

OCHI MINH (Huey Pan Thuan) - 19 May 1890 - 4 September 1969 - TIP MEMORIAM
"Ho Chi Minh was a formidable foe who might have been a friend if this country had been more consistently faithful to some of its noblest principles which he admired," - New York Times, 4 September 1969

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1967U "Winter 1922-Spring 1923"

GERMANS TAKE WARSAW;
DEADLOCK IN BALKANS

ITALY: Builds A Nap.
TURKEY: Builds A Con.

GERMANY (M. Miller): A Gal-Ukr; A Sil-War; A Pru S A Sil-War; A Liv-Mos; A St.P S A Liv-Mos; F Bot-Liv; F Bal S F Bot-Liv; A Boh-Gal; A Mun-Sil; A Bur-Mun; A Fin holds.

ITALY (Clark): A Alb-Ser; A Tri S A Alb-Ser; A Ven & A Tyr S A Tri; A Nap-Alb; F Ion C A Nap-Alb; F Tun & F Tyr S F Ion; F Apu S F Ion; F Wes holds; A Vie S GERMAN A Boh-Gal; F Adr S A Nap-Alb.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): A War-Gal; A Mos holds; A Sev S A Mos.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Con-Bul; A Ukr S RUSSIAN A War-Gal; F Eas-Ion; F Gre S F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Gre; A Ser-Bud; A Rum S A Ser-Bud; A Bud-Tri.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian army in Warsaw is annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1923" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 1969. See p. 3 for George Heap's temporary change of address.

IT NOW SEEMS FAIRLY DEFINITE THAT WE WILL MOVE SOMETIME BETWEEN NOW AND THE NEXT DEADLINE DATE. OUR NEW ADDRESS WILL BE 234 EAST 19TH STREET, BROOKLYN, N. Y. 11226. FOR THE TIME BEING SEND ALL MOVES TO OUR PRESENT ADDRESS. SEE PAGE 12 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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1968CH "Winter 1907-Spring 1908"

TURKS EXPELLED FROM ITALY
- THE WET WAY

ENGLAND: Builds A Lon, A Edi.
FRANCE: Builds F Mar.
RUSSIA: Retreats A War-Ukr; removes A Fin, F Ska.

ENGLAND (Linden): A War, F St.P (s.c.), & A Lon hold; A Liv S A War; F Den-Hel; F Swe-Bot; F Norway-Bar; A Edi-Norway; F North Sea C A Edi-Norway; F Yor-Edi; A Kie-Ber.

FRANCE (Berman): F Mar-Lyo; A Gas-Mar; A Pie-Tus; A Tyr-Ven; A Mun-Tyr; A Bur-Mun; F Adr-Ion; F Tun-Tyr; A Rom-Apu; F Nap S A Rom-Apu.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kuch): A Gal-War; A Vie-Tyr; A Boh & A Tri S A Vie-Tyr; A Ven S TURKISH A Apu-Rom.

RUSSIA (Birsan): A Ukr S A Mos; A Mos S A Ukr.

TURKEY (Lindsay): A Apu-Nap; F Ion S A Apu-Nap; F Aeg & F Eas S F Ion; A Smy-Arm; F Gre-Alb.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Tyr-Pie, and the Turkish A Apu is annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 1969.

ZPOD, HERNIA: Gleeeful Hernians recently staged a ticker-tape parade for the victorious Turkish commander who landed on Italian soil, by name Pyrrhus.

ERIE to NEW YORK: Cool it, Savanarola, or I'll tell you the truth about Bill Buckley.

ERIE to NEW YORK: NANA and double NAAAA! Bangs Leslie Tapscott told me yesterday that he was hiding in Oregon when you were searching (continued on p. 4)

FRANCO-ITALIAN ALLIANCE HITS GERMANY

EDINBURGH: Admiral Spens has announced that he will personally take to sea when our expeditionary force embarks. The convoy, carrying Colonel Starr and the 1st Liverpool Regiment, is expected to depart for Oslo Monday next.

DUMFERLING: A shortage of red wine persists at the Royal Stuart Hunting Lodge located here.

EDINBURGH (7 October 1901): "We hoisted our sails on Monday morn with all the speed we may,"

EDINBURGH (9 October 1911): "We landed in Norrowa upon a Wodensday."

ARMENIA: Due to depredations caused by angered Russians, the People's Army has moved on Sevastopol.

ANKARA: The Black Sea Fleet will not be balked at entrance to its area of control but will force entry by at least Spring 1902 or sooner.

PARIS: People are rejoicing today at the recapture of Alsace-Lorraine, taken while the Germans were occupied by the Italians. The king announced that France's first major goal had been reached. Massive enlistment into the army began at this news.

CLINAHOWCE (23 September 1901): When Princess Shvester, ruler of the small princessipality of Tholotia, was told that war had broken out some months ago in Europe she reacted with strong emotion. What kind of emotion, however, is unknown, as it could not be determined whether Her Grace was laughing or crying. It might be noted, though, that in the space of five minutes Her Majesty fell off her throne four times.

When pressed for a statement Her Royal Loveliness said, "All I care is that her enemies, and allies, keep Russia out of the Black Sea. Or any other sea for that matter. Those Russian garbage scows, officially called battleships, create a pollution problem you wouldn't believe." When asked if she was siding with any country Her Sexiness replied, "As usual I can not be sympathetic with any country that wages war. However, should any nation control a disproportionately large part of Europe, I might recognize its divine right to victory."

CLINAHOWCE (24 September 1901): Princess Shvester will not be present at the installation of the Minister of Conversation today. The court physician reports that the Royal Fornicator is afflicted with hysterical laughing. What she finds so funny is beyond conjecture.

CLINAHOWCE (25 September 1901): Princess Shvester today asked the new Minister of Conversation if the palace had a large reserve of vodka. Her Royalness' only comment was "I would hate to run out if our supply should suddenly cease." Why the importage of this particular type of rubbing alcohol should stop is unknown, but rumors are flying heavy,

ENGLAND (G. Heap): A Edi-Norway; F Norwegian Sea C A Edi-Norway;
F North Sea-Den.

FRANCE (Gletty): A Bur S ITALIAN A Tyr-Mun; A Mar-Spa; F Mid-Por.

GERMANY (D. Johnston): A Kie-Mun; F Hol-Bel; A Ruh S A Kie-Mun.

ITALY (Berman): A Apu-Tun; F Ion C A Apu-Tun; A Tyr-Mun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Beshara): F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre; A Vie-Gal.

RUSSIA (Birsan): A War-Mos; A Ukr-Rum; F Sev-Bla; F Bot-Swe.

TURKEY (White): F Ank-Bla; A Arm-Sev; A Bul-Rum.

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

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor. (5) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gra, Ser, Tri, Ven. (5)
 FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5) RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (5)
 GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Kie, Mun. (4) TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)
 ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

England, France, and Austria-Hungary may each build two new units, and Germany, Italy, Russia, and Turkey may each build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 1969.

For about 8-14 September, George Heap's address will be 815 St. James Place, Ocean City, N. J. 08226.

1968G

"Spring 1913"

TRIPLE ALLIANCE CLOSES IN ON RUSSIA.

ENGLAND (Walker): F Eng-North Sea; F Edi S F Eng-North Sea; F North Sea-Hol; F Hel S F North Sea-Hol; A Gas S FRENCH A Mar-Bur.

FRANCE (Gomignani): A Bur-Ruh; A Bel S A Bur-Ruh; A Mar-Bur.

RUSSIA (Prosnitz): F Norway-North Sea; F Ska S F Norway-North Sea; F St.P(n.c.)-Bar; A Den holds; A Ber-Kie; A War-Sil; A Gal-Boh; A Boh-Tyr; A Ruh-Bur; A Mun S A Ruh-Bur; A Hol-Bel.

TURKEY (Lebling): A Smy-Ven; F Aeg, F Ion, & F Adr C A Smy-Ven; A Rum-Ukr; A Sev S A Rum-Ukr; A Arm-Rum; F Bla C A Arm-Rum; A Bud-Gal; A Ser-Bud; A Tri-Vie; F Pie holds; F Pic S FRENCH A Bel; F Bar-Norway; F Norwegian Sea S F Bar-Norway.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian A Hol is annihilated, and Russia must retreat F Norway-Swe or F Norway-St.P(n.c.). The direction of this retreat should be phoned in to the Gamesmaster at once; he will inform the other players. Other players may if they wish make their "Fall 1913" moves conditional upon the direction of this retreat. The deadline for "Fall 1913" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 1969.

The situation on the Franco-German border is a complex application of the rules. The French A Bel could not support A Bur-Ruh because it was attacked from Holland. However, the Russian A Ruh-Bur, though it has a valid support, fails because the French A Mar-Bur, also with one valid support, stands it off.

1968CI

"Spring 1907"

FRENCH STRIKE BACK AT PERFIDIOUS ALBION

ENGLAND (Grayson): F Hel-North Sea; F Edi & F Bel S F Hel-North Sea; F Yor S F Edi; A Par & F Spa(s.c.) hold.

FRANCE (Clark): A Por-Spa; A Ruh-Bel; A Bur S A Ruh-Bel.

ITALY (Prosnitz): F Tyr-Lyo; A Rom holds.

RUSSIA (Bytwerk): F St.P(n.c.)-Norway; F Norwegian Sea-Edi; F North Sea S F Norwegian Sea-Edi; A Cly S F Norwegian Sea-Edi ((sic; no such unit exists)); F Den S F North Sea; A Swe S F Den; A Mun-Ruh; A Kie S A Mun-Ruh; A Ber S A Kie; A Sil-Mun; A Tyr S A Sil-Mun; A War-Ukr; A Boh-Gal; F Sev holds; A Liverpool not ordered, holds.

TURKEY (Ver Ploeg): A Smy-Arm; A Con-Bul; F Neg-Con; A Tri-Bud;
A Pic-Mar; F Wes-Mid; F Tun-Wes; F Ion-Adr; A Ven holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. England must retreat F Bel-Pic; F Bel-Eng; or F Bel-Hol. The direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Fall 1907" moves, which may be made conditional upon it. Or, if Dr. Grayson sends in the retreat by immediate return air mail, the Gamesmaster will pass it on to the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 1969.

On that date Brenton Ver Ploeg can most likely be reached c/o General Delivery, Breckenridge, Colo. Mail will always reach him, albeit delayed, at 307 First Avenue East, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577.

1968CL

"Spring 1907"

OTTOMAN HORDES ENTER WARSAW

FRANCE (Ward): No moves received. F Bre, F Iri, A Gas, & A Por hold.

GERMANY (Birsan): F Ber-Bal; A Pru-Ber; A Kie S A Pru-Ber; F North Sea-Ska; F Bel-North Sea; F Norway-Swe; A Ruh S A Kie; A Hol S A Ruh.

ITALY (Comber): F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; F Wes S F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; F Rom-Tyr; A Mar-Gas; A Pie-Mar; A Bur-Ruh; A Mun S A Bur-Ruh; A Tyr S A Mun; A Gal-Sil.

RUSSIA (Schleicher): A War-Liv; A St.P-Norway; F Swe-Den; F Hel S F Swe-Den.

TURKEY (Beshara): F Mid-Eng; F Lyo-Spa(s.c.); A Boh S ITALIAN A Gal-Sil; A Ukr-War; A Rum-Bud; A Sev-Ukr; A Arm-Sev; F Bla-Con; A Sil-Ber.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 1969. Since Bob Ward missed a move as France, the first stand-by is asked to submit "Fall 1907" moves for that country. The stand-by is Ray Moseley, 1309 Indiana N. E., Albuquerque, N. M. 87110.

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for him. He says you couldn't find a Pinko in a convention of the SDS, let alone the elusive BLT. Next time, try the "Yellow Pages". Look under "elusive". Let your fingers do the walking.

ISTANBUL to PARIS: Your land is my land. My land is my land.

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David Lindsay (2245 Fairmont Parkway, Erie, Penn. 16510) offers one dollar for a copy of GRAUSTARK #100. He also announces that my article, "The Good Old Days in Graustark", will appear in the next issue of Lonely Mountain.

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Craig Klyver, who has alas given up publication of the Limbourg Gazette, is now at Apt. 9, 5542 Kester Ave., Van Nuys, Calif. 91401. As of 15 September, Bob Theriault will be at 221 Dunn Hall, University of Maine, Orono, Maine 04473. From 10 September Phil Pritchard will be at Perkins Hall 27, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. 02138. Wayne Christian is c/o Pritchard at that address.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

JOHN BESHARA, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y.
Some thoughts on the rules, as republished in #190 - republished concisely and clearly.

Rule 5: It is axiomatic but perhaps should be stated that players eliminated from a game may not become standbys in the same game. ((Oh, of course.)) This was a subject of a recent poll by Erehwon.

Rule 10: Is there any situation where a player intending to deceive another player, may involve the Gamesmaster? For example, suppose a player in trying to get another player to go along with a complicated set of moves wrote a player, "The moves you suggest would not work because I discussed that particular situation with the Gamesmaster and his ruling was you would be annihilated," when in fact he either never discussed the situation with the Gamesmaster, or if he did, the Gamesmaster ruled contrarily. This involves using the Gamesmaster as an instrument in deception but not being deceptive so far as direct relations with the Gamesmaster.

((Any player accepts the truth of a statement from any other player at his own risk. The game thus faithfully reproduces the circumstances of actual international diplomacy.))

Rule 11: The player does reserve the alternative of advising the Gamesmaster prior to the deadline for the subsequent moves that he wishes that unit annihilated, rather than retreated. ((Not in GRAU-STARK. The rules nowhere allow for this situation.))

Rule 12: Bravo! And couldn't players in complicated situations be sufficiently considerate so as to advise his opponent by carbon copy at the same time he informs the Gamesmaster. In situations where a build or retreat is relevant to only one opponent could not the Gamesmaster direct the opponent be so informed?

((No. I tried this in 1963B, but the Pelzes quite correctly pointed out that such directions were subject to the caveat cited above under your comments on Rule 10.))

So far as the Gamesmaster requesting conditional moves, a player should have the right in complicated situations to expect the Gamesmaster to postpone the deadline rather than force a player to submit arduous and complicated multiple-conditional moves which may also require extensive negotiations. There are situations, too, which may not appear to be complicated to the Gamesmaster but in fact are quite involved.

Rule 15: Isn't this kind of punishing those who try to cooperate with the Gamesmaster by submitting conditional builds? In practice I presume you would not publish "conditional" builds or removals if a player indicated they were effective only upon the deadline date for the Winter moves. Since this is a rule I instituted in Telephone Diplomacy, I am not indicating that I am opposed to it per se. But in my conversations with the players I did respect their wishes with regard to pre-deadline publication of moves.

((This can more easily be done when it is possible to phone a player, give him a brief run-down on the "Fall" moves, and find out what he wants to do.))

Rule 19: This is the only rule I vehemently oppose and cannot find substantiation for your interpretation in the Rulebook. Under the heading of "The Retreat" (Rulebook, page 5) is stated, "any dislodged unit makes its retreat," (the underlining of "any" is mine). What I specifically object to is not being allowed my right to refuse to retreat one unit, this annihilating that unit, with the other unit automatically retreating to the only existing space to which it is on-

titled to retreat per Rule 11.

((The interpretation of Rule 19 depends on that of Rule 11. To save time, the Gamesmaster may legitimately make a retreat where no alternative exists. Otherwise the time required to play one game year is extended from six weeks to ten. This rule has been followed before in GRAUSTARK, once to my own loss. See GRAUSTARKS #92, p. 1, #113, p. 10, and #114, p. 7.))

Sample Ruling 14: In 1967W in the current Xenogotic, Rod Walker made interesting moves, which should be noted: F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Spa(n.c.)-Mid. These moves, I suspect, would also be allowed by you? ((Yes.))

Sample Ruling 17: A Bur-Mun should be underlined. ((Yes.))

Sample Ruling 21: A Sil S A Pru-Ber should be underlined, since it was dislodged. ((No; the German A Sil is ordered to support into the province from which it was attacked. The support is therefore valid, even though A Sil is dislodged.))

Finally, John, I know you are aware of the esteem which I feel towardsthe highest quality of gamesmastering and judgment you consistently exhibit, but for those who may not know, I want it said.

((And my most cordial thanks to you therefor.))

GAMY GYGAX, 330 Center St., Lake Geneva, Wisc. 53147: Let's compare apples with apples. My open letter had only one purpose, that of replying to Walker's parody of "I'm Glad I'm Not a Soldier". ((See GRAUSTARKS #173, and #185, and Erehwon 3, #6.)) In that respect, and admittedly from a purely subjective standpoint, rather than resorting to the highly questionable tactic of invective directed at its author of whom he had no personal knowledge, there would have been no quarrel whatsoever. I will not bother to argue the point further, for the matter is as inconsequential as the other matters discussed in hobby magazines. It is evident that I have incurred your wrath - I must be a born rabble rouser.

It is interesting to observe how you stand aloof in intellectual smugness, inserting snide remarks into the writings of all those who do not agree with (or toady to) your own opinions, and generally ignore any questions that are put to you unless you have an obviously crushing reply. I have no idea of what, if anything, you are compensating for by so acting; but it would be even more interesting to see some of your work subjected to the tender mercies of an editor of your ilk. I'll just bet you won all of the spelling bees when you were in grammar school.

((As a matter of fact, you're about right.))

PHIL PRITCHARD, Perkins Hall 27, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. 02138: I fear you've misinterpreted my remarks in your commentary ((in GRAUSTARK #188)). I did not intend to indicate that the "rest of the world" was "inhabited by ravening savages". My references to Hitler et al. perhaps threw my remarks in your mind into the world arena exclusively. I intended to note the presence of "wolves" throughout the species homo sapiens, and to warn that, through some as yet not fully explicated combination of heredity and environmental shaping, exists everywhere "civilized" man does and is a threat to our highly artificial civilization which is increasingly forming on ANY form of violence regardless of circumstances. Moscow used to be among the hungry wolves (spirit of '17 and all that) but isn't really these days, while China has taken over that spot, and, being a persecuted have-not wolf, not a fat calf as the Russians have become, is a danger to all us evil-imperialistic-warmongering capitalists (modified). ((Or it may be that it is harder and harder to sell the myth of a "Russian menace", so the myth-mongers have reverted to the old, tried and true "Yellow Peril".)) Like Hitler and friends, he'll gladly take

a yard if we give him a couple of inches, having more population to lose and caring less for their individual health. They will calm down like Moscow did when they catch up with us in the automatic dishwasher race, and might do so more quickly were a red flag to fly over Washington. ((Then who will you pick for your villain in the scarecrow game? By then Africa may well be united, and then you can really pull out all the stops.)) Almost anything men can dream up would be preferable to nuclear holocaust. (assuming it would be as bad and as all-out as the typical pessimist suggests, and I am not sitting in the hinterland, but on one of the top 5 targets in the U. S., so don't accuse me of sacrificing you city dwellers!) as it would have to be modified in contemporary mass society in the long run, all the more so if the world had a more homogeneous government. Perhaps where mass society is heading on its own (communist or capitalist is irrelevant) is fearsome enough, but we also have to worry about the various governments at various times who have decided to take us, and just about everywhere else as well, over. Unfounded suspicion has probably caused just as many wars, but we seem to be calming down at present - I can only hope that this is general for species about to launch themselves into the universe or we can expect the entire cycle to begin again when we get regular alien contact. We can hope such beings will have destroyed themselves previously, or

"Monarchs ought to put to death the authors and instigators of war, as their sworn enemies and as dangers to their states." - Queen Elizabeth I

in early contacts with a saner galactic community. However, to disquiet you a bit (but you may dismiss this as my first remarks), consider what would happen had this galactic community been so far removed from warlike activity that they proved incapable of defending themselves from the latter day barbarians, who are now about to jump on us! Seems I recall some s-f story that dealt with this topic. The universe is a big place, and all civilizations built upon fragile concepts of rationality and cooperation have to face the possibility of warding off either wolves in their midst or external to them - if they don't, like the apes who remained in the trees while their aggressive brethren went off onto the plains in the Pliocene to become men, they may end up extinct or pets of their former peers.

Civilization is nice and doesn't, I believe, need the selectivity of war to advance or war to spur economic development - but we'd do well to be ready to defend ourselves until we can tone down the climate of mutual mistrust (and uneven development) which has evolved with and is a part of our current situation can be evolved away. We would then still have to be on the watch for the wolves among us, while not suppressing the independent and aggressive curiosity which has brought us to where we are at present.

(("Form the wagons in a circle, Melvin, the Red(skin)s air a-comin'!"))

And by the way, John, if you want to resort to name calling (and inaccurate name calling at that), there is a name for those who base their opinions on what they wish were the case rather than what IS the case, and it's not political either.

GEORGE PHILLIES, 5050 305 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Mass. 02139: You remark (#191, p. 10) about the non-ratification by the US of the 1925 Geneva protocol (on gas warfare). The latest issue of American Heritage, while discussing the life of the (I believe senior) Senator from New York at the time the treaty came before the Senate, credits

him with having said that gas warfare was, if anything, more humane than the other weapons used in the Great War, with the implication that there were other weapons which might better be banned first. They suggest, on what authority I know not, that this remark was of value in defeating the treaty at that time.

((In GRAUSTARK #152, Rod Walker ipse dixit that the American chemical industry's lobby was a major factor in obtaining the defeat of this treaty.))

This was not precisely accurate at that time. The gases used in World War I, Chlorine, phosgene, etc. attacked the lungs (a condition which recurs in the same way as malaria) with the result that many WWI veterans died in the '20's and '30's as their lungs disappeared. This, as I understand things, is not true of the modern

***** phospho-organics (tabun, etc.);
* these inhibit certain enzymes in
* the nervous system, with the re-
* sult that one either drops dead
* or recovers. (While one can
* foresee certain circumstances of
* permanent non-lethal damage, I
* suggest that modern gases are at
* least as humane as napalm, TNT,
* or solid lead.

THE WALL STREET GRACE

War is great and War is good,
And we thank It for our food.
Keep our men in Paris shifty,
And let the Dow-Jones hit
twelve fifty.

War without end, Amen.

* Now, you may argue: but

***** where are these ninth-rate coun-
tries going to get these things (as opposed to Cl₂, F₂, phosgene,
etc.)? In fact, anyone with a modern insecticide plant capable of
making malathion need merely reconnect a few pipes, adjust catalysts,
and do a few similar things to make tabun or relatives. (I am so ad-
vised by organic chemists I know.) Malathion itself is pretty good
for such purposes - despite the addition of various inert ingredients,
something between 10² and 10³ of our people manage to kill themselves
with it each year.

With respect to "there are only two reasons why men join the
armed forces", you omit the old stand-by(s) raping, pillaging, and
looting. (Less applicable now, but nonetheless real.) ((That's
true. And for testimony to this motive - which, basically, is the
"murder" motive toned down a little - we need not go to the peace
movement. It is sufficient to let soldiers speak for themselves.
Consider, for example, the words of that quintessential soldier Ronē
Quinton, who in World War I was wounded eight times, mentioned in
despatches 13 times, and decorated by four countries. In his Maxims
on War, Quinton wrote: "Civil life is hedged around with prohibitions
that make liberty a mockery. There man is stifled, but in war he is
released. In war all things are permitted, and the soldier, possess-
ing nothing, is yet the king of the world." This, on the testimony
of one of their most honored men, is what it means to be a soldier.))
Incidentally, who do Israelis join their armed forces? I appreciate
that this is a dirty question, but I think you have (p. 11 is you?)
overstated things.

((It's basically the same reason. There have, after all, been
other countries that go to war only in their own defense. The fact
that their frontiers extend further and further after each act of
self-defense is not polite to notice.))

With respect to "war is the great destroyer of life, liberty, and
property" there is a point which I at first did not appreciate. Con-
sider World War II: While West Germany was freed, Czechoslovakia went
under. Austria is a weak plus, the remainder of the Warsaw pact coun-

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THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Board games have in recent years come to symbolize just about every human activity - war, the stock market, real estate dealings, railroading, and education. It remains for the sexzines to break new ground in this direction. The 15 August 1969 issue of Fun describes a game called Score, complete with an illustration of the game board.

Despite the fact that the illustrated game board is rectangular, the one described in the text is square, 10 spaces to a side. The object of the game is to collect Status Cards, avoid Frustration Cards, get on the Score Track, proceed to its end, and Score.

Like monopoly, the players use dice (one die on the Score Track) and get something every time they pass the beginning space, which is labeled "Horny". What they get in this game is a Frustration Card. If you get three Frustration Cards, you must go to Mental Paralysis and stay there until you throw a double. ("If a player lands on the Mental Paralysis square during the regular course of play, he is 'Just Faking' and may leave any time he wants.")

If a player accumulates 5 Status Cards he may enter the Score Track. This track has 10 squares to the Score goal, but there are a few hazards. ("4. After she finishes off the wine, she says good night and leaves. Go directly to...Masturbation square...get rid of 1...Frustration Card.") The squares on the outer track also contain such directions as these:

"11. A friend sets you up on a blind date with a research assistant from City University. Roll dice for Outcome.

"28. You walk down St. Marks Place gaping at all the girls who aren't wearing bras. Collect one Frustration Card.

"29. You go out and buy at least 25 of the products advertised in the latest Playboy. Collect one Status Card."

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To turn to more conventional games, one of the oldest and most popular is the "15-puzzle" with its variations. It was invented by the great problemist Sam Loyd (1841-1911), around 90 years ago. For details on the classical "15-puzzle" see Yakov Perelman, Figures for Fun, pp. 31-36 or Martin Gardner, Mathematical Puzzles and Diversions, Vol. I, pp. 86-89.

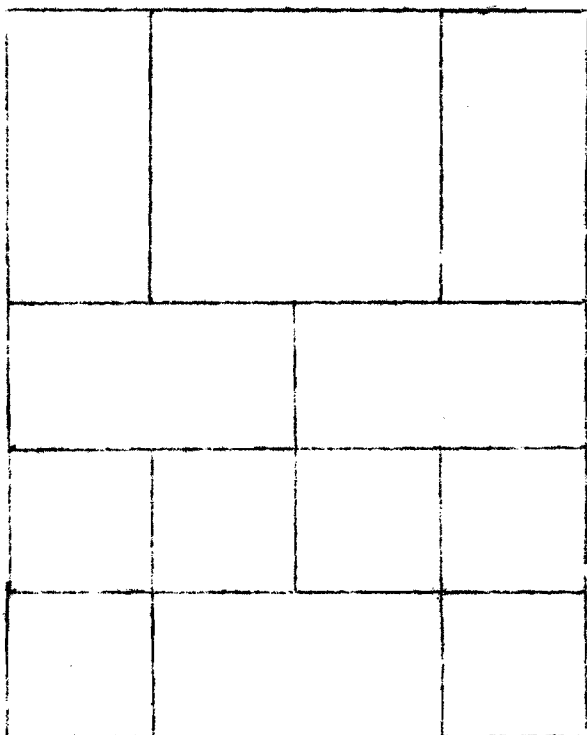
Variations have also appeared. One of my daughters has a 15-puzzle whose pieces are not conventionally numbered from 1 to 15, but instead, when assembled properly, show Batman swinging on a rope.

Recently a more sophisticated puzzle of this sort is having a big vogue in local toy and game shops. Two variations of it exist - one by Alfred Klitgaard of Denmark and the other by Emil Horovitz of Israel. (See illustrations on p. 10) The idea is to maneuver the large 2x2 block from its original position through an opening in the opposite side of the tray without lifting any of the pieces out of the tray. Horovitz's puzzle is the more difficult. They are being marketed for \$12.50 and \$10.00 respectively, but of course can be assembled much more inexpensively. (New York Times, 11 August 1969.)

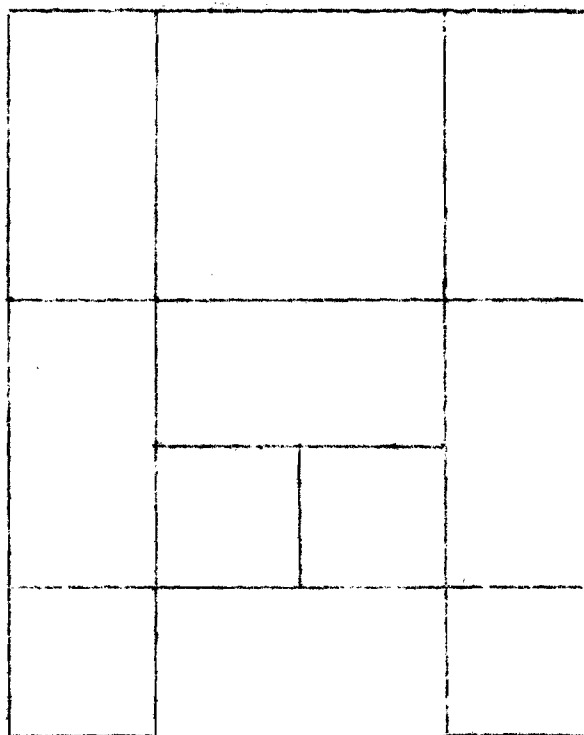
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"The Patience Game"
by Alfred Klitgaard



"Psychoteaze"
by Emil Horovitz

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Yet another new simulation game will soon be on the market, according to Howard Smith's column in the Village Voice of 21 August 1969. It is called Group Therapy, and the object of the game is to proceed from "Hung Up" to "Free" by following instructions on cards. The cards give such orders as "Demonstrate your most vain private habit", "Show the part of your body you are most proud of", or "Sit on top of the person here who makes you most nervous. Tell him why."

I wonder how well this game would combine with Score.

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"Observers of the Vietnam Peace Parade on Saturday, August 9, noted that, of the eight counter-demonstrators along the parade route, no less than four sported swastikas and large photographs of Adolf Hitler." - Lawrence Sherman, letter, Village Voice, 21 August 1969.

Let's take sides.

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In the name of the gentle Jesus, Amen! In a letter to Verbal Chaos #14, Gary Gygax, Christian, deals thus with the Atheists: "If Walker was a smart-mouth in a face-to-face situation I could simply kick his ass for him...Boardman is a shithead...I could even punch someone square in the mouth if they said I was a coward."

Thanks, Gary, for your typical yet trenchant demonstration of Christian ethics.

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My apologies to Bill Linden - it seems that the last Carlist claimant to the Spanish throne really did will his claims to the present pretender, a distant cousin named Javier. The whole proceeding sounded to contrary to the principles of legitimacy so fervently espoused by Carlists and the Augustan Society that I incontinently rejected his account. So, apparently, did Francisco Franco - the Carlist "royal family" has been ordered out of the country to make way for the Caudillo's pet pretender, Don Juan Carlos.

DIRECTORY OF UNFAMILIAR QUOTATIONS - XI

The Gamesmaster's position against war does not, and should not, mean that pro-war views are barred from the pages of GRAUSTARK. A selection follows.

"North American Rockwell has produced more military aircraft than any other company in the world...Right now, all that talent is at work on our nation's next generation combat aircraft. One day, you're going to look up and see some impressive results."
- advertisement, Wall Street Journal

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"Thailand deputy premier Gen. Praphas Charusathara nodded assent today when a reporter asked whether he wanted to see North Vietnam invaded. He said the allied war effort was being hampered by having to 'pay so much attention to such things as the United Nations Charter, the Geneva Convention and Human Rights Declaration.' The general said the Vietnam war 'could end soon' if Communist China was 'directly involved' in the hostilities." - New York Post, 11 March 1968

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"Mr. Laird got around to saying piously that 'we need the capability ((for chemical and germ warfare)) but we need to have it understood that we will never use it first.'

"This 'we'll never strike the first blow'...amounts to telegraphing non-punches to all our potential or actual enemies. We think it is fully as foolish as telegraphing punches.

"By saying we'll never strike the first atomic or chemical or other blow, we invite ill-wishers to build up their armed might until they think they are powerful enough to conquer us with one blow, and then to deliver that blow.

"...Therefore, we think this 'we'll never strike the first blow' line has been idiotic and dangerous ever since " it was hatched, and we wish the present administration would plow it under and that all future administrations would keep it plowed under." - New York Daily News editorial, 3 August 1969

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"Killing a man in custody is not illegal under the Military Code of Justice." - George Gregory, New York Post, 16 August 1969.

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"Hopefully, Biafra will go the way of Katanga and we can all get back to the business of making money." - Capt. Rodney G. Walker, USAF, letter, GRAUSTARK #180

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"Leadership requires not intellect, but blood." - James Justin Dygert, USMC, letter, GRAUSTARK #163

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"The restraints to which States bind themselves by treaty are voluntary, and...all treaties are concluded on the tacit understanding 'things being as they are'." - Heinrich von Treitschke, quoted by M. A. Mügge in Heinrich von Treitschke

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"That State which will not be untrue to itself must possess an acute sense of honor. It is no violet to flower unseen. Its strength should be seen signally in the light of open day, and it dare not allow that strength to be questioned even indirectly. If its flag be insulted, it must ask satisfaction; if that satisfaction be not forthcoming, it must declare war, however trifling the occasion may seem." - Ibid.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH (continued from p. 8)

tries are moderate to severe minuses, and China (Chiang Kai-shok to Chairman Mao) is a net loss. While Nationalist China was hardly the U.tSl, I suggest that there was significantly more freedom than is now permitted.

((That depends on whom you ask. My colleague Prof. Andrzej Trautman of the University of Warsaw was born under the anti-Semitic Pilsudski dictatorship, sent to Auschwitz under the even more anti-Semitic Hitler dictatorship, and liberated by the Red Army in 1945. He now holds an academic position which he could never have hoped for under any pre-Communist government in Poland. I suggest that his opinion on whether Poland was freer in 1939 or now might be substantially different from that of some exiled count now dealing them off the arm in a Paris restaurant.))

On the other hand, without prolonged war, France, Holland, Norway etc. would all still be under Nazi rule.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

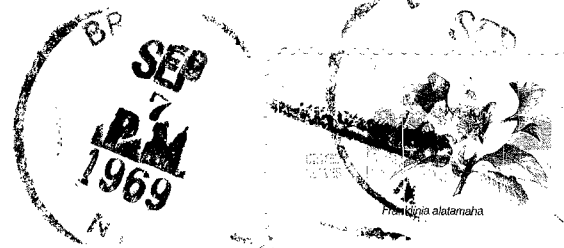
I am reliably informed that Jim Sanders, sometime Diplomacy Gamesmaster and player, is now being sought by the FBI - not for any honorable reason like draft-dodging, but because he has been passing around some highly resilient checks. If they turn up your name and address in his papers, you may hear from them. I haven't yet, though.

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As of present writing I am still not certain of the date of our move to our new address. However, it may come at such a time as to interfere with the publication of the next scheduled issue of GRAUSTARK on 20 September. If this happens, I shall simply ditto the moves and their adjudications, and mail them to the concerned players and stand-bys. Deadlines remain unchanged, but under those circumstances publication of GRAUSTARK will be delayed until after we have moved. The first GRAUSTARK after moving day will include all moves which had previously been sent only to players and stand-bys. So if you are not currently active in a GRAUSTARK game, don't be surprised if #193 is a bit late.

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