

• URF DURFAL GRANDSON OF POUCH 56

WARNING: I speed up for small animals. This is URF DURFAL, GRANDSON OF POUCH #56, and this magazine is the One True Descendant of the Fallen Pouch. We currently have openings in no games, and probably won't have any until a few of our games end. Articles are paid for at the rate of 2 issues per printed page; if a letter you write is printed, you get that issue free. Subs are 10/\$3. Back issues are available for 25¢ each or 5/\$1. The following variants can be had for a stamped, addressed envelope; Excommunication!, Near Utter Chaos, Grand Fenwick's Revenge, Ancient Hebrew Kingdom, World War III, Partition of the Ottoman Empire, 1721, Stab-Happy and Fiat Lux. The following Origins variants are available: Unification of Germany, and Origins of World War III. Urf Durfal house rules and postal rules for After the Holocaust, World War I, Frigg It! and Junta are also available. The Costikyan Publishing Empire also offers: The New York Conspiracy Hymnal for \$1; the 77 Diplomacy Handbook for \$2 (\$1.50 for IDA/NA members); PHOENIX for \$2; issue 1 of FIRE THE ARQUEBUSIERS! for 50¢; all five back issues of GIGO for \$2; issues 2 and 3 of THE INVERTED GRAPEFRUIT for 50¢ each or 75¢ for both. Persons with subscriptions to Urf Durfal may cash their subs in for any CPE product at the rate of 25¢/issue.

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1. NOTE THE CHANGES OF ADDRESS ABOVE!!!
 2. The apostrophe-and-question-mark key on my type-writer is broken; apostrophes will be represented by blanks, and question marks by * s.
 3. I ran out of electrostencils, so this issue will be offset. There have been some complaints about my short offset issues, so I'm making this one 12 pages long, despite the ridiculous cost.
 4. CONSPIRACY, the NYC Diplomatic & Fantasy Gaming event, will be held July 4-6 at EmpiriCon II at the Prince George Hotel in New York. There will be a Diplomacy tournament, a house FRP campaign, open gaming, and panels on diplomatic and sf/f gaming. Guests will include John Prados and Redmond Simonsen. Registration is \$7.50 until June 21, \$9 at the door, plus \$1 for the Diplomacy tournament. Write to: TESSFA, PO Box 682, Church Street Station, New York, NY, 10008.
 5. It seems that the NORTH AMERICAN DIPLOMACY FEDERATION has been approved by most of the hobby archivists, and it's under way, despite the opposition of a few people who object to its inadequate constitution. NADF is run by and consists of the people who make the hobby work---

MNC, BNC, head of DipCon, editor of DW, hobby archivist, head of DVC, and the like. Those of you who are interested in helping out should contact Rod Walker, *Alcala*, 1273 Crest Dr, Encinitas, CA, 92024. With luck, NADF will replace the ailing IDA/NA as the hobby service organization.

6. I didn't believe it when I heard it, either, but it seems to be true; some crazy casino-owner in Las Vegas has decided to run a NATIONAL DIPLOMACY CHAMPIONSHIP, August 22-24, with a cash prize of \$25,000. Win or lose, each finalist will receive an all-expenses paid trip to Las Vegas to compete in the finals. The championship game will be comprised of six regional champions, plus one at-large candidate; the six regional champions will qualify by winning regional tournaments, and the at-large candidate will be drawn at random from among those who wish to participate but who live more than 175 miles from one of the six cities in which the regional tournaments will be held. There is a \$25 entry fee for the regionals, and Mark Berch will act as GM for the national championship game at Las Vegas. Parimutuel betting will be conducted during the finals. Coverage by ABC's Wide World of Sports is anticipated. The seven regional coordinators are:

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7. Dennis Sulsberger asked a question about IMPERIUM ROMANUM, a game published by West End Games, PO Box 156, Cedarhurst, NY, 11516, and selling for \$25. Firstly, let's get this straight. I am not involved with West End Games; Eric Goldberg is, and despite the fact that Eric and I have long been friends, and he's developed some of my games and I some of his, I am not involved with West End. IMPERIUM ROMANUM, West End's game, was designed by Al Nofi. Al, however, does not own any part of West End, despite his design of IMPERIUM. Al does own part of Nimrod Games, publishers of KNIGHTS & KNAVES; so do I. I am currently designing a game called PAX ROMANA for SPI; this is different from IMPERIUM ROMANUM, despite the fact that Al and I are business partners. Are you confused yet?

IMPERIUM is a well-thought-out, fast-playing game. It's not too complicated, but very well researched and historically accurate. It also contains dozens of scenarios ranging from the early days of the Empire to its fall. It does, however, have some graphics problems; for instance, the players are told to set up their units within so-and-so many hexes of such-and-such a city---in other words, set-up hexes are not given as numbers, but as city names. But the city names are printed on the map in tiny print---and you have to be a Roman scholar to know where Caesarea Augusta or Hieroslyma is. But IMPERIUM is an excellent game, and you should buy it.

KNIGHTS & KNAVES is also an excellent game, and you should buy it, too. Each player is the lord of a small domain in a fantasy empire something like the Holy Roman Empire, and must build his army, conquer himself a kingdom, and get rich---all at the expense of the other players. It's a tumultuous and exciting multi-player fantasy game, and is well worth \$10 from Nimrod Games, 556 Green Place, Woodmere, NY, 11598.

8. Another find but obscure game is STURM NACH OSTEN, published at \$13 by Louis Coatney, RR4 Box 4927, Juneau, Alaska, 99803. It's definitely an amateur production; xeroxed rules, unmounted counters, and the like. It covers the Russian Front (minus Finland), with monthly game-turns. I haven't actually seen it, but Marc Miller (of GDW) recommends it highly, and he should know.

9. Game projects that I'm currently working on include:

A. HIGH FANTASY: will need another name since someone has printed an FRP of that name since we started work. HIFY is a fantasy role-playing game---but unlike any FRP game published to date. It is sophisticated, complex, and complete; and will include rules for 12 different colleges of magic, innumerable religious cults, world design, economics, ecology, sociology, and social systems. The final rules will be 200,000 words or more. If you're interested in playtesting HIFY, let me know, and I'll send you a copy of the first draft of the rules (160 pages long).

B. PEACE IN OUR TIME: A strategic-level World-War II game covering the European Theatre---WWII/Third Reich redone, but better. A fairly simple game-system, with the greatest complexity being in historically accurate rules for French capitulation, Finland, and the like. It will be published by Nimrod.

C. 1480: THE AGE OF EXPLORATION. A by-mail real-time multi-player simulation of the latter part of the 15th century. Each player represents a European or Middle Eastern prince---anything from the Sultan of the Ottoman Turks to the Pope, from the Count Palatine of the Rhine to the Holy Roman Emperor. 1480 is an economic, political, diplomatic, and military simulation. It also allows some players to send expeditions to discover the New World, Africa, and Asia. It must be played postally and requires 27 players, so I doubt commercial publication is feasible; when completed, I'll publish it on my mimeo. Anyone interested in playing should contact me.

D. BARBARIAN KING: Will be a multi-player fantasy capsule game, and will be the game to appear in the third issue of ARES, SPI's sf/gaming zine. Look for it.

E. TRAILBLAZER is still in the design stage, but it will be a multi-player game of exploration and free market trade among the stars---in the tradition of Anderson's Polesotechnic League series. When done, it will be published by Metagaming.

10. For those of you who are interested, I'll be going to these conventions over the summer: DipCon (MichiCon), ConSpiracy/EmpiriCon, Origins, GenCon, and Noreascon (the World SF Con).

11. If any of you care, I'm now a columnist for two different magazines. I write a games column for FANTASTIC magazine; subs are \$6 (\$6.50 for Canadians) from Ultimate Publishing Co, PO Box 642, Scottsdale, AZ, 85252. I also write an sf&fantasy book review column for ARES; ARES subs are \$14 for one year (6 issues and 6 games), SPI, 257 Park Ave South, New York, NY, 10010.

12. Some COAS:

After May 16: Adam Gruen, 2218-A Shadow Valley Rd, High Point, NC, 27260
Now: Richard Kovalcik Hr, 39-200, 77 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA, 02139.

If anyone else has a COA, let me know as soon as possible.

78Nix: DEAD GAME STATEMENT
by Donald G. Wileman (Armenia)

Normally, no dip variant more serious than SCHEISSKOPF interests me. But PARTITION OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE I found rather intriguing: it was cleverly constructed, and I liked Greg's forthright disregard for inconvenient historical facts. Also, I was disappointed at the way EXCOMMUNICATION (another clever Sticky variant) had died a living death through low player interest. I hoped Partition would do better.

I got my first choice of country---Armenia. Immediately I found myself in a bit of a poser. All but one of the countries adjacent to me were being played by old friends. Turkey I didn't know, and it seemed unfair to attack him purely because I didn't know him. But I was busy and no Turkish letter arrived, so I attacked him anyway.

I mean, I attacked Turkey eventually. After the first move (made at neutral centres) there was a looong hiatus in the game. The game's been plagued with these: several issues of limbo after Spring 1920, and more delays at intervals from then on. (22 URFS, 5 game-years). Then there were delays occasioned by bad postal connections between Sticky & me. It was not unusual for me to get URF a day to a week AFTER the deadline. I can't afford to telephone orders---though I occasionally do so anyway. I have sometimes just sent in late orders by mail & sometimes been NMRed. This led to a sort of *telegraphing* of my moves. I usually sent in two or three game-years worth of orders at a time, in case my next ones don't make it. This has reduced the number of NMRs, but it has also resulted in Armenia making some very silly moves indeed. At least one other player noticed and commented on this. Other aggravations: it took me several issues to get the addresses for Forrest and Taylor from Sticky.

Then I went after Gister (RSFSR) as well as Turkey and neutral centres (fast being used up). He was the only one of my friends who hadn't contacted me about the game, and he seemed to have a low level of interest in the game (NMRs). I attacked him, and then found out he was incommunicado because he'd been run over by a bus. Ooops.

In the south I came into contact with an English-French battle already being waged. I ended up supporting England (Linden) simply because Linden was easier to reach. He answered letters and phone calls. I kept stressing to France (Gould) that this was why and that I'd gladly help him if he communicated.

I notice now that I didn't send out my first full round of Diplomacy letters (as distinct from notes attached to other things) until Winter-Spring 1922. Of the players I did not know, Turkey & Greece gave no reply. Strain (Italy) did. He demanded my response on joining a Greco-Italian alliance before a certain date: the postal rates were going up and he didn't want to pay extra. This alone told me something about his attitude towards communication. But he also returned my original letter, with all the spelling mistakes corrected AND QUESTION MARKS BESIDE ALL THE PUNS! This could only mean war. I continued to send friendly-sounding letters for a while, but heard nothing further from Strain.

My policy was now clear. Put together an alliance of those who played diplomacy for the communication and the press, and wipe out the goddamn tactical experts.

Gister seemed easy. He agreed that he really wasn't interested in the game, or in being an active ally. But if I'd stop attacking him, and let him excommunicate me in the other game, he'd sit still and do nothing much. I agreed.

From Winter 1921 I sent at least one set of letters, more often two, to Gould (France) and Linden (England). I suggested moves in detail several seasons ahead of time, I telephoned them, on one occasion I let Linden move my units. I continued to grow (Turkey was falling apart from NMRs, so my mediocre tactical skills were more than sufficient), and eventually ended up offering France and England not only the cooperation of my units, but some of my own centres and a promise not to grow until they had regained parity with me. I WENT to the Free City of New York, and had interviews with them and with Gister. It gradually became apparent: they both liked me, but would rather tear each other apart in some sort of mutual assured destruction than turn and face our common enemies... Meanwhile, letters sent to Forrest (Greece), just-in-case, brought no reply and this continually re-built my determination. Nor did the various Turkish players ever reply, Turkey, with the exception of two west-coast centres, fell apart into my hands. Ominously, the other two fell to Greece.

Gister (RSFSR) *attacked* me at once, but did so by ordering units to unconnected provinces. I put this down to flippancy rather than malice and incompetence. I spoke reassuring words with him, then left my back open to him---in order to move more force towards the expanding Grecian Formula Empire, and to the aid of England and France.

The last twist(s) began in Spring 1924. France (Gould) started seizing everything in sight---for ME. Never mind that I couldn't reach or defend many of the centres as he could, or as well as a slower growth would have allowed, it was something. By fall I was only one centre behind Greece (9/10), and the Greek player had dropped, and could not build that year due to full home centres. It began to look as if I might be able to take Greece on alone. Italy might possibly be detached diplomatically.

Then Gister (RSFSR) attacked me. Gould's action, I later learned, had in some way offended him. He was moving into my almost unprotected home centres. Then another misfortune. Gister happened to be at Dan Gelber's one night when I called Dan. Gister called out that he wanted to *explain*. I had had enough of Gister's explanations. I said to Dan *Tell Gister I still love him; in fact, I'm going to live him into little teeny pieces.* Dan passed this information along in a deliciously evil voice---as I had known he would. As I hung up, I said to myself: *So much for diplomacy, you idiot.*

The game is now Dead. Oh, things are still going on. France and England near the end of the vendetta, as France (with no home centres left) has just seized England's last home centre. Also, I am suiciding against Gister. But Greece is going to win. Maybe Italy too. I accordingly propose a vote on the following concession:

The 78Nix *All Hang Separately* End Game:

1st place: Turkey
2nd place: RSFSR
3rd place: England
4th place: France
5th place: Armenia
6th place: Italy
7th place: Greece

(For anyone who's interested, copies of PARTITION are available for a stamped, addressed envelope).

LETTERS:

from JOHN *PECKERHEAD* BOARDMAN:

URF DURFAL #55 arrived today. Please let s have more fiction by Evan (if it is fiction) and Ray, and fewer turgid articles about majoritarian democracy and the *free-market* economic system. (Ever thought of setting up in an auto business in competition with GM and Ford?) Whatever group controls state power will use it for its own economic advantage---a situation that has been going on for 5 or 6 kiloyears and is not about to be changed now. In fact you can always find out who really controls a country by observing what group has the economy working to its advantage.

You have me the wrong ZIP code for Goltz in the Diman game I ve taken over---1975HW. Could you please check this sort of thing more carefully in the future?

((Ed.--1. I agree; there s been too much political stuff in the last few issues, and not enough fiction. I hope this will be rectified. 2. Yes, I have thought of setting up an auto company. Given the mileage the Stanley steamer got, its durability, and its low emission of pollutants, I ve often wondered whether it would be possible to set up a company to manufacture steam automobiles. The logical thing to do would be to start with a manufacturing capability of maybe 1,000 cars a year, sell them for about \$20,000, and try to grow from there. I figure one would need about \$5 million to do it---which I don t have. Nor do I have the requisite knowledge of engineering. As well, given the ridiculous number of government regulations which pertain to automobile manufacture, it would be extremely difficult to survive as a small car company. 3. Yes, whoever controls the reins of power will use that power to his own economic advantage. As enlightened individuals, does it not behoove us to strive for the elimination or reduction of government interference in the economy---rather than, as most people do, to strive to ensure that we rather than some other special interest group, are the beneficiaries of governmental largesse? 4. Sorry about the zip code.))

from ROBERT BRYAN LIPTON:

Despite your statements, capital does tend to concentrate in a given industry. As an industry becomes mature (i.e., the rate of technical innovation slows, along with initial growth), less well-established companies find themselves going to the wall. In high capital industries, it is difficult for new companies to get started. Old companies tend to move in. Such collapse has taken place in the automobile industry (there are now only five or six American car manufacturers: GMC, Ford, Chrysler, AMC, Checker & Mack) where the collapse of a single company can send shock waves out. Chrysler is too big; and Chrysler is the #3 manufacturer!

Similar shrinkages have occurred in other mature markets. In the Depression, there were several hundred breweries throughout the United States; but beer consumption grows at a rate of only about 2% per year. The number of beer firms has dropped to less than fifty. In the past ten years I know of only one beer-brewing firm to go into business (a two-man operation in California), whereas at least three companies, to my knowledge, have gone out of business. At least under our present system, there is a tendency for capital to concentrate. You may argue that this is not the natural case, but the trusts were formed in an era of laissez-faire governmental policy.

As for your opinions on NYC independence, I am sure you know my opinion that NYC probably would find it inadvisable to attempt to go it alone. My suggestion is that the Metro New York Area could break off from the three states it now shares and set up as its own state.

It strikes me that, in governmental action, NYC's city-hall complex is bad. New York always elects Democrats to congress. Even when it elects Republicans, they turn out to be Democrats in disguise. Even when they elect real Republicans, they join the Democratic party. And this is New York's weakness in an era where the political payoff system has collapsed and partisan politics has not: the Democrats don't pay any attention to New York. No matter what, the Democrats will get in. The Republicans don't pay any attention to New York: whatever they do, the Democrats will carry the five boroughs.

As a result, New York City shows an annual outflow to Albany and Washington of \$20 billion. Consider what could be done with \$20,000,000,000 a year: the subway system could be upgraded. Those industrial parks in the Bronx could be developed. Taxes could be cut. Or everyone could get a quarter pound of Zabar's Scotch salmon.

As a foreign country, we would doubtless find barriers going up against NYC. Besides, can you see the Federal government giving up a city that yields \$20,000,000,000 a year? It would be like telling a 19th century Englishman he had to give up India.

No, I think statehood is enough. That would save us \$5 billion a year (hope the upstaters like the Albany Mall) and with two senators of our own, we might be able to grab a bigger chunk of the pie. I don't insist we show a profit, mind you, but it would be nice to cut the deficit.

I wonder what William Proxmire's Wisconsin shows in its income/outgo to Washington?

from FRANCOIS CUERRIER:

If you make as little as an inquiry, you will find out that very few political scientists will call Teddy Kennedy and Ralph Nader *liberals*. It is the media and those who do not really know what the terms exactly mean that will use the term *liberal*. In addition, you should take good note that neo-liberals enter the definition of *liberal* in many people's books. Thus your distinction between *19th century liberalism* and *20th century liberalism* practically just was a rewording of my own *liberalism* and *neo-liberalism*. That was facetious.

Teddy Kennedy certainly is not a liberal: nationalized medicine is a social platform (proved by most neo-liberals); virulent government regulation is also part of neoliberalism, and the notion of a strong army can be found in every ideology. Government interventionism can be classified under either social-democracy or neo-liberalism, depending on whether it involves the nationalization of the means of production or not. From Kennedy's platform (which is highly incoherent, incidentally), Kennedy is a neo-liberal.

Ralph Nader believes in state directionism. If he roots for the right, he verges on state corporatism. If he goes for the left, then he verges on marxism. ((Yup.))

How the hell did *whether reform is actually desirable when it violates the free market and individual liberty is irrelevant* get in your response? I don't understand. Noone was talking about the desirability of anything. It is intellectually unfair to all of a sudden take another level of abstraction.

((Ed.--Don Wileman implied that a true *liberal* is one who supports reform---a *progressive*, if you will. I was criticizing this attitude, implying that such a belief was not true *liberalism* if it involved support of any *reform*, willy-nilly, regardless of whether the reform was in the interests of liberty. My intention was unclear, and I apologize)).

Yes, the Liberal Party of Canada believes in reform, though I can't see why Don is one of its militants. Has he read the party platform? A lot of the ideas are progressive, true, but they don't go half as far as he would like it to. He's a social-democrat (and his belief in industrial democracy is outright guild socialism) within a neoliberal party!

Greg, if you're going to talk about politics, I suggest that you use the political science terms. Political science is the authority on politics. In addition, if you (and others) don't use the terms in the correct manner, they become meaningless; and that's dysfunctional dialectics. Political philosophy courses are good to take for this purpose. ((The problem is that the terms *liberal* has already, for all intents and purposes, become meaningless. As I am not writing for an audience of political scientists, I must use language that is understandable by that audience; and if I start calling Ronald Reagan a *liberal*, they're going to think I'm cuckoo---even if I'm justified in doing so.))

As far as your response to my comments on capital: I suggest that if you want to have a discussion you stop calling my arguments (and what I believe in) *absurd* and an *idiotic myth*. I am not interested in emotional political bickering and labelling. ((Whose emotional? I don't dislike you because I think your arguments are absurd---and you're welcome to call me anything you like in these pages. Perhaps my language was a bit strong, but I come from a school of debate in which no holds are barred---and I expect others to be as vicious in debate with me as I am. I do not, however, engage in ad hominem attacks, and I will never call you an idiot---only your arguments)).

The fact remains that, although there were exceptions, the general trend of liberalism is capital concentration. Look, liberalism started in the early eighteenth century. There were no Robber Barons at that time. By the end of the 19th Century, the Rockefellers & co. can be found by the hundred. This is pretty conclusive evidence. And huge government spending didn't start before the 20th century. So don't put the blame for the Robber Barons on the government.

((The presence of the Robber Barons shows only that it was possible to get rich in the free market, not that capital inevitably concentrates in a free market. If the benevolent government, as liberal historians claim, stepped in at the beginning of the 20th century to prevent the concentration of capital and exploitation by evil monopolists, why is it that capital is more heavily concentrated today than it has ever been in past history---and becoming more concentrated day by day? And why is it that when an industry---such as the airline industry---is opened up to free competition, some of the big companies lose some of the fat, and a whole flock of new and small companies spring up and grab pieces of the market share---Laker, US Air, Texas Airways, and the like? In this special case, at least, a return to a more *liberal* economy has resulted in a decrease in capital concentration.))

THE GAMES

77Ags (Excommunication!) GM: Greg Costikyan F1109
 EASTERN ORTHODOXY LIFTS EXCOMMUNICATION OF HRE, EXCOMMUNICATES RUS!
 Byzantium (C.D.) A CHAL, f SICI /h/.
 Cairo (Strain) NMR! f CBYN, f CAIR, f EAS, a JERU /h/.
 France (Gruen) a BLOI s a par-AVIG, f SCOT /h/ hre f nth-nat (nso).
 Leon&Castile (Gould) EXCOMMUNICATED! NMR! a CORD, a UCLE, a TUN,
 a BARC, f BRIT, a ARAG, f SATL, f MID, f NAVR, f BALE, f HAMM, f
 NAT, a avig (r-bord, otb). (I forgot to note that a bloi r-otb).
 HRE (Brockington) f mass-TYN, f geno-MASS, a ches-CORN, a BOH s
 a pola-HUNG, f den-NTH, f nth-LON, a maye-FRIE, a BUR /h/ french
 a par-avig (nso), a salz-VERO, a ROM conv e.o., a pisa-NOPR.
 Rus (Schwartz) EXCOMMUNICATED! NMR! f ENG, f BAL, a CROA,
 a EPIR, a CON, a KHAZ, a TREB, a ANTI, a MOSU, a NEJD /h/,
 a hung(r-kiev, ser, patz, otb.)
 Seljuks (Wileman) f gre-ION & ~~copy~~ e.o. (imp), a ICON-chal (~~sf~~
 seljuk turks) (no seize order in Excommunication!).

Albigensis (C.D.) m CORD, m AVIG /h/.
 Abassids (Gister) m ango r-arm. m MOSU-bagd & ~~copy~~ aba.,
 m icon-CBYN, m ion-ADR, m aeg-ION, m tyn-TUN & conv aba.,
 m arm-ANTI & conv aba.
 Eastern Orthodoxy (Stimmel) m EPIR s m GRE s m con-AEG,
 m nwy-NTH, m hung-VERO & conv e.o., m TREB s m geor-MOSU & conv
 e.o., m PERS-bagd & ~~copy~~ e.o.

Byzantium: sici, chal	2	even
Cairo: cypr, alex, cair, nopr	3	D1
France: par, nmdy, scot, AVIG	4	B1
Leon&Castile: leon, tole, brgs, cord, sara, barc, arag, fez, tun, navr, irel, bord, hamm, avig	13	D1
HRE: salz, boh, saxo, maye, den, pola, swe, geno, ser?, pisa, ches, rom, HUNG, LON, NOPR	14or15	B2or3
Rus: novg, smol, kiev, khaq, con, lon , cher, treb, hung , bagd, croa, anti, SER?	10or11	D1-B1
Seljuks: icon, arm, gre	3	B1*
Albigensis: avig, cord	2	B1
Abassid Islam: anti, jeru, bagd, TUN, alex, cair, r/lon , NORTH AFRICA	7	B1
Eastern Orthodoxy: novg, kiev, con, treb, reim, maye, salz, lon , ROM, eastern europe, northern europe	10	even

Changes in religious allegiances of provinces to date:

Abassids: +alex, +arm, +auji, +cair, +ghad, +gre, +nopr, +trip, +tun,
 - chal, -cord, -geor, -gran, -icon, -mosu, -sara, -ucle, -zala
 Albigensis: +arag, +brgs, +cord, +cord, +fran, +gran, +irel, +nmdy,
 +sara, +tole, +ucle, +york, +zala, -brit, -maye, -reim
 Eastern Orthodoxy: +brit, +chal, +ches, +croa, +cuma, +esto, +geor,
 +hung, +icon, +khaz, +lith, +maye, +mosu, +nwy, +patz, +pola, +pome,
 +pru, +reim, +rom, +salz, +swe, +turk, +vero, -arm, -gre
 Fatimites: -all
 Roman Catholicism: -arag, -brgs, -ches, -corn, -croa, -fran, -hung,
 -irel, -nmdy, -nopr, -pola, -rom, -salz, -tole, -vero, -york

CONCESSION TO EASTERN ORTHODOXY AND HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE PROPOSED;
 VOTE WITH YOUR NEXT MOVES.

79IU (PAW Game) GM: Greg Costikyan W03
There seems to be some confusion; you should assume that winter
and spring seasons are combined unless I tell you otherwise,
Since several people got only winter builds in, spring will be
delayed until next issue. Error: French fleet tyn could retreat to tus.

England (Hyatt) B f LON, f EDI
France (~~Kope~~/Taylor) f tyn r-tus. d f tus.
Germany (Dupont) b a KIE.
Italy (Schulz) d f tun.
Russia (Kelly) d f bal. OUT!
Turkey (Strain) NBR! Owed one.

76JJ (PDL-6) GM: Greg Costikyan W09
Again, same situation as above.

England(Stimmel) b f LVP
Germany (Hinton) b a MUN, a KIE.
Turkey (Taylor) b f CON.
Both draw proposals fail.

77? (Dudlos Game) GM: Greg Costikyan F06
Again, same situation as in 79IU.

England (Crabill) b a EDI. owed one.
France (Gannon) b a PAR.
Russia (Taylor) d a mos. OUT!
Turkey (Divver) a ser r-BUL.

A draw between England and France has been proposed. Vote on it
with your next moves.

78Nix (Partition) GM: Greg Costikyan Limbo

Only two of you bothered to get your moves in. A concession to
Turkey is proposed; vote on it with your next moves. See Don
Wileman s DEAD GAME STATEMENT in this issue.

80Icv (Youngstown IV) GM: Greg Costikyan W1900
The deadline for Youngstown is extended until next issue to
allow more time for initial diplomacy.

Austria (Elliott) a TYROL s g milan-A MILAN, a CARIN-trent,
 a carni-FRIUL, a hunga-~~SLAVO*~~, a AISTR-carin.
 Florence (Sulsberger) a LUCCA-MODEN, a moden-PARMA, a flore-PISA.
 France (Arrigo) a SALUZ b g saluz, a turin-SAVOY, a savoy-~~GENOVA*~~
 f corsi-EGOL, a AVIGN /h/.
 Milan (Montonaro) a pavia-COMO, a montf-PAVIA, a piace-CREMO.
 Naples (Stevens) NMR! f WTS, f ETS, a AQUIL, f PALER, a ~~NAPLE*~~ /h/.
 Ottomans (Gister) f tunis-g TUNIS, f LA c a DURAZ-dalma, f WM h,
 a RAGUS s a alban-HERZE.
 Papacy (Fields) a ancon-ROMAG, g ancon-a ~~ANCON*~~, a tivol-SPOLE,
 a bresc-BERGA, a bolog-MANTU, a perug-PATRI
 Venice (Polsky) NMR! f DALMA, f L, a FERRA, a PADUA, a TRENT,
 a VENIC, a TREVI /h/.

Plague: Roll on year chart is 5--column only. Roll on Plague Table
 is 4: Slavo, Veron, Turin, Genoa, Naple, Ancon are plagued.
 Austrian a slavo, French a genoa, Neapolitan a naple, Papal a ancon
 are eliminated.

Standbies are needed for Naples and Venice. Anyone want to
 volunteer?

You have _____ ducats. You owe _____ d payable on _____.

PRESS 790jb:

Paris, September, 1454: His excellency, the Duke of Orleans declared
 today that his majesty, Charles VII of Valois, and the entire royal
 family died in the flash floods that have covered the Isle de France.
 May their souls rest in peace by the grace of our Lord. The Duke has
 sworn to suppress the mob rioting that broke out in Paris and the
 province at the news of the royal family s demise.

REIMS, September, 1454: In face of the absence of legitimate heirs,
 the Archbishop has called for peace among the Christian princes of
 northern Europe. Henry of Lancaster, King of England, has put himself
 forward as a rival candidate to the Duke of Orleans for the throne.
 Civil war, the curse of any nation, grips France in his blood-stained
 hands. We can only hope that order will soon be restored and peace
 returned to war-torn France, with the coronation of a new King in
 this city s cathedral.

Marseille, September, 1454: Merchants, peasants, and tradesmen have
 broken royal seals throughout the city and have declared their
 independance from the domination of northern France.

Avignon, September, 1454: The commune of the city has joined other
 towns of the region in declaring its independence from northern France.
 As war continues to the north, the council of the city, in light of
 recent events, has proclaimed a republic and invites all freedom-loving
 Provencal, Burgundian and Italian states to join in this republic.

Geneva, November, 1454: Today the Swiss people have joined with the
 free people of Provence, Marseille, Nice, Turin, etc. in informing
 Europe of the creation of the Republic of the Rodano (i.e., Rhone).
 The very popular former French regional minister plenipotentiary,
 Marc Antonio Arrigo, Conte d Aosta, has been elected Doge, Chief
 Executive, of the new republic. May God s blessings be upon us!

*Politicians gravitate toward time-honored, time-worn words. *The party of Wilson, Smith, Roosevelt, Truman, and Kennedy*, for example, is guaranteed not to appeal to anyone who is not already over sixty, and who is not already committed to vote automatically for the Democratic candidate. The Republicans have been less fortunate in their inheritance of worn-out slogans. *Taft-Hartley* is as meaningful to today's voters and nonvoters as the old Democratic-labor motto *Repeal Taft-Hartley*. Conventional classifications of candidates, inherited from the past, do not work. Thirty years ago a bold pronouncement that one was *liberal* actually stimulated voter response, as did the counterclaim that one was *conservative*. Liberals won that traditional black-and-white contest. So conservatives started backing and filling. People became liberal on human issues and conservative on fiscal matters.

...Can old inherited labels be expected to describe a consistent set of positions on these issues? Not liberal. Not conservative. Not neoconservative. Not really anything inherited from the established political lexicography will do. None of these labels, which have bored nonvoters in massive numbers, is a tool to get them back to the polls. The politician of the 1980s needs other verbal tools to find a constituency. Old lullabies put the electorate to sleep.

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