

SO I LIED

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Quote of the month: (From a fortune cookie) "Simplicity of character is the natural result of profound ((sic)) thought." Right.

Welcome to the eighth wonder of the world: an SIL coming out on schedule. Will ceases never wonder? This marvel is being brought to you by Debi and Marc Peters, 1814 Cameron Dr. #3 Madison, WI 53711. Ably assisting is a supporting cast that is equally marvelous (addresses within). Cost for this zine is \$.60/issue. Game fees are irrelevant as there are no openings. But, all you hep cats out there, standbys are DESPERATELY needed! Please don't make me kneel and grovel! Oh, alright--(sound of bad knees creaking) "Oh, please, please, kind subbers; won't you bless this pitiful rag with your magnificent presence? Please, please, please?!" ("Get up, Marc, that's pathetic.") I'll even go so far as to offer three free issues to anyone completing a standby position. I'm serious, folks--I have exactly four SB's: Chris Daley, Stephen Lycus, Robert Acheson, and that titan among standbys, Bob Olson. Just to demonstrate the exalted position these saviors hold in this zine they'll have their own section next time. And now you, too, can join this elite group. Sure, most rubbers do that, but I'll dream up SOMETHING special.

There have been a few raises of "worst moments in sports" appearing in a few zines, and while this isn't as worst, I did feel rather foolish during last Friday night's good softball game. Playing left field, a weak blooper headed out my way, and I charged hard, surprising myself by actually making a decent obstructing catch. It must have surprised the heck out of the baserunner on first too, as he was caught more than half-way toward second base. Half of our team screamed in unison, "First, first!!" and I threw a bullet to first base--right into the left shoulder of the runner's size 58 back (a DIG duce). The ball sailed off out of play, and the guy was awarded two bases, scoring easily from third on the next play. Oh well. "Tag-Arm" Peters strikes again. Not quite as bad, however, as the time I was a baserunner on second. I watched the shortstop scoop up the grounder, cleverly waited until he threw to first, and made a bee-line for third. Except that the SS hadn't thrown the ball at all, and tagged me out as I ran by. Oh well. "Forty-winks" Peters strikes again. I understand they are going to start me at DH next week--Designated Handicap. Of course, that's nothing compared to my exploits on the basketball court, but that's another story, and anyway sports is Bakko's department. Let him tell you about HIS disasters. (And if he won't, I'll be happy to do so myself!)

This is the weekend of MinnCon, and Debi and I will be attending. Sounds like a lot of the Midwest will be missing this one, which is a pity, as this is a rare opportunity to trash a newlyweds house. Rumor has it that one Dr. Scintire will be dropping in from British Columbia. Watch out for anyone THAT desperate for a ftf game; he must wield a wicked scalpal. Speaking of Cons, I believe PudgeCon has officially been set for Labor Day weekend. We missed last years because we were in the process of moving, but will make this one if at all possible. Something about Bob's electric personality draws Big Names from all over creation, and the first two PudgeCons were a blast. And of course not the least is our own pride and joy MadCon III, this July 4-7. Yes, the fourth is a Thursday, but you just never know which adventurous soul might decide to start the weekend early. We do it all the time around here! In fact, one wild and crazy guy from LSU (who shall remain nameless) has already inquired about stopping over in Chicago on WEDNESDAY night en route to MadCity. Alright!! We urge everybody to come--no one has ever gone away sorry they did.

This issue will be a bit on the small side. It's finals time at the university here, and that means busy time for everybody. I work as a prepcook for a pizza-delivery business, and when those last weeks roll around business skyrockets. Students are too busy studying to leave their rooms, so the hours I work increase dramatically. (I get one day off in the last three weeks.) Dale and James will also have abbreviated subzines this issue.

A lucky break for y' all this month: no specials. No, ... is doesn't mean I won't be back to plague y'all next month, so enjoy the spite while it lasts. I'm just too depressed to write anything this month. Everything in the news is depressing. Reagan scares me shitless more than ever. Despite tremendous outcry about his trip to Bittburg, he refused to alter a thing. Within one mile of the cemetery he visited were two mass-burial graves, one for victims of the holocaust and one for German citizens who perished when the Allies leveled several cities. Also nearby is the grave of someone whose name escapes me, who worked against the Nazis during the war, and during the rebuilding years became known as the "father of modern Germany". Rather than accomplish his avowed goal of reconciliation, Reagan insisted on bestowing ceremony to the site of graves of SS officers, saying "there is no moral problem here." Millions of Jews and many others disagree, but that's Ronnie for you--his head is set in genuine cement. If he's right, that is it--end of discussion. Congress voted down support for the terrorist contras, but that won't stop Ronnie from seeking funds elsewhere, or simply reintroducing the same bill later. How long must we continue to hear this crap about how the Sandinistas are communists and will export all kinds of attacks and filthy commie ideas if not blown away right now? The government is NOT communist, but will be sooner or later if we continue to give support to those trying to oust them. In fact, the Communist Party in Nicaragua supported Somosa while he was in power, just as we did, and only supported the Sandinistas when it became obvious they would win. How on earth can Nicaragua export terrorism when they're completely hemmed in by neighboring countries with hostile U.S.-backed forces? Jesus, give me a break. And while we try to smash that government we continue to smile at the South African government that murders thousands of blacks every year. Sure, it's pretty nice to be alive here in the good ole USA, but things really suck elsewhere. Even the domestic scene can be pretty discouraging. The Philadelphia police blow away a whole neighborhood and 70% of Philadelphia approves. My God. What if that had been a WHITE neighborhood? Yeah, right--that would be a different story. That bomb was dropped despite official knowledge that the MOVE group occupying the building had weapons, which might have included explosives, and definitely included containers of gasoline! To hell with the commies, there are a lot scarier people right here in this country. Locally, a utility company is trying to charge to their customers the millions they've spent purchasing large amounts of land in the area. Now we'll have to pay for their speculating, but when the property starts paying off, will we share in the profits? HA! This practice is nation-wide; utilities charge back to the public all kinds of expenses incurred, many of which are not strictly legal but slide through anyway. The Public Service Commission is generally just a "rubber-stamp" bureau for these fat cats. This country is being geared for the rich more everyday, and Joe Schmoe doesn't care. Our leaders suck, our policies suck, and our morals suck. And we're the lucky ones! At least we aren't living in some banana republic scratching out a living and ducking the bullets. Boy, as mad and depressed as I am this month y'all sure are fortunate there's no editorial!

Perhaps I could discuss sports. Let's see, there's the Brewers, who are currently duking it out for last place. OK, there's the Bucks, who got swept by Philly. (No doubt this sounds like sour grapes, but my God! did Philly get away with murder, whereas the Bucks got called for standing in the same court as the 76'ers! Aaaaaaaarrrrrrrgh! OK, forget the sport scene!)

So, instead I'll just think of something pleasant, like the upcoming MadCon '85! The last two years were a blast, and we anticipate another very good time. Last year we had several sidelines to the Con; one was a pizza pigout, in which I brought back about ten pizzas from the place i work, everybody dived in. Couldn't have taken more than about fifteen minutes for those things to disappear, either! Another diversion was the Night Out On The Bar, during which Pat Conlon proved that he is a MadMan in spirit, if not in location. We played lots of darts and pool, and while I can't really the exact details, no doubt my athletic abilities came to the fore and allowed me to cream my opponents. At any rate, at right is a nostalgic look at the "good old days" when Mark "Puppy" "Poison Pen" Frueh was still a MadTown resident, and he and James indulged in their frequent light-hearted conflicts!



L/F AND I/F ALLIANCES CONTINUE TO PLOW ON; ICE GREEN IS APPEALINGLY LEFT OUT IN THE COLD.

AMERICA (Jeff Sandelin, 417 Edwards Street, Fort Collins, CO 80524)

F All-FIP.

ENGLAND (Mike Barno, 2811 Robins Street, Endwell, NY 13769)

F Nwg-NAC.

FRANCE (Michael Quirk, 3829 Chester Drive, Glenview, IL 60025)

F Bro-MID, F LUG S F Bro-Mid, F MDI H, A Gas-SPA, A Par-GAS, A Pic-PUR.

GERMANY (Ken Hager, 14512 Old Harbor Lane #306, Marina Del Rey, CA 90291)

F ETH S F KLEDE F Nwg-Nwy(nsg), F Ben-SWE, F Kie-PAL, A Hol-RUE, A MUN H, A SUI-FRE, F EPL H

ITALY (Mike Bakker, 1814 Cameron Drive #B, Madison, WI 53711)

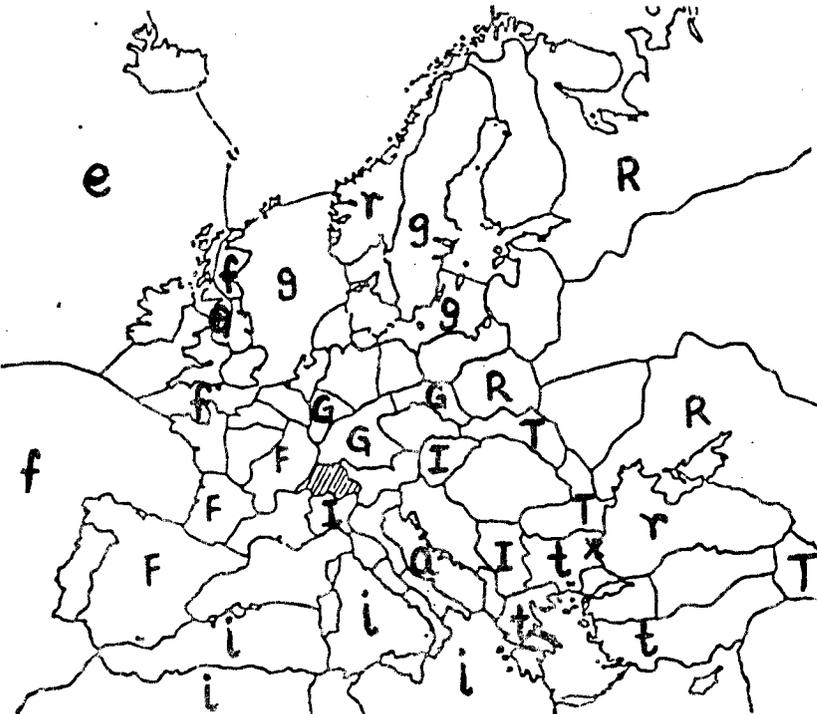
A VIE S FORTON A Rom-Cal, A Ven-PIL, F Was-NAF, A Tyh-WES, F Rom-TYH, F ROM H, A SER S
TURKISH A Dul-Dal.

RUSSIA (Gael Picking, 4290 Chateau de Ville #C, St. Louis, MO 63129)

F IMY S GERMAN F RUH, A Fin-STP, A WAR-Cal, A Ukr-SLV, F LLA-Coo.

TURKEY (David Pierce, 12521 Pleasant Lane, Burnsville, MN 55337)

A Rom-CAL, A Bul-RUM, F Con-DUL(ec), F GRE S F Con-Dal(ec)(imp), F SMY-Jen, A Ank-ARM.



GAME NOTES

Thanks to everyone for getting their orders in. The deadline for ENLL 1983 is: 12 June 1985. This is a hard deadline, as Debi and I will be taking our vacation as of that following weekend.

DEBTS

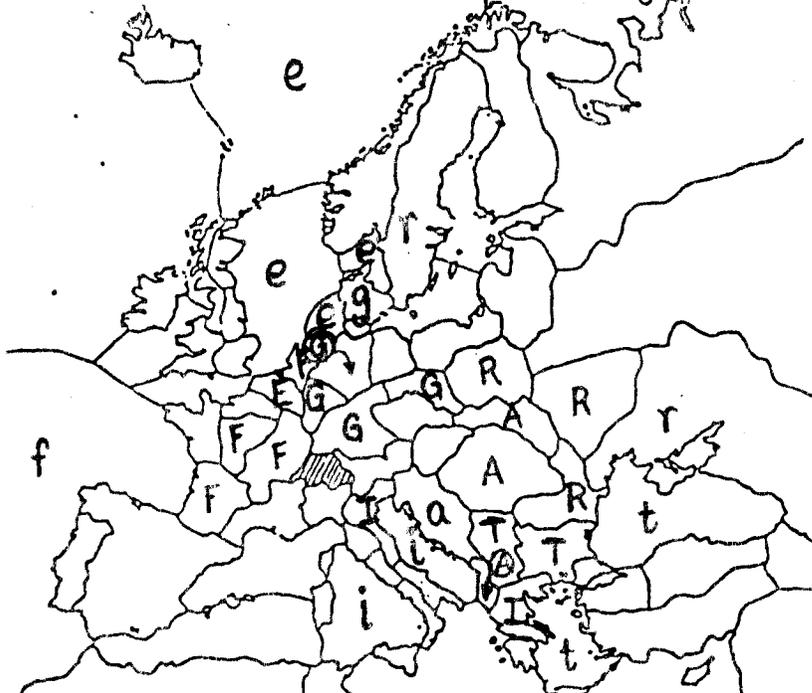
MADMAN-MAITMAN: Remember, it's not over till the Fat Lady sings.
BAKKO-QUIRKO: Leave my Barno-buddy alone and I'll back off.
AUSTRIA to GM: You shouldn't always believe everything that little panthers tell you. ((Thanks, but I already learned that lesson awhile ago.))
ENG-GER: Sorry, but Pundic isn't MY problem. ((No, and he's about the only one who isn't!))
ROME-ANK: I guess if England doesn't

Keep up with the press, I'll be up to you and me to make this game interesting.
AMERICA-SWITZERLAND: Good luck on this one. Looks like you'll need it soon.
VIA-GER: I really have no excuse for not writing. But if I do, I can slip in a few bucks for Inky Monkey? How 'bout it? ((Some people will sink down to any level, won't they? Which introduces this next bit of press...))
SWITZERLAND: Must be nice to have a G as your roommate. If you don't get a 2-way out of this, you're really honest! ((He's not, and will probably get the two-way, unless, of course, some orders should get misplaced now and then...))
SWITZERLAND: If Bakko were Turkey, he'd stab Italy. Why not you?



ROUNDABOUT IN THE LOWLANDS, SERBIA DRAWS THE INTEREST OF ALL NITCHERS.

- AUSTRIA (Ron Katano, BRH 763 Oglesby Hall, 1001 W. College Ct., Urbana, IL 61801)
 - F TRI H, A Vie-GAL, A BUD S A Vie-Gal, A Ser S TURKISH A Bul-Rum(nsc)(dis,r-21b,oth).
- ENGLAND (Ron Spitzer, 761 N. Bundy Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90049)
 - F Nwy-SKA, F Ruh-HHL, F Lon-WIH, F Edi-NWG, A BEL S FRENCH A Ruh-Hol.
- FRANCE (Dan Adan, 338 Blackacres Blvd., London, Ontario, Canada N6G 3r8)
 - F POR-MID, A Mar-BUR, A PAR S A Mar-Bur, A Spa-GAS, A Ruh-HOL.
- GERMANY (David Stone, 4921 Seminary Road #610, Alexandria, VA 22311)
 - A Kie-RUH, A RUM S A Kie-Ruh, A Hol S A Kie-Ruh(dis,r-Kie,oth), A Per-SIL, F DEN S ENGLISH
 - F Nwy-Cvie(nsc).
- ITALY (George Graessle, 326 Park Place, Irvington, NJ 07111)
 - F Ion-AGE, F Nap-Fin, F VEN-Fri, A GER S TURKISH A Bul-Ser.
- RUSSIA (Newel Stephens, 1980 N. University #21, Provo, UT 84604)
 - F Pot-GSL, A Wai-Gal, A Rom-UM, A RUS S TURKISH A Bul-Ger, F SEV S A Bul.
- TURKEY (Pat Hart, P.O. Box 634, Sullivan's Island, SC 29482)
 - A Bul-UL, A Con-UL, F Say-AR, F BDA S A Con-ful.
- OH Dick Charlouh, 5321 Hjelde Lane #3, Pocono, WI 53716. CASE 1981.



DEADLINE FOR FALL 1985: 15 JUNE 1985. Please note the CCA for Newel Stephens.

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CM: Glad that the policy didn't daunt anyones' aggressive instincts. You're happy about that too, aren't you Ken?

ROME-VIENNA: Look at it this way, Ken, you're doing better than your "loser" friend Nick. He was in talk and a NMR'er. At least you send orders in, though you write little.

ENGLAND-TURKEY: We wish to protest the eating of our Ambassador by your government. We hope you will return his bones for proper burial by the family.

DATELINE LONDON: The English foreign minister was quoted as saying today regarding the moves by the British lady on Germany; "We have decided on a policy of necessary center enhancement through formerly friendly territories." (Narc-Davin: translated, this means that the greedy lady will now be forced to relieve you of your '83, since you didn't offer them to him from the beginning!)

ROME-BERLIN: Good luck in Mexico, at least have better luck than you've had here so far. ((Yes, and don't forget that everything they say about the water there is true; try bringing home a quantity, putting it up in Perrier bottles, and send them off to your old man as presents from an anonymous admirer.))

ENGLAND-WORLD: The telephone lines between the isles and the continent will be restricted to use by our foreign minister only. The staff had been placing too many calls to Dial-A-Joke in Vienna.

NARC-WORLD: In terms of amount of press, you guys are pretty punk. How about some low-quality infield chatter out there? I not only publish it, I enjoy it. The worse the better!

Upon entering the bar and requesting a drink, a huge bear was informed that his kind were not served there. "Look!" growled the bear menacingly, "I really want a drink. Now give it to me or..." and he paused, looking about the room, "or I'll eat that lady at the end of the bar there." The bartender responded "Hey, look--there's nothing I can do--it's a management rule." Whereupon the monster leapt down the bar and devoured the unfortunate woman just as he had promised. "NOW how about that Drink!?!," he roared. "No!" yelled back the bartender. "And now you'd better leave, 'cause we don't allow drug addicts in here. Yeah, that's right--I'm talking about that bar-bitch-you-ate!"

- A: Vie, ~~XAA~~, ~~XCA~~, VEN (2). Receive one.
- E: Home, ~~XAA~~, Nwy (4). Build one (played one short, one ann.)
- F: Home, Por, Spa, BEL (6). Build one.
- G: Home, Den, Hol (5). Even.
- I: Nap, Rome, ~~XAA~~, Ser, Tun, TRI (5). Even.
- R: Home, Rum, Swe, BUD (7). Build one.
- T: Home, Bul, GRE (5). Build one.

CAME 4 MAIA 1984 IH

- AUSTRIA (Rautenberg) F Gre H(dis,ann), A BUL-Con(dis,ann), A Gal-SIL, A TYO-Mun, A BOH S
A Tyo-Mun.
- ENGLAND (Scheifler) A Nwy-Swe, F SKA S A Nwy-Swe, F NTH-Nwy, F BAR S F NTH-Nwy.
- FRANCL (Pearson) NERI A Mun r-otb, A Bre-PIC, A PAR-Bur, A MAR S A Par-Bur, A Bur-Pol
(dis,r-Gas,otb), F Mid-ENG, A Sil-Mun(nsu).
- GERMANY (Crosby) A KIE S A Mun, A Hol-BUR, A RUH S A Del-Bur, A MUN S A Del-Bur, F DEN
S ENGLISH F Ska-Swe(nso).
- ITALY (Wall) F Aeg-GRE, A SER S F Aeg-Gre, A Tun-ALB, F ION C A Tun-Alb, F TYH
prays this works (H).
- RUSSIA (Knight) F LOT-Swe, A FIN S F Not-Swe, A STP S A Fin, F Bla-BUL(ec), A RUM S
F Bla-Bul(ec).
- TURKEY (Anderson) F Aeg r-Bas, F Bas-SMY, A CON H, F ANK S A Con.

- A: Home, ~~XAA~~, Ser (4). Build one (two ann.)
- E: Home, Nwy (4). Even.
- F: Home, ~~XAA~~, Por, Spa (5). Even (one ann).
- G: Ser, Sic, MUN, Hol, Den, Hol (6). Build one, no room, plays one short.
- I: Home, Ser, Tun, GRE (6). Build one.
- R: Home, Rum, BUL (6). Build one.
- T: Home (3). Even.

CAME 5 MEROPE 1984 II

- AUSTRIA (Scheifler) A Tri-TYO, A Bud-TRI, A GAL-war, A BUL-Rum, F GRE S TURKISH F Aeg-Ion.
- ENGLAND (Pearson) F Nwy H, A Del-PIC, F IRI-Mid, F BRE S F Iri-Mid, F ION S F Bre.
- FRANCE (Crosby) F POR-Mid, A MAR-Bur, A PAR-Bre, A GAS S A Par-Bre.
- GERMANY (Wall) A Den-LVN, F BAL C A Den-Lvn, A Ruh-BUR, A MUN S A Bur-Bur, A Per-SIL,
F SWB-Rot.
- ITALY (Knight) A VEN H, A TRI-Syr, F Ion C A Tun-Syr(dis,r-Alb,Adr,Acu,Aeg,Tun,Tyh,otb)
F LAS C A Tun-Syr.
- RUSSIA (Anderson) A War-GAL, A Ukr-MOS, F BOT-Swe.
- TURKEY (Rautenberg) F BLA-Rum, F Aeg-ION, A Rum-UKR, A SEV S A Rum-Ukr.

CON-BUD: wait a minute while I blink. Are we still allies?

- A: Home, Gre, Ser, BUL (6). Build one.
- E: Home, Bel, Bre, Nwy (6). Build one.
- F: Mar, Par, Spa, Por (4). Even.
- G: Home, Den, Hol, Swe (6). Even.
- I: Home, Tun (4). Even.
- R: Mos, STP, war, ~~XAA~~ (3). Even (one ann).
- T: Home, Rum, SEV (5). Build one.

CAME 6 ELIOPH 1984 IJ

- AUSTRIA (Pearson) NERI F Gre r-otb, A Bud-TRI, A RUM-Bul, A GAL-Rum, F Bla-Gre(nsu).
- ENGLAND (Crosby) A Nwy-SWE, F BAR S A Nwy-SWP, F POI-UKR, F NTH H.
- FRANCE (Wall) A Por-CAS, F MID C A Por-Cas, F LYC-Tyh, F MES S F Lyo-Tyh, A SPA-Tag.
- GERMANY (Knight) A Del-Den, F Gal-Ion, A PRU-war, A SIL S A Pru-war, A HOL C, A Ruh-Wal,
A PIE-Mar, F ION-Tyh, F TUR S F Rom-Tyh, F Ion S AUSTRIAN F Alb-Gre(nsu)
A SER S AUSTRIAN F Alb-Cre(nsu).
- RUSSIA (Rautenberg) F BOT S ENGLISH A Nwy-Swe(nso), A LVI-Ser, A MES S A Ion-Ser, F BLA-Rum.
- TURKEY (Scheifler) F Con-ANK, F AEG-Con, A BUL-Con, A GRE H.

PLEIONE 84 IJ (cont.)

- A: Bug, Vie, TPI, ~~YXX~~, ~~YXX~~, RUM (4). Even (was one short)
- E: Home, Lwy, STP (5). Build one.
- F: Home, Por, Spa (5). Even.
- G: Home, Bel, Den, Hol, SWE (7). Build one.
- I: Home, ~~YXX~~, Tun, SER (5). Even.
- L: Mos, Scv, War, ~~YXX~~ (3). Remove one.
- T: Home, Bul, GRE (5). Build one.

GAME 7 TAYGETA 1984 IJ

- AUSTRIA (Crosby) A SER-Bul, A GRE S A Ser-Bul(dis,ann), A VIE-Bud, A CON-Gal.
- ENGLAND (Wall) F Nwy-Swe(dis,r-Bar,Nwg,Ska,otb), A Yor-DEN, F NTH C A Yor-Den, F Bel S A Yor-Den.
- FRANCE (Knight) A DUB-Bel, A PIC C A Sur-Bel, A GAS-Bur, A MAR S A Gas-Bur, F MID H.
- GERMANY (Anderson) A Hun-KIE, A PUH-Bel, A HOL S A Ruh-Bel, F Den H(dis,r-Bel,Ska,otb).
- ITALY (Rauterberg) A Alb-SER, A TRI S A Alb-Ser, F ION S TURKISH F Aeg-Gre(nso), A VEN S A Tri, F NAP S F Ion.
- RUSSIA (Scheifler) A StP-NWY, F SWE S A StP-Nwy, A Gal-BUD, A RUM S A Gal-Bud, A WAR-Gal, F SEV H.
- TURKEY (Pearson) A CON-Gre, F AEG C A Con-Gre, A BUL S A Con-Gre, F EAS-Ion.

- A: ~~YXX~~, Vie, Gre, ~~SEY~~ (2). Remove one (one ann).
- E: Home, ~~YXX~~, DEN (4). Even (or build one if r-otb).
- F: Home, Por, Spa (5). Even.
- G: Home, ~~YXX~~, HOL (4). Even (or build one if r-otb).
- I: Home, Tri, Tun, SER (6). Build one.
- R: Home, Hun, Swe, BUD, Nwy (8). Build two.
- T: Home, Bul (4). Even.

DAVE-GM: well, make it 5 out of 6 people who I have been stabbed by--add wall to the board. Now I know how Givan felt. The only one who hasn't stabbed me is Knight. ((Yeah, Cupcake just can't seem to shake that nice-guy image...))

DAVE-SHYSTER: I see a wall/Knight alliance too. Sorry about Taygeta.

GM NOTES: Well, y'all made it pretty tough on me this season. Part of it was my own fault. In the Atlas game, I mislabeled the Turkish A Say as a fleet. Another player pointed out the mistake, but that correction came only days before the deadline, and I didn't read over the orders until after the deadline. I confess I went into the tank over this, and finally decided there was little that could be done to correct the situation. I have two requests: please remember that ultimately each of you is responsible for keeping tabs on my GMing and correctly labeling your own units. I try not to screw up, but with seven games it simply is bound to happen; also, if you notice an error, please don't bury your notice in the games but write it out on a separate piece of paper. This will help all of us. Also, a couple of you did not write out your retreats but merely ordered the units in the Fall from where you had apparently retreated them in the Summer. Now I am a very lenient GM, but there is no way I can justify letting this pass. Retreats are a season unto themselves, and while I'll always bend over backwards to help out, I cannot start making assumptions about what players are intending to do. This would create chaos if someone wished to deliberately make an "error". These NRRs hurt those effected, so please use care next time.

Also, Dave Anderson has resigned his positions. Taking his place with be that most infamous of all puppies, Mark Frueh. Welcome aboard, Mark, and many, many thanks.

- John Crosby.....330 Hunterhill Trail, Roswell, CA 30075
- Mark Frueh.....4729 Morgan Ford, #6, St.Louis, MO 63116
- Steve Knight.....11905 Winterthur Lane #103, Reston, VA 22091 DEADLINE FOR WINTER 1902/
- Al Pearson.....P.O. Box 898, Charlestown, WV 25414 SPRING 1902 IS 15 JUNE
- Paul Rauterberg.....4922 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53208 1985. SEPARATION WILL BE
- Don Scheifler.....1306 Western, Topeka, KS 66604 GRANTED UPON TWO REQUESTS
- James Wall.....1805 University Ave. #5, Madison, WI 53705

BOTTOMS UP!

I just got done playing my favorite game on Marc's computer. It's called Downland and tonight I got 36,960 on my first game and 25,333 on the second. Let me explain it a little bit. The idea is for you to make your way through these caverns. You have to dodge acid drops (which kill your man) and occasional rolling boulders. You are allowed so much time to make it through a cavern and after that time expires, a bat comes out and flies about randomly. If the bat "flies through" your man it also kills you. (Lotta fun so far guys--three ways to die!.) But along the way, there are keys and jewels, which are ways to get points. Every time you pick up a key, it allows you access to a door which usually holds another key. You proceed on and on, jumping from one ledge to another, climbing ropes to get to ledges, picking up jewels and keys, jumping over holes, etc. until you make it from cavern 0 to cavern 9. You also get four men to "get killed" and after that, you have to start over at the beginning. It took me quite some time to make it all the way through (it IS that difficult!), but now I can make it through once out of every 3 or 4 games I play. I don't know if Marc will let anybody screw around with his "toy" at MadCon but all you gotta do is ask.

By the way folks, this here bit of drunkenness is provided by Dale Bakken, 1814 Cameron Dr., #3, Madison, WI 53713 and this is Bottoms UP, issue #6.

Speaking of drunk (and I am certainly getting damn close tonight), the State of Wisconsin has a mandatory jail sentence for second or more offenders. All I want to say now is I done did my time. It was interesting in a certain way but also boring. We had a TV in our cell block so that helped pass the time a little. My second night at the Dane County Hilton, we had a spitball fight after lock-up and when the guards made their rounds to check on us, they saw the "evidence." We lost our TV privileges the next day, but, what the hell folks. We were having fun pelting this black guy who was gonna get released the next morning. If anybody out there should ever get put in jail for some reason, there are two basic things to remember. No. 1: don't complain about being there. If you can't do the time, don't do the crime. No. 2: don't masturbate.

How 'bout some Sports Quiz answers from last month? Okay Dale--don't mind if I do. (Why am I talking to myself?) I best get me a beer or else go to bed quick. Anyone wanna bet which wins?

- No. 1: b) Kent Benson was Milwaukee's No. 1 draft choice in 1977.
- No. 2: c) Jackie Robinson was the "who am I?" infielder.
- No. 3: b) Virginia, with Ralph Sampson, won 112 games over four years, but never won an NCAA crown. Bummer.
- No. 4: a) Isiah Thomas was the 1984 All-Star MVP.
- No. 5: I imagine a lot of you thought only a pollock would try jumping off a hill or ski-lift but the answer is: c) Norway. P.S. I'm 100% Norwegian.

Do you guys want another crack at a Wacko Bakko's Short Sports Squiz? Well, you get one irregardless. Here goes:

- NO. 1: Larry Holmes is only one fight away from tying whose record of most undefeated championship fights?
- NO. 2: Who am I? I am a 14 year A.L. veteran left-handed hitter. I have played for only two different teams but I've batted over .300 nine times, seven times in a row. I would have won the batting title in 1980 but George Brett did when he bat .390.
- NO. 3: Pat Ewing will probably be the number one pick for the Knicks in the NBA 1985 draft. Who was the first pick in 1984?
- NO. 4: Before the Edmonton Oilers won the Stanley Cup in 1984, the New York Islanders won three in a row. Who won it the year before New York started their string?

Well, it's almost midnight, folks, and time for this little boy to crash. Wet dreams to you and all your friends, and if worst comes to worst, the least you can do is keep your Bottoms Up!

85F Winter 1901 Military Industrial Complex wins budget battle!

Austria: Matthew Felming 4290 Chateau de Ville #C, St. Louis MO.
63129 Build A Bud: Has A Ser, A Bud, A Rum, F Alb.

England: Stephen Dycus 3450 Koring Rd. Evansville IN. 47712
Build F Edi. Has F Edi, F Nth, F Nwy, A York.

France: Michael Masche 501 N. Henry st. #209 Madison WI. 53703.
Builds F Bre, A Par. Has F Bre, A Par, F Spa(s), A Bur, A Por.

Germany: Randy Ellis 8310 Grandview Lane, Overland Park KS. 66212.
Build A Mun, F Kie. Has A Mun, F Kie, A Ruh, A Den, F Hol.

Italy: Pat Conlon Box 17014 LSU Baton Rouge LA. 70893.
Build F Nap, F Rome. Has F Nap, F Rom, F Ion, A Vie, A Tun.

Russia: Nancy Irwin 4729 A Morganford Rd. #6, St. Louis, MO. 63116.
No builds. Has A War, A Mos, F Sev, F Bot.

Turkey**Ken Peel** 8707 First Ave. #T-2, Silver Spring, MD, 20910.
Build F Smy. Has F Smy, A Bul, A Con, F Bla.

→ *A concession to AIR has been proposed. VOTE. NVR = yes.
GM NOTES

- #1 Chris Ryan was not heard from in the interium and since he failed to respond to a note that I'd sent him he has been removed. Nancy is now the player of record for Russia. Thanx Nancy.
- #2 Jeff Sandelin has sent in his resignation along with W01 builds and S02 orders. Ken Peel comes off of Marc Peters stand-by list and as such I can't 100% predict he'll assume the position. If he does not want the position I will use Jeff's S02^{orders} and call another stand-by. Just warning you ahead of time to avoid conflicts.
- #3 The deadline for next season is 6 June 1985.
- #4 If you call-in orders please do so the night before. I sometimes begin adjudicating after receiving the mail. In effect, I will not accept phone orders on deadline if I've already adjudicated. On the otherhand, I will accept late orders IF I can't adjudicate the orders on deadline day like has happened this time due to finals (Which are over for now!). Neither of these has been a problem to date. Just avoiding problems.
- #5 Consider this a personal invitation to all of you to attend MAD-CON July 4-7 at Dale Bakken & Marc & Debi Peters residence see cover for the address. I know in the past Matthew, Randy, Pat, and Nancy have all attended. Me too.

PRESS

Germany-All: If Nancy gets into this game, we might as well vote for the concession and stop wasting our time. Matt and Nancy ALWAYS ally. While the rest of us are waiting on the mailman, they will be planning their next moves at Matt's place.

The Wall-Germany: And the plot thickens....

Turkey-Europe: Circumstances have found the current government to step down. They will continue to order troops until the new government taken over((sic)).

MORE PRESS

Berlin-St. Pete: Hello Nancy, how are you? Are you taking this position((yes)). I'd really like to hear from you.

The Wall-All: And the plot thickens further....

PAPAL BULL #102: The newly-revised Last Rites, for those who wish to die and go to heaven, are as follows:

1. Guzzle a fifth of Wild Turkey or Yukon Jack.
2. Hop aboard the nearest crowded bus, strip in an erratic fashion, and loudly proclaim that Jimmy Buffet is the savior returned to save our souls. ((Hallejuah!))
3. Kiss the left tit if the oldest lady on the bus. Thank her.
4. When the police catch up to you, start singing "Alice's restaurant"--Continuously--until they bring you before the Judge.
5. Barf on his gavel.
6. Grab the hem of his robe and lift it up.
 - A. If he's wearing nothing underneath, tell him God is omniscient and ((sic)) revealed to you in a dream that the judge wears nothing under his robe. Then tell the judge that your purpose in life has been fulfilled--you have revealed this miracle to the world and now you are ready to die and to go heaven. The judge will oblige.
 - B. If he's wearing clothes underneath, tell him God is omniscient and revealed to you....

This has been a Pope Horst Wessel proclamation.

Italy: You too can write press like this. The secret is in the musical inspiration. I've been listening to a bunch of old rock'n'roll tunes done by Jeff Beck, Rod Stewart, Ronnie Wood, and Nicky Hopkins--a hellauva band!

The Wall-Italy: I'll put Bowie and the Stones up against them anytime.

Concerned observer Sez: That's right! You guys guessed it! I am Too much of a wimp((you can say that again!)) to reveal who I really am! ((With all the !!!'s my guess is Kathy Byrne)). And to think I made James waste his time printing all this mindless drivel((That's o.k. you are receiving a fake adjudication!))
Ha!

Rome-Moscow: I make golden arches of my golden shower all over your land, leaving puddles of melted snow as a sign of your disgrace((No you don't it's against the house rules which specifically prohibit the making of golden arches in my subzine. What margins!))

Rome-Berlin: I too "Am willing to do all that I can to make an Anglo-French alliance possible". So whatcha going to do about it?

Political Meanderings: The House really blew it on aid to the Contras. The White House though should be stressing the extermination of the Miskito Indian tribe. Genocide is something not even most squishy soft liberals will tolerate. If they were truly harmless they'd have nothing to fear. They fear retribution because they DESERVE retribution. Exporting rebellion and systemic genocide are not acceptable modes of conduct. There is every moral incentive to aid those who would establish democracy in Nicaragua. Hitler may yet live on in Central America, if Tip O'Neil gets his way.

Expletive Deleted is a subxyn boasting one of the highest levels of technology, hindered only by the author's mediocre but more than adequate typing skill. The name is Tom Swider (PO Box 1324; SUNY Binghamton, NY 13901). The number of the beast is (607) 729-2830. Place your calls during the evenings up until 11:00 pm EST.

Greetings! I hope you like the new look of ED. This is being typed on an IBM PC using "PC Write". It's a good word-processing program and cost me absolutely nothing. Of course, I don't own an IBM PC so I use either my friend Dave's PC or the ones over at SUNY B's School of Management. Moneo (the printer hooked up to Eadie, my Atari) works fine now, thanks to the patient help of Alex Service, and ED will soon come to you via my home CPU. Things will be a lot smoother from that point on. I know which programs to buy, and with summer work at IBM, I should have plenty of money to get them. Gee, I can finally get rid of my typewriter. As far as I'm concerned, typewriters are a thing of the past.

Now, I should make a note about ED's future here in So I Lied. Originally, when it looked like Marc wasn't going to come out again, I started looking for a new home, and found one in Whitestonia. I guess it's not necessary now, but I'd like to thank John and Kathy again for allowing me room in their xyn. I've decided to stick around here. It's worth giving friends a second (and third and forth) chance. Marc really didn't have to apologies to me. I think he let himself down the most, if anybody. Publishing isn't fun and games all the time, but it is worth it for the few times that you write something you feel is unique or well-put. It's a great feeling to occasionally here from somebody that such and such article was excellent.

MEDIOCRECON IV: Yes that's right folks, Mediocrecon IV will be held. This fact will be appreciated more when one considers that the official mediocre number is "3", and having a fourth Mediocrecon will mean that it will be truly blase! I will plan on hosting MC around late June/early July, and will hold it for 3 days. Therefore, it will be around some holiday where there will be a three-day weekend. On one of the days, I'd like to take everybody up to one of the parks for a cookout. The weather should be good for a speadie cookout, swimming, frisbee, beerdrinking or some Diplomacy out in the great outdoors. There will be a good variety of games to play, including a bunch of new arcade types that Alex Service gave me, maybe a variant and hopefully another pool-table sized Speed Circuit track (At MC III, we had a monster size track of Riverside (CA) racetrack in which we had a seven car race which I won, despite the smarmy tactics of Jim Makuc).

Drop me a line now to reserve your place, especially if you're going to do a fair amount of travelling to get here. As it won't conflict with any other major events, I hope to have a good turnout. Naturally, this will be a "No Brux" and "No Brux-bashing" Con. Maybe we can all just forget the feud scene and enjoy some games and the weather.

GAME OPENINGS

TREACHERY: Rules were in last issue of SIL. So far, I have one signed up. If you're interested in experimenting with variants, this simple variant is a good place to start.

DUNE: Game based on Herbert's novel by AH. Will use my PBM rules in The General, and I plan on using the expansion sets which just came out. They will be reviewed in the next issue of ED. As I will provide you with a set of these rules, ownership of the expansion sets is not necessary. So far I have 2 or 3 signed up.

TITAN: The Monster Slugathon. Will use Mark Larzelere's PBM rules, though I will provide random number sheets for each battle. Have 3 signed up so far.

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The costs: \$6 gamefee plus a \$6 NMR fee. The NMR fee will be waived if you have played under me before and have proved your reliability. Each NMR will cost \$2 off the fee, and if you were waived of the fee, you will be asked to send in an NMR fee whereupon you will be charged for additional NMRs. You already know my bitches about NMRs and I'm not in a great hurry to fill these games, so I won't repeat myself.

BITS & PIECES

Featured Review: Conquest of the Empire (By Milton Bradley) \$20 to \$27

Milton Bradley recently made the big move by trying to produce wargames. I think that it's a smart move, as they finally realized that the general public is much smarter than it used to be, have higher level (intellectual) needs, and are trying to meet them by producing more complicated games. The fact that MB will be showing up for Origins proves my point. Unfortunately, they haven't gone far enough, as all three games that they published made gross simplifications. Broadsides and Bording Parties got its ropes fouled by making too many simplifications, making it a boring time for all. Axis and Allies still doesn't cut it as a "beer and pretzel" game (too complex) or as a simulation (not enough realism).

Out of the three, Conquest of the Empire is the best. Like its two sister games, the games are very attractive looking as they give you many plastic miniatures. In CotE, you get lots of soldiers, cavalry, catapults, plastic coins, cities, roads, leaders and boats. You certainly get your money's worth in plastic. Also, the box is a might too big, but better too big than too small. Again, you certainly get your money's worth in box.

CotE is a multi-player game for up to six players. It has a standard move/fight sequence of play. Each Caesar tries to expand his empire, and ultimately kill off the remaining players' Caesars. It is very simple to learn. Combat occurs in the province, when a player invades it. Attacker and defender take turns rolling a die, targeting an enemy piece. If he rolls within the kill range of the targeted piece, it is removed from play. After combat, players are allowed to buy additional forces or build cities, up to the limit of the piece mix. That is, if there are no more catapults left, none may be built. This leads to the very silly tactic of attacking a player just to buy all the pieces killed, including your opponents. A bit unrealistic, but it makes for a fun game. I suppose it could account for the fact that prisoners were often taken, and conquered areas assimilated into the empire, including military service.

I give CotE good marks, and recommend its purchase. On the good side, they give you a nice product and have created an interesting rule which simulates the high inflation problems which plagued the ancient world. MB screwed up in attempting to make combat too simple by doing away with the old VI Caesars rules. VI Caesars is the predecessor to CotE, and since I have a copy of the game, I have reprinted their original combat rules which makes for a infinitely better game. A nimrod could have come up with a better system. The targeting system MB uses has two faults. First, the combats take too long to resolve. Who wants to throw dice for hours (other than Titan players?). Correction: rolling die for hours? It gets pretty dull rolling a six sider 23 times to resolve one combat. My second quale is the catapult advantage. For each catapult you have above and beyond your opponent, you are allowed to add +1 to your die roll. It goes beyond all logic to have 3 catapults (without infantry support) to defeat a legion of 10 infantry. The combat system from VI Caesars is better. Use it instead. Like all sequential multi-player games, it is subject to becoming a "whining" game, where you spend more time whining than playing. As a general rule, players should only be allowed to speak/negotiate when it's not their turn, and one may not negotiate with a player who is currently taking his turn. Played in this fashion, CotE should take about 4-5 hours to play. It certainly beats Risk! And I urge owners of the game to give it a second try using the VI Caesars combat system, which is more fair and quicker.

VI Caesars Combat System

3.1: Combat occurs when one legion (or more) moves into a province containing one or more legions of another player.

3.2: If the attacked area has a legion or more in the province and a legion in the city, the battle outside the city must be resolved first.

3.3: The defender places his military units on the tactical display using as many columns as he wishes, but limited to the number of attacking units or seven. He may arrange his units up to three rows deep, using all his units (if there are more than 21 units defending or if the attacker cannot place at least one unit opposite each full defending column, excess units are placed in reserve for use in additional combat rounds if any). The attacker then places his combat units in as many columns as there are defending columns. If every defending column is met with three attacking units, and there are still unengaged attacking units, the attacker must force the defender to use additional columns (up to seven) by placing all his excess units in unused columns. If the attacker has more than 21 units or if the defender cannot place a unit in front of each full attacking column, excess units are kept in reserve for use in additional combat rounds, if any.

3.4: Each column fights the column opposite it in an individual battle. The combat factors of the column are totaled and a die is rolled by each player.

3.5: The player with the highest total of combat factors in the column added to his die roll wins. The defender wins ties. Losing units are removed from play and the procedure is repeated for each column until every column has fought once.

3.6: Fortified cities add one combat factor to each unit defending in the city.

3.7: Elite infantry defending in a fortified city have a combat factor of one plus one for the fortified city for a total of two.

3.8: Catapults attacking a fortified city negate the +1 advantage for each unit, against the column containing the catapult only.

3.9: After each column has fought once, if there are combat units of both sides still present in the area, the attacker must elect to withdraw or continue for another round.

3.10: All military units in a sea battle have a combat factor of once and there is no withdrawal for either side.

3.11: If the attacker does withdraw, he may withdraw to any adjacent area he controls. If the attacker chooses not to withdraw, the defender may decide to withdraw to an area he controls.

3.12: Units on islands, in cities or with no friendly adjacent area may not withdraw. Units may withdraw to two or more adjacent friendly areas if there were sufficient number of leaders present.

3.13: The defender may retreat from an area into a city in the same area up to the limits of stacking. If the defender retreats from or is eliminated in an area containing a city, any unit in the city may now be attacked in the same turn by surviving attackers.

*** For your information: Infantry have a combat strength of 1
 Cavalry/Elite Infantry have a strength of 2
 Catapults have a combat strength of 3

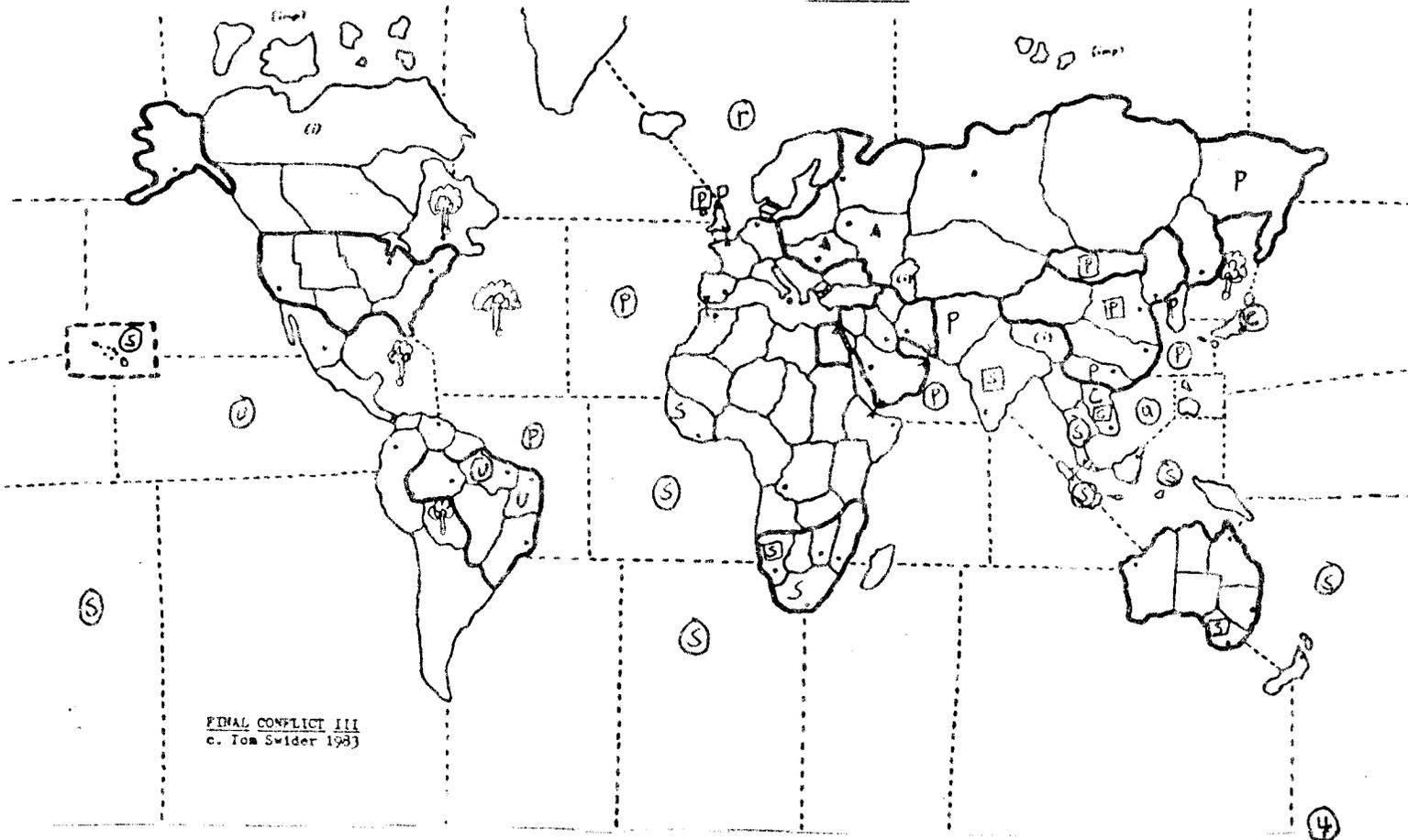
In the original VI Caesars game, there were some different rules. Each capital city produced 10 talents income per turn. Roads had to be purchased (5 for a short piece, 10 for a long. Cities connected via the dot within each province). Units could either be in the province or in the city. If one player owns the city and another player controls the province, neither receives the income for either. Players were limited in the number of units they could purchase equalling the stacking limit of his capital city (7) minus the number of units currently occupying the city. Obviously, you can only build in your capital city.

As the original game had cardboard counters, it was easy to stack units underneath a city counter to show whether they were inside or outside the city. With miniatures, this could be a problem as the board gets cluttered up (besides, try stacking one of the infantry beneath a city piece). My suggestion (which has been playtested) is to ignore all references to being "inside" the city. The defender of an area with a fortified city gets the city bonus of +1 for the first round of combat (remember to treat cavalry like infantry during this round). Then, all additional rounds are fought normally. The one round advantage is sufficient. As the game adds inflation rules, it is best to keep the roads "free".

The tactical board consists of a 6 by 7 grid, divided in half. On both the attacker's and defender's side, there will be 7 columns three spaces deep.

I would like to hear from anybody as to how your games of CotE went using these rules. If you have any suggestions, send them in.

*** Below is the map which should accompany the PHOENIX adjudication:



CHOAM

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CHOAM is a xyn dedicate to the discussion and reporting of PDORA happenings. The current Treasurer and Newly-appointed Grand Kommissar is Tom Swider; PO Box 1324; SUNY Binghamton, NY 13901. Phone (607) 729-2830 from 6-11 pm (est). Please try to use written communiques.

I am sending this out to major publishers in an attempt to reach as many hobbyists as possible. As the PDO is for the people, they have the right to know what's going on with their donations.

THE PAST:

Pontreverdia has not been seen in a long time, and is reported to have folded. I'd suggest that the money (\$25) be returned to PDO for discretionary purposes, added to the pot that PDORA 3 rakes in, or given over to Known Game Openings (Robert Sacks), which has continued to come out like clockwork.

Frauke Peterson is advised to send Carl Russell the censored copy of Playboy that he won in the auction or else she will be deported. Europeans are nothing but trouble...

THE PRESENT:

This issue of CHOAM should include an announcement of the PDORA 3. Use it wisely!

A potential problem exists with the distribution of PDORA monies in that people don't feel that certain people/projects deserve funding. To rectify this problem, the Zone Kommissars will vote upon funding. I am also appointing the following people a "balancing" vote to help make the voting process more equitable: Pat Hart, Don Del Grande, Mark Freuh and Doug Beyerlein. I have my personal biases as to who should and shouldn't get money, so I wish to divorce myself from the decisionmaking process as much as possible.

For PDORA 3, I am also requesting that people who desire funding from PDORA 3 submit a simple financial and goals statement. It need not be extensive, but should include expenses incurred, a justification for the expense and what you spend in one cycle (ie: how much it costs to orphan one game, or to publish one issue of EVERYTHING and to issue the BNS associated with that issue). Anybody may submit a request for PDO funding, and only those that submit mission/financial statements will receive funding; no exceptions. This information is due to me by June 15, 1985.

THE FUTURE:

I foresee that PDORAs will more than sufficiently subsidize the BNC and MNC projects. As a suggestion, PDORA may be able to start its own projects, and here's some suggestions that I've come up with. Feel free to submit any ideas you might have:

- 1) Help remunerate GMs for running orphan games
 - 2) Subsidize trophies and awards for Dipcon and Origins Dip tournies.
 - 3) By booths/room space at Origins for the purpose of teaching Dip and/or dragging newcomers into the postal hobby.
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AVAILABILITY OF CHOAM:

CHOAM will carry all the proceedings of PDORA fund distribution. It will be sent free to all ZK's and to those additional people that are given votes. PDORA 3 will absorb the cost of CHOAM.

Issue 2 will contain: Items for bid on PDORA 3 and the statements from those requesting funds. Issue 3 will contain the vote results. Issue 4 will have the auction results.

I will send for a SASE a copy of the PDORA 3 announcement, items up for auction and/or results when they are available. Or you may reprint them from the xyn in which you saw the item. Also, four major xyns will receive each issue of CHOAM free in hopes that they will reprint it in their xyns so that people in general will be able to see a copy of it: Whitestonia, Magus, No Fixed Address and Europa Express.

PDO Relief Auction 3:

Back by popular demand, the People's Diplomacy Organization will conduct an auction by mail to help fund various hobby services, as deemed by the hobby itself. In this auction, people donate items that they feel are meaningful (or meaningless, for that matter) and people bid outrageous amounts of money on such items as lifetime subscriptions to The Plain Truth or a series of letters from Mark Freuh (all containing lies).

People donate their time to keep statistics of dip games, moderate disputes between players and GMs, provide address listings or copies of diplomacy variants. Any donations to help these services is always appreciated, and is necessary to the survival of these institutions, especially the Boardman Number Custodian project.

Items that are in demand: games, back issues (as "collector's items"), subs to a xyn, historical documents, books, software, burned bras, smashed beer cans and whatever else you think somebody would be foolish enough to buy.

If you'd like to make a donation, please let me know what it is you'd like to donate, a minimum bid (and even a maximum bid, if you'd like) and whether you or the buyer will pay postage on the item. I will accept items up until July 10, 1985. **DO NOT SEND ME THE ITEM(S) YOU WISH TO DONATE!!!**

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Summer is coming upon us, and that means conventions. I plan on going to Marycon, where I will be helping out Greg Byrd with Vari-Marycon. I plan on bringing my variant maps of Final Conflict, Abstraction, and Downfall of the Lord of the Rings. Downfall is a variant that I will be stressing the most, as I'd like to get this variant playbalanced. Up until now, it has seen revision #5, and I doubt that it has ever been played ftf, and maybe only once or twice postally.

Other variant stuff: most of the work for the PDO Variant Package is almost finished, and with some of my money from summer work, I should be able to get it printed up in time for Origins. It will cost 4-5 bucks, and all profits from it will go to the variant end of the hobby; that is, Miller Number Custodian and NAVB (to lessen the costs of buying the catalogue). I hope many of you will consider purchasing it. I've picked about 10-15 variants (Youngstown, Abstraction, Ancient Empires, Final Conflict, World Dip V, Woolworth, Intimate Diplomacy and Dalarna, just to name a few) all of which are top notch. There should also be a few articles inside about the variant hobby, and one by me on making face to face copies of variant maps.

Eventually, I will be serving as backup for the North American Variant Bank, and will also act as contact person for Canadians wishing to get copies of variants. With Eadie becoming more operative, I have plans to computerize the NAVB so that additions to the catalogue will be simpler.

While I'm on the topic of variants, I'd like to suggest that one end that should be worked towards is the unification of the Miller Number and NAVB Custodianships. This would make things a whole lot simpler, and there really isn't too much work combined, compared to other hobby services. Comments?

Known Game Openings

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Howard Christie, POB 115, Millville Pa USA 17846
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Robert Sacks, 4804 Broadway 5-V, NY NY USA 10034
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The listings for the first KOO'ZD are still coming in, but right
 now I have 29 zines listed from 21 publishers. That's almost enough
 to get attacked in Diplomacy World, except Walker has folded DW to
 avoid plugging me. Of course, Mark Berch has already started listing
 about me and the KOO'ZD - I will no longer correspond with him, and
 Kathy Byrne has been returning his mail for a long time now. Still,
 he keeps harassing her, and she can't take the harassment on top of
 the fire in her apartment, so it might be nice if people would tell
 Berch to leave her alone.

Conrad Minshall has announced his early retirement as Publisher of
 "Everything..." for the SMC, so Bill Quinn, 301 Conroe Dr, Conroe
 Tx 77301, is going to need a new publisher.

Finally, Origins is being held at Towson State University, not
 University of Maryland.

Convention Notes

May 24-27 Mann-Con - Diplomacy house party
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May 31 Vari-Marycon
 \$35 including meals & lodging Mary Washington College,
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PHOENIX Spring 2106

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PAL: Mark Freuh (4729-A Morganford Road #6; St Louis, MO 63116)
SAF: Mark Susko (Porter Quad Box D 323; SUNY B Amherst Campus; Buffalo, NY 14216)
USA: Dave Anderson (PO Box 3761; Pontiac, MI 48059)
GM: Tom Swider (PO Box 1324; SUNY Binghamton, NY 13902)

Spring 2106 Moves:

AUS (Nelson) f mal-CHS.
CHI (Eric) NMR! Has a vie; p vie; f JAP.
PAL (Mark F) n ark-1-SDJ; n ger-1-QUE; n's MOS & HUN-h; f nwa-new(a!); f nea-MWA
/s p ENG/; f eng-NEA; a fra-ENG; a som-PAK/c f PSG/; a sib-KAM; a vla-KOR
f pek-YEL/s p MON/; a sha-CAN/s p PEK/.
RUS (CD) f NWB-h.
SAF (Mark S) n cap-1-BOL; n RHO-h; f car-mex(a!); f nam-MEA; f cap-SEA; f nei-SUM;
f bur-MAL/s p IND/; f mwp-HAW; f bri-SWP; f dar-JAV; a's MOZ & SEN
p's NAM & MEL-h.
USA (Dave) n sal-1-CAR; n ama-1-NWA; f ven-car(a!)/s p ama(a!)/; a que-eng(a!)
/c f lab(a!)/; p que-s-f lab(a!); f soj-nwp(a!); a bol-col(a!); f R10-mwa;
a SAL-rio; f sep-MEP.

Ill-Gotten Gains:

PAL: Captures Kam, Kor, Can (more than he deserves)
SAF: Captures Sum, Mal and radioactive coke from Bolivia.

I will not call a standby for China. If I don't get orders from Eric, his position will go into Civil Disorder. Not that I expect it not to do so in a few turns anyway...

Draws and silly nonsense: Both draws failed. P/S/U fails 1 YES 1 NMR (yes) 3 NO. P/S fails 2 YES 2 NVR (no) 1 NMR. Yes kiddies, both proposals are repropoed. If you'd like, I will accept perpetual vote orders.

DEADLINE FOR FALL 2106 ORDERS: MAY 18, 1985

PRESS:

CAPTAIN KANGAROO TO MARKIE BABY: Oooh, so pretty! Let 'em fly so I can see before I go...please, please, please! I wanna watch. I need to watch 'em burn, burn, burn....

STRAIT OF MALACCA: Informed sources have reported that the remnants of the Australian naval task force have been sighted heading out into the open sea. With the Australian continent under total Afrikaaner domination and no quarter being given in Southeast Asia, rumor has it that the Aussies have gone renegade and turned their command into one huge pirate fleet. If such be the case, the world can only urge a speedy annihilation of these pathetic scavengers.

DAVE TO TOM: Hey, PAL and SAF are violating the Nuclear Proliferation Treaty. I demand justice. Can I have 2 more nukes, too?

ARIES: You didn't say please!

WASHINGTON DC: We voted "Yes" for the P/S/U draw.

DAVE TO MARK F: Have you ever thought that SAF might be the one not wanting it to end in the 3-way, especially since Nelson NMR'ed and an NMR equals "YES"?

MARK TO DAVE: Thanks for trusting me--hope you don't regret it.

PAL TO USA: Oh noooo! Nuking the oceans must be your grand strategy.

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- CHI: Mark Strouthes (1104 Hillside Drive; Vestal, NY 13850)
- RUS: Steve Arnawoodian (602 Hemlock Circle; Lansdale, PA 19446)
- SAF: Brad Wilson (PO box 327; Lake Forest College, IL 60045)
- GM: Tom Swider (PO Box 1324; SUNY Binghamton, NY 13901)

Spring 2107 Moves:

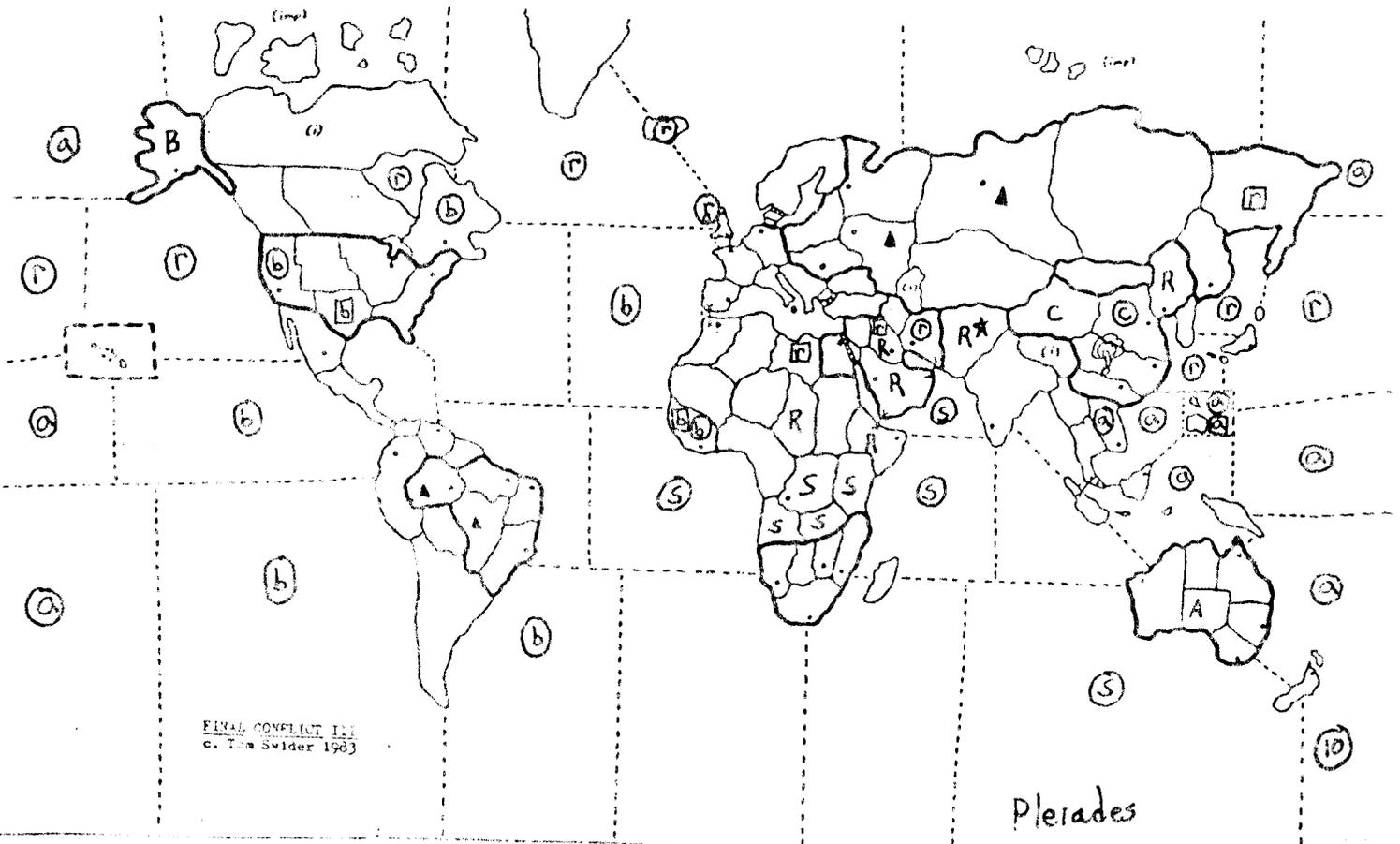
- AUS (Blob): a dar-ADE; p dar-PHI; f jav-PHI; f CHS-ms-f VIE; f nwp-BER; f MWP-nwp; f SWP-mwp.
- BRA (Nelson): f nwa-NEA/s f SEN/; f swa-SEP/s f MEP/; f mwa-SWA/s p SEN/; f dal-mex(ec) (no such unit); p MEX-U; a alb-ALA; n's AMA, MAT f's LDS & QUE all hold.
- CHI (Mark): *a pak-kaz(r;ind DTB)/s a SIN/; p sha-sin(a!); f PEK-man/s *f chs(r;Kor DTB); f sha-c-f chs(a!).
- RUS (Steve): n hun-l-SHA; n's MOS & OMS-h; f NEP-U; a kaz-PAK/s p SAU f TSH/; f ENG-nea f nwg-LAB/s f ICE/; a HAN-pek; f haw-NWP/s p KAM/; a CHA-zai/s a som(imp)/ f jap-YEL/s f SOJ/; f sas-HUD; a egypt-SAU; a sau-BAG; p LIB-sub(can't move to an area owned by other players); p egypt-BAG.
- SAF (Brad): a sud-ZAI/s a KEN/; f PSG-s-chi-a pak-teh(nso); f NWI-s-a len; a nam-ANG; a moz-ZAM; f nez-SEI; f sea-SWI; f MEA-h.
- USA (CD): *f lab-h(ann).

Proposals: Concession to Russia, B/R draw and DIAS. Don't forget to vote!

Fall 2107 Orders Are Due: June 3, 1995.

PRESS:

THE AMAZON PROTEROIDD TO SOUTH AFRICA: Are you appreciating the extent of my forbearance?



Before getting into my herb story this month, I would like to clear up a little matter about my role in SIL. I am the production manager for the zine only...to help with the typing, copying and mailing of the final product. The games run in the zine are the responsibility of the GMs. If they send out separate results, it is by their particular schedules. There have been a couple of inquiries about when results would come out and I don't schedule these and cannot answer questions about this. The only responsibility I have is for seeing the results are ready for the zine.

The herbs I mentioned before are not the "wacky Tobaccy" type...they are the spice type. About a month ago, I decided to embark on one last domestic venture before starting school next fall. Growing herbs inside seemed appealing so Marc and I checked out the local greenhouse.

The original plan was to buy three different kinds of plants. The final product was a mass planting of five different kinds of seeds, a half a dozen dill and sage plants, and two strawberry plants. We bought a flower box for some of the plants. That flower box looked much bigger empty. Right now we have two sage, three dill and the two strawberry plants in it. The strawberries are doing wonderful, but the other plants haven't grown an inch. We also planted some dill and sage in a flower pot. We have started using these already. I almost forget...we also bought garlic and onion chives and have used some of these as well.

All this greenery around the kitchen is great, but there are some problems. First, our cats are having a field day trying to eat the plants before we do. Second, I used up every pot and all the potting soil and still didn't have enough. Finally, there seems to be not quite as much space in the windows as I originally thought. The windows were like the flower pot...they looked bigger when they were empty.

If the cats keep trying to eat the plants, I plan to try cayenne pepper in the soil. Someone mentioned this remedy to me, but I haven't had a need to use it until now. When the first one makes a beeline to the water dish, we'll know why.

I have had houseplants for a long time and always save the pots. During this year's spring cleaning, I thought I would get rid of them since they had been just sitting around for so long. Boy, I am glad I didn't. I used up every one the very first day I transplanted the dill, chives, and sage. At that point, there was an immediate SOS to my sister and mother-in-law for any pots they didn't want anymore. Last Sunday, Margo came over for dinner and brought a whole box of different size pots. Just in time too, because now I have to transplant the plants which were just seeds several weeks ago.

When we bought all of these seeds, I think our minds were someplace else. I know for sure they weren't thinking about the limited space we have to work with here. The half bath next to the kitchen has been converted to a miniature greenhouse with plants in the window, the back of toilet and on the medicine cabinet. I am hoping to get shelves built on one wall of the kitchen and get artificial light to make the kitchen into a small greenhouse. In the meantime, it's wherever there's space.

Even tho there are a couple of unexpected problems with our new gardening experiment, it sure is fun watching all of these things grow. Every morning Marc and I checked to see if any of the seeds were up and kept track of the ones we first noticed a little green in the soil. By MadCon, most of the plants should finally be in their final pots and if anyone would like to start their own herb garden, I will have all kinds of advice.

I just remembered that I wanted to mention MadCon this time, but I'm afraid there isn't enough room. Oh well, Marc is covering it elsewhere in the zine...so I'll just add that I hope to see many of you this year.

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