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(1) GRI SELLS DIPLOMACY: Games Research Incorporated has sold Diplomacy to Avalon Hill. For more information see the article starting on page 3.

(2) Well, everyone has to be late sometime. This issue is just shy of one month late. I could make up numerous excuses for this but I won't. I hope to have the next issue out within a week.

(3) The Dewey Games have been left out of this issue in order to get this issue out as soon as possible. Hopefully they will return next issue but who knows? After all the only reason I'm reprinting the orders is for the BNC.

(4) Circulation for this issue will be around 25. This will probably go up to about 32 next issue as I'm taking over an orphan game. 1974FQ.

(5) I am desperately in need of standbys for 1974FQ. Any subscriber or trader is eligible to standby for no additional fee. If you want to standby please write to me.

(6) If anyone out there is interested in taking over an orphan game please let me know as I may have orphan games to transfer from time to time. In case you don't know I'm the Games Compensation Officer for THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION.

(7) The state of the FTF meetings in New York was up in the air when I last heard. They can no longer be held at the House of Games and as far as I know Edi Birsan hasn't found another place yet.

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- (1) GRI's involvement with Diplomacy World is over. GRI has cut off its subsidy to DW. (This implies that GRI did not own DW!!!)
- (2) Avalon Hill will probably subsidize DW.
- (3) Mr. Moot had or was just about to write a personal letter to Walter Buchanan explaining the situation.
- (4) GRI was going to mail letters out to all Postal Diplomacy Publishers to confirm the rumors of the sale. (I have since received this letter.)
- (5) Mrs. Kennedy thought that the sale was good for the hobby and Diplomacy in general as Avalon Hill will be able to expose more people to the game.
- (6) GRI will continue to send out lists of the names and addresses of Postal Diplomacy Publishers to those who request them.

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TALES OF BEXLEY

by Richard Kovalcik, Jr.

This is the second article of a series of articles about things related to life at my dorm at MIT, Bexley Hall. The first article described the night before finals started last semester. This article will relate two of the stories about things that Bexleyites have done. I do not know for a fact that these two things actually happened. Of course names have been changed to protect the guilty.

Several years ago there were parking meters in front of Bexley Hall. One day a car knocked one of these meters down. After the commotion from the accident died down someone in Bexley who we will call Mike decided to pull a hack. He took some old clothes, pillows, and rags and dressed the parking meter up as a dead person. The only place he left the meter showing was at the face. Mike then turned this "person" face down and went inside. He called the Cambridge Police and an ambulance and told them that there was a person lying on the ground outside. So the police came racing over to Bexley. They took a good look at this "person" and realized that they had been had. Needless to say the remaining parking meters were gone within a week.

My other story for this month involves Peter who while not exactly Mr. Atlas certainly wouldn't blow away in the wind. Peter like to show off his strength by doing such things as throwing shopping carts around and picking up concrete chairs. Eventually the other residents of Bexley decided to do something about this. A group of residents obtained a huge wrecking ball, some strong chain, some locks which once closed wouldn't open again, and a manacle. They took all this stuff over to the lobby of the main building and got it all ready to lock around one of Peter's legs. Someone went and found Peter and got him to walk through the lobby where the other people were waiting. As soon as Peter got into the middle of the lobby all the other people jumped on him and after much wrestling managed to manacle the wrecking ball to one of his legs.

Once they managed to do that all the people went back to Bexley leaving Peter in the lobby chained to the wrecking ball. Peter dragged the wrecking ball out to the steps. He then proceeded to lower the ball down step by step. After a couple of steps he decided that lowering the ball down step by step the rest of the way would take too long so he just pulled the wrecking ball down behind him the rest of the way cracking a couple of marble steps as he went. After getting down the steps he dragged the wrecking ball across the street to Bexley. He then climbed into his room through a window and proceeded to file the manacle and chain from his leg.

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ZINE REVIEWS

Below are reviews of the most recently received issues of all the Diplomacy zines I trade for. I have tried to be as objective as possible without treading on anyone's ego. I have not included any price information. I feel that no one should subscribe to a zine without seeing it first. I suggest that you send a large SSAE to the publisher of any zine you are interested in subscribing to and ask him to send you a sample copy of his zine.

ARRAKIS, David Head, P. O. Box 1231, Huntsville, Ontario, CANADA POA 1K0. Number 53. 12 Mimeo Pages. Dated 02/06/76. Received 02/17/76. This issue contained a play and seven games along with some announcements. There was some press although not that much. Openings are available in one game of Regular Diplomacy and in one game of a variant Antigoni Isles.

BLACK HOLE, Doug Reif, 67 Grosvenor Road, Kenmore, NY 14223. Number 39. 4 Ditto Pages. Dated 02/21/76. Received 02/25/76. This issue contained the completion of one game, three other games, an interesting article on translations at the United Nations, and some space fillers. There are no openings available.

BUMM, Walter Luc Haas, Postfach 7, Ch-4024, Basel 24, Switzerland, Europe. Number 10. 34 Mimeo Pages. Dated 11/75. Received 01/06/76. This issue contained lots of information on both Diplomacy and other wargames along with some Diplomacy games. This zine is especially recommended if you want to get a general overview of the wargaming field. I do not know about gameopenings.

COMMAND, Dennis Agosta, 900L Foxridge, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Number 3. 10 Mimeo Pages. Dated 03/76. Received 02/26/76. This issue contained the rules for 1958 Diplomacy, some news, and games. There was little press. Game openings are available in Regular Diplomacy, Nuclear Destruction, and "Blind" Origins. Although this is a new zine, I have the feeling that it is going to be around for a while.

DIMAN, Brad E. Hessel, 15 Oak Avenue, Tarrytown, NY 10591. Number 14. 10 Ditto Pages. Dated 02/14/76. Received 02/28/76 (Sent Third Class). This issue contained four games with press and commentaries, letters to the editor, and an article entitled "The Gazette: Numerologist's Nightmare". Although there are no gameopenings available, this zine is well worth subscribing to in my opinion as I feel that it is one of the best new zines of 1975.

DIPLOMACY WORLD, Walter W. Buchanan, RR # 3, Box 324, Lebanon, IN 46052. Volume 2, Number 4. 40 Offset Pages. Dated Winter 1975. Received 01/04/76. This issue contained some statistics on publishers (ie. who published when), an article on press releases by Rod Walker, a letter on FTF Diplomacy by A. B. Calhamer, information on scoring tournaments and ratings, variant information, news about the Diplomacy scene in Britian, some comments on the future of Diplomacy, an index of the contents of the first two volumes of DW, and hobby news. This zine is highly recom-

mended as a general overview of the hobby.

EREWHON, Rod Walker, 1273 Crest Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024. I don't seem to have any recent copies of EREWHON around so I'll just play it by ear. EREWHON generally contains one game along with lots of press, some comments on TDA, and sometimes articles or letters to the Editor. This is undoubtedly one of the more literary zines in the hobby. There are no gameopenings but I believe that standbies are needed.

EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT DIPLOMACY BUT HAD BETTER SENSE THAN TO ASK, Edited by Doug Beyerlein, 240 Hawthorne, Apt. F, Palo Alto, CA 94301 and Published by John Weswig, 2115 N. W. Elder Street, Corvallis, OR 97330. Number 25. 8 Xerox Pages. Dated 02/01/76. Received 02/20/76. EVERYTHING is the official magazine of the Boardman Numbers Custodian. It contains Boardman Number assignments for new games and supply center charts for completed games. EVERYTHING is a must for anyone interested in ratings or other statistics.

EXPONENT, Fred Brenner, 2821 West 12th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11224. Number 24. 14 Mimeo Pages. Dated 02/27/76. Received ?. This issue contained a number of articles, about 10 games, and news of the Dewey High School Diplomacy Community. There are openings available in two games of regular Diplomacy and standbies are desperately needed.

GASSED, David Truman, 30 Prince Rupert Avenue., Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M6P 2A7. Volume 2, Number 2. Dated 02/09/76. Received 02/13/76. 3 Computer Pages. This issue contained some commentary by the editor and games. GASSED is well printed and the GMing appears to be quite good. There are gameopenings available in Regular Diplomacy and in a Prize Game of Diplomacy.

MAGNA AVIS, Paul Girsdansky, Box 146, Springfield Center, NY 13468. I don't have a current copy of this zine here either so I'll have to play it by ear again. MAGNA AVIS usually contains games and occasionally an article or two. The printing is not that good but it has been improving somewhat. I believe that gameopenings are available.

THE MIXUMAXU GAZETTE, Robert Bryan Lipton, Box 1962, Lafayette College, Easton, PA 18042. Number 45. Dated 02/14/76. Received 02/18/76. 10 Mimeo Pages. This issue of the MIXUMAXU GAZETTE contained games, part four of a play "The Conspirators", and the results of a poll which was included in the last issue. TMG is very well done. It, like EREWHON, is one of the more literary zines around. If I could only get a few zines this would be one of them. I believe that there are openings in Regular Diplomacy available.

NOVGOROD, Tony Kniaz, 3975 Haverhill, Detroit, MI 48224. Number 20. 6 Mimeo Pages. Dated 02/01/76. Received 02/13/76. NOVGOROD is about to undergo some changes. It will merge with two other zines. I presume that this new zine will have games and some articles like NOVGOROD did. For more information I suggest that you write to Tony.

REBUS SIC STANTIBUS, Drew McGee, 65 Winter Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10301. Number 3. 9 Mimeo Pages. Dated 02/76. Received 02/23/76. This ^{issue} contained the start of two games, house rules, and some questions from the readers and answers. Other regular features that were missing that month include a satirical advice column and an article on the man of the month. This is a well done new zine. There are still game openings available in Regular Diplomacy.

SPECULUM, Dave Kadlecak, Box 802, University of Santa Clara, Santa Clara, CA 95053. Number 30. 12 Mimeo Pages. Dated 02/29/76. Received ?. This issue contained Lew Pulsipher's column "Verhandeln", some letters to the editor, and games. SPECULUM is a well done zine which used to be ditto but which has now apparently gone to mimeo. Game openings are currently available in Third Age, Scacchomacy, Gigaton Bomb Variant, Chinese Diplomacy, Sword & Sorcery Diplomacy, and an International Game of Regular Diplomacy.

THE SUNDAY WESTERN STAR-POST-FREE PRESS, Jim Benes, 417 South Stough Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521. Volume 4, Number 4. 2 Mimeo Pages. Dated 03/21/76. Received 03/22/76. This issue which like other issues is actually a supplement to a more general paper contained games and press. I believe that there are game openings in Regular Diplomacy available.

URF DURFAL, Greg Costikyan, 1675 York Ave., New York, NY 10028. Number 9. 10 Mimeo Pages. Dated ?. Received 02/20/76. This issue contained the Gemignani Awards Ballot, a story "Kung Kung Phooey", and various variant games. There were openings available in various variant games. I say were because I have heard various rumors as to a merger between the Pocket Armenian, Imladris, and this. I guess you'll just have to wait and see.

VICARION, John Malay/Chatham Arts, 12 Commerce Street, Chatham, NJ 07928. Number 10. 6 Offset Pages. Dated 03/20/76. Received 03/22/76. VICARION is a general wargaming zine. This issue contained various articles on gaming, a pseudo-index of issues 1 through 10, and the first season's adjudications for an orphan game just taken over. This zine is very well printed. There are openings available in Musket & Pike, Star Force, and Sorcerer.

ZEPPLIN, Laurence J. P. Gillespie, 23 Robert Allen Drive, Halifax, Nova Scotia, CANADA B3M 3G9. Number 19, 12 Ditto Pages. Dated ?. Received 03/02/76. This issue contained a lengthy articles on wargaming companies, news, announcements and games. Printing has definitely improved since issue number 1. Openings are available in the War in the Air and Regular Diplomacy.

And now to fill up the page...

THE DECK OF MANY THINGS, Anthony E. Kniaz, 3975 Haverhill, Detroit, MI 48224. Number 1. 24 Mimeo Pages. Dated ?. Received 03/16/76. This is the replacement to NOVGOROD as mentioned earlier in this issue. The first issue contained the MDG (Metro Detroit Gamers) Calender of Events, an article "What Is A "Deck of Many Things"?",

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