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GRANDSON OF POUCH #47



GREG COSTIKYAN, LOOKING STRUNG OUT.

The above is a badly-electrotonified photograph. See how desperate I'm getting for artwork! This is URF DURFAL, GRANDSON OF POUCH #47, and this sine is the One True Descendent of the Fallen Pouch. We currently have openings in Youngstown II and Machiavelli. Articles are paid (or paid, sometimes) for at the rate of 2 issues/printed page. Subs are 7/82. Back issues are available for 25¢ each or 5/81. The following variants can be had for a stamped, addressed envelope: Excommunication!, Near Utter Chaos, Grand Fenwick's Revenge, Ancient Hebrew Kingdom, World War III, Partition of the Ottoman Empire, 1721, and Stab-Happy. The following Origins variants are available: Unification of Germany and Origins of World War III. Urf Durfal house rules and postal rules for After the Holocaust, World War I, and Frigg It! are also available. The Costikyan Publishing Empire also offers: The New York Conspiracy Hymnal for \$1; the 77 Diplomacy Handbook for \$2; PHOENIX for \$2; issue 1 of FIRE THE ARQUEBUSIERS! for 50¢; all five back issues of GIGO for \$2 or 50¢ each; issues 2 & 3 of THE INVERTED GRAPEFRUIT for 50¢ each or 75¢ for both. Persons with subscriptions to Urf Durfal may cash their subs in for any OPE product at the rate of 25¢/issue.

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WE HAVE OPENINGS IN:

Youngstown: \$2 plus sub. The \$3 is refunded if you're eliminated or at the end of the game, but is forfeit if you drop out. Additionally, each time you miss your moves, \$1 is removed from the \$3 deposit. Fred Hyatt, John Strain, Viator Ricci, Stephen Lee, Bernard Sampson, Glen Taylor signed up (4 needed).

Machiavelli: \$1 plus sub. Larry Elliott, Tom Swider, David Fields, Dennis Sulsberger, Marc Arrigo, Peter Herzig. SEE NOTE ON PAGE 11,

16+PRESS (79?):

GERMANY: From the collected lectures of Feldmarshal Batbreath von Grabmeister: "Strategy is the effective and economical use of each unit to gain the maximum effect. Communications play a key role, even intercepted messages of the enemy which are false and meant to be intercepted. Doubtless the lack of proper information led to the interesting outcome for the Teutonic Knights at Tannenberg!"

ANKARA, June 5th, 1900: News has indeed become bleak. Self-Defense Forces now have their orders. Dare we stop and doom Turkey?

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Also, of course, I have a COA: See front page.

KAH: Only two people have their moves in. Also, Glen Taylor needs a copy of the rules. Delayed until next issue.

77IU, 76IC: I've lost touch with Tpm since he went to Michigan. As soon as I get adjudications from him, I'll put out an UDUN (short 1 or 2 page zine) with adjudications for these games.

74HX: John hasn't sent me adjudications yet---rather, he may have sent them, but I haven't gotten them. Adjudications will be in an UDUN, as last time.

- Persons interested in playtesting any of the following are urged to get in touch with me:
- PAX ROMANA:** a late imperial Roman power politics game (69 AD through fifth century)
 - PEACE IN OUR TIME:** a WWII ETO game, with scenarios for a war beginning with Czechoslovakia or Austria
 - HIGH FANTASY:** A massive fantasy role-playing game, done right
 - 1480:** a multi-player (828) by-mail real-time simulation of the latter part of the 15th century

LETTERS:

Dennis Sulsberger:

Although given a choice I would choose Climbing Hill over New York everytime, the intellectual or pseudo-intellectual, whatever I am, community is rather thin here. So I enjoy your letters and zine.

Starting off is the map on page 2 of the latest UD: 1313 should be labelled Climbing Hill, not Sioux City. I don't give Sioux City more than another decade at most. It is one of the worst places in the world. For example, it is easier to drive in Chicago than Sioux City because the drivers are so reckless.

Concerning your libertarianism, sounds just as good or better than Democrats and Republicans; but I feel that all men are basically to varying degrees evil and need some restraint which can only be provided through regulation and government. The only problem with this is that more often than not the regulators are worse than the regulatees. Such are men.

I agree with you about the draft, but what kind of odds will you give? Being the big 18, I am more than slightly interested in this one. In your reply to the same letter (I don't believe John Kelley) you said in the event of hostilities the United States and Allies would totally dominate a naval war. I find this a little hard to believe. I think there is a big question on whether technological or numerical superiority will carry the day; this applies to all areas of conflict, not just naval. For our sake, I hope you're right, but I am not as confident as you.

Rock is dead! Between commercialized pop and preprogrammed electronic disco, there is no rock 'n' roll. The alleged savior of rock, new wave, is one big farce. Perhaps they have the spirit of rock, but where's the rhythm? Where are the Hendrixs, the Beatles, the real Stones. I think it only fair to warn you that despite all that, I buy a dozen records a month and you don't catch me without a radio.

One I can really argue! Labor is not a commodity! Some law rules that labor is not a commodity or else unions would be illegal by the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. But we are neither really talking of laws. By the very nature of society one is forced to sell his labor to survive. It is slavery if a man has no say in what he must do to exist. Possibly the individual could survive without working, but not a large group.

Finally, my favorite subject: your new game, PAX ROMANA. I do not pretend to be an expert on Rome, but I have just finished watching I, CLAUDIUS on PBS and am fascinated. That is the best thing I've seen on TV in a very long time. Any possibility of back-tracking and covering the first emperors and the end of the republic? You couldn't ask for more intrigue than went on then and I think it would broaden appeal to include Caesar, Augustus, Anthony and company. I suppose this is not practical, but I wanted to suggest it anyway. Please remember me if you need blindtesters. There is a fairly active game club at ISU and I will kidnap people if need be to get them to play it.

Some libertarians are anarcho-capitalists and don't think there is any need for government--- order can be maintained by private police forces (Brinks, et al), and private arbitration groups can supplant courts. I don't think this is possible, for what should be obvious reasons; but I do support a minimal government role in society. Yes, of course a government is necessary to enforce the laws; the only question is what laws will be enforced and how the government is empowered to enforce them. The current attitude of American government is "we can do anything we want because we have the mandate of the people--- including violating the rights of anyone we want." This is absurd; the first ten amendments are "basic laws of the realm" in the late-medieval sense, and cannot be infringed upon by any organ of government.

About the draft, there is currently a bill before Congress that would re-institute mandatory registration of all 18-year olds. There is about a 50-50 chance that it will be passed. Even if it isn't, however, there are about a dozen bills in committee that would do various things, from reinstituting registration to instituting a two-year draft for all 18-year olds. With luck---and if campus opposition continues to build---no draft bill is likely to pass, but mandatory registration is pretty likely to come about.

I've said this before, and I'll say it again; if the Soviet Union invades Western Germany tomorrow, I'll be at the recruiting office the next morning. But as a free citizen of a free republic, I reserve the right to decide whether I believe a war is moral or immoral, and to choose to participate in that war or not. Mandatory registration is a violation of my privacy, and also takes that choice away from me. Should mandatory registration come about---and should it be possible to do so, for one of the registration bills would take names directly for the social security rolls and voter rolls, without having citizens register in person---I will refuse to register, regardless of whether or not registration is backed up by a draft. I've always wanted to play WAR IN EUROPE; two years in jail will give me plenty of time.

It is possible that the Soviet strategy of mass-producing cheap weapons and fielding huge armies will defeat the Western strategy of producing technologically sophisticated and expensive weapons and fielding small but well-trained armies; that remains to be seen. However, not only is the American navy vastly better equipped than the Soviet, it is also larger. The Soviet navy will never pose a threat to the American on the high seas; it may be possible, however, for the Soviet submarine fleet to pose a threat to America's vital sea-borne communications with Western Europe and the OPEC nations. Consider; if the oil link between the Arab oil nations and Japan is severed, Japan will begin to experience severe economic difficulties inside of two weeks.

What do you mean now wave is a farcel? Obviously, you are too inflexible to appreciate its fantastic qualities. I suggest you rush out and purchase all the Elvis Costello, Ramones, and Talking Heads albums you can find in atonement for your rash statement.

The PAX ROMANA system isn't well-suited to the early-Empire military system---the earliest scenario will be 69 A.D. (the Year of the Four Emperors), and even that's a bit too early. The main area of concentration will be from Septimius Severus (193 AD) onward. Most scenarios will be multi-player, although there will be a solitaire scenario. When I have a fairly solid set of rules, I'll send you a blind-test copy.

from ROBERT STIMMEL:

One strange thing about the draft is that a generation ago the strongest opponents of the draft were conservative Republicans, instead of liberal Democrats.

Anyhow, past experience has shown that the draft has led to stumbling into wars which might not have otherwise occurred. It would be easy for a future President to send the army into the Near East, South Africa, Ireland, etc., in a moment of anger.

Since so many oppose the draft, why do so few oppose compulsory education?

I'm opposed to forced busing, but realize it's only part of the overall problem. Compulsory education is based on the idea that government leaders are best able to decide how young people should be educated. They have now decided that forced busing is best. If one has accepted the pr or-mentioned idea then one cannot now complain when the government believes that forced busing is the proper form of education.

Compulsory education laws go far beyond forcing one to become educated. They limit the speed at which one is to be educated; they determine (at least, they did until recently) what religion will be taught in schools. I've never seen Buddhism or Confucianism taught in schools. They teach that football and basketball are more important than science, etc., etc.

Actually, most "liberal Democrats" (including, for instance, Senator Kennedy) do not oppose mandatory registration and do not oppose the draft in principle (instead, they consider it "inadvised at the present time" and similar circumlocutions). The simple fact is that the Constitution prohibits indentured servitude, forced labor, and slavery---any of which can be interpreted to mean to a prohibition against a peace-time draft. (Obviously, a national emergency such as a war may abrogate these provisions). The Supreme Court has refused to consider a number of cases on its docket which call the legitimacy of peace-time drafts into question, on the basis that they might have to rule that peace-time drafts are unconstitutional, and don't particularly wish to consider the matter. (This is the same reason that the Supreme Court has refused to rule on the constitutionality of the graduated income tax and social security).

One of the reasons many oppose the draft is that it encourages "foreign opportunism"--- i.e., the knowledge that he has a ready, cheap, and inexhaustible supply of manpower available might lead our nations leaders into foreign involvements that they would not undertake with the limited resources of the All-Volunteer Force.

Yes, of course compulsory education is ridiculous, especially given the very low quality of American public schools and the lack of relevance of most of the subjects they teach. Another problem is the fact that state schools teach what the state wants them to teach--- that the modern socialist system is the logical outgrowth ~~the~~ of the libertarian society which the founders of this nation established. Nothing could be farther from the truth; this nation was founded on the principle that government was a necessary evil, and currently operates on the principle that government knows what is best for everybody and has the right to intervene in every sphere to enforce the "public" (i.e., the governments') interest.

But the most shocking result of compulsory education is that it turns so many people off from learning. Most people would rather learn than not; most parents want to see their kids gain the very best possible education. Under the current American education structure, good school teachers rapidly get out of teaching school, and either into administrative positions, other occupations, or college instruction. The result is that American grade schools have consistently declined in quality since the end of WWII. So children who want to learn are met with indifference, mediocrity, and frustration. The result is to turn children away from knowledge and toward vapid interests like sports, cars, and girls (none of which are bad interests in and of themselves (except for cars, which are fascist), but are hardly the only interest of an educated man). So our young listen to bad pop rock, and disco, watch shitty television shows, go down to the shopping mall to hang out, and take large quantities of drugs (primarily alcohol and marijuana, since most don't have the guts or the curiosity to try anything else). (Again, I have nothing against drugs---in moderation). Isn't it obvious why SAT scores go down year-by-year and 30% of the population (according to government estimate) are functional illiterates?

from ADAM GRUEN:

You and your cause for a Free City of New York are ultimately doomed. In reference to John Kelley's remarks about the East, and your reply on page 4 of issue #46, all Americans will not adopt his ridiculous viewpoint...especially now that I have begun to organize the "Keep New York City in America" Party. If you in fact print this article, perhaps a word of explanation for the readers is due.

I lived in New York for 17 years. Specifically, I was born in the Bronx, lived for 7 years in Long Island, and another 10 in Westchester. Although I never actually lived in Manhattan, I had enough intelligence to appreciate the finer things in life which it had to offer. Since I graduated High School (in Greg's class, that of '77), I have lived in Baltimore during the school year, and in North Carolina for the rest of the year.

There are many transplanted New Yorkers here in the South, and even more Northerners. We

are, in fact, the result of federal, state and local governments' inability to keep New York City and vicinity solvent. The South is where it's at, economically speaking. However, culturally (and often politically) speaking, NYC is still the Big Apple, with no comparison. Why should Americans be foolish enough to lose the advantages that New York City has to offer when they need only pay the price? We will never let NYC go. Never! It is part of our cultural heritage, whatever that particular history is. I, and many of the KNYCIA Party, still have relatives in NYC. We still get the New York Times. There are millions of Americans who enjoy the benefits of New York City's culture.

The KNYCIA Party is devoted to keeping New York City in America, as the name implies. Americans have been duped into believing that federal money should not go into rescuing New York. This is partly a result of Free City propagandists. Of course we should spend money to save New York! It's the best way to ruin them completely; simply keep them afloat with federal dollars, and then, if the Free City Party ever gets into power, pull the rug out. Thus the KNYCIA Party is funded not only by homesick New York intellectual liberals, who by the quirk of nature and "discriminatory federal policy" have been forced to relocate to the Sunny South, but also by Hayseed Conservatives and Rednecks, who see giving massive federal aid to New York City as the quickest way to keep it enslaved forever. After all, who would want to lose ABC, NBC, or CBS?

It will be a long and hard struggle. There are millions of Americans who feel as Mr. Kelley does. The KNYCIA will educate the ignorant; we shall turn contempt into respect and hatred into devotion. Your mistake, Greg, is in assuming that everyone is stupid. There are those of us in America, including some in Kansas, who realize that we can rape NYC of its culture while avoiding any of its problems.

I've noticed that there are actually three different people in the United States (not counting Puerto Ricans and such); Americans, Texans, and New Yorkers. To Americans, any place in the US is the same as any other, and moving from one city to another is no big hassle. To Texans and New Yorkers, there is no place like Texas or New York (respectively); a Texan or New Yorker who moves out of his native state/city will always consider himself a Texan or New Yorker, even if he lives in, say, California for thirty years. An American will consider himself a Californian after six months.

Since New Yorkers living abroad (i.e., in the US) will still feel and allegiance to their native land, it is understandable that they will work to keep New York in America. However, their desire is a selfish one; New York would do better economically and culturally as an independent state, and these expatriate New Yorkers don't wish to be put in a position of having to choose their homeland. But, consider: the Free City will have lower taxes (on average) than the US, will have the greatest port city in the world, will be the financial center of the world, and will contain the UN. Freed of federal regulation, socialist federal policy, and discriminatory federal aid programs which bleed the Northeast white while financing other sections of the country, New York will enter into a period of growth unprecedented in the annals of history. Then, jobs in New York will open up, and expatriate New Yorkers who wish to return to their native land will find jobs waiting for them.

From SARAH KEBLERSELF:

I just don't know what to do. Perhaps you can help me. My two cats, Furball and Sno-Cone, have always been well-mannered and behaved; but lately they've taken to appearing in Harts Mountain ads without my permission. When I try to talk to them about it, they just look at me and shed. Is there an Equity clause I can turn to my advantage in this situation? If not, who can I see about selling their paws as furniture pads?

Honest to God, I got the above letter in the mail, postmarked "Bronx, NY, 5 September".

JOHN KELLEY writes a long letter in which he states that the United States government has "given" me my liberties---actually, my liberties are an innate part of my existence, are granted by nature---the government cannot give them to me; it can try to take them away, but only at the risk of provoking my revolt. In actuality, though the American government was founded on the principle of individual liberty, individual liberties have been consistently eroded by government policy since the beginning of this century.

Letter, Kelley likens a Soviet attack on Western Europe to someone attacking my brother on the street with a knife. He asks whether I would stand by in this case. Of course, if the Soviets were to attack Western Europe, we would have an obligation to help defend the freedom of our allies there. However, this is not a justification for the institution of a draft. If the war is short and nuclear, the draft won't make any difference; and if it's long and conventional, there will be plenty of time to institute a war-time draft and build up an army here. Our troops in Europe should be able to slow down a Soviet attack sufficiently that we can reinforce with fresh manpower and prevent the Soviets from overrunning Europe. This is the position taken by the Pentagon; and the Selective Service has repeatedly stated that it doesn't feel that mandatory registration or a draft is necessary for America to fulfill her obligations to Europe in the event of a war.

Lastly, Kelley states that "Portland, Oregon, is a city of 300,000, and it's not boring" ---this in response to my statement last issue that "New York ain't boring". I'm sure Portland isn't boring, John; that wasn't quite what I meant. To equate Portland and New York is simply ludicrous.

JOHN STRAIN asks how GenCon went. Well, all-in-all, it was a pretty shitty convention---there were very few events, and the tone was very much in the lines of "Gygax is God, and anything TSR publishes is the Perfect Truth." I wouldn't have paid \$10 to get in. As a dealer, I had a pretty good time---got to talk to Frank Chadwick, Greg Stafford, Herb Sarents, Marc Miller, and lots of other industry people who I don't see too often. SPI's sales were down from last years (I mean, our sales at GenCon), but we still made enough to cover our expenses and net \$150 or so a piece above that. There were lots of complaints about SPI's price hike, and customer-service complaints are on the rise---which means that something is fucked up in shipping and customer service. Dunnigan is working on both problems, but SPI is still fucked up. KNIGHTS AND KNAVES, put out by my company (Ninred Games), sold mediocre-badly---it's a great game (in my humble estimation) but the subject isn't that popular and the counters are monocoloured. The convention was very poorly run.

FILKSONGS TO FILL THE PAGE

GEHENNA FIELDS
by Greg Costikyan
Tune: Strawberry Fields

Please help me escape,
'Cause I'm going to
Gehenna Fields,
cops made a deal,
and there's now way to escape
To the Gehenna forever.

Killing is easy with knife blows,
Bloody corpses all you see.
But it's getting hard to be a freelance assassin,
Unless you're with the S.A.B.

(CHORUS)

On my last job they caught me,
Smoking gun was in my hand.
They weren't efficient, it was just my
own incompetence,
Stupidity within my band

(CHORUS)

Strakhenville's running with coppers,
Caterers are all you find,
There is no room for hard-working
criminals like me,
Only for bureaucratic minds.

TRTEX STILL LIVES!

Dear Greg,

I was glad to see that my letter went through to you. I was, of course, almost incoherent, and I'm afraid that my rapid scrawl was almost illegible in places. Apparently you reconstructed events as I related them, though of course you rewrote my missive in your own unmistakable, slovenly style that no one can duplicate. But no matter. The point is, "I'm alive! I'm alive!"

For a time, I didn't think it would be so.

My aerosol cans held out for another two days. During that time, I was able to talk with Lipton. As much, of course, as any human has ever been able to communicate with that creature, that grotesque caricature of homo sapiens. But I'm letting my disgust get the better of me. He began to joke as he felt victory near. I was down to my last can of lysol, and he began to toy with me. He cackled with laughter as he related how he'd arranged for Gister's death. He detailed how he put to death with his own hands Malay, Rosendud, and the others who had come to Oregon. He even boasted that Healy's death was not suicide, but that he was responsible. I tell you, Greg, Lipton is insane.

He continued to rant. He said that once I was out of the way, he'd cut you down to size. Not much of a feat, I'll admit, but he seemed determined. He spoke of a new Woodmere House with him at the helm, of the MIXUMAXU GAZETTE, of IDA-RBL. And then a strange thing happened. He began to mumble to himself, sounding very worried, and I caught the words, "Mian't worry, no, mian't worry, my precious, no, and we shall have them all, yes, precious, all." There was more, but I couldn't make it out. Then the words, "Horse-shoe Falls."

Now I'm not up on geography, so I asked him, as I crouched behind the lysol, "Is that anywhere near Niagara Falls?"

"NIAGARA FALLS!" he screamed, his face now twisted and crimson. "Niagara Falls. Slowly I turned...."

"Alright, Ithaca?"

"...Step by step..."

"Albany? Staten Island?"

"...Inch by inch..."

I gave the madman a blast of disinfectant and it saved my life. He would have gone for me, spray and all, except that the blast was so strong it blew out his pipe. RBL began to fumble for a match, and before he knew it I was upstairs and safely hidden in a closet. By that time it was getting dark, and he soon crept out of the house to make his usual nocturnal forage for tobacco. I breathed a sigh of relief, then in opening the door I let some light fall on boxes in the closet, and I was waved.

There were two cases of Airwick in storage there.

Rapidly I unpacked the Airwick and activated them. Then I ringed the mansion with them, adding garlic as a precaution. Then I hurried inside and began making plans. The phone lines were dead, of course, but I had my maps handy, and random back-packing equipment bequeathed me by my late great-uncle, J.R.R. That night, without sleep, I made all things ready. I was about to leave at dawn when fatigue overtook me, and I fell from consciousness.

The Airwick saved my life. When I awoke in the afternoon, I saw Lipton outside, clawing ineffectively at the solid deodorizer. I waited for him to leave to forage at dusk, which he did. Then, armed with my equipment and a crucifix carved from a spare Airwick, I left the mansion and headed for the highway.

I reached the freeway and tried to stop the cars. "Fools!" I screamed, just like Kevin McCarthy in BODY SNATCHERS. "He's back! He's back!" Finally I saw a bus, flagged it down, and made it into Portland. The other passengers stared at me with my backpack and cross of Airwick, but I gave them no mind. "He's back," I told them. "He's coming for us all."

I'm back in Portland now, but in a few moments I'll be leaving. I don't know for where. RSL is on my trail again; I know it. But I've got to try to shake him somehow. Remember my warnings, Greg. One by one, he's destroying the only people who ever showed him a scrap of kindness. How do you explain the tragic irony of it all? Why is he bent on such unwarranted revenge? Do you fart after intercourse? During?

Enclosed are a few items I was intending to send you earlier. I'm sending them off now before burning the rest of my papers and sines. Lipton must not find me. Carry on the fight for us on the East Coast.

Yours in Death,
Dick.

FRED DAVIS sent me a copy of a letter written to Dave Kadlecok in response to Dave's letter in last Urf. Fred's message is that the North American Variant Bank (NAVB) is alive and functioning---I can provide copies of a few variants---his address is 1427 Clairidge Rd, Baltimore, MD, 21207. Rod Walker, the West Coast Custodian of NAVB, has copies of many more variants---his address is "alcala", 1273 Crest Dr, Encinitas, CA, 92024. Rod also publishes a complete compendium of every Youngstown version ever designed (up through Youngstown XII); the compendium can be had from Rod for \$3.

VICTOR DUPONT, who is interested in filk songs, sent a copy of what he claims is the third verse to GOD SAVE THE KING---which verse was written during the era of the Young Pretender, and goes as follows:
God grant that Marshal Wade/May by thy mighty aid/Victory bring./May he sedition hush/
And like a torrent rush/Rebellious Scots to crush/God Save the King.

BILL-DALE MARCINKO, RPO 5009 ON5063, Rutgers, New Brunswick, NJ, 08903 sent along a copy of the latest issue of his semi-pro fansine about sf, rock, film, television, comics, and politics. Although his sine---AFTA: The magazine of Temporary Culture---goes on for a bit too long---I can only read so many review of new new-wave records---it makes fascinating reading. Articles cover every aspect of the entertainment spectrum, and Bill-Dale's politics---radical liberal---also make interesting reading. Picture an offset PREDAWN LEFTIST with 68 pages of dense print with Ben Grossman sine drugs as editor. Highly recommended: \$1.50 per issue (+50¢ postage), subs 3/\$4.50.

THE BEHOLDER, published by JOHN KELLEY, Box 35, Klickitat, WA, 98628, subs approximately 10/\$3, is one of the few Dipsines with material worth reading---you can get it in a game anywhere, but interesting reading material is more difficult to come by. MORAVIAN DYNASTY, published by Robert Goldman, 200 Old Army Rd, Scarsdale, NY, 10583, 12/\$3.50 is another.

URF DUFFAL placed way down in the North American Zine Poll this year. I sure as hell can't figure it out---luckily, I'm sufficiently arrogant to believe that Urf is the best zine around, and all of you are boorish canaille.

KEMS:

77? (Dudlo's Game)

GM: Greg Costikyan

WO3

Austria (Cross) D A Alb. Has a SER, f GRE.
 England (Crabill) b f EDI. also has a FIN, a NWY, a KIE, f BAR, f NTH, f DEN
 France (Garnon) b f BRE. also has a BUR, f MID, a GAS, a BEL, a HOL, a PAR
 Germany (Schutz) NMR! gm removes a boh. has a MUN, a BER.
 Italy (Henning) NMR! owed one. has a VIE, a TRI, f ADR, f ION, a TYO.
 Russia (Taylor) r f sev-otb. b a MOS. also has a STP, f BOT, a BUD.
 Turkey (Divver) b a CON, also has a SEV, f BLA, a RUM, a BUL, f AEG.

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79? (PAW game)

GM: Greg Costikyan

SO1

Austria (Baillie) f tri-ALB, a bud-SER, a vie-TYO.
 England (Hyatt) a lvp-EDI, f ion-NTH, f edi-NWO.
 France (Kopel) a mar-SPA, a par-PIC, f bre-MID.
 Germany (Dupont) f kie-DEN, a ber-KIE, a mun-SIL.
 Italy (Schulz) a VEN h, a ROM h, f nap-TYN.
 Russia (Sampson) NMR! neutral moves provided by gm. f stp(sc)-BOT, a war-UKR,
 a MOS h, f SEV h.
 Turkey (Strain) f ank-BLA, a con-BUL, a smy-ARM.

MACHIAVELLI

GM: Greg Costikyan

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The following people are signed up for Machiavelli: Larry Elliott, Tom Swider, David Fields, Dennis Sulsberger, Marc Arrigo, Peter Herzig. This is six players, which is enough to play most of the scenarios. By next issue, please tell me whether:

- a. I should start the game immediately, or wait until 8 players are signed up (and then start Scenario B1, which is the most interesting scenario);
- b. If the game is started immediately, which scenario should be played: C Part One, C Part Two, D. (List them in order of preference).

If a majority of the players wish to start the game immediately, I'll start it next issue, with the scenario which seems most popular.

NOTE: GET YOUR VOTES IN, OR I'LL ASSUME YOU ARE NO LONGER INTERESTED IN PLAYING.

76JJ (PDL-6)

GM: Greg Costikyan

WO6

England (Stimmel) b f IVP (owed one).
 France (Strain) b a MAR.
 Italy (Gould) NMR! gm d a tus.
 Turkey (Taylor) b f SMY.

There was an error in the s/c listings---France owns Rome, and thus has 1 build.

Germany (Baillie) b a MUN, f KIE.

Italy (Gould) NBR! r a ven-otb, r a rum-otb. owed 2.

Russia (Johnson) b a STP, a WAR. owed 1.

78Nix (Partition)

GM: Greg Costikyan

823

Armenia (Wileman) a mosul-DAMASCUS, a teheran-MOSUL, a malatya-MARAS, f trebi-
none-EASTERN BLACK, a erzurum-TREBIZOND, a yerevan-ERZURUM, f SAMSUN /h/.

France (Gould) NBR! a sudan (r-kassala, aswan, otb), a CAIRO, f SINAI,

f LEBANON, f GULF OF ADALIA, a DRUZE, a transjordan (r-midian, otb) /h/.

Great Britain (Linden) a HAJARA a baghdad-TRANSJORDAN, f ORETE h, f na med-
CYPRUS, f se med-PALESTINE (sf g.b.).

Greece (Forrest) f aeg-MANARA, a BUL s a thrace-CON (sf gre), a imair-ESKHIR,
f dodecanese-NE MED, f peloponnesus-AGE, a ATHENS h.

Italy (Strain) a TERRITORIO MILITARE s a tahad-SUDAN (sf ita), a bengasi-DERNA,

f GULF OF SIDRA-ION, f ION-se med (impossible), a ALEXANDRI-caire (sf ita).

NEVER (Gister) f WESTERN BLACK-con (sf refer), a GROZNY h (sf arm) (only s/o
provinces may be seized), a KHASNDR h, a GEORGIA h.

Turkey (T/T/C.D.) a con /h/ (r-otb), a NEVSEHIR, a YOZGAT /h/.

77Age (Excommunication)

GM: Greg Costikyan

F106

There was an error in last season's adjudications. Roman Catholicism's m eng was
removed in W105; thus, Albigenis's move to eng succeeded.

Byzantium (Crossman) a cair-ALEX, f ion-gre (r-sici, tyn, trip, aeg, eas, otb),
a CHAL-ION.

Cairo (Strain) r a mosu-arm. f JERU s a arm-ANTI, f OBYN-ION, f NOPR s f
adr-ION.

France (Gruen) CONVERTS TO EASTERN ORTHODOXY. r a bord-brit. a PAR s a bur-
AVIG, a BLOIS s a BRIT s a avig-BORD, f MID-bobi.

Iberia/Spain (Gould) NBR! f SAIL, f LEON, f BOBI, a NAVR, a bord (r-otb),
a APAG, a BARG, f BALE, f IREL, a TUN /h/.

HRE (Newell) NBR! f NTH, a CHES, f MASS, a FRAN, a MAYE, a PISA, a GENO, a LORR,
f SAXO, a BOH, a SALK.

Rus (Schwartz) NBR! a PATZ, a OHER, a HUNG, a KHAZ, a CON, a TREE, a MOSU,
f ION /h/.

Seljuks (Wileman) a anti ~~fat~~ to fati (r-otb), a ICON ~~fat~~ fati, f GRE ~~fat~~ fati.

Albigenis (Heuer) m cord-BALE, m gran-SARA, m SALK s m par-BUR, m eng-CORN s
conv albi.

Abassid (Gister) m ROM conv aba, m arm-ANGO s conv aba, m obyn-ION s conv aba,
m alex-TRIP s conv aba, m trip-TUN s conv aba, m eas-ALEX s conv aba,
m MOSU ~~fat~~ aba.

Eastern Orthodoxy (Stimmel) m pola-HUNG s conv eo, m adr-ORCA s conv eo,
m ouma-KHAZ s conv eo, m pent-CON s conv eo, m TREE-mosu s conv eo.

Fatimites (Linden) m ion-AGE.

Roman Catholicism (C.D.) m bur /h/ (r-otb).

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Byzantium: sici, chal, alex, cair 4 B1*or 2*
 Cairo: cypr, rom, hann, nopr, anti, bagd 6 B1*
 France: par, bord, avig, nmdy, ~~xxx~~, soot 5 D1
 L&C: leon, tole, brge, cord, sara, baro, arag, fez, tun, navr, IREL 11 B2
 HRE: sals, boh, saxo, maye, den, ~~xxx~~, pola, swe, geno, ser, pisa, ches 11 even
 Rus: novg, smol, kiev, khas, con, lom, cher, treb, HUNG 9 B1
 Seljuks: icon, gre, arm 3 B1*

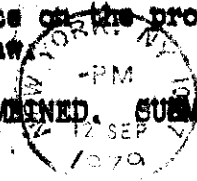
Albi: avig, reim, maye, tole, france 5 even
 Aba: anti, jeru, bagd, tun, alex, cair, RCM, north africa 8 B1
 EO: novg, kiev, con, treb, balkans, EASTERN EUROPE 6 B1
 Fati: ~~xxx~~ 0 OUT1
 RO: sals, cord 2 B2*

Changes in religious control of provinces since start of game:
 Abassid: +alex, +arm, +auji, +cair, +ghad, +nopr, +rom, +trip, +tun, -cord,
 -gran, -sara, -ucle, -sala
 Albigensis: +arag, +corn, +fran, +gran, +irel, +nmdy, +sara, +tole, +ucle, +york,
 +sala
 Eastern Orthodoxy: +croca, +cuna, +esto, +hung, +khas, +lith, +nwy, +pats, +pola,
 +pcna, +pru, +swe, -arm
 Fatimites: all provinces
 Roman Catholicism: +cord, -arag, -corn, -croca, -fran, -hung, -irel, -nmdy, -nopr,
 -pola, -rom, -tole, -york

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A DRAW HAS BEEN PROPOSED BETWEEN HRE, LEON&CASTILE AND RUS AS TEMPORAL POWERS
 AND ABASSID ISLAM AS RELIGIOUS POWER. Vote on the proposal with your next moves.
 A single negative vote will defeat the draw.

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