

GRAUSTARK

#188

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12 July 1969

1968G

"Spring 1912"

TURKS FINALLY ENTER SEVASTOPOL

Following "Fall 1911" moves Russia retreated A Bur-Ruh. Other players were informed of the move.

ENGLAND (Walker): F North Sea-Hel; F Yor-North Sea; F Edi S F Yor-North Sea; A Gas holds; F Eng-Bel.

FRANCE (Gemignani): A Bur S ENGLISH F North Sea-Bel; A Par S A Bur.

RUSSIA (Prosnitz): A Tyr-Mun; A Vie-Boh; A Gal-Rum; A War-Sil; A Mos-Sev; A Ukr S A Mos-Sev; A Ruh-Bel; A Hol S A Ruh-Bel; A Swe-Den; F Bel-North Sea; F Norway S F Bel-North Sea; F Ska S F Bel-North Sea; F St.P(n.c.) S F Norway.

TURKEY (Lebling): A Smy-Bul; F Aeg C A Smy-Bul; A Rum-Sev; F Bla & A Arm S A Rum-Sev; A Bud & A Tri hold; A Ser S A Bud; F Ion-Tyr; F Pie holds; F Bar-Norway; F Norwegian Sea S F Bar-Norway; F Ven S A Tri; F Pic S ENGLISH F Eng-Bel.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1912" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 26 JULY 1969.

YORCAR, PHILISTIA (31 Oct. 1911 Eben Press): "AHA!" cried the Lord High Scandalmonger upon hearing the news from Pollutidar. "Thos who have read the official biography of Honj the Horny will notice that 'Loos the Furry One' is described as looking exactly like the Emperoar!" Mobs began roaming throughout the capital breaking windows, as is their invariable practice when something happens which they can't understand.

POLLUTIDAR: That was no accident, my Philistine friend.

1968CH

"Spring 1906"

ENGLISH SURROUND RUSSIAN FORCES

ENGLAND (Linden): F Lon-Eng; F Swe-Fin; F Bot S F Swe-Fin; A Den-Swe; F Bal-Liv; F Norwegian Sea-Norway; A Ber-Sil; F North Sea S Birsan-Hell.

FRANCE (Berman): A Par-Pic; A Bur-Pic; F Tyr-Nap; F Wes-Tyr; F Tun S F Wes-Tyr; A Mun-Boh; A Mar-Pie; A Ven-Tyr.

GERMANY (D. Johnston): A Bre-Par.

ITALY (White): A Pie S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tri-Ven; F Tus S TURKISH F Ion-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kuch): A Tyr-Ven; A Tri S A Tyr-Ven; A Vie-Tyr; A Ser-Bud.

RUSSIA (Birsan): A Fin-Norway; F St.P(n.c.) S A Fin-Norway; F Norway-Ska; A Mos-Liv; A Sev-Mos.

TURKEY (Lindsay): F Ion holds; F Gre S F Ion; F Smy-Aeg; A Ark-Smy; A Bul-Con; F Rum-Bul(e.c.).

Underlined moves are not possible. France must retreat A Ven-Apu or A Ven-Rom; the direction of this retreat should be phoned to the Gamesmaster, who will inform the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, 26 JULY 1969.

BREST: Spirits were high in the German camp today. After a wienie roast, everyone participated in "Sing Along with Bülkow". The favorite number was "Deutschland über Etwas".

PIEDMONT: The last remnants of the Roman Army today claimed that the French "hookers" would not take Italy.

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1967U

"Fall 1921"

ITALIANS ENTER TRIESTE!

GERMANY (Miller): A Kio-Liv; F Bal C A Kio-Liv; A St.P & F Bot S A Kio-Liv; A Fin S A St.P; A Sil-War; A Pru S A Sil-War; A Ber-Sil; A Bur holds; A Mun S ITALIAN A Pic-Tyr.

ITALY (Clark): A Boh-Vic; A Tyr-Tri; A Vic & F Adr S A Tyr-Tri; A Pic-Tyr; F Alb-Ion; F Nap, F Tyr, & F Tun S F Alb-Ion; F Wes holds.

RUSSIA (G. Heap); A Nos-Sov; A War-Mos; A Liv-War.

TURKEY (Boshara): A Bul-Run; A Ukr S RUSSIAN A Liv-War; F Gro-Ion; F Aog & F Eas S, F Gro-Ion; A Ser-Alb; A Tri-Tyr; A Vic-Boh; A Gal-Boh.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian army in Livonia is annihilated, and Turkey retreats A Tri-Bud. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

GERMANY: Bol, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kio, Mar, Mun, Par, St.P, Swe. (11) RUSSIA: Mos, Sov, War. (3)
 ITALY: Bro, Liv, Lon, Nap, Nor, Por, Ron, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven. (11) TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gro, Run, Ser, Smy, Vic. (9)

Germany, Italy, and Russia may each build one new unit.

1968CL

"Winter 1905"

FRENCH FLEET DESPATCHES DELAYED

After the "1904" moves Russia was entitled to builds, but did not take them. Therefore, though no ~~net change~~ in number of supply centers took place during "1905", Russia was entitled to two builds. However, as only one home supply center was free, only one new unit could actually be built. Retreats and builds following "Fall 1905" moves were, accordingly:

FRANCE (Ward): F Mid-Bro. RUSSIA (Schleicher): Builds F St.P(s.c.).
 GERMANY (Birsan): A Sil-Pru.

The French retreat didn't come in until last Wednesday, too late to send it out to the other players. Therefore, the deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is re-set at NOON, SATURDAY 26 JULY 1969. Players who have already submitted "Spring 1906" moves should write to confirm or revise them, as they choose.

MOSKVA: The recent "disappearance" of the Czar has led to the formation of a new government. Diplomatic negotiations will be opened with all parties in order to end the menace of Italian-Turkish aggression. The Russian government asks that the Italian and Turkish armies lay down their arms and accept the Russian plan for reorganization of present boundaries.

1968CI

"Winter 1905"

FLEETS BUILT IN EAST, SCUTTLED IN WEST

ENGLAND (Grayson): Removes F Bal. RUSSIA (Bytwerk): Builds
 FRANCE (Clark): Removes F Gas. F St.P(n.c.), A War.
 TURKEY (Ver Ploeg): Builds F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 26 JULY 1969.

CONSTANTINOPLE: Sultan Yuk is too involved in conferences this month to issue press releases.

LONDON: Crown Princess Jennifer, born last May 27, sends greetings to all. Also, she sends several diapers filled with raw material for anyone who wishes to shape it into promises of alliance in Diplomacy games. For a supply, send stamped, self-addressed envelope. Envelope need not necessarily be addressed to the one who sends it.

LEAVENWORTH: Dr. George Grayson arrived here today. Holding aloft his commission, which states quite clearly that he is not a mem-

ber of the armed forces, he stated that he will have nothing to do whatever with Fort Leavenworth or with the military prison located there. Rather, he said, he plans to bring the prisoners in the Federal Penitentiary a new high standard of medical care. Most of them got nothing near the care they had claimed to have paid for on their Income Tax forms: now they would get such care, and they'd see whether it made a difference!

Although his wife applauded, nobody else seemed to notice.

HYDUN DERABAD: From his camp in the hills, Pandit the Bandit, leader of the Peristaltic Movement, announced for the sixth time this week the imminent overthrow of the corrupt tyranny of Maharajah Kamasutra IX. The rebel chief claimed that his men now had the expert strategic advice of Spiros Preposterous, the noted authority on guerrilla warfare.

HYDUN DERABAD: Maharajah Kamasutra IX, absolute ruler of this small Indian state, announced for the third time today the defeat of the rebels led by Pandit the Bandit. "The scattering of his forces," said the Maharajah, "was made possible through the able assistance of that great expert on counter-insurgency, Spiros Preposterous."

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LONDON (19 Mar. 1965): Home Secretary Sir Nicholas Fenton remarked: "If the minions of URRP and BULL-SHIT deny the conquest of the former United States of America, why do they refer to the capital in the District of Columbia by the new Imperial name, Charleston, instead of the former name, Washington? Heh, heh, chuckle, smirk, sairk. Besides, we have a fellow named McKinley who swears that he won the last election. Excuse me, I must congratulate the glorious National Liberation Front of Norway on their burning of Oslo."

ZPOD: At a drunken brawl celebrating New Fiscal Year's Eve, Duke Nosebeard persuaded Kaiser Franz Josef to declare war on France. Repercussions are expected.

ERIE, PENN. (Gem-City Press): NAAAA! Guinivere wears combat boots! NAAAA!

CONSTANTINOPLE: May the Imperial Shaft of Islam enter the bodies of our foes through the nose. May Allah have mercy on their sinuses.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

As promised in the letter column, here are the particulars on the destruction of Manquang. That Vietnamese village was destroyed in March 1965 by American and Saigonese troops. Every building in the village was razed to the ground, 43 people were killed, and the survivors were dispersed to prison camps.

Does anyone remember a place called Lidice?

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Just to clarify contradictory information given elsewhere in this issue, Ted Pauls' zine Kipple is 20¢ per copy. I have broken out in other places as well, and am doing a series on "The Borderlands of Art" for Paul Lewis's Bias (P. O. Box 1048, Jamaica, N. Y. 11431; 40¢ each or \$2 for 6 issues). The most recent article in the series deals with that off-shoot of comic art popularly called the "eight-pager". Future articles will deal with the New Comics (Bob Crumb, S. Clay Wilson, etc.) and with the sexzines such as Screw and Kiss.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

PHIL PRITCHARD, 5756 E. 7th St., Tucson, Ariz. 85711: In answer to Gary's letter in #185, I can only say that his hopes, while technically "noble", "good", etc. are horribly unrealistic. Capt. Walker's may be overconcerned with "honor" and such (I haven't read his remarks) ((see GRAUSTARK #187)) but Gary's recent position on the current International Federation of Wargamers' crisis shows that he too can be rather chauvinistic when he puts his mind to it, perhaps indicating that his arguments are based on idealism rather than practical considerations. It makes me quite sick to see these muddle-headed idealists running around shouting wolf at every opportunity, but who change their tunes rather quickly when bitten by the ungrateful wolf they had been claiming was no real danger to anyone. They shout wolf, of course, at our own attempts at self-defense, ignoring the wolves waiting for some sign of weakness on our part to attack. Perhaps I am ignoring some of the more contemporary complications which gave rise to this debate but the answer I saw Gary give was rather general in scope. Just let those who think as he does beware of wolves like Attila, Hitler, and Mao who would love some nice peaceful Christian sheep to gobble up (excuse me, Jehovah's Witness sheep - Christians haven't been known as sheep for some time). Just at least give up the right to defend ourselves - you do as you please, and you'll soon have the joy of true peace, and the rest of us can go on trying to calm the modern barbarians down a bit.

((You seem to misunderstand the motives of your fellow Hawks. Neither Walker nor Smolik appeals to such abstractions as "honor" or "self-defense". The former argues in favor of Machiavellian self-interest, and the latter believes in the biological desirability of war, but neither believes that the United States is defending itself in Vietnam. Nor is the position tenable that you seem to take, that the rest of the world is inhabited by ravaging savages who are deterred only by our armed forces from looting and enslaving the United States. See my column in Kipple (25¢, Ted Pauls, 1448 Meridens Drive, Baltimore, Md. 21212) for further comments along this line.

((You people out in the hinterlands are being very liberal with the lives of us city-dwellers. If an atomic war starts, we New Yorkers will be dead and our city devastated, if the USSR conquers the world or if the USA dictates unconditional surrender in the smoking ruins of Moscow. So will just about every other city, and all that the 6,000-year long development of urban civilization has meant to humanity. I would sooner see a red flag than a mushroom cloud over my city.))

EUGENE PROSNITZ, 200 Clinton St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11201: In answer to your question about my civil liberties stand ((in #186)) I am not against political action by the ACLU. I am against partisanship by them; i. e., the ACLU should engage in political action on behalf of civil liberties, but not on behalf of positions, like ((school)) decentralization, which are not civil liberties questions. ((It is at least arguable that a good education is a "civil liberty" under the "general welfare" clause of the Constitution.)) The right to avoid the involuntary servitude of the draft is a civil liberty. The right to go to a centralized, or decentralized, school, may be an important social objective but is not a basic civil liberty.

((For those readers interested in Gene's recent political activities, his candidate Harrison Goldin placed second in the Democratic primary for City Comptroller. Goldin, whose Brooklyn campaign Gene managed, got 28.9% of the total vote and 24.7% of the Brooklyn vote. Results of the factional fight within NYCLU are not available as this letter-column goes to press.))

ROD WALKER, 1575-A White Drive, Rantoul, Ill. 61866: Half a truth is better than none, I suppose. The same intelligence summary you speak of ((in #185)) also reports the activities of the President, the results of the French Presidential election, coups in Africa, the progress of the Middle East non-war, and a lot of other stuff. It is obvious that neither you nor the Rat people understand the purpose or extent of military intelligence. Don't ex-

pect me to tell you. ((That list of items already tells me plenty about Military Intelligence, thank you.)) By the way, however, you'd be surprised at what we do know about the so-called "New Left".

BILL LINDEN, 83-33 Austin St., Kew Gardens, N. Y. 11415: "We will bury you" - Nikita Sergeievich Khrushchev, quoted about fifty million times. Now explain that away.

((Gladly. It's a fraud. This was one of 19 quotations which I cited in a recent Kipple column as an example of how anti-Communists have forged or mis-translated the statements of Communist leaders to spread their myth about a "Sinister Monolithic International Communist Conspiracy" (henceforth "SMICC") which is allegedly out to take over the world. I would greatly appreciate it if Linden or any other reader could cite me a press report in a reliable newspaper which thus quotes Khrushchev - preferably with original Russian text, and in context.))

Yes, you have discovered my shameful secret. Some of my disreputable ancestors were indeed involved with the Hengist Gang. But I do not see how that involves me with their actions. Is guilt hereditary? To offset this, I have a dubious Scots connection. ((All Scots connections are dubious.)) (I regard myself as a sort of honorary descendant of Bonny Dundee, or Bloody Claver's, depending on your sympathies.) ((Mine are "Bloody Claver's", thank you.)) Besides, I was born on St. Andrew's Day.

Which reminds me. I find that according to Zolar: "Sagittarius does not take to the criticism and bickering which Virgo gives out so freely...Virgo thrives on bickering." ((That's how they stay virgins so long. I'd hate to tell the age at which I lost mine.)) Further, Sagittarians are loyal, patriotic, and law-abiding, and have strong conservative ideals. Well, knowing how you feel about anything conservative...

"The noble anti-Communists to Manquang"? To coin a phrase, when and where? ((For the American butchery at Manquang, Vietnam in 1965, see "The Ministry of Miscellany" in this issue. I do not have immediately at hand the data.))

The Maharajah of Jammu and Kashmir did not accede until 27 October, more than a month after Dominion Day, and enough to make me correct. Previously, he had only concluded a "standstill agreement". (Note that Indian claim to Kashmir is diametrically opposite to that on Hyderabad; in Kashmir they claim a state with a Moslem majority because of the accession of a Hindu ruler; in Hyderabad, they claim a state without the accession of a Moslem ruler because it has a Hindu majority. And anyhow, what do you find so "farceical" about it?)

((The fact that Hyderabad tried to go it alone, as a base for bandit raids on surrounding Indian territory. All Indians should live as well as the Hyderabad ruler who tried this stunt.))

For the umpteenth time, we hear someone asserting that it is impossible to win a jungle war by conventional means. The way it was impossible for the British to win in Malaya? ((Is that war over already?))

Simultaneously, the despised fascistimperialistpuppet Nguyen Van Thieu says that if Hanoi will only withdraw its regulars north of 17 he will a) demand the withdrawal of U. S. and allied troops, b) accept coexistence with Hanoi, c) grant "full political rights" to the Communists, provided only that they change their names again. ((And d) be overthrown by a coup d'etat from Nguyen Cao Ky, who will accept these terms no more readily than he would accept a bill from the Pentagon for services rendered.)) I leave you to estimate the chances that Hanoi will accept something that would bring peace, but upset their nice little propaganda image of the fascist imperialist etc ultra museum. Betting here is 500-1 against it.

...When I mention the seizure of Dadra by "nationalist volunteers", you say, in your righteousness, "I think the words you want are 'outside agitators'". I wonder if you think at all. When you see an epithet you don't agree with you assume, by your magic clairvoyance, that I must have invented it. Well, verily thou hast blown it again. I did not look for The Words. The Indian government looked for and found The Words. The quotation marks were supplied by the State's

Yearbook. Address vilifications to the St. Martin's Press.

((I'm sorry. The words "outside agitators" were meant to satirize not you, but the whole syndrome which believes that the existing state of affairs is completely accepted by those who live under it, and who attribute all expressions of discontent to "outside agitators".))

...I will refuse to accept stamps honoring Abraham Lincoln, an officer in one of the genocidal wars against the aborigines of this continent.

You keep ridiculing the idea that there exists an international Communist movement. Unfortunately, this opinion is contradicted by your fellow radicals. In reply to a government investigator's statement, quoted in ((the New York Times of 7 April 1969)) that "to talk about some sort of nationwide or international conspiracy of nationwide or international conspiracy of SDS is ridiculous", a national SDS officer vehemently insists, "That's absolutely wrong. We are part of an international Communist conspiracy."

And who should know, if they don't?

((Kee-rist, Bill, don't you know when you're being put on? So many people have believed in the existence of the SMISC for so long that the best way to get a rise out of them is to admit to the existence of this mythical organization. Other alleged conspiracies are also getting into the act. For almost 200 years, some conservatives have believed in the existence of a Sinister International Conspiracy called the "Illuminati", allegedly founded in the 1770's by a Bavarian Jew named Adam Weishaupt. Several Popes, the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, Winston Churchill, and the John Birch Society believed in this "conspiracy". So, within the last few months, a group of Berkeley radicals have been freaking out the opposition by claiming to be members of the "Illuminati" - see, I believe, the February 1969 Playboy for details.))

...Eagerly awaited are your contentions that substituting one dictator for another constitutes the "overthrow" of a regime. Likewise your contention that the substitution of Balthazar J. Vorster, former Minister of Justice, Police, and Prisons (Especially the last) notorious for his pro-Fascist sympathies, architect of the Prohibition of Political Interference Act, for Henrik Verwoerd has improved the situation in South Africa one iota. (This is the third or fourth time I have asked that question.) After all, if the murder of Verwoerd was justified, it must have accomplished some improvement. Or do you approve of killing for its own sake? (By the way, the rebel verkrempte faction of the Nationalists complain that Vorster is doing too much for the blacks.) Also, I believe that there are still similar laws in some of our southern states. Since you have disclaimed any desire to overthrow the government of the United States, well...

((Your letter arrived the same week as a clipping from the London Times, courtesy of Ethel Lindsay. This clipping, dated 11 May 1969, related the plight of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jacquesson in South Africa. Mr. Jacquesson is half Lebanese and half Indian; his wife is English. They were married in London prior to the passage of a South African "Immorality Act" which forbids sexual relations between whites and non-whites. Since traveling to South Africa, they were arrested under this act for living as man and wife. I repeat that a government under which such a flagrant act of tyranny can occur is legitimately subject to overthrow by all means necessary. I trust I have made myself clear.))

...The New Jersey Imperialist Party has a rival. A local resident has formed an irredentist party to recover Vermont. He insists that Londonderry, Vermont, is really Kent, New York. So, if anyone tries to seize Richmond, we'll call out the militia.

From your remarks about Strategy and Tactics it seems that anyone questioning James Dunnigan's views on history is ipso facto a warmonger. When will you start holding trials for heresy. Meanwhile, you seem to have, ah, overlooked the following statement in Purnelle's letter: "For a while, there was a shred of hope for an Entente victory that would be meaningful; but that ended with the slaughter of Verdun."

The trouble, as Walker will doubtless tell you, is that sometime nations get killed even if they don't go to war.

And you say that the United States are ((are?)) imperialistfascistracistcapitalistoppressiveandeverythingelse thatsevil. ((Whore?)) Why, in that case, do you want to keep them alive? (That, by the way, may be what Rod thinks is "insulting".)

"The two antagonistic institutions of War and Education..." Then you regard SDS, Black Panthers, et al, as guardians of education? Why do they shut it down so often?

((Do you regard war as a guardian of education? Please inquire at the University of Louvain before answering this question.))

If the Spanish throne went up for award by the Augustan Society, that would be Yankee Imperialism, interfering in the internal affairs of a foreign country! Horrors!

Let us not forget the theory of W. S. Baring-Gould that Jack the Ripper was Inspector Atholnoy-Jones, of "The Sign of the Four".

((And let us not forget the theory of Philip Jose Farmer, author of A Feast Unknown, that Jack the Ripper was Viscount Grandrith, father of Tarzan!))

...Another Arthurian theory: Since Arthur was roughly contemporary with Clovis, might not the latter be the original of "King Claudas"? An interesting picture of Gaullish die-hards in Aquitaine sending to Britain for aid. ((Except that Julius Caesar beat you to it by about 2,000 years.))

..."Who has been responsible for more lost hours of education: SDS or SSS...?" ((That's the Selective Service System.)) All I can say is - good grief! That you could ask such a question shows a wilful blindness greater than any I have yet encountered. How many colleges have been forcibly shut down, firebombed, terrorized with guns and explosives, etc., by General Hershey? ((Are you including Vietnamese colleges in this question?)) Which group is presently destroying City College of New York and San Francisco State College? ((Which group has made more of their students into soldiers?)) Which set those, ah, unusual fires at CCNY? ((A Burns guard, according to the police.)) I suppose SDS also claims credit for the "GI Acts". Not to mention something called "student deformations", which SDS continually urges us to throw away. (I noticed the ostentatious draftcardburners are never I-A.)

Ah, but SSS tells me that those "Certain liberties of speech, organization, and belief" do not exist to be preserved. ((That is perfectly correct. You do not have the liberty to advocate a war that will get me and my family killed. Period. End of argument.))

...Another topic of conversation hereabouts is that, while dropping St. George from the Kalendar, Rome left St. Patrick alone. Discrimination! Racism! They should be re-expelled from England! Call out the New Model Army! Popish Plot!

Not only do my predictions of the imminent doom of France seem not to be about to materialize, but I am afflicted by the apparent disappearance of Tixier-Vignancour, Franco's answer to Bill Buckley. Whatever one may say, it will be a grabber country. ((So was Norway after Qvisling was executed. Before you blow up on this one, find out what T-V was doing during the German occupation.)) Oh well, someone could always challenge Deferre to another duel.

...Have you noticed that the Prince of Wales is Charles Philip Arthur George? Eat your heart out, Teuton! as Rod would say.

M is for his mediocre platform.

A is for the arrogance he pours on us.

R is for the revenge we plan on him.

I is for the ignorance which forms his clique.

O is the obnoxiousity he generates.

Put them together, and they spell MARIO.

Who is a rat.

((Those who live outside The City may not realize that this is a reference to Mario Prosciuttino, who since this letter was written has won the Democratic nomination for Mayor of New York with the landslide margin of 32.9% of the vote. Mario came on as a strong "Lawncrder" candidate, which may be translated as "Send 'em back to Africa!"))

By "Storm Troops from Columbia" I presumably mean Storm-

troops for a Disrupted Society. The NYU branch is afraid to make a move without calling them for help. Most of the "student demonstrators" during the "Hatchott strike" (which was openly admitted to have nothing to do with Hatchott) were from Columbia, Ocean Hill, and other such places. When the tourists had left, there were so few "strikers" that they had to stage a circus to convince anyone that they existed.

((After what the factions in the NYU SDS have lately been up to, do you still believe in a Sinister Monolithic International Communist Conspiracy?))

"The Saigon government is not a signatory to SEATO..." I never said that it was. You might read the Treaty, if you are not afraid that it would blow some of your nice, neat propaganda images to hell.

((The South-East Asia Treaty Organization is a pact among eight nations, three of which are actually located in South East Asia, which has most graciously taken Vietnam under its protection. This is as if you suddenly received a phone call informing you that, as a result of a treaty between the Profaci and Gallo families of the Cosa Nostra, you are henceforth under their joint "protection".))

Ho hum. When will the liberals demand the banning of Shakespeare?

"He smote the slokked Polacks on the Ice" - Hamlet I i 63

((An alternate reading makes this "pole-axe", ho ho ho.))

"Thou kill, kill, kill, kill, kill, kill!" - King Lear IV vi 188. ((When he was insane.))

He Glorifies war and The Establishment (Henry V) In Cathello he has a black murderer. ((You missed the one in Titus Andronicus.)

((I fully realize that in the context of his times Shakespeare, like Aristophanes, was politically a conservative. The infinitely pliant character of a Shakespearean mob is proof of that. But I do not therefore propose to ignore or denigrate the great contributions made by these men to drama, or to diminish my enjoyment of their plays. Equivalent treatment for Arthur Miller or Dalton Trumbo from the political Right would be appreciated.))

They managed fourteen sets of currency very easily ((in early America)). Thirteen states and continental wallpaper.

...You continually cite Report from Iron Mountain as documentary evidence of the Sinister International Monolithic Warmongers' Conspiracy. If you remember, there was a book which gave documentary evidence of the Sinister International Jewish Conspiracy.

It was called Protocols of the Elders of Zion, and was purportedly excerpted from the proceedings of a sort of Special Study Group on how to Take Over the World. Unfortunately for Conspiracy-hunters, it has been traced to the offices of the Okhrana.

This is

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

...I would class our own (U. S. A.) flag as one of the least attractive.

Speaking of flags, do you notice how Barbados has robbed Ukraine of any chance for a decent flag? Blue and gold are the Ukrainian colors, and the trident is the Nationalist emblem. OUN should sue them.

The definition of good as "that which advances man towards his inevitable historical destiny" raises

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interesting questions. C. S. Lewis in (I think) The Abolition of Man points out that since our destiny is the extinction of all life in the heat-death, "this leaves murder and suicide our only duties".

You fiend. You knew I could not resist debunking the Monroe Doctrine, didn't you? ((See the quiz, "Department of Unhistory" in #187.)) However, I am not going to risk winning by researching all the other questions.

FRANK CLARK, 5506 Fiske Pl., Alexandria, Va. 22312: Can one convoy A Smyrna to St. Pete (s.c.) via North Sea, Denmark, Baltic, etc.?

((According to p. 5 of the rulebook, a convoy can ~~only be made~~ across a body of water.))

BRUCE E. GLETTY, 110 W. Lincoln, Waterman, Ill.: By the way, what does GRAUSTARK mean anyway? I enjoy your 'zine.

((Thank you. The name "Graustark" - German for "Graystrong" - first appeared in 1901 as the title of a novel by George Barr McCutcheon (1866-1928). His Graustark, like Anthony Hope's Ruritania and Edgar Rice Burroughs' Luthia, was a small, German-speaking monarchy in eastern Europe. The country served as a backdrop for royal intrigue involving Rightful Heirs to the Throne and other such Augustan conceits. "Graustark" and "Ruritania" have since become generic terms for small, unstable countries which would be called "banana republics" if they were located in Latin America. The terms are often used condescendingly by citizens of the major powers whenever they are inconvenienced by developments in small, weak countries.

((The custom among most Gamesmasters is to name their 'zines after fictitious countries. GRAUSTARK, RURITANIA, FREDONIA, Brobdingnag, Wild 'n' Woolly, Costaguana, Erehwon, and Hostigos are among such publications.))

GEORGE GRAYSON, 621D 13th St. Terrace, Leavenworth, Kansas 66048: There is little I find objectionable in GRAUSTARK, and that little I can ignore rather easily. One minor thing does upset me, however, and that is your practice of neither correcting typographical errors nor ignoring them, but rather flogging them with an unnecessarily emphatic "((sic))". It is by now quite well known that one of your regular correspondents has absolutely atrocious grammar and spelling, and that another is prone to frequent minor slips - what purpose is served by not exercising the right - nay, the duty! - of an editor to correct such slips? Is it felt that they make the reading in some way more amusing, in the former case, or that they detract from the validity of the argument which disagrees with your views, in the latter?

((Obvious typographical errors, such as "enmity" or "jion", I correct. This are transpositions on the typewriter. But if it seems obvious to me that a letter-writer intended a particular spelling for a word, I try to preserve it. Would you correct the spelling and grammar of Artemus Ward or George Ade?))

THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET-AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter LXVI

Secret Agent O-O-Hate and his teen-age assistant Burner flew back to the U. S. A. from the Tarpeia Society convention in silence. Burner, now safe from the wiles of sinister beautiful female spies, read "Thoughts of Chairman Putput", the little white book written by the head of Deltout Airlines. O-O-Hate, who is really Clark Gansel, mild-mannered comic book collector of Bugle, Pennsylvania, reflected on the success of his efforts to break up the plans of the sinister Fyu Men Kan Chu to unionize the ancient profession of espionage.

The American agents were jarred out of their well-earned rest by O-O-Hate's wrist radio (adapted from an idea in his monumental collection of old comics) as it shrilled the first bar of "I Didn't Raise My Boy To Be A Survivor". It was a message from their mysterious chief, Mac, in his secret underground office in Washington!

"O-O-Hate, get back here right away!" Mac told them. "Our agency is in desperate trouble. Our plans to get this country into a real war instead of this piddling Vietnam mess have received a serious setback!"

"How have you done such a dastardly deed?" O-O-Hate asked

"Have the Sinister Forces of World Peace led another march on the Pentagon?"

"No, it's worse than that. We've been betrayed by people we thought were our faithful allies!"

"Who was it?" O-O-Hate demanded angrily. "Formosa? Spain? The John Birch Society? Progressive Labor?"

"No, O-O-Hate. It's worse than that. We've been betrayed by the Military-Industrial Complex!"

((What is this latest menace? Has the International Pacifist Conspiracy turned the mighty Military-Industrial Complex against the American Way of War? Follow O-O-Hate's newest adventures in future issues of GRAUSTARK.))

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

There was an intrusion into Brenton Ver Floeg's letter in GRAUSTARK #187. The letter as printed was compounded from several of Ver Floeg's letters, but the second paragraph really belongs to a letter written by Bob Ward. I should have been alerted by the fact that this paragraph refers to the writer's current military status, while Ver Floeg is now well out of it.

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New readers are reminded that, while no paid entries are now being accepted, there are still 2 positions open in the contest winners' games. The "This Land is Whose Land?" contest, in GRAUSTARK #185, asks readers to identify fictional countries by their sources in literature. "The Department of Unhistory" contest in #187 tests readers' knowledge of the more embarrassing aspects of history which do not get into the more usual texts. The deadline for both contests is noon, Saturday 26 July 1969, when the next issue of GRAUSTARK (#189) goes to press.

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If you have a paid subscription to GRAUSTARK, it will expire with the indicated issue:

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Any subscriber who did not receive issues to which he is entitled should inform me at once.

Subscription overruns to players in present games are:
 Hugh Anderson - 5 Michael Childers - 6 George Heap - 5
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Readers who share the Gamesmaster's interest in the polemical use of quotations will find most intriguing Paul F. Boller's book Quotemanship (S. H. U. Press, Dallas, 1967). One chapter is devoted to spurious quotes invented by someone who attributes them to his adversaries. These inventions are designed to expose the "real", nefarious ambitions and deeds of these adversaries.

Recently, in my column in Kipple, I based on Boller's book an article on the phony quotations attributed to Communist leaders. The column, which appeared in Kipple #165 (26 May 1969), cites 19 often-used remarks attributed to various Communist leaders from Lenin through Mao. They include Lenin's "We will encircle the United States" and "The road to Paris is through Peking", Danilsky's "As soon as their guard is down, we shall smash them", Khrushchov's "We will bury you", and Mao's (sometimes Chou's or Chen's) "Even if 300 million Chinese were killed, ... there would still remain 300 million." None of these remarks has any reputable authentication.

Kipple is 20¢ per copy from Ted Pauls, 1448 Meridene Drive, Baltimore, Md. 21212. My column, which consists of general comment on scientific, political, or literary matters, appears in every issue.

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Jim Sanders can be reached - though with a considerable delay - c/o Mrs. Billie Sanders, 4200 Glen Arm Ave., Baltimore, Md. Bruce Gletty's ZIP code, omitted when his address was reported earlier, is 50556. Charles Johnson is now back at 530 Cordes Drive, Papillon, Nebraska 68046.

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We regret to report that Gene Prosnitz lost both of the political battles in which he was recently engaged (GRAUSTARK #186). The fate of Harrison Goldin's campaign is reported in this issue's letter column comments. Prosnitz was also a candidate for an insurgent slate within the New York branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, which favored a halt in "the rush toward politicalization" of NYCLU. (New York Times, 26 June 1969). This dispute arose out of the 1968 strike of the New York City local of the American Federation of Teachers. NYCLU claimed that the AFT local was falsely accusing its opposition of anti-Semitism. According to Murray Kempton (New York Post, 20 June 1969) the union leader, Albert Shanker, set out to unseat this NYCLU leadership with the insurgent slate, to which Prosnitz belonged. The leader of the slate is the husband of one of Shanker's employees.

The insurgent slate lost to the present leadership by a margin of roughly two to one. All the insurgent at-large candidates were defeated, but three of their candidates were elected as delegates from suburban county chapters. Prosnitz sought a delegateship from the Brooklyn chapter.

I voted for the incumbent slate.

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According to the New York Daily News (29 June 1969), American International Pictures has just acquired a new screenplay entitled "Ten Thousand Graves, a war comedy".

I don't hear anyone laughing.

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Your Gamesmaster's Atheism has apparently excited the proselytizing instincts of some southern Christians. Within a week I received two letters containing tracts, one from St. Petersburg and one from San Antonio. The St. Pete Christian tract, like most Christian bombs, was anonymous. However, a survey of the handwriting indicates that it did not come from our friend Michael Smolik. I assume that, with Smolik now in his beloved Army, the complimentary copy of GRAUSTARK sent to him fell into the hands of a kinsman or neighbor who was solicitous for my soul.

The San Antonio tract came from Glenn Palmer Jr., whom I vaguely recall as the addressee of a sample copy of a recent GRAUSTARK - presumably #184, since in that one my religious views are mentioned. Palmer writes "May I tell you the greatest thing that has ever happened to me?... I have believed in freedom to do what I wanted... A while back I had some emotional trouble. ((Indecipherable word)) for my mind I turned to Christ." Apparently I am invited to join him in his emotional trouble. Well, crutches are for cripples.

Peculiarly, every one of the quotes in Palmer's tract comes from the letters attributed to St. Paul - an epileptic who joined Christianity under circumstances which would make more sophisticated modern movements suspect the presence of a police informer. He was also suspected ("thorn in the flesh") of embezzlement by his brethren. We can confirm the suspicion that he was a police agent by observing that under his influence Christianity was transformed from a messianic, revolutionary movement to an unworldly, mystical faith offering no dangers to the existing Establishment. Note that in the Pauline epistles the revolutionary of Nazareth is completely obscured by a mystagogical deity sitting somewhere on a remote cloud. (Archibald Robertson, The Origin of Christianity.)

And I'm supposed to take this seriously?

"((General George S.)) Patton once had ambitions to become a clothes designer and even tried his hand at it. His idea for a tank crewman's uniform was green leather with red stripes, a row of brass buttons and a gold football helmet." - George G. Scott, quoted by Dorothy Manners, New York Daily Column, 26 February 1969.

Senator Russell Long's concern about war with Canada, cited in an earlier issue, was indeed voiced on the floor of the Senate recently. (New York Times, 28 April 1969.) It is Long's claim that oil import quotas are designed to keep up the production of domestic oil so that, in case of national emergency, we could produce all we need. Senator William Proxmire observed that in this event there are ample oil supplies in Canada. The following colloquy ensued:

Long: "...How does the Senator know whether a war would not break out between the United States and Canada?...Has the Senator ever heard of the War of 1812?"

Proxmire: "Is the Senator from Louisiana really serious about that?"

Long: "It is not inconceivable."

Proxmire: "Canada and the United States would engage in a prolonged war that could hold up our ability to produce oil in this country?"

Long: "It is entirely conceivable to the Senator from Louisiana."

There is already a group of Canadians (Leftists, but working along lines originally suggested by a Blimpish Tory some 40 years ago) which is planning against the possibility of a U. S. invasion. Canadian Wargamer please copy.

With his recent death (8 June 1969), "the man in the Hathaway shirt" proved to be a member of the nobility. He was Baron George Wrangell, nephew and successor of the Tsarist general who so notably failed to restore the Romanovs a half-century ago. Augustan papers please copy - if the notion of a Baron in advertising can be borne.

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