

STAND-BYS TAKE NOTE: Several of you are needed in the next issue!

GRAUSTARK

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1971EB "Spring 1903"

EASTERN ALLIES SUPPORT GERMANY

ENGLAND (Birsan): F Edi-Nrg; F Eng-Lon; F Lon-Nth; F Hol S A Den-Kie; A Den-Kie; A Liv-Edi; F St.P(n.c.)-Bar.

FRANCE (Holcombe): A Ruh-Mun; A Bur S A Ruh-Mun; A Bel-Ruh; A Mar-Pie; F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo; F Mid-Wes.

GERMANY (Grayson): No moves received. A Kie & A Mun hold.

ITALY (Brooks): A Tun & A Ven hold; F Ion-Eas; F Syr-Smy.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): F Aeg-Con; F Gre holds; A Ser S F Gre; A Tyr S GERMAN A Mun; A Tri S A Tyr.

RUSSIA (Silverman): A Ber S GERMAN A Kie; A Swe-Fin; F Bal-Swe; A Sev-Mos; F Bul(e.c.) S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Aeg-Con; A Rum S F Bul(e.c.); A Sil S GERMAN A Mun.

TURKEY (Hawley): A Con-Ank; F Smy-Con; F Eas-Smy.

Underlines moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 APRIL 1972.

Perry Silverman writes that until 30 March his address will be Apt. 4MM, 311 E. 23rd St., New York, N. Y. 10010.

Mike Gutierrez, Apt. 240, 80-15 41st Ave., Elmhurst, N. Y. 11373; 212-457-8937 is called upon to send in stand-by "Fall 1903" moves for Germany under the rules governing stand-bys.

TUSCANY (2 Feb. 1903): Prince Balbo was declared King Balbo IV by the combined military and naval chiefs. The old King will be sent to a rest home in Tunis.

SYRIA (10 Feb. 1903): The First Fleet has declared their loyalty to the new King and pledged that they will strike forth in his honor.
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1971EC "Spring 1903"

RING CLOSES ON TURKS

ENGLAND (Lipton): F Lon-Eng; F Mid S F Lon-Eng; F Nwy-Nth; F Nrg-Nwy [sic; no such unit exists]; A Swe S F Nrg-Nwy; F Bar not ordered, holds.

FRANCE (Grayson): No moves received. F Bre, A Pic, A Bur, A Mar, & A Gas hold.

GERMANY (Berman): A Ber-Mun; A Mun-Tyr; A Hol S F Bel; F Bel S ENGLISH F Lon-Eng; A Ruh S A Ber-Mun; A Den-Kie.

ITALY (Warden): A Syr-Smy; F Eas S A Syr-Smy; A Ven holds; F Ion-Aeg.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Fox): A Ser-Bul; F Gre S A Ser-Bul; A Gal & A Tri hold; A Bud S A Gal.

RUSSIA (Barents): A Mos-War; A Ukr S A Mos-War; A Rum S TURKISH A Bul; F St.P(n.c.) holds; F Bla S A Rum.

TURKEY (Willner): A Bul S RUSSIAN A Rum; A Con S A Bul; F Ank holds; F Smy-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish F Smy is annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 APRIL 1972.

Steve Nozik; 356 Kimberly Dr., Rochester, N. Y. 14610 is called upon to send in "Fall 1903" moves for France under the rules governing stand-bys.

Press releases are postponed until the next issue.

1971EE "Winter 1902"

ENGLAND (Trtek): Chooses to make no build.

GERMANY (Tesser): Germany refused to retreat the dislodged F Den. It was accordingly annihilated, and other players with builds were informed. Builds F Kie, A Mun.

RUSSIA (P. Wood): Builds A Mos.
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1972E

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"Spring 1902"

TURKS CHASE RUSSIANS INTO TURKISH SUPPLY CENTER

ENGLAND (Abbott): A Nwy holds; F Nth S; GERMAN F Hol-Bel; F Lon-Eng; F Liv-NAt; F Bre-Mid.

FRANCE (McCormick): No moves received. F Por, A Pic, A Par hold; A Mun dislodged and annihilated.

GERMANY (Fong): A Ber-Mun; A Dcn-Kie; F Hol-Bel; A Ruh S A Ber-Mun.

ITALY (Strayer): F Tun-Wes; A Ven-Pie; A Apu-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Prosnitz): A Tri-Vie; A Bud S A Tri-Vie; F Gre-Alb; A Ser S TURKISH A Rum.

RUSSIA (Malone): F Swe-Bot; A Vie-Gal; F Bla-Rum; A Ukr S F Bla-Rum; A Mos-Sev.

TURKEY (Osmanson): F Sev holds; A Arm S F Sev; A Rum S F Sev; F Ank-Bla; F Con S F Ank-Bla.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats F Bla-Bul(e.c.). The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 APRIL 1972.

Elliot S. Lipson, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Denver, Colo. 80240 is called upon to make "Fall 1902" moves for France under the rules governing stand-bys.

ROME (13 April 1902): In the dark of night a candle flickers from window to window of the Vatican. It is His Holiness, Pope Genetaglio, taking a midnight walk or something. The Pontiff strides down his hallway past the men's room and out into the aviary. Opening his parasol His Holiness proceeds to make his way across the aviary. (It's always a good idea to utilize some sort of protection when you venture into an aviary - especially at night.) Three hours later the Pope emerges from the aviary through a secret exit in the hedge on the far side of the aviary. He pauses for a few minutes to scrape the birdshot off his parasol before continuing his journey down the nearly invisible path that pattered under the fall of his feet.

Four hours later the Pope approached the pillared entrance to a mysterious old mansion (known to many as "the same old place"). Advancing onto the porch His Holiness reached for the heavy obsidian doorknocker, and to his surprise, the doorknocker fell off - right into his hand. "Hey in there!" cried the pontiff, "Open up, I say. Your doorknocker fell off."

"What's all that brew-ha-ha?" responded a crackling voice from within the mansion which could only have belonged to the butler, Wormwood.

"I told you already," said the Pope, "your doorknocker fell off. Now let me in; I want to see Nancy."

"Come right in, sir," offered the butler, opening wide and well the door. "we'll be joining Nancy right away if you wish, sir."

"Yes, right away. You know I'm always pressed for time. By the way, where's the men's room?"

Moments later His Holiness entered the central room of the mansion, a round-shaped room known as "the rotunda of the heavenly Grid". And there she was, just setting there blinking and humming. You see, Nancy is a computer. But what business does Pope Genetaglio have with a computer? What indeed! If nobody stabs Italy we may all be able to find out just what is going on in that sinister old mansion.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: WE WILL PROBABLY BE OUT OF TOWN ON THE NEXT DEADLINE DATE. THUS IT WILL BE NO GOOD PHONING YOUR MOVES IN ON SATURDAY MORNING. PLEASE BE SURE TO PHONE OR MAIL THEM IN EARLIER.

1970BN

"Winter 1910-Spring 1911"

EASTERN JUGGERNAUT ROLLS FORWARD

In "Winter 1910" Russia built F St.P(n.c.), and refused at this time to make the other build. Other players were informed.

ENGLAND (H. Anderson): No moves received. F Edi & F Nth hold; F Ska dislodged and annihilated.

FRANCE (Nierenberg): F Tyr holds; F Wes S F Tyr; A Mar S A Bur; A Pic S A Bur; A Bur S A Pic.

ITALY (Model): No move received. F Tun holds.

RUSSIA (Buchanan): F Nrg-NAt; F St.P(n.c.)-Bar; F Swe-Ska; F Nwy & F Den S F Swe-Ska; A Fin S F Nwy; F Bal S F Den; A Hol & A Ruh S A Bel; A Bel S A Hol; A Mun-Bur; A Sil-Gal; F Ion-Tyr; F Aeg S TURKISH F Eas-Ion.

TURKEY (Barents): A Pie-Mar; A Ven-Tus; A Apu-Ven; A Smy & F Con hold; F Tus-Lyo; F Rom & F Nap S RUSSIAN F Ion-Tyr; F Eas-Ion; F Gre S F Eas-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French F Tyr is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1911" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 APRIL 1972.

Brian Burley, 38 N. Main St., Hackettstown, N. J. 07840; 201-852-2282 is called upon to make "Fall 1911" moves for England under the rules governing stand-bys. Press releases appear on p. 6.

1972G

"Spring 1902"

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY GETS IT FROM ALL SIDES

The English build was "F Lon", not "F Edi" as reported in the last issue. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Lipton): A Edi-Den; F Nth C A Edi-Den; F Nwy S F Nth; F Lon-Eng.

FRANCE (Underwood): F Por-Spa; A Mar-Bur; F Pic holds.

GERMANY (de Jonghe): A Mun-Bur; A Bel S A Mun-Bur; A Ber-Mun; A Kie-Den; F Hol-Nth.

ITALY (Devereaux): A Tyr-Vie; A Ven-Tri; F Nap-Ion; F Gre S RUSSIAN A Rum-Bul.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Hunt): A Ser-Bud; A Vie S A Ser-Bud; F Tri holds.

RUSSIA (Atteberry): F Swe S GERMAN A Kie-Den; F St.P(n.c.)-Bar; A Mos-St.P; F Bla-Con; A War-Gal; A Bud S A War-Gal; A Rum S TURKISH A Bul-Ser.

TURKEY (Blandin): A Bul-Ser; A Ank-Smy; F Con-Bul(s.c.); F Smy-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Ser-Alb. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 APRIL 1972.

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The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 APRIL 1972. Press releases are on p. 8. The opening announcement of the "Tesser for Emperor" campaign is on p. 7.

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"The National Democrats plunked down 3 million dollars for the brand new Microcosm of America Florida Democratic Primary candy bar, only to unwrap it and find 42% of its volume by weight in the cardboard lining." Jim Shaw, Metropolitan Review, 28 March 1972

PRIDE

(adapted from Kurt Tucholsky)

The human species is proud of itself, and it has a right to be.

What people are proud of:

Of being an American.

Of being a Russian.

Of being Chinese.

Of not being an American.

Of not being a Russian.

Of not being Chinese.

Of being commander of the Americal Division.

Of being an American mother. Of being stationed at an American base in Vietnam. And on general principles.

Of having Richard Burton's autograph.

Of having a flag. Of being an aircraft carrier. ("The proud aircraft carrier...")

Of having been an assistant quartermaster in the war.

Of being the mayor of Lower Podunk.

Of being a member of the Harvard faculty. (Hard to imagine.)

Of being a member of the University of Alabama faculty. (Unimaginable.)

Of having prevented, as a liberal Democrat, the happening of worse things.

Of being from New Brunswick. Of being from Nova Scotia. Of being from Newfoundland.

(And so on for all the provinces of Canada.)

Of having lost to Arnold Palmer.

Of being an American. But we've already said that. A Jew once told me this: "I am proud of being a Jew. If I'm not proud, I'm still a Jew -- so I might as well be proud."

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

On 13 March 1972 the USPS announced new rates for domestic third-class mail. Since printed matter goes out at this rate, and since GRAUSTARK back issues and similar material is sent out at third-class rates, readers and particularly other publishers should take note. New rates (exclusive of bulk rates) are:

ounces	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
old rate	8	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36
new rate	8	8	10	13	16	18	21	24	26	29	32	34	37	40	42	45

It was a couple of weeks before this increase came to my attention, and so I wish to apologize to any readers who got stuck for postage due for this reason. (Postage due seems to be no longer collected in these parts, but other regions may not be so fortunate.)

This increase compels an increase in the back issue rate, since large orders of back issues go out by third-class mail. Single copies remain at 15¢, but larger numbers are now 10 issues for \$1.00. Back issues of GRAUSTARK presently available are 108, 111, 117-120, 128, 131, 137, 139, 140, 147, 167, 170, 171, 191, 195, 198-200, 202-208, 210-212, 215-219, 222-224, 231, 239, 242, 246-250, 252-260. The GRAUSTARK house rules were last published in #252, as was a brief account of the differences between the 1961 and 1971 editions of the Rulebook. The roster last appeared in #258. All moves in all six of the new games may be found in the issues published since #252.

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"I'm no penny-ante two-bit little crook." - Richard G. Kleindienst, New York Times, 20 March 1972

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"Postal inspectors have found a railroad car missing for more than two years with a load of parcel post packages...Computers of Penn Central had been unable to locate the car...The Penn Central Railroad had and has to date no explanation of the matter." - New York Times, 15 March 1972.

1972A

"Fall 1902"

ITALY STABS AUSTRIA!

ENGLAND (Alfenito): A Nwy-St.P; F Bar S A Nwy-St.P; F Nth S GERMAN A Hol-Bel.

FRANCE (Powell): F Lyo-Mar; F Wes-Mid; A Tus-Pie; A Bel-Hol.

GERMANY (Huddleston): A Bur-Par; A Hol-Bel; A Pic S A Hol-Bel; F Bal-Swe; F Den S F Bal-Swe; A Sil S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Gal-War.

ITALY (Tretick): A Tun holds; F Lyr-Rom; A Ven-Tri; F Ion-Gre.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Honig): A War; A Bud-Rum; A Ser-Bul; F Gre-Bul.

RUSSIA (de Prisco): F Bla-Con; A Ukr S TURKISH A Rum; A Sev-Mos; F Swe-Nwy; A Fin S F Swe-Nwy.

TURKEY (Murray): A Bul-Ser; A Rum S A Bul-Ser; F Aeg S ITALIAN F Ion-Gre; F Eas S F Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Bel-Ruh. Austria-Hungary refuses to retreat the dislodged F Gre, which is accordingly annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, St.P. (4)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Ser, Ven, War. (4)
FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Spa. (3)	RUSSIA: Con, Mos, Sev, Nwy. (4)
GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Par, Swe. (8)	TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Gre, Rum. (4)

ITALY: Gre, Nap, Rom, Tri, Tun, Ven. (6)

Italy and Germany may each build two new units, and England and Austria-Hungary may each build one. Russia and France must each remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" moves is NOCN, SATURDAY 8 APRIL 1972.

MUNICH (14 Sept. 1902): The illustrious 4th Army, detached to Paris to rectify a French default in a wine-beer trade of last winter, is scheduled to enter that city today to recover 200 casks of Champagne.

In exchange for 1500 casks of Dunklebiere, the beer halls and bars of Munich were to receive 300 casks of red Burgundy (which were recovered this spring), and 200 casks of Champagne. Only one cask was received, which was already tapped and empty, and bore a note reading, "Thanks -- Fortunato".

PARIS (15 Sept. 1902): Hic! (Urrp) Groan. No thanksh, Shteppen, kein mehr Wein!

VIENNA (7 Nov. 1902, Displaying Any Maniacal News (DAMN)): FLASH: The Emperor of Austria-Hungary was found dead today in his bedroom. The only clue as to his assailant was a strand of overcooked spaghetti found wrapped around his neck, and a red stain on the rug. Though the stain was first thought to be blood, analysis later revealed it to be watered-down marinara sauce. "It must have been an Italian assassin," said General Chaos, chief of the Pesth Police Department. "They're the only ones with the poor taste to eat watered-down marinara sauce in the presence of our emperor. Why, their cooking is so bad, they'll probably prepare Thanksgiving dinner and end up with turkey in greese."

BERLIN (DPI, Thurs. 26 Nov. 1902): DPI sources in Washington DC, USA report that United States-Turkey relations have taken a sudden turn for the worse. It seems that the Turkish delegation to a general meeting on this national holiday suffered a case of mistaken identity with a common American game fowl, and was summarily butchered and - uh - disposed of.

(Earlier press releases appear on the next page.)

1971EB (continued from p. 1)

TUNIS (25 Feb. 1903): King Victor declared the Southern Roman Empire based in Africa and vowed war to the death against the insurgents in Rome.

TUNIS (26 Feb. 1903): Elements of the Second Fleet shelled the Old Folks Home today and sent King Victor to bed early.

1970BN -- PRESS RELEASES

ISSHEMEL-GAKA (Rodent): We see our two heroes finally getting rid of their bloated stomachs and getting the poor lost ket.

"I have it I have it," Shouts Hasha

"Yeah but is it any good any more? Will we be able to complete our mission that the Crimson King sent us on?" asks Aqualung.

"I'm sure we will be able to. Really what was our mission in the first place?"

"We is suppose to find the John and destroy him remember?"

"Yes, but there are so many Johns in the world how will we know which one is the right?"

"We'll just have to look at all the Johns"

"But that is a smelly business"

As we plugg our noses we will join them again some other time.

KINGBONGAGONG MTS: As a cloud of smoke raises from this mountain we see that the John and the God are still at it.

"I'm the ruler of all" Says the God

"No I control more than what you do" says the John

On and on it goes where it will stop no one knows, but wait a new thing has come upon the scene. It is a ghostly figure, the Holy Ghost has come in on the fight but where will he come from and what will he do? This could spell doom for one of the great powers, but which one? Who will control the Universe when this is all over.?

BROOKLYN (URRP): Who cares?

HYUNDERABAD (Retired): MJIX today said that he was game to take over his little neighbor of Hotdoggistan. I'm used to have restless subjects, I just give them a laxitive and they go to sleep and wake up feeling good. Every once and a while I have a restlessness and I just go out and kill off a couple of rebels and feel fine.

HOTDOGGISTAN (Retired): Pandit the Bandit today announced that the counter-Peristaltic movement has started here, and that it was being led by his sister the twin known as Butya. It seems that if you don't do as she says she bustsya.

1972A - PRESS RELEASES

ROME: Hearing the late news of the Austrian attempt to control the seas west of Trieste, the Italian Government moves to defend against such tyrants.

ANON: Viva La Turk!

PARIS (via Rome): We, the people of France do swear to protect Marseilles, by conveying our troops back from whence they came. Next, comes the English via Helgoland.

ANTWERP: "The King lost what!" Screamed General Lafemme.

"Well, He thought an inside straight is a good hand, and he only lost by one card," replied his Aide.

"But Paris! My God, we have lost the war! And here we are surrounded by the Huns!"

"Oh well, don't worry. The Germans will NEVER get beyond these defences," gloated the Aide. "We are as safe as if we were in bed."

ST. PETERSBURG: Due to an expected attack from England the Czar has temporarily moved the seat of government from this city to Moscow. Besides, the winter months ahead give him arthritis.

ANKARA: The Turkish capital has been moved here while the Russians temporarily occupy the old capital. While in this eastern part of our land the officials may journey to Armenia and Syria to set up diplomatic relations; these will be the second and third (the first was the U. S. A. remember) useless allies we have made.

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NOTICE to other publishers: The 2nd and 3rd issues of FREEDONIA, dates 18 March and 1 April respectively, will go to all publishers of Diplomacy 'zines. Subsequent issues, however, will go only to publishers of Origins fanzines and to Dippy publishers who specifically request it.

FREEDONIA #3 will, in addition to "Spring 1935" moves of the first game, carry reviews of 3 other board games: Summit, Dynasty, and The Next President.

HOW TO READ THE UPPER RIGHT*HAND CORNER

The reason why you are receiving this issue of GRAUSTARK is explained by the code letter or number in the upper right corner of the address label. Since several of the new games have had quite similar identification numbers assigned to them, a clarification of this notation is in order. This code updates and replaces the one printed in GRAUSTARK #255.

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| A - You are a player or stand-by in 1972A. | S - This is a sample copy, inviting you to subscribe to GRAUSTARK. The subscription rate is 8 issues for \$1.00. Back issues are 15¢ each or 15 for \$1.00. |
| B - You are a player or stand-by in 1971EB. | T - This copy is in trade for your postal Diplomacy or other wargaming publication. |
| c - Complimentary copy. | A number indicates the issue with which your subscription expires. |
| C - You are a player or stand-by in 1971EC. | |
| E - You are a player or stand-by in 1971EE. | |
| e - You are a player or stand-by in 1972E. | |
| G - You are a player in 1971BG. | |
| g - You are a player or stand-by in 1972G. | |
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TESSER FOR EMPEROR

With this issue of GRAUSTARK, I, Gary C. Tesser, playing Germany in 1971EE (which appears elsewhere in this issue along with a pertinent Press Release), announce my candidacy for the office of Emperor. Following are excerpts from the complete transcript (which is available upon request from me at my home for the piddling sum of 25¢) of a Press Conference which took place at my home at two o'clock on the morning of 7 March 1972.

Q: It's unusual for someone to run for Emperor these days. Why are you running?

A: I may not be much, but I'm the best Emperor you'll ever get.

Q: Well, then, of what area are you running for Emperor?

A: Whatever I can get.

Q: And what will your term of office be?

A: As long as I last.

Q: Then how do you intend to prepare for a future governmental change of hands?

A: No comment.

Q: Who serves as your staff?

A: As Campaign Manager, I've drafted (yes) John Boardman. And the player of 1972A's Austria-Hungary, M. Robert Honig, is my Press Secretary; I hope he administers my public relations better than he's running his country.

And in the interest of equal time, I think I ought to mention that Mr. Honig just whispered an allusion to my handling of Germany in my Game. Yes, I know he's seven miles away from me right now, and it is apparent to you that I've no possible way to tell what, if anything, Honig is saying at this moment; but that's why I've got paranoia and you haven't.

Q: What's your platform?

A: Well, it was built by a Frenchman named Guillotin....

Q: Does that mean heads will roll?

A: Only if we run out of baskets.

Q: What can we expect in terms of your programs?

A: Expect an immediate reinstatement of Star Trek, the Twilight Zone, Goon Show,... any suggestions?

Q: How about My Little Margie?

A: Issue that man a basket.

Q: What will you do about overcrowding in the prisons?

A: I refer you to my platform.

Q: How about prison reform?

A: We will primarily emphasize occupational therapy; I expect a national shortage of baskets, and the time-honored handicraft of basketweaving will come into its own.

Q: Have you a slogan? If so, what is it?

A: Yes, it's "Strong, Firm, and Stable Government". The motto, incidentally, is "Write-in Candidate/Write-in Office".

Q: How do you intend to provide "Strong, Firm, and Stable Government"?

A: In the tradition of all strong, firm, and stable governments.

Q: How do you intend to deal with your opposition?

A: Efficiently.

Q: How will you deal with the growing problems of monopolies in the country?

A: I'll build three houses on Boardwalk.

Q: Dammit, Tesser, I think this is all a FARCE!

A: I resent that! Who do you think I am, the Democratic Party?

1971EE - PRESS RELEASES

BERLIN (20 July 1902, Brickbat Letters Offering Risque Geriatric Yawns): The German Foreign Ministry today issued a curious statement claiming that further agreement had been made with the government of Austria-Hungary in a city known as Baltimore. Diplomatic sources indicate that the pact was actually drawn; however, BLORGY, the independent international high-quality, grade-A fortnightly news agency, views with skepticism the allegation that Baltimore is a city on the other side of the board. The agency has received hundreds of dispatches from the geological authorities of Europe denying the possibility of an inhabitable "Darkside", and all geographical authorities but one deny the possibility of a "Baltimore". That dissenter insists a Baltimore exists, and places it on the unexplored, nameless land mass west of England.

BERLIN (22 July 1902, BLORGY): BLORGY hereby apologises to the German Government's Foreign Ministry for questioning its accuracy. Expeditions to the Darkside of the board have discovered written evidence of intelligence there. However, an international furor has arisen among intellectuals over the meaning of the enigmatic words "Diplomacy, Copyright 1961 by Games Research Inc."

PARIS (1 Oct. 1902): In spite of the amicable negotiations with the emissaries from Italy and Germany during the Summer months, the Prime Minister of France finds it necessary to reaffirm the close ties between this nation and our friends across the Channel. Our rare misunderstandings over tactical maneuvers should not be taken as a sign of weakness in the alliance. (The Queen is much too good a piece to trade for England.)

LONDON (10 Oct. 1902): Punch today revealed the winners of its "Tell a Hun Joke" contest. Grand Prize went to this entry: "Why did the German cross the border? To get the other side."

LONDON (12 Oct. 1902): His Majesty's Government today declared war on Imperial Germany. Cited was the need to curb Berlin's "blatant aggression and unspeakable barbarism." God Save the King!

ROTTERDAM (15 Oct. 1902, Creative Alliance of Ticklish Newsdoves Independent Press): Unzyunk Yunk-Suche Eccles, Ambassador from Lesser Dyspepsia, deplored the territorial ambitions of the major powers of Europe in a press conference here today. He explicitly excluded Germany, "Who," he said, "protects us from the encroaching tendencies of our imperialist neighbors." He added that "It should be noted that although the German 17,542nd Fleet may leave the Netherlands on patrol in the surrounding waters of Northern Europe, they have sworn to shield us in our time of need." The Ambassador's consort, a British expatriate and aspiring social wallflower called Lady Monica Pritford-Mitford von Snootley, added, "The Ambassador had received assurances from the Kaiser that his fleet will exercise the greatest prudence in taking action against those who are Angling for it, as well as those who Russian where angels fear to tread...and Galling foes. Stay tuned for further puns as the years go by..."

GENEVA (16 Dec. 1902, BLORGY): An undisclosed source today expressed curiosity regarding the designation "17,542nd" for the German Fleet in the Netherlands. As there was only one other German fleet known in existence, in Denmark, and that one was disbanded recently, this source didn't know whether to denounce Lesser Dyspepsian Ambassador for spreading propaganda or congratulate the Germans on their camouflage techniques.

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THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Those postal Diplomacy fans whose interest in the game carries over into real life have probably followed with close attention the recent negotiations between the United States of America and the Chinese People's Republic. Such observations are decidedly uncomfortable to people of widely differing viewpoints. The conservative whose views on foreign policy are taken from Ephesians 6:12, and the hyper-revolutionary who wants the Chinese government to exterminate capitalists in Tanzania rather than houseflies in Szechuan, are equally uncomfortable. And they have good reason to be. The last time such a state visit was made between two powers that had been slanging each other in print and shooting each other's adherents, a world war broke out ten days later.

But, unfortunately for the secrecy in which governments delight, the whole game was given away. Nor is there any use looking for a fresh batch of Ellsworths and Andersons; the secrets were leaked by the officials themselves. Eugene Victor Debs Rostow, one of the principal architects and defenders of Lyndon Johnson's Vietnam policy, told the whole story in the New York Daily News of 5 March 1972. According to News columnist Jerry Greene: "The Yale professor, whose views were put in writing months before Nixon's junket to Peking, held that the Russians helped the U. S. and Red China get together for tea and fortune cookies by building up the Soviet threat - conventional and nuclear - in Siberia. The Communist Chinese, Rostow wrote, were forced 'to turn to the U. S. as the only power on earth that could deter a Soviet attack on China itself.'"

President Nixon himself endorses this view. On 28 February 1972 his toast at a dinner of the Municipal Revolutionary Committee of Shanghai contained the following words: "We join the Chinese people, we the American people, in our dedication to this principle: that never again shall foreign domination, foreign occupation, be visited upon this city or any part of China." Since the only remotely plausible possible occupier of China is the Soviet Union, this is a flat unqualified pledge that, in any war between China and the Soviet Union, the United States will enter on China's side. For all practical purposes, China is now a member of SEATO. (New York Times, 28 February 1972)

James Wechsler may get some laughs by remarking on the plight of the House Internal Security Committee (for over 25 years the "Un-American Activities Committee") "with its one time luminary just back from Peking and heading for Moscow in May." (New York Post, 3 March 1972) But when all the rhetoric is stripped from the Chinese Expedition, it seems that the United States government has just committed us to intervention in an Asian war compared to which Vietnam is a string of wet firecrackers.

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"We see Jesus as the broken matzoh," Rev. Charles Eisenberg, "Jews for Jesus", New York Times, 5 March 1972

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"Social class...is largely a matter of tribal antipathies. Britain is divided into three tribes: the upper, middle, and working. Their hatreds are as irrational as those between Masai, Kikuyu, and Luo; their differences as cruel and old-fashioned as saucer lips or female circumcision. Luckily they tend to do battle with snobberies rather than assegais." - London Times Magazine, 28 November 1971

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"In a so-called 'instant analysis' of President Nixon's remarks on his televised news conference last night, CBS correspondent George Herman thought Nixon was 'extraordinarily relaxed and at ease'. The fact that Nixon twice promoted Lt. Galley of the My Lai massacre to 'Capt. Galley' was dismissed by Herman as a 'slip of the tongue'." - Bob Williams, New York Post, 30 April 1971

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"The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States." - U. S. Constitution, Article 2, Section 2

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"Muskie said that he would not make a voluntary disclosure ((of the sources of his financial support))...During a taped interview with Richard Reeves of New York Magazine, Muskie explained: 'If I were to do that, I'd be out of the race. That's the simple fact.'" - Stewart Mott, New York Times, 25 February 1972.

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"The peace movement, in seven years of turmoil and marching and witness, finally brought home to the country the madness of Americans dying in an endless, pointless war. But they will have to start all over again to raise the consciousness and conscience of America on the question of Asians dying in an endless, pointless war." - Mary McGrory, , New York Post, 4 March 1972

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"Brigid Brophy...defines Christendom historically as 'the area where, for 12 centuries, it was physically unsafe to say in public you doubted the divinity of Christ.'" - Alan Brien, New Statesman, 3 December 1972

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"Intelligence agents of a foreign and potentially hostile government may be potent forces for peace...The success of any armaments limitation agreement depends on the assurance that the intelligence of each nation will be able to ascertain that its covenants are being adhered to by the other. It is clearly in the interest of peace that each nation should entertain within its borders agents of its potential enemies to satisfy these enemies that no hostile plans are being fomented under cover of public statements of peace...

"...Indignation about foreign spies is a charade. The spies have great value to the nation spied upon. It is in the interest of the latter that they not be needlessly unmasked. When they are, their expulsion is a service to the nation that sent them; it tells their employer to send new and more clandestine operators whose findings are more wholly credible." - Robert F. Rothschild, letter, New York Times, 4 October 1971

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A favorite subject for speculation is what would have happened if such and such an election had gone the other way. Could Goldwater really have done as badly in Vietnam as Johnson did? Didn't Goldwater, after all, oppose the draft? And the last general prior to Goldwater stopped wars rather than started them when he was President. And how about 1968. Who would President Humphrey have appointed to the Cabinet and the Supreme Court?

Recently a couple of statements by these defeated aspirants were published. In a Senate debate on a bill to curb the President's powers to make war, General Goldwater said, "183 years of experience under the Constitution has firmly established the principle that the President...has both a duty and a right to take military action at any time he feels danger..." (New York Times, 11 February 1972)

As for "President Humphrey", he recently said that he would have appointed Arthur Goldberg as Chief Justice. Goldberg's last public office was as Johnson's UN Ambassador, when he shilled for the Vietnam War before the whole world. "Either Clark Clifford or George Ball...would be Secretary of State". In Johnson's time Clifford gave absolute un-deviating support to the American invasion of Vietnam, while Ball served an even more ignoble role as Johnson's "pet dove". (Jack Anderson, New York Post, 10 February 1972)

Left to the reader's imagination are the remarks that private citizen Richard Nixon would have made about President Humphrey's state visit to the Chinese People's Republic.

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"The central problem with the last 25 years of American politics ((is)) not that the country has grown more conservative but that liberalism has grown more conservative." - Jack Newfield and Jeff Greenfield, A Populist Manifesto

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"Agency for International Development director in Laos Charles Mann (((gave))) an explanation of how the U. S. supported the kip, the Laotian national currency, at a steady rate of 500 to the dollar...I was able to discern that the kip operation essentially consisted of exchanging annually \$20 to \$30 million for valueless kip, and burning the collected kip." - T. D. Allman, New York Times, 25 February 1972

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"The commitment to 'keep order' around the globe which has recently been expanded in the Indian Ocean cannot be maintained unless American citizens, particularly the poor and minorities, pay for it with health facilities, day care centers, and transit systems which never get built." - Richard J. Barnet, New York Times, 28 February 1972

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"On July 19, 1941, President Roosevelt ((said)): "If Japan was the winner the Japanese would take over French Indo-China; and if the Allies won, we would." - C. L. Sulzberger, New York Times, 1 March 1972

CHRONICLES OF THE PEOPLE OF UZZ

by George Seibel

Behold, there was a nation which dwelt in a fair land, a land blessed with much abundance, with fertile valleys and mountains rich in gold and silver, iron and copper. And this nation had become great among the nations of the earth, by the diligence of its people, who tilled their fields and tended their vineyards, delved in the mines and toiled in the factories, so that every one had food to eat and fine garments to wear and a pleasant abode to dwell.

Now after a time, because the people were so diligent and the land so fertile, and because the people were also ingenious and found ways to lessen their labor, the products of that land became more and more abundant. Then arose one of the tribes and said: "It is not necessary to labor as long as the people in this land have been laboring, for we have produced a surplus. Therefore we, the tribe of traders, will cease from producing, for the others can produce enough to provide for us, and even more than that, which we can carry to foreign countries and exchange for the produce of those lands across the sea." And they did accordingly.

So after a time the people of that land were still laboring as diligently as they had been laboring aforetime, and the traders did wax fat and prosper, and got the people to build them many ships in which to carry to foreign parts the surplus products for sale. And these ships did fly in every harbor of every ocean the flag of that people, and the traders said: "Verily, we are a mighty people, for all the nations of the world buy from us, and our people are so diligent that we can sell cheaply and abundantly. Indeed, if we were not wise in our generation and made the prices higher in our own land, our own people would buy so many of these things themselves that there would be much less to export. But our own people, having what they desire, would then labor less, and there would be less to export, which would be a sore blow to the prosperity of all traders, wherefore we permit it not to come to pass."

And they paid scribes to write proverbs and prophecies, to explain to the people how good it was to pay high prices at home and sell much goods abroad, because if you must pay high prices you must receive high wages, and it is better to pay ten shekels for one ham than to receive ten hams for one shekel, because shekels are better than hams, and there are nine hams left to sell abroad for the profit of the traders, so that the flag of the people can fly in the harbors of every ocean. For know ye not, said the scribes and prophets, that your flag flying in Hong Kong is better than ham frying in Oshkosh? And the people were comforted, and labored more diligently to build more ships and make more flags for the traders.

Now after a time the traders of nations became equally eager to sell the surplus of the fields and mines of their people, and the traders of one land became wroth with the traders of the other land. So they spat upon each other's flags.

Then the traders of the great nation went home and declared through the scribes and the prophets unto all the people: "Lo, your holy flag has been spat upon by infidels. Will ye suffer this? If ye do not avenge this insult, we cannot sell them any more of the surplus ye produce. Then will ye starve, and your children will starve likewise, and the goods ye produce will rot upon the docks, unless ye take swords and slay those infidels who have spat upon your holy flag. If ye slay them without mercy, they will honor your flag and permit us to sell the wares ye produce as aforetime."

Then the chiefs of the people, who had been chosen from among the scribes and prophets, said unto the people; "It is for this that we have taken every tenth man of you and set him aside and given him a sword. And it is for this that ye have had to labor every tenth day for nothing in order to feed and clothe the soldiers with swords. And it is for this that we have taken every seventh man of you to build ships of war, and to cast cannon, and to become sailors and soldiers of the sea. And it is for this that ye have had to labor every seventh day for nothing in order to feed and clothe the men of your ships of war. Now will we go forth with your army and your ships of war, and with swords and cannon will we cause them to honor our flag and to purchase abundantly of our merchandise."

Then the drums beat, and the flags waved, and the soldiers marched, and the ships sailed.

And when the army came to foreign parts, the infidels smote the army, and not one man escaped.

And when the ships of war came to foreign harbors, the infidels sank the ships, and all the men thereon were drowned, and even the holy flags were submerged beneath the waves of the ocean.

And the chiefs of the people, who had gone with the army and the ships of war, were also slain and drowned and did not return.

Whereat there was great wailing and mourning in the land.

But on the tenth day one of the people said: "Lo, we have not this army any longer to feed and clothe, and now we can labor for ourselves, or ~~make~~ make holiday and sit in the sun."

And on the seventh day one of the people said: "Lo, we have not these ships any longer to keep in repair, nor the sailors and soldiers of them to feed and clothe, and now we can labor for ourselves, or make holiday and sit in the sun."

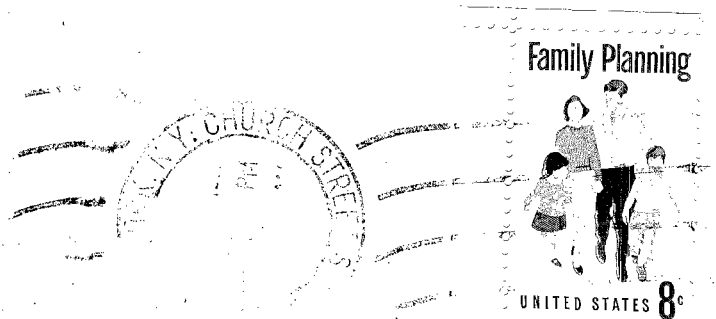
But the traders said: "Fools, ye produce much merchandise - garments, and jewels, and foods, and plows, and watches, and pianos, and shoes, and books. Where will ye sell this merchandise now? And who will be your chiefs? And how shall the stain be purged from your flags, which have been spat upon by the infidel?"

Then one of the people said: "Upon the tenth day and upon the seventh day we will ourselves enjoy the abundance of merchandise we produce - the garments and jewels and foods we will keep for ourselves, and the plows shall furrow our own fields, and the watches shall tell us the time of day, and the pianos shall adorn our own parlors, and the shoes we shall dance in, and the books shall be read by us to make us wiser than we were. For we were surely lacking in wisdom that we fed and clothed an idle army and built useless ships, in order that ye might sell to other nations the things we lacked ourselves. As for our chiefs, whose main business was to invent new taxes for us to pay and new crimes for us to fall into, we are glad we are rid of them. As for our flags, which the infidels have spat upon, ye traders, having no longer anything to do, may sit in the market place all day long and spit upon the flags of the infidels, and thus shall we be revenged."

Even thus it came to pass. And the nation grew greater and happier than it had been before. And every year, upon the day when their army and ships of war were completely destroyed, and they could no longer send abroad their merchandise for other people to use, upon that day they make holiday and rejoice greatly. It is called the day of liberation and the beginning of abundance. And that people is the wisest and the happiest and the most blessed of all peoples in the world.

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