

## ISSUE 8

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Game openings: Gunboat, Snowball Fighting.

This issue is going to be a little warehousey, especially compared to last time. But it will still be enjoyable. Two quick bits of hobby news: Rod Walker's EREMHON has folded, and Ken Peel is now the Publisher of Diplomacy World. I am probably the tenth person telling this to most of you, but just in case you hadn't heard. I am sorry to see the old fart go, but I do think that Ken will do a fine job with DW.

Oh yeah, one more thing. I got the Freshman Zine results and I took tenth out of eighteen. My average ranking was 5.73, which is about .73 higher than I would have ranked myself. I am proud, however, that I came in fifth in the number of votes cast. Not too bad. I have always felt that the only adequate ranking is the number of subbers. Bad zines will have very few subbers, good zines will have a lot. The obvious problems with that are that the cheaper zines, like this one was to begin with, may have more subbers than a better quality, but more expensive zine. And that some pubbers limit their readership. Flick of the Wrist took first followed by The Inner Light, and Not New York.

I have heard from the known experts that there are no rules in existence for Gunboat. Since I am considering running a game, I would like to hear what you all think about the game and how it should be played. Let me know both your positive and negative experiences, and how you think the game should be run. I like the idea of no press and maintaining total anonymity. Snowball Fighting is on hold until I get the new map and the new set of rules from Pete Gaughan. Pete only had two criticisms of last issue: that I didn't wait until he had updated the SF before I ripped it off, and that on the order blank that I sent to all the players I forgot an apostrophe. At least that was all he mentioned. Are you slowing down Pete? What does it feel like to be a burgeoning HOF (Hobby Old Part)?

For those of you who haven't seen the latest issue of Imperialist Margins, it contains a take off on Perelandra. Not a fake really, just a reprint of a newspaper article on Russian folk sayings. There is also a pretty good article on the Texas Legislature (my place of employment) which was sent to Larry by one Nick Fellela, placing said Fellela on my not-too-happy-with list. I could have used that here. Must be my NFP policy. If any of you want a copy, contact Larry at his house.

No other miscellaneous BS, just one big announcement for southern Dippers: There is going to be a St. Paddy's Day Gaming Convention called GreenCon in Pasadena, Texas. Pete G., Stephen Wilcox, J.R. Baker, and I are all planning to go, and a lot of locals (mostly high school I believe, heh, heh, heh!). If you already live in the area, or are going to be anywhere near, drop on by. It will be in the community room of the Town Square Mall at the corner of Tarter and Southmore in Pasadena. Not hard to find at all, once you find Pasadena. For further details contact James Early at (713) 941-6364. That's Sunday, March 17 from 8 to 8.

Congratulations to Conrad and Leslie Minshall! First, Leslie is the proud mother of her very own Patent. I am not sure what it was that she patented, and IBM gets the royalties, but still. And Conrad just got a promotion, so line up here to hit him up for loans.

**LARZELERE RETAINS LEAD  
WILCOX JUMPS TO SECOND**

All but the top position in the Democratic delegate race shifted slightly as the election returns from Alabama and Illinois were added in. Senator Larzelere maintained his delegate lead without the benefit of a victory in either primary. Texas Senator Wilcox was the overall winner on the day, picking up a total of 63 delegates, and Governor Jim Burgess came in a close second at 61. Former Governor Gaughan dropped to third, mostly due to the fact that he did not enter the Alabama primary, and Governor Halverstadt of Colorado plummeted to last place, 32 delegates off the pace, mostly due to his failure to enter the Illinois fight. He only gained 18 delegates in Alabama. Although the Burgess camp was claiming a victory based on their win in Illinois, the price of that victory was 607 CFPs, more than any other democratic candidate. Finances have not become as much of an issue with the Democrats as they have with the Republicans. Burgess is now 479 CFPs behind the money leader Halverstadt, but still has enough to enter and do well in most of the remaining primaries. With New York coming up this next week the money situation could change drastically.

CANDIDATES	JIM	PETE	JAKE	MARK	STEPHEN
BALANCE	1072	882	1149	994	981
This week					
SPENT	<607>	<198>	<110>	<161>	<171>
GAINED	113	41	18	49	80
BALANCE	578	725	1057	882	890

TRAVEL:	JIM	PETE	JAKE	MARK	STEPHEN
DAY 1	Tri-Cit	Chicago	NYC	NYC	NYC
DAY 2	Peoria	Portland	"	"	"
DAY 3	Rockfrd	NHav/Brdg	Alb/Roch	"	"
DAY 4	Springfld	Lwst/NLon	Syr/Uti	"	"
DAY 5	Champaign	Providence	Birmingham	Nassau	"
DAY 6	Decatur	"	"	"	"
DAY 7	Blngtn	Hartford	Mobile	"	"

Organizations:	JIM	PETE	JAKE	MARK	STEPHEN
New York	3	4	3	3	4
New England	3	2	2	2	1 (closed)
Wisconsin	3	1	1	N	N
Louisiana	N	N	N	N	1
Indiana	2	N	1	N	N
South Atlantic	N	N	N	N	N
Border States	1	1	N	N	N
Pennsylvania	2	N	N	N	N
Texas	2	N	N	N	N

DECLARED FOR:	JIM	PETE	JAKE	MARK	STEPHEN
New York	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
New England	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wisconsin	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Louisiana	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Indiana	Y	Y	Y	N	N
South Atlantic	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Border States	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pennsylvania	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
TOTAL DELEGATES:	138	141	112	155	145

# REPUBLICANS IN SPENDING MANIA

The biggest news of the Republican campaign has become money, or the lack of it. Every candidate has already spent over half of his treasury, with the exception of Dan Young, and the primary season isn't quite half over. This week was particularly heavy as the candidates spent combined total of 1282 CFPs on media alone. Congressman Dave Frick of California spent more this week than any candidate had spent in any other week; he paid out 610 CFP for the elections in Alabama and Illinois. His payoff was a victory in Alabama and third in Illinois. Dan Young, who spent less than any of the other Republicans, still spent more than all but one of the Democrats. His efforts resulted in two last place finishes. His comparative frugality here, though, may net him results later, as he still has 850 CFPs in his coffers. The delegate leader James Wall of Wisconsin has only 544 CFPs remaining to defend his lead with. The effects of this free for all spending may very well be felt in this weeks New York primary, where media shares cost a minimum of 138 CFP. Top Republican officials are worried that the donations may be dried up during the primary, leaving very few funds to work with in the General Election. A reporter from UPI following the Republican campaign remarked, "They are spending unprecedented amounts to complain about what big spenders the democrats are!"

CANDIDATES	DAVE	TY	JAMES	DAN
BALANCE	894	1121	873	1035
This Week				
SPENT	<610>	<555>	<389>	<222>
GAINED	83	118	61	38
BALANCE	367	684	545	851

TRAVEL:				
DAY 1	Peoria	Mob/Mtgm	N.Orleans	Hrtf/Prov
DAY 2	Decatur	Chicago	Indianpls	Brdg/N.Rav
DAY 3	Huntsvll	"	Mobile	Buffalo
DAY 4	Philldph	"	Chicago	Nassau
DAY 5	Pttsgbrg	Chi/NYC	"	NYC
DAY 6	NYC	NYC	NYC	"
DAY 7	NYC	"	"	"

ORGANIZATIONS:				
New York	4	3	3	3
New England	1	1	1	2
Wisconsin	1	2	1	1
Louisiana	1	2	3	2
Indiana	1	2	3	2
South Atlantic	N	N	N	N
Border States	N	N	N	N
Pennsylvania	1	N	1	N

DECLARED FOR:				
New York	Y	Y	Y	Y
New England	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wisconsin	Y	Y	Y	Y
Louisiana	Y	Y	Y	Y
Indiana	Y	Y	Y	Y
South Atlantic	Y	Y	Y	Y
Border States	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pennsylvania	Y	Y	Y	Y

TOTAL DELEGATES:	89	94	136	78
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# ALABAMA

## WILCOX WINS, STARTS SWEEP OF THE SOUTH? HALVERSTADT IN SECOND

Texas Senator Stephen Wilcox got his second win, again in the south, with a whopping 13 point victory in the three man race in Alabama. After out spending his opponents and winning 70% of the available media, and using his momentum from the Florida win, the southern democrat coasted to an easy victory. Colorado Governor Jake Halverstadt took second place, 9 points ahead of last place finisher Senator Mark Larzelere. Neither candidate had spent much money in the state, apparently aware of the strong conservative unity of the "solid south." Wilcox got an additional boost when Larzelere chose to highlight the Aid to Nicaragua issue instead of the predicted Windfall II. In spite of losing quite a few of the anti-Nicaragua votes to the Republicans, both Larzelere and Wilcox garnered 22 more votes on the issue than did Halverstadt. Even so, media was the margin of victory. The outlook for Wilcox looks bright all across the south. In fact, the next southern primary is in Louisiana, which will again be a three man race. As the only southern candidate, Wilcox may be able to pull off a sweep of Dixie. In order to win the nomination, though, he will have to bring in some of the North and West. Candidates Burgess and Gaughan had not entered the Alabama race; Burgess and Halverstadt will be skipping Louisiana. The open primary laws worked to Wilcox' advantage, as expected. almost 40 of the Alabama democratic vote was traced to Republican crossover voters.

CANDIDATE	JIM	PETE	JAKE	MARK	STEPHEN
ISSUES:					
Nuke	*	*	+ 24	+ 24	- 43
Panama	*	*	+ 30	+ 30	- 43
Draft	*	*	- 86	+ 18	+ 18
Alaska	*	*	+ 25	+ 25	+ 25
Nicaragua	*	*	+ 25	- 47	- 47
Windfall II	*	*	+ 63	+ 63	- 19
SPOTLIGHT ISSUE			Draft	Nicaragua	Nuke
VISITS:days/votes					
Birmingham	*	*	2/ 42		1.4/ 29
Mobile	*	*	1/ 28		.7/ 19
Montgomery	*	*			.4/ 13
ORGANIZATION:					
weeks/votes	*	*	4/ 52	3/ 47	4/ 52
MOMENTUM BONUS:					45
MEDIA:					
Votes	*	*	45	45	225
number/cost	*	*	1/ 15	1/ 15	5/103
bids			1/ 15	1/ 15	1/ 15
					4/ 22
TOTAL VOTES:	*	*	420	299	586
PERCENTAGE:	*	*	32.18	22.91	44.90
DELEGATES:	*	*	18	13	25
CFP GAINED:	*	*	18	13	44

# ALABAMA

## IT'S FRICK BY SEVEN POINTS! TEXAS CANDIDATES SWEEP ALABAMA

Texas Republican Dave Frick came back from his one weeks vacation to win the Alabama primary. Using his organizational advantage and media he took 646 out of 1970 votes cast. His 32% was seven points higher than second place James Wall, and twice that of last place Dan Young. Although voters didn't identify with Congressman Frick on most of the issues, the regional ties were apparently enough to win the state. Frick used his victory statement to point out that the party would need a Southerner on the ticket if it expected to win in November. "This victory here today only proves that the south is still solid. The only difference between the new south and the old is that the new south is going to be Republican!" the candidate said. Congressman Frick, although not well known for his media style or oratory prowess, has nevertheless been the candidate with the best organization in nearly every state. Though the Presidential nomination is going to be an uphill battle from this point, he is favorably looked on as a possible VP candidate, or at the very least the working National Party Chairman.

Former Senator Ty Ware, who also spent a considerable amount of money on media, as well as having travelled the state more than any other candidate, was very disappointed in the third place finish. "Our analysts tell us that the Draft issue put Wall too far in front to catch in the end, and the media blitz from Frick was totally unexpected."

CANDIDATE	DAVE	TY	JAMES	DAN
ISSUES:				
Nuke	- 43	+ 24	- 43	- 43
Panama	- 43	- 43	- 43	+ 30
Draft	+ 18	+ 18	- 86	+ 18
Alaska	- 70	+ 25	+ 25	- 70
Nicaragua	+ 25	+ 25	- 47	- 47
windfall II	- 19	- 19	+ 63	- 19
SPOTLIGHT ISSUE	Alaska	Panama	Wind II	Alaska

VISITS: days/votes			
Birmingham	2.7/ 57	1.7/ 36	
Mobile	.5/ 14	1/ 20	
Huntsville	1/ 58		
Montgomery	.5/ 31		

ORGANIZATION:				
weeks/votes	5/ 55	3/ 47	4/ 52	3/ 47

MOMENTUM BONUS:			45	
MEDIA:				
votes	315	180	45	45
Number/cost	7/191	4/ 89	1/ 15	1/ 15
bids	1/ 15	1/ 15	1/ 15	1/ 15
	1/ 21	1/ 22		
	5/ 31	2/ 26		

TOTAL VOTES:	646	483	513	319
PERCENTAGE:	32.94	24.63	26.16	16.27
DELEGATES:	9	7	7	4
CFP GAINED:	41	17	17	

# ILLINOIS

## BURGESS WINS ILLINOIS GAUGHAN TEN POINTS BEHIND

Rhode Island Governor Jim Burgess was the big winner in Illinois, taking 34% of the votes in a four man race. The eastern moderate grabbed up 75% of the media in the state, and added a late whistle stop tour in the final week, stopping in seven different Illinois cities. All these factors combined to net him a 9 point victory. "Being the moderate in a race can be very frustrating," the candidate said in an exclusive FF interview, "Getting your message to all the voters, and then losing votes to either extreme.... I feel as though I am everyone's second choice. That can be both good and bad. I think the main point needs to be that I can really unify this party, and lead it to a November victory. The others will only polarize us, and polarization equates with paralyzation. I decided to start my stand here, in Illinois!" The last minute endorsement by the Cook county Democratic machine significantly boosted his campaign.

CANDIDATE	JIM	PETE	JAKE	MARK	STEPHEN
ISSUES:					
Nuke	-168	-168	*	+309	-168
Draft	+179	-309	*	+179	+179
Alaska	+196	+196	*	+196	+196
Busing	+152	-357	*	-357	+152
Chrysler	-170	+263	*	+263	+263
Windfall II	-227	+172	*	+172	-227
SPOTLIGHT ISSUE	Wind II	Chrysler		Chrysler	Wind II
VISITS:days/votes					
Chicago	6.3/238	6/226	*		5.3/198
Tri-Cities	1/ 49		*		.5/ 25
Peoria	1/ 29	.5/ 13	*		
Rockford	1/ 36		*		.5/ 18
Springfield	1/ 15	1.4/ 21	*		
Champaign	1/ 16	.5/ 7	*		.5/ 8
Decatur	1/ 11	.5/ 5	*		
Bloomington	1/ 16		*		.5/ 8
ORGANIZATION:					
weeks/votes	4/270	4/270	*	3/243	4/270
MOMENTUM BONUS:					215
MEDIA:					
Votes	1290	215	*	215	-0-
number/cost	6/502	1/ 72	*	1/ 72	-0-
bids	1/ 72	1/ 72		1/ 72	-0-
	1/ 75				
	1/ 80				
	1/ 85				
	1/ 90				
	1/100				
TOTAL VOTES:	3062	2222	*	1934	1927
PERCENTAGE:	33.48	24.30	*	21.15	21.07
DELEGATES:	60	43	*	38	38
CFP GAINED:	113	41	*	36	36

# ILLINOIS

IT'S TY BY A (groan) HARE!  
FOUR POINTS SEPARATE FIRST AND LAST IN TIGHT RACE

Behind a stronger than expected showing in Chicago and one-third of the media time available, former California Senator Ty Hare scraped out a 1.42% victory in today's Illinois primary. Battling all the way against the superior organization of Frick, and the momentum of Wall, Hare was able to garner 26.97% of the vote and 28 of the 102 delegates. Part of the victory was attributed to the last minute press conference in which several accusations were made against the Wall campaign. Citing evidence of graft and corruption in the Florida primary, Candidate Hare proclaimed the election there a farce. Citing a letter from Wall to Florida's PCC State Chairman, Hare has charged the Wisconsin Senator with "...really icky politics. Not even Senator Young would do this, and I have seen him do some really awful things! I think I am going to be sick!" Unidentified sources later confirmed that he was. An aide to Hare would not indicate how the former Senator had acquired the letter. Reports leaked from Hare's national campaign headquarters indicate that he will be challenging Wall's Florida delegates. An aide claimed, however, that they would not initially challenge the legality of the winner-take-all system. The attack is going to be maneuver to prove that Florida is not legally a part of the United States. When questioned on it Hare replied, "That's absolutely correct. Florida is actually an alien creature from a planet in the constellation Pyxis the Box." Analysts are not sure whether these allegations will help or hurt the Hare effort.

CANDIDATE	DAVE	TY	JAMES	DAN
ISSUES:				
Nuke	-168	+309	-168	-168
Draft	+179	+179	-309	+179
Alaska	-330	+196	+196	-330
Busing	+152	+152	+152	-357
Chrysler	-170	-170	-170	-227
Windfall II	-227	-227	+172	-227
SPOTLIGHT ISSUE	Alaska	Nuke	Draft	Busing

VISITS: days/votes				
Chicago	-0-	7.1/268	6.3/238	6.3/238
Peoria	1/ 29			
Decatur	1/ 11			

ORGANIZATION:				
weeks/votes	5/286	4/270	4/270	3/243

MOMENTUM BONUS:				
MEDIA:				
votes	860	860	645	215
Number/cost	4/332	4/340	3/228	1/ 72
bids	1/ 72	1/ 72	1/ 72	1/ 72
	2/ 80	1/ 86	1/ 75	
	1/100	1/ 89	1/ 81	
		1/ 93		

TOTAL VOTES:	2412	2631	2535	2220
PERCENTAGE:	24.62	26.85	25.87	22.26
DELEGATES:	25	28	26	23
PPP GAINED:	42	101	44	38

VOTES VOTES VOTES

On to discussion of the General Election procedure results.  
First item: percentage that VP is worth compared to President.

75%	26
50%	19
25%	13
15%	22
10%	25

So 25% it is. This amount will count for all aspects from spotlights issues to travel to organization. A full write up next time.

Second item: Travel.

	Proposal 1	Proposal 2
Travel during primaries:	60%	35%
Weeks one through five:	80%	50%
Weeks six through nine:	90%	75%
Weeks ten through twelve:	100%	100%

Voting results:	5	2
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Proposal one wins.

Third item: Spotlight issues. Original proposal: President gets two spotlight issues per state or region, VP gets one. Presidents stand is worth twice that of VP.

Amendment 1: In addition declare three national issues to be figured in every race, President only.

For 7 Against 1

Amendment 2: VP is only worth 10% of Presidential candidates on spotlight issues.

For 3 Against 5

Therefore amendment one passes and two fails. VP will be worth 25% of presidential candidate on spotlight issues (see issue one).

Fourth item: Media bids. Original Proposal: media bids made in final turn, five per state or region, preferential list so party cannot overspend.

Amendment 1: Purchase as many media shares as you want in each state or region at the minimum purchase price.

For 5 Against 3

Amendment 2: Purchase media shares during each turn of the general election, with the effect of media diminishing along the same percentage as the travel.

For 5 Against 3

We now have a problem that one of you noticed: There is no incentive to purchase the media shares in advance of the election. Why tip your hand when you can buy as many shares as you want on election day? So we need to develop a method to rectify this. We have one suggestion that would reinstate the bidding method with a maximum of three or five media shares available per turn. Another would put a limit of five shares per party per turn, all available at minimum. So think this over, write up a proposal, and we can vote on it.



**Fifth item: Timing of election.**

Proposal 1	Proposal 2	Proposal 3
Weeks 1-5	Weeks 1-4	Weeks 1-3
Weeks 6-9	Weeks 5-7	Weeks 4-5
Weeks 10-12	Weeks 8-10	Weeks 6-7
	Weeks 11 & 12	Weeks 8-9
		Weeks 10-11
		Weeks 12

Results:	10	15	21
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There will be four moves due, one per month of real time, according to the schedule laid out in proposal two.

Here are the raw scores.

Player:		DP	TH	JW	DY	JN	PG	JH	ML	SW
<u>Issue</u>										
VP%	75	5	2	*	1	*	3	5	5	5
	50	4	1	*	2	*	2	4	4	2
	25	1	3	*	3	*	1	3	1	1
	15	3	4	*	4	*	4	2	2	3
	10	2	5	*	5	*	5	1	3	4
Travel		2	1	*	1	*	1	2	1	1
Spotlight issues										
National issues		-	+	+	+	*	+	+	+	+
VP at 10%		-	-	+	-	*	-	+	-	+
Media bids										
Minimum bids		-	-	+	+	*	+	-	+	+
per turn		-	+	-	+	*	+	+	+	-
Timing										
Proposal 1		1	3	2.5	3	3	1	1	2.5	1
Proposal 2		2	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	2
Proposal 3		3	2	2.5	1	2	2	3	2.5	3

The 2.5 represents the fact that these individuals only voted for one proposal, so I averaged 2 and 3. One comment was made that I should be using the National Committee delegates to determine the outcome of these votes. I will be using them for any in-party decisions, but not the General Election provisions. What happens if the Republicans and Democrats split on an issue? Both parties will have to abide by the same rules, so open voting it is.

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Now that we finally have the General Election rules all figured out, let's decide on the operation of the Conventions. Since this is normally the time that these issues are decided in the "real world," I make the decisions now as well. What we need to have each separate National Committee determine is exactly what procedure will be used for the nominations? Are the delegates bound for the first round only? Not bound at all? Can candidates who drop out give all of their delegates to another candidate and have it stick at the convention? Will the Republicans outlaw the winner take all format and refuse to seat the delegates? If they do, should the voters in those states react unfavorably in the General Election? Below are two proposals for the nominating conventions. Please read over these and send me suggestions. The parties will be considered separately and the voting will be by National Executive Committee (NEC) Delegates.

#### Proposal One:

The deadline after the final week of elections the Convention will convene. The first ballot will include all delegates who have actively played (which means everyone presently playing the game) including those who have dropped out for whatever reason. All delegates are bound to vote for the candidate they originally represented. If a single player does not get over 50% of the delegates voting, then a second ballot will be held. During the second and subsequent ballots any candidate may withdraw and ask his delegates to vote for any other single candidate. Rule changes by the executive committee are allowable at any time, and can be proposed by any player. Voting on the rule changes will be done by candidate, and all candidates will retain their NEC delegates for voting on rule changes, regardless of any previous actions.

#### Proposal Two

- 1) All delegates are pledged to the candidate who won them for the first ballot of the convention.
- 2) Any candidate who must withdraw from the primary campaign will be permitted to pledge one-half his delegates to another candidate in the second ballot of the convention. The other one-half his delegates will vote "uncommitted" in the second ballot, then can support the selected candidate in the third round.
- 3) The second ballot of the nominating convention will require each state or region to allocate its delegates in the following manner: winner of the state's or region's primary or caucus gets 60% of the state's delegates, second place finisher gets 30%, third place finisher gets 10%. Delegates won by candidates who finished fourth or lower are lost for the rest of the convention.
- 4) The third ballot of the nominating convention will be run in a method similar to section three above. In this case, the winner of the state's primary gets 75% of the delegates and the leader of the total delegate count after performing the steps of Section 3 gets the remainder of a state's delegates. In many cases a candidate will pick up all of the state's delegates this way.
- 5) The fourth convention ballot permits diplomacy among the players. Thus, the delegates will be permitted a personality of their own --so to speak-- for a couple of rounds of votes, ad candidates, like their real life counterparts, can busy themselves counting 'hard' and 'soft' delegates. And you really could have a 'dark horse' move into contention at the whim of the party rank and file.

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#### FEUILLETONIST

The following is a humorous article written by a local columnist for the Austin-American Statesman named Mike Kelley. He has a new book out called MY NAME'S KELLEY, and that's my opinion. Although he is not one of President Reagan's biggest fans, I do enjoy his column. This is a typical barb at the President, which most of you should enjoy.

#### MINNESOTA UNDER FIRE

Minnesota Governor Rudy Perpich reacted today to the President's demand that the Gopher State's leadership say "Uncle."

"I don't know what he's talking about," Perpich said, "and I am not certain that he does."

The President's comments, at a press conference, seemed to escalate the administration's hard line aimed at Minnesota's ruling Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party.

Asked whether his administration sought the overthrow of the DFL regime, the President said, "Not if the present government would turn around and say, all right, if they'd say, 'Uncle. All right, come on back to the revolutionary government and let's straighten this out and institute goals.'"

The Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party has controlled Minnesota politics, for the most part, since 1944. The White House has charged that during that period, the party has not accomplished everything it has promised.

Soon after Mr. Reagan's accession to the Presidency, Washington accused Minnesota of exporting liberal politics to other states in the region. In a White Paper in 1982, it was noted that the physical appearance, accents, and surnames of people in Wisconsin, Iowa, and the Dakotas bore great similarities to those of Minnesotans.

That same year, the administration began covert funding of various survivalist organizations in states surrounding Minnesota. There have been increasing reports of those groups crossing into Minnesota and squirting natives with paint to signify a "hit."

The White House stepped up its rhetoric after the 1984 presidential election, in which Minnesota was the only state voting for Mr. Reagan's opponent.

"The name of this country," a White House spokesman said, "is the United States of America. If one of the states chooses to vote counter to the wills of all the other 49, we're no longer united. They knew what they were doing when they voted for Mondale, and now they're paying the price. Quite frankly, I'd have to say that we question the legitimacy of any election we don't win, or any part of one."

For the past three years, large, joint U.S.-Canadian military maneuvers have been held continuously along Minnesota's border with Manitoba and Ontario. "Canada," said a Pentagon briefing officer, "is a close ally and wholly owned subsidiary of the United States. All of our contingency plans are, of course, classified. But I don't mind telling you we've got a plan for every contingency, and from time to time, we exercise those plans. It's completely routine."

Until the latest press conference, the White House had maintained that its funding of the survivalist groups was simply an attempt to halt the claimed flow of liberalism. That reason was also cited for the secret dumping of thousands of barrels of milk in Lake Superior's Minnesota ports in an effort to undermine the state's dairy industry. An administration claim last fall that a ship bound for Duluth was carrying hundreds of new voting machines, in crates, proved to be false.

But the President's latest statement that he wants to see the Minnesota government "removed in the sense of its present structure... in that it is not a government chosen by us," seemed to indicate that the President indeed seeks the ouster by force of Perpich and the DFL leaders.

Meanwhile, there were unconfirmed reports that the administration is planning to release satellite photos showing that grain elevators across Minnesota conceivably could contain missiles or anything.

That is it for this issue. A quick comment for people looking for games other than Diplomacy. Bill Becker is running games of UNITED Soccer League in his zine KEINE and either has opening or will have openings. His address is 810 Turwill, Kalamazoo MI 49007. Also, Jake has another game about ready for play, and he is looking for a GM and players. The game is called FLASHPOINT and is a worldwide diplomacy type game including economic and other factors. First thing we need is a GM. Any volunteers?

TIME FACTOR NOW STANDS AT: 26  
NEXT DATE TO CHECK THE DJIA: 18 March 1985  
DEADLINE FOR WEEK THREE: 4 April 1985

**DUE NEXT TURN:**

Media bids and Spotlight issues in New York and New England Regional; maintain whatever organizations that you have already set up; seven days travel. Please note that International Development Banks (3 or higher), Military Draft (5 or higher), and Domestic Spending (8) could all come into play next issue. If Military Draft does come up then Draft 1 dies. If you ignore this warning and spotlight Draft in any form whatsoever I will spotlight whichever one is active at the time.

HIGH PLAINS GONZO PLAYERS: please use the same Dow Jones date, and have your orders to Jake by March 29, 1985. HPG is next.

See you all next month, or better yet, at GREENCON!

# High Plains Gonzo

## YOUR MAILING CHECKLIST

1. Declare your candidacy for Texas and the North Plains Regional.
2. Pay organization for Border States, Wisconsin, Louisiana, Indiana, Pennsylvania, South Atlantic.
3. You may visit cities in BS, Wisc., LA, Ind., Penna., SATl.
4. Make your media bids for Louisiana and Indiana.
5. Declare your spotlight issue for Wisconsin.
6. Make your predictions and comments for the elections in the Border States and Wisconsin.
7. Yes, I forgot to mention the Time Factor last time. It currently stands at 32, and we will use the same check date as in Greg's game. Make your new issues stands!

# DEMOCRATIC RESULTS: NEW YORK PRIMARY

	Larzelere	Becker	Felella	Anderson
ISSUES				
Wndfl I	447	447	447	474
Panama	473	473	428	428
Busing	710	710	214	214
TRAVEL				
New York	340	291	194	97
Nas/Suf	77	115	38	38
Rochester	49	49		
Albany	40	40		
Syracuse	33	33		
Bnghtn				30
ORGANIZTN	600	600	600	600
MEDIA	412	412	412	0
Total Vote	3246	3235	2333	1926
Percentage	30.2	30.1	21.7	17.9
Delegates	137	79	36	30
CFP Won	290	168	78	64

# REPUBLICAN RESULTS: NEW YORK PRIMARY

	Woodson	Tighe	Ellis
ISSUES			
Nuc Morn	320	320	1053
Chrysler	475	867	475
Nicaragua	640	588	588
TRAVEL			
New York City	651	108	163
Nassau/Suffolk		269	
Buffalo		130	
Albany		79	
Rochester		97	
ORGANIZATION	600	540	600
MEDIA	1838	824	412
Total Votes	3922	3822	3291
Percentage	35.8	34.6	29.8
Delegates	64	37	22
CFP Won	310	184	106

## WOODSON EDGES TIGHE IN TIGHT NEW YORK RACE

James Woodson chose the right place and the right time to pick up his first primary election win, with a one-percentage-point victory in yesterday's New York Republican primary.

Woodson, who came into the race having yet to escape last place in a GOP primary, edged two time winner Kevin Tighe by dominating the vote in New York City and presenting an aggressive media campaign.

Tighe, who had breezed to a 16 percentage point win in Alabama just two weeks ago, criss-crossed the state in a desperate hunt for votes and fell just short of victory.

Greg Ellis, who had been predicting a third-place finish in New York, did just that. Ellis, still leading his challengers in the delegate race, told reporters he was more optimistic about upcoming elections in Wisconsin and Indiana.

The fourth major Republican candidate, James Wall, had bypassed the New York primary, so as to concentrate efforts upon the upcoming campaign in his home state of Wisconsin.

Woodson's victory was important in that it brought him 64 delegates--just over half the 123 seats allowed New York--and opened the floodgates on a wave of campaign contributions. The Federal Elections Commission reported that Woodson picked up 310 CFP, including matching funds. Woodson's financial warchest now stands at 759 CFP, one-eighth greater than Ellis, his nearest challenger in that category.

James Wall became the first candidate to dip below the 500 CFP level, based upon heavy media spending in Wisconsin and the Border States.

## LARZELERE EDGES BECKER, GRABS DELEGATE LEAD

One in a thousand.

That was the margin of victory for Maryland's Mark Larzelere, as he squeaked to a one-tenth percentage point win over Bill Becker in the New York Democratic primary.

Despite the narrowness of victory, Larzelere made a major gain in the delegate category, picking up 137 New York seats, and thus taking the lead there, moving up from fourth place.

Larzelere's 30.2 percent of the vote was his best showing of the 1980 campaign, and gives him important momentum as the primary battles move to elections in the delegate-rich Border States and Wisconsin.

Close but not close enough was Michigan Gov. Bill Becker, who matched Larzelere on the issues but fell short of the Maryland Sen. in the urban areas. Becker's 30.1 percent was his best showing of the campaign, and the 79 delegates he won kept him in second place in that category.

Becker's downfall was clearly a result of his showing in New York City, where he trailed Larzelere by 36.9-31.6. In the suburbs, especially in the Long Island counties of Nassau and Suffolk, Becker was the clear favorite.

New York City Mayor Nick Falella, who holds what is called "the second most important job in the United States," ran third in the primary.

Falella campaign operatives speculated that their candidate was hurt by a lack of votes from upstate New York, and voters who wished to keep the popular Mayor just where he was.

Michigan Sen. David Anderson, who had led the Democrats in delegates won, finished a disappointing fourth in the New York race.

Anderson's success had been tied to his free-spending ways, and it is speculated that this may have worked against him in a city that has recently flirted with bankruptcy.

# I N T H E F U T U R E

	Ell	Tig	Wal	Woo	And	Bec	Bro	Fel	Lar
<u>Wks org</u>									
WISC	3	3	4	4	0	4	0	4	4
BS	3	3	4	3	4	4	4	4	4
IND	3	2	3	3	0	3	3	3	3
LA	3	2	3	2	3	0	3	3	3
PA	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	2
SATL	2	1	0	0	2	1	2	1	2
<u>Travel</u>									
NiW	2		2	2				3	
Madsn	1								
Apltn	1								
GBay	1								
Racne	1								
StLou	2	2	4		5		5	2	
KanCt	1	2	2		2		2	1	
Nashv		1			1		1		
Memph		1			1		1		
Wilm					1		1		
Knxvl							1		
Chatt							1		
<u>Entry</u>									
Penna	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SATl	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Virg	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N

## SPOTLIGHT ISSUES IN BORDER STATES

Felella: Windfall I

Larzere: Nuclear Moratorium

Brown: Panama Relations

Becker: Draft I

Anderson: Windfall II

Woodson: Aid to Nicaragua

Wall: Alaska Lands

Tighe: Windfall I

Ellis: Nuclear Moratorium



## Butter Battles

This was vol 1.5 of *Butter Battles*, a flyer which now has developed into vol 2.0 of *BB*, a sub-zine of *FF* published by Conrad Marshall, who lives at 3702 Tarragon Lane, Austin, Texas 78727, and has no idea whatsoever how to properly end sentences, even on March 9th, 1985.

### "Zwilniks" (1985A) Spring 1901

Austria Otho Feltola, 17 Broken Ave., Floral Park NY 11001 0494F1!!! Russian orders: A bot-SES, F bi-ALS, A via-SER. The standby is Kelly Byrne, 100-02 43rd Ave., Flushing NY 11358.  
 England Stephen Wicks, 5300 W. Golf Road 0100, Houston TX 77060 F od-SER, F lo-SEN, A lo-VER.  
 France Larry Perry, Box 0416, San Diego CA 92105 F lo-VER, A 000 S A per-SER, A per-SER.  
 Germany Mikado Am Holley, Box 2793, Washington NY 25727 A lo-VER, F lo-SEN, A 000-VER.  
 Italy Clavo Avramosian, 602 Hancock Cr., Lansdale PA 19440 F map-VER, A run-VER, A run-VER.  
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 Turkey (Tom Boyd, 17010 Via Tomas, San Lorenzo CA 94500) F ant-VER, A con-VER, A map-VER.

### GAME NOTES:

- Fall 1901 deadline is still **March 29th**.
- Missing players are reminded that they need to send me five dollar USR deposits with their orders to continue play. The USR pool is now \$5.00.
- Yes, players may change their codewords. Just tell me what the new one is.
- I'm assuming that all players understand the 10th completely. If not, or if you see anything in this game report that leaves you puzzled, it is your responsibility to send me questions.
- Press format may change - depends on the style of the stuff you'll send in. Right now it's like me - simple - all white press is grouped by author and my comments use double-width type in the margins. Comprene?
- Standby list is R. Beyerlein, K. Byrne, Gaghan, Gino, Kola, and S. Langley. Standbys are chosen randomly.

### WHITE PRESS:

**GM-AL:** My sincerest thanks to all press contributors. You're helping (chuckle, gasp) to make this sub-zine (chuckle) what it is (sighs).

#### ENGLAND:

**Exp-Ann:** Can you believe a blunder in Zwilniks, already? And even after you told me your first move. Two moves to your one and I still blow it! That's what I got for not setting up the board.

**GM-Exp:** I want to dash or something.

#### ITALY:

**Woody-GM:** Watch out for Mikado who's planning to deceive the GM!

**Woody-Perry:** I'll have no part of it. Just because he's not 6'4" to shine my shoes. So what if he believes the world is flat. Is it really important that his dream is to become a pro wrestler or that he wins five goldfish? Of course we are all correct to question Marshall's sanity since he enjoys riding out Perry's in-depth surveys.

**GM-Woody:** But I'm not a complete lunatic. At least I got some *birds-some 'bans*.

**Woody-Mikado:** So tell me *Wicks*, how many people do you plan to stab in this game? Since you're Germany you'll have a field day.

**Woody-M.W. Wicks:** What with all the cars on the east coast you'd think you would make it to one of them. Or have you climbed so many people it has become impractical to show up at a 101 car?

**Woody-German wicks:** Is it true that you write your dip letters in your outhouse?

**Woody-Mikado:** Is it really true that you want your backyard to be the site for hazardous waste?

**GM-PW:** Actually, I believe the proposed site is way off in west Texas somewhere. Anyone catch it on the news?

**Woody-Mikado:** Rumor has it that your favorite perfume is Chanel 0103, essence of cologne!

**Woody-Mikado:** How's the production of shine coming along? I doubt to think if all those stiffs in W.Va. failed. Your state's unemployment would rise to 99.99%

#### THURSDAY:

I see the French are still sane.

**GM:** This is some talk.

I don't want to play with Byrne either, at least not Diplomacy.

**GM:** Guess who's (michor) standing by (charlie) for Austria? (yiffen)

Does Germany play any other games?

**GM:** Do birds fly?

What is Mikado's new sub-zine?

**GM-delinquent:** Beats the hell out of me. **000000**

#### FR:

**Gaghan-Zwilk:** This should be good. A nice balance: one Nobby Old Fort, two Big Names, a Rookie, a Rating Player, a Fumble, and one I don't know at all. 3 Publishers, an ex-publisher, 3 non-publishers. If this bunch doesn't generate some press then they're asleep at the wheel.  
 You haven't heard the best of me, either.

### ANONYMOUS PLAYER PRESS:

**Pope-Blood Red Bobby:** You don't really believe that I'm going after Germany, do you?

**You Know Who-Russia:** Hey, how come I never got a phone call?

### ANONYMOUS GUEST PRESS: (none)

### PUZZLERS

First the answers for last month's questions.

1) To quote Mr. Langley, Zwilk's "are terrible drug pushers in the 'Lammer' universe of E. E. 'Doc' Smith. Apropos, no?

2) I'd hoped I might be the first to start a game as a GM before starting one as a player. But no. Gaghan & Langley have pointed out that Boardman, and Langley himself, share this --- distinction.

3) You Slow, Janis Joplin is correct. Old whoever answered the phone at Threadgill's station that they have great food too? C'mon down and check it out sometime!

4) Mr. Langley came closest on this one; but his best answer required 8.89 flips of the coin (on the average) to pick a set of Spring 1901 orders for an missing country and his other two answers deserve no mention. (This is called harassing the leader Slow.) An example of the application of the solution to an English USR follows forthwith. (Your pardon please, should I seem too didactic.) We shall flip our old silver quarter several times, generating a binary number, a number between zero and one. For those befuddled by the term "binary," what we're really doing is merely adding 1/2 and 1/4 and 1/8 and 1/16... but for each turn we flip the coin to decide whether to add the term to our total or just skip to the next term. If I haven't lost you yet...

well, I'll keep trying. Now we form a cumulative probability distribution function for England. (Remember England?) Thus: 0 to .4 for Hag/Vor/WH, .4 to .66 for Hag/Ed/WH, .66 to .9 for WH/Vor/Eng, and .9 to 1 for WH/Hal/Eng. Then we move our arms, shuffle a bit, and declare the problem solved! When, just kidding folks, back off now, just kidding. We call heads one and tails zero. Flip! ...heads - .1 base 2 - our fraction will be between .5 and 1. Flip! ...tails - .10 base 2 - our fraction will be between .5 and .75. Flip! ...heads - .100 base 2 - now we're between .5 and .825 and thus it's Hag/Ed/WH. All done! We could have had to flip many more times - but that's highly unlikely.

So the new EE standings are: Byrne 1, Goughan 2, Langley 4, and Mikowski 1. And that's right where they'll stay 'cause only Woody could solve all of this month's questions. (Yes, that's a hint.)

5) 3 chords, 96 ????

6) What is the significance of 5,794,888,563,143,798,097

7) And of 4,488,314? (I'm still grinning ear to ear 'bout this one - but Leslie's really on cloud nine!)

8) Easy question: why or why not would you GM a game of Distant Dip? (In Distant the game changes each season - players propose changes and vote on them - rules with most votes take effect.)

I have no idea how I'll score these - wait and see!

## LETTERS (excerpts from HR freaks who just can't quit!)

from Evan Green:

[...] I really enjoyed the last issue of EE. Especially your housemate discussion. Greg even put in some interesting stuff. Maybe he'll run the Presidential Politics game eventually. I was glad to see Kathy B's views on NMR deposits. I'll write her (you just did!) and let her know she's in a minority of 2. We'll beat that scourge, yet. (I doubt it!) Your HR's are sort of unclear about whether a standby would be expected to take up should hal/she assume a position. (Oops. I'll clarify next time!) It seems grossly unfair, and counterproductive, to expect an original player to fork over untold sums of cash ("make" = five dollars!) when the Post Office screws over his orders, but then let standbys in assumed positions slide by. Soon, you'll have nothing but standbys. (I doubt it - the incentive to stay in, the pool of forfeited deposits, goes up with each NMR. The last starters out would make out like bandits!) Repeat your NMR deposit rule! Before it slips you into an even deeper hole. (Eh? I see no hole here!) [...] (The net of your argument is that the policy is unfair to starting players. Odd. Playing under my policy, I'd hitch, but not as a starter, as a standby! I'd want the opportunity to make a few bucks too. Note that I don't really have an NMR deposit in the normal sense of the phrase - I have an NMR competition entry fee. And only starting players are eligible to enter the competition and win each other's money. Standbys aren't allowed to pay an entry fee, nor may they win big bucks. Standbys are treated similarly in player rating systems. Perhaps it's their fate to be ignored and excluded? Thanks for the letter Evan!)

from Kathy Byrne:

I really hate to be a pain (ah-hah!) but you did ask for our opinions (niche 91). Your new rule 915 is definitely GM interference (I'll be back!) it is worse now than it was before. (Giffle!) How can a GM arbitrarily (no, randomly!) decide which of two draws pass? How do you randomly decide between E/F/G & I/R/A? (Coin flip!) Do you have your random decision on who your friends are, or who writes the best prose? (ALERT, ALERT! DONOR ATTACKED! NOW YOU'VE REALLY GONE AND DONE IT! YOU JUST WAIT LADY! GRRRR!) As ex-BMC (emphasis added, "indiscreetly") I'll tell you now that if you randomly decide E/F/G wins & Italy complains the game would be irregular. (How can Italy gripe about a draw that Italy actually cast a "YES" vote for?!? Comments please, Mr. Quinn?) The players choice is their choice, not a random choice by a GM. (The "by a GM" is irrelevant - I might well say that the draw is to be determined by whether the last two digits of the Dow Jones Industrial average end above or below .50 on such-and-such a day. Note that since all players have actually cast votes in favor of both draws, knowing full well what my policy will be if both pass, the "players choice" is that they don't give a damn. The fact that failure to cast a vote is always treated as a "NO" is quite important here. As for the implication that the GM (me!!!) might use randomness to hide favoritism... Well, there are many other ways a crooked GM could hide favoritism. Like giving a player's orders to another before the deadline has passed. Like using one player's orders even though they arrived after the deadline. Et cetera. The point is that a bad GM doesn't need randomness to slant the game and that a fair GM will apply randomness fairly - thus not "interfering." [...] Corad, dearest (Bham!) (Eh, I've calmed down.) Those who worry too much about these things usually try to overcompensate and wind up getting themselves into a deeper hole. (Yet Another Invisible Hole? YARE!) (Thanks for the letter Kathy! I really do enjoy being on the right side of an argument for a change!) (ATTENTION PLAYERS: I'll wait for a ruling from Bill before considering making any change.)

from Steve Langley:

Had I but known, I would have written for publication rather than in my less formal private correspondence mode. Your own fault for failing to stipulate the potential for publication. (I'm sincerely sorry. Anything said me that isn't clearly considered private by the author is a candidate for publication. I can even conceive of cases, branches of US Law for example, where I might print something the author would clearly prefer left private. Again, please accept my apologies.) I'm finding it difficult to decide whether you are taking all this very seriously or whether your tongue is planted deeply in your cheek. Both? (Yes.) Did I hear both? (Yes.) It will be interesting to see your thoughts on the subject a year or so hence. (Indeed.) Generally - except for crowding the bottom of the page a couple of times - your premier effort looks good. (Thank you!) You even have a contest. (I really enjoy putting together a contest. I expect I'll keep doing them even if nobody participates!) [...]

My! Whitespace! Well here, author unknown, is "The Last Bug." It typifies my approach to my job (my title is "staff programmer.") And perhaps more - brings to mind a futile struggle for survival in a gubnet standby position not long ago.

"But what does it matter?"  
They said with a shrug  
"The customer's happy,  
what's one little bug?"

But he was determined  
The others went home.  
He spread out the program  
Determined. Alone.

The cleaning men came.  
The whole room was cluttered.  
With punch cards, core dumps,  
"I'm close," he muttered.

His mumbling grew louder,  
"Simple deduction!

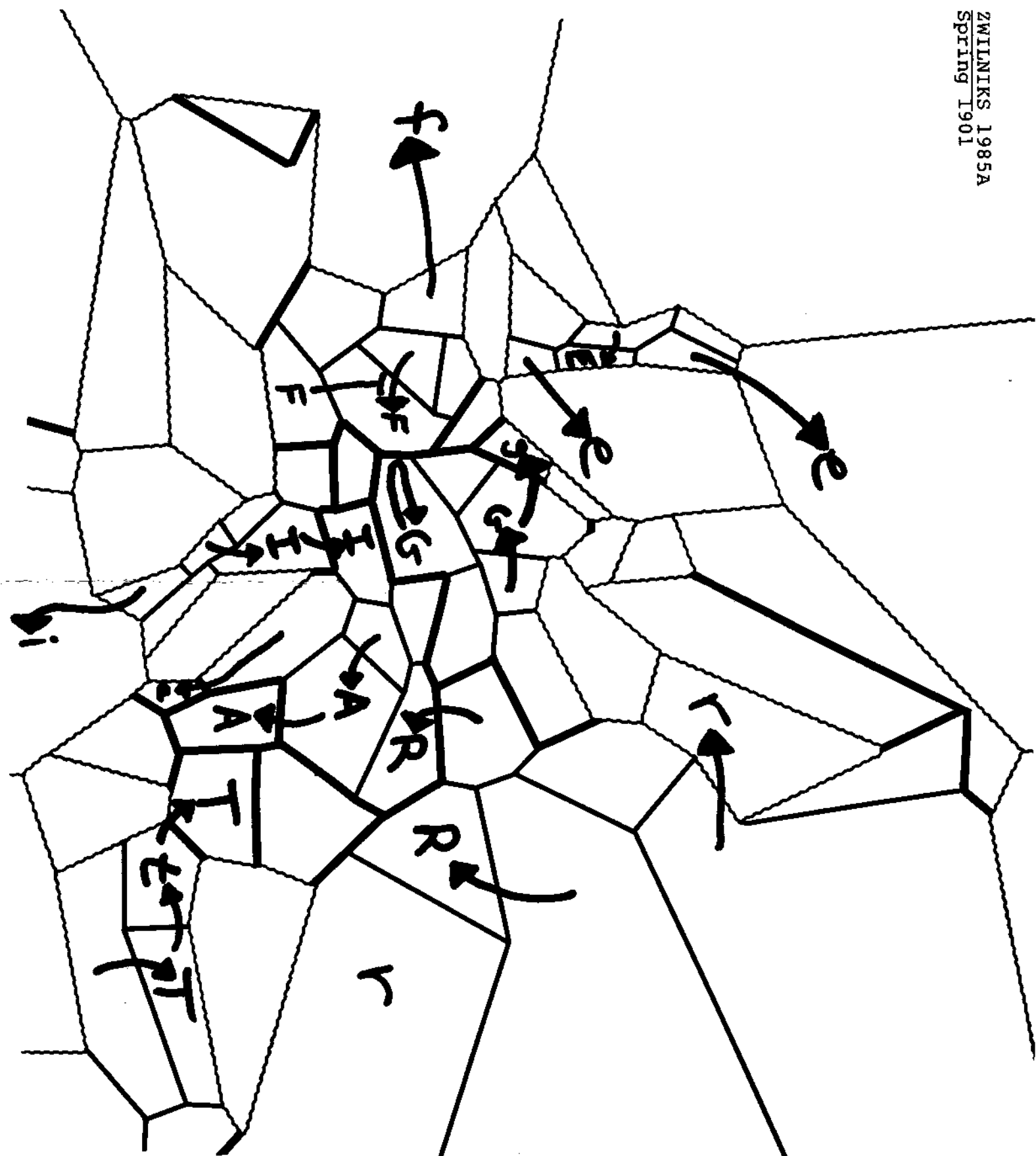
I've got it! It's right!  
Just change one instruction!"

It still wasn't right,  
As year followed year  
And strangers would query,  
"Is that nut still here?"

He died at his console  
Of hunger and thirst,  
They buried him next day  
(Face down--nine edge first).

The last bug in sight,  
One small ant passing by,  
Saluted his tombstone  
And whispered, "Nice try."

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The week before the  
Florida primary.

Dear Chairman Greg,

Thanks for the brownie recipe. I made two batches of them last night and Muffy just loved them to death. She's going to make some to take to her bridge club next week.

About next week's Florida primary: yeah, I know the polls have me ahead by 37%, but I don't know. That Hare is so tricky. I think he's only fooling about closing down his organization in Tallahassee. As for Young and Frick, I've heard that they're on the verge of giving up this election as well.

But Chairman Greg, I don't like it. There's no telling what could happen. I did some reading over the weekend about kickbacks and stuff and I think you're right. Sure, I'd love to commit graft. It'd be fun. Here's some money.

James Hare