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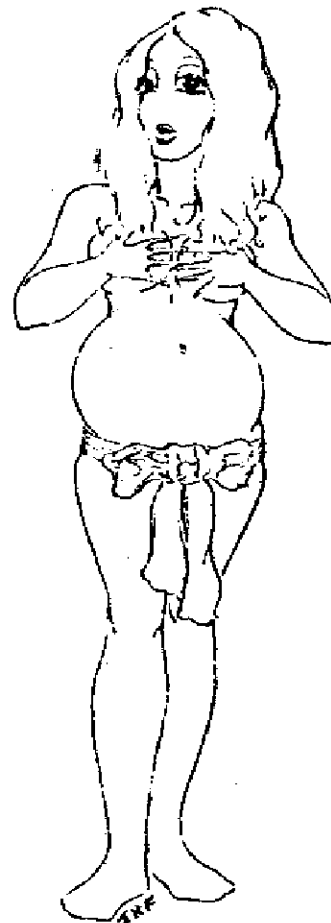
All deadlines:

MARCH 15
1975

Mail Early !!



Another pregnant...



... issue of PEN & SWORD.

SURPRISE!! Yup, I'm starting this issue out differently this time. I'm going to hit you with all of my usual junk immediately, just so that I get your undivided attention.

FIRST- John Baker mailed in his orders and a letter in the very same envelope, BUT with each set of orders and the letter on SEPARATE sheets of paper. That's a darn good idea - so why don't the rest of you follow the lead?

SECOND- The 2nd North American Diplomacy Player Survey, done by Lew Pulsipher, is out and a copy of this is with this issue separately. It's a very good idea for each of you to fill this out and return it to Lew. And, since the copies have my little PEN & SWORD name on them, you can make my zine look good by returning the most copies of anyone, right? So..... DO IT.

THIRD- and least important; I have a PBM kit for Avalon-Hill's "STALINGRAD" game if anyone wants it. It's free but I would appreciate it if you could pay postage Third Class Mail. Write if you'd like it.

GAME ANALYSIS: An Editorial- In the last issue of my variant zine, MUTANT, I did a short game analysis. Well, at the time I didn't realize the impact that something like this can have on the actual play of the game. After I was reminded (quite correctly) of the fact, I have decided that no further comments on the play of the games in P&S or MUTANT will be done. I do not want to have any "outside" influence on your games and so the game analysis is finished here. I must admit, the thought that a few of you REALLY listen to what I say was so much of a shock, I couldn't believe it. Thanks for listening because it makes my hobby/job much easier to do !!!!!

WHO DELIVERS?
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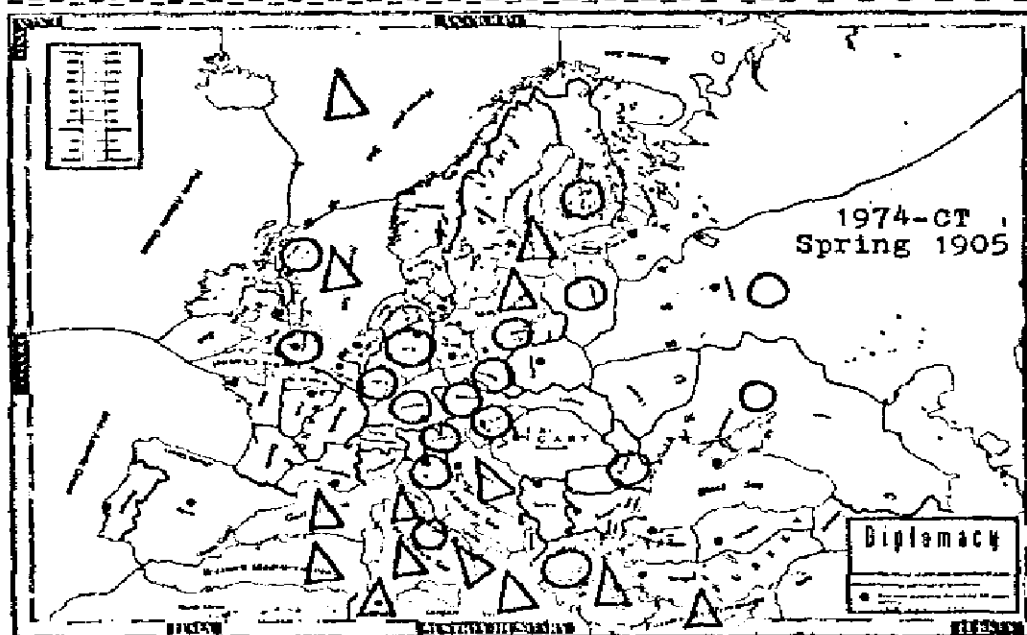
BODIES PILE HIGHER!

AUSTRIA (Baker)	F Adr-Ion	A Rom S TF Tyrr-Tus	A Ven S TF Tyrr-Tus
	F Tri S A Ven	A Vie-Tyr	A Gal-Boh A War-Sil
	A Pru-Ber		
ENGLAND (Kelly)	A Fin-StP	F Swe-Bot	F Den-Bal A Kie-Bar A Bel-Ruh
	F Hol-Nth	F Edi-Nwg	A Lon-HOLD A Yor-Edi
FRANCE (Fleming)	A Pie-Tyr	A Mun S A Pie-Tyr	A Tus-Ven // rt Pie,OTB//
	F Gol-Tyrr	F Wmd S F Gol-Tyrr	F Mar-Gol
ITALY (McCabe)	F Tun S FF Gol-Tyrr		
RUSSIA (Blank)	A Liv-StP		
TURKEY (McLendon)	A Mos-StP	A Sev-Mos	A Bul-Rum A Gre-HOLD
	F Con-Aeg	F Smy-EMD	F Tyrr-Tus F Nap S AF Adr-Ion

----- map below -----

PRESS:
St.Petersburg: Russia would gladly play in such a game where Kelly would be so advantaged although I must insist that I not be given a Western country out of fear that I would be the one that Kelly would talk into conveying his first army over to the continent for his first build Unleashing The Monster! //Well put

TURKEY TO FRANCE It seems that you have an upside-down idea of what "resistance" means. To you, "resistance" means getting your armies annihilated. Bring it on, baby. We'll take all of that kind of resistance you can dish out. Of course, it all fits in with your upside-down tactics, your upside-down ally, and your overall upside-down game plan. //Sounds like a bad case of the "69"s to me, JH.....//



FOR THOSE OF YOU who are blind:

DEADLINE: Fall '05 is now due- March 15, 1975

J H FLEMING-

Thanks very much for the cover's drawing! Cheryl didn't like it! (...but I did....!!)

JOHN BAKER: I thought that you said you might have some Diplomacy-related articles around your place - if so, send a good one to me....

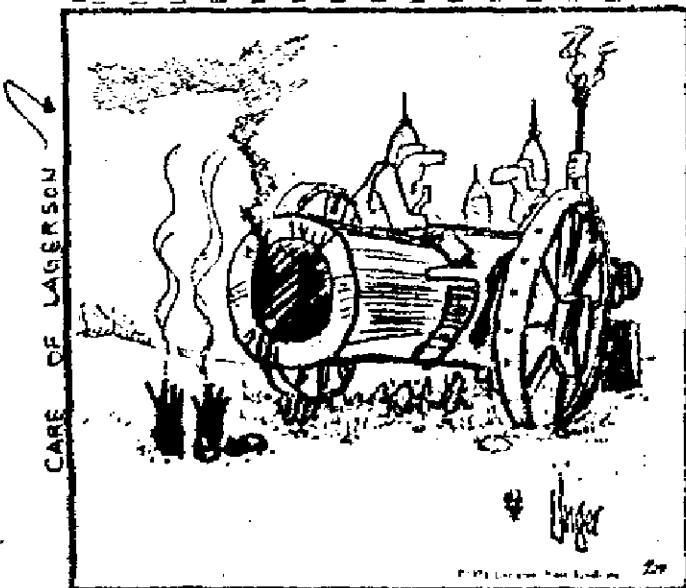
THE RONALD M. KELLY PHILOSOPHY:

"Everything that isn't nailed down is mine, and anything I can pry loose isn't nailed down."

—COLLIS P. HUNTINGTON, founder of the Southern Pacific railroad

(as interpreted by O.P. Huntington)

This space available for advertisements (or Diplomacy-play articles)



AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR:

Well, will surprises never cease? I got several answers for the "Why is this man laughing" contest as follows:

- 1) The little guy is not laughing! He actually is hopelessly insane, having been confined in an asylum for the past decade only to have escaped into the TV room to sit through President Ford's speech on the nation's economy... He understands it. (...it's only obvious...)
- 2) He is laughing because Dr. M.A. Wright tried for 21 hours to get a Polish joke by dialing (800) P-O-L-I-S-H-Q. No one ever told "Super-woman" that the phone dial doesn't have a "Q" ha! ha!
- 3) He just voted for a concession to Austria in 1973-GJ because it has no press (sic) even though he isn't in it.
- 4) He is laughing because he just realized that actually there is no such thing as mbke lint--actually Mrs. Lint is behind the whole zine from the start.
- 5) "I'm in P&S!?"
- 6) "That crazy artist who drew me is so bad, it's the funniest thing I've ever seen"
- 7) "This game, Diplomacy, is crazy. (Actually, that knife is touching a nerve which is making me laugh; I really don't think its particularly funny)"
- 8) "Hey, did you hear the latest Mike Lind Joke?"
- 9) He discovered that the girl he just laid //laid// was really Ron Kelly. He realized this was so because on every in-thrust the girl would scream "Oh, stab! STAB!"

#9 has my vote from the start!!! That has to be the best of the bunch, but they're all great - I hope I got them all in here.



THANKS, DAVE

..... THEN WHEN SPORADIC TERRORISM BREAKS OUT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, PLAYER NO. 2 DRAWS A DENIABILITY CARD ENTITLING HIM TO BUY ONE LATIN LABOR LEADER. THEN PLAYER NO. 1 DRAWS FROM THE DIRTY TRICKS BOX, IF HE GETS A BLOWN COVER CARD HE'S OUT, BUT IF HE GETS A COVERT ACTION PASS HE THEN....."

BUGS FOR SALE?
 In Tokyo, the kids don't have room or money to keep normal pets. As even dog food goes at \$1.70 / lb., bugs have been sold as pets by a department store with a variety of bugs selling for 50¢ to around \$3.00 or more. A store reported a months sales of \$10,000 !! At least they are not expensive to keep or feed since they can eat only a bit and that can be SCRAP.

REPLY TO A REPLY TO DR. WRIGHT: //I didn't title it...//
 Note these facts: 1) I used your title; you neglected to use mine; 2) I attempted to use humor; you resorted to a vulgar expression (i.e. "Up yours, Jack!"); 3) Vulgarity shows a low-mind; 4) You were defensive about your job with the Navy. No one who works with nuclear weapons systems in any way would even jokingly accuse another of job failure leading to the death of others; 5) You seem to be defending yourself before any attack was launched! 6) If you had been more human in your reply, I would consider continuing this debate - however - you have too many "hang-ups" - Go in Peace - the rest is silence //OK, boys and girls, I'll waste one more half page if Mighty Mary-Ann wishes to reply but that's the end...//

Does anyone else have anything to debate worth printing? I'm sure Terry Knowles can hit on something without a lot of digging... right???? Write when you feel the urge strike you, gentlemen.

What does Hitler tie his shoes with?
 Answer: "Little Nazi's" (from a student of Walt Hank, by the way)

TURKS ARE "RELIEVED" !

CONCESSION VOTE FAILS: Two voted "Yes" and the other two voted "No"

AUSTRIA (Klitzke) A Bud S A Ser A Ser S A Bud //you baffled him...//
 ENGLAND (Knowles) F GOL S F Wmd-Tyrr F Wmd-Tyrr F Naf-Tun F MAT-
 Wmd F Gas-Spanc F NAT-MAT F Lpl-NAT F Wal-
 drinks ale //NSU// F Eng-carries out F Wal //NSU//
 A Wal-HOLD

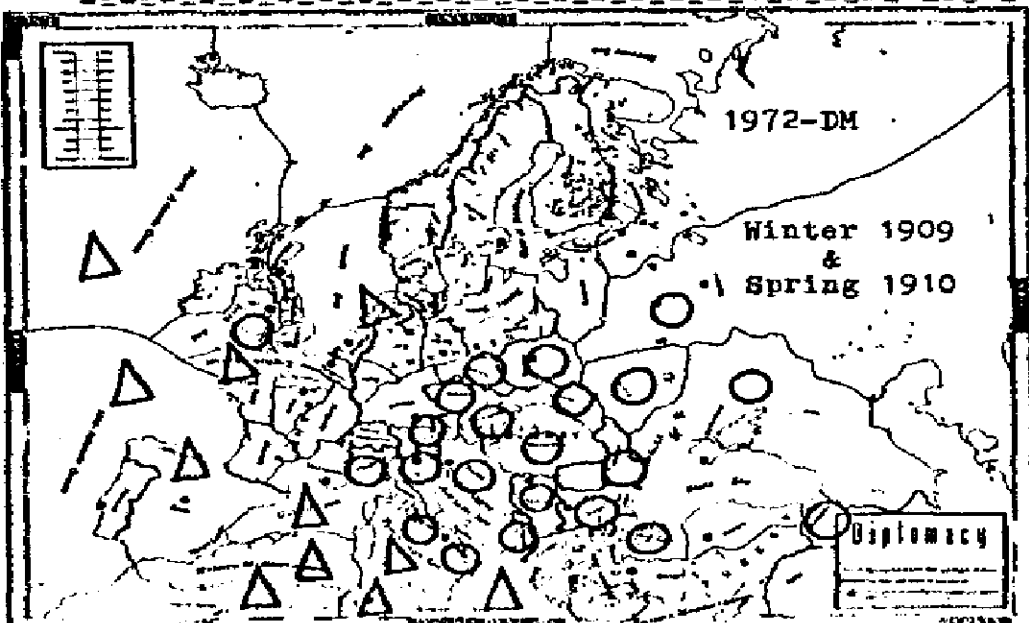
GERMANY (Lagerson) A Mun-Tyr A Ven S A Tus-Rom A Tus-Rom A Nap S
 A Tus-Rom A Mos-Sev A Ukr S A Mos-Sev A Rum S
 A Mos-Sev A Gal S A Vie-Bud A Vie-Bud A Tri-
 Alb A Tyr-Tri A Boh-Vie A Mar-Pie A Ber-Sil
 A War-Mos F Hel-buys windproof lighter, cuts ton-
 gues out of potential roastees, ties lips together
 of same with barbed wire, and prepares lovely din-
 ner of medium rare roast Crem dela croupe de la Sul-

tan. //Move fails - Uncouth Turkish prisoners urinate upon your lighter//
 TURKEY (McCabe) A Bul-Rum A Sev S A Bul-Rum A Arm S A Sev
 Winter 1909: A Con-Bul F Tun-HOLD F Ion S F Tun F Tyrr-Wmd
 Build TA Con //rt Tus or OTB please//

PRESS (as no other noun can describe this mess):
 Somewhere Deep in the Primeval Past: "Well" sighs Burton, remaining surpris-
 ingly calm under the circumstances, "where is it?"
 "Where's what?" drawls McCluskey, who, having found a joint in one of her
 pockets, is now in no mood to worry about anything.
 "The transporter" snaps Burton. "Put that damn thing out" and adds an
 after thought, "or give me some".
 "Maybe the monster ate it" she suggests lazily, drawing deeply.
 "I doubt it" responds Burton drily. "Are you going to let me have a drag
 or two or not?"

"Uh-uh" she refuses. "Last one I got".
 "Dammit, Anita -- I always loan you mine!"
 Ignoring him she motions toward the other side of the clearing. "Hey,
 look -- there I am over there., what the hell am I doing over ther?"
 Burton glances toward the point she is regarding. His mouth falls widely
 open, and he doesn't seem to notice a fly slipping in; for he is too busy
 gaping at the Anita on the other side of the clearing gaping at him

*****Somewhere in Germany: "Where is Crinklecrud!" screamed the Kaiser.
 "Why, hanging in the inverted prone position in the monastery" answered
 his servants. "You mean that is why I haven't seen ~~her~~... ~~his~~... its lovely
 face for a while? Well, I shall have to have it brought here, to me, at
 once so that I can gaze once again on its lovely personage". "Yes, your
 Wonderfulness". The Kaiser thought a while //that's a joke// about the
 wonderful person also known as Queen Terri the Gay, about how nice he had
 been in CG and how he had always treated Canadians with something approach-
 ing respect (quite a treat for those lover beings who don't seem to know
 their place anymore). He thought about the thrill of Canadian accents and
 how UNAMERICAN they are and then called out to his ~~XXXX~~ subject-servants



"No, leave it there!
 = Bring me the Turkish
 = ~~XXXX~~ ambassador...."
 = There was a long silence
 = and then one servant
 = spoke: "Which pieces did
 = you want to cut up today
 = ...?" (and this used to
 = be such a friendly game)
 = //When?//

YOUR DEADLINE IS:
 MARCH the 15th, 1975
 (more press on next
 page if theres room)
 //All I want for Xmas
 is to have Lagerson
 learn to read, write
 and TYPE... please,
 I'll never ask for
 anything else//

- AUSTRIA (Jerry Ripperda, W232 Owen Grad Hall, Michigan State Univ, East Lansing, MICH 48824) HAS Units: A Rom, F Ion, A Ven, A Apu, A Sev, A Ser, & A Ank
- ENGLAND (Capt. Steven Brooks, 4960 B Ave C, Great Falls, MONT 59405) HAS Units: F Por, F Lon, F Cly, F Nth
- FRANCE (Terry Knowles, 508 Oakwood Drive, Pickering, Ontario, CANADA L1W 2M7) HAS Units: A Par, A Mar, F Bre, F Nap, F Ion, F Lon, F Lpl - NOTE that F Lon and F Ion both must retreat and are not on map.
- GERMANY (John Baker, Baker Enterprises, Gradyville, KY 42742) HAS Units: F Skg, A Pic, A Gas, A Hol, A Bur, A Boh, A Mun
- ITALY (Laurence Moran, 9 Avenue Alfred Cortot, 1260 Nyon, Suisse - use overseas Airmail Service if you want to write him - 26¢ per 1/2 ounce) HAS Units: A Tus, F Gre, F Aeg
- RUSSIA (Ronald Kelly, 225 Virginia Ave SE, Washington, DC 20061) HAS Units: A StP, A Mos

SUPPLY CENTER CHART - Fall 1908

	SO	Units	+/-
Austria- Ank, Bud, Bul, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Ven	9	8	+1
England- Edi, Lon, Por, Nwy	4	4	-0-
France- Bre, Lpl, Mar, Nap, Par, Spa, Tun	7	7	-0-
Germany- Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Swe, Vie	8	7	+1
Italy- Con, Gre, Smy	3	3	-0-
Russia- Mos, War, StP	3	2	+1

CONCESSION MOTION: We have a motion to concede the game to Austria, Germany and Italy with the remainder surviving the game - Please vote in next issue



YOUR DEADLINE IS:

APRIL 1st, 1975

for both Winter '08 and Spring 1909 (Delayed deadline is to allow you all to write each other.)

YOUR GAMESMASTER:

Beginning with next issue, send your set of orders to-

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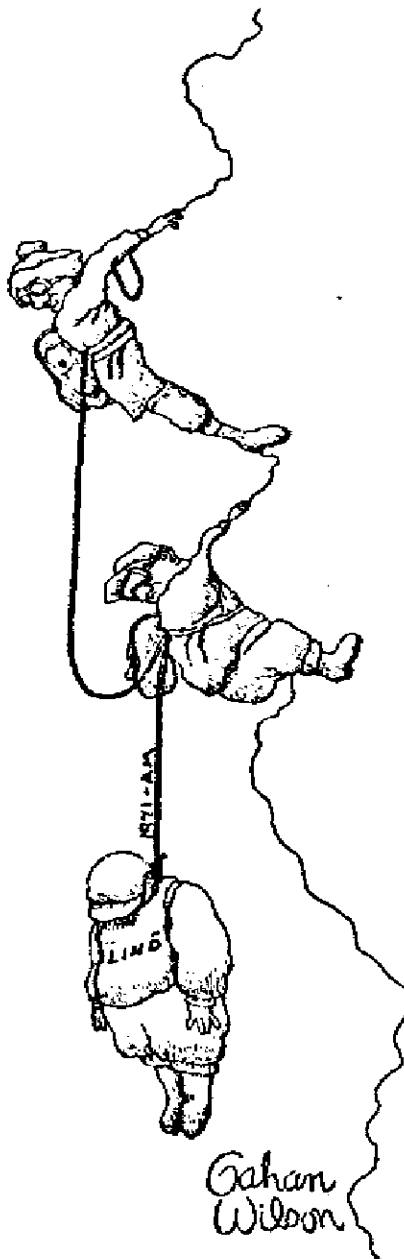
(804) 233-9938

PRESS:

Ex-Germany- Okay, new players and old friends, get this game finished once and for all. Its been screwed up since 1972 and it would be great to set it straight and complete it. Its just as well that I dropped out - I had FOUR allies and no enemies anyway! Best of luck to all of you.....

I(&"*...errr.. 1972-DuMb Press continued:
 Somewhere in the Far Future; "Seems they've found each other" notes Bennett coolly. Grimacing as the 2nd Anita's screams fill the speakers, he turns it down. "So whadda we do?" asks Warren nonchalantly, sipping at his drink. "Hell" slurs Caltson, "I dunno". He meditates a moment. "Anybody got a quarter?" "You don't want to dilute that beautiful liquor with coke, do you?" cries Bennett in indignation. "Of course not." "Well, what else you gonna buy with a quarter?" "Nothing. I want to flip it." He does so. "Call it, Warren--which ones do we take? Which pair?" "Shit..." drawls Warren, inadvertently spilling some of his drink, "Tails what I'm thinkin' of -- tails it is. Tails we take the first pair..." //just made it in//

Terry - excuse the cramped press - out of space in this issue - hey, just noticed that you sent in an answer to the "man" thing - you're off my list. got to end this page-----now-----



Gahan Wilson

"I thought he seemed depressed!"

 PSO-004
 1971-AM
 Spring 1912

"THE LIST"

1. Ron Kelly - 1973-GJ Moves
2. Ron Kelly - no response
3. Dave Claman - NMR & no response
4. Greg Pitts - no response
5. Tim Tilson - no response
6. Jerry Ripperda - no response
7. Rod Walker - no response
8. Larry Moran - no response*
9. Bill Klitzke - no response
10. Fred Hicks - no response
11. J.H. Fleming - no response**

JUST SEND YOUR ORDERS!

*You're excused since it would have cost you more to send in a reply.
 ** You're excused because you did the cover.

FOR those of you listed above, please go back to the short article under the 1973-GJ Moves in this issue and read it TWICE!

RON KELLY - hey, why the heck didn't you just ask me to HOLD all your units instead of moving them all over the place impossibly? Gawd, that must be one of the first GM "stabs" anyone ever perpetrated and it took you to do it!



T H E M A P 1 9 7 1 - A M

ENGLAND(Brooks) A StP-Mos F Bar-Nwy F Nwg-Nth F Nth-Bel F Fin-Swe
 F Swe-Den
 GERMANY(Tilson) A Kis-Liv F Bal C A Kie-Liv A Ber-Sil A Mun S A Ber-Sil
 A Mos-Ukr A Bur-Mar
 ITALY(Lind) A Tyr-Pie A Tri-Alb A Vie-Tyr A Bud-Gal A Boh S A Bud-Gal
 A Rum-Ukr* A Ser-Rum F Ion-Gre* F Adr S A Tri-Alb
 F Ven-Apu F Bre-Pic F Tun-Ion F Tyrr-GoI
 TURKEY(Ripperda) A Gal-Rum A Sev S A Gal-Rum A Bul-Ser F Gre-Ion
 F Aeg-S F Gre-Ion F Alb-Gre F Sny-EMd

NOTE: Italian A Rum must retreat OTB or Bud; Italian F Ion must retreat OTB, Nap, or Tyrr.

YOUR DEADLINE IS: MARCH 15, 1975 for Fall 1912 Retreats & orders

PEN & SWORD READERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS-

Well, we were about 60% short of my target, but 40% returned still is pretty good for this crew. I think we must have enough to get something out of it, so...

- 1) Everyone almost thought that the game results were presented clearly; someone did mention that having the map with the moves aided them so please notice this issue.
- 2) Most everyone wanted his game's units marked and colored - okay.
- 3) Cartoons - fine as is, maybe a few more - okay.
- 4) Short Non-Diplomacy Articles - yes, want more - hard to find, but okay.
- 5) Diplomacy Articles - yes, want some - okay, you all better start looking around for some good ones and I'll do the same - send them in!
- 6) Small drawings, etc. - more or as is - okay, as is.
- 7) Drawings thru-out zine - yes, good idea - okay, I liked it too.
- 8) Small/Large Zine - Hmmm, everyone wanted a large zine but most made a note that they also wanted "individual attention" that goes with the small zine. Well, it will probably stay at the present size - tops.
- 9) GM'ing - Above average so you say - there must be some rotten zines!!
- 10) 8 1/2 x 11 versus 8 1/2 x 5 1/2 - Well, everyone almost wanted the old size pages back. If we do that, then the size must be reduced back to the six pages of before. I think I'll stick to the new size for now.....
- 11) How Much Do You Read?- WOW! Really unusual, I think... most all of you say that you either read it cover to cover or your game and skim it. Maybe this trouble is worth my time after all! Thanks!
- 12) Rating on Zine - It averages out to a GOOD rating. That sounds about right I guess, considering some zines I've seen.
- 13) Player/Reader Feedback - most all said yes but most all also had some limitation on just what the effect should be - okay, we stay as is.
- 14) Comments-

J H Fleming: "... the cartoons lose humor at tiny size! - You can't see the expressions!" We have to agree that they do lose something but for now they'll probably stay small - of course, small cartoons wouldn't have to be reduced so

John Baker: "I really think you should try to expand your zine. You could do it if you would reduce your rates somewhat." John, even at our current high rates, we could probably run into a 100+ circulation if we were willing to forego ALL our spare time and quite a bit of money. We don't make a dime with the high cost of Xerography and postage. Thanks, anyway, for your confidence in PEN & SWORD!!!

Terry Knowles: "Frankly, I liked the last issues format better because it was easier to see and I CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW TO FOLD THIS GODDAMNED ZINE SO I CAN READ IT! - I wish you would expand a bit, perhaps internationally? - ...wouldn't more players make for cheaper zines?" Terry sent a really great explanation of all his answers and the above is only part of them. In answer, you fold the zine right down the back on that thin black line (not the thick ones) and then just straighten out any other of the folds left. Its a little booklet that way, okay? Expansion is covered in the preceding note to John. And as far as more players/less cost goes, it doesn't really work out that easy. I could run one game on a single sheet (two sides) for only 12¢ to 18¢ per copy. But when you get more games in a single zine, say six, then each person has to get that many more pages and the postage can go up per copy. If I were offsetting my zine, then perhaps there would be a price break at say 100 copies of my zine. Xerography doesn't have a price break. The cheapest way to do a zine would be the single page deal and you could really make money of it. Ask Charlie Reinsel how he goes to Europe every summer or so!!! I really would like to enlarge PEN & SWORD and those were my original plans but... In fact, Gordon McCabe used to be a printer by trade (thus all the covers and logo, etc) and we had planned to evolve PEN & SWORD into something akin to DIPLOMACY WORLD at a cost of about what the zine is currently. He changed jobs now, though, and we no longer have access to offset equipment. It was a shame, believe me. It could really have been fantastic!

FOR NEXT ISSUE: "Would players in PEN & SWORD prefer longer deadlines?"

The length won't help me prepare the zine (all the moves are due on the same deadline) but I've had one or two suggestions about changing the publication schedule. They would never go to more than 28 days from the present 14-20 day deadline length we now use. Let's hear from YOU!