

GRAUSTARK

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"Prize Game"

"Fall 1902"

TRIPLE ALLIANCE CRUSHES TURKS

ENGLAND (G. Heap): A Norway-St.P;
F Sar S A Norway-St.P; F Den-
Swe; F Lon-Eng; F North Sea S
GERMAN F Bel.

FRANCE (Gletty): A Gas-Bur; A Bur-
Bel; A Pic S A Bur-Bel; F Bre-
Eng; F Mid-North Atlantic.

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

ITALY (Berman): A Tun-Syr; F Eas &
F Ion C A Tun-Syr; A Tyr-Mun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Beshara): A Gre-
Bul; A Ser S A Gre-Bul; A Bud S
RUSSIAN A Rum; A Ukr S RUSSIAN F
Sev; F Aeg-Con.

RUSSIA (Birsan): A Rum S AUSTRO-
HUNGARIAN A Gre-Bul; F Sev S A
Rum; A Mos-St.P; A St.P-Norway;
F Swe S A St.P-Norway.

TURKEY (White): F Con-Smy; A Arm-
Sev; F Bla S A Arm-Sev; A Bul-
Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish A Bul is annihilated. Russia must retreat A St.P-Liv or A St.P-Fin. The direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1902"

builds and removals, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor, St.P. (6)

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

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (7)

RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, Sev, Swe, War. (5)

TURKEY: An, Smy. (2)

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1967U "Winter 1924-Spring 1925"

WESTERN ALLIES REACH BLACK SEA

GERMANY: Builds F Ber, F Kie.
RUSSIA: Removes A Arm.
TURKEY: Builds F Con.

GERMANY (M. Miller): A Gal S ITAL-
IAN A Bud-Rum; A Ukr-Sev; A Mos
S A Ukr-Sev; F North Sea-Norwe-
gian Sea; F Den-North Sea; F Kie-
Hel; F Ber-Kie; A War-Ukr; F Swe,
A St.P, A Liv, A Norway, A Mun &
A Pru hold.

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

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

TURKEY (Beshara): F Eas-Ion; F Gre
S F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Gre; A
Bul-Ser; A Rum S A Bul-Ser; F
Con-Bla; A Ukr-Gal ((sic; no such
unit exists)).

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Sev-Arm, and the Turkish A Rum is annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1925" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER 1969. (See p. 11 for further information about deadlines.)

Austria-Hungary may build 2 new units, and England and Germany may each build one. Turkey must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 1969, ONE WEEK from today. (See p. 11 for further information on the deadlines.)

ANKARA: Milli Madafaa Vekaleti, Dur! Kimo? Yabancı değil!
Austria Hungary.

CONSTANTINOPLE: Türkiye Büyük Millet Meclisi.

MESAJ: Troops of Smyrna are
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1968CL

"Fall 1908"

GERMANY OVERRUN AS GOVERNMENT COLLAPSES

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

GERMANY (Moseley): No moves received. F Bar, F Bot, F North Sea, & F Ska hold. A Bel & A-Kie dislodged and annihilated.

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

RUSSIA (Schleicher): A Fin-Swe; F Den S A Fin-Swe; F Norway S A St.1; A St.1 S F Norway; F Hol-North Sea.

TURKEY (Beshara): F Lon-Eng; F Mid-Bre; A Boh-Mun; A Sil S A Boh-Mun; A Gal-Boh; A Ber S ITALIAN A Mun-Kie; A Pra-Liv; A Arm-Sev; F Ion-Tun; F Bas-Ion; F Aeg-Gre; A Tri holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats F Lon-Yor. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Liv, Lon, Par. (3)

RUSSIA: Den, Hol, Mos, Nor, St.1, Swe, War. (7)

GERMANY: Edi. (1)

TURKEY: Ank, Ber, Bre, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Man, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Tun, Vie. (15)

ITALY: Bel, Kie, Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Spa, Ven. (8)

Turkey may build three new units, and Russia may build two. Germany must remove three units. The deadline for these "Winter 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 1969, one week from today. See p. 11 for further information on the next deadlines.

Since Ray Moseley failed to submit moves for Germany, the next stand-by is called upon to send in the "Winter 1908" removals. He is James Barber, 111 EL Goldenlake Lane, Circle Pines, Minn. 55014.

LONDON (AFP): Elements of the Twenty Fifth Infantry Division under the command of Major General Mad Dog Turner entered London today for the first time since 1066. The forces quickly seized control of the used gun shops, Soho night clubs, and all of the "massage parlors" and "French teachers" in London. No elements of the Italian Marines were seen although some rather non-descript characters did offer "Tunisian post cards" to the more backward elements of the fleet.

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ordered siper kazip mevzi almak.

PARIS (25 July 1902): The English Ambassador was assassinated here today and no one seems to care. He was stabbed.

PARIS to BERLIN: At least I can write correct orders for my pieces, huh? Watch out for your new found ally; he may help Russia next.

CONSTANTINOPLE: The political pressure exerted upon the Austro-Hungarian Empire is foul and devious. The Sultan stands behind the Emperor of Austria 100%.

Lenore Goldberg, please come home. All is forgiven. - Jewish Defense League.

Spyros Anagnostopolous, please call General Pappadopolous in Athens. Your talents desperately needed here.

"Paul McCartney is alive and well." - Brian Epstein

1968CI

"Fall 1908"

TURKS FORCE RUSSIANS OUT OF RUMANIA

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

FRANCE (Clark): A Bur-Par; A Pic S A Bur-Par.ITALY (Prosnitz): F Wes-Mid; A Ven S TURKISH A Tri-Tyr.RUSSIA (Rytwerk): A Liv-Wal; F North Atlantic-Mid; F Eng S F North Atlantic-Mid; A Ruh-Bur; A Mun S A Ruh-Bur; F Den-North Sea; A Swe-Den; A Boh-Vie; A Tyr S A Boh-Vie; A Rum-Bud; A Gal S A Rum-Bud; F Sev holds; A Mos S F Sev; F Edi-Yor; A Bel-Pic.TURKEY (Ver Floeg): F Por-Spa(n.c.); F Bre S ITALIAN F Wes-Mid; A Mar-Bur; F Adr holds; F Aeg-Ion; A Arm-Sev; A Tri-Tyr; A Ank-Rum; F Bla C A Ank-Rum; A Bud & A Bul S A Ank-Rum; A Ser S A Bud.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Bur-Gas and Russia retreats A Rum-Ukr. The Russian army dislodged from Tyrolia may retreat to either Piedmont or Bohemia; the direction of the retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1908" builds and removals, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Lon, Par. (2)

FRANCE: Por. (1)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Ven. (3)

RUSSIA: Bel, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Mos, Mun, Now, St.P, Sev, Swe, Vie, War. (15)

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

Italy and Turkey may each build one new unit, and France must remove a unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 NOVEMBER 1969. NOTE THAT THIS IS ONLY ONE WEEK FROM TODAY! The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER 1969.

LIVERPOOL: The commander of the Russian army has been executed for being in the Turkish Secret Service. It seems he spent the last six months enjoying the women of Liverpool rather than moving to Wales.

RUMANIA: Seven million incredibly ugly women, gathered from all corners of the Russian Empire, are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Sultan Yuk.

PARIS: A Par reports to Notre Dame to pray for salvation.

LONDON: Where are our allies?

1968CH

"Spring 1909"

FRENCH ENTER TRIESTE

These moves correct errors in adjudication made in GRAUSTARK #194.

ENGLAND (Linden): A Ber-Sil; A War S A Ber-Sil; A St.P-Mos; A Liv. A St.P-Mog; A Kie-Pru; F Bal C A Kie-Pru; F Bot, F North Sea, F Norwegian Sea, F Hol, & 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 Boh 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 Neg & F Eas S F Ion; A Arm-Sev; A Con-Bul; F Alb S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tri.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Sil-Gal, A Tri-Bud.

These corrections were mailed out to all active players and stand-bys over a week ago, and a new deadline of NOON, SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 1969 was set for "Fall 1969" moves.

George Schelz replaces Edi Birsan as the player of Russia. See GRAUSTARK #194 for his address.

LONDON (12 Jan. 1969): Sir Terence White, Grand Falconer to the Tenfold King, today denied rumors being spread by the incompetent Swiss press that he is attempting anything so ineffably and intrinsically absurd as breeding a hawk with two right wings! "What I am attempting to introduce might be described as a 'centre wing'. Naturally this is incomprehensible to the Swiss, since they are forbidden to believe in centres."

BEGINNERS' GAME OPENS

John Beshara has organized a postal Diplomacy game limited to newcomers to our hobby. He is the Gamesmaster, and moves will be published in GRAUSTARK. The players are:

ENGLAND: Arthur Lasky, 161-32 Jewel Ave., Flushing, N. Y. 11365; 592-1191.

FRANCE: Dick Miller, 350 Central Park West, New York, N. Y. 10025; 222-9739

GERMANY: Joseph Shuldiner, Apt. 8, 319 W. 101st St., New York, N. Y. 10025; 866-9849

ITALY: Paul R. Gorman, 319 W. 103rd St., New York, N. Y. 10025; 974-7463 (office phone)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Jay Kimmel, Apt. A44, 117 W. 197th St., Bronx, N. Y. 10468; 884-5625

RUSSIA: Richard Wile, c/o James Becker (until 1 Nov.), 226 W. 16th St., New York, N. Y. 10011; 691-3006

TURKEY: James Becker, 226 W. 16th St., New York, N. Y. 10011; 691-3006 or 363-7820 (office phone)

All telephone numbers are home phones unless otherwise indicated.

The deadline for "Spring 1969" moves is 17 November 1969, and these moves will be published in GRAUSTARK #197 on the following Saturday. Moves should be sent not to GRAUSTARK but to John Beshara, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 60th St., New York, N. Y. 10023; 724-4352

All players in this game will receive GRAUSTARK under the same conditions as players in other GRAUSTARK games. If any of these players does not have a copy of GRAUSTARK #190 (with the house rules) he should write for a copy as soon as possible.

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THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE.

Chapter LXXXI

"This is a welcome surprise," said General Rhode Runner.
 "What brings you to the Pentagon?"

Secret Agent O-O-Hate, whose other identity is that of Clark Gungel, mild-mannered comic book collector of Bugle, Pennsylvania, and his teen-age assistant Burner confronted the general, who had been liaison between the Pentagon and their own highly secret agency. "What's this about your being opposed to the ABM?" O-O-Hate asked sharply.

"Have you joined the International Pacifist Conspiracy?" snapped Burner, whose other identity is that of Victor Charlie Burner, student at the Blessed Balthazar Gerard Theological Seminary.

"No!" said the general emphatically. "I'd swear to it on a bible open to the 15th chapter of First Samuel! Didn't everyone at the Pentagon boost ABM? How could we be opposed to it?"

"You know what I mean, General Runner!" snapped the dedicated foe of the Sinister Forces of World Peace. "The Military-Industrial Complex doesn't want to fire those missiles. You just want to get paid for building them."

"Actually, that's how most of the generals here see it," Runner replied nervously. "Then, when they retire and go on the boards of directors of the companies building the ABM's, their dividends will increase because of it."

"But how can our agency ever get another war started if you don't fire the missiles once they're built?" O-O-Hate expostulated. "Certainly you don't believe that there can ever be an end to war?"

"Of course not," said Runner. "That's why I disagreed with the other generals."

"Well, I'm happy to hear you're not in on their selfish schemes," O-O-Hate said with relief.

"You don't understand," General Runner went on. "It's not that I just don't want the ABM's fired. I'm against building them altogether!"

((Horror upon horror! If O-O-Hate and Burner can't trust generals to love war, whom can they rely on? Follow the continued development of this Pentagon plot in the next GRAUSTARK.))

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

BILL LINDEN, 83-33 Austin St., Kew Gardens, N. Y. 11415: John, I have checked my back issues, and there is no letter from Dygert on any subject in GRAUSTARK #163.

((Dygert's remark: "Leadership requires not intellect, but blood" appears on p. 10 of that issue of GRAUSTARK. I have since discovered that he lifted this notion from Nietzsche. Will Durant also quoted it with approval, in his The Mansions of Philosophy.)

I see that no one has yet identified my list of numbers in GRAUSTARK #183. They were all the number of the current year (at that time) in one or another era: 1389 of the Hegira, 58 of the (Chinese) Republic (a style adopted in imitation of the Imperial reign-eras), 2722 of the Founding of the City ((of Rome)) (AUC), 7477 of the Era of Constantinople (still used in the Eastern Church), 2280 in the Seleucid Era, for Era of Contracts, 2007 in the Era of Spain, 1685 in the Era of Diocletian (still used by the Copts),

1416 in the Armenian Era, and 125 in the Baha'i Era.

((It is also 194th year of the Independence of the United States of America (a form used in some legal documents), the 178th Year of the (first French) Republic, and in Great Britain and Japan, which still use a system of regnal years, it is respectively the 18th and 44th regnal year. Finally, under a system used by Walt Whitman in one of his poems, it is the 1st Year of the 46th Presidentiad.))

To my unsophisticated brain, the parenthetical jape at the bottom of page 7 ((of GRAUSTARK #192)) has no connection whatever with the accompanying remarks by Pritchard. "Form the wagons into a circle, John, the Nazis air a-comin'!"

On the relative freedom of Communist and pre-Communist governments, we might consult the opinions of Alexander Dubcek, and Gustaf Husak, were it possible. ((Or Father Joseph Tis. if that were possible.)) And who, besides you, invoked "some exiled count now dealing them off the arm in a Paris restaurant.?"

You are looking for the arong variable in Gygax's remarks. Gary is typical not of Christians (St. Francis?) ((St. Jaime de Compostella?)) but of "pacifists", 1967 vintage; they're always ready to prove violence is wrong by resorting to same.

The remark by Rod which you quoted ((in GRAUSTARK #192)) indicates that he prefers peacetime profit-making to war, and I am surprised at your listing this as a "pro-war" sentiment, heh heh.

On the alleged Hitler demonstration: If, say, the National Review called attention to hammer-and-sickle emblems and pictures of Stalin at an SDS rally, you would insist that this was a) obviously a put-on, b) guilt by association, and c) since it was printed in such a reactionary publication, it must be a lie anyhow. The same reasoning is applicable here. The Hitler demonstration? Don't you know when you're being put on? ((A friend of mine has infiltrated some of these groups for the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League. They are, unfortunately, not pretending.)) And to bring it up is guilt by association. And anyhow, since the charge was made in the pro-Communist Village Voice, how can you expect anyone to take it seriously? Rant, rant! How do you like your own medicine?

So "Ho Chi Minh...might have been a friend if this country had been more consistently faithful to some of its noblest principles which he admired."? Noblest horsefeathers. Let us examine Lily White Saint Minh's record, as set forth by Hoang Van Chi in From Colonialism to Communism (Praeger). (And before you begin raving unfounded leapt-to assumptions about "Some exiled mad, dar-in..." Hoang is, I remind you again, a veteran of the Viet Minh, and therefore has reason to know whereof he speaks.)

((Praeger was identified a couple of years ago as the recipient of a considerable amount of CIA money for the purpose of promoting in their books a CIA outlook. I daresay Hoang has a good many long green reasons to know whereof he speaks. Bessedovsky and Goff are ex-Communists, but I wouldn't trust them at high noon if they said it was twelve o'clock.

((As for the actual accusations, curious readers can refer to the book. I'll take up space on Linden's arguments, but not on things available elsewhere.))

...If this is what you and John Oakes ((presumably the writer of the obituary quoted in GRAUSTARK #192)) regard as fulfillment of the "noblest principles" of democracy, you are sick.

All this received only token mention in the Times editorial, and none in their full page valedictory whitewash; something to be

ponsored by those who insist that the Times is a servile organ, of the Sinister Establishment Conspiracy, etc, etc, and that they are therefore justified in doing anything (vandalism, arson, bomb-setting) for the sake of publicity because they can not get it any other way.

...English-language Viet. Con propaganda directed at American servicemen (reproduced in Rodger Swearingen and Hammond Rolph, Communism in Vietnam: A Documentary Study of Theory, Strategy, and Operational Practices) uses the forms "VietNam" and "Viet-nam".
Sneer, sneer, and double sneer!

Here's more unhistory for you: Among the Tyrannical Laws which were given as causes for the Holy Uncriticizable-on-pain-of-excommunication-for-heresy American Revolution were: The "Proclamation of 1763" which attempted to halt the legalized robbery of Indian lands; and the Quebec Act, which exempted the province from the infamous penal laws against Roman Catholics, and allowed it to keep the French legal code. (In the Holy Declaration this becomes: "He has...abolish/ed/ the free System of English Laws in a neighboring Province, establishing therein an arbitrary government...") God Save the Queen!

This is
At
Great
Intervals
This
Appears
To
Inflame
Optic
Nerves

The worst aspect of Louis Napoleon Kennedy's accident is what the Mark Lane crowd will make of it. You would NOT BELIEVE some of the stories which are already going around.

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I tried to check on Public Law 86-90, but that volume of the Record is missing from the University General Library. Doubtless another Establishment Plot.

((That law, passed unanimously by the 86th Congress, decrees the partition of the Soviet Union.))

...Toro was one of the numerous Interlacustrine Bantu kingdoms thrown together to form "Uganda". ((See reference to the Toro princess who is now a model, in GRAUSTARK #189.)) It originated by secession from Bunyoro in the early 19th century, was reconquered a few decades later, and was re-separated by the British-Baganda conquerors in 1896. Ask us a hard one.

Don't you mean Mary, Duchess of Suffolk? ((Not "Norfolk", as reported in an account of the genealogy of possible British pretenders in GRAUSTARK #189.)) But what's a county or two between enemies? Hallelujah! Pretenders are popping up all over!

...Writing "god" in lower case is a ridiculous affectation, like the pro-Nigerian practice of writing "biafra" on both quotation marks and lower case.

...John, you of all people should know what happened to the English regalia during the Rebellion. They were destroyed by order of Parliament, and the stones either sold or simply lost. ((Except for one cruse for holy oil.)) At the Restoration, all of the stones which could be were repurchased, and most of the present regalia made - except the Imperial State Crown, which is believed to have been made for Cromwell!! The Scottish regalia were safely hidden by Sir John Keith, later Earl of Kintyre.

...My source for the statement ("SDS says that these liberties (of speech, organization, and belief) do not exist" in GRAUSTARK #191) which you find so incredible was the SDS-sponsored panel on "The Revolution in the University" (allegedly), in their NYU "Orientation" last September. Said panel consisted of five newleftists, including Tom Hayden. When asked by myself and others how they could reconcile their alleged championship of the right of free speech with their flagrant disregard of it in others, (As ex-

amplified the day before, when they made their advertising pitch, but tried to prevent the President from making his.) panelists replied that democracy does not exist in this country (As opposed to China?), and that they are therefore justified in disregarding it. (How it is possible to defend something by attacking it was not explained.) Of course, since I only heard this with my own two ears instead of reading it in the Daily World, it probably Doesn't Count. Ho hum. Next you will ask for a source to prove that Communists advocate a dictatorship of the proletariat.

The Communist campaign against Viet Namese ((sic)) education was documented by a commission of the World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession. I suppose you will claim that they are controlled from Saigon?

You will, for your criterion for evaluating the credibility of reports from Viet Nam is only too obvious. If it fits your rigidly preconceived propaganda images of the horribleterribleawful fascist-imperialists, it must be true. If it does not fit with said propaganda images, it must be a lie concocted by some cell of the Sinister Monolithic International Warmongers' Conspiracy. The trouble is, anyone else can take this same line, resulting in a standoff.

It was my understanding that the First Amendment protects freedom to advocate anything you damn well please, unless there is "clear and present danger" of mayhem.

((That's what Abt and Marcantonio thought, too, when they were defending about a dozen Communist leaders tried under the Smith Act some two decades ago. It didn't work.))

Now you are getting down to something like sensible discussion. The reason that war can be considered different from riot is that there is no real law of nations. If an effective world government is established (which will not be in the foreseeable future) they can be treated on the same footing. Until then, all nations are in a "state of nature" with each other, and must use whatever means they can in self-defense. (V. Locke, The True End of Civil Government).

((I am sure that this will be a great comfort to people who are killed in wars in the meantime.))

NEWLEFTIST - One who believes that democracy can be saved by destroying it.

PACIFIST - One who is for peace, and will fight anyone who is not.

FASCISM - Refusal to accept orders from SDS.

WAR - Use of armed force by Their Side.

REVOLUTION - Use of armed force by Our Side.

ASSASSINATION - The murder of someone I don't like.

MURDER - The assassination of someone I like.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE - Run for Dictator!

You must be a telepath if you can categorically state that no one in history has ever been motivated by a desire to defend his country in joining an army. (All the people who fought Hitler were motivated by "blood or money"?) ((You should have heard some of the ingenious suggestions during World War II on how to deal with him.)) If not, then it seems to me that I have as much right as you to make declarations about other people's motives. I hereby decree that anyone who criticizes our armed forces is motivated by a desire to place the entire world under a Communist dictatorship, and no other reason. Both bald assumptions are equally irrefutable. This goes to strengthen my charges of delusion of godhood - now you are claiming omniscience!

Unless his other works are radically different from Thinking about the Unthinkable, "Herman Kahn's megacorpse plan" is a figment of your overheated imagination. "Thermonuclear wars," he says, "are not only undesirable events, they are also, fortunately, unexperienced events." This hardly squares with your belief that he fervently de-

sires thermonuclear war. He remarks "I would rather accept these risks / of the Clark-Sohn world government plan / than the risk of an uncontrolled thermonuclear war." And so forth. If someone makes plans for the event of fire, you do not scream that he is an arsonist.

((The frequently heard analogy between military men and firemen would be valid only if every fireman were also an arsonist. And the reason why thermonuclear war has become more likely to be an "unexperience event" in the past few years is because the peace movement has forced acceptance of the Test Ban Treaty - over the strident objections of Kahn and the whole Pentagon establishment.

((For readers interested in further information about Kahn, I still have available several copies of Gerald Piel's Scientific American review of his book on thermonuclear war. A copy will be sent free on request to any GRAUSTARK reader.))

That Ethiopian mosque may have been built by an Ethiopian community in Egypt. ((That would still have to be one hell of a rifle, to have fired upon the mosque as reported in GRAUSTARK #191, p. 10. According to the report, the guns were fired across the Jordan. Furthermore, most Ethiopians are Christians, and even if they were Muslims - well, the event took place during the funeral of a monk, and Islam has no monks.)) After all, there is an Armenian colony in Venice. ((And a Negro quarter in Salonika, the descendants of Sudanese mercenaries in the Turkish army.)) Which reminds me that there already is a King of Kings.

...The lines from Yeats ((in "Directory of Unfamiliar Quotations", p. 9, GRAUSTARK #190)) are not from "No Second Troy" but "Three Songs to the Same Tune".

((John Harrison, in The Reactionaries, quotes them as being from "No Second Troy".)) After his disillusionment with Duffy and the Blueshirts, Yeats rewrote these so they could no longer be used as Fascist marching songs. (As "Three Marching Songs" in the definitive edition.) The new version of this particular part was:

"We know what radical might has defiled;
The lofty innocence that it has slain,
Were we not born in the peasant's cot
Where men forgive if the belly gain?
More dread the life that we live,
How can the mind forgive?"

Whatever that means. The chorus in one of the companion songs becomes:

"Be still, be still, what can be said?
My father sang that song,
But time amends old wrong,
And all that's finished, let it fade."

My attitude in one respect is more extreme than German's; I regard someone else's religion (or lack thereof) none of my business, and mine none of his. (Of course, if he chooses to flaunt it...)

The "liberal"-radical clique are now in an embarrassing dilemma; they can hardly maintain that the Saigon government are abject "puppets" trembling at every whim from the Pentagon, and simultaneously accuse them of "stalling" the Paris talkathon. But then, when was a leftist ever bothered by little trivia like consistency? No doubt it is now considered bourgeois and reactionary to make sense.

((It is just that there are policies which President Nixon may more conveniently enunciate through his employee Thieu than through his employee Rogers or Lodge. Franklin Roosevelt would often bypass Secretary of State Hull in a similar matter to make a lesser official his spokesman.))

Yes, the pseudo-reasoning of the "left" extremists is extremely similar, not to say identical, to that of the "right" extremists whom they claim to be opposing.

You label St. Paul as "embezzler" because he admits to being supported by contributions from churches. ((Which he had solicited as aid for the poor brethren in Palestine.)) I doubt that you would display the same degree of indignation over, say, James Forman being supported by contributions from churches. ((I have the highest backhanded admiration for a man who can con a con man.))

...Today's "revolutionaries" can find little comfort in the example of the Redeemer. He was denounced by the Jewish nowleft of his day as a sell-out and an Uncle Tom, freely cavorting with the minions of the Establishment. (Passim through-

out the Gospels, complaints that He is always havin' dinner with the tax-collectors and other sinners. In present day terms, he was a white man's nigger. He selfishly enjoyed himself, although others were suffering. ("A glutton and a drunkard /Grape-eater?"/, Matthew 11:19.) He urged his followers to pay Roman taxes, although some of them would be spent on imperialist wars on the othersideoftheworld. And he gave Peter a dressing-down for trying to defend Him from arrest. (Hm, If you put that forward as an analogy, then you are admitting that "police brutality" is deliberately provoked by the poor, oppressed, "revolutionaries" themselves.)

Of course, scriptural authority does not really amount to much; there is so much of it that you can find justification for just about anything.

((According to Flavius Josephus it was not the followers of Jesus but the temple priesthood - the Sadducees - whom the revolutionaries condemned as collaborationists. In modern terminology the Sadducees, the Pharisees, and the Zealots were respectively the Right, the Center, and the Left in Roman-occupied Palestine. Now if Jesus roundly condemned the members of the first two groups, but took at least one of his disciples, Simon the Zealot, from the third, I think we can accurately assess his stand.))

Some issues back you asked how if nam meant "south", it was applicable to the whole country. Bernard B. Fall in The Two Vietnams explains it as meaning south of the other tribes who were absorbed by the Han, in present southern China. The ancient Nam-Viet was entirely in the present northern zone. Viet-Bac, northern Viet, is a name applied to a "Montagnard" autonomous zone in the northeast of Viet-nam. (Fall goes on to say that "Viet Nam" is therefore two words, like North Dakota or West Germany. "A hyphen is required by Viet-namese grammar.")

...And as for the idea which is being put forth by the professional "liberals" (Road: Mischists) that to dislike being murdered or robbed is somehow racist - Bloah! Horsefeathers! You will scream that "we" accuse all crime of being Negro. On the contrary, it is you who assert that all crime is committed by Negroes, by equating opposition to crime with "racism".

((I want to establish your priority in this remark equating liberals with mischists. The letter from which this paragraph comes is dated 15 July, more than 3 months before Vice President Agnew made the same comparison.))

I will reply to your non sequitur, "After what factions in the NYU SDS have been up to, do you still believe in a Sinister Monolithic International Communist Conspiracy?" with one her: "After (e.g.) the arrest of De Pugh and Patrick by the FBI, do you still believe in a Sinister Monolithic International Warmongers Conspiracy?"

((Did I ever, except as a matter of hyperbole in the "O-O-Hate" satire?))

Let us examine this objectively. Sinister is a matter of taste. International: only a fool would deny that Communism is international. Conspiracy has been a part of Communism since time immemorial. So the only quibbling point is "Monolithic".

Now, I doubt that even you would assert that the Department of Defense, the John Birch Society, the FBI, the KKK, the National Review, Mario Procaccino, the South Africa Nationalist Party, Barry Goldwater, and all your numerous peeves constitute any monolithic conspiracy. But does that make you regard any or all of them as less dangerous? Neither does internecine dissension among the Communist regimes or their American worshippers make me regard any or all of them as less dangerous. Period. End of argument.

I doubt the "pole-ax" reading ((in Hamlet)), since war with Poland is part of the general background of Hamlet. Besides, who would want to smite a poleax on the ice? It only blunts axes. Merry Christmas.

... "In Seattle, Merriman Smith, one of the deans of political reporting, asked the leader of a large, vociferous group of antiwar /sic/ young Americans in the gallery of the auditorium: 'Suppose Hubert Humphrey could stop the war tomorrow - what would you do?' He answered without hesitation: 'Man, who cares about the war? We want to break this meeting up.'" - Edgar F. Berman, ME, in a letter to New York Times Magazine, 5 Oct. 1969. No doubt you will pretend to refute this in your usual manner, with irrelevant aspersions upon the characters of Smith and Berman.

((Not in the least. The exchange was simply a demonstration of the ancient

proverb: "Ask a silly question and you get a silly answer.")

In my last nasty letter, I referred to "Gustav Husak" when I, of course, meant Jiri Hajek. My Secretary for Slavic Affairs has been defenestrated.

I think that my opinions on "a rapid, forceful, and wrongful unification of Vietnam /sic/ by Ho Chi Minh" will be adequately expressed by my forthcoming contribution to Peery's Commentary/Encounter, "Is It True What They Say About Ho Chi Minh?"...As for the interests of the U. S., Walker seems to share your delusion that Viet Nam...is surrounded by a steel wall which prevents events there from affecting the rest of Indochina, let alone the world. Communist Viet Namese "regulars" are reported to be massively aiding the Pathet Lao in Laos. (Donald Kirk, Washington Sunday Star, 20 July 1969.) In fact, some extreme observers claim that they are the Pathet Lao. (Historically, the Viet Namese have been extremely imperialist vis-a-vis Cambodia and Laos.) Norodom Sihanouk accuses them of responsibility for the "Khmer Rouge" revolt against his emerald, and if he says so, it must be really bad. When you add to this the extant "Liberation Fronts" in Thailand and Burma, and what's left of the Hu's in the Philippines, I have difficulty seeing how a unification of Viet Nam on Communist terms could be in our interests. Anyhow, it is arrogant to assume that our allies are "pawns" who are ours to "sacrifice" in the first place.

As for your "anti-war" stand, it is only rendered possible by juggled semantics; if it's on your side, it's not "War", it's "Revolution". Your remarks on the alleged peacefulness of China, Egypt, Cuba, and Ghana (I assume that Rod ((Walker, in his letter in GRAUSTARK #193)) meant the Nkrumah regime) fit in with this to say that you see nothing wrong as long as nations do their dirty work by proxy. And as for ((Hawks)) "offering to demonstrate /killing/ on my person," it could not possibly be that people ever want to put you on, is it?

...Wayne Christian hears that pan-Viet Nam elections were not held, and instantly, with the greatest of ease, jumps to the conclusion that it was the Foreign Devils who frustrated them. If he took the trouble to examine the history of Communist "elections", he might revise his ideas of how interested they are in free elections.

The alleged "happenings" at Xuanggoc can be "justified" easily by the Boardman Method, which you have used to justify the wipeout of Dakson, and uncounted mutilations of children and other diversions by the Viet Cong - it didn't happen! It was a lie concocted by those awful dictators in Hanoi! ((Don't you mean "Ha Noi"??)) (By the way, if Vietnam is one word, why is Viet Cong two words?)

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

On 25 October, Donald and Lynn Berman became the parents of Steven James Berman, their firstborn, who weighed in at 3.1 kg.

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Brenton Ver Floeg, the peripatetic Diplomat, has finally set down roots in Vail, Colorado. For the time being, letters to him should be sent c/o General Delivery in Vail. He hopes to have a permanent address by the time the next GRAUSTARK is mailed.

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We will be out of town on 15 November 1969, attending a science-fiction conference in Philadelphia. Since that is the date on which the next deadlines would normally fall due, I am moving up to SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER the deadlines for the "Winter" retreats, builds, and removals in the games whose "Fall" moves are published in this issue. The deadlines which will fall due in the next 2 issues are listed in the table on the next page. Since under the rules of Diplomacy there is to be no negotiation prior to removals, builds, or retreats, the shortened deadline should work no hardship on any player.

All deadlines fall on noon of the indicated date, by Eastern Standard Time. This means that if I go to press at 12:05, and your moves arrive in the mail at 3:00, too bad.

Game	Moves due 8 Nov.	Moves due 22 Nov.
1967U	-	"Fall 1925"
1968CH	"Fall 1909"	"Winter 1909"
1968OI	"Winter 1908"	"Spring 1909"
1968OL	"Winter 1908"	"Spring 1909"
"Prize Game"	"Winter 1902"	"Spring 1903"

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At the request of David Lindsay and David Johnston, the "World War I" variation of postal Diplomacy will be revived between them. This variation, a two-man game, is discussed in my article "The Good Old Days in Graustark" in Lonely Mountain #50. (10¢ from Rod Walker, 5058 Hawley Blvd., San Diego, Calif. 92116.) The rules for this variation were printed in GRAUSTARK #107.

"Fall 1914" moves, with which this variation begins, are due on 8 November 1969. Play will proceed at a pace mutually agreeable to the players, and results will be published from time to time in GRAUSTARK. In this game, to be called "WWI-C", Johnston will play the Entente Powers and Lindsay will play the Central Powers.

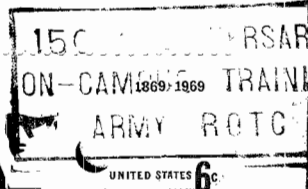
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A complete address list of all current readers of GRAUSTARK will appear in the next issue.

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The latest issue of the International Enquirer (from Cliff Ollila, Apt. 6, 1501 S. 11th Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. 55404) has the best commentary I've seen yet on the fiasco in Vietnam. In a cartoon by an unidentified artist, the following dialog takes place:
NIXON: "Well, Thieu, it looks as though we've had it."
THIEU: "What do you mean 'we', white man?"

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I suppose some of you may be wondering whom I supported for Mayor of New York. It's just like last year - there is so little difference among the three men that even after the election nobody will know who has won. The only sure thing is that, win or lose, Mayor Lindsay's liberalism won't last past Wednesday.

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