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ASSORTED MISCELLANY (Yep, this miscellany is assorted)

1. Wimbledon is currently being played. My personal favorite players are John McFaroo and Jimmy Connors...don't like Borg too much. However, my money is on Borg once again taking the event. (Of course, Johnny Mac will take the US Open later this year, as usual, and Jim-be will end up at #3, which, after a certain length of time can become depressing. And, by the way, Connors is no longer anything like what people still associate him with, i.e. his actions of several years ago. Mac is somewhat hot-headed, true, but he's also the best tennis player on the circuit today, in my opinion. Unfortunately for me, the specter of Borg looms large...)

2. If you haven't voted in the North American 'Zine and Games-master Poll yet, don't bother -- it's too late. By August I imagine John Leader will once again have compiled the votes and give us something more to talk about -- though I don't think that the Burgstone Poll is all it's cracked up to be. (And this is not sour grapes -- POLITICIAN ranked in at a tie for 5th or 6th last year, as I recall.) Some other time I might bring up this topic again..

3. Also coming out later today will be the first issue of GIVE ME A WEAPON, my new 'zine dealing with one single game...a press game, players by invitation only. Subscriptions are available at the rate of 40¢/issue, 10/\$4 or so. I'm not hundred percent sure about my own pricing structure...when it comes to that, I'm pretty uninterested, actually. It's a hobby, and if I lose a couple of bucks, so what? But 40¢ should cover my expenses, I guess (haven't worked it out in detail yet, and doubt that I will). Should have articles, press, news, press, some editorializing (not much), more press, a game, press, and a lot of fun in it. (Starting with issue #2, of course...the first will be only an announcement and an invitation.) If you're interested, do sign up for a sub, and we'll probably need a few stand-by players too.

4. Summerfest is on here in Milwaukee and so it took me a while to get motivated to find the time to put this out. Eventually I did, as you can see...wasn't easy. It's raining outside is why. Ya/ho.

5. The next page will probably be numbered page 3. Please turn to it once you get to the bottom of this page.

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unfortunately the Japanese and Russian ambassadors were necessarily absent.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: And the voter was in favor of an H-E-E game. Further, it was my high honor and privilege to play in your 'game' (with the generous help of your brother Uli). There's no mistake, I am grateful to both you and Uli for your stubborn perseverance; you faithfully carried out your game-master duties in this 'game'. This was my second game. In respect to my third game, the game-master resigned and the 'game' failed.

Playing Austria-Hungary was very tough. Labeling centers to build navies and seas to access new frontiers seems to be one obvious problem with playing Austria. Looking through the eyes of a golfer, I offered the other players a lot of puts, little in the way of fascinating drives. I've had fun learning the game and meeting so many intelligent participants through the mail. Oh, by the way Konrad... Thanks.

POLITICALS: Don't thank me yet -- the game isn't over. Not everyone voted you on the map so so it goes. I only wish that I could type as well as necessary to deliver the sterling advice my players deserve...

In any case, deadline was mentioned before...

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AFTERMATH

1. There's not much to say.

2. Weather or not: Very warm; 80's for the most part. Later in the summer it'll start to get hot: say, 100°, as it usually does. But for now it's comfortably summertime. Sweating, huh?

3. Next weekend I will be up north camping with friends...but what do you care? Last year I went with them to Italy for a week or so and caught about three fish. This year we've brought the dynamite along with us and will hopefully catch more.

4. Late in August I go back to Washington and will run the 'game' there again -- if the games haven't ended. There is a good chance that within the next two or three issues both games will have ended, I think. As always, we shall see...

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