

# GRAUSTARK

#193

1967U, 1968G, 1968CH, 1968CI, 1968CL, "Prize Game"

4 October 1969

1968CI

"Fall-Winter 1907"

TURKISH HORDES SWARM OVER EUROPE

Following "Spring 1907" moves, Eng-  
land retreated F Bel-Hol.

ENGLAND (Grayson): F Hol S F Hol; F Hol  
S F Hol; F Edi S F Ycr; F Ycr S F Edi;  
A Par holds; F Spa(s.c.)-Por.

FRANCE (Clark): A Por-Spa; A Bur-Par; A  
Bel holds.

ITALY (Prosnitz): A Ron-Ven; F Lyo S  
TURKISH F Wes-Spa(s.c.).

RUSSIA (Bytwerk): F North Sea-Edi; A Liv  
& F Norwegian Sea S F North Sea-Edi; F  
Den-Hol; A Swe-Den; F Norway-North Sea;  
A Ruh-Hol; A Kie S A Ruh-Hol; A Mun-  
Ruh; A Ber-Mun; A Tyr-Ven; A Ukr-Run;  
A Gal-Bud; F Sev S A Ukr-Run.

TURKEY (Ver Ploeg): A Arm-Sev; F Con-Blu;  
A Bul-Run; A Bud S A Bul-Run; A Ven-  
Tri; F Adr S A Ven-Tri; F Mid-Bre; F  
Wes-Spa(s.c.); A Mar S F Wes-Spa(s.c.).

Underlined moves are not possible.  
The English fleet in Holland is annihilated,  
and England also retreats F Edi-Cly,  
F Spa(s.c.)-Mid. The High Combatant Pow-  
ers now control the following supply cen-  
ters:

ENGLAND: Lon, Par. (2)

FRANCE: Bel, Por. (2)

ITALY: Nap, Ron. (2)

RUSSIA: Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv,  
Mos, Mun, Nor, Run, St.P, Sev, Swe,  
Vic, War. (15)

TURKEY: Ank, Bre, Bud, Bul, Con, Gro,  
Mar, Ser, Smy, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven. (13)

"Winter 1907" builds and removals  
are:

ENGLAND: Removes F Cly, F Hel, F  
Mid.

FRANCE: Removes A Por.

RUSSIA: Builds A Mos.

TURKEY: Builds F Smy, A Con, A  
Ank.

The deadline for "Spring  
1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 18

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"Fall-Winter 1907"

ITALIAN ARMY SURR UNDED  
BY "ALLIES", DISAPPEARS!

FRANCE (Ward): F Iri-Wal; F Bro holds; A  
Gas-Par; A Por-Spa.

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

ITALY (Comber): F Mid-Por; F Wes S TURKISH  
F Spa(s.c.); A Bur-Par; A Mar-Bur; A Pic-  
Mar; F Tyr-Lyo; A Mun-Kie; A Tyr-Mun;  
A Gal holds.

RUSSIA (Schleicher): A Norway-Swe; A Liv  
S. TURKISH A War-Pru; F Den S ITALIAN A  
Mun-Kie; F Hol S F Den.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Ukr-Gal; A Bud S A  
Ukr-Gal; A Sev-Ukr; A War-Pru; A Boh S  
A Sil S ITALIAN A Mun-Kie ((sic)); F  
Eng-Lon; F Spa(s.c.) S ITALIAN F Mid-  
Por; F Con-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible.  
The French army in Portugal and the Ital-  
ian army in Galicia are annihilated; the  
latter army is removed because Italy re-  
fused to submit a retreat for it. Germany  
retreats A Kie-Ber and Russia retreats A  
Norway-Fin. The High Combatant Powers now  
control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Bre, Liv, Par. (3)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Edi, Hol, Mun, Nor. (5)

ITALY: Kie, Mar, Nap, Por, Ron, Tri, Tun,  
Ven. (8)

RUSSIA: Den, Mos, St.P, Swe, War. (5)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gro, Lon, Run,  
Ser, Sev, Smy, Spa, Vic. (12)

"Winter 1907" builds and removals are:  
GERMANY: Removes A Mun, A Ber.

RUSSIA: Builds F St.P(n.c.).

TURKEY: Builds F Smy, F Con, A Ank.

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1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 18  
OCTOBER 1969. A press release ap-  
pears on p. 11.

OCTOBER 1969. Press releases begin  
on p. 9.

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"Fall-Winter 1913"

RUSSIANS TAKE LAST STAND IN GERMANY AS TURKS OVERRUN HOLLAND

Following "Spring 1913" moves Russia retreated F Norway-St.P(n.c.).

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

FRANCE (Gonignani): No moves received. A Bur, A Bel, & A Mtr hold.

RUSSIA (Prognitz): F St.P(n.c.)-Norway; F Bar & F Ska S F St.F(n.c.)-Norway; A Don-Swe; A Kio-Den; A Mun-Kio; A Ruh-Hol; A Sil-Ber; A Tyr-Mun; A Boh S A Tyr-Mun.

TURKEY (Lebling): A Sev-Mos; A Gal-War; A Ukr S A Gal-War; A Rum-Gal; A Vic S A Rum-Gal; A Bud S A Vic; F Adr-Tri; A Voh-Tri; F Norwegian Sea S F Norway; F Norway holds; F Bla, F Ion, F Aeg, F Pic, & F Pic hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish F Norway is annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bro, Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Por, Spa. (7) TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, FRANCE: Bel, Mtr, Par. (3) RUSSIA: Ber, Den, Kio, Mun, Nor, St.P, Swe. (7) Tri, Tun, Ven, Vic, War. (17)

The "Winter 1913" builds and removals are:

ENGLAND: Builds F Edi, F Liv. TURKEY: Builds A Smy, A Con, & A Ank. RUSSIA: Removes F Bar, A Ber, A Boh.

The deadline for "Spring 1914" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER 1969. David Lindsay, the first stand-by, should send in provisional moves for France.

TO YEVGENIY THE WRETCHED, Lord of Muscovy; FROM HUON THE MAGNIFICENT, Emperor of Britain, King of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India and of the Dominions Beyond the Seas, King of Castile, Aragon, Navarra, Algarve, and Portugal, Caliph of Cordova, King of Norway, Prince of Novgorod, Duke of Aquitaine, Maine, Anjou, Berry, Brittany, and Normandy, Sovereign of the Seas, &c. &c.

AND

THE LORDS SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL of Britain, in Parliament assembled, GREETINGS.

WHEREAS the Tsar of the Muscovites has had the tenacity to smite the arms of the puissant King-Emperor of Britain and to set foot on His lands, AND WHEREAS the said Tsar has had the audacity to presume upon the good graces of His Imperial Majesty without due or just cause, NOW, THEREFORE, King-Emperor Huon and the Lords of His realm do declare WAR

upon the said upstart Tsar. Nyaaah!  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF We set Our hand this First Day of Spring, 1912, in the Great City of London.

Huon XVIII Rex

For the Privy Seal  
Merlin Magus

AMSTERDAM (13 May 1913): The fight for Holland is over. Late last month, led by specially-trained Horib shock troops, British marines swarmed into this center of the former Russian administration of the Low Countries. The hapless Russian forces "defending" Holland melted with scarcely an iota of resistance. Only in the south was there any real fighting. Around Limburg the Russkies built their forts with cheese and staved off the inevitable until gas masks could be procured. Merlin Magus, Prime Minister of the Realm, has already visited the front lines around Blenheim and Aachen and declared that the push to liberate Germany will soon be under way.

LONDON (16 May 1913): The Home Office today announced that, in conjunction with the Ottoman Government, plans were under way to convert Moscow into a giant food production factory for refugees from the former Empire of Pollutidar, which was de

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"Fall-Winter 1923, Spring 1924"

## ALLIES COMMITTEE TO ROLL EASTWARD

GERMANY (M. Miller): A Gal-Rum; A Boh-Gal; A Sil & A War S.A Boh-Gal; A Pru S A War;  
A Livonia, A St.P, F Bot, F Bal, A Mun, & A Fin hold.

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

RUSSIA (G. Heap): A Mos S TURKISH A Ukr-War; A Sev S A Mos.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Ukr-War; A Bud S GERMAN A Boh-Vie; A Rum & A Ser S A Bud; A Bul  
S A Ser; F Eas-Ion; F Gre S F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Gre.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish army in Budapest is annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

GERMANY: Bol, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie,	RUSSIA: Mos, Sev. (2)
Mar, Mun, Par, St.P, Swo, War. (12)	TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Ser,
ITALY: Bre, Bud, Liv, Lon, Nap, Nor,	Smy. (7)
Por, Rom, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (13)	

Italy builds A Ven and Germany builds F Kie.

GERMANY: A War-Mos; A Liv & A St.P S A War-Mos; A Gal-Ukr; A Sil-War;  
A Pru S A Sil-War; A Boh-Gal; F Kie-Hel; A Fin-Norway; F Bot, F  
Bal, & A Mun not ordered, hold.

ITALY: A Alb-Ser; A Tri & A Bud S A Alb-Ser; A Vie S A Bud; A Tyr, A  
Ven, & F Tun hold; A Nap-Alb; F Ion C A Nap-Alb; F Adr S A Nap-  
Alb; F Apu & F Tyr S F Ion; F Wes-Mid.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): A Mos-War; A Sev-Arm,

TURKEY (Beshara): F Gre-Alb; A Ser-Gre; F Aeg S A Ser-Gre; A Rum-Ser;  
A Bul S A Rum-Ser; A Ukr-Gal; F Eas not ordered, holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Mos-Sev, and the Turkish army dislodged from Serbia is annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1924" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER 1969.

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

To the subscription listings on p. 4 should be added "205 - Jay Kimmel".

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Changes of address are still coming in. Michael Childers, publisher of Hostigos, is now at P. O. Box 1201, College Station, Texas 77840. George Heap's new phone number is 716-204-7856, and shortly Edi Birsan will be at 212-784-1812. Neither has a new address.

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John Beshara, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y. 10023, is the Gamesmaster for a new game shortly to begin in GRAUSTARK. He will collect the entry fees - \$4 per person - and do all the work except actually publishing the results. Entries are limited to new Diplomacy players in New York City. Interested players should contact him for information.

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As of pubdate, our new telephone is out of order; if you call, you will hear it ring, but we won't. Please send all moves by mail just to make sure.

## AUSTRIAN ARMY LOST IN ALPINES

ENGLAND (Linden): A Ber S FRENCH A Bur-Mun; A War S A Ber-Sil ((sic)); A Liv S A War; F Bot-Bal; F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; A Norway-St.P; F Bot S A Norway-St.P; A Lon-Kie; F North Sea & F Hel C A Lon-Kie; F Edi-Norwegian Sea.

FRANCE (Borman): A Bur-Mun; A Mun-Tyr; A Mar-Pie; A Pie-Ven; A Tus S A Pie-Ven; A Apu-Rom; F Nap S A Apu-Rom; F Tyr-Tun; F Lvo-Tyr; F Adr-Tri.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kuch): A Gal-Sil; A Tyr-Mun; A Boh S A Tyr-Mun; A Ven-Tyr; A Tri S A Ven-Tyr.

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

TURKEY (Lindsay): F Ion-Tun; F Eas-Ion; F Alb & F Aog S F Eas-Ion; A Arm holds.

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

ENGLAND: Ber, Don, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Nor, St.P, Sve, War. (11)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Ser, Tri, Vie. (4)
FRANCE: Bel, Bro, Mar, Mun, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven. (11)	RUSSIA: Mos, Sev. (2)
	TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Smy. (6)

"Winter 1908" builds and removals are:

FRANCE: Builds F Mar.

TURKEY: Builds A Con.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Removes A Apu.

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## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

A very large printing and mailing of GRAUSTARK #191 was made to over 200 fans of Diplomacy and other war and simulation games. As a result, the paid subscription list of GRAUSTARK has expanded to an unprecedented length. Paid subscribers are reminded that their subscription ends with the issue whose number appears in the upper right-hand corner of the address label. Please renew promptly. Subscription rates are 10 issues for \$1.00. Present paid subscribers, with the issue to which their subscription extends, are:

193 - Charles Carey	199 - Danny Kotok	201 - Bob Theriault
Paul Cote	200 - James Barber	Charles & Jane Wells
John J. Semn	201 - Cliff Allen	202 - Craig Klyver
194 - Pat Casey	Douglas Beyerlain	Arthur Iasky
196 - Ron Salcedo	Jac Cerney	210 - Derek Nelson
197 - Peter Ansoff	David B. Erdos	211 - Mohran Thomson
198 - Paul Gorman	James R. Houck	215 - George A. Patten
199 - Wayne Christian	Marty Kirkpatrick	223 - Thomas Poplawski
Betsy du Bose	George Phillies	242 - Chris Wagner

In addition, some paid subscribers who later entered games have subscription overlaps, which will resume as soon as the game ends. These players, with the number of issues to which they are entitled, are:

Hugh Anderson - 5	Bruce Gletty - 8	Christopher Schleicher - 8
Randy Bytwerk - 8	George Grayson - 10	Robert Maloney - 3
Michael Childers - 6	George Heap - 5	Brenton Ver Ploeg - 23

A complete GRAUSTARK mailing list, with current addresses of players, traders, and subscribers, will be printed when space for it becomes available. Meanwhile, I will try to keep up to date on address changes. See several which are listed on p. 12. Also, Derek Nelson's new address is 227 Sherburn St., Winnipeg 10, Manitoba, Canada. Strategy & Tactics is now being published from Poultron Press, Box 4267, Long Island City, N. Y. 11104. Chris Wagner, its former publisher, lives at 50 Fairfield Ave., Albany, N. Y. 12205.

"Prize Game"

"Winter 1901"

## ALL POWERS CALL UP FURTHER TROOPS

ENGLAND (G. Heap): Builds F Lon, F Edi. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Beshara): Builds A Tri,  
 FRANCE (Gletty): Builds A Par, F Bre. A Bud.  
 GERMANY (D. Johnston): Builds A Lun. RUSSIA (Birsan): Builds A St.P.  
 ITALY (Berran): Builds F Nap. TURKEY (White): Builds F Con.

In the announcement mailed out to players 2 weeks ago, the French build in Brest was erroneously reported as an army. Therefore, the deadline for "Spring 1902" moves will be re-set at NOON, SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER 1969. Players who do not wish to change the "Spring 1902" moves they have already submitted should specifically inform the Gamesmaster of this fact.

CLIMAHOWCE (7 December 1901): Princess Shvester today talked with the Turkish leader. In this historic conference the Royal Fornicator urged this prominent figure to move the People's Army in an attempt to free the people of Russia from their oppressive government. When asked if she really thought the Russian people were conducive to revolution Her Regal Royalty replied: "Certainly. Everybody knows that the Russians are the most revolting people in the world."

CLIMAHOWCE (13 December 1901): Due to Tholotia's equal time provision a Russian ambassador was invited to speak at Signet Hall. During the speech the ambassador's extremely long hair and loose clothing made an accurate appraisal of gender impossible. However, when the ambassador fell, the looseness of overclothing and lack of underclothing showed that the ambassador was, indeed, a male. Whether or not he is a man is yet to be determined.

The cause of his fall was a banana, just one of the many fruits and vegetables the considerate crowd donated on the spot. The ungrateful ambassador looked somewhat less than thrilled. This was probably due to the fact that some citizens, in their haste, had selected fruit that was somewhat overripe.

(Additional press releases for the "Prize Game" appear on p. 10)

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stroyed by British nuclear weapons several years ago. There is quite a colony of Mahars and Xexots hanging around the Russian court at St. Petersburg (which may not last much longer) and there are numbers of Horibs and Cavemen in the Ukraine. It is rumored that the first (and very limited) production of the factory will be Tsar Yevgeniy Goulash.

POLLUTIDAR: Blab the Talkative One, Minister of Impropropaganda, came under attack in the Representative Diet today for permitting the impression to get about on the Outer Crust that Pollutidar has been destroyed.

"It is understandable how such an impression could have spread," Blab explained. "For almost 2,000 sleeps, every British envoy, reporter, or casual visitor to the earth's Inner Crust has encountered one of the many hostile life forms of our happy Empire, and been devoured."

With this admission, a cheer went up from the delegates of the Horibs, Coripis, Azarians, and other anthropophagous species. The Representative Diet passed unanimously a resolution praising the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Food Procurement for their successful conduct of relations with the inhabitants of the Outer Crust.

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Douglas Beyerlein wants to buy copies of GRAUSTARKS ## 60, 62, 64, and 66. Write him at 3734 S. W. Southern, Seattle, Wash. 98116 if you can help him.

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Other "Miscellany" appears on p. 3, and p. 4, and p. 12. Still more will appear in the next issues, as will "O-O-Hate", whose space this issue was pre-empted by the not dissimilar Rod Walker.

## THE DEPARTMENT OF WALKER

Two letters from Rod Walker address themselves to controversies within and without the pages of GRAUSTARK. The first, an open letter to Gary Gygax, continues a controversy which began with the publication of Gygax's anti-war poem "I'm Glad I'm Not a Soldier" in GRAUSTARK # 173. Walker responded with a parody entitled "I'm Glad You're Not a Soldier" in Erehwon 3, #6. Gygax's next move was an open letter to Walker, printed in GRAUSTARK #185. The following letter, dated 5 June 1969, is Walker's response.

Dear Gary:

Hopefully, you will still have your dictionary open (where you've been looking up big words to frighten me with) and will note the difference between "parody" and "plagiarism". You would benefit from a bit of reading. So would we all. But I suggest that, in matters of history, military affairs, and politics, my formal education and my reading are both more extensive than yours. No doubt you will believe your judgment in these areas to be mature and valid, but I question whether this is the case. You obviously have an ax to grind, and people with overweening biases always have a blind eye and a deaf ear which they can turn when it suits their convenience.

As I said earlier, your "poem" hardly deserved the name. Lacking rhyme, meter, and scan, it is "free verse", a euphemism for no verse at all. People with no taste and no respect for talent regard it as poetry.

What have the opinions of Jesus got to do with anything? I assume, by the way, that you mean Jesus, the son of Joseph and putative messiah, and not Jesus, the son of Sirach. Ancient prophets and charlatans of that ilk are intrinsically interesting, but they are intolerant, lacking in sophistication, and muddled thinkers.

I did, by the way, send you a copy of my parody. It was not returned, and I assumed that you got it.

Overlooking the sophomoric sarcasms of your letter, let's get down to the real issue. You don't like war. Big deal. Neither do I. The difference is that you seem to have the childish notion that war can be stopped by some sort of mass popular movement against it. There is only one practical way to prevent war. That is to place the means of war (a monopoly of force) in the hands of an effective international police agency. Unfortunately, that would take a very long time, even under the best conditions, and such nations as China, Egypt, Cuba, South Africa, Ghana, Indonesia, Formosa, and some others would never cooperate. It is therefore a fact of international life that nations will continue to resort to force. Because this is an option open to some, it must be an option open to all, subject to as much international control and prohibition as we can get.

Actually, you don't really reject the idea of war entirely. I suspect that you and I would agree that, should a Chinese army land in California with the avowed intention of incorporating part of the United States, our armed forces ought to resist. For that purpose, of course, we must have armed forces. Similarly, we would both agree that, were the United States to invade Burma with the intention of making that nation the 51st State, that would be a wrongful use of our armed force. The question, therefore, is one of drawing a line somewhere between the two extremes, at which point it would cease to be a policy option to use force. You and I would put these lines at different places, obviously. I think we would both put the Vietnam situation on the "wrong" side of the line, although for different reasons. My reason is that for foreign policy objectives of the United States would have been better served by a rapid, forceful, and wrongful unification of Vietnam by Ho Chi Minh. If you play chess, you know that the sacrifice of a pawn is often good for the game.

I'm glad you like Ambrose Bierce. He once said, "An honest god is the noblest work of man." Rumor has it he is alive and well in Oso Negro, Mexico.

Best,

Rod Walker

The second letter, dated 26 August 1969, is addressed to the editor.

Dear John:

This is an open letter, which will be reprinted in Erohwon, and copies are being sent to the editors of slab and The Voice, to be reprinted by them if they wish.

You and I both know, and I suspect a lot of other people realize, that many of the "extreme" views (in particular your ultra-pacifist stand) are a gigantic put-on. Either that, or you have gotten paranoid over several subjects, such as "war", and have, in these areas, ceased to be rational altogether. However, I believe my first statement to represent the truth, fully expect you to (a) ignore or (b) deny it, and will proceed on the basis that your denial, if forthcoming, is a logical and obvious part of the pretense.

Your parody of the anti-war, anti-"establishment" position is done with typical thoroughness. It is very much like your other hoax, "Eric Blake" (which you unfortunately carried too far in 1964).

I would like to suggest, however, that, however much you may be misrepresenting your actual views, that you refrain from misrepresenting the views of others. Besides being intellectually dishonest, it is (to say the least) gauche.

Your statement that only "money and blood" motivate people to join the armed forces is a lie; but it is such a palpable lie that no rational person will believe it (any more than a rational person would say it in the first place, seriously). Your statement that I am a "war-worshipper" is an equally palpable lie; may, worse, it is an unkind, unjustifiable defamation. In response to previous protests from me, your latest statement of this fatuous falsehood was accompanied by a proof as blatantly illogical as a 17th-century test for witchcraft. If playing Cotton Mather amuses you, fine; however, if you insist on playing the cretin along with it, I no longer care to string along and pretend to take you seriously.

Therefore, John, I offer you three choices at this juncture:

- a. You admit the falsity of your allegation.
- b. You attempt to prove the validity of your silly statement to a neutral arbiter, with advance agreement to abide by his decision, said arbiter to be mutually agreeable.
- c. We drop the whole thing. This last means you are unwilling to accept (a) and do not believe you can prove your case under (b). It also means that I will no longer communicate with you in any way on subjects such as war, the armed forces, and related items. I may occasionally forward to you communications on these subjects composed by my 5-year-old daughter. She will easily be able to deal with you on the level at which you have apparently chosen to operate.

I expect that your selection of alternatives above will appear in GRAUSTARK #192. Unless I hear otherwise, I will assume that you have selected (c) in preference to either discretion or valor.

Sincerely,  
Rod Walker

My reply, dated 2 September 1969 and with copies to Jeff Key, John Koning, Michael Smolik, Brenton Ver Ploeg, and Robert Ward, follows:

Dear Rod:

This letter is in reply to yours of 26 August. I hope that you will forgive the impersonal appearance of dittography, but as you will see I have committed so many copies that this is the most efficient way of distributing it.

Your characterization of my anti-war convictions as a hoax supports my view that you regard war as a necessary part of human history, as it was in the past, is now, and ever shall be, slaughter without end, Amen. You simply cannot accept the fact that I am committed to bringing this awful institution to an end. Starting from this assumption you proceed with perfect logic. Since you feel my anti-war

stand is a hoax, it follows that I am propagating this belief in the interests of some specific war which I am trying to get started. Or, in your own words, "the 'extreme' views (in particular your ultra-pacifist stand) are a gigantic put-on... your denial, if forthcoming, is a logical and obvious part of the pretense."

You offer me the alternatives of confessing this "hoax", submitting my assertions about your pro-war stand to a neutral arbiter, or confessing my inability to do so. To your probably surprise, I am accepting the second of these alternatives. However, I would like to modify it somewhat. Instead of one mutually acceptable neutral arbiter, I would like to have three, the matter to be decided by majority vote among them. That I may not seem to be loading the panel in my favor, I would like to suggest two members of the armed forces and one Vietnam veteran: Robert J. Ward, Michael Smolik; and Brenton Ver Ploeg. There is a wide enough divergence of views among these three men that they could profitably serve as a panel.

You state that your letter to me will appear as an open letter in slab and The Voice. I am therefore sending copies of this letter to them, as well as to the three nominees for the panel.

As you know from my manuscript "The Making of GRAUSTARK", which is now in your hands, I put together most of GRAUSTARK considerably in advance. Since two-thirds of the 192nd issue is already printed, and the remaining pages are reserved for the moves of the six games in progress, I cannot accede to your request that this selection of alternatives and my comments appear in the next issue. They will appear in the 193rd issue.

Sincerely yours,  
John Boardman

This is where the matter presently stands, mainly because Walker, Ver Ploeg, Smolik, and myself have all just moved or are still in the process of moving, and will not for a while be able to give this matter further consideration. (For such now addresses as are now available, see p. 12.) However, when a mutually agreeable arbiter or panel is found, I have no doubt in my ability to prove that Red Walker is in favor of war as a national policy for now and the foreseeable future. Figuratively, he is standing before a bombed-out building somewhere in the world and, while the stench of corpses rises in the background, saying that certain high reasons of national policy have made this not only inevitable, but desirable. At present he believes that these corpses, ruins, and excuses ought not to be made in Vietnam, but he is quite willing to locate them somewhere else if it is in accordance with what he conceives to be the national interest.

Interestingly, in his reply to Gygax's letter he names seven nations whom he feels would oppose a world government with policing powers. None of these seven nations has recently invaded a foreign power, and in fact within the last decade two of them, Cuba and Egypt, have been themselves invaded by nations not in Walker's list!

War, in fact, probably affects the victor worse than it does the vanquished. The loser is dead. The winner is confirmed in his belief that this is a proper way to proceed in the world, and thus sets out to kill more people. Or so I have been led to believe by the Hawks I have argued with locally. I ask each of them whether he personally has been in the armed forces and killed anybody. Without exception, those who have killed people said they greatly enjoyed it and would be willing to do it again - sometimes offering to demonstrate on my person.

Of the people I suggested as arbiters, Michael Smolik is now in Navy boot camp. (Appropriately, this strong Hawk has picked the most authoritarian of the three services. See his letters in GRAUSTARK #185 for his opinions.) He writes that he is enjoying his training, but declines to serve on this panel. He is willing to leave such decisions to officers such as Walker was until recently: "That's what they're there for." Ver Ploeg has expressed his interest but wants details; as soon as I have a permanent address for him I'll contact him again.

As for the "money and blood" motive, I trust that Walker will defer to Quinton, whose views on this subject I have quoted in GRAUSTARK #192, p. 8. Quinton was, after all, a war hero of international eminence, who as a theorist on war compares to Walker as Einstein compares to me in physics.

I am also waiting to see what Bill Linden has to say about Walker's willingness to dump our good buddies in Saigon. This debate could develop a third side!



196801 - PRESS RELEASES

MOSCOW: Tsar Boris, upon leaving his solitary room in St. Mark's Monastery for the first time since 1900, was saddened to learn that war was ravaging Europe. And to think, cried Boris, that I have been fervently praying for peace these last seven years.

Although thousands of petitioners were waiting for an audience, only the 393-pound head of the Russian Women's Federation was able to get past the guards. She demanded, on behalf of Russia's women, an immediate declaration of war on Turkey, and especially on Sultan Yuk, for his recent comments on Russian women. Boris later whispered to an aide, "Yuk is right, you know. Why else do you think I entered the monastery?" After ordering several armies south to protect the more interesting Austrian women of his empire from Yuk's attentions, Boris returned to his cell and began praying for victory.

LONDON: Crown Princess Jennifer observed as she was having a diaper changed, "The end is in sight."

MARSEILLES: The entire French nation has turned KAMIKAZE.

MOSCOW: Tsar Boris, chuckling loudly, today announced that Yuk is a fool, Turkey's treacherous attack, Boris said, is too late, too weak, and besides, it's wretchedly planned. Clearly, Boris continued, Turkey is impotent, and, with a nasty chuckle, he added that Yuk will be too once the Russian army catches him. With that, Boris left to dedicate the new convent which will house Yuk's soon to be useless harem.

CONSTANTINOPLE (25 September 1907, SPP): Our beloved Sultan Yuk today officially announced that Russian women would be deemed honorary consorts of the Sultan. It was rumored that this effort was being made to assuage something that, in the Sultan's mumbled tones, appeared to be something like: "avg uv Steel". The implications of this are unclear, but it seems that the Sultan is once again feeling the pressure of his armed forces as they conflict for his attention with the fair and luscious young inhabitants of conquered countries. Accordingly our beloved Sultan is staying South and sending the famous yellow scum north.

SUPPLEMENTAL HAREM #26, MARSEILLES, NEW TURKEY (15 October 1907, SPP): Starting in a low key manner, Sultan Yuk today initiated 256 new French lotus blossoms into the Turkish harem. "At last," he panted between rounds, "the yellow scum have secured something that's worth having. French women are SO....ahhhhh!,..they're so good...ohhhhh. Sigh....." At this juncture, the activities of state, as embodied in several well endowed French Ambassadors that had been entertaining him during the interview, sufficiently detached the Sultan's attention from the interview that he was giving as to make further attempts at conversation meaningless. Running a country is a taxing job, and our Sultan rather "throws himself into his work", you might say.

MARSEILLES (29 November 1907, SPP): Sultan Yuk, in touring the rather astounding number of new provinces in the Yুদ্ধish Empire, was gurgling today with effervescent joy. Our beloved Sultan happily immersed himself in vast numbers of Spanish, French, and Austrian women, though the latter had been somewhat contaminated by former contact with the Russian troops. "My Gaud!" he moaned as he stumbled, bandy-legged, from one room to the next, "the yellow scum have really latched onto a find THIS time." From Brest to Ankara, the beautiful women of the world are being channeled into the Sultan's voracious ~~man~~ bedroom. Turkish doctors are beginning to fear for the Sultan's health, but thus far the only casualties have been 6,994 women of various nations who - hopelessly entranced by the Sultan's prowess in bed - attempted to test their own stamina by staying with him for TWO hours, rather than the usual minute and a half in rushed circumstances, or the ambitious sessions for the hardy of half hour or hour stands. "At any rate", one official told the Sultan's Puppet Press, "they die happy."

HYDUNDRABAD: Maharajah Kamasutra IX today announced that the forces of the rebel leader Pandit the Bandit had been dislodged from a chicken coop near the village of Downpore. Simultaneously, Pandit the Bandit claimed that the Peristaltic Movement, which he leads, had seized and nationalized the Maharajah's second best harem.

## PRIZE GAME -- PRESS RELEASES

PIRAEUS: The sleepy seaport, gateway to Athens, awoke this morning after a night of orgy (if you can't cut it, you're not Greek) to prepare a festive greeting for the Austro-Hungarian fleet scheduled to make a courtesy call today. The Mayor, Dick E. Humpton, complimented the ladies of the town for the magnificent banquet they spent the whole week in preparing. Mayor Humpton and his assistant, Under-Mayor Issah Clitsuk, then suggested the ladies prepare garlands of flowers to decorate the entire banquet room. The Ladies demurred: "A Greek lady works a week to prepare a sumptuous banquet, but on the day of the feast, a Greek lady does nothing but prepare herself." With that, the patroness of Piraeus, Mr. Gimmy Cuntynhotus, ordered his entourage, led by the dashing handsome 17-year-old Sino and his sibilant-sybarite brother, Hino, to aid the Mayor and service his every wish. A few hours and several sessions later, all was in readiness.

As the fleet disembarked, the weary Mayor led the bezouki bands and Mr. Cuntynhotus offered ouzo to all. The selections played by the bands in the finest Greek style, included, "Every Day is Saturday Night", "High on a Horny Hill", "Here, Here, Is Love", "In My Sweet Little Alice Blue Gown (was the first time I ever went down)", and "Come, Come, Come to Me Cnl-".

Next the King of the Karmage was selected from among the visiting sailors and dubbed "Peter Hungary" and the Queen, the loveliest maiden of the town, was dubbed "Pussy Piraeus". The selection of the King was a rather lengthy and delicate task. All the officials agreed the King must have the requisite outward appearance of a tempestuous lover, but several of the town's dignitaries, especially Mayor Humpton and his official hostess, Vagina Cumlaude, wanted assurances that inwardly the King would measure up to the enormous physical specifications required by the Ladies and Gentlemen in Waiting to the King. After all, said the Mayor, "Some people close their eyes and dream, others open them and hope!"

After exhaustive examinations using the Mayor's trusted Dick-meter, the King, garbed in skin-tight gold leotards and a gold filigree dangling waistband, was escorted to his Queen. Pussy Piraeus was dressed solely in golden see-through Madeira-lace slacks with a peek-a-boo blouse cut away at the sides to expose her skin. In exaltation they received each other and, thus jubilantly joined, their crowns of gold, shimmering with emeralds, sapphires, and rubies were ceremoniously placed on their heads.

Oh, the feast! The beauty of it all! The elegance of the cuisine:

Premiere

Oysters a la Sporc D. Anis  
Dona (grape leaves) con hashish

Soupe

Egg-cream vichyssoise  
Bouillabaisse pot pourri

Poisson

Lobster thermidor de femme de joie  
Crems mousselines

Entre

Hare de Bushy a la Mlle. Twat  
Stuffed breast of pheasant en group grope  
Byzantine Coq (chicken)  
Speared flaming spring lamb, pit roasted

And an assortment of cheeses, nuts, anisette, pressed apricot sticks and Turkish coffee, during which the hookers brought out the hookahs with specially prepared tobaccos and imported grass, which were communally shared. The choice of foods was noted for its lustiness as well as its regenerative qualities.

The frivolity went on and on and on and was appreciated by all from the hearts of their bottoms.

LISBON (1 January 1902): Following a fantastic New Year's Eve party thrown by the Portuguese, the French fleet sailed drunkenly into the Mid-Atlantic to recover. It is rumored that the party was a German plot to reduce the effectiveness of our valiant sailors. DIE GERIANS DIE!!!!

ANKARA: Control of the Black Sea is Turkey's.

CONSTANTINOPLE: Welcome to Italy but we hope that the Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean are not destinations for the Italian Fleets.

## 1968CL - PRESS RELEASE

ROME (L'Espresso): The recently constructed Papal Fleet has left this city for the Western Front. Cardinal Lingerini Transvesti, Fleet Admiral, simply looked adorable in the new pink and blue uniform he had created. Said the cardinal, "We are just going to swish through the Germans like my wand does through the air." With that he steamed, giggling, off to the West.

## 1968CH - PRESS RELEASES

ZPOD, HERNIA: The new U. S. Ambassador to GHernia arrived today amidst much pork and circumstance. The Ambassador is called, though not to his snout, 'Pig-Leg Pete', due to a fancied resemblance between his manners at table and those of a well-known fictional character. Upon his arrival he decorated Comrade Flachzap with the highest award an American can give a Hornian, the Pig Pin. It is of brown enamel, and bears the likeness of an unrecognizable person. This is

VIENNA: As our armies sink slowly in the West...

PARIS (12 March 1908, Reuters): The People's Council of Liberation Fronts today issued the following statement at the Peace Conference: "No cessation of hostilities can be considered until the Swiss puppets in Moscow withdraw their imperialist aggressor forces from Ukraine, Krivia, Georgia, Armonia, Azerbaijan, Daghestan, Circassia, Turkili, Bashkiria, Siberia, Tver, Ryazan, and Nizhni-Novgorod. As for their demands for 'reciprocation', it is outrageous to place native liberation movements on the same level as foreign imperialists merely because they are aided by British and German volunteers."

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SALT LAKE CITY (5 April 1908, Reuters): Operation Agitation, now examining the Desert of Deseret grain by grain, still has not turned up Bangs Leslie Tapscott. However, they did find Jeremiah Sant, wanted in Italy for the attempted murder of the Pope. He is now fleeing in the direction of (Yechh!) San Diego. A detachment was sent out to pursue him, but it was knocked down by a yelling apparition. It was Chief Crazybrannan, ravaging all of southern California.

NEW YORK (17 April 1908, Reuters): Reporters were admitted to the ward of Bellevue where the members of BULL-SHIT (Befuddled Union of Left Liberals/Society for Harassment of Internal Tyrants) are confined. The inmates gave a five-hour press conference of the activities of the late Pigasus Pig and associates, whom they imagine to be still ruling in "Washington". (Now Charleston.)

CHARLESTON, D. C. (5 May 1908, Reuters): "Boardman's New Dictionary of Revolutionary English" became an instant best-seller when the Governor-General's Office ordered 300 copies. However, the instant quickly ended when it developed that the author is the only living human capable of understanding it.

LONDON to CONSTANTINOPLE: Since it appears that the propaganda war arose from a total misunderstanding of Our remarks (and since we are unable to think of a sufficiently withering reply to His Ineffectiveness the Sultan) we are willing to bury the hatchet. (But only in propaganda, that is.) If His Ineffectiveness does not accept this generous offer, however, we will be forced to bombard him with concentrated Bordshabiazin, Larry Peery, and fifty million copies of Leftovers. As for the truth about Bill Buckley, Rod Walker told it in GRAUSTARK #155. And We don't need to go to an SDS (Stormtroopers for a Demolished Society) convention to find pinkcoos; We can pick them up any day in Washington Square, not to mention the Brown Pages of GRAUSTARK.

LONDON (8 Dec. 1908, Reuters): Charles VII today announced, "I'm a believer."

WASHINGTON: At a speech before the Ancient Free and Accepted Bacens, President Pigasus J. Pig poked fun at the New Yorkers who are rumored to believe that he is dead. "Let them come to the capital and see for themselves," he said. "We'll give them the same welcome that they got in Chicago." He also denied that the capital had been renamed 'Charleston'. "It will be renamed, however," he said. "To honor the Pig regime and its principal product, the capital of the United States of Amerika will henceforth be known as Hogwashington!"

HOGWASHINGTON (United Rabble-Rousing Press): Senate Pejority Leader Everett M. Duroeson today dropped dead of hog cholera after delivering a strong attack against free medical care for the poor. President Pigasus J. Pig immediately issued a statement praising him for his great contribution in bringing Amerika towards the Pig Way of Life. "The Senator will lie in state in the Capitol," Pig said, "just as he did in life."

In accordance with his last wishes, Senator Duroeson will be converted into uncured ham and sold in ghetto neighborhoods at \$2.49 per pound. He was succeeded as Pejority Leader by Hogh Scott of Pigpennsylvania. Scott's first move was to call for a 60-year mortuarium on criticism of the President. "Criticism of the President," he said, "cannot be permitted if we are to preserve our freedom."

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