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## Dispatchio di Machiavelli

Greetings, thou princes! Although ye be spread far apart, yet ye strive to extend your positions by force and by guile. May you confound your enemies and strengthen your friends, through your great understanding of the art of Diplomacy.

As announced in the preceding issue of this publication, The Master Machiavellian has opened yet another Diplomacy contest. This tourney, for new subscribers only, has three signed up; four positions remain. Thus, to any new subscribers, these openings are available for the regular fee. A second game, to be opened to any subscriber, is being contemplated, and should it prove feasible, an additional contest will be commenced.

Publication schedule for The Master Machiavellian is very much at large, with the entire staff planning to be employed full time this summer or, as in the case of our Diplomacy adjudicator, visiting the actual sites of the diplomatic conflicts in Europe. Consequently, it is not at all clear just when the next issue is to be printed, although the staff is planning an Independence Day issue to celebrate the Bicentennial of this nation, as the enclosed deadline dates assert. Therefore, it may prove impossible, albeit only remotely possible, to publish another issue during the summer, but the staff fully intends to attempt just that.

No additional news regarding the Third Annual DinkiCon for the end of this summer. Again, the staff is in no way connected with this event, as we were last year and as we had planned to be this year, and consequently we are only able to provide such information as we can obtain ourselves, which we shall do whenever any such information becomes available.

Standbys for Colonia I and II are solicited, as are any articles on Diplomacy play. This publication is unable at this time to provide payment for such articles other than the recognition that publication provides in and of itself. Issue #21 is short and a few days late due to the tumultuous conclusion of secondary schooling for our active staff. Issue #22 will contain much in the way of features at such time as its publication becomes a reality.

May good fortune rest upon you, and may subtlety cloak your plans and actions. Graciously I welcome you to this realm of the lion and the fox, of force and of fraud.

*Nicco lo Machiavelli*

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GAMES SECTION

1975Ufh(Colonia I) BYZANTINE MOBILIZATION HALTED Winter 1752

AUSTRIA(Stephens): No change possible. ENGLAND(Scheutz): Builds F Aus, A Vir, A Que. A Mah /r/ Cir. /A Lpl. FRANCE(Suzeno): Blds F Bor, A Par, A Pdy, A Que. A Mah /r/ Cir. /A Lpl. NETHERLANDS(Hyatt): Builds F Jav, F Cpc, F Ang, A Sur, A Ant. PORTUGAL(Stimmel): Blds F Lis, A Bra. BYZANTIUM(Greenwall): NBR. RUSSIA(Schnaath): Builds F Amu, F Ptd(sc), A Smk, A Irk. SPAIN(Gemignani): Builds F Mex(-c), F Mnl.

Spring 1753 orders due 3.00pm 24 June 1976 at Michael Homeier's house, 238 N. Bowling Green Way, L.A. CA 90049. Note FR builds only 4 as last ish miscount. 1975Ufh Press: P.S. RU A Chn-Sun succeeded (omitted).

LISBON: "Cowardly Dutch sailors refuse to leave shore after hearing of Italian ship swallowed by sea monster in Tyrrhenian Sea in game 1974HO (in year 1907). Brave Portuguese sailors have, however, shown no fear."

MOSCOW: "Reports of Spanish attempts to hire mercenaries reached the royal palace today. Although understandably disturbed, the Tsar refused to issue an official statement."

THE HAGUE: "Fie! Fie! The evil of Iberia manifests itself in gore and pillage. Alas for innocent France! (Actually, Paris would be a nice addition to the Commonwealth. I'll think about it...)"

Lisboa News: "Dutch Marshall van Stroup cashiered. Framed by Portuguese underground. Photos of Playboy Bunnies placed in his sealed orders. When found in his possession he was permanently dismissed in disgrace from his positions in South Africa."

MADRID: "Some of the Dutch colonies have been covering up the corruption in their Bureaucracy and the abuse of native citizens by trying to destroy the friendship of the Spanish, Portuguese, Austrian, and Netherlands peoples. They have stooped to setting up prisoners from penal colonies supplied by British and Russians in their attempt to undermine the friendship of our peoples. They have arranged to blame these small-time offenders for acts of abuse by their corrupt officials. Turkish government is involved in taking the blame of far rightest South African government. Latest and greatest insult came when the factions of this party, having infiltrated the Austrian Government and causing a run-on nonsense meant to discredit the Austrian Emperor, have sent over King Katzenjammer, better known as King of Naples, to try and seduce the Spanish Queen. His attempt was foiled. Now the attempt of Dutch-South African extremists to put the blame on Omar the Lip and prevent the freeing of the Black Colonies must be nipped in the bud before it disgraces the Turkish Government and Burgemeisters of the Netherlands."

ANTWERP: "The reports of an alliance between the Netherlards and Russia are base falsehoods. On the contrary, Russian incursions into Europe are exciting Dutch apprehensions."

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PORTUGAL: "Netherlands and Portugal have two building centers in Africa. In a spirit of charity, Portugal proposed to give one (Nigeria) to France, if Netherlands give one (Angola) to England."

PROPOSALS FOR PEACE CONFERENCE FORWARD

- 1975BKfh (Colonia II) RU, SP GENERAL STAFFS PARALYZED Fall 1751
- AUSTRIA (Hyatt): F Nap-Tyr; F Mio-Mal; F Adr-Ton; A Sax-Han; A Psa & A Sax-Han; A Pol & A Psa; A Bav & A Sax-Han; A Via & A Bav; A Tan-Moz; A Col-Ecu.
- ENGLAND (Schultz): F Tar H; F Nwy H; F Eat-Wat; F Nat-Ice; F Cor-Nwg; F Bna-Cub; F Gog-Ang; F Lon-Nth; A Con & F Gog-Ang; A Tex-Mex.
- FRANCE (Stimmel): F Leo & A Cal-Arg; F Lgh-Jma; A Gab-Arg; A Niz-Kha; A Pun-Mah; A Ont & A Mta; A Bur-Arg; A Pps H; A Uta H; A Vol-Sen.
- NETHERLANDS (Fox): Summer - A Zam /r/ Katl & F Bal-Psa; F Gog-Cam; F Eng-Wat; F Ml-Mla; A Rhi & A Han; A Hag & A Rhi; A Bur-Vza; A Nal-Moz; A Han & F Bal-Psa; A Ecu-Col; A Den & A Han; A Kat-Ang.
- OTTOMANS (Stephens): F Bla & A Sof; F Ara (We)-Yem; F Png-Ara; F Emd H; A Sof H; A Kas-Mah; A Jer-Bag; A Sin-Kha; A Yem-Oma; A Per-Afg.
- PORTUGAL (Reich): F Azo-Gbe; A Huen H; A Opo-Lis; A Sia H; A Bol-Pru; A Gab-Con; A Agt H; A Lag-Lis; A Zam-Ang; A Coca-Bna.
- RUSSIA (Norris): NMR. F Cal, F Swa, F Epc, F Gob, A Man, A Kie, A Cri, A Van, A Mon, A Yuk, A Ura, all hold /h/.
- SPAIN (Kitching?): NMR. F Can, F Mel, F Plp; A Ifn, A Tau, A Sen, A Mad, A Uta, A Mex, A Cad all /h/.

1975BKfh Winter 1751 Supply Center Charts

- AU: Via, Pra, Bud, Tri, Som, Nap, Psa, Pol, Tan, Col, Mal, Bav, Sax (13). Blds 3
- EN: Lon, Btl, Lpl, Vir, Nig, Aus, Lou, Nwy, Kam, Fij, Ter, Ice, Nwg, Cub, Con, Tex (16). Builds 6.
- FR: Bor, Par, Tou, Que, Pdy, Mta, Vol, Mah, Sav, Pps, Ont (11). Builds 1.
- NE: Hag, Utr, Ant, Sur, Cpc, Jav, Beo, Zam, Den, Ecu, Cam, Mla, Vza, Nal (14). Builds 3.
- OT: Sof, Izm, Dam, Bag, Jer, Cnp, Egy, Oma, Per, Afg, Yem (11). Builds 1.
- PO: Lag, Lis, Opo, Bra, Ang, Mac, Bol, Azo, Coc, Sia, Pru, Gab, Agt, Zam, Bna (15). Builds 5.
- RU: Ptd, Mos, Kie, Irk, Haw, Ala, Ore, Cal, Cri, Swa, Amu, Van, Man (13). +2.
- SP: Mad, Cad, Val, Mex, Ifn, Mnl, Dak, Mrc, Sen (9). Remove 1.

Winter 1751 builds due 3.00pm 24 June 1976 at 238 N. Bowling Green Way, L.A. CA 90049. We have no standbys for either Colonia. Steve Norris COA - 1161 Greenland Ave., Nashville TN 39216. Kitching has not subscribed, and NMRed this. I do not know if he is still with us, and without standby... 1975BKfh Press:

- BAGHDAD: "Frank Herbert fans behold, out of the sandy wastes comes a deliverer"
- VIENNA: "A glittering array of nobles and notables thronged St. Stephen's to witness the enthronement of Frederick George I, and to hear the singing of a new 'Te Deum' to celebrate the re-capture of Bavaria. Following the ceremonies in the cathedral, a gala coronation ball was held at the Hofburg."
- PARIS: "To improve relations between Netherlands and Austria, a French army has been ordered to Switzerland to serve as a buffer."
- DAMASCUS: "Ready here for another round of religious fanaticism for Islam."
- DAR-ES-SALAAM: "Delegations from several Bantu nations have begun arriving in this city for conferences with political and military leaders of Austrian East Africa. The purpose of the conferences is not known, but rumor has it that Portuguese observers are present to safeguard the interests of Portugal in southern Africa."

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ALL DIPLOMACY PLAYERS PLEASE NOTE: Jon is going to Europe this summer, and

either my brother or I will adjudicate the Diplomacy orders. So, will all players please send their moves to 238 N. Bowling Green Way rather than Jon's house? Thanks!

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1974HO PROPOSALS FOR PEACE CONFERENCES FORWARDED Spring 1907

AUSTRIA(Kissner): F Nap-Tyr; A Rom H; A Ven-Pie; A Tri-Tyo; A Vie-Boh; A Bud-Gal;  
A Rum S TU A Sev-Ukr; A Ser S A Rum.  
ENGLAND(Zimmermann): F Mid-Wes; F End-Mid; F Bel-Eng; A Pic-Bel; F Swe-Nwy;  
F Nth S A Den; A Hol S A Pic-Bel; A Lon H; A Den H.  
FRANCE(CD): A Por H.  
GERMANY(Fujihara): F Bal S A Kie; A StP-Mos; A Mos-War; A Sil-Boh; A Kie H;  
A Ruh-Mun; A Bur-Par; A Mar H.  
ITALY(Stimmel): F Spa(sc)-Wes; F Tyr-Wes.  
TURKEY(Lucero): F Aeg-Ion; F Gra S F Aeg-Ion; F Smy-Aeg; F Bla C A Bul-Sev;  
A Bul-Sev; A Sev-Ukr.

Fall '07 orders due 3.00pm 24 June 1976 at 238 N. Bowling Green Way, L.A. CA 90049. PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT GM ADDRESS! Two tie proposals have been forwarded; the first, a three-way tie between England-Germany-Austria, the second between England-Germany-Austria-Turkey. Vote (for one) due with Fall orders. Press:

Ankara Herald Advocate, 9 Jun. '07: "The 3rd National Assembly convened here today to begin its first session. This Assembly is more heavily composed of Syrian and Mesopotamian nationalist members than the last, owing to increased secessionist movements in our Southern Provinces, which brought many more people to the polls there last Fall. Its first priority will be the selection of a Prime Minister and Cabinet to assist the Sultan, after which it will deal with other problems. High on the list will be autonomy for the South, increase production, and our external relations with Europe. It is hoped the new government will have these problems under some control by mid-summer."

TUNIS: "Italians discover numerous sea monsters in southern Tyrrhenian Sea. Lucky sailors considered themselves fortunate to survive attempts to swallow ships - only one was swallowed - no survivors. Other nations advised to avoid area."

Constantinople Clarion, 5 Apr. '07: "His Imperial Majesty the Sultan today announced the signing of a bill to reorganize the Empire. Under its terms, the Empire shall be converted to a federal state, composed of approximately 25 provinces, based on present provincial boundaries and lines of nationality. It is to be implemented in stages, taking final form in Fall 1909 or Spring 1910. It is hoped this will lead to more efficient government and increased freedom for all."

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1975AV NEW PARIS GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER WAR DIRECTION Spring 1905

AUSTRIA(Lucero): F Eas-Smy; A Bul-Rum; A Bud S ABul-Rum; A Gal-Ukr.  
FRANCE(~~CD~~ Kelly): F Iri-Mid; F Nth H; F Lon-Eng; F Lvp /h/; F Lyo C A Mar-Tus/a ~~Spa H~~ /h/a/; A Spa H; A Mar-Tus.  
GERMANY(Swabeck): F Sko-Nth; A Bur-Par; A Ber-Bal; A Bal-Pic; A Kie-Hol;  
A Mun-Bur; A Swe H.  
ITALY(Weswig): F Con S A Arm-Ank; A Arm-Ank; F Rom-Tus; F Tyr-Lyo; F Wes S F Tyr-Lyo; A Ven-Pie; A Ser S AU A Bul-Rum.  
RUSSIA(Fox): F Nwy-Nrg; F StP(nc)-Nwy; A War/h/; A Rum S A War-Gal/nso/a/;  
A Ukr S A Rum; A Sev S A Rum.  
TURKEY(CD): A Smy /h/; A Ank /h/a/.

Fall '05 orders due 3.00pm 24 June 1976 at TM offices not Jon's house! Press to follow ...

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The Master Machiavellian House Rules

1. Assignments: Countries will be assigned by random lot.
2. Seasons: Retreats for a season will be submitted with the orders for the following season. These orders may be made conditional upon those retreats.
3. Orders: The GamesMaster may discard illegible orders. Orders may be revised any time before the deadline, with the player held responsible for establishing which set of orders is to be used. If some problem arises, the set of orders with the latest legible postmark will be used.
4. Deadline: The editors of The Master Machiavellian will determine the deadline for all moves; these will be published in the preceding issue.
5. Missed Moves: If a player misses any Spring '01 move, neutral moves will be used. If a player misses any move, a standby if available - will be asked to submit orders for that country. If on the subsequent move, that player again fails to submit orders, then the standby becomes the player of that country. If a player misses four non-consecutive moves, again the standby takes over. A player may assign permanent or temporary control of his country to another person not already in the game; however, the GamesMaster must be notified beforehand.
6. Impossible Orders: Any unit ordered to a space not on the map (F NAT - Atlantis), or to perform a function not allowed (A Tri runs to early mass) will hold and can be supported in holding. Any unit ordered to make an impossible move (F Bro-Par) will hold and cannot be supported.
7. Abbreviations: Locations are abbreviated by the first three letters of their main name (Gulf of Bothnia = Bot), except: Livonia (Lvn), Liverpool (Lvp), Tyrrhenian Sea (Tyr), Tyrolia (Tyo), North Africa (NAf), North Atlantic (NAt), North Sea (Nth), Norway (Nwy), and Norwegian Sea (Nrg). Other abbreviations for variants will be included with their rules.
8. Disbandments: Dislodged units not ordered to retreat are annihilated; dislodged units ordered to retreat to the same area are all annihilated. Players may voluntarily disband a dislodged unit.
9. Notation: Following notations are used - underlined moves fail, others succeed; A = army; F = fleet; - = moves to; C = convoys; S = supports; H = holds; /h/ = holds, unordered; /r/ = dislodged, must retreat; /a/ = annihilated; /nso/ = no such order; /nsu/ = no such unit; /imp/ = impossible move; NMR = no moves received; NBR = no builds received; NRR = no retreats received; CD = civil disorder.
10. Civil Disorder: If, when a country is in civil disorder (NMR), any of that country's units are dislodged, those units are annihilated.
11. Adjustments: At year's end, the GamesMaster will list the supply centers of each Great Power and indicate any changes utilizing the following notations: Den = center already controlled; Den = center gained during the year; /// = center lost during the year.
12. Cross-Game Activities: Cross-game alliances are disapproved of; cross-game threats are considered sufficient grounds for expulsion from all games concerned.
13. Results: A game will be considered drawn when no supply center has changed hands within three consecutive game years. Surviving players may declare any result (draw, concession, abandonment, etc.) at any time during the game with unanimous consent.
14. GamesMaster: All decisions of the GamesMaster are final. Deception of the GamesMaster in any manner is considered sufficient grounds for expulsion from the games.
15. Press: All players may contribute press regarding their game(s). The Staff of The Master Machiavellian reserves the right to edit, censor, or delete any press.

-- Additions to these House Rules, when published in The Master Machiavellian, shall be added to these and be considered an integral part of them in every way.

Vienna Tribune, 17 Jun. '05: "His Majesty the Emperor-King today mobilized the Imperial garrison here, to control the demonstrations that have been plaguing the city for the last week. They began when the Parliament convened and was boycotted by the Czech, Slovak, and some South Slav members. Tensions in the provinces have been increased lately over the autonomy issue, with only the Poles supporting the Government at present. H.I.M. will meet with leaders of Parliament and the nationalist movements, and attempt to work out the problem. Experts believe it will be Fall or next Spring (1906) before some agreement is reached, and that violence will continue."

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1975GG THE WAR DRAGS ON ... Winter 1903

AUSTRIA(Bouras): Builds F Tri, A Vie. ENGLAND(Diehl): Removes F Wal.  
FRANCE(Verheiden): No change. GERMANY(Fox): Builds A Ber.  
ITALY(Lucero); Builds F Nap, F Rom, RUSSIA(Dunn?): No change.  
TURKEY(Kelley?): NBR. GM R A Smy.

We hope Ron and Martin are still in, but just in case Martin isn't, would Bert van den Boogard please submit standby Spring '04 orders? Thanks. Those Spring orders are due 3.00pm 24 June 1976 at TMM offices. There was no press.

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1976M RUSSIAN STEAMROLLER JUST A LOT OF HOT AIR? Spring 1902

AUSTRIA(Adam): F Gre-Aeg; A Bud-Tri; A Vie S A Bud-Tri; A Ber S A Bud-Tri.  
ENGLAND(Diehl): F Edi-Nth; F Nth-Hel; F Nor-Ska; A Lon H.  
FRANCE(Fujihara): F Bre-Mid; F Eng C A Bel-Wal; A Bel-Wal; A Por-Spa; A Par-Pic.  
GERMANY(Cooper): F Den-Bal; F Ber-Pru; A Sil-Pru; A Kia-Hol.  
ITALY(Dittmar): F Nap-Ion; F Tun /h/; A Tri /h/; A Ven S A Tri; A Tyo S A Tri.  
RUSSIA(van den Boogard): F Bot-Swe; F Rum-Smy; A Mos-Ukr; A War /h/; A Pru S  
TURKEY(Kitching?) NMR. F Bla, F Smy, A Bud, A Con all /h/. // A War-Sil/ns

Rick may no longer be with us, so will Peggy Gemignani, 3200 NE 36th St., Ft. Lauderdale FL 33308 please submit standby orders! Thank you! Fall '03 order due 3.00pm 24 June 1976 at TMM offices. Tom Cooper COA to 6192 Preston Haven, Dallas TX 75230. There was no press submitted.

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STANDBY POOL

1975GG - Bert van den Boogard; 1976M - Peggy Gemignani

Pool Status - Robert Stimmel, Eric Verheiden, Ron Kelly, Don Parker, Bert van den Boogard, Peggy Gemignani.

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