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Almost on time for a change, you are now reading yet another issue of The Podunk News. Subs to a procrastinator's dream are 30¢ per issue, 20¢ for standbys. NO game openings at present.

s=standby list, c=collect calls

Bob Acheson (s), Konrad Baumeister (c), Don Blasland (s,c), Doug Carman (c), Curt Gibson (s), Vincent Lieu (s), Jim McManus(s), Craig Reges (s), and Jim Wilson (c).

News

Believe me, it feels good to get some sleep at night. I am healthy and extremely happy right now. No more nerves, no insomnia, and I'm learning to handle all of the ridiculous amount of work I have to do. I feel almost perfect, and will feel absolutely perfect once I'm home for the summer.

A few comments on correspondence this month. First, Konrad Baumeister printed a letter from Curt Gibson in his latest EggNog. Apparently Curt has quite a case of Xenophobia to go along with his insanity. At least it seems that way from his anti-German comments. By the way Curt, Konrad doesn't lick my boots very often. As a matter-of-fact, he is my most ardent critic regarding PODUNK's always being late. I like him anyway though - at least he has his sanity. And Curt - your article may get printed next issue, I'm too lazy this time around.

As far as IDA goes, you won't have to worry about seeing it in PODUNK anymore. Unlike Mr. Hinton, I stick by what I say and am not some limp straw blowing any which way in a slight breeze. He managed to waffle his way out of resigning, but it doesn't work like that for me folks. This is to officially acknowledge the fact that I have resigned as President of the IDA.

I hold no grudges - except against Elmer. I advise him never to cross my path, for if he does he will surely regret it.

Some will say I'm just looking for an excuse to resign. Say whatever you wish. I know what is in my heart, and if I'm happy with my decision that's all that's important. I am very happy with my decision.

Some will say that I'm abandoning the IDA - again say whatever you like. I feel that there is no council or organization to abandon. The Council doesn't want a strong-man leader. I feel this is the only way to ~~run~~ run a postal organization. The council doesn't want to do things the easy way. The IDA has ~~had~~ had its chance to gain hundreds of new members simply by joining Diplomacy World. That fleeting chance has disappeared. IDA had its fleeting moment to be in the sun and allowed it to pass by.

Well I have no time for a group that wants to do everything the hard way, and I don't care to fight with little Elmer for the rest of the year. And I'm not going to waste my time doing things the hard way with an organization of 60 people.

Much as I hate to admit it, Costikyan and Grossman were correct, the IDA is a cancerous tumor which needs to be cut out and destroyed. I will not participate in its destruction. People like Hinton will provide that destruction without my assistance.

Good Bye IDA. Once I thought there was hope, but I no longer feel that way. With deep regret, I hereby resign as IDA President.

Wiretap (Cont'd) -

For anyone interested, records will be sent to Fred Davis shortly, along with copies of the Census. He may do with them what he wishes. I wish all of you (except Elmer) good luck. You're going to need it with Elmer around.

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***qTHE GAMES ***

1976-BJ---Fall, 1913.

England (Carman) - A Edi-Hol (C F Nth), A Ven S Russian A Vie@Tri(S A Pie), A Apu-Nap(S A Rom), A Tus S A Rom, A Tyl S Russian A Vie-Tri, F Den//H, F Iri-Mid, F Mid-Wes, F Wes-Tyn(S F Lyo), F Tun S F Wes-Tyn (S F Naf).

Russia (J. Wilson) - A Vie-Tri(S A Bud), A Rum-Ser(S A Ukr), A Gal S A Bud, A Sev-Arm, A Mos-Sev, F Swe//H, F Nwy//H, A Sil//H.

Turkey (Baumeister) - F Tyn-Rom, F Ion-Apu(S F Nap), F Adr & A Alb \$\$\$ S A Tri, A Tri S English a Tyl-Vie (NSO), A Ser//H(S A Bul), F Arm-Sev.

***English A Apu\$\$\$ //A (No Retreat)
Turkish A Tri retreat to Alb or OTB.

Eng: Home, Den, Kie, Mun, Hol, Bel, All France, Por, Spa, Ven, Rom, Tun; 16 ;
Rus: Home, Swe, Nwy, Ber, Vie, Bud, Rum, Tri; 11 ; Build 1. Build \$\$\$ 2.
Tur: Home, Bul, Ser, Nap, Gre, Adr; 7 ; Remove 2.

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1977 CU - Spring, 1907.

Austria (Gibson) - A Bud-Rum, A Vie-Gal.

England (McManus) - A Yor-Lvp, F Lon-Eng.

France (Baumeister) - F Nat-Lvp(S A Edi), F Eng-Nth.

Germany (Blasland) - A Bre//H, A par-Gas, A Mar-Spa, A Mun S Italian A Tyl(IMP-Ordered to move), A Ber-Kie, F Hol-Bel, F Kie-Hel.

Italy (Young) - F Mid-Por, F Tyn-Wes, A Tri-Ser, A Ven-Tri, A Tyl-Boh.

Russia (Acheson) - F Sev-Bla, A Rum-Bud, A Boh-Vie(S A Gal), F Den-Nth, F Swe-Ska, A Fin-StP, A Nwy//H.

Turkey (Lieu) - F Gre//H, F Ion-Tun, A Ank-Arm(S F Bla), A Bul S Austrian A Bud-Rum.

***Austrian A Vie retreat to Tyl, Bud, or OTB.
Russian A Rum retreat to Ukr or OTB.

~~A-H: Ser, Ye, Bud, Rum; 2 ; No Builds.
Eng: Lon, Lvp; 8 ; 1 ; Remove 1.
Fra: Por, Spa, Edi, Lvp; 2 ; Remove 1.
Ger: Home, Hol, Bel, All France, Spa; 9 ; Build 2 (1 available, 1 short).
Ity: Home, Adr, Tri, Por, Ser; 5 ; Build 1.
Rus: Home, Adr, Swe, Nwy, Den, Vie; 8 ; No Builds.
Tur: Home, Bul, Gre, Tun; 6 ; 7 Build 1.~~

This is called being over ambitious. ↑ It's Spring folks!

1977 CU - Cont'd -

Note to Bob Acheson: Jerry Jones was handling orphans (1854 Wagner St.; Pasadena, California 91107.) What with DW, I don't know id he still is though. Maybe we could beg Konrad Baumeister, or Jerry could forward us to someone else.

Press:

~~Re~~ Austria: Little Roberto, watch out for my Mulberry St. boys, or they'll gung fuel the devil out of you. Signed; Mr. Passioni.
P.s. Mr. Mozzarella will trust you c. 2 inches in that game you claim you're his ally. And who ran you out of WW III? (CG Passioni).

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1978 HI - Fall, 1903.

- Austria (Erwin) - ~~gag~~ A Bud-Ser (S A Tri), A Ser-Gre, A Con//H(S A Bul & S F Aeg).
- England (W.Wilson?) - NMR! F Nth,Ska,Bar, A Fin, All Hold.
- France (Kelly) - A Gas-Mar, A Par-Bur, F Spa(SC) S A Gas-Mar, F Wes-Lyo.
- Germany (Sherwood) - A Den-Swe, A Pic-Par(S A Bur), A Mun S A Bur, A Bel-Pic,A Hol//H.
- Italy (McManus) - A Ven-Tus,F Lyo-Maf (~~Re~~ S A Pie), F Tun-Wes.
- Russia (Reges) - A Arm-Sev, F Rum//H(S A Ukr), A Mos-StP, F Swe M S A Nwy.
- Turkey (Washburn) - F Bla-Con (S A Smy & F Ank).

- A-H: Home,Ser,Gre,Buk,Con ; 7 ; Build 1.
- Eng: Home,~~At~~; 3 ; Remove 1.
- Fra: ~~gag~~,Spa,Por, ~~Par~~,Mar,Bre; 4 ; No Builds.
- Ger: Home,Hol,Bel,Den,Par; 7 ; Build 1.
- Ity: Home,Tun; 4 ; No builds.
- Rus: Home,Rum,Swe,Nwy; 7 ; Build 1.
- Tur: ~~Par~~,Ank,Smy; 2 ; Remove 1.

***French ~~gag~~ A Par retreat to Bre or OTB.

Press:

France to Italy: Kiss my oracle bone.

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Wrap UpMoves Due:

- 1976 BJ - Winter/Spring, 1914.
 1977 CU - Fall, 1907.
 1978 HI - Winter/Spring, 1904.

Standby Requests:

- 1978 HI - Gibson, Lieu, Acheson, or Blasland for England.
 (Preference given in order presented - I took current worst
 to current best positions.)

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NEXT MOVES DUE ON: M A Y 25 , 1979 .

(Be sure to get your moves in ON TIME. I have a sneaking hunch ~~the~~ next
 issue will be out on time since Giggi will be gone that weekend.)

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