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An irregularly published newsletter of the American Postal Diplomacy SIG.

1. Election results. Fred Davis and Don Horton were re-elected to their respective posts by acclamation, since nobody else ran for office. Their new two-year terms of office begin on November 1, 1976. Here are your current officers:

Chairman & Publisher: Fred C. Davis, Jr., 3012 Oak Green Ct., Ellicott City, Md. 21043
 Senior Committeeman: Don Horton, 16 Jordan Ct., Sacramento, Calif. 95826
 Junior Committeeman: Paul Hightower, 3118 Lamar Dr., Lexington, Ky. 40502 (Term expires October 31, 1977).

2. We've received a report from Virginia Hourigan, National SIG Coordinator, about the 1977 AG in San Diego. It says, in part: "If yours is a game SIG, they will find a place for you to have in-person games, out in a public place with a poster if you like, so that people can kibitz - and maybe join your SIG. If you can run a tournament, you could have the finals played at the AG. They will post a list of who's playing whom when, and YOU can present the award to the winner at the Sunday banquet."

Please let me know if you plan to attend the San Diego AG next June. I will be there, and I'm sure that most of our California membership will want to attend. And I understand that 1976 Champion Dave Blank plans to defend his crown. We will be permitted to make a poster to advertise our SIG. Anyone in the Sunshine State want to volunteer to make a Dippy poster? Include a photograph of the board on your poster, if you can. Please let me hear from you if you'll do this. I'd also like to call for a volunteer for the post of AG Tournament Director.

I'd like to quote one other line from Virginia's Memo: "The real purpose of your SIG is to promote contact between MENSAMINDS." I think this is also the real purpose behind Postal Diplomacy for many of us, so the two are very compatible.

3. Game 1975 AA ends in Fall 1907 with a win for Austria (William Young). Bill took the hardest position on the board and gained 20 Centers in just 7 years. Second place went to Mikie Kane of North Carolina with an 8-Center England.
4. The International Diplomacy Assn. is voting on a new Constitution, to streamline that organization (or, specifically, its North American branch). If you are not already a member, this is a chance to get in on the ground floor of a more efficient service-oriented hobby club. Send \$2.00 to Lenard Lakofka, 644 W. Briar Pl., Chicago, Ill. 60657, for a one-year membership. If you do this immediately, you will get a chance to vote on the new Con., and on the election of new officers. (Len, incidentally, runs novice-only Dippy games, which you may be interested in if you're a novice player. Just ask him to put you in one and bill you.)
5. New members: William M. Ahlenius, 1130 Multiflora La., Peoria, Ill. 61614. (309)-
 H.D. Bassett, Rt. 3, Lake Rd., Newtown, Conn. 06470. / 691-4234
 Paul D. Funkenbusch, 110 W. South Ave., Houghton, Mich. 49931. (906) 481-1491
 Oliver Hebert, Rt. 4, Box 18, Brewton, Ala. 36426.
6. We are going to need more MONEY to continue publishing this masterpiece. All non-GM's of Mensa games who have not contributed anything since prior to Nov. 1, 1975, are requested to send me \$1.00. This includes everyone except the following: Bassett, Blank, Hebert, Hightowers (2), Horton, Koenig, Pike, Schuetz, Stimmel, Taphouse, Waller-Frye and Zahn. Thankyou.