

# FEUILLETONIST'S FORUM

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Game Openings: None

It doesn't seem possible that I have already published 40 issues of this. Looking back at the first few issues I am surprised you all gave me the chance to get this far! I do think the zine has improved over the years, both in appearance and content, and the Runestone results have generally reflected that (though I am still covetous of a top ten finish!). For your contributions, patience, and participation, I thank you. Let me know how else I can help make this hobby more enjoyable for you!

The GFL season wasn't quite as exciting as it would have been had there not been a strike, but we completed a full 14 game season. This issue has the results of the first playoff game and the final week of the NFL season will be the GFL's GONZO BOWL. Congratulations to Ty Hare and Jason Russ for making it this far. If you think you may be interested in owning a GFL franchise, please let me know. There are 16 franchises available, and as old owners drop out I need new ones. The teams are available on a first come/first served basis, and the franchise fee is \$20.

Enclosed is a copy of Jake Halverstadt's latest invention: Flashpoint!, which is a global diplomatic game that is supposed to include more than just the war elements. He has given us very little information to go on, but since everyone is in the same boat that shouldn't matter. He will be adjudicating this pretty soon, so if you are interested send him some orders and a SASE for the return results. If you just want to follow the play of the game send him a SASE and note stating as much. He is also looking for a zine to house this game, but I don't know what the printing requirements are.

I may be starting a new feature, stolen directly from the pages of Perelandra, the hobby's only literary zine. One of my early Christmas presents is a political trivia game, and I thought I would share it with you by publishing a few questions each month and rewarding correct responses. Here is a sample: Which American President was known as "The Bald One"? All correct answers to this question will get one free issue!

We have a typical issue here; there are the games, the letters, an editorial, and the GFL. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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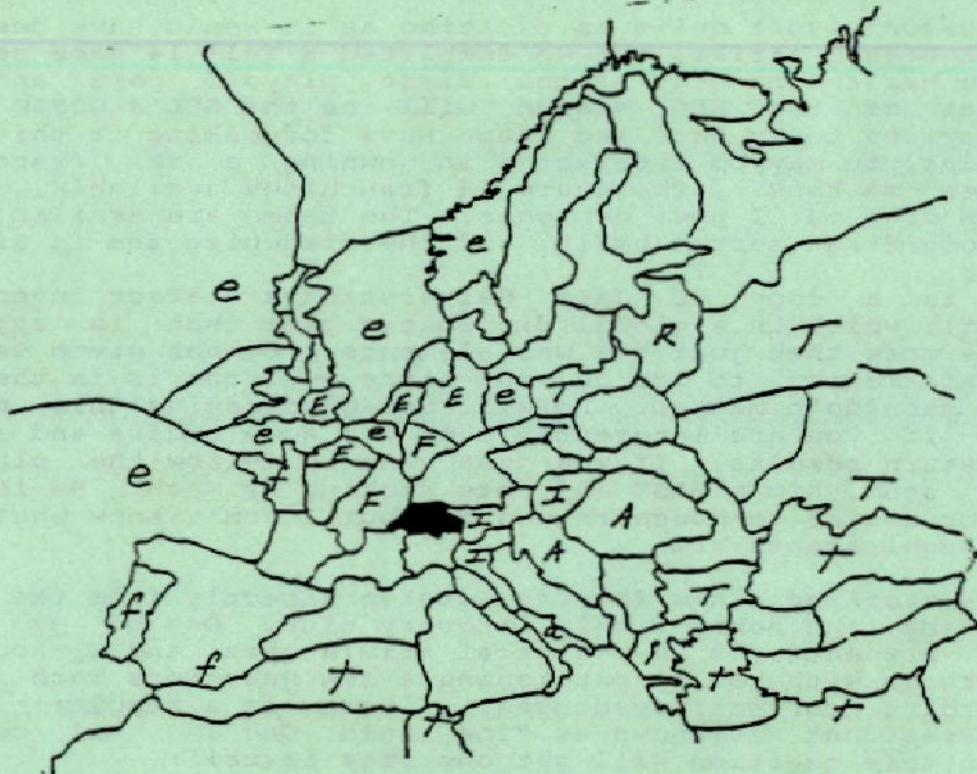
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SUPPLY CENTER CHART AND WINTER 1905

AUSTRIA	Bud, Ser, TRI, vie, gre -----	3 -1
Remove Army Serbia		
ENGLAND	Home, Den, Swe, Nwy, Kie, Ber, HOL, BEL -----	10 +2
Build Army London, Fleet Liverpool		
FRANCE	Home, Spa, Por, Mun, hol, bel -----	6 -2
Retreat A Bel-PIC; Remove Army Bohemia (only one removal necessary)		
ITALY	Home, VIE, tri -----	4 --
RUSSIA	Stp, war, mos -----	1 -1
Retreat Army War-OTB; Remove F ST. Petersburg		
TURKEY	Home, Bul, Rum, Sev, Tun, GRE, MOS, WAR -----	10 +3
Build Army Ankara, Fleet Smyrna, Fleet Constantinople		



SPRING 1906

AUSTRIA	F Adr-APU, A BUD MS A TRI
ENGLAND	F Liv-NAT, F Iri-MID, F Hel-NTH, F NWY-Stp(nc), A LON-Pic (F ENG C, F BEL S (A HOL S (A KIE S (F BER S))))
FRANCE	F Spa(sc)-POR, F Lyo-SPA(sc), F Mid-BRE, A Mun-BUR, A RUH-Bel (A PIC S)
ITALY	A Rom-VEN, F Ion-GRE, A TYO-Tri, A VIE-Bud
RUSSIA	A LVN-Stp
TURKEY	F Smy-EAS, F Con-AEG, A Gre-BUL, A Ank-SEV (F BLA C), A War-PRU, A Gal-SIL, F Tyh-TUN, A MOS-Stp, F WES S Fre F Spa-Mid (NSO)

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All the proposals failed, the closest was E/T 3 Yes, 2 No, 1 NVR  
Proposals: E, F/T Please vote on these by the next deadline.



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FALL 1905

England F Nat-LIV  
 France A Spa-POR, A Bur-Par (ANN)  
 Germany A Edi-YOR, A Ber-MUN (A KIE, A RUH S), F Bel-ENG (F BRE  
 S (A PAR S)), A Hol-BEL, F BAL-Ber  
 Italy A Mun-BUR (A MAR S (A PIE S)), F Lyo-SPA(sc), A PRU-Ber,  
 F GAS-Mid  
 Russia NMRI A STP U, F SWE U, A Mos U (ANN)  
 Turkey F Mid-IRI, F Aeg-ION, A Rum-GAL, A Arm-SEV, A Ukr-MOS (A  
 WAR S), A LVN-Stp, F WES-Mid, A TYO S Ita A Mun (OTM)

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

ENGLAND	Lvp	-----	1	--
FRANCE	Por, mar, spa	-----	1	-2
GERMANY	Home, Bel, Den, Hol, Bre, Lon, Edi, Par	-----	10	--*
ITALY	Home, Tun, Tri, Vie, Bud, MAR, SPA	-----	9	+2
RUSSIA	Stp, Swe, Nwy, war	-----	3	-1*
TURKEY	Home, Bul, Gre, Ser, Rum, Sev, Mos, WAR	-----	10	+1

\* France and Russia have no removals, Germany may build one.

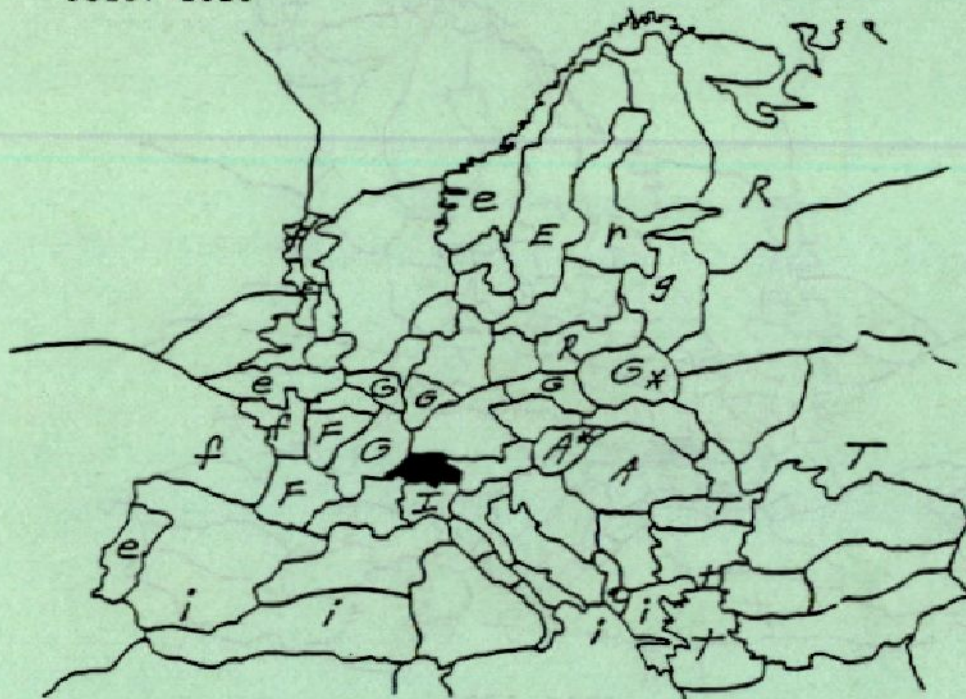
DEADLINE FOR WINTER 1905 AND SPRING 1906 IS JANUARY 22, 1988

DRAW PROPOSALS: G/T, I/T, and G/I/T. Please votel  
 PRESS  
 ROME-ENG: Hang on England -- Relief is near!



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FALL 1904

Austria	A Gal-VIE (A BUD S), F Tri-ALB
England	F Pic-ENG, A SWE H, F POR S Ita F Wes-Spa (NSO), A <u>LIV-Edi, F NWY-Stp(nc)</u>
France	<u>Retreat A Bur-PAR; F BRE-Pic, A PAR-Bur, F MID-Spa(nc),</u> <u>A GAS-Mar, F CLY-Edi</u>
Germany	F Bal-LVN, A Pru-WAR (A SIL S), <u>A BEL-Pic, A BUR S Ita A</u> <u>Pie-Mar (A RUH S)</u>
Italy	F GRE MS F ION, A PIE-Mar, A Vie H (Ret. BOH, TRI, TYO, <u>OTB), F SPA(sc) S Fre F Mid-Por (NSO) (F WES S)</u>
Russia	<u>A STP H (F BOT S), A Liv-PRU (A War S (Ret. GAL, MOS,</u> <u>UKR, OTB))</u>
Turkey	A Rum-SEV, A Bul-RUM, F Aeq-BUL(sc), F Eas-AEG

### SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUSTRIA	Tri, Ser, BUD, VIE, rum	4	+1
ENGLAND	Home, Nwy, Swe, POR	6	+1
FRANCE	Home, por, spa	3	-2
GERMANY	Home, Hol, Den, Bel, WAR	7	+1
ITALY	Home, Tun, Gre, SPA, vie	6	--
RUSSIA	Mos, Stp, sev, war, bud	2	-3
TURKEY	Home, Bul, RUM, SEV	6	+2

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Both proposals failed 2 no, 5 NVR. Watch those NVR's folks, they don't kill a proposal!



RESTON PRESS

ENG-FRA: Tell me, did you flip a coin, too?

EDINBURGH: Please tell me the French found us attractive.

ENG-GM: No fair for you to laugh if I lost Liverpool.

GME-ENG: I am laughing that you want David to find you attractive!

ITA-WORLD: I sense a change in the wind.

ITA-RUS: You've put up a good fight -- sorry to see you go.

ITA-ENG: Did you lose my address? As of this writing, I haven't heard from you since August. Is it something I said?

ITA-FRA: You wrote me more; the name of the game is Diplomacy!, after all.

ITA-GER: The new alliance with France is not anti-German in nature, just read the press.

ITA-TUR: Sultan/Tsar sounds good from someone who appeared dead in the water.

ITA-AUS: You're a terrific ally.

ITA-RUS: I repeat -- I did not lie to you, but have fun thinking so if it makes you feel better.

MOSCOW: The Tzar fired his foreign minister today in response to rumors of a joint invasion of the motherland.

MOS-WORLD: May you choke on your ill-gotten bites of me! May the prospect of my dissection stir you to furiously stab each other like the cuckoos you are! May your mother feed you only gruel!

MOSCOW: Anybody I haven't alienated yet please let me know!

GME-MOS: You haven't alien . . . , never mind, you have done your share of that in the letter column.

RASPBERRY PRESS

ENG-ITA: I don't see a win for anybody so long as you and Evans are in the game.

ENG-GER: That's a compliment, not a threat, Blade.

IVINS PRESS

FRA-ENG: I take it that means you didn't want a fleet at Brest.

TUR-AUS: Where to now?

GME-TUR: I think you should have asked that before this season started.

TUR-E/F/G: You can't all be friends, can you?



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SUPPLY CENTER CHART AND WINTER 1901

AUSTRIA Home, GRE, SER	-----	5 +2
Build Army Vienna; Army Budapest		
ENGLAND Home, NWY	-----	4 +1
Build Fleet London		
FRANCE Home, SPA, POR, BEL	-----	6 +3
Build Army Brest, Army Marseilles, Army Paris		
GERMANY Kie, Ber, HOL, DEN, WAR, mun	-----	5 +2
Build Army Kiel, Army Berlin		
ITALY Home, MUN, TUN	-----	5 +2
Build Fleet Rome, Fleet Naples		
RUSSIA Mos, Stp, sev, war	-----	2 -2
NRR!!! GM retreats Army Sev-OTB; NBR!!! GM removes Fleet Black Sea		
TURKEY Home, BUL, SEV	-----	5 +2
Turkey Builds Army Constantinople, Fleet Ankara		

SPRING 1902

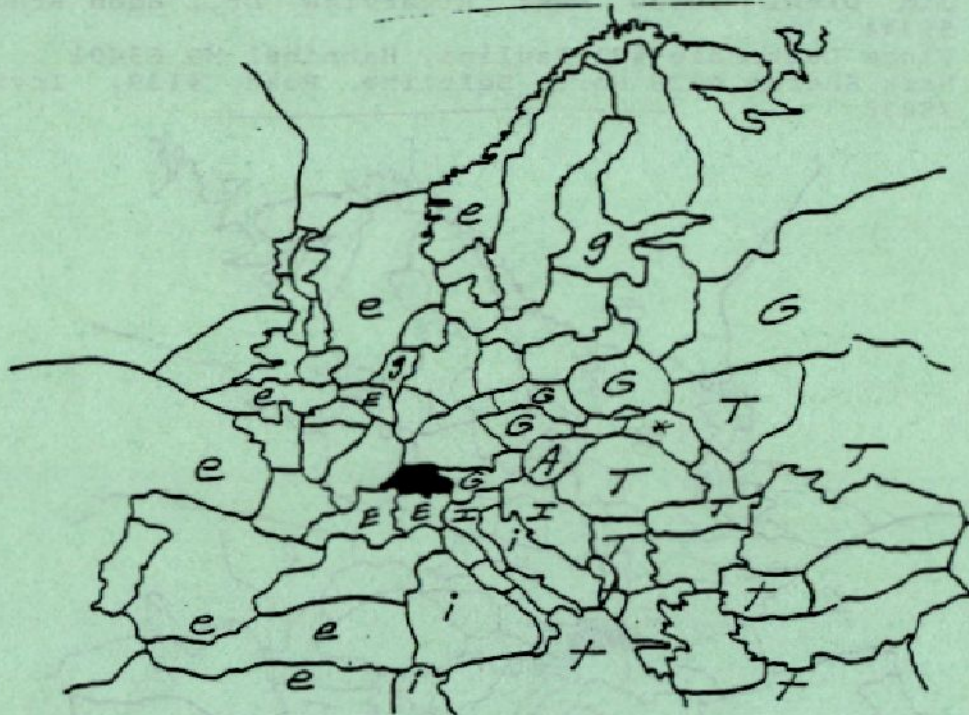
Austria	A Gal-RUM, A Vie-BOH, A Bud-SER, A Ser-BUL, F Gre-AEG
England	F Lon-ENG, F Bar-STP(nc) (A NWY S), F NTH S Ger A Hol-Bel
France	A Par-BUR (A MAR S (A SPA S)), A Bre-PIC, F Por-MID, A Bel-RUH
Germany	A Ber-MUN (A KIE S), A Hol-BEL, A War-SIL, F DEN H
Italy	A Mun-TYO, A TUN H, F Ion-EAS, F Nap-ION, F Rom-TYH
Russia	A Ukr-WAR, F Bot-BAL
Turkey	A Arm-SEV, F Sev-BLA, A Bul-GRE, A Con-SMY, F Ank-CON

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SUPPLY CENTER CHART AND WINTER 1905

AUSTRIA	Vie, tri, -----	1 -1*
ENGLAND	Home, Nwy, Bel, Bre, Par, Por, SPA, MAR, stp --	10 +1
Build Army London		
GERMANY	Home, Swe, Den, Hol, War, STP -----	8 +1
Build Army Berlin		
ITALY	Home, Tun, TRI, spa, mar -----	5 -1
Remove Fleet Lyon		
TURKEY	Home, Bul, Sev, Ser, Mos, Gre, Bud, Rum -----	10 --

\*Even due to annihilation

SPRING 1906

AUSTRIA	A VIE S Tur F Alb-Tri (NSO)
ENGLAND	A Lon-BEL (F NTH C), F Bel-ENG, A Bur-MAR, A Mar-PIE, F Mid-WES (F SPA(sc), F NAF S), F Por-MID, F NWY S Ger F Stp (OTM)
GERMANY	A Ber-SIL, F HOL H, A TYO S Ita A Tri, A Lvn-MOS, F Stp(sc)-BOT, A BOH-Gal, A Gal-Ukr (ANN) (A WAR S)
ITALY	A TRI H (A VEN, F ADR S), F TYH-Ion (F TUN S)
TURKEY	A Bud-GAL (A RUM, A UKR S (A SEV S)), A Gre-SER, A Ser-BUD, F Bla-CON, F Aeg-ION (F EAS, F ALB S)

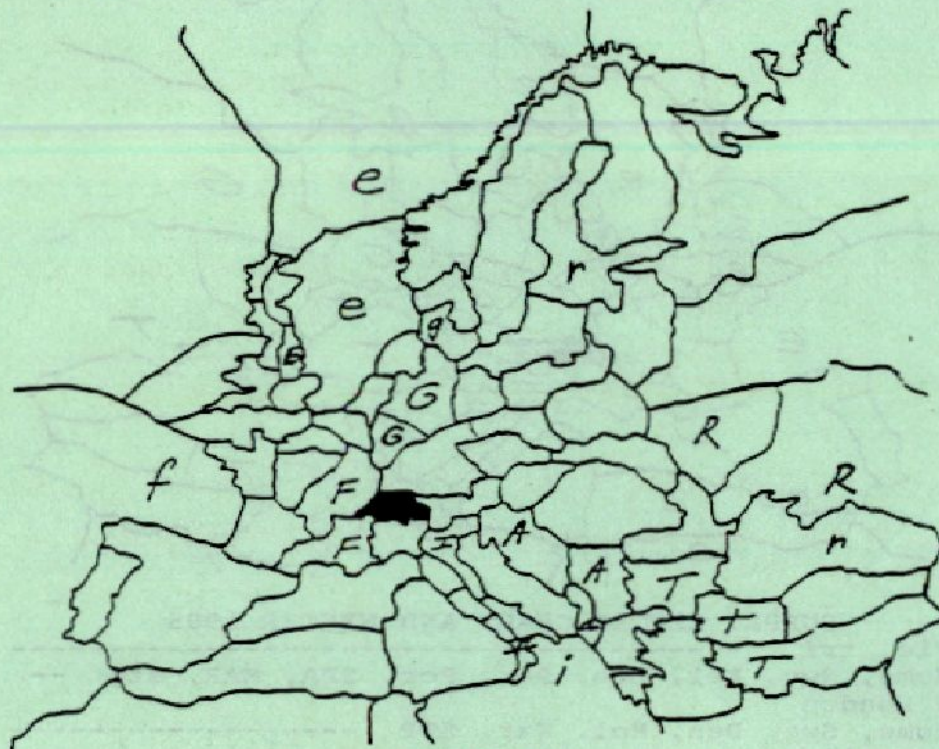
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E/G/T failed with 2 yes, 3 NVR. Had one more person voted yes, the draw would pass.



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SPRING 1901

NO BOUNCES! SHALL WE DECLARE A DRAW?

Austria A Vie-TRI, A Bud-SER, F Tri-ALB  
England A Liv-YOR, F Edi-NWG, F Lon-NTH  
France A Par-BUR (A MAR S), F Bre-MID  
Germany F Kie-DEN, A Mun-RUH, A Ber-KIE  
Italy A VEN H, A Rom-NAP, F Nap-ION  
Russia F Sev-BLA, F Stp-BOT, A Mos-SEV, A War-UKR  
Turkey A Con-BUL, F Ank-CON, A SMY H

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A few reminders for our new game: a draw may be passed at any time; please remember that most ratings systems don't include games that end before 1905. A single 'No' vote vetoes any draw, but a draw will pass as long as the 'Yes' votes outnumber the 'NVR's' (No Votes Received). PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE ON ALL DRAW PROPOSALS! Please note the Boardman Number above.

Enjoy the game, and please let me know if you have any questions. It looks like this is a talkative bunch, anyway!



BRODER PRESS

ENG-WORLD: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Everyone!

ENG-F/G/R: Let's all be friends! Who wants war?

ENG-WORLD: The Prime Minister declared war on Iceland, Norway due to our fishing rights being violated. Retribution has been swift, a partial blockade of both nations has been accomplished a total occupation of Norway is contemplated for the fall. We are unsure of whether it will be an army or fleet.

DENMARK: Zeppelins of the High Seas Fleet probed the status of the North Sea.

HOLLAND: Converging columns of German infantry dimmed Netherland's hopes of neutrality. Belgian military sources claim Holland will be incorporated into the Greater Reich -- possibly next season.

RUS-GER: All's well in the wastelands -- don't worry about me visiting.

RUS-TUR: Sorry about this -- time draws short: Merry Christmas

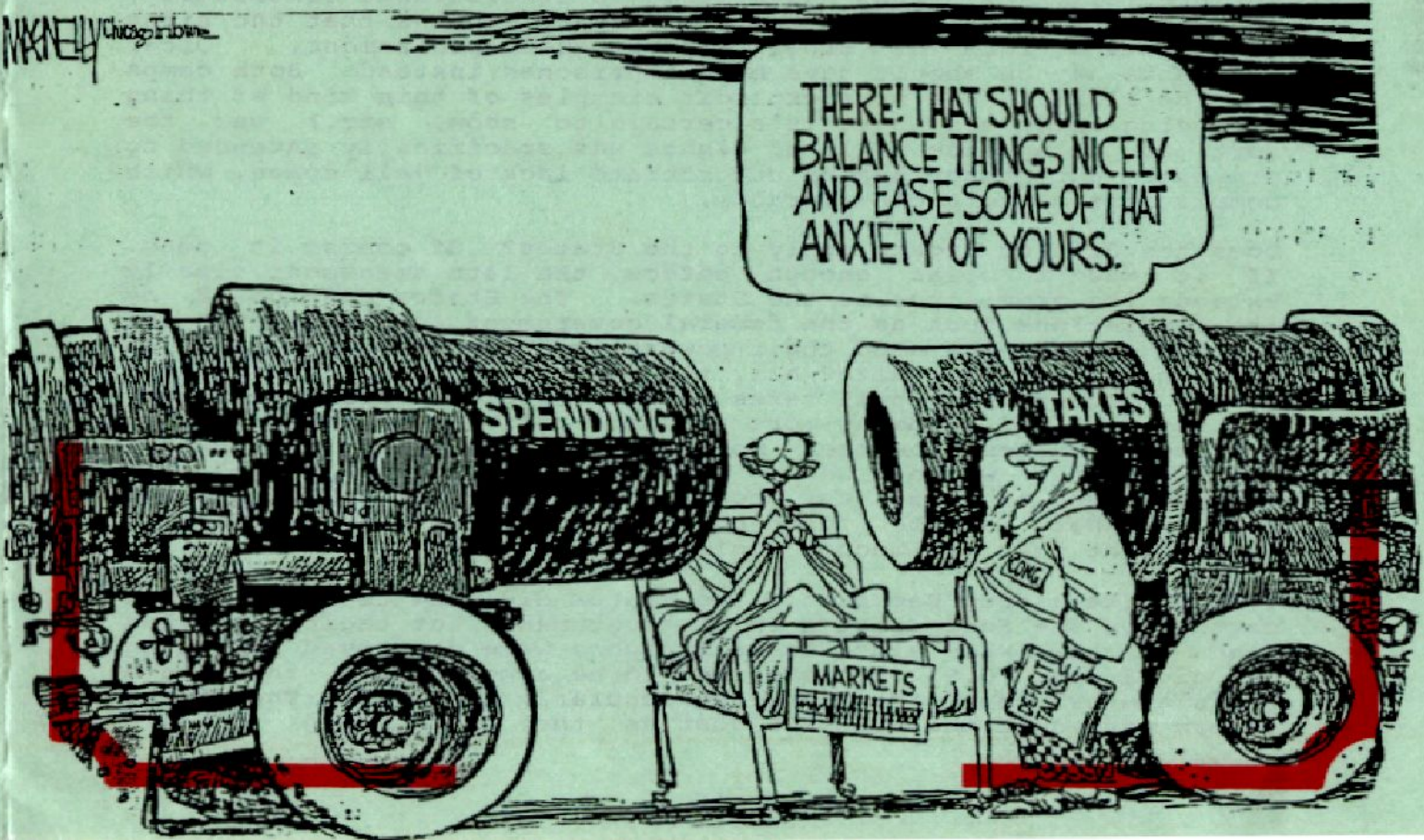
RUS-AUS: Galicia? Who needs it? See you in Turkey!

RUS-ENG: Please put me back on your Christmas card list.

RUS-FRA: Thanks for the note.

RUS-ITA: Last, but not least, Pope Bartles is here at last. An FTF player no more, your virginity is gone.

GME-R/I: Are you two carrying on more than we know about? How does one lose their virginity through the mail? I shudder to think. Remember to practice safe sex -- always use an envelope!





## LETTER COLUMN

Michael Hopcroft (December 1987)

About the INF treaty. Do you think it has a chance of ratification? The Democrats will naturally be lukewarm about it, and the Republicans would rather make a treaty with Zippy the Pinhead than with Gorbachev. ("Anything that is good for the Soviet Union is INHERENTLY bad for the United States" is the theory behind that, I think.) The Cold War lives on in the hearts and minds of the Republican Party. This treaty will, for all the hoopla, end up like SALT II; signed and acted upon, but never ratified into law and thus theoretically always breakable.

My tolerance must be going down, because the twelve candidates together didn't impress me. I still can't find a Democrat I can reasonably support who has a reasonable chance of being elected. (Believe it or not, the Democrats may have the tougher task in 1988). I don't have to decide until the Oregon primary in May, but by then attrition will have won out and the inevitable nominee will be there; with my luck it will be one candidate incapable of defeating any of the Republicans. The people who backed Mondale in 1984 should have been able to figure out he was unelectable, but they didn't seem to care.

Controversies in Oregon? Let's see; the dust hasn't settled on the Stoops affair yet. Michael Stoops is a homeless advocate who has been accused by the local "alternate weekly" of being a child molester. This may cripple any efforts to help the homeless this Christmas. There is not yet any definitive proof of the charges, but already his career is ruined. (There are no current plans for a libel suit . . .)

The Bateman case is also in Oregon. Bateman is a convicted child molester who is on probation with one strange condition: that he have signs posted to his door saying "Dangerous Sex Offender: no children allowed!" That has stirred up considerable controversy, and is still in the courts. Opponents contend that the signs constitute a form of cruel and unusual punishment. Other opponents say he should have been imprisoned instead. Both camps may be right. The more explicit examples of this kind of thing (branding offenders where it's certain to show, etc.) was the sort of thing the Bill of Rights was specifically intended to prevent. But Oregon has an unfortunate lack of jail space, which complicates matters considerably.

Does the Bill of Rights apply to the States? Of course it does. If it wasn't clear enough before, the 14th amendment clearly extends its provisions to the States. The States are bound by its limitations just as the federal government is. And given the way the states have used their powers in the past, that is all to the good; it was, after all, the States that instituted school prayer, segregation, poll taxes, etc.. I am wondering whether the states are becoming more and more politically irrelevant as our consciousness becomes more national. The two Reagan "landslides", which were achieved by having the same distributions of votes just about everywhere, seem to illustrate that. What is the function of the States in a political environment that has become regional and national?

[[Said like a true Democrat. The States did used to be a vital partner in the Federalist form of government, but their power has been on the wane since state's rights were destroyed following the civil war. U.S. Senators used to be appointed by the State Legislatures, but they are now popularly elected. Though the reform worked at the time, it cost us the only voice for the



states at the national level. States should be the building block for the nation. They allow for more individuality and diversity. The laws that fit New York and California won't necessarily work in Texas. The States are closer to the people, and more responsive to the majority will. We need more power for the States and a smaller national government, not the other way around.

Not even the most liberal of our Supreme Courts could bring themselves to say that the 14th Amendment incorporated all of the Bill of Rights! There are many holes in your statement, as there are in the concept that the 14th Amendment incorporates ANY of the first 9 amendments. Just as one example: the phrase the court has used to selective incorporate some of the first nine is "due process of law." Since the Bill of Rights contains mainly criminal procedural restrictions, the court adopted the view that these represented the process to follow. Unfortunately, the main procedural amendment is the 5th, which also contains the phrase "due process of law." If that phrase incorporates all of the concepts embodied in the nine amendments, what are the other eight for? Maybe the Constitution should place restrictions on the States, but I don't think it does. Certainly not to the extent you suggest, and not even to the extent suggested by the Supreme Court.

Where was the harm to the list of horrors you provide us? Who was harmed by school prayer (a part of every public school in the thirteen colonies that ratified the Constitution without ever thinking the two were inconsistent). I don't personally advocate school prayer, but I fail to see the harm in it. Was the poll tax ever used to keep a certain group of people from voting? The Texas Poll tax that was the subject of the Supreme Court case was less than two dollars a year. And was segregation a state legislative mandate, or more a problem of local school districts that still exists for the most part? And more importantly, if we give the States the freedom to act that the founders intended, do you seriously suggest that any of these things will be reinstituted? The only one that has ever been advocated is school prayer, and I don't think it could pass in as conservative a state as Texas!

One final point: All of the programs you condemn were the products of legislatures dominated by Democrats. Republican Lincoln advocated abolition; Republican Eisenhower sent troops in to support desegregation; and now Republican Reagan signs the only treaty in history to reduce the number of nuclear arms. I think you are in the wrong party, Michael!]]

Steve Emmert (December 1987)

Do you know how you can tell it's really cold? Look at the lawyers. You can see their breath coming out both sides of their mouths, and they have their hands in their own pockets.

I am amazed to see people still considering Ollie North as the Great American Hero. Here's a guy who said to Congress, "I know there are the laws you passed, but me an Poindexter know what's really best for the country, so we did that instead." I may be mistaken, but doesn't that sound a bit dangerous from a governmental standpoint? Hasn't anyone out there read "The Tragedy of Julius Ceasar"?

[[I still haven't heard that either of these men have been indicted, nor what laws they supposedly broke. It may have been a stretch to say that the Boland Amendment applied to the CIA but not the NSA, but the courts have found distinctions more tenuous



than that. Other than that, North and Poindexter supported the policies of the President, with the lone exception that Reagan claims he did not intend the negotiations to be a trade of arms for hostages. I have already said that the negotiations would be seen as a hostage deal regardless, and I condemned them as such, but that wasn't a law that was broken. As for the diverted funds, they represented profits on arms sold by a private individual to the government of Iran. The U.S. government had already sold those arms and received its money. Again, what laws were broken? How did the NSA step beyond its legal bounds?]]

## EDITORIAL

There is so much to talk about here, I don't know where to begin. Anthony Kennedy will be confirmed easily, and he is not likely to be terribly controversial once he gets there. The only liberal issue I see in danger is the twisted ruling in Roe v. Wade that said that States could not regulate the availability of abortions (and the recent decision invalidating an Illinois law that required minors to have parental consent for an abortion). The Court would not even consider invalidating a law that requires a minor to have parental consent to have any other kind of surgery, and even if Roe is overturned I don't think any legislature is likely to outlaw abortions. Even if Kennedy (what a terrible name for a Supreme Court Justice!) is confirmed in January, he won't really have any effect on the cases handled this term.

Gary Hart has reentered the Presidential race, probably to pay off his campaign debts. Some rich Republican offered him a lot of money to jump back in. He doesn't have a chance of surviving past Super Tuesday, but he will get 15 to 20% on name ID and cost Simon and Dukakis a lot of votes. I was going to change my prediction for Iowa because Gephardt is slipping in the polls, but now I can reiterate instead. Gephardt wins Iowa, Dukakis squeaks in New Hampshire, Jackson wins Super Tuesday at 22% and Gore takes a close second. Bush will look hurt by the early results (even if he wins it won't be by large enough margins to keep the media quiet about his vulnerability), but come back strong in the Super Tuesday votes. The eventual nominees will be Gephardt and Bush. (I reserve the right to change that one right after the March primaries!) Anyone else want to join me out on this limb?

The INF treaty is a remarkable accomplishment, and should put Reagan in his rightful historic place as one of the great Presidents. The treaty is virtually identical to the "zero option" he introduces after taking office in 1981. The Democrats have jumped on the bandwagon despite having tried to block every move Reagan made to get it moving (opposition to SDI, the development of the MX Missile, and most importantly, the deployment of medium range missiles in Europe). The hard line conservatives are upset despite having supported this concept for the past seven years. I guess they didn't think the Russians would ever accept our terms! The main argument against it is that the Russians have violated every other treaty they have ever signed, so they will probably violate this one. Though that may be true (I have a hard time interpreting treaties and determining what is and isn't a violation), if we won't ratify the treaties we negotiate for, why are we negotiating? The treaty will be ratified, and easily, and because of it we all have a better New Year to celebrate!

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Everyone have a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanuka, and Wonderful New Year!