

NOTE: The next deadline for all games in this issue is NOON, MONDAY 27 MAY 1968.

GRAUSTARK

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1967U

"Spring 1910"

TURKS BREAK THROUGH TO BALTIC!

GERMANY (M. Miller): A St.P S A Mos; A Mos S
A Pru-War; A Pru-War; F Bal-Den; A Ber-Kie;
F Hol S A Ber-Kie; A Ruh S A Ber-Kie.

ITALY (Clark): F Norway-North Sea; A Swe S
GERMAN F Bal-Den; A Tus-Ven; A Pie S A Tus-
Ven; A Rom-Apu; F Nap S A Rom-Apu; F Tyr S
F Nap; F Tun-Ion; F Lyo S A Pie.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): A Kie-Mun; F Hel-Hol; A Sev-
Mos; A War S TURKISH A Sil-Pru.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Ven, F Apu, & F Ion hold;
A Tyr & A Tri S A Ven; F Adr S F Apu; F Gre
& F Aeg S F Ion; A Sil-Pru; A Boh S RUSSIAN
A Kie-Mun; A Ukr S RUSSIAN A Sev-Mos.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German army in Prussia is dislodged and must retreat to either Livonia or Berlin. This retreat is to be submitted with the "Fall 1910" moves, which may be made conditional upon it. The deadline for "Fall 1910" moves is NOON, MONDAY 27 MAY 1968.

SEVASTOPOL: All talk and no action?

1967V

"Winter 1908"

Germany retreats F Den-Bal.
Trieste, incorrectly assigned to Turkey in GRAUSTARK #158, was retaken by Austria-Hungary. Thus Austria-Hungary has one build, and Turkey has only two. The builds and removals, with this correction, are:
ENGLAND (Lebling): Builds A Lon.
FRANCE (Prosnitz): Builds A Par.
GERMANY (M. Thomson): Removes A Fin, A Liv.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (H. Anderson): Builds A Vie.
TURKEY (S. Heap): Builds A Ank, A Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is NOON, MONDAY 27 MAY 1968.

The publisher of GRAUSTARK wishes to observe that many who fought against everything that Dr. King stood for, have had the effrontery to mourn him. This was not a duty to be performed, but a privilege to have been earned. Those of his foes who had not the honesty to rejoice, should have had the decency to keep silent.

1968J

"Spring 1903"

AUSTRO-HUNGARIANS TAKE CONSTANTINOPLE

ENGLAND (H. Anderson): No moves received.
A St.P, F Bre, F Lon, F Liv, F Norway,
and F North Sea hold.

FRANCE (Maloney): A Pic-Par; A Mar-Gas; F
Lyo C ITALIAN A Tun-Spa.

GERMANY (Chalker): A Ber-Pru; A Mun-Sil;
A Bel-Bur; F Hol-Bel; A Den-Swe;
A Kie-Mun.

ITALY (M. Thomson): A Tun-Spa; F Tyr C A
Tun-Spa; F Mid-Por; A Pie holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Latimer): A Vie-Gal; A
Ukr-Rum; A Bud S A Ukr-Rum; A Tri-Ser;
F Smy-Con; A Bul S F Smy-Con; A Gre S
A Bul.

RUSSIA (Grayson): A Mos-War; F Swe-Norway;
F Sev-Rum; A Pru-Sil.

TURKEY (White): A Con-Bul; A Ank-Smy;
F Rum S Sev ((sic)).

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish move "F Rum S Sev" is vague, and is treated as a hold order. Turkey retreats A Con-Smy, R Rum-Bla. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, MONDAY 27 MAY 1968.

Hal Naus, whose address appeared in GRAUSTARK #157, is asked to send in stand-by "Fall 1903" moves for England.

MOSCOW: The Foreign Ministry of the Russian People's Republic wishes to extend its thanks to the King of England, the Kaiser of Germany, the President of France, the Chairman of the Revolutionary Council of Turkey, the War Minister of Austria-Hungary, and that official of the Italian government (who omitted to state his title) for all their offers of aid and support. We desire each of you to know that we consider your enemies to be our enemies.

Those friendly forces who assisted in the overthrow of Tsar Thomas are reminded

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ENGLISH SCATTER PEERIST FLEETS

ENGLAND (Walker): A Bel S GERMAN A Mun-Bur; F Lon-Eng; F North Sea S F Lon-Eng;
F Iri-Mid; F North Atlantic S F Iri-Mid.

FRANCE (Peery): F Eng S F Mid; F Mid S F Eng; A Pic holds; A Bur-Gas; A Mar-Spa.

GERMANY (Hueston): A Mun-Bur; A Ruh S A Mun-Bur; A Ber-Mun; A Hol S ENGLISH A Bel;
F Den holds.

ITALY (Childers): F Adr S F Tun-Ion; F Tun-Ion S F Adr ((sic)); A Apu-Map; A Ven holds.

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

RUSSIA (Prosnitz): F Swe holds; A St.P-Mos; A Gal-Boh; A War-Gal; A Rim S TURKISH
A Bul-Ser; F Sev S A Rum.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian move "F Tun-Ion S F Adr" is unclear and thus invalid; the fleet cannot at the same time move to the Ionian and support in the Adriatic. The Austro-Hungarian move "A Bud S A Ser" is also invalid for comparable reasons, since the army in Budapest cannot support in Serbia when the army in Serbia is not ordered to stay there. The Austro-Hungarian fleet in Albania and the army in Serbia are dislodged by superior force. The only retreat available to either of them is Trieste. Following a precedent established in 1966B and 1966G, neither unit can retreat to Trieste and both are therefore annihilated. The French fleets are dislodged and must retreat. The fleet from the English Channel may retreat to Brest, Wales, or the Irish Sea. The fleet from the Mid-Atlantic may retreat to Brest, Portugal, the Western Mediterranean, or North Africa. (However, the two fleets may not both retreat to Brest.) The directions of these retreats may be submitted with the "Fall 1903" moves. Other players may make their "Fall 1903" moves contingent upon the directions of the French retreats. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is MONDAY, 27 MAY 1968 at NOON. Press releases for 1968G begin on page 3; special late releases are on page 7.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF BEAUCOUILLON - XXV

With the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860, civil war in the United States seemed imminent. The tensions of that period reached to far-away Beaucauillon, where an event took place which doomed the hopes of the Confederacy.

Poker had recently been introduced from America, and had a vogue not only among American visitors but also among novelty-seeking European nobles. On 2 February 1861, while back in America rebels and unionists were jockeying for support, there met around a poker table Mayor Fernando Wood of New York, the wealthy southern planter James "Disgustin" Justin, Lord Palmerston, and Lord John Russell.

Wood, whose sympathies were with the pro-slavery men, and who was attempting to make New York an independent and neutral free city, won heavily from Justin. "Ah ain't got no cash on me," the southerner said. "Would you all like to take a slave instid?"

"Sure," said the mayor. "Where's the slave?"

"Stokely!" Justin called. A huge black man emerged from a group of lackeys playing pitchpenny in a corner. "Stokely, this hyar Yankee is your new owner."

The slave whispered to Wood, "You take me, honky, and I'll cut your motherin' throat!"

"Of course, if you don't want him, I guess we'll just have to cancel the debt," Justin said blandly, winking at Stokely.

Wood stood muttering to himself, as Justin and his slave walked off.

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1968G - PRESS RELEASES

ATHENS (1 January 1903): At exactly midnight all communications with Constantinople cut off, and have not yet resumed. The Ministry of War communique for Turkish diplomats in Italy were being relayed, when all of a sudden, in the middle of a sentence, the line went dead. A quick check ascertained that the lines to Salonika and Sofia in Bulgaria were also out of communication with Constantinople. Mehmet Jemal, Supreme General and Vizier of the Western Realm, refused to comment on the situation.

CONSTANTINOPLE (2 January 1903, OFFICIAL IMPERIAL COMMUNIQUE): "Be it known to all the world that on the first day of January, 1903, the corrupt and evil 'republican' government, and its puppet, Sultan Mohammed V, have been disposed of. Their self-serving foreign policy and corrupt domestic policies have brought This is the land to the point of ruin.

* "Turkey, Bulgaria, Greece, Syria, Arabia, Iraq, Persia, Egypt, Tripoli, Sudan, and Cyprus will be reorganized under the banner of the Turkish Empire. Mohammed VI has been crowned Emperor, with six Barons of the Realm to assist him until he comes of age. The Six will be chosen by the Revolutionary Council.

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"The Empire pledges that all agreements with other nations, with the exception of Serbia, Albania, Austria, and Hungary, will be honored.

"The Empire pledges itself to the elimination of peerocracy, republicanism, and other symbols of decadence."

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LONDON (7 January 1903, via Ottomantic Press): His Majesty the King-Emperor Huon, and His Inferial Majesty Honj the Horny, in consultation over battle plans against the Peerists, were interrupted by a messenger with a most curious communication. After disposing of him

"... in the days of King Huon of glorious and blessed memory, my friends, when we lived a more abundant life -"

- L. Sprague de Camp & Fletcher Pratt, The Incomplete Enchanter

and reading the message, Honj remarked, "What (urp) do you make of it?"

"I find it very intriguing, if true. But of course they do have a surplus, and we have a need. They've been taking over a rather respectable piece of territory, and it does have a surplus of them. There's even less use for them there than here, because the Koran forbids the only real use. They're only allowed to kill Christians there, you see. (urp) That last one was a little rich."

NEW YORK (8 January 1903, via OP) (From the New York Times): "One feature of the coup in Turkey that is extremely odd is the lack of names. Mohammed VI is only three, and he is the only person mentioned in the new government's official statement. Also, it appears that the coup has not disrupted the campaign against Austria in the slightest.

"Another strange aspect of the coup is the mass arrests of Christians that have been taking place. Most of the arresting officers have been reported as rather large hairy men, although the intimation that some of them have tails may of course be ignored.

"The Empire's relations with Russia seem not to have suffered, although Russia is a constitutional monarchy..."

POLLUTIDAR: Honj the Horny, Emperoar of Pollutidar, has made a public statement on the Turkish situation, but it throws little light on developments in that country. "The former government of that Outer Crust country," he informed the Representative Diet, "has been disposed of. For further details, a group of Outer Crust correspondents has been directed to Azaria to ask further questions." A slavering cheer went up from the Azarian delegates, who seemed not to be in the ravenous state which has endangered nearby delegations at previous sessions of this assembly.

LONDON (18 January 1903, via OP): The Turkish eski-lira, which dropped to a low of 143 to the ounce of gold, has rebounded to a new high of 67. Observers here credit the rise to the large volume of trade which the new government has instituted with England and Pollutidar, and its recent military successes in the Balkans.

Quotations as of 17 January 1903:

AUSTRIA: 113 schillings	ITALY: 125 lire	POLLUTIDAR: 20 skogs
ENGLAND: £ 1-9/4	JAPAN: 11 yen	RUSSIA: 28 roubles
FRANCE: 1250 peerimarks	PODERKAGG: 54 liroub-	TURKEY: 67 eski-lira
GERMANY: 4.6 reichsmarks	marks	U. S. A.: 35 dollars

The fall of the peerimark is attributable to the now hopeless situation in the English Channel, and to the large and very ugly Horib standing next to the board licking his lips.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. (18 February 1903, via OP): Prof. Alar Schey French, Professor of Physics at Harvard University, was reported missing today by his family. Police are looking for "a large furry man with sharp teeth and a short tail" who was seen loitering near the Professor's home on Amherst Street.

The Professor was well known for his work on gravitation, and most recently was in the news for a speech in which he proved conclusively that no cavernous area larger than 1.9 km in radius could exist in the Earth's crust.

LONDON (15 March 1903): King-Emperor Huon today sent an official note of apology to the Emperoar of Pollutidar for the unfortunate events which occurred late last year at the London Zoo. The note read in part, "We are gratified, indeed, that Your Inferial Majesty's aides held themselves in such great and magnificent restraint, when confronted with great insults to their persons. It is hard to imagine, otherwise, how 3 Coropies, 2 Horibs, 2 Ganaks, and a Mahar would suffer themselves to be captured by any number of humans, even Britons. We are sincerely grateful for their excellent self-control. Your Majesty may be assured, however, that Your aides were fed only the nicest and fattest Christians and Peerists to be obtained in the region, and were otherwise well cared for.

"In the past few months, We have endeavored to find the cause of Sir Hagen Beck's lamentable (and inexplicable) error. Only last week were our minions able to find out. The real Hagen Beck is, in fact, not in Britain, but a prisoner in St. Peerigrad! The supposed Sir Hagen was actually a Peerist impostor, sent by that abominable country, Frenciana, to spoil relations between our two states. Naturally, the fake Sir Hagen was immediately thrown to the honorable Pollutidareans whom he had made prisoner, and after they were through with him, they were released and the bone fragments swept out of the cage. Your Majesty's servants are now ensconced in some of the royal apartments in the Tower, awaiting a Pollutidarean ship to take them home. Meanwhile, they are being fed with the most delicate viands obtainable in this region, plus a number of imported Belgians and some Frencian P. O. W.'s. We are sure they are enjoying themselves, but they

are anxious to return home and be of further service to Your Inferial Majesty.

"Again, Your Inferial Majesty may be assured of Our continued friendship and earnest good wishes. Your Majesty's servants will be accompanied by a gift from the Royal Armouries: 15 tons of napalm and 30,000 flame-throwers for the war against the upstart pipsqueak 'state', Helotidar." (Note: Helotidar is not misspelled. The second "l" was dropped, because we all know what a helot is (heh, heh).)

RANTOUL: The recent chorus of obscenities out of St. Peerigrad is proving offensive to our ears. But unfortunately, someone of Mr. (?) Peery's talents (?) can hardly be expected to come up even to the standards of Henry Miller, James Baldwin, or the guys who write the Saturday kiddie "cartoons".

PORTSMOUTH (12 April 1903): The entire Empire of Britain is in jubilation at the news of the British victory at the Battle of Jersey, fought just 3 days ago, in which the Allied British/Pollutidarean Fleet utterly crushed the combined fleet of decadent Frenciana. Admiral Hubert Horatio Hornblower, Commander of the Allied Fleet and Grand Master of the Order of the Barracuda, late in March observed the Frencianan fleet massing at and near the English Channel. His Excellency summoned the Fleet and sallied out to battle. The outclassed and outfought Frencians were completely demolished. Among the Frencian ships sunk in the battle were the giant Amour d'Peeri and her sister-ship Blah d'Peeri, both the prize dreadnoughts of France. Also sunk were the Ill de France, the Pissard du Peeri, the Greene Bunnies Rabbitte, the Yech de Lurleen, and the flagship Xenogogic. From the bridge of the latter, a plump dark-haired figure could be heard screaming, "I'll get you yet, I'll get you yet, I'll get y...blub, blub." No British ships were lost during the action. Damaged, however, were the H. M. S. Treachery, the H. M. S. Betrayal, and the H. M. S. Suredeath, all destroyers. They will all be repaired and refitted for the coming campaign on the continent.

PEERISAILLIES (3 May 1903): The Frencian Government has announced that it will accept the occupation of its territories by units of the German military. If Germany moves to Paris and Marseilles in the Fall she will not be opposed.

POLLUTIDAR: In a speech before the Representative Diet, the Emperor of Pollutidar announced the complete disappearance of the so-called country of "Helotidar" or "Helotidar". "It has been over 200 sleeps," he told the cheering assembly, "that anything has been heard from this band of rebel slaves. They were suppressed as a training exercise by a force of cave men under the leadership of Unhh the Constipated One, on their way to invade the Outer Crust by way of the South Polar Opening. This force will take up positions in South America, in case of hostile actions by the government of Elizabeth I, Queen of Bolivia.

"As war proceeds against the nations of the Outer Crust, the economy of Pollutidar remains firm despite the wide range of economic standards in effect in various parts of the realm. According to the latest market reports, the Koarsar gold skag now stands at 168 Xexot bronze pieces. In the parts of Pollutidar on a barter economy, the state of the economy is less easy to assess, but we are reliably informed that in Amoz a first-quality stone axe goes for two slave-girls and a prime thag hind-quarter."

The Emperor refused comment on the present state of negotiations between Pollutidar and Britain concerning the imprisoned Inferial envoys. But highly placed sources indicate that he is most displeased by the British failure to feed the Ganak members of the diplomatic mission adequately. "The appearance of Ganaks," said Blab the Talkative One, "should have made it clear that they are complete vegetarians."

LATE DESPATCHES BY SPECIAL PEERIPATHETIC MESSENGER:

PEERISAILLIES (3 January 1903): Her Imperial Majesty Lurleen IV today attended special commissioning ceremonies here at the famed Ecole Peeritaire marking the creation of a new special unit for the Frencian Armed Forces. The Empress presented its colours to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Regiments of the 1st Greene Berets. The new Brigade, designated the 1st Greene Dragoons is commanded by Brigadier Jean Claude Tradeau. The 1st Regiment is under Colonel Philippe Louis Capet, the 2nd under Colonel Jacques Strapentight, and the 3rd under Colonel Marcel Prout. The unit has been forming for some months and has been especially trained to combat English invaders and German mercenaries. The troops are all volunteers, in top physical condition, and equipped with the latest in modern weapons: .45 caliber peerishooters, hand stabers, nauseous gas, and even the super-secret 'finers'. The troops appeared unusually handsome in their green and blue paisley camouflage suits, their scarlet pith helmets, their Japanese tongs, and their green berets. The tall, erect soldiers cheered mightily as their beloved Empress rode forth on her white charger...never a Mustang...dressed in her own commander's uniform of clear vinyl plastic. Following the presentation of colours the Empress reviewed her passing troops before leaving for the Palace to attend a ball in honor of the visiting Premier Levi Eskibble, of Periland.

PEERISAILLIES (Later): The Ball held in honor of Premier Eskibble ((presumably the same person as the "Eskibble" mentioned in the previous despatch)) was a huge success. More than 3,000 guests attended the gala event marking the establishment of the Greater Perian Co-Prosperity Sphere. Among other honored guests were Sultan Mohammed Didi CI of the Maldiv Islands and His Imperiousness Riterwong IX of Hellotidar. Didi stole the evening with his surprise display of a collection of dancers from the Maldiv Islands Playboy Club. The dancers, numbering 145, were all tall, dark, brown-eyed beauties from the Sultan's harem, skilled in the most intricate dancing steps. Didi's later announcement that he was establishing a Playpeeri Club in Peeris was greeted with cheers from the guests. Riterwong, not to be outshown, created a stir of his own with an announcement that Hellotidar had captured a true Pollutidarean and had brought him to the Ball to entertain the guests. However, when his cage was opened the Pollutidarean refused to come out, and sat inside mumbling about the unfairness of a system that allowed a majority to select a wrong way when it was so obvious that only a small minority knew the truth. The highlight of the evening was an appearance by Madame Shuman von Razzledazzle, the sister of the Minister of Phonography of Periland. Her interpretation of Bizet's Carmen set opera back at least 200 years. However, least Rod be offended we won't bore you with the events of what happened.

ST. PEERIGRAD (6 May 1903): We regret to announce that the recent election held by Xenogogic to determine who should be Peerimouth was a failure. A wide number of candidates received votes: ranging from Harold Stassen, to Charles DeGaulle, to Jack Greene, to Brian Bailey, to Peter Comber, and even one vote for John McCallum. The failure of any candidate to receive a majority, or even plurality, necessitates us ruling the election invalid.

PEERIS (7 May 1903): Social Affairs Perisite Richard Gadsden has been neglecting his duties again. Instead of concentrating on spreading Peerism he is busy trying to put a Dodge in your garage. This has got to stop.

PEERIS (5 June 1903): The Council of Greater and Lesser Perisites today unanimously approved the installation of Wade Hampton Johnston for a full term as Peerimouth. For Peeripeeper the Councils appointed Horatio Algae.

HELLISPOPPIN, HELLOTIDAR (Undated): The Hellotidarean High Command for the Lowest Places announced today that the 342nd Hellotidarean Hot Brigade and the 34th Horny-Toaded Cavalry has vanquished the 23rd Psalmistry of Pollutidar. Using the terrible 'finers' the Hellotidareans managed to turn off the Pollutidareans long enough to slide a greenbean into their navels and thus remove their main base of operation.

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Rod Walker, publisher of Erehwon and candidate for the Eric Starvo Galt Civil Liberties Award, will move on or about 23 May 1963 to the following new address: 1575-A White Drive, Rantoul, Illinois 61866.

Harry Manogg, P. O. Box 769, Kankakee, Illinois 60901, will soon begin a new postal Diplomacy 'zine. The game entry fee is \$4.00. Write him for information.

1968G - LATE PRESS RELEASES

ROME: The Italian Government wishes to express their deepest respects for the late Minister of Propaganda, Bob Strayer. This fine gentleman had been doing a fine job of spreading the truth about The Seven.

We have been greatly upset by his passing but we do take consolation that his demise came as a result of his great dedication to his work.

We guarantee that his murder shall not go unavenged. The skies shall be made safe for reporters. This we affirm in all our strength.

That dog on a flying dog house will be caught, and unless an apology is received immediately from its government they will be crushed.

POLLUTIDAR: His Inferial Majesty Honj the Horny, Emperoar of Pollutidar, held an important meeting with two of his principal vassals, Lo-Rench, Gosha of Peeri-peeri, and the Shagoth chieftain M'watan. The meeting was held aboard the Inferial Yacht The Golden Behind in the Upyur Az. On the conclusion of their meeting, the potentates issued the following statement of Pollutidar's war aims:

I. Freedom of Screech.

III. Freedom from Change.

II. Freedom of Revulsion.

IV. Freedom from Peace.

"Together these principles shall be called 'The Atlantic Charter'," the Emperoar announced. "We understand that, on the Outer Crust, 'Atlantic' is the opposite of 'Pacific', and we want them to know that our policies are exactly the opposite of pacific.

"We regard Freedom of Screech as particularly important," the Emperoar went on. "It would be a great tragedy if the promoters of war and hatred were in any way prevented from advocating their views, or carrying them into action. However, we do not neglect the rights of other people. They are fully free to show revulsion - so long, of course, as they do nothing to stop the exercise of Freedom of Screech or the other two freedoms."

M'watan indicated that he is in full agreement with these principles. "Kree-gah! M'watan bundolo!" he shouted, waving two heavy metal bars. "M'watan bundolo Vietnam-gani!"

In a related development, Lo-Rench announced that the Xexot pantheon would be expanded to include a new Loanda, Lurleen the Stand-in. "She shall be worshipped in the form of a pure white she-jalok," the Gosha said, "in tribute to the two- and four-legged canines which rule her native land.

"This is something of an experiment," he went on. "If the worship of Lurleen the Stand-in catches on, Peeri-peeri will also enshrine a new incarnation of the god Pyu - in the name of Adolf the Gaseous. His rituals will be quite similar to hers, as they both were martyred in the name of the same holy teachings."

BEAUCOUILLON (continued from p. 2)

"Deucedly ungentlemanly!" Palmerston sympathized with him. "I've always been for free trade, but if your Southrons use it to welch on their debts of honor, we won't give them any support in England."

"Neither will we in New York!" Wood growled. "From now on, I'm for the Union."

"Not me!" said Lord John. "I just don't trust Americans. And I'll train up my sons to do the same, and even my grandsons!"

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that they are guests on Russian soil, and that continued acts of vandalism will not be tolerated.

The envoy from the Emperoar of Pullutidar is reminded that this is 1968J, not 1968G, and his (her? its? their?) offer of assistance, while welcome, is - alas! - of no value to us.

PARIS: Perfidious Albion!

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Department of Inanity: DC Comics is bringing out for a trial run a new tale of costumed comic-book heroes - The Hawk and the Dove! The titles characters are two high-school age brothers with vehemently held political opinions appropriate to their labels. A disembodied voice puts them into the costume hero business. The theme of the book seems to be that if one neurotic high school kid can hit it big in the costumed hero business, two should do twice as well. Su-u-ure.

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After years of dedicated effort, Hollywood has finally produced a worse science-fiction film than The Incredible Shrinking Man. It's called 2001 - A Space Odyssey. Every so often it looks as if it is going to develop a plot, but then the story line gets lost amid a spasm of special effects. Do yourself a favor. Miss it.

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David Lebling announces the beginning of a new regular postal Diplomacy game in his 'zine Glockorla. Fees are \$2 for members of the Games Bureau, and \$3 otherwise. His address is Box 2234, Burton House, 420 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Mass. 02139.

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Players whose addresses will change at the end of the academic year should notify the publishers of the Diplomacy 'zines to which they subscribe.

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DESK: NOTING TP 246 WESTMORELAND AP NEWS ANALYSIS, YOU HAVE ALTERED TERMS "TACTICS" IN EVERY CASE TO "STRATEGY". WESTY'S HEADQUARTERS JUST CALLED UP AND ASKED SNEERINGLY, "DON'T YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STRATEGY AND TACTICS?" WE DO. STRATEGY IS THE PLANNING AND DIRECTING OF LARGE MILITARY MOVEMENTS AND OPERATIONS, TACTICS IS THE MANEUVERING OF FORCES IN BATTLE. IN WESTY NEWS ANALYSIS, TACTICS IS THE CORRECT TERM. STRATEGY IS ABSOLUTELY INCORRECT. WESTY'S STRATEGY IS A WHOLE NEW BALL GAME. EYE PRESUME IT IS TOO LATE TO CORRECT.

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SAIGON MARCH 24 1150ST/NB

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Unfortunately, the copy of the above dispatch from Peter Arnett got lost from its parent envelope, so credit cannot be given for its transmission this issue.

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John Koning sends along the following letter, originally published in the Ohio State University Lantern on 27 February 1968:

"America is bankrupt, tortured by the Black plague and riled by the hidden hand of international Jewry. Only the miracle of Christian patriotism can save us. What we need are more police, not Rap Browns and bearded professors around this campus. Our Columbus police, the FBI and the House Un-American Activities Committee have all stated that if we don't stamp out all the agitating elements while they are small they will spread until every good citizen is threatened.

"The most courageous thing to do is isolate these trouble-makers, round them up, and herd them into detention camps. We need strong armed tactics, now." /s/ Bradley H. Dowden, Grad.

Subsequent inquiry proved that this letter was not satire, but Dowden's actual opinions. We owe him a debt of gratitude for revealing the actuality that lies behind the elevated rhetoric of Buckley, the cornpone eloquence of Wallace, and the incoherent mumblings of Dygert.

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John Heartfield, an artist who spent a long career in the cause of peace, died last week in East Berlin. During the First World War he anglicized his name from Herzfelde as a protest against the anglophobia of Wilhelm II. He was one of the founders of the Dada school of art, and took part in anti-war demonstrations against both world wars. In 1938 the increasing bitterness with which he criticized the Nazi regime forced him to flee Germany. He returned in 1946.

THE LYING GAME

"It's inherent in Government's right, if necessary, to lie to save itself when it's going up into nuclear war. This to me seems basic." - Arthur Sylvester, Asst. Sec'y. of Defense for Public Affairs, 1962.

"Look, if you think any American official is going to tell you the truth, then you're stupid. Did you hear that? - stupid!" - Sylvester, New York Times, 31 August 1966

In logic, it is a venerable paradox to consider whether the statement "I am lying," is true. But in practical affairs, whether it is true or false, the man uttering it is not to be trusted on any other matter.

The reaction of most Americans to the realization that their government absolutely cannot be trusted to tell them the truth is one of shocked horror. But we are a resilient people with a sense of humor and an eye for the main chance, and it was inevitable that someone was going to turn a fast dollar out of Sylvester's frankness.

The realization of this process is a board game. Credibility Gap. It first appeared about 6 or 8 months ago, the invention of Dr. Arnold Silver and Dr. John C. Weston of the University of Massachusetts. A player begins circling the track at the Washington Airport, trying to get at a Truth Vault and to uncover political lies in 36 categories ranging from "artful ambiguities" to "escalating lies" and "strategic deceptions". They are aided by "anonymous leaks" but must beware "statistical cobwebs" and "snow jobs". Landing in the State Department Archives automatically gives a player three "truth trophies". Also, since everyone must be aware of some Administration lies to start with, players begin the game with two trophies. The object is to win 20 of them.

Credibility Gap is \$5.95, plus 55¢ for postage and handling, from the Amherst Game Company, Box 5, South Pleasant Street, Amherst, Mass. 01002.

THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter III

Secret Agent O-O-Hate and his teen-age assistant Burner, who are really Clark Gungel, mild-mannered comic book collector of Bugle, Pennsylvania, and seminarian Burner of the Blessed Balthazar Gerard Theological Seminary, roared out of the agency's underground garage in O-O-Hate's specially rebuilt 1941 Batmobile.

"Holy War, O-O-Hate," Furner said, "what could possibly be causing the President to lose his nerve? What will become of the American Way of War if he doesn't escalate any more?"

"That's what we have to find out," O-O-Hate replied, as their car careened through the streets of Washington. "Our first step will be - look, there's a colored man with an ax! A looter! Watch this!" And, with an effortless swerve of the wheel, O-O-Hate ran the car on the sidewalk, neatly mashed the Negro and his ax against the wall of a "Whites Only" private club, and hurried on.

"Holy Addonizio, that was fast!" Burner gasped in admiration. "Why do you suppose that rioter with the ax was wearing a high red hat, a black raincoat, and heavy boots, though?"

"Some member of an organized, uniformed, para-military group, no doubt," O-O-Hate replied. "You may have noticed that he had a badge, and a number on that funny-looking hat."

Soon they were at the White House. At a sight of O-O-Hate's identification the guard let them through, and they pulled up by the delivery entrance.

"Notice that basement door," O-O-Hate said. Almost every president rebuilds that basement room to accommodate his hobby. Martin van Buren aged cider there, Franklin Pierce kept a still, James Buchanan had a mistress, Andrew Johnson kept slaves there, William McKinley had a money vault, Theodore Roosevelt a pistol range, Woodrow Wilson rebuilt it as a library, Warren G. Harding kept two mistresses there, Herbert Hoover

stored his stock certificates there - the walls are still papered with them - Franklin Roosevelt made it a gymnasium, Harry Truman used to tear up newspapers there, Eisenhower had an indoor putting green, and Kennedy used to hide the Ulster side of the family here during reunions. But no one knows what Johnson uses it for."

The two agents concealed their car among the presidential limosines, and disguised themselves as beagles. The vigil was not a long one. Presently a large truck drove up to the gates, the driver lazily waved a pass at the guard, and soon the truck rolled down the driveway towards the cellar door.

But as it approached, O-O-Hate and Burner, careful not to reveal their disguises, yelped and howled in agony. An intolerable stench hung around the vehicle, wafting towards them from between the worn slats which concealed the truck's cargo. What odoriferous freight was being unloaded at the White House?

((What indeed? Find out in the next issue of GRAUSTARK!))

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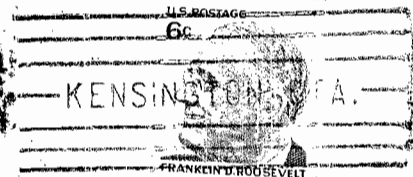
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