

TA DUM! Another Dippy 'zine hits the press! This is the oldest Diplonacy 'zine edited by a Dippy Widow (and I do mean dippy). NAORG-OLPID is published spasmodically by Carol Ann Buchanan, R. R. #3, Lebanon, Indiana 46052, Charter Member of The Diplomacy Widows Association. No game openings, now or ever. This issue is affectionately dedicated to Dr. John Boardman and Mr. John Beshara who have provided the impetus in getting NAORG-OLPID out of the planning stages (where it has been since last spring) and into the press.

EDITOR RELEGATED TO BOARDMAN'S BLACK LIST!

On September 22, 1971 Walter received a postcard from John Boardman dated 18 September 1971. Playing the role of the typical nosey wife, I read it. I was so incensed by Boardman's logic that I sat down and wrote a reply. On October 1, I received a postcard from Boardman, dated 28 September 1971. I am printing these letters so that you may judge where Boardman stands.

From Boardman to Walter: "Dear Walter, As you know, in the last Graustark I told the real reason for Peery's vendetta against TDA and John Beshara - that Beshara refused to loan him \$500. You may be interested in knowing that Peery has admitted the truth of this in a letter from him I received today. His exact words were 'I will not stoop to involve myself in this 2nd round of his attack' since 'my concern is...not my personal relationship with John Beshara'. He does not deny the \$500 loan story because, as you see, he cannot - it being perfectly true.

"I would beg you to break off your association with his vendetta against John, as Brenton Ver Ploeg has already done. When his schemes blow up in his face it is not exactly going to enhance the reputations of his associates. And if he conned you into loaning him money during DipCon, you've been had. Stay well, /s/ John"

My reply to Boardman: "Dear Dr. Boardman: For someone who supposedly earned the title of 'Doctor,' your powers of logic amaze me. To begin with, in your latest Graustark, you say that 'no copy has reached here yet,' and yet you presumptuously go on to tell the world the real reason behind Veritas Vincit and the time of year that the compilation began on VV. Are you, perhaps, the real God of Diplomacy after all??? How do you know that it was after Beshara refused to lend Peery \$500 that Peery began to compile VV? And further, how do you know Mr. Self-Appointed Judge and Jury, that the reason behind Peery's compilation of letters was a 'vendetta' against Beshara? Whether you like it or not, this is America where a man is not guilty on circumstantial evidence and he is not guilty until proven so. Your 'logic' fails to convince me.

"And then today, in your postcard, you reason that because Peery failed to deny the story of Beshara's refusing to loan him \$500, therefore, Peery is guilty of waging a 'vendetta' against Beshara. Again, your logic escapes me. Just because A is true, it does not necessarily follow that B is true, which is your false assumption.

"I have heard that you have accepted money from Beshara in order to keep Graustark going. According to your logic that if A is true, then B is true, I can safely assume that since Beshara loaned you money, this is why you are standing up for him. Right?

"For your information, I have read all the letters which comprise the 'Beshara Papers' which are the basis for VV, and I concur with the substance of VV. You may or may not know that on June 17, 1971 I personally wrote a letter to 'Mr.' Beshara criticizing his role in the feud and his attitude in general. Mr. Beshara never deigned to answer the letter. I consider him a coward. But the point is, Mr. Beshara has never 'done' anything to me, as you suggest Peery feels about Beshara, and my reason for writing Beshara was because I was just plain fed up with his childishness and lousy logic. And I feel, I know in fact, that this is why Peery wrote VV--he was tired of Beshara's two-faced position and his childishness in running TDA. I am an English major and can do a pretty darn good job of assessing personalities through the written word and I believe that Peery is sincere in his conclusions and his reasons for drawing them. Beshara is not always sincere. There have been too many times that he has said one thing in one letter and then turned right around and denied that he ever said such a thing. (And his excuse that he writes--'dashes off'--his letters in the wee hours of the morning when he is tired doesn't impress me. If he can't say what he means at that hour,

then he shouldn't write his letters then.)

"But the important thing you are missing, Dr. Boardman, is the substance of Veritas Vincit. Using your logic again, can I safely assume that since you (like Peery not denying the \$500 loan story) have never denied the charges made in VV, the charges must therefore be true (like you say the loan story is)?

"I admire Peery for not stooping to Beshara's level of personal attack--and I would interpret Peery's letter to you as meaning that he is neither admitting or denying the loan story. He says he is not going to involve himself (according to your quote of him). You are convicting him without any proof. Beshara is noted for his personal attacks on people when he cannot win by logical means. He resorts to emotionalism. His attempt to throw Peery out of the Peeryara game is a splendid example of a personal attack when he can't win the argument by logic. There's no way he can deny what's in Veritas Vincit. His own words have convicted Beshara. Can you ignore the substance of VV, too, like Beshara? Are you, too, going to stoop to personal attacks on people (namely, Peery and perhaps by implication, my husband since you say his reputation is going to be ruined if he continues to associate with Peery)? Perhaps, you should look to your own company and your own reputation.

"Peery's vendetta"--sure sounds like Beshara talking. He's such a paranoid. Wake up, Boardman. Peery isn't conducting any sort of vendetta against Beshara or TDA. He felt that Beshara had misrepresented TDA to the members and Peery felt that this was an injustice to the members and thought they should know what was going on--thus he wrote Veritas Vincit and for no other reason. That is the real reason, Dr. Boardman. Your 'real reason' is wrong, and until and unless you convince me with facts and proofs that are logical (I don't consider faulty reasoning logical), I believe that I know as much, if not more, about the real reason behind Veritas Vincit as you do. Maybe I ought to publish my own Dippy 'zine. I already have a title for one.

"And if he conned you into loaning him money during DipCon, you've been had.' Come on, Boardman, get out of Beshara's gutter.

"And it came to pass that Jesus Bar-Shara took a second disciple...

"Sincerely, /s/ Carol Ann Buchanan"

Boardman's reply to my letter: "Dear Mrs. Buchanan: In your letter of 22 September you claim that John Beshara provides the money that keeps my publication Graustark going.

"This is a lie.

"In believing and spreading it, you are a liar.

"I do not carry on correspondence with liars.

"Goodbye, /s/ John Boardman"

In passing, I would like to point out to Dr. Boardman--I hate to disappoint you, sir--that I am not a liar as you suggest for I did not say that John Beshara "provides" (present tense) you with the money to keep Graustark going. I said I had heard you "have accepted" money and that Beshara "loaned" you money. Please note that these are in the past tense. If I had said you are currently accepting money, you are then right--I would probably be a liar.

Also, for the record, Mr. Beshara, in one of his lengthy phone calls to Walter--back when he was still communicating with Walter, told Walter that at one time Graustark was having monetary difficulties because of a shortage of subscriptions and that he, John Beshara, had helped out Graustark financially. If this story is not true, Dr. Boardman, then I suggest you must cease communications with John Beshara for it would be he that is the liar.

Cow Pastures (5 October 1971): The world today rejoiced to learn the news that there are some ninety people in the world who are non-liars. John Plankman asserted that he does not carry on correspondence with liars, but our agents in Brook Lynn assure us that the last GROVELSTARK was mailed out on schedule. Therefore, rejoice, ye who receive GROVELSTARK, for John Plankman does not consider you a liar!

"Hell hath no fury..."

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