

GRAUSTARK

#124

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1965F

"Fall 1912"

TURKS IN MOSCOW;
ENGLISH IN TROUBLE

ENGLAND (Sanders): A Liv-St.P; A Pru-Liv; A Gal-Rum; F North Sea-Hol; F Den-Kie; A Lon-Bre; F Eng C A Lon-Bre; F Mid S A Lon-Bre; A Por S F Spa; F Spa S F Wes-Lyo; F Wes-Lyo; F North Africa-Tun.

FRANCE (Brannen): F Bre-Mid; A Gas-Spa; A Mar S A Gas-Spa; A Hol-Bel; A Kie-Hol; A Ber-Pru; A Sil S A Ber-Pru; A Mun-Bur.

ITALY (Koning): A Tyr-Tri; A Vie-Tri.

TURKEY (Wells): A Ukr-Mos; A Sev S A Ukr-Mos; A Bud-Gal; A War S A Bud-Gal; A Ven-Tyr; A Tri S A Ven-Tyr; F Alb S A Tri; A Bul-Rum; F Ion-Tun; F Tyr S F Ion-Tun; A Nap-Rom; F Pie-Lyo.

Underlined moves are not possible. Retreats are:

ENGLAND: A Gal-Ukr or A Gal-Boh.

FRANCE: F Bre-Pic.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor, St.P, Por, Spa, Swe, (10)

FRANCE: Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mun, Par. (7)

ITALY: Vie. (1)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Tun, Ven, War. (16)

Turkey may build 3 new units.

England must remove 2 units, and France and Italy must each remove one. The direction of the English retreat should be submitted with the "Winter 1912" builds and removals, which may be made conditional upon it. The deadline for these moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 APRIL 1967.

1965Q

"Fall 1913"

EIGHT CENTERS IN THREE YEARS
BRIGHTEN ENGLISH HOPES

ENGLAND (Koning): A War-Gal; A Ukr-Sev; A Mos S A Ukr-Sev; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Por S F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Wal-Bel; F Eng G A Wal-Bel; A Bre-Par; A Den-Pru; F Bal C A Den-Pru; A Mun-Ruh; F North Sea-Hol; F Kie S F North Sea-Hol.

FRANCE (Whalen): A Mar S F Spa; F Spa S A Mar.

GERMANY (Latimer): A Bur-Par; A Ruh-Bel; A Hol S A Ruh-Bel.

ITALY (Ferman): F Tun S TURKISH
F Tyr-Wes.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (K. Pattee): A Bud-Rum; A Tri-Bud; A Vie S A Tri-Bud; A Bon S ENGLISH A War-Gal; F Ven-Adr.

TURKEY (Kuch): A Rum S F Sev; F Sev S A Rum; A Gal-Ukr; A Gre-Ser; A Bul S A Gre-Ser; A Ser-Tri; F Apu-Ven; F Adr S F Apu-Ven; F Tyr-Tun; F Wes S F Tyr-Tun.

Underlined moves are not possible. The following retreats or annihilations take place:

GERMANY: A Hol annihilated.

ITALY: F Tun annihilated.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Ven annihilated.

TURKEY: F Sev-Bla or F Sev-Arm.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Ber, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mos, Mun, Nor, Por, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (16)

FRANCE: Mar, Spa. (2)

GERMANY: Bel, Par. (2)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Tri, Vie. (3)

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1966B

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"Spring 1909"

ENGLISH MOVE TO MEET TURKISH ADVANCE

ENGLAND (Davidson): A Lon-Den; F North Sea C A Lon-Den; A Kie & F Ska
S A Lon-Den; A Hol S A Kie; A Edi holds; F Rom-Tyr; F Wes S F Rom-
Tyr; F Bre-Mid; F Por S F Bre-Mid; F Norway-Swe.

FRANCE (Prosnitz): A Par holds.

GERMANY (Sanders): A Den-Kie; A Mun S A Den-Kie; A Gas-Bur; A St.P-Mos;
A War S A St.P-Mos.

ITALY (Ward): A Mar S F Spa; F Spa S A Mar; A Nap-Rom; A Tus & A Ven S
A Nap-Rom.

TURKEY (Pournelle): F Ion-Tun; F Apu-Ion; A Smy-Gre; F Aeg C A Smy-Gre;
A Gal-Sil; A Ukr-Gal; A Sev-Ukr; A Vie-Boh; A Tri-Tyr; A Ser-Tri;
F Con-Bul(s.c.); A Mos holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German army in Denmark is annihilated, and the Turkish army in Moscow must retreat to either Livonia or Sevastopol. Turkey should submit the direction of this retreat with the "Fall 1909" moves, and other players may make their "Fall 1909" moves conditional upon the direction of this retreat. The deadline for "Fall 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 APRIL 1967.

1966 'Q

"Fall 1914"

RUSSIAN VICTORY SEEN WITHIN YEAR

FRANCE (Latimer): A Pie-Ven; F Tun-Ion; F Tyr S F Tun-Ion; F Wes S F Tyr.

RUSSIA (Aita): F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Por S F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Eng-Mid; F
Pic-Bre; A Norway-Bel; F North Sea C A Norway-Bel; A Bur-Par; A
Mun S A Boh; A Boh & A Ukr S A Gal; A Gal S A Ukr; A War-Pru;
A Mos S A War (sic); A Wal-Lon.

TURKEY (Berman): A Sev-Mos; A Rum-Sev; F Bla S A Rum-Sev; A Bul-Rum;
A Ser S A Bul-Rum; A Bud S A Vie; A Vie holds; F Adr S F Ion;
F Ion holds; F Tus-Lyo; F Rom-Tyr; F Nap S F Rom-Tyr; A Tyr-Pie;
A Ven S A Tyr-Pie.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Pie-Mar. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:
FRANCE: Mar, Tun. (2)

RUSSIA: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Edi, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mos, Mun, Nor, Par, Hol,
Por, St.P, Spa, Swe, War. (18)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri,
Ven, Vie. (14)

Russia now has four more supply centers than units, but has only two home supply centers free, so may build only two new units. France must remove two units. The deadline for these "Winter 1914" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 APRIL 1967.

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FLEET MOVEMENTS PORTEND FRANCO-RUSSIAN WAR

The builds following "1908" were

FRANCE: Builds A Mar.

TURKEY: Builds A Con, A Ank,
A Smy.

RUSSIA: Builds A Mos, A War.

"Spring 1909" moves are:

FRANCE (Berman): F Lyo-Wes; F Spa-Wes; A Mar-Eur; A Bur-Mun; A Kie-Der;
A Hol-Ruh; F Lon-North Sea(sic); F Bel S F Lon-North Sea; F Edi-
Norwegian Sea; A Liv-Yor; F Norwegian Sea-Bar; A Lon not ordered,
holds.

GERMANY (Lebling): No move received; F Den holds.

ITALY (Sanders): F Tun holds.

RUSSIA (Levinson): A War-Ukr; A Mos & A Gal S A War-Ukr; A St.P-Fin;
A Mun holds; A Ber S A Mun; F Norway-North Sea.

TURKEY (Wagner): A Ank-Rum; F Bla C A Ank-Rum; A Sev S A Ank-Rum; A
Arm S A Ank-Rum(sic); A Smy-Con; A Con-Bul; A Tri-Bud; A Vie S A
Tri-Bud; A Ven-Tri; A Tus-Ven; F Ion-Nap; F Adr-Ion; F Aeg S F
Adr-Ion; F Tyr holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 APRIL 1967.

Last week Chris Wagner, playing Turkey in this game, informed me that he is flying what are euphemistically called "missions" over Vietnam. At the same time, the Vietnamese government announced that it had shot down its 500th U. S. plane. So, things being as they are, I have asked Eugene Prosnitz to send in stand-by moves for Turkey on a regular basis. In addition, Timothy McDermott is asked to send in stand-by "Fall 1909" moves for Germany in case Dave Lebling misses two moves in a row. The addresses of these stand-by players are in GRAUSTARK #113.

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1965Q (continued from p. 1)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Smy, Tun, Ven. (11)

England may build three new units, and Turkey may build one. Austria-Hungary must remove one unit. The direction of the Turkish retreat should be submitted with the "Winter 1913" moves, which may be made conditional upon it. The deadline for these moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 APRIL 1967.

CONSTANTINOPLE to the EMIR OF TUNIS: Our offer of peace was only good for Pasha Berman, not Pasha Sanders. Besides, we need the build.

ATHENS: The battle for Europe is entering its final stage. On one side we see ranked the Triple Entente of Turkey, France, and Germany, while on the other we see the Double Entendre of England and Austria. As for me, the Sultan has finally fulfilled his promise to me, and is capturing Venice for my son, Robert F. Preposterous. Bobby wants experience governing his very own province before he runs for World Emperor. - Spiros Preposterous, Celestial Minister of Information and Satrap of Italy.

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AUSTRIAN CORDON HOLDS

ITALIANS RETAKE ROME

Several players have pointed out to the Gamesmaster that the German "Fall 1907" move "A Boh-Vie" should have been underlined. The Austro-Hungarian army in Vienna was therefore not dislodged, and Vienna remains an Austro-Hungarian supply center. This means that Germany built one, not two, new units in "Winter 1907". This new unit is an army in Kiel.

ENGLAND (Dygart): No moves received. F Eas, F Tun, F Mid, A Mos, F Tyr, F Wal, F Cly, F Edi, A St.P, and A Spa hold.

GERMANY (Latimer): F North Atlantic-Mid; A Gal-Vie; A Tyr & A Boh S A Gal-Vie; A Rom S A Pie-Pie (sic); A Mun-Bur; A Pie-Ven; F Hel holds; A Sil-Gal; A Ukr S A Sil-Gal; A Kie-Mun.

ITALY (Aita): F Nap-Rom.

AUSTRIA--HUNGARY (Walker): A Apu S ITALIAN F Nap-Rom; A Vie holds; A Tri & A Bud S A Vie; A Ser & A Bul S A Rum; A Rum & F Gre S A Bul.

RUSSIA (Turner): F Sev holds.

TURKEY (E. Thompson): A Cor-Smy; F Ela S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Rum-Sev; F Aeg S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Gre-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany must retreat A Rom-Tus. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 APRIL 1967. The first stand-by player, James Sanders, should submit moves for England in case James Dygart misses two moves in a row.

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POSTAL DIPLOMACY ROSTERS - ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

This section is a regular feature which attempts to keep GRAUSTARK readers informed on the whole scope of current postal Diplomacy. All players, and particularly Gamesmasters, are invited to send additions and corrections to these listings to GRAUSTARK. I am interested in knowing who is eliminated from a game, and when; who drops out and is replaced, by whom, and when. Completed games will be listed, with the names of all players.

A full roster of games appeared in GRAUSTARK #100, a particularly large issue copies of which are still available for 25¢. Supplements to this full roster appeared in GRAUSTARKS #104, #109, #112, #116, and #120.

1965D: James Goldman (out F11) - G

G - Bill Bogert

I - John McCallum

1965K: E - Robert Ward (out S08)

A - Conrad von Metzke

19650: Bernie Kling, Lusitania (dro F05); Anders Swenson, Miskatonic University

1965Q: G - John Smythe (dro F12)
James Latimer

I - Donald Berman (out F13)

E - Charles Reinsel

F - Charles Brannan

1966A: R - Hank Reinhardt (out S09)

- 1966B: F - James Dygert (dro F08)
Eugene Prosnitz
- G - Anders Swanson (dro F06)
James Sanders
- A - Robert Cline (res S06)
Harold Naus (out S08)
- 1966K: I - Charles Brannan (out F04)
- 1966O: A - Roland Tzudiker (out F04)
- 1966R: E - James Latimer (out F08)
A - Richard Uhr (out F08)
- 1966AQ: E - Greg Long (out F05)
A - Scott Duncan (out F04)
- 1966AV: F - Edi Birsan (out F04)
T - David Lebling (out F04)
- 1966AYt: E,F,R: Robert Cline (dro F02)
Richard Shagrin (res F04)
Larry Peery
- 1967G: Anders Swenson, Miskatonic University (1967MB)
E - Jerald Jacks
F - James Dygert
A - Steve Perrin
R - Alan Fisher
T - Charles Turner
- 1967H: Anders Swenson, Miskatonic University (1967MC)
E - Alan Fisher
F - Charles Brannan
G - Brian Bailey
I - Clyde Johnson
A - James Dygert
R - Charles Turner
T - Gail Schow
- 1967I: Donald Miller, Diplomania (PNC)
E - Linn Haramis
F - Ron Glavic
G - Steve Gordon
I - Fritz Mulhauser
A - Paul Budd
R - Mike Miller
T - Margaret Gemignani

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

((Recently a number of copies of GRAUSTARK #122 were sent out to Diplomacy players in hopes that they'd subscribe. One of them went to Brian Libby, 16 William St., Portland, Maine 04103. Mr. Libby replied with the following Brief note, which was written on the stationery of "Supreme Headquarters, Aggressor Armies East & Army Group Northeast".))

I recently received, as a sample copy, an issue of GRAUSTARK, your Diplomacy-by-mail newsletter.

I suppose that I shouldn't complain about gifts, and also, since I don't play the game by mail, I suppose it's none of my business, but, since it is my copy, I feel I must complain about part of the issue.

And that part is, the constant repetitive slurs on the Catholic Church and, more particularly, the Papacy.

I can find no justification for these indecent insults. I would like very much to learn why you put them in! Are you a Catholic? If so, I think your comments are irreligious and should be stopped. Are you a non-Catholic? If so, I have much harsher words for you.

As a less important note, your seeming dislike of militarism and support of pacifism are to be pitied. As the Duce once said, "War alone keys up all human energies to their maximum tension and sets the seal of nobility on those peoples who have the courage to face it."

((My reply to this curious communication follows:))

I find it difficult to understand your complaints about GRAUSTARK #122. It is our custom in GRAUSTARK to compose press releases which take little account of the dignity of any European state, from the British Empire to the minuscule sovereignties of Liechtenstein and the

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SEVASTOPOL: Reporting today for induction into the Grand Sevastopolitan Navy was President Rozhdestvensky Walkoff of the Sevastopolitan AFL-CIO. Walkoff was drafted after calling a general strike which incapacitated the Black Sea Fleet to such an extent that it has been forced to surrender the Black Sea to the Turks. Local Draft Board #311 President Rhumatiz Creakyski (a Crimean War veteran) termed this action "unSevastopolitan" and had Walkoff reclassified I-A in retaliation.

Reporters, waiting for Walkoff's appearance at the induction center, were surprised to find that his appearance was not in keeping with the stereotype image of a fire-brand union leader. Rather, he turned out to be a portly man, with shortly cropped hair, round glasses, and (his most noteworthy feature) a funny, little mustache. (A drill instructor was heard to gleefully mutter, "Oh brother, is this going to be fun.") Obviously unhappy with the present turn of events, Walkoff's only comment to the reporters was, "I shall return."

SEVASTOPOL: At the instigation of Wilhelm Cardinal Hötzenorff, a Holy Synod of all the bishops of the Roman Catholic Church has gathered here under the auspices of the Sevastopolitan government. The Synod agreed (unanimously) to depose Lucrezia ("Pope Joan II") from the papacy. The council then excommunicated Lucrezia, her father (formerly Pope Innocent XIV), and Prince Caesare Bordscha.

The College of Cardinals immediately prepared to convene to name a successor to Lucrezia. As yet, no word as to their decision.

LONDON: Sir Archie Golfball and his girlfriend, the Duchess of Liverpool (loaded with gall), have lately been guests of Infant Prince James at Buckingham Palace. The Duchess (nee Janet D.) was much taken in by the wee prince's personality. It is believed that her maternal instincts were evoked. Observers ((sic)) of a certain scuffle are still debating whether the Duchess intended to nurse or seduce the infant prince.

WALNUT CREEK, CALIF: ((Calif??)) The face of a certain prominent Diplomacy player and gamesmaster is reported to be the color of leeches nuts after reading the above press release. Oh yes, he also swallowed his lethal Dutch Schimmelpennick...

SYRIA: The Sultan has fled to Ankara. In his flight, he announced - We declare war on Russia and England - and we will destroy them! To this end we will even ally with the treacherous, no good, backstabbers of rats.

ON THE HIGH SEAS: Beware Brooklyn College! The Bayleov Squadron approaches.

SEVASTOPOL: Rumors reaching here from the Fairwood Palace indicate that the Tsar, the Mad Satirical Monk, has taken a turn for the worse in his continued battle with that dread disease, the "Bane of the Bordschas". The greatest medical minds of the world have been summoned to the palace to do everything in their power to save the former A. B. Swensonov. Meanwhile, a power struggle is developing in the hierarchy of the Sevastopolitan government over the imminent succession to the throne. Leading candidates include Admiral Bayleov, Foreign Minister J. J. Dygertevsky, and Marshall le Tornier.

LONDON: It is reliably reported that the so-called Miskatonic Observer recently notorious here is none other than Sir Archie Golfball, noted American Diplomacy hater and international troublemaker.

LONDON: The Bayleov Squadron is faining stores of fuel, for the proposed voyage to Brooklyn College. Infantile James IV has (for some reason) been still receiving his GRAUSTARKs, and, now, Vice Admiral Wardshchev has been gathering the shreds with a butterfly net. Apparently, on several occasions, Britain's top butterfly, the Infantile Prince himself, has been found in the butterfly net, to the great relief of his keepers.

ARKHAM, MASS. (29 Oct. 1907): THE ENTIRE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS A FAKE, AND I CAN PROVE IT, SAYS SUPREME ANARCH!!!

ARKHAM, MASS (30 Oct. 1907): Saint James Just In, the British Ambassador to Miskatonic University, today called upon the Dean of 5th Dimensional Physics to protest the previous day's notorious headline (why call on a Physics professor to rectify a political matter? Well, it's like this...) Professor Hieronymous, looming, silent, sat behind an oak desk...Then, "Screech!...Grnk...I'm Doomed!!!"..."I knew it was

you, Swensenoff - you're the only person in this game smart enough to wear a gas mask in the presence of the lethal Schimmelpennick!" said the ambassador. "But hark, I feel the trump of doom - what's this glue doing in the false beard I cunningly ripped from your face?"

"Now, I've ruined you!" raved the Mad Satirical Monk. "Look! There was glue on the false beard, and now it's stuck on your elbow-length gloves, removing them and exposing the scars on your wrists! This proves that for years you've been tying your hands to the bedposts at night!"

A door opened, exposing a direct connection to the Football and Super-Diplomacy field. There, Baron Munchhausen directed the chorus of 8,000 members of the Hungarian Dreith in a chorus of sentence: "NUMBER SIX, NUMBER SIX!!" they chanted. Swallowing his cigar, Saint James Just In ran away, leading himself by the ear out the door, across the Super-Dip field (convoying St. Pete to Smyrna in the process), and out into the wilds of North America.

WIEN (15 Feb. 1908): Called in by his sister the Empress over two months ago to lead the defenses of the capital against the Hunnish hordes of Kaiser Wormtongue, Prince Caesaré Bordscha still holds Vienna against the onslaught of the usurping German armies which overrun Austria's rightful northern possessions. Interviewed by reporters, the Prince laughed at reports in Certain New York Papers which depicted the city as having fallen to Wormtongue. "It is obviously a Socialist plot," he said, "to discredit the Government of Our Holy Empress."

SALONA (23 Feb. 1908): The Empress, now pregnant for 7 months, is reported in seclusion here, awaiting the birth of Her third child.

BEOGRAD (17 Mar. 1908): The Papal Curia today released a Bull of Pope Joan II, excommunicating one John Boardman, reportedly a newspaper editor in an obscure east American village, for "spreading malicious gossip".

TARANTO (5 Apr. 1908): Leaders of Austria's "Lost Legion", the Army of Apulia, today released a dispatch from the Empress, ordering them to "expend all effort to restore the Western Roman Empire to its former extent." The message closed with the famous phrase which has now become the national motto of Austria, and which is even printed on Austrian money and postage stamps, "Kill a Kraut for Christ!!"

SALONA (21 Apr. 1908): Reports that the Empress is in labor are still being denied; however, it is now confirmed that Her Majesty has been taken to the St. Fertilus Memorial Hospital. Her last words to her subjects before entering the hospital were, "Procreante Omnes".

SALONA (23 Apr. 1908): The entire Austrian Empire rejoiced today at the news that Her Imperial Majesty the Empress Lucrezia has given birth to a 7½-pound daughter, the Princess Barbara-Philippina-Lucrezia.

WIEN (1 May 1908): Expose of the season: Kaiser Wormtongue has a crush on Queen Victoria!

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SQUILJI ISLANDS: Prince Otto, dining with Pope Sylvester and various other luminaries of the international set, has condescended to give an interview with this reporter, reproduced here verbatim.

Reporter (Robert Kirkbright): I understand that in spite of the fact that you have claimed the German throne and been given it for lack of another claimant, you have refused to return to Germany to administer what's left of your empire.

Otto: Ja. After all, dere iss very little of Chermanny left to adminizter, und von Kluck iss doink an admirable chob of it. I could not mineself do better. Besides, der Pope und mine cousin vill not lafe mit me, und dose brats of Max's found out dar lazt time wē tried to sneak off. (The Prince sorely rubbed his posterior at this point - Ed.)

Kirkbright: Do you have a prediction on the war at this point?

Otto: Ja. Chermanny vill nodt win.

Pope Sylvester IV: Otto is being modest. The main reason Germany has lost most of her European holdings is that she has been busy conquering colonies. At the present time the German Government-in-Exile controls all of China with the exception of Manchuria, the island of Honshu in Japan, all of Africa south of the Niger River (with the

exception of Buchawakanistan), Argentina, Bolivia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Hawaii, and Irian.

Otto: Ja. Last month ve dezizively defeaded der Russians off of Shantung, und dey haf zeded to us Inner Mongolia und Bort Arthur. Ve haf alliances with America und Canada, and are tryink du ged India to refoht against der Vrench vich toog ofer in 1906. Budt I mizz der wienershnitzel und sauerkraut - gogomuts, piffle. For monkeys und vrenchmen dey iss ogay, budy for me? I need der brain gofood.

Pope Sylvester IV: I believe the German strategy is to conquer everything but Europe and then starve the French or Turks or Russians into submission.

Otto: Und if dot doesn't work, ve will send Johann und Friedrich as ambazzadors to der victors.

SQUILJI ISLANDS: Prince Otto today indignantly denied recent GRAUSTARK reports that Princes Johann and Friedrich were his stepsons. "I wouldn't haff dem if der whole French Empire came mit!" he roared upon reading the press report. "Diss iss obviouzly der vork uff mine cousin Prince Max, who bribed a reporter to foist dem rascals onto me!"

"Well, you can't blame me for tryink," Prince Max replied.

AVIGNON (7 Jan. 1908): Following last year's deposition of Pope Sylvester IV, the pro-war members of the College of Cardinals have been meeting to elect a successor. Cardinal Smellman has publicly objected to Pope Sylvester's description of this group as "the sitting of a rump session". "On what other part of the body does the ex-Pope expect us to sit?" the Cardinal replied acidly.

AVIGNON (8 Jan. 1908): Today a cloud of white smoke (created by the burning of a stack of old pacifist pamphlets) announced that the Avignon cardinals had elected a new Pope to replace the deposed Sylvester IV. The new Pontiff is the 97-year-old Cardinal Ottopussi, formerly chief of the Holy Office. Immediately upon his election, the new Pope performed the following acts:

1. Took the name of "Julius IV", "in memory of Our great predecessor"
2. Told a reporter, in answer to a question, that he did not mean the warrior-Pope Julius II but Julius Caesar, "whose sanguinary military career provides an example for all true Christians to emulate".
3. Restored to the Holy Office its original name - the Inquisition.
4. Appointed Cardinal Tackintyre to head the Inquisition, with instructions to begin by purging the Bible of all pacifist propaganda.
5. Created the late Heinrich von Treitschke a Saint.
6. Proclaimed the Tenth Crusade "against the infidel Ottoman Empire, which now holds the Holy City in subjection".
7. Dropped dead of apoplexy.

ST. PETERSBURG (3 Apr. 1908, PMA): A Russian Foreign Office Bulletin revealed that India and British China have been taken over by Russian troops. Plans to take over the British Dominions failed because of vigorous defense by local troops.

Battles between Australian and Straits Settlements armies, and forces of the Russian Empire, are raging throughout the Dutch Indies.

Australian units hold the whole of New Guinea. Sir Charles Brooke, Rajah of Sarawak, has extended his realm to include all of Borneo and Java. Ceylon and Sumatra are occupied by his Dyak Army. Russian territories include the Celebes and Timor.

Situations change rapidly in the East Indies and we are sending Casimir Korzenowski and Juliusz Slowacki to cover events there.

CONSTANTINOPLE (4 Apr. 1908): Pandemonium reigns in this ancient capital as Royalist irregulars battle President Nasturtium's Home Guard for control of the city and the government. Led by General Hafiz Humid, former commander of the 1st Turine Division, the rebels swept in from the barren shores of the Black Sea at daybreak and now control several key points and the local wireless station. Large segments of the Republican military are defecting hourly, and the success of the rebellion seems assured. Since the Sultana left no heirs, it's anyone's guess who will wear the Turkish crown should the Royalists re-establish the monarchy.

SQUILJI ISLANDS: Pope Sylvester IV, now settled in his new headquarters, "Vatican II", offered to mediate between the Germans and the Russians in the vast Asian struggle in which both Empires are claiming victory.

THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter XXVII

Secret Agent O-O-Hate seethed with rage as he looked down at the drug-racked form of the soldier, sprawled on a cot in a back room of the peacenik apartment. "Suppose everyone took the easy way out with drugs," he snapped. "Do you want to see happen here what happened in Hungary? Communistic Russian troops marching in to suppress the just aspirations of a free people, and deny them the right to run their own lives?"

"Well," Private Eversharp began, "it was terrible, what happened to the Hungarians in 1956."

"What 1956?" O-O-Hate replied. "I was talking about 1945."

Eversharp groaned and took another drag at his hookah. "Man, I'm building a new record high here. This hookah is loaded with a mixture of pot, dried banana peels, eucalyptus sawdust, LSD, and shredded Aubrey Beardsley prints. Every grain of narcotic in the place is packed into this one little bowl."

"And that'll be enough to put you in Leavenworth for life!" O-O-Hate said. "One of my many covers is that of a FDA agent, and I'm going to take you and the rest of the peaceniks in this apartment in for narcotics law violations."

Eversharp responded by puffing acrid smoke into the faces of O-O-Hate and the espionage robot. O-O-Hate coughed sharply, while the robot retaliated by shooting a jet of tear-gas into the hookah bowl.

"That's all I needed," the soldier sighed. "Now you'll really see me get high!" And, with the hookah full of evidence tucked under one arm, Eversharp slowly rose into the air, through the ceiling, and up out of sight into the haze.

(What can Secret Agent O-O-Hate do about the pacifists, now that one of them has escaped with all the evidence? Follow the adventures of this fearless foe of the International Pacifist Conspiracy in the next issue of GRAUSTARK.)

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF BEAUQUILLON - II

In the middle of the 2nd century the Roman Empire was plagued with conspiracies within the army, and barbarian invasions. It was against this background that the estate of the Belcuillonius family became the independent Grand Duchy of Beaucuillon. In the year 255 the Emperor Sextus Licentius Hellowagabelus Disgustus Caesar visited Belcuillonius to dedicate the new Circus Minimas, a Roman arena which still stands and is one of the Grand Duchy's principal tourist attractions. The Emperor was peculiarly taken with the precocity and bearing of young Ganymedes Julius Belcuilllonius, the 14-year-old son and heir of the estate's owner. Since the Emperor's tastes were such as prevented him from having any natural heirs, he adopted young Ganymedes as his colleague and heir.

During the following year, Gaul was invaded by the Hardals, a sub-tribe of the Vandals known for their musical talents. The Emperor was taken and tortured to death by a three-day recital of battle songs. Ganymedes then claimed the Roman Empire, but was dethroned by the late Emperor's three nephews, Furius, Curius, and Spurius, who mobilized their armies to fight the barbarians and each other.

To forestall a barbarian sack, Ganymedes married Mathilde, daughter of the Burgundian chieftain Zinfandel, and made an alliance with her father's tribe. In 271 he deposed his father-in-law, and attracted to himself a mixed group of Roman and barbarian soldiers and their willing or unwilling female captives. These soldiers having been won over by promises of tax-free wine and honest gambling, Ganymedes then proclaimed himself Grand Duke ("Dux Magnus et Magnificus") of the sovereign and independent state of Beaucuillon.

The date of this proclamation, the Ides of September, is still celebrated as a holiday in Beaucuillon. However, the effect of this celebration is somewhat diminished by the fact that all other days are also holidays.

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CONSTANTINOPLE: We have ordered our American allies to scuttle an oil tanker, the "Steve Canyon", in the English Channel. We hope that floating oil will render convoys between England and the Continent impossible.

CONSTANTINOPLE to DALLAS: COMMENCE OPERATION "TROUBLED WATERS".

DALLAS: We claim the English Channel as Texan territory, due to the presence there of offshore and tidelands oil.

DALLAS: "Blimey, I'm rich!" - Jett Rink

BORDEAUX: That's not oil, that's California wine.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH (continued from p. 5)

Vatican City. There have thus far been no complaints from dedicated Anglophiles - in which class most of our many Canadian readers fall - or, for that matter, from any other reader about these releases.

It was not I, but Cardinal Spellman, who made the pro-war utterance quoted in #122. In invoking a remark from Benito Mussolini in support of war, you reveal the actual direction of your sympathies. I feel obliged to call to your attention the fact that the Second World War is over, and that your side lost.

((To which I might add that GRAUSTARK is not a signatory of the 1929 Lateran Treaty, and has no intention of abiding by its provisions.))

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Like Brian Libby, Charles Reinsel prefers war to peace. This perversion led him, several months ago, to demand that I cease sending him GRAUSTARK. I have scrupulously obeyed this wish, not being able anyhow to read his almost illegible Big Brother.

However, a couple of weeks ago I sent him a copy of Big Brother. No - not his postal Diplomacy bulletin, but another publication of the same name, a printed tabloid published by Eddie Abel, Box 2223, Denver, Colo. 80201. This Big Brother carries mainly ads for "friendship clubs", printed matter advertised so as to sound like pornography (and may be so in fact, for all I know), and "personals" designed to get people with odd tastes in touch with other people with odd tastes. The lead article and editorials protest various "anti-smut" laws and court decisions. I wish Reinsel joy of his publication's namesake.

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