Do you have idlw-roprompt required in your .emacs? This was an old workaround to the prompt management of comint (the shell mode IDLWAVE uses underneath). I don't use roprompt anymore but modern comint versions seem to do the right thing. I already had read-only on yank-exclude-properties btw.

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PS: There are many users of IDLWAVE still hanging on, but I must admit that my inability to make any serious updates in recent times has probably caused interest to wane. A couple years back I did refactor all the code and get it in decent shape. I've invited anyone interested in taking over maintainership to get in touch, and had some interest but never converged. So I'll make that invitation again in a separate post.