

THE PODUNK NEWS

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Yes, I've made it through another month, even if Podunk is a full week late. Subs are 30¢ per issue, 20¢ if you're playing as a standby. Buy 1 or 100, but you'll pay the same price.

Gamefees: None for subscribers. GM's pay whatever they charge in their zines (That should be trades, not GM's). (This is going to be a great issue - I can tell already. Maybe I should give up now!).

Your Staff

Gamesmasters: Bob Hartwig, Paul Novak, and Konrad Baumeister.

Contributing Subscribers: Guy Erwin, Curtis Gibson, and Dave Day.

Official Nemesis: (Open).

Staff Photographer: (Open).

(Many have asked about the Official Nemesis. Basically, this is an honorary position. The only requirement is that you be a subscriber or Trader to PODUNK, and that you ~~are~~ are a major irritant to me by your very presence.)

Standby List

Bbb Acheson, Konrad Baumeister, Don Blasland, Curt Gibson, Vincent Lieu, Jim McManus, Ron Kelly, Pete Pariseau, and Craig Reges.

(Acheson, Baumeister, Gibson, Kelly, and Reges eligible for special sub rates).

Collect Calls

Konrad Baumeister, Don Blasland, Doug Carman, and Jim Wilson.

Changes of Address

1. Bob Hartwig - 5030 N. 109th St.; Longmont, Colorado 80501 (May 12)

Game Openings

1 Regular Diplomacy Game. So far: Craig Reges, J. Scott Jones.

If you want on or off the list, let me know. This may be the last game to open for a long, long time to come.

News

Konrad Baumeister has informed me that without Hot Air, PODUNK is virtually a warehouse zine. I tend to agree, but will run Hot Air in this news section, which will be expanded.

In the news: Doug Beyerlein has resigned as IDA ~~SA~~ Treasurer. His other commitments have necessitated this action. He will hopefully be replaced by Bill Young, if Bill says he wants the job.

Konrad Baumeister has also resigned as IDA Special Projects Editor, since he will be travelling in Europe most of the summer. Craig Reges has already agreed to accept this post.

Andy Cook, will have his Census done by DipCon XI (June 30-July 2) in Los Angeles. Cal White, Jerry Jones, Andy Cook, and myself will be there, and Dave Bunke is trying hard to make it. Nothing definite from Craig or Bill Young.

Wiretap (Cont'd)

Diplomacy World is finally out, and it appears that I was premature in saying that it was late. Apparently Conrad is trying to change the publication schedule. It was another terrific issue, and Conrad had some nice things to say about both me and the IDA (Thank goodness he didn't say anything about my typing!). I hope we can live up to his confidence.

Europe is painfully unaware of what's going on over here. In an effort to enlighten the huddled masses, I have opened a trade with Mr. European Diplomacy - Walter Luc Haas. I am also working on a trade on anyone still affiliated with what may be left of IDA/UK. Information as to who to write would be most helpful. So far I have contacted John Piggott only.

Ron Kelly is currently working on a History Handbook for the IDA. If you'd like to submit an article, ideas, and/or help, please write to Ron at: 6038 Richmond Hwy., Apt. 314; Alexandria, Virginia 22303.

Jerry Jones' Publisher's Relations Project has taken on IDA Orphaned Games. If you're folding your zine, Jerry's the one to write to. If you're new, I will handle Novice information until Andy Cook completes his Census, at which time he intends to take on the Novice Project.

The IDA is currently offering many services, as all of you can see. Members get many of these services free or at reduced cost. Dues are \$2 per year (sent to me until the Treasury settles somewhere permanently) and should be made payable to the "IDA" or "IDA/NA". Overseas players wishing membership pay \$5 per year, receive Diplomacy Review by airmail, and receive all publications other than DR at the reduced rates. They are represented on the Council at the current time by Dave Bunke, the Ombudsman. Perhaps someday we will add an overseas Council seat.

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*** THE GAMES ***

1975 BDDi - Spring, 463 - Anarchy.

GM: Bob Hartwig

Acheson (UKWRYD) - F Nth-Lon, F Hol-Nth.

Baumeister (Greasola) - F Edi-Nth (S F Den & F Lon), F Stp(NC)-Nwy,

A Gal-Sil, A Bud-Gal, A Rum-Ukr, A Ser-Rum, A Tri-Vie.

Dominskyj (UGBB) - F Eng-Bel (S A Bur), A TYL-Boh, A Ven-Tyl,

F Mar-Lyo (S F Tyn), A Spa//H, F Mid-Wes, F Aeg-Eas, F Gre-Aeg (S F Bul(SC)).

Reges (Xenopus - formerly Greening) - A Kie-Den(S F Swe), A Ber-Kie,

A A Mun-Ruh, A Mos-Lvn, A Sev-Mos, A Ank-Arm, F Con-Bul(EC), F Lyo-Wes.

*** UKWRYD F Nth Retreat to Yor, Mrg, Ska, Hel, Eng, or OEB.

Greasola F Den retreat to Bal, Ska, Hel, or OTB.

Xenopus F Lyo retreat to Pie, Tus, or OTB.

Home Centers:

UKWRYD: Tri, Ank, Bal.

Greasola: Edi, Bud, Spa.

UGBB : Bre, Por, Gre.

Xenopus : Mos, Swe, Tun.

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1975 BDDi (Cont'd) -

Craig Reges @ 16 W 761 White Pines Rd.; Bensenville, Illinois 60106,
is taking over the position vacated by DR Greening...

Rules: Same as Regular Diplomacy with different Home Centers.
Must gain and hold 21 centers in a fall turn to win.

Press:

(Xenopus): Death to my opponents, life to my allies. (What allies?).
Nevertheless, we fight on!

1976 BJ - Fall, 1909.

GM: Bob Hartwig

Austria (Acheson) - A Bud retreats to Tri. A Tri-Bud. (Can't retreat to
' Supply Center - annihilated - OUT OF GAME).
England (Carman) - F Mid-Spa(SC)(S F Wes), F Iri-Mid, F Nth//H, F Kie//H,
~~A Bel-Rum, A Bre-Gas(S A Par), A Mun//H, A Bur-Mar.~~
Italy (Kelly) - F Tun-Ion, F Nap-Rom, F Por-Spa(SC), F Spa(SC)-Wes,
A Mar-Pie, A Gas-Mar.
Russia (Wilson) - A Sil-Gal, A Ber-Sil, F Nat//H, F Nwy-Nrg, A Vie-Tri
(S A Bud), A Sev//H(S A Ukr).
Turkey (Baumeister) - F Ion-Nap, F Gre-Ion, A Ser-Tri(S F Adr & A Ven),
A Bul-Rum, A Arm-Sev(S F Bla).

*** Italian F Spa(SC) retreat to Lyo or OTB.
Italian A Gas retreat OTB (No retreat).

A-H: ~~Yad~~; O; OUT OF GAME.

Eng: Home, Den, Kis, Hol, Bel, Bre, Par, Mun, Spa; 11; Build 1.

Ity: Rom, ~~Yad~~, Nap, Por, ~~Spa~~, Mar, Tun; 4; Remove 1.

Rus: Home, Swe, Nwy, Ber, Vie, Bud; 9; Build 1.

Tur: Home, Bul, Rum, Gre, Ser, Tri, Nap, Ven; 10; Build 2.

Addresses:

Bob Acheson - OUT

Ron Kelly -(See Page 2 of Wiretap).

Konrad Baumeister - (See 1975 BDDi).

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1977 (N) - Fall, 1905 - Squirrel Game II.

GM: Bob Hartwig

Austria (Erwin) - A Bul-Con, A Ser-Tri, A Gal M S A War, A Bud-Vie,
F Ion-Gre, F Gre-Bul(SC), A Nwy-Swe, A Ukr-Mos, A Arm-Ank(S F Bla),
F Swe-Bot, F Nth-Nwy.
England (Pariseau) - F Wal-Lon.
France (Mackes) - Surrenders to Italy. A Bur, Pic, Gas, Bre, now ITALIAN.
Germany (Richards) - F Den-Swe (SF Bal), A Kie-Den, A Hol-Kie, A Pru-Lvn.
Italy (Hartwig) - A Sil-War, A Boh-Tyl, F Tyn-Wes, F Nap-Ion, F Aeg-Con,
F Yor-Nth, F Cly//H, A Bel-Hol, A Bur-Mun, A Pic-Bel, A Gas-Mar,
A Bre-Gas.
Russia (Baumeister) - Surrenders to Austria. F Swe, Nth, Bla, A Nwy,
War, Ukr, Arm, now AUSTRIAN.
Turkey (Rapp) - F Ank//H(S A Smy).

1977(N) (Cont'd) -

A-H: Home, Ser, Gre, Bul, All Rus, Rum, ~~Pol~~, Nwy, ~~AAK~~ ; 12 ; Remove 1.
 Eng: Lon ; 1 ; No Builds.
 Fra: ~~Pol, ~~Pol~~, ~~Spa~~, ~~Pol~~~~ ; 0 ; OUT OF GAME. (Surrender to Italy).
 Ger: Ber, Kie, ~~Nwy~~, Den, ~~Nol~~, Swe ; 4 ; Removes 1.
 Ity: Home, Lvp, Edi, Bel, All Fra, Spa, Por, Hol, Mun, Tun ; 14 ; Build 2.
 Rus: ~~Pol, ~~Pol~~, ~~Nwy~~, ~~Pol~~, ~~AAK~~~~ ; 0 ; OUT OF GAME. (Surrender to Austria).
 Tur: Home ; 3 ; Build 1/4

Proposal: Phil Richards proposes a 5-way draw between France, Germany, Italy, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey. Since France surrendered to Italy, we might as well make it a 4-way proposal.

Everyone must vote on this. If you don't vote it counts as a YES vote. Vote must be unanimous. Also see his press below.

Press:

(Germany): If the draw I want is not accepted, I will surrender to Bob. It is dumb for one country to be so far ahead (Guy) and not fair to someone having as much fun as Bob (I think we can all see how much he has enjoyed it). It's too bad PD & DR quit, future Squirrels won't be the same without them and I don't think I'll play in anymore.

(Phil)

(('Tis indeed a sad, sad day when we lose all of our original cast. If Phil doesn't play anymore, we'll have only Guy left of the originals. I sincerely hope that Phil will keep playing in future non-squirrel games. Well Guy, do we end it here, or draw up sides at 17-17 (which we'd probably wind up at eventually)? - RAH)).

(Austria-Hungary): The Council of Zurich has been postponed until Fall, 1906.

(England): (London) - Mob action was responsible for the death of a number of ex-ministers of the Crown yesterday, when 4 members of the infamous "Cabal" attempted to re-enter London. The enraged Protestant mob, who cried "No Robertians" and "Death to Eye'tye pawns" seized Lords Arlington, Buckingham, Clifford, and Shaftesbury as soon as they stepped off the ship which had brought them from the United Provinces. Struggling to get free, the Lords were carried by the crowd to Whitehall, and were torn limb from limb in the street. The angry crowd, having completed its bloody task, was calmed when our gracious King Charles appeared and ordered it to disperse. It complied, after cheering "God save the King" several times. King Charles further stated that no Unification would take place until the Holy See of St. Peter were free from Hartwig's control. The disturbance quieted, the King returned to his mistress.

(Italy): (Liverpool) - A Small commando squad of Italian troops has just returned, bringing with it the mutilated remains of Lords Arlington, Buckingham, Clifford, and Shaftesbury, following their brutal ordeal at the hands of uncontrollable English mobs.

(Rome) - Emperor Robert I ¹, having just returned from Versailles and the signing of the French surrender treaty and armistice, spoke to the crowds outside the imperial palace.

1977(N) (Cont'd) -

"Fellow citizens, our compatriots in peace, Lords Arlington, Buckingham, Clifford, and Shaftesbury, have been brutally murdered by an English mob in London. This is only 1 more example of the lack of control King Charles has over his subjects - despite what you may hear from English propaganda.

"Little do these simpering swine know, but they have played right into our hands. The bodies ~~of~~ of these for brave souls are being brought back to Rome for a proper mourning. The world will see that Italy is a nation of peace, where people are not murdered blindly on the streets.

"For God and country, The Second Roman Empire will prove to the world that we are compassionate and fair-minded. We pray for the Almighty to guide us on our path toward right."

(Glasgow) - Enlistments for service in the Italian Armed Forces are rising each day as reports trickle in about the uncontrollable ~~situation in London. Scotsmen are prepared to relieve the suffering of their brotheres in Scottish ghettoes in London.~~

(Edinburgh) - Lord James, ranking heir to the throne of Scotland, was crowned King today by the Bishops of Edinburgh and Glasgow. He vowed that London would be freed now that Scots had their rightful independence.

(Vichy, France) - Officials met at Vichy, capital of the Italian State of Southern France, to say farewell to President Mackes, who has decided to vacation on Elba following his recent surrender to Italy. His vacation is for an undisclosed period of time.

(Munich) - Germans thronged to meet advancing Italian (formerly French) troops as they marched into town. The army has since been immobilized by the Oktoberfest celebration.

(Innsbruck, Tyrol) - Italian General Roberto Erwinni made the following statement: "The noose has tightened on Zurich, the ring has closed. It is only a matter of time before the Swiss are starved into submission. Let's see Franz Joseph come to his Council NOW!"

1977 CF - Spring, 1905. French Keep It Up.

GM: Paul Novak

Austria (McManus) - A Bud*-Vie, A Tyo S A Bud-Vie/NSU/, A Tri* H /UNO/.

England (Bunke) - F Den-Bal*, F Swe S F Den-Bal / DISL/, A Kie-Ber*.

France (Baumeister) - A Edi-Den*, F Nth* C A Edi-Den, A Hol-Kie*,

A Ruh*S A Hol-Kie, A Mun* S Engl A Kie-Ber, A Bur* S A Mun,

A Par-Pic*, F Bre-Eng*, F Mar*-Pie, F Tun*-Ion, F Thn* S F Tun-Ion,

F Wes* S F Thn.

Italy (Rapp) - A Ven*-Pie, A War-Gal*, A Ser-Rum*, A Bul* S A Ser-Rum,

F Con*-Bla, F Nap*-Thn, F Rom* S F Nap-Thn, F Ion* S F Nap-Thn.

Russia (Beardsley) - F Bal-Swe*, A Nwy* S F Bal-Swe, A Rum- Ank*,

F Baa* C A Rum-Ank, A Ber S French A Hol-Kie /Disl/, A Vie H.

Turkey (CD) - F Eas* H.

Stanford to Danish Ambassador:

1. Houserules were published. I suggest you read them.
2. I do not set the deadline. ((I do - 3 days before the rest of the games GM'ed by me. If you think its too short now that I've changed publishing schedules, I will have your head -/ RAH)).
3. Suggestion to set the deadline one day forward is inane. I will never accept orders after the deadline. And what possible good would be accomplished by setting the deadline for phoned orders the night of

1977 CF (Cont'd) -

weekend before the deadline set by RH?

NOTES:

1. A vote on concession to France is requested. Failure to vote counts as a NO vote.

Press:

(England): Copenhagen - I feel that I must protest the current deadline system which caused my last NMR. A noon deadline for phone calls on a weekday is totally ridiculous. The deadline should either be moved one day forward; or placed on a weekend with a retained noon deadline for phone calls. But 12:00 noon on a weekday is absurd!!

(France): THE LITTLE SICILIAN (via Tours): Chapter V.

~~Recounting the assembled cash, Papa's face suddenly took on a~~
troubled look. "Hey, where's da resta dis cash, anyways?"

Roberto, afraid of his papa's famed temper, quickly blurted out the fact that only 46 people had stopped in that day, no more.

"Yeh, Robby, sure, but dere's gotta be at least another ten granda more..." And then Roberto's Papa's facial expression changed from anger to understanding. "Ah, of course! Sure Roberto, I approve entirely; seems likea you finally catching on to da biz. Dat's all fine and dandy, but I wanta my ten g's."

No answer.

"Locka here Bobby, my generosity isa famous," he lied, "nad if you'lla fork over my green, I might even let you in on a bit a de action... say a couplea yard or so..."

"Papa," Roberto retaliated, "I didn't take any of that money. I swear on a stack of Bibles that only 46 people came into my shop, and that's all of the money they gave me! You've got to believe me!"

"Don'ta be stupid boy, a gooda Sicilian won'ta ever put Ghod's name on da block; suppose that a capo down da street proves yer worda ain't any good? Den where will you be? No kid, staya on da safe side an' never swear ta anything un'er any conditions. Besides, a believea you now. But if you didn't pocket any o' da dough, who did?"

Spring, 1904.

1977 CU - ~~#####~~

GM: Bob Hartwig

Austria (Gibson) - A Sil-War, A Tyl-Vie, A Tri-Ser.

England (Williams) - F Swe-"Nor"* (~~#####~~) (S F Ska).

F Edi S French F Eng-Nth, A Den-Swe, A Lon//H.

France (Baumeister) - A Bur-Ruh (S A Bel), F Eng-Nth, A Mar-Bur,
F Por-Mid.

Germany (Blasland) - A Ruh-Bel (S F Hol), A Mun-Bur, A Kie-Den.

Italy (Young/?) - A Pie-Ven, A Spa-Pie(C F Iyo), F Wes-Tyn, F Nap-Ion.

Russia (Jones) - F Nth-Den, R A Fin-Swe (S A Mwy/Nwy), F Stp(SC)-Bot,

A War-Sil, A Ser-Tri (S A Bud), F Bla//H.

Turkey (Lieu) - F Con-Bul(SC), A Smy//H, F Bul(SC)-Gwe, F Ank-Con.

* "Nor", although ambiguous, MUST mean Norway, and the move SUCCEEDS.

1977 CU (Cont'd) -

*** Austrian A Tri retreat to Tyl, Alb, or OTB.
 French A Bel retreat to Pic of OTB.
 Russian A Nwy retreat to StP or OTB.
 Russian F Nth retreat to Hel, Yor, Nrg, of OTB.

Press:

(Austria): Wien - (via Gotham on the Brink):

Though our enchanted army which disappeared in Greece has made Cyprus its long home, and those fleets are wandering the 7 seas like Der Fliegende Hollander, note we have started 3 armies marching East, in a race to see which will be 1st to climb the Canton Peak, in China's Anne Machin Range (2000 ft. higher than Everest).

(Russia): Moscow - Send me your poor, your tired and your huddled masses yearning to be free. ~~The Russian Gov't is pleased to announce~~ that after early aggression by the Austrian Gov't the Turkish navy is strong enough to fend for themselves once again. It proves again what a little cooperation can do.

((Special note: Bill Young will be unable to retain the Italian position. First come, first serve. - RAH)).

1977 KU - Winter, 1901.

GM: Konrad Baumeister

Austria (CD) - None.
 England (Jones) - B F Edi.
 France (Day) - NBR? Will be 2 short.
 Germany (Bhields) - B F Kie, A Ber.
 Italy (Williams) - None.
 Russia (McManus) - B A War, A StP.
 Turkey (Pariseau) - B A Ank.

Press:

(England): (London):

C'mon guys. I was trying to "Sneak" into France. Now KHB and RAH have tipped my hand.

(Brest): Brest, Brest? We must have made a slight navigational error. I thought this was Norway. Oh well, Francy meeting you.

(London to KHB): You failed to list builds for Neutral. By the way, I don't have his address. If Neutral gets any stronger, I call for all countries to unite and rid the board of Neutral.

*** ** TPN *** **

Well now, that ends the games, and I've decided to treat all of you to a dose of Ye Okde Editor's writing. Yes folks one article by yours truly coming up!

COLLEGE MIDTERMS
OR
Warmed-Over, Re-Fried Brains
(by Bob Hartwig)

Some people think I'm smart. Actually I'm not. I study a lot for a little, and usually have a knack for taking tests. Some folks call that "Brains".

Whether I'm smart or not, last week was test week in Iowa City, and I got my chance to show my stuff. The week started with a Term Paper/Book Report in 2 U.S. History II, and a project due in Statistical Analysis - both due on Tuesday. Needless to say, the resulting "all-nighter" gave me an acute case of "Fried Brains".

But Tuesday was only the preliminaries. Wednesday promised a Management Midterm, and it was back to the books. Some may not realize it, but after doing two things your brain starts to feel pretty full. ~~Studying my Management only compounded the problem, and sleep was~~ again a scarce commodity. By the time that test ended, I could admit to a case of "Re-Fried Brains".

However, the torture had not yet ended. Thursday loomed before me with an Accounting IKA test AND a Statistical Analysis test. Just what I needed to cap a tough week. Pages blurred as the candle burned at both ends for the 3rd consecutive night. By the time the tests were over, my illness had advanced almost beyond hope. I now suffered critically from the most dreaded of all college diseases; I had a case of "Warmed-Over Re-Fried Brains".

The micro-circuits had fizzled; thought processes ground to a halt on 9 hours of sleep in the past 90 hours. The once-mighty machine tumbled into bed for a long, delicious night of nothing but ~~slumber~~ slumber. College midterms had finally ended.

((And that's why PODUNK is one week late - RAH)).

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Standby Requests:

1977 CU - Bob Acheson for Italy (Permanent Replacement).
1977 KU - Ron Kelly for Austria.
Craig Reges for France.

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Moves Due:

1975 BDdi - Fall, 1963.	1977 CF - Fall, 1905.
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((I hate having to make some stupid remark all the time when I have space left at the bottom of the page - RAH.))

Wrap-Up (Cont'd) -

The Next Moves are Due On: M A Y 18 , 1978.
 Phoned Orders are Due On: M A Y 17 , 1978.
 Novak's / Baumeister's On: M A Y 15 , 1978.
 Baumeister's Phone Orders: M A Y 14 , 1978.

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Sub Ends: #45

Messages: Doug, Please send the Treasury soon. We need it and I don't need to go through another Steve Brooks-type affair.

This is your last issue of Padunk. If you wish to subscribe, subs are 30¢/issue.

Thank you for sending the Treasury promptly. (I hope).

Bob;