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NEWS ON THE MARCH

First the announcement you've been waiting for. Following this issue, Peoples' City will fold. It will be strictly a subzine to my new zine, Paroxysm. Harry Drews and Doug Ronson are going to be part of the action as contributing editors. Contributing what, you ask? A few new games; some from Median Redord and some from Berserker. Harry has promised some new articles as well as the restart of his series examining the play of each of the powers of Diplomacy; a portion of which appeared in Domination. Doug is going to work on some new items as well as trying to keep us up to date on hobby happenings.

The first issue will appear on January 12 and everyone who is presently subbing to Peoples' City will have their subs converted to Paroxysm on a one-for-one basis. Pretty generous, eh? Paroxysm will not be restricted in its subject matter simply to Diplomacy, we will be adding articles on wargames, or on any subject of which there appears to be some interest. We encourage reader involvement, and will generously extend subscriptions to readers offering their opinions or creations in writing.

Peoples' City will continue as a sub-zine which will be restricted to carrying 1974-AU and its press. A summary of the game will appear in Paroxysm, as well as alternate seasons of the game. The mailing list of Peoples' City will be restricted to the players only. All trades will be converted to Paroxysm. Your status is as follows:

No. of issues of Paroxysm that you have to come _____

Your subscription of Peoples' City ends with
this issue, you must resub to receive Paroxysm _____
Rate: 10 for \$2.

We'll continue trading, I'll send you Paroxysm _____

You're on the free list of Paroxysm _____

In case you didn't know, and it seems many people don't, Ottawa has a Diplomacy zine of its very own. The name is FOL SI FIE, and although it doesn't duplicate our style, ie: a local game, it does carry several (2), orphan games. Randolph Smyth is the publisher. FOL SI FIE is photostat and regularly carries a very rare commodity which seems to constantly be in short supply in Peoples' City, that is of course, press! And good press, I may add! Consider a subscription, and if you aren't too loaded down with games, I would imagine a few new standbys would be welcome. Randolph Smyth, 249 First Ave., Ottawa, Ontario. K1S 2G5

1974-75 Spring 1907: TURKISH STRIP CHANGES PART OF GAMES; SPAIN & APULLA FAIL TO TAKE. AMERICAN TAKE GOOD COMPANY BRADSHAW'S BILLS (CONVENTION) IN LATER ADVANCE.

Austria (John Gross): f nap s a rom; a rom s f nap; a tyr-tri; a mun s a sil-ber; a sil-ber; a boh s a mun; a war s a mos; a mos s a gal-ukr; a gal-ukr;

England (Doug Benson): f mid-naf; f eng-mid; f por s f eng-mid; a lon h; f edi-nth; f hel h; f nuy h;

France (Michael Rosen): f wes-mid; f spa sc s f wes-mid; a gas s f spa sc; a par-pie; a bre s a par-pie; a bur s aus a mun;

Germany (Peter Bennett): NMR a hol h; a ruh h; a kie h;

Russia (Mark Weidmark): NMR a st.p h;

Turkey (Bill Denning): f tyr-nap; f ion-apu; f gre-ion; a bul-ser; a rum s a bul-ser; a con-bul; a sev s a rum;

Fall & Winter 1907 Orders will be due Saturday January 11. I will be home that evening until 10 pm for orders by phone. Most nights from Jan 6-10 I will also be home from 9-11 pm. Unless Mark indicates otherwise, I will assume Russia is going into Civil Disorder. Peter, could you please give me some indication of whether you intend to continue or not? Otherwise, I will have to find another player for Germany.

Press Releases

DUBLIN: "Good Afternoon ladies and gentlemen this is Howard Cosell for ABC sports- number one in sports, bringing you more live sports television entertainment than all the stations combined in the Duchy of Gran Fenwick. Today we have the football match of the century between the Dublin Duggies and the Frogs de France.

With us today is the President of England Mr. Lord SalisburySteak. Mr. Lord, can you tell us where the Dublin team gets their name 'Duggies'?

"Well," replied the PM, doing his best to ignore Cosell, "as any school boy knows Bobbies are policeman and Duggies are their counterparts the firemen. Since some of the team members are fireman we get the name 'duggies' - very elementary my dear Howie".

"And what do you think the strategy of the Duggies will be?"

"Their favourite play is the 'fireman's carry' which has never gone for less than 20 yards. But, our chaps aren't really used to your game what with 5 downs to gain 10 pounds."

"Excuse me," said Cosell trying to ignore the PM, "but I think the game is about to start. The kickoff goes deep into Frog territory; Martin picks up the ball at the goal-line. That Martin is a fine runner, he holds records for the 40 yard dash, 100 yard dash and leap frog."

"As a matter of fact," continued Cosell "as-a-matter-of-factly, all of us here at ABC would just like to say 'Happy Birthday' to Martin's mother who is 58 today. Finally Martin is pulled down after crossing the mid-field stripe."

"We would just like to remind the fans," said Diaper Dan, "of a new rule this year in the NFL. If a field goal is attempted, and the ball hits the posts and bounces back into the field the team attempting the field goal shall be awarded one point because we like to reward players for trying hard. But if the defending player can catch the ball before it touches the ground, the defending team takes possession of the ball on the 20 yard line and no point is awarded to their opponents--"

"Excuse me Dan, but I would like to say that Dublin is now leading 14 to 0 on two touchdowns by Bill Keane. Keane holds a number of records one of which is being caught the most picking his nose on camera. His record is 10, breaking last year's record of 8 held by Maxel Vikonavitch. Keane also holds the record for stepping out of bounds with the ball

92 times last season. He is an all-Britannick straight out of Oxford and hopes to win the award for Rookie of the Year...."

Meanwhile at home in a London suburb....

"I just don't understand it, Martha", said Mildred chattingly.

"George always seems to fall asleep when he is watching football on ABC."

"Maybe," queried Martha, "it was something somebody said?"

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Did you hear about the Yankee who bought snow tires? They melted.

And..... a couple of letters of resignation

I resign from obituary notices.

I will not read one more obituary extolling the lovability of an acquaintance who, to my personal knowledge has behaved like a bastard all his life. I disassociate myself herewith from such chicanery.

Moreover, I announce herewith, the establishment of the Truth-in-Death Association. Its aim is simple. We will demand equal space on the obituary pages and publish an alternative and honest assessment of the deceased.

For example:

~~Old~~ John Curmudgeon died today.
There's little cause for grief,
For all who knew or worked with him
His death's a great relief.
It's true he always paid the rent
And sent his kids to school.
But all admit: To know him well
Was punishment most cruel.
His kin agree to live with him
Required a saint's endurance.
The best that can be said of him:
"Thank God he left insurance!"

And another.....

It is with boundless relief that I am writing you my belated letter of resignation--from third-down snaps.

Quite frankly, it's a matter of self-respect. No one--not even a center--should be asked to contort himself publicly with head between legs, and then spiral a football exactly thirteen and one-half yards to a punter, all the while knowing that some Herculean defensive tackle is going to knock him helmet-over-hip-pads into the backfield.

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Now, it's not that I'm not a team player. I am. Everyone knows that I always let Cassata and Keeling use my towel. And it's certainly not that things haven't improved since Angelo Moseca retired this year. They have. Angelo always took a special delight in terrorizing centers.

It's just that I'm now twenty-two years old, and I'd sort of like to see twenty-three. So in the future, my posture on third-down snaps will be unbending. A center's job is thankless enough on first and second down without dreading what's going to happen on the third.

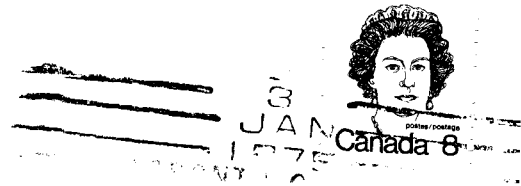
Because the simple fact of a center's life is that even if he performs amazing feats—what will get photographed? His cleats!

Yours in sport
Bob McKeown, Center
Ottawa Rough Riders

Those pieces were from: Peter Gzowski's Book About This Country in the Morning, which is full of nice little tidbits and stories from his popular daily radio program heard nationally on the CBC.

Remember the deadline is Jan. 11
The results for the Fall & Winter
1907 moves will appear in Paroxysm.

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