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All trades are quite welcome.

I have one gameopening in a game of regular Diplomacy to be guest-gamesmastered by a friend of mine from high school, Ira Rosen, who is currently attending Cornell University. The houserules used will be the Koval Publications' Houserules dated July 1st, 1976 with the exception that no phone calls will be accepted by the GM. In addition, I have seven gameopenings in a game of the award-winning DND Diplomacy to be guest-gamesmastered by its designer, Trevor Baillie. This game will be using the Koval Publications' Houserules dated July 1st, 1976 as modified by the rules for DND Diplomacy contained in this issue. To play in either game you must maintain a subscription or trade, pay a \$2.00 gamefee per game, and maintain a \$3.00 deposit per game which will, as stated in the houseulres, be deposited in the ISE (International Subscription Exchange). This deposit will only be refunded if you stay in the game until you are eliminated or the game ends. Players from New York, Massachusetts, Illinois, Missouri, and New Jersey are ineligible to play in the game of regular Diplomacy. Please send me your preference list and a lump sum of money if you want to play.

Standbys are needed. To be eligible to standby the only requirement is that you regularly receive the Tetracuspid. If you're interested in standbys please let me know. At the moment my standby list consists of:

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Anyone writing an article which is published herein will receive two cents of sub credit per line used toward anyone's account. This money can even be used to provide a sub for someone else. However, it may not be refunded. Your articles are greatly appreciated.

I am a member of DNYMPA (Duh New York Mafia Protective Association). This means that should I be forced to fold the games contained herein will be rescued by the other members of DNYMPA. DNYMPA is a group of publishers from the New York and New England area whose sole purpose is to insure each others' games. To the best of my knowledge the other members of DNYMPA are:

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R A N D O M R A M B L I N G S

(1) On pages three and four you will find the list of people who receive this regularly. If your name isn't on it, this is the last issue you'll receive. If your name and/or address is wrong please let me know.

(2) It took slightly longer to get the E^xponent games out than I thought it would. Therefore, there have been some revisions to the schedule printed in the last issue. A revised schedule can be found elsewhere in this issue.

(3) I am going to have to leave the zine reviews out of this issue because of a lack of time. They should appear in the next issue.

(4) My typewriter has died. Sometime after typing the E^xponent, # 35 it decided that it wouldn't advance the ribbon anymore. I doubt that I will have it fixed as it has been breaking more and more. Instead, I will use the Selectrics ~~where~~ I work. This will probably lead to better reproduction and more varied type styles.

(5) The xerox machine that I use to run this off is going to be replaced soon as it too is dying. Until then reproduction is going to be poor to fair. Once the new machine comes reproduction should improve quite a bit.

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FALL 1908

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The deadline for Winter 1908 orders is Thursday May 19th, 1977 by phone and Friday May 20th, 1977 by mail.

In the Tetracuspid, # 21 the Italian order "ASev S AGal - Ukr" was incorrectly listed as "ASer S AGal - Ukr".

ORDERS

England (Civil Disorder)
FCly H. (1 unit)

France (Ken Johnson)
FMid S FNAf - Wes, FSpa(sc) S FNAf - Wes, ABur S AMun, AGas S AMar, AMar S FSpa(sc), FNAf - Wes, FNth - Eng, AMun H, FHol H. (9 units)

Italy (David Lagerson)
AUkr S AGal - War, FLyo S APie - Mar, FTun S FWes - Naf, FBla S TURKISH AArm, ABoh - Sil, AGal - War, APie - Mar, ARum - Gal, ASev - Mos, ATri - Bud, ATyl - Mun, FCon - Aeg, FIon - Tyr, FWes - Naf/is dislodged and annihilated/. (13 units)

Russia (Roland Straten)
No Retreat Received! GM retreats FNth off the board.
ALvn S AMos, AMos S AWar, AWar S AMos/is dislodged and annihilated/, ABer - Pru, ASil - Gal, FNwy - Swe, FKie - Ber. (6 units)

Turkey (Ron Kelly)
AArm S ITALIAN FSev/No Such Unit/. (1 unit)

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

ENGLAND - Lvp. Even.
FRANCE - Bel, Bre, Hol, Edi, Lon, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Mun. +1.
GERMANY - Maa. Out.
ITALY - Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie, War. +2.
RUSSIA - Ber, Den, Mos, Nwy, StP, Swe, Kie, War. +1.
TURKEY - Ank. Even.

NMR PROTECTION

I have fall orders on file from Turkey.
I have no general orders on file.
I have permission from David Lagerson to call collect if I don't receive his orders by the night before they are due.

1974ADFH

SUMMER 1758

The gamesmaster of this game, Robert Stimmel, has asked me to publish the final supply center chart for it. Here it is

	1750	1751	1752	1753	1754	1755	1756	1757
Austria	9	11	10	5**	1	-		
England	9	12	13	12	11	9	8	4
France	10	10	9	8	7	8*	5	4
Netherlands	11	15	20	24	28	29	35	35 (DRAWS)
Ottoman Empire	10	13	18	22	25	27*	30**	31*
Portugal	10	12	12	10	7	3	-	
Russia	10	10	12	14	15	17**	16	17**
Spain	9	13	17	22	27*	28	27	30 (DRAWS)

Zines: the Playtestor (to Fall 1750), the E^xponent (to Spring 1757),
carbon copy (to the end)

Gamesmasters: Fred Hyatt (resigned Winter 1754), Robert Stimmel
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Russia: Bob Lipton (dropped Winter 1751), David Gladstein
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CD (to the end)

Spain: Eric Robinson (dropped Spring 1751), Arnold Proujansky
(to the end)

The above was compiled by Robert Stimmel and myself (Robert did most of the work for 1753 on and I did most of the work before that).

I will be glad to print any statements by the players and corrections to the end of game report above.

DND DIPLOMACY

BY TREVOR BAILLIE

DND diplomacy is based on the 1971 Rules of Diplomacy, with changes defined in the following text. These changes were made in an attempt to develop a more realistic game less prone to become a stalemate.

1) If a Great Power loses possession of all its home supply centres, then the centres controlled by that Power become neutral and remaining units are disbanded, as they are unable to receive orders from a defeated government.

2) No unit may be moved in such a way that it comes in conflict with another unit of the same colour. In this way self-standoffs fail to keep other units out of contested areas.

IE. AUSTRIA: A Vie- Bud, A Ser- Bud

RUSSIA: A Gal- Bud

-the Russian move succeeds because both Austrian moves are nullified

3) Any unit which is attacking, supporting an attack, or conveying is not eligible for support from attack.

4) For any unit which is attacking, supporting an attack or conveying an army, a D or an ND must be specified for the move. This would be of the form, for example, F Nth(D) C A Yor(ND) - Nwy. These letters show what the unit will do if attacked.

D means that the unit, in this case F Nth, will defend itself in case of attack, but its own move will not have effect. So if a German F Hel attacks Nth, the convoy fails but the F Nth remains there unless the German fleet has support.

ND means that the unit, here A Yor, does not wish to defend its space of origin, so that if Yor is attacked by any force at all, it is taken. If, for example, as well as above there was a French A Wal-Yor, the French move succeeds and if the original A Yor does not gain Nwy, it must retreat to Lon, Liv or Edi.

In both cases, if the space of origin of the unit were not attacked, the units behave as in regular Diplomacy.

If there is no letter unambiguously applied to a unit, D is assumed.

5) Lines may not be crossed. For example, France: A Ruh(ND) -Mun, A Bur(ND) S A Mun, Germany: A Mun(ND) -Bur. The German move fails because, although French A Bur was given ND, it was supporting an attack on Mun itself.

These rules do not make it any easier or more difficult to defend, but make risky attacks more attractive in that there is a chance of large profit. Since using D's exclusively no gains will be made, ND's will be used and the game moves more quickly and becomes more wide-open.

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SAMPLE ADJUDICATIONS FOR DND DIPLOMACY

BY TREVOR BAILLIE

- 1) England: F Nth(ND) C A Yor(D)-Nwy. Germany: F Hel(ND)-Nth
 -the English fleet is dislodged even though the convoy succeeds
- 2) (a) Russia: A Gal(ND)-Bud. Austria: A Vie(D)-Bud
 (b) Russia: A Gal(ND)-Vie. Austria: A Vie(D)-Bud
 -in case (a), neither move succeeds as there is a standoff,
 in (b), the D on the Austrian move is invoked, and the effect is
 the same as in (a)
 -in this way, we see that one army can defend two spaces against
 another army
- 3) (a) England: F Bel(ND)-Nth. France: A Bur(ND)-Bel
 Germany: A Hel(ND)-Bel. F Hel(ND)-Nth
 (b) England: F Bel(D)-Nth. France: A Bur(ND)-Bel
 Germany: A Hel(ND)-Bel. F Hel(ND)-Nth
 (c) England: F Bel(ND)-Nth. France: A Bur(ND)-Bel. Germany: F Hel(ND)-Nth
 (d) England: F Bel(D)-Nth. France: A Bur(ND)-Bel. Germany: F Hel(ND)-Nth
 -in (a) and (c), the English fleet is dislodged
 -this shows how important are the D's and ND's
- 4) (a) France: A Bur(ND) S A Ruh(ND)-Mun
 Germany: A Bel(ND) S A Mun(ND)-Bur
 (b) France: A Bur(ND) S A Ruh(ND)-Mun
 Germany: A Mun(ND) S A Bel(ND)-Bur
 (c) France: A Ruh(ND) S A Bur(ND)-Mun
 Germany: A Bel(ND) S A Mun(ND)-Bur
 -in (a), the German A Mun is dislodged, and in (b) the German
 A Mun and the French A Bur are both dislodged
- 5) Austria: F Gre(D)-Bud. A Ser(ND) S A Bud(ND)-Rum
 Turkey: F Rum(D)-Bud. A Rum(ND)-Bud. A Bul(D)-Ser
 -in regular Diplomacy, this set of moves would be a standoff all
 around; however in this case, the Austrian army takes 1 point its
 support (Ser) has effect, while the Turkish army takes 1 point because
 of the ND on Ser and because the attack from Gre is privileged by
 F Reg --- with different permutations of D's and ND's a
 different result could have been achieved

A LETTER

from Rick Loomis, PO Box 1467, Scottsdale, AZ 85252:

Just a briefnote about your final comments in the Tetracuspid, # 20. By using a typewriter or computer when it is not doing anything else, you are causing WEAR AND TEAR on the machines. Don't tell me that doesn't cost anything. (If so, perhaps you would like to pay my repair bills on my typewriter & computer?) In addition, unless you are using them at 3:00 in the morning, occasionally someone will want to use the machine for business, but will have to wait because you are using it for personal reasons. He may not even say anything to you, because he will assume you are using it for business also. This is lost time.

The above expenses (lost time and wear & tear) are justifiable if your employer allows it as a fringe benefit. So are paper and supplies justifiable if your employer allows it. But to assume that it's ok because it "seems to be acceptable" is somewhat like assuming a little shoplifting is ok because the local department store doesn't have detectives standing in every aisle, and a big sign at the door saying "Don't shoplift".

In other words, ask your employer if its ok. Some employers consider it a fringe benefit. Others consider it theft, but don't know how to stop it. It depends on where you work. But for heaven's sake don't make slighting comments about someone else merely because his employer requires repayment.

Also, I like your confidence that "... we will continue to be able to find people willing to be custodian in the future." Why? If we continue to turn over custodians every 2 or 3 years, don't you think that sooner or later we will get one who will really screw things up? With all the hotheads and feuders in this hobby, isn't it conceivable that someone will get the job, do a rotten job of it, have the hobby demand that he turn it over to someone else, and out of spite, he will destroy all the records? Or assign a bunch of duplicate numbers? Hum. I think I have just come up with another justification for paying for the numbers. In the above situation, if we were paying for the numbers, we would have legal cause for suit against the perpetrator. (I'm sure there are Diplomacy players who are lawyers, and who would be able to bring such a suit, or at least realistically threaten such a suit)

my comments:

First, for those of you who don't know what's going on, a bit of background. When Doug Beyerlein made his statement announcing the fee for a Boardman Number he made the statement that he was paying for the use of the typewriter in his office. One of my arguments against the fee was that paying for the use of your office typewriter is stupid. Rick Loomis chose to disagree. For more information see some recent issues of the Tetracuspid.

Yes, using something causes wear and tear. However, most office equipment I know of is covered by service contracts. Hence, there is no cost for wear and tear. Computers in commercial installations are also usually covered by service contracts. Anyway, the wear and tear is probably negligible.

Using one of several office typewriters in the evening would hardly cause time to be lost in my opinion. If there was only one typewriter or you were going to use one in the middle of the day it might be different. There are four typewriters where I work and after five they are seldom used for work. In fact, I know of only one occasion when all the typewriters were busy after five and in that case no one was doing "real" work on them. As to your argument that people having "real" work to do will just wait for you to finish, I disagree. Whenever I'm typing something hardly a half-hour goes by without someone coming in to see what I'm doing. Maybe I just work in a more social environment than you but I think someone having work to do would at least ask how long I was going to be.

In talking with people around MIT and home, I still have not found anyone whose employer feels that it is not justifiable to use the office typewriter and/or computer for personal reasons. Although I have not ever asked my boss, he has seen me typing personal items many times and has never said anything. Since he can talk I must assume that he doesn't object. Furthermore there are laws against shoplifting. There aren't laws against using the typewriter in your office.

I feel that we will continue to be able to find custodians because I believe in human nature. People aren't all bad.

I think your latest reason for paying for Boardman Numbers is that good. Whether or not we pay someone for giving out numbers if he blows it on purpose we can always get him for fraud or something. However, I seriously doubt that any court would seriously consider anything to do with postal Diplomacy in its present form. Even if one would, I don't think that it would be worth the trouble. With all the threats of lawsuits in the hobby has there ever been one?

I hope this raps up this topic. Everyone is never going to agree on it. Flogging dead horses isn't good for anything but wasting time.

A REVISED SCHEDULE FOR THE NEAR FUTURE

- 5/20 - Orders for all games are due to the GMs.
 5/27 - The Tetracuspid, # 23 comes out. It should contain the adjudications to all the games, zine reviews, and whatever else comes my way.
 ??? - The Tetracuspid, # 24 comes out. This will be a catch-up issue and may contain part of the zine reviews.
 6/17 - Orders for all games are due to the GMs.
 6/24 - The Tetracuspid, # 25 comes out. This will be the second anniversary issue of the Tetracuspid. I would like to make it something special (possibly with a color cover) but this will require articles from YOU.

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