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A tetracuspoid is the graph of an equation of the form $x^{2/3} + y^{2/3} = a$. The Tetracuspoid is a Diplomacy* oriented zine published every fourth week by Richard Kovalcik, Jr., Room 39-200, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139 who may occasionally be reached at (617) 253 7788. If you want, leave a message, but messages containing orders will not be accepted. After May 1st, 1980, my address will be 9 Ladd Place, Watertown, MA 02172.

The gamesmasters are:

Richard Kovalcik, Jr. (1975CR, 1976BU, 1979KR, and
1980?? (TETRA #4))

Ira Rosen, PO Box 0627, 3600 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA
19104 (1977HS)

Addresses for all the other people who receive the Tetracuspoid can be found 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.

Guest-gamesmasters are welcome but not particularly needed now.

Standbys 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 2.

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

1) Please note my address on page one. Also, please note my new address as of May 1st, 1980.

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. The houserules say that this deposit will be deposited in the ISE (International Subscription Exchange). Unfortunately, the ISE is defunct. Alternatives are being investigated. This deposit will only be refunded if you stay in the game until you are eliminated or the game ends. Donald Blasland, Don Sigwalt, John Vielmann, and Clive Tonge 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 houserule that no two people from the same state or province (with the exception of New York and California) may be in the same game. Mark Rosen, Brian Edwards, and Dan Palter are all waiting to play.

3) Dipcon XIII will be held in conjunction with Michicon IX on June 6th, 7th, and 8th at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. Write to Metro Detroit Gamers, PO Box 787, Troy, MI 48099 for more information. Origins will be held on June 27th, 28th, and 29th at Widner University in Chester, Pennsylvania. Write to Origins, PO Box 139, Middletown, NJ 07748 for more information. I am planning to attend both conventions. In all probability, I will be driving to both conventions from the Boston, Massachusetts area. If you live in this area or along the way and are interested in coming with me and sharing driving and expenses, drop me a line. The mileage to Dipcon is about 1440 miles round-trip and the mileage to Origins is about 720 miles round-trip from Boston. Estimating that my car gets 18

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Z I N E R E V I E W S

Here are reviews of those zines I receive that have not been reviewed in either issue number 37 or issue number 38. These are mostly zines that I have started to receive since then. Actually, they are not so much reviews but more just a list of the zines, along with pertinent information about each (publisher, gameopenings information, contents of the last issue I received, relative frequency of publication, perhaps an observation about the zine, and so on). I have continued my previous policy and not included any cost information. If I did include cost information, people might just subscribe to or sign up for a game in a zine without ever getting a sample copy. I suggest you send a SSAE (Stamped Self-Addressed Envelope) to the publisher of any zine you are interested in and ask for a sample copy. This way, you will have some more concrete basis for deciding if you like a zine before you send money. Unfortunately, in some cases, I could find no information in the zine regarding gameopenings so I was forced to list that there was no information on gameopenings. Also, sometimes the method of printing or the exact frequency of publication was not clear so I had to guess. Most of the zines listed below are relatively new zines. They are all very good to excellent zines. Although I don't think any of them are about to fold, you should consider how long a zine has been published as a measure of how likely it is to continue before subscribing to it.

The Beholder, John Kelley, Box 35, Klickitat, WA 98628, Number 13. Dated 3/22/80. Received 3/28/80. Published every four weeks. 8 ditto pages. Gameopenings are available in regular Diplomacy and variants. Contents: games, press, and news.

The Dogs Of War, John Daly, Box 136-M5, Route 2, Rockwell, NC 28138, Number 10. Dated 4/2/80. Received 4/9/80. Published every 24 days. 10 mimeo pages. Gameopenings are available in regular Diplomacy. Contents: games, press, news, "Origin Of Roller Skates", "Computer Chess", "The Cats Of War", "High I.Q.", and "A Guide To Employee Performance".

Fol Si Fie, Randolph Smyth, Apt. 314, 275 3rd Street, SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta, CANADA T1A 0G4, Number 126. Dated 4/5/80. Received 4/16/80. Published about monthly. 26 ditto pages. Gameopenings may be available in regular Diplomacy. Contents: letters, news, "Some Comments On The Quebec Separation Referendum", a variant, and usually games and press although this was a special issue. This is a well done zine and has been around for a long time (126 issues). If you are looking to play in a game that will be well run and finished by the original gamesmaster, this is a good place to look.

Infidel, Nick Russon and Clive Tonge, 353-2503 Hurontario Street, Mississauga, Ontario, CANADA L5A 2G7, Number 6. Dated 3/31/80. Received 4/10/80. Published about monthly. 20 xerox pages. Gameopenings are available in regular Diplomacy. Contents: games, press, news, "The Skulking Cavorter", letters, book reviews, "Dr. Who", "The Army Night Of The Garter", "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly", "A Travelers Plea", and zine reviews.

Murd'ring Ministers, Ron Brown, 1528 El Sereno Place, Bakersfield, CA 93304, Number 18. Dated 3/28/80. Received 4/7/80. Published monthly. 12 ditto pages. Gameopenings are available in regular Diplomacy and Origins of World War II. Contents: games, press, news, and letters.

Passchendele, Francois Cuerrier, 2210-160 Chapel Street, Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA K1N 8P5, Number 22. Dated 3/28/80. Received 4/16/80. Published about monthly. 14 ditto pages. Gameopenings may be available in regular Diplomacy. Contents: games, press, letters, news, and "LaFosse Strikes Again".

The Shogun's Sword, Tom Swider, 1183 Robinson Hill Road, Endwell, NY 13765, Number 6. Dated ?. Received 2/23/80. Published about monthly. 15 mimeo pages. Gameopenings may be available in regular Diplomacy. Contents: games, press, a variant, houserules, bourserules, zine reviews, and news.

Ter-Ran, Steve Heinowski, 1630 West 28th Street, Lorain, Ohio 44052, Number 39. Dated ?. Received 4/1/80. Published every four weeks. 11 ditto pages. Gameopenings are available in regular Diplomacy. Contents: games, press, news, letters, "How To Lose Playing Austria", "The Unknown Critic", and "Short Story".

The Toronto Telegram, Bill LaFosse, Apt. 24, 126 Bay Street, Trenton, Ontario, CANADA K8V 1H8, Volume 2, Number 12. Dated 3/80. Received ?. Published monthly. 8 mimeo pages. Gameopenings are available in regular Diplomacy. Contents: news, letters, and "Cat Discipline".

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RANDOM RAMBLINGS (Continued From Page 2)

miles per gallon on the highway (actually it gets 20) and gas will cost \$1.50 per gallon by June, the round-trip cost for gas would be \$60 for 2 people, \$40 for 3, \$30 for 4, and \$24 for 5 to Dipcon and \$30 for 2 people, \$20 for 3, \$15 for 4, and \$12 for 5 to Origins. Tolls would be a couple of dollars more per person. I'm sure that this beats buying a plane ticket even if only one other person goes with me.

4) John Leeder is running the "Fourth Annual North American Zine and Gamesmaster Poll". To quote him:

If you receive or have received during the last year, a Diplomacy publication published in North America, you are eligible to participate in the Zine Poll. Give each zine you receive a rating on a scale of 0 to 10 (no fractions, please), with 10 being the best possible rating and 0 the worst possible. (It is not necessary that one zine you receive be given a 10 and another a 0; just assign each one a number of whatever size between 0 and 10. Do not give your favourite zine a 10

and your least favourite a 0 as a matter of course only. I mention these only because some people have done this in the past.) It is not necessary to explain to me your rationale for each rating; it'll never be printed or, probably, read. You may use whatever subjective criterion you wish to arrive at your rating.

If you are playing in a postal Diplomacy or Dip variant game, or have done so within the past year, you are eligible to participate in the Gamesmaster Poll. Give the GM a rating on a scale of 0 to 10, similarly to your rating in the Zine Poll. The GM should be rated by name; a GM rating where the zine only is named will not be counted. ((a) Some zines use guest GMs; I don't know which, nor do I always know such GGM's name; (b) I don't know the names of all zines and publishers any more.)

Only votes which follow the above format will be counted; deviations will be ignored. (It always fascinates me what inventive screwups people manage to come up with!) Unsigned ballots will not be counted.

Sign your ballot to avoid duplication (but your votes will be kept in strictest confidence). Indicate some way in which you participate in the hobby, e.g.: player in _____, subscriber to _____, publisher of _____, specified hobby functionary, etc.

Any hobby participant anywhere in the world is eligible to participate; however, please vote only for North American zines and GMs.

Send entries to me (John Leeder, 121 19th Avenue, NE, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2E 1N9), before the end of June. (The deadline will be followed strictly.) Last year, 72 valid ballots were received. Let's increase that total; we're still nowhere near the British hobby's total of several years ago!

T H E G A M E S

1975CR

FALL 1912

The gamesmaster for this game is Richard Kovalcik, Jr. Winter 1912 orders are due by Monday May 12th, 1980. Thanks to Eric Ozog for submitting standby orders for France.

France (Chuck Doehrer)

FEng retreats to Pic. EPic - Bre, AGas - Bre/DIS/ANN/, FNth - Den/DIS/retreats: Yor, Hel, or OTB/, AHol - Bel, ABur S AHol - Bel/DIS/retreats: Par or OTB/.

Germany (Eric Verheiden)

FHel - Hol, AKie S FHel - Hol, ARuh S ITALIAN AMun - Bur.

Italy (Doug Hollingsworth)

AMun - Bur, AFin H, ASpa - Gas, AMar S ASpa - Gas, AYor - Lon, FLyo S AMar, ATus - Pie, FTyn H, FPor S RUSSIAN FNaf - Mid, FWes S RUSSIAN FNaf - Mid, FNwg S RUSSIAN FNwy - Nth, FEng S RUSSIAN FMid - Bre, ABer H, FIri - Wal.

Russia (Ron Kelly)

ASTP - Nwy, FNwy - Nth, FMid - Bre, FEdi S FNwy - Nth, FSka - Den, FNaf - Mid, FIon UOH, AMos - StP.

Supply Center Chart

France -	Gained:	None.
	Retained:	Bel, Par.
	Lost:	Bre, Hol, Lon.
	2. Even,	-1, or -2 depending on retreats.
Germany -	Gained:	Hol.
	Retained:	Den, Kie, Mun.
	Lost:	None.
	4. +1.	
Italy -	Gained:	Lon.
	Retained:	Ber, Bud, Gre, Lvp, Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Ser, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie, War.
	Lost:	None.
	15. +1.	
Russia -	Gained:	Bre.
	Retained:	Ank, Bul, Con, Edi, Mos, Nwy, Rum, Sev, Smy, Spa, StP, Swe.
	Lost:	None.
	13. +5.	

NMR Protection

I have no winter 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.

1976BU

FALL 1906

The gamesmaster for this game is Richard Kovalcik, Jr. Winter 1906 orders are due by Monday May 12th, 1980. Please note that last season the Turkish move "FBul S FCon - Bla" failed because it is FBul(sc) not because the support was cut. Thanks to Karl Schuetz for pointing this out.

Austria (Ron Kelly)

FEven - Apu, AGre - Bul, ABud - Ser, ATyo - Mun, ABoh S ATyo - Mun.

France (Doug Hollingsworth)

FCly - Lvp, FMid - NAT, APic S ABur - Bel, ABur - Bel, ATus - Rom, ARom - Nap, FTyn S ARom - Nap, FLon - Nth.

Germany (Eric Verheiden)

ASil - War, APru S ASil - War, ABer - Mun, AMun - Ruh, AEdi - Den, FNth C AEdi - Den, FSwe - Ska, FNwy S FSwe - Ska.

Italy (Dick Martin)

ARom retreats to Nap. ANap S AApu - Rom/DIS/ANN/, AApu - Rom.

Russia (Karl Schuetz)

FNwy retreats to Ska. ARum S AUSTRIAN AGre - Bul, FBla - Con, AAank S FBla - Con, FBot - StP(sc), FSka S FRENCH FLon - Nth/DIS/ANN/, ALvn - War, AUkr S ALvn - War.

Turkey (Wayne Norton)

FBul(sc) H/DIS/retreats: Aeg or OTB/, FCon - Bul/DIS/retreats: Aeg or OTB/, FSmy - Con.

Supply Center Chart

Austria	- Gained:	Bul, Mun.
	Retained:	Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie.
	Lost:	None.
	8.	+3.
France	- Gained:	Bel, Nap.
	Retained:	Bre, Lon, Lvp, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Tun.
	Lost:	None.
	10.	+2.
Germany	- Gained:	Nwy.
	Retained:	Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Swe.
	Lost:	Bel, Mun.
	7.	-1.
Italy	- Gained:	None.
	Retained:	Rom.
	Lost:	Nap.
	1.	Even.
Russia	- Gained:	Con.
	Retained:	Ank, Con, Mos, Nwy, Sev, StP, War.
	Lost:	Nwy.
	7.	+1.

Turkey - Gained: None.
 Retained: Smy.
 Lost: Bul, Con.
 1. Even or -1 depending on retreats.

NMR Protection

I have no winter orders on file.

I have no general orders on file.

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1977HS

SPRING 1905

The gamesmaster for this game is Ira Rosen. Fall 1905 orders are due by Monday May 12th, 1980.

Austria (Eric Verheiden)

ATyo - Mun, ASil S ATyo - Mun, AMun - Bur, AVie - Tyo, ATri S
AVie - Tyo, FGre - Alb, ABud - Ser, ABul - Con, ARum - Bul.

England (Ron Kelly)

FEng C ALon - Pic, ALon - Pic, FDen - Kie, Firi S FEng.

France (Wayne Norton)

FBre - Pic, FMid - NAT, FPor - Mid, FLyo - Mar, AGas - Bre.

Germany (Bernie Oaklyn)

ABer - Mun, ARuh S ABer - Mun, EKie - Ber, ABel H.

Italy (Tom Ripper)

APie - Tyo, AVen S APie - Tyo, FNap - Ion, FTyn S FNap - Ion,
FCon - Bla, AAnk - Con, FAeg S AAnk - Con.

Russia (Doug Hollingsworth)

ASwe H, FNth - Hel, FNwy - Nth, AGal - War, ASev H.

NMR Protection

Ira has no fall orders on file.

Ira has no general orders on file.

Ira has permission from Eric Verheiden, Doug Hollingsworth, and Bernie Oaklyn to call collect if he doesn't receive their orders by the night before they are due.

Press

(Vienna To Italy) Your builds make me just a tad nervous (why not FFrom rather than FNap, for example). If all is as you say, no harm done. If not, perhaps you should reconsider.

1979KR

SPRING 1902

The gamesmaster for this game is Richard Kovalcik, Jr. Francois Cuerrier has requested that this game be run on four week deadlines. Unfortunately, this would give me no time to gamesmaster this game and get it published along with the rest of the Tetracuspid. So, I will make the deadlines three weeks and five days after publication (on Saturday). If this is not good enough, please let me know and I will try and work something out. Thanks to Dan Palter, John Vielmann, and Dick Martin for taking over the abandoned positions. Fall 1902 orders are due by Saturday May 17th, 1980.

Austria (Ken Chapman)

ABud - Tri, ASer - Bul, AVie - Tyo, FTri - Alb, FGre S ASer - Bul.

England (Dan Palter)

FNth - Hel, FEng - Nth, AWal - Lon.

France (Francois Cuerrier)

APic - Par, APar - Gas, ASpa - Mar, FPor - Mid, FBre S FPor - Mid.

Germany (David Barker)

AMun S AUSTRIAN AVie - Tyo, AKie - Den, FDen - Nth, AHol S ABur - Bel, ABur - Bel.

Italy (John Vielmann)

FTun - Wes, FNap - Ion, AVen - Pie, ARom - Ven.

Russia (Steve Bergstrom)

ASwe - Nwy, FBot - Swe, FStP(sc) - Bar, ARum S AUSTRIAN ASer - Bul, ASev - Arm, FBla S ASev - Arm.

Turkey (Dick Martin)

FAeg S ABul, ABul S AUSTRIAN ASer - Rum/NSO/ANN/, AArm - Sev, FCon - Bla.

NMR Protection

I have no fall orders on file.

I have no general orders on file.

I have permission from David Barker, Dan Palter, John Vielmann, and Dick Martin to call collect if I don't receive their orders by the night before they are due.

Press

(Rome) Due to the instability around the world, and the disinterest that has enveloped all, we are setting out this day to bring 'the word' to one and all. To get everyone back onto their feet, be they size 16, and toward their bloodthirsty paths.

1980?? (TETRA #4)

NEW GAME STARTS

WINTER 1900

I have finally gotten enough players to get this game started.
The gamesmaster for this game will be Richard Kovalcik, Jr.
Spring 1901 orders will be due Monday June 9th, 1980. This
should give plenty of time for preliminary negotiations. The
lineup follows. Good luck to all!

Austria (Wayne Norton, 22 Townsend Avenue, Amhearst, Nova Scotia,
CANADA B4H 2K2)

A G I T E R F

Has ABud, AVie, FTri.

England (Eric Ozog, 1526 North Lawler Avenue, Chicago, IL
60651)

G F E I R A T

Has AYor, FEdi, FLon.

France (David Barker, 2050 Gillian Street, Placentia, CA 92670)

F T I G E R A

Has AMar, APar, FBre.

Germany (Bernie Oaklyn, 13412 Brackley Terrace, Silver Spring, MD
20904)

G F R E T A I

Has ABer, AMun, FKie.

Italy (Dan Palter, PO Box 72, Cedarhurst, NY 11516)

I A E G R T F

Has ARom, AVen, FNap.

Russia (Ira Rosen, PO Box 0627, 3600 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, PA 19104)

G R F A T E I

Has AMos, AWar, FSev, FStP(sc)

Turkey (Mark Johnson, 833 Dent Street, Garland, TX 75040)

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Has ABud, ASmy, FAnk.