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1972E "Spring 1901"
RUSSIA INVADES DUAL MONARCHY
ENGLAND (Abbott): F Lon-Eng; A Liv-Yor; F Edi-Nth.
FRANCE (McCormick): A Mar-Bur; F Bre-Mid; A Par-Pic.
GERMANY (Fong): F Kie-Hol; A Ber-Kie; A Mun holds.
ITALY (Strayer): A Ven holds; A Rom-Apu; F Nap-Ion.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Prosnitz): A Vie-Tri; A Bud-Ser; F Tri-Alb.
RUSSIA (Malone): F Sev-Rum; A Mos-Sev; F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; A War-Gal.
TURKEY (Osmanson): A Con-Bul; F Ank-Bla; A Smy-Arm.

The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY 1972.

LONDON (3 Feb. 1901): The British Secretary of War, Lord Kitchener, announced today that the presence of the Hone Fleet in the English Channel was merely a preventive measure and should in no way be construed as an offensive action against France. The Hone Fleet was dispatched to the Channel as an insurance move based on information received from sources in the Balkans and Southeastern Europe. The duration of the visit is only to be 1-3 months, therefore the fleet can be expected to return to the North Sea early in the Fall.

1971EE "Winter 1901"
ENGLAND (Trtek): Builds F Lon.
FRANCE (Vest): Builds A Par, F Bre.
GERMANY (Tesser): Builds F Kie.
ITALY (Horton): Builds F Nap.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Edeiken): Builds A Tri, A Bud.
RUSSIA (P. Wood): Builds A Mos.
TURKEY (Drakert): Builds F Smy.

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1972G "Spring 1901"
"UNEASY NIGHTS IN THE BALKANS"
ENGLAND (Lipton): F Lon-Nth; F Edi-Nrg; A Liv-Edi.
FRANCE (Underwood): A Mar-Spa; A Par-Bur; F Bre-Pic.
GERMANY (de Jonghe): A Mun-Ruh; A Ber-Kie; F Kie-Hol.
ITALY (Devereaux): A Ven-Pie; A Rom-Ven; F Nap-Ion.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Hunt): A Vie-Tyr; A Bud-Ser; F Tri-Adr.
RUSSIA (Atteberry): F Sev-Rum; A War-Gal; A Mos-Ukr; F St.P(s.c.)-Bot.
TURKEY (Blandin): A Con-Bul; A Smy-Ank; F Ank-Con.

The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY 1972.

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ROME: Pope John XXIV announced today that missionaries would be sent to all parts of the world to convert infidels to Roman Catholicism. All countries are asked to welcome the missionaries.

NAPLES: The Naples fishing fleet has entered the Ionian Sea. Many believe the fishing will be great this year.

LONDON (IDUNNO): The Phumphan Seekey moved sharply higher in active trading today in response to Phumpha's increase cash holdings. The Seekey closed at -3 to the dollar.

1971EB

"Spring 1902"

RUSSO-AUSTRIAN ALLIANCE HITS TURKEY

ENGLAND (Birsan): F Lon-Eng; A Edi-Den; F Nth C A Edi-Den; F Nwy S F Nth.
 FRANCE (Holcombe): F Bre-Eng; F Por-Spa(s.c.); A Par-Pic; A Mar-Bur; A Spa-Gas; A Mun S A Mar-Bur.
 GERMANY (Grayson): A Kie-Mun; A Ber S A Kie-Mun; A Bel-Bur; F Hol-Nth.
 ITALY (Brooks): A Tun holds; F Ion-Eas; F Nap-Ion; A Ven-Pie.
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Vie-Boh; A Bud-Vie; A Ser & F Gre S RUSSIAN
 F Rum-Bul(e.c.); F Tri-Alb.
 RUSSIA (Silverman): A Swe S ENGLISH A Edi-Den; F Bot-Bal; A Liv-Prus; A
 War-Sil; F Rum-Bul(e.c.); A Sev-Rum.
 TURKEY (Hawley): A Bul S RUSSIAN F Rum; A Ank-Con; F Con-Aeg; F Smy S F
 Con-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish A Bul is annihilated and France must retreat. A Mun-Ruh or A Mun-Tyr, or allow this unit to be annihilated. In submitting their "Fall 1902" moves, players may make them conditional on the direction of this French retreat, or on the possibility of a self-annihilation under the revised Diplomacy rules. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY 1972.

Our condolences go to Stephen Brooks on the death of his father.

VIENNA: Austria accepts Italy's apology. Needless to say, a recurrence would have serious consequences.

1971EC

"Spring 1902"

ENGLISH HURL BACK RUSSIANS IN NORTH

ENGLAND (Lipton): A Nwy-Swe; F Nth-Nwy; F Nrg S F Nth-Nwy; F Lon-Eng.
 FRANCE (Grayson): A Por-Spa; F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; A Par-Bur; A Pic S A Par-Bur; A Mar S A Par-Bur.
 GERMANY (Berman): F Den S ENGLISH A Nwy-Swe; A Kie-Hol; A Mun-Bur; A Ruh S A Mun-Bur; F Bel-Pic.
 ITALY (Warden): F Ion-Eas; F Nap-Ion; A Ven & A Tun hold.
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Fox): F Gre-Aeg; A Ser-Gre; A Bud-Ser; A Tri S A Bud-Ser; A Vie holds.
 RUSSIA (Barents): F St.P(n.c.) holds; F Swe holds; A War-Ukr; F Rum-Sev; A Ukr-Rum; A Mos S A War-Ukr.
 TURKEY (Willner): A Bul S RUSSIAN A Ukr-Rum; F Ela S A Bul; F Smy-Aeg; A Con-Smy.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian F Swe is dislodged and must retreat to Fin, Bot, Bal, or Ska, or be removed. Players may make their "Fall 1902" moves conditional on the disposal of this dislodged Russian fleet. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY 1972.

HAPPY HALF ACRES, PHUMPHA (IDUNNO): An Associated Science Services report indicates a one hundred percent rise in the population of Happy Half Acres. Both men were asked their reasons for immigrating. One replied, "I've just escaped from St. Helena, and the British will never look for me here. The other said that "The gobi Desert was getting too crowded." Rumors continue to fly that the four man Happy Half Acres government will place a population limit on this twenty square mile province.

(Earlier press releases appear on p. 8.)

John O'Neil (address on p. 6) is now 2nd stand-by in 1971EB. Stephen Bell, 5605 Virgilwood Dr., Greensboro, N. C. 27409 has this role in 1971EB.

THIS IS WAR?

ENGLAND (Hodin): A Nwy-Swe; F Ska S A Nwy-Swe; F Nrg-Nwy; F Nth S F Nrg-Nwy.

FRANCE (Latin): A Bel-Ruh; A Bur S A Bel-Ruh; A Par S A Bur; A Spa-Bel; F Mid & F Eng C A Spa-Bel.

GERMANY (Schleicher): F Den-Ska; F Hel-Den; A Hol S A Ruh; A Ruh S A Hol; A Mun-Tyr.

ITALY (Burley): F Tun-Ion; A Tyr-Tri; A Ven S A Tyr-Tri; A Tus holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Berman): A Vie-Gal; A Bud-Gal; F Gre-Ion; A Tri S GERMAN A Mun-Tyr; A Ser S A Tri.

RUSSIA (Phillips): A St.P-Nwy; F Swe-Ska; A Mos S F Sev; F Sev & A Gal S A Rum; A Rum S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ser-Bul.

TURKEY (Nierenberg): F Bla-Rum; A Bul S F Bla-Rum; A Arm-Sev; F Con-Aag.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian A Tyr is dislodged, refuses to retreat, and is annihilated. Russia's A Rum is dislodged and retreats to the Ukr. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

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

Italy builds F Nap, Turkey builds F Smy, and Russia removes A Gal. The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is 6 PM, MONDAY 21 FEBRUARY 1972.

BERLIN (13 Dec. 1902): The Foreign Office today announced the Kaiser and His family will journey to Munich to supervise the construction of a new bridge over the Isar. While in Munich, the Kaiser plans to meet with special envoys of the Austrian government to discuss the invasion of the Tyrol by Italian mercenaries.

Appeals are being sent to Rome and Switzerland, in the hope a peaceful solution will be found to the problem posed by the Italian insurgents, but the negative attitude of the Italian government may mean eventual war.

BERLIN (14 Dec. 1902): The German General Staff announced plans to fortify the present line of troops extending through Holland and the Ruhr, in anticipation of French attacks. The General Staff further announced strategies for a naval bombardment of Belgium, should French attacks on Holland continue.

PASSAU (Special): A secret highly classified meeting took place here recently between high officials of the Austrian and German governments. However, I was able to obtain at great risk a copy of the minutes. I am releasing them to the press in the hope that the publicity will avoid an even greater conflict than now exists. The Germans have agreed in principle to aid the Austrians in expelling the Italians from Austrian soil. How this will be accomplished is being left to future meetings. I will endeavor to continue to inform the public when and if this occurs. -- T.R.S.

1970BB

In "Spring 1914" moves as published in GRAUSTARK \$257, the French F Mid was incorrectly indicated as F NAT. F Mid was dislodged and may retreat. The deadline for "Fall 1914" moves is extended to 6 PM, MONDAY 21 FEBRUARY 1972. - J. J. B.

Players needing to know the direction of this retreat for their "Fall 1914" moves should contact the Gamesmaster, John Beshara. - J. B.

1970BN

"Winter 1909"

Russia builds F St.P(s.c.), Turkey builds A Smy & F Con, and Italy removes F Tyr. The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY 1972.

The Turkish move "A Pic-Mar" was not printed in the last issue. Players were, however, informed of it.

DEADLOCKS ACROSS EUROPE AS SPHERES OF INFLUENCE CLASH

In "Spring 1901" the English move "A Liv-Edi" was incorrectly printed as "A Yor-Edi".

CONSTANTINOPLE: Turkish Empire sends regards to Austria. We are very sorry to have betrayed you twice. But we have a thought that if one allies oneself with a very strong neighbor (as you would have been), he will soon devour one when no longer needed. Or at best Turkey would have been a second rate power throughout the game on your terms. This would not be pleasing to our emperor. Please try to understand.

BERLIN (21 Sept. 1901): Kaiser Gutgulf today informed the press of the mission of the First Imperial Fleet: to collect Swedish weed samples. The fleet was dispatched upon hearing rumors that the Swedes had developed a strain of grass to rival the infamous Bavarian Blue, a particularly potent variety of Cannabis sativa. Gutgulf said it was intolerable that anyone better his favorite blend.

OREBRO, SWEDEN (1 Oct. 1901): The special task force detached from the First Fleet to sample Swedish flora, lead by the Head, reported on the mission. According to the Head, "This Swedish shit is all right (pass the pipe, Falstaff), but nothing like that Bavarian we tried. Otto, bring me another six ham and cheese on rye."

ROME (Oct. 1901): The huge hippie force located in the hills of Piedmont have been ordered to sack Marseilles in hopes of raping the Girl Scout Troop there. First the grapes, and then the cherries, we say.

VERSAILLES (22 July 1901): Today the Health Ministry clarified the previous announcement concerning vaccination against "Hungarianpox". The vaccine, which will be administered to all the schoolchildren and workers on the next three weeks, was isolated from a culture obtained from a beer can smuggled out of Vienna. "We believe that it is a strain of a virus common to the Royal Family and the carrier becomes infectious when he should wear his Goloshes and long underwear and does not," stated the Health Minister. "They usually don't have enough sense to come in out of the cold."

ENGLAND (Alfenito): No moves received. A Edi, F Nrg, & F Nth hold.

FRANCE (Powell): A Mar-Pie; A Bur S A Mar [sic]; F Mid-Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Huddleston): A Ruh-Bel; A Kie-Hol; F Den-Swe.

ITALY (Tretick): A Apu-Tun; F Ion C A Apu-Tun; A Pie-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Honig): F Alb-Gre; A Tri-Ser; A Bud-Gal.

RUSSIA (De Prisco): F Rum holds; A War-Gal; F Bot-Swe; A St.P-Fin.

TURKEY (Murray): A Bul-Gre; F Con-Aeg; A Smy-Con.

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

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon. (3)	ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)
FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Spa. (4)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Ser, Tri, Vie. (4)
GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (6)	RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, War. (5)
	TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre. (4)

Germany may build 3 units, and France, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Turkey, and Russia may each build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY 1972.

Since Joseph Alfenito has missed a move as England, the first stand-by, Steven Nozik, should send in stand-by "Spring 1902" moves for that country. Like all "Spring 1902" moves in this game, these will be due on SATURDAY 11 MARCH 1972. If Alfenito does not send in "Spring 1902" moves for England, then Nozik's will be used, and he will take over the play of that country. See GRAUSTARK #252 for details concerning stand-by status.

Buddy Tretick announces that between 5 March and 23 April his address will be FAA Aeronautical Center, AC-944.4, Radar A, Course 40329, Class 72-10, P. O. Box 25082, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73125

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Edi Birsan (address above) has just published the 1st issue of his new Diplomacy 'zine Arena. He is organizing one game each of Diplomacy and Origins of World War II; the game fees are \$5.50 and \$3.00 respectively. Subscriptions are 7 issues for \$1.00.

1971EC. - PRESS RELEASES

MOSCOW (Goons of Liechtenstein Live & Yell Press): It was reported today that they caizr is much better than he thought he would be, the bloody mary did it.

MOSCOW (GOLLY): The czar today denounced all rumors that he and his wife were getting a divorce over bloody mary.

VANGILLA: Barents today announced what was wrong with the Cazar that the bloody mary fixed.

"the caizr has this craze for blood, blood and more blood is what he needs and that is what he got. He plans now to take a long vaction with relatives in Pollutidar."

POLLUTIDAR (GOLLY): Karlos Kotexya today visted the central meeting place of all Pollutidarians and met Honj the Horny. Karlos then and there made his passionate plea for the men and others of Pollutidar to come to his aid so that he can stop the noise. He in part said "Russia is a backward country, and if you help us we will be able to stop the jet from becoming a reality and also we would stop productions of cars and all other pollutors and noise makers and most of all we'll stop all wars and electric guitars."

At which he got a standing ovation from the...

POLLUTIDAR (URRP): The Representative Diet of the Empire of Pollutidar today received a state visit from an Outer Cruster identified only as the "caizr". However, his remarks were virtually unintelligible, even when translated by the Jukan delegate Stnerab. Finding himself unaided by the hereditary Jukan insanity, which usually gives this tribe a valuable insight into Outer Crust thought processes, Stnerab finally gave up and begin inspecting the scalp of the Sogoth delegate M'watan for fleas. The Sogoth delegation unfortunately regarded this as a hostile act, since they received more fleas from Stnerab than he removed from them. In the resulting melee, five Jukans were killed, one Sogoth was tramped into a wall-to-wall carpet, and the so-called "caizr" disappeared entirely.

SCREWLA: The Dutchboy from his hide away today announced that a new important domsic affair has come up and he put Glue in charge of the forgien affairs til the boy was ready to resume control.

"That Glue really sticks to his work" Said the Dutch.

Bottom Of A Sewage Tank (Underground Rodent Resistant Press): It was announced today that the Brooklyn URRP is all screwed up again like ISHMEAL-GAKA is in a completely different time line."so lets get things straight over there huh?"

PHUMPHA (Rodent): The orgins of this word comes from pump you. These words have very strong meanings in the tiny state of Cracky. It seems that in the old days there when there were no women the boys would pump you. Today if you say that in Cracky you get a cracky in the jaw.

LONDON, ENGLAND (JUNKS): Once there was a Phumphan Goon
Who started to think far too soon
Three score years was the season
He started to reason
But nobody listened: A boon

INNOMINATA, PHUMPHA (IDUNNO): The Phumphan Institute of Higher Learning today released to the public it's books of literatures, which show a degree of intelligence that no one thought Phumphans possible of. An example from the book: See the Phumphan Cheerleaders: They are full of enthusiasm, They are full of pep. Take a wild guess what else they are full of. See them leap into the air. Hear them yell "Go tema! Gp!" Pretty soon the fans yell, "Go!Go!Go!" They don't mean the team. They mean the cheerleaders. They want to watch the game in peace.

Y, PHUMPHA (IDUNNO): Michaelis the serf and Goon Kelvin the Swede are battling for the title of goonal wizard. A referree tried to explain which necromancies were forbidden, but both contestants told him to shut up for a spell.

Y, PHUMPHA (IDUNNO): Michaelis of zNorth Snowbank, earned the title of Goonal Sorcerer after defeating Kelvin the Swede in a sorcelling contest. His victory came when, in attempting to flee from the contest, he tried to conjure up a unicorn upon which to escape. He conjured up, however, a rhinocercus, which promptly trampled Kelvin.

MASONOPOLIS, PHUMPHA (IDUNNO): Kelvin the Swede, Goon incharge of Phumpha's infernal affairs announced plans to antionalize Phumpha's railroad system. He did express doubts that Lionel would be willing to sell.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

After much consternation and speculation, James Reston of the New York Times (14 January 1972) has finally identified the man responsible for all the information "leaks" out of Washington. No, it's not Daniel Ellsberg, Jack Anderson, Anthony Russo, or even Henry Kissinger. "The real source of the leaks is Chester Carlson, who invented the electrostatic copying or Xerox system which now dominates the Federal Government and influences the flow of information in every other big institution in the country."

Reston goes on to observe that every "department, agency, bureau, section, sub-section, secretary's office, assistant secretary's office and secretary to the assistant secretary has a copying machine, or access to one". This means, of course, that just one aide, secretary, or filing clerk who wants to make some secret papers public is able to - much to the benefit of the public's right to know and to the consternation of bureaucrats who find that they can no longer cover up their mistakes by stamping them "Secret Sensitive".

(Reston, as a charter member of the Cold-War Liberals' Propaganda Corps, is of course opposed to this development. Incredibly, he argues that this technique "is not encouraging honest dissent, but blocking it.")

Most of the people who are upset about the leakage of US government documents will cite with glee the spread of this sort of thing in the Soviet Union. That nation's bureaucracy is also using Xerox-type machines heavily, and there as here dissenters are making unauthorized use of them. Samizdat, "self-published" material, circulates in most major Soviet cities. It is almost impossible to track down authors and publishers.

Even in the world of postal Diplomacy we see this development. Numerous publishers use Xerox machines or computer print-outs for their 'zines, and it is safe to say that not one of them has authorization from the machine's owner for this activity. Even aside from other considerations, the high cost of such printing methods (compared with mimeography or ditto-graphy) makes it profitable for these machines' owners to keep a tight control on their unauthorized use.

There is a likelihood that Xerox and its competitors may, under government pressure, manufacture their machines in such a way that it will be possible to trace the specific machine upon which a given copy was made. There has already been an attempt to track down the documents liberated from a Pennsylvania FBI center in this fashion. If this happens, one side effect may be to make it impossible to use Xerox machines to publish Diplomacy bulletins. Such publishers should have alternate means of publication available.

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The latest recruits to the movement towards ethnic consciousness are Jews, particularly in the major centers of Jewish population in the US. At Brooklyn College, where I teach, the Jewish enrollment in the past decade has fallen from 85% to 60%. Some local Jews have concluded that as a result Jewish cultural identity is in danger of extinction.

Perhaps the most interesting evidence of this concern was in a publication called Jewish Orthodox Youth Speaks ("JOYS"), published by a nearby Orthodox Yeshiva. About a month ago the campus was virtually papered with copies of its January issue. On the front page were two articles that neatly expressed, between them, JOYS' views of the world. One of the articles complained bitterly that the Soviet Union was out to suppress Jewish cultural life in that country. The other demanded, in very strong language, that Israel forcibly suppress all Christian missions!

The Jews aren't the only ones who have this peculiar approach towards national freedom and ethnic identity. A Czech colleague here solemnly informed me that, while the Czech demand for freedom from Soviet control was the just and legitimate demand of the entire Czech people, the Slovak demand for freedom from Czech control was the yell of a negligible handful of malcontents. Yeah.

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Terry Kuch passes along from Stephanie Rose Green of Jackson College this alleged review of Quotations from Chairman Mao, purportedly written by Richard Nixon:

"Henry Kissinger brought this little volume back with him, and it has given me some valuable insights into the man I'll be visiting in February. Reading it puzzled me as to why some of our college kids think it's so great. It's pure Agnewese, colored Red. I wonder why they don't notice that Mao is as cautious a politician as the rest of us. Take

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calling the U. S. a paper tiger. What he says in the book is that we Americans are 'real tigers and paper tigers at the same time'. In other words, he makes sure to leave himself an out in case things don't go exactly his way. Now that's the kind of a man I can do business with." (Book World, 26 December 1971)

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One of the minor surprises of the new year has been the return of Mort Sahl, the comedian who was allegedly blacklisted out of a job some years ago through the sinister machinations of the Kennedy family. An appearance on Laugh-In did nothing for him, but he comes across better in print. A few recent quips are:

On J. Edgar Hoover: "There's a great deal of comfort in knowing that the man who's chasing your son today chased your father in the Palmer raids."

On winding down the war: "They're pulling out Bob Hope and Martha Raye."

On LBJ: "A friend of mine saw that Lyndon B. Johnson was teaching 'Good Government' in Texas with 3 hours credit. I don't remember 3 hours of 'Good Government' by LBJ."

On devaluation: "The new line from the President should be, 'The half a buck stops here.'"

(New York Times, 12 January 1972; New York Post, 20 January 1972)

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"There is a king, a tyrant, vicious and criminal. Then comes a young prince, handsome, brave, and pure, who kills the tyrant and takes his place. He in turn becomes a tyrant. Another young prince - handsome, brave, and pure - kills the tyrant and becomes king. And so on." - Eugene Ionesco, New York Times, 18 January 1972

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The United States Postal Service is apparently going to raise the one-ounce domestic surface and air mail rates to 9¢ and 12¢ respectively, sometime later this year. An alternative suggestion has been made by two executives of Pritchard Advertising, a Cincinnati firm. (New York Times, 14 January 1972) They feel that the USPS, which is supposed to run the postal system at a profit, ought to sell advertising space on stamps. "If you're already gasping with horror at the thought, remember for a moment that metered mail already carries advertising, and it's not all that pretty."

Designs suggested by Pritchard include an 8¢ Hertz U-Drive, a 8¢ Hawaiian Punch, and a 12¢ Braniff Airmail. USPS has put the suggestion in the hands of an advisory committee. In case they reject it, GRAUSTARK subscription rates will rise to 7 issues for \$1 on the effective date of the rate increase. Back issues will go to 10 for \$1.

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The counter-culture has a new hero to enshrine beside George Metesky, the Mad Bomber of 2 or 3 decades ago. He is probably not named "D. B. Cooper", but that is the only name we presently have for him. On 24 November he parachuted out of an airplane somewhere between Seattle and Reno, taking with him the \$200,000 ransom he got for not blowing it up. No one has seen a sign of him since, and prevailing opinion is that no one will.

Meanwhile, a song entitled "D. B. Cooper, Where Are You?", and a T-shirt printed with this question, are selling quite well. The first T-shirt went to a deputy sheriff who predicted that Cooper would be caught before Christmas Eve.

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Ken Scher sends along the following odd bit of history, from Gavin Maxwell's Lords of the Atlas:

"A whole rigmorle of ritual and belief grew around the cannons ((belonging to the Sultan of Morocco)). They became, in effect, ambulant representatives of His Chereefian Majesty's person, possessing his power of baraka or blessing, his power to cure diseases, to receive petitions and offerings, and to grant asylum. Any malefactor who sat himself upon the shaft between the cannon's wheels acquired automatically the right of direct appeal to the Sultan, an appeal which no Sultan would refuse. 'I swear by the cannon of the Sultan' was a frequent and binding oath, and the cannons also received direct prayer, addressed customarily to their muzzles. They also received offerings, in the form of the heads of the enemy, and after a victory the cannons were completely hidden by the bloody heads piled on and around them. More bizarre still, during a temporary truce or parley in rebel territory, women of Berber tribes could be seen kissing the big bronze gun barrels and praying to them for the defeat of the Sultan. The paradox was not apparent to them, for they venerated the Sultan as the khalifa, or representative, of God, and abhorred him as an oppressive tyrant of their people."

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Hurricane Muskie? Hurricane Humphrey? Hurricanes McGovern, Buckley, Tower, Eastland?

Why not? Feminist leader Roxey Bolton has suggested that, instead of being named after women, "Hurricanes should be named after U. S. Senators." (New York Post, 20 January 1972)

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One of the most cherished devices of the American politician is called "How to Win Votes at Home and Make Enemies Abroad". The latest recruit is Rep. James Scheuer (Dem., N. Y.), who recently got thrown out of the Soviet Union. Scheuer was ecstatic about this development. He said, "I've just ensured my re-election. It's too bad there wasn't a little blood on my face and an American photographer around." (Harry Trimborn, Los Angeles Times, 18 January 1972)

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"Seymour Hersh got his hands on 20,000 pages of testimony before the Peers Commission which was set up by the U. S. Army to investigate My Lai...It reveals that systematic slaughter was committed by the Americal Division in Vietnam and that My Lai was not, as Nixon and the generals and the army apologists had said, some exceptional aberration." - Pete Hamill, New York Post, 20 January 1972

This is confirmed by John Sack, William Calley's biographer, who has said that every U. S. unit in Vietnam has a My Lai in its background. This admission becomes all the more significant when you know that Sack is defending Calley.

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Know Our Rulers Dept.: "Shopping in a Washington gourmet store, Martha Mitchell was asked to stand in line. She exploded: 'Do you realize that I am Martha Mitchell, wife of the Attorney General? I don't stand in line. Let the others stand in line.' She had her way." - Leonard Lyons, New York Post, 21 January 1972

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"When 600,000 plastic packets - each containing a pamphlet in Russian, a plastic drinking straw, and a stick of chewing gum - were found floating in the Bering Sea off the Alaska shore last August, the U. S. Navy, which worries about such things, naturally assumed that it was some new kind of Soviet psychological warfare designed to undermine, if not American morale, at least our dentures. But now the mystery has been cleared up and, according to an Alaska newspaper, the nation's defenses are still intact. Seems the whole thing was a scheme dreamed up by some latter-day zealots determined to bring the word of God to atheistic Russia by any means necessary. The booklets turn out to be copies of the Gospel According to St. Matthew, specially printed up in Russian and hopefully dropped into the sea in the expectation that they would be washed up on the Siberian shore. But the tides of August, it seems, are about as chancy as the Ides of March and the tracts started showing up in Alaska instead. Which still leaves the main question unanswered. The chewing gum I can understand. That, after all, represents American civilization at its peak. But what in hell were the straws for?" - Irwin Silber, Guardian, 26 January 1972

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"In a federally aided test in California, a deposit of 11 cents a bottle was set. Mr. Ruckelshaus ((head of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency)) said that bottle counterfeiters were making their own returnables and redeeming them at collection centers for a profit." - New York Times, 31 October 1971

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"North Vietnam has offered the United States 10 million dollars to stop bombing their country and killing their people. The offer was immediately rejected by President Nixon. White House press Secretary Ronald Ziegler, in announcing the rejection, said that the President was 'deeply insulted'." - Los Angeles Free Press, 14 January 1972

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Underground cartoonist Gilbert Shelton's new game Feds and Heads was reviewed in GRAUSTARK #246, following its publication in Playboy. But Clay Goodes reports in the Los Angeles Staff of 24 December 1971 that another simulation game based on dope dealing is now in production. It's called The Official Dealer McDope Dealing Game, and is based on the underground cartoon character of that name. The designers of the game are Thomas EL-

ten Patchett Jr. and Dave Sheridan.

Patchett got the idea in 1970, when he came across a game for juichheads entitled Pass-Out. He tried to market his invention to Playboy, but they already had Shelton's game and weren't interested in another. Dealer McDope (a character used by several underground cartoonists including Shelton) is in game form now being assembled in San Francisco by Last Gasp Eco-Funnies; it is financed by Rip-Off Press, which prints most underground comics.

The Staff didn't include a picture of the game board, but it did show the currency used in it. The various denominations of bills illustrate the following people:

\$5,000 - R. Reagan	\$50,000 - The Freak Brothers
\$10,000 - Spiro T. Agnew	\$100,000 - Ulysses S. McDope
\$20,000 - J. E. Hoover	

It is issued by the United Heads of America through the Department of Spare Change of the Bank of Mary Jane. Sheridan, another underground cartoonist, did the game's artwork.

Patchett has also allegedly invented "the Peanuts card game". Further details on his games will be reported if either of them ever gets this far east.

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Meanwhile, Mike Willner says that he and Herb Barents want to start a postal game of Origins of World War II and are looking for a Gamesmaster. I would be glad to undertake this role as soon as my copy of the game arrives; it's now on order. I only want to run one game; it will be published in GRAUSTARK. See later for details.

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Writer-Director Peter Watkins has brought out a war film which, to judge from the reviews, ought to be well-liked by Diplomacy fans. The Gladiators presumes that Sweden brings out a war-simulating computer which the world's powers use to simulate wars and accept its decisions. "The games, much in the manner of ancient gladiatorial meets, are intended to divert national aggressions." (Frances Horridge, New York Post, 22 October 1971)

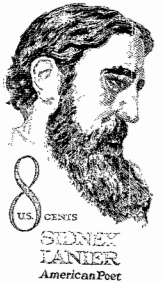
Using picked champions or other surrogates to fight wars usually doesn't work, as was evident as long ago as the Peloponnesian War. (See Thucydides' report about what happened when Sparta and Argos decided to settle everything on a bout of 50 picked fighters per side.) And that's how it works out in the film, too. A review from someone who's seen it would be appreciated.

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In case you haven't heard - there are no new games available in GRAUSTARK, and probably won't be for over a year. But stand-by players are needed for some of the new games, at \$3 each. See #252 for information about stand-by status, and for the GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy rules generally.

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Muskie for President? The one we've got now is already too musky.