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1965Q "Winter 1916 - Spring 1917"

TURKS SHATTER ENGLISH  
FLEET IN ALGERIA

In the "Fall 1916" moves recorded in GRAUSTARK #136, the Turkish moves "A Rum-Ukr", "A Bul-Rum", and "F Bla S A Bul-Rum" should have been underlined. The English army in the Ukraine is not dislodged, and the English army in Galicia retreats to Warsaw. All players were informed of these corrections.

"Winter 1916" moves are:

ENGLAND: Builds A Lon.

FRANCE: Removes A Pie.

TURKEY: Builds A Con.

"Spring 1917"

ENGLAND (Koning): A Lon-Bel; F North Sea C A Lon-Bel; F Kie-Hol; A Pru-Sil; A Ukr & F Bal hold; A War S A Ukr; A Mos S A Ukr; A Ber S A Pru-Sil; F North Africa-Wes; F Mid S F North Africa-Wes; F Iri & F Bre S F Mid; A Mar-Pie; A Bur-Mar; A Gas S A Bur-Mar.

FRANCE (Linden): F Spa(s.c.) S  
TURKISH F Wes.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (K. Pattee): A Mun holds.

TURKEY (Kuch): A Smy-Ank; A Rum-Ukr; A Sev S A Rum-Ukr; A Arm S A Sev; A Gal-War; A Con-Bul; A Vie-Boh; A Tri-Tyr; A Tyr-Pie; F Tun-North Africa; F Wes S F Tun-North Africa; F Ion-Tyr; F Lyo & F Por S FRENCH F Spa(s.c.); A Bul-Rum; F Bla S A Bul-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The North African battle may require a little elucidation.

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"Fall-Winter 1913"

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FRENCH TRY ARCTIC

FRANCE (Berman): A Fin-St.P; F Norway S A Fin-St.P; F Norwegian Sea-Bar; F Swe-Bot; F Tun, F Lyo, & A Mun hold; F Wes S F Tun; F Spa (s.c.) & F Mar S F Lyo; F Eng-Mid; A Kie, A Ruh, & A Bur S A Mun; F Bal S RUSSIAN A Ber; A Hol not ordered, holds.

RUSSIA (Levinson): A Mos S A St.P; A St.P S A Mos; A Ber S TURKISH  
A Boh-Mun.

TURKEY (Wagner): A Sev S RUSSIAN A Mos; A Liv S RUSSIAN A St.P; A War S A Pru; A Pru & A Sil S RUSSIAN A Ber; A Boh S A Sil; A Tyr-Mun; A Tri-Vie; A Ven-Tri; F Pie S F Tus; F Tus S F Pie; F Tyr & F Aeg hold; F Ion & F Nap S F Tyr.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mar, Mun, Nor, Par, Por, Spa, Swe, Tun. (16)

RUSSIA: Ber, Mos, St.P. (3)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (15)

There are no builds or removals. The deadline for "Spring 1914" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 1967. However, if all moves come in before then, and if this is agreeable to all three players, the "Spring 1914" moves will be sent out by carbon copy when they've all arrived, and a deadline will be set for "Fall 1914" moves.

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## MARGARET GEMIGNANI SUBMITS TO GAMESMASTER

Since Margaret Gemignani has submitted "Fall 1903" moves for France, she takes over the play of that country. In GRAUSTARK #136, the Austro-Hungarian fleet in the Aegean was incorrectly listed as being in Smyrna. Accordingly, the Turkish moves "A Con-Smy" & "AF Ank-Con" succeed.

ENGLAND (Maloney): F Eng-Lon; F Norwegian Sea-Edi.

FRANCE (Gemignani): A Ruh-Bel; F Pic S A Ruh-Bel.

GERMANY (M. Miller): A Den-Yor; F North Sea C A Den-Yor; A Kie-Ruh; A Mun & A Bel S A Kie-Ruh; F Hol S A Bel.

ITALY (Clark): F Lyo-Mar; A Mar-Gas; F Mid-Iri; A Ven-Pie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Latimer): A Tyr-Vie; A Gre-Bul; A Ser & F Aeg S A Gre-Bul; F Ion-Eas.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): F Ska S GERMAN F North Sea; F Norway-Norwegian Sea; A Fin-Norway; A Rum-Bud; A Gal S A Rum-Bud; F Sev-Rum; A Arm-Sev.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Bul S RUSSIAN F Sev-Rum; F Con & F Ela S A Bul; A Smy S F Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Ruh-Bur. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Gre, Ser, Tri,

FRANCE: Bre, Par. (2)

Vie. (4)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (6)

RUSSIA: Bud, Mos, Nor, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (8)

ITALY: Mar, Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (5) TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

England, Italy, and Russia may each build one new unit, and Austria-Hungary must remove one. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 1967.

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"Fall 1911"

## AUSTRO-GERMAN ALLIANCE SHOWS STRAIN

ENGLAND (Dygort): No moves received. F Mid, F North Atlantic, F Wal, F Edi, & A Ruh hold.

GERMANY (Latimer): F Iri-Liv; F Den-North Sea; F Lon S F Den-North Sea; A Pic-Bre; F Kie-Hol; A Bel S F Kie-Hol; A Bur-Mun; A Ber-Kie; A Nap holds; A Apu S A Nap; A Pru-War; A Par-Gas; A St.P-Norway; F Norway-North Sea.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Walker): A Rom holds; A Ven S A Rom; F Ion-Aeg; F Gre S F Ion-Aeg; F Adr-Ion; A Rum & A Sor S A Bul; A Bul S A Rum; A Gal-War; A Mun S GERMAN A Bur-Ruh.

RUSSIA (Turner): F Sev-Bla.

TURKEY (E. Thompson): A Con-Bul; F Aeg & F Ela S A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish fleet in the Aegean Sea must retreat to Smyrna or the Eastern Mediterranean; the direc-

1966AA - PRESS RELEASES

NEW YORK (30 April 1911): According to Mr. Mutinus Nightstand, prominent publisher and business manager of the woman who claims to be Princess Svetsoxa of Balkania, "Military Governor Borgia has found it almost impossible to stop trading in the stock of Svetsoxa Inc. This corporation, which is marketing memoirs and other souvenirs of Princess Svetsoxa, is so highly profitable that even members of the Governor's own staff have purchased our stock. Although it is not officially listed on the Exchange, it is being traded on the curb. On fact, yesterday on the north curb of 34th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues, 100 shares of Svetsoxa Inc. changed hands for 78½ a share."

BROOKLYN (17 July 1911): A local tabloid editor, who refused to be quoted by name, expressed his belief that Mrs. Hullabalua is really, as she claims, Princess Svetsoxa, eldest illegitimate daughter of the notorious Empress Lucrezia, alias Pope Joan II. "I am quite familiar with the Empress's claim that she is only in her lower 20's, and thus unable to be the mother of a woman in her middle 20's as the Princess appears to be. However, isn't it possible that the Empress might have added Bordschabiazin to her daughter's pabulum, thus making appearances deceptive?"

ROME (11 September 1911): The Eternal City today witnessed one of the most awe-inspiring sights in its long history. Her Holiness, Pope Joan II, held court for the first time in two years, attended by Her Cardinals, the Papal Curia, the Senate of Rome, and the Ambassadors of the Nations. Her Holiness was, if anything, younger-looking and more beautiful than She has been in some months. Her spectacular blonde hair fell out from beneath the Papal Tiara in great billowing waves which fell below Her Holiness' waist. Her brilliant blue eyes flashed with undiminished vigor - and also anger. The reason? A glance around the throne room in St. Peter's was enough to answer that. Without exception, all the males present were aged, white-haired, and seemingly on the verge of death. "Chemical warfare!!" shrieked Her Holiness. "Genocide!!!! I thought the damned drug was for men only - and look at my beautiful collection of st-...uh, gentlemen, now! Catastrophe! Sevastopol will pay for this!!" Her Holiness then excommunicated Carl Turnoff, Dr. Phrygid Dotteriev, the Emperor of Sevastopol, and several other citizens of Balkania's eastern neighbor, and ordered large quantities of Bordschabiazin to be dumped in wells, dams, and other water supplies in south Russia. "Try and poison me, will they?!"

BROOKLYN (14 September 1911): Interviewed at her job on the docks, Princess Svetsoxa said, "I ain't surprised at the description of Mommy's big party. It says in the paper, near as I can spell it out, that 'Her spectacular blonde hair fell out from beneath the Papal Tiara - Trara - er, Crown in great billowing waves which fell below her waist.' Mommy wears a wig! I always knew it would fall out someday. That serves Mommy right, for keeping me shut up where nobody could see me. I wonder why she wanted to do that." So saying, Princess Svetsoxa hoisted up one end of a crated howitzer bound for Liverpool, and signalled to the four men at the other end of the crate that she was ready to lift it.

NEW YORK (3 October 1911): His Excellency, Vlad Borgia ("The Impaler") today announced that he has eliminated once and for all the "Svetsoxa Menace" from the Province of New York, which he governs in the name of the Allies (Germany, Balkania, and Sevastopol). Last week, he announced to reporters, the "False Svetsoxa" was given 2 quarts of Bordschabiazin intravenously, forced to drink a gallon of the drug, and was administered another 7½ pints "in the prescribed manner". "Then," said His Excellency, "we impaled her several dozen times. She enjoyed

it a lot more than previously." Just to be sure, the Governor locked Svetsoxa into a steel/lead/titanium cage with a dozen hunger-maddened male gorillas. The ensuing row in the cage has not yet quieted down. However, pictures of Svetsoxa going into the cage indicate that her hair had already turned grey.

NEW YORK (4 October 1911): The police of New York City are used to discovering bodies along the waterfront, particularly since the installation of Vlad the Impaler as Governor. But the bodies discovered this morning were something different. They were those of a dozen gray-haired gorillas.

The bodies were taken to Dr. Pithecanthroovich, a Sevastopolitan refugee now working for the New York Zoological Society. After a thorough examination of the corpses, Dr. Pithecanthroovich said, "These apes have apparently died of sexual debilitation aggravated by extreme old age. If we were in Sevastopol instead of New York, I would have no hesitation in attributing this effect to a drug invented by a brilliant but erratic young female student of mine."

BROOKLYN (4 October 1911): Her co-workers, who had expressed some concern about Princess Svetsoxa after she was hauled away yesterday from her stevedore job by Governor Vlad Borgia's police, were glad to see her back at work today. As one of them said, "It's good to have ol' Svetty back again. We've gotten 76 achievement awards for gross weight loaded in one day since she joined our gang."

The Princess refused to discuss her absence, but showed no ill effects.

SALONA (31 October 1911): As usual, the capital of the Balkanian Empire is alive with lights and merrymakers as all Europe (with the exception of Black and Gloomy England) (and maybe also anti-fun Turkey) celebrates the birthday of Her Imperial and Celestial Majesty, the Empress Lukrezia. During the celebration, Her Majesty announced that Her scientists had isolated the part of Bordshabiazin which caused the undesirable side-effect of aging and that a new, improved product would soon be on the market. "Not," Her Majesty giggled, "that we Bordshas need any..." Early next month, Her Majesty is scheduled to tour Naxos, Rhodes, Crete, Lemnos, and other Aegean possessions of Balkania, newly conquered from the quavering and retreating Turks.

SEVASTOPOL: The rebellious Synod of Sevastopol suddenly and unexpectedly ceased to exist today, following the news that Balkanian Empress Lucrezia is showing definite signs of aging. Led by the formerly recalcitrant Cardinal Hötzenдорff, the many bishops and cardinals madly dashed off to Salona to "visit the Empress while there's still time", as one panting Austrian bishop put it.

NEW YORK: Rep. Margaret Boardman (D-N. Y.) of Brooklyn today demanded that an investigation of the Princess Svetsoxa affair be conducted immediately by "unbiased persons to inquire as to the true details of this affair." The good representative apparently had herself in mind as possible chairwoman of the committee.

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tion of this retreat must be submitted with the "Winter 1911" moves, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, For, Spa, Tun. (4)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mar, Mos, Nap, Nor, Par, St.P, Swe, War. (16)

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## RUSSIANS SUSPICIOUS OF GERMAN INTENTIONS

MOSCOW: In response to demands made on the Russian people, the Tsar released the following message to the Diplomatic world:

"Nicholas, by the Grace of God, Gosudar of all Rus, and Grand Prince of Vladimir and of Moscow and of Novgorod and of Pskov and of Tver and of Yugria and of Viatka and of Perm and of Bolgary and of others; wishes to state that we, by the grace of God have been sovereigns over our land from the beginning, from our first forefathers, and we have our ordination from God, as did our forefathers, so also we, and we pray God that God grant us and our children forever to be as we are now Sovereigns over our land, and as we have not heretofore wished ordination from anyone, so we do not wish it."

In actuality this was said by Ivan III in 1497, and Nicholas repeated it in order to impress and seduce a young girl. The girl saw right through his guise and immediately told him that he will be overthrown in March of 1917 for his wickedness. The Tsar laughed off the threat and promptly sent her home to her father Kerensky.

MOSCOW: Let it be known that the Tsar has stopped reading all mail that has a postmark from Germany. The reason that the Tsar offered is that there are apparently different people writing the correspondence and sending the soldiers to the front lines. Letters are arriving on a daily basis offering peace. Soldiers are arriving on a daily basis offering war. The incongruity of the situation has completely baffled the Tsar. Is Germany suggesting that the armies located in Silesia and Norway are there for peaceful reasons? Are they surveilling the Russian borders to stop the German people from entering Russian territory against the wishes of the Government? Are the other great nations of Europe getting similar incongruous correspondence? Will you be getting it in the future? The Tsar is certainly baffled!! How about you?

STALINGRAD: It was heard in the walls of the Kremlin, "John is doing a great job."

ENGLAND (Lebling): Removes A Wal. GERMANY (M. Thomson): Builds F Kie.  
FRANCE (Musbach): Builds F Mar & AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (H. Anderson):  
F Bre. Builds A Bud.

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AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Mun, ?Rom, Rum, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vic. (10)  
RUSSIA: Sev. (1)  
TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3)

England must remove one unit, and Germany may build one. Tom Griffin should send in a stand-by removal for England in the event that Jim Dygert misses a second move in succession. The deadline for these "Winter 1911" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 1967.

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John Reiner has announced that The Broken Line will cease publication with the forthcoming 4th issue. # Jim Sanders is somewhere in Baltimore, where presumably Jack Chalker will have a chance to express to him the consensus of Diplomatic opinion concerning his defalcations. # My comments on Armageddonia #21 will go into a letter to Turner; space in GRAUSTARK is needed for more important things. # Congratulations to Conrad von Metzke, who pulled off a most unexpected win in 1965B. # Pan-Pacificon in '68; Columbus in '69; Heidelberg in '70; New York in '74!

1966B

"Spring 1912"

Following the "Spring 1912" moves reported in GRAUSTARK #136, Italy made the retreats F Mid-Iri and A Spa-Mar. These retreats were announced to the other players a week ago, and a deadline of 2 September 1967 set for "Fall 1912" moves. In all probability, these will be the last moves in the game. They will be printed in GRAUSTARK #138.

ROME: Representatives of the Sublime Portal ((sic)) were greeted here with a massive three day orgy to celebrate the impending victory of the alliance and the destruction of English influence on the continent.

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VLADIVOSTOK (Aug. 17, 1913, IRNS): Tsarina Ludmilla is reported on her way to Vatican II in the Squiji (?) Islands to confer with the Pope on his conversion campaign in Manchuria.

It seems her 15-year-old niece, Princess Natalia, has shown interest in becoming a Catholic, and if it must happen the Tsarina would prefer it were done in the old manner, not by the Pope's method. Princess Natalia could not be reached for comment, but last week had said that she thought the Pope was "dreamy".

AVIGNON (Aug. 24, 1913): Pope Urban IX, speaking ex cathedra ("outside the cathedral") at a festival celebrating the 341st anniversary of the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre, ridiculed the report that Princess Natalia was going to the Squiji Islands to be converted by "that pacifistic, schismatic, heretical Anti-Pope Sylvester IV". "If she wishes to join the Church Militant and Military," he told an audience of five thousand members of the Fils de Clement et Ravailiac, "she should direct her steps to Avignon, which is the center of the Church now that Rome is temporarily under the occupation of the Infidels. Furthermore, I can assure her worthy aunt that she need not fear for her niece's virtue in Avignon."

SQUIJI ISLANDS (Sept. 1, 1913): Pope Sylvester IV, interviewed today during a pinochle game with the King of the Squiji Islands, Prince Max, Prince Otto, Johann Hauptelsbrudelt, and Dr. A. Ohne Umlaut, expressed pleasure that Princess Natalia of Russia was coming to the Squiji Islands to be personally converted by him. "Since the so-called 'Urban IX' was elected by a rump session of Cardinals after they had illegally deposed me," he said, "he cannot speak for the Church. And it may well be that the Tsarina's niece's virtue would be safe at Avignon, but she'd better not send any of her nephews there."

"Ve know how you iss gonverding der gonverds here, Sylfester," Prince Otto asked him, "but how duss dis Urban gonverd dem?"

"Each new convert gets a gun and a helmet," the Pope replied, "and is sent to the nearest front to fight the Turks."

Further conversation ceased at this point when the King, Prince Max, and remittance man Hauptelsbrudelt simultaneously each melded sixty queens. It was later discovered that Prince Max's stepsons, Princes Johann and Friedrich, had tampered with the deck.

SQUIJI ISLANDS (Sept. 27, 1913): The Pope's Own Regiment of Amazon Axewomen today paraded in review past the new papal palace at Vatican II. Led by General Borden and Colonels Sullivan and Nation, they marched sharply by a reviewing stand which held the Pope, the King, Princes Otto and Max, and other dignitaries. Pope Sylvester IV did not conceal the fact that this show of force had been held to dissuade the Turks, French, and Russians from extending their sway to the Squiji Islands after the conclusion of the present European war. "Our Axewomen can wear out any opponent," the Pope said.

## GRAUSTARK WELCOMES YOU TO NYCON III

If you have turned first to this article, then in all probability you are one of the more than 1200 science-fiction and fantasy fans who have gathered at the Statler-Hilton in New York for the 25th World Science-Fiction Convention. You have just paid your 20¢, and are wondering just what you've bought.

Diplomacy is a board game invented about a decade ago by Allan B. Calhamer, who is probably around the convention somewhere. The game is played on a map of 1914 Europe, and each player takes one of the major powers of that era. They play by maneuvering armies and fleets around the board in accordance with an easily understood set of rules. They can act in alliance with one another, but an alliance is not binding, and can be abandoned by a player when he feels it is in his interest to do so. There is a period of negotiation before each move, but, as in actual diplomacy, no one is obligated to abide by his commitments. There is no element of chance in the game, aside from the initial assignment of country. A player may increase his forces by capturing neutral or enemy "supply centers". The first player to obtain a majority of all the pieces on the board is the winner.

This game may be obtained at any of the larger stores - including bookstores - in New York City. F. A. O. Schwartz and Brentano's are known to stock it. The price is \$7.50. The game can also be ordered by mail from Games Research Inc., 48 Wareham St., Boston, Mass. 02118, whose advertisement you will find in the NYCon program book.

Somewhat over four years ago, it occurred to me that Diplomacy might lend itself well to postal play. So I wrote up a set of rules, circulated them among science-fiction fans in my fanzine KNOWABLE, and started postal Diplomacy. This game and hobby has since expanded to over 100 games now under way in 15 or 20 different bulletins, and to the invention of many variants.

GRAUSTARK, now at its 137th issue, is the oldest postal Diplomacy bulletin. Subscriptions are 10 issues for \$1.00. The following back issues are available at 10¢ each: 44, 46, 48, 50-53, 57, 58, 64, 66, 67, 71, 72, 74-91, 93, 94, 101-136. The publisher is John Boardman, 592 Sixteenth Street, Brooklyn, New York 11218.

Since there are 7 games now running in GRAUSTARK, no new registrations are currently being accepted. However, there are openings for stand-by players in many games. In particular, a player is needed to take over England in a nearly completed game, 1967F. In that game, England has only two fewer supply centers than the number needed to win. Play in 1967F has been suspended until a substitute is recruited. Full details appear in GRAUSTARK #136. Write for information about other stand-by openings.

Other postal Diplomacy bulletins worth getting are listed below. Almost all of them are 10 issues for \$1.00. Many of them have openings for new players; write the publishers for details and prices. A Droite A Gauche, Harold A. Naus, 288 Broadway #139, Chula Vista,

Calif. 92010. (Also publishes Costa II.)  
Barad-Dur, Jack Chalker, 5111 Liberty Heights Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21207.

Brobdingnag, John McCallum, "A" Quarters, S. E. S., Ralston, Alberta  
Diplomania, Diplophobia, Dipsomania, & Fantasia, Donald Miller, 12315  
Judson Road, Wheaton, Md. 20906

Erehwon, Rod Walker, c/o 3345th Technical Training School (SAFM), Chanute AFB, Illinois 61866 (after 30 September 1967).

Lonely Mountain, Charles Wells, 3678 Lindholm Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44120.

sTab, John Koning, 318 S. Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio 44509.

Wild 'n' Woolly, Charles Brannan, 3044A Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, Calif. 94705

In addition to these, there are bulletins which deal exclusively with variations of Diplomacy:

Glockoria, David Lebling, 3 Rollins Court, Rockville, Md. 20852

Hostigos, Michael R. Childers, 3137 Tilfer St., Houston, Tex. 77017

Dipsomania, Fantasia, and Erehwon also include various other games based on or related to Diplomacy.

In addition to reporting the progress of postal Diplomacy games, GRAUSTARK also carries frequent articles on the strategy and tactics of the game. Forthcoming in the near future is an article by Stephen Gordon: "A Survey of Developments in Simulation in International Relations", and includes Diplomacy among such simulations. GRAUSTARK also contains press releases issued by the various players. The composition of these press releases, as can be seen in this issue, is a great part of the fun of postal Diplomacy.

Many Diplomacy fans may also find STRÖBECK interesting. STRÖBECK, a bulletin of chess and its variants, is published every other month from the same address as GRAUSTARK. The first and second issues are available at 20¢ each during the WorldCon; they are 25¢ each by mail. The variations of chess discussed in STRÖBECK include the Old (medieval) Chess, Tamerlane's Great Chess, the Courier game, Scotch Chess, and, in the next issue, Maharajah Chess and Marseilles Chess. Subscriptions to STRÖBECK are 5 issues for \$1.00.

New York area fans who are interested in playing Diplomacy across the board should write the following people:

Allan B. Calhmer, 201 W. 21st St., New York, N. Y. 10011

Eugene Prosnitz, 200 Clinton St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11201

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The English fleet in North Africa attacked the Turkish fleet in the Western Mediterranean, and had support from the Mid-Atlantic. However, this attack failed because the Turkish fleet had the support of the remaining French fleet, in Spain. Since the Turkish fleet was attacked from North Africa, it could render support into North Africa. Thus, its support of the Turkish move F Tun-North Africa is valid. The English fleet in North Africa is therefore the victim of a two-to-one attack, and is dislodged. Since there is no free space into which it may retreat, it is annihilated.

The deadline for "Fall 1917" moves in 1965Q is NOON, SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 1967. Players are again requested to submit conditional "Winter 1917" builds or removals with their Fall moves.

MADRID (Feb. 16, 1917): General Tilleul, GOC Spain and Provisional Chief of State, today made the following address to the French nation:

"The forced abandonment of our soil and the surrender of our last army must surely grieve every French heart. But it is, to coin a phrase, only a strategic withdrawal. Already England must see the handwriting on the wall. It is only a matter of time before the advancing Turkish armies force the restoration of France and the avenging of Germany. The Preposterous Line is uncrackable, and as the navies of perfidious Albion pound against it in vain, her armies will be forced to disperse wider and wider to defend her conquests. Her doom is sure."

HYDUNDERABAD, INDIA: Pandit the Bandit, leader of the Peristaltic Movement, today charged that Maharajah Kamasutra IX had "hired the services of the reactionary international mercenary Spiros Preposterous." Simultaneously, the Maharajah announced that Preposterous had been seen in the hills, advising the rebels trying to overthrow him.



## THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

It has been several issues since a letter column was included, and so quite a backlog has accumulated. Therefore, the writer's dating will be given with each letter, so that readers can put them into time perspective. As always, double parentheses ((like this)) indicate the editor's comments.

JOHN MCCALLUM, "A" Quarters, S. E. S., Ralston, Alberta: (11 June): I was a bit surprised to read of your apparent surprise that Diplomacy games can be stalemated as well as drawn. (No. 130, page 9, game 1967F.) Game 1965U is to all intents stalemated with two players on each side. Attempts to break this alliance pattern have been made, from both sides, to no avail, and this game will, I think, eventually have to be called off without a decision. Game 1965D (Wild 'n' Woolly's 1965KX) is in a similar position. ((Game 1965D has since been won by Jerry Pournelle, playing Italy.))

... (5 July): Objections have been raised to the retention of game 1964C on the rosters and rating lists. I have written the various players in that game and also Schultz the first Gamesmaster. The objection is, of course, because you played two positions in the game, unknown to the other players... However, I have heard that a prominent player, not actually in the game, takes a very serious view of this matter. As do several others who were in the game for a few years... My feeling is, though, that, most likely, all results derived from this game will have to be deleted from all Rating lists.

((Do as you wish. Charles Turner has raised this same issue in a recent issue of Armageddonia, citing the GRAUSTARK rules. However, as I have previously stated, the GRAUSTARK rules for postal Diplomacy are in no sense to be regarded as obligatory for other Gamesmasters. I have already been accused of trying to "take over" postal Diplomacy without this added in. At the time Dick Schultz organized 1964C - taking surplus players from the 1964B enrollment - he had no stipulations on this point, one way or the other. The accusation that, in entering 1964C under a pseudonym, I broke a rule, refers to a rule which did not exist. For those people who like their Diplomacy in conformity with history, such developments are not unprecedented. No one can pretend that the Russian Empire entered World War I as anything but the pawn of the Anglo-French Entente. And there are other postal Diplomacy games in which this same thing goes on. To all practical purposes 1965B - Wild 'n' Woolly's 1965KL - is a two-man game between Conrad von Metzke's Russia and Jock Root's France. Earl Thompson as England sends in the moves that Root asks him to, and as Italy I stand in the same relationship to von Metzke.))

SID COCHRAN JR., 1816 South College Street, Tyler, Texas (19 July): I should like to inquire whether Bangs Leslie Tapscott's fan club has started a movement among the owners and operators of GRAUSTARK to have him appointed supervising editor of your publication, and if it is not universally known (in the postal Diplomacy universe, that is) that the editor of GRAUSTARK is John Boardman, a Herr Doktor Professor at Brooklyn College. If the first premise is false and the second true, with the possible exception of your true academic ranking, what is the merit of your declaration of the non-editorship of the said Bangs Leslie Tapscott? Are you simply trying to raise a doubt by denying this non-fact? You had as well say on your masthead that "This publication is not edited under the supervision of Sid Cochran." The statement would be equally true and

equally meaningless to the vast majority of the postal Diplomacy universe. Naturally, if the section of your zine in which this declaration appears is dedicated to such unmeaning, 'tis your humor and I must accept it or discard the zine.

((This is an interesting series of deductions but, alas, it is founded on a false premise. The Bangs Leslie Tapscott fan club, consisting entirely of Bangs Leslie Tapscott, has started a movement to dictate the content of OPERATION AGITATION publications.))

I should like to ascertain your position and the place where (in time, not space) it branched from that held by 'official quarters in Washington (D. C.)', or possibly 'high official quarters in...'. Is it to be understood that subsequent to the Geneva Accords of 1954, in which this country had observers but was not a 'High Contracting Party', the onlie true Sovraintie in those provinces of the former French Indo-China known as the Empire of Annam was that asserted and professed by the Viet-Nameese ((sic)) People's Republic and the Lao-Dong or Viet Nameese Communist Party under the leadership of Ho-Chih-Minh? ((Yes.)) Is one to understand that among all that remained in those provinces of the Empire which were not scheduled to be evacuated immediately by the armies of the French Union upon the coming into force of the Accords there were none but French war-mongers and gangsters (not necessarily French) of whatever hue?

((Is one to understand what is meant in this question?)) Or did the official American position on this unhappy land diverge from yours, which is, of course, the only one that is truly right, wholesome, pure, and 100% virtuous, at some point subsequent to 1954 - and if so, when and wherein?

Doubtless, this is answered in some prior issue of GRAUSTARK, but I should appreciate it if the kindly Editor (and not Bangs Leslie Tapscott) would direct me to the proper issue.

((The question is answered, but not in GRAUSTARK; I've discussed the matter at length in my column in a recent issue of Ted Pauls' Kipple, 1448 Meridene Drive, Baltimore, Md. 21212.))

ROD WALKER, TUSLOG Det. #183, APO New York, N. Y. 09254 (19 July): Just a note on your comments re: William Linden's letter: ((in GRAUSTARK #134)) I don't know who you've been talking to about the Vietnam thing, but I take it their understanding of foreign affairs, history, and related subjects is pretty shallow. Neither war nor peace, in end of itself, is to be preferred. It all depends on the situation; in international affairs, it is extremely unwise to muddle your thinking by the rather hopeless attempt to apply simplistic consistency to all occasions. Emerson: "Foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds." To decide that, in all situations, war is preferable to peace, or vice versa, is very foolish. ((The alternative, which is to accept war as a permanent part of human life for all the future, is more than foolish - it is insane.)) Granted, all things aside, peace is preferable to war - but universal principles are scarce these days and I do not think that is one of them, yet. Your belief that "hawks" must ipso facto prefer war to peace (as a universal) is highly irrational. You can only point to isolated instances involving individuals whose number is statistically meaningless performing acts whose significance you infer rather than prove. This is hardly an activity calculated to produce meaningful results. I am grateful that the sciences of sociology and politics have progressed to the point at which professional judgments are no longer based on this kind of "gathering nuts in May" process. Show me a true random survey, con-

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ducted by a reputable academic agency, using proper methodology, which proves your point, and I'll believe you.

((So far the best thing in this line that we have to go by, is a statement in the latest issue of the American Civil Liberties Union's bulletin. The ACLU, which has had 47 years of experience in detecting and combatting threats to our civil liberties, is of the opinion that this is more than a series of isolated incidents, that there is a campaign being mounted against peace and the right of dissent in the United States.))

Furthermore, the fact that the character of some "hawks" leaves something to be desired proves nothing whatever about the war. Frankly, I don't care who supports the war; all I want to know is whether the war is necessary and useful. ((To do this one must ask cui bono, and to do this it is necessary to see who supports the war, and why.)) If you want to argue personalities, then we ought to look at those who oppose the war, including a whole raft of foreign and domestic Communists and the Black Muslims, whose doctrines of force and violence make an interesting counterpoint to their sudden fit of pacifism. ((The only "force and violence" in Black Muslim doctrine is that they shoot back when they're shot at.)) I suggest that the only reason for supporting or opposing the war on anyone's part is the belief that it will help or harm oneself or one's cause or causes. Selfless devotion to peace at any cost or war at any cost or other abstractions and intangibles is an emotion which I find it difficult to understand and must impute to mental imbalance. ((America's largest newspaper, however, urges what in effect is "war at any cost" - even between China and Russia if no pairing involving the United States can be arranged.)) You have stated that our war against Nazi Germany was justified, so even you negate your own "black-and-white" theory that either you like peace or you like war, with no middle ground. ((Not in the least. The precise reason that Germany and her allies threatened the world was, that in those countries the doctrine that war is of itself good, was dominant. The same sort of hawkery is now getting a foothold in Washington; our responsibility is to uproot it before it becomes necessary for other people to come in and uproot it for us.)) Neither of us likes war; we agree there. All we're arguing about is when it becomes necessary. So why clutter up things with this "bloodthirsty hawks" nonsense. The argument is doubly invalid: it is obviously and demonstrably untrue and, even if true, is ad hominem and therefore without bearing on the subject of the particular war you oppose (seeing that you do not oppose all wars). In fact, your arguments remind me of nothing so much as the "reasoning" of the little old ladies of both sexes who will not vote for Governor Rockefeller because he's divorced.

((And this last argument reminds me of nothing so much as a crashing irrelevancy.))

Anent your comment about the Borgia bull (of which there has been plenty these past several issues) that was the arms of the Italian Borgias, who are not the direct ancestors of the Balkanian Borgias (or Bordshas). They are descended from Senator Lasivius Borgius, who migrated to Salona with the Emperor Nepos in 470. He founded a brilliant dynasty of merchants, soldiers, prelates, and statesmen, who served all states and causes in the Balkan area (sometimes simultaneously). On this I will send you more later.

((We're all looking forward to these disclosures. Isn't this the dynasty that, out of tribute to their imperial benefactor, was called "the Nepotists".))

THOMAS C. GRIFFIN, 115 East 9th Street, New York, N. Y. 10003 (18 July): I am not disputing your removing my army in Tyrolia ((see "Spring 1902", 1967V, GRAUSTARK #134)) because of failure to move, but isn't your rule rather silly? I can see why I should lose, but why should Germany and Austria gain, and France lose, through the fact that the Tyrolian army could not retreat to the obvious available spot, Piedmont? It seems to me that you should follow the Sanders principle of making the most defensive retreat possible, or alternatively, flipping a coin in such cases rather than arbitrarily eliminating the Tyrolian army. Particularly when there is only one space in which to retreat, I think it is rather foolish not to allow the army to retreat there.

((On p. 6 of the rulebook it says that "If (units of a country in civil government collapse) have to retreat, they are routed and removed from the board." See also Rule 15 of the "Rules of Postal Diplomacy" in GRAUSTARK #100.))

HARRY MANOGG, P. O. Box 769, Kankakee, Illinois 60901 (5 July): One comment on the news in the latest GRAUSTARK ((#133)) - seems to me that this "no subscription" policy of Reinsel, Dygert, and Turner, while perhaps solving certain problems that they have as Gamesmasters, is going to hurt the field of Diplomacy as a whole. You cannot be exclusive in these small fields of interest, whether it is Diplomacy, Vexillology, heraldry, naval war games, etc. etc. If you are you eventually find yourself with nobody to be exclusive with. ((See, for example, the history of the Non-Juring Church of England, 1689-1805.)) Now, you know that I started out as just a subscriber to GRAUSTARK - by and by you got a letter or so on matters of interest. You can be sure that it is only a matter of time before I do get in a game.

((Charles Turner, as I mention elsewhere in this issue, was not responsible for Jim Dygert's policy of no subscriptions or trades for their 'zine Armageddonia; he does not concur in it nor observe it.))

ALAN HARVEY, 1407 Perkins St., Richland, Wash. 99352 (5 July): I'm sorry to see that you have discontinued publishing rosters of other Diplomacy games and giving them GRAUSTARK numbers though I do see the necessity. ((I have received a great many letters to this effect, and am grateful for them. The GRAUSTARK numbering system will be taken over by Charles Wells, 3678 Lindholm Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44120.)) Also a comment on the piece by Captain Walker and your comments appended: It seems to me that some people see it other than Us vs. Them and peace vs. war. I believe you see it as travesty vs. sanity; while others might say it's freedom vs. whatever; and there is a weak case between the present and the future. Now all of these issues are interrelated so there is, in my opinion, any rigid statement of conflict. ((This last sentence is sic; I suspect that the writer may have left out a negative somewhere.)) The problem with accepting any one statement of conflict and discussing it on that basis is that you must reduce every facet of the war to those terms. Before my lack of ability in expressing myself drowns me, I would like to say that it is a mistake to approach the subject as pacifistic views vs. war-mongering views. Rather, the approach should be from the standpoint of an intelligent person who is defending no rigid view. Because, as I see it, adopting rigid views makes the mind rigid, sharp, perhaps, but rigid and in a sense bigoted. For the only intelligent mind is a pliable mind.

ANDERS SWENSON, 145 Ponderosa Lane, Walnut Creek, California 94598 (undated): I have considered a policy of banishing trades, similar to that of the Little Tyrants ((Dygert, Bailey, and Turner, but in this context the reference is only to the former two)) but I have (out

of inertia) rejected it...

I see that Larry Peery intends to define the strategy of the Diplomacy board. I would wish possibly that he had gone further to come up with useful valid rules for playing any "Diplomacy" type situation. To this end I have greatly enjoyed the recent articles Eugene Prosnitz has published in GRAUSTARK.

...The problem of solving the complications of a "Diplomacy" strategy should be approached as many different ways as possible, with the idea that the differing viewpoints so generated will illuminate the problem so that a real theory might be formulated.

I have finished reading a book called Night of the Generals. The book seems calculated to call forth a particular moral viewpoint, but is well-written enough that it is still enjoyable...((which is more than can be said for most didactic fiction)). Have you read the book? Would you care to discuss it? I would think it a particularly good subject to discuss.

((I haven't read the book, but from what I've heard of it, it addresses itself to the question of how a society can protect itself from the people who are supposed to be protecting it. For the time being, I'd like to throw up for grabs this observation: The 20th Century has seen the development of many states whose governments are pledged to a particular ideology, whose vehicle is a party virtually coterminous in authority and structure with that state. From time to time, in such states, there is controversy between two Establishments loosely describable as "The Party" and "The Army". In every one of these controversies, "The Party" has won out. Does anyone care to speculate why?))

ROD WALKER (21 June): Just a short note on the shinbone argument. Let me cast your argument in syllogistic form:

All persons who tar and feather anti-war demonstrators (beat up anti-war demonstrators....n) are bloodthirsty.

Some Hawks have tarred and feathered anti-war demonstrators (beat up anti-war demonstrators....n).

All Hawks are bloodthirsty.

This is obviously an invalid deductive argument, yet it is basically the one you are using. Actually, induction serves no better. The demonstrators you have seen or heard about are not the only hawks on earth, or in the U. S. Let us say that the total number of pro-war people who have acted violently is 1.5 million (a figure which is far too high, but I'll give you a head start here). Judging from the public opinion polls, and allowing a probable error of somewhere in the neighborhood of 10%, we may estimate that the total number of hawks in the United States to be 30,000,000 adult citizens (a figure which I am sure is too small, as we may count all people who voted for Barry Goldwater, 27 million, immediately, plus a large percentage of those who voted for Johnson.) Even so, we would find that only 5% of all hawks are violent. Inductively, then, the chances of any one hawk being bloodthirsty are 1 in 20 - a figure I again contend is far too large; it may be as large as 1 in 100, but I doubt that too - which does nothing to justify your assertion that any given hawk in Washington is bloodthirsty. ((That only a small percentage of hawks are bloodthirsty is as relevant as to say that only a small percentage of Nazis actually killed Jews.)) Now if some scientists want to make fools of themselves over quasars, that is their business; that is no excuse for you to do the same thing over some members of the political galaxy. Just because incidents of the type you describe (and we both deplore) are occurring all over the country proves nothing about the normal state of mind of the hawk; after all, there are orphans all over the country, but that doesn't prove that orphanhood is the normal state of a child. I suggest that bloodthirsty hawks are random occur-

rences, with no more statistical relevance to the whole than orphans, who also occur randomly. ((Except in Vietnam.)) All I ask, John, is that you quote me a valid opinion or personality survey, conducted by a qualified anthropologist, sociologist, or political scientists, and not a mere collection of happenings. Also, hope you have Johnson's alleged phone call to Yale on tape, or something; I don't believe it.

((These criticisms could be made against any conclusions reached by induction. In its most pronounced form, this argument consists of a denial that such sciences as sociology, economics, or mass psychology exist. There are no aggregates which make sense, it runs, just individual human beings who have to be dealt with strictly as individuals. A clothing manufacturer who ran his business on these principles would go broke, but they apparently still find takers in the intelligentsia. I am reminded of the Italian pedants of Dante's time, who insisted that the language of their peninsula was still Latin, which the peasantry spoke in a horribly debased form. They gave Dante hell for catering to such bad grammar and spelling by writing verse in the local patois.

(("Johnson's phone call" refers to the incident I cited in GRAUSTARK #132, when the President tried to get expelled from Yale two students who had criticized his Vietnam policy. This took place during the 1966-67 academic year, and was reported in the New York Post. Unfortunately the New York Times, which indexes its stories, did not pick up the story, so I cannot at present cite a date. However, a friend who works for the AP is looking it up. Stay tuned for further developments.))

DOUGLAS BEYERLEIN, 3934 S. W. Southern, Seattle, Washington 98116 (6 July): I would say something about your reply to Captain Walker in GRAUSTARK #132, but it would only anger you and I am sure there are far more articulate people than I who can achieve the same result. One question: do you believe that the majority of the men and women in Congress are evil people?...SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT OF YOUR CHOICE - Burn a GRAUSTARK today.

((On the basis of recent Congressional votes authorizing a U. S. invasion of northern Vietnam, and defeating the anti-rat bill, my answer to your question is an unqualified "Yes."))

DAVE LEBLING, 3 Rollins Court, Rockville, Md. 20852 (20 June): A discussion of these "impregnable defenses" ((as in 1967F)) was included in a recent issue of my bulletin Glockorla. As a matter of fact, the Washington Gamesmen have played games where this sort of thing occurs with depressing regularity.

Possibly this type of ending is the first step in making Diplomacy a sort of von Neumann game ((John or Alfred?)) although personalities will hopefully keep such a development impossible.

The thing that bugs me about all this is how to score the game in my rating system if you declare it unwinnable. A three-way draw, maybe?

GEORGE & SHERRY HEAP, P. O. Box 1487, Rochester, N. Y. 14603 (29 June): Would the builds we sent in with the "Fall 1901" moves have been made without further notification?

((Yes. If a player submits conditional retreats, builds, or removals with his moves, and submits no changes later prior to the appropriate deadline, the conditional moves will be used if legal.))

GEORGE HEAP (15 August): Your job opportunity listing ((CIA, GRAUSTARK #136)) and the previous issue's Ballad are priceless, albeit I am not entirely in agreement with their spirit.

CONRAD VON METZKE, 5327 Hilltop Drive, San Diego, Calif. 92114 (18 July): Rod Walker's latest epistle is a little confounding. First he says you have erred in pronouncing the war immoral on the basis of facts; then he accuses you of rampant emotionalism. Which does he pre-

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charge you with? It's a little difficult to do both at once and still keep them separately identifiable. I think what he intends to put across is that you have taken the facts of the war and used them to justify an emotionally charged reaction, in which case the implication is one of two things: either that the war ought to be reduced to pure logic and mathematics, or that there is no room for facts at all. My experience with Capt. Walker's warlike views leads me to accept the former as the more likely. ((As among hawks, Capt. Walker is badly outvoted; most of them seem to be operating on the latter premise.)) This drives him right into the camp of those who contend that the social whole is not the sum of its parts; specifically, that people in a human congregation are not counted by ones. Walker will say "bull!", and I will counter that his concept of taking the society as made up of individuals can best be illustrated, pictorially, by writing down the population of Vietnam in base two. Then you have each digit representing a tiny segment of the population and you can smile and say, "See, they're all there."

((Odd - I got the opposite impression of his views. From his rejection of induction, as applied to the "who's a hawk?" question, I would say that Capt. Walker does not feel that trends can be generalized from individual actions - i. e., that the social whole is the sum of its parts and nothing else.))

Unfortunate as it may be to some, I don't think a human being worthy of the species designation can possibly analyze inter-human relations unemotionally. Trying to look at a war which kills men and women and children and Lord knows what else through the transistorized eye of a computer is not a human function, and insofar as Sigmund and I are concerned, those who claim to do so are subject to critical delusion.

Dissent, claims Rod, often takes the form of nonsense. This kind of response is, I think my terminology is correct, "in". The hippie culture (I hate these goddamned stereotypes classifications, but my vocabulary includes no others) is committed to the thesis that if one cannot conscientiously participate in social motions, one ought to "drop out" and create one's own germinal world. Which is, I suppose, a long-form way of saying that nonsense is only answerable by nonsense in our bureaucratic, top-heavy authoritarian state. Who needs to be a hippie to see this?

But, then, is it really nonsense? To what do you refer, Rod? I think I can guess, but be a bit more specific anyway.

I thought you might be interested, John, in an informal survey I have been making erratically since January. This is a cab-driver's survey in a military city of the opinions of the average serviceman on the war in Vietnam. Particularly, it is a survey of the Vietnam veterans, Marine and Navy. In rough figures, 95% of the enlisted men support the war, 4.99% have no opinion. The other .01% consists of two people who admitted to me that they opposed the war; one was a B. A. from the U. of North Carolina who had enlisted in the Marines just ahead of the draft, and the other was a wounded seaman who had lost his left eye. They both inform me that restriction against opposition is excessive, and that in Vietnam, any Marine who so much as states (let alone acts out) dissent is placed on indefinite restriction, sentenced (if possible) to the brig for varying periods of time, and deprived of any opportunity to show responsibility in performance of duty. The seaman gave a similar report for the Navy. At least three ex-Navy men told me roughly the same thing (differing at times in specifics but alike in general), at three separate times, but they are not counted in my survey since they were not active when interviewed. Art Canfil writes along the same lines, but as an activist his reports cannot be assumed to be typical. Furthermore, several Mar-

ines and Navy seamen have corroborated all of part of the foregoing while drunk, but I am not going to take the word of an inebriate for anything. ((In vino veritas.))

So there is my survey. One final aspect might be noted. I have had three separate Naval officers, all drunk, declare to me that if they had their way, Viet protestors would all be gassed (or shot, or strung up by the genitals, depending on which officer you were listening to at the time). A tipsy Marine sergeant thought they ought to be piled onto the front lines as human barricades. But this kind of talk is not fair; I still categorically refuse to believe anything an inebriate says. It's better that way; it saves me from homicide.

((One of the biggest dangers of American involvement in Vietnam will not become apparent until the end of the war. It is now obvious that we will not get the World-War-Two type of total victory which the hawks want, and eventually the war will be ended on terms which millions of people in this country will consider a sell-out, but which in fact will be much better than we deserve. This will leave room for the growth of a "betrayal myth" similar to that which infected Germany after World War One, and which conservatives tried unsuccessfully to drum up after the Korean truce. Worse, hundreds of thousands of discharged and disgruntled servicemen will return, and at least some of them will try to carry into action such anti-pacifist programs as Von Metzke cites. Since pacifists have been much more prominent during the Vietnamese than during the Korean fighting, the pro-war reaction will also be stronger. The fact that Hanoi is still standing at the end of the war will be made the excuse for a great hunt of "home-front traitors" if things drag on much longer - and for this everyone who is now holding out hope for a military victory for the U. S. in Vietnam will be responsible.))

JOHN KONING, 318 S. Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio 44509 (15 August): What will you do ((in 1965Q)) if Turkey and I end up 17-17 but refuse to stop fighting, and the lines are so positioned that neither can make an advance?

((If, after 2 or 3 years of this state of affairs, it seemed that no changes were likely, I'd probably declare a draw.))

WILLIAM LEE LINDEN, 83-33 Austin Street, Kew Gardens, N. Y. 11415 (9 August): If "The Ballad of the S. S. Troop" ((in GRAUSTARK #135)) was meant to be funny it was a flat failure. If it was meant to be serious, it was that much worse. Leave it to the - ough - International Enquirer!

If a "hawk" says something which can go to support your notion that all hawks are blood-mad monsters you proclaim that he is representative. If one says something else, you discount it. Such selection of evidence is poor technique, if not downright unethical. ((As compared, for example, with war?))

KENNETH DAVIDSON, Strandpromenaden 27, København Ø, Denmark (23 July): Since Turkey will have 17 forces on the board for the "Spring 1912" move ((in 1966B)) I believe he has won the game. ((Not yet; I follow the rulebook criterion which requires the winner to have a majority of the pieces on the board.)) Congratulations to ((Jerry Pournelle's)) Turkey, I believe he has played a very good game, especially with diplomacy.

I believe England and Germany lost this game only by the fact that the new government in Germany ((Jim Sanders)) did not honour the treaty of alliance between England and Germany, and forced England to indirectly aid Turkey by being forced to attack Germany when Germany started a war against English possessions, instead of continuing the attack against Turkey, which had the German attack continued in this direction, Turkey would have been held back and forced to fall back



because its lines of defence in Russia at this time was not strong enough to hold back an attack from the German forces, which would in return weaken its forces in the Balkans, especially when faced with the naval attack in the Balkans.

The existing alliance between Germany and England at the start of the game, was Germany to be solely a land power (its natural strength, and England to be a naval power). I believe if this alliance had continued, it would have won.

After the collapse of the British-Germanic alliance the failure of England to get an alliance (or to try for an alliance) until it was too late with Italy also aided Turkey in the rapid ending of the game, but if Italy had allied with the British, the only effect it would have had on the game would have been to prolong it, without having any effect on the outcome, and it would have ended with Italy being taken over by Turkey, because its forces were not in a position to stop Turkey, but in a better position to help her. But after the collapse of Germany there was no force in Europe which could stop Turkey.

Hilse til tyrkisk Sultan fra Konge Knut II.

## THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

### Chapter XXXIV

Secret Agent O-O-Hate, who is actually Clark Gungel, mild-mannered comic book collector from Bugle, Pennsylvania, cautiously entered the factory of the Trans-Pacific Napalm Works. Was this really the headquarters of Let's Tear Apart, Inc., the mysterious firm of wreckers which had just negotiated a contract to tear down the Berlin Wall? Could the Sinister International Pacifist Conspiracy really demolish that monument to international hatred?

O-O-Hate confronted a man who was nailing shut a crate. The crate was labeled "Napalm - Handle With Care" in English, French, Russian, Chinese, and Vietnamese, and was addressed to Hanoi.

"Why are you shipping napalm to Hanoi?" the agent asked the man.

"Look, buddy," the man replied. "We've already cleared this whole business with the F. B. I., the C. I. A., the D. I. A., all the armed forces intelligence agencies, and six congressional committees. We sell napalm to anyone who will pay for it. That's the capitalist system, ain't it? You make something, you find customers, you agree on a price, you sell it. What are you - some kind of a Red?"

"But you didn't clear it with our agency," O-O-Hate snapped back. "We're not particularly interested in capitalism."

The man's eyes and mouth flew open in amazement. "You're not?"

"All we care about is defeating the International Pacifist Conspiracy and getting a real war going - not just this trifling side-show in Vietnam," O-O-Hate replied. "If the war's bloody enough, the issue is totally unimportant. There's a file in our secret underground Washington headquarters with a complete set of contingency plans in the event that the Communists ever take over in this country. In that event, our agency will just keep operating normally, except that the attack plans are directed at Spain, South Africa, Guatemala, and Russia or China, depending upon which faction of Communists is in power." The secret agent took out a tracer pistol and took aim at a storage vat.

"But - but -" the man expostulated "- if you burn down this factory, then none of this napalm will be used on either side in Vietnam. If your outfit is trying to drum up another war, how will this help you?"

"This napalm will burn just as brightly here as it will in Vietnam," O-O-Hate replied. "And the destruction will be to as good a purpose." He fired the pistol into the vat and dashed out of the factory. Behind him, the building roared into a most satisfactory inferno O-O-Hate had seen since the bombing of the Quynhlap leprosarium.

"Pretty soon this factory will be burned to the ground," O-O-Hate said to himself. "Then Let's Tear Apart, Inc. will show up to scrap it, and we'll settle this mystery once and for all."

((Watch O-O-Hate confront Let's Tear Apart, Inc. in GRAUSTARK #138.))

#### A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF BEAUCOUILLO - VIII

The beginning of the Crusades in 1097 turned Beaucoillon's major industry - gambling - into a seasonal matter, as crusaders stopped off en route to or from the Holy Land to divert themselves. However, no Beaucoillonese themselves embarked on the Crusades, even though St. Utitius vigorously preached a crusading sermon in the Cathedral of St. Eginbier. The only effect of this sermon was to raise the odds against the success of the Crusade from 2-1 to 3-1.

The military successes of the First Crusade resulted in a flow of loot across the gaming tables, but it also involved the Grand Duchy in greater expenditures as Grand Duke Fortunato VII developed a taste for the Levantine luxuries brought westward by the crusaders. The golden quadruple tiara of Sultan Pepr (famous for his vow that he would "go the Pope of the Infidels one better"), won in battle by Sir Roseso de Liver, was lost at hnefatafl in Beaucoillon. However, it was returned to the Sultan in 1101 in exchange for six hundredweight of candied orange peel, four Circassian slave girls, three cases of arrack, a silken surcoat, and four bales of Smyrna figs.

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"Wars occur because people prepare for conflict, rather than for peace." - Trygve Lie