

October 22, 1985

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This has been one hectic week folks! Two mid terms (the dates were moved back one week, I really can schedule better than this!), the only other person who works in my office is off for half the week, and an issue of PP to get out. Not that I am complaining, but the price for the next game of PP is suffering an inflationary spiral you wouldn't believe!

In spite of everything my classes are going well. I am taking the last required business course, the one that has all of the other required business courses as pre-requisites. It is a management class and 1/3 of my grade is a game that several of the management professors created. The class was divided into ten teams of two people and we each get an identical manufacturing company to run. We have to make decisions regarding the hiring and firing of factory workers and salesmen, schedule production, purchase raw materials, advertise, and determine if we need to buy additional machinery or sell what we have. It should be obvious at this point that I am doing very well (why else would I be telling you about it? Please note I haven't mentioned Gonzo football!). After the first year of a two year game I am solidly in first place in both market share and profit. The professors are getting the game ready to market, and if I ever get an IBM PC of my own I may run a postal game. Any of you out there able to read a P & L statement and prepare a cash flow analysis? It isn't as tough as it sounds.

One important piece of hobby news to pass on (the DW letters are in the letter section). The first newsletter concerning the '86 DipCon is here (way to go Ed!), and anyone wanting info should contact Ed Wrobel at 3932 North Forestdale, Dale City VA 22193. Please send a SASE and/or a couple bucks. Ed will be donating plenty of time to this, he doesn't need to be donating stamps as well.

This issue is probably going to be smaller than usual. The next three pages are PP results, then the Gunboat games, and finally the letter column. Butter Battles is back. Conrad had to listen to a lot of complaining about my GMing. He also heard from the players. But he doesn't seem too much worse for the wear. It was a good experience for me, because I now know several things I will do differently when/if I start a game of my own.

Hey! This is the anniversary issue! We have averaged just under one and a half issues per month this year, which is a half issue more than intended. As a result your subs haven't come close to covering my costs. But a deal is a deal and those of you who got in on the introductory special will have subs until the end of the Primaries, and that should be Issue 23. So I would like to get the next game of PP started in April or May, about Issue 24. So how much is a game of Presidential Politics worth?

#### PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS NOTES

DUE NEXT TURN: (FF only!)

Media bids and Spotlight issues in Texas; maintain whatever organizations that you have already set up; seven days travel; declare candidacy in New Jersey. Possible issues: Energy Mobilization on 4 or higher.

TIME FACTOR NOW STANDS AT: 52 (FF) and (HPG)

NEXT DATE TO CHECK THE DJIA: October 31, 1985 (FF) and (HPG)

DEADLINE: (FF) November 15, 1985 and (HPG) November 9, 1985

# VIRGINIA

## WILCOX WINS IN BORING RACE Halverstadt Blows it by Closing Organization Early

CANDIDATE	JIM	PETE	JAKE	MARK	STEPHEN
ISSUES:					
Chrysler	*	*	-215	+ 52	+ 52
MX	*	*	+ 52	+ 52	-215
Housing	*	*	+ 50	-220	+ 50
DECISION BONUS	*	*	*	*	*
SPOTLIGHT ISSUE ----		----	Chrysler	Housing	MX
VISITS:days/votes*		*	-0-	-0-	-0-
ORGANIZATION: weeks/votes	*	*	4 (-1/ 44	-0-	2/ 51
MOMENTUM BONUS:			53		
MEDIA:					
Votes	*	*	-0-	-0-	53
number/cost					1/ 12
TOTAL VOTES:	*	*	414	324	421
PERCENTAGE:	*	*	35.27	27.96	36.32
DELEGATES:	*	*	20	16	39
CFP GAINED:	*	*	18	14	19
BALANCE	<72>	<12>	551	440	618
This week					
SPENT	-0-	-0-	<42>	<13>	<42>
GAINED	-0-	-0-	20	16	39
BALANCE	<72>	<12>	529	443	615
Available Funds	-0-	-0-	641	555	727
TRAVEL:					
DAY 1	*	*	Dallas	Baltimore	Austin
DAY 2	*	*	Houston	"	Beaumont
DAY 3	*	*	"	"	McAllen
DAY 4	*	*	San Ant	"	San Ant
DAY 5	*	*	"	"	"
DAY 6	*	*	El Paso	"	"
DAY 7	*	*	Corpus	"	Houston
ORGANIZATIONS:					
Texas	4 (-4)	N	2	N	2
Michigan	N	N	2	1	N
Maryland	N	N	2	1	N
Rocky Mountains	N	N	3	N	N
Kentucky	N	N	1	N	N
DECLARED FOR:					
Texas	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Virginia	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Rocky Mountains	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Michigan	N	N	Y	Y	N
Maryland	N	N	Y	Y	N
California	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Ohio	N	N	Y	Y	Y
TOTAL DELEGATES:	260	313	465	605	470

# VIRGINIA

## WALL WINS WITHOUT ORGANIZATION

CANDIDATE	DAVE	TY	JAMES	DAN
ISSUES:				
Nuke	- 73	+100	- 73	- 73
Chrysler	- 60	- 60	- 60	+140
Wind II	- 33	- 33	+220	- 33
SPOTLIGHT ISSUE	---	Nuke	Chrysler	Wind II
VISITS: days/votes				
Norfolk	*	2.8/ 26	3/ 28	2.9/ 26
Richmond	*	1.4/ 20	2/ 28	.9/ 13
Newport	*	1.4/ 18	1/ 12	.45/ 6
Roanoke	*	.5/ 5	1/ 11	.45/ 5
Lynchburg	*	.5/ 15		
ORGANIZATION:				
weeks/votes	3(-3)/14	3/ 63	-0-	4/ 70
MOMENTUM BONUS:				53
MEDIA:				
votes	-0-	-0-	53	53
Number/cost	-0-	-0-	1/ 12	1/ 12
TOTAL VOTES:	180	340	485	472
PERCENTAGE:	12.19	23.02	32.84	31.96
DELEGATES:	6	12	17	16
CFP GAINED:	-0-	15	40	20
BALANCE	<23>	241	1	363
This Week				
SPENT	-0-	<40>	<43>	<48>
GAINED	-0-	15	40	20
BALANCE	<23>	215	<2>	335
Available Funds	-0-	327	-0-	447
TRAVEL:				
DAY 1	*	Norfolk	Norfolk	Norfolk
DAY 2	*	Rich/New	"	"
DAY 3	*	Roan/Lynch	"	San Ant
DAY 4	*	Houston	Richmond	Dallas
DAY 5	*	"	"	"
DAY 6	*	Dallas	Newport	Houston
DAY 7	*	San Ant	Roanoke	"
ORGANIZATIONS:				
Texas	4(-2)	N	6 reopened	4(-1)
Rocky Mountains	N	1	N	2
Michigan	N	N	4	N
Kentucky	N	N	N	N
California	N	N	2(-1)	N
DECLARED FOR:				
Texas	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rocky Mountains	N	Y	Y	Y
Michigan	N	N	Y	Y
Maryland	N	N	N	Y
California	N	Y	Y	Y
Ohio	N	Y	Y	Y
TOTAL DELEGATES:	197	349	337	327

## DEMOCRATS LOOK PAST VIRGINIA TO TEXAS

### REPUBLICAN RACE DOWN TO TWO

In an austerity move, the Halverstadt campaign closed its organization offices a week early, and the resulting press handed the election to Senator Wilcox of Texas. Other than that the election was relatively boring. None of the three remaining candidates ever visited the state, and only Wilcox purchased an media time.

On the Republican side Wisconsin's Wall won, but just barely over spent his borrowed funds. He has ended this reporting period with a campaign debt of three CFP. A spokesman for the Wall campaign said they hoped to raise enough money in the Texas primary to get back into the race in time for the decisive California primary.

The early favorite in Virginia for the Democrats was the Senator from neighbor Maryland, Mark Larzelere. Though he didn't spend a single CFP in the state Larzelere took 14 delegates, only five behind the winner. Larzelere spent this entire week campaigning in Baltimore, where he faces a two man race against Halverstadt.

The Colorado Governor campaigned in several Texas cities, as did Senator Wilcox. Rumors that the two Senators had a gentleman's agreement not to campaign in the others state were denied by both camps. With only 9 elections to go, this is still anybody's race.

Though the Republicans are currently in an even tighter race, the odds makers are now making Senator Young the favorite. He is only 29 delegates behind the leader, and he has 40% more money than front runner Hare. Add to that the winner take all primary in Young's home state of California and the Senator looks formidable. Hare campaigners point out that California is also Hare's home state, but it has been several years since he actually lived there. Analysts say that the current Young machine set up in California will be difficult to overcome.

In terms of the general election the Republicans appear headed for a geographically weak ticket, with two California Senators leading the fight. The Democrats may have the same problem if Texas Senator Wilcox is shut off the ticket and they end up with a Maryland/Colorado combination. The Republicans will have the early edge if they can resolve their differences early and end up with a united convention while the Democrats continue to battle.

Momentum from the primaries will be difficult to gauge. Some of both parties big winners are no longer in the running. If Wall can recover from his economic woes, or if he can talk one of the remaining candidates into taking him on as a running mate, then he would add his big wins in Florida and New York to the Republican effort. For the Democrats, Wilcox has dominated in the South, but Gaughan took most of the Northeast. Halverstadt can contribute to almost any ticket because of his numerous second place finishes.

Because of the Electoral College, the most important states are New York, California, Texas, Florida, and Illinois. Thus far the winners in those state have been Burgess and Hare in Illinois, Larzelere and Wall in New York, and Wilcox and Wall in Florida.

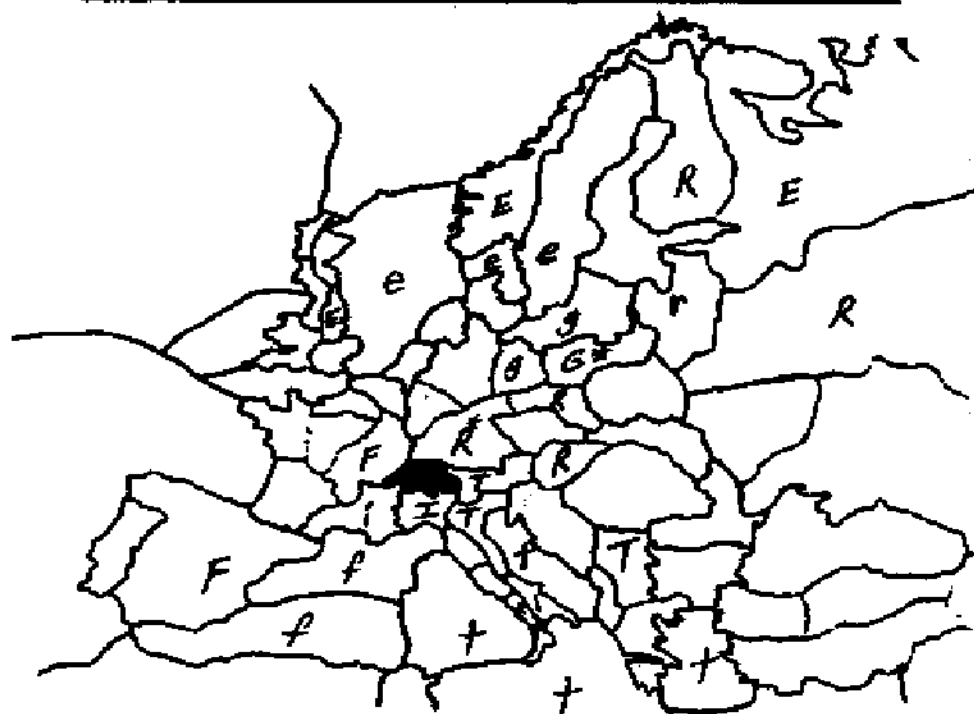
**SPRING 1905**

**FALL 1905**

### SUPPLY CENTER CHART

The supply center chart reflects the change from last winter, not the number of units on the board. The \* means these countries have retreats which could change the number of builds or removals they have.

SEASON SEPARATION!!!  
DEADLINE FOR WINTER 05 IS NOVEMBER 5, 1985



HODDING CARTER, III  
SPRING 1902

AUSTRIA A Gal - BUD (A VIE S), F Gre - BUL (A SER S)  
 ENGLAND F Nwy S Ger F Den + Swe (NSO) (Ret. Bar, Nwg, Ska, OTB),  
 F ENG - Mid, A BRE - Gas, F Liv - TRI, F Lon - NTH  
 FRANCE A Bel - PIC (A Bur S (NSU)), F POR - Mid, F MAR - Spa, A  
 SPA - Gas, A PAR H (unordered)  
 GERMANY F DEN H, A Ber - KIE, A Kie - RUH, A Hol - BEL, A Mun -  
 BUR  
 ITALY F Rom - TYH, A Ven - TYO (A TRI S), F Ion - TUN, A Tun -  
 NAF  
 RUSSIA F SEV - Bla (F RUM S (A UKR S)), F Stp - NWY (F SWE S), A  
 War - MOS  
 TURKEY F BLA - Sev, A Bul - Rum (Ret. Con, OTB), A SMY H, F Con  
 - AEG

FALL 1902

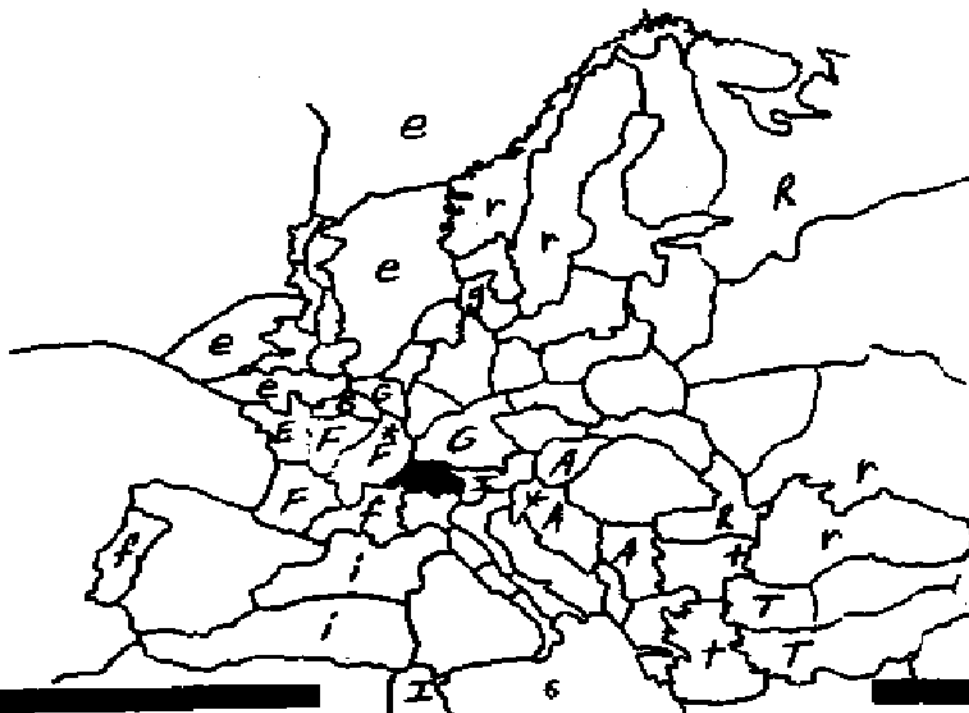
AUSTRIA A Bud - TRI (A VIE, A SER S), F Bul - Gre (ANN.)  
 ENGLAND Retreat F Nwy - NWG; F IRI - Mid, F NWG - Nwy (F NTH S),  
 A BRE S Ger A Bur - Par (NSO) (F ENG S),  
 FRANCE A Spa - GAS, A Pic - BUR (A PAR S), F POR - Mid, F MAR H  
 GERMANY A Ruh - BEL, A Kie - MUN, F DEN S Rus F Swe - SKA (NSO),  
 A Bel - PIC (A Bur S (Ret. RUH, OTB))  
 ITALY F Tyh - LYO, F Tun - WES, A Naf - TUN, A TYO MS A Tri  
 (Ret. VEN, OTB)  
 RUSSIA F Rum - BLA (F SEV S), A Ukr - RUM, A Mos - STP, F SWE MS  
 F NWY, F Den - Nth (NSU)  
 TURKEY Retreat A Bul - CON; F Bla - BUL (A CON S), A SMY - Gre  
 (F AEG C)

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUSTRIA	HOME, Ser, Gre, -----	5 +1
ENGLAND	Home, Bre, nwy -----	4 -1
FRANCE	Par, Mar, Spa, Por, bel -----	4 -1
GERMANY	Home, Hol, Den, BEL -----	6 +1*
ITALY	Home, Tun, tri -----	4 -1*
RUSSIA	Home, Rum, Swe, NWY-----	7 +1
TURKEY	Home, Bul, -----	4 --

The \* means these countries builds may be affected by retreats or annihilations. I will separate seasons on two requests.

DEADLINE FOR WINTER 02 AND SPRING 03 IS NOVEMBER 5, 1985



## LETTER COLUMN

Alan Stewart, 10/4/85

I see you are a libertarian. Reading your letter column convinces me of how totally opposite Canadian Conservatism is to American Conservatism. Canadian Conservatism has a noticeable "Tory" streak, i.e., it has inherited much of the English Toryism of the 16th and 17th centuries. For example, the idea of basing a political system on the supposed "rights" of individuals is anathema -- Canadian Conservatism starts from the contrary principle of parliamentary sovereignty. England to this day (happily) does not have a Bill of Rights, although the Liberals (alas!) imposed one on Canada a few years ago. People have no "natural rights" -- no such thing exists. And many of the problems of American society -- crime, slums, declining moral standards, general collapse into decadence -- cannot be treated until people abandon this silly fiction.

I have considerable admiration for the principle of bicameral legislatures, when the members of the different chambers have different terms of office. Two chambers require the people to express their mind over time and prevent the ascendance of a temporary, irrational majority.

The Meese-conservative position on the 14th amendment deserves sympathy. The founding fathers' intent was not to hamstring the state governments but to restrict the power of the central government. The Supreme Court will never go back to the idea that the 14th Amendment applies only to the central government, of course. Anthony Lewis wrote a very funny column in the New York Times last week vilifying Meese's position on this. What would people think, for example, if Moonism were declared to be the official religion of Oregon, the provisions of the bill of rights preventing establishment of religion not applying?

Against your claims for the sanctity of "personal rights to privacy" the Troy conservative would uphold the values of the community, the right of the community to proclaim and enforce its own standards, the folly of license given our own imperfect human nature. The logical conclusion of your liberal position (libertarianism is a branch of liberal thought) is your on abortion, where you are willing to allow pure expediency and convenience to supersede the right to life itself (surely the foremost "natural right," if such things exist) if the expediency and convenience can be cloaked in the language of rights (in this case, the property right to "control" one's own body).

It's true that making something against the law doesn't solve it, but it sure helps. Take the problem of murder, for example. Making it illegal hasn't ended the problem, but it sure makes it a lot smaller problem than it would be if it were made legal.

Pete Gaughan has been following Machiavelli, Locke, and Thoreau! Somebody help this guy -- I couldn't think of three worse choices as models. (Well, actually Machiavelli ain't so bad). Go with Plato, Sir Robert Filmer, Burke, -- anybody else!

South Africa will end up under Soviet domination because this is only a revival of an old favorite of the liberal ideological stage -- nice, oppressed liberals versus mean, bad friends of the United States. The U.S. took sixty years to end institutionalized legal segregation -- but it thinks it's O.K. to demand that South Africa do it today, if not sooner. The United States has a Senate organized under a principle as opposite to that of representation by population you can get -- but in South Africa everything has to be "one man, one vote." The police are brutal for using water cannons to stop riots, but there's nothing

wrong with black mobs pouring gasoline over people chosen at random and lighting them on fire, or stripping policemen and beating them to death. Blacks in South Africa are by definition oppressed, whether they have higher per capita incomes and more political rights than elsewhere in Black Africa or not. The Communists had better tread carefully, however, because South Africa has been smart enough to read the lessons of post war Poland, China, Cuba, Nicaragua, Etc. and has tried to minimize the extent of its reliance on the United States. When the last days of the South Africa revolution come, S.A. may have some kind of cheap delivery system for its nuclear weapons, and the ability to take final revenge on the people it wishes to blame for its downfall -- Washington, D.C. and Moscow being two obvious possibilities.

Ron Spitzer is a "true Constitutional conservative?" That sounds scary enough -- God protect us from the "semi-fascists" and "semi-neo-fascists!"

Here are my morning line odds on the 1988 presidential race. Some feedback from your subscribers would allow me to revise them. Who have I missed out, and who have I over or under estimated?

Bush 2-1    Cuomo 9-2    Kemp 12-1    Hart 15-1    Kennedy 22-1  
Kirkpatrick 50-1    Iacocca 100-1    Other Republicans 4-1  
Other Democrats 6-1

I've been to the Texas State Capitol, also to the University campus at Austin, and found them both very attractive.

I've been to a BRUXCON and found no Byrne-bashing or anybody-bashing there. It seems that some people, foolish as they are, prefer playing games to such nasty stuff. If there were people at DipCon one might ask, why?

((I have been accused of being a libertarian several times, and I am not sure if I should deny the label. I think the major difference is that I do believe in the powers of eminent domain and the right for society to take an action for the benefit of all society and to the detriment of a few individuals. If the city needs a dam to be built on your land in order to supply a hundred thousand people with drinking water and energy, then they should be allowed to build the dam. The property owners should be compensated of course, but that is difficult. At least we are treating the current property owners better than the original owners. We could be telling you to move to Oklahoma.

The reason we make murder illegal is to remove the perpetrator from society, either through capital punishment or incarceration. Do you suggest that we take young girls who get abortions and throw them in jail? Instead of having just an unwed teenager with a kid she also has a record. Sounds like we have a lifetime ward of the state there! Remember, I am a supply sider; stop the supply of unwanted pregnancies, and you will stop abortion.

A couple of corrections to your Presidential Sweepstakes. First add in Senator Howard Baker, probably 15-1; also the Doles (either or both Elizabeth, the Transportation Secretary or her husband Robert, Senate Majority Leader) at 30-1; and Pat Robertson, television evangelist, at 150-1. I think you are over rating Bush's chances and under rating Kennedy's, but I sure won't complain! Anybody have some other Democrats? You might throw in the long shots of Senator Lloyd Bentsen D-TX, and Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young. Any word on whether or not Jackson will go again? If his purpose was to force a rule change in delegate selection he still hasn't succeeded. The ideal ticket: Robertson/Jackson. Who wouldn't vote for it? Then again, who



would? Maybe all the religious/political activists will form their own party. Wishful thinking.))

From Gary Coughlan 9/21/85

Here is the Rommel item I was telling you about. This section was from his 15 year old son, Manfred in the middle of 1944, and is from "The Rommel Papers" edited by B.H. Liddell-Hart. I'm sure you'll find it as interesting as I did and remember that this is before the atomic bombs which would not come until a year after Erwin Rommel's death. This is Manfred talking now....

"At that time, my father was firmly convinced that war was bound to come within a few years between Russia and the Western Powers and, contrary to most officers of the same mind who came to see us, was equally convinced of a victory of the Western world, even in the more distant future.

'Russia and the west are like fire and water,' my father said. 'There will be friction and probably war. The danger will come after a few years.'

A poor prospect for the British and Americans, don't you think? I asked. Russia's land forces are on an altogether different scale from those in the West.

'That isn't what will decide the issue,' my father replied. 'Have our better tanks and elite divisions in Normandy been of any avail? No, young man, the Americans have got command of the air, and they'll keep it. that is a sentence of death for any land army, however large, that has to fight without adequate air cover.'

'Perhaps the Russians will wait until after the war,' my mother interrupted, 'until the Americans have disarmed. The Western peoples want a high standard of living and their industries will be converted to civilian production.'

'Even then America and Britain will win,' he replied, 'even if Europe succumbs to the storm from the east. We mustn't forget that Britain and America have sea power and can carry their war material to any point on the face of the globe which is accessible to the sea. Here is French north Africa,' he said pointing to the map which I had brought at his request, 'with many ports and first class railway communications. But between the Caucasus and Egypt, there are only occasional stretches of railway and even those have a smaller gauge than the Russian system, so they wouldn't be much good to them. Between Libya and Tunisia, there is no railway at all for two thousand miles or so, so the Russians would have to carry supplies for their mass army by lorry over several thousand miles, and that is a practical impossibility. A lorry of this kind requires a gallon of petrol for every 7 miles, that is about 280 gallons for a 2000 mile trip, plus another 280 gallons for the journey back -- about 120 cans in all. So the greater part of the load of each lorry would have to be its own petrol. Another thing is that the modern tank motor won't stand up to such distances. so would the Russians be dangerous after 2 or 3 thousand miles? Of course not,' he gave his own answer. 'And in Africa a small, well-equipped force could maintain a delaying resistance for months.'

'Then again,' he went on, 'we've just heard that Britain and the United States are producing about four times as much as Russia. Now, there can be no doubt that in an emergency these two countries could assemble a force in French West Africa unmolested. From there they would slowly wrest command of the air and become stronger month by month. Then they would begin to

move forward as they are now doing in the west. Their bomber fleets would cut off the Russian army from its supply bases, pen it to the ground and destroy it. Then they would move on step by step, with these ships carrying their supplies without effort to any place on earth, to Tobruk, to Suez or to Basra, according to how the operation progressed. And once the oil areas of the Caspian came in range of their bombers, Russia's Achilles Heel would be open."

Now wasn't that interesting?! today of course, command of the air and the sea is in dispute and neither France nor Britain hold those colonies in Africa and I can just see the Arabs permitting us to go to Tobruk or Basra. I never thought, before I read this, of Russia having an Achilles Heel in the Caucasus though.

((Thanks for the passage Gary. If Romell is so smart, how come he lost? As a few people have pointed out previously, the problem with defeating Russia is in taking the country itself. No one has, to my knowledge, ever successfully invaded the interior of Russia.))

From Evans Givan 10/1/85

The letter column in your last issue has prompted me to submit the following quiz to you for publication:

Quote -- "The Feud is not really important enough to merit such energy." Steve Langley. Question 1: Who publishes a zine entirely devoted to "the feud?"

- A. Kathy Byrne
- B. Bruce Linsey
- C. Steve Langley

Quote -- "I would like to see a flat tax on all income above a poverty level, with no deductions except for dependants." Steve Langley. Question 2: What does Steve have a lot of?

- A. Municipal Bonds
- B. Home mortgage interest payments
- C. Dependants

Quote -- "I gave up on politics entirely." Steve Langley. Question 3: Who has never voted, and is not even registered to vote?

- A. Terry Tallman
- B. Bob Olsen
- C. Steve Langley

Yes indeed, letter columns do cause people to think, don't they?

((Is there a prize? Let's see. Kathy publishes a subzine, Bruce publishes a subzine, and Steve publishes a zine devoted to gaming. None of the above? If two is a lot then he has a lot of kids. I have no idea if any of the three mentioned have ever voted, but I would wager that they haven't ever voted correctly.

Although you have questioned Mr. Langley's expertise and impartiality as far as his recently published comments, that doesn't lessen the true weight of the arguments themselves. It may be entirely true that the feud isn't worth the energy to type up comments on it, but that Steve delights in wasting his energy. And some people truly believe that the Federal Government should subsidize children rather than homes or municipal projects. And some people's involvement in politics is limited to discussion, not direct participation. What one considers to be a valid level of participation is purely personal. Why not say that the only valid participatory level is that of the elected officials and decision makers? What's the difference except where you draw the line? I like to think that my letter column makes people think, or I am wasting more energy than the feuders. Thanks for the

letter, Evans. Does this mean I can expect a letter every October?))

From Dave Anderson, 9/26/85

I've got some bad news for you. I heard on the news a few days ago that your favorite Republican that the Nation's debt/foreign debt is around 2 trillion dollars. the exact number is \$2,000,700,00.00 and if every American, which includes the kids and babies, donates \$3,450.00 each we can eliminate the deficit. Do you have \$3,450.00 I can borrow? Sigh. Didn't this guy promise that there would be no debt by the end of his first term? It took from 1790 to 1980 to get 1 trillion dollars in debt, but it just took four years of your favorite Republican to add the other trillion. Hmm...

((MY favorite Republican is me. And I didn't cause the debt! Another of my votes was cast for Senator Phil Gramm, the author of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act which will force a balanced budget by 1990. If I read the thing correctly several programs currently operated by the Federal government will be all but gone by then unless the Congress passes a tax increase. And that is just fine with me! About 80% of the Cabinet positions could go and I wouldn't mind. I still have to ask what the big harm of a large national debt is. Obviously it forces interest rates up, which means it is harder for business to borrow money, and therefore retards growth. But our growth rate hasn't been a problem. A tax increase to eliminate the debt reduces the amount of money available for consumers to spend, and also retards growth. The answer is therefore in budget cuts. Do we really have \$2 Trillion in budget cuts? Everybody says yes, as long as it is in somebody else's department! I still think we should sell a lot of T-bills to some country that we don't like and then default.

As a general note to everybody on the tax front, the Ways and Means committee staff (read Rep. Rostenkowski) has come up with a counter proposal. They would eliminate the deduction for property taxes (which every state has) and the deduction for sales taxes (which all but four states have) and keep the deduction for state income taxes (which only 22 or so states have). That's right folks, lets all subsidize the high taxes in New York and Michigan and Massachusetts. I can't wait to see how they try and justify this! I guess they are trying to force all the states into establishing an income tax. Any opinions out there?))

From Larry Peery

Thanks, you did real well for having to deal with a bunch of discontents, malcontents, and criminals. I'm glad you got to experience all the joys of being a game master. Now you know why so many games masters don't run lots of games and there is such a high burnout rate among new ones.

Thanks for the prominent mention of DW's troubles and the plan to save it. things are going very well and I am pretty optimistic about DW's chances of survival. The only thing that can stop it now is the fratricide going on among hobby members involved in the feud. Sigh...

A lot of people, including J.R. Backer and Stephen Wilcox, are helping in many ways. J.R. has this challenge out to all Texans to raise money for DW and other pubbers are doing similarly strange and wonderful things on DW's behalf. I hope to not only restore DW's position as hobby flagship but also make it the communications hub of the hobby. All the details will be

available after the 15th in a White Paper (for all DW subbers of old) and a Blue Paper (for all DW subbers of new days).

Concerning your ideas. I like your idea of a non-profit corporate status for DW. This is an idea I have explored several times in regard to various IDS projects. The problems are finding a lawyer to do it, a state that would be agreeable, and people to make it possible. It could be done easily. but it would be costly and at this point the financial benefits are probably not sufficient to justify the costs it would take. Remember, we are dealing with volunteers, not a paid staff. Filling out the state forms for a non-profit corporation is not something to be done casually!! It's a nice idea but ... we need a competent lawyer who is experienced in the field to work on it. Are you volunteering?

I am working on the financial accountability matter. We have a comptroller, a computerized system of records, and I plan regular financial statements. I am working on having an independent auditor examine the books on a yearly basis. He's a CPA so he should know what he's doing.

Until DipCon gets its act together I would prefer not to see the two combined. That smacks of organization and you know how the hobby feels about that.

I have mixed feelings about how many people it takes to do DW and how many people should run it. I know from my experiences in the past 3 weeks that I have put at least 40 hours into it and more. I've written hundreds of letters and sent out at least six mass mailings. I've spent hours on the phone, mostly listening to Feuders prattle on about their problems and to do gooders who promise a lot but don't deliver in the pinch. It has been an enlightening experience. I don't begrudge the costs to me in time, money, etc. but I do object to it when people waste my time. My idea has been to farm out as much of the work load as possible, especially to new blood in the hobby, in the hope that that will get DW out of the hands of the same old crew. However, DW needs central control and direction badly, or everyone kicks back and says "let George do it." Once people know they can procrastinate they will. That is why I am being so firm about my deadlines for the zine. The thing has to get on a sound financial footing and a timely schedule.

I don't mean to sound negative, just realistic. The means are being made available to five DW a second chance through the generosity of its subbers. I don't intend to let this second chance go to waste. With a bit of luck the next 2 months are going to be the most productive in DW's history and a lead into an even better future. But if you want all the details on that you need to send a check for \$12 to J.R. Baker (so he'll match it, of course). Don't send it to me, send it to J.R.!!

(Actually, I think J.R. only wants to match the checks from Texans. Uh, I already sent in my 20/20 membership, so how do I get J.R. to match the \$8? I will look into what it will take to incorporate DW and/or Dipcon in Texas. I already know that the filing fee is \$25, which can easily be raised. My problem is not in the physical aspects of getting the thing set up, but in the problems we are going to have with the hobby membership. I don't think our current feud can really hurt anything, but a fight over the corporation and who controls it might end up in a court. Then again, maybe that would be a benefit. Having a real judge throw them out of court for wasting the court's time with silly ass problems might just straighten them up!

So what does the hobby at large have to say? Let me hear it!))

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## Butter Battles

"Zwiilniks" (1985A) Summer and Fall 1904, 10/18/85

### Summer:

Russia: retreat dislodged F KIE to HEL.

### Fall:

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

A BEL-hol,F eng-NTH,F HOL-hol,F kie-DEN,F nat-NWG,F nth-SKA,A pic-BRE,F SPA(sc) H.  
France (Larry Peery, Box 8416, San Diego CA 92102)

A PAR H,A RUH H,A TUS H,F tyr H\DsI: gul,tun,wes,Dsb\.

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

A bur-MAR,F ION S RUSSIAN F bul(sc)-gre\NSU\,F NAP S F rom-TYR,F rom-TYR,A tyo-MUN,A ven-TRI.

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

A ARM S A sev-ANK,F BAL S A ber-KIE,A ber-KIE,F BLA C A sev-ANK,A bud-RUM,A bul-GRE,E  
HEL-hol,A LIV H,A NWY-edi\Imp\,A SER S A bul-GRE,A sev-ANK,A sil-BER.

Turkey (Tom Boyd, 17018 Via Tomar, San Lorenzo CA 94580)

**NMR!!!** F AEG H,F ALB H,A CON H,F gre H\Ann\. The standby is Paul Milewski, Box 256, Batavia, OH 45103.

### Supply center chart:

England: bel,BRE,den,edi,hol,liv,lon,nwy,por,SPA - 8/10 - may build 2.

France: par,maybe TUN - 3/1,4/2,or 4/1 - remove 2 or 3.

Italy: MAR,mun,nap,rom,tri,maybe tun,ven - 6/7 or 6/6 - build 1 or even.

Russia: ANK,ber,bud,bul,GRE,kie,mos,rum,ser,sev,stp,swe,vie,war - 12/14 - may build 2.

Turkey: con,smy - 3/2 - remove 1.

### GAME NOTES:

- Deadline is Friday, **November 15th** for Autumn/Winter 1904 and Spring 1905.
- NMRing player(s) are reminded that they need to send new \$5.00 NMR deposits with orders to continue play. The NMR pool is now \$20.00. (It reached \$15.00 when France NMRd in Winter 1903.) I've sent Melinda and Nick \$5.00 checks (NMR deposit refunds).
- Phone# is (512)837-4039. Phone orders received before deadline day are still OK if given to me personally (6AM-11PM fine if I'm in). Additionally, you may leave them on our new answering machine.
- Corrections for when I was gone:
  - 1) The HRs state that separations occur upon one request and that all such requests are made public. All of you know that (or should). What you don't know (and should) is that the separation between W03 and S04 was requested by Italy and Russia.
  - 2) The HRs do not restrict proposals to post-1904 or anything like that. Two proposals appear to have been overlooked. I believe the best correction I can make for this is to offer the proposals now - please vote on a concession to Russia and on an E/R draw.
  - 3) Deadline timing and adjudication turnaround, according to several of you, were less than ideal in my absence. Nothing I can do will correct this but please realize that you all have my sympathy. And I do know what it is like! While in NY my mail was most irregular. Both incoming and outgoing mail was lost - and not just once or twice!!! Just as irritating were the delays. One adjudication for a game I'm in was delayed over two weeks. That wasn't the only absurd delay but it was a particularly worrisome one because the GM has a policy of not giving out results over the telephone. I had to submit orders based on what another player claimed the position was -- unsettling, but it turned out OK this time.

So. I'm very sorry about the various problems you guys went through. Gee, should I feel flattered that several of you missed me!?

- Standbys: J. Early(ENGLAND), M. Fleming, Givan, Kohn(RUSSIA), S. Langley(FRANCE), Luedi(GM), and P. Milewski(TURKEY). Thank you. Speak up if you want on or off this list.

### PRESS:

To Italy, England, and Turkey:\F If the three of you can get your shit together you just might be able to stop Spitzer. Somehow I doubt it.

To GM:\F As far as I am concerned this game is most irregular.

Rus-Eng:\R I did a preemptive defensive strike against you for your threatening conditional orders.

To Russia:\F Way to go Ronnie, baby!

My address is 3702 Tarragona Lane, Austin TX 78727. This was **BB 8**. Did it all fit on one page?

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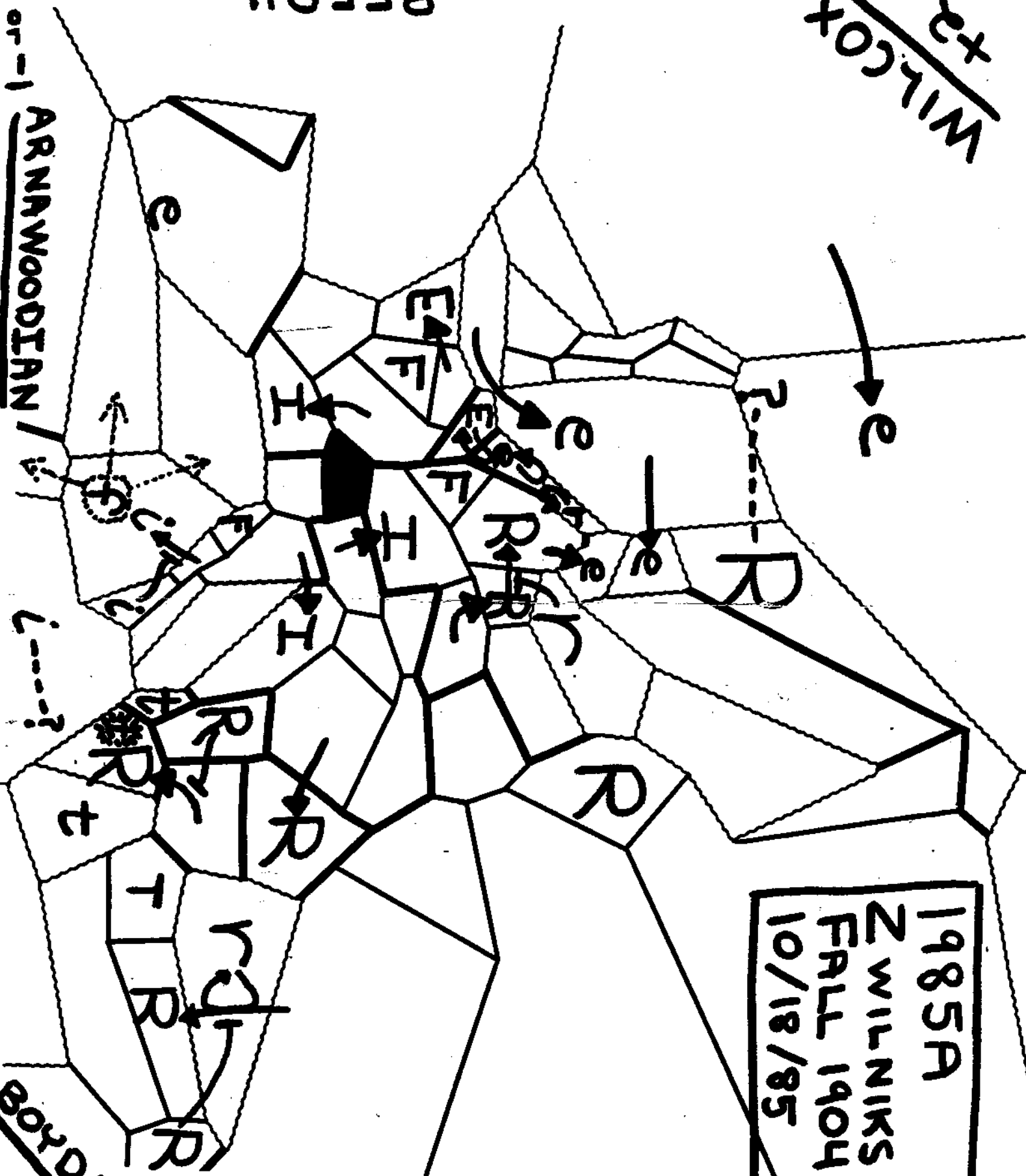
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