

GRAUSTARK

245

1970J, 1970BB, 1970BN, 1970BQ

14 August 1971

1970J

"Fall 1914"

"SEND HIM VICTORIOUS..."

BRITISH EMPIRE OVERWHELMS EUROPE

ITALIANS FAVORED IN NEXT OLYMPICS

RUSSIA RENAMED "NEW GERMANY"

TURKISH NAVY WET BUT UNSINKABLE

Following "Spring 1914" moves, Italy retreated A Bur-Pic.

ENGLAND (Richard Miller): A War holds; A Sil & A Liv S A War; A Norway-St.P; F Bot S A Norway-St.P; A Gas-Mar; A Bur & F Spa(s.c.) S A Gas-Mar; F Por S F Spa(s.c.); A Lon-Bel; F North Sea C A Lon-Bel; A Ruh S A Lon-Bel; A Par-Bre; F Mid-Bre.

GERMANY (Burley): A Ukr-Sev; A Mos S A Ukr-Sev.

ITALY (Comber): No moves received. A Pic, A Tyr, A Gal, A Bud, A Rum, A Ser, A Alb, F Tyr, F Ion, F Gre, & F Aeg hold.

TURKEY (Aita): No moves received. A Arm, F Bla, F Bul(s.c.), & F Con hold. A Sev dislodged and annihilated.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mar, Mun, Nor, Par, Por, St.P, Spa, Swe, War. (18)

GERMANY: Mos, Sewa (2)

ITALY: Bud, Gre, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (10)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

England builds A Lon, A Edi, & A Liv. After the Italian removal, England thus has an absolute majority of all units on the board and is therefore declared the winner.

1970J - John Boardman, Gamesmaster

- E - Jack Chalker (res F01)
Richard Miller
- F - George Schelz (res F03)
Richard Locke (out F12)
- G - Donald Berman (res F07)
Brian Burley
- I - Peter Comber
- A - Marty Kirkpatrick (out F04)
- R - George Grayson (out F11)
- T - Michael Aita

This is the fourth of the last seven GRAUSTARKs in which a game has been concluded, and 1970J is the last of the six games begun early in 1970 which has been completed. (See #243 for results of the other five.) Supply center chart and roster appear on this page; a fuller analysis will be published at a later date. An asterisk on the supply center chart indicates a center for which, for some reason, a unit was not built on that

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E	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	6	8	11	13	15	18	Press releases begin on p. 3.
F	3	5	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	4				
G	3	5	5	6	7*	8*	8	7	6	4	2	3*	3*	3*	2	
I	3	4*	4	4	7	8	6	6	7	8	9	10	12	11	10	
A	3	4	5	5												
R	4	6	6	5	5	2	2	2	2	1	1					
T	4	4	5	5	6	7	9	9	8	8	7	6	6	5	4	

1970BQ

"Fall 1905"

DEUTSCHLAND UNTER ALLES

ENGLAND (Beshara): F Kie-Bar; F North Sea-Den; F Eng-Bal; F Mid-Wes; F Spa(s.c.) S F Mid-Wes; F North Atlantic-Mid; F Ion-Nap; A Liv-War; A Mos S A Liv-War; A Hol S F Eng-Bel; A Bre-Par.

FRANCE (Tretick): A Mar-Bur; A Bel-Bur.

GERMANY (G. Jones): No moves received. F Pru, A Ukr, A Pic, A Bur, & A Mun hold. A Tyr dislodged and annihilated.

ITALY (Gletty): F Tyr-Tun; A Ven-Rom; A Pie-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Mischel): A Vie-Tyr; A Tri S A Vie-Tyr; F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre; A Rum S A Sev; A Sev S A Rum.

TURKEY (Vest): A Arm-Sev; F Bul(e.c.) holds; A Gre S F Bal(e.c.); F Aeg S A Gre.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Bel-Ruh. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol,	GERMANY: Mun. (1)
Kie, Liv, Lon, Mos, Nap, Nor,	ITALY: Rom, Tun, Ven. (3)
Par, Por, St.P, Spa, Swe, War.	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Rum, Ser, Sev,
(17)	Tri, Vie. (6)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar. (2)	TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Smy. (5)
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England has gained a net of 6 supply centers in one game year, which the Gamesmaster puts forward as a possible record. England may build three new units and Turkey may build one. Germany must remove four units. The deadline for these "Winter 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 28 AUGUST 1971.

John Beshara reports that Gary Jones' newest new address is c/o Lewis Lingua, 4228 Woodcrest Drive, Memphis, Tenn. 38111. However, this is unconfirmed by any letter or moves from Jones. Accordingly the first stand-by, Hugh Anderson, is alerted to submit removals for Germany. His address is 2717 Belaire Dr., Lansing, Mich. 48910. Bruce Gletty's present address is 203½ E. Healey, Champaign, Ill. 61820.

ROME: The Pope today condemned the English (what again!) for their treatment of the people of Tunis.

1970BB - PRESS RELEASES

BORE-A-BORE-A: Rodney the Squawker, Emir of Envy, Tyrant of Tirades, and Crown Prince of Carping Prattle spoke at a banquet of the Incompetent Futile Witless Diplomacy Society, which named him the 37th best player in the country. His modest speech, five hours of "I am the greatest", is too wordy to repeat.

In the press conference following his marathon self-aggrandizement, a reporter asked, "How do you account for so high a ranking with your record of only 2 wins out of some 30 games?" Rodney replied, "I am the greatest."

Then a reporter asked Rodney, "Didn't one of your two wins result from taking over an abandoned country with 15 units on the board and a guaranteed win?" Rodney unequivocally answered, "No comment."

Another reporter asked Rodney to explain his hullabaloo about the Consultant program. "I am not opposed to the Consultant's program," said Rodney. "Consultants are assigned to new players by request. I resent this! I am desperately seeking the identity of these Consultants. Although I am not a new postal player, I need help badly. It is hard keeping up my pretense of being a great player with a record of only one legitimate win out of some fifty completed games."

BROOKLYN (URRP): Employees of the United Rabble Rousing Press today walked out on all time lines. Their chief demand was triple time for overtime, and hazardous duty pay, for handling despatches from Bore-a-Bore-a.

CONFLICT IN CARPATHIANS INDECISIVE

Errata: Crows Crept into Beshara's and Boardman's Typewriters Last Issue. The "German" retreats were obviously Austro-Hungarian. Germany's move was A Ber S FRENCH A Mun. Following "Fall 1908" moves the following builds and removals were made:

ENGLAND: Removes F North Sea. GERMANY: Builds A Kie.
FRANCE: Builds F Bre, A Par. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Builds A Bud.

ENGLAND (Lasky): F North Atlantic-Liv.

FRANCE (Mischel): F Lon-Yor; F Bre-Gas; F Mid-North Africa; F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; A Mun S RUSSIAN A Pru-Sil; A Ruh S A Mun; A Par-Bur.

GERMANY (Isby): A Ber S FRENCH A Mun; A Kie S A Ber.

ITALY (Comber): F Mar-Spa(s.c.); F Lyo S F Mar-Spa(s.c.); F Wes S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Tun-North Africa; A Pie-Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Nierenberg): F Ank-Arm; F Tun-North Africa; F Ion-Tun; A Con-Smy; A Rum-Sev; A Ukr S A Rum-Sev; A Bud-Rum; A Gal-War; A Sil S A Gal-War; A Tyr-Mun; A Boh S A Sil.

RUSSIA (Richard Miller, vice Shuldiner): A St.P-Liv; A Pru-Sil; A War-Ukr; A Sev-Ukr; F Liv-Bot; F Norway-North Sea; F Ska S F Norway-North Sea.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats F Spa(s.c.)-Por. Because Gamesmaster John J. Beshara will be away for a few days, the "Fall 1909" moves will be submitted to John Boardman (Phone: OX 3-1579). The deadline is NOON, SATURDAY 28 AUGUST 1971.

Since Blaine Mischel's new address (see GRAUSTARK #244) is outside New York City, adjudications will be mailed to him by the Gamesmaster prior to publication so he can continue in the game.

PRESS RELEASES - 1970J

ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA [Received via Sandy Ego] (1971 Ed.), Vol. "B": BORE-A-BORE-A. A small absolute monarchy located by accident in the middle of New York City. Like many other pretended "states", it exists in a dingy walk-up flat in the Barad-Durchester. Its chief exports are bile, spleen, and venom, for which it is much praised by the Society of Friends of Jesus Bar-Shara, an agency of the American Association of the Blind, Deaf, and Dumb.

Bore-a-Bore-a was founded by Jesus Bar-Shara, an Arab emigré who in his entire lifetime learned only 4 English words: I, me, my, and mine. They were also the only four words he knew in Arabic. The Bar-Shara Dynasty has held court in Bore-a-Bore-a for several generations. The current Autocrat is Sauron Bar-Shara, who has managed to combine the sneering evil of his grandfather Morgoth with the tittering ineptitude of his father Tat-typoo. His most famous saying, which one can often hear him shrieking at the other tenants who share the same floor and its single bathroom, "Stop putting ashes in my Ming vahse!" (The reader should bear in mind that the difference between a vase and a vahse is that the former is in good taste.)

The most important position in the Kingdom, next to that of Autocrat, is that of Chief Toad, presently occupied by Dickmiller Collum, a sly grade-school drop-out who is Minister of the Inferior and Head Scold of the Realm. He is permitted to kiss the Autocrat's big toe. He is the only one who would want to.

The most enigmatic figure in Bore-a-Bore-a is Rodney Squawker, the Court Jester. Rumor has it that he is really Prince Adipose, Heir Apparent to the Throne of Poderkagg, who has been rated "Too Nice" by the College of Succession in Gastritis and is trying to up his Nastiness Quotient by studying under the masters who dominate the court of Bore-a-Bore-a. Others suggest that he is really Rod Perambulator, Chief Spy of the Galactic Pat-

rol, on another assignment from his beloved chief, John Bedpan. It has even been said that he is really Eric Blake, or Eric Bloodaxe, or Eric Severeid, or even the "Renowned English Player" whose tasteless attacks on God have caused an entire generation to regurgitate.

The favorite saying of Bore-a-Boreans is, "What goes up must come down!" When printed, it is invariably accompanied by a picture of a hot-air balloon. The flag of Bore-a-Bore-a is mauve and puce. The coat of arms are, quarterly, an ostrich with its head buried, a spleen being vented, a screw, and a steaming typewriter, surmounted by the achievement, a pair of blinders and a snaffle bit; the motto: "Bar-Shara Is My Shepherd, I Shall Not Think".

BROOKLYN (URRP): Despite several days of negotiations, employees of the United Rabble-Rousing Press are still out on strike. Negotiations between the URRP's owner, publisher Mutinus Nightstand of the Nightstand Press, and Harry Van Arse of the Brotherhood of Plumbers and Plumbers' Helpers, have broken down over the issue of press releases from Bore-a-Bore-a.

"We done real well on the rest of it," Van Arse told reporters after the sixth consecutive all-night bargaining session had been recessed to send out for more cards, chips, and ice. "The boys is got paid three-week vacations at Grosseaters', extra hospitalization bennyfits if they lives in Mafia neighborhoods, and time-and-a-half for time spent beatin' up peace demonstrators. But we is andamant that we ain't gonna handle any more dispatches from Bore-a-Bbre-a! They is coming in from all over the place, on every time line: 1970J, 1970BB, and ennything else you can men-shun! They is coming in from Sandy Ego, from Manhattan, from Brooklyn, an' from the Walker Library of Improbable Nations."

A reporter asked Van Arse why, if he is a plumber, he is representing the employees of a wire service.

"Don't change the subject!" he growled.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

"Do and Die for Bang-Bang Dish", an article which appeared in GRAU-STARK #244, closed with a reference to Senator Edward Kennedy's proposal that a "peace team" be sent to Pakistan. This proposal, reminiscent of his brothers' support of the Korea and Vietnam fiascos, was authenticated by a reference to the issue of the New York Times in which it appeared.

Unfortunately, this reference led James Reilly to conclude that the entire article had been reprinted from the Times. The editor hastens to assure him and other readers who might be similarly misled that the article is not, unfortunately, from the Times. The Times has the record of supporting every one of these "come-kill-my-enemy-for-me" hustles that comes up, when some nation, religion, faction, ethnic group, or gang comes to Washington with a long list of atrocities (some even true) committed against their innocent selves and demands U. S. troops, guns, and money to revenge them. We got this same sort of campaign a decade ago for Poor Little Saigon, that we are now getting for Bang-Bang Dish or whatever its name is. And, to judge from the noises being made by most Democratic candidates now, Bang-Bang Dish is going to be to them what Vietnam currently is to the Republicans. Apparently the 1972 election will be fought not on the issue of whether, but merely where, the next batch of Medinas and Calleys will be sent to kill Asians.

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James Neale's copy of #244, after being forwarded from Mt. Shasta to Wood to Toledo, has been returned here, addressee unknown. Any reader who knows where he actually is, is requested to inform the Gamesmaster.

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"My name is Bernardette Devlin and I've got a secret."

TURKISH HAREM GIRLS REVOLTING

ENGLAND (Aita): No build received. RUSSIA (Buchanan): Builds A War, A
 FRANCE (Nierenberg): No removal rec'd. Mos, F Sev.
 ITALY (Model): Removes F Mid. Apu. TURKEY (Barents): Builds F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 28 AUGUST
 1971. Walter Buchanan is on the move this month. Through 21 August he
 will be at Nelson B. Saunders, R. R. 1, La Junta, Colo. 81050. On 22-28
 August he will be with Larry Peery, 816 24th St., San Diego, Calif. 92102.
 After that he will return to his Indiana address.

ST. PETERSBURG (3 Aug. 1971): Vladimir has sent couriers scurrying
 around the countryside to investigate rumors that Vincent E. Livermore is
 really a figment of Leslie Bangs Tapscott's imagination!

ISSHEMEAL-KEP: Today the government of turkey anneuced ulaf the mean
 people of Italy drop was just a more model of the real stuff.

ISSHEMEAL-KEP: The Harem girls of Hasha have taken over the entire
 city and all the men. Rumors have it that the wives are starting to rebel
 against their new misstresses as their slogan goes "We want hublig bad in
 our Bed"

"Well we can't please every one, but we sure please All the man" said
 Sexy Sadie the Sadist girl of Hasha's Harem.

ISSHEMEAL-KEP: CITY IS ALL HARD UP AFTER GIRLS TAKE ALL MALES.

"I Like it" was the majorty opinion. A Love dissenter Habbel Akarama
 said "MJIX is much better"

ISSMEAL-GAKA: Once again we join Aqualung, Jucy Lucy, Ball'n Jack,
 Hasha deep in the tunnels of our palace now occupied by MJIX, built and
 used for pleasure by the Lowness Hisha Hasha

"The King will see you NOW if YOU PLEASE! HE doesn't like to be kept
 WAITING!" The voice says for the second time.

"follow me" says Aqualung

Our pride and joy hero's stop the Quikie a Dollow the man. The four
 of them walk into A wall & are larrocked out.

Two hrs Later

Aqualung says "wong wall, I guess! I'll try the other one"

This time it opens into a corridor which has Red stone walls

"The Blood of Victims that did't obey my Lord" says Aqualug in a very
 incouraging way.

On they walk into a cavaber light by Red Light, Crimson walls the
 throne glows of bright Crimson on it sets (only one person could guess)
 the CRIMSON KING, Lord & Master of ALL, so Runs the credits

Hasha cries out "DA DA" what is this? Is it MJIX? or DADA find out
 next time on "How to Kill your family & Live through it" by J. J. John.

WHEN DO YOU EXPIRE?

Paid subscriptions expire as follows:

245 - Burley	248 - Tang	251 - Ward	259 - Powell
Chalker	249 - Green	252 - Heap	260 - King
Locke	Monahan	Labelle	262 - Cohen
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Zeitlin	McGee	Leeder	268 - Hodin
246 - Drakert	Stroz	Pandin	273 - Latin
Shannon	Zablocki	Quist	275 - Prosnitz
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These data are up to the date of Monday 9 August 1971.

BILL BUCKLEY'S TRUTHS

One of the most notorious men in 17th-century Ireland was Richard Talbot, Earl of Tyrconnel. To a savage hatred of Protestants he added a complete untrustworthiness - so much so that, in his time, any particularly outrageous falsehood was called one of "Dick Talbot's truths".

Such "truths" are still with us, but now they are being purveyed by a descendant of one of Dick Talbot's countrymen. In the National Review of 27 July 1971, Buckley published what he claimed were additional "Pentagon Papers". This threw a new element into the controversy that erupted when the suicidal willfulness of Daniel Ellsberg led him to reveal to the American people the steps by which our masters in Washington lied us into the war with Vietnam.

On the cover of his magazine, Buckley asserted that his discoveries were "Top Secret Memoranda 1962-1965". The contents were indeed sensational. A contingency plan for dropping a nuclear bomb off Haiphong harbor allegedly dated back to 1954. In 1962, Secretary of Defense McNamara recommended not gradual escalation but a "sharp knock" policy. Dean Rusk was represented by a memo of 10 February 1965 deciding not to ask Congress for a declaration of war. Even attacks on Chinese territory came under consideration.

This story broke in the daily papers on 20 July. The New York Post gulped them down hook, line, and sinker. The next morning, the New York Times proceeded much more cautiously. The story began with a denial by Daniel J. Boorstin that he had written one of the National Review "secret documents" attributed to him. The rest of the column is studded with such words as "purported". "The general impression given by the documents," the Times concluded, "is one of the United States seeking to avoid any long-term involvement in Southeast Asia".

Later that day, faced with uncomfortable contradictions between his "revelations" and the facts, Buckley confessed to his lies. But, he said, he did so to prove "that forged documents would be widely accepted as genuine provided their content was inherently plausible". (New York Times, 22 July 1971) He later expressed his belief in "the certitude that these papers are merely paraphrases of documents that actually do reside in government archives". (New York Post, 27 July 1971) He also claimed that the whole thing had been intended as a hoax from the Very Beginning.

So just what was going on here? Did he intend to destroy the credibility of Ellsberg's revelations by making up some confessedly fraudulent ones of his own? This could have fixed in the public mind the question: "Pentagon Papers? You mean Buckley's admitted fakes, or Ellsberg's as yet undiscovered ones?" Or, as he said, was he trying to show that our failure in Vietnam "was a failure of will", and guessing at the contents of as yet secret documents proving this point?

This latter approach is a venerable device of the political forger. He announces certain things to be true about the plans of his allies or enemies. Finding no evidence for these things in the actual statements of these people, he forges documents and quotations to support his contention. The next issue of GRAUSTARK will contain a review of a book about the notorious "Zinoviev Letter" forgery of 1924. Readers will also recall the spurious "Law and order" quote attributed to Adolf Hitler, or Khrushchov's alleged "We will bury you". Buckley believes certain things about the American invasion of Vietnam; believing them, he must necessarily assume that documents supporting his position exist deep within government archives. Since they must exist, they do exist...and so he prints them!

Of course, Buckley left out one possibility. There is a likelihood that the Pentagon Papers were not stolen and leaked, but were deliberately turned loose by the Department of Defense in order to impress upon the American people their utter helplessness in the face of our masters' determination to begin, escalate, and continue against the majority's wishes the American invasion of Vietnam. To reveal in full detail just how the government whipped up war hysteria, following the obvious inability of anyone to stop the war, is going to have a chilling influence on the morale of the peace movement. Who is going to doubt that another set of "Pentagon Papers" is piling up now, dealing with the government's intent to get the United States tied up in two or three more of these wretched "brushfire" wars? And what the hell can we do about it, anyhow? Sweet F. A., that's what.

But as for Buckley, Time had the last word with him by calling his stunt "little more than an elaborate schoolboy prank". And why not? William F. Buckley is little more than an elaborate schoolboy.

A VISION

by Kurt Tucholsky

This is the 28th of July, and the Paris bus driver is sitting at the wheel and turning the long, heavy bus as though it were a little two-seater. It says "A X" on the front of the bus. I'm not sure it's the right one and ask the conductor. He answers me politely: No, I have to take another bus to the Rue de Grenelle. I thank him.

That is today. And what would the conductor on this Paris bus have done with me if we had not during those years?

This conductor would have shot at me - out of fear, out of a sense of duty, by command. His driver, in order to catch me, would have crawled cautiously along the trenches, resting motionless on his belly every few minutes; he would have waited, and then, at the next bend, he would have lunged ahead and stuck his bayonet into my stomach, right where I'm carrying my pocket mirror now. The man in the Metro who just punched my ticket would have lowered his rifle contentedly after I had thrown up my arms over there and vanished behind the German dugout....In those years.

And as for me, I'd have been duty-bound to bring the barrel of my gun down on the head of my milkman if I had caught him then, that man who is nice enough to tell me all the news every morning; I'd have had to swipe my sidearms over the face of my colleague on the Oeuvre and to see to it that lovely Madame Landrieu never got to see her husband again. In those years.

Such was my duty, and such was theirs.

But now we're all peaceful again, exchange a friendly "hello"; our ministers pay calls on each other. They give me directions in the street, we shake hands, I pass the time of day with them, they accompany me to the theater, and we converse amiably about all sorts of things. All except this one question. About this one vital question: whether tomorrow they'll be at one another's throats with knives again; whether tomorrow they'll throw grenades (with impact detonation) into one another's houses; whether they'll ask Professor Haber if he can't invent a new gas, one that will completely blind people, if possible. They don't discuss the chance that tomorrow all of them - bus drivers, Metro inspectors, university professors, and milk dealers - will change into a raving, howling mob with only one wish, namely, to turn their colleagues on the other side into a stinking mass to rot away in the trenches.

Will it start up again tomorrow? Will it?

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

"El Paso policemen are being taught to cuss in Spanish under a program financed with a \$61,000 Texas Criminal Justice Council grant, the council says.

"The officers must know the cuss words so they will know when they're being insulted," a spokesman said." - New York Post, 9 June 1971

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Both the first-string and reserve goalie had been injured and put out of action in the big game, and things looked bad. But, much to the surprise of the manager, his opponents' second-string goalie came over, took off his jersey, and donned one from his own team. As the crowd looked on flabbergasted, the new substitute goalie played his heart out for his erstwhile opponents and preserved their three-point lead.

Where did this happen - on the Playing Fields of Eton? On a North American hockey rink? At the Olympics?

No - 'twas in Peking, at an ice hockey match between the provincial teams of Kirin and Heilungkiang. This magnificent display of sportsmanship was displayed by a Heilungkiang player, who won praise from all the newspapers of the Chinese People's Republic - a land where, according to rumor, organized athletics had been seriously damaged by the "Proletarian Cultural Revolution". (Olof Lagercrantz, New York Times, 18 June 1971)

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THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

[As usual, letters appear in the order that they have worked their way to the top of the heap. The dates of writing are given when known. Comments by the editor are enclosed in square brackets. All quotations between the letters are from The Zinoviev Letter by Lewis Chester, Stephen Fay, and Hugo Young (Lippincott, 1968). A review of this book will appear in a forthcoming issue of GRAUSTARK.]

ROD WALKER, 5058 Hawley Blvd., San Diego, Calif. 92116 (22 June 1971): John, if I were a "foe" of TDA, it is hardly likely I would either join it or offer game/subscription discounts to its members, as I have done and am doing. I could easily be induced to oppose the organization if some of the things I have been hearing turn out to be true. I am willing to disbelieve things like padded membership lists, a powerless Board of Governors which may be "stacked" in the near future, and other things simply because I'm sure you would object to such things too and you're in New York where you can keep an eye on things. If I were a "foe" of TDA, you can bet I would not be quiet about these. ["Thou hast said it."] I have tried to concentrate entirely on personalities so that the organization will not be hurt. I regret that John Beshara has chosen to indulge in using TDA as a weapon, but I have yet to return his fire in that regard. I do not know what you have been told about Edi's resignation, but what he has told me and what others have said he told them does not agree with what you say in GRAUSTARK #241. [I stand by my statement: Edi told me directly that harrassment from the opponents of his and Beshara's leadership - from Walker in particular - caused him to resign in disgust.] In any event, I have not made an attack, intemperate or otherwise, on TDA. Anyway, don't you think it strange that I have known about the resignation for over a month and John claims to have just learned of it? Would Edi tell me and not John? Would Edi tell me that "TDA can go to hell" if his motives were as you described? [Yes. Edi told me of his distaste for the flack he was getting long before he submitted his formal resignation. He did not turn over his records to Beshara for almost a month after he dropped out of TDA activities. It is quite likely that such a length of time elapsed between his decision to quit and his formal resignation.] Is it logical, or in character, for Edi to resign from TDA because the organization was "attacked" (intemperately or otherwise?) [Once or twice I've quit organizations when the internal hassles appeared to me to be more trouble than participation was worth.] I would like to know what "intemperate attacks" I am supposed to have made on TDA (as opposed to Beshara, although I don't think my attacks were in any way intemperate) - and in the event there are none, I would appreciate a retraction of your statement that I made some.

"A veteran diplomatic correspondent of great eminence was once asked by a tyro journalist the secret of his amazing insight into affairs. The formula revealed by the diplomatic correspondent was both ingenious and simple. He would spend the morning reading the foreign affairs columns in all the daily newspapers; having done that he would go to one of the finest restaurants in town for a substantial lunch, and then, over a few brandies, ponder 'what, at this juncture, could be the most despicable, underhand action taken by one power against another'. He would then go home and write down his postprandial reflections in the form of a speculative news story. The technique, said the correspondent, had led to the achievement of 'an unbroken succession of scoops'." - p. 48

EARL HODIN, Box 7151, USAF Hospital, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96323 (11 June 1971): Like many of your critics, I too agree with the general thrust of your political position; you go a bit far in the extent of your political nihilism for my taste, but I find little to quarrel with in this regard. Your position on Israel (never precisely stated, but I think I get the gist from your occasional remarks) I find most disturbing, on the other hand.

I will dismiss your statement on the Jewish Defense League (not my subject); I will dismiss too the notion that your justification derives from an isolationism, in turn derived from the horrors of the Vietnam experience: there is nothing remotely comparable about the two situations. And, I submit, to ignore completely the Middle Eastern situation is to accept the eventual dissolution of the state of Israel. In partial witness to my position (which is that the state of Israel should continue to exist) I would like to point out the following:

1) Six million Jews (or thereabouts) were murdered recently, not only as a result of the existence of Hitler's insane regime, but also because of the passivity of the rest of the world - the Jews, as Hitler was wont to point out on numerous occasions, had no place to go.

[I have no quarrel with this point. I regard the assassination of Lord Moyne, the architect of this exclusion policy, as a legitimate act of tyrannicide.]

2) The majority of the civilized world decided that such considerations as the above - along with such others as history, gratitude for services rendered, reward for development of the land, etc. - should over-ride the single consideration supporting Arab dominance (majority population at the moment), and thus established a rather minute corner of Arabia as a "Jewish" state, Jewish in the sense that unlimited Jewish immigration was to be permitted, which would obviously lead to eventual Jewish dominance. The merits of the argument might merit discussion, but are now rather academic: the state was established.

[Again, agreed. The besetting sin of international relations is the preference for de jure over de facto boundaries. Most nations seem to regard as their Rightful Historic Homeland every acre ruled by their ancestors at the height of their power. Israel is. An attempt to "redress" any injustices allegedly suffered in 1948 would simply multiply them.]

3) The neighboring Arab states chose to make war on Israel, not the reverse; the Arabs in Israel were encouraged to leave by the warring Arab nations, begged to stay by the Israelis [except at De'ir Yassin], not the reverse (documentation is abundant for this, as for example in the case of the mass exodus of Arabs from Haifa); Arab states have repeatedly pledged the destruction of Israel, not the reverse.

[True. It is amusing that Egypt now insists upon enforcement of the original 1947 UN partition resolution. When that resolution was before the General Assembly in 1947, the Egyptian delegate voted, "Egypt votes against and refuses to be bound by this outrage." However, since the 1967 war, though the guerrillas have fulminated, no Arab government has pushed the "drive them into the sea" line. Arab recognition of Israel's right to exist is not what is holding up present negotiations.]

4) The use of the "Palestinian Refugees" by the Arab states as a propaganda vehicle is hardly questioned by those who have had an opportunity to study the situation; witness the exaggerated numbers, the refusal to find land for them within the whole of Arabia (while at the same time Israel has taken in many times their number from the Arab lands, etc.

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[The Arabs could at least have resettled some of these refugees in the former Jewish quarters of such Arab cities as Baghdad and Algiers. But I question whether the number of Jewish refugees taken into Israel from the Arab countries is more than the number of Arabs who fled Israel during the 1948-9 war.]

Accepting, then, (a) the necessity for the continued existence of Israel and (b) the very real threat to that existence posed by the Arab countries, can one help but conclude (c) that Israel must retain its superior defensive position (Golan, Sharm-el-Sheik, the Jordan and the Suez) in the absence of an iron-clad offer of peace from the Arab brotherhood, and (d) that, in the presence of the Russian willingness to supply, in a seemingly endless manner, all the military needs of the Arabs, the United States must correspondingly supply Israel at least to parity. No one, LEAST of all Israel, wants a troop commitment by the U. S.; and even the most militarily naive cannot see any escalation similar to that witnessed in Vietnam occurring in Israel as a result of our continuing to supply her needs.

The Arabs threaten the destruction of the state of Israel; they have tried on three occasions to carry out this threat; they have failed as yet to offer any cohesive plan for peace in the area. For the first time Israel commands a position which is eminently defensible, given continued U. S. material support. I refuse to believe that any sensible person could question the necessity for maintaining that position until a true peace is offered.

Surely it is not self-contradictory to maintain a pro-Israel and an anti-Vietnam position as you apparently believe!

[But the identity of the pattern is so obvious. The same things are now being said about Israel that were being said a decade ago to bring about an American "commitment" to Saigon. The country we are being asked to support with our money and guns (the "advisers" come later) is a Bastion of Democracy, the Victim of Aggression, Fighting a Defensive War, and Menaced by the Sinister Monolithic International Communist Conspiracy. Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me.

[Not, of course, that these considerations make any practical difference. That election-proof war gang in Washington will decide to intervene on the side of the Jews, or of the Arabs, or of some Arabs against others, or of nobody, in accordance with their own sovereign will and with no regard whatsoever for either the welfare or the wishes of the American people. Contrary-minded are referred to Kent, Ohio for four good reasons why they should not protest this state of affairs, and to Sonmy, Vietnam for 22 even better reasons why majorities should stay silent.]

(4 July 1971): Oh wow! Where to start?

Re your criticism of Lorenz & Ardrey (GRAUSTARK #241): I find it hard to believe that you've actually read these people if you could state that: "Robert Ardrey (sic) and Konrad Lorenz (believe) that war and territorial aggression and defense are natural to most animal species, thus by inference to man, and thus making peace contrary to our basic biological instincts." Your following parenthetical remark about Lorenz's service in the Wehrmacht was unworthy of you.

[I must have mis-spelled Ardrey's name out of an understandable association of ideas with "artery". As for Lorenz, he was an officer in the Wehrmacht. He admits as much in his book King Solomon's Ring.]

The first chapter of Ardrey's latest book, The Social Contract, makes the best argument I've yet heard AGAINST our involvement in Vietnam, and all other such foreign adventures. And Lorenz, in his last three chapters in On Aggression makes a thoroughly impassioned plea for the necessity of controlling aggressive impulses. Hence: "It is undeniable that there is no situation in which all these virtues ((self-sacri-

face, mutual aid, bonds of friendship)) shine so brilliantly as they do in war, a fact which is dangerously liable to convince quite excellent but naive people that war, after all, cannot be the absolutely abhorrent thing it really is." ((italics mine)). And "The only being capable of dedicating himself to the very highest moral and ethical values requires for this purpose a phylogenetically adapted mechanism of behavior whose animal properties bring with them the danger that he will kill his brother, convinced that he is doing so in the interests of these very same values." And finally "There is reasonable hope that our moral responsibility may gain control over the primeval drive, but our only hope of its ever doing so rests on the humble recognition of the fact that militant enthusiasm is an instinctive response with a phylogenetically determined releasing mechanism and that the only point at which intelligent and reasonable supervision can get control is in the conditioning of the response to an object which proves to be a genuine value under the scrutiny of the categorial question." This is hardly the talk of an opponent of peace, as you made him out to be. Yes, aggression (not war, mind you) is a natural instinct of man; but equally derived through the natural selection process is a moral responsibility, unique to man and the tool by which aggression may be channeled to our betterment. War is clearly an evil to Lorenz (and to Ardrey), and self-destructive. If you found differently, I can only suggest you re-read these authors.

[All Lorenz does here is make out a good case against "the very highest moral and ethical values", comparable to Falstaff's famous soliloquy on "honor". Who, after all, was responsible for more murder and theft: Falstaff, a liar, con man, and highway robber, or Henry IV who stole England and Henry V who stole France and accomplished the deaths of thousands? The kings were acting on "the very highest moral and ethical values" - things openly neglected by the far less harmless Falstaffs of this world. Or, as Aristide Briand observed before the League of Nations in 1928, "Peace comes before all. Peace comes even before justice." True, but we'll get it when the shrimp whistles.]

On Israel: Of course this nation considers its needs to be "the territory and resources that enable it to make war". [This, in response to a comment from the editor in a letter.] How could it be otherwise? If you accept the premise that they have been threatened in the past, almost continuously with total destruction, how can they help but adopt the attitude of maximum self-defense? And, if so, doesn't it follow that the maximum capability for self-defense is in holding those territories which place it in the ideal position for that self-defense? And I should think no one would deny that the present line (at the Suez, at the Jordan, and on top, rather than beneath, the heights of Golan) is infinitely more defensible than their prior border. It finally follows that any Israeli interested in survival would ardently support holding onto these territories until a water-tight guarantee is forthcoming, and even the most ardent advocate of the position that an Arab detente has been signalled could not call these signals watertight. I deny categorically that there has been such a clear change in attitude on the part of the Arab states as you seem to believe; the guerrillas may be finding it somewhat more difficult to gain Arab governmental support [or even to stay alive] but their very existence, which continues to be defended by the Arabs, poses a continuing threat to Israel, despite the fact that their raids constitute an overt breach of international law, which clearly deploras as illegal attacks by irregulars from the soil of one state onto that of another, whatever the supposed righteousness of their cause, and holds the harboring state clearly responsible for their activities. [Since no such thing as "international law" exists, it can scarcely be "breached".] Further, I need not reach back further than 1967 for Arab talk, from every surrounding state without exception, to the effect that a Jihad was in order, and

that Israelis would be pushed into the sea. I can quote you specifics if you like. [From before or after June of that year?] The absence of this sort of talk in the past year or two is hardly the reassuring thing you make it out to be.

[The next paragraph is in response to my mention of the Greater Israel Movement, an Israeli group little-known here but of great influence there. It demands the inclusion in Israel of every place in the Middle East that the Bible or Talmud mentions as having had a predominantly Jewish population in the past three millenia. Specifically this takes in all of Transjordan, Syria as far as the Euphrates, and a western boundary at "the River of Egypt" - which may be a wadi in northern Sinai, but may also be the very Nile.]

There are several Birchers in our Congress, several Fascists in German and Italian Parliaments, and several Imperialists in the Japanese government. This is hardly, in itself, an indictment of these states, and the existence of a Greater Israel Movement is hardly an indictment of that state. The great majority of Israelis believe, with what I believe to be a justifiable sense of impending doom, that Israel must keep itself in maximal defensive status, and must make as few concessions as possible to the Arabs until a permanent peace is established in the region. They also agree unanimously that it would be in everyone's interest to establish that peace. I'm in favor of any United States policy, short of commitment of US forces, which will help establish this goal. The situation here is no more analogous to Vietnam than was World War II. I refuse to accept the fact that this alienated me from what I know as the Peace Movement, but the latter will have to await a future letter for its elucidation, if you're interested. [Verily.]

Please don't get the idea that I disagree with your positions on most matters. I simply believe that you, and others in the Peace Movement, have become so disgusted (understandably so) with our foreign policy of late, that you naturally look askance at any foreign involvement. I'm afraid that I can't go along with that attitude, since I'm afraid that those problems which you ignore don't tend to go away by themselves. I don't believe at all that Vietnam, for example, should have been totally ignored, but that Ho should have been given every possible support back in the late '40's when he appealed for it. I wouldn't call this anything but a realistic appraisal of what the people themselves wanted, a goal always worthy of support [but never capable of attainment]. For the rest, I'm with you all the way.

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"Intelligence men, like criminals and sportsmen, tend to be Tory." - p. 99