

Rodboken En Modspiell

Af Havlands Historie

BRIEFING SHEET

Name: OLAF CHRISTENSEN

Role: REVOLUTIONARY

Beliefs, Politics, and Goals

CIVIL RIGHTS – The lagrmanner are descendants of English slaves bought over by the Vikings when Havland was first colonised. Having been second-class citizens in Havland since its foundation and living in non-urban areas, their culture and language (Old Havlandic) has been historically suppressed in favour of Danophone Havlanders (those of Danish descent). As such, civil rights for the lagrmanner are close to Christensen's mind.

INDEPENDENCE – Since Danish culture has often been held up as an exemplar and an adequate replacement for Havlandic and specifically lagrmanner culture, freedom from Danish overreach and preservation of Havland's unique culture is a high priority. Even if integration with Denmark might mean a reduction in the inequality they experience, this is a key point of resistance.

Starting Resource and Modus Operandi

LAGRMANNER ACTIVISTS – In recent years oppression of lagrmanner communities has grown as the government seeks to reform Havland's image and modernise the country. A diffuse yet motivated group of lagrmanner, largely centred in Autlokerslander, have banded together to discuss tactics and strategies for resisting government restrictions on their livelihood (fishing) and encroachment on their communities with urban expansion and reductions of historic charters or grants. Amongst them are a sizeable portion of veterans who served in the military during the first World War, only to be cheated out of benefits when they returned, alongside a number of women and elderly home-front activists.

DANISH ALLIES – Students, liberals, and Havlandic exiles/campaigners in Copenhagen, largely centred around the city's University. While they are mostly intelligentsia with few saboteurs or riflemen amongst them, they may nevertheless be able to exert some pressure on the Danish government when the situation becomes tense.

MODUS OPERANDI – Olaf is skilled in **DIPLOMACY** (learned from his University years) and **PUBLIC PRESSURE** (by raising lagrmanner political awareness). Violence is considered a tool in the activist arsenal, and Olaf is acquainted with it from a rough upbringing, but not the first choice.

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Name: POUL ANDERSEN

Role: REVOLUTIONARY

Beliefs, Politics, and Goals

SOCIAL DEMOCRACY – A branch of politics that broadly supports social progress through establishing democracy and strong governmental institutions, as well as a social “safety net” to support communities. Advocates usually dissuade others from undertaking violent revolutionary action.

REFORMIST – In Havland’s case, a group of reformers who support a transition from Absolutist monarchy (the current state after Frederick II suspended the provisional constitution he introduced) to a constitutional monarchy, similar to the form adopted by Denmark. Close allies of the social democratic faction.

Starting Resource and Modus Operandi

GOVERNMENT BACKING – A substantial amount of royal resources are available as Andersen undertakes a position in the government as an advisor to the Home Ministry (Hæmmisteret). These can include funds, introductions to other governments, transport, and access to printing. However, these are conditional upon both him performing his governmental duties and his continued loyalty to the government. Suspicions of disloyalty or subversive activity can lead to his swift expulsion or arrest.

ROYAL FAMILY – As a distant relative to Frederick II, Andersen is allowed two bodyguards when undertaking official functions and access to the palace, as well as hunting grounds and other royal privileges. However, he is not considered in line for the throne, nor is he close to Frederick himself.

HOJKULTUR CLUB – A group of lawyers and other functionaries who form the Kongenshavn Law Association. They have strong bureaucratic connections and are willing to expedite certain approval processes or similar procedural matters, as well as defend members from criminal charges. However, they lean conservative and are opposed to Kongenshavn’s business community, who they see as internationalist and lacking in loyalty to Havland. Many are reformist, and some are also social democrats.

MODUS OPERANDI – Poul is talented at GOVERNANCE (drafting and implementing policy) as well as CHARISMA (appeals to the public, showy leadership positions). Violence is considered a last resort, but he is a skilled hunter and decent tactician.

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Name: FELIX NIELSEN

Role: REVOLUTIONARY

Beliefs, Politics, and Goals

COMMUNISM – A broad group of often-conflicting parties who largely agree that workers and labourers are being exploited both physically and economically by a capitalist class. By owning the means of production and extracting profit from the labour of the proletariat, capitalists act as parasites upon society, taking without providing and harming their workers. Strong anti-monarchist and anti-imperialist beliefs are also characteristic, based on similar reasoning.

Starting Resource and Modus Operandi

CRIMINAL CONTACTS – As with any major city, Orienshabn harbours a number of criminal elements engaged in a variety of activities including theft, prostitution, racketeering, underground betting etc. Poor management of Havland's second city in favour of spending resources on developing Kongenshabn has led to poor living conditions and a commensurately higher level of crime, forming a vicious cycle where Orienshabn is written off as "criminal-infested" and thereby unworthy of investment. Nielsen's ties to these groups comes largely from being a fellow target of the unfortunate eye of the law, but they are happy to perform unsavoury services for the appropriate fee, especially if it undermines the existing authorities.

COMMUNIST CELL – A small group of radicalised and hardline communists in Orienshabn who operate a small printing press to create their own material for dissemination when official printing-houses turn them down. Many years of being ostracised and targeted by the government du jour has led to a high level of anti-royal sentiment, and they are determined to overthrow the King rather than allowing him to stay on as a constitutional monarch as in Denmark.

MODUS OPERANDI – Felix excels in **AGITATION** (propaganda and incitement, with tactical riots if necessary) and **SABOTAGE** (industrial and general). Direct action and violence are considered necessary tools for political victory.

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Name: GERHARD JORGENSEN

Role: REVOLUTIONARY

Beliefs, Politics, and Goals

TYCOON LIBERALISM – Pro-business, pro-free trade, and pro-wealth accumulation. Believes that expanding markets and developing the economy is the best way for society to progress and for living conditions to improve.

CLASSICAL LIBERALISM – Believes in personal autonomy and economic freedom, including freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of movement, and small government.

PROTECTIVE – Preserve personal wealth and provide for family/employees. If need be, support or weather regime change to ensure that they “come out on top”.

Starting Resource and Modus Operandi

JORGENSENS KOMPAGNI – A large trade consortium with ships that connects the various nations of the North Sea, dealing with trade goods of all kinds. Its largest trading partners are Denmark and Germany, and offices have been established in Copenhagen and Hamburg. The company is privately owned and largely controlled by the Jorgensen family, supported by a large cadre of highly-paid accountants, secretaries, and assistants. As the current leader of the Jorgensen family, Gerhard has considerable leeway to do as he sees fit, but can always be reined in if he goes too far by the eldest patriarch Odo, who performed the marriage of convenience that gave the Jorgensens their current wealth and status.

HAVLANDIC BUSINESS ASSOCIATES – A group of Danish and Havlandic merchants who have formed a small social circle, giving each other loans and investing in “mutual enterprises”. Naturally, gossip and backchat abound about the various members. Notable rivals with the Kongenshavn Law Society (also known as the Højkultur club for their meeting place of choice), who they see as elitist and overly-conservative lawyers.

MODUS OPERANDI – Gerhard is skilled in **INTIMIDATION** (blunt business deals, backroom operations, and quiet letters to nosy officials) and **SUBTERFUGE** (stealth operations, break-ins directed from afar, and quiet information gathering). While he prefers to keep his hands clean he has no compunction about using violence to achieve his ends.