

FEUILLETONIST'S FORUM

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Game Openings: None

Since I know you are all dying to know how my moot court competition came out, I'll tell you. I made it to Semis where I lost to the team who won it the next day. That Semi round was very close, so close that we didn't get the results for an hour and a half after the round. The competition judging was based on two levels. First, two judges graded each written brief and gave it a numerical score. We only turned one in, and the grade stayed with us throughout. Second, the oral rounds, with three judges. We needed a majority of the five judges to win and only got two out of the three oral judges. The briefs were ranked so closely together that the tournament directors regraded them that night to be sure the scores were correct.

I feel satisfied. So far it has been worth one free dinner and several invitations to "cocktail/buffet" dinners. No job offers though. My wife is a little worried about that, but I am doing what I want to be doing up at the Capitol and plan to keep this job for a while longer.

Speaking of which, of the bills I wrote this session, one never got filed, a couple others are being added to another bill as amendments, and the big one (Lost and Found Property Law) is scheduled for a hearing next Wednesday. My committee work is going pretty well. The most dreaded fear of a committee clerk is to have a bill out of your committee get shot down on a Point of Order. PO's are considered the fault of the clerk, and frequently that's accurate. Hasn't happened to us so far, but then we haven't passed any controversial legislation that someone is looking for a PO on.

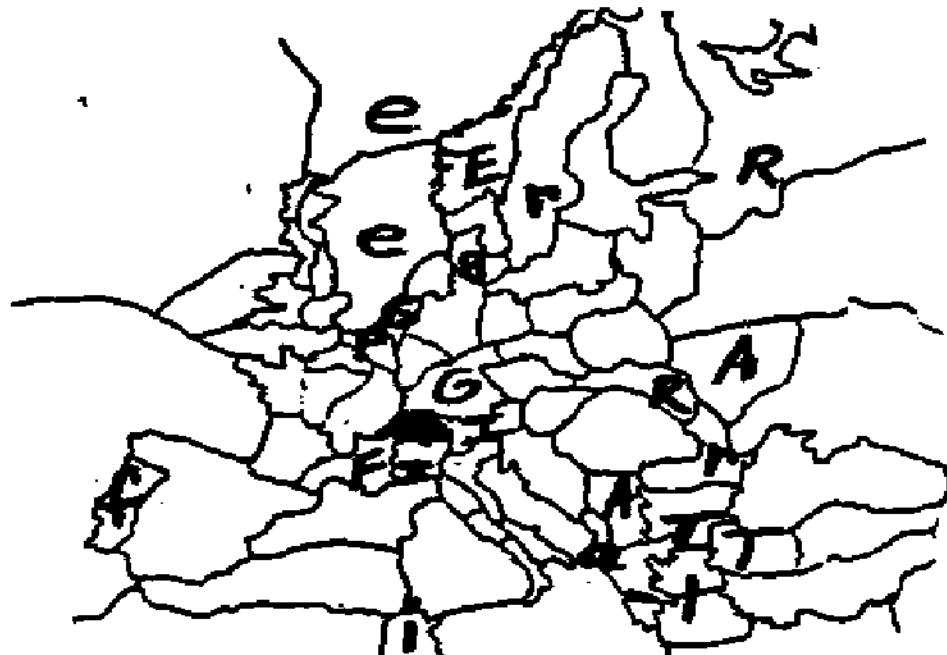
I get to read and analyze a bunch of water legislation, and this week we are hearing a bill on River Conservation. Contrary to what some of you probably expect, I didn't put anything terrible in the bill analysis, and I haven't put a Point of Order on it either. I can be fair and impartial just like the next guy! (As several of you start speculating who the next guy could be.)

This is a pretty good issue, I think. All the Dip games are here, we have a good letter column, and a guest Feuilletonist! I am glad this one came out so well because it also happens to have the Runestone Ballot enclosed! Please check out the ballot and the new twist that Bruce Linsey and Linda Courtemanche have come up with. The poll has been combined with a fund raising drive for the American Cancer Society, which I think is pretty clever. So sign up for a pledge and send in your vote.

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FALL 1901

AUSTRIA TAKES ON BOTH TURKEY AND RUSSIA!

Austria A Bud-SER, A Gal-UKR, F ALB-Gre
England A Yor-NWY (F NTH C, F NWG S)
France A Bur-BEL, A Gas-MAR, F Mid-POR
Germany A Ber-MUN, A Ruh-HOL, F DEN H
Italy A Ven-TYO, A PIE H, F Ion-TUN
Russia F Bot-SWE, A War-GAL, F RUM H, A STP-Nwy
Turkey F Con-AEG, A Ank-CON, A BUL-Gre

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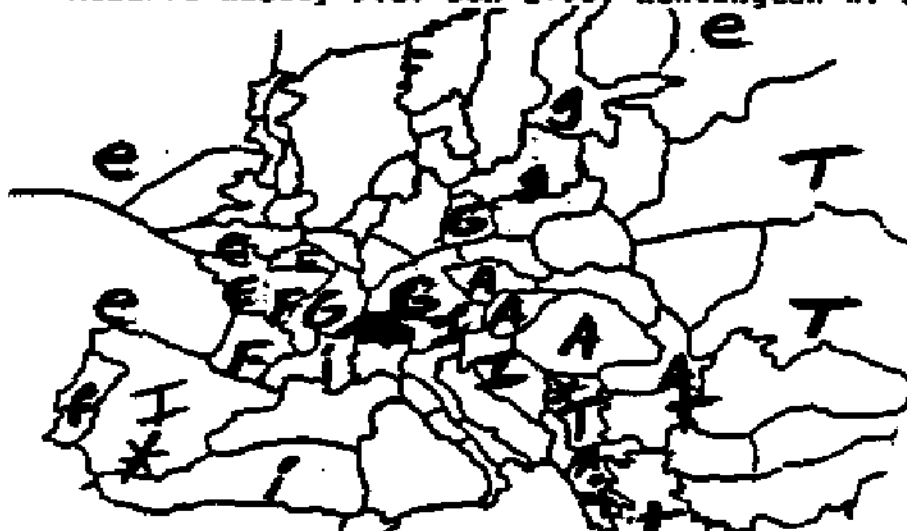
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FRANCE	Home, BEL, POR	-----	5	+2
GERMANY	Home, HOL, DEN	-----	5	+2
ITALY	Home, TUN	-----	4	+1
RUSSIA	Home, SWE, RUM	-----	6	+2
TURKEY	Home, Bul	-----	4	+1

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SUPPLY CENTER CHART 1903

AUSTRIA	Vie, Bud, Rum, tri, ser, gre	3 -3*
ENGLAND	Home, Nwy, Bel, Stp, BRE	7 +1
FRANCE	Par, Por, bre, spa	2 -2*
GERMANY	HOME, Swe, Den, Hol	6 +1
ITALY	Home, Mar, Tun, SPA, GRE, TRI, mun	8 +2
RUSSIA	War, mos	1 -1*
TURKEY	Home, Bul, Sev, SER, MOS	7 +2

* Removals affected by retreats

WINTER 1902/SPRING 1903

ITALY BARES HIS BLADE; AUSTRIA BARES HIS BACKSIDE

Austria	Build A BUD; A Bud-RUM (A SER S), A Rum-UKR, A Boh-SIL, A Vie-GAL, F GRE-Bul
England	Build A LON; A Lon-BRE (F ENG C, A PIC S), F STP(nc) H, F MID S Ita F Wes-Spa(sc) (NSO) (F NAT S)
France	Retreat F Mid-POR; A GAS-Mar (F SPA(sc) S (F POR S)), A Bre-PAR
Germany	Build A BER; F Den-BAL (F SWE S), A Hol-RUH, A Ber-MUN (A KIE S)
Italy	Build A VEN; A Ven-TRI, A Mun-TYO, F Tun-ION, F IYO-Spa(sc) (A MAR S, F WES S)
Russia	Remove A Sil, F Bot; A Pru-BER (F Bal S) (Ret. BOT, LVN, PRU, OTB)
Turkey	Build F CON; A BUL H, A Sev-NOS, A Arm-SEV (F BLA S), F Con-AEG

DEADLINE FOR FALL 1903 IS MARCH 20, 1987

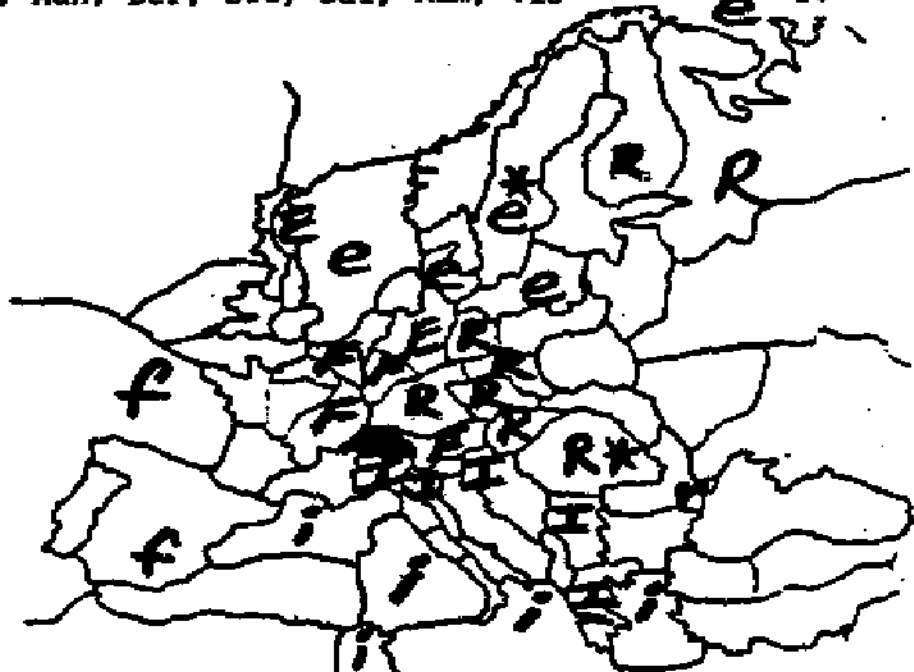
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AUSTRIA	Bud -----	1 ---*
ENGLAND	Home, Hol, Den, Nwy, Kie -----	7 --
FRANCE	Home, Por, Spa, Bel -----	6 --
ITALY	Home, Tun, Ser, Gre, Ank, Smy, Tri, Con -----	10 --
RUSSIA	Home, Mun, Ber, Swe, Bul, Rum, Vie -----	10 --



WINTER 1907/SPRING 1908
 SLOWLY ITALY TURNS, STEP BY STEP ...

Austria	Remove Fleet Adriatic; A Bud H (Ret. GAL, OTB)
England	Build Army Edinburgh; A EDI-Nwy (F NTH C), F Nwy-SWE (F DEN S), A Hol-KIE, F Kie-BAL, F Nwg-BAR
France	F MID H, F SPA(sc) H, A RUH S Eng A Hol-KIE (A BEL S), A Pie-TYO, A BUR-Mun
Italy	Build Fleet Rome; A TRI S Fre A Pie-Tyo (A SER S), A Ven-PIE, A Apu-VEN, A Con-GRE (F AEG C), F Tyr-LYO, F Ion-TUN, F Alb-ION, F Rom-TYR
Russia	A Boh S Ita A Ven-Tyo (NSO), A Lvn-STP, F Bul(ec)-RUM, A Rum-BUD (A VIE S), A FIN-Nwy, F Swe S A Ber-Kie (IMP) (Ret. BOT, SKA, OTB), A BER-Kie (A MUN S (A SIL S))

DEADLINE FOR FALL 1908 IS APRIL 24, 1987

All draw proposals failed by a vote of 3 Yes and 2 No.

PRESS

GME-Players: Now this is the kind of Press game I like!

DAVID BRINKLEY
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SPRING 1902

AUSTRIA F GRE H (A SER S (A BUD S)), A Gal-VIE
ENGLAND F Dep-NAT, F EDI-NTH, F Nwy-SWE (F DEN S), A LON H
FRANCE A Bur-BEL (F ENG S), A Par-BUR, A Spa-POR
GERMANY A Ruh-MUN (A BER S), F HOL-Kie
ITALY A Nap-ALB (F ION C), A Ven-TYO, A TRI S Tur A Rum-Ser (NSO)
RUSSIA F Stp-NWY (F Swe S) (Ret. BAL, BOT, FIN, OTB), A Mun-Kie (Ret. BOH, SIL, OTB), A War-PRU, A Mos-WAR, F Sev S Aus A Gal-Rum (ANN)
TURKEY F Con-AEG, A Smy-ARM, F Bla-SEV (A RUM S (A BUL S))



FALL 1902

AUSTRIA F GRE S Tur F Aeg-Ion (A SER S), A BUD-Tri (A VIE S)
ENGLAND F Nat-NWG, A LON-Nwy, (F NTH C, F SWE S (F DEN S))
FRANCE A Bur-RUH (A BEL S (F ENG S)), A POR H
GERMANY A MUN MS A BER, F HOL H
ITALY F Ion-TUN, A ALB-Ser, A TYO-Vie (A TRI S)
RUSSIA Retreat F Swe-BAL, A Mun-SIL; F BAL-Swe (F NWY S), A PRU-Ber (A SIL S), A WAR-Ukr
TURKEY F Aeg-ION, F Sev-BLA, A Arm-SEV, A BUL-Rum, A RUM-Ukr

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUSTRIA	Bud, Vie, Ser, Gre	-----	4	--
ENGLAND	Home, Den, SWE, nwy	-----	5	--
FRANCE	Home, Spa, BEL, POR	-----	6	+2
GERMANY	HOME, Hol	-----	4	+1
ITALY	Home, Tri, TUN	-----	5	+1
RUSSIA	Mos, Stp, War, NWY, swe, sev, mun	----	4	-2*
TURKEY	Home, Bul, Rum, SEV	-----	6	+1

* One unit annihilated, only -1.

DEADLINE FOR WINTER 1902 AND SPRING 1905 IS APRIL 6, 1987

LETTER COLUMN

Mark Lew (1/20/87)

Babbitt is an aberration, but there are things about him I find very likeable. As far as I know, he and former Indianapolis Mayor Hudnut are the only major politicians who have had the guts to come out against Social Security. I respect that. I'm predicting that Babbitt goes for the Vice-Presidency. I was really expecting the Republican primary to turn into a Kemp vs Bush race, but now it looks more like Dole vs Bush. I like Dole. Lately with the campaign starting up, he is indulged in some bullshit, but that is to be expected. I'm counting on him to return to his "pragmatist" self if he makes it to the White House. The polls keep telling me that Hart is the front runner for the Demos and the others who place are the media-attractors like Cuomo, Jackson, Iaccoca. Hart will no doubt be a player but I still think Gephardt is the front runner. Biden too will make a lot of noise, but both are relatively unknown among the polled Iowans. I still like Hart. He's fishy on many issues, but he's creatively specific on others and that shows me that (in spite of the fun poked at his "new ideas" slogan) he has an attitude which will encourage innovative solutions to problems rather than the old (unsuccessful) "solutions" dressed up a little differently. Biden is a windbag and perhaps a fool as well (which, unfortunately, counts on his side as far as getting elected goes). Gephardt pisses me off because he wants to keep subsidizing farmers and smokestack industries with tariffs and loan guarantees and other gimmicks. It would cost the taxpayers less if he would skip the bullshit and just give money to the farmers, etc. outright. But if he proposes that, he'll be laughed out of the primary, as well he should.

I've read a little bit about some Republican who is running a quiet, behind the scenes sort of campaign a la Gephardt. I forget his name, but I recall he had a George Bush sort of resume' but even better. He was never in a terribly flashy position, but has lots of experience in cabinet positions and in the military I think and that sort of stuff. I seem to recall he was National Security Advisor under Ford. George Will did a piece on him about two weeks ago. Know anything about this? Anyway, I watch interestedly although I haven't any idea who I want to vote for.

I'm not even sure which party I like the best. I think I would vote for anybody who takes a real strong stand for living within our means. I'm really down on debt (also known as "credit"). I liked the description by an ordinarily uninspiring Playboy columnist: "Credit is the Cocaine of this culture, the artificial stimulant that flutters the heart and brightens the brain -- but at what expense?" Ironically, the only candidate who I've ever heard speak favorably and specifically about staying out of debt is Pat Robertson.

Well, almost anybody.

([I think you are more than likely referring to Alexander Haig. And for some reason I think you already know that. "I'm in charge" Haig doesn't have a chance. He is too cerebral in some cases, not nearly enough in others. He has quit every job he ever had, usually in a huff. After two or three bad news conferences he would become petulant and paranoid and be the next Nixon. Nothing the press likes more than a President they can hound up a tree.

That has been the most disappointing thing about Reagan's handling of the Iran affair -- his fear of the press. He should

have had weekly news conferences and shown them he couldn't be cowed. All hiding does is show that you have a reason to hide.

Gephardt and Biden won't do nearly as well as Hart, Babbitt, and maybe Bradley. Bradley came in a surprising second in a poll of the southern states after Cuomo dropped out. Top three voters in the south were Hart, Bradley, and Jackson, not always in that order. For the Republicans, Bush had close to 50%, Dole and Baker traded seconds (Baker was taken out of the poll when he took over as Chief of Staff) and Kemp was almost gone. I think Jack has lost his issue and his momentum. He has the hardest row to hoe. Robertson got his 10% across the board. He won't do much better in the actual voting, especially now that one of brethren have fallen.

Mark (can't call you Ig anymore!), are you registered in California? As I understand it, you have to register under a specific party to vote in a primary. In Texas you can vote in either primary, but not both. That's the way it should be done!!!

Dick Martin (1/24/87)

I am pretty much in agreement with you regarding the mechanics of the game [[Sorry to interrupt, but this letter has been here for a while. Dick is referring to my comments regarding cheating in a Dip game.]], though I'm not so extreme. For instance, as a GM I wouldn't disqualify the perpetrator of a "Flying Dutchman" from a tournament game. Just take the unit off and play from there. Any player that has to rely on tricks isn't a good enough diplomat to survive anyway, and will usually eliminate himself -- and it's less trouble if you leave the eliminating to his fellow players. There are plenty of loopholes to give a player an "unfair" advantage, but the name of the game isn't Loophole (or, alas, Tactics). It's Diplomacy, and the best Diplomat should win.

Correct me if I am wrong, but Kennedy's "Bay of Pigs" was a plot concocted under Eisenhower that Kennedy couldn't pull the plug on. At least Kennedy was brave enough to accept full responsibility when it failed, rather than try to shovel it off on some underlings (a common tactic of the Reagan administration).

Hey, sending the Marines into Lebanon to be blown up was not a mistake. After all, Our President said it was the Right Thing To do. How can you blame that one on the liberals? After all, isn't Reagan Commander-in-Chief? Hadn't he been given a landslide mandate to execute foreign policy as he saw fit? Why should he be a mere pawn of the discredited liberals? Yes, if Carter had been as deft in handling Nicaragua as Reagan was in Haiti, the Philippines, Lebanon, and Grenada (oops, forget Lebanon and Grenada), then the world would be peachy keen right now.

Bush should do a great job handling the CIA as President. Look how well Andropov did with the RGB. What problems did Carter have with the NSC and CIA comparable to the latest Iran/Contra fiasco? I don't recall any, but that was a while ago.

The Republican agenda is so strong that it managed to lose the Senate for them. Really difficult to believe, I know, especially when they can field heavyweight candidates like Linda Chavez against mere "San Francisco Democrats."

If the President merely executes the budget that Congress writes up, why does he bother to submit his own which Congress then revises to their liking? To say that the current deficit is Congress's is ridiculous. What savings Reagan made by cutting domestic programs were more than compensated for by tax cuts and defense increases. Why, if Reagan had his way completely, I'm not so sure that the deficit wouldn't be twice the size it is! I'm still waiting for those good old-fashioned supply side economics to kick in so we can grow our way out of a 200 Billion dollar deficit per year by 1986.

While I don't have any figures at hand, calling this a non-war economy is somewhat misleading. Defense spending is very high for a typical peacetime economy. How does the current defense budget compare with that of, say, the early '70's as a percentage of the total budget?

When it comes down to it, what great achievement will Reagan be remembered for in years to come? What can he hold up to Carter's Camp David Accord as a comparable achievement? To date, he's been thoroughly mediocre and I expect that to continue.

Yes, Reagan vs FDR would have been an interesting race. After all, both have been dead for years now.

[[Congress revised Reagan's budget?!?!? Every year I hear the same thing: "The President's budget is considered Dead On Arrival up on the Hill." There hasn't been a budget remotely close to what he has asked for. The liberals forced his hand in Lebanon starting with the over reaction to Viet Nam. The Congress gave LBJ a free hand with the Gulf of Tonkin resolution and then taught themselves a lesson by taking away almost all Presidential discretion in reacting to armed aggression or the use of troops. The troops in Beirut were ordered to leave their guns unloaded and act as peace officers. Anything stronger than that would have required a declaration of War. Since we didn't have anyone to declare war on, I don't think we should have had any troops there. But trying to rebuild Lebanon was a humanitarian gesture, right? And what was wrong with the way Grenada was handled?

I can't see a valid comparison between the CIA/Bush and the KGB/Andropov.

While the Republicans were losing the Senate, they were winning the governorships. The agenda is strong enough, we need better Senate candidates and better campaigns. Chavez ran a stupid and dirty campaign and she deserved to lose against even the most liberal Democrat.

As a percentage of the budget, the Defense budget is probably about the same or lower than the early 70's. As a percentage of the GNP, it is much lower. I don't have any figures at hand either, and I don't want this to get into a bull slinging contest with you throwing your figures at me and me throwing mine at you. Why don't we instead discuss the policy behind the budget decisions. I agree with the President that the major function of the Federal government should be the defense of the nation; leave all the rest to the States. So the defense budget shouldn't be the largest budget item, together with the State Department, it should be half the budget. The other half should be spent on the judicial system and minimal commerce regulation. Everything else should be handled by the states.

There: That should spark a little debate.]]

Pete Gaughan (3/5/87)

Well, well. Is there such a thing as a Republican Chief executive who can be trusted?

Ronald Reagan made two major mistakes in his dealing with Iran, and yet many people are concentrating on how he has handled them. Forget the fact that he lied about how the Iran policy was conducted; ignore the President's inability to fire people who deserve it and to face the questions of the press (more than four months without a press conference?).

No, think of just this: Ronald Reagan sold weapons to Iran. A stupid, misguided, no-win project ... and from a man who denounced those terrorist's as fiercely as they denounced us. But then he compounded this mistake by turning it over to his staff (and the wrong members of that staff) without review.

So Reagan let his people get away with too much, not overseeing them enough. Bill Clements apparently is too "hands-on" as a manager! This man attacked Mark White for "prevaricating." Now it turns out that, after months of denial, he admits that he approved illegal payments to SMU football players -- even after the SMU program had been caught and put on probation.

Both men made morally wrong decisions, the 1) denied they had made such decisions, and 2) when finally forced to admit to them, tried to justify their acts.

Add Clements: he has not sold the Governor's jet, as he promised to do, but he has ... requested extension of the temporary taxes he campaigned against; requested more funding for the his own office, an expense category he excoriated Mark White for; pushed for early release of prison inmates (although I think this is a good and necessary step, he swore not to do this).

And a point for the lawyers: some baseball players' agents are talking about suing baseball owners for collusion and restraint of trade. Not only do I think this is ridiculous, I also think it's unprovable (even Bucky Woy, a leader in this movement, says there's no evidence now other than the refusal of several teams to pay out really big bucks). Question: IF there were collusion not to hire expensive free agents, AND this could be documented, would it be anti-trust or restraint of trade violations? Aren't employers entitled to hire at will? Isn't setting wages different from setting prices?

[[Let's see if I can take a quick shot at that one: It depends on which side has the best lawyer.

I take issue that either Governor Clements or President Reagan made a morally wrong decision. First, Clements did not approve of illegal payments. There is nothing illegal, to my knowledge, in paying football players to play football. The NCAA doesn't like it, and if you want to be in their organization you are supposed to obey their rules. SMU may have even had contractual problems with players they refused to pay! I keep saying SMU; actually it was "boosters" of course. Now if Clements can get a "booster" to give him enough money to build a new building for the psychology department, but risks losing the football program for a year by doing so, what would you have him do?

If Khomeini had died the day after the arms shipment, and the faction we were supporting had come into power, and we might have then negotiated an end to the Iraq/Iran war (which would be much easier since Iraq wouldn't dare face a U.S. backed Iran), would

One thing that has confused me from the beginning of this affair. Reagan said at the first news conference "I am the Chief Executive and I am responsible." In his latest conference he said "I am the Chief Executive and I am responsible." This first time it was interpreted as passing off the blame to underlings and the second as shouldering the blame. What did I miss?]]

GUEST FEUILLETONIST

Just when I thought there was now to stop the Japanese from steadily widening their lead over American industry, I saw a headline in the paper that said "Japan to Open Its Doors to American Lawyers." That ought to do it.

I suspect our guy softened up the Japanese by flooding Japanese television with old Perry Mason reruns, so that they'd think American lawyers are thoughtful men who, without giving much thought to their own fee, save innocent people from jail in the five minutes between the soy sauce commercial and the end of the show. Then, somehow, he suckered them into opening the doors.

As I see it, the man who hears the knock is a small, exceedingly polite Japanese gentleman named Mr. Yamaguto -- the Chief Executive Officer of Kondetsu, a company so much more efficient than its American counterparts that it has a lock on contracts to provide 80% of the U.S. Army's tanks, the auditorium sound system for the Miss America contest, and the official baseball for both major leagues. Mr. Yamaguto smiles as he goes to the door. He is expecting Perry Mason. He's thinking that Perry Mason just might have brought along that nice secretary of his. He opens the door. He bows. Twenty-six thousand American lawyers walk in.

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All over Japan, other small, exceedingly polite gentlemen have opened doors only to be trampled by hordes of American lawyers and billed for it. American imports increase as Japanese industry begins to sag under the weight of legal advice. Within a couple of years, Tokyo teenagers are walking around plugged into a version of the Walkman manufactured in Gary, Indiana. An American company now has the contract to provide replacement cars for the bullet train from Tokyo to Kyoto. No master sushi chef in Japan will work without a contract guaranteeing him an adequate supply of American knives -- a contract hammered out by huge teams of American lawyers on both sides. Within five years, the economy of the Japanese is in such bad shape that you'd think they were the ones who lost the Second World War.

By that time, the way I figure it, the genius who negotiated this deal has been sent off to undermine some of our other competitors. American conglomerates and corporate raiders have been allowed into West Germany, and BMWs are beginning to come off the line with engine knocks and missing fenders, as management increasingly turns its attention to staving off a takeover bid by a company whose main line of work is the manufacture of frozen bratwurst dinners. Finally, with the dollar strong and Midwestern assembly lines humming, there is a headline that reflects the great negotiator's most spectacular triumph: "Soviet Union to Open Its doors to American Life Insurance Salesmen."

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Trillin writes for the New Yorker magazine. I couldn't help but put this in!

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RESTON PRESS FROM PAGE 2

ENG-RUS: Hope you acted wisely and moved south. If Russian forces have suicidally opposed the Royal Navy in Norway, total war is declared!

ENG-AUS: Crush that fly!

ITA-WORLD: The southern seas I claim -- leave me alone and I'll stay here. I'll build armies later, should I live so long.

RUS-ITALY: It's time you got your hands dirty. The knife is in your hands.

RUS-GER: Let's be friends.

RUS-AUS: You asked for it!

GME-RUS: Looks like he got it.

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Dear Friends,

I don't have to tell any of you how desperate the need is for a cure to cancer. Almost all of us have experienced the pain of witnessing the cancer death of a relative or friend. Some of us have been blessed by the sight of a relative or friend being healed with skilled care and powerful medicine -- opportunities that did not exist just a few years ago. Please think back for a moment about that person you know who had to struggle with cancer -- struggle to live, to understand, to cope. Consider that much of their pain and yours came from feeling helpless. Now I ask you all, in the name and memory of that person, to read on and think about a simple, quick, and practical way of showing your love and helping to fight cancer.

This year's Runestone Poll is launching a pledge-drive to raise urgently-needed funds for the American Cancer Society. To support the work of the Cancer Society, simply take one or more of these quick steps: (1) Vote in the Poll. Since pledges for the drive are based on the number of votes cast, your vote automatically boosts the amount the Cancer Society will receive. (2) Urge your fellow hobbyists to vote in the Poll. (3) Make a pledge per ballot, keeping in mind that you must be able to honor that pledge no matter how large the turnout is (usually several hundred people). And just think -- if you pledge 5¢ a vote, you'll be contributing the cost of a dinner, a couple of movie tickets, a record or two. We spend this kind of money every week. Isn't a cancer cure worth this kind of investment, too? Remember, sometime there will be a dollar that puts research funds over the edge and pays for the cure to cancer. It could be yours -- but only if you participate.

All pledges must be in to me at the above address by JUNE 27, 1987. When the Poll results are published, please look for the listing of the number of voters. Then multiply that by your original pledge, make a check or money order out to me (Linda Courtemanche), and drop it in the mail by SEPTEMBER 1, 1987. I will write a total check to the American Cancer Society on behalf of the postal Diplomacy hobby.

Being a postal gamer and publisher, I have seen repeatedly the power and success of a Diplomacy alliance when 2 or more people cooperate toward a common goal. Now all of us -- Diplomacy hobbyists and friends -- can ally against cancer just by filling out the pledge-card below, signing it and returning it to me as soon as possible.

Your vote can save lives. Please join us.

Thank you.

Linda Courtemanche
Linda Courtemanche

((I will be glad to start the ball rolling with a 5¢ per ballot pledge. Many, many thanks to Linda for being kind enough to run this drive. I hope you'll all be able to help us out. Pledge forms may be returned to Linda directly, or to me with your Runestone Poll ballot and I'll forward them. -- Bruce Lineasy))

I, _____, PLEDGE TO CONTRIBUTE _____ FOR EVERY
BALLOT CAST IN THE 1987 RUNESTONE POLL. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUM TOTAL
OF MY CONTRIBUTION WILL BE SENT TO THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY.

(Signature) _____ (Address)

(Date) ☐ (Check here if you wish your contribution to be
anonymous.)

1987 ELECTIONS ON POLS BALLOT

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America are welcome to participate.

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players living outside North America are welcome to participate

CONTEST FOR GERMAN DIPLOMACY SET

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Address

The line I predict will win the 1987 Ruston Poll is

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dom drawing will be performed by Nelson Heintzman

Poll results:

Reintzman, and Derek Caws) are not eligible to win

U.S. Diplomacy set or a \$30.00 cash prize in lieu of the German Diplomacy set

votes to Bruce 18 June 27, 1987. Deadline for votes to Nelson 18 June 20, 1987

this year,

\$1.00 U.S. (to Bruce Liney) with your ballot. The results publication is called

And much more. Publication date will be in July.

(sub to Zine XXX, play in game 1986YY, etc.)

Print your name neatly

are, it will not be counted.)

Pete Gaughan, Cathy Sexton, and Tom Hise

present

ArlingCon

April 2-6, 1987

The ArlingCon to End All ArlingCons

Yes, Pete plans to runaway with Cathy thus splitting the team that brought you the Best Texas Con of 1986. This final Con offers more games than one Con can hold. Whether you want to rule Europe (Diplomacy), a small Latin American government (Junta), command great armies (Titan), be the Emperor's favorite chariot racer (Circus Maximus), a six year old in a snowball fight (Snowball Fighting the Board Game), or a germ spreading disease (Snit's revenge) are just a few of the games available, plus numerous short games for those fortunate to have the privileged to leave (be eliminated from) the games (Iceburg, Top Gun, Car Wars, Christians and Lions, Barbarian Prince, and Survive!). Don't forget the wonderful house-rules which predicted that the Dodgers would win the 1986 pennant and that Mark White would be re-elected Governor of Texas. What erroneous predictions will be made this year? This being the last ArlingCon, Two special events will occur. First, Two Free issues of Perelandra will go to the first person to teach Tom Hise to play Circus Maximus.

Second, on Sunday will be an Engagement party for Pete and Cathy given by "The Hobby". So plan to come and make this a very special day for Pete and Cathy as they prepare for that permanent alliance. Lets make it a day that the Gaughans (Pete and Cathy, who else) will remember for the rest of their lives.

This will be the last ArlingCon. Yes, Sir Peter J. Gaughan IV has completed his Quest. He traveled from his distant home country (California) to the fable land of Texas to find the fairest of the fair, the one with beauty beyond belief. yes Pete came to find a wife (the story of getting a graduate degree was just a cover to throw everyone off)! he has succeeded. Now he plans to carry Cathy off to California, forcing Tom to sell the ranch and move into the ~~dorms~~ Dorms of U.T.A..

This is the ArlingCon
to End All ArlingCons

Without you a Legacy fades

With You A Beautiful Memory Is Born!

Casa de Studs, home of Pete and Tom, hosts ArlingCon 4. Join us at 3121 East Park Row #165, Arlington Texas 76010-3744 (phone 817-633-3208). Call or write for information on carpools from Dallas, Houston, or Austin, or for directions and/or airport pickup if you're coming in on your own. Pass the word, and bring a friend.

Far Side



At the Strategic Mr Limitation Talks

SAM DONALDSON
1986Wrb32

SPRING 1905

AUSTRIA	A BUD-Tri (A VIE S)
ENGLAND	Build F LON; F Lon-ENG, F Mid-NAF, F BRE-Mid, F NTH S Ger F Ska-Nwy (NSO)
FRANCE	Remove A Mar; A Spa-GAS, F Por-MID (F WES S)
GERMANY	Build A KIE; A Kie-MUN, A Mun-BOH, A Gas-MAR (A BUR S), A PAR H, A Bel-RUH, F DEN MS F SWE
ITALY	A Gre-ALB, F Alb-ADR, F Ion-GRE, F TYR-Ion, A Gal-Vie (Ret. SIL, OTB) (A TRI S)
RUSSIA	A War-GAL (A UKR S), A Stp-MOS, F NWY H
TURKEY	Build A CON; A SER-Tri, A RUM-Ser, F EAS-Ion, A CON-Bul (F AEG S), F BUL(ec)-Rum (A SEV S)

FALL 1905

AUSTRIA	A Bud-TRI (A VIE S)
ENGLAND	F BRE S Ger A Bur-Gas (F ENG S), F NAF-Mid, F NTH S Ger F Swe-Nwy (NSO)
FRANCE	F WES-Tun, A Gas-Bre (Ret. SPA, OTB) (F MID S)
GERMANY	A Ruh-MUN, A PAR S Eng F Bre, A Bur-GAS (A MAR S), F DEN MS F SWE, A BOH-Vie, A Mun-TYO
ITALY	Retreat A Gal-OTB; A Tri-SER (A ALB S), F ADR-Ion, F GRE-Aeg, F TYH-Tun
RUSSIA	A Ukr-SEV (A MOS S), A GAL-Rum, F NWY H
TURKEY	F Bul(ec)-BLA, A RUM S A SEV (A Sev S (Ret. ARM, OTB)), A Con-BUL, F AEG-Gre (A Ser S (Ret. BUD, OTB)), F EAS-Ion

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUSTRIA	Bud, Vie, TRI -----	3 +1*
ENGLAND	Home, Bre -----	4 --
FRANCE	Spa, Por, mar -----	2 -1*
GERMANY	Home, Den, Hol, Bel, Swe, Par, MAR ----	9 +1
ITALY	Home, Tun, Gre, SER, tri -----	6 +1*
RUSSIA	Mos, Stp, War, Nwy, SEV -----	5 +1
TURKEY	Home, Bul, Rum, ser, sev -----	5 -2*

* builds may differ due to retreats or annihilations.

DEADLINE FOR WINTER 1905 AND SPRING 1906 IS APRIL 3, 1987

We are going to try this one more time. Four players noticed the other problems; only Turkey saw the retreat for A Serbia!

