'd like to announce my new INTRODUCTORY OFFER! Tell all your friends that anybody who orders a 10-issue or more new sub or sub extension and names his/her favorite zine (except one that he/she publishes) gets 5¢ off the single-copy price for each issue - that's 50¢ for 10 issues! (Remember the new single-copy price is 45¢, so the reduced rate is 40¢.) ALSO, the pubber of your favorite 'zine gets a free issue on me. DON'T DELAY - BE A LIFER TODAY!

~~-SEP-SEND-\$2-TO-BRIAN-MARTUZAS-36-COMMODORE-DRIVE-MYSTIC-ISLANDS-NJ-06087-TODAY--~~



Well, nobody came close to last week's contest, so the prize has been withdrawn. Since nobody cares, I won't tell you the answers.....Keith Sherwood has sent me a contest of sorts, but instead of giving the winner a sub extension, all of you can save your stamps 'cause I'm giving Keith a 1-issue extension. It'd be more, except I had to rewrite parts of the quiz for not dealing with the subject and/or having the wrong answer.

MONTY PYTHON QUIZ

1. Complete the phrase: "And now...."
2. What doesn't anybody expect?
3. What is above the thighs but below the belly button?
4. In "Monty Python and the Holy Grail", when the Keeper of the Bridge of Death asked Arthur, "What is the air speed velocity of a coconut laden swallow?", what did he reply?
5. Highwayman Dennis Moore stole these from the rich and gave them to the poor. What?
6. Which of the Piranha brothers was being chased by the giant

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hedgehog Spiny Norman?

7. What are the words to the Lumberjack Song?
8. Fill in the blanks: Spam, spam, spam, spam, spam, spam, spam, _____, spam, spam, spam, and spam.

And now for the EXTRA TOUGH questions that have something to do with the members of Monty Python's Flying Circus.

9. Five of the "Ripping Yarns" by Michael Palin and Terry Jones were:

Across the Andes by Frog
Tomkinson's Schooldays
Murder at Moorstone's Manor
Curse of the Claw
The Testing of Eric Olthwaite

The sixth was titled "Escape from...."-what?

10. To which one of the "satirical six" was Python semi-regular Connie Booth (she played the mother to Ricky Schroeder's "Little Lord Fauntleroy") married to?
11. What is the title of the Python theme song, and who composed it?
12. John Cleese portrayed hotel owner/manager Basil Fawlty in the series "Fawlty Towers". Who played his wife, what was her name, and what was Basil's nickname for her?

Last but not least, the EXTRA EXTRA TOUGH questions dealing with BBC television in particular.

13. In "Good Neighbors", (1) where does the series take place, (2) what job did Tom Good quit, and (3) (for extra extra credit) in what Shakespeare play on TV did the person who portrays Barbara Good appear?
14. Name the three members of "The Goodies".
15. This billboard slogan appeared on "The Fall And Rise of Reginald Perrin": finish it. "Grot has lots of things that aren't of any use; some of them are red and some of them are...."

Score one point for each correct answer. Up to 3 points can be scored for 12 and 13 and 2 for 11, for a total of 20 points. The answers appear later in this issue.

~~HQW-COULD-PBS-ALLOW-BBC-TO-WITHDRAW-MONTY-PYTHON-FROM-ALL-OF-THE-PBS-STATIONS-SNIP~~

THE WHITE DUKE....Steve Duke, Rt. 3 Fairfield Pike, Shelbyville, TN 37160, publishes this 'zine along with Steve Shaddix. Just like LOM, you have your choice of games: DIP, KM, WE&IM, blind Afrika Korps, Origins of WWII (only AK is blind), Bismarck, and others. Send Steve (Duke) a SASE if you're interested.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN OPQRSTUVWXYZ....Yes, it's LETTER TIME! This month, I have one from Gary Coughlan, from which I'll type excerpts:

Dear Don,

...I had planned to publish at the end of January but now it will be about 6 weeks from now, in March. I work for the post office and they have placed us on a 6-day work week and one off day a week is not enough to spare to put out a zine.

To answer your questions, I am Donovan. I faked only twice which were the Voice of Doom and Retaliation. When I faked VOD, I fully expected that others would be faking VOD so I wanted my fake to be identifiable if the pubbers discussed several fakes of VOD. Since the paper I use was yellow, I decided to call it the "Mellow Yellow issue" and hence I became Donovan. As Donovan I faked Retaliation.

I did VOD and Retaliation all by myself and believe me it was a lot of work. I have friends from my army days who lived in New York and in North Carolina who mailed them for me (I sent a box full of the fakes to them by special delivery in advance of the zine's real mailing date with instructions on when to mail it).

I did not do The Shogun's Sword nor do I think it was a real fake. I think Swider did it himself, took his copies with him to Ohio where his grandparents or some relatives probably live when they went for Christmas and mailed it from there. It looked too much like the real TSS. The only thing that puzzles me is the price which said \$6.00. Yet Swider had informed his subbers shortly before that the price would be going down to \$5.00. But all in all I am sure Swider did it himself. ((I don't, because the person forgot to put my dorm and room number on the label.))

As for y'all, it is not mine either. In fact, I have not even seen it. Someone is going to send me a copy soon, I hope (I have asked several people). I think Linsey did it.

I got a fake Diplomacy Digest today too. I think Linsey did that one too.

So to sum up I am Donovan and only I am Donovan. VOD and Retaliation were done by me and myself from beginning to end. By the way, I am sorry about the SPANISH press in the fake Ret R-5 game. I thought Del Grande was a Spanish name. ((So do a lot of people.)) Now I know it is ITALIAN. The Spanish press in that game was asking Pearson if he wanted to play checkers and that you wanted "black" since you now had a choice. The reply was that's good because he (Pearson) is already red (that is, Austria). I enjoyed doing both fakes but I have only done two and I will let no one take credit for my hard work. Eventually I will write articles for both VOD and Retaliation which shall go in detail.

Well I guess this is it for now. Great that the Americans are freed!

((I hope Gary doesn't subscribe to GRAUSTARK, since he did write this letter.))

~~-WITH-ALL-OF-THIS-JUNK-I-HOPE-THERE'S-ROOM-FOR-THE-GAMES-IN-THIS-ISSUE-HELP-GASP--~~

Here are the answers to the PYTHON quiz: 1. "...for something completely different." 2. The Spanish Inquisition. 3. The naughty bits. 4. "What do you mean - an African or a European swallow?" 5. Lupins (a lupin is a type of flower). 6. Dinsdale. 7. The chorus is, "I'm a lumberjack and I'm OK, I sleep all night, I work all day." 8. Baked beans. 9. Stalag Luft 112B. 10. John Cleese. 11. "The Liberty Bell" by Sousa. 12. Prunella Scales; Sybil; his little pirhana fish. 13. Surbiton, England (just

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QUIZ continued....south of London); he designed those little plastic animals you find in cereal boxes; "Twelfth Night". 14. Bill Oddie, Graeme Garden, and Tim Brooke-Taylor. 15. "....green and some of them are puce."

-AND-NOW-FOR-SOMETHING-COMPLETELY-DIFFERENT-AT-LONG-LAST-AND-WITHOUT-FURTHER-ADO--

THE GAMES

And now, everybody's favorite game, the one and only,

DIPLOMACY

1980LE, SPRING 1901.....ANLGO-FRENCH "BOUNCE" SWEEPS CHANNEL

AUSTRIA (Henricks) : F Tri-ALB, A Bud-SER, A Vie-BUD

ENGLAND (Bates) : F LON-Eng, A Lvp-YOR, F Edi-NTH

FRANCE (Stafford) : F BRE-Eng, A Mar-SPA, A Par-GAS

GERMANY (Caruso) : F Kie-DEN, A Ber-KIE, A Mun-RUH

ITALY (Daly) : A VEN H, A Rom-APU, F Nap-ION

RUSSIA (Grabar) : F Stp(sc)-BOT, F Sev-RUM, A War-GAL, A Mos-UKR

TURKEY (La Beau) : A Con-BUL, F Ank-CON, A Smy-ANK

It seems that a lot of you forgot your press votes. Since you don't care what type of press you want, anything goes - this is a BLACK press game! (Don't come to me if you make a move based on some ill-written press - YOU should have thought of that!)

Speaking of press.....

BUD: Our esteemed editor/publisher/gm has given us yet another hobby first. Not content to publish three premier issues, he has now begun a Dip game in 81 with an EU Boardman number. What next, oh draftable one?

PITTSBURGH: Hey Bud! You failed to mention that he has also set another precedent, revising his house rules before ever starting a game. Katie girl. Eat your heart out!

SWITZERLAND: Well, the forces of good and evil will once again clash. Who will survive? Will the Russian dogs survive to rape and pillage the countryside of civilized Europe? Or will the Turkish Barbarians succeed in bludgeoning all that stand in their way? Or maybe the Spaghetti-O's will burn all the other religious buildings on their way to an Italian dictatorship of Europe. Maybe the French will ravage the countryside, and the Londoners will loot the riches of the people. It's possible the Huns, or even their cousins, the Buns in Austria, will save all of Europe from this slaughter.

GERMANY-FRANCE: As promised, peace on our front. Now where's the wine?

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GERMANY-RUSSIA: I love Paris in the springtime, give me Stockholm in the fall, if you try to bounce me remember, it's you who'll have the mortuary to call!

GERMANY-ITALY: Aha-we meet again. Only this time it isn't across a FTF table or on a gun-boat table. You are allowed to write to me. Please, no tricks like in the Whitestonia game. Not only do I get paranoid, but I get even.

GERMANY-ENGLAND: Oneth by land, twoeth by sea, threeth by air, foureth you can't count, fiveth you can't spell.

GERMANY-AUSTRIA: Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha!

KAISER-ARCHDUKE: How futile your attempts are. They had you two months ago.

PARIS: England and France reaffirmed today their desire to maintain the balance of power as it currently exists free from threatening alliances and acts of aggression. This rushed meeting seemingly was held in light of the recently rumored Italian-Austrian alliance which is viewed in the Western world as a dire threat to peace. The second joint discussion was to punish aggression wherever it may be found and that such aggression will result in certain quick action.

MOSCOW: We've decided it would be nice to go south for the winter.

BERKELEY: To make sure that my stuff won't be confused with black press, the dateline "BERKELEY" can only be used by me, the GM. Deadline for Fall 1901 orders is March 5, 1981.

~~-I-WENT-BACK-TO-MY-OLD-HIGH-SCHOOL-FOR-A-MUSICAL-IT-TOOK-TWO-AND-A-HALF-HOURS-OUCH-~~

THIRD REICH.....is being delayed for a month due to the fact that David Perlmutter dropped out, ~~and Mark Matuchak didn't send in his orders.~~ I'm looking for players for Italy and Russia (~~although Mark can still be Russia if he gets his orders in~~). Mike LaBeau, being the German player, should send in an Italian setup, ~~and Marion Bates, the French player, a Russian and Polish setup, just in case nobody else does.~~ The FIRST people to send in a setup for Italy ~~or Russia/Poland~~ get to play the position for which they sent in a setup. *(Mark sent in a Russian Setup - Ed.)*

Speaking of setups, I'm asking for the setups of the neutral countries from the players. EACH PLAYER (even the "new" players) should send in a setup for EVERY neutral listed on the minor neutral chart on the board, with the following exceptions: only the German player sets up the Axis minors, and only the Russian player sets up Poland. This way, I'll make sure I have each side's setup in case a minor is invaded.

The remaining setups are due by March 5, 1981, or there'll be another delay. (Actually, those players in the game at the time will continue play, with me setting up any non-setup neutrals.)

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For those that care, Gary's address is 4614 Martha Cole Lane, Memphis, TN 38118. And with that note, I end the first small print edition of LIFE OF MONTY. Fill those games up!

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