

FEUILLETONIST'S FORUM

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Game Openings: None

Happy New Year!

On Tuesday January 13 the 70th session of the Texas Legislature convenes, with a projected deficit of \$5 Billion ahead of them. I still don't understand the deficit being so large, since the total revenues only dropped \$400,000 from the last two years, but if the comptroller says it, it must be so! On Wednesday January 14 I start the second year of law school. This is going to be fun, having both going on at the same time.

My courses during this semester are Constitutional Law (according to the supreme court, not Ed Meese), Business Associations, Federal Income Tax, and Secured Credit. Lets talk about statutory law! The highlights will be having Professor "Bullet" Bob Hamilton for BA and a former contender for a Federal Judgeship Lino Graglia for Con Law.

The finals were the toughest that I have ever had, though I don't think I did too poorly. In fact, I am sure that I passed all of my classes, though I don't think I got any A's. Property and Civil Procedure were the hardest. I wonder if that has any relation to the fact that those are the two oldest professors. The most traumatic moment came when a combination of car trouble, rain and traffic made me 30 minutes late for the Contracts final. I got a C (the only grade that has been reported so far) and it makes me wonder how well I would have done had I been given the extra 30 minutes.

On the Diplomatic front there are a few things to report. I finally got a copy of the Gamer's Guide to Diplomacy! and I thought it was pretty good. I specifically checked out the section on stalemate lines, and unfortunately I think I found a few inaccuracies. The rest seems pretty good, until Rod (Walker, the author) starts to talk about the ethics of playing. He condones a ploy referred to as the "flying dutchman". The trick is to slip an extra unit onto the board when others aren't looking, or in postal play, to trick the GM into giving you an extra unit. If anyone ever tried that in a friendly FTF game, I would stop playing and probably not play with that person again. If that happened in a tournament game, I would insist that the perpetrator be disqualified and removed from the game.

Now some of you argue that all is fair in Dip, and to a degree that is true. I draw the line at the mechanics of the game. Lying to other players is part of the game, and has to be

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allowed. Changing the rules, creating extra units, or submitting orders for someone else's country doesn't have to be part of the game, and it shouldn't be. Some of you like to play games with the rules; I like to play by the rules of the game.

Enough soap box. I hope you all got your orders in to Jake for Presidential Politics II, and if you didn't that you do so soon. I also just received good news from Don Del Grande at 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae CA 94904-1339. I gave you his address because he has just opened a game of PP2!!!! I am going to play, and I hope at least seven of you will join me. Don Del doesn't mention any fees, so contact him for further info. We also have letter from him in the Letter Column.

Also contained in the latest issue of Don Del's zine Life of Monty is his ballot for the LIFER AWARDS. He runs these awards every year with the following categories: Hobby Genius, Most Improved Zine, Best Zine for Hobby News, Best Letter Column, Hardest Country to Play, Best Game other the Dip and Variants, Biggest Hobby Personality, Best Musical Group, Favorite PTF event, and the True Hobby Masters Society. On any piece of paper just list your top five choices for each category (or fewer if you so choose) and send it to Don Del. The Society is something like a Hall of Fame, and currently only Kathy Byrne has been inducted. You may list as many people for this honor as you want, or you may vote that no one be inducted by writing in the word "none." All votes for people or "none" count; only people on 70% of the ballots make it. The deadline for votes is April 24, 1987.

No best "Allie" awards though. Oh well.

In local hobby news, and by local I mean everyone who would like to see Dipcon return to Texas in 1988, there is a movement afoot to start up a Texas Diplomacy Club. That probably won't be the name (the initials remind one of the Texas Department of Corrections), but the effort is a sincere one. Any suggestions, comments, criticisms, ideas, money, or anything having to do with this effort would be appreciated.

The plans for the 1987 DipCon in Madison are apparently progressing. I am going to try and attend, and as I mention above, present a bid for Texas for the 1988 Con. For the past few years I have been looking for cheap air fare to and from the con location. The best we have found for the 1987 Con is over \$200 round trip, and that is to Milwaukee. We will keep trying, though. If Dipcon '88 is in Houston (along with the Democratic and/or Republican National Conventions!) I think we can get the price down to a little over \$100 round trip. In fact, the air rates will be one of our main arguments for Texas.

Which brings me to a question that I have been meaning to ask for a long time: what will it take to get YOU to a Dipcon? Is it the cost of travel, the lack of time, or that you want to do more than just play Dip at a Con? I really would like to know what it would take to get you to come to Texas for a Con. If you want to have it at Galveston so you can enjoy the beach, or you want other things for you or the family to do, let me know that. I want the second trip to Texas to be much better than the first!

This issue has another gamestart (I finally got that Gunboat game started!), the results from all the Dip games, and a few pages of letters. There is also The Gonzo Report subzine with the results of the Gonzo Bowl and the beginnings of next season. Enjoy the zine, and I will see you around Valentine's Day!

DAVID BRINKLEY
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Spring 1901

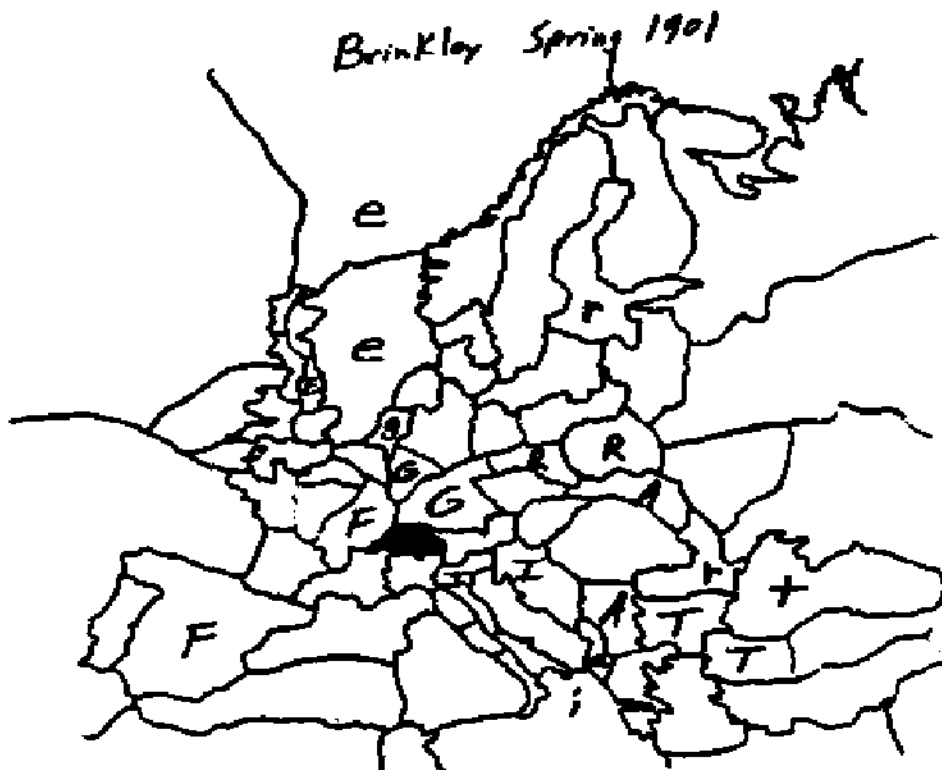
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 FRANCE F Bre-ENG, A Par-BUR, A Mar-SPA
 GERMANY F Kie-HOL, A Ber-MUN, A Mun-RUH
 ITALY A Ven-TRI, A Rom-VEN, F Nap-ION
 RUSSIA F Stp-BOT, A War-SIL, A Mos-WAR, F Sev-RUM
 TURKEY A Con-BUL, A Smy-CON, F Ank-BLA

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUSTRIA	Home	-----	3
ENGLAND	Home	-----	3
FRANCE	Home	-----	3
GERMANY	Home	-----	3
ITALY	Home	-----	3
RUSSIA	Home	-----	4
TURKEY	Home	-----	3

DEADLINE FOR FALL 1901 IS JANUARY 30, 1987

An aggressive lot aren't you!?! Thanks for everybody getting your orders in. Just to refresh your memory, this is on two week deadlines (approximately), and if I get all seven sets of orders in I will adjudicate prior to the deadline. Thanks, and good luck sorting this mess out!



FALL 1903

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

*+1 due to annihilation.

SPRING 1904

AUSTRIA Retreat A Tri-OTB, A War-OTB; A BUD S Tur A Bul-Ser (NSO)
(A VIE S)
ENGLAND F NTH H, F Eng-BRE, A POR-Spa (F Mid S (Ret. GAS, IRI,
NAP, NAT, OTB))
FRANCE Remove A PAR; A MAR MS A SPA, F Bre-MID (F WES S)
GERMANY Build A KIE; A Bur-PAR (A PIC S), A Mun-BUR (A BEL S), A
Kie-MUN, F DEN MS F SWE
ITALY Build F NAP; A Tyo-TRI, A Tri-SER, A Ser-GRE (F ION S), F
Adx-ALB, F Nap-TYR, A GAL-Bud
RUSSIA Build A STP; A WAR-Gal, F NWY S Ger F Swe-Ska (NSO) (A
STP S) A Mos-UKR
TURKEY Build F SMY; F Smy-EAS (F AEG S), F Rum-BLA, A Arm-SEV, A
Smy-RUM (A BUL S)

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GAME START ANNOUNCEMENT!

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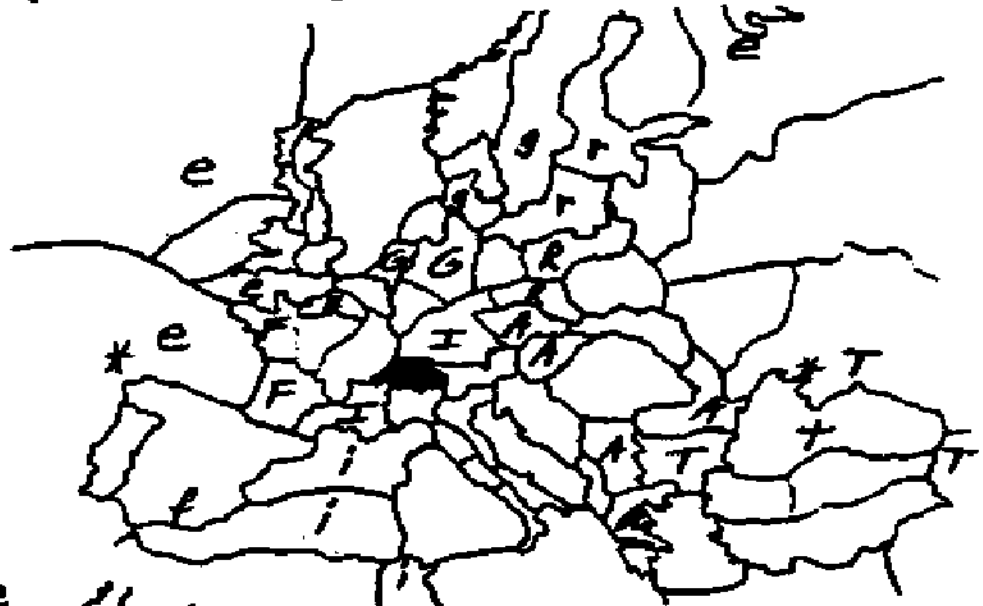
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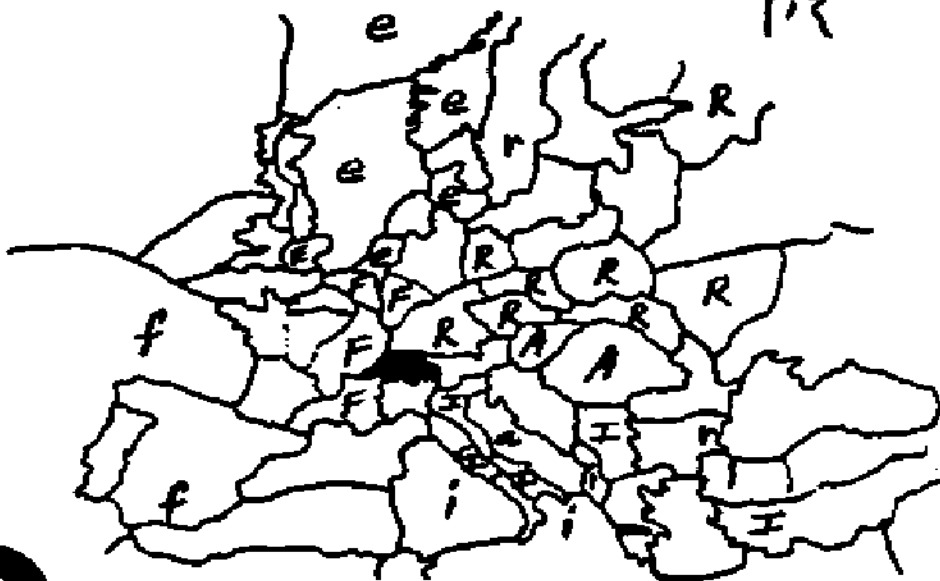
DEADLINE FOR SPRING 1901 IS FEBRUARY 14, 1987

Jeff Iarse did not get any orders in for Spring 1901. According to my house rules he is to be replaced immediately and the deadline delayed. I hate doing this, since I am sure that Jeff is interested in playing, but he NMR'd in the U.S. Dip game, and on at least two occasions I asked everyone to send in a set of preliminary orders. I hate doing this, but I can't justify any other action. Sorry about the delay. Please note the Boardman number: 1987D.

Raspberry
Fall 1902 →



← Spack
Spring 1907



WILLIAM RASPBERRY (1986AR)

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 FRENCH SB Ernest Hakey, III, 63 Medford Street, Medford MA 02155

Please note the Standby and Lin's new address.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUSTRIA	Home, Ser, Gre, RUM	-----	6 +1
ENGLAND	Home, Nwy, Bel, STP	-----	6 +1
FRANCE	Par, Bre, Spa, Por, mar	-----	4 -1*
GERMANY	Ber, Kie, Hol, Swe, DEN	-----	5 +1
ITALY	Home, Mun, Tun, MAR	-----	6 +1
RUSSIA	Mos, War, sev, stp, rum	-----	2 -2t
TURKEY	Home, Bul, SEV	-----	5 +1

*= Removals affected by retreat; t= 1 unit annihilated, removing two.

FALL 1902

RUSSIA REELING!

Austria F GRE H (A SER S), A RUM H, A Tyo-VIE, A BOH-Sil
 England F Iri-MID, (F NAT, F ENG S), A Bel-PIC, F STP(nc) H
 France NMRI; A BRE H, A GAS H, F SPA(sc) H, F Mid H (Ret. NAF, POR, OTB)
 Germany A Ber-KIE (A HOL S), F SWE H (F DEN S)
 Italy F Ion-TUN, F Tyr-LYO (F WES S), A Pie-MAR, A MUN-Ber
 Russia Retreat F Rum-SEV; F Sev S Aus A Rum (ANN), F BOT-Swe (F BAL S), A PRU-Ber (A SIL S)
 Turkey A BUL S Aus A Ser-Rum (NSO), A Ank-SEV (F BLA C, A ARM S)

DEADLINE FOR WINTER 1902 AND SPRING 1903 IS FEBRUARY 13, 1987

PRESS

ENG: Sorry guys, I couldn't write letters 'till finals were over.

ITA-ENG: Us sailors may take verbal abuse from those seasick landlubbers, but not to worry. Marines are the toughest soldiers. Besides, we be doing OK.

GER-RUS: What dull moves you force me into. Well, goodbye Berlin, I suppose.

RUS-GER: Quite confident the Russians will despoil Berlin. After that feat, who knows?

GME-ITA: Did you ever read about the "Funeral in Munich"? It describes a situation where three different countries fight over Munich and end up leaving it open for Germany to build in. Sound familiar?

ITA-GER: Way to go Evans; Russia looks deathly pale.

SPOCK (1985Q)

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WINTER 1906 AND SPRING 1907

FRANCE ALMOST MOVES, BATTLE RAGES IN GERMANY

Austria Retreats A Ank-OTB, A Rum-BUD; Remove A PRU, A CON, A GAL; A BUD-Tri (A VIE S), F ADR-ION
England Build A LON, F EDI; F Edi-NTH, A LON H, F HOL-Kie (F DEN S), F NWY-Swe, F NWG-Nwy
France F MID H, F SPA(sc) H, A MAR-Bur, A BUR-Mun (A RUH S (A BEL S))
Italy Build A ROM, A NAP; A Nap-APU, F Ank-CON (A SMY S), F Gre-ALB, F Tun-ION (F TYR S), A VEN-Tri (A SER S), A ROM-Ven
Russia Retreat A Gal-BOH; Build A WAR; A Rum-GAL (A WAR, A UKR S), F BUL(ec) S ITA F Ank-CON, A BER-Kie (A MUN S (A BOH S)), A SIL-Bar, A STP-Nwy, F SWE-Den

DEADLINE FOR FALL 1907 IS FEBRUARY 13, 1987

PROPOSALS

Please vote by the next deadline on an I/R draw. One no vetoes; the draw passes if Yeas outnumber NVRs.

PRESS

ROME-WORLD: Thank you all for writing, if you did so (you know who you are), and I hope my own correspondence got through the holiday mails to you. This game is getting interesting ... let's see some press, too. Looks like a balance of power - E/P v R v I - any comments?

GME-ROM: I have a comment. Don't ask for press unless you intend to type it up!!!! Otherwise it will be GM v I and the rest doesn't make much difference!

ROM-MOS: OK, let's eliminate the last of the Austrian irritation and get onto some serious business!

AUS-ITALY & RUSSIA: Very nice clean stab.

AUS-E/P: Better get your act together.

ROM-WORLD: The Pope has no enemies! <<not counting the GM, I guess>> I suppose you could count the Austrians <<Why count them when you don't even count the GM?>>, but we're looking to the future, a future where German is a dead language. If you count E/P as one power, which is a reasonable approximation for now, we have a three way balance, one of the most stable configurations of power known, yes? Anyone interested in an E/P/I/R draw? Anyone interested in a 3-way draw, and if so, whom do you wish to eliminate? The Pope listens to all! Of course any proposal which doesn't include the Holy Empire of Rome will not be accepted.

LETTER COLUMN

Michael Hopcroft (12/11/86)

I must admit that it does not take much to destroy my faith in Ronald Reagan; whatever confidence I had in his Presidency ended about a month before he took the oath of office. Still, watching him squirm like this has not been pleasant. I guess it is unavoidable; the last few Republican administrations have been marked by generally stupid policy, and the sacrifice of American interests in the name of anti-communism.

The problem is that this hasn't been the first big goof Reagan's people have made; just the first one they've been called to account for, the first one so blatant that no amount of teflon can cover it up. Good men have lost their lives because of Reagan errors in Lebanon, and think of how many people have died in his pipe-dream war-by-surrogate in Nicaragua, on both sides. And think of how the American standard of living has been affected by the corporate shenanigans encouraged by this administration. And don't forget which President has ushered in the routine \$300 billion deficit. The Reagan administration was a failure from day one; it's just taken this long for it to show.

The problem is there isn't really anything to be done about it. We're stuck with two more years of Ronald Reagan, although how he can govern effectively with a Democratic Congress and all those chinks in his armor is beyond me. We had our shot two years ago. The Democrats had a chance, and they blew it by nominating the one man who was guaranteed to lose the election. We will have to endure two rudderless years until we finally get around to electing a President who can actually work.

My chances of voting Republican are worse now than they ever were.

<<OK, no more Mr. Nice Guy. Point by point: What "generally stupid policy" are you referring to in the last few Republican administrations? The Domestic economic policy of Reagan that brought us out of recession to the strongest non-war economy the country has ever had? The stupid foreign policy of Nixon that opened China and resulted in the first significant arms control agreement with the Russians and eventually ended our involvement in Viet Nam? The stupid way the Ford dealt with a hostile Congress by vetoing measure after measure that would have gutted the Presidency, quite possibly saving the separation of powers and the Presidency by doing so?

Maybe we should discuss the brilliant policies of the Democrats. Kennedy and his Bay of Pigs, LBJ and the escalation of the war in Viet Nam, or Carter and his combined failure in both foreign and domestic affairs by abandoning our allies and causing the worst stag-flation we have ever had.

I didn't agree with Nixon's economics; I disagree with a lot of Reagan's foreign policy. But I haven't seen a Democrat candidate for President in my lifetime who was worth voting for. Apparently the American people tend to agree with me, because since Truman, the Republicans have won six out of nine Presidential elections. Deduct the anti-watergate vote in 1976 for Carter, and it would have been seven out of nine.

Yes, President Reagan has made some mistakes. I wouldn't have put the Marines in Lebanon with orders not to shoot. Either commit or don't. But the liberals forced a bad compromise on the administration -- that the Marines be used in only a Peace

Keeping capacity and avoid all confrontations. We had a military presence, inciting the local anti-American forces, but in a non-military capacity. I wouldn't have sent any arms to Iran. Even if the President didn't exchange the guns for the hostages it gave that appearance, and appearances are always more important than the truth. Ask any journalist. I would have attempted to keep better control over the NSC and CIA, though I doubt any President can be terribly effective at that. Bush will have the best chance at it, since he understands the intelligence community and how it works better than any currently mentioned Presidential hopefuls. Support of the Contras is still a question mark. There is evidence that Nicaragua had started to export problems to El Salvador and Costa Rica. Our allies asked for assistance, and we provided it. If backing the Contras keeps Ortega and his gang busy in their own back yard, then it is a good investment. I still blame the whole affair on Carter. Had he handled the transition of power in Nicaragua the way Reagan has handled it in Haiti and the Philippines we wouldn't need the Contras.

Democrats, who controlled the budget writing House of Representatives all during Reagan's Presidency, are still blaming the administration for the deficit. Make all the cuts the President's budget office asked for since 1981 and there just might have been a balanced budget. We will never know. One thing that is certain: it is the responsibility of Congress to legislate the budget, and the responsibility of the President to execute it. Until Congress accepts that responsibility there will be deficits.

I have heard a lot of Democrats say that the voters were voting mainly for Reagan's personal charisma, and not the Republican agenda. I hope they believe that. Mondale was the one man guaranteed to lose the election? I don't think you can name a Democrat who would have had a chance! Reagan v FDR would have been an interesting race in 1984, and I would have put my money on Reagan. It is probably true that Hart or Glenn may have done better than Mondale did, but they would have lost in a landslide anyway.

As for 1988, I still predict a Republican victory, regardless of who is nominated in either party. The Iran scandal will make it closer than it would have been, but it won't be enough to knock the Republicans out of the White House. Let's say that now the Democrats have a chance where they didn't have one before; let's see what they do with it.>>

Don Del Grande (12/8/86)

I figure that I have just enough time before Yes, Prime Minister to get off a letter, especially since I am "encouraged to participate."

I wasn't surprised that Ischau lost to Cranston. (I was surprised that Ischau was as close as he was.) The anti-Rose Bird vote wasn't anti-Democrat as much as it was pro-justice, although the pro-Bird types made it sound like anti-Bird was the same as pro-Death Penalty (which it was, in a way). I never would have thought that two of the associate justices would have been removed as well.

You wanted to be in Presidential Politics II? What a coincidence -- I was thinking of GMing FP2 myself, assuming there's enough response for both of us to run a game each. (Are there 20 people willing to play?)

One thing stands in Robertson's way of declaring his candidacy -- he would have to provide equal time on those stations that show his TV programs. That's why he is waiting -- probably until he can find a clone of himself to take over his show while he campaigns for the One True Ticket.

Finally, if Elmer Hinton -- or anybody -- wants to keep Once Upon a Deadline out of their zine, they can come up with whatever excuse they feel like using.

<<I do not advocate telling other publishers what to do. Elmer can say whatever he wants and I wouldn't try to stop him. I can, however, discuss the accuracy of his reasoning, and since that issue had a bearing on all the novice packets, I thought it warranted debate. I still think there are several issues worth debating that are tied to that discussion, such as: What constitutes cheating in a game of Diplomacy? (See Page 1)

Steve Emmert (12/8/86)

So much for keeping my occupation a secret. I'm expecting a lot of occupational jokes to appear when people find out that I am a country lawyer. You know, something like, "It's not fair for amateur liars to be forced to play with professionals."

I didn't address the issue of whether Supernova should be sanctioned because I thought you just wanted comment on the legal questions. If you really want my thoughts on that issue, all I can say is that I will never, ever tell anyone not to read something. Even Mein Kampf has merit inasmuch as it helps to explain the causes of Hitler's views. There are two compelling reasons against censorship: 1) No one has a monopoly on the truth, and 2) If "bad" ideas are suppressed, we eventually forget why they are bad.

Incidentally, I have indeed heard that Diogenes never wasted his time at an ABA convention.

<<Did you hear about the lawyer that was on a cruise near the Great Barrier Reef? A passenger fell into the water, and was immediately surrounded by three or four Great Whites. Well, the lawyer didn't hesitate. He dove right in and grabbed the drowning man. The sharks then formed a line on either side of the people and literally escorted the two back to the ship. When asked about the rescue and strange behavior of the sharks, the lawyer replied that it was simply a matter of professional courtesy.

I have heard hundreds of them up at the law school, and a few from Sam Hurt's cartoon strip Eyebeam. Steve suggested that I have a contest for lawyer jokes. I don't think I want to reward people for cutting down my future profession, but if anyone sends in a particularly good one I will print it. Might as well have fun with it.

Speaking of which, the next page presents a little ditty that I got from my Civil Procedure Professor. It is sung to the tune of "The Yellow Rose of Texas." We sang it as a class during a review session and got in trouble for disturbing the class next door. They were taking a final. How were we to know? You lawyers may recognize the name of the author. Yes, it is the Prosser.>>

THE COMMON LAW OF TEXAS

Music: The Yellow Rose of Texas

Words: William L. Prosser

They buy their Bourbon by the case, and never shun the cup,
They ride around in Cadillacs, and smash each other up,
And when they litigate the case, it's the weirdest ever seen,
Because the poor benighted courts must follow Leon Green.
It's the damndest jurisdiction this country ever saw,
It has the queerest people, the most peculiar law,
They have some nuts in Iowa, and some in Tennessee,
But the common law of Texas is a thing of mysterees.

They enter into arguments, and then they have a fight,
They call each other dirty names, and brood on it all night,
Then lie in wait for sixteen hours behind an old rail fence,
And shoot the fellow in the back, but it's all in self defense!
It's the damndest jurisdiction this country ever knew,
And all its jurisprudence is twisted like a screw,
Connecticut's a crazy place, and so is Arkansas,
But Texas has, of all the states, the most peculiar law.

They raise an oil well derrick in the city hall front yard,
and when the damn thin blow to hell they take it mighty hard.
Petroleum and rocks and mud are strewn all o'er the sod,
It makes a most unsightly mess, but it's just an Act of God!
It's the damndest jurisdiction this country ever had,
It has ten thousand cases, and all of them are bad.
Oh, Minnesota's off the beam, and so is Idaho,
But Texas has the wildest law upon this earth below.

A widow seeks indemnity upon a policee,
And she recovers double, with her attorney's fee.
For when she loaded arsenic into her husbands beans,
The late lamented met his death by accidental means!
It's the damndest jurisdiction there is from coast to coast.
There's crazy law all over, but Texas has the most.
They've lunatics in Michigan, as well as Delaware,
But the common law of Texas will really curl your hair.

A loyal son of Texas goes out upon a spree,
And perpetrates six murders, some rape and burglaree.
He ends up on the gallows -- it's a proper end, of course --
But the reason that they hang him is the bastard stole a horse!
It's the damndest jurisdiction in the entire USA,
And what will happen next there, no man alive can say.
They do strange things in Maryland, likewise in Oregon,
But Texas has the wildest law that e'er the sun shone on.

They ask the jury questions, which number twenty score,
Instructions that they give them take seven days or more,
And when the case comes on appeal the record grows and grows,
And what the last opinion holds, alas, God only knows!
It's the damndest jurisdiction upon this planet and,
It's whole judicial process is absolutely mad.
There's schizophrenia in New York, also in Illinois
But the common law of Texas is a psychiatric joy!

That's all for January. Wish me luck in school and the legislature. Wish us all luck in the legislature! A quick congratulations to Dave Frick who is now working for General Dynamics (be sure to tell us how a \$1500 toilet seat feels!) in Dallas, and Lin Morrisett who I think just bought a house in The colony, Texas. See you next month.

THE GONZO REPORT

THE GONZO BOWL
BOTSWANA 20 COLORADO 7

The Botswana Bats were just overwhelming, and as expected, they won the Gonzo Bowl championship at L.A. Coliseum today. The Cosmic Penguins of Colorado were overmatched in every area of the game. Injuries played a key role in the Penguin loss, with starting Quarterback Eric Hipple, Wide Receiver Clark, and Running Backs Woolfolk and Mitchell all hurt. The lone bright spot for Colorado was Morgan's 148 receiving yards on 8 catches. Morgan caught the touchdown pass from rookie Quarterback Chuck Long at the end of the second quarter.

Boomer Esiason was outstanding for Botswana, with 425 yards in the air and over 70% completion percentage. Henry Ellard saw action for the first time this season, and responded with 3 catches for 41 yards. Esiason shared the wealth by throwing 3 passes to each of his Wide Receivers, and 4 to his Tight End. Joe Morris had another hundred yard game, and scored the two touchdowns. After the Bats had the seven point lead 10 minutes into the first quarter, Bat coach Bill Parcells stayed conservative. The Bats didn't even try for a fourth and inches late in the third quarter and instead kicked their second field goal of the day.

FINAL STANDINGS 1986 SEASON YANKEE CONFERENCE

East			West		
Mt. Fuji	9	5	Botswana	12	2 0
Chesapeake	7	7	Oregon	9	5 0
Niagara	7	7	LA Bruins	8	4 2
Mt. Kisco	6	8	Rocky Mtn	1	13 0

DIXIE CONFERENCE

East			West		
Glasgow	9	4 1	Colorado	10	3 1
Kokomo	7	7 0	Houston	9	5 0
Virginia	4	9 1	Dallas	4	9 1
Baltimore	3	11 0	Western	4	10 0

Notes: You will notice a slight change in the standings. Phil Dancause, who specializes in close games, found an error in his game against Glasgow. I verified that the game should have ended in a tie. As a result, he has now lost two positions in the draft, since he has a better record than Western and he beat Dallas in week 8.

The holdover lists for next season have to be to me by Saturday February 14, 1987. You can have a maximum of seven players; you may substitute one of your lines or your head coach for one of the seven players. Two weeks from now I will verify all the trades that have occurred in another newsletter (and we have had some doozies!), and let you know if anyone has definitely dropped out for next year. I already have two requests for teams for next year, so I feel good about fielding 16 teams again.

We will begin discussing the rule changes, schedule changes, and a calendar in the issue that comes out the 14th. See you then.

DIPCON XX - MADCON V
JUNE 5th THRU JUNE 7th

This is for immediate release, the official newsletter of the Dipcon Administrative Committee for Dipcon XX, the 1987 version of the National Diplomacy Tournament.

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Dipcon XX will be held at the University of Wisconsin - Madison Memorial Student Union in Madison, Wisconsin. The date of the weekend has been moved up two weeks due to the unavailability of facilities on June 19th weekend. I hope this hasn't disrupted your travel plans.

If you plan to fly to the con - arriving from Chicago O'Hare airport take the Alco Bus service direct to the UW-Madison Student Union. The shuttle cost is approx. \$12-15 one way. A schedule will be published next issue. It is possible to fly direct to Madison airport. If you plan to drive - parking at the campus is difficult. We are trying to obtain a parking permit for the con. We expect a cost of \$8 for a permit.

Lodging for the con will be convenient and inexpensive. Unfortunately only very limited space will be available for Sunday night stay-overs. Approximate prices: These are given to you for an estimate of Con costs: Room rate - \$16.50 to 20.00/night/double occupancy; \$5-10 for Dipcon-Madcon fees; and \$1 or \$2 surcharge for Dipcon committee expenses. Meals and beverages will not be included, you will be responsible for that yourself. The student union has eating areas and there are many nearby restuarants.

The tournament itself will consist of four or five diplomacy rounds; tentatively; games will start at 5pm Friday, 9am and 5pm Saturday, and 9am Sunday. The Dipcon Society Meeting will convene Saturday afternoon between rounds. Further information will be published in early March concerning registration forms and more indepth tournament information. If you would publish this letter in your zines or circulate a copy of the letter to other Dipsters please do so. I have few Diplomacy pubbers addresses and I am trying to make up for this with your help. All assistance and comments will be deeply appreciated.

Thank you ... till later good bye.

This just came in the mail- Well worth adding to the zine!



A hand-drawn map of the United States and parts of Canada and Mexico. The map shows state boundaries and major cities. Handwritten labels include 'NW', 'NE', 'W', 'E', 'T', and 'X' in various boxes and circles, likely representing different regions or types of land. Key geographical features like the Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic Ocean, and Pacific Ocean are also labeled. The map is oriented with North at the top.

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