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In Brief --

After a very hectic spring and summer (our daughter's bone surgery, followed by a seven-week visit from England by our father-in-law, / two courses each requiring the reading of two books per week, / the founding of a new area SF club and two new magazines (THE MYSTERY NOOK and WASHINGTON S.F. NEWSLETTER), / the return once again to our control (which means we return to doing all the work in getting it out) of THE WSFA JOURNAL, /...well, as we said--rather hectic times!), we have finally managed to complete our retrenchment/reorganization, with the results as published in the attached M-Press Information Sheet. Note that TGL will continue, although smaller (back to 10 pages) and monthly rather than the bi-weekly schedule we over-ambitiously tried to follow a while back (with the result that TGL didn't come out at all....). Also, there have been changes in sub policies with respect to TGL and TG; please read the sheet carefully, and let us know asap whether you want your subs under the revised Class A or B (you will be automatically under Class A unless you tell us otherwise as far as TGL is concerned--and will get TG#7 (prorated vs. your TGL sub) if you have enough issues of TGL left--but you will not get TG's beyond #7 unless you specifically sub to TG or transfer part of your TGL sub to cover TG.

This issue and the next have "bare-bones" reviews--brief descriptions/highlights of the contents, with no commentary on the merits/demerits of the zines), in order to catch up with the huge stack of material that's come in since May 10, when most of TGL 81/82 was typed. After #84, we will cover incoming mail a month at a time, with occasional extra issues to pick up overflow (if there is any) from TG. Everything except news & monthly 'zine reviews/descriptions will be transferred to TG, with occasional appearances in TGL when space permits. But TG, if it is to be able to come out even quarterly, needs material to publish therein--game, book, & zine reviews; articles; columns; letters; puzzles/problems; complete games/rulesheets; full-page art (black on white) for covers (for offset repro); it's up to you....

THE GAMER'S MART will return in #84 and appear monthly from then on, so get your ads in as quickly as possible. TGL #84 should appear about two weeks after this.

TGL is monthly; subs: 30¢ (11p) ea., 8/\$2 (10/L1.25 or \$2.50 overseas) Class A; or, it is available as part of sub to THE GAMESMAN, prorated vs. deposit (at least \$5) for Class B TG sub and mailed out with TG rather than individually. For info on ads, see #81; for info on Overseas Agents, trades (all-for-all w/any gaming zine), etc., write ed. Address Code meaning in #81/82.

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THE PUZZLE PATCH

Solutions to puzzles in TGL 77 (#'s 5-11) and 80 (#'s 12-19) --

#5, LITCHI [L(ITCH)I] (by Tut; from THE ENIGMA); #6, PASTRIES [PAST / TRIES] (by Tut; from THE ENIGMA); #7, POSTMASTER GENERAL (by Frost E. Roman; from THE ENIGMA); #8, FAINTHEARTEDNESS (by Merlin; from THE ENIGMA) (#'s 5-8 submitted by Phil Cohen); #9, Sunday (based on puzzle by Sam Loyd); #10, 21514-4641=16873 or 54116-6764=47382 (based on problem by C.R. Wylie, Jr.); #11, Sam (based on problem by Hubert Phillips); #12, MORALIST [M(ORAL)IST] (by Hap; from THE ENIGMA); #13, A CONSIGNMENT (by The Gink; from THE ENIGMA); #14, LEON JAWORSKI (by Problem Child; from THE ENIGMA) (#'s 12-14 submitted by Phil Cohen); #15, 56 (orig. problem by Sharon Miller); #16, Spades: A,Q,10,8,6,4,3,2, Hearts: void, Diamonds: J,9, Clubs: A,Q,10 (based on problem by "Caliban"); #17, row 1: x-x-, row 2: --xx, row 3: xxx, row 4: -xx- (according to the book from which this was taken, this arrangement was supposed to produce 18 rows, horizontally, vertically & diagonally, with an even number of coins--but we count only 16; can anyone enlighten us?); (oh yes, based on puzzle by Sam Loyd); #18, Gores of Denver (based on problem by H. Phillips); #19, row 1: 116)84912(732, row 2: 812, row 3: 371, row 4: 348, row 5: 232, row 6: 232 (based on problem by C.R. Wylie, Jr.).

Solving Ladder (see TGL #80 for details) --

Tom Marks sent in correct solutions to #'s 6,9,10,11, but these were published before Ladder was started, and contained notations as to source, so do not count towards Ladder competition. Tom also sent in correct solutions to #'s 13 (1 pt.), 15 (2), 16 (1), 18 (1), 19 (1), for a total score of 6 pts. Dr. Harry W. Hazard sent in correct solutions to #'s 12 (which he composed, so this doesn't count towards Ladder), 13 (1 pt.), 14 (1), 15 (2), 18 (1), 19 (1), for a total of 6 points. So Tom and Dr. Hazard tie for top spot, and each gets a free issue of TGL (Tom has one added to his sub; Dr. Hazard, who is not a subscriber, gets this issue). For the record, each had incorrect solution to #17 (Tom--row 1: xxx, row 2: x--x, row 3: x--x, row 4: x--x, for 12 rows with evens; he sent another 12-rower as well--row 1: xxx, row 2: -xx-, row 3: -xx-, row 4: x--x; Dr. Hazard--row 1: xxx, row 2: xxx, row 3: -x--, row 4: -x--, for 12 even rows); Dr. Hazard also sent incorrect solution to #16, and Tom didn't try #'s 12 & 14. Thanks to you both--and we hope more TGL readers will join you two next time around to make this more of a competition!

Puzzles (see TGL #75 for details, explanations, etc.; as space is short, we will present just a few Flats this time; together with the problems in TGL #84, these will count towards next Ladder competition, and solutions will appear in TG#7. After TGL#84, The Puzzle Patch will appear regularly in THE GAMESMAN, with infrequent appearances in TGL. We urgently need problems for future installments--both originals and your favorite reprints (both will be credited as contributions) --

- #20. Word Deletion I've never danced the ALL, it's true,
With any *ONE upon the TWO; (Note that *ONE
But if oil shortage is the norm, is capitalized.)
It is one way of keeping warm.
- #21. Anagram $\begin{matrix} 1 & 11 & 6 \\ \hline \end{matrix}$ REACTS, HAS PITY 'PON ME
- #22. Anagram $\begin{matrix} 4 & 10 \\ \hline \end{matrix}$ A HE UNCIVIL AT MS.
- #23. Anagram $\begin{matrix} *12 \\ \hline \end{matrix}$ HIT AT SIN, I CRY
- #24. Anagram $\begin{matrix} 3 & 4 \\ \hline \end{matrix}$ HINT: LEO

ON THE MOVE (Changes-of-Address) --

George Phillies -- 101 Oakgrove Dr., Williamsville, NY 14221.
Richard Kovalcik, Jr., '79/MIT, Room 24-007/Cambridge, MA 02139.
Doug Beyerlein, 240 Hawthorne, Apt.F, Palo Alto, CA 94301.
Walt Buchanan, RR#3, Box 324, Lebanon, IN 46052.
Bill Howe, Box 313, Crownsville, MD 21032. (TGL #81/82 ret. by PO since Bill didn't notify us of his CoA; remember, we do not remail 'zines ret. because of such "un-reponed" CoA's unless you pay postage due charge / cost of remailing 'zine.)

AUX ARMES!

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED (since 10/5/75) --

AERODROME #48 (Newsletter of the Fight in the Skies Society; ed. Paul Cote, 1020 Hillcrest Dr., DeKalb, IL 60015; offset; bi-monthly; no price given): 5/75; 8 pp.; FITS news/announcements; game reports; list of aircraft types for 5th ed. of FITS; FITS Solitaire Scenario; report from Society head Mike Carr.

THE COURIER VII:3 (Bulletin of the New England Wargamers Assoc.; ed. Richard Bryant, 45 Willow St., Brockton, MA 02401; pubbed 8x/yr.; offset; 5½" x 8½"; 75¢ ea., \$5/yr. U.S. & Canada; elsewhere, \$1.10 ea., \$7.50/yr.): 36 pp. / covers; battle report (ancients miniatures), by Stan Domezio, w/ed.'s comments; misc. ancients info by Chas. Tarbox; "Cavalry vs. Cavalry Rules (Pt. 1), by Fred Viemeyer; "Edge of the Board--Edge of the World", by Richard Borg; Steve Haller on Nathaniel Greene's Southern Army; Max Ray compares U.S. & Soviet Combat Units, w/ battle report; Dave Mesquita reviews rules for Couer De Lion; more on Victory Conditions: "Fun or Futile Simulation", by Steve Haller, & "The Point of Victory", by Arnold Hendrick; short 'zine reviews; miscellany.

EMPIRE #12 (3/5/75) (John Boardman, 234 E.19th St., Brooklyn, NY 11226; mimeo; bi-weekly; 10/\$2): 12 pp.; moves, prop. for games of postal Empire(?); 7-pg. Glossary of weird variations of Poker.

EUROPA #9 (7/75) (Walter Luc Haas, Postfach 7, CH-4024 Basel 24, Switzerland; no schedule given; mimeo; 8 1/4" x 11 3/4"; a large number of different rates, but U.S. Agent is Edi Birsan, Apt. 302, 35-35 75th St., Jackson Hgts., NY 11372, & U.S. rates are: airmail, 4/\$5, 9/\$10, 14/\$15; seamail, 5/\$4, 8/\$6, 14/\$10): 42 pp., crammed full of all sorts of info and short articles, reviews, letters, etc.; sections this issue are on Fantasy/SF, CoSim, "Opinions & Info", & news; contributors include Gary Gygax, Tom Oleson, Jack Greene, Mark Saha, & a host of others.

THE FLYING BUFFALO'S FAVORITE MAGAZINE (Richard Loomis, POBox 1467, Scottsdale, AZ 85252; offset; bi-weekly; \$1 ea., \$4/yr.): #23 (3/4/75): 20 pp.; #24 (5-6/75): 20 pp. News, short articles, ads, reports, ratings on the various games being played on Richard's computer via the Flying Buffalo Computer Conflict-Simulation, Inc., incl. Battle Plan, Nuclear Destruction, Moon Base. Very active!

THE GUIDE TO WARGAMING PERIODICAL LITERATURE III:5 (1st Quarter '75; George Phillies, 101 Oakgrove Dr., Williamsville, NY 14221; offset; quarterly; no price given): 7 pp.; index to articles (290 of them) appearing in 84 issues of 38 different wargaming 'zines during first quarter of calendar year 1975.

IGHIP (Journal of the Interest Group Highland Park & Metro Detroit Gamers; ed. Mike Bartnikowski, 943 Stewart, Lincoln Park, MI 48146; monthly; ditto; 20/\$2); #33 (3/6/75): 8 pp.; #34 (7/7/75): 4 pp.; #35 (5/8/75): 8 pp. club news/announcements; moves for Postal Diplomacy game; articles: (#33, "Some Gripes About Rand Games", by Bill Somers; #34, Somers on Sea Strike & tactical armor games; #35, Bar-Lev II (Suez Front Variant), by Gerald Cleaver.

LIBERTERREAN #33 (16/6/75) (Jim Bumpas, 948 Loraine Ave., Los Altos, CA 94022; mimeo; no schedule given; 24/\$6): 8 pp.; an all-Diplomacy moves & prop. issue.

THE MACE (Newsletter of the Battleaxe Wargames Assoc.; ed. Dennis Stocks, POBox 235, Albion, Brisbane 4010, Australia; mimeo; no schedule given; free to BWA members (A\$2/yr., from Harry Belcher, whose address is not given), A\$1.50/yr. to others); #5 (undated): 21 pp. / cover & 1-pg. supplement (notes/announcements); articles on "Science Fiction Wargames", Barsoom, Culloden, pbm-gaming, "Hyborean Scenarios", & miscellany; #8 (undated): 12 pp. / cover; Tom Kassel reviews Chaco; V.R. Parton introduces Suten Hemut, another Chess variant; Don Turnbull reviews Outdoor Survival & Norad; Gary Gygax on "Fantasy Wargaming a la Tolkien"; miscellany.

SWABBERS (Herb Barents, R#4, 1142 S.96th Ave., Zeeland, MI 49464; ditto; no schedule given; 6/\$2.25): #40 (4/75): 12 pp.; reviews of Convoy, Seastrike (/ commentary by Bill Somers); Sixth Fleet; #41 (4-6/75): 12 pp.; Coral Sea Variant, by Mike Colluan; reviews of PQ 17 & SSN; miscellany. ## Naval Wargaming fanzine.

WARGAMER'S INFORMATION (Richard Loomis, address above; monthly; offset; 12/\$2, 25/\$4, Lifetime \$30 (12/\$3.50 1st class); o'seas, 12/\$2.50 seamail, 12/\$8 airmail;

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AUX ARMES!: Publications Received (Cont.) --

European Agent: Chris Harvey, 27 Five Oaks Ct., Birmingham Rd., Walsall, Staffs, U.K.): #4 (5/75): 6 pp.; #5 (6/75): 8 pp.; #6 (7/75): 8 pp. / flyers (ad, / letter to Flying Buffalo Customers (rule changes/announcements)). Wargaming news, convention announcements, ads, magazine reviews, game reviews, miscellany.

WARGAMERS TABLOID (Newsletter of the International Gamers Assoc.; ed. James H. Griset, POBox 407, Tustin, CA 92680; monthly; offset; 8½" x 14"; 3/\$1.25, 12/\$4.75;: IGA membership is \$5/yr., from Russell Powell, 5820 John Ave., Long Beach, CA 90805): #4 (6/75): 4 pp.; #5 (7/75): 6 pp.; #6 (8/75): 6 pp. News, tourney results, Panorama articles & info, ancients miscellany, rules for WWII Pacific wargame (in #5).

THE WASHINGTON GAMER #7 (o-o of the Washington Gamers Assoc., %Dan Gallagher, 6425 King Louis Dr., Alexandria, VA 22312; monthly; ditto; free to members (\$3/yr?), 30¢ ea. to others): 8 pp. / Origins I flyer; news/WGA announcements & business; short 'zine reviews by Cliff Sayre; Alan Hiding reviews Fact & Fantasy's games.

WORLD NEWS (Al Macintyre, 2729 Stratford Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45220; offset) -- We'll let Al tell you about this himself: "I run a giant PBM ND variant each year. Entry fee for 1976 game = \$3. People who sign up (money not due till game starts) will be sent house rules, etc, but I won't be doing this till after the convention season. ## Players get the WORLD NEWS until they get bombed out unless they specifically ask to continue getting it. Players who get bombed out the first war turn get a discount into the following year's game. Prize is your choice of game or year sub not exceeding \$10 (limit goes up if I can afford it). In case of tie-tied get in next game free. ## 1977 game will be more than \$3: Variant includes deficit spending." WN has news, info, propaganda, etc. re game in progress.

That's all for now; next issue we'll try to get through the rest--AVALON HILL GENERAL, LA VIVANDIERE, MIDWEST GAMING REVIEW, PANZERFAUST, SIGNAL, THE SPACE GAMER, THE SPARTAN, S&T, WARGAMER'S DIGEST, WW2 JOURNAL, & anything else that comes in between now (26 Aug.) and 31 Aug. After that, we'll keep up to date...!

MISCELLANY (Announcements, etc.) --

Metro Detroit Gamers announces that their winter con will be held Dec. 6,7 at the Univ. of Detroit campus. For further info write Bill Somers, 1654 Chandler, Lincoln Park, MI 48114. /Announcement rec'd from Bill Somers/

Flyer from First Corps Headquarters, 619 S. Rembrandt, Royal Oak, MI 48067, says they are a "new and completely unique wargaming supply house", offering discounts which increase as quantity purchased increases. They're offering special discounts on all SPI boardgames thru 30/9/75. Their full price list is 35¢.

Flyer from First Echelon Publications, POBox 6113, Ft. Bliss, TX 79906, announces a new magazine, PURSUE AND DESTROY (bi-monthly, 5½" x 8½", offset; 60 pp./issue, \$1.75 ea., 6/\$7.50; devoted to the "Wargame/History field", with major sections on land, sea, & air combat, SF/fantasy games, gaming info, / ads, profiles, reader feedback, etc. Sounds interesting; has this started appearing yet?

THE LITTLE SOLDIER, a military hobby shop located at 11401 Grandview Ave., Wheaton, MD 20902 (will have to go have a look when time permits....), sent several flyers/cataloguessupplements describing some of their stock (miniatures, prints, books, "militaria" (published monthly, Mar. thru at least Apr., when they stopped coming); their store hours are 12 noon-9 p.m. Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sat., noon-6 p.m. Sun.

MR. GAMEWAYS, "The Chess Store" (91 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ont. M5S 1M1, Canada), write that they are "a retail outlet of a plethora of games; almost anything we can find, with somewhat of an emphasis on wargames & space-conflict games", and they are "trying somewhat desperately to locate & obtain war/spacewar games from the small publishers & individuals who produce them, without much luck. The same goes for other gamezines." They ask for help--contacts, addresses of either, etc.

FYI: YANDRO #229 (11/74; 50¢, from Buck Coulson, Rt. 3, Hartford City, IN 47348) has an article of interest to gamers: "The Psychology of Risk", by Michael G. Coney. Military history buffs should look into BRITISH HISTORY ILLUSTRATED (\$9/yr., bi-monthly; \$1.50 ea., from Boulder, CO 80302), which frequently has articles on various battles (e.g., 4/75 has one on the Battle of the Falkland Islands; 8/75 has one on the Battle of Salamanca; haven't checked 6/75 issue).

CHESSWORLD

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED (since 10/5/75) --

APCT NEWS BULLETIN (Helen Warren, POBox 70, Western Springs, IL 60558; monthly; offset; subs: 1st class, \$6/yr., \$10.50/2 yrs., \$15/3 yrs.; 3rd class, \$5/yr., \$9/2 yrs., \$13/3 yrs.; under 18, \$4.50/yr. 1st, \$3.50/yr. 3rd; organ of the American Postal Chess Tournaments): IV:6 (6/75): 20 pp.; IV:7 (7/75): 14 pp.; IV:8 (8/75): 18 pp. news/announcements, tourney results, ratings, games from APCT play, letters, columns (game analysis by Ken Collins, Jim Marfia's translation of series from 64 on knight-fighting, problems by Max Lawrence), articles (on L. P-KN4, in IV:6; Paul Keres recollections (he died in Helsinki on 5/6/75), in IV:7; Pt. I of "An Introduction to the Tenison Gambit", IV:8).

ATLANTIC CHESS NEWS (Glenn Petersen, POBox 334, Piscataway, NJ 08854; monthly; offset (on newsprint); 11½" x 17"; 30¢ ea., \$3/yr.; Region II newsletter): III:5 (5/75): 4 pp.; III:6 (6/75): 8 pp.; III:7 (7/75): 4 pp.; III:8 (8/75): 4 pp. News, tourney results, announcements, etc. for the region including N.J. & surrounding states; ads; occasional columns (problems by Bob Lincoln & games by Durkin in III:6) & articles (piece on Keres & Walter Korn on Korchnoi-Karpov Game 15 in III:6; Pt. I of tribute to Rossolimo, in III:8).

CAROLINA GAMBIT (o-o of N.Carolina Chess Federation; ed. Lee Taylor, Box 396, Carrboro, NC 27510; offset; bi-monthly; free to NCCA members (\$3/yr., from Alfred Post, 420 Maupin Ave., Salisbury, NC 28144); 5½" x 8½"): 5-6/75: 20 pp.; 7-8/75: 20 pp. Area news, tourney results, ratings, announcements; letters, N.C. Tournament Calendar, annotated games, short bits & pieces.

THE CHESS ARTS (Bob Long, 1026 Arlington Ct., Davenport, IA 52803; bi-monthly; offset; 5½" x 8½"; \$1 ea., \$5/yr. U.S. & Canada, \$6/yr. elsewhere): #38 (3-4/75): 24 pp.; Pt. II of "Chess-Playing Devices", by Mike Pennell; "The Game and Playe of the Chesse", by Victor Lopez (re early works on Chess); book reviews; "How to Analyze a Chess Book", by John Artise; miscellany; #39 (5-6/75): 28 pp., incl. loose 12-pg. book review supplement (10¢ separately); Ben Franklin's "The Morals of Chess"; "Profile of a Tragedy", by John Artise (re Fischer's default); Bob Long on writing a Chess story; miscellany. Both issues have notes/announcements/news, and info on Chess philately.

THE KING'S FILE VIII:2 (6/75) (D.C. Chess League, POBox 109, Wash., DC 20044; ed. Jack M. Frazier; offset; quarterly; 5½" x 8½"; 25¢ ea., \$1/yr.): 16 pp.; announcements, tourney results, Chess Quiz, games from recent events; miscellany.

NORTHWEST CHESS (o-o of Washington Chess Federation, Br. Columbia Chess Federation, & Oregon Chess Federation; ed. Dan Bailey, 4761 21st Ave., N.E., #1, Seattle, WA 98105; monthly; offset (on newsprint); 7" x 11"; 50¢ ea., \$5/yr. (\$4 under 21); free to members of OCF & WCF (\$5/yr. (\$4 under 20) OCF, from Harry Glidden, 243 S. Stafe Rd., Medford, OR 97501; \$6/yr. (\$4 under 21) WCF, from POBox 1631, Yakima, WA 98907 (non-member subs from this address, too)): #330 (5/75): 32 pp.; #331 (6/75): 32 pp.; #332 (7/75): 24 pp.; #333 (8/75): 24 pp. regional Chess calendar, ratings, business/announcements for three groups, news, games, tourney results, letters, club directories, problems, cartoons, book review (#333), bits & pieces.

USCF RATING LIST SUPPLEMENT (to 1974 Annual List) (U.S. Chess Federation, 479 Broadway, Newburgh, NY 12550; monthly; offset; 1.50 ea., 12/\$16): #7 (6/75): 32 pp.; #8 (7/75): 32 pp.; #9 (8/75): 28 pp. Updated ratings of participants in over-the-board USCF-rated tournaments played during period being rated.

VIRGINIA CHESS FEDERATION NEWSLETTER (Co-eds., James Addison & Steven Bookbinder; monthly; offset; 5½" x 8½"; free to VCF members (\$5/yr. (\$3 Jr.), \$60 Life; from 3000 Semmes Ave., Richmond, VA 23225)): 41:8 (5/75): 20 pp.; 41:9 (6/75): 20 pp.; 41:10 (7/75): 20 pp.; 41:11 (8/75): 32 pp. VCF business/announcements; tourney results & schedules; upcoming local events; directory of Va. clubs; Va., national, & international news; games from recent events; short articles; miscellany.

'Nuff for now. We'll cover CHESS, NCST-ALGIA, THE PROBLEMIST, and anything else which comes in between now (26/8/75) and 31/8/75 in TGL #84.

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MISCELLANY (Announcements, Tourney Results, etc.) --

CHILTON BOOK CO. (Radnor, PA 19089): 6/75: Chess Panorama, by Wm. Lombardi & David Daniels (\$6.95; 5¼" x 8¼"; 176 pp.; illust.; "Here are the colorful personalities, the scandals, and the great blunders of the champions that make up the chess panorama. Light in tone, sometimes humorous, and always entertaining, these stories, illustrated with game diagrams, offer a marvelous introduction to the world of chess." /Spring '76 Catalogue from Chilton/

DOVER PUBLICATIONS, INC. (180 Varick St., N.Y., NY 10014): Classical Chess Matches: 1907-1913, ed. Fred Wilson ("159 Games from 19 Matches as Reported in The Year-Book of Chess"); The Great Chess Automaton, by Chas. Michael Carroll (\$2; #21882-1; ". . . explores the phenomenon of The Turk (as it was called) . . . follows its history from its invention to its destruction in a Philadelphia warehouse fire, forgotten and unwanted. In between is a fascinating story that will intrigue not only chess enthusiasts but anyone interested in stage magic or the psychology of illusion."); 1976 Chess Player's Calendar, compiled by John Grafton (\$3; #23155-0; 35 photos, 33 problems w/solutions--includes the "great chess events of the past--birthdays, tournaments, wins--at least one event for every day of the year". /Flyers from Dover Publications/

PITMAN PUBLISHING CORP. (6 E. 43rd St., N.Y., NY 10017): 6/75: The Games of Anatoly Karpov, by Kevin J. O'Donnell & Jimmy Adams (\$12.95; 347 games, most annotated--more than half in depth; interviews w/Karpov & his trainer); Tal's 100 Best Games, 1961-1973, by Bernard Cafferty (\$9.95; ea. game analyzed in depth, /an "intimate biography"); Pachman's Decisive Games, by Ludek Pachman (\$14.95; 65 decisive games played by the leading masters in 100 years of international tournament play); 1357 Endgame Studies, The Best Chess Compositions 1935-1973, by Harold M. Lommer (\$14.95; Foreword by Walter Korn; sequel to Lommer's 1234 Modern Endgame Studies, pub. in 1938); International Championship Chess, A Complete Record of FIDE Events, by Bozidar M. Kazic (\$13.95; incl. Men's World Championship, the Olympiads, Women's events, the World Jr. Championship, the European Championship, the Interzonals & Candidates' competitions, correspondence Chess, Chess for the blind). /Flyer/

U.S.C.F. News Releases Rec'd -- #2 (12/5/75; details--list of players, schedule, of 24th U.S. Chess Championship June 6-27); #3 (16/5/75; revision of schedule--dates changed to 7-30 June); #4 (2/6/75; Grandmaster Istvan Csom of Hungary won The Plain Dealer International Chess Tournament played in Cleveland, Ohio from May 1 through 22, by a score of 10-5; Cleveland Chess Assoc. plans to produce pamphlet w/all 120 games from this tournament, /the 90 games played in the Eastern & Western Futurity-Qualifying Tournaments in April--for info, write Mr. Gene McCormick, 3506 W. 145th St., Cleveland, OH 44111; release also included several games from tourney, /crosstable (which will appear in TG#7, space permitting)); #5 (11/6/75; list of players in & info on 10th Invitational U.S. Jr. Chess Championship (Norristown, PA, June 24-30)); #6 (16/6/75; list of players, schedule, etc. for 21st Invitational U.S. Women's Chess Championship (12-27 July, Milwaukee)); #7 (4/7/75; International Grandmaster & Pan-Am Champion Walter S. Browne, of Berkeley Calif., successfully defended his U.S. Championship title with an 8½-4½ victory at the 24th U.S. Championship & 1975 WCF Zonal Tournament; ½ point behind him was Kenneth S. Rogoff, who, together with Browne, earned the right to participate, with all expenses paid, in the 1976 Interzonal Tournaments; release also included selected games & crosstable (to appear in TG#7)); #8 (4/7/75; Larry Christiansen, 19, won the 10th Invitational U.S. Jr. Chess Championship for the 3rd consecutive year, tying record set by Rogoff in 1969-71; his 5-1 score was followed by Mark Diesen & Jonathan Tisdall, 5-2 ea.; tournament book will be avail. from Richard Jones, K143 Pricewood, Harleysville, PA 19438 (note that complete set of U.S. Championship bulletins is avail. from Paul Drummond, 84 Shipherd Cir., Oberlin, OH 44074, for \$5)); #9 (5/8/75; Diane Save-reide, 19, of Culver City, Calif., is the youngest woman ever to win a U.S. Woman's Championship, winning the 21st Invitational 7½-2½, thus also qualifying for WCF Interzonal in '76; other Interzonal qualifier will be determined later this year by playoff between Ruth Herstein & Ruth Orton, who finished tied 6½-3½; crosstable in RG#7; bulletins avail. from Pearle Mann, 6328 W. Hope Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53216).

DIPLOMANIA

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED (since 10/5/75) -- (Asterisk indicates recent game opening):

A.D.A.G. (Hal Naus, 1011 Barrett Ave., Chula Vista, CA 92011; ditto; approx monthly): #99 (12/4/75): 4 pp.; #100 (undated): 4 pp.; #101 (28/6/75): 3 pp. Moves & Propaganda (Regular only); end of 1973CY (won F06, Chas. Maylen, GER).

ATLANTIS (Chris & Deborah Schleicher, 814 E. Old Willow Rd., Apt. 214, Wheeling, IL 60090; monthly; mimeo; 10/2): #80 (5/75): 8 pp.; #81 (6/75): 8 pp.; #82 (7/75): 5 pp.; Games (all Reg.); #81: House Rules, 'zine reviews, editorials.

*AUSTERLITZ #2 (31/1/75) (Ernie Demanelis, 106 Wilson Ave., Morgantown, WV 26505; offset; no price or schedule given; openings in Regular games (fee \$2.50)): 2 pp.; moves & prop. (Reg.); wargame review; book review. This came along w/letter dtd 24/8/75, attempting to make himself & his 'zine better known to Diplomacy world.

BLACK HOLE (Douglas Reif, 67 Grosvenor Rd., Kenmore, NY 14224; ditto; tri-weekly; 7/31): #19 (17/5/75): 6 pp. / 1-pg. supplement; #20 (7/6/75): 6 pp.; #21 (28/6/75): 4 pp. Moves & prop. (Reg.); miscellany (mostly humorous).

BOAST (Herb Barents, 1142 S. 96th, RR#4, Zeeland, MI 49464; ditto; tri-weekly; \$3/yr.): #63 (11/5/75): 12 pp.; #64 (1/6/75): 12 pp.; #65 (22/6/75): 10 pp.; #66 (13/7/75): 10 pp.; #67 (3/8/75): 12 pp. Moves & prop. (Reg. & Variant--"1648" & "North American Diplomacy"); news/announcements; miscellany. Of note: #63, Pt. V of V of Calhamer article; end of 1974CB (conceded draw, Joel Klein ITA, John Van De Graff RUS, F05); game review (Napoleon); #64, game review (The Siege of Minas Tirith); #65, game review (Dungeons & Dragons: Grey Hawk); #66, game review (SPI's Quad Civil War), end of 1973BN (agreed draw F07, Rbt. Correll A-H, Roy Thomas GER, Larry Gillespie ITA); #67, game review (War of Wizards /sic/).

*BUMM (Walter Luc Haas, Postfach 7, CH-4024 Basel 24, Switzerland; in German & Eng.; mimeo; 8 1/2" x 11 3/4"; monthly; 10/\$4 (air \$6) or L2 or SFr 10; USAgent, Edi Birsan, Apt. 302, 35-35 75th St., Jackson Hgts., NY 11372; openings in European & Intercontinental English-speaking Reg. games, a German-speaking Reg. game, & a game for women/couples (Reg.); fee unknown): #4 (5/75): 14 pp.; #5 (6/75): 20 pp.; #6 (7/75): 20 pp. Chock full of info (most of it in German), / moves & prop. (Reg.), letters, zine, book, & game reviews, news/announcements, Doug Beyerlein on "Stabbing" (#5), World Variant Bank listing (#6), miscellany. And, starting w/ #5, the reviews & news/announcements are repeated in English!

*BUSHACKER (Fred Davis, Jr., 3012 Oak Green Ct., Ellicott City, MD 21043; mimeo; monthly; 12/\$2.50 N.America, elsewhere 12/\$3; openings in U.S. Diplomacy Variant (fee \$7 N.America, \$9 overseas), Abstraction, Atlantica II-R (send no money yet for last two--just statement of interest)): IV:7 (6/75): 7 pp. / 2-pg. U.S. Diplomacy II Rules, by Fred; IV:8 (7/75): 6 pp.; IV:9 (8/75): 6 pp. Moves & Prop. (Var: "1885", "Atlantica II", "Economic IV"); Origins I report (IV:9); miscellany.

CENTURION #5 (7/6/75) (Russell Fox, 5160 Donna Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356; mimeo; 8/\$2; tri-weekly): 12 pp.; moves, prop. (Reg.), w/Bourse; rules for "Napoleonic Diplomacy", by Fox; announcements; miscellany.

COMMAND POST (John Mirassou, Rt. 2, Box 623AC, Morgan Hill, CA 95037; tri-weekly; ditto; 6/\$1.10): #20 (undated): 8 pp.; #21 (13/6/75): 7 pp.; #22 (undated): 6 pp. moves, prop. (Reg.); Pt. 2 of 3 of Calhamer article, "Multiple Worlds, and the Appearance of an Ideology, in the Game of Diplomacy" (#20); 3 of 3 (#21); miscellany.

EL CONQUISTADOR II:1 (8/75) (Gordon W. Anderson, 3716 N.Kenmore Ave., Chicago, IL 60613; offset; 5 1/2" x 8 3/4"; no schedule given; \$1 ea., \$5/yr.): 32 pp.; moves & prop. (Reg.); "The Decline of the Roman Empire", by Ralph Greenhut; con announcements; 'zine & game reviews, by Jim Dapkus. Welcome back! (And thanks for I:3.)

EVERYTHING (Official Journal of the Boardman # Custodian, Doug Beyerlein, 240 Hawthorne, Apt. F, Palo Alto, CA 94301; pubbed by John Weswig, 2115 N.W. Elder St., Corvallis, OR 97330; xerox; 10/\$4 N.America, \$4 surface or \$8 airmail overseas (subs to John, made out to "Chintimini Enterprises"; bi-monthly): #21 (1/6/75): 9 pp.; #22 (1/8/75): 10 pp. Lists of Boardman #'s recently assigned, recently completed games (w/supply charts), Boardman # updates; miscellany. Samples 25¢.

GINNUNGAGAP (Michael Friedman, 76 Halyard Rd., N.Woodmere, NY 11581; mimeo; #5 8 1/2" x 11"; 10/\$1.25; monthly): #3 (31/5/75): 5 pp.; #5 (28/7/75): 7 pp. (bit of a
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gap there, where #4 should be....) Moves, prop. (Reg.); miscellany; game review (Dungeons & Dragons) in #3.

LEBANON GAZETTE (Hal Naus, address on pg. 7 by A.D.A.G.; ditto; monthly; no subs): #24 (12/4/75): 1 pg.; #25 (17/5/75): 1 pg.; #26 (28/6/75): 1 pg. Moves for two Variant games.

*THE MASTER MACHIAVELLIAN (Michael G. Homeier, 238 N. Bowling Green Way, Los Angeles, CA 90049; ditto; monthly; 12/\$2.50 (\$2.86 airmail); openings in Regular \$1 / sub) & "Colonia" (\$1.50 / sub): #10 (27/5/75): 8 pp.; #11 (8/7/75): 8 pp.; #12 (5/8/75): 8 pp. Moves, prop. (Reg. & "Colonia"); "Afrika Korps: History and Analysis" (Pt. VI: Italian Armor & Self-Propelled Guns, in #10; Pt. VII: Italian Artillery & Armored Cars, in #11; author, Timothy Lee); miscellany.

MENSA DIPLOMACY SIG NEWS #6 (20/5/75) (Fred Davis, Jr., address on pg. 7 opp. BUSHWACKER; mimeo; irregular; free to interested Mensa members (contrib. appreciated, though)): 2 pp.; Mensa Diplomacy news & announcements.

MOESHOESHOE (Michel Feron, Grand-Place 7, B-4280 Hannut, Belgium; ditto; weekly; 12/2.25 air (\$1.55 surface); various rates for other countries): #112 (25/3/75): 1 pg.; #114 (8/4/75): 4 pp.; #115 (18/4/75): 6 pp. / Gemignani Awards Ballot; #116 (30/5/75): 10 pp. Moves, prop. (Reg. & Var.); miscellany. Mixed Eng. & Fr.

NOBLE CANYON DAILY BUGLE (Hal Naus, addr. on pg. 7 opp. A.D.A.G.; ditto; monthly; no subs): #26 (12/4/75): 1 pg.; #27 (17/5/75): 1 pg. (last issue). Moves (Reg.); end of 1973EY (agreed draw W08, Verheiden FRA, Kelly GER).

THE POCKET ARMENIAN (Scott Rosenberg, 182-31 Radnor Rd., Jamaica, NY 11432; mimeo; tri-weekly; 8/\$2): #15 (17/5/75): 12 pp.; #16 (7/6/75): 12 pp.; #17 (11/7/75): 34 pp. / offset covers--1st Anniv. Issue; #18 (19/7/75): 10 pp. Moves, prop. (Reg. & Var.); miscellany; also: #15, Pt. I of "Dippy Opera", poem by Paul Keith Rowe; #16, "The Use of Flippancy in Miniatures" by Laurence Gillespie, Pt. II of Dippy Opera; #17, "The New York Conspiracy Tapes", more Dippy Opera, "The Hobby and Dungeons & Dragons" by Greg Costikyan; #18, "Electronic Surveillance and Face-to-Face Diplomacy" by Adam Kasanof, 1975 Gemignani Awards List. (will extract below if room).

*THE PREDAWN LEFTIST #4 (15/7/75) (Ben Grossman, 29 E. 9th St., N.Y., NY 10003; mimeo; no schedule given; 10/\$2 (\$2.30 air); openings in Reg. (\$2 / sub), "Colonia" (\$3 / sub), "Schizoid Dippy" (\$2 / sub), "Utter Chaos" (\$1 / sub), Bourse (sub only)): 8 pp.; start of Reg. game, miscellany.

PROMETHEUS #1 (13/7/75) (John Baker, General Delivery, Gradyville, KY 42742; mimeo; free): 4 pp.; rules & procedures for 1975-76 Postal Diplomacy Tournament (\$1 entry fee, placed into prize fund; for more info, write John for copy of PROMETHEUS #1).

THE NORNS #9 (25/5/75) (D. Allen, 11 Alma Hgts. (off Cavendish Way), Mickleover, Derby DE3 5BJ, U.K.; xerox; 8 1/2" x 11 3/4"; news, Reg. & Var. moves & prop., miscellany; will go into no further details at this time, as Dave asks that we wait an issue or two before reviewing it, as his "situation is liable to change radically in the near future". (With it was 2-pg. THE SOOPER DOOPER POOPER SCOOPER #3.)

SHAFT!! (Andy Phillips, 128 Oliver St., Daly City, CA 94014; ditto; 7/\$1; no sched. given): VI:5 (6/4/75): 2 pp.; VI:6 (27/4/75): 4 pp.; VI:7 (25/5/75): 2 pp.; VI:8 (15/6/75): 2 pp.; VI:9 (13/7/75): 2 pp. Moves & prop. (Var.); end of 1971Rcv (won W14 Thos. Berendt, ITA (in VI:6).

SWEETWATER CANYON DAILY BUGLE (Hal Naus, addr. on pg. 7; ditto; monthly; no subs): #55 (12/4/75); #56 (17/5/75); #57 (28/6/75). 1 pg. ea.; moves, prop. (Reg.).

'Nuff for now! Nextish, BELLICUS, BLOOD AND IRON, CLAW & FANG, COURIER, DER KRIEG, DIPLOMACY WORLD, THE EXPONENT, GRAUSTARK, IMPASSABLE, LIAISONS DANGEREUSES, MIXUMAXU GAZETTE, TURNABOUT, URF DURFAL, YGGDRASIL. CHRONICLE. THE PUBLISHER.

MISCELLANY --

1975 Gemignani Award Winners (from THE POCKET ARMENIAN #18): 7 Most Hated Persons in Hobby: Gordon Anderson, Len Lakofka, John Beshara, Chas. Reinsel, Rod Walker, John Boardman, Buddy Tretick; Worst Publication: BIG BROTHER; Worst New Publication: COMMAND POST; Worst Reliable GM: Chas. Reinsel; Least Reliable GM: Gordon Anderson; Worst Variant Design: "Gigaton Bomb"; Worst Player: Margaret Gemignani; Worst Reg. Game: 1973AR (PELLUCIDAR); Worst Var. Game: 1973ABdu (THE POUCH) tied w/ 1973CJeq (PELLUCIDAR). There were a few other categories, but these were major ones.

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PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED (since 10/5/75) --

ACTION #38 (5/75) (News Journal of the All Sports Conference, Bob Collins, 25 Peterborough St., Apt. 14, Boston, MA 02215; mimeo; 8½" X 14"; no price given; no schedule given, either): 6 pp.; ASC news, rosters, results in Baseball, Basketball, Hockey. ## According to a flyer rec'd several months before the above issue, the ASC is a "play-by-mail league which has been in existence since 1969. . . [with] a membership believed to be the second largest in the nation, including Canada." It has four programs--Baseball, replay Basketball, replay Football, & a draft Hockey league. Membership fee is \$4, which includes a year's sub to ACTION.

GAMES & PUZZLES (11 Tottenham Ct. Rd., London W1A 4XF, U.K.; monthly; offset; 11½" x 8¼"; U.S./Canada: \$1 ea., \$11.40/yr., \$34.20/3 yrs. surface, \$20/yr., \$60/3 yrs. air; U.K.: 30p ea., £4.20/yr., £12.60/3 yrs.; elsewhere, £4.80/yr., £14.40/3 yrs. surface, £8.25/yr., £14.40/3 yrs. (Australia, A75¢ ea.) (note price has gone up again!); as U.S. Subscription Agent, we still offer a discount of \$1/yr. off whatever the G&P rate is for new subbers & TGL subbers & traders (have received no response to our inquiries on the new Agency rates, so am assuming that there is still such a thing as an Agency discount....Graeme?; if not, we'll still give you the \$1 off and absorb the loss on this end--at least 'til the end of 1975)): #34 (3/75; a back-issue which went astray in the mail, so we haven't covered this one yet): 52 pp.; "Who Invented Monopoly?", by Willard Allphin; Mark Berger describes his game of Rosette (hexagonal Go); R.C. Bell describes some adjuvants to gaming; Arthur Taylor on pub game Ringing the Bull; another new game (Forts), by Harry Woollerton; #37 (6/75): 52 pp.; "Pleasure Isn't the Word for it", by Richard Sharp (re the "spirit of competition"); Prof. Marc Odier on some games of logic in two dimensions; R.C. Bell on the Cypriot version of Backgammon (Tavli); Eric Solomon describes his pencil-&-paper game, Crystals; Index to issues 1-36; #38 (7/75): 52 pp.; "How to Play Thoughtwave", by Eric Solomon; Peter Vining on games & puzzles on cigarette cards; R.C. Bell on Tafl games; N.B. Gatrill on playing Skat; Arthur Taylor on the pub game Billiard Table Bowls; #39 (8/75): 52 pp.; R.C. Bell discusses Whist markers from his collection; Tony Bath on Fantasy Gaming; new column of Chess miscellany, "Chess for Everyone", by W.H. Cozens; "Confessions of a Rater", by Rankin Justis; Bernard Kew on some curious patents. In addition, there are in all (at least, most) issues the following features: easy puzzles, game & book reviews, Go problems selected by Stuart Dowsey, lettercolumn, crossword puzzle section ed. Don Putnam, word puzzles & misc. puzzles, competitions & results, David Parlett on Cards & Card games, Sherlock on Chess, Darryl Francis on Scrabble, Blot on Backgammon, ads, and--starting in #37, a Diplomacy column by Allan Calhamer. And there are readers' games described in #34 (Espionage, by B. Mitchell), & #38 (Ant-Heap, by A.J. Moncur. #### The price keeps on rising, but you still get your money's-worth!

THE GAME BOARD (The Wonderful World of Games, 314 Marshall Ave., Laurel, MD 20810; ed. R.E. Williams; bi-monthly; offset; 5½" x 8½"; free to WWoG members (\$5 lifetime, including discounted games) -- 6-7/75: 14 pp.; ads; descriptions of new games; miscellany; 8-9/75: 14 pp.; brief Origins I report; ads; questions & answers; info on new games companies; miscellany.

IT'S GAME TIME! #1 (Sum '75) (Newsletter of Gamut of Games, 1133 Broadway, N.Y., NY 10010; ed. Philip Orbanes & Sid Sackson; at least 2x/yr.; offset (slick paper)): 4 pp.; descriptions & ratings of the GoG line of games.

LES DOSSIERS DE L'HYENE HARRA II:1 (6/75) (Michel Liesnard, Ave. Achille Milcamps, 221, Schaerbeek, B-1040, Bruxelles, Belgium; in French; offset; no price or schedule given): 5 pp.; a "fanzine for collectors of fanzines"; editorial, ads, List 1 ("Les Fanzines Belges Consacres au 'Western'"), List 2 ("Les Fanzines Belges de Jeux de Strategie et Fanzines Apparentes" (Pt. 1, A-1); ea. list includes addresses of the editors, a bibliographic listing of issues published, & a statistical section.

SPORTS FAN DIGEST #3 (1/4/75) (Official Publication of the International Sports Fan Association; ed. David Barlos; pubbed every 45 days; offset; 6-3/4" x 9"; 55¢ ea., \$4.25/yr., \$7.75/2 yrs., from SPORTS FAN DIGEST, POBox 94, San Pedro, CA 90733;

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subs incl. membership in ISFA): 12 pp.; info re the ISFA; article on Lou Brock; Stush Carrozza on the early history of sports; Kurt Smeby on Bill Walton; news from Canada, by Joel Ostroff; "Sports Literature" column by M.N. Dubin; Angelo Louisa selects "the greatest" baseball teams (pt. 1 of 3); David Jacobs reviews Strat-O-Matic Baseball; letters; ads; miscellany. ## This organization used to be called the "Sports Fan Club"; literature accompanying the above issue says that the ISFA was formed to "promote sports by exchanging information and new ideas", and that it is a "center for sports information, involvement and new ideas". Their National office is at 5800 Century Blvd., POBox 90032, Los Angeles, CA 90009.

MISCELLANY (Announcements, etc. received) --

News Release from GALE RESEARCH CO., Book Tower, Detroit, MI 48226, announces Guide to Football Literature, ed. Anton Grobani (\$15; 319 / xvi pp.; Introd. by Dick Gallagher, Dir. of Pro Football Hall of Fame; another Introd. by David Nelson, U. of Delaware Athletic Dir.; Frontispiece & illos on endpapers; annotations; 78-column General Index; 34-column Professional Index; '75) -- Covers books, articles, pamphlets & other materials in a classified bibliography of more than 3,000 entries-- each of which gives name of work, author or editor, publisher, date of publication, & format; entries are divided into 33 subject categories.

Flyers from DOVER PUBLICATIONS, INC., 180 Varick St., N.Y., NY 10014 announce Master Play in Contract Bridge, by Terence Reese (\$2; pb; #20336-0; 144 pp.; unabridged repub. of 1960 ed., orig. titled Master Play: The Expert Game: Foreword & Appendix by George S. Coffin) -- Begins w/basic rules to help player clarify his Bridge reasoning; discusses & analyzes 130 deals, many of them from championship play; special section is devoted to playing trump suits. ## Thirty Years of Billiards, by Willie Hoppe (\$3; #23126-7; pb) -- "... thirty years in an exuberant life, told with gusto and enjoyment by the greatest billiards player who ever lived . . . plus 36 lessons, with accompanying diagrams, for the budding billiards player and enthusiast."

John Ferguson sends flyer/announcement announcing and inviting participation in the 1975 Dictionary Rally. "Devised for word buffs and puzzle fans, the 1975 Dictionary Rally is an armchair treasure hunt that takes you on an exciting search for unusual words, anagrams, palindromes, facts and definitions. . . This year's Rally will consist of several route instructions that will guide you on a tour through the provided paperback dictionary with many illustrations. To test whether or not you have been careful in following these instructions, the Rally will also include approximately 100 questions about interesting things you see on your path . . . Those contestants finishing in the top 10% (answering the most questions correctly) will win valuable prizes." To enter, send \$5, your name, address & ZIP Code to Dictionary Rally, Box 42, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701, NLT 15/9/75. Rally starts approx. Oct. 1, and will run thru entire month. (Wish we had time for it....)

North American Simulation & Gaming Assoc., %COMEX Project, Univ. of Southern Calif., Univ. Park, Los Angeles, CA 90007, sends flyer re their 14th Annual Conf. (Oct. 23-25, 1975, at Los Angeles, CA). The conf. "will focus on communication and participation, with many opportunities for attendees to meet and interact with each other in game and non-game settings; planned activities include game design room, introd. workshops for beginners, a player pool, displays & exhibits of games/simulations, video-taping, theme sessions & workshops on theory, design, research & application, &c."

Folder from Southern Simulation Service, Inc., POBox 22573, Tampa, FL 33622, describes their autumn schedule of courses in simulation programming languages: GPSS ("uses diagrams to depict the logical flow of material, procedure & time"): Tampa, FL, Oct. 20-24 & Dec. 8-12, '75; SIMSCRIPT ("permits the researcher to describe the exact range of detail of real-world replication desired and provides for the selective statistical fact gathering suited to the individual problem"): Tampa, FL, Sept. 8-12 & Nov. 17-21 '75.; Simulation Languages (schedule not given). Cost: \$400 ea. SIMSCRIPT & GPSS, \$450 SimLang. Write SoSimService for further details.