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THE PURPOSE of this news-letter is to inform the Diplomacy commity of what is going on in the hobby.

1) A new address for VIKING SYSTEMS INC. Lock Box 2788, Chicago, Ill. 60690, However players should contune to use my home address of 3716 North Kenmore Ave, Chicago, Ill. 60613. I don't feel like going to the Post Office everyday so it would be best to send things to my home untill we secure office space .

2) Substitute players are as follows:

- 1 Steve Brooks
- 2 William A. Clumm
- 3 Richard Willson
- 4 Peter Weber
- 5 Chris Clem
- 6 Father Daniel Gorham
- 7 Glenn I Simpson
- 8 Andre R. Boulanger
- 9 Edward P. Farrel
- 10 Larry B. Heller
- 11 Andrew Phillips

I may have missed someone or someone may want their name added. I will publish this list with each news letter showing the changes that have taken place since the last news letter.

3) At CITEX-74 I introduced some new pieces for the Diplomacy board, they are made of metal and painted the seven colors of the Diplomacy game. The Fleet markers are cast metal ship models (1906 Dreadnought) and the army markers are cast metal tank models (1916 vintage). The ships are $\frac{1}{4}$ " x $\frac{1}{4}$ " x $\frac{1}{4}$ " and the tanks are $\frac{3}{8}$ " x $\frac{3}{8}$ " x $\frac{7}{8}$ ".

The prices are as follows, shipped post-paid:

Long set 70 ships & 70 tanks, painted 7 different colors	\$ 17.00
Regular set 56 ships & 56 tanks, painted 7 colors	\$ 14.00
Short set 35 ships & 35 tanks, painted 7 colors	\$ 9.00
3 tanks, painted same color	\$.60
4 ships, painted same color	\$.60

If one would like a sample ship & tank, send me a S.S.A.E. with \$.20 postage on it for first class delivery. (Good in U.S & Canada, APO, FPO, & CFPO.)

4) Several people have asked me about back issues of the International Wargamer, I have a lot of them, however Len & I have not taken an inventory. If one would like a copy of what I have for sale in back issues of the IW send me a stamped self-addressed envelop, you will receive the list at least one month before I publish a list of what back issues I have to sell. Also each person will receive a 10 % discount on his order.

5) I have many Avalon Hill games in stock that I will sell at discount. These games are brand new and ready to ship.

Title	Retail Price	My price (including shipping)
Luftwaffe	\$ 9.00	\$7.50
Origins of World War II	\$ 9.00	\$7.50
Panzer-Blitz	\$ 9.00	\$7.50
1776	\$10.00	\$8.00
D-Day	\$ 7.00	\$6.00
Mid-Way	\$ 7.00	\$6.00
Blitzkrieg	\$ 8.00	\$6.50

Prices are good only while supply last.

6) I also have in stock 1971 Diplomacy Rulebooks at \$1.00 each and the complete (with 1971 rulebook) Diplomacy sets for \$10.95 each including shipping.

7) I am not sure yet when EL Conquistador will be out again, but for those severe critics of mine, other than just a "mistletoe on my coattail" (Mayor Daley) for them, I would like to point-out that this issue of the newsletter is bigger than any of the first four issues of EL Conquistador.

8) I stated last month that I would report the developments in the IDA Election and how a small group of people are using for the benefit of themselves with no regard for the Constitution or the membership.

I now present the FACTS:

On Dec. 8, 1974 (5 days before I received a copy of the IDA ballot) I sent the following letter to John Boyer. At the time I had no idea who was on the ballot for sure. (A copy was seen to Gil Neiger at the time)

Dec. 8, 1974

John Boyer
117 Garland Dr.
Carlisle, Penna.

Dear John:

I noted with interest that Gil Neiger is running for Editor of the I.D.A..

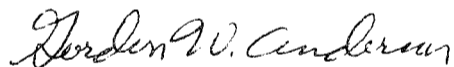
I also noted that Gil Neiger, according to the July issue of DR (Vol 3 No. 4) page # 7, became a member of the I.D.A. in either May or June of 1974. His membership # is 157, showing him to have been a member of the I.D.A. at this time, for less than a year.

The Constitution of the I.D.A. Article IV, Section E, Paragraph 4, states "The Editor will have been a member for one year and a publisher for one year; and at least 18 years old.

Since Gil Neiger does not meet the membership requirement to hold the office of Editor of the I.D.A., I request that his name be removed from the ballot.

If the ballots have already been sent out to the members, I request that any votes that he receives not be counted.

Thank you



Gordon W. Anderson

When I received a ballot I sent the following letter to Doug Beyerlein.

IDA Elections
c/o Doug Beyerlein
333 Curtner, Apt # 8
Palo Alto, Cal. 94306

Dear Doug:

I must protest Gil Neiger's name being on the ballot for editor of the IDA. Gil Neiger has not been a member of the IDA long enough to qualify for Editor of the IDA, according to the Constitution of the IDA.

I therefore request that any votes received by Gil Neiger not be counted and since I am the only other person running for Editor of the IDA, that I be declared the winner. (Unless there is a big write-in vote for someone else)

I have enclosed a copy of a letter to John Boyer, Dec. 8, 1974, requesting that Gil Neiger's name be removed from the ballot.

Thank You:



Gordon W. Anderson

I received the following answer answer from Doug.

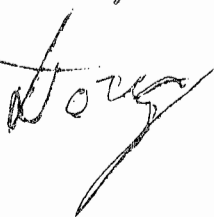
21 Dec. 1974

Dear Gordon,

My only job in this IDA election is to count the ballots. I will report the voting totals to the necessary authorities (Birsan & Boyer) and if you wish to take up the question of candidates' qualifications and eligibility you should direct all enquiries to the two above names.

And, yes, that is called passing the buck.

Best,



I received no answer from John

Edi Birsan received copies of both letters and did not replay to either.

I then sent the following letter to all persons running for office, this was only after it was plain that certain persons were conspiring against me.

Gordon W. Anderson
3716 N. Kenmore Ave.
Chicago, Ill. 60613
January 3, 1975

To all members of the I.D.A. Council:

Dear Sirs:

I have observed that there are two, and possibly three candidates on the 1974 Election ballot who do not meet the membership requirement to hold office according to the Constitution of the International Diplomacy Association.

They are:

Gil Neiger (IDA # 157), who has been a member since approximately 6-1-74, less than the year requirement to hold the office of Editor of the IDA.

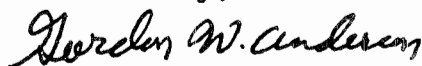
Scott Rosenberg (IDA # 193), joined according to DR, about 10-1-74 and thus has not been a member long enough to hold the office of At-Large Secretary.

Paul Boymel, according to the membership list in the DR, was not a member of the IDA by 1-31-74 (I do not have a complete record, so I may be incorrect). Therefore he has not been a member of the IDA long enough to the office of Membership Secretary.

I therefore request that the above named persons be removed from the ballot. Also that any votes that the above named persons receive not be counted.

This is a matter not to be taken lightly.

Yours truly,



Gordon W. Anderson

PS, Enclosed are copies of letters to J. Boyer & D. Beyerlein, along with their replies.

(Reply from Doug Beyerlein, where he states he will keep the votes secret until the eligibility of certain candidates is determined. Why weren't the votes kept secret?)

11 January 1975

330 Curtner Ave., Apt. #8
Palo Alto, CA 94306

Dear Edi,

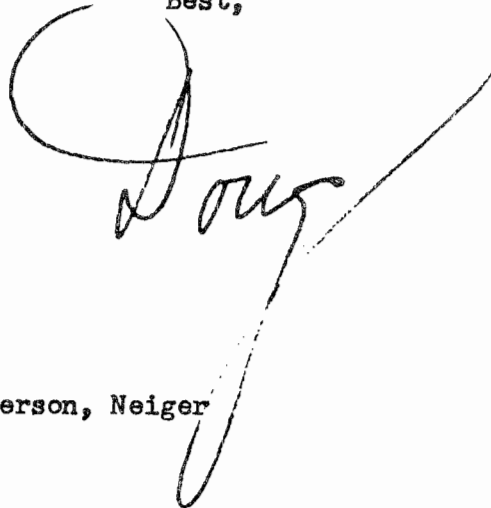
I received your postcard of 7 January today and will go ahead with the election procedures as I outlined in my last letter on the subject. However, that is not the purpose of this letter.

Since I last wrote, the protests over certain candidates' eligibility have increased. Four candidates are being contested at the moment. They are: Gil Neiger, Scott Rosenberg, Paul Boymel, and Stephen Tihor. Also, one candidate has brought up the question of the need for a run-off election if a clear majority is not obtained in each contest. Finally, one of the contested candidates has asked that the election results not be made public until all of the protests are settled.

So where does that bring us? Until I hear a good argument otherwise, the election results will be kept secret (from everyone) until all of the above is resolved. Thus, I will not be sending out the results to you, Boyer, or Buchanan on the night of the election. Instead I will hold the results until the above is settled or you can present a good argument to do otherwise.

By God, even a simple election gets embroiled in turmoil. Maybe I should be glad that I resigned from IDA...

Best,



cc: Buchanan, Boyer, Walker, Lakofka, Anderson, Neiger

1/21/75

Dear Gordon:

To answer your questions first before advising you of facts just picked up from the President of IDA, Birsan the Edi.....

- 1) I realized that a few were unqualified per constitution, but quite qualified per natural and proven ability--even more than their constitutionally qualified opponents. I also realized that it was previously stated we would use ineligible candidates PRIOR to nominations and acceptances of nominations in order to have enough candidates and to have contested offices.
- 2) The violation of the constitution in this case was necessary to expand and open up the pool of candidates--it was not restrictive--we didn't stop you from running!

In the light of your letter I called Edi by phone. He said that a Council Courier was on its way. Replied that there were several points which I had not thought of to resolve the election problems beyond any doubt. What he said:

- 1) You were not a publisher at the time you were nominated or accepted the nomination. Therefore you were not eligible yourself! (Constitution)
- 2) You lost bad. The people clearly want Neiger and the other ineligible, Boymel.
- 3) The Council will be asked to vote to accept or reject these two above ineligibles (the eligible winners will vote such as myself).
- 4) If the Council reject the ineligibles, Edi will appoint them to fill the vacancies per Constitution which doesn't place restrictions on the appointments.

I did not realize that we had an iron-clad case! And on the Constitution itself!

If you protest the fact that you were not an active publisher during the elections, and can prove you were a publisher, then you might have a case. But, we were trading and I have been sending you Impassables and have not received anything in return. That's my proof you weren't a publisher! I.E. you are disqualified.

I am sorry this is a harsh reply. I hope this clears up the matter? Let me know if you have new arguments to support your case. As an elected official I do want to help the members solve, if possible, their grievances.

Sincerely yours,



John Boyer, ARS/IDA

Do you believe John's statement after he admits that he knowingly placed inelligible candidates on the ballot?

EDI BIRSAN ASKS THE I.D.A. TO FINANCE HIS NEW BUSINESS

Edi Birsan shows that he is incapable of starting a business without raiding the I.D.A. treasury for the funds he needs.

#74.14

THE COUNCIL COURIER

12.4.75

Published by Edi Birsan Apt 302 35-35 75th Street, Jackson Hgts NY 11373 opps 11372. 212-476-0984 Call only between 8 and 9 pm

DIPCON VIII ?/WHERE/?

Birsan: Last year we averted a major hassel when both Lakfoka and Anderson came up with the idea of holding DipCons in Chicago. It was averted by Lakfoka stepping down in favor of letting Anderson do it. This year we might have an even greater hassel in that The New York City Diplomacy group (which is not an org by the way) has decided that it wants to toss together the first pure Diplomacy Convention in the East Coast. The reasons for this decision is simple: Last year the 8 New Yorkers that went to the Chicago Con had to shell out over \$1400.00 collectively. For that kind of money we can invest it in a New York convention and at least get half of it back from the tourney fees and what not. And anyway the East has never had a convention and we felt it was about time that we did something about it. Already there has been contacts made with a number of Mid-town hotels and things are planned to get underway full steam in January. We will offer the IDA a meeting place on Friday night if they'll call for a general meeting and recognize this as DipCon VIII and we will further offer the IDA a reduced price for its members on a sliding scale depending on if the IDA wishes to kick in \$100 or \$200 towards the convention costs. In all fairness to the Council you may choose to delay things to allow for the new Council to make the decision and in either case it would not quite be fair for myself to participate as a voter in the choice.

Anderson's letter is attached and he will get a copy of this Council C. and all further Council publications dealing with the choice.

Your views are requested and there will be a vote in the next issue.

11/17/74

Dear Edi:

Debate:

I am sorry to note that I one of very few to oppose the election reform bill. The bill only covers the dates for deadline and this happens to be the one area which I support the Constitution! The fact that I failed to carry it out by the Constitution is not justification that it should be up to the Editor. Time is of importance and if ~~future~~ future elections are to enjoy full participation, time must be given as proscribed in our constitution! The problems inherent in the past has been that the current Editor did not know what to do when the time rolled around to do it. Also, if the Editor is busy with the Handbook and/or other publications, someone else should be allowed to print the ballots, etc. Also, problems are now occurring as to eligibility of certain candidates and voters which one man cannot handle, nor can even a group handle in a quick election process.

P.S. Edi, I will use Jan 15th as deadline for votes. *John* We need the time *John*

Edi Birsan and John Boyer began their conspiracy to put certain inelligibles on the ballot by 11/17/74

I received the CC on January 15, 1975. The Council would not vote to give Edi the money he wanted to start his business.

#74.15

THE COUNCIL COURIER

12.31.74

Published by Edi Birsan Apt 302 35-35 75th Street, Jackson Hgts, NY 11372 212 476-0984

ABSENTEES KILL THE AGENDA

As I recieved only ~~four~~ votes from the field you can pretty much cancel any hope that we were going to get into a couple of quick issues. Consider the last two opps three bills as being withdrawn by lack of interest.

Note scribled on the bottom of the CC, received 1/15/75. Assumed to have been written by Edi Birsan. He states he will not accept any challenge.

P.S. I am in a position to review your challenge against Boymel, Rosenberg & Merysi & Sach's challenge of you. My initial reaction is that in an org only 2 years old it is strange these fights they are going on. However - I doubt any challenge will be accepted.

Edi Birsan then presented a bill to guarantee his and John Boyer's conspiracy. In view of the fact that I live in Daleyland, it has crossed my mind that besides just conspiring to put inelligibles on the ballot, did they also conspire to guarantee thru vote fraud, that the candidates they favored would receive a majority of the votes.

From DIPLOMACY REVIEW January 1975

COUNCIL DOINGS

The following bills are now before the Council:

Bill 75.1: The Council recognizes that there is a need to improve the controls on the eligibility requirements in future elections; however the Council accepts no challenges on the eligibility of any nominee receiving a majority of the votes cast in the 1974 elections and considers those who ran and won to be full members of the Council.

Lewis Pulsipher and Walter Buchanan refused to violate the Constitution.

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THE COUNCIL COURIER

2.3.75

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PULSIPHER AT THE ALAMO?

ALL BILLS PASS

	75.1	.2	.3
Birsan	Y	Y	Y
Boyer	y	y	y
Boymel	x	-	-
Brooks	y	n	y
Buchanan	d	y	y
Correll	y	y	y
Hubbard	y	n	y
Kelly	y	y	n
Nieger	x	y	n
Paterson	x	x	x
Pulsipher	n	y	y
Walker	y	y	n

So, the hold over from the election hassel is that everything is resolved by the vote of the Council with only one ney vote cast. Taking into account Lew's letter a copy of which is attached, I'd like to know immediately if he intends to resign so that we can start the process of finding a replacement for him on the Council.

At first glance I considered bills 2 and 3 an either or proposition but apparantly a majority of the Council did not; so I went along with it as my policy dictates going with the majority on each issue. So we can assume that for now Paterson is the British Regional representative on the Council and that the British region is also asked to hold some kind of special election to confirm Paterson or put someone else in his place.

y=yes, n=no, d=debate
-absent, a=abstain,
x=not eligible to vote

Paterson or put someone else in his place.

29 Jan 75

Walter Buchanan remarks in CC about his vote.

Dear Edi,

Since you will probably xerox this, as the sole holdover from the old Council not running for reelection, let me take this opportunity to congratulate all the newly elected members. Again the members have shown good judgment in coming up with a good slate of officers.

My votes for the Bills are as follows:

75.1 Debate
75.2 Yes
75.3 Yes

Only my vote on the 1st bill really needs comment. I voted "Debate" from sad experience. Last year I called for an immediate vote on the DIPLOMACY WORLD member discount issue since Moot wanted a quick answer on a joint sponsorship with GRI. While the vote was unanimous among those voting for the discount, I'm afraid the speed of the vote helped generate discontent. Let's not let that happen over the Editor and Membership Secretary races. IDA doesn't need another controversy!

What we have here is a matter dealing with the constitution. I therefore propose we turn it over to the Ombudsman as head of the Judiciary Committee for a decision. Once he has made one, the Council can then vote to ratify or reject his decision. This process may take a little time, but after it is over, we can at least say we did our best to handle a controversial issue in good faith without ramrodding.

Of course the immediate question is what to do about Diplomacy Review as the members deserve to know 1st hand ~~on~~ what is going on. I propose that since Gil Neiger without question got the most number of votes, that he go ahead and put out the next issue of DR on an emergency basis while at the same time stating that the confirmation of his election is still under consideration. This to me would be a practical compromise between the legal issue involved and the necessities of the moment. The only other alternative would be to ask John Boyer to put out another issue, and after his long and honorable service that hardly seems a fair thing to ask.

What this whole thing does point out is just another problem with the constitution. I and others have raised questions on other problems with the constitution in the past and nothing seems to get done. I therefore propose drastic action. I feel that a constitutional convention should be convened to completely rewrite the constitution. It is my feeling that the almost 3 years of IDA's existence has shown that our constitution is much too inflexible to be practical in a postal democracy and should be completely rewritten and simplified. I therefore call for debate on this issue in the next Council Courier and a vote in the issue after that. As Co-chairman of the original Constitutional Drafting Committee, I must admit to now not being very happy with the end result.

Best,

Walt

4069 Jackdaw St.
San Diego CA 92103
25 January 1975

Dear Edi: Rod Walker's remarks in CC about his vote.

Congratulations on your reelection as President of the IDA. You are of course assured of my fullest possible cooperation and support over the next couple of years or however long we are both on the Council. This letter is entirely official and concerned with Council business.

1. My votes are as follows:

75.1: yes.

75.2: ~~yes~~.

75.3: no. (or is "debate" appropriate? see below)

2. Please send me a copy of the IDA By-laws. I do not have one and I assume we have some. I will need them in order to function properly. I will also need a listing of all bills passed by the Council or the membership which relate to Council procedure. Perhaps it would be a good idea to draw up such a resumé and mail it to each member. We all need to know what's going on and what we can and cannot do.

3. Some comments on what we voted on.

75.1: I believe your comments are well taken and entirely right. In the cases of Neiger and Boymel, it is also true that their opponents are ineligible, so rejecting their relections would solve nothing. Accepting the verdict of the members solves everything. The votes in each case are also so overwhelming as to render the "qualification" question totally academic.

Rod Walker made-up his mind with-out the facts and tried to close the door on any remedies that I may have with-in the I.D.A.

Gordon W. Anderson
3716 N. Kenmore Ave.
Chicago, Ill. 60613
Feb. 6, 1975

Edi Birsan
Apt, # 302
35-35 75th St.
Jackson Hts. New York
11372

Dear Mr. Birsan:

Today I received the DR, I was very suprised to find that ~~this~~ the first time that I have been informed of the Election results. All candidates should have been informed of the Election results as soon as possible regaurdless of the outcome of the Election.

I had requested and Doug Berlyen had agree to keep the Election results secert until the protests had been cleared up. Why weren't they ?

I have noted with intrested Bill 75.1, if this bill is passed it will signal the end to the IDA. Therefore I request that you withdraw this bill. This Bill says, screw anyone I (Edi Birsan) do not agree with, I (Edi Birsan) run things the way I want them run.

I will publish your reply in the next item I publish, which will be on Feb. 14, 1975. If I receive no reply from you by 2/14/75 I will supply what I beleive to be the correct meaning of the IDA and the IDA coucil under the leadership of Edi Birsan.

Yours truly
Gordon W. Anderson
Gordon W. Anderson

Edi's reply, he does not reveal why he has vilolated the Constitution, but choses to base his tale on lies that he has started.

Apt 302
35-35 75th St.
Jackson Hgts., N.Y.
11372

Gordon Anderson
3716 N. Kenmore Ave.
Chicago, Ill, 60613

Feb. 12, 1975

Dear Gordy,

It was with great sorrow that I learned of your continued sour feelings in regard to the election results and procedures. Your letter of February 6, 1975 (post marked the 7th and received the 11th) arrived at the same time as word from that you have threatened libel procedings against him for his views on your eligibility. This does nothing to relieve the tension of the house.

To deal with your direct accusation that bill 75.1 can be translated out as "screw anyone I (Edi Birsan) do not agree with, I (Edi Birsan) run things the way I want them.run.((sic)) " it is best to maybe recall that in any case where there is a dispute of such a magnitude that the Council is the authority we must go to first for a decision. This has been done in previous disputes, namely the sanctioning of Larry Peery by bill 73.1 (latter act 73.1). In that vote in the Council, the three people under challenage were not allowed to vote on the issue. Of the remaining 9 members of the Council, one voted against the bill, one voted for debate and seven voted for the bill. Clearly my actions are with the overwhelming majority (note even if I had voted against the bill, it would still have passed).

Furthermore, there is the factor that two thirds of the electorate voted against you in the election. Under no circumstance will I and major sections

of the hobby/IDA tolerate the reversal of that vote and put in the office an individual that received only 1/3 of the vote when another received 2/3's. You have continually ignored this important factor: you do not have the support of the organization's membership.

The timing of your protest was singularly poor and should have been placed months earlier when it was announced in the earlier DR's that we would accept ineligible candidates. However, you can attempt to take some hope in that the passage of the one year amendment recommendation for the term of Editor will allow you to attempt to run again in the November elections this year.

While further steps are being considered by the Council in resolving this matter on a more final note than the passage of bill 75.1, I personally would suggest that you refrain from adding further abrasive verbage to the attempted solution of the problem.

oh well... 
Edi Birsan

Rod Walker's reply to my letter to Edi Birsan. February 15, 1975

Mr. Anderson has requested the Ombudsman of the IDA to render an advisory opinion respecting the recent election. Inasmuch as my doing so may help to clear up a lot of misunderstanding, I have acceded to that request.

It is my opinion that neither candidate for Editor in the last election was eligible for the post. Mr. Neiger because of the membership criterion, Mr. Anderson because of the publishing criterion.

This latter criterion may require some explanation. The authors of the Constitution, of whom I was one, devoted considerable thought to that requirement. We determined that the IDA Editor must be a person experienced in publishing who was currently capable of producing the IDA's official publication(s). In practical terms, this meant that he must be a publisher of at least one year's experience, currently publishing by a reproduction method suitable to IDA's membership and budget--that is, carbon copy would certainly not count, and other methods might be counted as unsuitable. As of 15 January 1975, the date of the election, Mr. Anderson was not an active publisher within the meaning and intent of the IDA Constitution.

The IDA announced in advance that it would follow past practice in allowing technically ineligible candidates to run for office. Whether this decision was ill-advised is not a point at issue...it was up to prospective candidates to protest the decision when it was announced. Mr. Anderson waited, however, until the final list of candidates was announced. At that point, his protest became an attempt to win the election by disqualifying his only opposition, rather than an attempt to correct an improper policy. In other words, the protest was improperly timed.

However, we are faced with a situation in which both candidates are ineligible. Under the circumstances, the Council of the IDA has chosen to bow to the wishes of over 70% of our members. The alternative would be to invalidate that portion of the election and have a new vote for Editor.

If we did so, it would be manifestly unfair to hold the new election under rules which did not apply to the original. We would therefore see Mr. Neiger and Mr. Anderson--both still ineligible--running again. However, whether this should be done is a political decision and is entirely in the hands of the Council and the membership.

As a personal note, let me add that the notion that some sort of "clique" is involved in what has happened is manifestly ridiculous. Anyone who believes that such diverse characters as Edi Birsan, Gil Neiger, Walt Buchanan, Steve Brooks, Ron Kelly, and myself could be a "clique" needs to see a shrink. The Council is not a "clique". The Council is a group of elected officials trying to do a job for which they were elected. The Council is obligated to make decisions. Mr. Anderson has presented us with the choice of finding in his favor or in favor of Mr. Neiger and the 70% of IDA's membership who voted for him. He has honestly but incorrectly interpreted the Constitution. The Council's decision in this matter is legally correct. In view of the facts, it also appears to me to be politically and ethically appropriate. (The reader should bear in mind that the above opinion is the Ombudsman's only and does not represent any possible future decision which may be made by the Judiciary Committee or the IDA Council.)

(Rod has chose to forget the facts and write what he would like to believe. I request that Rod rewrite his statement since he does have the facts)

February 12, 1975.

Dear Gordon:

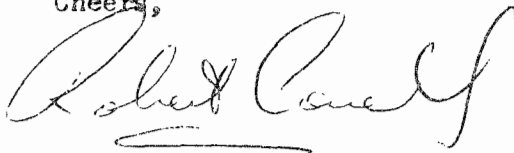
Regarding the recent IDA elections, there is no doubt they were poorly handled. I'm not about to rule upon the eligibility of any of the participants, it's clear that there are many abiguities in the present constitution. It's unfortunate that you or anybody for that matter has to be the victim. Fortunately, or unfortunately the verdict of the members was rather clear cut. It is my position that we should drop our worries about who was elected and who wasn't, and get the council business moving. That's why I voted **yes** on bill 75.1.

I'm hoping that your expertise won't be lost to the hobby. I hope Lew Pulsipher's idea about splitting the workload will be seriously considered. I gathered from his comments that you had been discussing this idea with Lew. There were no winners in the election, the present fight is assuring us of that.

I'm glad to hear that your games are still running on schedule, this is much to your credit. I hope all this stupidity won't get you down (the elections and such), I guess the best that can be done is to prove everyone wrong with an excellent handbook. I hope you'll still have time for it.

Thankyou for your interest in Peoples' City, I'm enclosing a copy of Paroxysm #2, that's a new zine put out by Doug Ronson, Harry Drews and myself, a joint effort.

Cheers,



Robert Correll,
44 Rawlinson Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario,
Canada. M4P 2M9

(Bob, you have voted on the eligibility of of the participants and stated that the Consitution of the I.D.A. need not be followed, yes this is what your yes vote says. Speed is never the answer to this type of problem.)

IN SUMMATION: In view of the facts that I have published and papers that I have in my files that I have not published yet. I charge that Edi Birsan & John Boyer conspired against me and the membership of the IDA to prevent any opposition to their tyranny, so that they may set themselves up in business using the funds of the IDA membership for their own profit. History has shown that men who ask for subsidies can not produce thur their own labor what other men could. I request that in view of the overwhelming evidence against Edi Birsan and John Boyer that both resign immediately from the IDA and the IDA Council. Next month I shall publish more facts about the conspiracies against me and all fair-mined Diplomacy players. Any person who wishes to reply to the information contained with-in or better explain his position may do so I will publish it. All material must be typed single spaced and 7 3/4" wide, also the material must contain their signature. I will not edit the material unless it is profane or libelous. I do reserve the right to commet on the material.

- 9) ATTENTION all Diplomacy players in EL CONQUISTADOR. if one is in more than one game you may receive more than one letter per month from me, as I do not hold-up the game results to save money on postage.
- 10) Remember to receive the next News-letter, one must be a player in EL CONQUISTADOR, OR send me a letter stating that you wish to trade your Zine for this, OR send me a stamped self-addressed envelope plus a ten cent stamp. There is no other way to get this unless one wants to pay \$2.00 for a back issue.

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