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"Fall 1902"

THE BELGIAN BULGE IS UNDER ENGLAND'S BELT

ENGLAND (Walker): A Yor-Bel; F North Sea C A Yor-Bel; F Norwegian Sea-North Atlantic; F F Eng-Iri.

FRANCE (Peery): A Par-Bur; A Mar S A Par-Bur; A Pic S A Par-Bur; F Bre-Eng; F Mid S F Bre-Eng.

GERMANY (Hueston): A Mun-Bur; A Ruh S A Mun-Bur; A Hol S ENGLISH A Yor-Bel; A Ber-Mun;

ITALY (Childers): A Ven holds; F Apu-Adr; A Nap-Apu; F Ion-Gre.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Musicant): A Bud-Rum; A Tri S A Bud ((sic)); A Ser holds; F Alb S A Ser ((sic)).

RUSSIA (Prosnitz): A Rum S TURKISH A Bul-Ser; F Sev S A Rum; A Gal-Bud; A War-Gal; A St.P-Norway; F Swe-Norway.

TURKEY (Lebling): A Bul-Ser; A Gre S A Bul-Ser; A Con-Bul; F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Eas-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian fleet in the Ionian Sea is dislodged, and must retreat to Naples, Tunis, or the Tyrrhenian Sea. This retreat should be submitted with the "Winter 1902" moves.

The High Combatant Powers control the same supply centers as they did after the "1901" moves, except that England has acquired Belgium. (See GRAUSTARK #154.) England may build one new unit. The deadline for "Winter 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 27 APRIL 1968.

The Austro-Hungarian move "A Tri S A Bud" is invalid because A Bud was not ordered to hold. F Alb cannot support A Ser because a unit cannot support in a province into which it cannot move.

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GRAUSTARK extends its congratulations to Steve Gordon on the occasion of his marriage.

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NEW SULTAN FAILS TO EMERGE FROM HAREM

ENGLAND (H. Anderson): A St.P-Mos; F Norway-Swe; F North Sea holds; F Eng-Bre.

FRANCE (Maloney): F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Pic-Bel; A Mar-Pie; F Lyo S A Mar-Pie.

GERMANY (Chalker): No moves received. A Den, A Ber, A Mun, A Bel, & F Hol hold.

ITALY (M. Thomson): F Tyr-Lyo; F Wes-Mid; A Tun holds; A Pic-Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Latimer): A Ukr-Mos; A Bud-Rum; A Ser-Bul; A Gre S A Ser-Bul;

RUSSIA (Grayson): A Pru-Ber; F Swe-Den; F Sev-Rum.

TURKEY (White): No moves received. F Rum & A Con hold; A Bul annihilated.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia is now being played by George I. Grayson M. D., 649 E. 14th St., New York, N. Y. 10009.

Jack Chalker and Jerry White have missed moves as Germany and Turkey respectively. The stand-bys are called in, under the usual arrangements:

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TURKEY: Hal Naus, 681 I Street, Sp. Bll, Chula Vista, Calif. 92010

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor, St. P. (6)

FRANCE: Mar, Par, Spa. (3)

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

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Ser, Sny, Tri, Vie. (7)

RUSSIA: Mos, Sev, Swe, War. (4)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Rum. (3)

England and Austria-Hungary may each build 2 new units, and Germany, Russia, and Turkey may each build 1.

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## ITALY RETAKES VENICE AT A HIGH COST - IN GERMAN

GERMANY (M. Miller): F North Sea C ITALIAN A Norway-Hol; A Den-Pru; F Bal C A Den-Pru; A Bor S A Den-Pru; A Liv-Mos; A St.P S A Liv-Mos; A Kie-Ruh; A Pie S ITALIAN A Rom-Ven.

ITALY (Clark): A Norway-Hol; F Bar-Norway; A Mar-Bur; A Rom-Ven; A Tus S A Rom-Ven; F Nap-Ion; F Tyr S F Nap-Ion; F Tun S F Nap-Ion; F Wes holds.

RUSSIA (G. Hoop): A Mun-Bur; F Hel-Hol; A Mos-St.P; A Pru-War.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Ven-Pie; A Tyr S A Ven-Pie; A Tri-Ven; F Apu S A Tri-Ven; F Adr S F Apu; F Ion S F Apu; F Gre & F Aeg S F Ion; A Gal-Sil; A Boh S A Gal-Sil; A Rum-Ukr; A Smy-Arm.

The German army in Piedmont has nowhere to retreat, and is therefore annihilated. However, since it was attacked from Venice, the support it gives to the Italian move "A Rom-Ven" is still valid under the rules of Diplomacy. The Russian army in Moscow retreats to Sevastopol. The deadline for "Fall 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 27 APRIL 1968.

ROME: Pope Lascivious LXIX calls upon all Christendom to unite against the eastern heathen Mongol hordes and throw them back to the Caspian Sea.

BERLIN: The Turks talk of alliances and then support our enemies. This is hardly the way to gain the support of the German people.

MAURITIUS: For the first time since he left France after its collapse, Noah of Arc landed his airship. He informed local inhabitants that a voice had spoken to him out of an empty calvados bottle and ordered him to gather 50,000 dodos, hitch them to his airship, and fly away with his refugees to found a New France.

There was general laughter as Noah went into the woods looking for dodos, but it ceased a few minutes later when he ran out again - with a furious dodo after him, pecking his buttocks and squawking. The Frenchman barely escaped by leaping into his airship and sailing off.

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France must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 27 APRIL 1968.

SEVASTOPOL (September 4, 1902, League for Information Emission): Today the Supreme Council of the Party of Farmers and Unemployed Intellectuals (PFUI) announced an agreement with the Heroic Union of Machinists, Boilermakers, and Unclassified Gamentworkers (HUMBUG) in the formation of a coalition government, with a majority consisting of 27 of the 40 seats of the Workers', Peasants', and Soldiers' Soviet. As head of the government, holding both Premiership and Foreign Ministry, is the leader of PFUI, Gyorgi Abnerovich Greison. Leader of HUMBUG, V. I. Lenten, heads the Ministry of Information, and second man in HUMBUG, J. Stolen, heads the Secret Police.

The Soviet proclaimed Sevastopol capital of the Russian People's Republic. The naval garrison immediately announced its support for the new government. Commisars have been despatched to the beleaguered fleet in Sweden, and the army in Galicia, but communication with the army in Munich is not yet established. All other army and navy units are considered politically unreliable, and any actions by any other units are not officially authorized until they are led by Commisars appointed by the Soviet. From time to time a list of such units, with their appointed Commisars, will be published by the Soviet.

The Foreign Ministry expresses its gratitude to all those great and small powers whose assistance in the overthrow of Tsar Thomas was invaluable. All foreign expeditionary forces are invited to assist the forces of the People's Republic in subduing those misguided forces still trying to re-establish the Tsar's rule - but they are re-

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## TURKS TAKE ROME, INTERN AUSTRIAN ARMY

IRELAND (Lebling): F Edi-North Sea; F Norwegian Sea S F Edi-North Sea; F Bar S F Norway; F Swe S F Norway; F Norway S F Swe.

FRANCE (Prosnitz): F Tun S F Tyr; F Lyo-Tus; F Tyr & A Pie S F Lyo-Tus; A Bur-Mun; A Hol-Kie; A Ruh S A Hol-Kie; F Ska S ENGLISH F Swe.

GERMANY (M. Thomson): A St.P holds; A Fin-Swe; A Kie S F Den; F Den S A Kie; F Ber-Bal.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (H. Anderson): A Mos S GERMAN A St.P; A Vie-Boh; A Min-Bur; A Tyr & A Ven S A Tus-Pie; A Tus-Pie; A Rom-Tus; F Alb S TURKISH F Eas-Ion.

TURKEY (S. Heap): F Nap-Rom; A Apu S F Nap-Rom; F Tri-Adr; F Ion-Nap; F Eas-Ion; F Gre S F Eas-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French army in Piedmont retreats to Marseilles, and the Austro-Hungarian army in Rome is annihilated. Even though it was attacked and dislodged, the French army in Piedmont may still support into Tuscany under the rules of Diplomacy, because it was attacked from Tuscany.

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

## Chapter I

Secret Agent O-O-Hate and his teen-age assistant Burner found a glum group of people gathered in the secret office of their superior, Mac. Dr. Pilz nervously cleaned his already immaculate fingernails with a stiletto carved from a human ulna. Foo Chay, the beautiful Eurasian girl in charge of security, repeatedly scribbled "Ted Pauls eats crab claws" in shorthand on a memo pad. General Rhode Runner, the agency's liaison with the Defense Department, was filing the points of his stars and whistling "Who'll Be King But Charlie?" Dr. Pourguerre alone maintained detachment, as he sat with two fingers inserted into a wall socket and hummed quietly.

Just as O-O-Hate and Burner entered, the secret door under the portrait of James Forrestall opened up, and Mac entered also. "Gentlemen," he said without formality, "you've all heard the news reports this past week. It looks as if the President's nerve is failing him. And this is giving encouragement to the sinister forces of World Peace."

"You said it, Mac!" said Burner eagerly. "Coming through the park, I saw a dove crapping on the statue of General Patton!"

"Really!" Dr. Pilz protested. "Diss goes on all der time! Vat iss so unusual about a dove crapping on a statue?"

"Well," Burner replied, "this dove was twenty years old and had a beard!"

"We're just back from ancient Rome, thanks to a malfunction in Dr. Pourguerre's matter transmitter," O-O-Hate said. "Could you cue us in?"

"How did you manage there?" General Runner asked.

"Burner is studying Latin at the Balthasar Gerard Theological Seminary," O-O-Hate replied.

"But you should have spoken Umbrian!"

"Gee, I'm sorry."

"Vat iss mit your matter transmidter?" Dr. Pilz asked Dr. Pourguerre.

"A technician failed to oil it. He's been sent to Khesanh."

"Zentimental fool! In der oldt days ve'd haff zent him to der uffens. How iss der machine vorking now?"

"We use nothing but the best oil on our machines!" Dr. Pourguerre said. He took out an oil-can, inserted the spout behind his ear, and pumped it two or three times.

"Gentlemen, please," Mac pleaded. "Let's get down to business."

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## 1968G - PRESS RELEASES

PEERISAILLES: In news of the Government this season the Council of Greater Perisites remained deadlocked in the middle of a debate concerning the passage of the joint Beshara-Walker-Prosnitz Bill which was passed last month by the Lesser Council after months of debate. Passage in the Lesser Council was uncertain until the last moment when two of the former opponents of the Bill changed sides and advocated its passage. The final vote was 7-4. The Bill is expected to have an equally difficult time in the Greater Council, where it has strong advocates (Beshara, von Metzke, and Blake) and equally vocal opponents (Walker, Long, and Latimer). The crucial votes will be cast by Zelazny and Leitch who have refused to take a firm position on the bill. However, threats of a Peeribuster by Walker, Cochran and Turner may prove ineffective since the Council Chamber has been Peeriproofed. In other measures the Councils agreed to the Government's demand for a six percent tax increase to finance the construction of a 167-foot statue of St. Peeri outside St. Peerigrad atop Mt. Peerilympus. The statue is desired to help celebrate the 200th anniversary of the city which comes next year. However, the Councils rejected a proposal to construct a speed-ramp between Peeris and Peerisailles after it was discovered such a ramp would have to pass through the Peerian National Game Preserve and would have possible harmful effects on the living habits of the rare collection of rabbits in the Preserve.

However, the big news this month came from Peeritop Hill where it was reported that Peerimouth Wade Hampton Johnston was confined to bed with a severe case of Peeriphobia. The report did not say whose bed Johnston was confined to. This is

PEERIS: Social Affairs Perisite Richard Gadsden today announced that the Frencian Peerinquisition had released a report describing one of a series of pre-natal ((sic)) orgies that occurred recently at The Fairwood Palace and which was attended by several members of the Periclaque. The report did not mention all those present but did indicate that among them were: Great Peerisite Jack Greene (who flew back from the Maldivé Islands aboard the Peerisite plane Dirtybird); the Lord Peerichancellor, Brian Bailey; Perisite of Religious Affairs, Charles Turner and several other members of the Councils. It appears that at the high point of the orgy James Infataneous Dygert was chasing Greene around the house while Bailey and Turner were rolling on the floor in "gails" of laughter. Greene was clad only in a blue, short-short towel, which did not cover the essential parts of his anatomy. At the height of the orgy Dygert whipped off the towel and left Greene exposed to the elements. Greene beat a hasty retreat to the shower room but returned to do combat once more; and again was left towel-less.

Omitting the more pornographic aspects of the orgy the report stated that this was typical of the type of activities engaged in by the Laughing Tactics Association.

PEERISAILLES (5 July 1902): Heads of states of many powers met here today to sign the treaty marking the establishment of the Greater Perian Co-prosperity Sphere. Among those present and signing were Mohammed Didi CLI of the Maldivé Islands, Premier Levi Eskibble of Periland; Her Majesty Elizabeth I, Empress of the Andes; Dr. Memal Attaturk of the Ottoman Empire, and His IMPERIOUSNESS, Riterwong IX of Hellotidar. This powerful group of states is expected to move into the field of international politics in its usual open-mouthed, closed-fist way.

Following the signing of the Treaty the heads of state met in an informal gathering to discuss further possible means of confounding their enemies. Among possibilities discussed were the establishment of an International Youth and Peerist Movement, the creation of an International Geopeeri Year, and the sponsoring of an International Peerist Conference. These ideas will be discussed later at a meeting of the ambassadors of the signatories.

MALE, MALDIVÉ ISLANDS (8 July 1902, Reuters via Peeris): Returning from their Treaty-signing trip to Peerisailles, Mohammed Didi and His ambassador from Frenciana returned here today to receive a hero's welcome from the entire populace of the Islands. Greeted by hundreds of cheering green rabbits dressed in blue mini-towels the

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who were immediately taken to the Male Playboy Club for a little entertainment, reportedly consisting of the Salt Lake City Ballet which is on an Asian tour.

PEERIS (1 August 1902): The Peeris Gold Market today boomed on news that the Frencian Government was going off the greenepea standard and onto the greenebean standard. This change was dramatically reflected in the rising volume of sales and prices. Latest quotations were:

	ASKED	SOLD		ASKED	SOLD
Peerimarks	214	214	Lire	110	110
Pounds	140	130	Roubles	214	214
Marks	130	99	Krüdniks	2	0

In comments on the Market, Director Schwartzezenburger-Rothchild noted: "It would appear that the Russian and Frencian currencies dominate the market, although the Italian monies have improved considerably. In general there appears to be a shifting of capital out of the Market and into tax-free bonds; particularly those of Bolivia, the Maldive Islands, and Israel."

HELLOTIDAR (Allen and Rossi PA): In his first public interview His IMPERIOUSNESS Riterwong IX, ruler of Hellowtidar today announced that Hellowtidar had declared war on Pollutidar in response to pleas for help from slaves and other lowly creatures in Pollutidar. "We cannot leave these unfortunate wretches to suffer any longer. We have pleaded with the Pollutidareans for moderation in their strong-arm tactics but to no avail. They have persisted in their Peeriphobian methods until we have had to act. Thus we have ordered our pea brigades, our greenebean squads, and our naval oranges into action. Aided by the Caesarian Grape Pickers they should promptly put to jar the Pollutidarean forces. Never can iniquity triumph over purity, perfection, and Peeri."

KOARSAR, POLLUTIDAR: The Representative Diet of Pollutidar met amidst rumors of an attack by a tiny frontier area called "Hellowtidar", which from all accounts seems to be located on the rim of the southern opening between the Inner and Outer Crusts.

In a spirited speech before the Representative Diet, His Inferial Majesty Honj the Horny accused Hellowtidar of "meddling in the internal affairs of Pollutidar. They have gratuitously offered their pity to the enslaved masses of the Inner Crust," he went on, "and claim to be the defenders of the lowly. Your Emperor has treated these solicitations as they deserve. We have just sent across the borders of Hellowtidar 3,000 Azarians, a herd of Ganaks, two tribes of Jukans, and a dozen missionaries of the Xexet god Pjui!"

A roar of applause went up from the Representative Diet at the news of this strategy. So enthusiastic were the delegates that three Coropies devoured a Phelian on the floor of the Diet, while an orange Mezop-Xexot half-breed man was raped by a bearded woman from Oog.

When the tumult had subsided, the Emperor went on. "Between the Ganak appetite for their crops, and the Azarian appetite for their flesh, we shall see how long the Hellowtidarean concern for the lower orders of Pollutidar will continue!"

TRABOZON (32 August 1902): Greeted by six cheering goat-boys Lawrence of Frenciana today arrived here on his way to Istanbul. Accompanying him were six large covered wagons loaded with some of the top-secret "finers" that will be used against the Great City when it is besieged. The magnetic quality of Lawrence has brought throngs to his standard, a great giant greene bunny on a blue field. His armies are everywhere suffering no defeats and are achieving countless victories over the forces of the hated Leblingers.

LONDON (6 September 1902): In a formal treaty signed here today, King-Emperor Huon of Britain has recognized Emperor Honj the Horny as King of Norway. Representing the King-Emperor was the Duchess of Westmoreland and representing the Emperor was the Honorable Skrtch the Lowsy One, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Food Procurement for Pollutidar. It was also agreed that Svalbard, Iceland, Greenland, and Canada would be turned over to the Emperor in phased increments.

WINCHESTER (8 September 1902): The Royal Geographic Society Headquarters, located in this ancient city, today released a bulletin to all cartographers and geographers. "Effectively immediately, the cities of Oslo, Trondheim, Bergen, and Narvik, in Norway, have changed their names. They are now Fattening Pen #1, Fattening Pen #2, Fat-

tening Pen #3, and Breeding Enclosure #1, respectively.

FATTENING PEN #1, NORWAY (10 September 1902): Skrtch the Lousy One, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Food Procurement to the Emperoar of Pollutidar, today made public a delightful new recipe, field-tested by the Army of Pollutidar - Lutensorsk and Lefse.

BRUSSELS (25 September 1902, Reuters): From this peaceful Belgian capital, which has long maintained its independence against the hordes of France, come the sounds of the peaceful, jolly occupation by the Royal-Imperial British Army: "Loot, loot, loot, rape, pillage, pillage, rape, rape, rape, rape, kill, shoot, rape, despoil, ransack, Burn, burn, rape, rape, rape, rape, rape, rape..."

GHEMI (26 September 1902; Reuters): The last center of Belgian resistance to liberation has been taken by Britain's staunch allies, the Horibs of Pollutidar. And from this lovely city come the sounds of occupation: "Stew, stew, stew, cook, bake, fry, fry, sizzle, grill, munch, munch, chew, chew, gnaw, gnaw, gnaw, gnaw..."

GYOR CORNS, POLLUTIDAR: The Horib chieftain Ss-SSs criticized at a general muster of his tribe the conduct of the war on the Outer Crust. "Obviously influenced by the example of the effete and decadent subjects of Huon of Britain," he said from the back of a pedigreed Gorobor, "the Horib Cavalry in Belgium has deserted the customs of their worthy ancestors. According to reliable reports, they have gone so far as to cook their food before eating it."

The assembled Horibs hissed in rage at this news. It is not known whether this development will affect recruitment among the Horibs, who have provided some of the most effective and most feared cavalry units in the Inferial service.

LONDON (3 October 1902): In a special rescript from the throne, the King-Emperor Huon expressed regret to the Emperoar of Pollutidar for certain incidents which occurred during the joint Anglo-German-Pollutidarean occupation of Belgium. "Your Inferial Majesty will realize, of course, that, during the heat of battle, men often become confused and over-excited. We regret the sudden disappearance of an entire brigade of your excellent Horib Cavalry, but it seems that a company of the ancient and loyal Order of the Jackal has apparently eaten them, somewhere near Ghent. Perhaps it would be better, in future joint operations, to watch the - uh, peculiar appetites of our various minions and try to avoid troubles of this sort."

VENICE: Today to begin the strike by union local 707, 186 longshoremen walked off Pier 7.

Rescue operations are currently in operation.

PEERIJAVO (3 November 1902): His IMPERIOUSNESS Che Peeri left here today with the Sixth Peerijavan Elephant Brigade to aid the forces of Lawrence of Frenciana and the Free Turkish Liberation Front against the double-Healing Leblingers.

TIKI-CACA (20 November 1902): Her Imperial Majesty Elizabeth I, Queen of Bolivia, Empress of the Andes, Mistress of the Amazon, etc. today announced that Bolivian forces were on their way to the Muddled East to aid the forces of might and right against the forces of wrong and drong. In an interview with Nancy Bickerson of PPP Press she confided: "Yes, I've had a report about that pre-natal ((sic, again)) orgy at the Fairwood Palace. It was quite a sight. That handsome boy standing there in a blue mini-towel. Of course he wasn't all that good looking with his bowl-legs ((sic)), his Charlie-Brown shaped head, his fuzzy toes, and his extended naval barrage...but the real sight was Dygert running around in a frenzy. You'd think he'd never seen a boy before."

ST. PEERIGRAL (29 July 1902): His Holiness BUBEFMARTIN I, Archbishop of St. Peerigrad, today presided over the 1214th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Peeri. (Commemoration) The ceremony was attended by major dignitaries from all over the Peerist world.

SAN DIEGO (Confidential to JBS Society HQ, New York): Rumors have it that the notorious Che Peeri-William Lawrence-etc. impersonator is really none other than Harold Stassen. Can you confirm?

ROME: Julio Seizure, Minister of War and Conquest, today revealed that Italian units were prepared to deal with Pollutidarean mastodons, through the liberal use of nitroglycerine and CLOPP - the anti-nitro compound discovered by Dr. Childricci.

As one wit quipped, "Those mammoths will be colossal fossils with the clogged-up assole."

APULIA: In a press conference held by the Dictator last week, we learned of an attempt by the insidious Pollutidareans to disrupt the life and economy of Italy, through the gross smuggling of laxatives and pay toilets into the country.

Today in the Dictator's latest conference we were told that as a countermove our glorious army had placed large quantities of dysentery bacteria into Pollutidar's water supply.

When asked whether or not the countermeasure had been overdone, Villinne vehemently denied this fact.

"Actually," he said, "this move is for the good of the people of Pollutidar, since it will help cure the oral dysentery of the ruling class, a class which has too long held the struggling proletariat of Pollutidar from their rightful place in the dark."

ATDA: FLASH! Batman's Arch-Enemy Has Escaped!

His former inmates ((sic)) say he may be heading toward Pollutidar in an attempt to intercept Lucrezia before she makes the mistake of seeing His Inferial Majesty Honj the Horny.

If Honj's reaction to the engraving of Lucretia is an indication of his feelings for her, then he may be in for some trouble. The prisoner usually goes under the alias of the Diddler.

Napy XXIII left the prison at the same time and in the same manner as the Diddler, so that French complicity is suspected.

KOARSAR, POLLUTIDAR: Blab the Talkative One, Minister of Impropropaganda, today released the following dispatch to the Augustan Society:

"His Inferial Majesty Honj the Horny, Emperoar of Pollutidar, Hereditary Cid of the Koarsars, etc., etc., is by right of conquest and descent the absolute ruler of Pollutidar, which comprises all lands and seas on the Inner Crust of the Earth, together with the interior satellite of Pollutidar.

"In the direct male line he is of Koarsar descent, but marriage alliances made by his ancestors in their organization of the Empire cause him to be related to almost all the Gilak races of Pollutidar. Particularly well represented in His Inferial Majesty's ancestry are the tribes of cave men inhabiting the sub-continent between the Koarsar Az and the Lural Az.

"His appellation, 'Honj the Horny', is the consequence of a political marriage by his great-grandfather to a Ganak princess. Aside from two short curved horns, the Emperoar's only other inheritance is a long, pointed tail.

"He is a Gilak of imposing stature, with a red skin, inherited from his mother, a Mezop princess who was an aunt of Nein, King of Anoroc. The center of his rule is in the city of Koarsar, but he makes frequent tours through Pollutidar. For example, he has but recently returned, via floating island, from a Progress through the Xexot city of Peeri-peeri.

"Under the Emperoar, the Pollutidarean government consists of the Representative Diet, a body in which all the races of Pollutidar are represented, and in which they function in the brotherly amity which has prevailed since the founding of the Empire. Here you may see ancient foes, Amiocapans and Copopies, Zoramians and Pheliars, Luanans and Anorocans, cave men and Mahars, in peace and tranquility. So far has the Empire progressed along the road to brotherhood that casualties at an average sitting, which were 73% at the first meeting of the Diet, have sunk to 28% at the most recent."

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inded that they are all guests on Russian soil, and acts of destruction and vandalism will be long remembered, and revenge eventually exacted.

Let all who are against us beware - scratch a Russian and find a Tartar!!

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## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF BEAUCOUILLOU - XXIII

The Napoleonic Wars offered a solid confirmation of the economic principles on which the Grand Duchy had been founded in Roman times. Armies marched and counter-marched, and as they passed by Beaucoillou soldiers of all degree from infantrymen to nobly born generals availed themselves of the pleasures offered there. True, Napoleon did attempt to keep the Grand Duchy's foreign policy in line with his own, but the Ambassador whom he chose for this task was Talleyrand's illegitimate daughter Mme. Salleyrand, and she was more guided by her father than by her sovereign. She established an influence over the Grand Duke Fortunato XVIII, and often enlivened Grand Ducal balls by a highly individualistic and well-appreciated dance of which she was past mistress.

When it became evident, in 1814, that Napoleon could hold his sway no longer Mme. Salleyrand and the Grand Duke's Prime Minister, Count Pio d'Avino, arranged a deal which put her father's services at the disposal of the Bourbons. But, by adroit statesmanship, Count d'Avino also sold to Napoleon the boat in which he escaped from Elba.

Following Napoleon's final defeat at Waterloo (owing to the loss of a battle plan which General Grouchy had staked on roulette in Beaucoillou, and was later sold to Wellington for 350,000 ducats) the Grand Duchy took its seat at the Congress of Vienna. Beaucoillou received no new territory at Vienna, but a branch office set up by d'Avino in the salon of the Russian diplomat Baron Czerny took in a net profit of 700,000 ducats. Sales of titles of nobility to war millionaires accounted for another half-million ducats. Unfortunately, the rise in the price of green baize occasioned by the slave revolts on the baize plantations of the West Indian island of Santa Chocha absorbed most of the profits, since the Grand Duchy annually imports huge quantities of this material for re-surfacing its gaming tables.

## THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

JOHN R. MOOT, Games Research Inc., 48 Wareham St., Boston, Mass. 02118: Concerning distribution of Diplomacy in the Baltimore-Washington area, Brentano's is the best source. For Seattle and San Diego, I do not know the retail outlets since we sell primarily through jobbers. In Toronto, I am not sure that we have any outlets.

CONRAD von METZKE, 5327 Hilltop Drive, San Diego, Calif. 92114: Marsovia is very much alive, but the game is almost over (est. one more year) and so it may close soon. But issues come out regularly, every 3-4 weeks.

In the latest GRAUSTARK you listed my game fees backwards - \$3 for new players, \$2 for those already registered or with whom I trade 'zines.

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Rod Walker has sent a reprint of an article he wrote for the Augustan Society on the Ptolemaic dynasty which ruled Egypt from the collapse of Alexander's empire to the rise of Rome. This article deals with, among other things, the points raised between us in the last couple of GRAUSTARKS. The article is entitled "The Ptolemids of Egypt and Other Places", and appeared in the August-September 1967 issue of the society's journal, The Augustan.

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The Augustan Society, a group of royalty buffs, takes an aggressively defensive posture in an editorial which came along with Rod's article. Rodney E. Hartwell writes: "The Augustan is concerned with those subjects generally discarded by the average person ((i. e., kings and their descent and doings)) but which still have importance and give enjoyment to that few, that minority, who set a value and indeed a premium on tradition, culture and good taste." Hartwell disclaims any interest in establishing a king in the United States, since "the institution of Monarchy is unsuited to the climate of this democratic-republic". However, he feels that "the institution of monarchy is...the greatest bulwark against radical change for change's sake, and the threat to western culture which Communism is making, and has made in



central Europe and other parts of the world." Finally, he blusters: "Individuals attributing contrary opinions will be taken before a court of law for slander and defamation of character."

Come off it! Most of the Communist governments of eastern Europe were immediately preceded by monarchies, which were worthless as "bulwarks against...Communism". This was the case in Rumania, Bulgaria, and Hungary, though Hungary was operated under the fiction of a "regency". It was also the case in Yugoslavia and Albania, though their pre-war dynasties had been replaced by sovereigns from the House of Savoia who were more amenable to Nazi dictation. And the USSR was founded on the ruins of a monarchy which was vowed to firm resistance to the least change of their traditional status. In Greece, monarchy has given birth to Fascism, and in Spain Fascism will soon give birth to monarchy.

This, of course, begs the whole question about an alleged "Communist threat to western culture". Whether or not you believe in an "international Communist conspiracy", it cannot be denied that Communism is, and has been from its origins, of the West. Marx and Engels were the heirs of a western ideological tradition; Lenin and the other founders of Soviet Communism were thoroughly westernized, and the progress made by the USSR in the past 50 years has been away from the passive, mystical East towards the dynamic, industrial West. At one time the "boundary between East and West" was just outside the city limits of Vienna; today its is at a launching site in Baikonur, and still moving steadily eastward.

And the tame monarchies of western Europe? They pose no danger to popular liberty because they were all well disciplined in previous centuries. The Augustan Society speaks of tradition. Your editor, too, has a tradition. I am kinsman and namesake of the man who, 319 years ago, threw this gage to the Royalists of Europe:

"It is lawfull, and hath been held so through all ages, for any, who have the power, to call to account a tyrant, or wicked king, and after due conviction, to depose, and put him to death; if the ordinary magistrate have neglected, or deny'd to doe it." - John Milton, The Tenure of Kings and Magistrates

The ghost of Charles I has squeaked and gibbered at the elbow of every subsequent British king who thought of infringing the liberties of his subjects. If some countries can still afford the luxury of a royal family, it is because their inhabitants' forebears once took the trouble to see that their kings didn't get the notion that they had anything to do with running the country.

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"Unless you are an expert gamester at cards and dice, a rank whoremaster, a stout drinker, a daring extravagant, and understand the art of borrowing and bubbling, and have got the French pox to boot, scarce anyone will believe you to be a knight."  
- Erasmus.

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On 17 March 1968 died Walter Millis, a 69-year-old historian and member of the staff of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions. He was particularly interested in the causes of war, and in the field of arms control. His books The Road to War: 1914-1917 (1935) and Why Europe Fights (1940) dealt with the causes of the First and Second World Wars respectively. He also refuted the view that President Roosevelt had, through an elaborate plot to retain power, instigated the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. This view, once widely held by conservative politicians attempting to discredit the late President's memory, set in motion a post-war congressional investigation. Mr. Millis' book This is Pearl! (1947) pinned the blame on the military and naval commanders at Pearl Harbor.

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LEFTOVERS #4 has just been published by the editor of GRAUSTARK. This truncated issue of the family genzine deals with two highly current events: the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the abdication of President Johnson. LEFTOVERS is 5 issues for \$1.00, but, since #4 is so short, it is available for 10¢.

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Do you, as an opponent of war, sometime feel discouraged about the possibility that anything can be accomplished? Be reassured. Representative John M. Murphy (D., N. Y. 16), a West Point graduate, has complained that anti-war protests are "just as effective as guerilla operations in the jungles of Vietnam".

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One Paul S. Wandner has similar concerns, to judge from a letter published in the New York Post on 8 March 1968. He wrote: "I not only support the Johnson Administration's policy in Vietnam, but I also believe that we could learn some valuable lessons from the Saigon government. Why not jail Senator Fulbright, Senator McCarthy, Martin Luther King and other men hurting the war effort? Then we will have extended the cause of freedom and democracy not only across the seas, but right here at home."

Since then the friends of war have taken more direct measures to silence such critics. Dr. King has been murdered, and the search for his murderer has been turned over to an agency whose head once branded Dr. King a liar, and whose ranks are filled with white supremacists. A Minuteman plot to assassinate Senator Fulbright was revealed over a year ago. And, inspired by Dr. King's murder, a German conservative named Josef Bachmann made an attempt on the life of Rudi Dutschke, a German anti-war leader.

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In addition to Dr. Grayson, two other readers submitted "Fall 1902" moves for Russia in 1968J. They were:

Kevin Roark: A Pru-War; F Sev S TURKISH F Rum; F Swe holds.

Hal Naus: A Pru-Ber; F Sev-Arm; F Swe-Bal.

The three would-be players seem to have quite different interpretations of what Russia should do next at this juncture.

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The Venice-Trieste border is the only place on the Diplomacy board where two great power supply centers adjoin each other at the beginning of the game. As such, it is a perennial problem in the formulation of the initial alliances, and is usually a source of mutual distrust between Italy and Austria-Hungary. To cool the situation somewhat, some Diplomacy players have established a new province, "Slovenia". Slovenia is a part of Austria-Hungary, and is bounded by Venice, Tyrolia, Trieste, and the Adriatic Sea. The editor would like to solicit a brief article, from someone who's tried the Slovene variation, on how this province affects the play.

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