

# Lies, Deceit & nefarious Schemes

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LDNS is on the move once again. This issue is dedicated to my sinus's which remind me of the Los Angeles freeway system, clogged every morning. Hayfever has set in to Wagner St. If it wasn't for this zine I'd be back in bed, but then you don't want to hear of my troubles, so I'll just say that LDNS is published by Jerry Jones 1854 Wagner St., Pasadena, CA 91107 (213) 449-0982.

Due to the tremendous response from an ad in Diplomacy World this issue will be kind of a catch-all that will hopefully entice those that are receiving this as a sample to subscribe. In this issue will be a reprint from an earlier issue and an explanation of what LDNS (and JH Jones) is all about. Thanx for taking a look.

**Game Openings:** To begin with I have lied to you. I said that LDNS-8 would be the last game. It is not. Due to the response from the above mentioned ad there will be openings in regular Diplomacy. But there is a catch. I will be publishing eight games in the zine and the other games will be in a supplement to the players of that game. As soon as one of the original eight finishes one of the others in the supplement will be added. There are 2 players all set to start LDNS-9 (they are R. Sergeant & S. McLendon.)

**KINGMAKER**--Tim Long has offered to GM a Kingmaker game. Price to play will be \$2. For the time being send all requests to me. Tim: Get me a set of house rules and how many you want to play. For more information Tim's address is 8315 Bennett Dr. Stockton, CA 95212.

Diplomacy is a game(?!?) invented by Allan B. Calhmer and copyrighted by Avalon Hill who also brings you some forty odd other games, none of which I am good at.

## All The News That's Fit To Print

**IDA-NA:** As you may or may not know by now but Doug Beyerlein has resigned as the Treas. and Konrad Baumeister has resigned as Special Projects Officer. While they will be missed it is better to pass their duties on to others than to be burdened by the office and other important matters to their lives. The council has asked Bill Young (Treas.) and Craig Reges (SPO) to assume the positions. I am sure that some will look on this as a sign the fall of the IDA-NA when in reality it is just the opposite. This just shows the consciousness of the council members.

**Everything #34:** Clifford Mann II has announced that he is doing another copy of E #34. This will be a proof copy done in the same quality of Cliff's own zine "Watergate." He expects there to be 25 or so pages and he is anticipating a cost of \$1.50. More info as it come available or you can contact Cliff at (823 Marcy Ave. Apt 101 Oxon Hill, MD 20021.)

**Why Me?:** In the last few issues I have been telling of zines that have gone by the wayside so it is only fitting that I announce a zine that is just starting. Why Me? will be published by Lee Kendter Sr (4347 Benner St. Phila, PA 19135.) Sub rates are 10/\$3.50 and gamefees are \$2 plus a \$1 deposit. Published monthly. Good Luck, Lee.

**"The Brotherhood of Thieves":** has folded. Ferkin Doyle is transferring the games and those of you in one of those games should be hearing from a new publisher soon.

**North American Zine and Gamemasters Poll:** John Leeder (1211 5th St NW Calgary, Alta, Canada T2M 3B6) is asking ALL Diplomacy players to participate in this poll.

All you need to do is this 1) List all the NA zines which you receive giving each one a rating of 1-10 (1 being unspeakably bad and 10 superb). 2) List all of the GM's of games that you are currently playing and rate them the same way. Then just sign the ballot and send it off to John. Do it...the more of you that take the time to do it then we may have quite a good idea of what YOU prefer. Like another publisher who will remain unnamed because my name wasn't in Brutis Bulletin this issue, You may sent your ballots to me with your orders and I will transfer them on the way to John. (Don't forget, you spell it LDNS.)

Well, I left this space in case any new news came in the mail on Saturday, nothing came, hence the space.

Personalities on Parade

Andy Meier:

I was born at the peak of the postwar baby boom. This is my claim to fame so far. After 16 straight years of Edjamacation, culminating with a BFA degree, I sold my body and soul to the U.S. Air Force for four years. ((Me too-JHJ)) My Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree was exceedingly useless to them so I willingly stayed enlisted & not officered. They gave me the vaunted opportunity to see Thailand twice (10 1/2 months total ((Ditto)) plus visiting garden spots like Guam ((Ditto)), Okinawa ((Ah, yes--Ditto)), Illinois, Texas and Plattsburg, N.Y. Mostly they let me flourish in New Hampshire. They sprung me Sept. 1, 1972 ((Lifer)) on the anniversary of WWII.

While studying for art teacher certification from '72 to June '73 I bumbled into Diplomacy. I became fairly involved in this lunacy from '73-'76. I built up a reputation as being verbose, pithy, complicated, loyal, mean, kind and obtuse. My greatest victories have been in lambasting enemies with press. I have never won a game.

My philosophy of gaming is embodied in the continual use of one's pen. I don't believe in tactics by mail, I believe in the unlimited possibilities of Diplomacy by mail. Constant communication between all players is the main method of achieving this. I have a tendency to think of silent players as being non-existent. Press is the frosting on the cake. Lets all smear frosting! I believe in articles as well. Subject matter for articles should not just be Diplomacy per se.

I'm only involved in one game at this time. One is plenty if one writes a lot. The hapless souls who've been entangled with me in game LDNS-7 will be the recipients of most of my attention, poor devils. I'm playing Germany for the First time. I'll probably try not to bungle history the way Wilhelm II did. (That twit). I'll try to bungle it my OWN WAY...consarn it! Ideally I hope to ally with everyone AND win the game. Its gonna be tough.

Carl Eichelberger:

I was born 210 months ago in Kouts, Indiana, and I haven't been able to escape yet. (I do have this tunnel, though...) Famous for its 42 homes, Kouts is a town in which the latest up-and-coming science fiction writer is Jules Verne. In Kouts, StP is what race car drivers use, MAO is a dead Chinese guy, and NAP is what you take in the afternoon.

Amazingly enough, I found an old Blitzkrieg game in my cousins basement. I didn't realize how important this would be at the time, but we were desperate to avoid mental atrophy, and the picture on the box looked interesting...

That was five years ago, and since that time we have gone through almost every AH game, D and D, and a baseball game we designed ourselves. (and about 300 dice.) Two years ago he went off to college (pre-med) and I was left isolated in this land of the Mental Midget. Fortunately, there is a post office here, and I started playing games by mail. (anyone for AK, DD, or 'Grad? AREA 1275). We had been playing Diplomacy for a while, but it was impossible to find 7 people for a game. We even came up with a 2 man variant that was a lot like Intimate Diplomacy, but we didn't know it at the time. Finding a one man variant was a bit more difficult, so I started sending for 'zines. I joined a few games and was on my way. I enjoy playing variants, but regular Dip is still my favorite. I don't have any real philosophy about Diplomacy, except write as much as you can and don't lie more than you have too.

Som of my other hobbies are: coin collecting (read: hoarding), science fiction (smuggled in, of course), girls and my 350 Honda. My favorite number is 13, and I am a big fan of over population, moral decay and decadence. I am slightly paranoid, (whoever sent the letter bomb; Nyah, nyah, you missed me!) and I think Anarchy would be a very unstable form of government. I enjoy listening to Led Zepplin, Kansas and George Carlin, and I think everyone should live forever, or die trying.

Oh, by the way, it's pronounced Ike el ber ger.

Thanx guys, well we're still waiting to hear from the rest of you.

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DRAWS IN DIPLOMACY

by Paul Below

In the short time that I have played dippy, I have noticed a large controversy over drawn games. Most people would seem to deplore this type of game ind, at least publicly, yet the drawn game becomes more and more prevalent. Why?

Look at chess for a moment. In tournament play, especially among grandmasters, a draw is a way of life. Players who win the first game or two in a series frequently go for the draw in succeeding games, hoping to hang on and win.

As in chess, a draw in Diplomacy may be formed either when a true stalemate position occurs, or when a player asks for a draw. This is slightly harder to achieve in Dippy as all remaining players must vote unanimously to achieve the draw.

Con't on page three...

Draws...con't.

Most players agree that once a stalemate position has been reached the game may be satisfactorily ended in a draw. (After all, what else can you do?) It is the voted draw that has come under criticism. While I agree that a game should be played out to a reasonable conclusion to determine if any of the victorious allies will stab one another, I see nothing wrong with 2 or 3 allies who have fought together throughout the game declaring a draw when all other threats have been removed. All it means is that these players have an alliance and are honorable enough to keep it and not stab each other.

As in chess, where tournaments are designed to accomodate draws, Dippy tournaments and rating systems have to take draws into account one way or another.

Whether we like it or not, draws are here to stay, and will be common. Even though the rare solo win is what a player should strive for, a person who keeps stalemate lines in mind in the latter stages of the game will be more successful, at least in the ratings, in the long run.

((No arguement here, Paul. A couple of additions though. I am personally against a draw that includes a country that has no business being in the draw, that being a 1, 2 or 3 center country. Also I am very anti-player ratings. Some people do some very odd things under the guise of ratings. Thanx for the article Paul, this is a free issue for you.))

This is a reprint from an eariler issue of LDNS.

"The Diplomacy Widow"

I don't like to make waves but I don't think that I can keep quiet any longer. I have taken all the abuse that I can stand. I have heard about all the oppressed minorities but I have yet to hear anyone speak up for the most underrated minority of them all, "The Diplomacy Wido": When I heard that my husband was going to get involved with Diplomacy I was all for it at first. I had just gotten over being a golf widow and I felt that with him playing Diplomacy at least he would be home for awhile. Now I wish that he'd go shoot a round of golf.

It started simple enough. "I'm going to sign up for one game and see how it goes." (Heard that before girls?) "Ya know honey, one game moves too slow. Think I'll sign up for another. Wow, look at this! I just got seven zines in the mail and they all have openings. Which one should I choose?" Then I made my fatal mistake. I told him that I didn't know the difference between them so I couldn't advise him which one to choose. So what does he do? You guessed it, he signed up for all seven! It was down hill from there on out. The next thing you know I'm sitting at a typewriter while he dresses up like Hitler and dictates to me and he gets irritable if I go too slow.

If we are both at home when the mailman arrives he threatens to break my legs if I so much as make a move to the door. Then comes the onslaught. The pattern is always the same. First he makes some snide remark about how all of the mail was for him and that I didn't get any. Then he opens up a letter and reads it with an evil grin on his face and the next thing you know he is screaming at me, WHAT KIND OF A FOOL DOES HE THINK I AM? And then he whips out this funny looking board with a lot of wooden blocks on it, threatens the cat if he sees it make one move towards the board, and then he goes into a fit trying to make me see why the Black Sea must be Russian. Oh, should I look away for a moment all hell breaks loose. "The world is crumbling at my feet and you don't care! What kind of a wife are you?"

But I guess it isn't really all that bad, it couldn't be. Since he started playing Diplomacy I have gotten pregnant. It happened the day army Warsaw moved into Galicia, whatever the hell that means. And finally I don't care what he says, Allan B. Calhamer Jones is a crummy name for a girl.

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John Michalski, The BRUTUS BULLETIN, 913 NE Sixth St., Moore, OK 73160.

\*\*1977-KC Winter '03 SEPERATION OF SEASONS

AUS (SHIELDS) Builds A Bud & F Tri has F Nap, Ion A Tyr, Ven, Ser, Bul.  
 ENG (DIEHL) Removes A Wal has F Lon, Eng, NAO.  
 FRA (CARUSO) Removes A Bur has F Bre, MAO A Gas, Spa.  
 GER (REGES) Builds A Mun, A Ber & F Kiel also has A Bel, Hol, War, Pru  
 F Nwy, StP(sc), Bal.  
 ITA (MUETH) Removes F WMed has A Mar, Rom F Lyon. (NRR for A Ven-Retreats  
 to Rom by GM.)  
 RUS (EICHELBERGER) Removes F BlkS has A Mos, Lvn F Both.  
 TUR (MACHIR) No change has A Con, Arm F Ank.

Press withheld until spring.

Orders on file for EFGIRT.

Aus's Spring '03 and any changes are due noon May 13th. (And votes)  
DRAW VOTE CALLED FOR. A draw vote for GER/AUS has been requested. An  
 abstention will be considered a YES vote.

\*\*1977-KX Winter '02 SEPERATION OF SEASONS

AUS (HARD) Removes F Ion has F Gre A Ven, Tri, Ser.  
 ENG (HARMON) Builds F Lon also has F MAO Nth Swe A Nwy  
 FRA (REGES) No change has F Spa(sc) A Bre Pic Par Mar.  
 GER (PETERSON) Builds A Ber also has A Hol Bur Mun Den F Bel.  
 ITA (DIEHL) \*F Ion ret OTB\* Builds A Ven also has F Tyrr A Boh Sil.  
 RUSS (STRATTON) NRR/NBR Phantom moves: F Swe ret Bot Builds A Mos.  
 TUR (LONG) No change has F Blk Aeg A Bul Con.

\*\*Last issue I showed Turkey was to remove one when in reality Turkey was  
 even. All conserved parties were informed.\*\*

Orders on file for EFGI. Spring '03 orders are due noon May 13th.

\*\*1978-AK Winter '01

AUS (HARMON) Builds A Tri A Vie & A Bud also has A Rum Ser F Gre.  
 ENG (HARD) Builds F Edi also has F Nwg Nth A Nwy.  
 FRA (SHIELDS) Builds A Par F Mar also has F Spa(sc) A Bel Pied.  
 GER (HARDISTY) Builds A Ber F Kiel also has A Hol Sil F Swe.  
 ITA (TOMCUFCIK) Builds F Rom also has A Ven Tun F Ion.  
 RUS (GALLAGHER) No change has F Sev Bal A Fin Ukr.  
 TUR (HANSEN) Builds F Smy also has F Ank A Bul Arm.

Press:

Paris, France--The Government today has announced the continuation of  
 hostilities against Italy, but fell short of declaring all-out war.  
 Shouts of "Get the Green Bean!" filled the entire city.

Paris, France--Peace has been made with the King of Portugal in return for  
 a new secret weapon.

BUDAPEST: You mean to tell me that I, the humble leader of the greatest  
 army in Europe am actually the leader of the greatest army in Europe?

My thanks go out to all four of my neighbors for helping acquire such a  
 title.

ROME--While diplomatic solutions are still being sought, the Italian Gov't  
 is preparing for the worst, and will therefore build a fleet to fight  
 the French. Hopefully, a peaceful solution can be found to this border  
 dispute. How about it, Steve?

BERLIN: It is a shame to be at war with such a Russian Poet.

Spring 1902 orders are due noon, May 13th.

\*\*\*LDNS-8\*\*\*

Austria: Jack Powers England: Jerod Poore France: Tony Watson

Germany: Leland Harmon Italy: Stan Johnson

Russia: Dan Brownell Turkey: Jim Diehl

Players were notified earlier by mail. I am still awaiting the BN for  
 this game. This game combines some newer players and some "old salts".  
 It should be a good experience for both.

Spring 1901 orders are due noon, May 13th.

Good Luck to all.

1977-IA Fall '04

GERMAN EMPIRE FALLS TO THE "BIG BLUE WRECKING CREW". AUSTRIANS KEEP LOOKING FOR THE ITALIAN SECRET FORMULA FOR PASTA WHILE TURKEY "STUFFS" THE UKRAINE.

AUS (Tomcufock) F Apu-Nap\*; A Rom\*S F Apu-Nap; A Tri\*-Ven; A Bud\*-Vie; A Alb-Ser\*; F Gre\*S TUR F Aeg-Ion.  
 ENG (Birmingham) A Nwy-StP\*; F Bar\*S A Nwy-StP; A Edi-Den\*; F Nth\* C A Edi-Den; F Kiel\*S A Edi-Den; F Swe\*-Both.  
 FRA (Morris) A Hol\* & A Ber\*S ENG F Kiel; A Mun-Tyr\*; A Mar H\*; F MAO-WMed\*; F Eng-MAO\*; F Lyon\*Tyr.  
 GER (Diehl) F Bal-Lvn\*; F Both\*S ENG A Nwy-StP.  
 ITA (Rogowski) F Nap-Apu/annih; F Tun\*-Ion; A Pie\*-Ven.  
 RUS (Mueth) F StP(sc) H /d/ (ret to Fin or OTB); A War\*-Mos; A Boh\*-Vie.  
 TUR (Reges) A Sev\*-Mos; A Rum-Ukr\*; F Con\*-Aeg; A Smy\*-Con; F Ion\*-Tyr.

Supply Center Chart

AUS Home, Ser, Gre, Rom, NAP.....has 7.....Build 1  
 ENG Home, Swe, Nwy, ~~MAO~~, STP, DEN, KIEL.....has 8.....build 2.  
 FRA Bre, Par, MAR, Spa, Por, Bel, Mun, Ber, HOL.....has 9.....build 2.  
 GER ~~Kiel~~, ~~Den~~.....has 0.....out.  
 ITA Ven, ~~Nap~~, Tun, ~~MAO~~.....has 2.....even.  
 RUS Mos, War, ~~StP~~.....has 2.....remove 1.  
 TUR Home, Bul, Rum, Sev.....has 6.....even.

\*\*Last issue two moves were omitted. FRE A Bel-Hol\* and TUR F Blk-Con\*. All interested parties were informed.

Winter '03 and Spring '04 moves are due noon May 13th.

Press:

ANKARA: Sources here indicate that the grass and opium are fast running out and now the Rumanian Army is being sent, out of desperation, to get more. We gotta have some more!

ROME: General Nemchek congratulated the Italian Intelligence Service for their perceptive analysis of Italy's military status. "If they could only fight as well as they think..."

APULIA: Anxious to find out if the water was really bluer on the other side, the Austrian Second Fleet set sail for Naples today. Slight resistance is expected.

VIENNA: Empress Barbara toured the Galician refugees camps on the outskirts of the city today, telling the people they could go home in safety. "The 'Rotten Russian' Government has finally been over thrown. You have nothing more to fear," she said. Meanwhile Emperor Tomcufock expressed the hope that the Russians would vacate all Austrian Territory as soon as possible.

PIEDMONT: Let's face it, invasion of ones territory is a fair indication of hostile intent, at least that is what my military intellegence handbook says.

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LDNS-7

Spring 1901

NORTHERN EUROPE HAS FOUND THE KEY TO PEACE AND HARMONY WHILE THEIR COUSINS TO THE SOUTH ARE DISPLAYING THEIR BARBARIC UPBRINGING.

AUS (Johnson) F Tri\*-Ven; A Vie\*-Gal; A Bud-Ser\*.  
 ENG (Hardisty) F Edi-Nth\*; A Lvp-Yor\*; F Lon-Eng\*.  
 FRA (Kendter Sr.) A Par-Bur; A Mar-Gas\*; F Bre-MAO\*.  
 GER (Meier) A Mun-Ruh\*; F Kiel-Den\*; A Ber-Pru\*.  
 ITA (Peterson) A Ven-Tyr\*; A Rom-Ven; F Nap-Ion\*.  
 RUS (Harmon) F StP(sc)-Bot\*; A War\*-Gal; A Mos-Ukr\*; F Sev-Blk.  
 TUR (Eichelberger) F Ank\*-Blk; A Con-Bul\*; A Smy-Con\*.

Press:

Turkey to Russia: Tovariche?

BERLIN: Hidious reports of the spreading Eastern Bacillus have reached us here. The Prussian Guards Defensive Army Group (nicknamed "Army Group OTTO" after our beloved Patriarch Bismarck) has taken up "warmer weather" positions on the East Prussian border. Here they'll stay until the plague fizzles. They marched off in high hopes laughing at the latest joke...i.e. "Did you hear that Russians think Prussia is neutral territory for the Prussian Army? No? Well, they really believe this along with Czar Nicholas being Santa Claus in uniform". Sometimes good morale is worth anything.

1978-?? (LDNS-7) Press con't...

COPENHAGEN: The Danish Government is exultant over the new wave of tourism. Beer sales have septupled.

ESSEN, THE RUHR: The industrial heart of Der Deutschland is as snug as a marine recruit in the arms of a D.I. No foreign rabble will litter it with their shadows.

(No dateline) Which way should jolly old England go...

VENICE: Since the Kaiser insists we communicate, an Italian army is being sent to Munich to deliver a personal message.

Great start gentlemen...Your next season moves (Fall '01) are due noon, May 13th.

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1977-HW

Spring 1905 Winter 1904

EVERYONE WANTS TO AIDE THE HUMS (AGAINST EVERYONE ELSE).

AUS (Sherwood) A Vie\*-Tri; A Tri\*-Ven; A Alb-Apu; F Adr\*C A Alb-Apu; A Ser\*-Alb; F Gre\*S TUR F Aeg-Ion; A Bul\*S F Gre; A Sev\*H.

ENG (Fugihara) F Irs-MAO; F Eng\*S F Irs-MAO; A Pic S Ger A Ruhr-Pic/inp/ A Pic /annih/; F Lon\*H.

FRA (Brownell) F Bre\*-Eng; A Bur-Pic\*; A Par\*S A Bur-Pic; A Gas\*-Bur. A Pied-Tyr.

GER (Spiekernan) Builds A Kiel. A Ruhr-Bur; A Mun\*S A Ruhr-Bur; A Bel\*S A Ruhr-Bur; A Hol\*S A Bel; A Kiel-Ruhr\*; A Tyr-Pied; A Mos\*H; A WAR\*H; F Both\*H; F Bal-Kiel\*.

ITA (Dave Ditter) A Arn\*S GER A Mos-Sev/nso/; A Ven\*S GER A Tyr-Tri/nso/ F Ion-Adr/d/ ret to Tun, Tyrr, EMed or OTB; F Nap-Apu.

TUR (Hard) Builds A Ank F Aeg-Ion\*; F Smy\*H; A Ank\*-Arm.

Fall 1905 orders are due May 13th.

Press:

Turkey to Italy: Of course I exist! Do you think that a "figment of Austria's imagination" would be such a good ally and give you Smyrna, Syria and Armenia?

ROME: When I become involved in a Diplomacy game with puppets (that call themselves players) like England and Turkey I could just scream. These two players are examples of losers in the highest regard. They don't write and can't comprehend the real concept of the game...To win or draw.

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1977-IS

"The Publisher's Game"

Spring 1904

WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE WHEN FIRST...

AUS (Bunpas) A Tyr-Ven\*; F Tri-Adr\*; A Boh-Gal\*; A War-Ukr\*; A Ser-Bul\*; A Rum\*S A Ser-Bul; F Bul(sc)-Con\*.

ENG (Bunke) F Nwg\*S A Nwy; F Nth\*S A Nwy; F Den\*H; F Lon\*H; A Nwy\*H.

FRA (Agosta) F WMed\*S F Tun; F Tun\*H; A Mar-Pied\*; F Lyon\*S A Mar-Pied; A Bur\*S GER A Mun; A Par-Pic\*.

GER (Hartwig) F HelB-Hol\*; A Hol-Bel\*; A Ruhr-Kiel; A Mun\*S A Ruhr-Kiel; A Sil\*S A Mun.

ITA (Cook) A Pied H/d/ ret to Tus or OTB; F Tyrr\*& F Ion\*S Each other; F Aeg\*S AUS F Bul(sc)-Con.

RUS (Ditter) F Sev\*-Blk; A StP-Mos\*; F Swe-Bal\*; A Fin-Swe\*.

TUR (Beardsley) A Arn-Smy\*; F Con-Bul(ec)/d/ ret Ank or OTB; F Blk\*S F Con-Bul(ec).

Fall 1904 (if this game can last that long!) are due noon May 13th.

Press:

ANKARA: The Sultan sent Candy-Grans to the following countries in honor of St. Vitus's Day (A Turkish equivalent of St. Valentines Day).

To Russia: Let's bury the hatchet...in your major enemies head... Austria.

To Austria: Your refusal to cooperate with me, for whatever reasons, is a mystery to me. I have never been a threat to you. Now you have an enemy where you didn't have one before.

1977-IS Con't.

To Italy: You blew your opportunity in '01, inexplicably missing a great stab, all to get me. Was it worth it?

To Germany: What are you doing to yourself, while allowing Austria to expand, is the greatest condemnation I can think of cross game stabs/alliances. Continue on your course and you will hand this game to Austria. Thanks.

To France: If you don't take Italy out of this game while he is still harassing me, you'll have missed a golden opportunity.

To England: How the hell are you doing?

Bob's trip was finally planned. Bright and early one morning he boarded his trusty Wright Brothers airplane for his trip to Sherwood Forest. The Briggs and Stratton engine roared to life as Buford (often called "Bu") his pilot, deftly steered down the bumpy runway.

Over the fields of Germany they passed many military units; hardly any of them were armed. One was, however, and Lord Hartwig shouted to his pilot above the engine's roar, "Look Bu, Chanan!"

Bu looked down and saw many guns lined up near a small White house. "Wat's on the roof?" he called back.

"It says eat at Olivanti's pizza parlor in Rome."

"Wait a minute, I think we're flying the wrong way." (Below them lay the Swiss Alps).

Lord Hartwig fainted, nearly falling out of his seat in the plane.

MARSEILLES (Italian District) Today the Italian foreign Minister again took off for Paris. This time his trip was quite peaceful. A quiet trip over the beautiful roads of Burgandy. As he enjoyed the countryside, an idea hit him. He turned to his traveling companion and said, "I have two lady friends in Picardy, why don't we stop in on them before we hit Paris."

His companion replied, "OK".

So off they went to Picardy. As they traveled they ran into a foreign army approaching showing his credentials. A volley was fired, and all his credit cards were riddled. He turned to his companion and said, "They look English, but shoot like Germans."

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WHAT IS LDNS? by JH Jones.

Well if you've made it this far you already have a fair idea as to what is LDNS. But incase you've missed something let me go back to the beginning.

LDNS is a zine that is published and edited by me but is run by the players. In one manner or another most everything in this zine is as per the subscribers want. I run polls, ask for suggestions and listen to each and everyone of the subs that takes the time to write. In this way I hope to have a zine that meets the needs and desires of the subs.

As for the games we have some of the most reliable players in the hobby. In 52 seasons we have had but 8 NMR's and in every case but one the moves came in (late though). In only two games have we had to have a standby take over the position and in one of those the original player took sick and just couldn't keep up the game. Some say that it is the deposit that I require (\$2) but I feel that it is more just the nature of the players in this zine.

Deadlines: I am one of the most strick zines on the market when it comes to deadlines. This zine is always at the post office within 24 hrs. of the deadline. The players know this and are great-ful of this so that they make an extra effort to get their moves in on time. Each and every deadline is on a Saturday and the zine is in the subs grubby little hands on Tuesday (avg.) I hate to keep bringing this up but my son was born on a deadline date and the zine still went out on time. That is what is important to me. (In fact, this seems to be the first sunny Sat. this year and here is me typing up games. Dummy.)

LDNS takes pride in the fact that NO other zine has mis-spelled more words than I have. It comes from the fact of trying to rush this out and my operates at 33 1/3 while my fingers move at 78. (See what I mean...that should read...my mind operates at...) If you don't mind 12 different ways to spell tactics, then LDNS is for you.

Over...

Special features of LDNS: We try to keep abreast of all the news pertinent to Diplomacy and pass it along to you. Personality Profiles, we feel that these help tie the members of LDNS together and we become not just another pretty letter. Want Ads: You can place want, sell or whatever ads in LDNS (free). Humor; I always attempt to put in humor. Sometimes it is funny and sometimes not. But if I was a good author I'd be rich instead of trying to eek out a living as a PhD (Preperation H distributor). And I try to add something that may be controversial.

I hope that I have twisted your arm hard enough and decide to look a little closer into LDNS. We'd love to have you.

#### WHAT IS JH Jones by LDNS

What's there to say? I'm not very smart, I never finished college (I feel like Micklyn on Black Sheep Squadron), and I don't claim to have all of the answers but what I do claim is that I try, try like the devil to put out a zine that I would like to sub to.

I play other games...even though Carl and Cliff are killing me in AK andPL. But what the hey?

I'm on the IDA-NA council but I am not a politician. I don't like politics. I'll leave that to the college boys.

I'm a Dodger fan, a Cowboy fan and I always root for the Mets (under my breathe of course.)

If I have a motto for my life it is to never have a motto for my life.

And finally I feel that it is a privilege to be associated with some fifty odd people of the highest standards (the subs to LDNS). Of course if their standards were too high they wouldn't be subbing to this.

THANX.

LDNS: Sub rates are 10 issues for \$3.50. Game fees are \$2 and a \$2 refundable NMR deposit for one NMR or less. Included with each game is a conference map showing the exact positions of each unit each fall season. The maps may be had for every season for an additional \$1. (Sub rates for Canada are \$1 higher.)

I am in the process of reprinting the house-rules. Anyone who needs a copy should let me know.

See ya in three weeks...

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