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The gamesmasters are:

Richard Kovalcik, Jr., (address above) (1975CR, 1975GI, and 1976BU)

Ira Rosen, Apt. 6, 418 Eddy Street, Ithaca, NY 14850 (1977HS)

Rod Walker, 1273 Crest Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024 (A new regular Diplomacy game)

Donald Blasland, 115 Fay Park Drive, North Syracuse, NY 13212  
(A new regular Diplomacy game)

Bernie Oaklyn, 13412 Brackley Terrace, Silver Spring, MD 20904  
(A new regular Diplomacy game)

Addresses for all the other people who receive the Tetracuspид can be found in the last issue.

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Subscriptions are one cent per page plus postage.

All trades are quite welcome.

Information on gameopenings available is inside.

Standbies are needed. Let me know if you are interested.

Articles are paid for at two cents of sub credit per line.

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* Diplomacy is the registered trademark for the game invented by Allan B. Calhamer and manufactured by the Avalon Hill Company.

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

(1) 1977HS is not in this issue. I did not receive the adjudications for it by Saturday September 30th and when I called Ira at school, I found out that there had been a death in his family. I will send the adjudications out to the players as soon as I get them.

(2) Attached to this issue all players should find a "player information sheet" for each gamesmaster whose game they are playing in. These sheets should be filled out and corrected as needed and returned to the gamesmaster with your next set of orders. The purpose of these sheets is to be sure the gamesmaster has some necessary information about all players.

(3) As some of you might have noticed, this issue is being typed on a different typewriter than the last several issues. That is because the computer system that I usually use to produce the issues is down with hardware problems this weekend (the multiply instruction is broken among other things) and I do not want to delay this issue so I am typing it up on one of the IBM Selectric II's that we have. It may be a little shorter than usual because typing it this way takes longer.

(4) I am going to formalize an ad hoc policy I have had with regard to standbys. That is, if you do not submit orders when I ask you to or if you drop out of another game, I will drop you from the standby list. In most cases I will add you back again if you ask me to but if I find someone to be particularly unreliable, I won't add him back.

(5) At the moment, my standby list consists of Ron Kelly, Doug Hollingsworth, Wayne Norton, Steve McLendon, David Hooton, Eric Verheiden, Shawn Naus, and Lee Kendter, Sr. I could use more standbys, so if you are interested, please let me know.

(6) I recently went through a bunch of old records and found out that many more players than I had previously thought had given me permission to call collect. So, some of you who hadn't been before may be listed under your game as having given me permission to call collect. If this is incorrect or you no longer want me to call collect, please change the information on the "player information sheet".

(7) The Tetracuspid's circulation is 47 and falling. This consists of 19 subscribers, 23 traders, 3 gamesmasters, and 2 complimentary. Hopefully, the new games will help increase circulation. Please, if at all possible, plug me.

(8) Please note the following COAs:

Dave Ditter, 563 North Maple Avenue, Fontana, CA 92335

John Leeder, 2202 Broadview Road, NW, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA
T2N 3H8

Alan Rowland, Box 2173, College Station, Easton, PA 18042

Fred Zornow, 315 Pinehurst Street, Troy, NY 12182

I now have openings in three games of regular Diplomacy. The first will be game-mastered by Rod Walker, the second by Donald Blasland, and the third by Bernie Oaklyn. Rod's game will be using his own ("Alcala Press") houserules. The other two games will be run using the standard Koval Publications houserules dated July 1st, 1976 as modified by the change in the Tetracuspid, Number 29.

So far, Ira Rosen (Lower NY), Wayne Norton (Nova Scotia), Shawn Naus (Lower CA), David Tutacko (IN), Fred Zornow (Upper NY), and Buddy Tretick (TN) are signed up for the first game and Bernie Oaklyn (MD) for the second game. I need preference lists from Shawn Naus, David Tutacko, and Fred Zornow. I need money from Shawn Naus (\$5.00), David Tutacko (\$7.00), Fred Zornow (\$2.00), and Buddy Tretick (\$2.00).

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(8) A new zine with lots of promise that recently came to my attention is Why Me? published by Lee Kendter, Jr. and Sr., 4347 Benner Street, Philadelphia, PA 19135. Samples are available for an SSAE. It seems to be well produced, comes out on time, and has a good ratio of games to articles to news. Especially noteworthy is the fact that a game recently ended (1976ID) in which NO replacement players were used. This is a major accomplishment in my eyes as most of my games have been hitting more than seven replacement players. Why don't you write for a sample issue?

(9) For those of you who don't know and may be wondering about why I don't say how much a zine costs or how much its gamefees are, it is not my policy to do so. I feel that you should write for a sample issue first to actually see the zine before sending any money in. Although I may like a zine, there is no guarantee that you will.

T H E G A M E S

1975CR

SPRING 1909

The gamesmaster for this game is Richard Kovalcik, Jr. Fall 1909 orders are due on Monday Ocotober 23rd, 1978.

England (Alan Rowland - Lee Kendter, Sr.)

NMR (second in a row). Lee Kendter, Sr. is asked to please take over this position. All addresses can be found in the last issue. FDen UOH, ASwe UOH.

France (Shawn Naus)

ARuh - Mun, ABur S ARuh - Mun, AKie S ARuh - Mun, AHol S AKie, FMar S FSpa(sc), FSpa(sc) S FMar/is dislodged and must retreat to Mid or OTB/, FNth H, FEdi - Cly, FBre - Mid, FLon - Eng.

Germany (Eric Verheiden)

ABer S AMun, AMun S ABer.

Italy (Doug Hollingsworth)

FTus - Lyo, FWes - Mid, FPor S RUSSIAN FLyo - Spa(sc), FNap - Tyn, FLon - Tun, APie - Mar, APru - Lvn, ASil S GERMAN ABer, ATri H, ATyo S GERMAN AMun, FTun UOH.

Russia (Ron Kelly)

FBar - Nwg, FBal - Den, FCon - Aeg, FBla - Con, FLyo - Spa(sc), ANwy H.

NMR Protection

I have fall orders on file from Germany.

I have no general orders on file.

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

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1975GI

SPRING 1908

The gamesmaster for this game is Richard Kovalcik, Jr. Fall 1908 orders are due on Monday October 23rd, 1978.

France (Karl Schuetz)

FEdi - Nwg, FNth - Den, FHol - Nth, AKie S FNth - Den, AMun S AKie, ABur S AMun, FIri - Mid, FMid - Naf, FSpa(sc) S FMar - Lyo, FMar - Lyo, APar - Gas, APie - Tyo/is dislodged and must retreat to Mar or OTB/.

Germany (Doug Hollingsworth)

APru - Sil.

SPRING 1908 (continued)

FNap - Tyn, FAlb - Ion, ATus - Pie, AVen S ATus - Pie, ATyo S ATus
- Pie, FWes - Lyo.

ASwe - Den, FNwy H, FBot - Bal, FStP(sc) - Lvr, ABer S AWar - Sil,
AWar - Sil, AMos - War, AGal - Boh, ASev - Rum, ABul - Ser, AGre
- Alb, FCon - Aeg, FAnk - Con, ASmy H.

I have permission from Karl Schuetz, Doug Hollingsworth, and Lee Kendter, Sr. to call collect if I don't receive their orders by the night before they are due.

Prussia (The Spendthrift) I seem to have survived Austria and Turkey. Big Deal!

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FALL 1903

It should be pointed out that there is yet another error in the Spring 1903 adjudications. That is the German order of FBel S ENGLISH FEng is really FBel S FRENCH FEng. Thank heavens this has no effect on the positions. In fact, without this correction, the position would be different! Thanks to Lee Kendter, Jr. and Eric Verheiden for pointing this out.

FTri - Adr, ABud - Tri, ASer - Gre, AVie - Tyo, FAlb S FTri - Adr.

FLvp H, FNth - Eng, FLon - Wal/is dislodged and must retreat to Yor or OTB/, ADen - Kie, FNwy - Nth/is dislodged and must retreat to Ska, Nwg, Bar, or OTB/.

ABre - Gas, APie H, FEng - Lon, FMid - Iri, AWal S FEng - Lon.

FHel - Nth, FBel S FHel - Nth, AHol S FBel, AKie - Den, AMun - Tyo.

FEas - Ion, FIon - Adr, AVen - Tyo, AApu - Ven.

1976BU

FALL 1903 (continued)

Russia (Karl Schuetz)

FSwe S FStP(nc) - Nwy, FStP(nc) - Nwy, FBlA - Con, AAAnk S FBlA - Con,
 AUkr - Sev.

Turkey (Wayne Norton)

AArm - Ank, FAeg - Con, ABul - Rum, FGre S ITALIAN FEas - Ion.

Supply Center Chart

Austria - Bud, ~~Wyn~~, Ser, Tri, Vie. -1.

England - Edi, ~~Zon~~, Lvp, ~~Nwy~~, Den. Even, -1, or -2 depending on
 retreats.

France - Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Lon. +1.

Germany - Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun. Even.

Italy - Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. Even.

Russia - ~~Den~~, Mos, Sev, StP, Swe, War, Ank, Nwy. +2.

Turkey - ~~AAK~~, Bul, Con, Gre, Smy, Rum. +1.

NMR Protection

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 their orders by the night before they are due.

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This issue counts as five pages for all subscribers.

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____ Please see page ____.

____ 1977HS is not in this issue. Please see page two.

☒ You receive this regularly because

____ you know me.

☒ you are a guest-gamesmaster herein.

____ you subscribe.

____ you trade.

____ Your sub balance is ____.

____ Your name is Lee Kendter, Sr. and you are asked to take over
 a position on page 4.

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Messages:

*Bob, I think you should see  
 why in your mind if you'd like to see  
 a review of his letters please let me know*