

GRAUSTARK

#194 1967U, 1968G, 1968CH, 1968CI, 1968CL, "Prize Game" 18 Oct. 1969

1967U

"Fall 1924"

ALLIES TURN TURKS' NORTHERN FLANK

GERMANY (M. Miller): F Bot-Swe; F Bal-Dep; F Hel-North Sea; A St.-Mos; A Liv S A St.P-Mos; A Mos-Sev; A Gal-Ukr; A War S A Gal-Ukr; A Boh-Gal; A Norway, A Mun, & A Pru hold.

ITALY (Clark): F Mid, A Ven, & A Tyr hold; F Tyr-Lyo; F Tun-Wes; A Alb-Gre; F Ion S A Alb-Gre; F Andr & F Apu S F Ion; A Bud-Rum; A Ser-Bul; A Tri-Alb; A Vie-Bud.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): A Sev S TURKISH A Rum; A Arm S A Sev.

TURKEY (Beshara): F Eas-Ion; F Gre S F Eas-Ion; A Bul S F Gre; F Neg S F Gre; A Ukr-Gal; A Rum S GERMAN A Gal-Bud.

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

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mos, Mun, Nor, Par, St.P, Swe, War. (14)

ITALY: Bre, Bud, Liv, Lon, Nap, For, Rom, Ser, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (13)

RUSSIA: Sev. (1)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Smy. (6)

Following these moves, Germany may build 2 new units and Turkey may build 1. Russia must remove 1.

All but one of these "Winter 1924" moves have already come in; the Gamesmaster will contact the remaining player and mail out the "Winter 1924" moves to all players. The deadline for "Spring 1925" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER 1969.

1968CL

"Spring 1908"

TURKS ENTER BERLIN

FRANCE (Ward): F Bre-Eng; F Wal S F Bre-Eng; A Gas-Bre.

GERMANY (Birsan): F Norway-Bar; F Swe-Bot; F Ska-Norway; F North Sea S F Ska-Norway; A Kie-Den ((sic; no such unit exists)); A Hol-Kie; A Ruh not ordered, dislodged and retreats to Belgium.

ITALY (Comber): A Tyr-Mun; A Kie-Ruh; A Bur S A Kie-Ruh; A Mar-Gas; A Pie-Mar; F Por S TURKISH F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; F Lyo-Spa(s.c.); F Wes S F Lyo-Spa(s.c.).

RUSSIA (Schleicher): F St.P(N.c.)-Norway; A Fin S F St.P(n.c.)-Norway; A Liv-St.P; F Den-Ska; F Hel-Hol.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Sil-Ber; A Pru S A Sil-Ber; A Gal-Sil; A Boh S ITALIAN A Tyr-Mun; F Spa (s.c.)-Mid; F Neg-Ion; F Con-Aeg; F Smy-Eas; A Ukr-Gal; A Bud-Tri; A Ank-Arm; F Lon-North Sea.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER 1969.

Effective immediately, Edi Birsan has resigned as Germany. Ray Moseley, the first stand-by, is called upon to submit "Fall 1908" German moves. His address is 1309 Indiana N. E., Albuquerque, N. M. 87110. James Barber, 111 E. Goldenlake Lane, Circle Pines, Minn. 55014 is the new first stand-by. See p. 10 for a press release.

Our telephone remains out of order until further notice.

1968CH

"Spring 1909"

AUSTRO-TURKISH ALLIANCE BLOCKS FRENCH OFFENSIVE

ENGLAND (Linden): A Ber-Sil; A War S A Ber-Sil; A St.P-Mos; A Liv S A St.P-Mos; A Kie-Pru; F Bal C A Kie-Pru; F Bot, F North Sea, F Norwegian Sea, F Hel, & F Bar hold.

FRANCE (Berman): A Mun S ENGLISH A Ber-Sil; A Bur S A Mun; A Ven-Tri; A Pie-Tyr; A Tus-Ven; A Rom S A Tus-Ven; F Lyo-Wes; F Mar-Lyo; F Nap-Ion; F Tyr S F Nap-Ion; F Adr S A Ven-Tri.

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

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

TURKEY (Lindsay): F Ion holds; F Aeg & F Eas S F Ion; A Arm-Sev; A Con-Bul; A Alb S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tri.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Sil-Gal. The deadline for "Fall 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER 1969.

Effective immediately, Edi Birsan has resigned as Russia.

George Schelz, the first stand-by, is called upon to submit "Fall 1909" Russian moves. His address is 9 Buffington Place, Bronxville, N. Y. 10708. The new first stand-by is Hal Naus, 1011 Barrett Ave., Chula Vista, Calif. 92010, veteran publisher of A Droit A Gauche.

APULIA (via CONSTANTINOPLE): Glub, Glub!

ISTANBUL: Don't panic, comrades!

OTTAWA (27 Jan. 1909): Sir Harley Davidson, having received rumors on the whereabouts of Bangs Leslie Tapscott, ordered troops to fan out into Oregon, and, for good measure, Alaska, in the hope of catching him.

SALT LAKE CITY, MEXICO (28 Jan. 1909, Eben Press): General Tillerø, commander of Operation Agitation, having received the code letters "BLT", ordered his troops to surround every lunchcounter in downtown Mexico.

PHILADELPHIA, NEW WALES (8 Mar. 1909): Mutinus Nightstand, editor of the United Rabble Rousing Press, was confronted today by a mob of angry New Welsh citizens led by Gregory Borgia, Warden of Buckingham. They were protesting against URRF's aspersions on their fair province. However, they were soon calmed, and the Warden sealed peace by preparing one of his famous cocktails for Mr. Nightstand.

KW GARDENS: Help! I can't stop writing press releases.

LONDON: Charles VII remarked: It is eminently true that Hogwash is the chief, and perhaps only, product of URRF.

HOGWASHINGTON (URRF): President Figasus J. Pig announced that he "would not be affected" by any demonstrations against Pig policy. Anti-Pig forces, upon hearing this, vowed to keep on until they found something he would be affected by.

"They're going to come back again next month!" Secretary of Defense Melvin Lard warned the President. "Out in the Midwest where I come from, Mr. President, the first cold snap of fall is known as 'Hog-Slaughtering Weather'."

HOGWASHINGTON (URRF): Piggentagon scientists are rumored to be developing a device which will maintain warm weather all through the fall and winter.

NEW YORK (URRF): An anonymous leader of the human underground movement against pig rule was overheard to remark: "I wonder whether President Pig knows what the 'B' in 'BLT' stands for."

"Prize Game"

"Spring 1902"

"THIS IS THE DAWNING OF THE AGE OF THE DOUBLE-CROSS..."

ENGLAND (G. Heap): F Lon-Eng; F Edi-North Sea; A Norway-Fin; F Den-Swe; F Norwegian Sea-Bar.

FRANCE (Gletty): A Bur S ITALIAN A Tyr-Mun; A Spa-Gas; A Tar-Pic; F Por-Mid; F Bre-Eng.

GERMANY (D. Johnston): A Ruh-Bur; A Mun S A Ruh-Bur; A Kie S A Mun; F Hol S ENGLISH F Lon-Eng ((sic; no such unit exists)); F Bel not ordered, holds.

ITALY (Berman): F Ion-Eas; F Nap-Ion; A Tyr-Mun; A Tun holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Beshara): A Bud S RUSSIAN A Ukr-Rum; A Gal-Ukr; F Gre-Aeg; A Ser-Bre; A Tri-Ser.

RUSSIA (Birsan): A Ukr-Rum; F Sev S A Ukr-Rum; A Mos-St.P; A St.P-Fin; F Swe S GERMAN A Kie-Den.

TURKEY (White): F Ank-Bla; F Con S F Ank-Bla; A Arm-Sev; A Bul S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ser-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER 1969.

This game has not yet been assigned a number by John Koning or whomever is now running their classification.

Press releases begin on p. 9.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The term "Miscellany" this issue might better describe the paper on which GRAUSTARK #194 is printed. I have not had time to re-stock on paper since moving, and so this issue is being printed on tag ends of reams and anything available.

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GRAUSTARK, no matter what color paper is used, is the oldest bulletin of postal Diplomacy, having been founded 6½ years ago under circumstances shortly to be described in Lonely Mountain. Subscriptions are 10 issues for \$1 from John Boardman, 234 E. 19th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226. Back issues are available at 10¢ each or 15¢ for \$1. Presently available back issues are: 48, 51, 58, 67, 71, 72, 75, 83, 85-88, 90, 91, 93, 94, 101-115, 117-125, 127-153, 155-175, 177-188, 190-193. Postal Diplomacy rules as used in GRAUSTARK, with sample rulings, were most recently printed in #190. This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott.

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One of the next two issues of GRAUSTARK will contain an article by Derek Nelson on the Colonel J. Sutherland Brown Volunteer Brigade, a group of Canadians who are drilling against the eventuality of the invasion of their country by the United States. The article will also discuss the "Orange Plan", a detailed plan of military operations for a joint Anglo-Japanese attack on the United States.

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Terry Kuch's new telephone number is 301-EM-5-2301.

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1964

"Spring 1914"

TURKEY WINS WAR!
RUSSIAN ARMIES IN GERMANY SURRENDER!

ENGLAND (Walker): F Edi-Norwegian Sea; F Liv-North Atlantic; A Bre & F Eng hold; F Hel-Kie; F Hol S F Hel-Kie; F North Sea-Den.

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

RUSSIA (Prosnitz): A Kie-Ber; A Mun-Ber; A Swe-Fin; A Den-Swe; F Ska-Swe; A Ruh & F Norway not ordered, hold.

TURKEY (Lebling): F Pie-Lyo; F Ion-Tyr; F Adr-Ion; A Smy-Gre; F Aeg C A Smy-Gre; A Ank-Smy; A Con-Rum; F Fla C A Con-Rum; A Mos-Liv; A Ukr-Mos; A War-Fru; A Gal-Sil; A Vie-Boh; A Bud-Tri; A Ven-Tyr; F Pic holds; F Norwegian Sea-Bar.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German armies in Kiel and Ruhr are annihilated, having nowhere to retreat. Turkey now has 17 units on the board, and all other powers combined have 15. Under the rules, Turkey therefore wins the game.

An analysis of the game will appear in a future issue.

BERLIN (Russian Government in Exile): Sorry about that, Rod, but these moves are calculated to give England the maximum shaft, end the game on the spring move, and leave us tied for second with seven centres each.

BERLIN: Congratulations to Turkey on a well-played win. Although your task was made easier by those two clowns playing England and France, who refused all efforts to preserve the balance of power.

(Earlier press releases begin on p. 11)

1968CI

"Spring 1908"

RUSSIANS ROLL ON INTO BELGIUM

ENGLAND (Grayson): A Par holds; F Yor-North Sea.

FRANCE (Clark): A Bel-Pic; A Bur-Par.

ITALY (Prosnitz): F Lyo-Wes; A Rom-Ven.

RUSSIA (Bytwerk): F Cly-Wal ((sic; no such unit exists)); F Edi-Yor; F North Sea-Eng; F Den-North Sea; A Swe-Den; F Norwegian Sea-North Atlantic; A Hol-Bel; A Ruh S A Hol-Bel; A Kie-Mun; A Mun-Boh; A Tyr-Vie; A Gal-Bud; A Ukr-Rum; F Sev S A Ukr-Rum; A Mos S F Sev; A Liverpool not ordered, holds.

TURKEY (Ver Floeg): F Bre & A Mar hold; F Spa(s.c.)-Por; A Tri-Vie; A Bud S A Tri-Vie; F Adr-Tri; A Bul-Ser; A Con-Ful; F Smy-Aeg; A Arm-Sev; F Bla S A Arm-Sev; A Ink-Arm.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER 1969.

LONDON: Now is the time for all good parties to swim to the Isle of Man.

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POSTAL DIPLOMACY GAME 1968G ENDS WITH THIS ISSUE. This means that players' subscriptions expire unless they trade their own 'zines or have subscription overlaps. Margaret Gemignani and Stephen Hueston are the only 19684 players who do not trade, so they should subscribe if they wish to continue receiving GRAUSTRK. Subscriptions are 10 issues for \$1.

THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter LXXX

"The most dangerous enemy is your former friend," said Secret Agent O-O-Hate to his teen-age assistant Burner as they entered the Pentagon, disguised as a Green Beret major and a Vietnamese triple agent. "Who would have thought that the International Pacifist Conspiracy could infiltrate the Military-Industrial Complex itself?"

"I still can hardly believe it," said Burner to his chief, who in civilian life is Clark Gungel, mild-mannered comic book collector of Bugle, Pennsylvania. "You'd think that the military would be the last people to abandon the American Way of War."

"It's the 'Industrial' side of the M. I. C. that's causing the trouble, Burner. As long as they keep getting big arms contracts, they don't care if we never fight another war. Why, Burner," he paused for emphasis, "there are even men here who don't believe that war is an institution designed to last eternally!"

"How could they so shamelessly betray everything that America stands for!" Burner gasped.

"But our agency can still stop them," O-O-Hate went on. "We may be small, but we can outspend even the Pentagon. They have to operate on a budget. But, just after Forrestal founded our agency, we got a special authorization in a sub-sub-sub-clause of an appropriation bill to print our own money!"

"Golly gee, that's great!" said Burner. "But where do we start?"

"We'd better begin in the office of General Rhode Runner," O-O-Hate replied. "He was the Pentagon liaison with our agency, so we ought to find out how far he is implicated in this. But first, to be safe, we should find out where he is."

"Oh, I know that," said Burner.

"You do? Where?"

"Right behind us," listening to everything we've been saying!"

((Has General Runner sold out? And if so, who'd buy him? Follow the continued adventures of O-O-Hate in the next GRAUSTARK.))

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

DAVID LINDSAY, 2245 Fairmont Parkway, Erie, Penn. 16510: About those old GRAUSTARKs... On #89 I believe is a stamp on the top of the page, with the picture of an attractive young woman with a pot on her head and a damn smug expression on her face. On the edge of the stamp is some foreign words, in some foreign language. Question: Just what the devil is the stamp? I realize that it is a joke, but if you could be a bit more expressive I would appreciate it. Thanks.

((These stamps were on the masthead of GRAUSTARK #86, published on 27 March 1966. They also went out on PILLYCOCK #22, a sort of science-fiction and amateur press association fanzine. One of the readers asked for an explanation as you're doing, and I supplied it in the next issue: "

(("...The stamps are in my possession illegally. My offense is mitigated, though, by the fact that the law forbidding their transfer to me will not be passed for almost a century. Skanderbeg Yamflug was born about 5 years ago in Serbia to a Turkish father and an Albanian mother. In 1983, shortly after his graduation with honors from the Yugoslavian equivalent of West Point, he will found a new

religion based rather vaguely on Bogomilism, Slavic supremacy, diabetics, an aberrant Titoism, and astrology. By the time of his death in 2022 - he'll be strangled in bed by an Israeli Arab girl in the employ of the CIA - he will have founded an empire, bearing his name, and extending through most of the Balkans.

(("During the reign of his grandson, Yamflug III, time travel will be discovered by two scientists at the University of Sarajevo. For this, the two men - Bobic and Rafailovic by name - will be accused of heresy and exiled. To finance themselves in exile, they will make use of their invention to loot the Yamflug PTT vaults of an issue of postage stamps being held back to raise their price on the philatelic market. In America they will rebuild their time machine on the Brooklyn campus of Princeton University - which happens to be located in the region where I now live.

(("The persons depicted on the Yamflug stamps are members of the Supreme Council - a body combining the powers of a parliament, a college of cardinals, and a holding company. Bobic and Rafailovic made almost a million mundials off the stamp deal - the equivalent in purchasing power of about \$200,000.

(("And I wouldn't advise anyone to make World Series or election bets with me."))

... You may be interested in that I plan to use those GRAUs to good effect. I am now engaged in reading them all through to see

- 1) How much of Postal Dippy history I can glean from the pages.
- 2) How PD itself has changed.
- 3) Your influence on the scene.
- 4) How GRAUSTARK itself has changed.
- 5) The all time "high points" of GRAUSTARK itself.

This is an ambitious project, and no doubt it shall fail in many vital aspects, but still it is an attempt. But it is, as best I can find out, the first "survey" of GRAUSTARK that I can find. Of course, the question is... is that GRAUSTARK is not only the oldest PD bulletin, but certainly a most influential one. ((I have heard it said that a non-postal Diplomacy bulletin appeared for a few issues prior to the origin of GRAUSTARK in 1963. But I know nothing about it.)) Just looking through the issues of Diplomacy discussed, in the pages proves that beyond doubt. All that now-forgotten discussion on under-7-man games, team play, what countries should be eliminated, etc. certainly formed many Diplomacy opinions that have since jelled into concrete opinion. Certainly the interplay of fact, fiction, and guesswork that went into those discussions can be seen today in the opinion of people as to what a standard 5- or 6-man Diplomacy game is. And as you yourself said, the object of GRAU was to be a central clearing house of Diplomacy, and I think that it has succeeded rather well.

WAYNE CHRISTIAN, Apt. 409, 48 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, Mass. 02139: Much as I admire Leftists and Pacifists (I know someone will criticize me for packing people into neat little groups - let it be said that I use the terms only as convenient labels and do not ascribe characteristics of the group to individual members (which may have only a few of the group characteristics) or as someone familiar with General Semantics would say - I use labels while remaining aware of the dangers of confusing levels of abstractions (confused - good now to get back to the subject)) thinking and how it is generally better in quality than that of the Right-wing war-mongers (there is a good cat call). However some of the things I have read in your magazine I cannot let go unanswered. Specifically #191 your remark about Rod Walker's being a "war-worshipper". Do you really mean that a person who admits that the state has the right to use war as a means to an end must necessarily consider it as the only means. Your

quoting indicates that had Walker only said that the state may consider it and his statement that it wasn't appropriate to Vietnam indicates that it should be used only in special cases - probably only when it can definitely be shown to be more effective than any other method. ((Effective at doing what - killing people?)) I personally believe that the state has the right use war in a defensive mode (not preemptive mode, but as a reaction to aggression). And I think that it is reasonable to nip aggressors in the bud - though I think this policy is carried a bit too far (probably as a reaction to World War II). I do think that we should withdraw from Vietnam, because according to my information free elections were promised South Vietnam and were not allowed to be carried out - probably because we (the U. S. government) thought they would go over to the Communists. If the majority of the South Vietnamese feel they want a Communist government then that is their business and we (the U. S.) shouldn't interfere. This is not a politically viable opinion, but I'm a bit of an idealist.

Another subject I'd like to comment on. This is a opinion you and/or some or all of your readers may or may not (nit-pickers satisfied) hold. I refer to the protests by leftists of the R. O. T. C. units on campuses. I do not believe in the draft because it violates an individual freedom to decide war is not a justifiable means for the states, or just to decide that he doesn't want to get involved in a war instigated solely for the profits of the M. I. C. or for the glories of the American Way of War or for any reason he wants. Similarly I feel I should have the freedom to chose to participate in ROTC. I know of no college where it is mandatory and only if there was one would the students be justified in protesting it. I respect this right to oppose the draft and will support it to a reasonable degree, but I demand the same right to choose ROTC and will strike back (not necessarily violently) if this right is threatened.

I would like further information on Hyper-Space. ((Inquire of its inventor: Allan B. Calhamer, 321 W. Calendar, La Grange, Ill. 60525.))

DAVID LINDSAY, address above: Much as I hate to correct you on matters of scholarship, I feel that I must. In GRAUSTARK #192 you, on p. 9, mention the 15/14 Puzzle by Sam Loyd, and then go on to say "Recently a more sophisticated puzzle of this sort is having a big vogue." Alas; not so. The 'recently' part is off in that a form of sliding units, of different sizes, with the goal of rearranging them, appeared as early as the 1930s, and was ostentatiously patterned after the birth of those Canadian quintuplets. And then you say, "Two variations of it exist." Alas, wrong again. There are a great many different variations of sliding units with various aims of rearranging them exist... Consult the "Mathematical Games" section of Scientific American... around 1960 or thereabouts... By the way, I bought a copy of "Psychoteaze" in Canada about 8 or 10 years ago for 10¢, which again damages the "recently" aspect.

And speaking of games, did you see the write-up that those new simulation games got in... Newsweek, Sept. 22, 1969, p. 108... It seems that someone was playing Group Therapy (GRAUSTARK #192, p. 10) and got... the command "Walk up and down the room as if there was nothing you were ashamed of." He stripped to the buff and pranced about, only to receive a 'cop out' card from a fellow player for being an exhibitionist! To change the subject, having just bought Nuclear

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O At
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War I see your description of it was very good. It is funny and quite true.

CHARLES WELLS, 3021 Washington Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44118: Rod Walker...seems to think that 'all' Gamesmasters operate the following way: If A is trading with P, and B joins one of A's games, then the copies A sends B are simultaneously the copies B is due as a player and the copies he is due as trading.

Now I have never operated that way. If someone with whom I have been trading joins one of my games, I have always subscribed to his zine. Have you ever operated that way?

((No, I proceed just as Rod does in this matter.))

...If you have space in some future GRAUSTARK, will you mention that Parlemt rules are now a dollar, and that the second edition is out?

((Consider it done. Parlemt, invented by Dr. Wells, bears the same relation to political maneuvering in a multi-party parliament that Diplomacy does to war.))

ROD WALKER, 5058 Hawley Blvd., San Diego, Calif. 92116: Please note that reports of Costaguana's demise, including those by Conrad ((von Metzke, the publisher)) are exaggerated. Costa lives. It is being combined with Erehwon into a new 'zine, Numenor. Each 'zine will preserve its independence and separate editor. Costa will probably be pared down as to the number of games. The total 'zine package will have 30 pages or less per issue and will be published by ditto. Subs will remain at 30¢ for the whole shmear; our various subscribers and trades will be contacted on pro-rata continuance of their subs to Costa. The #1 of Numenor (which will not be numbered "1") will appear in early October.

Advertisement: Would anyone like to take over some slightly used Dippy variants? My workload makes it essential that I cut down somewhere, and my publishing is #1 on the list. I will be suspending some of my 'zines, although I am undecided as to which ones. If any present or potential Gamesmaster would like to take over some of my games, let me know which ones. Some are very near completion. If you take over a whole 'zine, financing will be available to the extent of the full value of all unexpired subscriptions (provided you agree to continue the subs).

...Note from your postal rules that you allow change of position by convoy. ((See GRAUSTARK #190, p. 7, Ruling 20.)) You probably always have, but this is the first time I have noticed it. I'm not complaining, but I had always thought this was contrary to your "strict constructionist" views of the rules.

((No. The rules governing convoying have nothing in them that would prevent an exchange by this process. After all, one army does not enter a space by the route in which another one leaves it.))

Would also appreciate comments from you on the rules problem raised in Erehwon 3, #10 (the one with the German, French, and Italian units). It seems to me that this is one of those discrepancies between letter and intent of the rules.

((As soon as this issue surfaces from among my papers, I'll look into the matter.))

JOHN BESHARA, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y.

10023: There are other situations with regard to retreats that need clarification:

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| 1. GERMANY: A Mun-Boh. | AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Boh-Mun. |
| TURKEY: A Bud-Vic. | A Sil S A Boh-Mun. |
| A Gal S A Bud-Vic. | A Vic-Boh. |

It is clear you would rule A Mun could not retreat to Boh since the attack came from there. It is also clear you would rule A Vie cannot retreat to Boh because there was a stand-off in Boh, and it is hardly logical to allow A Vie to retreat to Boh when it could not get there by moving there.

((This is correct. A Vie would have to retreat; Bohemia, having been left vacant by a stand-off, is not available for the retreat.))

2. GERMANY: A Pru holds. TURKEY: A Sil-Pru.
 ITALY: A Gal-War. A War-Gal;
 RUSSIA: A Liv S TURKISH A Bud S A War-Gal.
 A Sil-Pru.

In this situation it is curious that A Pru is allowed to retreat to War even though it could not get there by moving there! ((Warsaw is available for the retreat, and there was no stand-off over it.)) Perhaps a new addition to the rules is needed whereby a dislodged unit cannot retreat to a space it would not have succeeded into had it moved there?

3. ITALY: F Apu-Ion. TURKEY: F Eas-Ion.
F Reg S ITALIAN F Apu-Ion.

The Turkish move F Eas-Ion is defensive; the hope is that Italy will move F Apu-Ion... Since there is no question of Turkey dislodging one of its own units, I feel the Italian F Apu should succeed into the Ion, even though Turkey supports another unit against his own. There is nothing in the rules concerning this situation, and I've seen no discussion elsewhere. What is your ruling?

(("An order to move, with support, against a unit belonging to the same country as the moving or supporting unit is of no effect," according to the rulebook, p. 4.))

4. FRANCE: A Tyr-Boh. GERMANY: A Mun S FRENCH A Tyr-Boh.
A Bur-Mun.
A Kie S A Bur-Mun.

This situation has been discussed often, and it is the general opinion, as well as yours, that Germany cannot cut his own support... But... the support is lid while Munich is still defended with a force of two... Should the fact that the army in Tyrolia is French and not German make any difference?

((No. A Bur-Mun is impossible no matter what.))

PRESS RELEASES - PRIZE GAME

BERLIN to PARIS: "Die, Germany, die?" How many old war movies have you been watching? Sounds like trench fatigue to me. Or is it just the Ohio State-Illinois game?

PARIS (26 Feb. 1902): People here were appalled by the atrocities committed by the Germans in the battle of Munich. The king announced that he would do all that he could to rid the world of the "Black Plague", as the Germans are referred to in France. Upon hearing this, the newly formed Third Army immediately left for the front.

CATANIA (4 Aug. 1902): Reports circulated here today that the Italian First Fleet, anchored near here, was preparing to leave. Rumors going around said that its course would be eastward.

CATANIA (11 Aug. 1902): The rumors were confirmed today as the First Fleet was spotted sailing toward the Eastern Mediterranean.

ROME (11 Aug. 1902): War is declared against Turkey and Germany. Despite warnings against a two-front war and a possible attack from Austria, the government has declared that a state of war exists between the Great Imperial Italian Democracy and the countries of Germany and Turkey. "We hope to have an army on Turkish

soil before winter," a high source was quoted as saying.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 1968CI COUNTRY (SPP): Look here, you anonymous Piraean, Sultan Yuk won't stand for this sort of competition. Unless you IMMEDIATELY send a piece offering of Hare de Bushy a la Mlle. Twat, consider war declared between us. Send enough that a group grope is possible, or face inundation with imported Russian women, who have just dined on Limburger cheese, onion, and garlic sandwiches, liberally interspersed with Spanish fly. - The better to drive you to madness, my precious. Yessssss, gollum, yessssss.

EMBROKE, WALES (12 Nov. 1961, Ebben Press): Today seven men carrying an enormous cauldron wandered into this staging area for 8700 men destined for the Second Army. When questioned, they insisted that they were on the business of "the Emperor Arthur". Being unwilling to give any more coherent account of themselves, they were taken into custody by the Military Police. One of them was heard to grumble: "I told you we should not have gone past Oer Jyd!"

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BREST: In a lightning move the French Navy seized control of "the ditch". Informed sources say the First Fleet, led by Admiral Bidet, moved into the area shortly after dawn under covering fire from the Second Fleet led by the flagship Algeria. Forces of the Twenty-Fifth Infantry Division quickly moved from Gascony to Brest to forestall any pro-Italian uprising from the populace now out of range of the fleets' guns.

Germany lodged a stiff protest, claiming the seizure is in violation of the "Treaty of Picardy" which divided England, but the government feels this treaty to be voided by the Turkish seizure of London.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

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Chris Wagner, 50 Fairfield Ave., Albany, N. Y. 12205, has a backlog of Diplomacy sets left over from his editorship of Strategy and Tactics. These are for sale at \$6 each - 25% off the list price - while they last.

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John Beshara, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y. 10023 is conducting a postal game for beginners only. Entry fees are \$4 per person. Results will be published in GRAUSTARK.

Beginning 19 November, Beshara will be out of town for about 2 weeks.

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John Beshara observes that the German move "F Bal-Swe" in 198CL ("Fall 1907") should have been underlined. This means that the German move "F Swe-Bot" published in this issue should be "F Bal-Bot".

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I'm a bit disappointed in GRAUSTARK's Hawk readers; not one of them has taken up my challenge in #189 to justify the behavior of American troops at Xuangoc on 23 September 1966. After 5 or 6 years of war, are you guys going to stick at a little matter of gang-rape or infanticide? Where are all those patriots who were finding ingenious geopolitical or ideological reasons for the U. S. invasion of Vietnam? Walker? Linden? Fritchard? Naus? Smythe? Uhr? Condray? Nelson? Salcedo? Halle? What happened to you all?

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LONDON (25 Dec. 1913): His Imperial Majesty, King-Emperor Huon XVIII, King of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, Emperor of Britain and of India, Duke of Brittany, Normandy, Aquitaine, Anjou, Berry, and Poix, King of Spain, Portugal, Algarve, Navarre, Aragon, Castile, Seville, Toledo, Cordova, and Granada, King of the Netherlands, King of Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Burma, South Africa, and other places so numerous you wouldn't believe it; enlivened an otherwise dull and uneventful day by issuing a denial to persistent rumors that Tsar Yevgeniy the Wretched has fled the pitiful dregs of Russia and has sought asylum in Dartmoor Prison. "For one thing," the announcement said, "Dartmoor is a very high class prison. We incarcerate there murderers, rapists, forgers, and certain others of that ilk. We certainly could not insult them by allowing a (yech) Russian to reside among them. After all, everybody knows that Russians eat (horrors) peas!"

LONDON (26 Dec. 1913): All over the capital the people are raising signs: "TSAR YEVGENIY EATS P__S!"

PORT HUON, FALKLAND ISLANDS (3 March 1914): Reported rumors that former Emperor Honj the Horny of former Pollutidar was "alive and well in Argentina" proved today to be partly true. Actually, the true text of the rumor was "alive in a well in Argentina", which turned out to be true. The fetid Emperor has been fished out of a treacle well near Rosario by Argentine authorities. According to Government spokesmen, the Pollutidarian had been at the bottom of the well for quite some time, molesting three sisters who made their home there.

LONDON (1 Apr. 1914): By Imperial Proclamation, this day will henceforth be known as Tsar Yevgeniy Day.

LONDON (5 Apr. 1914): Signs are appearing all over the capital, reading "Fourth Place for Yevgeniy".

CONSTANTINOPLE (8 Mar. 1914): The Regency, acting for his Sublime Majesty, the Sultan Mohammed, today called for the surrender of all remaining Russian forces in Russia.

MOSCOW (9 Mar. 1914): The Turkish High Command, sojourning in the Kremlin, sent the following reply to the Regency: "If we ever find any Russians, we'll see to it that they surrender, gang."

ZVAMP-NA-DVINA, RUSSIA (to Sultan Mohammed, via the Regency, 12 Mar. 1914): After much effort, we have discovered the ranking officer of the Russian army remaining in the Empire. He is Nikolai Smerkovitch Gonif, who was found hiding in a barn in this village. It was extremely difficult to extract a surrender from him for several reasons. He finds it difficult to hold a pen, and even so, refuses to surrender to the tyrant Napoleon. (He is under the impression that we are the Imperial Guard of the French Emperor).

Furthermore, he is not sure his authority as a corporal extends to the surrender of whole armies, especially since he was mustered out in 1817, when he became an itinerant rag-picker.

We trust the enclosed document, signed by Goniff, will meet the requirements of the Porte.

LONDON (1 Apr. 1914, Yellow Press): Turkish Ambassador Da'ud Pasha consulted today with Prime Minister Merlin over the disposition of present Russian or disputed territories. It was reported that they met amiably and that the discussions were "frank".

"Look, Merlin, you know the jig is up. You must admit that the only reason you're even coming in second is our magnanimity, for which Allah be praised. We answered your predecessor's call for help not out of the goodness of our collective hearts, but because we wanted every ally we could get, and Huon was available."

"Further, the Tsar is now in our power, or at least he will be. Merlin, who felt he was at a disadvantage in spite of his two

brand spanking new fleets, made several clever passes with his hands, and a considerable amount of purple and green smoke began to billow out of his sleeves. "Ah, but Da'ud, you forget the inexhaustible power of my King-Emperor, Huon the Malignant...oops.. Magnificent. Our troops are as numberless as the stars in the sky, our ships are as deadly as the knife in the back that is our favorite diplomacy, and further, we are allied with France!"

Da'ud began to speak, and Merlin foted with disgust that he still had not pulled back his cowl, and with all that damn smoke (the stuff was still billowing out - the damn valve had stuck) he could only see the red glints in the Ambassador's eyes.

"Merlin, don't be belligerent. Even now two of our fleets are moving into position off Spain and Portugal, just in case your recent successes tempt your notoriously avaricious ruler."

"But don't forget Huon's vast powers, Turk! We must deal as equals after the Russians are annihilated."

"Merlin, have you ever speculated on the fact that there are six regents and three Grand Generals, for a total of nine. Has anyone ever shown you a Turkish uniform - dead black. Merlin, old boy, have you ever looked at the "crystal ball" I use to talk to Saur...oops...Mohammed in Constantinople? Merlin, haven't you ever wondered why I never pull back my cowl? Tell your Huon he better cease his pretensions."

Da'ud suddenly turned back to face Merlin, and pulled back the cowl. Merlin started - there was nothing there - only two bright flames, guttering amidst the smoke that still filled the room.

Da'ud swept up his cloak and rose. "You see, I am one of the Nine, and serve the Dark Lord."

He walked to where the smoke was thickest. "I go, but I can return! Warn Huon to keep mindful of the limits of his power, you Caltic flummerer." Suddenly Merlin was alone in the room.

It was quite a shattering experience. Merlin walked shaken to the window and looked out over the city of London, blanketed in black cloud for as far as the eye could discern.

"What have we gotten into now," he wondered, and trotted off in the direction of Huon and the throne-globe. ...Maybe there was an opening somewhere for a Wormtongue.

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