

U.S. Admits Bombings

TAURUS

You are clearly very horny. It might be wisest to consort with a Capricorn if it's a sex-for-sex-sake trip. Don't blow off steam to your family prior to long weekends when you're stuck in their company. Scorpio intrigue is likely to overtake you around October 7-8; good things can be expected.

VIRGO: Get more into earthy things if you feel a need for tighter security. Blitzkrieg isn't the most effective tactic for you if you want to make love to someone, unless it is a Leo or Gemini (who are horny this month). Generally, you can get away with murder on the job if your employer isn't a Cancer, Pisces or Scorpio.

LIBRA

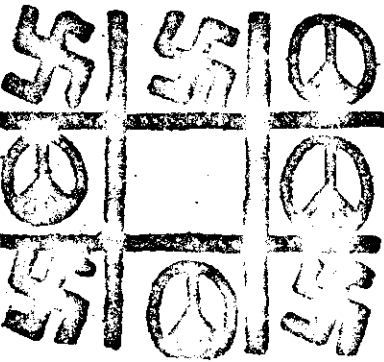
Don't spit at your fellow workers when the moon is full. Geminis and Aquarians are increasingly hard to live with, but you do need to live with them. Be careful what you say to your loved one on Election Day ... and don't answer the phone if it rings while you're fucking.

SCORPIO

Take one thing at a time. A lot of your Cancerian friends are apt to come to you with their problems... be aware that you can't solve them. In spite of the hassles, this looks like a very lucky time for you, and don't be surprised if a sexy Taurus steps in for a while.

CAPRICORN

Prepare to start being self sacrificing when the sun goes into Libra Sept. 23



ALEISTER CROWLEY—"Why I only eat English unbaptised infants, and How to Prepare Them Properly." Infamous Dr. Morloch will go into all of that. Sest. Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd. (West Hollywood). Great Hall Aud. \$1 don. Dinner following.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) - The House Internal Security Committee, once known as HUAC and now known as HISC, has voted to continue concentration camps in the United States, but with a provision barring detention "on account of race, color, or ancestry." Talk, Rabbi Alvin Kass, "Dissent in the Talmud," Herzl Institute, 515 Park Avenue, 7:30 p. m. (57); Talk, Mautsby Kimball, "Reincarnation, Karma, and the Present Crisis," Anthroposophical Society, 211 Madison Avenue,

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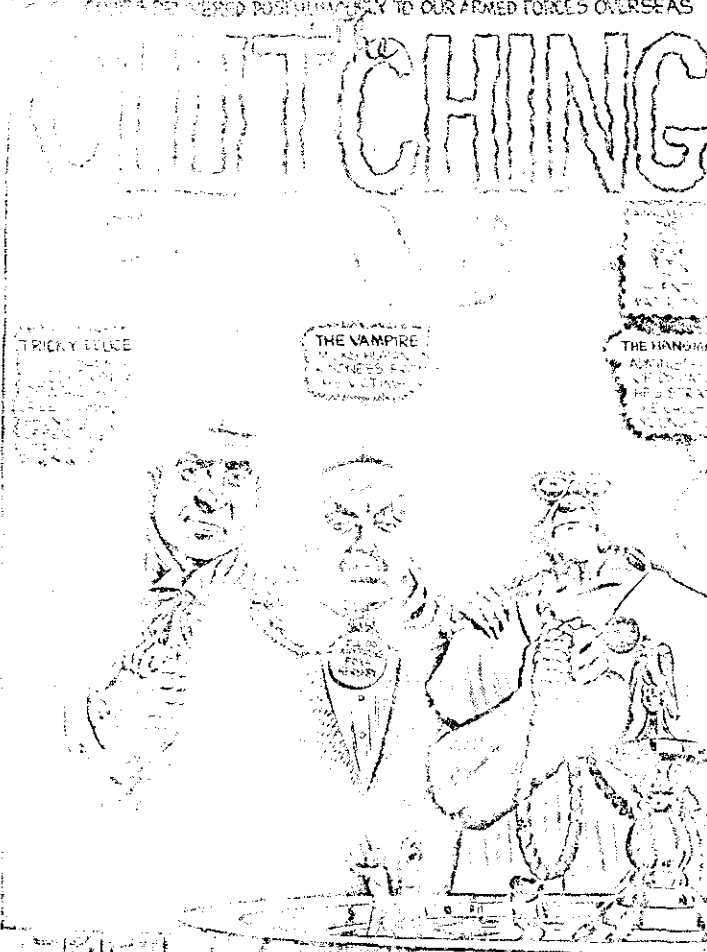
DILDO!!
Santa Barbara chem. prof. has dildo—will travel!
NUDE BOYS & MEN, all types,

A federal judge in May ordered the New York City police to protect anti-war demonstrators during the Memorial Day weekend, but the order was reversed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

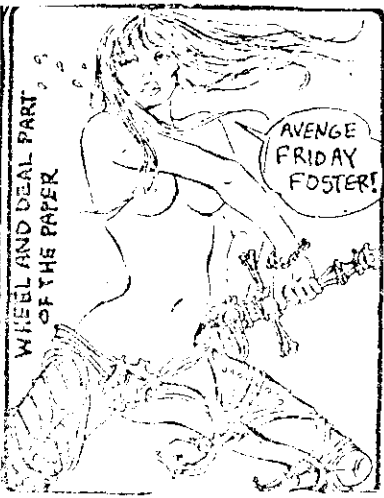
WASHINGTON, Oct. 20—Two tiny pieces of moon rock have apparently been lost in the mail.

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U.N. Marks Anniversary; Security Keeps Public Out



IN THIS ISSUE THE TERRIBLE TRIO GAMBLES WITH YOUNG VICTIMS



Visit to Ford's Theater Planned by President
Beard School Getting Man In Charge for First Time
Dear EVO—This is a chain letter. Within the next fifty-five days you will receive thirty-eleven hundred pounds of chains.



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Mickey Mouse greets Rumanian leader. Page 55

1970W-

"Fall 1905"

RUSSIANS REGAIN ENTIRE HOMELAND

Following "Spring" moves, England retreated F North Sea-Edi.

ENGLAND (Kimmel): F Edi-North Sea; F Ska-Den; A Norway holds; F Ber S
FRENCH A Hol-Kie.

FRANCE (Vest): A Hol-Kie; A Bel-Ruh; F Eng-Lon; F Mid-Wes; A Bur-Mun;
A Mar holds; F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo.

GERMANY (McCallum): A Kie-Hol; F Hel S A Kie-Hol; A Den S RUSSIAN F Swe;
A Ruh-Mun; F North Sea-Bel.

ITALY (Ward): A Syr-Smy; F Eas & F Aeg S A Syr-Smy; F Bul(s.c.)-Con; A
Bud & A Pie hold; A Vie-Tyr; A Ser-Gre; F Tyr-Wes; A Tyr-Ven.

RUSSIA (Salcedo): F Swe & A Rum hold; A Sev S A Rum; A Mos-St.P.

TURKEY (Grayson): A Ank S A Con; F Con S A Smy; A Arm S A Smy; A Smy
holds.

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

ENGLAND: Ber, Edi, Liv, Nor. (4)	ITALY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Nap, Rom, Ser, Smy, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (11)
FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Hol, Lon, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (8)	RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (6)
GERMANY: Den, Kie, Mun. (3)	TURKEY: Ank, Con. (2)

Russia may build two new units, and France and Italy may each build one.
Turkey must remove one unit, and Germany must remove two. The deadline
for these "Winter 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 1970.

Charles E. Johnson writes that he is alive and well at Apt. 103,
501 S. Burlington Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90057; his telephone number
is 213-483-5709. He thus remains as stand-by in this game.

PARIS (1 June 1905): The Italian ambassador was forced to flee his
embassy in his shorty nightgown as enraged French patriots vented their
anger by burning and looting the complex. Leaders of the demonstration
demanded steps be taken to unite all Europe against the expansionist Ro-
mans. The government, however, has appealed for calm and called the
Italian actions "War Games". Nevertheless, total mobilization of re-
serves has been ordered, in case the Italians continue to act irration-
ally.

ROME: The build-up of French fleets is considered to be a mild
threat to the security of Italy. It is felt that the freeing of those
units engaged in control of the Turkish sea frontier expected momentarily
will create forces to contain the threat. Home elements have been or-
dered to take control of the Western Mediterranean but it is felt that
operational local superiority of French forces will prevent this goal.
Any encroachment will be met with the overall superiority possessed by
the Italian Navy, and retribution will be swift and sure.

SMYRNA: A Smy prays for aid from the North, or maybe from Persia.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Rod Walker and Herb Barents have volunteered as stand-bys. The for-
mer is hereby assigned to 1970D and 1970W, and the latter to 1970E and
1970J. Brian Burley is now first stand-by in 1970M. See GRAUSTARK #212
for their addresses. Walker is second to Johnson in 1970W, and Barents
second to Burley in 1970J. In 1970E and 1970M there are one stand-by each.

1970D

"Spring 1907"

DISCORD IN ANGLO-GERMAN ALLIANCE?

ENGLAND (Wells): F Ska-Norway; F Hel-North Sea; A Bel-Pic; A Bre S GER-
MAN A Bur-Par; F Mid-Wes; F Wes-Lyo; F Lon-Eng.

FRANCE (Salcedo): A Par holds.

GERMANY (Prosnitz): A Hol-Bel; A Bur S A Hol-Bel; A Mun-Ruh; F Kie-Hel;
A Den holds; F Swe S A Den.

ITALY (Burley): F Tyr-Rom; A Pie-Ven; A Tus S A Pie-Ven.

TURKEY (Grayson): A Ank-Sev; F Bla C A Ank-Sev; A Rom-Tus; F Nap-Tyr;
F Apu-Nap; A Con-Bul; A St.P-Fin; A Liv-St.P; A Smy-Gre; F Aeg C A
Smy-Gre; F Ion S F Nap-Tyr; F Adr S A Ven; A Ven S A Tyr-Pie; F
Eas holds; A Tyr-Pie; A Tri-Tyr.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats A Pie-Mar, F Tyr-Tun. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 1970. If, as expected, the game ends with this next move, players are advised that their subscriptions expire with the next issue.

1970M

"Winter 1905"

Following "Fall 1905" moves, Turkey retreats A Bud-Ser.

ENGLAND (Locke): Removes F Hel. GERMANY (Barents): Removes A Tus,
FRANCE (Strayer): Builds F Bre, F Bar, F Livonia.
F Mar, A Par. RUSSIA (Leinhos): Builds A St.P.

Steve Cairns submitted for Turkey the builds "Builds F Con, builds A Con". These miswritten moves cannot be followed, and therefore there are no Turkish builds. The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 1970.

Marty Kirkpatrick has resigned as Italy, and been succeeded by Rod Walker. The Italian press release is Walker's.

ROME (23 April 1906): Pope Desperatus, coming out of the newly-installed crow's nest atop the Castel Sant' Angelo, whence He had been spying on the movements of the Frogs and the Heathen, today vowed renewed resistance to the treacherous Turks and the toadlike Franks. "We will fight," declared His Holiness, "to the last Vestal Virgin!"

His Holiness was then reminded by William Cardinal Applesauce, Papal Historian, that there were no more Vestal Virgins - and, in fact, virgins were a rare anachronism in the Eternal City, rather like the human appendix. "Well, then," said Desperatus, "We will fight to the last Vestigial Virgin!" His Holiness then went off to melt down the ornaments at St. Peter's. "Barbarians always like bribes," He commented. Yes, but they probably like supply centers better.

In any event, His Holiness - in lieu of a tunnel to Washington - has built a tunnel to Sicily, which He refers to as "Isla Nostra". Cosa rara, as Don Giovanni once said. Well, His Holiness hasn't invited any strange statues to dinner, lately.

LIVERPOOL: Because of distrust and movements, war has been declared against France and Russia.

PARIS (1 Jan. 1906): The French nation was shocked today by the assassination of Robert Dumass and the usurpation of the French throne by Leroy the Boy, leader of the French Militant Underground. Further details are as yet unavailable as chaos is the order of the day!

PARIS (13 Jan. 1906): Addressing his subjects for the first time, King Leroy the Boy, clenched fist held on high, cried at the top of his lungs, "Am I black enough for you?!!" "Yeah! Yeah!! YEAH!!!" came the reply from the crowd, who had already begun to sense that their dynamic new leader meant to usurp more than just the French throne.

JOHN BESHARA BEGINS NEW GAME

John Beshara, whose 1969BW has just finished with a victory for Dick Miller as France, will be Gamesmaster for a new game also to be published in GRAUSTARK. The players are:

ENGLAND: Arthur Lasky, 141-32 Jewel Ave., Flushing, N. Y. 11365;
591-1191

FRANCE: Blaine Mischel, 55-30 99th St., Rego Park, N. Y. 11368;
271-7556

GERMANY: Edi Birsan, 48-20 39th St., Long Island City, N. Y. 11104;
784-1812

ITALY: Peter Comber; 980 E. 45th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11203; 693-3527

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Sam Nierenberg, 117 W. 197th St., Bronx, N. Y. 10468;
549-6260

RUSSIA: Joseph Shuldiner, 1210 Stratford Ave., Bronx, N. Y. 10472;
842-7564

TURKEY: Donald Berman, 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218;
435-1846

Deadline for "Spring 1901" moves is 6 PM MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER 1970. Since John Beshara will be on a month's visit to the West Coast, these moves will be mailed directly, or phoned, to John Boardman, 234 E. 19th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226. (Home phone OX 3-1579; office phone 780-5445.)

House rules for John Beshara's games were printed in GRAUSTARK #220. GRAUSTARK house rules were last printed in #190. Please write and let me know if you need either of these.

1970E

"Winter 1906"

Following "Fall 1906" moves, Germany retreats A Mun-Ber.

ENGLAND (Gletty): Builds A Edi. ITALY (Becker): Builds F Nap, A Ven,
GERMANY (Tang): Removes A Par. A Rom.

The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 1970.

1970J

"Winter 1906"

GERMANY (Berman): Builds A Kie. TURKEY (Aita): Builds A Ank,
ITALY (Comber): Removes F Tyr, F Tun. F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 1970.

MOSCOW: If President Combero desires an ally in the East, he will find one already in existence and fighting his enemies - although we are weak!

PARIS: Our differences being resolved peace has been delivered between France and Italy.

(Dick Miller, playing England, announces that he will be in Europe from 11 December until 22 January. John Beshara will play England during his absence.)

(Mike Aita has moved to 104 Herman Ave., North Babylon, N. Y. 11703.)

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Is Martha Mitchell part of the Silent Majority?

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

[Space considerations prevented the printing of the complete text of Derek Nelson's letter in the last issue. This letter column begins with its completion, followed by another note received from him since then. Editor's comments are as always indicated in brackets.]

DEREK NELSON: From what I know you got nothing correct [in the report on Canada's Edmund Burke Society in GRAUSTARK #222] where then does that leave what I do not know from the inside.

GRAUSTARK: the liar's Diplomacy 'zine.

"The real majority" votes in November, the fascist minority (you call them anti-war) marches, bombs, and riots.

[Anyone who imagines that Fascism is anti-war is not competent to discuss Fascism.]

George Gale is a fool. Do away with religion in Northern Ireland and the basic question remains: Will the rebel republicans in the north acknowledge they are subjects of the Crown and cease agitation for secession?

[Now how is an American supposed to answer that one?]

(later) In a country of about three million square miles, and 200 million people, John Boardman walked along one street 2½ miles long and felt able to pronounce that a "huge and desperate mass of poor" live under the "thin crust" of the middle class and rich. What a scientist!?

As any demographic survey would show you, real income among Americans has been increasing for 30 years, and that the rate of crime has risen with the living standards, and gets worse the greater the affluence.

The Maritimes are the poorest place in Canada, but the violence erupts in Quebec and the cities further west. Kirkland Lake is "depressed", 16% unemployed, high prices, etc. - but no violence not connected with alcohol.

No wonder you object to psychology.

[I still stand by my statement, in my review of The Proud Tower in #219, that the basic social system has not changed since the time of which Tuchman wrote. We still have a small class of people rich beyond the measure of either need or comprehension, and a vast mass of the miserably poor. The fact that most GRAUSTARK readers belong to a middle class not in either category should not lead us to get an unrepresentative view of society. After all, the poor have no time for war games, and the rich can get the same thing out of real wars. If the rate of crime rises with living standards, it is because crime is caused by poverty, and as riches rise poverty also rises. In fact, these huge accumulations of individual and corporate wealth are the direct cause of the existence of the sort of sprawling-urban-slum poverty characteristic of the industrial age.

[I have difficulty believing that real income is in fact rising, when prices including the most basic price, that of money, are rising faster. Nor are these circumstances limited to 2½ miles of New York streets. These same contrasts exist between Beverly Hills and Central Avenue in Los Angeles, the Gold Coast and the West Side in Chicago, the Northwest and the Northeast in Washington.]

MIKE AITA (1 Oct.): I must comment on your predictions. I had heard that midi manufacturers are all ready losing money.

In your predictions about lasers, I assume you meant using a laser as a "ray gun". [Yes. I have heard this rumor from two or three different sources. It seems to be fairly widely believed that the government

is sinking a good deal of money into a plan to shoot down ICBM's this way. The guidance system, based on orienting the missiles by Polaris, was once described to me in great detail by a half-drunk engineer.] The other military applications - tracking, ranging, target illumination, and guidance are already in use.

I have had some experience using high powered lasers including the largest CW YAG in the world. CO₂ lasers, the largest CW king - 30 kilowatts reported - are in the far infrared. At the CO₂ wavelength 10.6 microns, metals are highly reflective. Such a laser probably has a large beam divergence, making long range concentration of energy difficult.

The largest YAG 1,100 watts is not powerful enough for long range destruction and is only 2% efficient. As you might expect it is also large and unwieldy.

High energy pulsed lasers also tend to be inefficient.

Thus without even bothering to make any calculations, it is clear that even if a sufficiently powerful laser could be constructed, it would be too unwieldy, and would of course only be a line of sight device.

The only solution might be a new lasing medium. But this I think would be difficult to keep secret.

Without wishing to appear as an apologist for the Defense Department I doubt that such contracts will be let.

I expect to be interviewing with several laser companies shortly. If I hear anything further on this subject I'll let you know.

[My prophecy in #221 stated that the Department of defense would be accused of secretly letting such contracts. These accusations I expect to grow out of such rumors as I cited, and I could not say at this point whether there will be anything to them. But mere citation of the technical difficulties in shooting down missiles with lasers would not stop such research being undertaken. If arguments of this sort carried any weight in Washington, the ABM bill would never have come close to passage. But it is an article of faith among anti-Communists that the USSR is going to fall on us with a "nuclear Pearl Harbor", and so such a laser scheme would be likely of approval and highly profitable to the people in the anti-Communism business.]

CHARLES VEST (20 Oct.): With the conclusion of 1969BW and the near end of 1970D, I'm wondering if you're planning any new starts soon? I like the speed and dependability of your games and since I've never paid you a fee, I want to offer that support as well. In other words, save me a spot.

[Even with the end of these games, I will still be running four postal Diplomacy games, and in addition printing the new game which will begin under John Boshara's Gamesmanship as described on p. 4 of the last issue. So I am not planning any new games right now, nor taking reservations. When I do, the new games will be announced in GRAUSTARK. Stay posted.]

BRENTON VER PLOEG (14 Oct.): [Good to hear from you again, Brenton.] Herein find enclosed a \$2.00 check for some more issues of GRAU. I particularly enjoyed #222...

Soon, though, I may be able to make another game in GRAU. I certainly want to, being totally fed up with not having even ONE regular game (except in Diplophobia). The first two games I played were 1968CI in your magazine...and 1969C in Ed Halle's Brob. They both were played with reasonable dispatch; but that soon ended with Brob. I have waited many months between moves in most of my games, and nobody seems to give a damn about their players any more.

I gamesmaster three very time consuming games of Galaxy, which require no end of work on my part. I would estimate that it's probably the equivalent of gamesmastering six to seven games of Diplomacy (though, naturally, this does not include the extras that a magazine like GRAUSTARK

contains) at a very regular schedule. There have been many many times when I wanted to simply blow off the whole thing and stick to my work here, but I was more or less forced to continue when I consider how much I dislike it when people cop out on me. It's making me feel the great martyr, since for the first time since I started to do any mail game playing of Diplomacy, I am actually doing something, and I spend nearly 60 to 65 hours a week on law school. Given all that, I think it's really astonishing that I am able to keep up. Somehow, I think it's that writing a letter instead of a brief is something like a temporary vacation, but at any rate, I made several players pay a fee, sometimes substantial from their point of view, to play my games. I think that the least a Gamesmaster owes his players is to be true to that commitment. For the first time, I think that I am truly beginning to appreciate what regular editors like you and McCallum go through.

But why does this happen? I wonder many times what some of the more experienced players think about this lethargy. All sorts of talk abounds about starting games up again, and there are all sorts of magazines that spring to life again for brief periods of time, and then quit again. I know it's been around for some time, but I really have been antagonized by it in recent months. In Galaxy, I probably have most of the players wondering where I am, since they are often waiting while I run (or have run) other battles. You at least have the advantage of having everyone know how regular you are. [You take physics for a career, and you'll be regular too.]

When I get out of Law School, or perhaps into my third year, I might run a Diplomacy magazine. Then I, the great bitcher and the bane of many late editors, would be able to get myself yelled at.

...I appreciated your condemnation of astrology [in #220] and the information on where to get the constellation postcards - something I had been meaning to ask about.

[There have been a great many defaulting Gamesmasters - of whom a recent example was a Massachusetts dippy fan who solemnly promised that his 'zine would not only appear regularly but would make a point of taking up games abandoned by other Gamesmasters. His 'zine broke all records for folding.]

HENRY AXEL KRIGSMAN JR. (19 Oct.): I wish to discontinue our current trade agreement. I make this request not because of any inability of yours to fulfil the agreement. Far from it; it is because I am not able to fulfil the agreement. Currently, I do not have a printing source and I am doing my games via carbon copy. Therefore, Legatus will be coming out very irregularly and I will not be able to fulfil any trade agreements.

[My warmest thanks to you for announcing this situation. Carbon copy gamesmastering is a step which many Gamesmasters find useful.

[Several Gamesmasters suspend publication under the presumption that this is temporary and they will resume publication Real Soon Now. So they get quite indignant if their players, or other Gamesmasters with whom they trade, object to this suspension. Notorious examples out of the past of postal Diplomacy include Bernie Kling and Charles Brannan. GRAUSTARK automatically terminates trade relations with any 'zine which has not shown up in three months. It is a reasonable presumption that such a 'zine has folded.]

TERRY KUCH (as an enclosure with a Kurt Tucholsky piece): Just received GRAU #222 after I xeroxed this Tucholsky for you. I'm sending it anyway.

Quite a coincidence. I got the book [What If - ?, Minerva Press, \$2.95] as a review copy last week. (I'd never heard of T. before.) How did T. come to your attention?

[I first heard of him at the World Youth & Student Festival for Peace

and Freedom in Vienna in 1959. I read him then in German; I never saw an English version before this one.]

By the way, if you want the same sort of stuff but better, I recommend Wolfgang Borchert (Das Gesamtwerk, Rowohlt., 1949). Borchert went mad on the Eastern Front in the last stages of WWII and died shortly thereafter. His works belong among the classics of anti-war along with Bierce ("Chickamauga"), Andreyev ("The Red Laugh") etc.

JERRY MODEL (19 Oct.): Enclosed is a check for two dollars for the next twenty issues of GRAUSTARK...I have enjoyed your magazine a great deal. I find the games and the comment upon them amusing and interesting; and I find your political comment to be relevant and pertinent. Of course, I share many of your sentiments on many issues, so this may have something to do with it.

I'd just like to add a few observations of my own. It has been noticed by not a few that the same people who are war freaks are often those who are against sex education, pornography, and other good stuff. Conversely, many of those who oppose the war find that sexual liberty and scatological freedom often bring out the true colors of the war freaks, and serve as an effective way to protest war. [Underground artist and critic John Peck has even drawn an anti-war "eight-pager" based on Beetle Bailey.] A friend of mine once characterized this dichotomy as the war-but-no-fuck versus the fuck-but-no-war. This dichotomy, or correlation, one finds rarely violated, and permeates American life and politics very deeply.

Thus we find that "Make Love Not War" is not only a slogan but actually a profound observation.

These observations are not new: I think the first in recent times to make them was Lenny Bruce.

[Would you believe - again - Kurt Tucholsky?]

THOMAS COLLINS (17 Oct.): See the Mathematical Games column in the current [October 1970] Scientific American in which Martin Gardner discusses a new form of solitaire.

[I have. The game is extremely interesting, but I've already caught one error in Gardner's article, and suspect at least one more. The article describes a game based on population growth and decline patterns, showing how a mathematical pattern "propagates" itself under certain rules.]

ERIC JUST: I am moved to comment; not specifically, but generally. I find myself agreeing with you quite a bit. I do find two difficulties, however.

First of all (and this is a minor point, really) you do not always answer your critics and opponents directly. In fact, you seem to enjoy filling their comments with "sic's"; or, when you can't do that, you aim your comments at your opponents rather than at their ideas. Why? It seems to me that you could pick their arguments to pieces rather easily.

Secondly, do you truly feel that no war can be just for either side? If a country is attacked, should they not defend themselves? What about revolutions? Have there not been just revolutions? I will not try to justify the American intervention in Vietnam, but won't you admit that some side in some war was morally correct?

Oh, by the way, I liked your answer [in #221] concerning how an Atheist could be a moralist.

[Whether an attacked country should defend itself is a moot point, since of course every belligerent will claim it was attacked, and only the winner's protestation to this effect will get into the history books. But, whether the USA or the USSR or China starts World War III, and whether peace is dictated in the radioactive ruins of Washington or of Moscow, I, my family, and my city will have been wiped out by the war. I am not disposed to argue "the just war" under these circumstances.]

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The last issue of GRAUSTARK must have seemed to readers to have been something of a quiz show. Numerous quotations were presented for readers to identify, or other bits of obscurity put forward for their edification or confusion.

Here are the answers:

1. p. 7; the quote beginning "Winning the fight for freedom in Vietnam" is from a speech given by Nelson Rockefeller in Oregon, when he was campaigning for the Republican presidential nomination in 1964.

2. p. 7; the praise of President Nixon as "a statesman whom I admire profoundly" comes from remarks by Caudillo Francisco Franco, welcoming Nixon to Spain last month. Franco has in the past given similar praise to Mussolini and Hitler. He is a man who knows who his friends are.

3. p. 9; the idea to put red labels on library books allegedly written by Communists was that of Senator Charles Goodell (Rep., N. Y.). The curious will find details in Edward Cain's They'd Rather Be Right (MacMillan, 1963), p. 283.

4. p. 10; the anti-establishment play here described does not come from the United States, despite the 'generation gap' situation. It comes from Madrid, and is the strongest anti-Franco satire yet seen there. (New York Times, 11 Oct. 1970)

This is

O At
P Great
E Intervals
R This
A Appears
T To
I Inflame
O Optic
N Nerves

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So, shall we try another one? People who are the first to say or do something gain wide renown. Everyone knows who was the first President of the United States, the first Pope of Rome, the first man to tread the Moon. But a peculiar singularity also belongs to the last person to perform some act, or fill some position. But, for various reasons unnecessary to recount, the Last have not the same fame as the first.

Listed below are 10 people who were, in some connection, the last. How many of them can you identify, and tell what they were the last of? # 447

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| 1. Karl Doenitz | 6. Lodovico Manin |
| 2. Viscount Fitzallen of Derwent | 7. Francisco Morazan |
| 3. Arthur Greiser | 8. Nikolai Nekrasov |
| 4. Charles Magoon | 9. Chakravarti Rajagopalachari |
| 5. Dmitri Maksutov | 10. Kenneth C. Royall |

There are no prizes for this contest - just the satisfaction of an ego ploy. Answers will appear in GRAUSTARK # 226.

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"During the last Bob Hope Christmas show, about one third of the 10,000 troops in the audience burst into loud booing when Hope assured GI's that President Nixon had a plan to end the war.

"A veteran sergeant noted that 'everywhere in South Vietnam young American soldiers were saluting each other with a "V" finger gesture.'

- Peace Times, 7 April 1970

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"No man was so unmercifully satirised. But in truth he was himself a satire ready made. All that the art of the satirist does for other men,

nature had done for him. Whatever was absurd about him stood out with grotesque prominence from the rest of his character. He was a living, moving, talking caricature...His oratory resembled that of Justice Shallow. It was nonsense effervescent with animal spirits and impertinence. Of his ignorance many anecdotes remain, some well authenticated, some probably invented at coffee-houses, but all exquisitely characteristic."

No, this is not some "radiclib" editor of the effete Eastern press commenting upon the Vice-President of the United States. It is Thomas B. Macaulay's description of the character of the Duke of Newcastle, who was Prime Minister of Great Britain for 7 years in the mid-18th century.

"Last night, in Wilmington, Del., the Vice President attacked the American 'elite' that goes to the liberal eastern universities and looks down its collective nose at the blue-collar workingman. On the platform with him was a Republican candidate for the House named Pierre S. du Pont 4th, a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, Princeton University, and the Harvard Law School." - New York Times, 16 Oct. 1970

"Bowdler Books, a new publishing venture, has been launched by Roger Bowdler, great-great-nephew of the famous Thomas Bowdler, whose contribution of civilization was to 'bowdlerize' Shakespeare and other dirty authors to make them acceptable to 19th century readers. Bowdler Books will specialize in erotica." - Irwin Silber, Guardian, 17 Oct. 1970

"In coming to New Jersey, the President selected two of the state's most unusual communities.

"Teterboro has only 22 residents and was created as a tax haven for industry. At the airport the President acknowledged the small population and jested, 'You'll probably double it today.'

"Ocean Grove is a small Methodist community south of Asbury Park that has become something of a national curiosity because it runs chains across its five gates at midnight Saturday until midnight Sunday in observance of the Sabbath." - New York Times, 18 Oct. 1970

In the last issue's letter column, Derek Nelson objected to the Gamesmaster's characterization of Edmund Burke (1729-1797) as "panic-stricken". When Burke died, he left orders that his grave be unmarked. He was afraid that the triumphant International Jacobin Conspiracy might dishonor his remains.

The case rests.

"In a country where a Christine Jorgenson can publicly rebuke the vice-president for a breach of good taste, and be right - anything I have to say on the subject has got to be the soggiest of anti-climaxes." - Phillip Bonosky, review of Andy Warhol's film Trash, New York Daily World, 21 Oct. 1970

Despite the errors cited in past GRAUSTARKs under the heading "Prophets at a Loss", some amazingly accurate prophecies have been recorded. Recently, on the occasion of his 40th anniversary as a newscaster, Lowell Thomas' very first news report was reprinted by the New York Times. It was delivered on 29 Sept. 1930:

"A procession of German Fascists was attacked today by Communists in the town of Unterbermsgruen. A hot fight followed in which 29 Fascists were injured, four critically...Adolf Hitler, the German Fascist chief, is snorting fire. There are now two Mussolinis in the world, which seems to promise a rousing time. Adolf is one. He has written a book called the German Fascist Bible. In this the belligerent gentleman states that a

cardinal policy of his now powerful German party is the conquest of Russia. That's a tall assignment, Adolf. You just ask Napoleon." - New York Times, 22 Oct. 1970

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While most Americans debate Vietnam withdrawal, Middle Eastern detentes, or a stronger U. N., there is at least one man who knows what to do about the International Communist Conspiracy. On 19 Oct. 1970 a Cuban emigre in Miami shot and killed his wife, two small daughters, and his stepfather. "I did it because they're Communists," he told police. (New York Daily World, 21 Oct. 1970

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"Red, white and blue American flag emblazoned with Canadian maple leaves instead of stars was recent front page of Vancouver's underground paper Georgia Straight...Overseas Weekly reports that far too many GIs in Vietnam who adopt a dog or cat for a pet to alleviate their loneliness while serving there apparently think it cool to turn the animal over to the MPs for target practice as they leave. Who says war doesn't brutalize...Servicemen doomed to a two-year stretch on Guam, one of the dullest islands in the world, are petitioning for establishment of a whorehouse to relieve the tedium." - John Wilcock, Collage #3

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"The trouble with Reagan is that he can't decide whether he was born in a log cabin or a manger." - Steven V. Roberts, New York Times Magazine, 25 Oct. 1970

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A toilet paper manufacturer is advertising decks of cards emblazoned with your own sign of the Zodiac, in return for proof that you've brought 10 rolls of his product. Somehow this association of ideas seems very appropriate.

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"There's a rumor afoot that Nixon tried to obtain some of Fast's unpublished material on the use of body language in politics." - Marcia Seligson, New York Times Book Review, 25 Oct. 1970

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John Arbuthnot, a quote from whom appeared in the last issue, is perhaps most famous for inventing the personification "John Bull" for England. After more than 2½ centuries, his satirical writings still bear reading.

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