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As many of you now know, the balloting last issue resulted in a significant victory for the proposed new Constitution, the vote being 55 (73.3%) to 20 (26.7) with 2 Abstains. However, after we mailed the issue, it came to our attention that we, like Lakofka, had not polled the CER and UK members, who are certainly entitled to vote on constitutional amendments. Further, we have only recently received from Lakofka the Treasurer's Reports allowing us to compile an accurate membership list. Due to the significant portion of the membership which was thus disenfranchised, we have determined that any member as of DR V,5 who did not receive the issue (by our mailing list) or any CER or UK member, may vote by filing a ballot with the Publications Committee (Ben Grossman). We doubt if this will in any way affect the results, but we cannot condone disenfranchisement by accident or by intent. Such ballots will be accepted until DR V,7 is published.

If at the time of publishing DR V,7 we find that we have ballots which would bring about a change in the outcome of the voting, some action will be taken, even tho it may be a source of additional problems. This is the only acceptable alternative we could find to taking the vote once more, which would be seriously detrimental to the IDA.

On the other questions presented on last issue's ballot, the voting was as follows:

- 1 Does the IDA need a new constitution? 24 Yes (77.4%) 7 No (22.6%)
- 2 Should the Lakofka-proposed constitution be adopted? 55 Yes (73.3%) 20 No (26.7%) 2 Abs.
- 3 Should the new constitution be amended with series A? 25 Yes (80.6%) 6 No (19.4%)
- 4 Should the new constitution be amended with series B? 25 Yes (86.2%) 4 No (13.8%) 2 Abs.
- 5 Should the IDA become a federated body? 24 Yes (80.0 %) 6 No (20.0 %) 1 Abstain.

Therefore, the Lakofka constitution is adopted, along with both series A and B of the proposed amendments to it. As the new constitution contains no clause concerning implementation, we are making the following policy on implementation: "The new constitution will go into effect with the election of new officers to fill the positions it mandates." Until such time as these new officers are elected, we will continue to operate under the old constitution, and it is hoped that the present IDA Council will see fit to endorse this policy.

Below are the present list of nominations for office. If you intend to run, it is necessary that you contact the Editor (Ben Grossman) and inform him of your acceptance of the nomination, for what office you will run (there is no limit on the number of offices for which you may run, but we request that each person only run for one office), and a brief campaign statement if you desire, for publication in DR V,7.

As no nominees exist for the US and Canadian Project Charimen, anyone may nominate his or her self for either office, and simply send the nomination and a brief statement, if desired, to the Editor (Ben Grossman).

The Deadline for acceptances is 31 January 1977.

PRESIDENT: Doug Beyerlein, Jeremy Paulson, Robert Correll, John Boyer, Walt Buchanan, Bruce Schlickbernd, Len Lakofka, Roger Oliver, Don Horton, John Baker, Raymond Heuer, John Leeder, Scott Rosenberg, Doug Ronson, Christopher Pike, Margaret Gemignani, and Greg Costikyan.

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The IDA Council:

President: vacant

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US PROJECTS CHAIRMAN: see above.

CANADIAN PROJECTS CHAIRMAN: see above.

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MEMBERSHIP DATA

The following people's membership expire with this issue. Renewals of membership should be sent to our erstwhile Treasurer, Len Lakofka, 644 West Briar Pl, Chicago, IL, 60657. Dues are \$2 for a year, or \$1 if you are a GM GM'ing an orphaned game.

The following people's memberships ran out last issue:

Greg Gallagher, Adam Gruen, Roger Oliver, Jeremy Paulson.

The following people's memberships expire this issue:

Kevin Adams, Gordon Anderson, Gord Bartman, Peter Berggren, Doug Beyerlein, Edi Birsan, John Boyer, Steven Brooks, Walt Buchanan, Robert Correll, David Davies, Fred Davis, Ernie Demanelis, Bill Denning, Harry Drews, Robyn Edwards, David Fujihara, Laurence Gillespie, John Hendry, Dave Kadlecsek, Henry Kelley, Ron Kelly, Joel Klein, Benjamin Laves, John Leader, Robert Lipton, Eva Lydick, Drew McFee, Howard Mahler, Daniel Miller, Larry Peery, Lewis Pulsipher, Doug Ronson, Walter Sannwald, Bruce Schlickbernd, J.L. Shortliffe, Thomas Sobottke, Richard Swies, F.R. Thomas, Richard Vedder, Eric Verheiden, Rod Walker, Raymond Westerdahl, John Weswig, William Young

A number of people who joined between June and the present have not until this issue received an issue of ID. This is because our treasurer failed to inform the editor or membership secretary of those who renewed or joined the ID. Therefore, since this is their first issue, all such persons' memberships will expire in December of 1977, rather than a year from the date they joined.

COUNCIL DOINGS

a recording of acts passed by the IDA Council

as off 1 jan 1977

bill nr	!Baker!	Dilller!	Klein!	LakoEka!	Neiger!	Tihor!	Result	
76X.1	!	N	N	Y	D	N	-	DEBATED
76X.2	!	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	PASSED
76X.3	!	-	Y	N	-	N	Y	FAILED
76X.4	!	I	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	PASSED
76X.5	!	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	PASSED
76X.6	!	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	PASSED
76X.7	!	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	PASSED
76X.8	!	I	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	PASSED
76X.9	!	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	PASSED
76X.10	!	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	PASSED
76X.11	!	N	Y	A	-	Y	N	FAILED
76X.12	!	N	N	A	-	N	Y	FAILED
76X.13	!	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	PASSED
76X.14	!	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	FAILED

These actions of council were carried out in Council Courier, which is presently being published by the Editor in lack of a president. Those who care should note that both A and I were not counted in totals as this was the stated intent of the voters. Dave Kadlecek, Richard Walkerdine, and Larry Moran failed to turn in votes.

The following is a short summary of the text of each bill proposed, but no Act numbers as I am still trying to revive old CC's for reference:

- 76X.1 To make Stephen Tihor Acting President. (B)
- 76X.2 To make Ben Grossman Editor. (P)
- 76X.3 To make John Baker Vice-President if Lakofka turned out to have resigned as some people had stated. (F)
- 76X.4 To request that Len Lakofka execute his duties, or appoint someone to execute them for him, or resign. (P)
- 76X.5 To authorize payment of \$3.30 to Ben Grossman for CC. (P)
- 76X.6 To make Henry Kelly Ombudsman. (P)
- 76X.7 To make Laurence Gillespie Canadian Secretary. (P)
- 76X.8 To request all publisher members mention that IDA is operating, and repeat the membership information as printed in the latest Diplomacy Review, for the express purpose of reviving membership interest. (P)
- 76X.9 To delay the conduct of elections for 1977 until such time as the present troubles are somewhat solved, with recognition of the unconstitutionality of this action. (P)
- 76X.10 To have Len Lakofka send membership updates to the Membership Secretary and the Editor or Chairman of the Publications Committee to enable them to conduct their constitutional responsibilities. (P)
- 76X.11 To declare the balloting of the Publications Committee in violation of the constitution and null and void. (F)
- 76X.12 To declare the balloting of the Publications Committee in violation of the constitution, and to further accept the validity of these actions. (F)
- 76X.14 To appoint Raymond Heuer (US), Cal White (CAN), Richard Walkerdine (UK), and a CER-elected member to the International Calhamer Awards Panel, to act as regional chairmen, and appoint one further person to the ICAP.

NEWS

tales of the realm

as told to the Editor

Since (see previous page) the Council has not yet taken action on the question of the now-passed-but-still-in-question constitution, I will once again be attempting to get Council approval for the measures undertaken by the PubCom to insure the continuity of the IDA. We are unhappy with the outcome, but our overriding concern is with the IDA as an organization, irrelevant of minor details so long as some semblance of democracy is still present. To this end, we see that, of necessity, the new constitution is still the constitution of the IDA, a continuing group, not of a wholly new IDA-NA, with no connection to the IDA.

This position is simple sense, for no constitutional changes can cause a independent organization to form, but can merely effect changes in the present organization, however drastic. Therefore, IDA and IDA-NA are merely different names, and we shall continue to have only one organization.

In phone talks, Walt Buchanan has indicated that he sees the situation in terms of "...revolution..." This, unfortunately, cannot be so, for if a revolution has occurred, then of necessity, the old IDA still exists, and, rather significantly, it still controls the treasury, regardless of the desire (apparent) of Len Lakofka to have the IDA(-NA) operate with that treasury. Should Walt and Len wish to organize a separate association, they are certainly entitled, although the action will probably kill both it and IDA of. It is not, however, possible to simply conduct a revolution without any pretense to legality and then claim that continuity is preserved. Enough politics, I'll try to keep it in the Council henceforth.

While many tales of a Canadian Dippy Organization (CDGO) have reached the hinterlands (New York City), I have little or actual details. Does one of the formers wish to let the rest of us in on the set-up?

As you no doubt have heard, Conrad von Metzke has, at the urging of Fred Davis, declared himself Miller Numbers Custodian, removing the office from Robert Sacks, apparently by a clause in Conrad's agreement with his successor (I don't know who). At the present, it seems that Robert is of the opinion that he made no such agreement, and is therefore not subject to it, and will continue as Miller Nuber Custodian (MNC).

Conrad reports that his takeover is based on Robert's failure to properly perform his duties. In response, an investigating committee has taken a look into the claims against Robert, and they have found him innocent of anything beyond offending people (his personality can rub you the wrong way, that's just the way he is, there seems to be nothing intentional in it) and having assigned a MN to the Gemignani-25-player variant, thus causing it to be played (in which I can see only good).

The Miller Numbers (MN) are similar to the Boardman Numbers that Doug Beyerlein assigns to regular Diplomacy games for rating and reference purposes, except they are for variants, and carry an additional designation of what variant the game is (say 1973CNbu is a Youngstown game). Both of the claimants intend to continue to assign MN's, so some games undoubtedly will be assigned two. Neither Conrad nor Robert seems to have much desire for conciliation, but some peace in the matter would be desirable. If they want to work, well, constructive would be better than destructive...

CONSTITUTION

new constitution as amended

1 jan 1977

PREAMBLE

The IDA is a diplomacy hobby service organization whose purpose is to make the diplomacy hobby more fun and more interesting for all North American diplomacy players. We hope to cooperate with other organizations worldwide. The members elect officers who will administer the organization and make all decisions in accordance with the constitution.

MEMBERSHIP

Any person who plays (has played diplomatic games is a member when he/she pays dues set by the Council.

THE COUNCIL

The Council is composed of seven officers; President, Treasurer, Ombudsman, Periodicals Editor, Special Projects Editor, Canadian Projects Chairman, and United States Projects Chairman. Each office is held by a different individual who shall be elected to a 1 year term beginning on January 1.

I. President

The President is responsible for the day-to-day functioning of the organization and coordinates Council proceedings. The president must be of legal age in his state or province of residence.

II. Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for the day-to-day fiscal operations of the organization and maintenance of the membership list. The Treasurer must be of legal age in his state of province of residence. Semiannually, the Treasurer will submit a budget. The dates which budgets shall be submitted shall be February 1 for the fiscal period beginning April 1, and on August 1 for the period beginning on October 1. Each item of the budget must be approved by a 5/7ths vote of the Council.

III. Ombudsman

The Ombudsman will mediate disputes, receive complaints, and investigate irregularities. He may make recommendations to the parties involved to assist them. He may consult the Council on the recommendations.

IV. Periodicals Editor

The Periodicals Editor is responsible for the regular production of a magazine or news, Council doings, etc. titled DIPLOMACY REVIEW and issued six times each year at intervals of between 7 and 9 weeks.

V. Special Projects Editor

The Special Projects Editor is responsible for production of at least one special publication per year.

VI. Projects Chairmen

The Projects Chairmen shall be elected regionally to be responsible for those projects assigned by the Council to be accomplished on a regional basis.

Any Council member may call for a vote on any issue but no sooner than
(over)

News (con't)

On other fronts, I understand that John Boardman, originator of the Boardman Numbers (BN), has stated in the latest issue of Graustark, his zine, that he no longer recognizes Doug Beyerlein as the Boardman Numbers Custodian (BNC), and instead recognizes Raymond Heuer. This comes about as a result, he states, of Doug's new policy of charging \$1 for BN's. John feels that this will destroy the universality of the BN's, which will have the result of making them worthless.

Raymond has indicated that he does not seek this action, nor does he oppose it, but rather is impartial to the idea. This seems a proper stance, since while John has a point about destroying the universality of the BN's, I feel we should wait a little and see if this does have that effect, and then if the statistics show that the universality is gone, it will be time to attempt to reach a compromise. Until the effect of the new policy is clear, I feel that any action, especially something as drastic as this, is over-reacting to the situation.

Again, the PubCom, in the interests of the hobby as a whole, offers its good and impartial offices to both parties (in both disputes) to help them resolve their grievances, without causing the hobby harm, as their actions thus far have. C'mon, you guys, knock off the gorilla-games and use the part of your heads that pretains to a minimum of intelligence. NEGOTIATE!

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Note that the Constitution does include a one-office-per-person clause, I merely overlooked it when preparing page 1.

It is the understanding of the PubCom that, since the new Constitution specifically lacks any restrictions on regionality, and further since it is by its very nature a continuation of the present organization, the IDA remains an international organization, regardless of the impression that has generally prevailed. Thus, members are in no way restricted by residence, and the members of IDA in Europe and Great Britain are full members, with the same rights and powers as members in North America.

Since there are presently separate treasuries in both UK and CER, the present Council, or the newly elected Council, will have to formulate new By-Laws pertaining to these members and treasuries under the new Constitution. I will offer some legislation to the present Council concerning this.

Further, as IDA is a continuing organization, unless the Council shall legislate otherwise, the presently enacted By-Laws of the IDA shall remain in effect under the new Constitution, since no provision for the revocation of these By-Laws was made in the new Constitution. I will endeavour to have the wording or at least content of these By-Laws printed in the next DR, so that the whole membership will understand them.

The Constitution (present) requires that the PubCom make copies of DR available to all members, so any European Member may obtain a copy of this upon request to the Editor. The UK and CER Regional Secretaries are asked to inform their members that they have this right, and that if they were disenfranchised (see page 1), they are still entitled to vote. All mail should be sent Air Mail due to the inefficiency of surface mailings.

If you were disenfranchised, it will be noted on the back page.

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		character 'a'. Sigh.

The PubCom (Ben Grossman and Greg Costikyan) have produced this issue, and thruout the references I and we, as well as our and my, are to be seen as collective, and indifferentiable.

This issue goes out to all members who have still active memberships. If your membership expires this time, unless you renew, this is your last DR. If you renewed recently (6 months) and did not recieve DR V,5, you have been disenfrachised (see page 1), and should act on it.

A note to Council members: the Constitution REQUIRES that you maintain your membership in IDA to be an officer, and if your memberships has now lapsed, your votes will not count henceforth and you will not be receiving any further issues of DR or CC. Therefor ~~renew~~ NOW!

All publishers are requested to remind theri readers that IDA is alive and well, and that memberships are \$2/year, including 6 issues of DR, the money should be sent to Len Lakofka, 644 West Briar Place, Chicago IL 60657, the present Vice-President/Treasurer of IDA. I suggest that all checks and money orders be made out to

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