

WHAT IS A BASIC STALEMATE POSITION? (See WAZIR #3; p. 7 of this issue for details.)

# GRAUSTARK

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1971EB "Fall 1901"

ITALY, AUSTRIA CLASH IN BALKANS  
ENGLAND (Birsan): A Edi-Den; F Nth C A Edi-Den; F Nrg-Nwy  
FRANCE (Holcombe): A Bur-Mun; A Spa holds; F Mid-Por.  
GERMANY (Grayson): A Ruh-Bel; F Hol S A Ruh-Bel; A Kie-Den.  
ITALY (Brooks): A Ven-Tri; A Apu-Tun; F Ion C A Apu-Tun.  
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Bud-Tri; F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre.  
RUSSIA (Silverman): A Liv-Swe; F Bot C A Liv-Swe; A Mos-Liv; F Rum holds.  
TURKEY (Hawley): A Bul holds; F Con S A Bul; A Smy-Ank.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:  
ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (4)  
FRANCE: Bre, Mun, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (6)  
GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie, (4)  
ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)  
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (5)  
RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (6)  
TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

France may build three new units, Austria-Hungary and Russia may each build two, and England, Turkey, Germany, and Italy may each build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 29 JANUARY 1972.

Ted Holcombe's telephone number is 213-444-2989.

EDInburgh (Aug. 3, 1901): Little joy remained in the streets today as the hoardes of singing and laughing soldiers received orders to ship out. The docks are preparing landing craft and the high Seas are combed by the Home fleet preparing for an opposed

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1971EC "Fall 1901"

GERMAN TROOPS MASS ON FRENCH BORDERS  
ENGLAND (Lipton): A Yor-Nwy; F Nth C A A Yor-Nwy; F Nrg S A Yor-Nwy.  
FRANCE (Grayson): F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Spa-Por; A Pic-Bur.  
GERMANY (Berman): A Kie-Den; F Hol-Bel; A Ruh-Bur.  
ITALY (Warden): A Apu-Tun; F Ion C A Apu-Tun; A Ven holds.  
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Fox): A Tri holds; F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre.  
RUSSIA (Barents): F Rum holds; A Ukr S F Rum; A St.P-Mos; F Bot-Swe.  
TURKEY (Willner): A Con & A Bul hold; F Bla S A Bul.

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

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (4)  
FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5)  
GERMANY: Ber, Bel, Den, Kie, Mun. (5)  
ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)  
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (5)  
RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (6)  
TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

Germany, France, Austria-Hungary, and Russia may each build two new units, and England, Turkey, and Italy may each build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 29 JANUARY 1972.

ROME (1901): La sottointendenza della Moralita Publica condemned Gregorio Wardeni today as a public menace. The illustrious Wardeni, leading scientist of The Academy of Superstion and Presumption, founded by Pope Minus Sextus, has resumed his experiments into the elasticity of pasta.

ROME (somewhat later): His Immaculate Consumption, Gregorius Unicus, disbanded the Sottointendenza della Moralita Publica because of their attack on

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"WHEN A DUTCH MEETS A DUTCH..."

by Hugh B. Anderson

[For some reason unknown to your editor, people of Dutch ancestry seem to predominate beyond their numbers in the world of Diplomacy. This being the case, games in the strongly Dutch-populated region of western Michigan ought to be of considerable interest. This across-the-board session is reported by one of the first players of postal Diplomacy. This title was wished on him.]

An across-the-board Diplomacy tournament was held in Holland, Michigan on Saturday, December 18, with two full games going simultaneously. Hugh Anderson, playing Turkey, won Game "A"; Bob van Anandel, also a Turk, won Game "B".

The games were organized by Herb Barents and Paul den Uyl, and played in the Community House of the apartment project in which den Uyl resides in Holland. Playing conditions were ideal: large living room, 50' x 20', with several tables, carpeting, fine furniture, and good lighting; and adjoining kitchen and bathrooms. Coffee and soft drinks were continuously available, and sandwiches were available for lunch.

Seventeen players showed up, with the three extras assigned to the numerous other games available, such as Chess, Go, and the Avalon-Hill series of war games. The Diplomacy games began at 10:30 AM, with Game "B" finishing up at 4 PM, and Game "A" struggling on until 7 PM. Game "B" was conceded to Bob van Anandel at the end of 1906, and all I can report is the final result, having been too busy in Game "A" to follow the "B" action.

Game A				Game B***			
Rank	State	Player	Units	Rank	State	Player	Units
1	T	Hugh Anderson	17	1	T	Bob van Anandel	12
2	R	David Hunt	11	2	R	Paul den Uyl	8
3	F	Bob Hagelshaw*	5	3	E	Bob Beasecker	7
4	A	Mehran Thomson**	1	4	G	John de Longpre	4
5	I	Lewis Pulsipher (out, F09)		5	I	Tom Webster	2
6	G	Steve Langs (out, F06)		6	F	Jim Pulsipher	1
7	E	Herb Barents (out, W04)		7	A	Jim Hagelshaw (out, F03)	

\* - Replaced 1912 by Paul den Uyl.

\*\* - Replaced 1909 by Bob van Anandel.

\*\*\* - Concluded in game year 1906.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART, GAME "A"

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	
E	3	4	5	3												[The number for each year indicates the number of supply centers controlled by that power at the end of that year.]
F	3	6	6	8	10	10	10	10	10	8	7	7	7	6	5	
G	3	5	6	6	4	2										
I	3	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1							
A	3	5	6	7	7	8	8	8	8	9	6	2	2	1	1	
R	4	4	4	4	6	8	9	9	9	9	10	13	10	11	11	
T	3	5	4	5	6	5	6	6	6	8	11	12	15	16	17	

Analysis of Game "A"

Anderson as Turkey played a cautious game from start to finish, to win by concession at the end of 1914. He forged an initial alliance with Russia and Austria, made steady gains at the expense of Italy and Germany, with Austrian and Russian help, stabbed Austria at the appropriate juncture, moved on to take Iberia from France, and finally declared war on Russia to wrap up the victory.

The big surprise of the game was David Hunt as Russia. Hunt, a 15 year old from Adrian, Michigan, was playing in his first major Diplomacy game. Hunt developed and worked to perfection a strategy which, I predict, will be-

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1970BN

"Spring 1909"

## ITALIAN FRONT STILL COLLAPSES

These moves were incorrectly adjudicated in GRAUSTARK #255, since the Italian moves were sent in. They had been attached to the "Winter 1908" build, and lost sight of. The correct adjudication follows:

ENGLAND (H. Anderson): F Nwy holds; F Nrg, F Nth, & F Ska S F Nwy.

FRANCE (Nierenberg): A Bel-Hol; A Ruh S A Bel-Hol [sic; no such unit exists]; F Bre-Mid; F Spa(s.c.)-Wes; A Gas-Bur; A Mar S A Gas-Bur; A Bur not ordered, holds.

ITALY (Model): A Rom-Apu; F Nap S A Rom-Apu; F Tyr S F Nap.

RUSSIA (Buchanan): F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; F Bar S F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; A Swe-Fin; A Ber-Swe; F Bal C A Ber-Swe; F Den S A Ber-Swe; A Kie S F Den; A Ruh-Hol; A Mun-Ruh; A Boh-Mun; A War-Sil; F Sev holds; F Aeg S TURKISH F Eas-Ion.

TURKEY (Barents): F Ion-Nap; F Apu S F Ion-Nap; A Tus-Rom; A Ven S A Tus-Rom; F Eas-Ion; F Gre S F Eas-Ion; A Pie-Mar; F Tri-Alb.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian A Rom is annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 29 JANUARY 1972. Players who have already sent in these moves should write to indicate whether they have any changes to make, or will stand by them.

GLOCKTANIA (Unusually and Recklessly Redundant Press): The Glocktanian news service has published a reconnaissance report on IGORIA: "The country is 247 miles long, and 3 feet wide. Their major exports are rope, and books on 'How To Be Skinny.'"

ISSMEAL-GAKA (Rodent): Reports of the progress of our hero, Hasha are still coming in from all over. Wetherfore continue the ever continuing stroy of Hisha Hasha.

"Now tellme Sullrrall you know about this John of Brokelyn

"Well I really don't know too much except that Sir John is a mad mad scientist that creates many wild and wierd things too control the minds of the peopl that he rules over. It seems that he travels on a moving mass that transports him from one place to another very fast like. I fear for your life Hasha so you better leave when you get the chance before the John can set a trap for you."

"Thank you Suplar, your help will go a long way in getting the John."

Hasha and his party then begin to leave the town and go out into the wild world of the Seragoatkal Desert. After many hours march Hasha's side kick and the protector of this party the ever faithful Aqualung comes up and starts to talk to Hasha about the past events that happen in the town.

"How do you know that you can trust the Suplar?"

"Well, Aqualung he was a very nice man."

"but remember what the CK told, the John has many spies throughout and they will try to throw you off the track. And how do you know that John of Brokelyn is the same as the John?"

"You know Aqua (a name that Hasha uses for Aqualung because they are so close) That is something to think about, that rell isfood for thought I'll have to do some thinking on this one"

As Hasha has lunch we leave to return by Jove.

ASSHELA: Today Lorrie Lowly leader of WLW (Warm Loving Wives) announced that she was suing the Urrp of USA for twenty million dollars for cutting her trade. "WE are not located in the US and never will be. Why since that Rumor appeared we have lost half or custermur's" She was also quoted as saying "serves him right for trying to get things from a cat house what a perved mind"

GHEAJJRAAA: Today the presidents of the URRPs in Turkey and surrounding states gathered to jointly attack the Urrp of the USA. It seems that

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## WESTERN POWERS ROUTED

In "Fall 1912" your Gamesmaster errantly credited England with ownership of Edinburgh rather than Liverpool, and in "Spring 1913" the Italian A Ven was similarly misplaced in Vienna.

ENGLAND (Lasky): F Liverpool holds.

FRANCE (Mischel): F Nat-Mid; F Bre S F Nat-Mid; A Gas-Mar; A Bur S A Gas-Mar; A Mun holds.

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

ITALY (Comber): F Mid-Bre; F Naf-Mid; F Por S F Naf-Mid; A Spa-Gas; A Mar S A Spa-Gas; A Pie S A Mar; A Ven holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Niepenberg): A War-Liv; A Mos S A War-Liv; A Ukr-War; A Sil-Pru; A Ber-Kie; A Boh-Mun; A Tyr S A Boh-Mun; A Tri S A Tyr; A Vie-Gal; F Iri-Wal; F Wes-Lyo; F Naf S ITALIAN F Mid; F Tun-Wes; F Ion holds.

RUSSIA (Shuldiner): F Nwy-Nth; F Eng S FRENCH F Nat-Mid; A Liv-St.P; A Fin S A Liv-St.P; F Edi-Cly.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Mun-Ruh and Italy retreats F Mid-Iri. Italy's orders were mixed with a bit too much holiday grog: There is no Italian unit in Naf and the Italian "A Spa" is actually F Spa(n.c.). Because of the influx of newcomers to postal play, the adjudications merit some explanation. One of the ambiguities in the Rulebook (Page 3, Paragraph 5) is: "A badly written order, which nevertheless can have only one meaning, must be followed." Since Italy does have a unit in Spa, if the quoted rule is interpreted liberally, as do some Gamesmasters, Spa would succeed to Gas, dislodging Gas and allowing F Mid to retreat to either coast of Spa. The Rulebook is designed for over-the-board play and minor fluffs, as a result of haste, are accepted in accordance with the "badly written order" rule. While speed is a factor in postal play, too, it is a result of time to negotiate, not the minutes it takes to write orders. Consequently, it is my policy to virtually ignore the "badly written order" rule in postal games, especially when an experienced player commits the error.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Liv. (1)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Lon, Par. (4)

GERMANY: Kie. (1)

ITALY: Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Spa,

Ven. (6)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Ber, Bud, Bul,

Con, Gre, Mos, Mun, Rum, Ser, Sev,

Smy, Tri, Tun, Vie, War. (16)

RUSSIA: Den, Edi, Hol, Nwy, St.P,

Swe. (6)

Austria-Hungary may build two units, and France must remove one. These "Winter 1913" adjustments are due immediately. Deadline for "Spring 1914" moves is 6 PM, MONDAY 24 JANUARY 1972.

- John Beshara, Gamesmaster

"Does Artie Lasky (a/k/a Toga) really exist, or was he a product of my imagination?" - Perry Silverman

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come popularly known as "the Hunt Alliance". This strategy calls for stabbing your ally a little bit every second year or so, but not sufficiently to provoke the ally to engage in full-scale retaliation. By agreement, Turkey took Rumania in 1901. Hunt stole it away in 1902. In 1905, Hunt grabbed Ankara. In later years, he put an army in Ankara, took Berlin from Turkey, put armies in Galicia and Bohemia (threatening his ally, Austria); all the while continuing to cooperate with his Turkish and Austrian allies in other sectors. Hunt's allies were forced to accept this humiliation, because the alternative, war with Russia, was even less palatable. This

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1971BC

"Spring 1902"

## 8 OF 34 UNITS CHANGE POSITION

ENGLAND (Hodin): F Lon-Nth; A Nwy-Fin; F Nrg-Nwy; F Ska-Swe.FRANCE (Latin): A Bel-Hol; F Bre-Eng; A Mar-Bur; A Par S A Mar-Bur; F Spa (s.c.)-Mid; A Por-Spa.GERMANY (Schleicher): A Hol holds; A Mun-Tyr; A Ruh-Mun; F Kie-Hel; F Den S F Kie-Hel.ITALY (Burley): F Tun-Ion; A Tyr-Mun; A Ven-Tyr; A Tus-Ven.AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Berman): F Gre-Ion; A Ser S A Bud; A Bud S A Ser; A Vie S A Tri; A Tri S A Vie.RUSSIA (A. Phillips): F Swe S GERMAN F Den-Ska; A St.P-Fin; A Mos-St.P; A Rum-Bud; A Gal-Rum; F Sev S A Gal-Rum.TURKEY (Nierenberg): F Ank-Bla; F Con S F Ank-Bla; A Smy-Arm; A Bul-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is 6 PM, MONDAY 31 JANUARY 1972. These moves will be adjudicated and mailed to each player by carbon copy immediately thereafter.

All players are reminded to write Earl Hodin, M. D., Marlboro House, 5775 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, Florida 33140, who arrives there on January 16th and departs on January 29th.

[To which Earl Hodin adds that this ZIP Code is correct, replacing an incorrect figure given in previous announcements. He writes that anything mailed to his old APO address after 7 January 1972 "will most likely NOT be received by me until it is duly forwarded, so that anything you feel is important enough should probably be written up again and mailed as below: 'Earl Hodin, M. D., 5775 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, Fla. 33140'." No mention in this letter, dated 11 January, is made of a departure date. - JB]

Note my article in the forthcoming Atlantis concerning the new Rule-book.

Doug Beyerlein, 3934 S. W. Southern, Seattle, Wash. 98116, is preparing his #3 Player Poll. I urge all of you to cast your votes by submitting in sequence those you think are the top 14 active players. Personally, I hate polls, but there is such a huge influx of newcomers to postal play, it seems important to me, if there must be polls, there be at least some relation among those who are actually the top players and those whose names appear on most polls - usually because the polls are sent to a select "in" clique whose ambition is self-adulation.

Where are those bawdy press releases? Must I threaten to resurrect ALL THE WEATHER NEWS DIRTY ENOUGH TO PRINT?!

Am anxious for confidential comments on each player's objectives in the game, of course!

- John Beshara, Gamesmaster

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strategy would have won for Russia, had it not been for tactical errors in the later years, plus a failure of nerve at the critical point at which an all-out offensive upon Turkey was clearly required.

Chronologically, the game proceeded as follows. Russia, Austria, and Turkey made an initial offensive alliance. England and Germany agreed to grad Scandinavia, at Russia's expense. Italy and France were allies, but with no common enemy. By the end of 1902, England owned Norway and St. Petersburg, Germany has Denmark and a lowland, and was threatening Warsaw and Moscow. Russia was on the edge of extinction. Austria and Turkey had divided the Balkans, and Austria had grabbed Venice. At this point, the complexion of the game suddenly changed. In 1903 France caught England from the rear, and by the following year had seized all of Britain. In 1904, Hunt, as Russia, pulled off the finest diplomatic coup of the game by per-

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## FIFTH NEW GRAUSTARK GAME OPENS, ONE MORE TO GO

New registrations in GRAUSTARK games are coming in at an unprecedented rate. A fifth new game now begins, whose game number will in due course be assigned by Rod Walker. Pending this assignment, it will for the time being be called "G-V". Countries and players are:

ENGLAND: Bill Abbott, 5018 Brookside Dr., Jackson, Mich. 49203  
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 GERMANY: Larry Fong, 704 Alice St., Oakland, Calif. 94607; 415-893-5941  
 ITALY: Bob Strayer, Apt. 8, 207 E. Alice Ave., Phoenix, Ariz. 85020  
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Eugene Prosnitz, 200 Clinton St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11201;  
 212-UL 5-0089  
 RUSSIA: Ensign Stephen Malone, USNR, Box 2, Comfairkeflavik, Keflavik, Iceland, FPO New York, N. Y. 09571  
 TURKEY: William H. Osmanson, 1015 Union St., Morris, Ill. 60450

The deadline for "Spring 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY 1972. Deadlines thereafter will be two weeks apart.

Ens. Malone writes that "Mail to me requires only the normal postage to New York City. It is then carried to Iceland by air without extra payment." The same is true for all APO and FPO addresses

The Gamesmaster regrets to announce that he can undertake only one more new game, and that four entries have come in for it already. The game entry fee is \$6, and the fee for stand-by players is \$3. For postal rules, and information about stand-by status, see GRAUSTARK #252, a copy of which should be in the possession of every postal player. (Write for a free copy if you're playing or standing by, and haven't received one yet.)

1971EE

"Spring 1901"

## DUAL MONARCHY REPELS RUSSIAN ATTACK

ENGLAND (Trtek): F Lon-Nth; F Edi-Nrg; A Liv-Edi.  
 FRANCE (Vest): A Par-Pic; A Mar-Spa; F Bre-Mid.  
 GERMANY (G. Tesser): A Ber-Sil; F Kie-Den; A Murr-Ruh.  
 ITALY (Horton): A Rom holds; F Nap-Tyr; A Ven-Pie.  
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Edeiken): A Bud-Ser; A Vie-Gal; F Tri-Alb.  
 RUSSIA (P. Wood): F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; A War-Gal; F Sev-Rum; A Mos-Ukr.  
 TURKEY (Drakert): A Con-Bul; A Smy-Ank; F Ank-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 29 JANUARY 1972.

Donald Horton's telephone number is 916-383-4848.

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suading Germany to turn on France and to help Russia throw England out of St. Pete. France, by this time, had grown to 10 units. As Germany checked France on the Western front, Russia grabbed Scandinavia and supported a Turkish army into Berlin.

At the same time (1905), Austria nailed Germany at Munich, and Turkey moved on into Kiel, with the same lone army, in 1906, knocking Germany out of the war. Meanwhile, Austria and Turkey occupied all of Italy in 1905, leaving only a fleet in Tunis, supported by French fleets in the Gulf of Lyon and Western Mediterranean. This log-jam was broken in 1908 after Austria has maneuvered a fleet into Tuscany, and the Lyon fleet was dislodged. An Austrian army was then convoyed into Marseilles, and in 1909 the remaining Italian fleet was dislodged.

At this point, each of the four remaining powers had 8 or 9 units, and it was anybody's ball game, if France could break loose a member of the

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## THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

[John Beshara, the author of this letter, is publisher of Wazir and chairman of The Diplomacy Association, whose official publication Wazir is. TDA membership is a great help to the beginning Diplomacy player, as it puts him in contact with more experienced players, lets him know which Gamesmaster is opening new games, and makes him familiar with the fine points of Diplomacy strategy through articles in Wazir. TDA membership is \$1, and includes a subscription to Wazir. Wazir #3, which has just been published, contains an article by Beshara on the basic stalemate positions. Subscribers will also get copies of the first two issues as long as they hold out.]

JOHN BESHARA, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y. 10023: In GRAUSTARK #255 there is a full page letter by Rod Walker commenting about a report in #253 wherein John Boardman discussed an "interesting situation involving convoyed moves", which I brought to John's attention. That report in #253 was not written by me, and there is nothing in there referring to any quotations by me, as Rod repeatedly misstates.

The two sets of moves adjudicated in John Boardman's report were discussed by us prior to the publication of the new Rulebook and the analysis given by John Boardman and Rod Walker do not agree with my current views based upon my now having a copy of the new rules.

For those of you who wish to know my views, some six weeks ago upon receipt of the new Rulebook, I prepared an article for publication in Atlantis, which I am informed will be in the forthcoming issue. Subscriptions to Atlantis are 10 for \$1.50 and should be mailed to Christopher Schleicher, 5122 W. Carmen Ave. Chicago, Ill. 60630.

For the several years I've been acquainted with Rod's houserules - unfortunately, I cannot say I understand them since they fluctuate with his bowel movements - he perversely opposed every Gamesmaster I know of concerning the adjudications of the situation presented in #253 and he attempted throughout the process involved in revising the new Rulebook to insert his unique interpretations into the new Rulebook. Fortunately for us all, Allan Calhamer did not agree with Rod.

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triple alliance. Bob van Andel, flushed with victory in Game "B", then took over the play of Austria from Mehran Thomson. Bob was immediately stabbed by Turkey in 1910, losing Rome and two Balkan provinces. Turkey took a slight risk in turning on Austria, while France was still a viable enemy, but one more move would have placed the Turkish fleets too far West to hit Austria, and an Austrian fleet in the Ionian would have been free to roam in Turkish waters. As it was, the Ionian fleet moved to the Tyrrhenian Sea, by prearrangement, and the trap closed behind it. Full credit for this coup belongs to Hunt (Russia), who convinced a reluctant Turkey that the time for greatness had arrived.

[This account will be completed in GRAUSTARK #257. The publisher regrets that, owing to the severe limitations for space under which this issue was printed, this article could not be printed complete in this issue.]

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The first stand-by entry has arrived, from Michael Guitierrez, Apt. 240, 80-15 41st Avenue, Elmhurst, N. Y. 11373. He is assigned to game 1971EB. On the basis of past experience, I can confidently inform stand-bys that each game is going to need at least two of them.

An "S" on the address label means that you are invited to subscribe.

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invasion of Denmark. The war lords have tossed the souls of men into their fray again, with England being called upon to once again restore the world to the laws of peace and the order of brotherhood.

ROME (1 Nov. 1901): King Victor the Silly announced the awarding the Grand Badge of Lifesaving to Admiral Pomi-Pomi for the picking up of the 1st Papal Army from the Ionian Sea. The Army, commanded by Pope Alice the Frigid, was attempting to walk on water.

VENICE (5 Dec. 1901): General von Bismarck, today, invaded Trieste and declared the formation of the Northern Italian Kingdom. King Leonardo, as the General is now called, stated that the NIK will maintain relations with the old homeland. Prince Balbo has been sent north to deal with the break-away territory.

SPAIN: The first french Army toured the countryside, compiling data on the rual ~~xxxxxx~~ housing facilities needed for quartering the troops for the winter.

PORTUGAL: Several bathtubs containing frenchmen and their companions (the latter being predominantly female of one species or another) washed ashore here today.

MUNICH: A group of drunken frenchmen accidentally wandered towards this town in search of the Bavarian Beer Fest. The French government immediately disclaimed responsibility for the incident and pledged a full investigation. Rumor has it that they were plied with Scotch and Vodka.

LONDON: A late dispatch from British Headquarters indicated that British troops had refrained from occupying Denmark out of respect for the late King of that country.

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leading 'pastologist' Wardoni. His Consumption then went on to laud Wardoni for "the kind of spirit and originality" that made Italy the country that it is today.

ROME (right now): In a spectacular development, Wardoni announced today that his experiments in pastology have resulted in a new weapon that will revolutionize Italian warfare. He explained it thusly: "Because pasta has such a high elasticity quotient, we have decided that it is particularly suited for use in catapults. The new pasta catapult, which uses only highest grade wet fettucine, can hurl a cannonball accurately for over one mile. Experiments show that the catapult was even more effective when meatballs were used as ammo."

SHARUPYOUFACE (Archaic Studies Society): The scholars of this land call the Dutch Boy, Barentses claim of ancestry to the discoverer of Sea we all know and love, as a fraud. According to them, the Sea was found by three seagulls, Murry, Sid, and Irving, 3:20 Saturday, the 7th day of Creation (Jewish Standard Time), who were looking around on the Bosses day off.

CONSTANTINOPOL (Sep. 23, 1901): A thousand apologies to one, and peace and good will to all.

MOSCOW (KILL): Karlos Kotexya the Kind today announced that he was heading off to his hideway in the urals to play around for a while. "At last" he said "We'll be away from the Dutch Boy and maybe be able to get some things done"

Warsaw (BALLS): Barents gave out his first interview with the press here today. Some of the following were taken from that interview.

Asked how he liked being head of the foreign affairs office he said 'you never know what you might get into'

Asked how he liked being head of the Defense dept he had to say "If you want to get ahead in this business you just have to stay in there and keep banging away or you'll never make it."

This is  
O At  
P Great  
E Intervals  
R This  
A Appears  
T To  
I Inflamm  
O Optic  
N Nerves  
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## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

"Dr. Kissinger said that whoever was putting out background information relative to the current situation is provoking Presidential wrath. The President is under the 'illusion' that he is giving instructions; not that he is merely being kept apprised of affairs as they progress." - Report on meeting of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 4 December 1971, New York Times, 6 January 1972

After all the turmoil about the Godfather Game, as cited in the last issue of GRAUSTARK, the game's inventors have finally been heard from. Jonathan Porter writes in the New York Times of 3 January 1972:

"On or about December 16, 1970, my brother and I invented a board game called The Godfather. On Dec. 16, 1971, your editorial equated this game with dismemberable torture toys for children. Can we possibly be talking about the same game?"

"...You have apparently accepted [Representative Biaggi's] view without investigation. You cannot possibly have played the game, or looked into it carefully. If you had, you would have seen that no child under twelve would be capable of playing it. And if he could, the only harm it could do him would be contingent on his swallowing it."

"Don't you people have anything better to crusade against? Right at this moment, for instance, there's a war game being sold in Mr. Biaggi's district that encourages plotting, deviousness, elimination, and territorial conflict. It's called chess."

Let's hope that the Porter brothers don't discover Diplomacy.

However, war toys are a real hazard in the English-occupied zone of Ireland. According to the New York Times of 29 December 1971, "The British Army distributed thousands of leaflets to parents in Northern Ireland today, warning: 'If your child plays with a toy gun in the streets he may be killed.'" The leaflet explained that youngsters sometimes blaze away with these toys, including a realistic looking plastic tommy gun, at soldiers in the army of occupation.

GRAUSTARK opens trade relations with two Canadian war-gaming journals, Signal and Marcus. Signal is published at 6 issues for \$1 by John Mansfield and Bob Schell, 2111 14th St. SW, Calgary, Alberta. It deals with war games generally, and reports to its readers postal Diplomacy openings. The first issue of Marcus announces a subscription rate of 10 issues for \$1.50, and game openings at \$4.00. The publisher is Mark Weidmark, 528 Park Crescent, Pickering, Ontario.

That dreary farce, the 1972 Presidential Election, is about to get under way, with virtually the same cast as in 1968. It is fairly clear by now that, unless National Rifle Association propaganda gets another practical application, the candidates will be Nixon, Wallace, and one of the members of the last Democratic ticket. The only winners will be the people who sell magnifying glasses so that the candidates' programs might possibly be distinguished from one another.

"Why doesn't the CIA run a candidate, since it is supposed to be so powerful?" one might ask - with the immediate rejoinder, "Maybe they are!" But who is he? For an answer we'll turn to Dr. Julius Mader's handy little book Who's Who in the CIA. This directory of members of the CIA and other US "intelligence" agencies does indeed list Humphrey. The only other candidate listed is - surprise! - "McCarthy, Eugene Joseph". Also listed is McCarthy's chief 1968 fund-raiser, Thomas F. McCoy.

Also in the act is some outfit called "People Politics", which has enough money behind it to have afforded a two-page ad in last Sunday's New York Times. After professing that it wants to return the electoral process to the people, it lists six candidates who have endorsed its aims. Of these six, four - McCarthy, McGovern, Muskie, and Lindsay - voted for the

war when the question came before Congress in 1964. But then "People Politics" nowhere indicates that it believes the war ought to be ended.

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In her column in the New York Daily News of 9 January 1972, Robin Adams Sloan blows the whistle on one of the most contemptible publicity operations of our time - an international version of the old lawyers' maxim "Collect while the tears are hot." In business to create and warm up the tears is a public relations firm in Geneva called Markpress, which "specializes in world-wide, heartbreak publicity. It cranked up sympathy for the Biafran refugees and starving children, for instance. It charges a six-figure retainer fee."

Keep this in mind the next time you see a big tear-jerking story in the papers about Bengali Hindus or Syrian Jews or North Vietnamese Catholics. It may be just good old Markpress, earning another six-figure retainer. Their next client, according to Sloan, is likely to be the Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland.

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"7th Fleet Task Force Ends Patrol in the Indian Ocean" - New York Times, 11 January 1972, p. 1

"I have every confidence U. S. Navy vessels will operate in the Indian Ocean during the next year to 18 months." - Jerry W. Friedheim, "Defense Department Spokesman", New York Times, 11 January 1972, p. 13

"It is quite obvious that the President is not inclined to let the Paks be defeated." - Henry Kissinger, New York Times, 9 January 1972

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they were not satisfied with the news that came out of Brooklyn in the last days. It seems that the Rabble has United against the owners of the Urrp of Brooklyn. They then decided to take the first flight to Brooklyn to sack the offices of the urrp of Brooklyn. They were last seen on the back of the largest Tharn they could find flying to Brooklyn one wonders what price they will pay.

ST, PETERSBURG (6 Oct. 1909): "Yes, BURSITIS is right," said Vladimir. "Leslie Bangs Tapscott better watch out for sea-gulls, especially from Brooklyn Harbor, because Leslie Bangs Tapscott used to be known as Eric Elake. Thanks to BURITUS the mystery is solved. BURITUS will be awarded another Order of Vladimir!"

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