

• URF DURFAL

GRANDSON OF POUCH
#46

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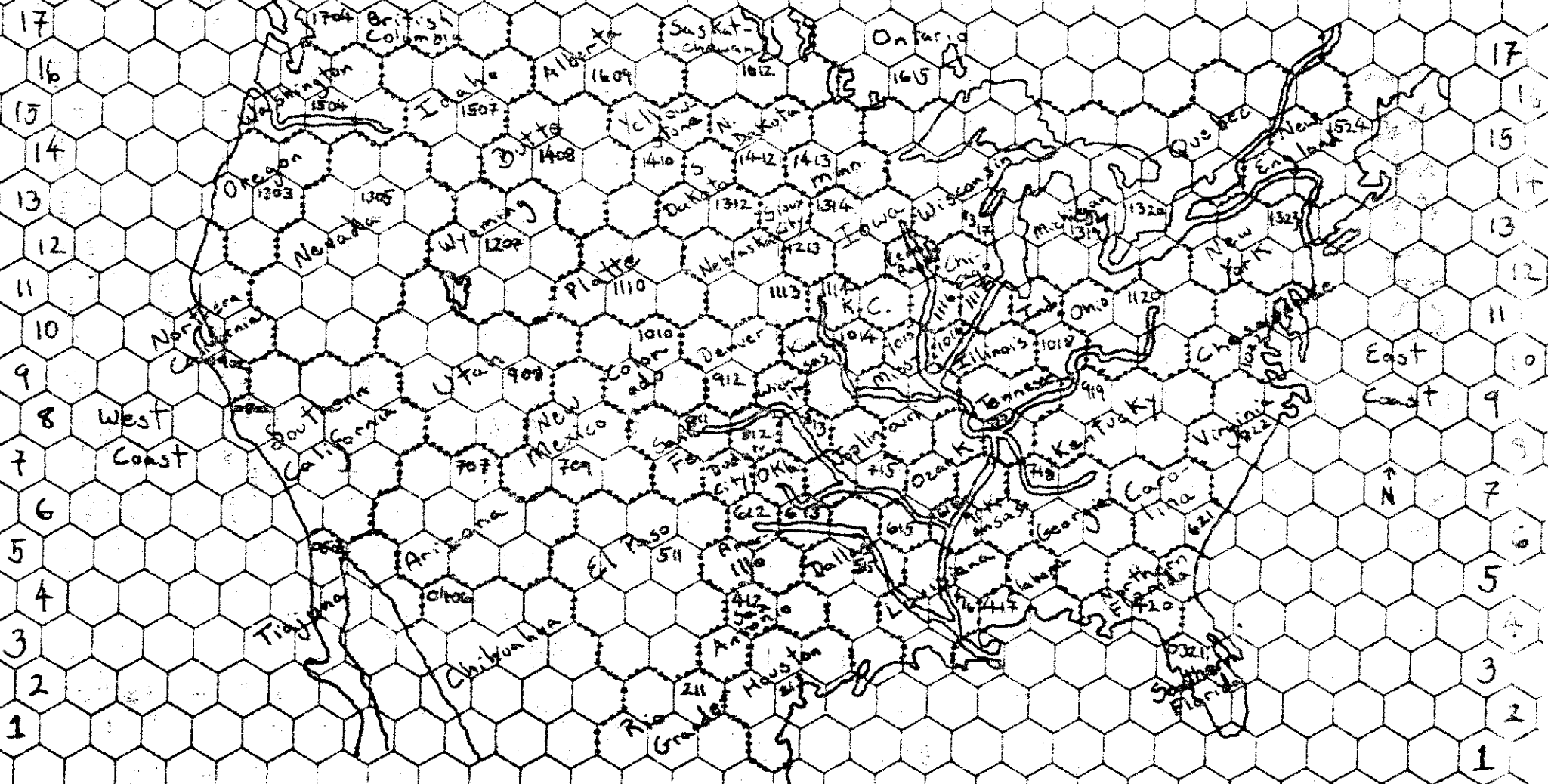
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1. Yet another on-time issue.
2. I now have enough stuff from Michael Smolin to assign Miller Numbers (and have assigned up through K). Michael put out a LORD OF HOSTS immediately before transferring stuff to me; if you were assigned a MN by him, you'll receive it. Any further applications for Miller Numbers should go to me.
3. A regular game starts this issue, and we pick up another orphans. I'm now GMing seven games, which I feel is more than enough. Consequently, I'm not starting another regular games for a while; there are no regular openings. Also, since only one person is interested in playing Swiss Variant II, I'm closing those openings.
4. WE STILL HAVE OPENINGS IN:
Youngstown: \$3 plus sub. The \$3 is refunded if you're eliminated or at the end of the game, but is forfeit if you drop out. Additionally, each time you miss your moves, \$1 is removed from the \$3 deposit. Fred Hyatt, John Strain, Victor Ricci, Stephen Lee, Bernard Sampson.
Machiavelli: \$1 plus sub. Larry Elliott, Tom Swider, David Fields, Dennis Sulzberger
5. I have to be up by 4:30 AM on Friday. Those of you who know me know that I rarely get up before 1 PM, and am currently majoring in classes that begin after noon. Consequently, it seems that the most efficient way to get up that early on Friday is to stay
can't on last page

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LETTERS

From John Kelley:

I don't consider you crazy in the least---perhaps a little wierd, but not crazy. I play fantasy games with the utmost perversion, cruelty and brutality, not to mention ruthlessness. It's a good release for pent-up energy. You should have seen what I did to Gollum (if you have read the Lord of the Rings trilogy, you know what I'm talking about). As DM, if I want to get characters to attack something, the something makes alurs at the character's god. Examples: "Galadriel gives head to Sauron!" "Athena is a lesbian!". That one usually gets 'em.¹

I think you are mistaken to not support the draft. Your libertarian ideas are nice, but what if the USSR invades us, we don't have an army other than a bunch of pot ads and we get conquered? Then what would happen to your libertarianism? You, and anyone else trying to subvert the government, would get to see the Gulag Archipelago first-hand. Greg, if we had that, we wouldn't last ten seconds. Libertarianism is not the answer.²

Neither is anything else in entirety. Total communisms, socialisms, capitalisms, imperialisms, etc. also fail in practice. We used a combo of everything, like we had in the first half of the century. It's gone downhill now, but still works to an extent.

Well, now we come to the New York issue. First, I will summarize, as one who has never been east of the Kansas-Missouri border, the feelings of Westerners in general. Out here there is a general distaste for the East, and especially the South. (By the way, we invaded the South mostly because it had lots of slavery, which isn't especially consistent with your libertarian ideology). ((Did I say it was?)) We see the inflation, gas lines, lack of elbow room, etc., as nauseating. I must admit that I scorn the East to an extent (not nearly so much the people as the land itself) and guess that most Westerners do.

But the disgust of Westerners with the East pales when you consider the popular view of New York City---they think it sucks out loud. Again, not so much the people as the place itself. It represents everything we're out here to avoid (smog, overcrowding, slums) and I think it'd be little loss if NYC did secede. In other words, you can't have it. In fact, I would like very much to see you guys try to survive independently--I'd support NYC secession. NYC would drown like a rat (no offense intended) if it was thrown into the sea with the big fish. You'd come back, sooner or later.

Now, none of this is meant to offend you in particular, Greg. I, however, dislike the idea of BSing all the time and prefer honesty, so this is a straight-from-the-heart letter. No insult intended.³

¹I'm enclosing a copy of an article you might find amusing, entitled FLIPPANCY IN D&D.

²This is a simplistic analysis, to say the least. "Suppose the USSR invades us?" The USSR is hardly likely to invade us. Firstly, such an invasion would almost certainly provoke nuclear retaliation---especially since we'd have a good chance of knocking out most of the Soviet first-like nuclear capability. Secondly, we do still have the largest navy in the world, and are allied with the nations with the third and fourth largest navies (France and Britain). The Soviet Union's naval strength is concentrated in its submarine fleet which is designed to act as commerce raiders in a future war. Additionally, the American navy is very much technically superior to the Soviet. For instance, passive American submarine detectors can find Soviet submarines at a range of 100 miles, while Soviet subs have a detection range of about 10 miles. American surface-to-surface missiles have a range of about 30 miles, consequently, any naval war between Us and Them is likely to be rather one-sided.

Consequently, a Soviet invasion of the continental United States is extremely unlikely.

However, an invasion of Western Europe is considerably more likely. The major argument used by proponents of the draft is that, in the event of such an invasion the United States would be unable to mobilize enough manpower rapidly enough and get it to Europe quickly enough to stem the Soviet advance before the Pyrenees. Draft proponents claim that American Armed Forces personnel are declining in numbers and a draft is necessary to rectify this situation.

In actual fact, this is incorrect. Every service except the navy is staffed at 100% or more of its Congressionally-mandated strength (and the navy is at 97%). It might be argued that the size of our armed forces are insufficient---but we do have as many men as our government has called for.

The size of the Reserves, however, are understaffed by about 100,000 men. However, it strikes me as absurd to institute a draft to fill out the Reserves. Men can be attracted to the Reserves by other means---such as increasing pay.

Further, the Selective Service---the organization which is responsible for mobilizing American manpower and shipping it to Europe in the event of a war---feels that it could meet the demands it would be required to meet without a draft or mandatory registration. They've said so in several official statements.

The current pro-draft effort is the result of alarmism on the part of conservative legislators. At least according to Pentagon and Selective Service statements, no draft is necessary.

³In the words of the popular new wave song (which you, doubtless, being a country boy, have never heard), New York may be filthy and crime-ridden, but it ain't boring. Yes, the streets are filthy and the crime-rate high (though, please note, New York is tenth in the United States in terms of per capita crime---most small cities have higher crime rates), but centered in New York is an intellectual and artistic ferment which you Americans cannot begin to comprehend. New York is the financial capital of the world, the literary capital of the English-speaking world, the artistic capital (along with Paris and Milan), the capital of fashion (again, with Paris and Milan), the capital of rock (with London), the scientific capital (with Boston and Berkeley), and, like it or not, the wargaming capital. Boston, Chicago, and Frisco are nice little towns, and have even developed their own little theatres and their own little rock communities, but they do not compare with New York. My friend, New York is the only city on the North American continent, and will always be.

In point of fact, most of the problems you mention---dirt, crime, and slums---are the result of unfavorable federal policy. Federal policies have encouraged the flight of business out of central cities; federal urban aid has gone overwhelmingly to small Western cities at the expense of the large Eastern cities. The city has problems---but the gas crisis, which will force businesses to concentrate once more, rather than spreading out suburb-fashion as they have in the past---and the urban renaissance will help to solve those problems. There is no reason New York cannot be as clean and as slum-free as the great European cities---other than discriminatory federal policy and American contempt for New York.

I fervently hope that all Americans will adopt your viewpoint---that their contempt for and hatred of the City will allow New York and America to part amicably. If all Americans take your viewpoint, our secession can be a peaceful one---for surely New York cannot win a war against the greatest military power of this century. But if we part with America's agreement, we can remain independent indefinitely.

From Dave Kadlecak:

Enclosed find my Worldcon site selection ballot; I didn't get around to mailing it in time, so it needs to be turned in at Seacon, which I am not attending after all. (You may have heard this through Ben Grossman, with whom I spoke just before leaving California). I found out I really couldn't afford it; it's not worth the airfare to go just for a week or two, and I couldn't afford to stay there long enough to make it worth it.¹

I also intended to write you a long loc on your debate with Don Wileman, but a few brief comnets will have to do until I get a typewriter (or go use the one at the union office). The problem of monopolies in a capitalist economy seems to me rather basic. Capitalist ideology causes businessmen to try to create monopolies whenever they can, because they are more profitable. In the hypothetical free market, in an industry where we start with many businesses of nearly equal size, there are always going to be some that are slightly (or more than slightly) more efficient than others. The more efficient businesses will be more profitable, so they will have more capital to reinvest to increase their competitive advantage and expand, and the process builds upon itself. Eventually, due to a depression if not the heavy hand of the big boys, the less efficient businesses in the industry will be forced out, and we will end up with few enough businesses to form an effective oligopoly, if not an actual monopoly.

I would not want to argue for increased government intervention as the solution to the abuses of big business (I prefer the elimination of statism, capitalism, and their realizations insofar as possible), but I do think that government intervention is necessary to protect people who can't protect themselves from big business. The government is theoretically responsive to the wishes and needs of the people (and occasionally is in practice) though it is more responsive to the desires of its more powerful constituents. Controlling pollution, making the workplace safer, and protecting workers who are not able to form strong unions (e.g., with the minimum wage and unemployment insurance) are areas in which government (often at the behest of big labor) has carried out "reforms which were necessary". (The quotation marks are to protect myself in any discussion of reformism vs. revolution, which would not be appropriate now).

In URF DURFAL #43/44, you touch on both the primary contradiction of capitalism and its basic immorality (without realizing it, I suspect). "The problem is not capitalism, but those who would prevent the free operation of capitalism---including businessmen who seek to circumvent the free market by combinations in restraint of trade and by force..." Adam Smith even says that whenever businessmen of the same trade get together, there is a conspiracy to rob the public. When profit is the goal, anything that limits it is to be overcome. This leads capitalists to be for the free play of market forces "in principle" and as buyers, but to do their damndest to prevent the free market from operating when they are sellers. "It is the right of free men to unionize." If labor is a commodity, then a union is a combination in restraint of trade---false premise leads to false conclusion. Labor is not a commodity, but a part of a person's life, and human lives are not for sale in a free society. Wage slavery is still slavery, and it is inevitable when capital controls the workplace. Labor is a raw material to be gotten as cheaply as possible (men who are workers are not men 8 hours a day or more), just like steel or paper or whatnot. When a man has control over his own livelihood, he is free, and when he must sell his services to someone else who owns the tools he must use to make a living, he is not free.

Do you know what ever happened to the North American Variant Bank? At DipCon last year Rod Walker convinced me to turn it over to him so he and Dick Vedder could do some of the work I should have been doing but was not. This was supposed to be temporary, and I retained duplicate files where they existed. I have not heard from

Walker, Vedder, or anyone else regarding the NAVB. I have more than enough to do now already, and I cannot see myself very heavily involved in the postal Diplomacy hobby in the near future, so I do not want to ~~take~~ take back the NAVB. However, I am still titular Custodian of the NAVB (Rod should be, formally, "Acting Custodian"), so I feel I have some responsibility to see that the NAVB is still around (and, maybe, I would take it back if and when I had the time to do the work I wanted to do with it).

SPECULUM has been in limbo so long it's not worth reviving as a gamezine. Did anyone take over (i.e., "steal") the games that were in it? I have never been contacted if they were. I intend to turn the games over to whoever will take them (if the players want to continue them and don't insist that I run them myself by "carbon-copy"), continue SPECULUM as an irregular genzine, and take care of the financial arrangements necessary for the above (primarily refunds of gamefees and some subscriptions).

I'm not going to Worldcon either, although I had planned to. I'll see if I can get your ballot to some other New Yorker who is going, but I make no promises.

Your analysis of creeping monopolism is faulty in several respects. In a static world, you might be right---the marginally more efficient producers might eventually take over a market entirely, forming an oligopoly or monopoly. However, it is rare for one company to maintain a competitive edge for very long---its competitors will quickly adopt the techniques that give it its advantage, and thus its advantage will be lessened or done away with entirely. A free market does not necessarily tend toward a monopoly.

The "problem of monopolies" which I discussed was not the idea that a free market inevitably becomes a monopoly---because it doesn't---but rather the problem that occurs when a monopoly does come into existence (which, even in a free market, it sometimes will). When a monopoly exists it can charge prices which are slightly higher than they would be in a free market, because any new company that wishes to enter the market must make a capital investment to purchase the machinery, know-how, etc. to set up business. Consequently, the difference between a free-market price and the price a monopoly charges will be directly proportional to the capital needed to enter the market.

Firstly, in a capitalist society the government would have the power to prevent businesses from using illegitimate, i.e., violent or coercive means to gain its way. The government would not have the power to tax, regulate, or control business, but would prevent it from violating the rights of individuals (or rather, would have the power to do so). Controlling pollution is within the legitimate purview of government, because fouling the environment is a violation of the rights of individuals who live in that environment. Making the workplace safer, minimum wages (which cause unemployment) etc. is not within the legitimate purview of government, because in this case government is using force to do something which does not prevent or punish violence of coercion.

Labor is a commodity, and this fact is not a dehumanizing or violent one. No individual is ever forced to sell his labor---he is free to sell it or not, as he sees fit, and to whichever potential buyer will take him. Furthermore, the production of any product requires four things: labor, capital, land (including raw materials), and entrepreneurship. Consequently, the people who provide the labor, the capital, the materials, and the management all should share in the profit. If someone else owns the steel mill, why is it slavery for me to sell my labor to him? It is certainly impractical for me to operate my own steel mill. The idea that wage labor is slavery is stupid and absurd.

I don't know what happened to NAVB. I'll write Rod Walker and find out.

Di Gains

76BR (Erehwon Game)

GM: Greg Costikyan

K10

Germany (Baillie) F WAL & a YOR s rus f oly-lvp, f end-MID, a BRE h, f hol-BEL, f kie-HEL, a SPA h, a TYO & a PIE s a tri-VEN, a vie-TRI, a boh-VIE.
 Italy (Gould) f NAT # f mid-IRI, a ven-tyo (r-otb, tus, apu), a ROM-ven, a lvp h (r-otb), a rum # (r-gal, ser, bul, otb) f BLAGsev, a ser-GRE.
 Russia (Johnson) a MOS s a SEV # & a BUD s a ukr-RUM, f NWG-nat, f oly-LVP, f EDI h.
 Turkey (Hollingsworth) a ARM h, a ANK s a smy-CON.

Germany: Mun, Kie, Ber, Bel, Bre, Den, Hol, Lon, Mar, Par, Spa, Tri, VEN, Vie	14/12	B2
Italy: Nap, Rom, Ven , Bul, Gre, Lvp , Por, Kie , Ser, Tun	7/7-5	even-B2
Russia: Mos, Stp, War, SEV, Bud, Edi, LVP, Nwy, RUM, Swe	10/7	B3*
Turkey: Ank, Smy, Con, Smy	3/3	even

*room for two

77IU (Urf Durfal Game)

GM: Tom Gould

Limbo

There were so many errors in last season's (FO3) adjudications that the game is delayed. Corrections are:
 Austria (Strain) A ukr-war should have failed, retreat to otb or Rum.
 England (Stimmel) f hol may retreat either to otb or hel; f iri moved (successfully) to MID, instead of holding
 Russia (Kelly) a war-UKR succeeds instead of failing.

No change in the supply center chart is necessitated by these corrections.
 WINTER AND SPRING MOVES WILL BE COMBINED. GET YOUR MOVES IN IF YOU ALREADY HAVEN'T.

76JJ (#PDL-6)

GM: Greg Costikyan

FO6

England (Stimmel) f NTH-hol, a BEL-pic, f eng-PIC, f WES s f naf-TUN, f tyn-NAP.
 France (Strain) f tyn retreats to rom. f BRE & a PAR # eng f eng-pic, a PIE-ven, f rom # (r-apu, otb) eng f tyn-nap.
 Germany (Hinton) f KIE-hol, a BUR-par, f BAL h, a MOS s a UKR s a mos, a BOH & a GAL s a VIE s a gal, a MUN s a TYO # it a ven (nso).
 Italy (Gould) a VEN-pic, a tri-tyo (r-otb), f nap # (r-apu, otb) a tus-ROM.
 Turkey (Taylor) a gre-ALB, a SEV s a RUM s a BUD s a ser-TRI, f aeg-ION, a con-BUL, f bla-CON, a ank-ARM.

England: edi, lvp, lon, bel, NAP, nwy, por, TUN	8/6	B2
France: par, bre, mar, spa, Kie	4/4-3	even-B1
Germany: kie, ber, mun, den, hol, mos, stp, swe, war, vie	10/10	even
Italy: rom, Ven , ven, Lvp	2/2-3	D1-even
Turkey: ank, con, smy, rum, ser, bul, gre, sev, bud, TRI	10/9	B1

76IC (Pouch a Game)

GM: Tom Gould

Limbo

Delayed once again because three of the four players don't have their moves in.
 DAN MILLER, DOUG HOLLINGSWORTH, BEN SCHILLING, MIKE HUDEC: get moves in

78Nix (Partition) GM: Greg Costikyan

W22

A correction: the RSFSR move a GEORGIA-yerevan failed; the move is impossible. Consequently Armenia has two builds and RSFSR none.

Armenia (Wileman) B a MALATYA, a YEREVAN
Great Britain (Linden) a transjordan r-HAJARA.
Greece (Forrest) B f PELOPENNESUS, a ATHENS
Italy (Strain) B a TERRITORIO MILITARE, a BENGAZI
Turkey (Taylor) NMR! a izmir r-otb.

A stand-by for TURKEY is requested.

77Ags (Excommunication) GM: Greg Costikyan

S1106

Byzantium (Grossman) NMR! a CHAL, f ION, a CAIR /h/.
Cairo (Strain) converts to abassid (he is already), f CBYN h, f JERU conv to aba,
a mosu ~~shy~~ to aba (r-ango, arm, pers, bagd, arab, otb), f ADR h, f NOPR conv to aba.
France (Gruen) a PAR s a AVIG s & a brit s (nsu) & a BLOI s a bord (r-brit, otb) s a avig,
f nat-MID, a BUR /h/.
Leon&Castile (Gould) f leon-SATL, f brgs-LEON, f BOBI & a MAVR s a arag-BORD, a sara-ARAG,
a BARC-avig, f BALE-ion, f mid-IREL, a TUN conv to R.C..
HRE (Newell) NMR! f NTH, a OHES, f MASS, a FRAN, a MAYE, a PISA, a GENO, a LORR, f SAXO,
a BOH, a SALZ /h/.
Rus (Schwartz) a cuma-PATZ, a CHER h, a kiev-HUNG, a smol-KHAZ, a CON s seljuk f gre,
a TREB s a geor-MOSU, f LON s hre f nth-eng (nso).
Seljuks (Wileman) converts to accountancy (no such heresy) a arm-ANTI, a ICON /h/,
f GRE ~~shy~~ to solipsism (no such religion).

Albigensis (Heuer) m GRAN s m zala-CORD, m fran-SALZ, m REIM-eng, m avig-PAR.
Abassid Islam (Gister) m mosu-ARM & conv aba, m anti-CBYN & ~~shy~~ aesthetic order of dagon
(nso), m tyn-ROM & conv aba, m eas-ALEX & ~~shy~~ native american church (nso), m TRIP-tun
& ~~shy~~ aba, m jeru-EAS & ~~shy~~ royal order of sativa (imp.), m bagd-MOSU & conv aba.
Eastern Orthodoxy (Stimmel) m pome-POLA & conv e.o., m gre-ADR, m con-PONT, m oher-CUMA
& conv e.o., m TREB h & conv e.o.
Fatimites (Linden) m ION-tun & ~~shy~~ fati.
Roman Catholicism (C.D.) m cord (r-otb), m ENG, m BUR /h/.

KAH (After the Holocaust) GM: Greg Costikyan
Again delayed for lack of orders.

Limbo

74HX (Turnabout/Black Hole game) GM: John Strain
Delayed because I haven't received moves from John yet. I'll mail adjudications out
in an UDUN as soon as I get them.

Limbo

777 (Dudlo's Game)

GM: Greg Costikyan

Autumn 03

This game was run carbon-copy for three game years by Robert Dudley. URF DURFAL is now continuing the game since the GM has dropped out of sight and the players wish to continue. BOARDMAN NUMBER CUSTODIAN: This game was started in 1977. Please assign it a number.

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- Austria: has a ALB, a SER, f GRE.
- England: has a FIN, f BAR, a NWY, f NTH, a KIE, f DEN
- France: has a BUR, f MID, a GAS, a BEL, a HOL, a PAR
- Germany: has a MUN, a BER, a BOH.
- Italy: has a VIE, a TRI, f ADR, f ION, a TYO
- Russia: has a STP, f BOT, a BUD, f sev (r-otb, arm),.
- Turkey: has a SEV, f BLA, a RUM, a BUL, f AEG

- Austria: gre, SER, ~~xxx~~, ~~xxx~~ 3/2 D1
- England: Edi, Lon, Lvp, Nwy, Swe, den, KIE 6/7 B1
- France: mar, par, bre, spa, por, bel, HOL 6/7 B1
- Germany: mun, ber, ~~xxx~~, ~~xxx~~ 3/2 D1
- Italy: ven, rom, nap, tun, tri, VIE 5/6 B1
- Russia: stp, mos, war, BUD, ~~xxx~~ 4-3/4 even-B1
- Turkey: con, smy, ank, bul, rum, SEV, ~~xxx~~ 5/6 B1

797 (PAW Game)

GM: Greg Costikyan

WOO

A NEW GAME STARTS. The name of this game is the PAW Game for a rather esoteric reason: this Friday I'm going to GenCon, which is co-sponsored by TSR and the Parkside Association of Wargamers, or PAW, of the University of Wisconsin at Parkside. It's as good a name as any.

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ALSO TOM SCHULZ

The only one of you who has actually paid his gamefee is Victor Dupont. I suggest the rest of you pay up pronto, or you run the risk of being tossed out of the game. (Remember, the \$5 is refunded if you're eliminated or when the game ends, but is lost if you drop out; \$1 is lost from the \$5 deposit each time you miss a set of moves).

Our phoning policy is: if the GM calls any player he must call all players who don't have moves on file (but he is not required to call anyone). Each time you are called by the GM because you've missed your moves, you will lose one issue from your subscription (to partially defray the cost of the call). Other ways you can protect yourself against a miss are by leaving general orders with me to be used if you miss your moves, and by sending in moves as soon as you receive the zine (to be amended if time permits later).

Incidentally, Hyatt, Kopel, Dupont, Sampson: your subscriptions are in arrears.

up all night tonight (Wednesday), go to bed at 4:30 PM on Thursday, and sleep 12 hours until Friday morning. Thus I'll be in reasonable shape on Friday. This is especially important because I'm going to GenCon to sell SPI and Nimrod games. Naturally, being a New Yorker, I won't have access to an automobile at GenCon (which is in Wisconsin). There is a bus between the convention and the hotel at which I'm staying, but in order to get to the convention site in time for the opening of the dealer's room (at 9) I'll have to get up at 6 (bus leaves at 7); and the only time the bus makes a return trip after the dealer's room closes is at midnight. Consequently, I'll give six hours of sleep or less for the two nights of the con; thus, it's vital that I get plenty of sleep beforehand.

6. This issue is only 10 pages long because I've only got 10 electrostencils on hand. Since I want to get the issue out before I leave, I don't have time to get more.

SONGS FROM EDI BIRS, SUPER-STAR

PIMPS AND PUBLISHERS

(to Song of the Moneylenders in
the temple in J.C. Superstar)
Write on in, for my subs are down
Send me change for a gamefee now
Play in this variant of mine
Lay your bets in this Bourse of mine
Write on in, for my subs are down
Send me change for a gamefee now
Play in this variant of mine
Lay your bets in this Bourse of mine
Name your game, I'll run it fast
I've got a new mimeo machine
The deadline for HX is past
In New York, it's the latest zine.

WALKER'S SONG

(to All My Trials and Tribulations)
Look at all my misses and my burnouts
Sinking in the mists of history
Do you think by now they've forgotten my role
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