

--- Jeff, I like your game and will help you find players if possible. I wish I had time to play myself. Would you like to subscribe to THERMOPOLAE at 8/11? Payton

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Salutations! At long last, here is what you have all been waiting for. (Clash of cymbals) In this issue, among other things, is the starting position for Section Number Two! I sincerely apologize to those of my players who have had to wait for a considerable length of time for this game to start. In one way this has worked out well, since now the two sections are exactly one game year apart.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Our Australian-Attikan friend, Dennis Brackman, has shifted himself to new quarters. Dennis' new address is 14/98 Ben Boyd Rd. Neutral Bay, NSW 2089, AUSTRALIA. How's the pH in your new swimming hole, Dennis? Tee, Hee.

NEWORG Membership in the New Diplomacy Organization has reached near seventy. Elections are now underway. Numbers of people are switching their candidacy from one office to another, but those of you who have joined will find this out. My candidacy for Editor is unchanged. As a name for the new organization I hope you will join me in supporting "International Diplomacy Federation" and the abbreviation, DipOrg.

GAME OPENINGS

Not a whole lot to mention in this category today. Those of you with game openings, please let me know so that I can mention them.

BUSHWACKER, Fred C. Davis, Jr., 5307 Carriage Ct., Baltimore, Md. 21229. Fred will still run Germany versus the World if he can get enough players.

ANSCHLUS, Joseph Antosiak, 3637 Arden Ave., Brookfield, Ill. 60513. A new Origins Of World War II zine with some Dippy variants coming up.

THE GODAWFUL GAME, Mel Thompson, Box 208, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, Calif. 95053. This game, something like Hypereconomic Dippy, has been going on since 1966. Replacement players needed for a number of countries. All you press release nuts and history buffs, get in on it.

BARANDUIN, Jeff W. Key, 4611 N. Pennsylvania, Apt. 1-D, Oklahoma City, Ok. 73112. Jeff has designed a Tolkien game called "War Of the Rings Diplomacy". Tactically the game seems very interesting and it is as realistic as such games can be (not very). I recommend it.

TTT Publications, Larry Peery, 816 24th St., San Diego, Calif. 92102. Larry needs replacement and standby players for a numbers of regular Diplomacy games in Xenogotic, Peerimania II, and others.

Section Number One

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Winter 431 B.C. Adjustments and Spring 430 B.C. Starting Positions:

ARMORIES GOING LIKE BILLY BLUE BLAZES. SHIPYARDS FAR BEHIND????????

Argolis (Peery), A Patras, A Sikyon, F Argos, A Troizen*, A Mykenai*
 Attika (Brackman), F Anaphic Sea, F Knidos, F Melos, F Eretria s.c.,
 F Skyros, F Thasos, F Myztoun Sea, F Kalydonic Gulf, F Rhodes*,
 A Athens*, A Rhamnos*, F Naxos*, F Kephellania*. Makes a loan of
 one supply center (Knidos) to Ionia.
 Boiotia (Besinque), A Malis A Oreos, F North Euboic Gulf.

Epiros (Brooks), A Hellopia, A Illyria, F Korkyra, A Dodona*, A Appollonia*
 Ionia (Verheiden), F Lesbos, A Kyme, F Khios, A Halikarnassos, F Phokai*,
 F Samos*, A Erythrai*, A Ephesos*. The extra unit was built by
 accepting the loan of Knidos from Attika.
 Lakonia (Howerton), A Aitolia, A Akhaia, A Elis, A Arkadia, A Megalopolis,
 A Zarax, A Sparta*, A Sellas*, A Ambrakia*, F Messenia*, F Gytheion*.
 Makedonia (Weidmark), A West Thrace, A Ainos, A Edessa, A Pella*.
 Persia (Turpin), has no play at this point. Two builds come after second
 year. Enters the game now and may move during Spring 430.
 Thessaly (Rack), F Phthiotis, A Thessaliotis, A Elimeia, A Larissa*.

The Boiotian builds were not received by the deadline. If I receive them
 before the mailing goes out on Monday I will write them in.

Delphi the snake pit writhes
 here's no love's embrace
 the earth pounded flat
 dust clouds over Thrace

Larissa, Summer, 431 B.C. - Rackules XIX, chief oligarch of Thessaly, today
 released the following announcements: Xylophon, named commander of the
 land forces and Saxophon of the naval forces of Thessaly. Their first
 orders are to punish the Epirote invaders and prevent Lysistrata II from
 reaching Larissa.

Phthiotis, Summer, 431 B.C. - Saxophon arrived today in this small city-
 state in the hopes of catching Lysistrata II and terminating her voyage
 with a skillfully placed dagger or two. However, he learned from local
 sources that Lysistrata had abandoned all hopes of love sweet love in
 Rackules embrace (ugh) when her guide, a handsome fellow from Oreos, kept
 praising the merits of his sovereign, Gibbon, whose arms would actually
 be long enough to reach around her and give her a hug. It is believed
 that it was love at first description. Saxophon quickly returned to
 acquaint his father with these glad tidings.

Larissa, Summer, 431 B.C. - Rackules XIX, chief oligarch of Thessaly, today
 warned all outsiders from meddling in the affairs of this state regarding
 the recent clashes with Epiros. It is believed that this statement was a
 direct answer to the Athenian Belliarophon who offered to investigate the
 causes of this clash and thereafter mediate a settlement. In other news,
 Rackules announced that contacts have been established with the new govern-
 ment of Argos and an exchange of ambassadors is expected shortly. In the

meantime, Rackules has invited both the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Health Education, Peerimyth and Peerisex, to attend the annual festival in honor of Aphrodite to be held near Gonnus.

Thessaliothis, Fall 431 B.C. - Xylophon, prince of Thessaly, rode victoriously into this province today as a result of the defeat of the Epirote hordes of Rix the Loquacious. These armies were driven back into Heliopia, which they now must defend against investiture. To repay the treacherous attack on our peaceful shepherders, Xylophon ordered the death of all Epirote prisoners and casualties found on the battlefield.

Gonnus, Fall 431 B.C. - Scientists Megaton and Kiloton are preparing for the first test of their new weapon systems. The land assembled by Rackules has been cleared of all living creatures (those that could be found) and the test has been officially announced as the culmination of the week of festivities in honor of Aphrodite. It is rumored that this weapon is so terrifying that it will halt even the Persian forces.

Larissa, Fall 431 B.C. - Today's report from our spy Radiophon in Sardis indicates that modifications on all functions of PRICELMER AND PRIDELMER are nearing completion. It is no secret that Xerxes is assembling eight and four fleets totalling over 200,000 men to invade Greece. The invasion will start tomorrow.

Larissa, Fall 431 B.C. - FLASH, FLASH. . . Radiophon reports that another severe problem has been encountered in the planned invasion of Greece by Persia. PRICELMER AND PRIDELMER are too big to carry and they cannot swim. There is no way of getting them to Greece. Invasion plans have been delayed while Prid & Pric learn to swim.

Sparta, December 14, 431 B.C. - King Roberlies today expressed great disappointment that his efforts toward peace had been rebuffed by other Greek States who seem bent on making war. This will cause great suffering to Lakonia's agricultural population and its industry. Trade is becoming more and more difficult to sustain with so many trade routes blocked by marching armies and fleets. The supreme council backed the king in voting to initiate a program for turning plowshares back into swords. Future groups of farmers, who have been visiting other provinces to seek new markets, will be armed for self-defense. The council also announced the building of two fleets, to protect existing trade. Certain problems are expected in finding persons about the countryside with ability to sail these ships.

Mykenai (30 Elysian Fields) - Following further mobilization orders from Peericratic Headquarters the 3rd Greek (Argolian) Army today began reporting to their mobilization points. Among early contingents reporting were:
Alpha Division under its commander, King Honji-Horni of Navpilon.
 The Alpha Division contains some of Greece's best soldiers; Moratories, Annihilatelies, and Surrenderon.
Beta Division is a new contingent from Nomarchiaus of unproven quality.

Troizen (30 Elysian Fields) - Peerycles, the Supreme Peericrat, arrived in Athens today for an official state visit with Athenian leaders. It is understood that after an official reception at the Acropolis Peerycles

departed for a tour of the city's backside, its "red lamp district". For the next week no reports on Peery's whereabouts were received although frequent rumors circulated that Peerycles was visiting Greece's leading sorceress, Madame Sylvania.

Thessaly (3 Delphianium) - General Alialiallfr, Commander of the Argolian Northern Front, arrived today for a visit. After conferences with Rackules the General left for a visit to the Thessalian Hot Rocks exhibit at the Thessoulipa Hilton.

Argolis (7 Delphianium) - Peericrat of Naval Affairs and Admiral of the Backside Jesus Bar-Shara today denied all reports of wrong-doing in the Argolian Stone Tablet. Testifying before the Grecian Urn League's Special Investigating committee, Bar-Shara denounced the prophecies of the Oracle of the Sacred Pomegranate as being rigged by his opponents. With the Argolian fleet under Bar-Shara's command sitting in Argolis Harbor Bar-Shara's denial will receive quick acceptance in some circles.

In other developments the Argolian City Council voted to ban the exportation of mothballs to Umbria.

ADVERTISEMENT Due to the lack of response for Imperialism IX conversion kits, Craig Besinque will offer the kit, unfinished, at a lower cost. It consists of 92 pieces (40 Army blocks, 32 Fleet Blocks, 20 garrison cylinders):

cut and sanded.	\$1.25	
DA's and BF's glued together. . .	\$1.50	
One coat primer	\$2.50	All plus 50¢
Painted	\$4.50	postage

this kit provides 8A and 8F for the minor powers, 16A and 8F for Lakonia, 8A and 16F for Attika, 8DA and 4BF for Persia, 8A and 8F spare, 20 Persian garrisons when added to a regular Diplomacy Set.

THE HISTORY OF EPIROS Part III

We have no direct knowledge of Epirus between 480 and 430 B.C. Our next view of the country--a view afforded by Thucydides--makes it clear that these years had not been uneventful but had been marked by a decline of the Molossians before the rising power of the Chaonians, the last of the three great tribes. The homeland of this people lay to the north of Epirus between the river Thyamis and the Illyrian border, but by 429 B.C. they had taken the place of the Molossians as suzerains of the Thesprotians to the south of the river and are described as exercising a hegemony in Epirus. It is not probable that these successes were gained without fighting, but there is no trace of it in our sources and we are left in complete darkness as to the causes which may have made for Chaonian strength or Molossian weakness in these years.

The occasion which prompted Thucydides to give his account of the various Epirot tribes was an attempt, made soon after the outbreak of the Peloponnesian War, by the Ambraciots who were allies of Sparta to overthrow the friends of Athens in Acarnania. To this end they engaged the services of a horde of neighbouring barbarians, and, since Epirus was at this time within the Ambraciot sphere of influence, contingents from each of the three great tribes and also from several of the smaller

marched in their motley army. But the attempt came to disaster under the walls of Stratus, and when on top of this there came the victories of the Athenian Admiral Phormion in the gulf of Corinth and the campaign of the general Demosthenes in western Greece, the Molossians began to feel that an Athenian alliance might prove a means to regain their old position in Epirus. Acting on this impulse, they broke with Ambracia and through her with Sparta, and sent their young king Tharypas, who was, a grandson of Admetus, to be educated. (to be continued).

AND NOW, THE OPENING OF SECTION NUMBER TWO! Starting positions are:

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Attika - A.T.S. (Tas) Ryrie, 1/30 New Beach Road, Darling Point, NSW 2027
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Boiotia - Scott Turpin, 4834 Bram Avenue, Bonita, Calif. 92002.

Epiros - Arnold Proujansky, Hotel Park Plaza, 50 W. 77th Street, New York, New York 10024

Ionia - Richard Robinson, P.O. Box 4110, La Jolla, Calif. 92037.

Lakonia - Doug Ryan, 155 - 52nd Avenue, Lachine, 610 Quebec, CANADA.

Makedonia - Herb Galenzoski, 19511 Fraser Highway, Surrey, B.C. CANADA.

Persia - Perry Andrus, Loma 202A, University of California at Irvine, Irvine, Calif. 92664.

Thessaly - Colby Duerk, 958 Taylor Avenue, E. Patehoque, New York, New York 11772.

These positions are the results of the following preference lists:

Perry Andrus - PE, Ma, Ep, Io, At, La, Bo, Th, Ar
Colby Duerk - At, Ma, TH, La, Ep, Bo, Pe, Ar, Io
Herb Galenzoski - MA, Ep, Th, At, La, Bo, Th, Io, Ar
Arnold Proujansky - EP, Ma, Io, Th, Ar, Bo, Pe, La, At
Richard Robinson - At, IO, Pe, La, Ar, Ma, Th, Bo, Ep
Doug Ryan - LA, Pe, Ep, Bo, At, Ma, Io, Th, Ar
Tas Ryrie - AT, La, Pe, Ep, Th, Ma, Bo, Ar, Io
Dave Scott - At, La, Ma, Ep, AR, Bo, Pe, Th, Io
Scott Turpin - At, Ep, BO, Pe, La, Ma, Io, Th, Ar

Five of you choose Attika first! Sheesh! The life of a gamesmaster. After a few hours of throwing dice, our Aussie friend Tas won out. Two Aussie-Attikans?

FROM MOUNT OLYMPUS

Greetings to you all. My name is Phaethon and I am the son the The Sun God. Every now and then I borrow the Sun Chariot from my old man so that I can check up on what's going on around the world, and particularly in Greece. Looks like there's one lulu of a war shaping up. I notice that King Rianidas, former brassknucks champ, has taken control in Sparta. Over in Asia Minor King Richard the Whale-hearted of Ionia, one of the world's foremost naval authorities, may find it difficult dealing with Perriandrus the Great, Ruler of Thousands and Executer of Millions.

Some of you may remember Rianidas' triumph in the 436 Olympic games, when Rianidas threw sand in his opponent's eyes, kicked him in the groin, and then proceeded to perform major surgery on his face with a specially sharpened set of brassknucks.

Tasseus Alexander (Alex the Greatest), the famous Athenian orator and ring-toss expert, has been unanimously elected by the Athenian Council to lead them through the coming time of trial.

MAGAZINE REVIEW - HOOSIER ARCHIVES

Having heard that a few Diplomacy players, who just finished ten years of meditation in the mountains of Tibet, haven't heard of Hoosier Archives, I have decided to review it. So here goes.

Hoosier Archives is published by Walt Buchanan, R.R.#3, Lebanon, Indiana 46052. It was originally a periodic listing of Walt's extensive collection of Diplomacy-related material and zines, the largest in existence. It is now primarily a Dippy genzine devoted to articles on good play, demonstration games, rating systems, and game news.

Quality articles on every phase of Diplomacy Strategy and Tactics, written by such men as Edi Birsan, Doug Beyerlein, Rod Walker, Rick Brooks, Len Lakofka, Conrad Von Metzke, and Brenton Ver Ploeg, have appeared. There are also constantly updated listings of players, publishers, and game openings. All major rating systems are published, including Walt's own.

To make a long story short, this magazine explores the hobby of Diplomacy to a depth that neither I nor anyone else would dare attempt. So if you haven't done so already, write Walt and subscribe, huh?

THE DEADLINE FOR SPRING MOVES (both sections) IS FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1972

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