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Starting just 2 days late this time, here comes another issue of THE PODUNK NEWS, only Dipzine in Colorado or Iowa. Subs - 30¢ per issue, 20¢ if you're a standby. No game openings.

Standby List

Bob Acheson, Don Blasland, Curt Gibson, Vincent Lieu, Jim McManus, Pete Pariseau, Craig Reges, and Jim Williams.
(Acheson, Gibson, Kelly, and Reges eligible for reduced sub rates).

Collect Calls

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

News

First, congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Agosta for a fine job of getting an issue of Everything out. If you'll send some information to the IDA Council (Me or Bill Young), we'd be happy to reopen our subsidy.

Last issue I mentioned Craig Reges' excellent IDA Novice Packet, and this issue I have another very pleasant surprise for people. Mr. Ron Brown - 1528 El Sereno Pl.; Bakersfield, California 93304, has started a new zine called MURD'RING MINISTERS. His zine features Novice games subsidized by the IDA Treasury. This could be a rewarding experience for this hobby's newer members. Subs are \$4/12 issues + \$3 gamefee. Quite reasonable these days.

Thanks go to Mr. Fred Davis for his Christmas Card and letter which recently arrived. Merry Christmas to Fred and everyone else reading PODUNK.

The IDA Council votes are in and the election results are:

President:	Bob Hartwig - 33	Ombudsman:	Fred Davis - 27
	Greg Costikyan - 1*		Dave Bunke - 8
	Opposed - 2		Opposed - 1
Treasurer:	Bill Young - 30	Periodicals:	Elmer Hinton - 20
	Bob Sacks - 5		John Michalski - 1*
	John Koning- 1*		Conrad v. Metzke - 1*
	(deceased)		Opposed - 14
Spec. Projects:	Jerry Jones - 32	Canadian Rep.:	Cal White - 1
	Roger Oliver - 1*		John Leeder - 1
	Opposed - 2*		(Leeder declined, so Cal is
	(No vote) - 1		Canadian Rep.)
US Projects:	Rod Walker - 26		*- Write in vote.
	Bob Lipton - 6		(Votes counted by Jerry Jones,
	Opposed - 2		Tom Mirti, and Pat Jones)

The IDA Census is currently at the University Printing Service, where it is being xerxed at a penny a page. Unfortunately, there's a backlog of work there since it's the end of the semester, but they say

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it will be finished by the 19th. Please don't order them yet though. Tentative price: \$1.50 for IDA members, \$2.50 for non-members.

' Here's a late breaking flash: Jerry Jones' feud with Konrad (EGGNOG) Baumeister has ended. As a matter-of-fact they're even trading zines!

Now for some bad news: Word arrived here yesterday that Conrad von Metzke has decided to fold Diplomacy World, premier zine in ~~the~~ the hobby. He cites lack of cash, poor renewal rate, and other factors in this collapse.

However, all is not lost, as your friendly neighborhood publisher, in his eternal quest for truth, has called Walt Buchanan. Walt says that he can subsidize DW for whoever takes it over. He and I also agreed that the ideal person for the job is none other than Jerry Jones, publisher of Lies, Deceits, and Nefarious Schemes. Jerry has wit, brains, and the willingness to work, but unfortunately runs a large zine and a bunch of orphans.

For this reason, I have decided to do something absolutely insane and offer to take over the games in his BLACK SHEEP orphan zine, and also find homes for games in LDNS if he would choose to publish DW. Nothing may come of this offer, but we'd just like Jerry to know that He's the man for the job. We'd also find someone to take over his Publisher's Handbook which he's now working on. Well Jerry?

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COUNCIL COURIERIssue #79.01 - December 10, 1978.

Welcome to all our new Council members.

New Bills:

79.01 - Bill Young is authorized to reimburse Bob Hartwig with \$21 for production of th 1978 Census, to be sold at a copy price of \$1.50 ~~to~~ to members, \$2.50 to non-members.

79.02 - Bill young is authorized to reimburse Fred Davis with \$1 for completing and obtaining the 1978 Census, and the council thanks Fred for his immense help.

79.03 - The 1979 Council sets dues for yearly membership at \$2 for Orphan Game Publishers, \$3 for regular members, and \$5 for overseas members.

((Due to Inflation in the last few years, this action is quite necessary, and an amendment to \$3, \$4, and \$6 may be accepted - RAH)).

Constitutional Amendment #1:

Article "THE COUNCIL", Section ~~§~~ IV. (Periodicals Editor) is amended as follows:

The word "six" is amended to "four". The words "7" and "9" are amended to "12" and "14" respectively. This s3ction will now read:

IV. Periodicals Editor

The Periodicals Editor is responsible for the regular production of a magazine of news, Council doings, etc., titled DIPLOMACY REVIEW and issued four times ~~annually~~ each year at intervals of between 12 and 14 weeks.

((If passed by the Council, this will be put before the membership, as per Article "AMENDMENTS" - RAH)).

Council Courier (Cont'd) @

IDA finances are presently dwindling, increased membership fees and fewer DR's can save this organization a lot of money. If we cut to 4 issues a year, I recommend the new dues printed here, and not another \$ higher as in the amendment possibility.

VOTES DUE: 79.01-79.03 & Amendment 1 need unanimous approval to pass next issue ... er, 7 votes, not necessarily unanimous. If less than 7 votes received, final votes due in Issue 79.03. I hope you will all vote though, as delay is really unnecessary, but if you don't vote I want to see some debate. If you're not debating - VOTE!

VOTES DUE: on due date on last page of PODUNK.

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PODUNK'S FOURTH ANNUAL POINGDEXTER AWARDS

In previous years I have included a questionnaire at the end of each year. However, I am not including one this time. Instead, you are being asked to vote for the annual Poingdexter Award. Included are all those who received votes last year, plus any I deem appropriate to add.

This year's Poingdexter Award for Conduct Unbecoming a Person should go to:

- Peter DeBenedittis _____ (For quitting us without warning)
- Len Lakofka _____ (For winning last year)
- Bob Hartwig _____ (For Publishing PODUNK)
- Guy Erwin _____ (For being a Hahvahd Man)
- Curt Gibson _____ (For interfering in games he's not in)
- Konrad Baumeister _____ (For starting EGGNOG)
- Y. Arafat & H. Assad ----- (For getting a vote last year)
- Andy Cook _____ (For folding SUICIDE and leaving the Census unfinished and lying about it)
- Conrad von Metzke) _____ (For folding yet another sine and project, this time Diplomacy World, heart of the hobby)

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Send your votes ~~with~~ the next issues of Podunk. The winner receives the not very coveted Poingdexter OUP.

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According to Oscar Jaesi's "The Dissolution of the Habsburg Empire", some of the Emperor's official titles were:

WE, ... by God's Grace, Emperor of Austria; King of Hungary, of Bohemia, of Dalmatia, Croatia, Slavonia, Galicia, Lodomeria, and Illyria; King of Jerusalem, etc.; Archduke of Austria; Grand Duke of Tuscany and Cracow; Duke of Lothringia, of Salzburg, Styria, Carinthia, Carniola, and Bukovina; Grand Duke of Transylvania, Margrave of Moravia; Duke of Upper and Lower Silesia, of Modena, Parma, Piacenza and Guastella, of Ausschwitz and Sator, of Teschen, Friaul, Ragusa and Zara; Princely

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count of Habsburg and Tyrol, of Kyburg, Gorz and Gradiska; Duke of Trient and Brixen; Margrave of Upper and Lower Lausitz and in Istria; Count of Hohenembs, Feldkirch, Bregenz, Sonnenberg, etc.; Lord of Trieste, of Cattaro, and above the Windisch Mark; Great Voyvod of Voyvodina, Servia, etc., etc.

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*** THE GAMES ***

1976 BJ - Winter/Spring, 1912.

England (Carman) - B F Lvp. A Edi//H, A Mun-Tyl, A Tus-Rom,
A Ven S Russian A Tyl-Tri, A Pie S A Ven, A Mar//H, A Bur-Mun,
 F Nth//H, F Den//H, F Lvp-Iri, F Maf-Tun, F Wes-Tyn(S F Lyo),
 F Mad-Wes.
 Russia (Wilson) - B A War. A Sev//H(S A Mos), A Rum//H(S A Gal),
 A War//H, A Bad-Ser, A Tyl-Tri(S A Vie), F Nat//H, F Nrg//H.
 Turkey (Baumeister) - F Ven R-Apu. F Tun-Tyn(S F Ion), A Rom-Ven
 (S F Apu & F Adr), A Tri-Tyl, A Ser-Bud, A Bul-Rum(S F Bla),
A Arm-Sev.

***Turkish A Tri retreat to Alb or OTB.
 English A Ven retreat to Tus or OTB.

 (Turkey): Constantinople, January 1, 1912:
 The Sultan, in one of his better moods of late, was happy to note that that two-timing (as in playing countries) back-stabber Kelly was (Once again) eliminated. However, while the great Ottoman Empire had once again conquered Tunisia, the Sultan Abdul ben Baumeistah regretted to admit that he had lost the great port of Venice and the not-so-great port of Bucharest, one to the English and the other to their Russian puppet, leaving the Ottomans to deal with the rest of Europe at 2.4:1 odds, 24 centers to 10. Still, ben Baumeistah ~~shouted~~ ~~hysterically~~ calmly stated that Turkey would never ever, not once, not ever, and simply not, give in to the oppressive (and depressing) hordes to the north. The Turkish people are the chosen people of Allah, and must carry on his culture. There exists not the slightest chance whatsoever that ben Baumeistah would agree to ANY proposal to end the war, draw or win. The other warmongers asked for it.

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1977 CU - Spring, 1906.

Austria (Gibson) - A Vie S Italian A Tri-Bud, A Ser S Italian A Tri-Bud.
 (Serbia's support SUCCEEDS, sorry).
 England (Williams) - NMR. F Iri, Ska, Nth, A Lon, All Hold.
 France (Baumeister) - A Spa//H, A Pie-Tyl, F Eng-Lon, F Mid-Nat, A Wal-Lvp
 Germany (Blasland) - A Bel-Pic, A Bur-Par, A Mun-Bur, A Kie//H, F Hol-Bel
 Italy (Young) - A Ven-Tyl, A Rom-Ven, ~~A Tri-Bud~~ A Tri-Bud, F Gre-Ion(S F Nap),
 F Tyn-Wes.
 Russia (Acheson) - A Nwy//H(S A Pin), F Hel-Den(SF Swe), A Boh-Vie(S A Bud)
 A Rum S A Bud, A War-Gal.
 Turkey (Lieu) - F Ion-Gre (S F Aeg & A Bul), F Con S A Bul.

*** Italian F Gre~~ss~~ retreat to Alb or OTB.

1977 CU - Press (Cont'd)-

(Austria - Hungary) : Wien: Now tt t KGB has confessed it was the moving force tt masterminded t JFK assassinatn (see new bk by H. McDonald: 'LBJ & t JFK Conspiracy'), wl KB please confess tt he was t force behind RAH assassinatn of CL Gibson, via their pal unbadsmen D. Bunke? Never underestimate t ~~power~~ powow of a kageybee! ((Yawn ... whatever you say Curt - RAH)).

~~Passioni~~ (France): THE LITTLE SICILIAN
Chapter XIX

The deserted warehouse on 3rd Street wasn't all that terribly deserted, for the first time in at least hours. (Passioni had an on-the-side kidnapping racket going that brought in an untaxed income of at least \$4,000,000/year.) Unbeknownst to any of them, four different contingents looked at the moonlit floor of the warehouse: Passioni and a small group of his "family"; Tim Jordan and a hand-picked crew of unfriendly-looking Italians; Little Roberto Hartnonni and the pigs; and the Feds, who seemed to have no particular purpose for looking so ~~purposeful~~ purposeful. Any Western would find a goodly deal of opportunities for bloodshed with this set-up. And so could I, but in the interest ~~of~~ of good taste...

Passioni et.AL. with Papa Hartnonni in tow moved into the center of the empty warehouse first, followed by Tim Jordan, who came out of the shadows alone, with a suitcase of (what else?) newspaper clippings, er... money. They talked quietly amongst themselves, and occasionally they pointed to the shadow of what once was Papa Hartnonni, now a frail, weak, sickly man with bloodshot eyes with deep pockets below them. Perhaps one of the things detracting from his huge image was the subtraction of his 6" boots, imported straight from Palermo, where he grew up (and actually managed to get out of) on the east side. And then, turning around, Jordan picked up the suitcase and walked slowly towards his corner of the room. At this point, entirely out of the black, someone yelled "Tickle the clouds, folks, and hand over the bread. It's time to hit the courts!"

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Needless to say the participants in what had transpired so far stopped (figuratively speaking, of course) dead in their tracks, and raised their hands, Jordan doing so while still holding on to his suitcase. The policeman and Roberto Hartnonni ventured into the light, and the little one ran towards his Papa, while his Papa stood there glowering at his son. "Why'da hell you call dem in here kid?" he demanded.

"I thought that it would be best for all concerned, Papa. These men have done wrong, and should be punished for ti. You've done nothing wrong, and will get off easily."

"Are you kidding Roberto?" It was Tim Jordan. "The pigs have wanted to nail your Papa for anything right down to parking in front of a fire hydrant for the last 10 years now. Unless, of course, they might be interested a little bit more in this money?"

"Papa, your eyes are so bloodshot, and you look so bad. I think that it's best that we got you out wih the police than not at all."

"You should see my eyes from this side, boy."

1977 CU - Press (Cont'd)-

"Wait: we just might want to have a little say in this matter, too." The Inspector had waited long enough it seemed. "Now, about how much money's in that thing, Jordan?" Everyone knew Jordan's face.

"Enough for you."

"OK boys, open it up and let's split it 50-50. I get 50% and you 5 divide the rest among yourselves. You folks can leave once we're done here," the Inspector said, waving at the people assembled already.

"Now let's wait a second there. Stretch 'em Inspector. Pick up the goods boys. Not you Passionis." Another voice from out of the darkness. It was Jordan's motley crew, of course.

Chapter XXI

Just as Jordan's "friends" came into the open, another quiet, assertive type voice gave the assembly the inspiration to hold their hands in the air. "Up with the paws, gentleman. We're all going downtown, and that includes the dirty pigs, too." The Federal Agents moved out to join the rather substantial group of people.

"Wait just one second now," muttered Papa Hartnonni, trying to clear the air about who was under who's control. "All of the cops and the Inspector: Raise your hands and identify yourselves. Good so. Now, Passionis you and yours raise your hands. Beautiful. And now the Feds can stick up their paws too. Terrific. Now all of you can just keep them up while we leave. C'mon Tim, Roberto, my friends. This episode is getting boring. Goodby, all!"

And with gaping mouths they all watched as Papa suddenly came back to life and strutted out of the warehouse, at the head of his motley crew.

Chapter XXII next month. Be warned!

(Russia): Moscow - Ankara: Write and let me hear your ideas on how we're going to divide up Italy.

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1978 HI - Fall, 1902.

- Austria (Erwin) - F Gre-Aeg, A Ser-Gre, A Bud-Ser, A Tri//H, A Bul//H
- England (W. Wilson) - F Eng-Mid, F Nth//H, F Bar-StP(NC), A Nwy-Swe
- France (Kelly) - A Bur-Mar, A Gas-Bre(S F Mid), A Par-Bur, F Mar-Spa(SC)
- Germany (Sherwood) - F Bel-Hol, A Mun-Ruh(S A Bel), A Ber-Mun, A Den//H.
- Italy (McManus) - A Pie-Mar, A Ven//H, F Wes-Spa(SC), F Tyn-Wes
- Russia (Wiedemeyer) - A StP-Nwy(S F Swe), A Sev-Arm, F Rum-Bla, A Gal-War, A Ukr-Rum.
- Turkey (Washburn) - NMR. A Bul R-OTB (Civil Disorder Rule).
A Arm, F Bla, Ank, All Hold.

*** English A Nwy retreat to Pin or OTB.

- A-H: Home, Ser, Gre, Bul; 6 ; Build 1.
- Eng: Home, Nwy, StP; 4 ; No Builds. (1 if retreat OTB).
- Fra: Home, Spa, For; 5 ; No Builds.
- Ger: Home, Hol, Bel, Den; 6 ; Build 1.
- Ity: Home, Tun; 4 ; No Builds.
- Rus: ~~StP~~, Mos, War, Sev, Rum, Swe, Nwy; 6 ; No Builds.
- Tur: Home, ~~StP~~; 3 ; No Builds.

1978 HI (Cont'd)-

It shouldn't be too hard to make moves conditional on moves and removals, so I'm asking you to submit conditionl orders for a combined Winter and Spring season. You may ask for a seperation, but I'd rather not split up the moves. How about it?

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Wrap Up

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Moves Due:

1976 BJ - Fall, 1912.
 1977 CU - Fall, 1906.
 1978 HI - Winter/Spring, 1903. (Seperation requests accepted, but not encouraged).

The Next Moves Are Due On: J A N U A R Y 12 , 1979.

(Along with IDA Council Votes).
 (Long due date to avoid the Christmas rush).

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(December 22 through January 22)

Note, mail will not be forwarded from my Iowa City address!!!

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Sub Ends: Special

Messages: Rod, would you consider taking on DW? If Walt is willing to cover expenses, this could be right up your ally. Though I wouldn't enjoy it, we could cancel that supplement agreement in such an event.

Bob.