

ISSUE 12

Game openings: Gunboat, Snowball Fighting.
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Sorry this is coming out so late this month, and I really don't have a good excuse. It has taken longer this week to type this up than ever previously, and I also had a larger percentage pre-typed! Formatting was a real pain. But it is just about done and should go in the mail tonight (Tuesday evening) which is about a day after I wanted it to. Sometimes I wonder how Brux ever managed to run for five years and never miss a mailing deadline.

I still need three more entries to open the second Gunboat game. Deadline will be two weeks, no press, and I will have maps in the zine. Game fee is \$5 per game plus a sub to PP which is presently \$5/10 issues.

This issue has the PP results, of course, as well as a very short Butter Battles, the George Will gunboat game, and a commentary from me on recent political happenings. We don't have copy of High Plains Gonzo this month. Jake has had some very unusual circumstances to live with this last week, and he couldn't get the subzine to me in time to print. He did assure me that it would be mailed out to the players sometime this week.

Speaking of the George Will gunboat game, since I am still hoping to get a second game open soon I will need a name for it. In the spirit of fair play, I would like to use the name of a liberal columnist. Since they are all liberal to me, I would very much appreciate some comment from my less than conservative readers and suggestions on who to use.

As for recent Hobby news, I keep hearing that DW has not folded. I will believe it when I see it. Stephen Wilcox is still looking for the 1983 and 1984 game openings to complete his survey. He put a complete list in the latest issue of The Dragon's Lair which you can have for 50¢ from Stephen at 5300 West Gulf Bank #103, Houston Texas 77088. I am personally eager to see the results of that survey, if only to see how often my favorite openings coincide with the average. It may also be useful for those GMs who like to take over and play for a season any country that NMRs in Spring 1901.

I have now seen two new zines recently, and am glad to say that I would recommend either of them. They are It's a Trap published by Steve Knight at 11905 Winterthur Lane #103, Reston VA 22901, and Excelsior published by Bruce McIntyre at 6191 Winch Street, Burnaby BC, Canada V5B 2E4. IT is very well produced and will be carrying games of Diplomacy and United. Steve's second issue has a small, edited letter column and the zine looks like it will be averaging 12 or 16 pages, reduced digest.

XL, as Bruce refers to it, is apparently in its sixth issue. The cover is unique in that it will carry an original drawing each time, and the rest of the zine is also very well done. He also uses borders, and I will bet he uses rub on letters for the issue numbers and page numbers. All in all it looks very good. Bruce is carrying several kinds of games, including Diplomacy, Chess, Othello, Bachgaxxon (?), and was carrying Pente. The way the board games work is that Bruce makes a move for the first player, then he solicits votes from his readership as to what the response should be. The move that gets the most votes wins. The reader that agrees with the majority the most times wins the game. I don't know what the winner gets, if anything, in the way

of a prize. Perhaps it is just the knowledge that he is indeed the most average.

Another major feature of XL Issue No. 5 was the subzine by Bruce Linsey entitled, cleverly enough, HOBBYTALK!. That column in VoD was one of my favorite features, and I am glad to see it back. I even get mentioned in this one! I was pleased with both zines, and will be trading or subbing to both. The most pleasing aspect has to be the total absence of hobby politics, and if The Feud is still raging, I may never know! Perfect.

I really did like the idea of playing Chess or Backgammon along those lines. In fact, I may steal it. You all let me know if you would be interested in participating and I'll see if I can fit it in here. While we are at it, why don't you all send me a little constructive criticism? What features do you like or dislike about FF? What would you like to see added to FF, or changed, or dropped? My first anniversary issue is quickly approaching in September, and I have long intended to do a formal survey at that time, but as a preliminary to that I would appreciate your comments now.

The last two pages of this issue are my editorial on the Lebanese hostage situation. As always I welcome comments from you, and as always everything that you send me is subject to being printed. The last page and a half of that article will be dedicated to "How to write elected officials" which I may actually use as a real article. It has been my experience as a legislative aide to a state representative, that very few people write good letters. The example on page 11 that Gary wrote is terrible, though certainly not as bad as it could have been. If you have ever written to an elected official, or if you ever plan to, please read at least the last half of that article. Staff members the world over will thank you for it.

With another political year approaching I would very much like to hear about your local races and how you think they interact with the national elections just held. As an excellent example, the 1st congressional seat here in Texas was vacated when the new Republican Senator Phil Gramm nominated conservative Democrat Sam Hall for a judgeship. An election was held a week and a half ago to fill the vacancy and there were 8 candidates; 6 Democrats, 1 Republican, and 1 weirdo. The Republican, Edd Hargett, out spent the Democrats and the weirdo by a two to one margin, and led the race with 42%. Democrat Jim Chapman is in the runoff with 30%. There has NEVER been a Republican elected in the 1st Congressional district in Texas. The runoff is scheduled for August 3, and political pundits are arguing as to whether this race is a test for the realignment from Democrat to Republican here in Texas.

Further, Houston is having city elections in November, and the regular statewide races for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Agriculture Commissioner, Land Commissioner, Railroad Commissioners, and a host of Judicial offices will be held in November of 1986. Let me know what is happening in your area.

That is about it for this months general BS. Don't forget about DIPCON in Seattle on the weekend of August 23-25, as well as RazorCon in Pasadena TX on the weekend of August 17-18. For DIPCON info write to Pete Gaughan at 3121 East Park Row #171A, Arlington TX 76010, and for RazorCon info write James Early at 3705 Uruguay Dr., Pasadena TX 77504. I intend to attend both, and hope to meet many of you all at one or the other.

Serious comments are later, and PP is up next. Have a good July!

BORDER STATES

MEDIA, MOMENTUM VAULT HARE TO VICTORY

Former Senator Ty Hare used the momentum from last weeks win in Indiana to capture the Border States region caucuses. The candidate came all out in the final week before the elections visiting six cities in seven days. In the early polls it appeared that the region would be a battle between Congressman Frick and Senator Young. But Hare's superior organization and travel gave him the 6 point victory. Because of party rules allowing the elected officials of a state to attend the national conventions, Hare picked up 58% of the delegates pledged, even though he only garnered 33% of the vote.

In second place was Senator Young of California. his 26% brought him only 16 delegates, and he also reported that the campaign contributions were coming rather slowly from the area. Young also spent time travelling through the states this week, though not as extensively as had Hare. Young was the only other Republican candidate to purchase media time.

Congressman Frick of Texas had pretty much thrown this election over to one of the other candidates when he failed to set up an organization last month. While he is known for one of the better organizers in the campaign, he only had two weeks worth of volunteer effort in this 5 state area. It became apparent when he announced that he would not be making any campaign stops in the area either. Instead he spent his time and money in the South Atlantic region where he got a close second.

The man who won in the South Atlantic was Senator James Wall of Wisconsin; he took fourth out of four in the border states. Although the Senator had set up an organization for three weeks, his polls showed that his best issue was the Windfall Profits Tax II, and that it wasn't a strong enough issue in this part of the country to make him a contender. He wisely spent his money elsewhere.

CANDIDATE	DAVE	TY	JAMES	DAN
ISSUES:				
Nuke	-138	+237	-138	-138
Chrysler	-138	-138	-138	+296
Wind II	-158	-158	+237	-158
IDB	-296	+138	+138	+138
SPOTLIGHT ISSUE	IDB	Nuke	Wind II	Chrysler
VISITS: days/votes				
St Louis		3/120	1/ 39	2/ 80
Kansas City		2/ 66	1/ 33	1/ 33
Memphis		.5/ 45		.5/ 45
Nashville		.5/ 40		.5/40
Wilmington		.5/ 52		
Knoxville		.5/ 46		
ORGANIZATION:				
weeks/votes	2/198	4/270	3/243	3/243
MOMENTUM BONUS:		95		
MEDIA:				
votes	-0-	190		95
Number/cost	-0-	2/112		1/ 56
TOTAL VOTES:	1023	1595	966	1266
PERCENTAGE:	21.09	32.88	19.91	26.12
DELEGATES:	13	58	13	16
CFP GAINED:	29	85	-0-	36

BORDER STATES

HALVERSTADT UPSETS WILCOX IN CLOSEST RACE OF THE ELECTION YEAR

In what was termed a major upset victory, the Halverstadt campaign won a very close battle over Texas Senator Stephen Wilcox. A recount is expected, and indeed election officials have already rechecked several of the closer boxes. As predicted the difference came down to media expenditures where Halverstadt out spent Wilcox two to one. Although shocked at the outcome in an election that they had taken somewhat for granted, the Wilcox campaign was quick to point out that the win only netted Halverstadt one more delegate than the second place finish brought Wilcox. The big disappointment was the difference in contributions where Halverstadt reported nearly a two to one advantage over Wilcox.

The third active candidate, Mark Larzelere of Maryland, gained 50 delegates, only 15 behind the leader. Larzelere garnered 22% of the vote in states where he had done no travelling and only spent 56 CFP in media. Larzelere had set up an extensive organization throughout the Border States area though. That, and his opposition to the International Development Banks, which some of the local voters saw as a major contributor to shore up communist countries, were credited with giving him the good showing.

The bankrupt campaigns of Burgess and Gaughan netted only token support. Gaughan only got 9.5%, while Burgess only pulled in 8.5%. The two had started organizations, but lost much of their support when the offices were forced to close as funds ran out. Gaughan still has a small chance of getting enough funds to pay his debt and enter the California primary.

CANDIDATE	JIM	PETE	JAKE	MARK	STEPHEN
ISSUES:					
Panama	+ 86	+ 86	+ 86	+ 86	-311
Wind II	- 87	+184	+184	+184	- 87
IDB	+ 95	+ 95	+ 95	-345	+ 95
MX Missile	?	+	+	+	-
SPOTLIGHT ISSUE ----		Wind II	Wind II	IDB	Panama
VISITS:days/votes					
St. Louis			2.4/106		3 /133
Kansas City			2.7/ 76		2 / 56
Memphis			1.8/ 89		
Nashville			.9/ 37		1 / 42
Wilmington			.9/ 52		
Knoxville					.5/ 46
Chattanooga					.5/ 40
ORGANIZATION:					
weeks/votes	3(-2)/ 88	2(-2)/43	3/243	4/270	3/243
MOMENTUM BONUS:				62	
MEDIA:					
Votes				62	62
number/cost				1/ 21	1/ 21
TOTAL VOTES:	356	408	1253	980	1243
PERCENTAGE:	8.40	9.62	29.55	23.11	29.32
DELEGATES:			65	50	64
CFP GAINED:			78	32	40

SOUTH ATLANTIC

WALL WINS BY DEFAULT INDECISION COSTS YOUNG WIN; FRICK ISSUE BACKFIRES

Senator James Wall of Wisconsin slipped through the back door today to take the majority of delegates in regional caucuses today in the South Atlantic U.S. Winning by just 1.04 over Congressman Frick of Texas, the Senator used Frick's stand on International Development Banks and Young's indecision on the MX missile to surpass both candidates. Wall had to overcome an early faux pas in spotlighting the Windfall II Tax program in his media. Negative opinion toward the Senator shot up rapidly after the radio spots began to play in Atlanta and Charleston. The candidate then pulled the offensive ads and concentrated on his organization, as well as making unscheduled stops in Atlanta and Greensboro.

Congressman Frick was highly upset by the loss after having spent the week visiting all six major cities in the region. "I blame this loss on poor research," the candidate said. "We were sure that the voters would respond favorably to the International Bank Issue. Then Hare and Young started talking about the MX and Food Stamps, all of which went to help Wall."

Young was equally disappointed, and blamed his loss on the negative campaign techniques used by Frick. "He targeted his entire campaign here against me, which is very flattering but inconvenient. And the fact that I missed the MX vote really was a cheap shot. though I haven't had time to read that specific bill, I have generally supported the MX program."

Ty Hare had started an organization in Atlanta, but had closed it when it became obvious that he could win in any of the Atlantic states.

CANDIDATE	DAVE	TY	JAMES	DAN
ISSUES:				
Windfall II	-162	-162	+ 81	-162
IDB	- 81	+162	+162	+162
Food Stamps	- 81	? 81	+243	+243
MX Missile	+ 81	-243	-243	? 81
SPOTLIGHT ISSUE	IDB	MX	Wind II	Food
DECISION BONUS	216	108	216	108

VISITS: days/votes

Atlanta		1/ 62	2/123
Greensboro	2/ 45	1/ 22	.5/ 11
Charlotte	1/ 40		.5/ 20
Greensville	1/ 54		
Raleigh	1/ 49		
Charleston	1/ 39		
Columbia	1/ 38		

ORGANIZATION:

weeks/votes	2/154	2(-2)/ 55	3/188	3/188
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MOMENTUM BONUS:

126	126
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MEDIA:

votes	126	126	126
Number/cost	1/ 42	1/ 42	1/ 42

TOTAL VOTES:	1292	937	1343	1224
PERCENTAGE:	26.94	19.53	28.00	25.52
DELEGATES:	22	16	60	21
CFP GAINED:	37	-0-	77	36

SOUTH ATLANTIC

LARZELERE BY TWO POINTS OVER WILCOX

Although all five of the original Democratic contenders were entered in the South Atlantic states' caucuses, only two ever really contested. In what has become forbidden territory to all but the conservative Senator from Texas, the Larzelere campaign won a startling victory in the once solid south. Although it was a very close battle, the candidates opposition to the International Development Bank carried him to victory. Larzelere was also the only Democrat to buy any media time in the Region. The win brought 105 delegates and 96 CFP contributions to the Maryland Senator.

The shocked Wilcox campaign was reeling under its second defeat on the day in which it was supposed to sweep 8 states. Analysts said Wilcox was taking the southern states for granted, as evidenced by his not purchasing any media at all in the region. Although he had visited Atlanta, Charlotte, Greenville, and Charleston last week, he spent this week in an unsuccessful bid in the Border states. Still the candidate picked up 99 delegates, only 6 behind Larzelere.

Wilcox profited from the state, spending only 44 CFPs and gaining back 54 CFPs in contributions. Larzelere had spent 105 CFPs and earned 96. None of the other three candidates gained either contributions or delegates, and in fact only Gaughan had even attempted to campaign before going broke. Halverstadt took third place without spending any money whatsoever. He managed 13% mostly due to his momentum. Gaughan, who had opened an organization, but closed it a week later, took fourth with 11%. Burgess, who has stopped campaigning altogether, came in last with 8%.

CANDIDATE	JIM	PETE	JAKE	MARK	STEPHEN
ISSUES:					
Chrysler	- 95	+126	- 95	+126	+126
Draft II	- 28	- 28	- 28	- 28	+426
Wind II	- 79	+121	+121	+121	- 79
IDB	+ 79	+ 79	+ 79	-205	+ 79
SPOTLIGHT ISSUE	----	Chrysler	Wind II	IDB	Draft II

VISITS:days/votes

Atlanta	5.7/126	2.7/ 59
Greensboro	2.8/ 78	
Charlotte	.9/ 40	.45/ 20
Greenville	.9/ 36	.45/ 18
Raleigh	1/ 49	
Charleston	1/ 27	.45/ 12
Columbia	1/ 38	

ORGANIZATION:

weeks/votes	14-3)/21	4/209	3/188
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MOMENTUM BONUS:

126

MEDIA:

Votes	126
number/cost	1/ 42

TOTAL VOTES:	281	375	449	1209	1133
PERCENTAGE:	8.15	10.88	13.03	35.07	32.87
DELEGATES:				105	99
CFP GAINED:				96	54

REPUBLICANS

HARE IN LEAD AT HALFWAY POINT

Half of the campaign season is now over, and Former Senator Ty Hare of California has a precarious lead in the Republican nomination race. Elections or Caucuses have been held in 25 states and the District of Columbia, and exactly 25 more elections are yet to come. So far two candidates have already dropped from the Republican ranks, both in the early stages of the campaign.

At this point the nomination is still very much up for grabs. Congressman Frick has the fewest delegates and the least amount of money, so his chances look very dim.

Dan Young of California is 74 delegates behind the leader, but also has more money than any of the other Republicans. With some expensive campaigns yet to come in Texas and California, he could still conceivably win the nomination. He received excellent news today that he was the only candidate to enter the Maryland Republican primary, giving him the 30 delegates there.

James Wall is only 13 delegates off the pace, and held the lead early on. The Wisconsin Senator is 150 CFPs behind Hare, which may hurt in the coming weeks.

The leader, Hare, is still in fair shape financially, and has been maintaining momentum with consecutive wins for several weeks. Hare is in the best position to guarantee a spot on the ticket, although he is far from locking up the nomination. It takes 1030 delegates to win the Republican nomination. Only 946 delegates have been awarded so far.

CANDIDATES	DAVE	TY	JAMES	DAN
BALANCE	85	414	250	627
This Week				
SPENT	<125>	<163>	<139>	<209>
GAINED	66	85	77	72
BALANCE	26	335	188	491
Available Funds	161	470	323	626

TRAVEL:				
DAY 1	Clumbia	St. Lou	Atlanta	Atlanta
DAY 2	Christn	"	Grnsbro	"
DAY 3	Grnvll	"	St. Lou	Chrlt/Grnsb
DAY 4	Raliegh	K. City	K. City	St. Lou
DAY 5	Charltt	"	Philly	"
DAY 6	Grnsbro	Mem/Nash	Pittsbrg	K. City
DAY 7	"	Wilm/Knox	Dallas	Mem/Nash

ORGANIZATIONS:				
Pennsylvania	4	3	5	4
North Plains	N	1	N	N
Texas	3	N	3	2
Virginia	2	N	N	1
Michigan	N	N	1	N
Kentucky	2	N	N	N
California	2	N	N	N
DECLARED FOR:				
Pennsylvania	Y	Y	Y	Y
North Plains	Y	Y	Y	Y
Texas	Y	Y	Y	Y
Virginia	Y	Y	Y	Y
Michigan	N	N	Y	Y
Maryland	N	N	N	Y
TOTAL DELEGATES:	178	285	273	210

DEMOCRATS

LARZELERE LEADS AT MIDPOINT

Over half of the 3394 delegates to the Democratic National Convention have been awarded so far, and the race is still much too close to call. Mark Larzelere of Maryland has won 457 delegates and holds the lead by 51 over Texas Senator Stephen Wilcox. The third active candidate, Jake Halverstadt of Colorado, is only 152 delegates off the pace.

The campaign finances are also close for the Democrats. Wilcox has the most money at this point with 669 CFPs, and can be expected to do well in most of the remaining elections. Having already won most of the southern states, he still has elections in his home state of Texas, Virginia, Kentucky, and California where he should do well.

Halverstadt also has his home state, as well as the other rocky Mountain states yet to hold elections. He has the second highest amount of money with 625 CFPs.

Larzelere has the least amount of money of the remaining three candidates, but since he is only 85 CFP behind Wilcox the disadvantage may not really count for much. Larzelere is looking forward to the election in his home state of Maryland, and will probably give Halverstadt a run for his money in Pennsylvania. It will be a two man race in Maryland, where Wilcox declined to enter, reportedly out of courtesy to Senator Larzelere. "I refused to enter Maryland, and I have been hoping Mark would withdraw his name from the Texas primary in the spirit of reciprocity, but for some reason he hasn't. I'm not sure if the fact that Texas has 100 more delegates than Maryland has anything to do with that or not.", the Texas Senator said.

CANDIDATE	JIM	PETE	JAKE	MARK	STEPHEN
BALANCE	<72>	<12>	752	652	680
This week					
SPENT	-0-	-0-	<205>	<196>	<105>
GAINED	-0-	-0-	78	128	94
BALANCE	<72>	<12>	625	584	669
Available Funds	-0-	-0-	755	719	804

TRAVEL:					
DAY 1	*	*	Knx/Chtng	Atlanta	St. Lou
DAY 2	*	*	Philly	"	"
DAY 3	*	*	"	"	"
DAY 4	*	*	"	Raliegh	K. City
DAY 5	*	*	Pttsbrg	Christn	"
DAY 6	*	*	"	Columbia	Knx/Chtng
DAY 7	*	*	NE Penn	Grnsbro	"

ORGANIZATIONS:					
Pennsylvania	4(-2)	N	4	4	3
North Plains	N	N	3	2	N
Texas	4(-2)	N	N	N	N
Virginia	2(-2)	N	2	N	N
Michigan	2(-2)	N	N	N	N

DECLARED FOR:					
Pennsylvania	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Texas	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Virginia	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Michigan	N	N	Y	Y	N
Maryland	N	N	Y	Y	N

TOTAL DELEGATES:	248	292	305	457	406
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GEORGE WILL

WINTER 1901

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUSTRIA	Home-----	3 --
ENGLAND	Home, NWY-----	4 +1
FRANCE	Home, SPA, POR, MUN-----	6 +3
GERMANY	Ber, Kie, HOL, DEN, mun-----	4 +1
ITALY	Home, TUN-----	4 +1
RUSSIA	Home, RUM, SWE-----	6 +2
TURKEY	Home, BUL-----	4 +1

BUILDS

Austria	EVEN
England	Fleet London
France	Fleet Brest, Army Paris, Army Marseilles
Germany	Army Berlin
Italy	Fleet Naples
Russia	Army St. Petersburg, Army Warsaw
Turkey	Fleet Smyrna

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AUSTRIA P Tri - ALB; A BUD S Tur A Bul - Rum; A Sil S Fr A Mun - Ber (dis, ret Boh, Pru, OTB)

ENGLAND A NWY H, (F NWG S); F Lon - ENG, (F NTH S)

FRANCE A Por - SPA; A Par - BUR; A Mar - PIE; F Spa - LYO; F Bre - MID; A MUN - Kie

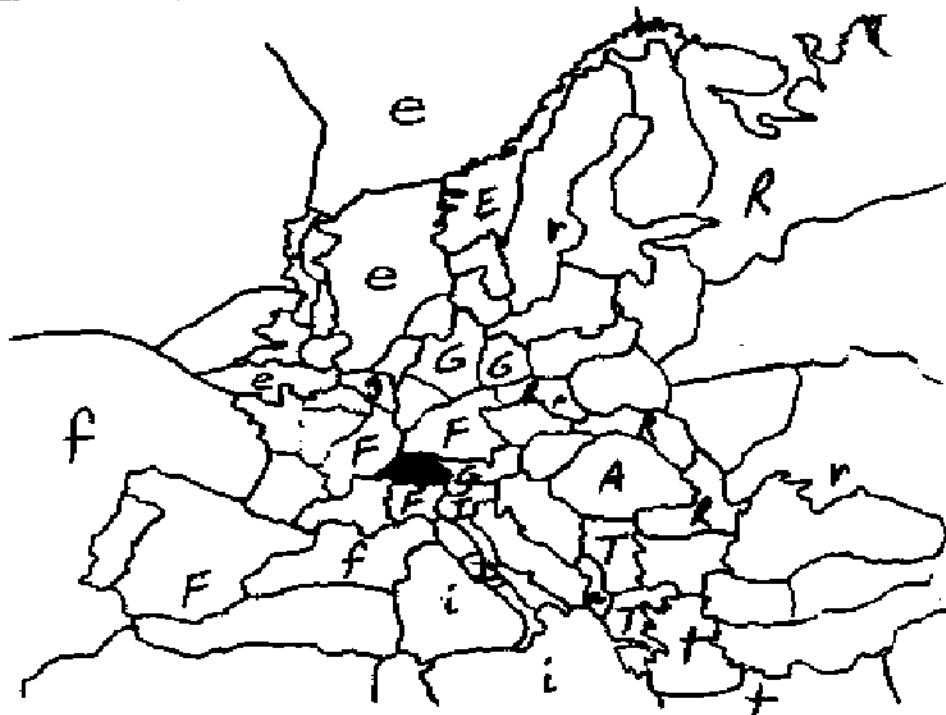
GERMANY A Pie - TYO; A Den - KIE, (A BER S); F Hol - BEL

ITALY A VEN H; A Tun - ROM, (F TYH C); F Nap - ION

RUSSIA F SWE H; A STP H; F Rum - SEV; A Ukr - RUM; A War - SIL, (A GAL S)

TURKEY A Bul - SER; F Smy - EAS; A Con - GRE, (P AEG C)

Deadline for the Fall 1902 moves will be July 19, 1905.



EDITORIAL

The Hostage Situation in Lebanon

In the most recent issue of Europa Express Gary Coughlan announced that he had sent his very first ever telegram to the President. It stated: "Dear Mr. President, Stop playing with the people's lives for the sake of symbols. In solidarity with Jimmy Palmer of Little Rock, I call for you to ask for the immediate release of the Shiite prisoners illegally held by Israel. End your selective morality."

I am quoting Gary because his is the most concise and most representative of the opposition that I have heard concerning this situation. It is also terribly wrong.

To begin with, the U.S. had already condemned the holding of the Shiite prisoners as illegal, which is quite probably what brought the hijacking on in the first place. Every time we show the smallest split with Israel diplomatically, the enemies of Israel try to use it to turn public opinion against the Israelis. Our original condemnation didn't get enough publicity, and if the terrorists didn't act quickly all the prisoners would have been released before the world would have known how wrong it was to take them prisoner. Adding to this ludicrous situation is the fact that the Israelis have been negotiating with the Amal leader Nabih Berri to help supply them in exchange for their help in patrolling the southern Lebanese border. Part of those negotiations included the already agreed upon release of the prisoners.

When all the facts are viewed, the hijacking was done for absolutely no reason at all, if one believes the reasons stated by the terrorists. What I believe the real reason to be was an attempt at over throwing Berri by the Hezbollah, who hate Israel and couldn't stand Berri's negotiating with them. Further, as all terrorists do, they wanted the attention of the world press. They have probably accomplished both goals, at least to some degree.

As to the President's actions to free the Hostages, he wasn't tough enough. The most recent efforts to offer a reward for the hijackers so that they can be brought to trial is a very small step, but in the right direction. I wonder how many hijackings the reward money will sponsor? If they are willing to be blown to bits in truck bombs, why wouldn't they be willing to turn themselves in for \$50,000 American dollars? Justice should be pursued, but not bought. By allowing the terrorists to accomplish their goals, either stated or otherwise, how many more people will have to suffer through this situation in the future? This is much more than the symbolism of America looking tough; this is the way we prevent every crazy with a gun and a cause to threaten the lives of American citizens! If it doesn't work, why do it? Had we sacrificed the 54 hostages in Iran back in 1980, but cost the Iranians their oil port and 50,000 lives, the TWA hijacking would never have occurred.

I understand how that sounds like I don't value human life, but the point is that I value it more than those who follow the road of appeasement. I would rather lose the 50 lives at stake here to save hundreds and perhaps thousands of lives later. We are dealing with fanatical terrorists here; how long before some real tragedy occurs. The days of a terrorist group using a nuclear weapon to threaten us are close enough without our adding to the problem by allowing the current threats to succeed.

The largest mistake that I have seen made in this affair is the comparison to the Iranian crises. In one instance we were dealing with an organized official government, and in the other a shadowy terrorist group. In one case we had a clear means for retaliation, and in the other no real means to place blame. The two situations are as different as night and day.

One of the suggested solutions to the problem of terrorism is increased security on aircraft. While I would agree that certain airports need to beef up security measures, and it is high time that the airlines placed armed air Marshalls on their flights, there is no way to prevent all acts of terrorism. The only way to end these incidents is to keep them from being successful. Giving in to terrorism breeds more terrorism. So it comes down to a question of whose life do you want to save, the 50 being held today, or the hundreds of thousands who will fly next year.

While we are on the subject of Gary's telegram, I might as well discuss some the do's and don'ts for writing elected officials. First I guess I should explain my qualifications for writing such an article. For the past year I have been working as a legislative aide to a state Representative. I have worked double duty, since the man I work for represents Austin; I get to handle the constituent complaints as well as the legislation. I started last summer during a special session called to revamp the educational system, which is quite naturally a volatile issue. During this last spring we had bills on mandatory seat belt use, abortion, repeal of the blue laws, and pari-mutuel gambling. Any one of those issues would generate quite a bit of constituent response, but all together they were the cause of over 2500 letters and phone calls. I work with a staff of three and usually one intern from the University.

That is the first thing that you should recognize. The job that we ask our elected officials to do is horrendous. They are under paid (I make approximately twice what my boss does), over worked (if they had to read every bill that was filed, they would have to read constantly from the first day of the session to the last, 24 hours a day, and still only be able to spend 15 minutes for each bill), and generally are taken for granted. Add to all that the phone calls, visits, and letters and you have the situation each office holder works under.

As your representative they feel obligated to listen to what you have to say, but you need to understand that you cannot monopolize much, if any, of their time. They just don't have it to give. At least half a dozen times I would get a call from someone who wanted to speak to the representative personally. Naturally, he was always busy. Though I would gladly take a message, it was often a week or more before he could return the call. By that time they have called back three times and they are angry. That is all pointless. If the representative does finally talk with that person, he will not be terribly receptive to a 30 second conversation of "I want you to vote for HB486." Furthermore, he never writes those calls down, so it doesn't make it into our official tally, and therefore counts for less. Here is the lesson: talk to the staff. They always pass along the message, if only in the form of N number of calls in opposition and X in favor.

Second, know what you are talking about. Know the number of the bill that you want a specific vote for or against. Calling up to say "vote to protect the environment" is useless. Is a vote for the Water bonds for or against the environment in your opinion? State what is on your mind precisely and concisely. Long winded, detailed accounts of how and why you hold that opinion will

rarely do any good. The person you are writing to is generally intelligent and has already heard all the different sides and "facts" surrounding this issue. If you are writing about a little known issue that is highly confusing, like the White Oil controversy, then it is much more effective to ask for an appointment to see the representative in person rather than write or call. The reason I put facts in quotes is that different people believe different things. People will argue with you if you say that abortion is killing, and others will argue if you say it is not. Your message should be "I am against abortion because I believe the fetus has rights greater than the mother's right to choose" or "I am pro-choice because I believe the mother's right to choose outweighs the fetus' right to life." Rarely, if ever, will you have a unique and unheard of position or reasoning.

Finally, be careful how you say things. This is the major mistake that Gary made. "End your selective morality." Does the President believe that? No. Will he immediately discount what Gary had to say because of the insult? Yes. The other bad idea is the implied or overt threat, as in, "I will be watching to see how you vote," or "I am a registered voter," or "I will vote against you if you don't vote for that bill." One of the classic lines that I heard this last session was on the mandatory seat belt bill: "If he votes for that bill, I will vote against him even if I have to vote for a damn Republican!" I work for a Republican.

The National Coalition for Abortion Rights sent out postcards for their membership to mail to their representatives. All they said was "I am pro-choice, and I vote!" What a terrible way to make a point! Can any of you Diplomacy players ever see yourself using this tactic with an ally? Every representative that I talked to resented the implied threat and tone of those cards. NCAR also sent hangers to all the Representatives. Nice touch. In all fairness, the pro-life group was just as bad, calling anyone who wouldn't vote for the bill a murderer and distributing the propaganda film "Silent Scream."

By the end of the session no one wanted to deal with any of these people. Their impact was zilch. During the Special Session last summer the teachers groups did the same thing. After 27 days of negotiation, they all told the Lt. Governor that they would not support the compromise that had been reached. They were summarily thrown out of his office.

Basically, remember that you are talking to a person. Treat him with respect and understand that he will respond to the same stimuli that you do. One more thing: be aware of the timing of your request. Furr's cafeterias sent out a letter asking that the Representatives vote against a certain union bill. The letter was dated July 4, 1985; the session ended May 29.

PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS NOTES

DUE NEXT TURN: (FF only!)

Media bids and Spotlight issues in Pennsylvania; maintain whatever organizations that you have already set up; seven days travel. Possible issues: Oil Import Fee is a definite and Fair Housing on a 3.

TIME FACTOR NOW STANDS AT: 46 (FF) and (HPG)

NEXT DATE TO CHECK THE DJIA: July 18 (FF and HPG)

DEADLINE: August 1 (FF) and July 27 (HPG)

Butter Battles

"Zwinniks" (1985A) Summer and Fall 1992

**DR. JEKYLL AND MR. CLEAN WAR IN SERBIA.
FROG IN SLUMBERLAND; LIMEY TAKES FIFTH.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY LUCKS OUT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Summer:

Italy: retreat dislodged A TYR to PIE.

Fall:

Austria (Nick Fellela, 17 Brokaw Ave., Floral Park NY 11001)

A SER-bud, F TRI-ven, A VIE S A SER-bud.

England (Stephen Wilcox, 5300 W. Gulf Bank #103, Houston TX 77088)

F ENG S A yor-BEL, F NTH C A yor-BEL, F SKA S F NTH, A yor-BEL.

France (Larry Peery, Box 8416, San Diego CA 92102)

NMR!!! The standby is Steve Langley, 2296 Eden Roc Lane #1, Sacramento CA 95825.

Germany (Melinda Ann Holley, Box 2793, Huntington WV 25727)

A DEN S F hel-KIE, F hel-KIE, F HOL S F hel-KIE, A MUN S A TYR, A TYR S A MUN.

Italy (Steve Arnawoodian, 602 Hemlock Cr., Lansdale PA 19446)

F ION H, A PIE-mar, F TUN S F ION, A VEN H

Russia (Ronald Spitzer, 761 N. Bundy Dr., Los Angeles CA 90049)

F bal-BER, A BUD S A GAL-vie, A GAL-vie, F gul-SWE, A RUM-ser, F SEV H, A war-SIL.

Turkey (Tom Boyd, 17018 Via Tomar, San Lorenzo CA 94580 - but see press for temporary COA)

F AEG S F GRE, A BUL-ser, A CON-bul, F GRE H.

Supply center chart:

Austria: ser, vie, tri - 3/3 - no adjustments.

England: BEL, edi, liv, lon, nwy - 4/5 - may build 1.

France: bre, mar, par, por, spa - 5/5 - no adjustments.

Germany: den, hol, kie, mun - 5/4 - remove 1.

Italy: nap, rom, tun, ven - 4/4 - no adjustments.

Russia: BER, bud, mos, rum, sev, stp, swe, war - 7/8 - may build 1.

Turkey: ank, bul, con, GRE, smy - 4/5 - may build 1.

GAME NOTES:

- Deadline is still Friday, **July 12th** for Winter 1992 and Spring 1993.
- NMRing player(s) are again reminded that they need to send new five dollar NMR deposits with their orders to continue play. The NMR pool is now \$10.00.
- Honorable standbys are K. Byrne(AUSTRIA), J. Early(ENGLAND), G. Ellis(GM), M. Fleming, Givan, Kohn(RUSSIA), S. Langley(FRANCE), Luedi(GM), and P. Milewski. Thanks folks!!!

PRESS:

\T I'm off 6/23-7/6 for honeymoon (not with Ron either). None of you guys would stab a lover on his honeymoon would you? How about a lady? Notice no reference to gentlemen.

\T My address 7/14-7/28

Pine Grove Resort PO Box 44 Lazy Lodge Cabin Cobb CA 95426

Not a vacation with kids (9, 8, 6), bugs, heat and millions of bigger bugs (more kids).

I'm bringing wine and books.

Dallas:\PJG I agree completely with Larry's assessment... Russia should be able to finish in a draw or win from this position. However, don't overlook either of his friends, England and Turkey. The Wicked Witches didn't pick up as many centers but they already control several crucial sea spaces (E & T both being more successful as naval powers in the midgame): ska, eng, aeg (you'd be surprised how seldom Turkey controls the Aegean).

Austria's out and I don't like Italy's chances for expansion, but any two of the three F, G, and I could come out whole.

\T Melinda is my new GM. Will she be as good at that as she is at being Germany?

\CSM And have you ever seen a GM so wonderfully good at taking Kiel?

Ger-Board:\G Oh, !!?*!! Nothing more - just that.

