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THE DIPORG STRUGGLES ON

Well the elections are on. There are a few problems with them and not everyone is happy. But these offices are only for one year. This is naught but a caretaker govt. and it won't have much time to accomplish any real big projects. The problem is that the people running for office found out what office they are running for the same time as the electorate (or later in some cases like mine???) and lo and behold we find ourselves a candidate for the wrong office?! I see I'm to be a VP-Treasurer candidate which is very nice--but I want to run for Atlantic RS. I urge all those who wish to vote for me to do so as I write in for Atlantic RS. Why should you vote for me. Aside from my experience in the problems of a postal oriented organization and my four years as publisher, I will be a counterfoil for Peery's overly ambitious platform. Have you waded through it? Good grief! And next week we'll take over the govt of Brazil. And yet, as you read through it--how much time is allotted to discussion of the final draft. He spends a hunk of time telling us that we should alter the PIC to fit his specifications even though we ratified the constitution and it specifies no amendments are to be made, but rather work is to begin on the final draft. OOOOH, Peery--has the Beshara complex struck you down. Oh Larry is not as bad we get to vote on every thing, even if there is hardly any discussion. NO NO--lets slow down. All the members need a chance to air their views. We should no longer rush into a decision. If it takes a year to approve any thing--so be it; at least, we'll know that this is the way the membership wants it and that people had time to think it out. We didn't want a Beshara-tailored org, nor do we want a Peery-tailored org. We all want to have a successful and active org. But we must move deliberately. If cracks start to appear in the bureaucracy, they rarely ever get cemented together and the Org will creep along. I strongly suggest that we take measured ~~strides~~ strides---let us learn to walk before we run---the final constitution is of great importance RIGHT NOW! We can do some of these committees now. There is plenty of time. There has been no real diporg since 1963, we can afford to be patient. There are lesser groups handling much of the problems and individuals as well. Sound the call--take it easy baby. When you vote--tell Larry you want to take it slow and vote no to his platform!

Respecting Larry's wishes I endorse no candidates, except myself, because that is alright.

APOLOGIES

Sorry I added to the confusion about slates. I'm happy it never was a real possibility. Not hearing from Larry in 3 months, but getting word from 2 or 3 others about such a possibility prompted me to write the editorial.

JOIN it

Join the DIPORG--dues a \$1/ann. It will be a good thing I'm positive. By the way, if you send Len Lakofka or Conrad von Metzke 75¢, they'll make up the 25¢. I trust no one will see this as a vote buying gimmick; I don't think it is. The rest of us just can't afford it. However the first three people that can tell me where the names GAILLARDIA and LEDOM come from will get a free membership for the 1st, 50% paid for the second and 25% paid for the third.

OTHER ZINES

ANTAKES (146 Elm St, 04072--4/\$1) a really good effort for this genzine--devoted to ratings and articles. Worth it. Burt should be Editor in DIPORG, if he would have fun.

LIAISONS DANGEREUSES (4976 N. Marine Dr 525, Chicago 60640-Lakofka--fees are \$3, 4 or 7)

COSTAGUANA (Box 8342, SD, Ca 92104) Metzke's mess--worth a sub.

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ARENA (48-20 39th, LIC, NY 11104) Dip at \$5.50--Origins at \$3.00 good zine.

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THE GET TOGETHER

Hey what is with you guys. Don't you like Face to face games. I have set aside the weekend of June 3rd for a full weekend of Diplomacy and Origins gaming. I can put up as many as 8 people overnight (sharing double beds, etc). All I ask is 1.50 to help cover the food per day. So far two people are planning to come. Hey I'm major highway routes and a bus runs from NYC to here in an hour. If you plan to come--drop me a line so I can set up.

NOTES

Remember players--if I have an * next to your name, it means I have your phone and will call you collect if you miss a move. If your name is underlined, then you know I have standby orders (SOs) for your next move.

DIPORG NEEDS A GOOD CON

When I have room like now (although my arms feel ready to fall off) I will make known some of my thoughts on what the DIPORG CON should contain. LIKE REGIONS: I am basically against the concept. Larry has proposed a Canadian and Overseas region. I say no! If the Canadians want preserve some misguided national identity (or united statesians, for that matter) let them for their own group. Let us not start these regional inanities. That is for high school minds. What do the people in Montreal have with the people in Vancouver that they don't have with the people in Boston!? I don't feel that the DIPORG should try to be international--North American is enough. The problems of finances, standards of living and communication all work against. I think we can have some sort of associate memberships or alliances with overseas groups. Regions ought to be for workload distribution purposes if anything--but even then it is unnecessary. How do you decide a region--what is maximum and minimum size. In a council if there are 50 members in the East region and only 13 in the Central--then the east members are being defrauded. Do the people in Florida get left out because NY/NJ dominates the Atlantic region? How many regions should we allow---with the additional profusion of officers. Getting people to run for all these offices can be a problem--then what? There should be no sectional problems like those in the TDA! Let us just be people with a common goal--defeat the regionalization concept. What would be superior, is for the DipOrg to encourage local Face to Face clubs?