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In Brief --

Again, no flyer this, so 10 pages once more. Also, no "Vignettes of Members"--
have run out of completed Questionnaires; if you have not yet returned yours, please
do so right away; we'll distribute more with #42 (if we publish it as 2nd Aug. ish--
this will depend upon how much time we have after we return from our vacation, the
state of the Fischer/Spassky match, and how much other material is on hand for TGL).
We'll probably start running the reviews originally planned for THE GAMESMAN in
TGL (reprinting in TG a few of the more important ones); THE GAMESMAN is still hung
up by our publishing crisis--we're still working on getting future issues pubbed via
offset, but nothing definite here yet. Volunteers still wanted.... ## We are over-
stocked with back-issues of Diplomacyzines (DIPLOPHOBIA, FANTASIA, LETHE, AUX ARMES!,
DIPSOMANIA, DIPLOMANIA, SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPIALIDOCIOUS, BARAD-DUR, &c.); help us
clear them out; \$7 will get you at least 1,000 pages (all different, our choice),
postage-paid, from now until Sept. 10. More than \$20-worth face-value....

TGL is pubbed every 2-4 weeks. Subs: 20¢ ea., 6/\$1.10, 12/\$2 (12/\$1.75 via 3rd-
class mail (in bunches)); back-ish (still have #'s 11,13,17,19-41) 20¢ ea. (15¢
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C, Contributor; K, Something of yours is mentioned/reviewed herein; N, You are
mentioned herein; R, For review; S, Sample; T, Trade; W, Subber via 1st-class
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Hartley Patterson notes that recent issues of his Diplomacy'zine, WAR BULLETIN, contain info on 4000 A.D., "the first commercial space game marketed here (by Waddington)". He also notes that "it looks good for postal play and I hope to get the first game going soon. It includes moving in hyperspace out of sight of other players, supply bases, etc."

For those interested in keeping track of such things, we should note that issue #3 of THE ORIFLAMME, journal of the Southern Reaches of the Society of Creative Anachronism (50¢, from POBox 1245, Florence, SC 29501 (editorial mail; subs to David Mathews, Ivy Rd., Canton, GA 30114, from whom we assume one also obtains back-issues)), contains a short article, "Golden Age of Chess", by "Carl the Chess-player".

Also, we recently received, from John Beshara, a copy of PARADE magazine (a Sunday supplement) for May 14, 1972, in which appeared an article, "Peace Is the Name of the Game", by Herbert Kupferberg, on "peace" (diplomatic) games. One page in length, it covers (briefly) Avalon Hill's Origins of World War II and Games Research's Diplomacy. (We should also note that the article prominently mentions The Diplomacy Association, its magazine WAZIR, and its founder John Beshara.)

A while back Fred Davis sent us a xeroxed copy of an article from the October 18, 1971 issue of MONEYSWORTH, "Value Judgment: Board Games for Bored Adults", a one-pager which briefly discusses the state of the adult game market today, and lists several of the "top-notch" games of today, by category (e.g., "Financial", "War", "Ecology", "Women's Liberation", "Psychological", "Mathematical", and "Misc."), with a brief description of each, the price, and the address of the manufacturer.

While we're on articles on games appearing in the general press, we might as well note several others which have appeared over the past couple of years and have not yet been mentioned in TGL: (1) A while back we mentioned Sid Sackson's games/review column in the pre-Christmas issue of BOOK WORLD (THE WASHINGTON POST Sunday Book Supplement) (19 Dec '71). He also had one in the 6 Dec '70 issue, entitled "Do Not Pass Go, Do Not Dispose of Solid Wastes", which included short reviews of the following games: The Cities Game, Smog, Extinction, Queries 'n Theories, Mem, Byzantium, Cardino, Ploy; article was one page in length. ## (2) "The Nazis May Have Lost the War, But They Sure Are Winning a Lot of New, Fun Battles", by Stephen Klaidman (POTOMAC Magazine, Sunday Supplement to THE WASHINGTON POST, 24 Oct '71): 2 pp., / full-page title/photo; on the Avalon Hill Company and its games; with a 2/3-page shortie, "The U-Boat Game", by Donald Smith (on a game of A-H's U-Boat). ## "The Medieval Wargame" (article on military miniatures) in TOURNAMENTS ILLUMINATED #13; 2 pp. (TI is the journal of the Society for Creative Anachronism, and is 50¢, from POBox 1162, Berkeley, CA 94701 (and well worth it!)) ## AMRA, Vol II:12, contains the rules for the sword-and-sorcery game of Lankmar; this was some time ago, and this may no longer be avail., but if interested, write George Seithers, Box 8243, Philadelphia, PA 19101, and inquire.

Some time ago we received a complimentary copy of the game of Quads, invented by Armin Spear, 666 Fifth Ave., NY, NY 10019 (copyrighted 1969). This consists of a 4-page rulebook and four playing grids/clue recorders (each 4½" x 6½", off-set). It is a cousin of "Salvo" and "The Naval War Game", and falls between the two in skill-level; basically, each player places three "Quads" (four circles, in a square) on his board, and then they fire "volleys" in turn of five shots each, informing each other of how many circles (but not which ones) have been hit; object is to locate all circles in opponent's three quads before he finds yours. Send for a free sample (if they're still available); no price is given for a regular set.

THE MAGAZINE RACK: Publications Received During July, 1972

((Instead of detailed reviews of magazines received (we welcome detailed reviews from our readers), we prefer to merely list the contents (with brief comment, where appropriate), and let the reader make up his own mind as to whether or not he might be interested in a given 'zine. --ed.))

I. WARGAMING 'ZINES --

DOMESDAY BOOK #12 (June '72) (Official Newsletter of the IFW Castle & Crusade Society; ed. Rob Kuntz, % C&CS, 334 Madison St., Lake Geneva, WI 53147; mimeo; monthly; free to members (membership is \$2.50/yr. to IFW members, \$3.50/yr. to others)) -- 7 pp., incl. cover; "Linconshire", by Dave Arneson; "The Purge", by Walter J. Williams; announcements; questionnaire. ##### Unfortunately, this issue is only a shadow of its former glorious self. (Is it "DOMESDAY BOOK" or "DOOMSDAY BOOK"? It can't seem to make up its mind....)

THE FLYING BUFFALO'S FAVORITE MAGAZINE #7 (July, 1972) (Richard Loomis, 8149 E. Thomas Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251; bi-monthly; xerox(?); 35¢ ea., 6/\$2) -- Editorial; "Factory Rebuttal", by Paul DeVolpi; "A Dissenting Voice", by Larry King; "Open Letter to Rick Loomis & Arn Vagts, by Ed Jacoutot; "Player Ratings for Nuclear Destruction as of June 28, 1972"; "In Defense of Large Treaties", by Richard Warnick; "Drop-Outs: A Failure in Realism", by Lor Windle; cartoon; page of advertisements (free to subbers). ##### The journal of Nuclear Destruction (and, shortly, a new game: Battle Plan).

GRUNDSTEIT! I:17 (July 15, 1972) (Newsletter of the American Designer's Assoc.; Stephen Marsland, 78 Genesee St., Greene, NY 13778; monthly; ditto; 25¢ ea., 12/\$2.50 (back-ish avail. at higher prices)) -- 12 pp.; Announcements/Editor's notes; "Africa 1940" (Order of Battle); "The Fun Factor", by Stephen Marsland; Book Review, by Peter Gartman (Tank Warfare: A History of Tanks in Battle, by Kenneth Macksoy); "Battlefield Recon", by Guy Hail; Game Review, by Marshall Hoegfeldt (Borodino); "Poll Results"; Listing of games currently available through the ADA (16 games so far, ranging from \$2 to \$9 ea.). ##### Useful.

THE GUIDE TO WARGAMING PERIODICAL LITERATURE II:2 (undated) (George Phillis, #520B, 305 Memorial Dr., Cambridge, MA 02139; after 1 Sep '72, Suite 8, 897 Main St., Cambridge, MA 02139; quarterly; offset; 75¢ ea., 4/\$3) -- 7 pp.; Listing of all 'zines rec'd during period covered (assume 2nd quarter of 1972), plus a subject-matter index to same; 87 issues of 43 different magazines covered, including some 345 different articles. ##### Indispensable to anyone who wants to keep up with what's being published in the wargaming press.

LES DOSSIERS DE L'HYENE HARRA #4 (Michel Liesnard, Ave. Evariste de Meersman, 43, Berchem-Sainte-Agathe, B-1080, Bruxelles, Belgium; xerox; schedule not given; in French; price not given) -- 18 pp.; listings of mags. received and publishers' addresses; listing of Belgian gamesmen; info on Commercial games; sections on Avalon Hill games, Simulations Publications games and publications; announcements; rules for Le Vroup; List of Variant Diplomacy Games in Michel's possession as of 5 Jun '72; rules/map for Third Age Diplomacy/Middle-Earth game (by Brian Libby); rules for Bolchevik (by Hartley Patterson); rules for Lima 2 (by Michel Liesnard & Jean-Paul Macodoni). ##### Packed full of useful information of all kinds. (only wish our French were better....)--especially the rules/maps for misc. games.

PANZERFAUST #54 (July-Aug '72) (Don Lowry, POBox 1123, Evansville, IN 47713; bi-monthly; offset; 9 3/4" x 6 3/4"; \$1 ea., \$5/yr., \$9/2 yrs., \$12.50/3 yrs.) -- 48 pp., incl. covers; front cover by Don Lowry. Editorial; "The French Army in 1940", by Harold Totten; "Design Analysis: France, 1940 and Dunkirk", by Harold Totten; "British Openings in Origins", by Vance von Borries; "The Spirit of '76:"

Designer's Notes", by Chuck Lane; "A Wargamer's Guide to the American Civil War" (Part III: "The Cavalry"), by Don Lowry; "Prelude to...Afrika Korps", by Robert W. Garbisch; "Simulating the Desert War: Confessions of a Frustrated Wargamer", by J.E. Pournelle; "Stalingrad Rules Interpretations", by George Phillis; "Game Design", by Don Lowry; "Operation Contact: What It Is; A Short History; Future Plans", by Alister Wm. Macintyre; "Diplomacy" column ("Two Unusual German Openings"), by Edi Birsan; "Forgotten Military Vehicles", by Tom Wham; "Thumbnail Analysis" (review of Hannibal, by Laurence Rusciocki); "Wargamer's Notebook" (convention calendar); Book Review, by Don Lowry (Alternative to Armageddon, by Col. Wesley W. Yale, Gen. I.D. White, & Gen. Hasso E. von Manteuffel); "Pass in Review", by Don Lowry (reviews of misc. gaming 'zines); "Reconnaissance in Force", by Don Lowry (review of CONFLICT); "The Great Debate", by Donald Wolff; lettercolumn. **##** Also, a bonus for subscribers, a complete game: The Spirit of '76 (rulebook 11 pp., offset, same size as PF; strategic mapboard, in several sections; offset, in green, blue, & brown; offset charts & tables; British & French Orders of Battle (offset); **Set-Up** Sheets for both sides (offset); and counters for both sides (offset, on paper; die-cut counters are avail., at cost, for those who like the game enough to want to purchase something more substantial than the paper ones, @ 75¢). Finally, a Feedback Questionnaire. **####** A fine issue of an excellent wargaming 'zine; our one regret is that it doesn't quite live up to its cover blurb, "Games of Strategy/Strategy of Games", as it excludes non-wargames. But this is a minor quibble; certainly, it is the "best buy" currently available among the wargaming 'zines, even without the complete game (which sells separately for \$5!)--reasonable price, plenty of material covering all aspects of wargaming, top-notch repro, fine layout, plenty of illos/diagrams, generally well-written material--what more do you want?

SIGNAL #20 (1 July 1972) (Gaming newszine; John Mansfield, %General Delivery, 439 SQN, CFPO 5056, Canada; mimeo; bi-weekly; 6/\$1, 25/\$3) -- 4 pp.; July convention calendar; section on "Figures and Kits"; Fanzine reviews; announcement of editor's departure for Germany via Canadian Air Force (which means no July 15th issue, and possible raise in price according to what postage costs will be).

II. THE DIPLOMACY PRESS (asterisk indicates known current game openings):

*ALPHA (David Hunt, 217 E. Front St., Adrian, MI 49221; "a neutral journal of postal Diplomacy for novices); ditto; no schedule given; 8/\$1.50; openings for beginners, in Regular games only; fee: \$3, / \$1.50 sub) -- #1 (undated) -- 10 pp., incl. cover; cover by "Paul Volker"; "Venus Fly Trap" comic strip by "Paul Volker"; "The Great American Short Story", by Tim Locke; misc. notes/announcements; roster of Games I & II (1972CB & 1972CG, resp.); Article: "Philosophies of Playing Diplomacy", by Edi Birsan (repr. from ARENA #2); ALPHA House-Rules. **####** #2 (undated) -- 10 pp., incl. cover; announcements; "Game Analysis", by Fred C. Winter (will be analyzing ALPHA games); moves, prop. for 1972CB & 1972CG; "The Not-So-Gentle Art of Press Releases", by Rod Walker (article--Part I). ANTARES #3 (July, 1972) (Burt Labelle, 146 Elm St., Saco, ME 04072; irregular; ditto; 50¢ ea.) -- 28 pp.; Editor's notes, comments, poll results; Editorial; "Tactical Considerations in Locked Up Positions", by Arn Vagts (repr. from HOOSIER ARCHIVES #40, with added orig. material); "Germany: An In-Depth Look at a 'Weak' Country" (four reprints: "Germany", by John Smytho (BROBDINGNAG #63); "The Jutland Gambit", by Edi Birsan (HOOSIER ARCHIVES #48); "The Koniggratz Froak-Out", by Edi Birsan (HA #64); "Introduction to the Strategy & Tactics of Diplomacy: Chap. 4, Germany", by Larry Peery (HA #28)); "Rating Systems in Asymmetrical Multiplayer Board Games", by Arn Vagts. **####** A genzine, badly in need of more original material for future issues. Lots of good stuff here, anyway. BUSHWACKER I:6 (Aug '72) (Fred Davis, Jr., 5307 Carriage Ct., Baltimore, MD 21229; mimeo; monthly; 18/\$2) -- 6 pp.; "Significant Alternation in the 'Atlantica' Variant"; notes/announcements; moves, prop. for games 1972Jco ("Abstraction), 1972Gez ("Atlantica").

COSTAGUANA V:20 (10 Jun '72) (Conrad von Metzke, POBox 8342, San Diego, CA 92102; ditto; no schedule or sub rate given) -- 30 pp., / "Straw Vote" (U.S. Presidential election) Ballot. Editor's notes (with this incorporates 1971BA from DIE SCHULDIGKEIT DES ERSTEN UND VORNEHMSTEN GEBOTES ("K.35"), which has folded); lettercolumn (with liberal editorial comment); "Shostakovich" (Part II: The Symphonies); "Norb's (Big Brother's) Fifth Trip to Europe", by Chas. Reinsol; moves, prop. for 1968AF, 1969V, 1971K, 1971AZ, 1971BA, 1971BE, 1971BV, 1971DE, 1972BR (new game: initial player roster); "The Art of the Stab", by W. H. LaFosso; "Answers to Canadophile Quiz"; "COSTAGUANA Roster as of 10 Jun '72; quiz/answers. ##### Still our favorite Dippy 'zine.

DER KRIEG #2 (7 Jul '72) (Graham Jeffery, 8 Rusholme Rd., London SW15 3JZ, England; ditto; no schedule given; 4p ea.) -- 3 pp.; lettercol; moves, prop. for 1972BX; announcements. ## Also, DER KRIEG House-Rules (1 pg., legal-length, xerox).

DIPLOPHOBIA #100 (13 Jul '72) (Don Miller, 12315 Judson Rd., Wheaton, MD 20906; mimeo; tri-weekly; 20¢ ea., 6/\$1) -- 10 pp.; moves, prop. for games 1970F (Drawn W14, Fausto Calabria (ITA), Andy Phillips (ENG), Mark Tonnson (GER)), 1970AO, 1971G, 1971W, 1971BI, 1971BJ, 1970Fck ("Scotice Scripti IT"); DIPLOMANIA 32-7 (3 pp. of general material: misc. notes/comments/announcements; "New Blood"; Part I of "The 'Platypus' Game" (moves, repr. from earlier DPBA's, plus commentary submitted by players with their moves (their thoughts on the game, their diplomacy since the previous season, etc.), being published here for the first time after the game was completed (1969CB, won by Brenton Ver Floeg, ENG)).

EREHWON #71 (13 Jul '72) (Rod Walker, 4719 Felton St., San Diego, CA 92116; ditto; no schedule given; 7/\$1) -- Announcements; moves, prop. for 1970AT, 1970AX, 1970BK, 1971A, 1971C, 1971F, 1972AL, 1972AO; "The Beyerlein Player Poll #5" results (shouldn't that be #4, Rod?); "The Chronicles of Req-Lav" (The Second Book of Dyqq the Sly", Chap. 1); "Diplomacy Organizations--The Ugly Debate".

*ETHIL THE FROG (John Piggott, Jesus College, Cambridge CB5 8BL, England; mimeo; pubbed every 2-3 weeks; legal-length paper; 10/50p; openings in Regular Diplomacy, "Abstraction", "Twin-Earths" Diplomacy; fee: 1st game free; 25p/game thereafter) -- #5 (22 Apr '72) -- 4 pp.; start of "C" game (no Boardman # yet); moves, prop. for 1972K, "B" game ("Abstraction"; apparently no "Miller" # yet) (plus more on the rules). ##### #6 (11 May '72) -- 6 pp.; section on "British Diplomacy Club"; misc. announcements; moves, prop. for 1972K, "B" game, "C" game. ##### #7 (26 May '72) -- 4 pp.; start of Regular game ("D"--no Boardman # yet); moves, prop. for 1972K, "B" game, "C" game. ##### Hay, John, never rec'd #'s 3 and 4....

GRAUSTARK (John Boardman, 234 E. 19th St., Brooklyn, NY 11226; bi-weekly; mimeo; 15¢ ea., 8/\$1) -- #268 (1 Jul '72) -- 12 pp.; moves, prop. for 1970BN, 1971BG, 1971EB, 1971EC, 1971EE, 1972A, 1972E, 1972G; misc. comments/announcements; "A Series of Progressive Northern Stalomite Positions", by Robert Bryan Lipton. ##### #269 (15 Jul '72) -- 12 pp.; moves, prop. for 1970BN (won W13, Walt Buchanan, RUS), 1971BG, 1971EB, 1971EC, 1971EE, 1972A, 1972E, 1972G; announcements; lots of letters (and editorial commentary); "George Wallace in Orange Make-Up". ##### Always lively, timely, and informative.

HOOSIER ARCHIVES (Walt Buchanan, R.R. #3, Lebanon, IN 46052; "devoted to articles on good play, demonstration games such as The Grudge Game (1971BC) now in progress, rating systems and game news"; 15/\$2, 7/\$1; 15¢ ea.; ditto; weekly) -- #76 (17 Jun '72) -- 4 pp. / cover; "Into the Archives #36" ("Games A Rating System Make", by Walt Buchanan); "Calhamer Point Count Rating List #201". ##### #77 (24 Jun '72) -- 5 pp.; moves, prop. for 1971BC; announcements. ##### #78 (1 Jul '72) -- 4 pp., / cover; "Into the Archives #37" ("Basic Tactics of Diplomacy", by Len Lakofka; Analysis of last moves for 1971BC, by Rick Brooks; "The Calhamer Point Count Rating List by Country: Russia"; "Game Openings"; New Blood; announce-

ment. ##### #79 (8 Jul '72) -- 5 pp.; moves, prop. for 1971BC; Analysis by Rick Brooks; "Into the Archives #38" ("The Reverse Lepanto--Who Said it Couldn't Be Done?", by Len Lakofka). ##### #80 (10 July '72) -- 4 pp. / International Game Show flyer; "Into the Archives #39" ("Forever Isn't the Only Way", by Conrad von Metzke (on press releases)); "International Diplomacy Census" (roster of players in various 'zines being pubbed overseas) announcement. ##### Indispensible for anyone with an interest in Diplomacy (which covers a lot of people!).

*JASTRZAB 7 (June '72) (Stan Wrobel, 7 Poland Village Blvd., Poland, OH 44514; mimeo; approx. tri-weekly; 10/\$1.50; openings in Regular Diplomacy; fee \$4) -- notes/announcements; moves, prop. for 1969CJ, 1972AK, 1972BQ, 1972Dcx ("War of the Rings"), 1969B, 1969BV, end of 1969P (drawn, W08, Pete Wityk (FRA), Bud Stowe (GER), Rich Purdy (TUR), Gary Jones (ITA), Larry Justus (RUS)); discussion of "The Miller Rule" (which is mis-stated; correct rule is "Under no circumstances may dislodged unit have any effect on the province from which the attack came") and "Just Right-Hand Rule"; 9 pp., / cover. (Oops! Just found additional loose page containing listing of "War of the Rings" provinces.)

KADATH #20 (6 July '72) (Rod Walker, address on pg. 5; 10/\$1; ditto; no schedule given) -- 4 pp.; moves, prop. for 1970BL, with analysis by Rick Brooks; "Rick Brooks Rebuts the Lakofka Rebuttal"; "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow", by Len Lakofka (Part 12); House-Rule Change; propaganda from JASTRZAB.

LA SOURCE DE LA VERITE DIVINE #7 (Supplement to MOESHOESHOE XXXVI; written by Michel Liesnard as propaganda for game 1971Tbu in MOESHOESHOE; pubbed by Michel Feron (address below); in French; ditto) -- 1 page.

LEGATVS (Tony Pandin, 10406 Shaker Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44104; zerox; approx. tri-weekly; no sub rate given) -- #16 (25 Jun '72) -- 4 pp.; announcements; moves, prop. for 1970L, 1970AU, 1971BZ. ##### #17 (13 Jul '72) -- 1 pg.; retreats/builds/removals for 1970L, 1970AU, 1971BZ.

LOMCKOME 13 (Paul Bond, POBox 6477, College Station, TX 77840; xerox; 8/\$1; no schedule given) -- Positions, etc. needed to restart stalled "Imperialism VII" and "VIIR" games 1967ARam, 1968Tam, 1966AFaa, 1966AKaa, 1967Naa; Midgard 2 flyer from Tom Drake. (Oops! Dated 23 Jul '72; 4 pp.)

MOESHOESHOE XXXVI (3 Jul '72) (Michel Feron, Grand-Place 7, B-4280 Hannut, Belgium; in French & English; bi-weekly or weekly, as necessary; 50FB for 12 issues Benelux countries, 12/\$2 or 12/90p elsewhere) -- 4 pp.; moves, etc. for games 1972X, 1972AW, 1971Tbu ("Youngstown Variant"); "To Buy or Not to Buy", by Michel Liesnard. (Moves, articles in Fr., announcements in Eng.)

THE PACIFIC DIPLODEUR IV:7 (18 Jul '72) (Ted Holcombe, 10012 Valley Blvd., Apt. 38, El Monte, CA; 10¢ / postage ea.; ditto; tri-weekly(?); no subs after #9, as 'zine will fold with ed's impending military transfer to Korea) -- 5 pp.; moves, prop. for 1969CN, 1971S; announcements; "To Cut or Not to Cut", by Ted Holcombe; short comments by various persons on Holcombe comment in lastish.

PALANTIR II (19 Jul '72) (Scott Huddleston, Box 4480, Sta. B, Vanderbilt U., Nashville, TN 37235; mimeo; irregular; 15¢ ea., 6/75¢; "a genzine of Hyper-economic Diplomacy and similar megagames") -- Announcements; "Play of Minor Powers in Hyper-economic Diplomacy", by Jim Reilly; "Game Review: Armegeddon II", by Scott Huddleston; "Problems and Pitfalls of Specialized Genzines", by Scott. 4 pp.

PLATYPUS PIE (Brenton Ver Ploeg, 520 Parker Ave., #202, San Francisco, CA 94118; ditto; 6/\$1, 13/\$2; tri-weekly) -- #8 (27 Jun '72) -- 10 pp.; announcements; formation of new game 1972BT; moves, prop. for 1972AR, 1971EH; "And We're Back to the Exam Questions"; "Independent Question Department: Boardman Asks"; "Break Time Has Come to San Francisco"; on the GRI Flyer; "The Ratings" ("The Numenor System"). ##### #9 (18 Jul '72) -- 10 pp.; announcements; moves, etc. for 1971EH, 1972AR, 1972BT; "The Ratings" ("Beyerlein Player Poll #4" results); "Mini-Symposium on Diplomacy Play in General--and Starting Out the Game in Particular" ("The Name of the Game IS...", by Doug Beyerlein, repr. in part from IM-

PASSABLE, with commentary by Brenton); "General Principles of Negotiation . . .".
 ##### Plenty of interesting and thoughtful material here...PLATYPUS PIE is excellent "food for thought".

SAGUENAY #0 255/256 (3 Jul '72) (Conrad von Metzke, address on pg. 5; run for Canadian players only; ditto; approx. bi-weekly; 10/\$1 (/25¢ to Canadians remitting in Canadian funds) -- 14 pp.; announcements; lettercol; more player vignettes; moves, prop. for 1971DP, 1971DT, 1971DY, 1972B, 1972J, 1972Y; "Allan B. Calhamer is a Phallic Symbol"; "Canada's Doukhobors" (repr. from LOS ANGELES TIMES) (Part I).

SHAFT!! (Andy Phillips, 128 Oliver St., Daly City, CA 94014; ditto; pubbed every 2-3 weeks; 8/\$1) -- 3:9 (22 May '72) -- 2 pp.; moves, prop. for 1971Rcv ("Youngstown Variant, Rev.", if we remember correctly; 1971Scs (forget which Variant this one is). ##### 3:11 (11 Jun '72) (#10, where are you????) -- 4 pp.; CoA's; moves, prop. for 1970BA, 1971AC, 1971Mbu ("Youngstown Variant"), 1971Rcv; player statements from 1967AZ (won W14, Chas. Welsh, FRA). ##### 3:12 (29 Jun '72) -- 3 pp.; CoA's; moves, prop. from 1971Scs, 1972Bcw (also forget which Variant this one is). ##### 3:13 (5 Jul '72) -- 2 pp. (3 more pp. to be sent to us later); CoA's; moves, prop. for 1969Ccb ("Continent") (won F'84, Lew Pulsipher, Colombia), 1971AC, 1971Mbu.

STAB #86 (17 Jun '72) (Conrad von Metzke, address on pg. 5; irregular; ditto; no price given) -- moves, etc. for games 1967A, 1968A, 1968AD; nextish will pick up three orphan games from defunct ANIARA: 1969CG, 1969CH, 1969CI.

*XENOGOGIC IV:12.0 (29 Jun '72) (Larry Peery, POBox 8416, San Diego, CA 92102; ditto; no schedule or sub rate given; Regular game openings; fee, \$5) -- 5 pp.; announcements/comments; moves for games 1971AW, 1971Z, 1971CR, 1971DI.

*YGGDRASILL CHRONICLE (Paul J. Wood, 24613 Harmon Ct., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080; asst. cd., John Van De Graaf (37343 Glenbrook, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043); xerox; tri-weekly; 17/\$2; not sure whether YC itself has any current openings (if it does, will be in Regular Diplomacy, fee \$1/game / sub to YC), but game of Chief-of-State is being opened, to be run in YC or some other 'zine, fee \$1 / sub to YC; if interested, write John Van De Graaf); affiliated with Michigan Organized Wargamers (MOW) -- #6 (7 Jun '72) -- 5 pp.; start of new Regular game (1972CC); moves, prop., map corrections for 1972Vbu ("Youngstown Variant"); moves, prop. for 1972AC; announcements; Detroit Minicon Flyer. ##### #7 (28 Jun '72) -- 5 pp.; moves, prop. for 1972AC, 1972CC, 1972Vbu; Minicon flyer. ##### #8 (18 Jul '72) -- 5 pp.; moves, prop. for 1972AC, 1972CC, 1972Vbu; announcements; "MOW" column, by Lew Pulsipher; "The MOW Detroit Minicon" (report), by John Van De Graaf & Paul Wood. Plus special issue of YC, dated June '72: 1 pg., announcing C-O-S game.

ZOTHIQUE 51 (29 Jun '72) (Rod Walker, address on pg. 5; "a journal of postal experimental variant Diplomacy (the Aberration Series)"; ditto; 10/\$1; no schedule given) -- 4 pp.; announcements/rule changes (H-R's); moves, prop. for 1970Dcf, 1971Fed, 1971Gcd (forget which Aberration game was which); Player Roster.

III. MISC. NON-WARGAMING 'ZINES -- (Not too many rec'd during July....)

APBA INNINGS (John Brodak, 228 Locust St., Carmichaels, PA 15320; monthly; off-set; 9" x 12½"; 6/\$2.50, 12/\$4; in 3-column, newspaper-style format; published for fans of APBA sports games; sent to us thru the generosity of TGL subber Sean Summers, to wants gamesmen to be aware that Sports Games enthusiasts are also represented in the publishing world of games fandom; many thanks, Sean!) -- 2:12 (15 Oct '71) -- 12 pp.; "How to Play APBA Football Through Mail", by Joe Elinich; "Writing Baseball Just Another Job?", by Jack Kohn; "Hitting the Hoop", by Phil Torrez; "Big Sked Looms for APBA Golf", by Hans Prechtel; "Tom Walters Enacts 1963 NFL Chase"; "Huddle Up", with Bill Dod; APBA Baseball League Reports; "All-Time APBA Pirates", by Jack Kohn; lettercol; "Round the Track", by Ralph Rossini; Classified Ad Section; misc. short material. Organized mainly around sections devoted to APBA Baseball, Saddle Racing, Golf, Football, and Basketball.

3:1 (15 Nov '71) -- 12 pp.; Organized as 2:12, with sections on APBA Golf, Basketball, Football, Baseball, and Saddle Racing; major articles: "Chuck, Donna Enjoy Sports with APBA", by Jack Kohn; "Southern Seniors Crown to Hogan", by Ken Gunter; "Colts in Frigid '58 Comeback"; Baseball League Reports; "Round the Track", by Ralph Rossini (with short article on "Distance Runners", by Mike Riley); Classified Ads. #### 3:3 (15 Jan '72) -- 8 pp.; "Ty Cobb Heads All-Timers", by Johnny Alban; "Man-to-Man Defense Gains Support", by Glenn Aument; "Player Prevails in Prechtel Play"; "League Reports" (Baseball); Classified Ads; etc. #### 3:6 (15 Apr '72) -- 12 pp.; usual sections, each with columns, reports, and occasional major articles: "Pitchout Suggested as Hit & Run Counter", by Howard Hultin; "Golf Card Comments", by Tom Walters; "No Dice for Dallas", by Larry Smith; Baseball League Reports; "Triple Play--But Who Cared?", by Michael Rogers; "Phillies 4, Yankees 0 in '64?"; APBA Racing Form; Classified Ads. #### 3:7 (15 May '72) -- 12 pp.; usual sections, with articles: "Continental Loop Opens 11th Season", by Flip Rhoads; "Suns Shine in Pa.", by Bob Schqirer; "Cowboys Win Total Bowl", by Bill Dod; "APBA Science Fiction; Can 'The Game' Survive?", by Ed Her-rick; Baseball League Reports; "Koufax a Dodger 'D' in 1957", by Jack Kohn; lettercol; "Racing Odds Examined", by David Kloment; "All-Time APBA Yankees", by Jack Kohn; APBA Racing Form; Classified Ads. #### We should note that we have not included all articles--just picked out a few at random, and listed them to give you some idea of what contents are like; 'zines are jam-packed full of info. (And for those who have never seen an APBA game, you are missing what is, at least of those sports games we have seen to date, the most realistic sports board game there is. In addition to scientifically-designed rules, a new set of player-cards is issued each year (at cost; last we saw, e.g., football cards were \$7/yr.) for the rosters of the preceding year, and the players perform, statistically over a season, very close to their statistical performances of the season for which they were designed. And there is plenty of room for exercise of managerial skills and talents....) #### One more note: John Brodak is the publisher of APBA INNINGS, Jack Kohn is the Editor; we don't know to which one the Carmichaels address belongs.

GAMERS GUIDE #31 (Aug. '72) (Ken Borecki, POBox 255, Rockville Centre, NY 11571; monthly; mimeo; 10/\$1.50, 24/\$3.25, 20¢ ea.; "The Monthly Gaming News Magazine"; non-profit ads free up to 60 words) -- 10 pp.; Sections: "Clubs", "Want-Ads", "Diplomacy", "Opponents Wanted", "Conventions", "Advertisements"; "Operation Contact #8", by Alistor Macintyre ("Colorado Gamers"); Game Review: France 1940, by Roy Matheson; "Survey #23 Winners" and "Results"; "News Briefs"; Editorial comment; "Operation Contact News"; "Report: New Jersey"; Survey #24 Questionnaire; Gaming magazine reviews. #### A "must" for news-hungry gaming fans.

CONVENTION NOTE

9TH ANNUAL WARGAME CONVENTION -- September 23, 1972, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Hyatt Gymnasium, Widener College, Chester PA (foemerly Pennsylvania Military Colleges). Sponsored by Miniature Figure Collectors of America (MFCA). Program includes: (1) Demonstrations of rules and games in the Ancient, Musket and Modern Periods by the New England Wargamers Assoc., Pittsburgh Mercenary Wargame Union, Washington Wargamers, Sparta International, Philadelphia Wargame Section-Mfca, & others; (2) Displays of Armies, Units, etc., with trophies to be awarded in many categories; (3) "How to" Seminars on various aspects of the hobby; (4) Dealers' displays and vending tables; (5) Swap and Sell Tables, Door Prizes, Information Exchanges, etc. For further info on trophies, maps, costs, etc., write: Milton E. Miller, Jr., General Chairman, 1310 Trace Drive West, Glendora, NJ 08029 (phone 609-783-7936). ((This info from letter and accompanying flyer rec'd from Ed Miller. --ed.))

CHESS CHATTER

The 1972-73 Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship will be held December 26-30, at Stouffer's University Inn, Columbus, OH. Sponsored by the Ohio State Univ. Chess Club & The Intercollegiate Chess League of America, it consists of an eight-round, Swiss System, USCF-rated tournament for teams. Open to four-man teams (plus up to two alternates, if desired) from any college or university in the Americas. Players may be full or parttime currently registered undergrad or graduate students. Schools may enter any number of teams. This team-vs.-team format, scored by match points, will provide direct match confrontations between the leading contenders for the titles "U.S. Intercollegiate Champion" and "Canadian Intercollegiate Champion". #### Special room rates for this tournament will be \$5 per person per night, in double rooms; singles are \$7. Triples, using cots, will also be \$5 per person per night. There will be no parking fees of any sort. The airport is five miles from the tournament site. #### There is a minimum guaranteed \$1500 prize fund, to be awarded as follows: First place, a guaranteed \$400 / trophy; next four places are \$240, \$120, \$80, \$60, plus trophies. These will be raised if entries permit it. There will also be many cash and trophy prizes, as entries permit, including: sixth thru tenth places, prizes based on average team ratings, board prizes and alternate prizes, upset prizes, top team from a two-year college, top team from a small college, top Canadian team, top teams from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Pennsylvania, and incentive prizes for teams which have travelled the greatest distances. #### Entry fees: \$30 for 1st team and \$25 per team for any additional teams from a school, if received by Dec. 10; \$35 and \$30 later. #### All players must be USCF members, and all schools entering must be USCF/ICLA affiliates (\$10/yr., avail. at tournament site). Special USCF membership rates avail. to Canadian players on Canadian teams (\$8 regular, \$4 junior). #### Tournament Director is Prof. Seth Hawkins; ATD is David Mooser. #### Entrants will receive announcement packet this fall with complete information, registration procedures, and travel instructions. For further info., contact Tournament Committee Chairman: Michelle West, 3502 Colonial Place, Grove City, OH 43123. ((This info from flyer rec'd from Ms West; in an accompanying letter, she noted that last year's tournament, at the Univ. of Toronto, drew 55 teams from the U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico, & the Dominican Republic; they are hoping for 65 teams this year. --ed.))

In "Tidbits", we mentioned an article on the "Golden Age of Chess" which recently appeared in an amateur publication, THE ORIFLAMME. Other Chessic material recently appearing in the general press include: (1) "The Computer Was a Fish", by George R.R. Martin (in the Aug. '72 issue of ANALOG SCIENCE FACT/SCIENCE FICTION; 60¢ ea., from Box 5205, Boulder, CO 80302)-- on Chess-playing computers, with especial reference to the Chess-playing ability (or lack of same) of the CDC 6400; on the recent history of such computers, the programs for them, and results of recent Computer Chess Championship Tournaments (with results for 1970 and 1971 tournaments, and moves for two games from the tournaments). ## (2) An article on Medieval Chess, in TOURNAMENTS ILLUMINATED 15 (journal of the Soc. of Creative Anachronism, POBox 1162; Berkeley, CA 94701; 50¢; article is 2 pp. in length). (There's more, but they're in another folder, which is not at hand right now.)

Quickie mentions of (mostly) old items: In SPECIAL BRANCH, which is apparently an English magazine, appeared a short feature on Simultaneous Chess: "An Early Knight for the Champ", by Peter Genower (2 pp.; date of 'zine unknown; sent by John Mansfield). In LIFE, 11/4/69, "The First Move I Make Is Always a Good One", by Rudolph Chelminski (3-pp. close-up of (then) World Chess Champ, Tigran Petrosian). In SOVIET LIFE, 9/69, "The Decisive Game", by Boris Spassky (19th game in 1969 title match with Petrosian (won by Spassky)--moves & analysis); don't remember who sent this one (perhaps R.D. Christian?). "Mod Chess Chess Set Buds" (in THE SUNDAY STAR, 1/8/71--short article and photo on Ken Spiering's "Revolutionaires vs. Establishment" chessmen). A short review of Vladimir Nabokov's Poems and Problems (McGraw-Hill; \$7.95; 218 pp) appeared in THE SUNDAY STAR of 26/9/71; this

HOOSIER ARCHIVES is a postal Diplomacy genzine. It features articles on good play (past authors: Beshara, Boyerlein, Birsan, Brooks, Calhamer, Lakofka, Peery, Prosnitz, Smythe, Vagts, Ver Ploeg, von Motzke, & Walker to name a few) and carries The Grudge Game, an analyzed demonstration game by the experts. Also included are rating systems, game news, openings, etc. Subs: 15/\$2 (7/\$1). WALTER BUCHANAN, RR#3, Lebanon, IN 46052.

WANTED: Antiquarian books on Chess and other games. C.G. LEWIN, QUINTACRE, Elms Rd., Hook, Basingstoke, England.

WANTED: 2nd-hand games (except juvenile) complete & in good condition. Will pay at least $\frac{1}{2}$ orig. price + postage. Especially need AH Bookcase, 3M Bookshelf, SF/Fantasy, Sports, S&T Test Series, "Privately-produced" Wargames, Summit, Management, Trafalgar, Lensman. Quote before sending. (Also want games-related books & mags.) DON MILLER (address to right).

Ads free up to 10 35-character lines for TGL subbers & traders; for others, 2¢/line (25¢ minimum).

WANTED: Board-Gamers. Interested in Lines of Action, Bicolor Chess, Dynamo Chess, Cylindrical Reversi, Nightrider Chess, Euler Squares, Ultima, Berolina Grid Chess? I play a variety of board games & chess variants, and could use some more opponents. If you've invented a chess variant or board game, I'd like to hear about it. SP4 PHILIP COHEN, 187-404-892, 375th USASA Co. (EW), Ft. Hood, TX 76544.

WANTED: Persons interested in contributing art work & wargames articles (all kinds) to not-for-profit 'zine, contact: JOHN BOBEK, 3919 W. 68th St., Chicago, IL 60629.

STILL NEED semi-regular Columnists/Contributing Editors for THE GAMESMAN: Go, Chess, Card Games, Fairy Chess, Games Design, Diplomacy, Sports Games, SF/Fantasy games, Wargames, General Games, Non-Gaming Hobbies (Cryptography, etc.), Staff Artist(s), Book/Magazine/Game Reviewers, Playtesters, News/Convention Reporters, Translators. DON MILLER, 12315 Judson Rd., Wheaton, MD 20906 (ph. 301-933-5417). (Also need regular reviewers (books, games, magazines) for THE GAMESLETTER.)

CHESS CHATTER (Continued from preceding page) --

collection contains translations of poems originally written in Russian (together with the original), 14 English poems, and 18 Chess problems composed by the author. "End-Games of Duchamp: We're Still Playing Them", by Paul Richard (THE WASHINGTON POST, 10 Aug '71), in which is discussed Dialogues with Marcel Duchamp, trans. from the French and published by Viking Press, with particular emphasis upon Duchamp's flirtation with (incl. co-authorship of The Opposition and Sister Squares Are Reconciled, a book on end-games, in 1932 & attitudes towards Chess. 'Nuff for now.

We had planned to continue with our saga of the Fischer/Spassky World Chess Championships, but decided to hold this until nextish. To date, we have covered, in TGL's 32, 35, 36, & 39, events thru 6 July as covered by the local press. We will wrap-up pregame maneuvers nextish, and give a quick run-down on tournament progress up to that date. Detailed game-by-game breakdowns will be published, when match ends, in single issue of TGL, so you'll have a full record all in one 'zine. For this, we still need someone to annotate the games for us--doesn't have to be a brilliant analysis--just a straightforward discussion of game highlights and blunders. (We'd do it ourselves, only we are too rusty after a 10-year layoff from Chess competition.)

From a "Believe It Or Not!" panel: Murar Rao, commander of the Mahratta Armies of India (1740-1763) took many thousands of prisoners of war in his campaigns and played a game of Chess with each one; if the prisoner won he was set free; if he lost, he was thrown to his death from the battlements of the fortress! ("Chess for blood!")