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and for those of you who have forgotten: "It all started with *Lufwaff*". You know, they don't make that game any more - for that matter, the game that got me started in the PBM hobby (the second edition of *Bismarck*) isn't made any more, either. However, new games come in to fill the vacancies, and so I'm up to issue 94 of *Life of Monty*, brought to you by Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339, phone (1)(415)461-2692, but only between 5 PM and 11 PM Pacific time.

HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HEALTH WARNING

Having me as a subscriber/trader can be hazardous to your
zine's condition

It SOUNDS crazy, but now I have PROOF. It was just coincidence that the British 'zines *The Acolyte*, *The Thing On The Mat*, *Greatest Hits*, *C'est Magnifique*, and *Psychopath* either folded or had severe cutbacks soon after I started receiving them. Even when Simon Billonness came over here with *Excitement City Unlimited*, he didn't escape. Then, all of a sudden, *Widens Cricket Monthly* switches to a mailing service which sends all of the Air Mail issues via Surface Mail, and *Punch* started going through all of those changes. These were mere coincidences, as was all of that rain in Britain in 1987 - the year I'm there on vacation.

But NOW, the last piece in the puzzle.

Back in 1981, *Private Eye* printed a story about the wife of a convicted mass murderer. (Another was printed in 1983.) However, it was after I started a subscription (late last year, mind you) when the wife in question sued the magazine - and won a libel judgment of 600,000 pounds (about \$1,000,000). Now there's talk of closing the magazine down. "Just a coincidence," right?

MONTY'S NEWS AND COMMENT is brought to you by the 1988 DIPCON Diplomacy Tournament Director and speaking of cons, here's an **ORIGINE SPECIAL**, featuring the highlights.

First, the results of the tournaments I entered. In **PATTON'S BEST**, I decided to drive my tank right through a city in northwest France somewhere. Rounding a corner, I was - well, all that I know was that it was an anti-tank shell at point-blank range. Enough said.

Then, **B-17**. This was a two-mission tournament, so - you guessed it; I was shot out of the sky twice. The first run ended abruptly just short of the target when the #3 engine fuel tank caught fire; the second mission was slow and painful, as I took three hits on the bombs without an explosion only to have #2 engine fuel tank get torched on the way back after totally missing the target (thanks to a destroyed bombsight and a KIA bombardier).

The **Huckster's Room Dealer's Area** was, probably, more famous for what wasn't there than for what was. True, **TAHGC** (Avalon Hill) did have *Hollow Legions* (the Italians in *ASL*), and Steve Jackson had *GURPS Supers* (superheroes), but the no-shows included **TSR's AD&D Second Edition Monstrous Compendium** (a couple of display copies showed up, and TSR promised release by the time you read this), **Australian Design Group's 1936-1939 expansion for *World in Flames*** (advance orders were taken; estimated release is early October), **Task Force's expansion for *Federation & Empire*** (sometime next year), and **TAHGC's remake of *Siege of Jerusalem*** (they did show counters and the map, as well as the map for the *ASL Stalingrad* campaign).

The Auctions featured one fairly big surprise: **SPT's *War in the Pacific*** was not the high price item of the show. Although a mint **WITP** went for \$340, it lost out to \$365 for a mint, **SPI double flatbox, shrinkwrapped edition of SPI's *Prestags Masterpack*** (or whatever they called the combined *Chariot, Spartan, Legion, Viking, and Yeoman*). A mint ***War in Europe*** in two flatboxes went for \$165, while 1961 **GRI editions of *Diplomacy*** ranged from \$25 to \$49 depending on condition.

The item of the auction was a 1961 edition of *Monopoly* made in France (that's what the houses and hotels all had stamped on them, anyway) in a rosewood case for \$175.

Just in case you're interested, here are some other prices: *Empires of the Middle Ages* sold for \$95 mint and \$37 "well-played"; TAHGC versions of *Diplomacy* with wooden blocks sold for \$21; the Hartland Trefoil edition of *Civilization* sold for \$50; the first edition (British, with the "unplayable rules" - for example, no Plague Calais) *Kingmaker* sold for \$25.

DIPLOMACY - I wasn't in the tournament, but I did meet Tim Moore, Don Williams, Ron Cameron (who I referred to as "Scott" at least once; for those of you who don't know, Ron Cameron is on the DIPCON committee, while Scott publishes *Protozoan*), and (for the second time in five years) Larry Peery.

RUMORS AND GOSSIP from the "Industry News, Trends, and Gossip" meeting: those of you familiar with the "Wildcards" books should know that Steve Jackson bought the rights to use the characters in GURPS (he also has rights for *The Prisoner*), but SJG bought the rights for what were announced as nearing "ripoff" prices; The Source has been bought by Compuserve, while Genie is talking with TSR about online AD&D; in PBM, someone is running a PBM WWII game with a \$40 setup and \$20 turns, which brought about shouts of "Give me the players' names - I have a bridge in New York for sale".

However, the Milton Bradley representative made two comments worth noting. First, the board game industry is being destroyed, slowly but definitely, by Nintendo. Second, the talk about PBM led to his comment about a game in the mid-seventies called something like "Lords of Valetia" which resulted in the GM stopping the game without refunding the players' balances. Who is this "take the money and run" GM? ELMER HINTON - the same Elmer Hinton who wants to run Dip at \$1/turn after an "unsuccessful" previous hobby presence. Fool us once, shame on you - fool us twice, shame on us. (According to the latest *House of Lords*, it's up to \$5 per game year plus \$14 for 12 issues.)

FLASH! The hobby is OVER! It's been OVERRUN by - dare we say it - CRICKET TYPES! Yea, now Michael Hopcroft has come out of the closet as a fan of the sport. Now that there are TWO of us over here, plus the "invaders" from Europe and Australia, you might as well get used to it . . .

At the end of the last installment, the election for EMPEROR has slowly but nevertheless definitely ground its way to a standoff among the three major parties - the Diplomatic Empire led by Former EMPEROR Lord Sacks Fifthavenue, the Diplomatic Rebels led by current EMPEROR Rod Seaparter (with, well, I suppose you could call it "help", from his, well, I'm afraid to use the word "friends" here as it may not exactly be appropriate, on the *Linoleum Falcon*), and the Diplomatic Bad Boys aboard their *Mother*. An anxious series of star systems await the next move in front of their n-dimensional audio-visual devices, their very lives hanging on every word. And just in time, too, because here's the next word:

DIP WARZ

"Watermelon"

What timing! Billions of people fall over laughing. As a matter of fact, on the Ellay planet in the San Andreas system, so many people fell over that the accumulated momentum caused the entire planet to move JUST enough to force it out of orbit enough so that the accumulated gravitational increase by the star and the other interior planets caused it to plunge straight into the fiery heat of its unforgiving star. The other planets in the system have announced that the day in question has been declared as a holiday - even the Sierra planet, whose "day" lasts 362.117 Earth years.

Now that that's over, it's time for everyone to switch over to coverage of the election.

"The Supreme Diplomatic Senate has decided, after much of its usual arguing, not to lower the Imperial flags in memory of the Ellay disaster, but instead to file a claim against the surviving relatives of the victims for undue sunburn caused by the ensuing flares. Meanwhile, with nobody receiving a majority of the vote for EMPEROR, the three parties must submit themselves to the **HYPERWHEEL OF FAME AND FORTUNE**. It looks just like an ultraviolet wheel, doesn't it? And why not - that's just what it is, if you remove the numbers. For those of you on **WIMPY** planets, an ultraviolet wheel looks like three of the "flat" kind; as the wheels spin, the whole mechanism rotates as well. And here come the finalists!

First, the Diplomatic Bad Boys - "Where did you get the wheel?" one asks. "Probably from a planet that couldn't afford to gamble any more."

"You're not exactly rolling in it yourself - I thought you wanted to be EMPEROR for the profit marg-**mmfph**"

And now, here are the Diplomatic Rebels, led by Rod Seaparter. "Let's have some photos!" ****FLASH**** "Baldo Calberchian, keep that hat ON. Hands around each other, everybody - Princess Luscious, get your hands OFF John Pole-O. Say, where's Oboe-1 Caruso? Over there watching the zero-G football again?"

Last but not least -

"You can say that AGAIN!" responds Lord Sacks Fifthavenue.

"Last but not least" said a (ZOT) FORMER member of his crew.

Anyway, Lord Sacks Fifthavenue appears with Yawn Boring - that is, the manifestation of THE BOURSE (the Left side, that is) of Yawn Boring.

"Now, you all know the rules, but for the previously mentioned WIMPY planets, I'll repeat myself. Each party gets a color on the ultraroulette wheel. The Diplomatic Bad Boys get crimson, the Diplomatic Rebels get scarlet, and the Diplomatic Empire gets cardinal."

"Strange color scheme", responds Oboe-1.

"Well, this came from a planet whose life forms has a very limited visible light range in terms of color. Anyway (as the ball is inserted in the spinning wheel), round and round it goes, and where it stops, destiny only knows!"

The ball bounces from one wheel to another, falling in and out of spaces of various colors. Suddenly, the wheel stops, the ball pops into the air, off Lord Sacks Fifthavenue's head, and into a scarlet space - number 137. The Seaparter fans go wild!

"HOLD IT - Please, Princess, I did NOT mean various pieces of others' anatomy! That ball was deflected by Garra the Elvi Master!"

"Hi, Y'all - did I miss much?"

Let's try this again - round and round and all that. Eventually, it lands in a slot - what color is it?

"Scarlet!"

"Crimson!"

"Cardinal!"

"Say, what space is that, anyway?"

"Space zero."

"What color is space zero?"

"Watermelon."

BLAHHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!

CREAK GROAN WHOOSH TOAST FLARE OUCH - here we go again. Wait a minute - after consulting the rules, the Diplomatic Senate awards the EMPERORSHIP to - LORD SACKS FIFTHAVENUE, for getting the best tan as a result of that flare! (How did a watermelon space get in there?)

KREMLIN "AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'" - TURN 1A - HE'S NOT DEAD, JIM

Chris Carrier's party is the Nepreryvkans (abbreviated NEP)

CURE PHASE: Just before the phase, NEP declares 1 IP for Purgemoff (F), 2* for Manjak (P), 1* for Protsky (U), 5* for Putschnik (Y), and 5* for Wasolin (Z). Asteriks indicate that NEP gains control. No one is sent to the Senatorium.

PURGE PHASE: LNTC controls KGB head Krakembeds (E), who attempts to purge Putschnik. Needing a 10 or more, he rolls a 4, so the purge fails and Krakembeds ages 3 (now 75).

INVESTIGATIVE PHASE: OLM declares 7 IP on Purgemoff, but RNM declares 8* on Purgemoff, thus gaining control. Purgemoff investigates Krakembeds and Manjak (both are now "?"), and condemns Goferbok (C - Siberia).

HEALTH: Apartschik (die roll 9) is now 80++; Krakembeds (2), 75++; Manjak (17), 61; Purgemoff (15), 71; Putschnik (15), 52; Wasolin (16), 50; Boremtodev (2), 66++; Satin (5), 62+.

STANDINGS AT END OF TURN 1 HEALTH

PARTY CHIEF: Apartschik (A), 80++

KGB: Krakembeds (E), 75++, ?, LNTC 10, EFC 1

FOREIGN: Manjak (P), 61, ?, NEP 2

DEFENSE: Purgemoff (F), 71, RNM 8, OLM 7, NEP 1, EFC 1

IDEOLOGY: Putschnik (Y), 52, NEP 5, CREEP 2

INDUSTRY: Wasolin (Z), 50, NEP 5, CREEP 1

ECONOMY: Boremtodev (K), 66++

SPORT: Satin (O), 62+

CANDIDATES: Niewitko (D), 73; Mischif (I), 68; Karrienko (N), 63; Protsky (U), 56, NEP 1

SIBERIA: Goferbok (C), 74

TURN 1B: No Funeral Commission; for Replacement, the only vacancy is in the Candidates, so (in order) the KGB, Foreign, Defense, Ideology, Industry, Economy, and Sport may nominate someone from the People to fill the Candidate spot. Also, any possible Rehabilitation for Goferbok.

TURN 1B DEADLINE is AUGUST 12. Just to remind you: CREEP is Anderson, EFC is Weseman, OLM is Pierce, NEP is Carrier, RNM is Nash, and LNTC is Cameron.

1830 "STARLIGHT EXPRESS", TURN 2

CORRECTIONS: The SV sold for \$15, not \$20, and the MH sold for \$110, not \$115, so Dick Martin has \$150 and Pick Pierce has \$465. Also, the par price of B&O is \$100.

NOTE: When stock prices appear, there will also be a code indicating the chart location (A is the top row (the \$100 par price row) and K is the bottom row; the letter is followed by 0 if it is on the "par price" column, L1 if one column to the left, R3 if three columns to the right, and so on). For example, a stock on the \$82 par price square is on square C0; if it moves one to the left, it is on square CL1.

STOCK ROUND

Jim Goode (JG) passes

Richard Hanson (RH) buys the president's share of NYNH (setting a par of \$82) for \$164

Conrad von Metzke (CvM) buys the president's share of C&O (par \$67) for \$134

Rick Pierce (RP) buys the president's share of NYC (par \$76) for \$152

Dick Martin (DM) buys 10% of C&O for \$67

JG buys 10% C&O for \$67

RH buys 10% NYNH for \$82

CvM buys 10% C&O for \$67

RP buys 10% NYC for \$76

DM buys 10% C&O for \$67

The C&O is now in operation with \$670

JG passes

RH buys 10% of NYNH for \$82

CvM passes

RP buys 10% NYC for \$76

DM, JG, RH, and CvM pass

RP buys 10% NYC for \$76

DM, JG, RH, CvM pass

RP buys 10% NYC for \$76

The NYC is now in operation with \$760

All players pass

DM now has the Priority Deal card

OPERATING ROUND

Private Companies: SV - \$5 to RP; C&SL - \$10 to DM; D&H - \$15 to RH; M&H - \$20 to DM; C&A - \$25 to DM; B&O (private) - \$30 to JG

CORPORATIONS OPERATING

NYC (president RP): put tile 57 in E19/SW (just to make sure you get it right, this time connects F18 and D20) and put the NYC "free token" on it. No train is bought (see 20.2); no dividend is paid, so NYC price drops to \$71 (DL1).

C&O (president CvM): put tile 8 in G5/W (connects G3 to F6). Buy a "2" train for \$80. No dividend is paid; C&O price drops to \$65 (FL1).

STANDINGS AT END OF TURN 2

JG: \$218, B&O (pvt), 20% (President) B&O, 10% C&O

RH: \$82, D&H, 40% (President) NYNH

CvM: \$279, 30% (President) C&O

RP: \$90, SV, 60% (President) NYC

DM: \$71, C&SL, M&H, C&A, 20% C&O

NYC: 60% sold, Par \$76, Price \$71 (DL1)

C&O: 60% sold, Par \$67, Price \$65 (FL1), "2" train

B&O: 20% sold, Par \$100, Price \$100 (A0)

NYNH: 40% sold, Par \$82, Price \$82 (C0)

DEADLINE for TURN 3 is AUGUST 12

RAILWAY RIVALS "STOP THE WORLD, I WANT TO GET OFF" - ROUND 10

SHEFFIELD - LIVERPOOL (16-35): GOERS first, GRCO/COSALT joint run second, SEX third. COSALT pays 1 to GOERS; GRCO pays 2 to GOERS; GOERS pays 1 to COSALT and 4 to GRCO.

GRIMSBY - LEICESTER (11-44): COSALT first, ECU second, SEX third. ECU pays 8 to COSALT.

DERBY - BURNLEY (41-23): GRCO first, GOERS second, SEX third. GOERS pays 2 to GRCO.

BIRMINGHAM - CAMBRIDGE (51-65): NUT first, GOERS second, ECU third. GOERS pays 1 to ECU, 3 to COSALT, 5 to NUT, and 1 to SEX; ECU pays 3 to COSALT.

BRADFORD - WOLVERHAMPTON (22-53): GRCO first, GOERS second, COSALT third. GRCO pays 4 to GOERS; GOERS pays 3 to GRCO; COSALT pays 2 to SEX and 1 to GOERS.

NORTH - LIVERPOOL (S4-34): GRCO made the only run.
PORT - OXFORD (S6-66): ECU (London) first, COSALT (London) second. COSALT pays 1 to ECU.

One reason SEX usually doesn't do well; Melinda never uses anybody else's track

BUILDS

GRCO: None

GOERS: (C 11) - D 11 - D 12 (1 to ECU [D 12]); (D 6) - C 6 (1 to SEX [C 6])

NUT: (M 18) - N 17

ECU: (D 12) - B 12 - F 11 (2 to NUT [B 11, F 11], 1 to GOERS [F 11])

SEX: (K 63) - J 63 - I 64 - H 64 (1 to NUT [J 63])

COSALT: B 44 - F 44 - G 44 (1 to SEX [G 44])

Note that SEX ordered H 64 - G 65, but the additional payment to GOERS would have put her over the spending limit

TOTALS AFTER ROUND 10

GRCO (Goode): $208 + 68 = 276$

GOERS (Brown): $142 + 38 - 4 = 176$

NUT (von Metzke): $148 + 25 + 2 = 175$

ECU (Longstaff): $98 + 21 - 4 = 115$

SEX (Holley): $37 + 3 - 2 = 38$

COSALT (Watts): $84 + 45 - 5 = 124$

ROUND 11 RUNS

Hull - Manchester (12 - 25)

Doncaster - East Anglia (15 - S2)

Newport - Birkenhead (54 - 36)

Manchester - North (26 - S3)

London - Preston (61 - 31)

Nottingham - Gloucester (42 - 56)

London - Lincoln (63 - 43)

Build up to 5 POINTS (this will be the last chance to build)

DEADLINE for ROUND 11 is AUGUST 15

MEETING OF MINDS #28

This is *Meeting of Minds* #28, the official subzine of International Diplomacy Tournament Ratings (IDTR), edited by Don Del Grande, 142 Elisco Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339 (but you probably already know that).

If you're looking for the ORIGINS results - Tim Moore said that the results would be available about a week after ORIGINS ended; this was mailed two weeks after ORIGINS. He'll be at DIPCON (he's the assistant tournament director), so, with some luck, results will appear in the next MOM.

Meanwhile, David Hood sent in the results from *Dixiecon* (this is the first year this tournament has been IDTR-sanctioned) as well as a report in his 'zine, *Carolina Command & Commentary* (June 1989; available from David Hood, 15-F Estes Park, Carrboro, NC 27510, for 75c).

The con was scheduled for May 26-28 at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, but the fireworks started early as Robert Sacks was talked into a "friendly" game on May 22. (Robert, like myself, sounds like the kind of person whose played games of Dip are few and far between . . .) Anyway, there were ten games actually played among 33 persons in three "rounds". However, seven of the players are listed on the final results as "ineligible", and only 26 players were scored. (One of the "ineligibles" is Bernie Oaklyn - no, Buddy Tretick and Ian Eckloff weren't in the tournament. I'm not sure if the ineligible got that way because they were tournament hosts, only played in one game, or a combination of both.)

- 1) Dave McCrumb [16], 112.7 (W,D4) Best England
 - 2) Morgan Gurley [12], 110.1 (W,D3) Best Russia
 - 3) Don Sellers [9], 84.5 (D2,D3,D4) Best Germany
 - 4) Mark Murray [7], 83.1 (D2,D3,S3) Best Italy
 - 5) Rick Dorsey [5], 73.8 (D3,D5)
 - 6) Dick Warner [4], 71.3 (D2,S2,S5) Best Austria
 - 7) Mike Goncalves [3], 65.1 (D3, D4, S4)
 - 8) Doug Sheppard [2], 64.4 (D3, S3, S4) Best Turkey
 - 9) Bill Hunter [1], 53.1 (D5, S2, S6)
 - 10) Mark Stegeman, 53.0 (D2, E7) Best France
- Other finishers, in order: Gary Brown, Pete Fuchs, Chris Kiker, Bob Odour, Tom Nash, Tom Brown, Luke Piaschmidt, Jack Kiel, Chris Kremer, Jeff Taylor, Rick Henderson, Kevin Brown, Larry Peery, Mike Lowrey, Steve Wilcox, and Suzanne Toliver.

The standings include IDTR points [in square brackets], tournament score, game results (W-win, 2D-two-way draw, S3-third place survival, E7-seventh place elimination), and best country results.

Of the 26 scored players, eight came from Virginia (including those finishing first, 25th, and 26th), 12 from North Carolina, three from Maryland, and one each from South Carolina, Georgia, and California. (It was unheard of for westerners to attend eastern cons other than ORIGINS/DIPCON - then I went to Marycon in 1984. Did I start something?)

IDTR STANDINGS after three events

- 1) Luke Clatterback (AUS), 20**
- 2) Robert Wenzels (AUS) and Andrew England (AUS), 19**
- 4) Steve Gould (AUS) and Dave McCrumb (USA), 16**
- 6) Neil Smark (AUS), 15**
- 7) James Vickers (AUS) and Morgan Gurley (USA), 12**
- 9) Daryl Winder (AUS), Matthew Gibson (AUS), and
Dan Sellers (USA), 9**
- 12) Thoria Munro (AUS) and Mark Murray (USA), 7**
- 14) Brett Chatterton (AUS), Jonathan Henney (AUS), and
Rick Dorsey (USA), 5**
- 17) Craig Sedgwick (AUS), Harry Kelotas (AUS), and
Dick Warner (USA), 4**
- 20) Rowan Munro (AUS), Neil Ashworth (AUS), and
Mike Goncalves (USA), 3**
- 23) Adrian Fegan (AUS), Jim Voss (AUS), and
Doug Sheppard (USA), 2**
- 26) Ian Castle (AUS), Michael Gibson (AUS), and
Bill Hunter (USA), 1**

Note that ORIGINS and the New South Wales Championship have been held, but results have not been received. Before the next issue, ATLANTICON, MANORCON, DIPCON, and CAN-CON will be held.

The remaining tournaments:

PACIFICON, held Labor Day weekend in San Mateo, CA (just south of San Francisco)

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP, held in mid-October in Adelaide, Australia - contact Mat Gibson, 4 Oxenbould Street, Parkside 5063, AUSTRALIA

MIDCON, held in late October in Birmingham, England - contact John Dodds, 55 Leigham Vale, Streatham, London, SW16 2JQ, U.K. for more information

KINGMAKER "THE KING AND I" - TURN 2

OOPSI! That Storms event at the end of last issue should have put Le Swan in Maldon

Nixon's Faction (how about a name?)

HOWARD remains at Farnham

GREYSTOKE (Appleby)-n13-n9-n14-Durham-m10

GREY (Chillingham)-n6-n9-n14-Durham-m10

NEVILLE (Raby)-n13-n9-n14-Durham-m10

WHITE DUCHESS II (Ozog)

HERBERT (Cardigan)-w22-w19-w15-w12-Harlech(g)

CLIFFORD (m34)-m37

KNIGHTS OF THE HIGH SIERRA (Wesman)

BERKELEY (w16)-w13-w12-Harlech(g)

STANLEY remains at Douglas

KING'S COURT (Anderson)

ROOS (Coventry(c))-Eccleshall-Newcastle-m36-m31-m27

BOURCHIER takes the same route from Coventry to m27

ROYAL ORDER OF THE GARTER (Hunt)

HOLLAND remains at Compton

Le SWAN remains at Maldon

NORTHFAIN KNIGHTS (Moore)

PERCY remains at m20

HASTINGS remains at Hereford

Le ROSE remains at Plymouth

The White Duchess II tried to give a title to Herbert, but he is already Earl of Richmond.

YOUR CROWN CARD:

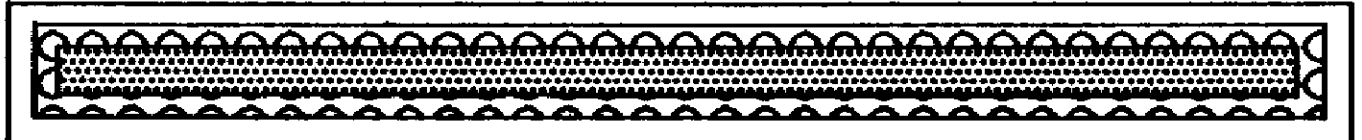
TURN 3 EVENTS: PIRACY (no effect); EMBASSY (Henry to Weymouth); non-event to Wesman; FRENCH RAID (no effect); PEASANT REVOLT (Bourchier to Pleshey); PARLIAMENT MAY BE SUMMONED (discarded). Only the Chancellor's faction may keep "Parliament May..." cards.

THE PRESS

DOUGLAS: The war banners snap in the breeze as Lord Stanley fosses his line in the stream. At least the trout fishing is good.
HOW THE HELL DO I GET OFF THIS ISLAND?

GM-DOUGLAS: Either wait for a ship (get a ship card or an office with ships), or talk somebody into sending a ship to Douglas and giving you permission to board. (With the latter, the ship owner can either order the ship around or let you do it.)

DEADLINE for TURN 3 is AUGUST 17



DIPLOMACY "LES MISERABLES" (1989 E) - SPRING 1902
- Traffic jam down in the Black Sea area

AUSTRIA (Holley): A BUD S A Gal-Rum, A TRI H, A Gal-RUM, F GRE-BUL(sc), A SER S A Gal-Rum

ENGLAND (Michael Hopcroft, 3936 N. Albina Avenue, Portland, OR 97227-1208): A NWY H, F ENH-Bag, F NWG S F Nwy

FRANCE (Bajak): F Mar-LYO, F BRE-Bag, A Por-SPA, F Spa(sc)-WES, A Pic-BUR

GERMANY (Alma): A BEL H, F HOL-Nth, A DEN H

ITALY (Brad Wilson, P.O. Box 126, Wayna, PA 19087): F Ion-TUN, A Tus-PIE, A Ven-TYO

RUSSIA (Slaughter): F Stp(nc)-BAR, A Mos-STP, F Rum S Turkish A Bul(d/retreat to BLA, OTB), A Ukr-WAR, F SWE-Nwy, A SEV S F Rum

TURKEY (Dorneman): F SMY S F Con-Aeg, F Con-ABG, A Ank-CON, A BUL S RUSSIAN F Rum

PRESS

FRANCE-ENGLAND: Message received. When are you coming up? My phone is (206) 697-5877.

FRANCE-GERMANY: Don't worry.

FRANCE-ITALY: Worry!

ROME-PARIS: Hey, how can I send you **VERTIGO** if you don't tell me your **COA**?

ROME-GM: I wanna be Germany!

GM-ROME: So does Germany.

MOSCOW-VIENNA: Such celebrated silence!

ENGLAND-FRANCE: Friendly noises, friendly noises.

ENGLAND-BOARD: I didn't sleep with Germany! Politics makes strange bedfellows, but not that strange.

**DEADLINE for SUMMER/FALL 1902 is
AUGUST 18**

**GAME
OPENINGS**

AREA-RATED DIPLOMACY -

Martin, Cameron, Ellis, Schneider(?)

signed up. Need 3 or 4 more. No

NMR deposit, but I do require a

signed AREA slip (signed on the

loser's line) as well as an AREA

Code of Conduct (let me know if

you need a copy of this). More information on request.

TALISMAN - This will begin next issue with Dorneman, Pierce, Hanson (and son), and anybody else who wants in before August 18. By then, I should have the PBM rules ready.

SHANGHAI TRADER - does anybody own this? It reminds me of Junta. (Originally, it cost something like \$30, but it was \$10 at ORIGINS.)

STANDBYS for DIPLOMACY, KINGMAKER, and 1830 are welcome. (Maybe even **KREMLIN**, too.) You get 50 cents credit when called (assuming you send in orders), 50 cents credit after your second set of orders, and \$1 credit for finishing the position.

LATE NEWS - Apparently, subsequent issues of *The Metadiplomat* show that it is not merely a clone of Chris Carrier's *The Megadiplomat* as I implied after seeing the first issue. Meanwhile, what's this rumor (as seen in *Bushwacker*) about another attempt at an "alternative hobby"?

THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN THE PAGE 1500 SPECTACULAR

had it not been for the fact that this is only page 1499, and the real page 1500 is the outside back cover. Still, here is an advance registration coupon for ORIGINS 90 in Atlanta.

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USA

ORIGINS '90 ADVANCE MEMBER REGISTRATION

Name _____ Date _____
 Address _____ Birthdate _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Day Phone _____ Eve. Phone _____
 _____ Memberships @ \$20 (prior to 9/30/89) _____ Banquet Tickets @ \$12 each
 _____ Memberships @ \$25 (prior to 3/31/89) _____ Tournament Entries @ \$2 each
 _____ 1990 T-Shirts (indicate sizes) @ \$6 each _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

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