

GRAUSTARK

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1970D

"Spring 1904"

LAST RUSSIAN ARMIES ROUTED

ENGLAND (Wells): A St.P-Liv; F
Edi-North Sea; F Lon & F Norway
S F Edi-North Sea; A Liv-Wal;
F Mid-Eng; F Por-Mid; F Bre-Pic.

FRANCE (Salcedo): A Par-Bur.

GERMANY (Prosnitz): A Bur-Mun; A
Ruh-Mun; A Liv-War; A Sil S A
Liv-War; F Hol-North Sea; F Den
S F Hol-North Sea.

ITALY (White): A Tri S TURKISH A
Bud-Vie; A Ven-Tyr; F Apu-Adr;
F Nap-Tyr; F Tyr-Wes; F Spa(s.c.)
S F Tyr-Wes; A Mar S FRENCH A
Par-Bur.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Lindsay): A Tyr-
Pie.

RUSSIA (Barber): A Mos S A War
[sic; no such unit exists]; A
War S A Mos; A Ukr not ordered,
dislodged and must retreat.

TURKEY (Grayson): F Gre & F Alb
hold; A Sev-Ukr; A Con-Bul; A
Ank-Sev; F Bla C A Ank-Sev; A
Bud-Vie; A Rum S A Sev-Ukr; A
Ser-Bud.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German army in Burgundy must retreat to Belgium or Gascony, the Russian army in Warsaw may retreat to Prussia or to Galicia, and the Russian army in Ukraine may retreat to Moscow or to Galicia. (Naturally, the two dislodged Russian armies may not both retreat to Galicia.) These retreats should be sent to the Gamesmaster by IMMEDIATE RETURN AIR MAIL. They will be sent on to the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, SATUR-

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1970M

"Spring 1903"

GERMANS INVADE ENGLAND AND ITALY

ENGLAND (Bray): F Lon-Wal; A Yor-
Edi; F Ska-Den; F Den-Kie.

FRANCE (Strayer): F Eng-Iri; F Bre-
Eng; A Gas-Bre; A Spa-Tus; F Lyo
C A Spa-Tus.

GERMANY (Barents): F Bal S RUSSIAN
A Swe-Den; F North Sea C A Bel-
Yor; A Bel-Yor; A Mun-Kie; A Tyr-
Ven; A Vie-Tyr.

ITALY (Kirkpatrick): A Ven holds; F
Aeg-Gre; F Ion S F Aeg-Gre; A Gal-
Sil.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (H. Anderson): F Tri
S GERMAN A Tyr-Ven; A Bud-Vie; A
Rum S TURKISH A Arm-Sev; A Ser S
A Rum.

RUSSIA (Leinhos): F Bar-Norwegian
Sea; F Norway S GERMAN North Sea;
A Swe-Den; F Sev holds; A Ukr S F
Sev; A War S A Ukr.

TURKEY (Cairns): A Arm-Sev; F Bla S
A Arm-Sev; A Gre holds; F Con-Aeg;
A Smy holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian fleet in Sevastopol is annihilated, and England must retreat F Den-Hel. Italy may retreat A Ven-Pie or A Ven-Apu, and Turkey may retreat A Gre-Bul or A Gre-Alb. These retreats should be sent to the Gamesmaster by IMMEDIATE RETURN AIR MAIL. They will be sent on to the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 25 JULY 1970. The deadline for "Winter 1903" builds and removals will be NOON, SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 1970.

Effective with these moves, Thomas Bray resigns as England. He

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THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

"Peace with honor!" - Richard Nixon

"Honor America!" - Spiro Agnew

"Honour pricks me on. Yea, but how if honour prick me off when I come on? how then? Can honour set to a leg? no: or an arm? no: or take away the grief of a wound? no. Honour hath no skill in surgery, then? no. What is honour? a word. What is in that word honour? what is that honour? air. A trim reckoning! Who hath it? he that died o' Wednesday. Doth he feel it? no. Doth he hear it? no. 'Tis insensible, then? yea, to the dead. --But will it not live with the living? no. Why? de- traction will not suffer it. Therefore I'll none of it." - Captain Sir John Falstaff, Kt.

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"If a statue of Sir Winston Churchill is put up in Parliament Square, millions of people over the years will walk past it without a second glance. A floodlit fist giving the victory sign on the top of a high column on the cliffs of Dover would become the world's best-known monument." - letter, London Sunday Telegraph

"I met a spaceman from an antique land
Who said: A vast truncated phallic stone
Stands on a cliff. Below it in the sand
Half sunk, a monstrous fist lies overthrown,
From which two lifted fingers upspread stand
In signal whose true purpose can't be learned:
Salute, perhaps; or gesture most obscene,
According to which way the hand was turned.
And on the pedestal these words appear:
'SIR IN ON CHURCH'; precisely what they mean
No one quite knows, although one thing seems clear;
The import's sexual: the priapic base
And cuncate fingers indicate that here
Earth's most permissive cult had pride of place."

- W. F. N. Watson, New Statesman, 1 May 1970

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

JAMES A. BARBER: In #212: I completely deplore violence in the streets and also the people that just stand around and watch other people get beat up. (On page 28.)...By the way your last post card got here on the 24th (mailed on the 22nd) while your air mail GRAUSTARK got here on the 25th. Also my winter move (mailed on the 17th) took 4 days to get there [from Minnesota] (not counting Sundays) on the 22nd. That was quite rare.

HUGH ANDERSON: The last 2 GRAUSTARKs arrived on Wednesday [after the Saturday of publication] - airmail doesn't help. Buddy Tretick is wrong in asking for a veto on standby players. Last fall's disaster [in 1970M] may have had something to do with his decision to resign.

Keep the 2-week deadline!

CHARLES VEST: You have been in this business a long time, and if 2 week intervals has worked out for your game during that time, I see no reason to change it now. On the other hand, I for one find it very difficult to do very much diplomacy [from Texas] in the time allotted. By the time I write Jay Kimmel in the Bronx, for example, I will miss the move before he can reply - the mails being what they are!! I for one would favor the longer interval, but won't push the issue.

MIKE LEHTONEN: I think you were a little premature in saying that Humphrey would have been elected President if Daley hadn't alienated the California Democrats. In the first place, Nixon carried California by almost a quarter million votes. And, in the second place, if the election had been thrown into the House of Representatives, the Democrats controlled 27 delegations to 19 for the Republicans and four split. But the Democrats would have needed 26 delegations to elect Humphrey in the House, and 5 of those 27 were from states carried by Wallace.

[Yes, but Wallace's jerry-built organization did not command the prestige or the patronage to attract Democratic votes under these circumstances. And Wallace would have demanded, as the price of his support, terms that would have been unpalatable even to Nixon.]

JEREMIAH B. MODEL: I've been playing Diplomacy with a local group of friends, off and on, for nearly two years. We play very infrequently, mainly because games leave us physically and emotionally exhausted, totally aggravated, and at odds with our wives, who detest the game's tendency to bring out the worst predatory instincts in people.

[A former Gamesmaster on the West Coast attributes the breakup of his first marriage to Diplomacy. His second wife, fortunately, is a Diplomacy fan herself. Two local Diplomacy fans are no longer on speaking terms with each other on account of frequent disputes over the board. I regard it as only peripherally relevant to their quarrel that one is a Jew and the other is an Arab.]

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DAY 25 JULY 1970. The deadline for "Winter 1904" builds and removals will be NOON, SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 1970.

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is replaced by Richard Locke, 2232 Wesley Ave., Evanston, Ill. 60201, from whom the "Fall 1903" English moves are due. Rod Walker now becomes the first stand-by in this game.

PALMERTON, PENN. (Bray's United Rabble Rousing Press): Up Against the Wall, Mother Barents.

BERLIN (SNP): Germany is at WAR! The Kaiser said that as of October 13 we have been at war with the English. The Triple Alliance of Germany, France, and Russia will take England by storm in 1903. Through an agreement Russia will take Denmark and Edinburgh, France will take Liverpool and London.

MUNICH (LSWP): "Though the Pope died, the new Pope will lose all of his lands due to the cowardly attack on the Czar." This was said in a speech given by A. Hitler in the Beer Garden of the Deadly Sins.

PARIS: Bearing their two-fold gifts, the German ambassadorial contingent composed of fifty of the Kaiser's famed topless beer maids received the warmest of welcomes from the French government. Emerging from the private welcoming ceremony Premier Dumass disclosed, "One thing is for sure, they're certainly not inscrutable."

PARIS: Premier Robert Dumass on this day, April 1, 1903, did formally declare war on Italy. Said Robert, "The abominable naval maneuvers of Italy can only indicate that Rome is in the hands of a degenerate madman. Treticcino the Paranoid must be stopped! So we're gonna fix his ass."

BROOKLYN: It's been did.

1970E - PRESS RELEASES

CONSTANTINOPLE: Russia go to Alas Babylon. Ditto for Italy. The Mulims of Albania are glad to see Italian Papal Pockers forces leave.

WOGASTISBURGER-NEUSTADT (1 November 1903, URRP): Today the Grand Duchess Pristina opened the first faucet for the new water supply of the capital of this tiny state in the Balkan Massif.

"This new water supply," she said as she turned the golden tap, "is completely free from fluoridation, chlorination, detergents, insecticides, and industrial pollutants of every sort. Our anti-pollution campaign thus takes another step forward in the struggle to maintain the purity of our bodily fluids."

When the Grand Duchess turned on the golden faucet, it wheezed, sputtered, and emitted three eels, eighty-five tadpoles, eleven pounds of an unidentified solid matter which the Palace Gardener later seized for the Grand Ducal rosebushes, and several gallons of a brownish fluid which the Minister of Agriculture described as "too thick to drink and too thin to plow". The Grand Duchess later met criticism of the new water supply by observing that not one artificial substance had been found in the water. "Every bit of it was perfectly natural."

Physicians were unavailable for comment on the Grand Duchess's anti-pollution campaign, as they were too busy treating a typhoid epidemic which has just broken out here.

HEUFUSS (3 November 1903, URRP): The Bobtailed Brown-bottomed Bobolink has increased remarkably in this agricultural province of the Grand Duchy of Wogastisburg-Schlumpobüttel since the Grand Duchess Pristina issued a decree protecting them. Not one farmer has dared to set out birdlime or poison for these songbirds, which have thrived during the past year. This species, once thought in danger of extinction, may now be seen all over Heufuss and Strohfluss provinces, singing, nesting in threshing machines, or perched on barley stalks pecking delicately at the bearded heads of grain.

Meanwhile, local spokesmen for the Trade and Agriculture Ministries describe this year's barley crop as one of the worst in living memory. "We may actually have to import beer this year," said a horror-stricken official of the Bureau for the Balance of Payments and Pretzels.

1970E

"Winter 1903"

FRANCE (Moseley): Removes A Por and the army dislodged from Paris.

GERMANY (Tang): Builds A Ber & A Kie.

ITALY (Becker): Builds A Ven, A Rom, & F Nap.

TURKEY (Amling): Removes A Arm.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 18 JULY 1970.

1970J

"Winter 1903"

GERMANY (Berman): Builds A Ber. RUSSIA (Grayson): Removes F Cly.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 18 JULY 1970.

ST. PETERSBURG: Thank you, George Schelz.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Except for the two New York City games, 1969BW and 1970AG, which have rules of their own, most current GRAUSTARK games were completely reported to the Gamesmaster by Saturday 4 July. All moves were mailed out to all players, or reported to them by phone, except for 1970D and 1970M. This means that players in games other than these were notified by the usual Saturday deadline of the situation published on the following Monday in this issue of GRAUSTARK. Therefore, only players in 1970D and 1970M will be receiving this issue by air mail. (However, to judge from the comments in the letter column, this may not make too much difference.)

GERMANY FORMS NEW ALLIANCES*

ENGLAND (Lasky): F Norwegian Sea-Norway. F Edi-Norwegian Sea; A War-Ser. ((sic))

FRANCE (R. Miller): F Mid-Wes; F North Sea S ENGLISH F Norwegian Sea-Norway; F Tyr-Ion; F Alb S F Tyr-Ion; A Tri-Bud; A Vie S A Tri-Bud; A Tyr-Ven; A Mun S GERMAN A Kio-Ber; A Bur S A Mun; A Hol holds; A Ser-Bul; A Ruh S A Hol.

GERMANY (Shuldiner): A Ber-Pru; A Kio-Ber; F Den-Swe; F Hel-Den.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kimmel): A Bud S A Gal; A Gal S A Bud.

RUSSIA (Wilo): A Sil-War; A Mos S A Sil-War; F Norway holds; F St.P(s.o.)-Bot.

TURKEY (Bocker): A Sev-Mos; A Rum-Ukr; A Ank-Rum; F Bla C A Ank-Rum; F Ion-Gre; F Aeg S F Ion-Gre; F Eas-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian F Norway is dislodged and must retreat. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Nor, War. (4)	GERMANY: Ber, Den, Kio, Swe. (4)
FRANCE: Bel, Bro, Bul, Hol, Lon, Mar, Mun, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Ser, Spa, Tri, Tun, Vie, Ven. (17)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud. (1)
	RUSSIA: Mos, St.P. (2)
	TURKEY: Ank, Con, Gre, Rum, Sev, Smy. (6)

England may build one new unit. Russia must remove two units, and Austria-Hungary and Turkey must each remove one. France owns five new supply centers, but may build only three new units. The Russian retreat, and these "Winter 1907" builds and removals, must be phoned immediately to the Gamesmaster, who will inform all players. The Gamesmaster's telephone number is 724-4352. The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is 6 PM, MONDAY 13 JULY 1970.

Richard Wilo's new address is #1615, 155 West 68th Street, New York, N. Y. 10023. Joseph Shuldiner has also moved, and his address will be reported as soon as it is received.

PARIS (3 Oct. 1907): Speaking before the Institute Pasteur, Premier Boyer-Lo-suave's personal physician, Dr. Ikeroca Borgo, said that inoply poisoned Turkish coffee has remarkable rejuvenative powers. "After intensive examination, I personally guarantee the Premier is now even more potent than ever, although I wouldn't have thought it possible," declared the beautiful specialist in poisons before departing for a month's rest due to excessive fatigue.

* - In addition to joining the alliance of the Western Powers, Joe Shuldiner was joined in wedlock on Tuesday, June 30th. Our congratulations to him and his bride.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Charles Wells, playing England in 1970D, reports that while he is in Maine his telephone number is 207-725-8731, ext. 515.

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GRAUSTARK #212 was a particularly large issue which contained letters and the mailing list, but no moves. It went out by 3rd-class mail to all readers on 18 June. Readers not currently active in a GRAUSTARK game were sent issues 211, 212, and 213 in one 3rd-class mail package on 21 June.

Several readers have written that one or more of these GRAUSTARKs has not yet arrived. This is to be expected, since 3rd-class mail is slower. However, if by the time this issue reaches you (by 1st-class mail), you have not yet received any or all of issues 211 through 213, please let me know at once, and I'll send repeat copies.

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"DISSIDENT: Dead collogo co-ed who shouldn't have been there in the first place."
- Harry Golden, New York Column, 29 May 1970

FRENCH TAKE SMYRNA; VICTORY SEEMS NEAR

ENGLAND (Linden): A War-Gal; A Ukr S A War-Gal; A Sev S A Ukr; A Liv-Mbs; A Mun-Boh; A Bor-Mun; A Ruh S A Bor-Mun; F Hol S A Bel; A Bel, F Eng, F North Sea, F North Atlantic, & F Bal hold; F Iri S F Eng; A Arm S TURKISH A Ank.

FRANCE (Berman): F Mid, A Bur, & A Gal hold; F Bro & F Wes S F Mid; A Par S A Pic; A Pic, A Gas, & A Mar S A Bur; A Tyr-Boh; A Ven-Tyr; A Rum S A Gal; A Bud S A Rum; F Bla-Ank; F Con S F Bla-Ank; F Eas-Smy; F Aeg S F Eas-Smy.

TURKEY (Lindsay): F Smy-Con; A Ank S F Smy-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats F Smy-Syr.

LONDON (7 Mar. 1916, EP): Today the Tonfold Kingdom declared peace on Switzerland, heart of the Sinister Monolithic International Warmongers' Conspiracy. The Swiss Confederation was bombarded with artillery, high explosive, and napalm until all life within this nest of bloodthirsty reactionaries was extinct.

When asked how he had determined that Switzerland was the center of SMIWC, he replied "They refused to surrender to the Tonfold Kingdom. Obviously, they were against Peace."

HOGWASHINGTON (URRP): As hostilities were apparently drawing towards a close in Europe, President Pigasus J. Pig sent an urgent message to Congress urging an immediate American entry into the war. "Are we to let this war go by without American participation?" he squealed indignantly. "I want to make one thing perfectly clear to the isolationists. No matter where there may be a war, anywhere in the world, Amerika is going to be involved!"

Senator Winsom Q. Weathercock asked the President whether he planned to intervene on the English or the French side. "That is a relatively minor matter," the President replied. "What I want from you is your usual unquestioning approval, plus speeches to the effect that the whole history of the world depends upon the victory of the side we eventually join."

HOGWASHINGTON (URRP): Reporters today attended a press conference of the newly founded Effete Snobs and Bums for Peace. The conference was hosted by the new organization's co-chairmen: Peter Little, heir of the Little Steel fortune, and Joseph J. "Sterno Joe" Skidro.

"We have every expectation of drawing together a broad spectrum of the American people in support of peace," said Little, sipping delicately at a glass of benedictine. "The Vice-President has shown us how the extremes of society can find a common cause in opposing the war."

"Yeah - like the President said - 'Bring us together'," said Skidro, draining a pint bottle of Thunderbird and throwing it out the window. "I useta think guys like Pete here was a bunch of pantywaists, but ol' Spiro convinced me that he and I can work together."

"My attitudes have also changed," Little continued. "My earliest memory was watching daddy's guards clubbing strikers during the Little Steel strike. I clapped my hands and crowed with glee. But the upper and lower social orders need to work together to accomplish this country's goals."

"We're growing, too," Skidro said. "Lookin' at it simply, just about anybody who ain't called a bum because he's poor is called an effete snob because he's rich. But they's still a few hold-outs. I ast Peter Brennan to join, thinkin' he fit the 'bum' side of it as good as anybody. But he says he ain't interested."

"There are a few like that on our side, also," Little replied, delicately wrinkling his upper lip. "William Buckley, for example - where will you find a better example of the effete snob than he? But dear William, for some strange reason, still won't join."

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Former players in 1968CH are reminded that their subscriptions to GRAUSTARK will expire with the expected end of this game in the next issue, unless they are enrolled in another game, or get GRAUSTARK in trade. Please check the roster in #212 to make sure that #215 is not the last issue you receive.

"THE KING WITH HALF THE EAST AT HEEL IS MARCHED FROM LANDS OF MORNING..."

"Spring 1903"

ENGLAND (Nierenberg): A Den-Swe; F Ska S A Den-Swe; F Norway S A Den-Swe; F Bot-Fin;
F Norwegian Sea-North Sea.

FRANCE (Becker): A Par-Bur; F Mar-Lyo; F Por-Spa(s.c.); F Mid-Wes; A Bur-Ruh; A Bel S A
Bur-Ruh; A Rom-Nap.

GERMANY (Lasky): A Kie S RUSSIAN F Bal-Den; F Hol-North Sea.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (R. Miller): F Nap-Rom; A Ven S F Nap-Rom; A Vie-Tyr; A Mun-Bur;
A Boh-Mun.

RUSSIA (Comber): A Ber S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Boh-Mun; A Pru-Liv; F Swe-Ska; F Bal-Den;
F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; A Fin-Norway.

TURKEY (Beshara): F Ion-Tun; F Aeg-Ion; F Smy-Eas; F Sev-Bla; F Ank-Con; A Con-Bul;
A Bud-Gal; A Gre-Ser.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats F Swe-Bal, and France retreats
A Rom-Tus.

"Fall 1903"

ENGLAND: A Swe holds; F Norway S A Swe; F Bot-Bal; F Norwegian Sea-North Atlantic;
F Ska-North Sea.

FRANCE: A Par-Bur; A Tus-Rom; F Lyo-Tyr; F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo; F Wes-Tun; A Ruh-Hol;
A Bel S A Ruh-Hol.

GERMANY: F Hol S RUSSIAN F Den-North Sea; A Kie S F Hol.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Mun-Bur; A Boh-Mun; A Tyr-Pie; A Ven S A Tyr-Pie; F Rom S TURKISH
F Ion-Tyr.

RUSSIA: A Ber-Swe; F Bal C A Ber-Swe; A Fin S A Ber-Swe; F St.P(s.c.) S A Fin; A Liv S
F St.P(s.c.); F Den-North Sea.

TURKEY: F Ion-Tyr; F Tun S F Ion-Tyr; F Eas-Ion; F Con-Aeg; F Bla-Con; A Gal-Sil;
A Ser-Tri; A Bul-Ser.

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The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor, Swe. (5)

RUSSIA: Ber, Den, Mos, Rum,

O At

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (6)

Ven, Vie. (6)

P Great

GERMANY: Hol, Kie. (2)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con,

E Intervals

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Mun, Nap, Rom, Ven,

Gre, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri,

R This

Vie. (5)

Tun. (10)

A Appears

Turkey builds F Smy & A Ank. France removes A Par.

T To

ISTANBUL PRESS: A report from the Prostitutes' Convention, Marseilles,

I Inflamm

France: "A riot erupted among the delegates when the election for Miss
Prostitute of Europe was won by a local man."

O Optic

CONSTANTINOPLE: Eugenio the Speedy displayed his cowardly colors
again by fleeing in the face of defeat (19670, Xenogogic.)

N Nerves

1970W

RETREAT ORDERS GARBLED

Some of the "Fall 1902" moves published in GRAUSTARK #213 were incorrectly adjudicated. The correct adjudication appears below:

ENGLAND (Kimmel): F Ska-Swo; A Norway S F Ska-Swo; F Edi-North Sea; F Eng S FRENCH A Bel.

FRANCE (Vest): A Gas-Bur; A Bel S A Gas-Bur; F Pic S A Bel; A Sps-Por.

GERMANY (McCallum): F Hol-North Sea; F Den-Ska; A Bur-Bel; A Hol & A Ruh S A Bur-Bel.

ITALY (Ward): A Ven-Tri; A Vie S A Ven-Tri; F Ion-Alb; F Apu-Ion; A Bud S RUSSIAN A Rum-Ser.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Aita): A Tri S A Ser; A Ser & F Alb S A Tri.

RUSSIA (Salcedo): F Swe S GERMAN F Den-Ska; A Rum-Ser; A Gal-Rum; F Sev S A Gal-Rum; A Mos-Ukr.

TURKEY (Grayson): A Bul-Ser; A Gre S A Bul-Ser; A Con-Bul; F Bla S A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The following retreats take place:

GERMANY: A Bur-Par.

RUSSIA: F Swe-Den.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Tri-Tyr.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers;

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor, Swe. (5)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ser. (1)

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

RUSSIA: Den, Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, War. (6)

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

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Smy. (5)

ITALY: Bud, Nap, Rom, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (7)

The observations about the adjudications, made in GRAUSTARK #213, remain valid. Italy has two builds, and England, France, Russia, and Turkey have one each. Austria-Hungary must remove two units... The deadline for these "Winter 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 18 JULY 1970.

COPENHAGEN (21 Oct. 1902): Elements of the 7th Marine Division regrouped here prior to an imminent attempt to recapture Stockholm. Troop morale is high as they are determined to win back the 35,000 feet of stag movies they left behind in their haste to get out.

1970D - PRESS RELEASES

PARIS: I think we lost.

PARIS to AUSTRIA and RUSSIA: We agree to your alliance offer. We can discuss ideas in greater detail next year. See you in Switzerland.

LONDON: Prime Minister Lord Bertrand Russell has announced that the Government has declared war on Armenia and is moving all its fleets there as fast as possible, using the well-known mathematical principle that the shortest distance between two points is a great circle.

LONDON: The Leader of the Opposition, Humphrey Hubert, Marquis of Humbert, has demanded that small circles be used instead, to save expense.

MOSCOW (JAB): (Mar, 1904): England should go get Germany and France. Meanwhile, Russia would like to keep its neutrality. Austria, I'll write to you shortly, along with England and Germany.

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GOING ON VACATION? You may appoint a temporary stand-by to run your country while you away from home. Just make sure that GRAUSTARK is notified well in advance, so the other players can be told. There is no cost even if extra issues of GRAUSTARK must be sent to the stand-by.

PROPHET AND LOSS?

In the last issue of GRAUSTARK I cited a number of prophecies which had resoundingly failed to come to pass, including ones from such notables as Winston Churchill and John Foster Dulles. Under these circumstances, it seems foolhardy to attempt the same sort of thing. But there seem to be a number of interesting things shaping up, and I'd like to be on record about them in advance.

1. Civil war will break out in Italy sometime within the next two years, most likely as the result of an attempted military coup. On one side will be a group of high officers comparable to the group now ruling Greece, with backing from clericalists and landowners in southern Italy. The other side will be a melange of leftist groups, from the Communist and Socialist factions through left Christian Democrats, drawing their principal strength from the industrial cities of the north.

2. Leonard Garment, "special consultant to the President on civil rights, voluntary action and the arts" will either resign or be fired within a year.

3. Right-wing groups have already begun invading and "trashing" the offices of peace groups. There will be much more of this, but instead of acting clandestinely the rightists will proudly identify themselves and take "credit" for these actions. Chief among them will be the Young Americans for Freedom, the Jewish Defense League, and Statecraft Enforcers.

4. A Los Angeles group will put forward the claim that Robert Kennedy was shot, not by Sirhan Sirhan, but by a private security guard employed by the hotel where the Senator was killed. The guard is an enthusiastic Wallaceite.

5. Before the end of 1970 an anti-American government will be installed in the capital of Cambodia. As a result, American planes will be sent to bomb major Cambodian cities.

THAT CONTEST

In GRAUSTARK #210, a contest was proposed as the result of the apparent intent of many Americans to support and defend any action whatsoever taken by President Nixon. The contest was posed in this manner:

"President Nixon balls his daughters on a nationwide TV hookup. Using the style of any person (a public figure or a GRAUSTARK reader) who has defended the President's previous policy decisions, write a defense of this action of the President." (100 word limit)

Regrettably for such an inviting topic, only two readers responded, Michael Aita and Bill McDuffie. Entries and the persons to whom they were attributed are:

Aita: TRICIA NIXON: "Wow, daddy always said he'd bring us together."

McDuffie: AND NOW, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: "My fellow Americans: As you know, yesterday I took the unprecedented step on invading the sacred area yet untouched by American forces in the conflict in South Testesia. This operation, known as 'Operation Total Penetration 43', was conducted by allied ground troops under Genital Yung Hung Low. Attacking from My Coc province, these forces have completely douched the enemy defenses, commanded by Genital Ah Woo Wee. True, it took some time before our allies could be hardened into the strong tool they now are, but, and I want to make this publicly clear, they have inflicted a heavy pounding on the enemy. I am proud to report the total completion of this climactic operation to the American penal. All chastity aside, we have, in one stroke, erected the American symbol of freedom to the peoples of this subversive area, and shown the world that, in deed, America is not a paper Pussy."

Frankly, I don't think that either of these comes up to the level of my own suggestions upon posing the contest. Furthermore, the second entry, while amusing, is too long and does not address itself to the posed problem. I appreciate the efforts of the contributors, but I fear that I'll have to withhold the award of a free 20-issue subscription.

Would anyone else like to try?

THE PEJORATIVE PIG

"The Jews reject everything that pertains to the pig. The Nordic peoples, on the contrary, accord the pig the highest possible honor. In the ancient cult of the Germans the pig occupies the first place and is regarded as the first among the domestic animals... This special honor to the pig, the sacred animal destined to become symbolic sacrifice among the Nordic peoples, has drawn its originality from the great trees of the German forest... Thus out of the darkness of earliest history arise two human races whose attitude in respect of pigs presents an absolute contrast... The Semites and the pig are faunal and thus physiological opposites. It is not unthinkable that the eating of pig flesh by the Semite sets up physiological disharmonies in his body... The Semites do not understand the pig; whereas this animal occupies the first place in the cult of the Nordic peoples." - Walter Darró, Minister of Agriculture in the Nazi cabinet, 1933

In the last few years the term "Pig", first applied to the police and then to the entire American authority structure, has achieved a remarkable currency. Like much New Left slang, it appears to have arisen from Negro slang, and in particular from Negro prison slang.

This is a rather surprising development. The pig has been for many centuries the standard food animal among the poorer Negroes. Most of the meat components of "soul food" come from the hog, and quite low on the hog at that. The Chinese, who are in a similar situation, do not have this contempt for the pig.

The modern use of "Pig" is probably of Jewish origin, and was transmitted to Negroes by way of the Muslims along with the heretical form of Islam marketed for so many years by Elijah Mohammed. But the sizable number of New Left radicals of Jewish origin have seized eagerly on the term. It is interesting to note that these groups are the same ones who popularized the "Polack" and "Italian" jokes of a few years ago. These jokes were a retaliation against the anti-Jewish and anti-Negro attitudes shown by these ethnic groups. But pork is a major part of the traditional Polish and Italian cuisines, and it is from these groups that many police are recruited in major cities. Radicals have not been the only ones to call the American establishment "Pigs". Not long ago an official of the American Bankers' Association constructed an elaborate and well-received analogy in which he characterized American government, business, and labor leaders as "Pigs". (GRAUSTARK #200, p. 8.)

However, many terms originally intended as abusive have been taken up and used with pride by the abused. The Anabaptists, the Gucux of Holland, the Quakers, the Yankees, and the Tories all were christened by their enemies and have had these names accepted by the people at whom they were directed. "Pig" may be taking the same route.

Two different commercial operations are making money off this process. In New York, two young patrolmen have founded Keystone Pig Enterprises. They manufacture buttons which show a pig with a patrolman's cap and the words "Support Your Local Police". But Oink Products is more ambitious. Located in Trenton, they are planning a whole array of pins, t-shirts, and other decorations. "In addition to his police pig line-up, he is introducing a Mafia line with... a pair of miniature comont bags; for veterans of My Lai he has issued a tiny gold-plated meat cleaver; for dope pushers he has a miniature hypodermic needle tie clasp; and for environmental polluters a laminated soot medallion (solid gold if you work for Con Ed)." (Village Voice, 23 April 1970; New York Times, 23 May 1970.)

This process is already boosting the professional pride of the people who have been excoriated by radicals. One My Lai veteran put it this way to Howard Smith of the Village Voice: "Being called the butcher of My Lai really used to hurt my feelings something awful. But as soon as I started wearing the meat-cleaver lapel pin it like

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THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

In 1933 Ray H. Abrams collected the numerous pro-war statements of the American clergy during World War I into a book, Preachers Present Arms. Several of these quotations have appeared in the GRAUSTARK feature "Directory of Unfamiliar Quotations", particularly in #205.

These statements, from almost every Christian denomination, represent a screeching patriotism which, nowadays, would even embarrass Spiro Agnew. Every enormity that the Germans later practiced against the Jews, except actual extermination, was advocated as proper post-war treatment for Germans. (There was even a proposal for the mass sterilization of every German male.) There has never been a more convincing demonstration of the fact that Christianity is the most bloodthirsty superstition that has ever stalked the earth.

The message of Abrams' book is still valid at the present time. For this reason it has been reprinted by Herald Press, publishing house of the Mennonites, the modern descendants of the once-feared Anabaptists. This new edition includes Abrams' remarks on the clergy's attitude towards World War II and Vietnam. The list price of the book is \$5.95, but according to the March 1970 issue of Fellowship (in which it is reviewed) it is available for \$2.00 from Dr. Jerome Davis, Apt. C25, Friends House, Sandy Springs, Md. 20860.

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Bob van Andel, 1141 Thomas St. S. E., Grand Rapids, Mich. 49506, is beginning a new postal Diplomacy publication, Saeta. The 'zine is printed on computer paper to look like a read-out.

The introductory issue gives the rules under which Saeta games will be conducted. The entry fee is \$2.50, but 50% off for N. A. members. (No, I don't know what "N. A." means.) Deadlines are the same as Graustark's - noon on alternate Saturdays. Subscriptions are \$1.50 for 10 issues. Van Andel plans to begin with three games.

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GRAUSTARK, the oldest bulletin of postal Diplomacy, is published every two weeks by John Boardman, 234 E. 19th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226. Subscriptions are 10 issues for \$1.00. Back issues are 10¢ each or 15 for \$1.00. They are available continuously from #195, with earlier issues available as described in #212 or #213. No new games are presently being organized. This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott.

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These days, many law-abiding parents are heart-broken when their children desert traditional ways of life and take up an anarchistic "hippie" existence. Listen to the complaint of Mrs. Therese Stangl:

"This was a terrible and sad family affair. We didn't want our daughter to marry this man, for he recognized no divine or human laws. But we had to agree to the marriage, otherwise our daughter would have run away."

Needless to say, further problems beset the Stangls. The marriage broke up, and the Stangls and their lawless son-in-law wrangled over the affair. Finally the young man, whose way of life was such a contrast to the Stangls', took a drastic revenge.

He turned Mr. Stangl in as the SS leader who had murdered 400,000 victims at the Treblinka concentration camp. (New York Post, 30 May 1970.)

What can be done with these people who "recognize no divine or human laws"?

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Free copies of this GRAUSTARK and the preceding one will be distributed at Mil-Con II, a meeting of war-gaming fans which will be held at St. John's University on 11-12 July. Persons interested in further information about Diplomacy, a war-game published by Games Research Inc., should send for a copy of GRAUSTARK #213. GRAUSTARK is the oldest of numerous publications devoted to the play by mail of this game, which simulates World War I on a map of the Europe of 1914.

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turned into a terrific joke. Now everybody loves me." (Village Voice, ibid.)

Poul Anderson, science-fiction writer and professional Nordic, put it another way in his column "Beer Mutterings" in Science-Fiction Review #36 (Richard Geis, P. O. Box 3116, Santa Monica, Calif. 90403) He expatiated at great length "to see if I could handle the rhetorical and logical style of today's most prominent sociopolitical thinkers". The subject of his concern was a persecuted ethnic minority "with the racial stereotype (of) a funny-looking person, tall, lanky, long-skulled, with a big nose and straight yellow hair and...easily sunburned skin". These people, whose history he traces from the dawn of the Iron Age to the present day, are called "People Inhabiting Germanic Settlements" or, of course, PIGS. He goes from racial slurs on them by Aristotle and Pliny, through their persecution by the Roman Empire and the Roman Church, down to the "castrating effect...on male PIGS" of the myths about Latin Lovers!

Two other science-fiction writers have also got into the act. Harry Harrison has written a novelet (padded into book length by Avon) entitled The Man From P. I. G. In this book, an interstellar policeman with a trained herd of mutated, intelligent, half-ton pigs ("Porcine Interstellar Guard") responds to a call for help from a newly settled planet. In the course of the book, as he defends this rather unusual force to the local authorities, he expounds at great length on the intelligence, courage, and innate nobility of his porcine charges. At a more mundane level, Dean and Gerda Koontz are out with a book on The Pig Society (\$2.95, Aware Books, 8535 3/4 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90069) with such chapter headings as "Sex in the Pig Society", "Law and Order in Pig Society", "Pigs and Epithets", and, as an appendix, "The Oink List". Illustrations are by Vaughn Bode.

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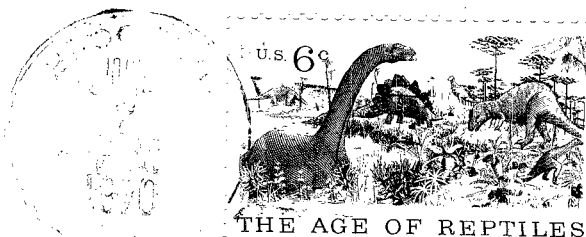
"Thailand's 12,000-man army division in South Vietnam will be known as the Black Leopards after July 1, it was announced today. The division is now called the Black Panthers, and the army said it did not want any confusion with the militant Negro organization in the United States." despatch from Bangkok, New York Times, 25 June 1970

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Jeff Key, in The Voice, reports that an information sheet on postal Diplomacy will henceforth be sent out with every new set by Games Research, Inc. Key, now recovering from an appendectomy, also announces a new postal Diplomacy 'zine with a 2-week deadline for the Southwestern Regional Association of Wargamers. The new 'zine, Lutha, is available from Key at Apt. 1-D, 4611 N. Pennsylvania, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73112

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