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The gamesmasters are:
 Richard Kovalcik, Jr. (1975CR and 1976BU)
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Addresses for all the other people who receive the Tetracuspid can be found on in the last issue.

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Subscriptions are one cent per page plus postage.
All trades are quite welcome.
Gameopenings in regular Diplomacy are available.
Standbies are needed. Let me know if you are interested.
Articles are payed for at two cents of sub credit per line used.
 For more information on gameopenings, please see page two.

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

1) Seasons Greetings and best wishes for a Happy New Year to all.

2) Gameopenings in several games of regular Diplomacy are available. 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 29. 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. This deposit will only be refunded if you stay in the game until you are eliminated or the game ends. I will gamesmaster one game and Donald Blasland, Bob Brown, Don Sigwalt, John Vielmann, and Bernie Oaklyn will guest-gamesmaster one game each. 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, Ira Rosen, and Bernie Oaklyn have all expressed an interested in playing in the game that I will be gamesmastering.

3) Guest-gamesmasters are welcome. However, there are quite a few people signed up as guest-gamesmasters at the moment. Preference will be given to people who are currently not gamesmasters elsewhere. If you are interested, please let me know.

4) Emhain Macha is a new zine published by Michael Mills, 3457 Makyes Road, Nedrow, NY 13120. Game openings in regular Diplomacy and Bhearna Baoghail are available. Issue number 2 was 10 large size (8 and 1/2 by 14) mimeo pages. This zine looks very good. I suggest you write for a sample copy.

5) Robert Sacks, Apt. 5V, 4861 Broadway, New York, NY 10034 has asked me to mention that he maintains a listing of variant and multi-player openings. This is quite similar to Lee Kendter's Need-A-Game Column. It normally appears in Diplomacy World, Urf Durfal, and Utopia Ltd. Copies may also be available from Robert.

6) David Barker, 2050 Gillian Street, Placentia, CA 92670 has asked me to announce that he will be sponsoring a Diplomacy Convention at Cal State Fullerton on March 15th, 1980. He will be sending me more information as things become definite.

7) Please note the following COAs:

Doug Hollingsworth, 4402 Sheridan Street, University Park, MD 20782 (from 12/15 until 1/4)

Eric Verheiden, 3245 SW 185th Avenue, Aloha, OR 97005 (from 12/21 until 1/6)

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The following article (or story) was submitted by Bernie Oaklyn and discusses the birth of an electron, which later becomes a molecule of heavy metal deposited within the walls of someone's veins. It is somewhat random, but ...

THE BIRTH OF AN ELECTRON

by Bernie Oaklyn

I can't remember my birth; it seems so long ago. But, at birth, my size was so elemental amid the vastness of the universe around me. Memories fill my mind's eye of the warmth of my mother's womb. The softness of her tissues and the caress of those warm fluids in which I grew from an embryo electron to the greatness akin to a molecule of vast size that I now enjoy.

As I grew, so did my family about me. My brothers and sisters surrounded me, displaying all forms of energy and exuberating their light in the friendliness of their touch. We children always stayed near and about our parents, who themselves clustered about their close relatives. Our table was always filled with delicious foods which nourished our very souls and benefitted our existence in the human chain.

We traveled much in our lifespan, sometimes going into the heart of our world, a busy metropolis, somewhat cosmopolitan, but very noisy. Congestion of our numbers resulted in being bumped about so very much in that control center of our major shipping and transportation megalopolis. Our travels also took us into the very brain centers of our planet, where we learned how our world was controlled, and the political reactions to stimuli from foreign sources.

Somewhat weary of travel, mainly due to our ever-increasing weight, dictated that travel was not beneficial to us at this point in our life as before in our youth. We clustered in a seemingly clean area of the countryside along one of the major arteries of mass transportation, where we would have the benefit of trade from the entire world.

All is not as rosy as it seemed at first, because news of war

traveled into our ears. Violence erupted from the south; emotional upheaval appeared from the north; and east and west brought their share of pain and human strife. This general mobility of military might made the necessary nutrients somewhat unavailable in our neighborhood, so we settled for less invigorating morsels for our templates. Soon our world became sluggish and congested; flexibility was a thing of the past. And we grew heavier in numbers as in so many other ways.

Our education had abounded plentiful for our society, however. As our vocabulary grew, we learned the meaning of such words as "chelation" -- you say it "cee-la-tion". Even our sciences made leaps and bounds over the ancient theories, and our chemistry taught us the existence of chemical substances such as amino acids known now as disodium ethylenediamide tetraacetic acid. This particular item was becoming very familiar to us as it was everywhere to be found. But, this pollution, among so many others made available to us by our learned leaders and food manufacturers, began tearing our neighborhoods apart, using such expulsion forces as they unilaterally thought necessary to move our neighbors from their neighborhood. We even heard rumors of the gas chambers and the heat of furnaces and those once kind fold being transported to the very bowels of hell.

The pressure put to us by warring nations were now too much for us. Our entire family became endangered by flash floods which forced us into chambers of violent air streams and storms. Finally, the rumors that we heard so many times were confirmed -- directives poured from embassies that used to enlist our aid with suggestions and recommendations. And, then it came: we too were forced to leave our home. As our vehicle moved away, we glanced back over our shoulders, and for the first time since our early days, noticed that the world we have lived in was becoming a soft and viable duct for the economy of human existence. The forces of our foes became too great for our resistance. We passed through moments in our finalizing lifespan of heat, gas, and turbulence, into and through the hells that so many before had gone.

Before me, the final vision of my mind's eye tormented our family, making us the emotional distraught victims instead of those we had imposed ourselves upon in the past. Finally, the fall of the axe, and we were expelled into the vastness of outer space.

I caught a glimpse of my youngest sister, now failing in her life as she gasped her last breath and disappeared into the floodtide which sucked her, and then me, into the sewer systems of an evolving nation, a nation of now much learned peoples:

peoples who would no longer eat the congesting foods imposed on them by the FDA;

peoples who would no longer use the unnatural medicines given them by their so-called medical professions;

peoples who would no longer tolerate the foul and polluted air of

As you might guess, I was quite upset by this. The following is the text of the letter which I sent to John in reply on December 8th, 1979. I asked John to print it in his zine. I am also printing it here in case John goes not and also to give it a wider circulation.

I just received the excerpt from Brutus Bulletin, Number 50 which you sent me along with the note you wrote on it. Even though I am very busy with work at this point, I feel that I must answer your false allegations immediately to set the record straight. I trust that you will print this letter in your zine as my rebuttal.

Yes, I have opened a Diplomacy game with Bernie Oaklyn (editor of Le Front de Liberation du Diplomacy) as guest-gamesmaster in my zine, the Tetracuspid. However, if you would have taken the trouble to look into the facts, you would have found out the following:

1) Every player has the choice of what game he signs up for in the Tetracuspid. No one will be forced to play in the game that Bernie Oaklyn will guest-gamesmaster. Please don't claim that innocent people might just happen to choose Oaklyn's game. I have discussed the Oaklyn / Tretick controversy in my zine before. Anyone who gets it knows that some people think that Bernie Oaklyn is Buddy Tretick. They also know that I do not agree.

2) I have enclosed a copy of my houserules. My houserule number two clearly states that at most one player from each of the following areas will be allowed in the same game: upper and lower New York State, northern and southern California, the remaining 48 states, the provinces of Canada, and foreign countries. After talking with Bruce Linsey on the phone last week, I decided in addition to not allow anyone from Maryland in Bernie Oaklyn's game. Now, since all of the "fake players" that Bernie Oaklyn is accused of using come from Maryland, how is he going to stuff this game with "fake players" (assuming that he ever stuffs games with "fake players")?

3) I will be appointing all standbys and closely watching Bernie Oaklyn's game, as well as all of the other guest-gamesmastered games in the Tetracuspid. If he does anything improper, I will take over as gamesmaster of his game. I have never been accused of misrunning a game before, so I see no reason why I would want to allow someone else to misrun a game right under my nose and give me a bad reputation.

In light of these facts, I find your allegations nothing more than very disturbing lies. I trust that most other people will too.

In the United States, a person is innocent until proven guilty by an impartial jury of his peers. I don't think that Bernie Oaklyn has been given a fair trial yet, much less proven guilty. Therefore, I think that most of what has been going on in this matter is in very poor taste.

As I have said before in the Tetracuspid, I have seen no concrete evidence against Bernie Oaklyn. I have tried on several occasions to confirm some of the evidence (that Buddy Tretick has an unlisted phone number at Bernie Oaklyn's address), and have found no listing for Buddy Tretick at that address. As far as I am concerned, the fact that the phone company will tell you when someone has an unlisted phone number disproves that piece of evidence and throws doubt on the integrity of the person or persons who fabricated it. As for all of the other evidence, I have neither the time nor money to check it out.

Since Bernie Oaklyn has not been found guilty in a fair trial yet and since I know that some of the evidence against him is wrong, I will give him the benefit of the doubt and give him a chance to guest-gamesmaster a game in my zine. I have also recently decided to sign up for a game in his zine as soon as time permits (probably after January) and see how he does as gamesmaster there.

I urge other people to do the same and give Bernie Oaklyn the benefit of the doubt. I am not saying that everyone should sign up for a game in his zine. I am saying that people should examine for themselves the games that Bernie Oaklyn is running now and the game he may guest-gamesmaster in the Tetracuspid and see how he does as a gamesmaster. Your total condemnation of Bernie Oaklyn and your cutting of trade with me shows that you have no desire to do this. It is clear that you have no desire to continue gathering evidence and do things according to the democratic process, because you have already pronounced Bernie Oaklyn guilty of cheating the players in his games and myself guilty as an accessory. I hope that most of the Diplomacy hobby is more open minded than you are. It would be a shame to lose my traders and subscribers because I have the guts enough to stick up for the ideals this country is founded on and give Bernie Oaklyn a chance. I hope that there are people out there who are willing to sign up in the game that Bernie Oaklyn will guest-gamesmaster in the Tetracuspid or one of his games in his own zine and give him a chance. If not, his game in the Tetracuspid will just never start and he will probably be forced to fold his own zine. That would be very sad.

Enclosed you will find a check for \$4.00 for a subscription to your zine starting with issue number 50. I feel that if you are not willing to trade with me, I must subscribe to keep track of the things you will undoubtedly say about Bernie Oaklyn, me, and others in future issues.

THE GAMES

1975CR

SPRING 1911

The gamesmaster for this game is Richard Kovalcik, Jr. The draw proposal was defeated. Please note the COAs for Eric Verheiden and Doug Hollingsworth on page two. Winter 1911 orders are due by Monday January 14th, 1980.

England (Lee Kendter, Sr.)

FDen S ASwe, ASwe S French FNwg - Nwy/DIS/ANN/.

France (Chuck Doehrer)

AGas S ABur, ABur S AGas, AHol - Kie, ABel - Lon, FEng C ABel -
Lon, FBre S FEng, FNwg - Nwy/DIS/retreats: Nth, Cly, Bar, Edi,
OTB/.

Germany (Eric Verheiden)

FBer - Bal, AMun - Kie, AKie - Den.

Italy (Doug Hollingsworth)

FAlb - Lvp, Firi C AAlb - Lvp, FMid C AAlb - Lvp, FWes C AAlb - Lvp, FTyn C AAlb - Lvp, FNat S Russian FNwy - Nwg, AFin S Russian FBal - Swe, ATyo S German AMun/NSO/, ASil - Ber, FPor S FMid, AMar H, FLyo S AMar.

Russia (Ron Kelly)

FStP(sc) - Nwy, AMos - StP, FSpa(sc) S Italian FMid, FNwy - Nwg, FBal - Swe, FNAf S FIon, FIon C Italian AAlb - Lvp.

NMR Protection

I have no fall orders on file.

I have no general orders on file.

I have permission from Chuck Doehrer, 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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1976BU

FALL 1905

The gamesmaster for this game is Richard Kovalcik, Jr. Please note the COAs for Eric Verheiden and Doug Hollingsworth on page two. Winter 1905 orders are due by Monday January 14th, 1980.

Austria (Ron Kelly)

FTri - Ven, ABud - Tri, ASer - Gre, AGal - Bud.

France (Doug Hollingsworth)

FLyo - Tyn, ANAf - Tun, FMid - Wes, AGas - Mar, FLon H, FIri -
NAt, ATus S Austrian FTri - Ven.

Germany (Eric Verheiden)

AEdi H, FNth - Nwy, FDen - Swe, FBal S FDen - Swe, AMun - Sil,
ABer S AMun - Sil, APru - War.

Italy (Bob Brown???)

NMR! Will Dick Martin please submit standby orders. All addresses can be found in the last issue with COAs on page two in this issue. AVen UOH/DIS/retreats: Rom, Pie, Tyo, OTB/, AApu UOH, FAlb UOH, Fion UOH.

Russia (Karl Schuetz)

FCon retreats to Bla. FNwy S FSwe, FSwe H/DIS/retreats: Fin, Bot, OTB/, AWar - Lvn, ASev S ARum, AUkr - War, ARum S Austrian
ASer - Bul/NSO/, FBla - Con, AArm - Ank.

Turkey (Wayne Norton)

FCon S FBul, FBul S FCon, FAeg - Gre.

Supply Center Chart

<u>Austria</u> -	Gained:	Ven.
	Retained:	Bud, Ser, Tri, Vie.
	Lost:	None.
	5.	+1.
<u>France</u> -	Gained:	Tun.
	Retained:	Bre, Lon, Lvp, Mar, Par, Por, Spa.
	Lost:	None.
	8.	+1.
<u>Germany</u> -	Gained:	Swe.
	Retained:	Bel, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Mun.
	Lost:	None.
	8.	+1.
<u>Italy</u> -	Gained:	None.
	Retained:	Nap, Rom.
	Lost:	Tun, Ven.
	2.	-1 or - 2 depending on retreat.
<u>Russia</u> -	Gained:	Sev.
	Retained:	Ank, Con, Mos, Nwy, Stp, War.
	Lost:	Con, Swe.
	7.	Even or -1 depending on retreat.
<u>Turkey</u> -	Gained:	Con.
	Retained:	Bul, Gre, Smy.
	Lost:	Sev.
	4.	+1.

NMR Protection

I have no winter orders on file.

I have no general orders on file.

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1977HS

WINTER 1903

The gamesmaster for this game is Ira Rosen. Please note the COAs for Eric Verheiden and Doug Hollingsworth on page two. Spring 1904 orders are due by Monday January 14th, 1980.

Austria (Eric Verheiden)

Builds ATri, AVie. Has AWar, ASer, ABud, ABul, FGre, ATri, AVie.

England (Ron Kelly)

Builds FLvp. Has FLon, AWal, FDen, FLvp.

France (Wayne Norton)

Builds FMar. Has FPic, FEng, AGas, FMar.

Germany (Lee Kendter, Sr.)

FDen retreats to Bal. Removes ABel. Has AMun, ASil, AKie, AHol, FBal.

Italy (Tom Ripper)

Builds FNap. Has FSmy, ASyr, FAeg, APie, FNap.

Russia (Doug Hollingsworth)

Is even. Has FSka, ASwe, FNwy, ARum, FBla, ASev.

Turkey (Bob Brown???)

NMR! Will Chuck Doehrer please submit standby orders. All addresses can be found in the last issue with COAs on page two in this issue. Gamesmaster retreats ASmy and ABul OTB. Has FArm, FEas.

NMR Protection

I have spring orders on file from Austria, France, and Germany.

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.