

G A M E O P E N I N G I N F O R M A T I O N

The game of DND Diplomacy has been cancelled. It was filling up too slowly. Two people (Roy Smith and Wayne Norton) payed for the game. Please let me know what you want me to do with your money. If I do not hear from you, I will just credit it to your account.

I am however opening up two games of regular Diplomacy. The first will be gamesmastered by Rod Walker and the second by Donald Blasland. Rod's game will be using his own ("Alcala Press") houserules. Don's game will be run using the standard Koval Publications houserules dated July 1st, 1976 as modified by the change in the Tetracuspid, Number 29.

To play in either game you must maintain a subscription or trade, pay a \$2.00 gamefee, and maintain a \$3.00 deposit which will, as stated in the houserules, be depoisited 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. Please send me your preference list and a lump sum of money if you want to play.

So far, I have \$4.00 and a preference list from Bernie Oaklyn for the first game and an interest to play from Ira Rosen, Wayne Norton, and Shawn Naus. Bernie Oaklyn should send \$1.00 and the others should send \$5.00 and a preference list.

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

1) This issue will be one week late. I have extended the deadlines accordingly. I'm sure you will agree that this is better than the past and I will continue to try to improve the promptness of the Tetracuspid.

2) Please note the COAs for Ira Rosen, Tom Ripper, and David Hooton contained in the address list elsewhere in this issue.

3) I have 5 boxes of ditto masters for sale (4 assorted colors and 1 purple). They are for regular size paper and about 3 years old but I think they are still good. I will mail them to you for five dollars including postage. The first one to send me the money will get them.

4) I have been asked to announce the Las Vegas International Diplomacy Tournament. This tournament will be held on Memorial Day Weekend 1979 (May 26, 27, and 28). This is a Diplomacy tournament for avid players and nothing else. Only 49 players will be accepted. The entry fee is \$200.00. This includes all meals, lodging, and the prize fund which will be between \$4000 and \$4300. Write to Dave Grabar, 4346 East Armel Sourt, Las Vegas, NV 89110 for more information.

RESULTS OF THE SECOND ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN ZINE POLL
(Reprinted from Runestone, Number 213)

PLACE	AVG.	NAME	NUMBER OF VOTES	PLACE LAST YEAR
1	9.07	Brutus Bulletin	15	new zine
2	8.95	LDNS	22	new zine
3	8.81	Diplomacy Digest	18	new zine
4	8.56	Fol Si Fie	8	13
5	8.52	Runestone	24	1
6	8.43	Claw & Fang	28	5
7	8.17	The Mixumaxu Gazette	18	12
8	7.90	Electra Glide Blue	10	7
9	7.64	Bushwacker	11	19
10	7.54	Diplomacy World	24	14
11	7.44	The Ninth Circle	8	new zine
12*	7.43	Cum Grano Salis	7	new zine
12*	7.43	Terran	7	new zine
14	7.25	Liberterrean	10	new zine
15	7.17	Lilaf	9	new zine
16	6.79	Everything	14	18
17	6.71	Beaucouillon	7	new zine
18	6.69	Brouhaha	13	2
19*	6.64	Diman	11	3
19*	6.64	Ruritania	11	34
21	6.60	The Master Machiavellian	5	27
22	6.53	Command	16	17
23	6.38	Graustark	8	4
24	6.36	Against The Odds	14	new zine
25	6.35	St. George & The Dragon	10	16
26	6.22	Urf Durfal	9	22
27*	6.13	Arrakis	8	38
27*	6.13	Suicide	19	new zine
29	6.07	The Warmonger	15	45
30	6.06	The Dragon & The Lamb	8	28
31	5.75	The Pouch	8	23
32	5.71	Boast	7	new zine
33	5.64	The Podunk News	14	20
34*	5.60	Brew & Reefer	8	new zine
34*	5.60	Rebus Sic Stantibus	5	37
36	5.19	Zeppelin	8	40
37*	5.00	ADAG	7	36
37*	5.00	Speculum	8	42
39	4.83	The Diplomatic Journal	6	new zine
40	4.70	Zirkast, The Predawn Leftist	10	3
41	4.43	Black Hole	7	6
42	4.25	Centurion	8	39
43	3.91	The Tetracuspoid	11	26
44	3.67	The Watergate	9	11
45	3.33	Caerleon	6	new zine

* denotes a tie

41	4.50	Tad Lawrence	2
42	4.25	Roger Oliver	5
43	2.50	Fred Brenner	2
44	2.00	Ben Grossman	2
45	2.00	Roy Smith	2
46	1.67	Richard Kovalcik, Jr.	3

Comments by Richard Kovalcik, Jr.:

- 1) In this case John Leeder listed all gamesmasters with two or more votes on his main list.
- 2) I am somewhat upset by the showing of the Tetracuspid and my gamesmastering in this poll. I hope that most of you think better of my efforts than those people who voted. In particular, I find it funny that my gamesmastering was considered worse than everyone else's including some people who can't gamesmaster for anything.
- 3) I would like to see another zine and gamesmaster poll run where people mailed in their ratings for a group of criteria. For example, the criteria for zines might be features, layout, lateness, and so on. For gamesmastering it might be number of errors, lateness, and so on. This way people could see which area certain zines and gamesmasters are good in.

Comments by John Leeder:

- 1) The fact that the top three zines, and nine of the top twenty, are new zines, bodes well for the future of the North American hobby. I hope that the high placing of these zines will encourage people to subscribe to them.
- 2) I think that the separation of the zine and GM categories was a success. Many top-notch GMs publish warehouse zines with not much to offer the reader who's not playing. These people are able to receive recognition for their excellence in the GMing department; I believe this has occurred.
- 3) Please, no commiserations over Runestone's fall from the number one spot. I fully expected it, and am surprised it did not slip further.
- 4) Congratulations to Randolph Smyth on pubbing North America's top established zine!

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T H E G A M E S

1975CR

WINTER 1908

The gamesmaster for this game is Richard Kovalcik, Jr.
Spring 1909 orders are due on Monday September 25th, 1978.

Supply Center Chart

England - Gained: None.
 Retained: Den, Swe.
 Lost: Nwy.
 Even.
France - Gained: None.
 Retained: Bel, Bre, Edi, Hol, Kie, Lon, Lvp, Mar, Par, Spa.
 Lost: Por.
 -1.
Germany - Gained: None.
 Retained: Ber, Mun.
 Lost: None.
 Even.
Italy - Gained: Por.
 Retained: Bud, Gre, Nap, Rom, Ser, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie, War.
 Lost: None.
 +1.
Russia - Gained: Nwy.
 Retained: Ank, Bul, Con, Mos, Rum, Sev, Smy, StP.
 Lost: None.
 +1.

England (Alan Rowland)

No orders submitted in protest of there not being a supply center chart. GM retreats FNwy OTB. Is even. Has FDen and ASwe.

France (Civil Disorder)

Will Shawn Naus please take over this position? GM disbands FCly. Has FBre, FMar, AKie, ARuh, ABur, AHol, FSpa(sc), FEdi, FLon, and FNth. all UOH.

Germany (Eric Verheiden)

Is even. Has ABer and AMun.

Italy (Doug Hollingsworth)

Builds FNap. Has FNap, FTus, FWes, FPor, FTun, APie, FIon, ASil, APru, ATyo and ATri.

Russia (Ron Kelly)

NMR. Will Andy Cook Please take over this position? Will be three short. Has FBar, FBal, FCon, FBla, FLyo, and ANwy.

NMR Protection

I have fall orders on file from Germany.

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.

1975GI

WINTER 1907

The gamesmaster for this game is Richard Kovalcik, Jr.
Spring 1908 orders are due on Monday September 25th, 1978.

Thanks to Lee Kendter for sending in a supply center chart.

Supply Center Chart

Austria	- Loses:	Con, Smy.
	Retains:	None.
	Gains:	None.
	Out.	
France	- Loses:	None.
	Retains:	Home, Bel, Lon, Por, Spa, Hol, Lvp, Mun.
	Gains:	Kie, Edi.
	+2.	
Germany	- Loses:	Kie, Edi, Ber.
	Retains:	Den.
	Gains:	None.
	-3.	
Italy	- Loses:	None.
	Retains:	Home, Tun, Vie, Tri.
	Gains:	None.
	Even.	
Russia	- Loses:	None.
	Retains:	Home, Ank, Bud, Nwy, Rum, Swe, Bul, Ser.
	Gains:	Ber, Con, Smy, Gre.
	+4.	
Turkey	- Loses:	Gre.
	Retains:	None.
	Gains:	None.
	Out.	

France (Karl E. Schuetz)

Builds FMar and APAr. Has FMar, APAr, FEdi, FIri, FNth, AKie, FHol, AMun, ABur, FMid, FSpa(sc), APIe.

Germany (Doug Hollingsworth)

Removes FLvn, FBal, and FDen. Has APru.

Italy (Laurence Gillespie)

Is even. Has FWes, FNap, ATus, AVen, FAlb, and ATyo.

Russia (Lee Kendter, Sr.)

Builds AWar, AMos, and ASev. Is one short. Has AWar, AMos, ASev, FStP, FBot, FNwy, ASwe, ABer, AGal, AGre, ABul, FCon, FAnk, and ASmy.

NMR Protection

I have spring orders on file from France, Italy, and Russia.

I have no general orders on file.

I have permission from Lee Kendter, Sr. to call collect if I don't receive his orders by the night before they are due.

1975CM

WRAPUP

I received no closing statements for this game. The final supply center chart follows.

	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	
Austria	5	5	2	1	-			
England	4	6	7	7	9	10	13	Drew After Spring 1908
France	5	5	5	6	4	3	1	
Germany	4	3	3	2	3	2	-	
Italy	4	4	6	7	6	5	1	
Russia	6	6	5	4	4	5	6	Drew After Spring 1908
Turkey	4	4	6	7	8	9	13	Drew After Spring 1908

Austria: Bruce Chamberlain (Dropped Winter 1902), Alan Rowland (Out Fall 1905)

England: Ron Kelly (Resigned Winter 1902), Eric Verheiden (Drew After Spring 1908)

France: Eric Robinson (Dropped Winter 1902), Russell Fox (Dropped Spring 1906), Civil Disorder

Germany: Mike McDonough (Resigned Fall 1902), Karl Schuetz (Out Fall 1907)

Italy: David Tutacko (Dropped Spring 1907), Civil Disorder (Winter 1907), Steve McLendon

Russia: Richard Kovalcik, Jr. (Drew After Spring 1908)

Turkey: Donald Blasland (Drew After Spring 1908)

Zines: the EXPONENT (thru Winter 1906), the Tetracuspid

Gamesmasters: David Gladstein (thru Spring 1902), Fred Brenner

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1976BU

SPRING 1903 AGAIN AGAIN

The gamesmaster for this game is Richard Kovalcik, Jr.
Fall 1903 orders are due on Monday September 25th, 1978 to me.
Please resubmit your orders since I do not have any orders.

Fred Brenner claims that he didn't receive the Tetracuspid, Number 30, any orders, or Brew and Reefer. Since at best the post office hates him, I am taking over this game. Hopefully, we can get it going. I have reprinted the Spring 1903 orders below to refresh your memory. A star ("*") denotes a corrected order.

Austria (Ron Kelly)

FTri - Adr*, ABud - Tri*, ARum - Ser, AVie - Tyr*, FAlb - Ion*.

England (Lee Kendter, Jr.)

FLvp - Iri, FLon - Eng, FNth S FLon - Eng, ADen - Swe*, FNwy S FNth H*.

France (Doug Hollingsworth)

FMid = Iri*, APic = Wal, FEng C APic = Wal, AGas = Bre, ABur = Pic.

Germany (Eric Verheiden)

FBel S English FEng/NSU/*, FKie - Hel, AHol S ARuh - Kie, AMun S
ARuh - Kie, ARuh - Kie.

Italy (David Mueth)

AVen - Tyr*, AApu - Ven*, FIon - Adr*, FEas - Ion*.

Russia (Karl Schuetz)

FStP(nc) - Nwy*, FSwe - Den*, FBla C ASer - Ank, AGal - Ukr, ASev - Ank.

Turkey (Jad Dittmar - ???)

NMR. Wayne Norton is asked to please take over this position. Jad Dittmar no longer receives the Tetracuspid.

AArm H, ABul H, FAeg H, and FGre H.

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1975HS

SPRING 1902

The gamesmaster for this game is Ira Rosen.

Fall 1902 orders are due to him on Monday September 25th, 1978.

Please note his new address elsewhere in this issue.

Ira didn't get a chance to xerox the adjudications after the July deadline so they are being printed here.

Austria (Eric Verheiden): FGre S ASer - Bul, ASer - Bul, ATri - Ser, ABud S ATri - Ser, AVie - Tri.

England (Ron Kelly): FEdi - Cly, FNwy S German FDen - Swe, ALon -
Wal, FNwg - Nth.

France (Alan Rowland): ABur - Ruh, FBre - Eng, FBel - Nth, FMar - Spa(sc), ASpa - Gas, APar H/no such unit/.

Germany (Lee Kendter, Sr.): ABer - Kie, AMun - Bur, AHol - Bel,
ARuh S AMun - Bur, FDen H.

Italy (Tom Ripper): AVen H, ATun H, FIon - Eas, FNap - Ion.

Russia (Fred Zornow): FStp - Bar, FSwe H, AFin S FStp, AWAr -
Ukr, ARum H, FSev - Bla.

Turkey (Bob Brown): ABul H, ACon S ABul, FSmy - Aeg, FAnk - Bla.

NMR Protection

No fall orders are on file.

No general orders are on file.

Bob Brown has given permission to call collect if Ira doesn't receive his orders by the night before they are due.

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