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The following establishments of new units were made:

ENGLAND: Fleet in London,
army in Edinburgh.

RUSSIA: Army in Moscow,
TURKEY: Army in Constantinople.

LONDON: The British Government expresses its sincere regret at the death of the distinguished German officer General Paul von Lettow-Vorbeck. As Colonel von Lettow-Vorbeck, this officer commanded a highly successful guerilla operation against numerically superior Allied forces in East Africa during the Main Time-line's World War II. He was that war's only German field commander who was never defeated and did not surrender. He died in Hamburg on 9 March 1964 at the age of 93.

CONSTANTINOPLE: Due to a fantastic increase in recruits (as a result of the new army slogan and the rush of former Christians) the Turkish government hereby announces that a new army has been created at Constantinople. It is hoped that the new recruits have learned well from their instructors and can carry on the fine Turkish tradition of the best in battle.

WINDAU, LITHUANIA (AP): The Baltic Fleet for the first time since the beginning of the war has refused to disclose the losses during the past week's action off Visby Island. The German Admiralty, with the aid of the British Admiralty, has supposedly sealed off the entire western Baltic.

LONDON: In outraged reply to vicious anti-Government critics, the Prime Minister released for publication today the complete, final text of the Anglo-Russian Treaty of Alliance and Commercial Co-Operation. As may be seen by this document, both Parties have adhered strictly to the Treaty terms. His Majesty King Edward VII has declared: "We can have nothing but opprobrium for those base individuals who have shrieked that General Crowell's New Model Army, which actually consists of a few regiments of Black Watch Bagpipers, is a British invasion force."

MOSCOW (Reuters): In an exclusive interview Tsar Nicholas revealed that only a total of three divisions, one annihilated at Murmansk, were able to get themselves in order to fight the treacherous English Army Group. Expecting no treachery and preparing none himself (sic), the entire rail line from St. Petersburg to Murmansk fell almost without a battle.

However, forces are organizing around Sarlach and Moscow, and the Warsaw Army Group is reportedly on its way.

The English, expecting to be received by the Finns as liberators, were reportedly badly checked by the series of brave guard actions around Helsinki and Viborg.

ST. PAUL: Texts of Anglo-German and Anglo-Russian treaties of alliance arrived here today. Neutral observers to a man had no comment when asked about these treaties in the light of current developments on the northern front. Most foreign diplomats were asked at a reception here for the Austro-Hungarian war dead.

ENTRIES OPEN FOR NEW POSTAL DIPLOMACY GAME

From now until Saturday 2 May 1964, Diplomacy players may register for postal game 1964B. The entry fee is \$2.00, which entitles players to receive the game bulletin by air mail for as long as they remain in the game. Eliminated players will continue to receive the bulletin by surface mail. Non-players may subscribe to this bulletin at 10 issues for \$1.

Entries will be accepted for 1964B in the following order of priority:

- (1) Entrants who have not before played postal Diplomacy.
- (2) Entrants not presently playing postal Diplomacy.
- (3) All others.

No more than 2 players from the same metropolitan area will be registered in 1964B. (New York City and northern New Jersey will be considered as separate metropolitan areas for this purpose.) Of two persons otherwise equally eligible, the one to register first will receive priority. Entries in excess of seven will be sent on to another Gamesmaster, should one offer his services. (In this case, I will also register for postal play.) If no other Gamesmaster volunteers, the fees of surplus entrants will be returned.

This issue of GRAUSTARK will be sent to all Diplomacy fans known to the editor. Please send in your entry fee promptly. The first issue of FREEDOMIA, the official bulletin of 1964B, will be published with country assignments on 2 May 1964.

For further information on the play of Diplomacy, players are advised to subscribe to GRAUSTARK, to Ruritania (Dave McDaniel, 10629 Ayres, Los Angeles, Calif. 90064), to the LISTS move-a-week Diplomacy bulletins (Bruce Pelz, Box 100, 308 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, Calif. 90024), and to Tuppence-Halpenny (E. Joseph Baker, 30567 Leeward Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90005). All bulletins are 10 for \$1.

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