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A tetracuspid is the graph of an equation of the form  $x^{2/3}+y^{2/3}=a$ . The <u>Tetracuspid</u> is a Diplomacy oriented zine published on the last Friday of every month (other factors permitting) by Richard Kovalcik, Jr., Room 205, Bexley Hall, 50 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139 who may occasionally be reached by calling (617) 494 8759 any day of the week between noon and midnight Eastern Daylight Savings Time. If not there you might try calling him at work, (617) 253 5207 (or if no answer (617) 253 7920), during the same times. If you want, leave a message but orders may get garbled especially at work.

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Fred Brenner (1975CM, 1975HP, 1976BU, and 1976IJ)
Lee Kendter, Sr. (1975HQ)
Ira Rosen (1977HS)
Trevor Baillie (The DND Diplomacy Game when it starts)

The gamesmasters addresses can be found in the address list elsewhere in this issue.

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# RANDOM RAMBLINGS

- (1) Fred Brenner's games are not in this issue. He was just leaving for college the week of the deadline so many of the orders were late in getting to him. As soon as he sends the results to me I will send them out.
- (2) Elsewhere in this issue there is an address list. Please check it as many people have COAs including Fred Brenner.
- (3) Please note my new phone numbers at work. The first one is my office phone on the third floor. The second one is the machine room phone where I spend a lot of my time. Eventually the first will forward to the second after a few rings but for now you will have to re-dial if you get no answer.
- (4) Note that all orders must be sent to the proper gamesmaster. See above for the gamesmaster for your game. If you send your orders to someone else, they may very well never get to the right person.

- (5) Help!!! I need standbies. Our standbies are incredibly overworked. I am willing to standby for any GM or publisher who standbies for me. Please let me know if you are interested.
- (6) Although there are no openings of regular Diplomacy in the Tetracuspid, there are openings of the award winning DND Diplomacy. This game will be GMed by its designor, Trevor Baillie. I have one player signed up. If you don't live in New Jersey you are eligible to play. There is a two dollar gamefee and a three dollar deposit for this game. Of course you must also trade or subscribe. The deposit is refunded when you are eliminated or the game ends provided you don't drop out. The deposits will be deposited in the ISE (International Subscription Exchange) for safe-keeping. If you want to play, please send your preference list and money. The rules are available for an SSAE.
- (7) Please note that all games herein except 1974FQ and 1977HS are using the Exponent houserules. 1974FQ and 1977HS as well as any new games will use the Tetracuspid houserules. If you don't have either set, let me know and I'll send a copy to you free.
- (8) Press is accepted and encouraged. From the amount of press we get you'd think I shot people who sent in press. Write!
- (9) This issue and the last were produced on a new copier. The print quality of the last issue seemed to be quite a bit better than before. Hopefully, this will continue.
- (10) John Leeder is currently running a zine poll. Simply list the North American zines you get, rate each on a scale from 1 (lousy) to 10 (great), sign it indicating your most recent connection to the hobby, and send it to John Leeder, 1211 5th St., NW, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2M 3B6. You'd had better hurry though as there isn't much time left.
- (11) David Grabar, 4346 East Armel Court, Las Vegas, NV 89110 is looking for players to play in a fifty-two player game of Nuclear Holocaust. Write him for more information.
- (12) Mark Berch, 492 Naylor Place, Alexandria, VA 22304 has just started a new zine, Diplomacy Digest. This is a gen-zine and will carry no games but will carry reprints of articles. So everything should be good. Sounds quite interesting. The first issue contained The Ten Diplomandments (Tatay Mixumaxu Gazette), A Modest Proposal (Koning Erehwon), Balance in Variants Why? (Riley Binary), The French Openings (Smith Pouch), and The Stab Act of a Moral Degenerate (Sergeant Saint George and the Dragon) as well as an excerpt from Graustark and a reply to one of the articles by Mark. Write Mark for more information.
- (13) I may try to put another issue out before the end of this month when the orders are due. This issue would contain mostly zine reviews along with anything else I could get my hands on. Your articles are encouraged and appreciated. Write!

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# ZINES

The following was originally to appear in slightly different form in the <u>Tetracuspid</u>, Number 23. However, due to time considerations it never did.

I'm not exactly sure whether to be upset or glad but the lack of inquires from people as to why recent issues were late has been amazing. Only one person wrote to ask why the Tetracuspid, # 23 was late. In a way this reflects what players including myself have come to expect from other publishers. It seems more common for zines to come out late than on time now. I for example usually don't contact a publisher unless I haven't received a zine a month after it was supposed to come out. In a way this is good however. If a publisher gets tons of mail because his zine is late two things are going to happen. The publisher is going to have to spend time reading the mail if not answering it and the publisher is probably also going to start getting upset and uptight. Take your pick: apathy or what, distractions? I'm not sure which I prefer.

While on the subject of zines, I was considering all the postal games I've played in earlier this summer. I've started in twelve games and come in as a standby in sixteen others for a total of twenty-eight games. These games were played in nineteen different magazines. Of these games I'm still active in eleven games in eight zines. Of the the nineteen total zines six are no longer published. I took the time to rate all of the zines I've played in on a score of 0 to 10. It is intereresting to note that the zine I considered best (Impassable) and the two zines I considered worst (Turnabout and Command Post) are no longer published. Turnabout would have undoubtably done better had it not dudded out. Rating some of the zines was quite difficult. Expecially difficult was deciding which of two very good zines was better. I'm not going to reveal all of the ratings because I'd embarass some people and cause unnecessary trouble. I will however reveal the top five zines. They are (in order) the now defunct Impassable (John Boyer, 117 Garland Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013). Impassable was always professionally produced, had near if not perfect GMing, and almost always came out on time. Then comes the Mixumaxu Gazette (Robert Bryan Lipton, 556 Green Place, Woodmere, NY 11598). TMG is well produced too, comes out on time and is most interesting to read. The gamesmastering is good and the zine may very well be the best zine produced today. Third is Runestone (John Leeder, 1211 5th Street, NW, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2T 2M6). Runestone is a Canadain zine with excellent reproduction and prompt publication. The gamesmastering is excellent and the features are good. Fourth is Diman (Brad Hessel, 232 West 24th Street, # 5R, New York, NY 10011). This is a relatively young zine compared to the others. However, the reporduction is very good, it comes out on time, the gamesmastering is good, and the features including many letters are good. Fifth is Fol Si Fie, (another Canadain zine, published by Randolph Smyth, 249 First Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA K1S 2G5. It too comes out on

time, is interesting to read, has excellent gamesmastering, and has good reproduction. In judging the zines I played in I considered the gamesmastering, the features, the reproduction, and the promptness of publication. However, I found that there was still something missing. That something was the editor's personality. It explained why a zine like the Pocket Armenian got such a low rating. The editor just bugged me. It is also interesting to note that of the top five zines the top two where mineo, the next two were ditto, and the fifth was xerox.

# THE GAMES

1974FQ

SPRING 1909

The deadline for Fall 1909 orders is Thursday September 22nd, 1977 by phone and Friday September 23rd, 1977 by mail.

Italy has pointed out that he has ASev not ASer. I'm not going to hold up the game for this because Russia had sent in his moves before I published the incorrect position so they were based on the correct position published in the <u>Tetracuspid</u>, # 22.

There has been a proposal for a French Italian draw. Please vote on this with your next set of orders.

England (Civil Disorder) FLvp H.

France (Ken Johnson)
AMun S RUSSIAN ASil, FMid S FWes - Spa(sc), ABur S AMun, AGas
S AMar, FBre S FMid, FEng - Iri, FSpa(sc) - Por, FWes - Spa(sc),
AMar H, FHol H.

Italy (David Lagerson)

AWar S ABoh - Sil/is dislodged and must retreat to Gal or OTB/,

FLyo S FTyr - Wes, FTun S FTyr - Wes, AUkr S AWar, APie - Mar,

ASev - Mos, ATyr - Boh, AVen - Tyr, FRom - Tus, FTyr - Wes,

ABoh - Sil, FAeg - Ion, ARum UOH, ABud and FBla support the

galant England FLvp as it spits on the French dogs. (ABud and

FBla H).

Russia (Roland Straten)
ALvn S AMos - War, APru S AMos - War, AMos - War, AStP - Mos,
FBre - Kie, FSwe - Bal, ASil H.

Turkey (Ron Kelly)
AArm S Italian ASev/NSO/.

#### 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.

WRAPUP

1975BLFH

Robert Stimmel was the only person who sent in a closing statement. Here it is:

In the first part of this game things looked pretty good. I was friendly with most countries and able to profit by the Civil Disorder of the Dutch.

Then France and the Ottoman Empire combined against me and my closest ally, Portugal, said that schoolwork might cause him to drop out of the game later.

Fortunately ((???)) the game went into limbo at about this time and I proposed a draw. The game ended while I was still in a good position.

There was no gamefree for the game as it was an  $E^{x}$  ponent game, (the cheapest zine to play in) so we weren't out any money.

While we are on the subject of Colonia, I am sorry to say that Arnold Proujansky, a Colonia player from 1974ADfh and a member of the New York Conspiracy, passed away in early August. He was a significant factor in the growth of Diplomacy in New York City. It was he who organized the monthly meetings at the House of Games which went on for some time. I now quote from Robert Bryan Lipton's Mixumaxu Gazette, # 71.

Arnold Proujansky died approximately one month before the printing of this issue ((September 4th, 1977)). This news comes from Evan Jones who tried to call Arnold and discovered the news.

Information on Arnold is vague, as is information about most of the New York Conspiracy. At the time of his death Arnold was about 55; although a born American he had spent a good deal of his life in Belgium and other European countries. He was, by profession, a jeweler, but due to ill health (a club foot, various arthritic and neuralgic attacks and inflammations) had been retired for some years.

In gaming he had retired from all but a few variant games by mail and D&D; he played D&D extensively and was a demon player, excellent and endlessly demanding of skill on the parts of both players and dungeonmasters.

Unhappily, it is now too late to express sympathy to Arnold's family, as Arnold was Jewish and thus the period of mourning is long past. I regret I did not know of his death earlier. He could be a bastard at times, but he had the strength of knowing his own weaknesses and being able to laugh at times. I shall miss him. ((We all shall.))

1975CR WINTER 1906

The deadline for Spring 1907 orders is Thursday September 22nd, 1977 by phone and Friday S  $e_{p}$  tember 23rd, 1977 by mail.

### Austria (Civil Disorder)

Roland Straten has declined to take over this position. Rather than inflict it on one of our already over worked standbies, I am going to let it go into civil disorder. If anyone wants to take it, they can have it.

GM retreats ABud off the board.

GM removes AMos.

Has AGal, ASer, AWar, and FAlb. (4 units)

### England (Alan Rowland)

Even.

Has ASwe, FDen, and FNwg. (3 units)

# France (Tony Watson)

Builds APar and FBre.

Has ABur, AGas, AHol, AKie, APar, FBel, FBre, FCly, FLon, and FSpa(sc). (10 units)

### Germany (Eric Verheiden)

AKie retreats to Ber.

Removes ASil.

Has ABer, AMun, and FNth. (3 units)

#### Italy (Doug Hollingsworth)

Builds AVen and FNap.

Has ABoh, ABud, AVen, AVie, ATri, FAlb, FGre, and FNap. (8 units)

#### Russia (Ron Kelly)

Has no room to build.

Has ASev, FAeg, FGre, and FStp(sc). (4 units)

### NMR PROTECTION

I have spring orders on file from France and Russia.

I have no general orders on file.

I have permission from Eric Verheiden to call collect if I don't receive his orders by the night before they are due.

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### 1975GI

EARLY SPRING 1906

Doug Hollingsworth was away on vacation when the <u>Tetracuspid</u>, # 23 arrived. Hence, he asked  $f_{\bullet r}$  a deadline extension in order to give him time to negociate. I don't see why I shouldn't grant this extension.

The new deadline for Spring 1906 orders is Thursday September 22nd, 1977 by phone and Friday September 23rd, 1977 by mail.

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1975GI

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#### NMR PROTECTION

I have spring orders on file for everyone but Germany.

I have no general orders on file.

I have permission from Lee Kendter, Eric Verheiden, and David Lagerson to call collect if I don't receive their orders by the night before they are due.

1975GJ

EARLY FALL 1906

Wayne Norton never received the Tetracuspid, # 23. Therefore, the deadline will be extended to allow him time to get his orders in.

The new deadline for Fall 1906 orders is Thursday September 22nd, . 1977 by phone and Friday September 23rd, 1977 by mail.

#### NMR PROTECTION

I have orders on file from France, the Italian Standby and Russia.

I have no general orders on file.

I have permission from Joe Blaylock, Tom Ripper, and Eric Verheiden to call collect if I don't receive their orders by the night bofore they are due.

1975HQ

SPRING 1907

There had been a call for a concession to Turkey. Since all players did not have to send in winter orders, I am again calling for a vote on this. I felt that I could not use the votes of that winter season since only two of you sent orders.

The deadline for Fall 1907 orders is Thursday September 22nd, 1977 by phone and Friday September 23rd, 1977 by mail.

England (Marzagalli???)

NMR. Will Alan Rowland please submit standby orders for this position?

FYor UOH/is dislodged and annihilated/, ABur UOH/is dislodged and must retreat to Mun, Ruh, or OTB/, ABer UOH, FKie UOH, ABel UOH, FYor UOH, FNth UOH, AStP UOH, APru UOH, ABur UOH.

France (Ripper)

FNat - Nwg, AWal - Yor, FEdi S AWal - Yor, FLon - Eng, FPic - Eng, APar - Bur, AGas S APar - Bur, AMar S APar - Bur, ARuh - Hol.

Italy (Schutz)

FLyo - Tus, FWes - Tyn, FTun - Ion.

1975HQ

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Turkey (Rowland)

AVen - Rom, FApu - Nap, FIon - Tyn, FAeg - Ion, AGre - Bul, FBla H,

ABud - Gal, AVie - Boh, ATri - Tyl, ASil - Pru, AWar - Lvn, AMos

S AWar - Lvn.

1977HS LATE WINTER 1900

Norm Hinsey (Austria) has written to me saying that he no longer has the time to play in this game.

Eric Verheiden, CIT, 1-86, Pasadena, CA 91126 has argeed to take over the position. The other players and their addresses were listed last issue.

The players have already been informed of this. Orders are still due to the gamesmaster, Ira Rosen, on September 16th, 1977. He may of course, extend the dead/ne to allow further negociation if he sees fit, but I don't think that should be necessary.

Hopefully, no one else will drop out of the game for a while.

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Please see page
This is your last issue unless you resubscribe.
This is your last issue unless I get a copy of your zine soon.
Your game(s) is (are) on page(s)
You are Alan Rowland and you are asked to standby on page 9.
Would you like to subscribe?
Would you like to trade? 21 SUITH
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