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GENERAL INFORMATION

Subscriptions to the Tetracuspid are available at the rate of one cent per page plus postage. If any issue of the Tetracuspid is late there will be no charge for it. When subscribing please specify how you want me to mail your issues to you (e.g. First Class, Airmail, or Third Class) and send a lump sum of at least \$2.00. Please make all checks payable to me. Send cash at your own risk.

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Gameopenings in regular Diplomacy are available. I will gamesmaster one game and Donald Blasland and Bob Brown will quest-gamesmaster one game each. All games will be run on three week deadlines using the Koval Publications houserules dated July 1st, 1976 as modified by the change in the Tetracuspid, Number If you want a copy of the houserules, let me know, and I will send you one. To play in a game you must maintain a subscription or trade, pay a \$2.00 gamefee, and maintain a \$3.00 deposit. The houserules say that this deposit will be deposited in the ISE (International Subscription Exchange). Unfortunately, the ISE is defunct. Alternatives are being investigated. 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. If you do not specify which game you want to play in, I will fill them up in the order listed above subject to the rule that no two people from the same state or province (with the exception of New York and California) may be in the same game. Bob Brown and Ira Rosen have both expressed an interest in playing.

I am still looking for people interested in guest-gamesmastering. If you are interested, please let me know.

Standbies are needed. Fortunately, no standbies were called for this issue. If you are interested, please let me know. To be eligible to standby the only requirement is that you regularly receive the Tetracuspid. If you don't submit orders when called for, I will take you off the list even if the original player submits orders. Also, if you are playing in other games and NMR in an issue, I will not call for you to standby in that issue. Many of my standbies are in most of the games already. As of the

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moment, my standby list consists of Ron Kelly, Eric Verheiden, Lee Kendter, Sr., Chuck Doehrer, Bob Brown, Wayne Norton, and Doug Hollingsworth.

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 stop publishing the games contained herein will be rescued by the other members of DNYMPA. DNYMPA is a group of publishers mostly from the New York and New England areas whose sole purpose is to insure each others' games.

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RANDOM RAMBLINGS

- There are gameopenings in regular Diplomacy! All publishers are asked to please inform their readers of this. See page 2 of this issue for more information.
- 2) Once again, I am planning to try to use up some old first-day covers to mail this issue as I have no use for all of them that I have. This mailing should use them up. There seemed to be no problem over the last mailing. I doubt that the post office will complain, but if anyone gets charged postage due, please let me know and I will credit your account.
- 3) Thanks to all of you who sent me information on the Oaklyn / Tretick controversy. For those of you who don't know, Bernie Oaklyn who lives at 13412 Brackley Terrace, Silver Spring, MD 20904 has published a Diplomacy zine called the Front de Liberation du Diplomacy for a year or two. He has been accused of being the same person as Buddy Tretick who once also published a Diplomacy zine and used some questionable practices in that I must say that I am still unconvinced either way! A lot of evidence has been presented against Oaklyn and some for him. However, not all of the evidence is correct. For example, people have claimed that Buddy Tretick has an unlisted phone number at Bernie Oaklyn's address. I tried calling directory assistance and there are no listings (unlisted or not) for Oaklyn or Tretick at Oaklyn's address or Tretick at Tretick's last known address! So this disproves that piece of evidence against Oaklyn. neither the time nor money to check out all of the other information, so, as I said, I am still unconvinced. I can say this much however. Oaklyn's zine looks reasonable. He sometimes does do things a little bit funny like ask subscribers to keep track of their own subscription balances. However, other people have done funnier things and gotten away with them (like expecting people in Canada to get mail even though there was a postal strike in Canada). However, Oaklyn has set up a fund administered by a known Diplomacy player (whose name I can't seem to find at the moment) in case he defaults. Therefore, I don't

think there is any great risk in playing in his zine. If I were looking for some more new games, I would probably try it myself just to see how well the games were really run. In the mean time, other people might want to play in some games in Oaklyn's zine to give Oaklyn the chance he deserves.

- 4) Last issue I misprinted Tom Ripper's new address. It should be Tom Ripper, 7290 South Dudley Court, Littleton, CO
- 5) Please note the following two additions to mailing list. They are both trades.

Bruce Linsey, 71 Hudson Terrace Apts, Newburgh, NY 12550 John Michalski, Box 526Q, Route 10, Moore, OK 73165

- 6) I had hoped to have zine reviews in this issue but was unable to do so because of an early deadline for getting this printed due to scheduled equipment repairs. I will hopefully have them for next issue.
- 7) This issue counts as 7 pages for all subscribers.

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THE GAMES

FALL 1910 1975CR

The gamesmaster for this game is Richard Kovalcik, Jr. Winter 1910 orders are due by Monday November 19th, 1979. Last season, the French units in Bre and Edi were incorrectly listed as armies instead of fleets. Thanks to Chuck Doehrer for pointing this out and for taking over the French position.

England (Lee Kendter, Sr.???) NMR! Since Lee is normally a very reliable player, I am not going to call for a standby and hope that he submits orders again. Please? FDen UOH, ASwe UOH.

France (Chuck Doehrer) FNth - Nwg, FEdi S FNth - Edi/NSO/, ARuh - Bel, AKie S English FDen/is dislodged and must retreat to Hol, Ruh, or OTB/, AGas S ABur, ABur S AGas, FEng - Iri, FBre - Eng.

Germany (Eric Verheiden) ABer - Kie, AMun S ABer - Kie.

Italy (Doug Hollingsworth) ASil S German AMun, ATyo S German AMun, ATri - Alb, AStP - Fin, FMid - Iri, FNAt S FMid - Iri, FNAf - Mid, FWes S FNAf - Mid, FPor S FNAf - Mid, FTyn H, AMar H, FLyo S AMar.

Russia (Ron Kelly) FSpa(sc) - Bre/IMP/, FNwy - Lon/IMP/, FBal S German ABer - Kie, FTun - NAf, FIon - Rom/IMP/.

Supply Center Chart England - Gained:

None. Retained: Den, Swe.

Lost: None. 2. Even.

France - Gained: None.

Retained: Bel, Bre, Edi, Hol, Lon, Lvp, Par.

Lost: 7. -1.

Germany - Gained: Kie.

Ber, Mun. Retained:

None. Lost: 3. +1.

- Gained: Italy

Bud, Gre, Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Ser, Tri, Tun, Retained:

Ven, Vie, War.

None. Lost:

12. Even.

Russia -Gained:

> Retained: Ank, Bul, Con, Mos, Nwy, Rum, Sev, Smy, Spa,

StP.

Lost: None.

10. +5.

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I have no winter orders on file.

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.

1976BU WINTER 1904

The gamesmaster for this game is Richard Kovalcik, Jr. Spring 1905 orders are due by Monday November 19th, 1979. Last season Italy was incorrectly listed as being +2 instead of even.

Austria (Ron Kelly)
Is even. Has FTri, ABud, ASer, AVie.

France (Doug Hollingsworth) Builds FMar. Has FMar, APie, ALvp, ABre, FMid, FIri, FLon.

Germany (Eric Verheiden) Builds FBer and AMun. Has FBer, AMun, AEdi, ASil, FDen, AKie, FBel.

Italy (David Mueth??? Standby: Bob Brown) Is even. Has FEas, Flon, AVen, AApu.

Russia (Karl~ Schuetz) Retreats ASev - Mos. Builds AWar. Has AWar, FNwy, FSwe, FCon, AAnk, AUkr, ARum, AMos.

Turkey (Wayne Norton) Retreats FCon - Smy. Removes AArm. Has FBul(sc), FAeg, FSmy, ASev.

NMR Protection

I have spring orders on file from Germany, the Italian standby, Russia, and Turkey.

I have no general orders on file.

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1977HS SPRING 1903

The gamesmaster for this game is Ira Rosen. Fall 1903 orders are due by Monday November 19th, 1979. Please note Tom Ripper's new address (7290 South Dudley Court, Littleton, CO 80123) and Bob Brown's new address (617 Hillside Drive, Hinsdale, IL 60521).

Austria (Eric Verheiden) AGal S ABud, ABud S AGal, ATri S ASer, ASer S FGre, FGre S Italian Flon - Aeg/NSO/.

England (Ron Kelly) FNth - Lon, ALon - Wal, FNwg - Nth.

France (Wayne Norton) AGas - Bur, FEng - Pic, FSpa(sc) - Mid.

Germany (Lee Kendter, Sr.) ARuh - Bur, AMun S ARuh - Bur, FDen H, ABel - Pic, AHol - Bel, AKie - Hol.

Italy (Tom Ripper) ATun - Syr, Flon C ATun - Syr, FEas C ATun - Syr, AVen - Pie.

Russia (Doug Hollingsworth) FSev - Bla, ARum - Bul, AUkr - Rum, FNwy - Ska, FBar - Nwy, AFin - Swe.

Turkey (Bob Brown) FAnk - Bla, ACon - Smy, FAeg - Gre, ABul S FAeg - Gre.

NMR Protection

I have no fall orders on file.

I have no general orders on file.

I have permission from Bob Brown and Eric Verheiden to call collect if I don't receive their orders by the night before they are due. Wayne Norton and Doug Hollingsworth should inform Ira Rosen if they want him to call them collect too.

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