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Game Openings: Diplomacy!
and Gunboat

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This issue is coming out several days late for a lot of reasons. We had some word processing problems, and real life interfered in that I had Finals last week and law school starts on Monday. But I really think that we should put all the blame on the Democrats playing the Presidential Politics game. To begin with, I didn't get all the delegate votes until Wednesday! There isn't any way to handle an NMR at the convention, so I had to make some phone calls. Then, to top it off, I had predicted either a Wilcox/Halverstadt or Larzelere/Halverstadt ticket, and done the appropriate preliminary work. They nominated a Wilcox/Larzelere ticket. Thanks guys.

Enough excuses. Some good news about Daf Langley: she is doing much better and they are hoping to have her fully recovered in no time. As I said before, if anyone has the personality that can beat something like that, it is Daf.

Some good news on a personal note: I finally graduated! But then Law school starts on May 26th. Thanks to all of you who have expressed sympathy for the recent rash of medical ills (we are all fine now), and for to those of you who have wished me well in Law school.

This issue has the final results of the Presidential Politics nominations and the setup for the General Election. Also we have a Butter Battles, two games very close to starting, two others ready to end, and a review of Arlington II. We haven't had a High Plains Gonzo lately because Jake is trying to make a career change. I get the impression that we have seen the last of HPG, but one never knows. If he resurrects it once again I will have to insist that he change the name to the High Plains Phoenix or some such.

Both the regular Diplomacy! game and the Gunboat game are very close to filling. Please get me a check soon if you are interested. Game fees are \$10 for Dip and \$5 for Gunboat. It is also required that you sub to FP. I think I have 5 paid for both games.

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As you probably already know, Simon Billenness is publishing a quarterly Zine Register. If you haven't seen it yet, you need to get a copy! Along with the regular zine information Simon provides a small paragraph describing the zine. In my last issue he included a stern request for a descriptive paragraph so that he wouldn't have to write so many. Though I am satisfied with the current description, I thought I would have a little contest to see what I could get from you all. So here is the deal: Write a paragraph describing FF of 100 words or less. I get to choose which I think is the best, and I will submit that one for the Zine Register. The winner gets 5 free issues. Anyone who even sends in an entry gets one free issue. Hell of a deal! Not only will this fill the ZR requirement, but it will also give me valuable input as to what you think of my zine. Please help out.

Also, don't forget about the 6 free issues you can get for guessing who is playing in the Gunboat games. As soon as a game ends I want some entries sent in and I will print some of the guesses and award some issues.

IN SEARCH OF A DO
OR
HOW TO GET LOST ON THE ROAD FROM DALLAS TO AUSTIN

Last month I had the extreme pleasure of attending Arlington II. It was an excellent weekend away from school, work, wife, and other daily pressures for two days of unadulterated gaming. My only regret is that I didn't get to play in a single Dip game!

On Friday at about 3pm I left work and picked up Matt Huff (a local college student that I have been gaming with for a couple of months) and Conrad Minshall. The three of us made the trip to Arlington without incident, unless you call getting stopped by a Fort Worth Cop and getting a ticket an incident. For a few minutes I was worried that the weekend wasn't starting off too well.

There was already a Titan game going on involving Pete and the Bakers from Houston when we got to the apartment. Actually, Cathy was reluctantly playing for Pete since he had gone to pick up Mark Frueh. After Mark got there, he, Conrad, Matt and I started our own game of Titan. I am still trying to figure out why I play that game. It seems like my rolls are average or better, and my recruiting goes fine, but someplace in the midgame splits I lose it.

The Titan lasted until we all got too tired to play in the wee hours and resumed again the next morning. Saturday morning enough people who were interested in Dip to start a game. Both Frueh and I wanted what turned out to be the seventh position, so we rolled a die to see who got it. That turned out to be my worst roll of the weekend, since he won and that was the only Dip game played!

My time was spent on losing Titan games, losing Jeopardy, losing Clue and winning Nuclear War. Guess which was my favorite game! If you haven't ever played Nuke War/Nuke Escalation I recommend it. As the only staunch Republican at the table I was still able to win (even though it turns out that I had the smallest population of anybody) and I did it by being a strong peace advocate. We attacked whoever showed aggression, and then negotiated a peaceful end to the aggression. During peace time we used propaganda to whittle away the others populations and build up our own.

The Jeopardy game was marred when I answered the question "Who is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas" with the correct answer "Lloyd Bentsen." The game, which was printed in 1982, said the answer was "John Tower." The compromise was that I wouldn't get any money, but I also wouldn't lose any. Actually it didn't matter much, since I wiped out my bankroll several times after that.

I did get to play a game of Quasi Gunboat (negotiations across that table only) and did very well. Though Conrad will insist it was a four way draw, it was actually a two way E/F, with John Kleeman from England as England and me as France. The best part of this game was watching Conrad, as Turkey, trying to work with Mark Frueh, as Austria. After an unsuccessful attack on Conrad, Mark kept saying, "It doesn't count as a stab, because it didn't work!" He later tried the same ploy in the Nuke War game. At one point the A/T seemed to have us stopped. That is when Conrad signed a blank sheet of paper and handed it to Mark to write his orders for him. I questioned whether that constituted secret negotiations, which we had disallowed, but none of the other players seemed too upset so I dropped it. That same move Mark

screwed up the orders and let us through the stalemate line. The game ended soon after with everyone but Conrad agreeing that the E/F would eventually get a draw.

The true highlight of the Con had to be the cake. No, Cathy didn't pop out of it. Pete had actually paid a bakery to make a cake and frost it so that it looked like a Dip Board. It was a shame to eat it, but we had to have something to follow that 6 foot (or 6') hoagy. Not a single game was interrupted by hunger!

Finally we had to leave Sunday evening at about 6pm. On the way back Conrad introduced us to a mind game in which one player tries to guess what his opponent is thinking. Strangely enough it was fascinating! I won the first round, and we ended up not finishing the game. During the second round I was soundly trounced as the others figured out that I was consistently thinking of red. I was also driving and staring at taillights.

All the mental activity made all of us hungry and thirsty, so we began looking for a Dairy Queen. For those of you who don't know Texas, DQ was founded here and we can almost measure the distance between towns by the number of DQ's that you pass. Dallas to Austin is a straight drive down I-35, and you pass around 20 Dairy Queens. So in Temple we start driving down the feeder road looking for a DQ. An hour later we were still looking, so we gave up and ate at a 7-11.

After thirty more minutes on the road we notice that the landscape looks "different." And then the highway ended. Oops. A quick stop at a gas station reveals that we are actually on the road to Lampassas, and the quickest way to Austin is the way we came. General dissatisfaction among the riders ensues and disparaging remarks about the driver are made. We must have ended up making a turn while on the feeder. Still, it is pretty embarrassing to get lost on I-35.

And that's the story about Arlington II. A few more points of interest: I turned in orders for a game that Pete is GMing, and once again I screw them up, as I have done every time I have given him orders at a Con; I lost a Snowball Fight game to Conrad (but it wasn't a proper game!); Matt got the title of Power Whiner for vociferously complaining that his opponents in Civilization were ganging up on him, but he was still winning. If and when there is an Arlington III, I recommend you attend. Pete is a great host (as are Tom and Cathy!), and it is always a laid back and relaxing event.

PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS

On the second ballot the Republicans successfully nominated Senator Dan Young of California as their Presidential nominee, with the margin of victory provided by the delegates of former California Senator Ty Hare. Though the critics have rightfully pointed out that this is a geographically weak ticket, both candidates have shown strength throughout the U.S., and Young has proven himself a versatile and energetic campaigner.

Young was able to fight off early losses in the primaries to come roaring back as the campaign progressed. He ended up winning all of the last nine elections. The Young juggernaut started in Texas and rolled right into the convention with a package deal already set up with the Hare campaign.

Wisconsin Senator James Wall valiantly battled to get on the ticket, and his delegates remained loyal to the end. Wall received 468 votes on the second Presidential ballot, and 468

again for the Vice Presidential nod. Texas Congressman Dave Frick also received some votes for Vice President, but since he provided very little leadership at the convention his delegates had mostly joined the Young/Hare ranks.

The Democrats didn't have nearly as easy a time in choosing their candidates. The Presidential voting took 17 ballots, with all three of the frontrunner candidates holding their own delegates. California Governor Pete Gaughan helped push the Larzelere effort early on, and the Burgess delegates closed rank with Colorado Governor Jake Halverstadt.

Finally, after almost 24 hours of voting, Halverstadt became the convention hero. On the seventeenth ballot, he urged his delegates to support Stephen Wilcox, and more than enough followed that lead to win the nomination for the Texas Senator. Wilcox then asked the convention to nominate Halverstadt as the Vice Presidential candidate, but in a surprise move Halverstadt gave a 30 minute nomination speech calling for party unity, and he then nominated Maryland Senator Mark Larzelere for Vice President. Although most of the Wilcox and Burgess delegates voted for Halverstadt, Larzelere won the nomination by a comfortable margin.

Though he was obviously surprised by this development, Senator Wilcox stated that he could certainly work with Larzelere, and that he thought the Democrats would win in November. After the Vice Presidential balloting the delegates joined together in chanting "California, here we come!" and the convention ended in a generally positive atmosphere.

Immediately after the conventions were over the Harrass organization started its polling and found widespread support for the Republican ticket. A nationwide random sample showed that 53.5% of the respondents would vote for Young if the election were held tomorrow. That was the good news for the Republicans. The bad news was that on a state by state basis Young barely has enough support to get an Electoral College majority. It is actually the electoral college that meets and elects the President and Vice President. If the Republicans were to end up losing Maryland, which is considered highly likely since the Democrats have Maryland Senator Larzelere on the ticket, the Democrats would have enough Electoral Votes to ~~tie~~.

Both parties are now gearing up for the General election by making travel plans, making commercials, and choosing those issues that best represent the party to the independent voters. If the actually were to be held tomorrow, pollsters rate the outcome a toss-up.

PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS NOTES

NEXT DEADLINE: JUNE 20, 1986

DUE NEXT TURN: Travel for weeks 1 through 4; Organizations starting in weeks 1 through 4; Media bids for each state or region.

After each turn I will add in the votes won from that turns actions to the matrix on the next page. The organization and issue votes won't count until the final turn, and I will increase their value proportionally to the travel and media to compensate.

Each turn I will publish the orders as they are given to me, and the final result. I won't publish the worksheets as I have been doing, so pay attention!

HARRASS POLL -- GENERAL ELECTION

ST	EV	DEMOCRATS			EV	REPUBLICANS		
		PRIM	TOTAL			PRIM	TOTAL	EV
IA	8	41	41	8	40	40	0	
OK	8	26	26	0	74	74	8	
MS	7	50	50	7	46	46	0	
NH	4	8	8	0	25	25	4	
MA	14	279	279	0	362	362	14	
FL	17	485	485	17	59	59	0	
IL	26	308	308	0	479	479	26	
AL	9	158	158	9	75	75	0	
NY	41	915	915	41	637	637	0	
NE	19	24	24	0	274	274	19	
WI	11	18	18	0	99	99	11	
LA	10	221	221	10	103	103	0	
IN	13	0	0	0	165	165	13	
SA	33	212	212	0	223	223	33	
BS	40	345	345	40	315	315	0	
PA	27	328	328	27	312	312	0	
MP	29	36	36	0	365	365	29	
VA	12	41	41	0	98	98	12	
TX	26	427	427	26	321	321	0	
RH	35	259	259	35	242	242	0	
NI	21	39	39	0	305	305	21	
NY	10	108	108	0	129	129	10	
KY	9	48	48	0	102	102	9	
PS	22	492	492	22	352	352	0	
NJ	17	433	433	17	352	352	0	
OH	25	122	122	0	522	522	25	
CA	45	1106	1106	0	1447	1447	45	
TOT	528 528	6529	6529	259	7523	7523	271 271	

CURRENT CFP TOTALS:

Young
5102

Hare
1036

Wilcox
5125

Larzelere
1078

GEORGE WILL

FALL 1910

ENGLAND A Lvn-MOS (A STP S (F NWY S)), F Bot-LVN, A BEL S Fre A
Bur (F NTH S), F NAT S Fre F Por-MID (NSO)
FRANCE A GAS H, A BUR S Ger A Ruh-Mun, A MAR-Pie, F SPA-Wes, F
POR S Eng F Nat-Mid (NSO)
GERMANY A Mun-BER, A Ruh-MUN, F HOL H, F BAL S Eng F Bot-Lvn, A
SIL-War
RUSSIA A WAR S A MOS (A UKR S (A MOS S (ANN)))
TURKEY A SEV S Eng A Lvn-Mos (A ARM S), A Bul-RUM (F BLA S), A
Rum-GAL (A BUD S), A Vie-BOH (A TYO S), F Naf-MID (F WES
S), F Tyn-LYO (F PIE S)

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

ENGLAND	Home, Nwy, Bel, Swe, Stp, MOS	8 +1
FRANCE	Home, Spa, Por	5 --
GERMANY	Home, Hol, Den	5 --
RUSSIA	War, rum, mos	1 -2
TURKEY	Home, Italy, Austria, Balkans, Tun, Sev, RUM	-- 15 +1

Russia is -1 due to annihilation; France is +1 due to declined
build; Turkey is +3 due to declined builds.

SPRING 1911

ENGLAND Build Fleet Liverpool; F Nat S Fre F Por-Mid (NSO) F
Lvp-IRI, F Nwy-NTH, A BEL S Fre A Pur, F Nth-ENG, F
Lvn-BOT, A Stp-LVN (A MOS S)
FRANCE A GAS S F Spa(sc), F SPA(sc) S A Mar, F POR S F Spa(sc),
A MAR H (A BUR S)
GERMANY A SIL-War, F Hol-HEL, F Bal-SWE, A MUN S Eng A Bel-Ruh
(NSO) (A BER S)
RUSSIA Remove Army Ukraine; A WAR U, A Mos S Eng A Mos-Ukr (NSU)
TURKEY Build Fleet Smyrna; A Arm-RUM (F BLA C), A Rum-UKR (A
SEV, A GAL S (A BUD S)), F LYO-Spa(sc) (F WES S), F
MID-Por, A PIE-Mar, A BOH S Ger A Mun (A TYO S), F
Smy-AEG

All proposals failed by votes of: 2 FOR & 3 AGAINST New
proposals are F/T, E/F/G/T & Concession to TURKEY. Please vote
by the next deadline. I let it slip to one of the players that
the concession to Turkey was proposed by 4 of the 5 players, so I
thought I should tell everybody.

DEADLINE FOR FALL 1911 IS JUNE 6, 1986



HODDING CARTER, III

FALL 1907

AUSTRIA F Apu-NAP (A ROM S (A VEN S)), A MUN S Rus A Sil-Ber (A TYO S), A BUL-Ser, A GRE-Ser
ENGLAND Retreat F Nwg-EDI; F Lon-NTH (F EDI S), F NTH-Den (F HEL S)
FRANCE A Bre-PIC, F Lyo-WES, A BUR S Ger A Ruh-Mun (NSO)
GERMANY A HOL-Rie (A RUH S), A KIE-Ber (F BAL S)
ITALY Retreat A Rom-TUS; A TUS-Rom, F TYN-Tun
RUSSIA A Nwy-SWE, F Bar-NWY, A RUM, F CON, F AEG S Aus F Tri (IMP), A GAL-Sil, A Sil-BER, F ION-Tun, F Nwg-Nth (F DEN S (F SKA S)) F Nap-Tyn (NSU)

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUSTRIA	Home, Ser, Ven, Bul, Mun, GRE, ROM, NAP	-----	10	+3
ENGLAND	Home, Bre	-----	4	--
FRANCE	Par, Mar, Spa, Por	-----	4	--
GERMANY	Kie, Ber, Bel, Hol	-----	4	--
ITALY	Tun, rom	-----	1	-1
RUSSIA	Home, Turkey, Rum, Swe, Nwy, Den	-----	11	--
TURKEY	nap, gre	-----	0	-2

France is +1 due to declined build;
Turkey has no removals due to annihilations

SPRING 1907

AUSTRIA Build Army Vienna, Fleet Trieste; A ROM H, A Ven-PIE, F Nap-TYH, A Gre-SER, A BUL H, A MUN S Rus A Sil-Ber, (A TYO S), A VIE-Budheimia? (IMP), F Tri-ALB

ENGLAND F NTH S Ger A Kie-Den (NSO) (F LON, F EDI, F HEL S)

FRANCE Build A MAR; A Bur-BEL (A PIC S), A Mar-BUR, F WES-Tun

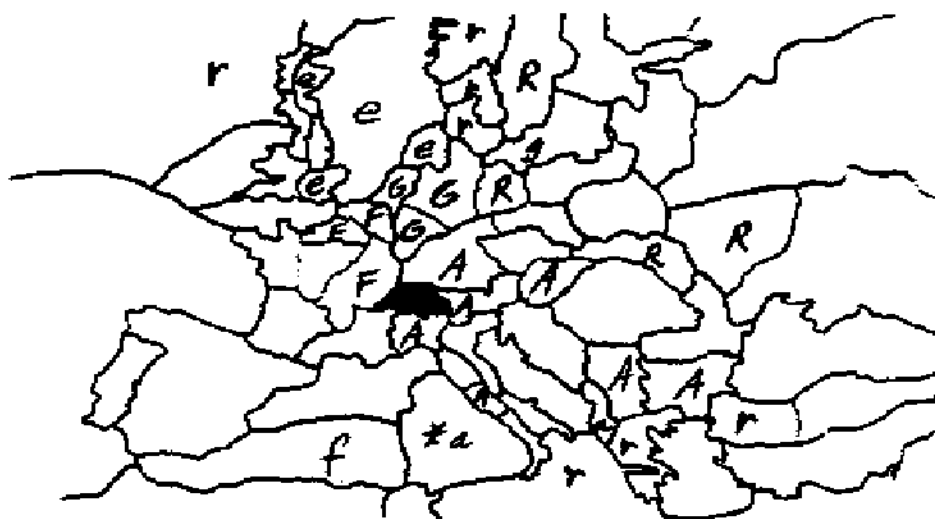
GERMANY A RUH-Mun, F BAL S Eng F Nth-Den (NSO), A HOL-Ruh, A KIE S Eng F Nth-Den (NSO)

ITALY Remove A TUS; F Tyn-Tun (Ret. LYO, TUS, OTB)

RUSSIA F Aeg-GRE, F ION S Aus F Nap-Tyh, A Rum-GAL, A Gal-UKR, A Sil-BER, F Nwg-NAO, F CON-Bul(ec), F DEN-Bal, F SKA-Den (A SWE S), F NWY-Nth F Tyh S F Ion-Tun (NSU)

The concession to Russia failed 1Y, 1N, 2NVR; the A/R failed 2Y, 1N, 2NVR; the A/F/R failed 1Y, 2N, 2NVR. Proposals for next time: Concession to Austria and A/R Draw. Please vote by the deadline.

DEADLINE FOR FALL 1908 AND IS JUNE 6, 1986



LETTER COLUMN

Pete Gaughan (May 14)

No sooner do I proclaim the death of rail transit than it rears its mixed-up head again. The Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Board is considering a plan to run rail to the wealthy North Dallas suburbs (leaving out, for the time, Irving and Garland) at the same time they cut regular bus service to Irving and minority south Dallas!

Get this: estimated ridership would be about the same whether the first phase runs from Oak Cliff to Plano (the current plan), or from Oak Cliff to Garland (the plan approved by the voters in '83). So DART, which spent thousands of dollars refurbishing their new conference room, will drop the referendum plan in exchange for North Dallas. Stupid.

Look for Presidential Commission on air safety and/or a review of the FAA by the end of the year, probably before the fall elections. (Wouldn't it be great if the FAA were put under the control of the NTSB?!)

<<The only way that transit is ever going to work is if we get the middle class to start riding it, but to cut service to the poor is pretty strange. A member of the British Parliament visited our office several months ago and he and I talked about transportation for a few minutes. He said that as a Liberal he was very much in favor of mass transit and that he thought it was the most used and beneficial aid given the poor. I agree that it is an economic equalizer, by providing transportation to and from jobs, but increased urbanization demands that the general population start using something other than cars. How we convince the population of that is the problem. We have to make transit look more attractive than driving; maybe DART thinks one way to do that is to get the poor people of the trains.

The problems with air transportation aren't nearly as bad as people are making them out to be. All we have to do is remove the liability limit that keeps air crash awards low, and the airlines will find it more profitable to spend the money on maintenance.

I haven't found a regulatory board yet that was worth the money that is spent on it. All the bureaucracies do is try to bet more power, increase their budget, and generally self perpetuate.>>

Dick Martin (May 13)

Personally, I think contra aid is a bad idea. To win, the contras need popular support -- as former Somoza people they don't have it. Fighting an un-winnable war is just plain stupid and does us more harm than good. I thought we learned that in Viet Nam and by watching the Russians in Afghanistan.

How about George Bush, folks? Think he overdid the oil-toadying with that Saudi trip? And this man wants to be your next President! To think, I used to like the guy.

<<Many people think that the domestic oil industry needs to be protected because of national security. The people of Texas generally appreciated the trip, as I am sure the people of Oklahoma did as well. I would have preferred more effort to reduce the government taxation and regulation of the oil companies as a way to make domestic production more profitable.

Since deficit reduction is the current concern, the odds of reducing a corporate tax are pretty slim.

As of right now I am still supporting Bush for President in 88, much as I did in 1980. He has an incredible resume', including about every level of government service as well as a successful history in private enterprise. If you are actually holding his trip to Saudi against him, I would say that you are looking for an excuse. The one thing that does concern me about Vice President Bush is his recent overtures to the religious right. They aren't as powerful as anyone thinks they are, and I would hate to see him modify his views even more in an effort to mollify them.>>

Jim Burgess (April 15)

I realized that my last letter showed the pedantic qualities that show up all too often in my letters to Mark Lew. I wasn't ignorant of the fact that you would end up making the decision about the highway based on political realities, no matter how my letter sounded. I thought you wanted to know how to decide on the best plan, so I presented the decisions that would have to be made if you were going to take everyone's feelings into account, instead of just the developers.

The current "state of the art" in traffic projection is little better than guessing. I was working on making the procedure less subject to the desired result of the person making the projection, but since there is no more money available to study such things (transportation research budgets on the Federal level have been eliminated), I am probably switching my field to health economics.

<<If the person making the projection can't get the result he wants, he would then change the projection method. Sorry it hurt your research, but I don't think the Feds should have been funding that research anyway. Transportation is a local problem, and it is difficult to create blanket programs that can cover all parts of the country equally. Austin's transportation problems are very different from Denver's, or San Diego's, or New York's. Even the method of predicting traffic flows will have to be different. Actually, I mistrust any predictive formulas. To begin with, if we were to somehow gain perfect knowledge of the future, our knowledge would then alter the future, and it would no longer be perfect. The model predicts that 15th street will be overflowing with traffic in 40 years, so we change the zoning laws to prohibit any development out 15th street, and the model is now useless.

Health economics sounds like a good field. During the last session Texas passed a bill called "the Indigent Health Care Bill." It sounds like its purpose is to provide health care for the indigent. Well, its purpose is to pay the hospitals that take care of the indigent already. Certain county hospitals were carrying the entire burden and needed help from the surrounding counties. The first proposal to fund this program was called a sick tax; it was actually a corporate tax on hospital profits. That would have driven the cost of health care up, and therefore was dubbed a tax the sick would have to pay. We finally taxed every county X% and we are giving that to the hospitals that provide the care. Another part of the bill was to provide money for the Women, Infants, and Children's (WIC) program. The conservatives all supported this idea because of its economics. By providing for better prenatal and early childhood health care the state saves money in the long run. Fewer bills later for mentally and physically handicapped.

GUEST FEUILLETONIST JOE BOB BRIGGS!!!

A lot of people ask me, they say, "Joe Bob, why the heck don't you write about Wanda Bodine anymore?" And then they wanna know if she shut down the Rockabilly Glamorize salon on the Grapevine Highway or whether she finally got married to Lute Penwick so she could get the Western Auto in the divorce settlement, or else maybe she took her Family Feud winnings and opened a snow cone stand, or what.

Naw, she didn't do anything that intelligent. Wanda Bodine is going to law school to become a professional liar.

What she did is she filed a discrimination lawsuit against the law school of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock for not having enough unemployed bimbo hairdressers with crooked teeth in the student body, and Federal Judge J. Dilworth Scuzface ruled that they had to take her in, no matter how stupid she was.

Then she filed another lawsuit against J. Dilworth Scuzface for calling her stupid, but she lost that one when Acting Federal Judge I. Mary Cousins listened to the testimony of three psychiatrists who said they tried to administer the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality test to Wanda but she refused to go to Minnesota and, besides that, was "devoid of personality." Then Wanda threatened to sue the three shrinka for using the word "devoid" in her presence, and so the judge issued an official order for Wanda to "immediately, and with due process and dispatch, remove your hiney to law school."

Just before she left, I went over to see her at Le Bodine, and when I got there I found her hunched over an automatic hair-drying machine, trying to make it hum the theme from Dr. Zhivago, but she was so glad to see me that she threw down her tools, ran across the room and hugged my cheek with the flat part of her hand. Then she started babbling about how she was on her way to Little Rock this year to start learning how to "sue the pants off every jerk that thought he could get out of the marriage and still keep his golf clubs and his secretary. It's something I've been studying all my life to do," she told me.

Then, course, I had to tell her there was more to being a professional liar than just taking husbands to the cleaners. You have to be able to keep prostitutes on the streets at all times, and make sure the board of directors of Union Carbide don't have to spend any more time in prison than's absolutely necessary (and specially not prison in India, where its yucky!), and you have to be able to make friends with the parents of people that get killed in airplane crashes and guys that breath on little girls in the Winnie the Pooh section of the library, and you have to "Joe Bob," she told me, "you don't understand." I told her I probably didn't. "I'm gonna be a prosecutor. I'm gonna learn how to put guys like you where they belong. You either get married and stay married or else you go to jail. There isn't any other choice."

"Wanda?" I said.

"Yes."

"Now that you put it that way ..."

"Yes."

"Will you show me your Torts?"

The woman then committed a Class A misdemeanor in broad day light on or about my person and didn't serve one minute for it. I can already tell, she's gonna be a great one.

GENERAL ELECTION RULES

After the conventions are over there will be a general election. The following rules will apply.

Finance: Presidential candidates will get 5000 CFP, Vice Presidential candidates get 1000. All candidates get to carry over from the primary campaign any funds that are left over.

Timing: Four turns consisting of several weeks worth of campaigning. Weeks 1-4 will be turn one, weeks 5-7 turn two, weeks 8-10 turn 3, and weeks 11 and 12 turn four. The election will be held at the end of week twelve.

Issues: The party platform is identical to that of the Presidential candidate. Presidential candidates get to spotlight three national issues that will be figured in every election. Presidential candidates spotlight two issues per state or region, Vice President spotlights one. While figuring the vote split on issues, the Presidential stands will count four times as much as the V.P. candidates original issue stand. It will be advantageous for Republicans to spotlight issues in which the two candidates in the Republican party split and the Democrats are the same as the Republican VP, and visa versa. Spotlights are due in turn four only. Each state or region must be listed separately. What about Windfall and Draft one? They no longer exist. In addition, those issues that have no vote totals listed for them in the early primary elections cannot be spotlighted in those states. Sorry, but thats the breaks. They also shouldn't be used for national issues, because I don't have anything to get a total from.

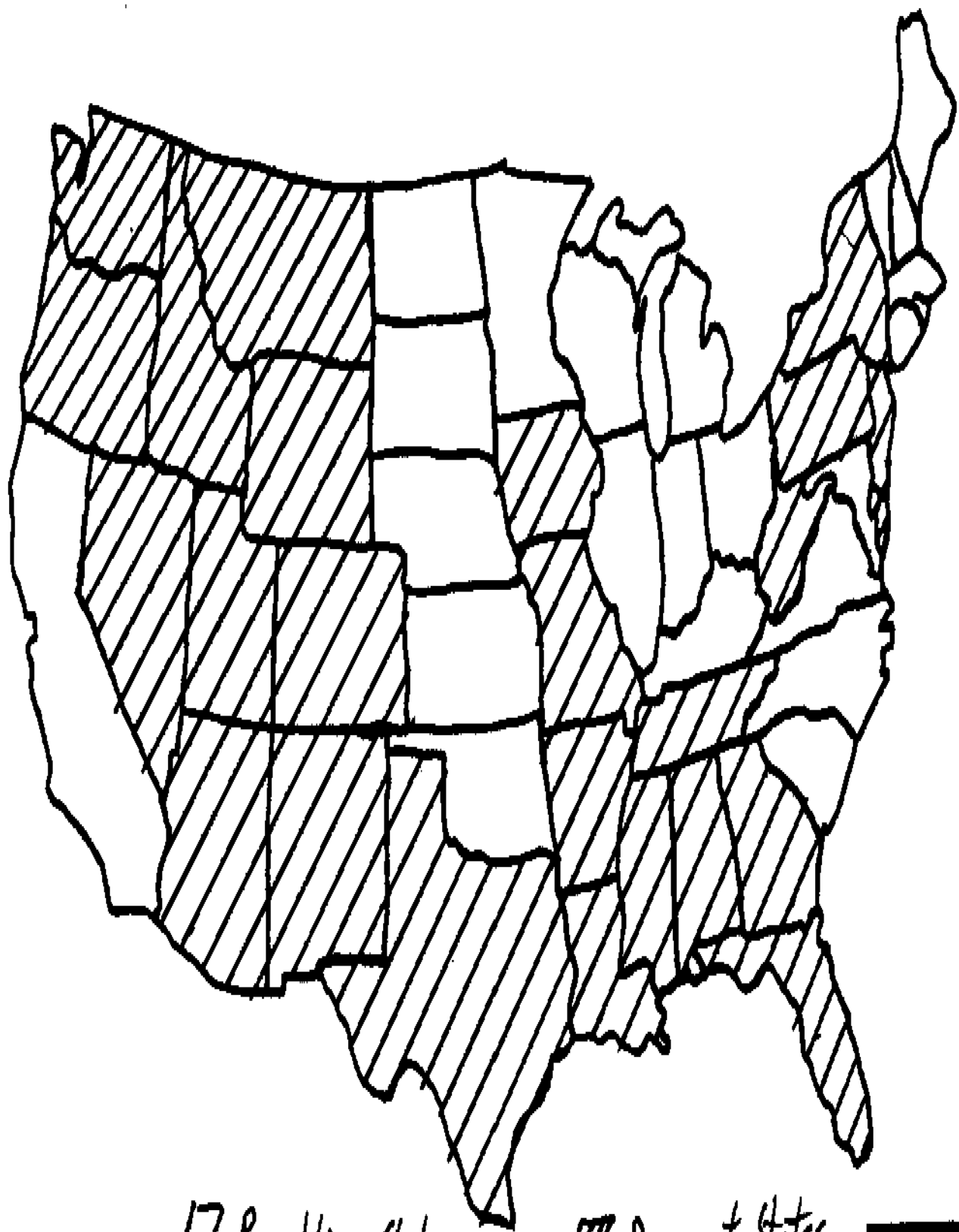
Travel: There will still be greater returns on travel the closer you get to the election day, according to the following scale:

	President	Vice President
During primaries	60%	15%
Weeks 1-4	70%	18%
Weeks 5-7	80%	20%
Weeks 8-10	90%	23%
Weeks 11-12	100%	25%

Organization: 40% of the votes received in each region or state will count again toward the general election (10% for VP). The organization will work in exactly the same manner during the General as it did in the primaries. Candidates may set up organizations starting at any week, as long as they let me know before that weeks moves are due. For example, You must set up organizations for weeks 1, 2, 3 or 4 (lasting through 12) in turn one. Setting up an organization starting in week 9 must be done with the turn 3 moves.

Media: 40% of the media will be carried over from the primaries (10% for VP). Media bids can be made during any of the four turns. Prices for media start at the minimum price, but there are no "shares" per se. If only one of the candidates spends the the media available for that turn. If the Democrats spend 60 CFP and the Republicans 40 CFP, the Democrats get 60% and the Republicans 40%. The earlier media purchases aren't worth as much as later purchases according to the same schedule as the travel. Except for primary turnover, there is no distinction between President and Vice Presidents for media. The number listed as "media point total" in the game booklet will be doubled and used as the number of media votes available to the candidates.

For the purposes of the general election, all the issue vote totals will be added together, much as the open primary state are now. Organization vote totals, media vote totals, and travel vote totals will all be doubled.



☐ Republican States

☒ Democrat States