

FEUILLETONIST'S FORUM

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Game Openings: Diplomacy!

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I am proud to announce that FF improved its position in the Runestone Poll from last year. I appreciate all 29 of the votes that I got, giving me a modified mean score of 7.280. Overall I finished at #15, 11 higher than last year. As I had expected It's a Trap, the excellent zine put out by Steve Knight rocketed past everyone to a third place finish. Costaguana by Conrad von Metzke finished first, and knocked Gary Coughlan's Europa Express to second.

That should be quite a battle next year, with any of the top three zines of high enough quality to take first. The only zine that was drastically out of place was Ferelandra by Pete Gaughan. For some reason he dropped to #30 from #7 last year. In my opinion he should be anywhere in the top five places. The preference matrix pulled him down (his modified mean score was 7.2) and that can only be because his subbers only sub to the best.

Although I haven't ever really GMD a Regular Dip game, I did come in 35th in the GM poll. I can only hope that increases next year after a few months of regular Dip games. Even though the rank wasn't very high, I still got a 7.11 modified mean score. Congratulations to Gary Coughlan, Mark Larselere, and Dave Kleiman for finishing first, second, and third in the GM Poll!

Bruce Linsey did another outstanding job on the poll. If you would like a copy of the results write to Brux at 73 Ashuelot Apt. 3, Dalton MA 01226-1403. He is also looking for comments on how to improve the poll.

I would appreciate any comments you have as to what I need to do to finish in the top ten next year. We aim to please!

This issue of FF has the General Election turn 2, Will, Carter endgame statements, a couple a letters, an article about a donkey, and two gamestarts. Gonzo Football rules are enclosed, and the draft lists will be coming out in a week or so. I have 13 paid up players, and another 5 who expressed an interest. Whoever gets the checks to me first plays. If there is enough of an overflow, Mike Wrobel may be running a league. I hope he does, or I don't get to play! Why does this keep happening to me? I have 3 signed up for regular Dip, one paid. This will probably be the last Dip opening for a while. Let me know what you think of my new envelopes!

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STATE	VOTES	PRIM	TRAVEL	MEDIA	DEMOCRATS		TOTAL	EV
					ORG	ISSUES		
AL	9	158	0	304			462	9
CA	45	1,106	0	2,100			3,206	0
FL	17	485	738	1,103			2,326	17
IL	26	308	868	949			2,125	0
IN	13	0	320	304			624	0
IA	8	41	0	93			134	0
KY	9	48	0	128			176	0
LA	10	221	272	274			767	10
MD	10	108	0	234			342	0
MA	14	279	370	631			1,280	0
MI	21	39	940	737			1,716	21
MS	7	50	0	66			116	0
NH	4	8	0	22			30	0
NJ	17	433	544	512			1,489	17
NY	41	915	302	1,818			3,035	0
OH	25	122	1,214	922			2,258	25
OK	8	24	0	190			216	0
PA	27	328	1,537	1,147			3,012	27
TX	26	427	1,118	944			2,489	26
VA	12	41	0	234			275	0
WI	11	18	246	446			710	11
NE	19	24	206	441			671	0
NP	29	36	275	419			730	0
RM	35	259	297	574			1,129	0
SA	33	212	239	556			1,007	0
BS	40	345	458	746			1,548	0
PS	22	492	535	507			1,535	22
TOT	538	6,529	10,479	16,399	0	0	33,407	185

STATE	VOTES	PRIM	TRAVEL	MEDIA	REPUBLICANS		TOTAL	EV
					ORG	ISSUES		
AL	9	75	0	93			168	0
CA	45	1,447	3,810	2,100			7,357	45
FL	17	59	0	336			395	0
IL	26	479	856	949			2,283	26
IN	13	165	232	304			701	13
IA	8	40	66	93			199	8
KY	9	102	238	128			468	9
LA	10	103	228	274			603	0
MD	10	129	430	234			793	10
MA	14	362	778	631			1,771	14
MI	21	305	402	737			1,444	0
MS	7	46	120	66			232	7
NH	4	25	52	31			108	4
NJ	17	352	390	512			1,254	0
NY	41	637	2,994	1,818			5,448	41
OH	25	522	462	922			1,906	0
OK	8	74	308	190			572	8
PA	27	312	545	1,147			2,004	0
TX	26	321	600	944			1,865	0
VA	12	98	426	234			758	12
WI	11	99	282	136			517	0
NE	19	274	598	441			1,313	19
NP	29	365	489	419			1,273	29
RM	35	242	739	574			1,555	35
SA	33	223	767	556			1,546	33
BS	40	315	896	746			1,957	40
PS	22	352	381	507			1,240	0
TOT	538	7,523	17,089	15,119	0	0	39,731	353
TOTALS		14,052	27,568	31,518	0	0	73,138	538

PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS

DEMOCRATS MAKE ELECTORAL GAINS

After a Republican decision to virtually ignore the states of Florida, Wisconsin, and Alabama, the Democrats made impressive gains in this months polling. The team of Wilcox/Larzelere gained 4 percentage points in the popular vote, and picked up an additional 31 Electoral College votes.

Democratic nominee Stephen Wilcox said, "We are just about where we want to be. We Democrats always take a little time to recover from our conventions. I would say that we are in pretty good position when you consider the Republicans have had one candidate since well before the conventions, and we almost didn't have one after ours!"

Media buying stayed tit for tat except in Florida, Wisconsin and Alabama where the Republicans didn't buy any media time at all, and New Hampshire where Young doubled his purchase. With five weeks left in the campaign, neither side has set up any statewide organizations. Both camps have relied heavily on travel.

Wilcox Detroit (4), Portland, Seattle (1.5), Cincinnati (1.5), Columbus, Cleveland (2), Atlanta (2), Phoenix, Denver (1.5), St. Louis (2.5), Kansas City, Rochester, Buffalo.

Young Bridgeport, New Haven, Seattle, Portland, Honolulu, Manchester, Nassau, Buffalo, New Orleans, Norfolk, Richmond, Baltimore, Louisville, Lexington, San Antonio, Columbus, Dayton, Chicago (4).

Larzelere Monroe/Lafayette, Alexandria/Lake Charles, Shreveport/Baton Rouge, Eau Claire/Janesville, Racine/Green Bay, Appleton/Madison, Lima/Hamilton, Lorain/Canton, Youngstown, Akron, Toledo, Dayton, Lubbock/Killeen, McAllen/Corpus Christie, Beaumont/El Paso, Austin/Altoona, Johnstown/Erie, Reading/Lancaster, York/Harrisburg, Allentown, NE Pennsylvania.

Hare Oklahoma City/Tulsa, Lawton/Tri-Cities, Peoria/Rockford, Springfield/Champaign, Decatur/Bloomington, Rochester/Albany, Syracuse/Utica, Binghampton/Lynchburg, Newport News/Roanoke, Grand Rapids, Flint, Lansing/Kalamazoo, Ann Arbor/Saginaw, Austin/El Paso, Beaumont/Corpus Christie, McAllen/Killeen, Lubbock/Fargo, Duluth/Tulsa, Lincoln/Tacoma.

PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS NOTES

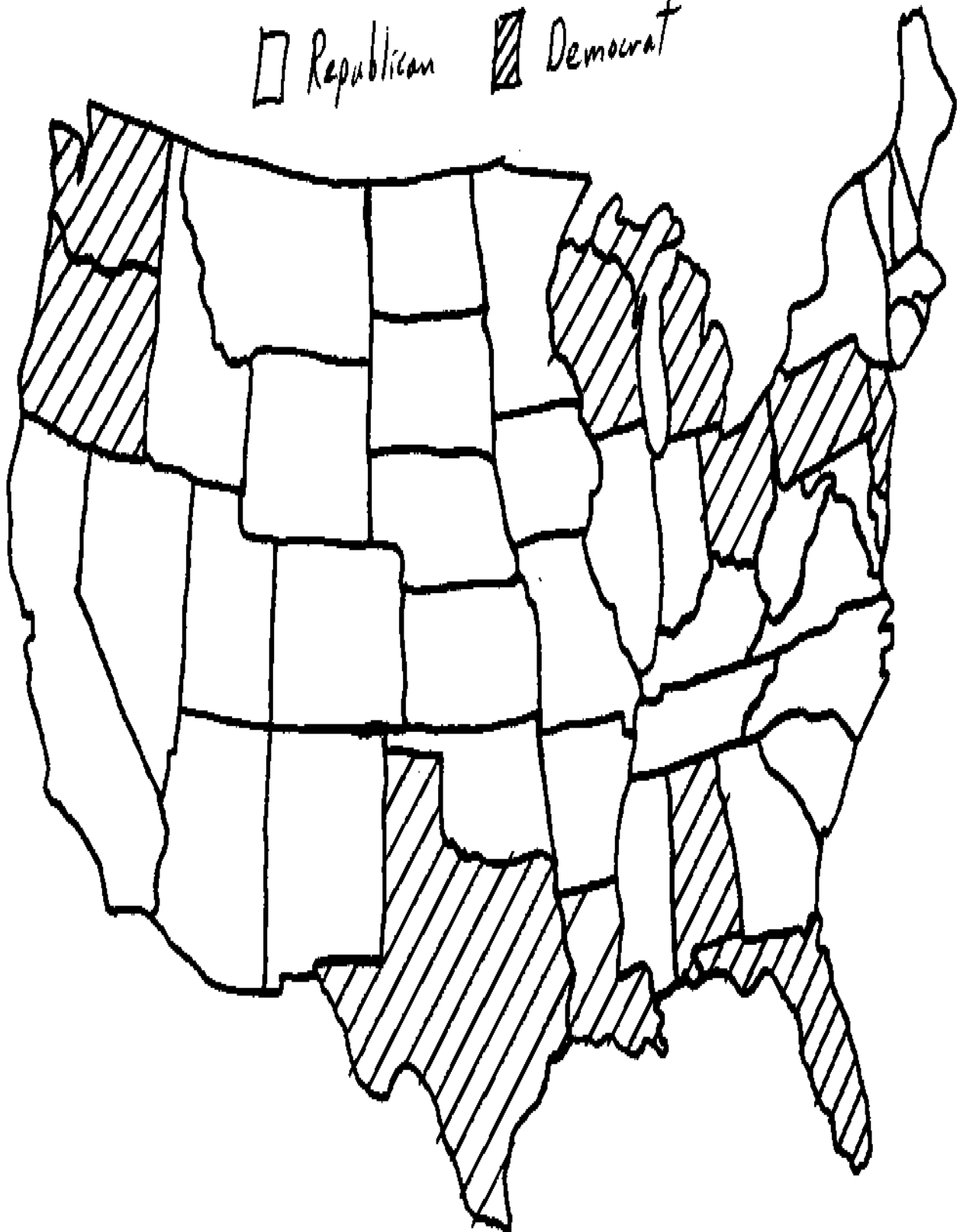
NEXT DEADLINE: August 22, 1986

DUE NEXT TURN: Travel for weeks 8 through 10; Organizations starting in weeks 8 through 10; Media bids for each state or region.

CURRENT CFP TOTALS:

	Young	Hare	Wilcox	Larzelere
Beginning Balance	3841	907	3946	944
Spent this turn	<1144>	<136>	<1208>	<118>
Ending Balance	2697	771	2738	826

□ Republican ▨ Democrat



GEORGE WILL

SPRING 1912

ENGLAND F MID S Fre F Por-Spa(sc) (F ENG S), F Iri-NAT, F NTH-Hel
A LVN-KIE (A HOL S, F BAL C), A Mos H (Ret. LVN, STP,
OTB)
FRANCE A BRE-Gas, F Por-SPA(sc), A GAS-Mar (A BUR S)
GERMANY A SIL-Mun, (A BER S), F Swe-DEN (F HEL S), A Mun-RUH,
RUSSIA A WAR S Ger A Sil(OTM)
TURKEY Build F SMY, A ANK; A Ank-SEV, F Smy-AEG, A RUM S A Ukr,
F BLA C A Ank-Sev, A UKR S A Sev-Mos, A GAL S Eng A
Mos-War (NSO) A Sev-MOS, A VIE S A Gal, F LYO S F
Pie-Mar, F Wes-NAF, F Spa(sc) -WES, F PIE-Mar, A BOH-Mun
(A TYO S), F Ion-TUN

FALL 1912

ENGLAND A Mos R STP; F MID S Fre F Por-Spa(sc), F Eng-BEL, F
Nat-NWG, F NTH-Hel, A KIE MS A HOL, F BAL-Den, A STP-Mos
FRANCE A BRE-Gas, A GAS-Mar (A BUR S, F SPA S)
GERMANY A SIL-Mun, (A RUH S), F DEN-Bal, F HEL-Kie (A BER S)
RUSSIA A War H(Ret. LIV, PRU, OTB)
TURKEY A Mos-WAR (A UKR S), A SEV-Mos, F WES-Spa, F BLA H F
TUN-Wes (F NAF S), F PIE-Mar (F LYO S), A BOH-Mun (A TYO
S) F Aeg-ION, A GAL-Sil, A VIE-Boh, A RUM-Gal

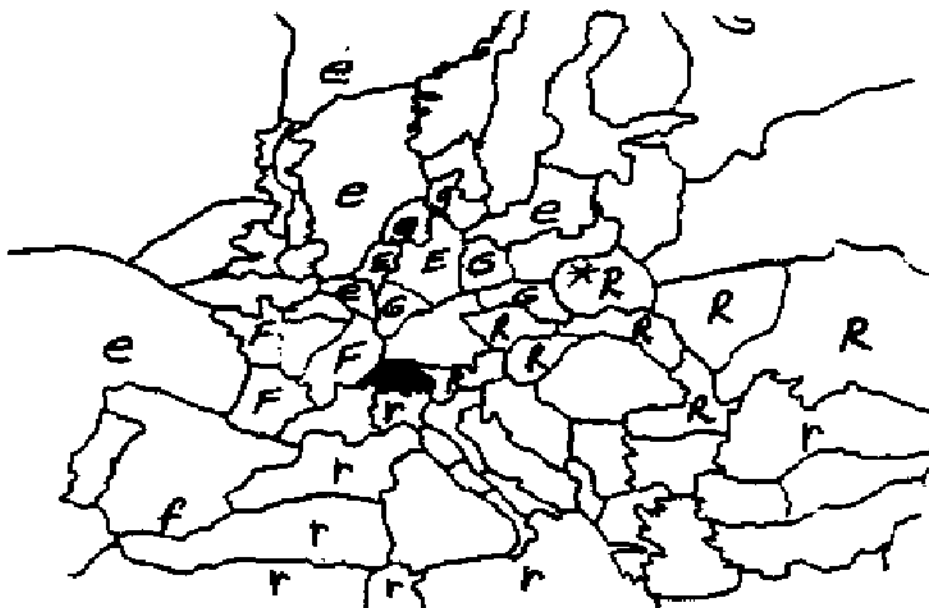
SUPPLY CENTER CHART

ENGLAND	Home, Nwy, Bel, Stp, Mos, Hol, KIE	9 +1
FRANCE	Home, Por, SPA	5 +1
GERMANY	Mun, Ber, Den, Swe, kie	4 -1
RUSSIA	war	0 -1
TURKEY	Home, Italy, Austria, Balkans, Tun, Sev, Rum, WAR, spa	16 --

Turkey is +1 due to a declined build.

The Concession to Turkey and the E/T failed 3 YES, 1 NO, 1NVR.
All the other proposals failed 2 YES, 2 NO, 1 NVR. Proposed for
next time are T and E/T. Please vote by next deadline.

DEADLINE FOR SPRING 1913 IS AUGUST 10, 1986



WILLIAM RASPBERRY

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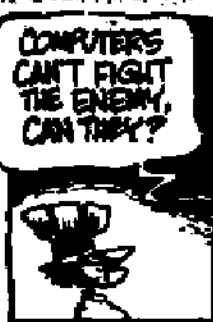
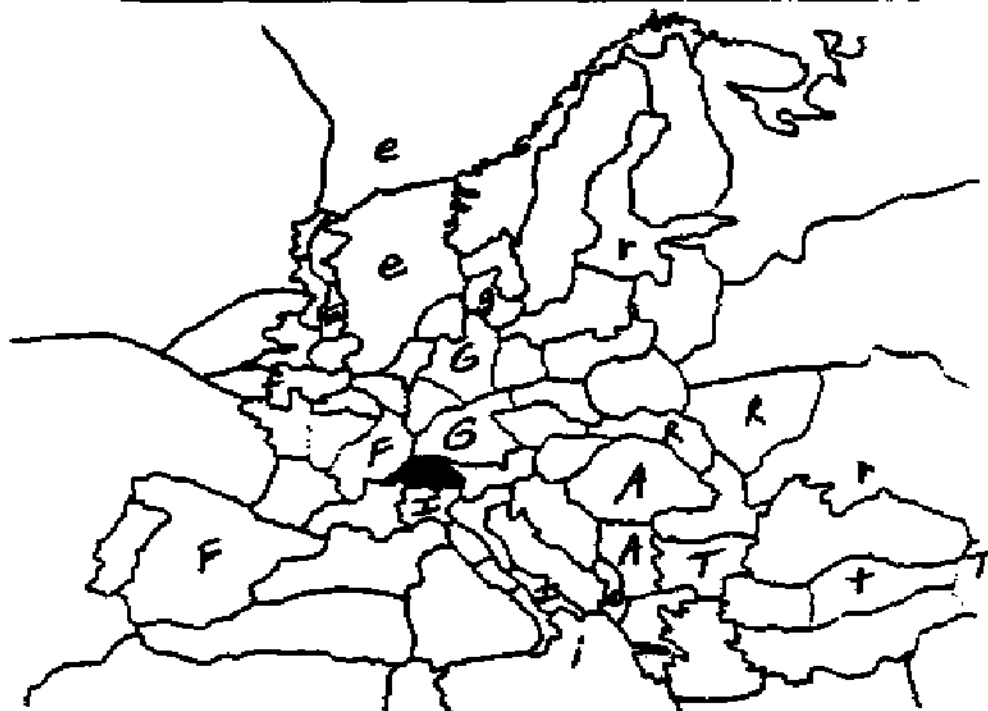
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SAM DONALDSON

SPRING 1901

AUSTRIA	A Vie-BUD, A Bud-SER, F Tri-ALB
ENGLAND	A Liv-YOR, F Lon-NTH, F Edi-NWG
FRANCE	A Par-BUR, F Bre-ENG, A Mar-SPA
GERMANY	F Kie-DEN, A Ber-KIE, A MUN H
ITALY	A Ven-PIE, A Rom-APU, F Nap-ION
RUSSIA	F Stp-BOT, A War-GAL, A Mos-UKR, <u>F SEV-Bla</u>
TURKEY	A Con-BUL, A Smy-ARM, <u>F ANK-Bla</u>

DEADLINE FOR FALL 1901 IS AUGUST 10, 1986



ENDGAME STATEMENTS -- MODDING CARTER III

ENGLAND: Russ Blau

This was the first game of Gunboat I have played postally, and may well be the last. I'll get to the reasons for that in a moment. First, I congratulate Russia and Austria for the draw, which they certainly deserved based upon their skillful play.

In Spring 1901 I decided to start out with an aggressive strategy. This initially looked like a good decision, since France failed to block my convoy into Brest, and Germany and Italy both made anti-French moves in Spring 1902. This was in keeping with my plan: I figured that if Germany saw France going down the drain, he would be more interested in getting a piece of the pie for himself than in bothering me.

Unfortunately my plan proved useless when Russia grabbed Norway in Spring 1902. I could have gotten it back with Germany's help, but that was not to be. Instead, Germany decided to join Russia in attacking me. I still cannot figure out why he did that, since he needed my help in France, he couldn't get any centers stabbing me, and he lost the chance to get Sweden. Certainly Germany doesn't look very smart in hindsight, since he didn't profit at all from helping Russia get me. It would be interesting to know what Germany's motivations were at the time.

From then on, it was all down hill. accelerated somewhat by tactical screwups on the French front. Looking back, my decision to take Portugal doesn't seem very wise. I thought that since France was a unit short and had nowhere to build, I might as well get the build. However, this just diverted a fleet that I could have used more profitably in the north, and likely pissed off the French player for no good reason. Of course, France then messed up himself with his unneeded removal; if he had been paying attention, he could have held Paris and retaken Burgundy in Spring 1905. Then, perhaps, France and England could have built up a reasonable amount of strength before the R/A draw became inevitable.

Russia's heavily fleet based strategy was very surprising and worked quite well. I've never seen a Russian player take that approach in any Dip game before. Of course, this strategy would not have worked if England had gone north in the opening, but how was I to know what was coming?

Now for the reason for my disenchantment with postal Gunboat. I was a good boy and played by the rules; I never made the slightest attempt to find out who any of the other players were until the game was almost over. Then, at DipCon, I met Conrad Minshall and in the course of our conversation, found out that he was in this game, that he was Russia, and that he knew who several of the other players were. It must be obvious to anyone that being able to communicate with even one of the other players in a Gunboat game is a tremendous advantage. The fact that there is a prize for identifying the other players certainly does nothing to discourage this sort of thing. I am not criticizing Conrad; he just used the game situation to his benefit. But it seems to me that there is no way to prevent players from attempting to communicate with each other in a postal game, therefore, it seems silly to play a variant that is supposedly predicated on a lack of communication. (Of course, one could argue that postal Gunboat is a variant in which the are allowed to negotiate concerning their identities; but since I am not as well connected in the hobby as some other players, I wouldn't see much point in playing that sort of variant.) So, although I

enjoy FTF Gunboat with a good GM, I doubt I will play it postally any more.

I would be interested to see what the other players have to say about this. Am I just being naive?

GERMANY: Melinda Holley

This was a classic case of the west tripping over themselves just a little too long. Distrust of one another allowed Russia and Austria to get too good a start.

GM: Greg Ellis

I have to admit that the contest wasn't well thought out, and certainly didn't help the situation, but I also have to say that Conrad does not consider it a violation of the rules to find out who else is in the game and negotiate. It is impossible for me to punish any such behavior, and therefore any prohibition is unenforceable. I don't take all the blame for Conrad's negotiating.

Other than that it went rather well. The contest came up because one season I got some interesting remarks from several players concerning who may or may not be playing the other positions. I thought it would make an interesting game and just did the contest off the top of my head. I also have to say that I don't think it has affected the other game. Regardless, I won't be doing any more guessing contests. David Anderson won this won and I am going to give him the full 6 issues.

The game ended with all of the original players, and I enjoyed the comments on what each player thought was necessary to stop the A/R. I also enjoyed the predictions as to when the stab would come. Conrad missed a golden opportunity two years ago when he could have stabbed Austria for 3 or 4 centers and didn't. Austria ended up +3.

That was about the time that I began to suspect there was some negotiating going on. But even if there hadn't been any negotiation, I don't think the west could have gotten their act together. France oscillated between a stop Russia alliance and revenge on E/G for the opening. And Germany refused to retaliate against Russia for several small stabs. I think Conrad may have been able to win this one. The west was far too mixed up to ever really put together a good defense, and a strong stab of Austria would have left Russia as the strongest country with little or no real opposition.

The players were:

AUSTRIA	Ron Spitzer
ENGLAND	Russ Blau
FRANCE	James Early
GERMANY	Melinda Holley
ITALY	Nick Felella
RUSSIA	Conrad Minshall
TURKEY	Lin Morrisett

Congratulations to Conrad and Ron for the draw. And thanks to all of the players for sticking with the game.

EDITORIAL

There is so much to talk about from the last month that it is hard to decide where to start. First, we have the resignation of Chief Justice Warren Burger and his replacement by Judge Rehnquist. Personally I see very little difference in the court, but there were certain factions at the Law school wearing black armbands. Then more Court news: Roe v Wade (the abortion case) was upheld, and a week later the Sodomy law of Georgia was also upheld. How those two decisions can come from the same court is beyond me. Either the 14th amendment applies all of the amendments to the states or it doesn't. Either there is a right to privacy provided by the bill of rights (which is where Roe v Wade puts it; I think its actually inherent in the system) or there isn't. They were both 5-4 decisions, which means that only Justice Powell, the switch hitter, thinks they are consistent. I may write him a letter. Actually a postcard:

Dear Justice Powell:

Why?

How?

I don't understand!

Think he will answer it?

On the local front we had the two candidates for Governor playing give away. The Republican, Clements, has been calling for a special session since February, and commenting that he could show the legislature how to cut \$1 Billion from the budget. He would then refuse to elaborate on that. The press started calling it "Clements' Secret Plan." Clements' failed to call them on the misnomer.

Meanwhile the incumbent Democrat, White, says there isn't a need for a session, and busies himself defending the education reforms, including the TECAT (Teacher's and Current Administrator's competency Test). In March the test is given, and 97% pass. (It is really little more than a literacy test.) White says, "I knew you could do it!"

Well, the weekend of the State Conventions both candidates blew it. White decides he is going to have to call for a Special Session since the deficit has grown to \$3.5 Billion. He then apologizes to the teachers, and vows that they won't have to take a test again. In the meantime Clements, who has his big chance to put down White, instead has to spend his time explaining why there isn't any secret plan.

If politics was Pro Boxing, these guys would be Pro Wrestlers.

So my Summer will be a little busier than I had planned. The Session has been called for August 6 and can last for 7 to 30 days. Fortunately there won't be any school then, and only budget related bills can be filed.

This is a unique challenge for the state to face, since \$3.5 billion dollars represents about 10% of the total state budget. Several of the 185 state agencies will be abolished completely, and many others will be cut back. Since this is an election year, the incumbents are very reluctant to raise any new taxes, and they are also reluctant to cut services to voters. I'll let you know how it turns out.

LETTER COLUMN

Mark Frueh (7/3/86)

Just got your zine yesterday -- it's fun to read because you get it all done in one sitting. Edgar Allen Poe would even praise you for that.

Your column of Taxing Texans brought a smile to me. The article stated that Texas paid the "highest tax premium for federal grants." I say big deal. I believe every area of the country, state, and taxpayer feel that they are unfairly taxed, over taxed, or receive insufficient Federal tax money benefits.

In Wisconsin the state belly-achers loved to bring out the statistics showing that the people of Wisconsin paid the most Federal taxes for the smallest Federal monies going back to Wisconsin. In Missouri the state Highway Department complains about getting unequal Federal representation in Federal highway allocation money.

I say all that states and territories are like a bunch of spoiled brats. All looking over their shoulders and crying about brother Georgia getting an extra \$10 million. I think we all know from how the postal Diplomacy ratings can be twisted to make anyone look great or bad.

The areas of the U.S., states, and taxpayers can all manipulate the facts and figures to cry woe and unfair! Just like life -- taxes are just unfair. It doesn't surprise me that D.C. pays the smallest premium for grants -- who made the tax rules in the first place?

<<Is your first paragraph a compliment or a criticism? In either case, I do this a little at a time, though most of it is finished on the weekend of publication. Does it seem like I do it in one sitting because it is so sloppy, or because it reads like a conversation?

I included the article not because I was complaining that we don't get enough of the grant money, but because I don't think the Feds should give out any money at all. I agree that everyone will find some reason as to why it isn't fair and complain, so lets just stop it all together.>>

Jim Burgess (7/5/86)

Against my better judgement, since I've seldom seen you to be the type inclined to change your mind, I'm going to ask you some more about your thoughts on modelling.

First of all, you are correct that the economists in the great depression were arrogant enough to believe their models were not wrong and couldn't be wrong. I don't know any economists who believe that today. At best, they explain the past and present and can outline scenarios that may happen in the future (depending on the outcome of unpredictable future events).

Your cynical attitude about the usefulness of that tells me you have an undeveloped sense of the advocacy process that lies at the heart of the law. Don't they teach you that at UT?

The citizen groups opposing the developers should have been able to hire someone like me to point out the mistakes in the developers' models. That is the process that leads toward the truth. As long as politics counts votes instead of money there

is a chance for the "little guy" as long as he stays informed and the little guys help each other out.

Our system has been swinging back and forth for years on the focal point of power. When the money holders take control the people eventually fight back. Then they become complacent and money builds into power again. Once Reagan's magical hold on the people leaves us, there will be some backlash. I hope that backlash doesn't involve throwing government money at problems. That is about the only thing you ever say that I agree with, which means there is some hope for your redemption yet. I suppose that's why Pete Gaughan and I keep hammering at you.

To aid that process, I have a request. Would you give me a concise statement of why you don't believe that there is a danger in allowing the power of business to rule? I don't mean a simplistic catch all meaningless cliché, like the "Invisible hand," but a practical statement of why you believe that letting business have their way is better than anything else people can design. I believe that strong doses of ignorance and lack of imagination lead to positions like yours. That should be enough of a challenge to get you interested. Good luck, and may the best position win.

<<See what happens when you attack a man's profession? He gets a little ticked. I am going to take all the comments regarding my intelligence as inflammatory remarks designed to catch attention rather than personal insults. I don't think I am ignorant, and I think my positions are not only defensible, but logical.

Speaking of my defense, I am going to start by inviting all of you to answer this challenge. It isn't easy to state a philosophy, especially when you know it is being scrutinized for attack. Before I even attempt to lay out my philosophy I have to take issue with a couple of Jim's assumptions.

To a degree I have changed my mind on models. They do have a use, and they even have a proper use in public policy. The problem comes with abuse of the model; as Mark pointed out, statisticians can make numbers say whatever they want them to. If the modellers don't like the numbers the model gives them they just change it. The citizens groups did attack the methodology of the study, and in their opinion the model was invalid. Up to a point they were right. A model's accuracy is measured by the probability of error, so to a certain degree all models are wrong. The policy makers should take this into account; usually they either ignore it or give it too much weight.

No advocacy process can possibly lead toward the truth. What it leads to is compromise. Juries compromise all the time. Certainly legislative bodies do. This is bad, because good ideas are compromised into mediocre ones. It is also good because bad ideas are also compromised into mediocre ones.

Jim contends that power in the system swings between the rich and the people. I contend that it is a constant struggle between the people and the "government." We all think it is a good idea to relinquish some of our freedom in trade for some security, but we try to keep the government from taking too much of that freedom.

Jim suggests that I think the "power of business" should rule. I don't. People should rule; business should, and does, simply answer the needs of the people. I don't think we should let "business" have its way as much as I think government should get out of the way. Is there an adversarial relationship between

business interests and public interests? In some cases yes, and that is where the government needs to interfere.

I have picked up several new subbers recently, and I have gotten some valuable criticism from them. The most important comment so far is that people may be reluctant to write for the zine because they know that I will have the last say in whatever the discussion is. In an effort to keep this from being a problem, and in an attempt to get away from the 'everybody against Greg' syndrome that seems to have developed, I am changing my editorial policy. Actually this is a return to a position I had two years ago. I will not answer any letter until the next issue is printed. The letters that I decide to publish will stand on their own, and any rebuttal or comments from me will be in the next month's editorial.

That decision, coupled with the lack of space, means that I will lay out my philosophy next issue. In the meantime I encourage Jim to send me his reply to my answer above. And I again invite everyone to let me know what they think about current issues, or basic philosophy.

Or, How about those Astros!

So lets get some more letters!

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DONKEY RACING IN TEXAS

A Preacher wanted to raise money for his church and being told that there was a fortune in horse racing decided to purchase a fine steed and enter him in the races.

The local auction had several fine animals for sale, but the price was always too steep. The Preacher ended up buying a Donkey instead. He figured that he might as well enter it in the races. To his surprise, the donkey came in third! The press thought it was an interesting story, and printed it under the headline: Preacher's Ass Shows!

The Preacher was so pleased with the donkey that he entered it in another race. This time he won! The next days headlines read: Preacher's Ass Out Front!

The Bishop heard about the news items and was very upset. He ordered the Preacher to keep the donkey out of the races. The headline the next day was: Bishop Scratches Preacher's Ass! This was too much for the Bishop, and he ordered the Preacher to get rid of the animal.

The Preacher decided to give the donkey to a Nun in a nearby convent. When the word got out that the Nun now owned this remarkable donkey, the paper printed another story under the headline: Nun Has Best Ass in Town!

The Bishop fainted.

When the Bishop recovered, he informed the nun that she would have to dispose of the donkey. She finally found a farmer to buy it for \$10. The paper, feeling that the public had a right to know, printed the final story with the headline: Nun Peddles Ass For Ten Bucks!

They buried the Bishop the next day.