

## WELCOME TO FEULLETONIST'S FORUM!

This is the first issue, and consequently the only issue, so back issues are as yet unavailable. Right now FF is home to one game of Presidential Politics, a game invented by Jake Halverstadt and soon to be in a game store near you. If he gets it sold.

We are hoping to add a subzine in the very near future. The author/pubber will be Conrad Minshall and he has expressed an interest in GMing a game of regular DIPLOMACY, so if you are interested in playing contact Conrad at 3702 Tarragona Lane Austin, TX 78759. Furthermore, I am still looking for a couple more players to fill out the PP, especially Democrats. Move on that elsewhere.

Not much to this first issue, really. What do you expect since this is going to be virtually all me. If it stays that way it will quickly become one of the prettier warehouse 'zines in existence. By the way, do you like the format? We will have to see how long I can keep it up.

At the moment I plan to include a few comments on the Presidential candidates from several letters I have gotten over the last few weeks, and the house rules for PP. Not much beyond that. I hope you will be impressed enough by my format and my goals to get interested in the 'zine. I am looking for about 25 subbers; we stand at ten. What I really hate is my spending so much time making the pages look good, then I screw it up by adding in my typing! Maybe you all could take up a collection to buy me a decent typewriter, or maybe an IBM PC.

Now for the less than happy stuff. If any of you who have already paid for this want to change your mind after reading this then I will give you a full refund. After all you mailed off your money sight unseen, you deserve a break.

I considered putting this on the permanent inner cover, but I decided not to get so negative. I am going to be spending about a buck on each and every copy of FF that I print. I am charging most of you 25¢. If, for some unknown reason, you should decide to cancel your sub, I will charge your account for the cost of every issue that you have received, rather than just give you back your sub credit. Should I, for some ungodly reason, fold, then you will get a complete reimbursement for your full sub credit. I am doing this because of the nasty habit some people are getting into in some 'zines of subbing/ cancelling/ subbing/ cancelling in the same zine. I won't put up with that, nor will I leave myself open to schemes to make me lose more money on this thing than I have to. I want to use this as a forum for political discussion, and I have seen people in this hobby get irate over what I consider to be such pettier things, so I am taking precautions.

Every attempt will be made to keep the Ad Hominem arguments to an absolute minimum; I want the issues of the day discussed here, and as I said on the inner cover, I want it done in the Lincoln-Douglass style. If any of you don't know what that means, it is an argument in which the debaters use logic, analogy, and reasoning to make their points. The use of facts and figures should be kept to a minimum, because that usually degenerates into arguments over methodology.

Topics are whatever anyone wishes to discuss. I would like to start with your Presidential preference, but anything is Kosher with me. Debates on Diplomacy are certainly welcome.

I hope you all enjoy the 'zine; let me know how I am doing from time to time. Oh yes, submissions for print would be best if submitted already typed (unless you like my style of butchering print) on a 6x 12 sheet. I will accept others, but I make no promises.

"I never vote for anybody. I only vote against."--W.C. Fields

"There aren't any 'intelligent' people around who actually support a major candidate for President anyway, are there?"--Jim Burgess

"Oh, what the hell!"--Dave Frick

"Repay good with good; repay evil with justice."--Confucius

## HOUSE RULES TO PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS:

I will be following all of the rules used in the original rulebook with the following additions.

- 1) NATIONAL COMMITTEE: Each candidate gets national committee delegates apportioned according to his stands on the seven basic issues. A minimum of five issues are necessary to calculate the delegate split, and the totals from all states combined will be used as one lump sum.
- 2) ORGANIZATIONS: Any state can have an organization set up for any amount of time. Each successive week of organization nets 40% of the total remaining votes. Should a candidate start and then stop an organization, he loses 40% of the votes he has gained so far for each week it is shut down up to the election day. Prices will remain the same.
- 3) OPEN PRIMARY STATES: Under Jake's rules only the issues are split between the parties. I think all of the issues, travel, media, and organization should be split, so that is how this game will be run. If a democrat buys all of the available media (after the time-share provision has been accounted for) then he gets all of the votes.
- 4) TRAVEL Candidates can visit up to two cities a day. Visits the week of the primary count for 100%, the week previous 90%, and so on. A candidate who visits a city 10 weeks early for 10 days gets half the votes along with a candidate who visits the week of for 1 day (assuming they are the only two to visit that city). A candidate who is the only one to visit a city gets all the votes, regardless of for how long, or how long ago the visit was.
- 5) CFP's: The winner of each primary or caucus gets 25% of the donations available, then he and the rest of the candidates who get more than 20% of the vote split the other 75% proportionately.
- 6) MEDIA BONUS: The winner of the weeks primaries gets an additional media share in all of the next weeks events. Several winners in the same week, or a virtual tie (within 1%) both get a media share.

## GENERAL ELECTION

- 1) Previous expenditures-- After the primaries are over the totals for all media, travel, and organization will be tallied and announced. In the general election the vote totals from each area will be worth a percentage of their value during the primaries. All votes received for Media will be worth one-third the original value, and Organization 1/4. Travel will be added to the new travel for each Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidate at 1/2 its original value.
- 2) CFPs-- Each parties nominee gets 1500 CFPs plus whatever he had left after the primaries.
- 3) VP-- Once chosen as the Veep, the candidate will get 200 CFP to spend on travel. His stand (or Her stand) will count as 1/2 that of the Presidential candidates, and He/She can spotlight one issue in each of the states. All of the VP's travel, org, and media from the primaries will be added according to the formulas mentioned above.
- 4) ELECTION DAY-- Every state or region contested in the primaries will have an election on the same day. All candidates have 100 days of campaigning between the convention and the election. These days are to be used for travel and organization. Media and issues will be separated by state or region and only submitted once. Ten media shares and two issues can be spotlighted per state or region.

Any other issues that need clarification can be voted on by the various candidates through the National Committee, or questions about the general election can be discussed before then and decided on by me.

## ANNOUNCED PLAYERS AND PARTY PREFERENCE

Jim Makuc Republican Box 111 Monterey, MA 01245  
Mark Larzelere ??? 7607 Pontainebleau #2352 New Carrollton, MD 20784  
Jim Burgess ??? 100 Holden St. third left, Providence RI 02908 \*  
James Wall Republican 27 N. Mills #3 Madison, WI 53715  
Jim Meinel Republican? P.O. Box 832 Anchorage, AK 99510  
David Frick 11523 Scottsdale Dr. Stafford TX 77477 Cops Republican?  
Stephen Wilcox Republican? 5300 West Gulf Bank #103 Houston TX 77056  
John MacArthur Democrat 1106 Castlerock Dr. Fort Collins CO 80521

\* I am not really sure about Jim, since I have him on my list as a paid up player, but I can't find his letter and I had to search for his address. Let me know, will you Jim?

Obviously we need more Democrats. The ??? are unknown at this time, and the ? after means I am guessing. This should prove to be an interesting game, since we have the Inventor and at least one elected official playing. As soon as I get your issue decisions on the first seven issues I will set the deadline for the first set of orders--week 1. I have this from Jake; I need the rest. Spread the word guys. I am hoping for 5 in each party.

Let me know if you still need a copy of the rules. Or better yet, call Jake at the above address.

### RELIABLE DIPLOMACY PLAYERS NEEDED!

I will be guest GMing a four week game for Greg Ellis in his new 'zine, Fue... (the full name of his 'zine is not Futile-to-Spell, just nearly so).

Both starting players and standbys are needed.

There is no game fee, but a subscription to Greg's 'zine is required for the duration.

The NMR deposit is \$5. Per NMR! That is, a player forfeits \$5 for an NMR and must submit another \$5 to continue in the game. This fee structure is intended to discourage the sort of player who frequently NMRs from even signing up. It is NOT intended to make money for the GM - if forfeited deposits amount to more than my costs (which should be quite low), then the excess will become prize money to be divided between the players who rarely NMRed.

House rules are under construction; they will definitely be available before gamestart. They will be more complete than most, although certainly not as long as Linsey's. The only unusual rule anticipated is that press may be made conditional on results of the season for which it is submitted.

Preference lists will be accepted. Players who do not submit one will be randomly assigned countries. Preference lists will be processed after that random assignment.

Maps will be included with adjudications. Map format will be like that used by Judy Winsome in Winsome-Lossome - the best I've seen yet.

Prospective players concerned with a "track record" should note that I have never before GMed a postal game. But hey, novices try harder!

I promise a fairly and promptly run game.

Contact Conrad at 3702 Tarragona Lane, Austin, TX 78727.

### TEXAS REDISTRICTING MACHINE

EDM SIGMONT  
1988-1989



LEGISLATURE SETS HOUSE, SENATE AND CONGRESSIONAL PLANS IN MOTION ① HOUSE  
SENATE JUDGE'S GAVEL ② AND SENATE PLAN TRIGGERS VETO ③  
TOGETHER RELEASING REDISTRICTING BOARD ④ DROPPING OUT CONGRESSIONAL  
PLAN CALLS LEGISLATURE INTO SESSION ⑤ WAVING DOG, CHAIRMAN  
DISTRICTS ⑥, WHICH IMMEDIATELY ROLL INTO TRACK CAR ⑦.

Still having some problems with format - It will get better!  
LA

Politics game, and to provide a forum for frustrated politicians. Since this is the first issue, and since nobody has taken me up on my offer to print their comments, all you get this time is my reasons for supporting President Reagan.

The first thing that I would like to say is that I don't intend for this to be a diatribe against the Democrats, although it is a viable argument that there are no good alternatives to the incumbent. Instead I will concentrate on those areas that I feel are important and should convince any thinking American to vote for Ronald Reagan.

**The Economy:** Inflation is significantly lower now than when the Republicans took office. The rate of unemployment is significantly down from pre-Reagan levels. The prime lending rate is lower than it was on inauguration day 1981. The deficit is higher than it has ever been in our nations history, but the government has been operating at a deficit since the early 60's and we have yet to see the devastating effects predicted by some economists. I am not saying that the deficit is unimportant, but I am saying that it is the least of our worries. The answer to getting the deficit under control is a balanced budget amendment, and it isn't the Republicans who are fighting that proposal. The economy is my overall voting issue, and President Reagan has earned my vote by a wide margin.

**Defense and Foreign Policy:** Although it is impossible to say whether or not we are actually in a better position now than four years ago, I can say that the image of the U.S. has been significantly enhanced from the subdued state of affairs that Carter left behind. Maybe the increases in defense spending have solved some of our problems, maybe it hasn't. Maybe if we were to try to rescue fifty Americans from an embassy that had been taken over by hostile forces it wouldn't work any better than it did in 1980, but with President Reagan in charge of the country, I don't think anyone will even attempt such a takeover. Image is an important part of our defense. It doesn't matter whether we even have a single MX missile that will fly, as long as our enemies believe it will we are safe from attack. In other areas, as many of you may have already read in my letters to other 'zines, it is impossible for the U.S. to do what is right. In central America we are responding to the requests of an allied government to aid it in defending against an aggressor nation. How could we ever be able to tell if the government truly represents the people? All we can do as a nation is decide what is best for the U.S. and do it. President Reagan does that to a large extent, and I will only be happier if he carried it even further. I don't think he will get us into any armed aggression in Central America, but I support him in his attempts to topple the Sandanistas.

**Deregulation and the New Federalism:** It isn't moving fast enough. I blame the delays on the Congress though, not the President. The industries that have been deregulated have all prospered. A few companies have gone under, but that is because we quit rewarding inefficiency and waste. In the airline industry alone there are over a hundred new companies and much lower prices. As for the New Federalism, the state and local governments can do a much better job of administration and the recipients of aid would be much better off under such a system. FDR's New Deal has failed miserably. It is time that we tried something else. I was once quoted as having expressed a belief that people would rather get welfare than work, and I was ridiculed somewhat for believing such a myth. My intent with the comment was not to make a blatant generalization, but to make the point that some people are happy enough on the dole to stay there. The higher the allotments, the more people will reach that level. The cure to poverty is work, not aid. The cure to unemployment is education, and that is the duty of the state government, not the Fed.

Overall I think the President has done an outstanding job. To quote his campaign, "Are you better off now than you were four years ago?" If you are, then I urge you to help the President continue those programs that have benefitted all Americans. If not, then vote for somebody else. Should the entire country follow that guideline, the President will be re-elected by a wide margin.

Any and all other opinions out there?

the typing, but that situation should improve nextish.