

THIS IS COAT OF ARMS issues 33-99! It is published by Steve Arnawoodian 602 Hemlock Cr. Lansdale, Pa. 19446. I am fairly certain that this is a first, 66 issues of a dipzine published in one compact form! To top it off, unless your name is Mark Berch, you are only going to be charged for one issue.

This month COA will feature The Dunderhead award. There can be no doubt that the winner of this award is none other than Rod Walker. In fact no one even came close to contesting Rod for this award. To be quite frank no one has ever acted so incompetently before. That's why this is the first Dunderhead Award given. There are several reasons why Rod is blessed with the title of Mr. Dunderhead. First he plugged PERLMUTTER'S REVENGE, an obvious fake, in what he calls 'The hobby flagship', Diplomacy World. Perlmutter's Revenge is a subzine. Someone faked the zine announcing it was going to a full status zine. Now over 200 people are going to write for a sample of a non-existent zine. Second, Rod told Bob Olsen. Bob decided to resign the game which he plays under Walker. Accompanying Olsen's resignation was a final set of orders. Walker is going to have a tough time claiming he never received Olsen's resignation, since all the players, Mark Berch, Kathy Byrne, John Caruso and roughly 10% of the hobby knew Olsen decided not to play in the game. Rod has a bad habit of ignoring letters with comments he does not wish to hear. Try to get a refund from Walker to one of the Zines he publishes. If you're lucky you'll receive a refund check along with a nasty letter. I remember last May I wrote Walker telling him his sub to COA had expired, if he would send me a refund to Erewhon we wouldn't have to bother with each other any longer. What does Walker do? He sent me a sub check for COA. I simply wrote refund on the check and cashed it. Since then Walker has ignored my repeated requests for a refund to Diplomacy World. What's worse he even refuses to mail me Dip World! Rod is notorious for this type of behavior as I am not the only one who has had such problems with him. I hope this serves as a warning to anyone considering a sub to Erewhon or Dip World.

Third, Mr. Walker in his last issue of Erewhon called a standby for a position in one of his games. The standby he selected made it quite clear he did not wish to receive Erewhon. And yes Rod was aware of this prior to his calling this person for standby orders.

Fourth, Walker has decided to give full page plugs in Dip World to certain zines. Although there is nothing wrong with that, it's the way Walker has selected zines for plugs which was insidious. First he plugged his own zine Erewhon. All right that is nothing to get excited about after all he's the one who puts time in Dip World and if he wants to plug his own zine then fine. Then he plugged, in full page form, Conrad Von Metzke's zine. Even though Conrad has stated he only wants some 30 subbers. What makes that plug even more ludicrous is Conrad's zine is a warehouse publication featuring 2 or 3 games. This fall Rod plans to give Bruce Linsey's Voice of Doom a plug. At least Rod has a valid reason this time, Voice of Doom will be on its 100th issue. However, John Boardman's GRAUSTARK is coming up to its 500th issue and the only way Mr. Boardman will receive a full page plug of his publication will be to pay the \$25 advertisement fee. And of course we can't forget that COAT OF ARMS (Gary Coughlan's personal favorite zine) like Voice of Doom will be on its 100th issue this fall. You can bet COA will not get a full page plug in Dip World (at least as long as the self-seeking Walker is publishing it).

Fifth, for the past 6 months or so Rod has been crying, protesting and complaining about a comment John Caruso made in Whitestonia. John claimed that Gordon Anderson was re-entering the postal Diplomacy hobby. John went on to explain that Rod Walker was one person attacked and questioned the ethics of Gordon forcing Gordon to drop the postal Dip hobby. John added that Rod Walker was welcoming Anderson back into the hobby with open arms and that we should all be like Rod and forget what happened in the past. To set the record straight on the following page you will see what Rod wrote about Gordon. (this is taken from Dip Digest 6/7)

"But Besh is not the only fly in the ointment. Gordon Anderson, is, if anything, even worse. Over the past year, he has:

- "1. Attempted to silence critics by threatening bogus lawsuits.
- "2. Attempted to make himself Editor of the IDA illegally using threats and lies to undermine the vote of 75% of the membership.
- "3. Attempted (with partial success, alas) to create a political and private power empire within the IDA without standing election (which he knew he could not win) by bullying himself into several appointive positions.
- "4. Defaulted on any number of obligations, financial and otherwise, in connection with Ditchons VII and VIII.

He spread lies and raised accusations against many prominent and hard-working hobby members, including Fred Davis and John Besh. He also tried to trademark a hobby institution, "Ditchon" (or was about to trademark it) in an attempt to foil legitimate and widely supported plans to begin moving the cons around to other locations.

Fred Davis, whose common sense and perception are uncanny in matters of determining who in the hobby are basically bad news, has cancelled his trade agreement with Anderson because of his ugly behavior within the hobby. I have now followed suit. It seems to me that Anderson has been given more than sufficient opportunity to cease his orgy of self-seeking, anti-social, hatermongering behavior. There is no cause to encourage him further. I urge all publishers to cease trading with EL CONQUISTADOR. This protest may evoke a response in which he will begin contributing more positively to the hobby. If so, well and good; if not, -well, what reason is there to continue to give any sort of support to someone who combines all the worst features of John Beshara and Charles Reinse? Why feed the hand that bites you?"

The above which Rod wrote way back when may or may not be true. But that is not the question here. What Rod did attack Gordon as Caruso said. I hope this sets the record straight.

A couple of months ago Rod Walker instructed me not to write him until we had an ombudsman review and settle our differences. This also means that Rod cannot receive COA. Unfortunately COA is also Rod's favorite zine. In fact my sources tell me that Rod gave COA a '10' in the Runestone Poll! Mr. Walker has come forth with what I feel is a suitable alternative. He would like one of my subbers to either send him their COA or photocopy COA and mail it to him. He will be more than happy to pay the person for their trouble. But that is an awful amount of work. Instead I will send someone a second issue of COA and they can mail it on to Rod. All you have to do is charge Rod \$10 for your services and then split the money with me! If you are interested let me know.

On the next page you will notice an ombudsman application. If you wish to serve as an ombudsman between Rod Walker and myself please fill out the application. Nine people will be selected. (Just like the Supreme Court!) Yes, Europeans are welcome to apply.

Many of you have inquired about the fake Perlmutter's Revenge, which is a subzine. The publisher of Perlmutter's Revenge, Paul Gardner, has blamed Kathy Byrne. This however could not be further from the truth. The fake was done by none other than Gary Coughlan!

CATION FOR OMBUDSMAN

NAME:
ADDRESS:
AGE/PLACE OF BIRTH:

PLEASE ANSWER ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

- 1) Certainly it would be a tragedy if California was struck by a major earthquake and subsequently fall into the Pacific Ocean. But if this happened do you hope
 - a. Rod Walker is at home with Bruce Linsey visiting him
 - b. Encinitas is spared this horrible fate and becomes an island
 - c. Woody is visiting the Mazzers in Santa Monica.
 - d. Encinitas falls into the sea but the rest of Calif. remains untouched.
- 2) If you found an issue of Erewon in the street would you
 - a. Take it home to line your bird cage
 - b. call the public health service
 - c. use it as rat poison
 - d. report it to the Martin Morality Squad
 - e. other (please specify)
- 3) Rod Walker has done more for the Postal Diplomacy Hobby than
 - a. Attila the Hun
 - b. Bruce Linsey
 - *c. Doug Beyerlien
 - d. Charles Manson
- 4) In you opinion what is the true hobby flagship? _____
- 5) You are GMing a game in which Walker is playing. He inundates you with 'golden age' press. With the best interest of the game in mind you decide to
 - a. Blue pencil it
 - b. NMR Rod
 - c. Masale Rod to no end (i.e. Woody style) so he wants to resign the game. You then ignore the resigantion and NMR Rod every turn.
 - d. Return his press, labeling it as unfit for any zine wishing to finish in the top 50 of the Runestone Poll
 - e. Other (please specify)
- 6) In you opinion is Rod best described as, animal, vegetable or Mineral. Please state why. You may use a separate sheet of paer if needed
- 7) If you met Rod in a dark alley, would you,
 - a. Make a pass at him
 - b. Hold him for Robert Sacks and his attack beer can
 - c. take him out for a drink
 - d. Take him out for a drink seasoned with arsenic
 - e. Introduce him to a mugger
- 8) If Rod was to pay you a visit
 - a. You'd let your attack dogs greet him, when they have not been fed for a week
 - b. Invite Bruce Linsey over so you could have a manage a trois
 - c. Invite the ECC so you could watch a real lynch mob in action
 - d. Hire Gordon Anderson to lead a posse to drive Walker out of town
 - e. have Woody meet him at the door wearing a towel

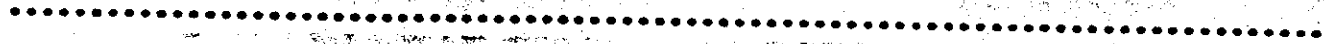
- 9) You are on a deserted island with Walker, would you
 - a. make a swim for it, eventhough maneating sharks were surrounding the island
 - b. throw Rod to the sharks
 - c. kiss and make up with Rod
 - d. sacrifice Rod to the active volcano
 - e. Pray that Phyllis Byrne parachutes down and handles Rod for you

- 10) In your opinion what occupation is Rod best suited for
 - a. Supreme Court Justice
 - b. Dear Abbey stand-in
 - c. Grand wizard of the KKK
 - d. Salt talk negotiator
 - e. MX missile driver

- 11) What quality do you most admire in Rod
 - a. his objectivity
 - b. his ability to play in countless diplomacy games, simultaneously
 - c. his charm
 - d. his lack of ability to play in countless Diplomacy games, simultaneously

- 12) If you were playing in a Dip game with Walker your strategy would be
 - a. taking calculated risks
 - b. long serious thought
 - c. serious thought
 - d. thought
 - e. physical violence

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