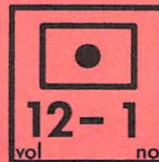


NEWSLETTER OF AHIKS

THE KOMMANDEUR



TREASURER

Joe Horne

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

AHIKS INCOME STATEMENT THROUGH THIRD QUARTER 1976

"The old order changeth giving place to new".

As I come to the last European Newsletter of 1976, which will not reach you until 1977 has dawned, the above line seems appropriate to the season and also to the many changes in our organization, both in the European Region and in the Executive Committee of the Society. This has been mentioned before, but now is the moment to say a "thank you or two" to those stepping down.

I would like to thank all the members of the European Region's Committee: Alan Youde, Bob Stuart and Robin Hood for their support, help and advice over their period of office; as I said at Epping, I think the Region has been very well served by them. Alan has produced many good ideas, which are now part of our way of life so to speak; Bob has nurtured the Gold Hoard so assiduously that they have no financial worries at present; and Robin's quiet efficiency with the ICRK is best noted for the fact that I have never been aware of its presence. The Region owes much to them and also to their predecessors. I am certain that the reins of office are in good hands and that the Region will continue to prosper.

I would also like to draw our readers' attention to the great help, sympathy and competence of those officers of the Central Organization, who deal with European affairs. It is no secret that when Omar DeWitt became President, relations between Europe and the rest were not too good and there were mutterings of a new 1776 in reverse. The fact that relations are now excellent is largely due to Omar's tact, understanding of our different ways, and help. The financial arrangements are on a sound basis and with luck will even survive the sinking pound! We do not by any means get our own way every time, but that is life and at least we do get our say. Tom Oleson as the Judge is so irreplaceable that a new system has had to be devised. Without his easy and sure touch that office could have been a real problem, generating much heat and bad feeling. Although not impinging upon us so obviously, Gene Gardner brought to the ICRK job dedication and accuracy which truly "oiled the wheels". To my fellow RDs, I would say that it has been pleasant to work with you and thank you. A personal word of appreciation to one who is not retiring, Joe Horne, the Central Treasurer. (Note his new address) He has set fresh standards of efficiency in our financial affairs, as a result of which the Society is solvent and sound as a whole.

Lastly to end this eulogy, I would like to thank those who have helped during the year, John Spence for typing the European Newsletter, Simon Garrett for helping with that monstrous duplicator, Malcolm Watson for supplying envelopes and address labels and all those of you who have contributed to those pages.

Apologies to those who received the "deliberate mistake" in the last Newsletter with about 150 copies of page 5 upside down: those Gremlins again!

Henry Radice

December 23, 1977

(**As a technical footnote, due to the slight difference between changeover dates for European Regional Offices, Omar will still be involved in some duties until March 1, 1977. Also, for those of us whose lips move as we read, Henry's name is pronounced "rah-DEE-chee". Y'see, we snuck another wop in on you!**-pm)

INCOME	Third Quarter/76	Year-to-date/76
Dues	\$ 68.50	\$ 1,905.45
Initiation Fees	90.00	470.00
Miscellaneous	28.25	75.54
Total	\$ 186.75	\$2,450.99
EXPENSES		
President	\$ 44.19	\$ 151.36
RD East	4.31	51.48
RD Northeast	6.50	11.70
RD West	14.80	52.71
Editor	166.92	621.76
ICRKMeister	42.08	107.08
Match Coordinator	3.11	39.89
Treasurer	8.20	54.62
Judge	3.00	12.50
Archivist	2.70	2.70
Stationery	30.55	89.73
OOB's	.00	127.00
Miscellaneous	.00	8.00
	\$ 326.36	\$1,330.53
Net Income	(139.61)	1,120.46
Starting balance	2,386.23	
Ending balance	\$2,246.62	

Total postage costs for the quarter \$190.82

Total K printing costs for the quarter \$67.72

Again we experienced a fairly sound quarter financially. In fact, I was pleasantly surprised that the influx of new members didn't tail off more sharply, and that the expenses were down a substantial amount with respect to the second quarter.

Our move to Minnesota coincided nicely with a sharp drop in temperature (the temperature fell below freezing the day we arrived and stayed there for three weeks) and would have discouraged all but the hardiest wargamer. Since my wife calls me a damyankee (she claims that it is one word), I was forced to persevere and settle into our new home. Just as we were beginning to see a little daylight, our beloved (?) Editor sends out the K with ballots and dues notices, and I seem to be going down for the third time. The initial response from the membership was overwhelming to put it mildly. It took me a month to answer some (not all) of the more demanding queries. Unfortunately, I haven't had a chance to sort out the Survey answers and comments and develop an article for the Opinions section of the K.

I was happy to see that my initial comments about monitoring have produced the start of a meaningful discussion in the K. If a committee needs to be set up, I would like to be on it, not only because the Treasurer has a vested interest, but also because I hope to try my hand at monitoring Kingmaker.

The "address correction requested" ploy I mentioned in the last K is not as inexpensive as I thought. It turns out the current rate is 25¢ if, indeed, you have an incorrect address for your opponent.

ELECTIONS



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 HONORARY MEMBER



GENE GARDNER

ICRKMeister: 1972--1976



HENRY RADICE

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I hope to follow these photographs with similar ones from our other retiring officers, Tom Oleson, Mike Truex, and Alan Youde. In view of the fact that a large number of members are just now reading their first K, it may be unfortunate that we print these photos: quite a cutthroat crew up there, eh?! And well-earned THANK-YOUs to all of them.

FINAL RESULTS

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:	HENRY RADICE	152	ICRKMEISTER:	CARL BENTON	224
	Joe Seliga	62			
	Henry Bodenstedt	24	RD EAST:	BOB McLAUGHLIN	46
				Chip Pharr	8
JUDGE:	BILL FARONE	176	RD NORTHEAST:	JOHN HEYDT	56
	Paul Person	40			
SECRETARY:	RON STARNIK	119			
	Bill Kamery	92			

CONSTITUTION

- Authorize the Executive Committee to select one officer as Vice Chairman: Approve 230; Reject 7.
- Add the Match Coordinator to the Executive Committee, making that office elective: Approve 185; Reject 51.
- Add one more European member to the Executive Committee: Approve 210; Reject 23.
- Add the office of Secretary: Approve 231; Reject 6.

HONORARY MEMBER

Omar DeWitt is awarded Honorary Membership (term five years) by a vote of 238 "yes" to 5 "no" (3 abstentions). Award requires 75% yes vote.

VOTES CAST: a total of 246 members responded by the deadline; 156 participated in the game raffle (awards announced next issue); due to mailing times, only 26 votes were received from the European Region.

editorial

Heckuva way to start off the new year, but this issue looks like it's going to be a whole week late! Sorry, but it's midterm week at night school, and I've been doing about three things at once.

I was encouraged to find all the officers--even the new ones--at least writing me to let me know they were getting into their jobs. This augers well for continued smooth operation of the various Society functions.

The photographs on this page are, as near as I can tell, a first for the K. If it works, we will be doing more of it. For the time being, I hope to complete our "rogue's gallery" of officers completing their terms next issue. Henry Radice was hard to classify as either "outgoing" or "incoming", but I'd requested a photo and figured you'd all like to see his happy smiling face, after all. So much for the image of the hard-bitten British Colonel eating nails for breakfast! Assuming the pictures look fairly good, any of you thinking of writing something for the K that requires (or would be improved by) a photo, let's do it. No autobiographies, however!

This issue is almost a "bare bones" one, except that I will include the new game map coordinate forms with this issue. I do have what seems to be a fair amount of material for future issues, but I can use some more--particularly reviews.

Approximately 50 US members will be receiving this even though we have not heard from you--or your bank--yet. Pay up, turkeys; this is the last issue I send to any deadbeats!

I failed to note (see the Match Coordinator column) that the multi-player After the Holocaust I propose to monitor will be under the publishing umbrella of Larry Fong and Henry Kelley in their fine multi-player zine Pacific Diplomeur/Origins West.

THE SECRETARY

-Ron Starnik-

I just moved to Buffalo, and I have a new job, so check out my new address on page 2. To those of you who voted for me, thank you for your support; for those of you who didn't, I hope my performance will change your opinion. I would appreciate ideas from all members. Longtime members who are familiar with the PBM sheets can send me your ideas on modifying them. The newer members, who are familiar with the intro booklet, can send me their ideas. Any of you who say they are completely satisfied with the above are only kidding themselves! I WANT YOUR IDEAS!!

(K)

NORTHEAST REGION

-John Heydt-

As the new RD of the NE Region, I'd like to thank all those who voted for me. The election was hard-fought, but the better man won. I have asked myself why I decided to volunteer my services and have come up with two reasons. The first, but certainly not the foremost, is that Mike Truex and I are friends, and he was in a bind with long hours on the job and a lack of time. The second is that I have been a member of AHIKS for the past six years. In that time, I have not volunteered any appreciable amount of time to the organization that has provided me with a great deal of pleasure. I now feel obligated to do so.

I have always found it enlightening to know personal information about my opponents and consequently I'll tell you a little about me. I am presently 40 years young, married, and have a son, Colin, age five. In addition to simulation games my interests are music (I play the Baritone Horn & Trombone), bowling, and CB radio (my handle is "Demon Deacon" which is derived from Wake Forest Universities Teams, my alma mater). (**Is the rumor true that your wife calls you Coofy Gamer?**-pm) I have a Masters Degree in Social Work and am presently Intake Supervisor at the Monmouth Family Center in Long Branch, NJ. My wife, Nancy, also works with me and is the Assistant Training Supervisor. Colin is not employed there yet.

I would like to think of myself as a "benevolent despot" when involved in anything, but I am willing to take suggestions regarding the name of this column. Being a realist I don't imagine I'll get any. As Mike Truex has been known to say, "keep those cards & letters coming in". My phone number is listed, but, please, no collect calls!!!

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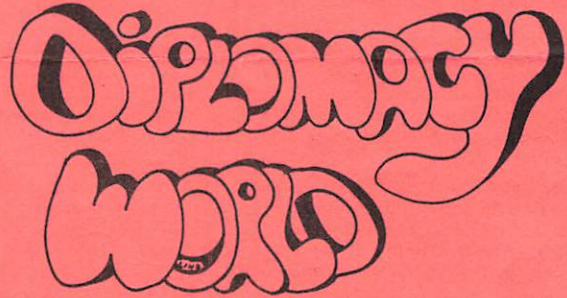
SPEARHEAD

VOICE FROM THE EAST

-Bob McLaughlin-

I have several applications from new members, but no other information about the region, other than a brief letter from Jerry. I assume he'll be sending his records on to me, but in the meantime I have nothing to report since I have no membership lists, etc., and I feel it would serve no useful purpose to ramble on for any length of time about what I hope to accomplish. New member list next issue.

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Per our policy of trading ads on AHIKS in other pubs with ads on those pubs in the K, I am pleased to run this blurb for Walt Buchanan. Those of you experienced in Diplomacy undoubtedly have at least heard of DW; those of you who are just getting into Dippy should certainly subscribe: I can think of few methods that will bring a newcomer "up to speed" faster than a sub to this magazine. If you have heard of Diplomacy and wish to see what fools these mortals be, send for a single copy!!!

(K)

THE WESTERN FRONT

John Ratzenberger

I guess the best place to start this year is with a wrap-up of last year's business. I received 89 requests for membership info, of which 33 did not respond further, 3 were rejected and 53 became new members. The source of these requests were: 32 from the SPI ad, 30 from the General ad and 27 from other sources. Of the 53 new members, the source followed the same rough percentages. By "other" I mean either I couldn't figure out how they heard about us (rare), or that a current member had been recruiting. The fact that 1/3 of our new members came by way of recruiting is great, and all of you that had a hand in helping deserve a pat on the back. Keep it up!! Of the 53 new members, I've only found one turkey so far, so it looks like we're growing and meeting the needs of a lot of people just as we want to.

As of 31 December (same cut-off for above stats), we had 132 members in the region. As we have had some losses due to moving/quitting/ being thrown out, and some gains due to transfers from other regions, the above figure gives us about a 45-member net increase over the same time last year.

There have been some more additions since 31 December, but I'll save them for the end of '77 stats. The final tally is not yet back from the balloting/renewals, so I don't yet know how many non-renewals we might have. I should be able to nail that down by the next K, and hopefully have some idea of why people do not renew so we can take any necessary corrective actions if AHIKS was the cause.

To accomplish all this work, I spent \$68 out of a budget of \$120. Most of this money went toward stamps, postcards and carbon paper. An additional \$50 was spent from the club stationery account to provide some pre-printed paper and envelopes. That will do through next year without replacement.

Next topic is splitting the region. Fully half the current membership is in a state/country/province that is bordered by the Pacific Ocean, and at the end of my term in '77, I have proposed that the region be split along these lines. This will take a lot of work off the RD and provide better service to the far west. So you-all have about a year to come up with volunteers to run for the two RD slots.

One of the reasons the expenses were kept low is that we had no regional newsletter. I personally see no need for one as the K has been running along in an outstanding manner, and I would rather throw all the articles/news/etc. to it than splitting it between a couple of publications. If any of you feel differently, let me know.

There has been little to no reaction concerning another attempt at a regional meeting this spring: it looks like we'll try another one in Norman again. Nothing is firm yet due to a lot of things keeping everybody busy.

Santa--in the guise of my brother--sent me Battleline's Air Force. That has got to be the best tactical air war game yet. I spent many hours with the solitaire scenarios and really enjoyed the game, which is very playable and very realistic. There is a good review of it in Fire & Movement #3. Being basically clumsy and an inveterate fingernail biter, I love the double thick counters!! The only problem I have found is that it would be pretty hard for one to extend the game to cover additional aircraft due to the detail in the charts. It would lead to too much "faking it" as one would have to have quite a bit of info available to do it. Maybe they'll come out with expansion kits. However, one would hope that they would learn to spell "fuselage" and "aileron"!!

NEW MEMBERS: Robert Swanson, Iowa City, IA; Don Harris, Poplar Bluff, MO; James Chastain, Lewisville, TX; DeWayne Young, Houston, TX; Todd Roseman, Chula Vista, CA; Steve Powlesland, Sacramento, CA; Paul Siragusa, Houston, TX; Frederick Kraus, Ft. Jones, CA; Charles Woodfall, San Carlos, CA; Jimmie Long, Shreveport, LA; Derek Plank, Thompson, Manitoba; William Nuffer, Marina, CA; Edward Meisse, Long Beach, CA; Norm Nicholson, Fremont, CA; Charles Bizwell, Encino, CA; Brent Enfield, Kanorado, KS; Ron Scott, Glendale, AZ; Charles Mellow, San Diego, CA; Michael Scott, West Covina, CA.

In response to a letter of mine, Battelline has informed me that they will be coming out with Dauntless, the Pacific version of Air Force, in the spring of '77. Many neat aircraft types. Also, this fall they will come out with an expansion kit for both with about 60 more types. The two will be compatible, with some added air-sea rules in the new one. They report that Air Force is now outselling WS&M when it used to be theirs. I can't wait for the extra things to be out!

LAW AND ORDER

-Bill Farone-

Having just been notified of the election results, I have had little time to carry out some of the thoughts I have formulated. That means that there is still time for you to contact me with ideas for AHIKS Judging procedures. After we get started, suggestions for modifications will always be welcomed, of course. The "we" is not rhetorical. The new system will involve the use of specialists in each game or game area.

Your questions to me will be promptly forwarded to a specialist for that game after I make three copies of it to send to him. He will also receive two stamped, addressed envelopes. He writes his reply on each of the copies, sends one to you, one to me, and keeps one. Subsequent comments, complaints, etc., should come to me. My role will be to keep rulings consistent, keep the answers flowing and provide analyses of rulings which may ease some of the questions before they start. I plan to use this column for those analyses within what space will allow. The specialists might also provide analyses of rulings as the time allows and spirit moves them.

So far, I have two specialists signed up and am negotiating with another. Bob Cross will be handling the SPI B&G Quads, the Napoleonic Quads and 1815. Ken Mills will handle Bulge, Overlord, Kasserine Pass, Guadalcanal and Midway. Ken will also help with D-Day, S-grad and AK until they can be distributed to someone else. We are fortunate in AHIKS to have some game designers, re-designers and playtesters. I'm hoping they might volunteer for their special games, since what better specialist could one find? Please let me know quickly if you feel you have the background and want the responsibility, so I can complete the specialist roster. Just for the record, rather than let your questions go unanswered, I'll do the best I can if no specialist is available. I now have about 70 different games and will try and read up on the problem, consult with other players and add in whatever is available from the publisher.

The analyses I referred to above are geared to the most common problems that come up for a particular game. An attempt will be made to point these out so that you can do what the ICRK sheet suggests and discuss it with your opponent before it becomes a problem. It is hoped that the analyses will also be helpful for newcomers either to AHIKS or to a particular game. A quickly-done analysis on a "simple" game is given below so you can see what I have in mind. Suggestions on which games should be analysed and specific problems are welcomed.

Clarifying the less-clear rules, or ones which you are not sure of at the beginning of the Match, can solve a lot of subsequent problems. Since the matches are played under the auspices of AHIKS, the natural assumption is that AHIKS rulings are being used and this assumption should be made for want of other information. However, it only takes one letter, even with your first move, to check things out.

If any of you have written directly to the publishers to obtain rulings, I would be extremely grateful if you could take the time and invest another 13¢ in AHIKS by sending me a copy for the file.

(K)

NUTS AND BOLTS

the ickmeister

It has been a good end of the year for me. A raise and a reduction of the overtime helped a lot. Have had the time to explore some "new" games. I have just purchased "Musket and Pike" and dispute its reputation as being somewhat of a turkey, I think it is a fascinating game. (**One man's turkey is another man's meat?*-pm)

There has been quite an influx of new members, and as a consequence, lots of new matches. I have issued 64 sets of ICRKs in the last month. As a comparison, since taking over this office, until last month, I had issued only about 100 ICRKs.

Joe Horne informs me that the following members are not renewing: Alexander, Eastep, Yesenik, Orchard, Moss, Holdsworth, Houser, Johasen, MacDonald, Frediani. If you have a match going with any of these fellows you are free to continue it, if you wish, outside of AHIKS. However, whenever you terminate the game, send me the ICRKs.

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AHIKS RATINGS

Dave Turansky

There are now 112 members signed up for the rating system. Thanks to Carl Benton for match results (which are too numerous to list here).

When returning a completed set to the ICRKMeister, please list the date the set is completed for ratings purposes.

I am using the AREA rating chart to compute AHIKS ratings. If only one game of a set is completed, only $\frac{1}{2}$ of the normal credit for one game is computed. All ratings are rounded to the nearest multiple of 5.

Next issue will contain a complete list of all rated members. Perhaps European members will be added to ratings coverage in 1977. I will contact Dave Grantham when he takes over the European ICRKMeister post to see if this can be accomplished.

TOP 20

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1510 J. Heydt	1275 R. Teleucky

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SWAPPE SHOPPE

NEW: never used, or only used 1-2 times; **FAIR:** all pieces included, board has no defects, not unduly worn; **POOR:** less than fair; **wb/nb:** with box/no box (SPI or AH segmented plastic compartments); prices should be "postage included".

Want to swap: Sorcerer, Fast Carriers, both n; Frigate, Dreadnought, Coral Sea (old), SSN; trade for Viking, Spartan, Chariot, Legion, Rifle & Saber, Grenadier, or make offer.

Tim Grant, 452 Brass Lamp, Ballwin, MO 63011

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FROM THE MATCH COORDINATOR

Dave Turansky

I'm swamped with new members; strangely they all want AH games!! The response to Omar's blurb in The General has not been overwhelming, but I definitely need experienced players in most of the AH "classics". I'm behind in my correspondence due to my job. Several other officers are also in this predicament. Please hold on if you're waiting on the mail: the AHIKS bureaucracy is flooded by paperwork, and the recent election will slow things down until the officers elected assume their new posts.

Last issue of the K had no mailing label on the backside of the set request form. Be sure your name is on your requests! All I need is your name. Will the member who requested Breitenfeld, Chickamauga, and Napoleon's Last Battles please reiterate a request--I do not know whose is this one.

Anyone who will be in New Orleans for Mardi Gras is invited to contact me at (504) 834-5824. Morning is the best time to try. The local chapter of AHIKS (both of us) is planning big things.

I have been forced to match some new members to other new members because of the heavy demand for AH games. In every such case, one player is experienced in PBM.

OPEN GAMES: African Campaign, Anzio Beachhead, Arnhem, Barlev, Battle of Britain, Breakout & Pursuit, Breitenfeld, Bulge, Cemetery Hill, Chaco, Chattanooga, DAGC, DNO(Taifun), East is Red, France 40, Frederick the Great, Jena-Auerstadt, Kursk, Leipzig,

Mukden, Musket & Pike, Narvik, Normandy, Panzerblitz, Panzerleader, Panzerarmee Afrika, Russian Campaign, Shiloh, 6th Fleet, Stalingrad, Starship Trooper, Submarine, U-Boat, War in the West, Wooden Ships & Iron Men.

EUROPEAN REGION REQUESTS: Breakout & Pursuit, Chinese Farm, NATO.

OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS ONLY: Firefight, Lutzen, Manassas, North Africa Quad, Panzergruppe Guderian, R-War, Winter War.

3-WAY GAMES: (1 player needed): Desert War, Fast Carriers, Panzer 44; (2 players needed): Mech War 77, Midway, Starforce, Tank.

MONITORS AVAILABLE:

Eric D. Abbott, 3625 Erbbe, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111: Outreach. No game fee. One or two more players and game will start.

Richard M. Locke, 2232 Wesley Ave., Evanston, IL60201: Origins of WWII.

Larry Fong, PO Box 11090, Oakland, CA 94611: Origins West & Pacific Diplodeur. OW/PD is the AHIKS multiplayer zine. Available at postage cost to AHIKS members. Write Larry for a sample copy (please send him a stamp). Openings for a variety of games.

Pete Menconi, 4334 E. Indianola, Phoenix, AZ, 85018: After the Holocaust. Would like three or four players for a game. No game fees; only cost will be postage.

AFRIKA KORFS ANALYSIS

-Bill Farone-

Avalon Hill has published two sets of rules; the original 1964 rules and a 1975 revision. AHIKS has a rules clarification sheet. Make sure you are discussing the latest version or are aware of the changes if you opponent has a different version. Although the 1975 version and revisions cover most of the rulings in the General up to that time, the chronology of ruling development can be useful. A consolidated set of rulings up to the publication date was printed in the Nov-Dec 1970 General (Vol. 7, No. 4). Subsequent rulings appeared in Mar-Apr 73 (9/6), Jul-Aug 73 (10/2), Sep-Oct 73, 10/3), Nov-Dec 73 (10/4), Jan-Feb 74 (10/5), Mar-Apr 75 (11/6), May-Jun 75 (12/1). Note that there are some contradictions; the latest explanation is the one to be used unless, of course, another agreement is made. The road/escarpment rulings can be confusing and agreement should be reached on whether to use the rules as precisely written, which allow a unit reaching a road/escarpment hex to move along the road in the same turn, or the modification which would only allow the unit to proceed along such a road if entering from a previous road hex. Another frequent source of confusion relates to the isolation rules. This confusion was caused by earlier errors in AH rulings. The current rules do not allow an isolated unit or group of units to take an automatic victory to reach the supply which would sustain that AV. One major difference between AHIKS and AH rules which still exists is the capture of supply units stacked with other units. Avalon Hill rules allow capture of a supply unit if one soaks off against the other units in the hex or attacks them, either successfully or unsuccessfully. Only in Fortress hexes do the other units have to be eliminated before the supply is captured. AHIKS rules apply the Fortress philosophy to all attacks; ie, the other units in the hex must be eliminated before the supply can be captured. This is one of the rules that should be specifically checked and discussed before play commences. The other major difference is that Avalon Hill traces all supply to supply units and even in the 1975 rules states that "any player without supply units on the board for two consecutive Turns loses all units then on board." AHIKS rules require supplies only for attack. For isolation purposes, supply may be traced either to a supply unit or to the player's home base.

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NEXT ISSUE

K 12/2 will be published the first week in April, with deadline for material the last week in March. If you do not receive it by the third week in April, write me because the post office has done you in! Since all who are going to renew should have by next issue, we will run a complete address listing for all members in the Society (Euro RD, please insure my listing is up to date). I am going to suggest to the Exec that a very workable scheme will be that any member who renews by the publication date of the text K will only pay the \$8 dues. After publication, any deadbeats will be treated as new members. That is, IF the RD wants you back, you get to pay the \$5 initiation fee. Since we were kind enough to send ballot/dues forms and SSAEs to all members, failure to respond simply indicates gross negligence on the delinquents' part. I figure that someone who can't get around to paying his dues probably isn't responding properly in his games, either. We have plenty of new members, all eager to go, so old ones with sloppy habits won't be missed!!

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