

# The Master Machiavellian

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## Dispatchio di Machiavelli

Greetings, ye shrewd observers of diplomatic sagacity! Learn to reconsider both your alliances and your enmities constantly, for the Wheel of Fortune is ever turning, and your allies may betray you while your enemies become your friends. Be always shifting your position, for the prince who stands still is predictable, and will quickly fall prey to the ravening wolves about him.

I have received late word that the mail service in Canada has resumed, the differences between labor and management resolved. It is because of the disruption of Canadian-American mail that this issue of The Master Machiavellian is but six pages in length; three of our diplomatic contests include Canadian princes, and the fourth has been similarly halted because of confusion over the effects of the Canadian postal delay upon this publication. Thus, neither game moves nor press is to be found within, but I have directed the unit placement for each contest to be printed. With the resumption of the four contests coupled with their accompanying press, issue number sixteen of The Master Machiavellian will revert to the normal size.

As for game openings, there remain two positions left to be filled in The Master Machiavellian's last Diplomacy game to be commenced until another terminates. All princes who have inscribed their names to the list of contestants for the Colonia II game will be pleased to note the commencement of that contest, with country castings and unit placement contained within.

The increase in postal rates domestically has finally forced a corresponding increase in the subscription rates for The Master Machiavellian, now ten issues for two dollars thirty cents. The reader will please note that we do not accept double-subscriptions; all moneys we have received in excess are being refunded. In addition, I ask the reader to please remember that due to full educational schedules, the Staff of The Master Machiavellian can reply to letters only on weekends; if the Staff takes some time to respond, please bear this in mind.

As this is the final publication of The Master Machiavellian to be printed with the date "1975", the Staff and I join in expressing our heartfelt wishes that everyone have a most enjoyable holiday season.

Remember always to seem as though you hold the good qualities of honor and constancy, for the world applauds the prince who demonstrates these, but do not let this keep you from betraying your honor when it is expeditious, for often the world in reality rewards what it most loudly condemns. Until the new year, farewell, and may you be inspired with the qualities of the lion and the fox, of force and of fraud.

*Niccolo Machiavelli*

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COLONIA, I PLAYERS NOTE: Vote on combination Winter/Spring moves due 1 Jan.!

## STAFF AND INFO

The Master Machiavellian is a gamezine of postal Diplomacy, its variants, and other wargames. Subs are now 10 for \$2.30 (thanks to USPS!). Game fees are still \$1 for reg Dip, \$1.50 for Colonia II, and do not include subs... Diplomacy, copyright Games Research Inc., Box 18N, Boston 02118, was invented by Alan Calhmer. Please make all checks, money orders, etc. payable to Michael Homeier.

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## THE MAIL SITUATION

As you all know, and are probably sick of hearing repeated, the Postal Service is raising First Class mail 3¢, which isn't so bad except when one buys stamps in bulk, like us! This raise is upping our rates 30¢, but we can't help it. There is no longer airmail inside the U.S., but the guy at the Post Office says airmail is still on outside the U.S., so Canadian resubbers can tack on the extra - what is it, 20¢? - and take a chance. I return all funds in excess of correct amount. Of course, the P.O. keeps returning my mail to Canada, and all the Canadian issue number 14s are still sitting on my desk with an "Embargo still in effect", "Return to sender", "Service temporarily suspended", etc. This has done wonders for our games (see below). In fact, I don't know when our subbers in Canada will get these issues . . .

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## GAME SECTION

All our games are in the slings; 1974HO, 1975GG, and 1975Ufh due to the Canadian strike, and 1975AV because of confusion -- you'd be amazed the number of people who still don't know what's going on; what's going on up north, what's the situation with the postal rates, when are the moves in - and what about the Canadians, and so on. Thus, no moves are being printed, although corrections and unit placements are to be found below.

Please note: twelve pages is our one ounce limit! Therefore, the one position remaining in the Colonia II game and the two in our fourth Dip ARE IT until one concludes. The reason is, TMM is a press zine, with more than two thirds dedicated to press. We could fit in more games with a suspension of press, but we don't like that, and apparently you don't, either. After the two above games are filled, we will have no more openings until another ends. Unless, of course, you all agree to tack on an extra \$1 for one more ounce... No? Didn't think so. Now on to unit placement.

1974HO

COME RAIN, OR SNOW -- WELL, ...

Summer 1905

AUSTRIA(Kissner): F Gra; A Vie; A Tri; A Bud; A Bul; A Ser.

ENGLAND(Zimmermann): F Nwy; F Nth; F Mid; F Eng; F Iri ((somebody missing?\*))

FRANCE(~~Costa~~ ~~Costa~~ CD): A Por H.

GERMANY(Fujihara): F Bal; A Liv; A War; A Kie; A Bur; A Mar; A Gas; ASil; A Mun.

ITALY(Ferguson): F Ion; F Spa(sc); F Tyr; F Was; A Tun; A Mar to be r Pio,OTB.

RUSSIA(Swabeck): A Mos; A Rum.

TURKEY(Lucero): F Aog; F Bla; A Bul; A Sev.

\*= I'm typing these up w/out having seen the order sheets, so watch carefully!

\*\*Here's an open press release from Terry Lucero to all\*\* -- "It was announced today that the head of our consulate in South California will pay a visit to Disneyland, in Orange County. He shall be there on the 22nd of Dec., and he

Lucero press cont.) and his entourage shall pose as the Poway High Concert  
band, and give a performance that day. The consul is 5'11", has brown hair  
and eyes, wears brown and clear glasses, and sings bass. He requests that  
all interested governments send representatives to Disneyland on that day,  
so that a greater understanding between nations can result. This has been  
an open release to all players."

1975AV ERRORS COINCIDE WITH POSTAL CONFUSION Summer 1903

- AUSTRIA(Lucero): F Eas; A Rum\*; A Bud; A Bul.
- ENGLAND(Behnen): F Hal; F NAT; A Yor.
- FRANCE(Carter): F Spa(SC); F Iri; F Lon; F Eng; A Wal; A Bur; A Por.
- GERMANY(Swabeck): F Bal; A Swe; A Ber; A Dan; A Hol.
- ITALY(Weswig): F Tyr; F Aeg; F Ion; A Syr; A Ser.
- RUSSIA(Fox): F Swe to be r Fin, Bot, OTB; A War; A Liv; A Ukr; A Sev.
- TURKEY(Pepper): F Rum to be r Bla, OTB\*; A Con; A Smy; A Ank.

\* = There's the goof: AU A Gal-Rum in Sp'03 succeeds due to support from AJ A Bud  
and IT A Ser, while TU F Rum was supported only by RU A Sev.  
Please note Terry Lucero's press release under 1974HO.

1975GG CANADIAN POSTAL FORCES STALL EUROPEAN ARMIES Late Winter 1901

- AUSTRIA(Bourns): F Alb; A Ser; A Bud.
- ENGLAND(Diehl): A Yor; F Nwy; F Ska; F Edi.
- FRANCE(Pepper): F Pic; A Gas; A Spa; F Bre.
- GERMANY(Fox): F Swe; A Hol; A Ruh; F Kia; F Ber.
- ITALY(Lucero): F Aeg; A Tri; A Aru; F Nap.
- RUSSIA(Dunn): F Bot; F Rum; A Gal; A Liv. ((1 shrt - NBR ish #14))
- TURKEY(Letwin): F Bla; A Con; A Bul. ((1 shrt - NBR ish #14))

This game is not going so smoothly. In Fall 1901 Brian Bourns, Jon Pepper,  
Martin Dunn, and David Letwin NMRed (ish #13). In Winter 1901 Martin Dunn and  
David Letwin NBRed (ish #14). I haven't heard a thing from Martin (the ol'  
Postal Strike?) or David, so -- will Ron Kelly, #210, 225 Virginia Ave. S.E.,  
Washington D.C. 20061, and Don Parker, 44 Wexford Rd., Dewitt NY 13214, please  
submit standby orders for, respectively, Russia and Turkey for Spring 1902?  
Many thanks!

1975UH - Colonia F IBERIA SHAPES UP AS POSTAL SERVICE SHIPS OUT Late Winter 1750

- AUSTRIA(Stephens): F Nap, F Tri, F Tyr, A Clu, A Vi-, A Pol, A Psa, A Sax,  
A Bav, A Pps.
- ENGLAND(Scheutz): F Lon, F Vir, F Aus, F Fij, F NAT, F Nwy, F Iri, A Ore,  
A Nig, A Con.
- FRANCE(Lucero): F EAT, A Dak, A Que, A Pdy, A Par, A Ont, A Tou, A Sav,  
A Mah, A Sen.
- NETHERLANDS(Hyatt): F Jav, F Sur, F Ant, F Den, F Bao, A Rhi, A Han, A Cpc,  
A Hag, A Bol, A Zam.
- OTTOMANS(Greenwell): F Izm, F Bag, F Jer(sc), F Bla, A Sof, A Egy, A Yem,  
A Per, A Afg, A Arm.
- PORTUGAL(Stimmel): F Lis, F Azo, A Bra, A Ang, F Mac, A Arg, A Gab\*, A Lag,  
A Bma, A Opo.
- RUSSIA(Schnaath): F Swe, A Mos, A Smk, A Oms, A Irk, A Kia, A Cri, A Amu,  
A Tur, A Chn.
- SPAIN(Booth/Hargitt\*\*): F Mal, F Tar, F SoG, A Tex, A Max, A Ifn, A Mrc,  
A Sah, A Arg.

First off, "sc" denotes a misprint. Bob Stimmel's Portugese A is in GAB,  
not Cad as in last issue. Also, "sc" is a special note: it seems that Paul  
Booth has changed from his position which he has assigned to Carl Hargitt.

1501 S.E. Pardee, Portland OR. Hence, all correspondence should be addressed to Carl, and Paul's sub is being rerouted to Carl unless I hear from Paul. In fact, Paul didn't even notify me of this switch, so if you're out there, Paul, and you don't like the sub or position change, please feel free to notify me. Our thanks to Peggy Gemignani for standing by -- Peggy, I'm sorry we couldn't use you but thanks for being there to fall back on just in case!

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### ALL GAMERS NOTE!!

What with all the confusion about the mails, and the onslaught of the Christmas holiday season (oh boy, what that's gonna do to the mails!), all games' deadline is the 1st of January 1976! This is this month's only issue, as school closes on the nineteenth and there goes my ditto machine! I hope the Canadian strike is over by then -- I don't know what to do if it goes on like this much longer -- oh, how I hate game delays!

Anyway, since this is our December issue, I would like, on behalf of the staff of The Master Machiavellian, to thank you all for your kind support during 1975, and to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a most happy New Year! Or, in Russian, "ochen radostnoye rozhestvo s Novim godim!"

P.S. All you who sent in moves with press, you don't have to send in new ones unless you want to, in which case you can. We will keep the originals and use them when the games pick up again if no changes are received.

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### LAST GAME OF 1975 COMMENCES!

Just realized that our second Colonia game (Colonia II) was filled! And because this is 1975's last TMM, and we still have two more players to go to fill the fourth Dippy game, this is our last '75 game. Spring 1750 orders are due 1 January 1976. Have a great holiday! Casting:

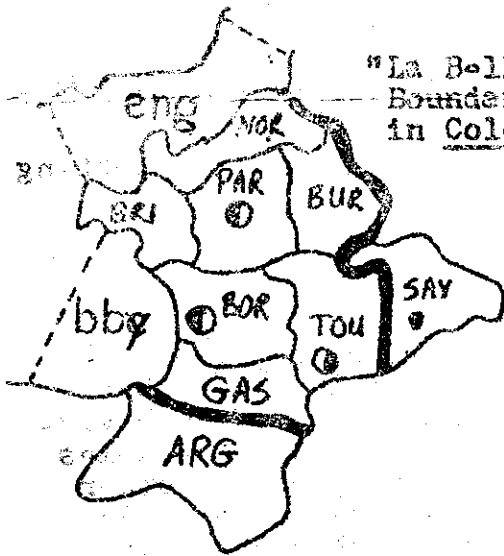
AUSTRIA (Fred G. Hyatt, 400 State St., Brooklyn NY 11217): F Tri, A Pra, A Via, A Bud, A Som, A Ecu.  
ENGLAND (Karl Scheutz, 20 Toledo Rd., Willingboro NJ 08046): F Aus, F Lon, F Bri, F Lvp(wc), A Nig, A Vir.  
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OTTOMAN EMPIRE (\*Carl Hargitt, 1501 S.E. Pardee, Portland OR): F Con, A Bag, A Dam, A Izm, A Jer, A Sof.  
PORTUGAL (Victor Ricci, 135 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn NY 11238): F Lis, A Lag, A Opo, A Mac, A Bra, A Ang.  
RUSSIA (Steve Norris, 3925 Comanche St. Apt. #4, Memphis TN 38118): F Haw, F Ptd(sc), A Irk, A Mos, A Kia, A Alaska.  
SPAIN (Jon Pepper, 3542 Meier St., L.A. CA 90066): F Mnl, F Cad, A Mad, A Val, A Ifn, A Mex.

Those three-letter abbreviations may not be right, as I don't have the map in front of me, but you can figure out where they are off the map's rule sheet. Everybody should have a copy of Colonia II. As for the Ottomans, Paul Boeth paid for that spot, but since he's out (it seems) I've cast Carl in his stead, O.K., Carl? If Carl gives it up, Peggy Gemignani is standing by. Care to submit standby moves, Peg? Spasibo khorosho -- uh, thanks! Remember -- this is Colonia II -- the Colonia I map may not be exchanged for this edition!

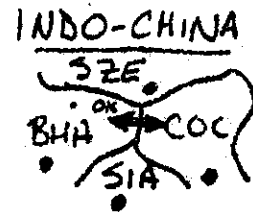
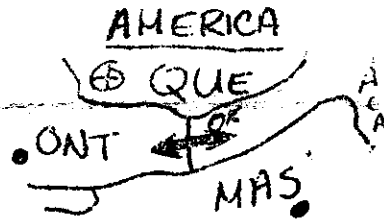
MORE ON COLONIA TO FOLLOW

COLONIA ERRATA

This pertains to both editions of Colonia. Due to the loss of accuracy obtained during ditto reproduction, there are some map points which need clearing up. The '75th players have already learned about a seeming four-way inter-connection in Canada, in which passage between Que and Mas IS NOT permitted, but they may pass from Ont to Aca. Now -- and this is new -- here is the rules for the Indo-China 4-Way: passage between Sze and Sia IS NOT permitted, but passage from Bma to Coc and vice versa IS possible. Also, it seems that France was nicely caught just at the joiner area of a couple of the map pages, and like most cases, the edges of pages when copied by ditto was unclear. Below is presented a complete map of the French provinces, and you can add the information to your own maps upon assembly.



"La Belle France"  
Boundaries are the same  
in Colonia I and II



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Just got this morning's paper - it says the Canadian Postal Strike IS OVER! Let's hope so! I will attempt to dispatch the Canadian issues #14 immediately, to be followed by these #15s when I get them printed up. I hope the paper was right! Should it prove so, the games will pick up in January. A word on the deadline - it is the holiday season, and the deadline is New Year's Day, so get preliminary orders in early, and we will accept orders by the Saturday following the first (3 January 1976).

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PLUGS

The Pocket Armenian (Scott Rosenberg, 182-31 Madnor Rd, Jamaica NY 11432) is an offbeat zine just now going into a new format due to the Canadian strike, in which non-Canadian games will continue by newsletter or carbon copy. TPA will appear about every 4-5 weeks for a large article issue. Scott's cubculation is about 100. Subs are 8/\$2 (9/\$2 for IDA members) for this tri-weekly (at least was tri-weekly) zine; there are no game openings. Kimeo.

The Master Machiavellian had very humble beginnings, as you all know, and we found out very quickly that pubbing a zine wasn't as easy as might be expected at first glance. We had quite a struggle getting established, and we remain ever indebted to those pubbers who were nice enough to help us get to our feet. Therefore, we are always more than happy to help out any beginners, and do them a good turn as others were kind enough to do for us. SO -- it is my pleasure to help in the furthering of the

Diplomacy Baron, put out by my good friend Rod Zaccalini, presently at 23 Toluca Estates, N. Hollywood CA 91602. The Diplomacy Baron is now put out every four

weeks by xerox reproduction. Rod does such a good job with the repro that he is bound to get a reputation for pubbing one of the cleanest, neatest zines in the hobby, unlike the majority of gamezines which are cluttered, filled, and typed in a most perfunctory manner. TDB subs are 8/32, and Rod has many openings: first, in a Dippy game requiring no fee except a refundable \$1 deposit and a sub; second, a Dip game where the players are kept anonymous, with negotiations to be made through press releases for \$2 + sub; third, a "rebate" Diplomacy game, at the end of which each player gets 75¢ for each supp center owned, for \$5 and a sub/no deposit; and fourth, a game of Lew Pulsipher's Global Variant pubbed in Dip World Vol. II #1 for \$2 fee plus \$1 deposit plus a sub. Rod openly solicits all letters and articles, replying with one free issue per half page typed. The best looking new zine I've seen in quite a while, and well worth your looking in to.

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FAMOUS SHAKESPEARIAN QUOTES DEPT.

Question: "If the quality of mercy is not strained, how is it kept from getting lumpy?"

-- David H. Calvert, October 1974

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"A prince should have no other aim or thought, nor take up any other thing for his study, but war and its organization and discipline, for that is the only art that is necessary to one who commands, and it is of such virtue that it not only maintains those who are born princes, but often enables men of private fortune to attain to that rank. And one sees, on the other hand, that when princes think more of luxury than of arms, they lose their state. The chief cause of the loss of states, is the contempt of this art, and the way to acquire them is to be well versed in the same.

"Francesco Sforza, through being well armed, became Duke of Milan; his sons, through wishing to avoid the fatigue and hardships of war, from dukes became private persons. For among other evils caused by being disarmed, it renders you contemptible; which is one of those disgraceful things which a prince must guard against. As there is no comparison whatever between an armed and a disarmed man, it is not reasonable to suppose that one who is armed will willingly obey one who is unarmed; or that any unarmed man will remain safe among armed servants. For one being disdainful and the other suspicious, it is not possible for them to act well together. And therefore a prince who is ignorant of military matters, besides the other misfortunes already mentioned, cannot be esteemed by his soldiers nor have confidence in them . . ."

-- Part XIV of The Prince by Niccolo Machiavelli



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