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VANILLA FUDGE is an occasional publication issued by and for the Postal Diplomacy Rating Commission, a voluntary association of curators of rating systems, and other persons. The Chairman of the PDRC issues

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uses this newsletter whenever there is time and need for it. Interested people outside of the PDRC may subscribe at the rate of 20¢ per issue, but are warned ahead of time that they won't necessarily be getting huge issues every time. A copy of this also goes free to the Archives. This is EGGNOG Enterprises Production #102.

This is the Constitution issue of VANILLA FUDGE; it contains that and only that. Other PDRC business will be discussed in the next issue, which I'll probably type up tomorrow or the day afterwards. (I intend to send these issues out together.) The PDRC Constitution was originally published in Laputag #12 & 14 (by Rod Walker). More on that later.

CONSTITUTION

I. The Postal Diplomacy Rating Commission is a voluntary association of postal Diplomacy Ratingmasters and other persons. Its purpose is the achievement of common policies and decisions relative to the rating of postal Diplomacy games. Such decisions are not automatically binding on the members (unless otherwise specified in this Constitution), but represent guidelines only.

II. Membership. The following individuals are eligible to be members of the PDRC:

A. Ratingmasters. Any person who maintains a rating system for regular postal Diplomacy games, and has published his rating list at least once in a postal Diplomacy 'zine of general circulation, and who continues to update his list and publish the updated list at least twice annually, may be a member. The requirement for updating the list is contingent upon timely publication of completed game statistics by the Boardman Number Custodian.

B. The Boardman Number Custodian.

III. Any member who no longer meets the qualifications of membership is no longer a member, and his membership may be terminated by the Chairman. The Chairman must give advance notice of his intended action to the individual involved and must allow reasonable time for a reply or corrective action.

IV. The Chairman may be any member elected to that office. He will organize and conduct the business of the PDRC, and will publish the PDRC business publication. He must publish it at least once each 8 weeks. He is elected by majority vote. Once elected, he serves until his resignation or removal.

V. Members must vote and return every ballot sent them by the Chairman. Failure to do so may be excused on the grounds of postal failure or personal emergency; however, the Chairman will make every effort to obtain a completed ballot after the stated deadline in such instances.

VI. Standard Rating Base (SRB):

A. The SRB will include every game which the PDRC determines to be a "regular postal Diplomacy game". This listing will be published periodically in postal Diplomacyazines of general circulation.

B. The PDRC may vote to exclude all games of a certain type ("Category") from the SRB. It may declare an individual game to be within an excluded category, or it may vote to exclude a game from the SRB on individual grounds.

C. The vote to exclude a category from the SRB, or to place a game within an excluded category, or to include a formerly excluded game in the SRB, will be unanimous with one dissent, but two dissents will be allowed if the membership of the PDRC is 8 (eight) or more (ABO/ABT).

D. An individual performance within a game otherwise within the SRB may be excluded by a vote of ABO/ABT.

VII. All votes required in this document specify a majority of the whole membership; that is, votes not cast are counted in the negative.

VIII. This Constitution will be adopted when it receives an affirmative vote of five of the current six members. [Back then...out of date.]

IX. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of 2/3 of the members active in the PDRC at the time the vote is taken.

And that's the story as far as the Constitution goes. If anyone on the PDRC currently has any objections to the Constitution as printed above, he should write me directly, and we'll have a vote on the matter. After all, besides John Leeder, nobody currently on the PDRC was on the Commission when the Constitution was adopted back in early 1975!

So. At this point, to get rid of the rest of the page, I will list all known currently active Ratingsmasters, all of which have, incidentally, agreed to sit on the Commission (see next VANILLA FUDGE issue). Listed after the names are, of course, the Rating System they are working on or have recently published.

Ratingsmasters:

- Konrad Baumeister, 11416 Parkview Lane, Hales Corners, WI 53130 (ACPCRL)
- Doug Hollingsworth, 37 Sanford Street, Bangor, Me 04401 (CPCRL)
- Bob Sergeant, 3842 Lupine Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46224 (DTRS)
- Steve McLendon, Box 57066, Webster, TX 77598 (DTRS)
- John Leeder, 121 19th Ave, NE, Calgary, Alta CANADA T2E 1N6 (ODDMOD)

Boardman Number Custodian:

- Lee Kander Sr, 4347 Beacon Street, Philadelphia, PA 19135 (PNC)

Advisor:

- Red Walker, 1273 Crest Drive, Encinitas, CA 92124 (Adv)

Interested Onlookers:

- Doug Beyerlein, 640 College, Menlo Park, CA 94025
- Ronald Kelly, 6038 Richmond Hwy, #314, Alexandria, VA 22303
- John Masters, 29711 North Vista Fairways Drive, Valencia, CA 91355

That puts us at a whole ten readers. Also, Francois Guerrier, a Canadian publisher who has heretofore never elicited an interest in Ratings, has asked about subscribing. And lastly, does anyone have Jeff Power's current address? Mine is 300 Winston Drive, #309, Cliffside Park, N.J. 07010. It occurred to me a few days ago that while his EPOB system has not been updated in some time, he conceivably might be interested in being in on this. Last time I heard from him was in August of 1978, when we were still playing in an ancient game together.

Next issue #3, out tomorrow or day after that. Have a nice day.

(March 13, 1980 -- took an unintentional break of a week in there! Sorry!) substitute when it was clearly his victory, and not the original's.)

And that's about it, game fans. A Francois Querrier has written to subscribe, as has Andy Lanchett of Chicago. We've got more spectators than we do participators! From here, just cut off the rest of this page and do answer the questionnaire (or ballot, if you prefer) by April 12, 1980, as per Article V of the PDRG Constitution. Thanks mucho.

POSTAL DIPLOMACY RATING COMMISSION BALLOT #1

1. There should only be one person to represent each Rating System.
Yes___ No___
2. Ratingmasters who rate only currently active games should not be allowed on the PDRG, under Article II.A which limits membership to custodians of systems which are completed (not to mention all completed) regular games. (not be allowed) Yes___ No___ (should be allowed)
3. In 1977CB, France should be rated as included in the draw.
Yes___ No___
4. 1977HD: How would you rate this? Please explain below:
5. In 1977KT, England & Italy should be rated as included in the draw.
Yes___ No___
6. 1978AT: In this game, who should be rated as having won the game?
Jake Walter___ Tom Thorsen___
7. Please relate your ideas on "temporary replacement players" addressing the points made on Page 2 of this issue under 1978AT.

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