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Welcome to the third issue of ADAM CONNECTION MAGAZINE, a part of International Computing's growing services for the Coleco Adam Family Computer system.

Let me answer the most asked question at this time: "WHAT ARE INCO'S PLANS FOR THE NEW YEAR?" Well, as you can see from this issue of ADAM CONNECTION MAGAZINE, we have several new programs under development. The most exciting is GAME WRITER, a game development programming language similar to Smart LOGO, scheduled to be released in the Fall.

THE ULTIMATE ADVENTURE, originally planned for release in October of this year, will now be released in two versions, graphic and text. The graphic version will not be released until the Spring of '85, while the text version should be ready for release by the New Year.

There is also a new member of the INCO ADVENTURE SERIES. The program is called TOMB. We are very excited about this new adventure, written by Howard Cowles of California. Mr. Cowles submitted TOMB to us sometime ago, however; we were so intrigued by the program that we decided to market it within days after submission!

Finally, for those of you who haven't joined THE ADAM CONNECTION SOFTWARE CLUB, you are really missing out on some good software! THE ADAM CONNECTION is the SMART way to build your software library!

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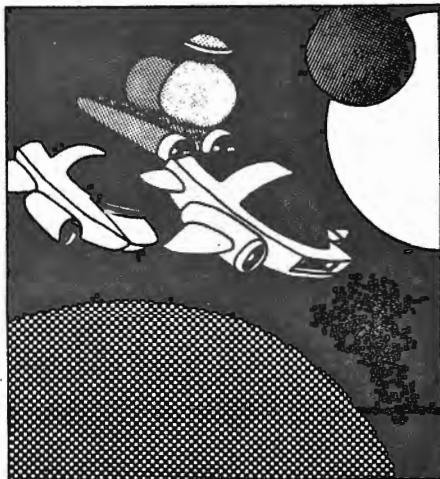
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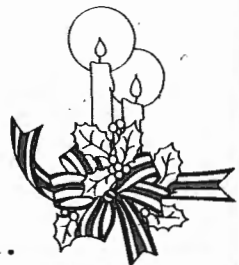
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SOFTWARE BOOM ON THE HORIZON?

Each issue of ADAM CONNECTION MAGAZINE will feature SOFTWARE TALK. SOFTWARE TALK will feature articles dealing with computer software in general, software piracy, and Adam software released by other companies other than International Computing. This month's column: SOFTWARE BOOM ON THE HORIZON?

When the first Adam computers arrived in the stores last November, the only software available were the Colecovision/Adam cartridges from Coleco and other companies, and Buck Rogers, the game that came packed with your Adam. So, all we did was play games and attempt to program using SmartBASIC and the inadequate manual that was supplied with the original Adam computers.

In early 1985, Coleco began distributing new revised manuals for SmartBASIC and they promised to deliver no less than 125 software packages by year's end. We then began getting a little bit happier about the software situation.

Since then, we have seen Coleco introduce software packages such as: Donkey Kong, Donkey Kong Jr., Super Zaxxon, Flashcards, SmartFILER, Recipe Filer, and the excellent SmartLOGO. Third-party software companies have also released a number of software packages, however; we have yet to see any of the "giants" such as Epyx or Sierra release any Adam software.

Although Coleco is beginning to distribute Super Sub-Roc, Dragon's Lair, and CPM 2.2, the year-end software count is still 75 short of Coleco's projection at the 1984 Winter CES.

A future software "boom" will be solely decided on how well the Adam does this Christmas season. It is the "deal of deals" this Christmas, selling for under \$500, with Atari selling for about \$650 as a system, and Commodore for \$725. Only time will tell...until next time!

The Ultimate Adventure

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THE ULTIMATE ADVENTURE text-only adventure features the same excitement as the graphics version but only requires the ADAM DIGITAL DATA PACK. If you are unable to finish your adventure in one session, you may stop and record your current status on DDP, thus enabling you to continue your adventure from where you left off at a later date.

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