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Well, guess what I forgot to include in last month's mail out. Yup. I left out an entire issue of High Plains Gonzo. Fortunately I noticed in time to get the results to the players in the mail the next day. That issue of HPG will be in this issue of FF, because Jake is a little late with this month's HPG. That may or may not appear in the next HPG. This issue has both subzines, a few letters, PP, Gunboat, and will be printed two days late so that I can catch the sale at Kinko's.

Things are about the same in Austin. The short vacation that I took from studying this summer didn't hamper my habits as much as I had feared. The last time I took the summer off it ended up lasting seven years. The only class that I am having trouble with is a Texas resources course. The average grade from the last test was 65; I got a 59. One third of the questions were what he calls "county" questions. An example: In which of these five counties is one most likely to find Pedalfers? To answer the question you have to know what pedalfers are, where in Texas they can be found, and then which of the counties listed is in that part of Texas. I got that one wrong. I knew that pedalfers is a type of soil that has a high aluminum and iron content and is created from decayed foliage. That would have to mean that it was east Texas. I pick one of the two east Texas counties, but naturally the wrong one. He wanted NORTHEast Texas. I have had only one test that was tougher and that was in an Astronomy course. He had 50 questions, and 50 correct answers. The tricky part was that each question might have from 0 to 5 correct answers. So much for the process of elimination. I don't remember what kind of grade I got on that, probably just as well.

I get to talk about Gonzo football now! After starting the season with two straight losses to Wilcox and Dave Kleiman, I bounced back for two straight wins against John Narciso and Phil Dancause. In the fifth week I played Kevin Tighe's Redwood Buds and barely lost. In the last two weeks I have played Mike Wrobel and Wilcox again losing one and winning the other. So I keep courting 500.

This has really peaked my interest in football. One of my favorite sayings the past few years has been "I'm not a football fan, I like the Oilers." This year though, not only have the Oilers become semi-respectable, but I am really enjoying other games. I have caught every Monday game since the Gonzo league got started. And I can't stand OJ and Namath! At least Cosell talked about the people playing the game, not just whether or not the last play went well. Kevin should be doing this again next year, so if you are interested you can contact him at 229 Newark Ave. Jersey City, NJ 07302. I will probably be playing again, hopefully with the same basic team.

For you baseball fans out there, there will also be a Gonzo Baseball League. It will operate pretty much the same way the football does, with each team manager drafting players and the games decided according to how the players do during that week's major league games. Our new Gonzo League baseball Commissioner is Mr. Chuff Afflerbach, a former Texan (Austin no less!), and his current address is 5632 Oakgrove Avenue, Oakland CA 94618. He is trying to find out who is interested, so send him a post card that says: "I'm interested." Include your name and address, and maybe mention something about baseball so that Chuff doesn't get overly excited.

My Business game company has taken something of a nose dive. Though I am far enough ahead now that no other company can catch me I did make a couple of crucial mistakes. The biggest mistake was overestimating my demand. To meet what I expected would be a healthy increase in sales I purchased several new machines. Every other company cut their prices and ripped the guts out of my market share, so the machines sit their idly depreciating. That can get expensive. The biggest problem though has been that my cash flow is digging a nice big hole for me. All of my extra cash is tied up in inventory I don't want. My reaction to all of this has been to join the price war, which is ruining several other companies. The average cost of production is \$23/unit, and I can produce at \$20/unit. So I have my price about \$2 lower than anyone else. Well, they started it.

CONTEST CONTEST CONTEST

SIX free issues to the person who comes the closest to guessing who is in the Gunboat games. That's 2 for each game and a bonus of two if you get both games right. I want the name of the player for each country, and why you think that particular person is playing that particular country. Naturally the players have something of an advantage here, but not enough to make a difference. If you think I should have a separate contest for players, let me know and I will. In addition (Wait! That's not all! You also get....) I will give three free issues to the best entry judged on the writing alone. If you are completely wrong about who England in Will is, but do a good (funny, logical, cute) job of telling me why then you can still win. As a hint to everybody, only one person is playing in both games. Just so the players don't panic, I won't be printing the results of this contest until the game effected ends.

IDEAS IDEAS IDEAS

I need to know who wants to play in the next game of Presidential Politics, and how much I should charge. I am inclined to charge \$20 for a combined game fee and game long sub, and \$10 game fee not including a sub. Jake and I also need to know your ideas on how to improve the playability and adjudication of the game. What do you want to see in the game report? Is the game too complex, or not complex enough? Is there any area you think we could change? Let me know, and let Jake know. Jake's address is 1106 Castle Rock, Fort Collins CO 80521. Mine is on the cover.

Enough chit chat. On with the games!

PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS NOTES

DUE NEXT TURN: (FF only!)

Media bids and Spotlight issues in Rocky Mountains; maintain whatever organizations that you have already set up; seven days travel. Possible issues: Energy Mobilization on 3 or higher.

TIME FACTOR NOW STANDS AT: 53 (FF) and (HPG)

NEXT DATE TO CHECK THE DJIA: December 4, 1985 (FF) and (HPG)

DEADLINE: (FF) December 15, 1985 and (HPG) December 8, 1985

One note of correction from last time; I had the Democrat CFP and DELEGATE totals for Virginia labelled wrong. The overall totals are correct. The Deadline for the HPG game is only if Jake fails to set a deadline in the letter he sends out to the players.

WALL MAKES COMEBACK BY PICKING UP CONSERVATIVE DEMOCRAT VOTES

TURNOUT LOW FOR DEMOCRATS; HEAVY FAVORITE WINS ANYWAY

Wisconsin Senator James Wall was able to completely erase his campaign deficit, and even create a small surplus, with the election in Texas today. The candidate is currently in second place in the delegate race. Political analysts said that heavy Democrat crossover voting and the complete lack of any media campaign contributed to Wall's success. The news of the Senator's finances almost overshadowed Senator Dan Young's victory in the Lone Star state. The conservative from California has now come within 22 delegates of the lead, and has maintained his monetary advantage. Analysts still say that he is in the drivers seat with the winner take all California primary still ahead.

Another candidate the made the monetary comeback was Texas Congressman Dave Frick. Frick was also able to top the 20% margin necessary to qualify for Federal funds, and was able to erase his debt. Unfortunately, his resurrection comes to late, since all of the filing deadlines for future races have already passed. He did say in a press release that he was grateful to the people of Texas for showing confidence in their Favorite Son and that he would retain control of the delegates right up to the last minute of the convention. Campaign watchers have said for several weeks now that the Congressman was more interested in the second spot on the ticket and has been working toward that goal.

The current delegate leader did very poorly in Texas, finishing last among the four entrants. In an exclusive interview with a top rank Hare campaign official we learned that their is a tentative deal set between the Hare and Young campaigns to create an all California ticket. The candidates did meet for short time in Baltimore MD, where Young is the only Republican candidate on the ballot.

The other Texas Favorite Son was Senator Stephen Wilcox who won the Democratic primary despite the low turnout. "We were pretty sure that there would be a lot of crossover voters, since I have had this election sewn up for several weeks now. They'll all come home for the General Election though," the candidate said. Wilcox strengthened his second place position behind delegate leader Senator Larzelere of Maryland, and ahead of Colorado Governor Jake Halverstadt. Although Wilcox has by far the most cash to spend, he is facing two weeks of elections in hostile territory. Next weeks Regional caucuses are in Halverstadt's home territory of the Rocky Mountains, and after that come the elections in Maryland (Larzelere's home state) and Michigan. Wilcox is not enter either the Michigan or Maryland primaries. Currently Halverstadt is favored in Rocky Mountains, and Larzelere is favored in both Maryland and Michigan. It still looks like there will be quite a convention battle between the candidates, with current predictions placing Larzelere in the lead with about 28% of the delegate total, Halverstadt and Wilcox should both have 22% or less.

Texas was the last stand for Rhode Island's Governor Jim Burgess who picked up 16% of the popular vote and 24 delegates. Burgess will end the five man race in last place. Burgess still has a debt of 72 CFP to try and pay off.

Several campaigns were hurt by poor planning and polling. Only Wall, Young, and Wilcox campaigned on issues that actually helped them. Every other candidate had stumped on an issue that backfired and ended up giving opponents votes, our post election polls show.

TEXAS

WILCOX TAKES SECOND IN DELEGATE RACE WITH WIN IN TEXAS

CANDIDATE	JIM	PETE	JAKE	MARK	STEPHEN
ISSUES:					
Nuke	-285	*	+187	+197	-285
Dom Spend	+130	*	+130	+130	-425
Alaska	+115	*	+115	+115	+115
Chrysler	-199	*	-199	+324	+324
Housing	-246	*	+367	-246	+367
SPOTLIGHT ISSUE ----					
			Chrysler	Housing	Dom Spend
VISITS: days/votes					
Dallas	*	*	3.3/127	*	5.6/216
Houston	*	*	1.8/ 87	*	2.9/140
San Antonio	*	*	1.8/ 53	*	2.7/ 80
Austin	*	*		*	.9/ 41
El Paso	*	*	.9/ 36	*	
Corpus Christi	*	*	.9/ 25	*	
Beaumont	*	*		*	.9/ 30
McAllen	*	*		*	.9/ 48
ORGANIZATION:					
weeks/votes 4(-5/ 20		*	3/235	-0-	3/235
MOMENTUM BONUS:					
			214		214
MEDIA:					
Votes	*	*	-0-	-0-	-0-
number/cost					
TOTAL VOTES:					
	995	*	1775	1002	2520
PERCENTAGE:					
	15.81	*	28.21	15.92	40.05
DELEGATES:					
	24	*	43	24	61
CFP GAINED:					
	-0-	*	39	-0-	86
BALANCE					
	<72>	<12>	529	443	615
This week					
SPENT	-0-	-0-	<73>	<33>	<54>
GAINED	-0-	-0-	39	-0-	86
BALANCE					
	<72>	<12>	495	410	647
Available Funds					
	-0-	-0-	540	455	692
TRAVEL:					
DAY 1	*	*	DENVER	DETROIT	HOUSTON
DAY 2	*	*	"	"	"
DAY 3	*	*	PHOENIX	"	VEGAS
DAY 4	*	*	"	"	TUSCON
DAY 5	*	*	DETROIT	"	SALT LAKE
DAY 6	*	*	"	"	"
DAY 7	*	*	"	"	DENVER
ORGANIZATIONS:					
Rocky Mountains	N	N	4	N	1
Michigan	N	N	3	2	N
Maryland	N	N	3	2	N
Kentucky	N	N	2	N	N
Pacific States	N	N	1	N	N
DECLARED FOR:					
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
New Jersey	N	N	Y	Y	Y
TOTAL DELEGATES: 284					
		313	508	629	531

TEXAS

YOUNG WINS; WALL BACK IN THE RACE!

CANDIDATE	DAVE	TY	JAMES	DAN
ISSUES:				
Nuke	-285	+187	-285	-285
Chrysler	-199	-199	-199	+324
Dom Spend	-425	+130	-425	+130
Alaska	-637	+115	+115	-637
Housing	?194	-246	-246	-246
DECISION BONUS		180	180	180
SPOTLIGHT ISSUE	----	Nuke	Dom Spend	Alaska

VISITS: days/votes

Dallas	*	.9/ 35	1.5/ 58	2.8/108
Houston	*	1.8/ 87	1.5/ 72	2.8/135
San Antonio	*	.9/ 27	.7/ 21	.9/ 27
Austin	*		.7/ 32	.5/ 23
El Paso	*		.8/ 32	.5/ 20
Beaumont	*		.8/ 26	.5/ 16
Corpus Christi	*		.8/ 22	.5/ 14

ORGANIZATION:

weeks/votes	4 (-3) / 56	-0-	6 (-1) / 172	4 (-2) / 233
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MOMENTUM BONUS:

214	214
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MEDIA:

votes	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Number/cost	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

TOTAL VOTES:

1796	1206	2099	2592
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PERCENTAGE:

23.35	15.68	27.28	33.69
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DELEGATES:

19	12	22	27
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CFP GAINED:

26	-0-	30	69
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BALANCE

<23>	241	1	363
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This Week

SPENT	-0-	<58>	-0-	<80>
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GAINED

26	-0-	30	69
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BALANCE

3	157	28#	324
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Available Funds

48	202	73#	369
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TRAVEL:

DAY 1	*	DENVER	*	HOUSTON
DAY 2	*	"	*	DALLAS
DAY 3	*	PHOENIX	*	AUS/PASO
DAY 4	*	SALT LAKE	*	BEAU/CORPUS
DAY 5	*	ALBQ/TUCS	*	BALT/TUSC
DAY 6	*	VEGAS/COSPGS	*	SALT LAKE
DAY 7	*	BALTIMORE	*	PHOENIX

ORGANIZATIONS:

Rocky Mountains	N	2	N	3
Michigan	N	N	4 (-1)	1
Kentucky	N	N	N	1
California	N	N	2 (-2)	N

DECLARED FOR:

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
New Jersey	N	Y	N#	Y

TOTAL DELEGATES:

197	349	337	327
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#Since I forgot to list the New Jersey declaration deadline last time, I will let James enter now if he wants to. I will deduct 20 CFP from his current total, which he could have spent during the Virginia election.

GEORGE WILL

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

ENGLAND	Home, Nwy, Bel, Stp-----	6 --
FRANCE	Par, Bre, Spa, Por, -----	4 --
GERMANY	Ber, Kie, Hol, Den, mun -----	4 -1*
ITALY	Rom, Mar, nap, ven -----	2 -2*
RUSSIA	Mos, Sev, War, Rum, Swe, Vie, Bud, MUN--	8 +1*
TURKEY	Home, Bul, Ser, Gre, Tri, Tun, NAP, VEN-	10 +2

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.

WINTER 05

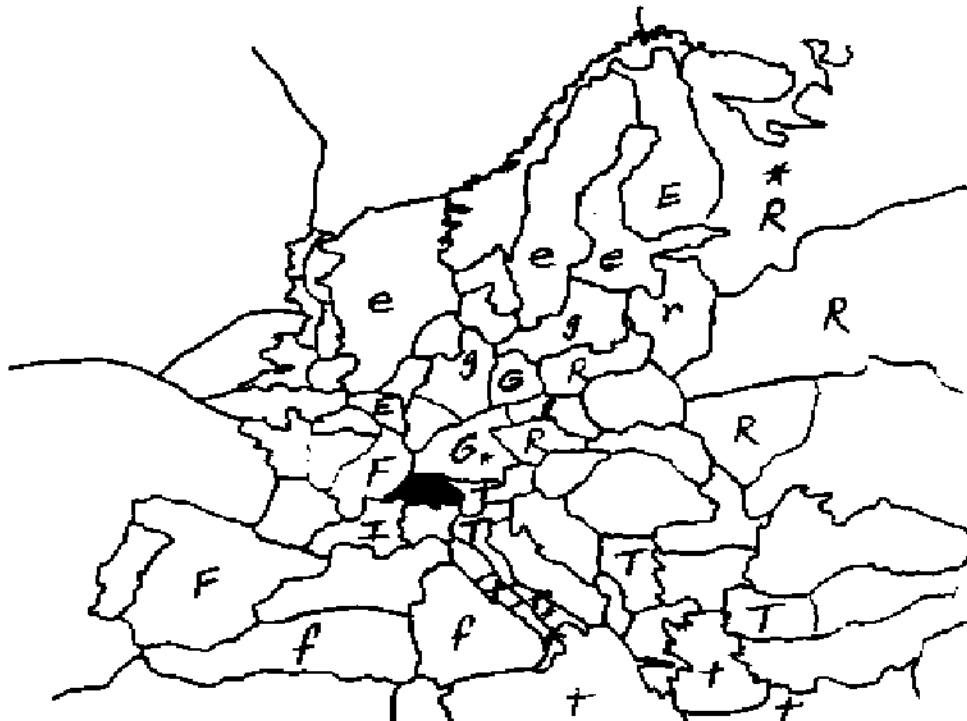
GERMANY Retreats Army Munich to RUHR
 ITALY NMR! F Naples retreats OTB, GM removes F MARSEILLES
 RUSSIA A Prussia retreats to WARSAW; Builds Army SEVASTOPOL
 TURKEY Builds Army CONSTANTINOPLE, Fleet SMYRNA

SPRING 1906

ENGLAND A Yor-BEL (F NTH C), F Ska-SWE, F Swe-BOT, A Nwy- FIN, A Stp S Ger A Pru-Liv (NSO, Ret. NWY, OTB)
 FRANCE A SPA-Tun (F WES S), F Lyo-TYH, A BUR S Ger A Ruh-Mun
 GERMANY A Pru-BER (F BAL S), F Ber-KIE, A Ruh-MUN
 ITALY A Pie-MAR, F Apu-Ion(ANN)
 RUSSIA A Fin-STP (A MOS S), A Sev-UKR, A Vie-BOH, A War-PRU (F LIV S) A SIL-Ber (A Mun S (ANN))
 TURKEY A CON-Tun (F AEG, ION C), F Smy-EAS, F Tyh-ROM, F Adr-APU (A VEN (A TYO S), F NAP S), A SER S Rus A Vie-Tri (NSO)

One country bothered to vote on the proposals, and that was against so all proposals failed. No new proposals.

DEADLINE FOR FALL 1906 IS DECEMBER 4, 1985



HODDING CARTER, III

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.

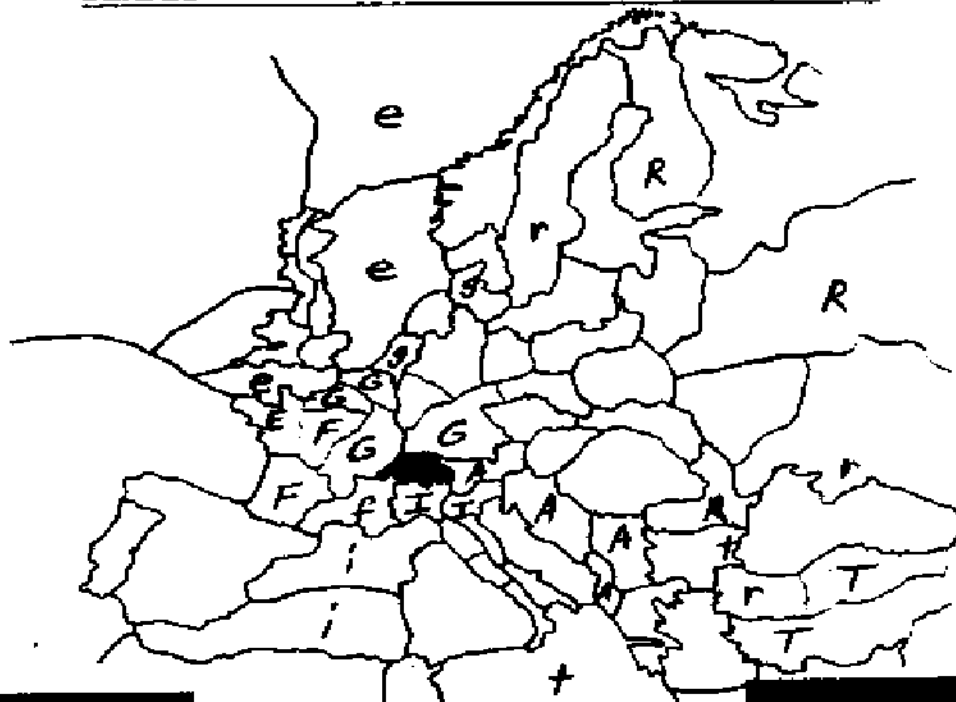
WINTER 1902 RETREATS, BUILDS, AND REMOVALS

AUSTRIA Build Army BUDAPEST
 ENGLAND Remove Fleet Irish Sea
 FRANCE NMRI GM removes Fleet Portugal
 GERMANY Retreat Army Burgundy to RUHR; build Fleet KIEL
 ITALY Retreat A Trieste to VENICE; Remove A Tunis
 RUSSIA Build Army WARSAW
 TURKEY EVEN

SPRING 1903

AUSTRIA A Bud-SER, A Vie-TYO (A TRI S), A Ser-ALB
 ENGLAND A BRE-Pic (F ENG S), F NTH-Bel, F NWG-Nth
 FRANCE F MAR-Spa (A GAS S), A Bur-Pic (ANN) (A PAR S)
 GERMANY A Ruh-BUR (A MUN S, A BEIS, A PIC S), F Kie-HOL, F DEN S
 Rus F Nwy-Nth
 ITALY A Tyo-PIE (A VEN S), F LYO-Spa (F WES S)
 RUSSIA A Stp-FIN, F Bla-CON, A War-MOS, F SEV-Arm, A RUM-Bul (A
 Ser S (NSU)), F SWE S F Nwy
 TURKEY F Aeg-ION, A Con-ANK, A SMY-Arm, F BUL S Aus A
 Ser-Rum(NSO)

DEADLINE FOR FALL '03 IS DECEMBER 4, 1985



LETTER COLUMN

Nick Fellela (Fellella?)

You spelled Rommel wrong, I believe. One 'l' not two. At least you got Douglas right finally. You said "If Rommel was so smart, how come he lost." Well, it takes more than good generals to win a war. Ask Robert E. Lee or Napoleon.

How do you intend to stop the flow of unwanted pregnancies? Haven't seen anything work yet. I don't believe Reagonomics applies to the abortion issue well, but here's something to consider. If you make abortions inexpensive, through government funding, you take away the economic incentive to avoid unwanted pregnancies. Lastly, one can be pro-life and not support putting teenage girls in jail. especially because they are not a real menace to society, just the unborn. Anyway, this is a very complex issue with no easy answers. I'm sure you have heard all the pro and con arguments already.

And about your Presidential adds: Cuomo might win the Democratic nomination, but never the election. He's too liberal, Italian, Catholic, poor and ugly. And he is also from New York, and is viewed as an overbearing New Yorker. Not exactly your fun guy like Reagan is viewed.

Of course this letter is NFP because that label means nothing to you anyway.

((Keep trying Nick. We'll get a controversy started here someday. Economic incentives have little or no bearing on unwanted pregnancies. Pills are cheaper and easier to get, and women are still getting abortions. Maybe we need to make the pills even cheaper and easier to get. Unfortunately, the people who are anti-abortion are also anti any kind of birth control and usually against sex education in public schools. At least that seems true here in Texas. They think people who aren't married shouldn't have sex. They are right, but things just don't work that way. So our choices are to provide education, birth control, abortions or any combination of the three, or let the unwanted children starve to death in the street. Regardless of what the pro-lifers say, there aren't enough people looking for children to adopt to handle all the unwanted children, unless of course all the unwanted babies are from middle class WASP families. Our real question revolves around whose rights are we protecting, the mother's or the fetus'?

I am glad that I have you and Pete to point out all my spelling errors, as well as other grammatical errors of which I might be making.))

Steve Langley October 29, 1985 (Langely?)

I'm sure it was much too close to call, but wasn't Alan Stewart spouting even more nonsense than I did a month or so ago? If there were people at DipCon one might ask why? What an interesting approach.

Your position on the National debt brings to mind one of my positions that most people find difficult to deal with: What is wrong with murder? Both you and Stewart discuss it as if it were axiomatically wrong. why is that? The reason behind the list of US ills Stewart gave is overpopulation. Legalized murder would be a great first step toward solving that problem. Granted, there would be chaos at first, and quite a few deaths. Fewer consumers might hit big business, but in the long run, there are many benefits.

I'm not sure if I'm eligible to take Evan's test, but my answers are: 1) Steve Langley publishes TNFH, a zine dedicated to getting the feud out of Dipcon at large and into a single zine so that only those truly interested in the feud discussion need participate. 2) None of the above. I have one child (biologically) and her mother takes her as a dependent. I have two stepsons whose father takes them as dependents. I do have a wife who allows me to count her as a dependent. 3) I registered to vote as a Republican at age 21 and have never had to re-register since, except for change of address. I voted for Nixon and Reagan, so your analysis is probably correct (where you wager that I haven't ever voted correctly).

I don't believe in subsidizing kids. Perhaps a deduction for dependents could be looked on in that light. A flat tax without deductions would be different but not necessarily worse for the home mortgage payer. Without the deduction for interest, the argument that you can take it off your taxes so a high rate doesn't hurt you would be possible (I was given that very line by a realtor) -- without the subsidy for loans, rates might be forced down.

A national debt is bad in the same way that a personal debt is bad. If you can accept personal debt beyond your ability to pay as acceptable, then you can probably do the same with a national debt. I can accept neither.

((One point that I meant to make last time about the debt is that the statistic is a false one. It would only be valid to say every person in the country owed X amount on the debt if that was how we taxed. We tax by a percentage, not a set fee. As a percentage of what this country earns in a year, as measured by the GNP, the nation as a whole has a very small debt. Most people would like to have a debt that small. The problem is that the Congress isn't willing to pay off the debt, so they incur new bills before paying off the old ones. The largest part of these are the 'uncontrollable' expenses of the social programs. During a recession, when the tax revenues drop, spending for social programs, specifically unemployment insurance and food stamps, increases automatically. The budget grows without any restraint or direct action from Congress. I don't know how Gramm-Rudman will change that, if at all, and I don't think anyone else knows either. Still, it is a step in the right direction.

What is wrong with murder? I like when people question the obvious because it makes me examine my philosophy closer. My first reaction is that it is wrong because it is. Disappointed in that, I had to think about it. My answer has to be that I don't want to be killed. Now I can only protect myself to a certain point, but should I run into someone bigger or stronger or smarter than I would be in trouble. To avoid that I make a social contract with my neighbors and agree not to kill them and to work together to keep outsiders from killing any of us. We naturally add a punishment clause to keep people within the group from violating the rules. And that's where we are today. Any better explanations?))

Russ Blau October 29, 1985

I feel I should comment on your proposal to incorporate DW as a non-profit corporation. As you know, I am a practicing lawyer (I am licensed to practice in Maryland and D.C.). When I saw your proposal in Issue 16 I decided to do a little research to see whether this is a good idea. Unfortunately, what I found leads me to recommend that the idea be abandoned.

The problem is that not all tax exempt corporations are eligible to receive tax deductible contributions. Undoubtedly, DW could qualify as a non-profit corporation and would not be subject to income tax on its profits (if any). However, contributions to DW would not be deductible by the donors unless it were a scientific, educational, or charitable corporation, and I don't think it could qualify on any of those grounds. The IRS has been fairly strict in denying "educational" status to social, recreational and hobby type organizations. (It is pretty obvious that we could not afford to mount a court challenge if the IRS ruled against us; anyway, the Tax Court has generally upheld the IRS position in this issue.)

Therefore, the only advantage of incorporation would be the exemption from corporate income taxes, and shielding the publisher from personal liability in the extremely unlikely event of a libel suit. On the other hand, the tax exemption is of little importance for an organization that historically has had negative net income (and anyway, the publisher is not subject to individual income tax on his subscription receipts as long as expenses exceed revenues). Moreover, there is not only a fee to be paid for incorporation, but also (in many states) annual reports to be filed and filing fees for those as well. The hassles far exceed the benefits of forming a corporation.

I am glad to see that Larry is getting a CPA to look at his books, and I hope that periodic reports will be made to subscribers. Given the amount of money he is raising, it is important that it be handled in a business like fashion. Otherwise, DW would soon lose the confidence of the hobby members. In the long run, though, we must remember that postal Diplomacy is a hobby, not a business; the survival of DW and the hobby as a whole depend more on the enthusiasm of the hobby members than on management techniques. Getting involved in forming corporations, it seems to me, is a distraction -- better that we expend our energies in improving the contents of DW, making game openings available, publishing zines, and otherwise promoting hobby activities.

PS to Alan Stewart: How about Bill Bradley at 25-1? Also, I would rate Kirkpatrick as a much longer shot than Iacocca -- try reversing the odds on those two.

((Thanks for looking into my corporation idea. I still think it is worth discussing, though. I already knew that the donations would not be deductible, and, as a Republican I don't like deductions, so that wasn't a reason to me anyway. There is the possibility of cheap mail rates, though I understand that can be quite a hassle. The main reason for incorporating would be to guarantee continuity and provide contractual rights. It is difficult, if not impossible for Larry to sell ads, especially outside the hobby. As a corporation not could DW try to support itself in the manner all magazines do, but if combined with the DipCon Society could sign and enforce contractual agreements with the host cons. For several years now we have had trouble getting money out of the host cons, and I see this as a way to solve that problem. And you mentioned another good reason: accountability. I mean, I like Larry, but I don't like the idea of anybody having full control over \$1000 of hobby money.))

Evans Given October 30, 1985 ((two in two months! A new precedent?))

You did a good job of printing my Langley quiz. And you did a good job of presenting Steve's possible rationale for his statements. But you obscured the fact that his statements are pure garbage. Steve publishes his Not for Hire zine where you

can pay to keep the feud going while you write about how bad the feud is. When he says he favors a flat tax "except for dependent deductions," he's saying he doesn't favor a flat tax. He contradicts his own self, if you get my drift. I favor a flat tax, too. I favor deductions for motor vehicles instead of children. Yet, most would immediately decry my position, and point to Steve's as infinitely more logical. In fact, both are equally absurd.

Finally, one's involvement in politics cannot be limited only to discussion. Again, if I discuss professional football on a regular and consistent basis, you would be hard pressed to find anyone to say I was "involved" in professional football. Involvement in politics is measured by deed, not by words. Votes, not verbs. Action, not ink. (A political analyst is doing something. He is writing for a living. A fine point of distinction, maybe; but it's like pornography. You know it when you see it.)

I guess I wanted to ridicule somebody in my last letter. Steve seemed a likely subject. He normally is quite logically oriented, but I think I caught him pontificating. We used to be friends.

Larry's DW Corp is his dumbest yet. a dip tax to fund DW would be better. Not DW, Inc. What if James Wall got control? Keep voting them elephants!

((I hate to break this to you, but Larry's dumb idea is actually my dumb idea that Larry and several others don't like. I disagree that simply discussing politics is not participating. I couldn't vote in the first city elections here in Austin, but I guarantee I was a participant. See Steve's earlier letter for his own answers; it looks like I didn't do such a good job for him after all. And he has been voting them elephants! Maybe you can be friends again.))

James Wall ((speak of the Devil!)) October 28, 1985

To Alan Stewart. I'm glad to see you are so happy with parliamentary sovereignty, given the danger it represents to the populace. Where parliamentary sovereignty exists, rights are merely allowed, not guaranteed. In America, Congress cannot pass legislation declaring an individual guilty of a crime, say slander. If parliament were to pass a law declaring Mr. Stewart guilty of slandering person X, then to jail he would go, no appeals, no attorney, no rights. The constitution and the Bill of rights section specifically are not perfect in my opinion, but I prefer a democratic system where the powers excluded the state are on paper and plain for everyone to see. Adolph Hitler came to power via a parliamentary system due to the fact there were no checks on the central government power. This is the beauty of our system, power is diffused. Thus the executive, legislative, and judicial branches spend quite a bit of time voiding or preventing actions by the other two. It's admittedly not a smooth system, but it's safe.

By the way, if the state of Oregon passed a law declaring any religion a state religion for Oregon, it would be completely constitutional. I believe it was the Episcopalian religion that was Massachusetts state religion until it was repealed about 1848. The Bill of rights is applicable to the National government only there. Don't you love legal trivia?

Presidential hopefuls should include Pierre DuPont, Joseph Biden, Richard Gephardt, Bruce Babbitt, Jesse Jackson, Charles Robb, and

Dale Bumpers. Expect at least one Southerner to make a bid in the Democratic party.

to David Anderson. If you for one minute believe Ronald Reagan is responsible for 1/2 the Federal debt, you are the epitome of a mindless liberal. The Reagan Budget was scrapped by your dear liberal Democrats, remember Dave? Remember the liberal Democratic Leadership holding up budget legislation until spending cuts were eliminated? Remember whose "Great Society" left us saddled with all these various political quick fix/ no solution programs that are sink holes for taxpayer money? After spending all those billions of dollars for these past two decades all we hear from liberals is more money is needed. Besides, even if you discount all of the above, Ronald Reagan, if he cut every single discretionary penny when presenting the budget, would still present Congress with a budget approximately 64% of the current budget. He can not affect 64% of the budget. Entitlement programs, debt payments, Social Security, spending commitments, salaries, etc. make up 64% of the budget. Chew on that, Dave.

((I really can't add much to that, as you can see from my comments following Steve Langley's letter. I do think that the Supreme Court would declare a state religion as unconstitutional and sight the fourteenth amendment. They have stretched over just about all of the other ten, so why not that one as well? Have you ever read the Griswold case? It says something about the right to privacy being a sort of a "penumbra" formed by "emanations" from the Bill of rights and the fourteenth amendment. And roe v Wade, the famous abortion ruling, is actually a piece of legislation. The most important of our Checks and balances is eroding away, and that is the usurpation of the states power by the central government.

Thanks for the letters folks. This isn't the formal debate style I had hoped for, but I think I like this better anyway. Keep those letters coming. How about telling us all who you want to see get the nominations in 88 and why! I want both the President and VP.))

PARTING SHOTS

Don't forget the contest mentioned on page 2, and please give us some input on what you want the next version of Presidential Politics to include. I would also like to solicit some input on whether any of you would like to play in a regular Dip game starting sometime next year, GMD by me. What do you think is a fair price for Dip?

We get some cartoons this issue; you all would rather have that than a half page of my ramblings, wouldn't you?



Butter Battles

(A flyer cum subzine devoted to the play of 85A.)

The address is still 3702 Tarragona Lane, Austin TX 78727 though it looks like we'll be moving out to the Bay area (probably SF or Palo Alto) sometime next Spring.

I will not start a new game BEFORE we move, but please drop me a line if you are interested. No game fee and four-week deadlines. New game would NOT have per-NMR NMR deposits, and I'd make a few other simplifications in the HRs.

I've cooked up a variant (of mark lew's "deviant dip" variant) which I'll also offer openings in if I do decide to continue GMing. So here are the rules for... "Radical Dip":

- 1) Before S01 and every spring or fall, each player may propose a variant rule.
- 2) Every spring or fall each player votes for one or two of the rules proposed last time.
- 4) The rule getting the most votes goes into effect immediately. In case of a tie they all pass (in randomly determined order). Each player's votes are weighted according to the number of supply centers they own.
- 5) Victory criterion is a majority of centers.

The only substantive change between "deviant" and "Radical" is underlined above. As in Lew's game, GMing will be highly subjective... no, interpretive is a more accurate word.

"Zwilniks" (1985A) Autumn/Winter 1904 and Spring 1905, 11/16/85

Autumn:

France: **NMR!!!** dislodged F TYR disbanded.

Supply center chart:

England: bel, BRE, den, edi, hol, liv, lon, por, SPA - 8/9 - may build 1.

France: par - 3/1 - remove 2.

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

Russia: ANK, ber, bud, bul, GRE, kie, mos, NWY, rum, ser, sev, stp, swe, vie, war - 12/15 - may build 3.

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

Winter:

England: builds A EDI.

France: **NMR!!!** A RUH and A TUS removed.

Italy: builds A VEN.

Russia: builds A MOS, F STP(sc), and A WAR.

Turkey: removes A CON.

Spring:

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

A bel-RUH, A bre-PIC, F den-SWE, A edi-NWY, F hol-HEL, F NTH C A edi-NWY, F NWG S A edi-NWY, F SKA S den-SWE, F spa(sc)-POR.

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

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

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

F ION-alb, A mar-BUR, A MUN-kie, F NAP S F TYR-ion, A TRI-ser, F TYR-ion, A VEN-tri

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

A ANK S F bla-CON, A arm-SMY, F BAL S F hel-DEN, A BER-mun, F bla-CON, A GRE S A rum-BUL, F hel-DEN, A KIE S F hel-DEN, A LIV-edi\imp\, A mos-STP, A nwy-swe\dsi: fin. Dsb\, A rum-BUL, A SER S A rum-BUL, F stp(sc)-GUL, A war-SIL

Turkey (Paul Milewski, Box 256, Batavia, OH 45103)

F AEG S F ALB-ion, F ALB-ion

GAME NOTES:

- Deadline is Friday, **December 13th** for Summer/Fall 1905.
- Tom Boyd did not submit orders. Paul Milewski did and is the new TURKEY. Thank you Paul!

- The ENGLAND/RUSSIA draw and the concession to RUSSIA both failed. ENGLAND, FRANCE, RUSSIA, and TURKEY all vetoed both proposals by not voting. There is a new proposal: please vote on an ITALY/RUSSIA draw.
- The Russian LIV-EDI order is impossible because the unit is in the wrong LIV. Oute, eh?
- NMRing player(s) are reminded that they need to send new \$5.00 NMR deposits with orders to continue play. The NMR prize pool is now \$25.00. (Paul, the deposits/pool apply to original players only.)
- Seems to me the NMR pool is getting pretty big. How about we donate any excess over \$20.00 to "hobby services." Please send me your thoughts on that with your orders. (If I don't hear from you I'll assume you don't care!)
- Standbys: J. Early(ENGLAND), M. Fleming, Givan, Kohn(RUSSIA), S. Langley(FRANCE), and Luedi(GM). Holler if you want on or off the list. Thank you all!

PRESS:

woody-gm;\1 Another season without a map? What's next a season without moves?

gm-woody;\CSM Anytime now, anytime.

woody-world;\1 I suggest you mail your orders in minshall is too incoptant to take phone orders.

world-woody;\CSM But if you harass him couldn't he stop correcting your punctuation and spelling?

And what could you do about that?

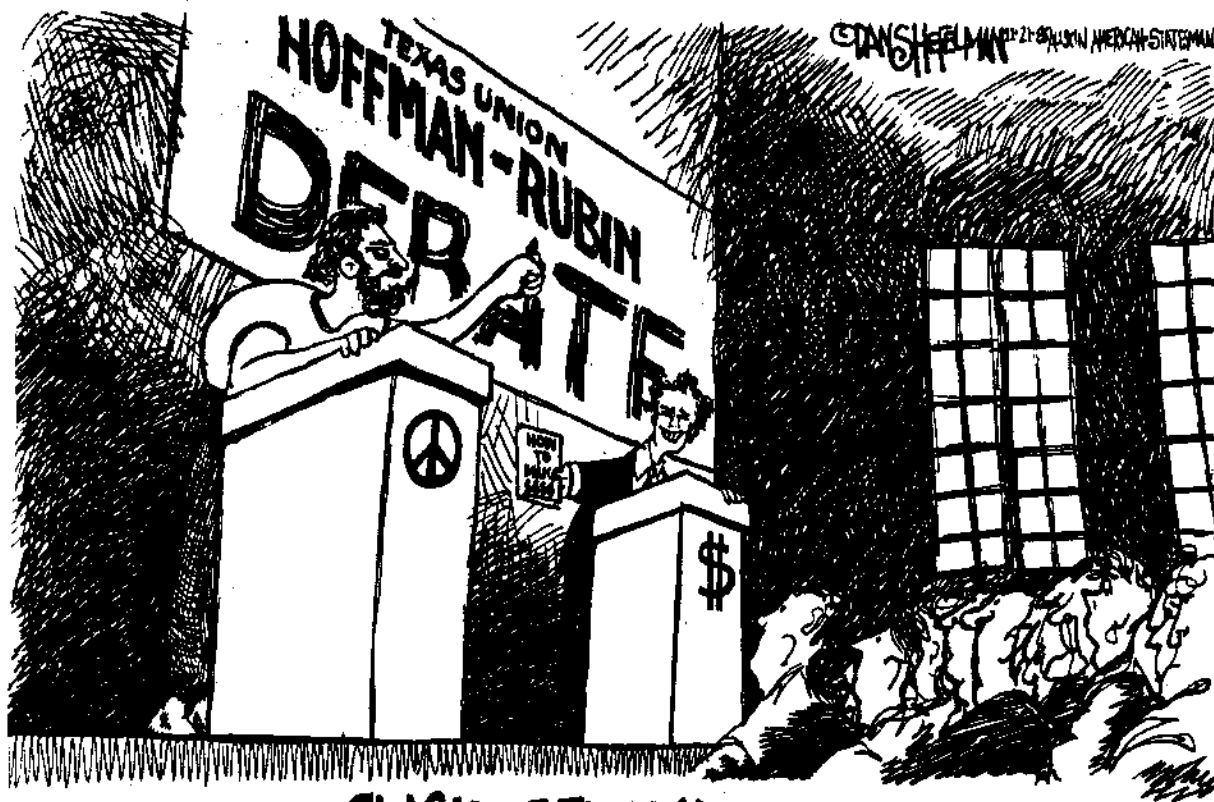
woody-Minshall;\1 I didn't request that separation. The separation I requested was from this game & Ellis' gming.

me-woody;\CSM Baloney. What are you doing in his gunboat game if you don't like his GMing?

You did say you're TURKEY in Hodding Carter, didn't you?

woody-France;\1 Sorry Larry I have to disagree! This game is valid!

That was 9.0. Map too!



CLASH OF THE HYPE-IES

Can't left me some white space A

J. Early

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Wham, bam and it's Fall in the Rockies. We've had snow, temperatures in the teens and cascading leaves, time to think about snow tires and storm windows and antifreeze, flannel sheets on the bed and opening windows on the odd warm day.

. Work on the 1984 version of Presidential Politics continues, I have 14 of the 51 primaries done and ready to be typed. The average state takes about 20 minutes to get ready, big ones like New York and California even longer. Much of the preliminary work has already been done, this 20-minute figure is just for issues. I've already computed figures for special interest groups in each state, as well as travel figures, media, organization and so on.

The big trick is going to be figuring out how to avoid making this a 100-page booklet. Postage costs would eat us alive, as would the printing. And I don't want to face another trip to the operating table because I've been lugging tons of games around.

If everything goes right, the 1984 game package will include the 51 primaries, a separate General Election game, perhaps a 1960 or 1968 version (at least I hope so) and a variant for state and congressional district games. Gubernatorial Politics? I'll have to work out a better name than that.

Couple of calls for recounts from Democrats concerning the last elections. The Messrs. Anderson and Larzelere pointed out two obvious and another less obvious error, so I have adjusted momentum, delegate, and vote totals, CFP balances and so on.

And, since the 1984 version of the game will be along in FF in a few months, I'm trying out a new reporting system. I don't think either Greg or I have hit the ideal system just yet. There will be as many as six primaries per turn in the next game, you can imagine the space that will take. Let me know what you think about this new technique.

	<u>Anderson</u>	<u>Becker</u>	<u>Felella</u>	<u>Larzelere</u>
MD spotlight	Dom Sp	Oil Imp	Chrysler	Windfl II
Issues, dec	244	211	266	229
Media, cost	1-18	4-81	4-79	1-18
Weeks org	3-72	4-80	2-56	4-80
MD: total vote	444	546	685	415
MD: percent	21.2	26.1	32.8	19.9
MD: delegates	7	15	30	7
MD: CFP won	6	12	27	5

MTS: spotlight	- - - - -	Food St	Nuc Mora	Windfl II
Issues, dec	372	354	282	504
Media, cost	- - -	1-43	1-43	1-43
Weeks org	3-216	3-216	4-240	4-240
Total votes	718	700	652	1004
MTS: percent	23.4	22.8	21.2	32.7
MTS: delegates	40	22	21	85
MTS: CFP won	12	6	6	26

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MICH: spotlight								
MICH: wks org	3		3		3		3	
MICH: travel Det	1		3		0		7	
GrRap	1		1		0		0	
Flint	1		1		0		0	
Lnsng	1		0		0		0	
Kazoo	1		0		0		0	
AnAbr	1		0		0		0	
Sgnaw	1		0		0		0	
MICH: media	3-95		3-90		1-28		1-28	
KY: wks org	1		2		2		2	
PAC: wks org	2		2		2		2	
YTD delegates	548		570		397		575	
YTD CFP won	86		261		282		369	

	ELLIS	WALL
Maryland total vote		not
percentage	100.0	entered
delegates	30	
CFP won	50	
Mountains: spotlight	Anti-bus	- - -
Issues	136	375
media	1-130	
wks org	4-240	1-96
total vote	1000	601
percentage	62.5	37.5
delegates	128	51
CFP won	34	16
Michigan: media	2-56	-
wks org	1	2
Detroit	1	0
Kentucky: wks org	1	0
L'ville	1	0
Lex'ton	1	0
Pacific: wks org	1	0
California wks org	1	0
YTD delegates	741	448
YTD CFP balance	445	352

your mailing checklist organize

1. You may ~~visit~~ in Michigan, Kentucky, the Pacific States, California, Ohio and New Jersey.
2. You may visit Michigan, Kentucky and the Pacific States.
3. Media bids are due for Kentucky.
4. Declare spotlight for Michigan.
5. This is election week in Michigan, will Anderson and Becker come to blows? Will the masses rise up and repudiate the two, and elect Iacocca? Tune in next time!

