

GRAUSTARK

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1968CI "Fall 1902"

WANDERING FRENCH FORCE ENTERS BERLIN

ENGLAND (Grayson): A Bel S F Hol;
F Hol S A Bel; F Ska-Den; F North
Sea S F Ska-Den; F Norwegian Sea-
Norway.

FRANCE (Clark): A Sil-Ber; A Bur-
Mun; A Mar-Pie; F Wes-Tun; F Mid-
Por.

GERMANY (Reiter): A Ruh S A Mun; A
Mun S A Ruh; F Hel-Den.

ITALY (Prosnitz): A Ven-Tri; A Tyr
S A Ven-Tri; F Apu-Ion; F Tun S
F Apu-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Birsan): A Vie S
A Bud; A Bud & A Tri S A Ser; A
Ser S F Gre; F Gre S TURKISH F
Aeg-Ion.

RUSSIA (Bytwerk): A St.P-Norway; F
Swe S A St.P-Norway; A Rum-Bud;
A Gal-Vie; A Sev-Rum; F Bia S A
Sev-Rum.

TURKEY (Ver Floeg): A Con-Gre; F
Aeg C A Con-Gre; A Bul S A Con-
Gre; F Ank-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Tri-Alb. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Den, Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon. (6)

FRANCE: Ber, Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (6)

GERMANY: Kie, Mun. (2)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tri, Tun, Ven. (5)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Vie. (4)

RUSSIA: Mos, Nor, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (7)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Saly. (4)

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1968CL "Fall 1902"

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY OVERRUN

ENGLAND (Schelz): F North Sea-Bel;
F Eng S F North Sea-Bel; A Edi-
Yor.

FRANCE (Ward): F Mid-North Atlantic;
A Par-Bur; A Gas S A Par-Bur; A
Bre-Pic; F Spa(s.c.)-Mid.

GERMANY (H. Anderson): A Den & A
Mun hold; F Hol-North Sea; F Bel
S F Hol-North Sea; A Bur S F Bel.

ITALY (Comber): A Tri-Bud; A Ven-
Tri; A Tyr S TURKISH A Gal-Vie;
F Tun-North Africa; F Ion-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McLeod): F Alb-
Tri; A Bud S F Alb-Tri; A Vie &
A Ser S F Alb-Tri.

RUSSIA (Manogg): F Norway S GERMAN
F Hol-North Sea; A St.P-Liv; A
Mos-War; A Ukr-Gal.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Gal-Vie; F Aeg-
Gre; F Sev holds; A Rum S ITALIAN
A Tri-Bud; A Bul-Ser.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Vie-Boh, and the army in Budapest is annihilated. Germany retreats F Bel-Hol, and either A Bur-Ruh or A Bur-Mar. This retreat may be sent in with the "Winter 1902" builds and removals, which may be made dependent upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon. (4)

FRANCE: Bre, Par, Por, Spa. (5)*

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5)*

ITALY: Bud, Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (5)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ser, Tri. (2)

RUSSIA: Mos, Nor, St.P, Swe, War. (5)

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1967U.

"Spring 1919"

TURKS AGAIN OCCUPY BORDER AREAS

GERMANY (M. Miller): A Tyr-Boh; A Sil S A Tyr-Boh; A Mun S A Tyr-Boh; A Kie-Ruh; A Bur S A Kie-Ruh; A Ber-Kie; F Bal S A Ber-Kie; F North Sea-Hol; A St.P-Mos; A Pru S A Sil.

ITALY (Clark): F Eng-Pic; A Liv-War; A Ven-Tyr; F Ion-Alb; F Adr S F Ion-Alb; A Pie S A Ven-Tyr; A Tus-Ven; F Tun-Ion; F Nap & F Apu S F Tun-Ion.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): A Bel-Ruh; A War-Sil; A Mos-Liv; A Sev-Mos.

TURKEY (Beshara): F Gre-Ion; F Alb, F Aeg, & F Eas S F Gre-Ion; A Ser S F Alb; A Boh-Tyr; A Vie & A Tri S A Boh-Tyr; A Gal S RUSSIAN A War-Sil; A Ukr S RUSSIAN A Sev-Mos.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German army in Tyrolia is annihilated, and Italy retreats F Ion-Tyr. The deadline for "Fall 1919" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 MARCH 1969.

BERLIN: Law and Order will soon be restored in Europe by the joint efforts of Germany and Italy.

1968G

"Spring 1909"

TURKISH COUNTER-ATTACK CRUSHES RUSSIAN FLEET

ENGLAND (Walker): F Bar-Norwegian Sea; F Edi S F Bar-Norwegian Sea; F Lon-Wal; A Gas-Spa.

FRANCE (Gemignani): A Bre holds; A Bur-Gas.

RUSSIA (Prosnitz): A Swe-Den; A Ruh-Hol; A Bel holds; A Liv-Edi; A Mun-Tyr; A Gal-Boh; A War-Ukr; A Mos-St.P; A Bud-Ser; A Rum S A Bud-Ser; A Sev holds; F Bul(e.c.)-Bla; F Norwegian Sea-North Sea; F Norway & F Ska S F Norwegian Sea-North Sea.

TURKEY (Lebling): F North Atlantic S ENGLISH F Bar-Norwegian Sea; F North Sea-Hel; F Eng-North Sea; F Mar-Spa(s.c.); A Tri-Bud; A Vie S A Tri-Bud; F Ion-Adr; A Ser-Rum; F Bla S A Ser-Rum; A Con-Bul; F Gre S A Con-Bul; A Smy-Con; A Arm-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian fleet in Bulgaria is annihilated, and Turkey retreats A Ser-Tri or A Ser-Alb. The direction of this retreat should be sent by immediate return mail to the Gamesmaster, who will inform the other players and set a deadline for "Fall 1909" moves.

LONDON (3 Feb. 1909): In a surprise move today, Prime Minister Merlin declared war on Pollutidar, adding the underground Empire to King-Emperor Huon's already long list of enemies (Russia, France, etc.) No reason was given.

OXFORD (15 Feb. 1909): At the behest of His Majesty's Government, students at the colleges here are holding a giant dance, to be called the Honj the Hapless STOMP.

BORDEAUX (16 Feb. 1909): The British Expeditionary Force today received its marching orders. They read: "Go somewhere. Be sure that you goose-step the entire way. Loudly."

NORTH POLE (20 Feb. 1909): A British expedition from the University of Edinburgh arrived here today and dropped a huge projectile down the North Polar Opening to Pollutidar. The projectile contained a strange substance, which Dr. Niels Bohr, head of the expedition, called "U-235". The body of the projectile was inscribed, "Some STOMP, Huh,

Honj?" Shortly thereafter, the opening was closed with 250,000,000 cubic yards of steel-reinforced concrete.

GREENWICH (20 February 1909): The seismological bureau here has recorded a violent earth tremor, apparently centered near the capital of Pollutidar. Noted Dr. Seismo Quake, "The pattern was remarkably like that of a huge explosion." Said P. M. Merlin, when he read the report, "How true, how true..."

QUEEN MAUDE LAND (22 Feb. 1909): The latest British expedition to the South Pole sends word that the South Polar Opening to Pollutidar has been sealed with millions of cubic yards of lava, debris, and "other junk", flowing outward from Pollutidar, or, rather, from where Pollutidar used to be.

BUENOS AIRES (25 Feb. 1909): Rumor has it, already, that Honj the Horny escaped the holocaust in which Pollutidar perished and is alive and well in Argentina, sharing an apartment with one Ruggedo, "King of the Nomes"...

1968CH

"Winter 1902"

Following "Fall 1902" moves, Germany retreated F Den-Hei.
 ENGLAND (Linden): Builds A Lon. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kuch): Builds A Tri.
 FRANCE (Berman): Builds F Bre. RUSSIA (C. Johnson): Builds A St.P.
 GERMANY (D. Johnston): Removes A Ber. TURKEY (McLeod): Removes A Sev.

The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 MARCH 1969.

GENEVA: Nelije! Klãn olik panolom!

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The last issue of GRAUSTARK was delayed because of the snowstorm, which held up outgoing mail. However, all but one of the players managed to get their moves in on time, so all games but 1968J are going to press on schedule. (See p. 4 for details on 1968J.) In fact, many players were able to submit changes of moves on schedule.

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The winner of the pseudonym contest announced in #175 is Bruce Gletty. And the most difficult name proved to be #1, "Margaret Corbin". Donald and Lynn Berman got all correct but her. She is better known as "Molly Pitcher" or "Captain Molly", the name by which Gletty identified her. Gletty thus wins a free entry into the next GRAUSTARK game. The correct answers will be printed in a future issue.

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Karen Rockow, publisher of the amateur literary magazine Unicorn, announced a contest in 3 categories: (1) pop poetry, including ideograms and collages; (2) black and white artwork; (3) non-fiction prose on any topic. For information write to her at Graduate Center 245, 6 Ash St., Cambridge, Mass. 02138. The deadline is 15 March. A sample copy of Unicorn is 50¢.

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Some press releases for 1968CH, 1968CI, and 1968CL have been held over until the next issue. Charles and Jane Wells challenge readers to identify the language of their press release in 1968CH, above.

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David Johnstone's phone number is 614-888-0273.

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Sister George Eats Candy!

1968CI (continued from p. 4)

England, France, Italy, and Russia may each build one new unit. Germany and Austria-Hungary must each remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 MARCH 1969.

CONSTANTINOPLE (1 September 1902, SPP): Sultan Yuk today returned from an enjoyable sojourn in Tokyo in rare good humor. When informed of the events which transpired in his absence, however, slight alterations seemed to take place in the placid countenance of our beloved Sultan. Four hours later, when the Sultan was again able to utter a coherent sentence, he calmly screamed his regrets to Maharajah Kamasutra IX through Mustafa Hoor, the Turkish ambassador to Hyderabad, and regretfully announced that although the Yuk regime was indeed no longer needful of its recent CinC, that worthy was no longer in any condition to travel. Sultan Yuk, nevertheless, great lover of peace that he is, instructed his ambassador to offer selected portions of the anatomy of houri number 3,068, formerly of this court, as a token of friendship. "If the Maharajah is truly interested in acquiring a military strategist," growled our Beloved Sultan, "then he will find as much military knowledge as that possessed by our former CinC in the petite left foot of houri number 3,068, which I believe is package number 18 of the 69 that I am sending."

CONSTANTINOPLE (2 September 1902, SPP): The Turkish Armed Forces located here were remarkably cut in strength as Sultan Yuk continued his campaign to eliminate those who had transgressed upon his wishes during his trip to the East. Since the offending soldiers outnumbered the loyal eunuchs by nearly 30,000 to 1, it was fortunate that the soldiers were generally found lying unconscious about the Sultan's harem grounds with massive smiles on their faces, thus facilitating their humane elimination in the least possible time. The Sultan immediately ordered the remnants to "leave the Turkish mainland in the least possible time or face extinction by slow and devious methods."

Observant sources noted that this was the closest thing to a military order that our beloved leader has ever issued. Whether this is good or bad is something else again.

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TURKEY: Ank, Con, Bul, Gre, Rum, Sev, Smy, Vie. (8)

If Germany retreats to Marseilles, it controls that supply center; otherwise Marseilles remains French. Whichever of these two countries does not possess Marseilles must remove a unit; the French player should send in a conditional withdrawal. In addition, Turkey may build 3 new units, England and Russia may each build one, and Austria-Hungary must remove one. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 MARCH 1969.

ODE TO SEVASTOPOL (from CONSTANTINOPLE): One and one makes two/ Both chances you blew,/ Sevastopol you vowed to retake,/ The result: an Excedrin headache./ Happy pains!

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Additional press releases for 1968CI appear on p. 6. Additional press releases for 1968CL appear on p. 5.

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Dave Lebling's newest new address is P. O. Box 281, M. I. T. Branch Post Office, Cambridge, Mass. 02139. He promises imminent resumption of Glockerla.

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"Spring 1909" moves in 1968J will be mailed out by carbon copy early next week - the big snowstorm and today's holiday combined to delay mail in transit.

THE LOGIC OF IDE

by Edi Birsan

Murder, assassination, and execution are all words with one thing in common: an ~~unnatural~~ and planned death. Let us work from this common base and see when a murder is an assassination and an assassination is an execution. To be reasonable the planned death of any individual is murder whether he is a Nazi war criminal or a factory worker in Dresden. Therefore if we say that J. F. Kennedy was murdered or that Tybalt Montague was murdered we would be entirely correct. If we desired to tell a little bit more of the circumstances and one's point of view we could substitute assassination or execution for murder or insist that it was cold-blooded murder and the like.

To say that someone was executed tends to give some sense of legality to his murder. As if to say "we were justified in murdering so and so in the name of the state (or people's revolution, etc.)" While an assassination is the murder of a high governmental official for political and in some cases economic reasons (i. e., the great proletariat revolution). Thus to apply the three terms correctly we could say about World War II: we murdered the people of Dresden, executed spies, and assassinated Mussolini. This is the use strictly according to circumstance.

Now when people start to apply the words in accordance with their point of view all sorts of illogical things can be said, such as that the people of Dresden were assassinated, spies were murdered, and Mussolini had his death wish satisfied. After letting things solidify it is easy to see that if people would simply tell it as it is and not as they saw it, life would be much easier. It is really much easier to say: "so and so was killed...no matter the reason the _____ (substitute name of favorite ideology, organization, or government) is much better for it."

1968GL - PRESS RELEASES

PARIS (6 June 1902): French students today seized the Sorbonne, Louvre, and Dino's Coffee Shop and vowed to hold out until Premier Reynaud instituted a Brown Studies Program keyed to Algerian students.

PARIS (7 June 1902): Premier Reynaud denounced the occupation of Schools and Museums as the work of outside agitators but offered a compromise, "They can keep Dino's Coffee Shop".

PARIS (8 June 1902): French students today occupied the Palace of Versailles and announced they would settle for nothing less than the complete ouster of Premier Reynaud. Elements of the National Guard and the Prefecture of Police went over to the student side. The rebellion appears to be led by veterans of the Moroccan Crisis of 1899, studying under the GI Bill.

PARIS (9 June 1902): Premier Reynaud resigned today under pressure from 50 students who sat in his office and threatened to smoke "grass" until he was stoned; it is reliably reported that at least one capsule of LSD was placed in his water carafe prior to his decision.

PARIS (10 June 1902): A new government led by Marquis Rudd was sworn in and vowed Franco-Italian cooperation, Franco-German enmity, and lots of loot for everyone.

LONDON: Damn you, Red Baron! You forced it!

SANTA CHOCHA: The government of this Latin American republic sent its army after the revolutionary movement led by Juan Valdez, a former coffee plantation worker. The army expected to trap the rebels at a plantation owned by Chase & Stillborn, where they allegedly planned to burn the fields.

Shortly after the rebels set fire to the fields, the troops moved in. Unfortunately, the fire spread to a thick growth of Cannabis indica, and the wind blew the smoke at the army. While the troops were turned on, the rebels made good their escape.

THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter LXVII

Secret Agent O-O-Hate, dedicated defender of the American Way of War, sprang into action at the sight of his faithful teen-age assistant Burner in the clutches of the sinister Chinese-Jewish spy queen Miao Katz. He burst through the door of Fyu Men Kan Chu's restaurant and confronted the exotically beautiful villainess.

"So!" he hissed, drawing a ray-gun he had built himself from plans which had appeared in the last issue of the Frenetic Four in his priceless collection of comic books. "Even in Siunik, it seems, we are not safe from the machinations of this Red Chinese spy queen. Now, talk! What part does this play in the secret plans of the sinister forces of World Peace?"

Miao Katz slowly smiled, and lights shone from the depths of her slanted oriental eyes behind the horn-rimmed spectacles which were a part of her Jewish heritage. "Ah, so!" she breathed softly. "The glate O-O-Hate himself joins our little party."

"Cut the oriental act, sister! I happen to know you attended C. C. N. Y.!"

Miao Katz turned her attention to Burner. "What is bothering you, young man? You seem uncomfortable. Is it the slashed side of my dress - an old Oriental custom, that. Have some more tea?"

Burner was nearly helpless before her sultry wiles. "Er - yes - but I didn't realize the slash went so far -"

"Oh, it is very modest - it stops three inches below my armpit."

"Miao, I want to know what the Chinese plot is!" O-O-Hate demanded. "Why has neither Chinese delegation shown up at the spies' convention here in Siunik? Are you behind this plot to unionize the espionage profession? How does Fyu Men Kan Chu fit into this?"

"Such a curious man!" Miao said, twining a finger in Burner's hair.

"And you, Burner," O-O-Hate went on. "Remember that you're the teen-age assistant of a daring agent with a secret identity! Remember that we must fight unceasingly against the forces that would abolish the ancient and honorable institution of war from the world. Think on the stern martial virtues! War! Patriotism! Death! Honor! Blood! Conquest! The Flag!" O-O-Hate whipped a little American flag from his coat pocket and began to whistle "The Ballad of the Green Berets".

"Gosharootic, O-O-Hate!" Burner shouted. He tore himself from the clutches of the spy queen, snapped to attention, and joined in the music.

"So! This is how you respond to Miao Katz's hospitality," the villainess hissed. "Then you can explain matters before Fyu Men Kan Chu himself!" And she pulled down a level disguised as a coat-rack, precipitating O-O-Hate and Burner through a trap-door.

((Coming next issue: Our heroes meet the sinister FYU MEN KAN CHU!))

1968CI - PRESS RELEASES

PARIS: When the West is secured, France's territorial ambitions will have been achieved.

ROME: Sorry, Edi, but you have to learn to stop stabbing me in over-the-board

COMING NEXT WEEK: Sultan Yuk meets the Plaster Castors!

Lgamos.

RUSSIA to ENGLAND: I am taking (or at least trying to) Norway according to our agreement. You should get your build.

HYDUNDERABAD: The rebels led by Pandit the Bandit today made a daring raid on a small building near the Maharajah's palace. Surya Khan, Captain of the Palace Guard, was reportedly caught with his pants down.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

ROD WALKER, 1575-A White Dr., Rantoul, Ill. 61866: ((This letter is a continuation of the one published in GRAUSTARK #176, replying to the challenge to identify a list of former sovereignties given by Bill Linden in #172.))

EUZKADI: Vizcaya, after which the Bay of Biscay is named, the chief province of the Basque country. From the year 870 it was ruled from Bilbao by a line of autonomous Lords (or Counts), the last of whom, Juan IV de Trastamara, was dethroned by Castile in 1379. Name sometimes applied to whole Basque province ((particularly by the Basque independence movement)).

MANDAVAR: Manava-Dhar is a term of ancient Hindu jurisprudence. Obviously no relation. See comment under Dadra ((in #176)). The term "Dar" is also Arabic for "land" or "country", as in "Dar-al-Islam", Land of the Submission (to Allah).

MAHABAD: Capital of the so-called Kurdish People's Republic, 1945-1946.

MAINDOMBA: This name may be African or Russian, but I can not place it. Again, there may be spelling problems.

SEIYUN: One of the former states in what is now South Yemen. Known as the Kathiri Sultanate of Seiyun.

MIRDITA: Actually, the Mirdite Republic, June-October 1921, a separatist republic at Prizrend.

AIASH ORDA: During the Russian Civil War, a state set up (1918) by Kazakh nationalists. Probably the same as the West Kazakh Republic at Jambeitu.

MOUNTAINERS' REPUBLIC: Any of a number of states set up in Daghestan and the Terek during the Russian Civil War.

REPUBLIC OF PALMARES: Set up by a mob of rebel slaves in the Amazon Valley, 1630-1694. Properly "Palmares".

TELLGURJA: Now that is a misprint. You mean, I think, the Republic of the Tellgau, a short-lived revolutionary republic, corresponding to modern Unterwalden, Schwyz, and Zug, in 1798.

(("Tellguria" may be an Italian or Latin version of the German "Tellgau", just as the German name "Livland" went into Latin documents as "Livonia".))

REPUBLIC OF MARYLAND: In 1833, founded in what is now southeastern Liberia as a republic for freed slaves. The capital was at Harper. Absorbed into Liberia in 1857. ((Also, since each of the 13 colonies was in principal a sovereign state from 1776 until it ratified the Constitution, the American Maryland would also do here.))

And now, a contest which will also appear later on in Erehwon:

THE LITTLE FLAG CONTEST

1. How many stars are to be seen on the flag of Brazil?
2. What are the correct proportions of the flag of the United States of America (hoist:fly)?
3. What is the "Kruisvlag"?
4. What modern country uses a flag which was designed by a person who was not a citizen of that country?
5. What do the four stars on the flag of the City of Chicago symbolize? ((Carter Harrison Sr., Anton Cermak, Richard J. Daley, and one more on spec.))
6. What color, or colors, is (are) common to all flags flown by the states of "Trucial Oman"?
7. What four living things were pictured on the flag of the Sovereign State of Winneconne? ((Is that near Winnemac?))
8. What is the astronomical designation of the smallest star on the Australian flag? ((Bayer letter, Flamsteed number, or Cordoba Durchmusterung number?))
9. What, exactly, was the "stars and bars"? A picture will be acceptable.
10. What fruit is shown on the flag of Grenada? ((("La primera platera son granadas rompedoras...")))

...Re: your alleged "joint congressional resolution" "dividing" up the USSR. It seems to me that you might cite a valid source (such as the Congressional Record) for this rather wild assertion. It seems to me that, a long time ago, there was some sort of innocuous declaration of support for "captive nations", many of which never existed, but this hardly amounts to a plan of partition.

((Okay. The partition of the Soviet Union was decreed by Public Law 89-60, which was passed in the 1st session of the 86th Congress. You will find the text in the Congressional Record, Vol. 105, Part 11, pages 14105-6, 17 July 1959. This law specifically lists regions into which the USSR is to be carved, though it is understandably hazy on the means by which this is to be accomplished. This law has never been repealed; on the contrary, it is annually re-affirmed with commemorative ceremonies by Congress and the President. It constitutes support for the Soviet contention that the United States plans the conquest and dismemberment of their country.

((To look at it the other way around, suppose that the Supreme Soviet solemnly decreed that the United States should be partitioned in order to liberate such "captive nations" as the Kingdom of Hawaii, the Republic of Texas, the Indian Stream Republic, James Strang's preposterous little Mormon theocracy on Beaver Island, and several dozen Indian tribes. Can you imagine the outcry that would go up in America over such a plan?))

The nations of Cossackia and Idel-Ural ((mentioned in the partition resolution)) are figments of somebody's imagination. Denikin's South Russian State was,

Chaeva is parva!

indeed, founded on a union of the European Cossacks, but it was never called Cossackia. It used a flag similar to that of the Don Cossack Republic.

Idel-Ural was a projected Turkic state which was supposed to be in and around the Urals. A "government" was set up at Omsk, before the Kolchak coup, but it never controlled any of the territory it was supposed to own. It did not exist de facto, even briefly.

"An imperial democracy on the Athenian-American model" has no internal contradictions. They are admirable experiments in the art of nation-building. Of course, we refuse to admit that we are an imperialist state, but all healthy nations are. The present age seems to be one in which military imperialism is gradually giving way to economic imperialism. Why bother with conquest when purchase is more convenient? This gives the small and the weak, who have no right to national independence anyway, at least the option of changing masters occasionally. This creates a system of infinite variety and interest. Throw in planetary real estate, and you have a situation which should provide us with much fascinating history for the next several dozen decades, at least.

O At.
P Great
E Intervals
R This
A Appears
T To
I Inflamm
O Optic
N Nerves

((You are in agreement with the people presently running America in this matter. Or, as Henry Cabot Lodge wrote: "A discussion of the rights and wrongs of our acquisition of the Philippines is extremely academic. It can be safely set down, however, that this expansion, commonly called 'imperialism', does not depend so much on the Kipling-esque motive of giving the brown brother a lot of moral improvement which he does not want, as on motives of self-interest. Britain, like Holland, France, and all European countries need large quantities of goods - notably raw materials - which cannot be obtained at home. She also needs markets...It seems wholly unnecessary to conceal these highly intelligent motives beneath the Kipling idea of bringing holiness into wild places." # 394
((As for "governments deriving their powers from the just consent of the governed", Lodge quickly disabuses us of that notion. "A tyrant's government, requiring no civic mental effort on the part of the governed," he assures us, "is appropriate to indolent people."))

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((We are mistaken, it seems, in paying heed to the aspirations of those "indolent people". Lodge goes on to say, "The educational policy has had the result of filling an agricultural country with quantities of young men who refuse to engage in agriculture, their American education having taught them that white-collar jobs are the only proper ones." This is the Boston Brahmin translation of the venerable southern saying, "Educate a nigger and spoil a hoe hand." Nor does a modicum of blood from the master race help any, for Lodge continues, "The half-caste...is an unfortunate creature, unfit for the great responsibility of government and unfit for the plain life of the native...this inglorious creature is glib, he can make phrases the meaning of which he himself sometimes does not comprehend."))

((These sentiments of enlightened imperial self-interest, together with the Lodge quote printed in GRAUSTARK #176, come from his article on American policy in the Philippines which was printed in Harper's in January 1930. The reader is assured that the author was our Henry Cabot Lodge, not President Wilson's cantankerous opponent of the same name. It is gratifying to observe that the Lodge-Walker formula for imperialism has collapsed over most of the regions which it once dominated, and I contemplate with great amusement the humiliation which Ambassador Lodge undergoes daily as he negotiates on equal terms and at a disadvantage with the people whom he believes to be immeasurably his inferiors.))

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Apparently Bill Linden is the only person to respond to my suggestion that, having tried to prognosticate the results of 1968CH by Ouija Board and the Yi King, is trying astrology. He states that he was born on 30 November 1950 at 8:20 AM in Brooklyn. "But western astrology, as currently practiced, is rather degenerate. New Indian astrologers scorn the idea that everyone born in the same month has the same horoscope, and depend upon which constellation was on the horizon at time of birth".

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In an attempt to show your pacifistic Gamesmaster where he really stands, Linden quotes from Malory's Morte d'Arthur the following lines:

"For then was the common voice among them that with Arthur was none other life than war and strife, but with Sir Mordred was great joy and bliss...Alas, this is a great default of us Englishmen, for there may not thing please us no term...and the most part of all England held with Sir Mordred, the people were so new fangle." (Book XXI, Chapter 1.)

In rebuttal, of course, one could simply dismiss Arthur and his contemporaries as a cross between bandit chieftains and solar myths. But Linden deserves better than this. The romanticization of the Middle Ages has prevented us from seeing the knights as they really were - a gang of highly successful warriors who held a monopoly of force and used it tyrannically. (As one modern has put it, knights did not rescue fair maidens; they raped them.) Sir Thomas Malory, as a professional fighting man and a convicted rapist, was of course going to glorify such people as the incestuous Arthur and his brawling bullies. But the people over whom the knights ruled - "the most part of all England" - had a distinctly different view of things. Perhaps the Mordred tale is all we have left of a 6th-century peasants' revolt, led by a man who professed to be a poor relation of the royal family.

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Dan Brannan, publisher of Wild 'n' Woolly, has moved to Apt. 7, 915 South St. Andrew's Place, Los Angeles, Calif. 90019. And Jim Goldman is now at 553 River St., Paterson, N. J.

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tricia S. Murphy, 6208 Regina Terrace, Halifax, Nova Scotia; Pfc. John J. Seman, RA15734183, HHC 1st Psyops Bn., Ft. Bragg, N. C. 28307. (That "Psyops" may be a misprint for "Psychops"; the U. S. Army is said to be trying to duplicate General Dayan by suitably training men with his physical disability.)

George Grayson's phone number is 212-228-5821. George Schelz's phone number, as printed in GRAUSTARK #176, is only good on weekends and not always then. People who expect to have to contact him by phone should write to him for a very complicated telephone schedule indicating when and where he can be contacted at various times in the week.

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When you were young, did you have to wear an older brother's hand-me-downs? If so, then you may know how various national armed forces feel. According to the New York Post of 5 February 1969, the Argentine Navy is going to replace its present aircraft carrier with a new one just retired by the Dutch Navy. The old Argentine carrier will be sold to Peru.

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Doesn't anybody respect the privileges of Royalty any more? In the recent Indian state elections, the Nawab of Rampur won on the Congress Party ticket to represent the district which his ancestors once ruled. The Nawab narrowly defeated his mother, who ran as an independent.

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Early in the morning of 5 February 1969 an argument on the Staten Island ferry resulted in a knife fight, causing one death and three injuries. What brings this brawl into the purview of GRAUSTARK is the fact that the men were arguing in a common language, despite the fact that the subsequent investigation showed them to be Albanians, Yugoslavs, and Armonians. "...the police said it had not been determined what that language was". (New York Times, 6 February 1969.)

Any guesses? (Hint: Names of some of the men involved are Shefket Bracollari, Gaspar Daragjati, and Ndoc Kapaj.)

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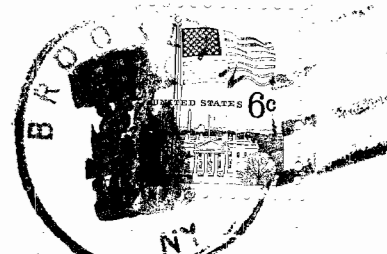
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Would you believe Sir Vince Lombardi? You'd better - the former general manager of the Green Bay Packers has just been created a Knight of Malta. Who says that the glory of knighthood has departed? (New York Post, 16 January 1969.)

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