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# THE POCKET ARMENIAN

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(1) WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF STANDBYS. Anyone out there who would like to be put on the standby list please write. It will be appreciated.

(2) IDA ELECTIONS -- the following is reprinted from DIPLOMACY REVIEW:  
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EDITOR: Gordon Anderson, 9; Scott Rosenberg, 87.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Stephen Tihor, 72; 21 opposed.

AT-LARGE SECRETARIES: (2nd Ballot) Matthew Diller, 55; Raymond Heuer, 51;  
Joel Klein, 76. Kelly eliminated on 1st ballot.

ATLANTIC SECRETARY: Gil Neiger, 27; 15 opposed.

BRITISH SECRETARY: to come

CANADIAN SECRETARY: Robert Correll, 11; 0 opposed.

CENTRAL SECRETARY: John Baker, 13; David Weitz, 7.

OVERSEAS SECRETARY: Walter Luc Haas, 3; 0 opposed.

PACIFIC SECRETARY: (3rd ballot): David Kadlecek, 9; Bruce Schlickbernd, 6.  
Peery and Walker eliminated on 1st and 2nd ballots respectively.

(3) DEADLINE for all games is 9 P.M., January 29, 1976 (Thursday).

(4) GAMEMASTERS are:

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(4) Dave Barlow's games will be sent out carbon copy by him. All players in 1974GH note Mark Zimmermann's coa within, under game 1973FC.

(5) Some people have complained about the 8-page size recently. This is due to the fact that I have much less time than I used to type and write; that no one is, or few are, contributing material; and that it helps defray the additional postage costs. Expect to see it for a while unless contributions pick up.

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# HOW TO BE ORGANIZED

By Matthew Diller

((Ed. Note: Those who know Matt personally know of the amazing degree to which he is organized. His filing systems are the envy of every archivist from here to Indiana. I asked him to reveal the secrets of his organizational skills, and at first he was very reticent, complaining that I would "blow his cover" and "how can I tell all those people out there what I really do?" However, with appropriate threats I was able to convince him that it was in his own interests to write the following article.))

If you want to play in 25 games, receive 20 'zines and do other hobby chores all at the same time, one skill is a must -- organization. A poorly organized Big Name Fan does not remain one for long; he is soon forced either to contract his activities to suit his organizational capacities, or to get organized.

One system of organization which works very well is the "put it up on the wall" method. This involves taping all addresses, deadlines, orders, appointments, etc. to the wall. It is hard to forget a deadline when it is staring you in the face every time you sit down at your desk. In order to make moves all you are required to do is look up at the map. This system works rather well, but after a few months the tape tends to yellow and sheets fall.

Another system is the mailbox-to-garbage-can system. All this entails is opening the mail, skimming it and throwing it away. Then all you have to do to find something out is telephone someone who uses another system. Unfortunately, most Diplomacy players are avid collectors and can't bear to part with anything, particularly mail, which they build their livelihoods around.

The system I have found most convenient is a sort of modified filing system. All of my Diplomacy paraphernalia is divided into three files: the floor file, the desk file, and the draw file. The draw file is a very neat organized collection of old 'zines dating from about 1973-4. These are vestiges of the neat days when I felt something had to look nice to be organized.

I now know better. I have not contributed to this file in two years. Next comes the desk file: I place all of my mail on my desk where it remains for about two or three weeks; after that, I shove it all (usually a good arm load) onto the floor where it remains permanently -- thus creating the floor file. I recommend that those gamemasters who wish to adopt this system do not inform your players that you are doing so. Several players have raised their voices at me when they found out where I was keeping their precious moves.

Therefore I recommend gamemasters use the Gil Neiger system of filing moves. Whenever you receive a set of orders, put them in your pocket, transfer them from pocket to pocket as you change your pants, then on deadline day they are all in the same place. Gil used to forget to transfer them and as a result ended up making many long distance phone calls; so be sure you do transfer them.

I should also point out that no matter what system you decide on it is useful to have the phone number of someone who hasn't read this article. In New York the best people to call for information on deadlines, articles, etc. have always been Ray Heuer (212-441-7757) and Edi Birsan (212-476-0984).

Other good systems which are self-explanatory are the fireplace system, the under-the-bed system, the paper-shredder system, the "but I never got my issue!" system and the return-to-sender system.



KU KLUX KLANSMAN KLASSE IN K&, er, D&D  
by Adam Kasanof

1st Level	Redneck	spells:
2nd Level	Bigot	
3rd Level	Racist	SEGREGATE: When this spell is cast, all
4th Level	Archie Bunker	persons/monsters within the Klansman's
5th Level	Grand Imperial Dragon	line of sight are instantaneously divided
6th Level	Royal Green Dragon	according to ethnic group, species, and
7th Level	Wizard	alignment.
8th Level	Gradn Wizard	
9th Level	Lester Maddox	DISPELL PROTEST: This spell dissolves or
10th Level	George Wallace	turns away protestors for civil rights.

SUMMON AID: Allows Klansman to summon National Guardsmen to enforce segregation or assist in dispersing high-level protestors.

MACE: Throws clouds of mace at picketers which causes temporary blindness, coughing, and regurgitating for up to three turns.

TEARGAS: Same as Mace, but lasts until dispelled.

MAGICAL BARRIER: When cast, this spell causes the Klansman to be surrounded immediately by a wall of swinging ax handles, doing 4 to 10 hits of damage to anyone attempting to penetrate it.

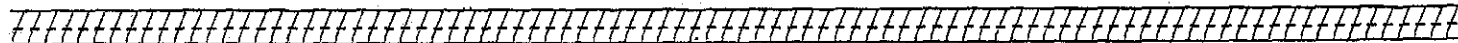
HIGH PRESSURE WATER HOSE: Causes a stream of high pressure water to pummel protestors, minority group members, or others of the Klansman's choosing.

RESTRICT PORTAL: When cast upon a doorway, this spell renders said door impassable to members of a specified minority group.

NOTE: For Ant-Klansmen (or "Bleeding Hearts") these spells are reversed; i.e., SUMMON AID becomes FEDERALIZE GUARD and the soldiers thus conjured will then assist in protecting marchers or de-segregating. SEGREGATE becomes INTEGRATE, and so forth. Also, OBTAIN SUPREME COURT RULING, a spell which allows the Anti-Klansman to commune with a higher authority and call for a decision. If the court reaches a decision against a given Klan measure, that Klan spell is immediately STRUCK DOWN and its effects are retroactively neutralized.

Note, however, that there is a ten-percent chance that the court will refuse to hear the case, and a thirty percent chance that the court will waffle, and render a useless decision. The court may be contacted only once per day if a decision (waffling or not) is reached, but if the court refuses to review the case in question it may be petitioned repeatedly until some action is taken.

Note also the Klansmen are extremely resistant to black magic. They will not tolerate elves, dwarves, ents, hobbits, or any other "funny-looking" entities in their parties. They are white, with elongated heads tapering to a point at the top. They are known for their meetings at which fire and tar are used extensively. Recently, the most organized tribe has hired a Madison Avenue ad agency to improve their image.



The IDA Judiciary Committee is investigating the default on Dipcon prize fees. It seems Gordon Anderson has not paid the 1974 Dipcon prize money to Mike Rocamora, nor has he paid the 1975 prizes to Wartenburg and Blank. Let's hope for some action on this soon.

1974 e L -- THE DEMONSTRATION GAME and "ANALYSIS"

SPRING 1906

FRANCE ROLLS ON, RUSSIA BREAKS OUT, AND GERMANY &amp; TURKEY BLOW IT

AUSTRIA (Calhamer): A Tri s A Ser, A Ser S A Tri, A Vie S A Bud, A Bud S A Ser.  
 FRANCE (Lakofka): F Mar-Lyo, A Pic-Bur, F Nth-Den, F Hel S F Nth-Den, F Nrg-Nat,  
 A Mun-Kie, A Bel-Hol S by A Ruh, A Bur-Mar, F Mid-Wes.  
 GERMANY (Vagts?): F Bal, F Kie, A Ber /h/, F Den /h//d/, A Hol /h//d/.  
 ITALY (Key): F Nap S F Ion, A Ven-Pie, F Gre-Aeg, F Ion S F Gre-Aeg, A Alb-Gre.  
 RUSSIA (Buchanan): A Sev-Rum S by A Ukr, A Gal-Vie, A Rum-Ser, F Nwy-Swe, A StP-Fin.  
 TURKEY (Anderson?): A Bul, F Smy, F Eas /h/. F Aeg /h//d/.

FALL 1906 -- LAST DITCH EASTERN ALLIANCE TO SACRIFICE TURKEY TO THE GOD OF STALEMATES?

AUSTRIA (Calhamer): A Tri-Tyo, A Ser s ITALIAN A Gre-Bul, A Vie S A Bud, A Bud S A Ser.  
 owns: Bud, Tri, Vie, Ser (4). No change.  
 ENGLAND FRANCE (Lakofka): A Bur-Mun, F Hel S F Den, F Nat-Mid, A Mun-Tyo, A Ruh-Kie  
 s by F Den & A Hol, A Mar-Pie S by F Lyo, F Wes-Tun. Owns: Bre, Mar, Par, Por,  
 Spa, Ipl, Edi, Bel, Lon, Mun, Den, Hol, Kie (13). Build three.  
 GERMANY (Vagts): F Bal h, F Kie H /r//Ber, d/, A Ber-Sil. Owns: Ber, ~~Kie~~, ~~Den~~, ~~WpL~~.  
~~WpL~~ (1). Disband 2.  
 ITALY (Key): F Nap-Trn, A Pie S AUSTRIAN A Tri-tyo /r//Tus, Ven, d/, F Aeg-Con, F Ion-Tun,  
 A Gre-Bul. Owns: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Gre, Bul, CON (7) Build 2.  
 RUSSIA (Buchanan): A Sev-Arm, A Ukr & A Gal S A Rum, A Rum S ITALIAN A Gre-Bul, A Fin-Stp,  
 F Swe h. Owns: Mos, StP, Sev, War, Nwy, Rum, Swe (7) Build 1.  
 TURKEY (Anderson): A Bul S Russian A Rum-Ser /d/, F Smy-Aeg S by f Eas, F Con S A Bul  
 /nsu as f con/. Owns: Ank, ~~WpL~~, Smy, ~~WpL~~ (2). Even.

WINTER 1906

AUSTRIA (Calhamer): Even.  
 FRANCE (Lakofka): Build F Bre, F Mar (1 build refused).  
 GERMANY (Vagts): F Kie R-OTB. Remove F Bal.  
 ITALY (Key): A Pie R-Tus. Build F Nap, A Ven.  
 RUSSIA (Buchanan): No build received.  
 TURKEY (Anderson): Even.

ANALYSIS By Wade Hampton Johnson (Note--the analysis covers 1906 and 1907. 1907 will  
 be printed next issue)

Probably the best way to describe this period of the game is to miss printing every  
 other word. Buchanan missed Winter 1906 builds, hurting him, while Anderson missed Spring  
 1907 followed by another missed build by Buchanan. Well, let's consult our group under  
 the Orange Grove for a brief recap on the happenings:

THE ONE: Well, folks, I've asked you all here today to witness the latest update on this  
 horrid war in Cirith Ungol called 74CL. People are missing moves all over; in addition  
 to those pointed out by the lackluster editor there was also Vagts and Anders'ns misses  
 in Spring 1906. Clearly the Lizzard (alias Lenny the Lizard) is walking away with this  
 one for lack of opposition.

BELZ: Why is it that these mortals insist on picking up cheap wins?

lucif; Ahhh, how about a black press campaign to throw the game to Drew McGee as was  
 done at Wintercon III?

DIAB: Or what about another Peggy win?

THE ONE: Well, I think it is fitting enough to have the Lizzard win it...but there does  
 not seem to be a total lock on that wretched outcome which we would certainly never hear  
 the end of.

BELZ: Especially from those of the likes of Robby Potato Container and Running Keltic  
 who seem so interested in the Lizzard of late.

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1974CL Analysis (Continued):

THE ONE: Note also the otherwise disgusting performance by the locksmith's bane in Italy. Imagine him toading for the tailless wonder of the windy ghetto. Revolting, I tell you.  
BELZ: We must stop this and take action.

THE ONE: Okay, Guys, this is the plan -- you go over and put the lean on Key's two cats so that they'll interfere with the mail and allow us to sub some orders so as to defend the Italian boot and throw up a stalemate line in the south while at the same time kicking the hell out of Andybrain...and his replacement.

You go over to Buck's Bunk and talk to the real head of the house. Make sure he learns how to send in build orders so as to build up the northern defenses.

You go over to ABC's joint and steal the first set of the Diplomacy game ever made... you know, the one with the country colors painted on the units. This will give us an even chance of getting him to move with all haste to block the moves into Vienna and possibly get the slime out of Tyrolia.

Then the Stalemate Line will be Ion, Nap-Rom-Ven-Tri-Vie-Gal-War-Lva-??? My, my! They may not make it on the defense. They'll have to get off their butts and drive into Tunis or take Berlin or something...my!! lord! What a mess we have here. Will they be able to do it?

ABLEHNEN (2)

By Robert Sacks

"I can't believe it! What will History say?" Swindon

"History, sir, will tell lies, as usual." Burgoyne

--The Devil's Disciple

This is the second in a series of responses (and denials) to Lewis Pulsipher's Verhandeln; both are submitted to IMPASSABLE, PAROXYSM, SPECULUM, and THE POCKET ARMENIAN. It is unfortunate that after his noble attempt to propose something constructive in his first article, rather than propose something constructive for variants (advocacy of any one of Variant Handbook, Catalog, Bibliography, Ratings, Orphan Rescue Service, Certification and Insurance, Playtesting Service, Combined Game Openings Lists, Almagamation ((sic)) into Regional Zines a la PAROXYSM, MN Recategorization, or Awards) he chose to attack an official public notification of by the Miller Number Custodian that, in sum, IDA has embarked on a policy not well intentioned towards variants.

First, for those of you who are unfamiliar, I am obligated to present my credentials -- I am the Miller Number Custodian and the Secretary to the Diplomacy Variant Commission, and before the IDA orphaned DVC it was the IDA Variant Committee and I was its chairman. The IDA Variant Committee was supposed to advise IDA on variants -- to be best able to do this the Committee decided on certain developments: the inclusion of all principal variant officers by right; the assumption of responsibility for projects developed in committee; and the adoption of rules of procedure which allowed simple majority decisions (rather than absolute majority decisions as required by IDA). Throughout this development the option was deliberately left open for IDA involvement, because a principal consideration was the provision of the best possible advice to IDA, and I requested a poll OF the IDA Council on their attitudes and participation by IDA -- however IDA declined even to recognize DVC, setting up instead a new variant committee (which as yet has done nothing) as an advisory rump ((sic--it is not a rump group; if anything, DVC is)) without right to expand or act, clearly a rival since DVC had already begun to provide advice to IDA, and has been doing so since then, even though IDA has declined consideration ((untrue)). Since Pulsipher disputes this last point, I will now list all the topics I can remember (in variant affairs) that the Council has ignored: my requested poll of the Council on DVC structure, my request for IDA to recognize DVC as successor to IDAVC (defeated) ((WHAT A FARCE! How could it have been ignored if it was defeated???)); DVC advice for the institution of an elected IDA Variants Secretary ((This is now under consideration by the IDAVC)), DVC advice for a policy to make capital grants to begin WVB branches in each continent as the hobby spreads ((so is this)), ((This sentence, paragraph, and article to be continued next issue)).

1974GU (PA3) AUSTRIA TIGHTENS NOOSE AROUND GERMANY

Spring 1908

AUSTRIA (Bennett): Build a tri. a tri-TYO; a vie-BOH; a sil-PRU; a bud-GAL; a UKR-mos; A RUM-sev; A BUL s f smy-CON; a syr-SMY; A LON-yor; f nth-SKA.

ENGLAND (Fox): NMR. GM Removes A Cly, F Hel. A Yor /h/.

FRANCE (Malmquist): Build f bre. F lpl-NAT; F NRG s f eng-NTH; A BEL s a bur; A BUR s a bel  
A EDI h; A FIN s a nwy-STP; f bre-ENG; F AEG s austrian f smy-con; f EAS s  
austrian a syr-smy.

GERMANY (Diller): Build a ber. A BER s a mun-SIL; a ruh-MUN; f HOL-nth; f swe-DEN; a gal-WA

TURKEY (Rosenzweig): A ANK s f con; f con  $\neq$  a ank (-BLA, OTB); A MOS  $\neq$  a sev;  
A SEV  $\neq$  a mos; a stp  $\neq$  a mos (-LVA, OTB).

If Fox misses again the position will go into Civil Disorder.

1973FC (PA5)

BACK ON THE TRACK, I HOPE, AFTER STRIKE

Spring 1910

FRANCE (Cusack): A STP /h/; F DOT s; F BAR-stp(nc); F BAL & A KIE s A MUN-ber; f nth-HEL;  
A BUR s a RUH-mun; A BEL-ruh; A TUS s a pie-VEN; F lyo-SPA(sc); f wes-MID; f tun-WES;  
a naf-TUN; f TRN-rom.

GERMANY (Kovalcik): A BER h.

ITALY (Zimmermann): a ven s turkish a tyo (-TRI, OTB); A ROM  $\neq$  a ven; F NAP s a rom.

RUSSIA (Leeder): A WAR & A MOS s A LVA; A SIL & A PRU s german a ber; F RUM h;  
A VIE s turkish a tyo.

TURKEY (Swies): NMR. A BOH, A TYO, A APU, F ADR, F ION, & F AEG all /h/.

I am not appointing a standby for Swies because he has been a very trustworthy player all game, always (almost) getting his moves in. He should be back into things next issue.

1974FM (PA1)

WILL SOMEONE WIN OR SOMETHING?

Spring 1909

AUSTRIA (Blank): A TRI s a tyo-VEN; F APU s a tri-ven/nso/; F AEG s a bul; A gal, a bul II.  
(no such units); A GRE & A SIL /h/.

~~FRANCE~~ (Gruen): F wes-TUN; F TRN s a rom-nap (-OTB); a ruh-MUN; a mun-TYO;  
F SWE s f nth-NWY; a pie-TUS; a mar-PIE.

GERMANY (Barlow): NMR. Moves by General Orders: A BER S A kie; A KIE s a ber; A PRU s a ber  
A LVA-stp; A STP-nwy; f bal-DEN.

ITALY (Kelly): F NAP s a ven-ROM; F ION s f nap.

RUSSIA (Gildroy): A WAR s austrian a sil; A MOS & A UKR s a war; A SEV s a mos.

WALTER BLANK (RFD 1, Box 181, Ontario WI 54651) takes over Austria. Thanks very much, Walter; I'm sorry that you weren't able to find the positons. RICHARD KOVALCIK Jr. (Room 304, Bexley Hall, 52 Mass. Ave., Cambridge MA 02139) TAKES OVER for Germany. Sorry, but there have been too many NMRs, Dave.

1974AGev (PAI)

1973BB TO REPEAT ITSELF HERE?

Spring 1906

AUSTRIA (civil disorder): A BUD, F TRI /h/

ENGLAND (Barlow): NMR. Moves by general orders: f nej-NTH; f ber-BAL; F MID-wes;  
f satobb-SAT; F MIDOBB-sop; F NATOBB-nat. A replacement will be announced.

FRANCE (Birsan): f bor r-otb. F BRE-mid; A MAR-pie; f sat-MOR; A BUR-mun; A GAS-bur;  
a ruh-KIE; a sax-pos (-BOH, OTB); F JAV-cel.

ITALY (Honig): A PIE-mar; A TYO-mun; A VEN-tri; F GRE s a bul; a bul h (-SER,CTB); F  
F ION-trn; A SMY & F SUE H; f ade-SOM; F rom-TUS; f nap-ROM; f mog-EAF.

CHINA (Costikyan): NMR. Moves by General Orders. F SOP-cel; f sopobb-WINOBB; F  $\neq$   
A SAI s F SIA-cam; F BOR-mal; F SCH-sia; A SIK-bma; A imo-KAN.

INDIA (Prosnitz): A bag-IRA; A ira-AFG; F MAL  $\neq$  F EIN-jav; A BMA h; A THA s A C/  
F and-JOH; f mad-BEN; F WIN-ein.

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RUSSIA (Eisen): F NPAOBB-nat; F SWE s f bal-DEN; F BAR s f stp(nc)-NWY; a nwy-FIN;  
A POS s a sil-SAX; A VIE s a gal-CLU; F CON & F BIA s a rum-BUL; a sev-RUM;  
a oms-SIB; F SJA s F NEA; A TUR h.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Mark Zimmermann, 103 MJ House, Caltech 1-87, Pasadena CA 91126

AN IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL PLAYERS IN MATTHEW DILLER'S GAMES:

"From now on, all deadlines will be strict. No moves will be accepted after 9:00 Thursday night of the deadline. No phoned-in moves will be accepted after 11:30 of the Wednesday night before the deadline. No information about results will be given until the issue is mailed out. These rules WILL NOT BE BROKEN--forewarned is forearmed."

PRESS FOR 1973FC (PA5)

PARIS: I formally announce my desire to throw the victory to the superb defenses set up against me...a well-done job. I will humbly accept a second place finish to whosoever takes the victory from me. I will withdraw from the Mediterranean and support any nation in their bid for victory after I remove a brace of units to make my own victory impossible. Dammit, but it's true...I can't win; but will not accept a 5-way draw regardless.

1975B (PA6) is being distributed carbon copy because of some foolishness on Matt Diller's part.

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