

Keep sending me the who's where and I'll
keep sending you this rubbish. Okay? Richard

LITTLE IMP

NUMBER 1.

Hello, good evening and welcome to Little Imp 1; the first issue of a brand new Dippyazine, carrying International Regular games only, from that famous, lovable, dedicated and totally immodest Diplomacy publisher and player Richard J. Walkerdine, who lives at 'Cheriton', 15 Crouch Oak Lane, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 2AN, England and who charges 5p per issue for Britons and \$1.00 for 5 issues for North Americans with a game fee of 40p and \$2.00 respectively.

And after a 6-line sentence we'd better have a pause to get our breath back.....

.....okay, ready to continue? Good. Today is Tuesday, January 1st, 1974. A new month, a new year, a new zine - what could be better?

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In which we are introduced....

Most of you receiving this first issue already know me quite well (some might say too well) through receiving Mad Policy, my original Dippyazine which has now been running for about 1 1/2 years and is about to reach its 25th issue. I suppose I should've guessed I'd have to put up with you lot again - ah well, can't win them all I suppose.

As for the three or four of you who are at present strangers to me I'd better be a little more polite (at least for this first issue; though watch out next time!), so let me welcome you most sincerely to the mammoth, multi-national publishing empire known throughout the world as Astral Publications (actually it's a second-hand duplicator and typewriter, a few dozen stencils and ten or twelve reams of paper sitting in our spare bedroom....but I can dream, can't I?) and its very latest product to hit the world of postal Diplomacy, Little Imp.

And that leads, quite neatly, to our first game....

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....which we'll call LI'A' game until such time as Conrad gives it a Boardman number (please Conrad?) - I wonder if we'll get '1974A'?

Here then is the line-up:

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- ENGLAND: Rudolph J. Tatay, RR 7, Box 28B, Greenfield, Indiana 46140, USA.
- FRANCE : Mark Weidmark, 528 Park Crescent, Pickering, Ontario, L1W 2C9, Canada.
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- ITALY : Stephen Hall, P.O. Box 454, Skowhegan, Maine 04976, USA.
- RUSSIA : Ron Kelly, Room 210, 225 Virginia Ave. S.E., Washington DC 20003, USA.
- TURKEY : Richard Sharp, 27 Elm Close, Amersham, Bucks., UK.

Deadline for receipt by me of Spring, 1901 moves is:

Tuesday, February 5th, 1974.

It's my intention to average about 4½ weeks between deadlines in this zine - to allow plenty of time for transatlantic mail - and I'll probably do this by having alternating deadlines of 4 and 5 weeks. This way I'll also avoid clashing with MP, which runs on 3-week deadlines.

When you send in your orders will you please also indicate whether you wish this game to be run using the prophetic build and retreat system or with a separate, winter, season for builds? When I first thought about starting this zine I intended using the separate winter season system - for no better reason than that I use the prophetic system in my other zine and felt like having a change - but with deadlines of 4 or 5 weeks this would make for a very slow-moving game and I've since had second thoughts about it. I would therefore recommend using prophetics if I were you, though the majority decision of the players will settle it.

Other points such as abbreviations for orders, press, subscriptions etc. are all dealt with in the House Rules, a copy of which you should have received with this issue. If any of you have any other queries you wish to raise just ask away and I'll try to answer them next ish. Good luck.

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On the subject of (little) Imps...

An 18th century French grimoire, Secret des Secrets, has a formula for conjuring a demon, or imp, into a bottle. It is summoned by God, by Jesus, by the Holy Trinity, by the virginity of the Holy Virgin, by the four sacred words spoken to Moses by God (Io, Zati, Zata, Abata) and by the nine heavens, to appear 'visibly and without delay in a fair human form, not terrifying, without or within this phial, which holds water prepared to receive thee.'

Try it if you like, though I won't guarantee that it will work - and I won't be responsible for the consequences if it does!

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And that seems to be about all. A very short and very boring first issue, for which I apologise, which I'm sure we'll be able to improve on in the future - in other words, don't forget to send in some press!

Waiting List: Ron Kelly has his name down for the next game.

Standby Players: I could do with two - any volunteers?

Bye.

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