

# GRAUSTARK

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6 May 1972

1972A

"Fall 1963"

## FRENCH PIRATES HEAD FOR ENGLAND

Following "Spring 1963" moves, England retreated A St.P-Liv.

ENGLAND (Alfenite): No moves received. A Lironia, F Bar, & F Nth hold; F Nwy dislodged and removed.

FRANCE (Powell): F Spa(s.c.)-Par; F Iri-Liv; A Pie-Ven.

GERMANY (Huddleston): A Mun-Tyr; A Ber-Sil; A Bel-Hol; A Par holds; A Pic-Bel; F Ska-Nwy; F Swe S F Ska-Nwy; F Den-Nth.

ITALY (Tretick): A Tun-Tus; F Tyr C A Tun-Tus; A Ven-Tyr; F Alb-Ion; F Nap S F Alb-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Honig): A Vie-Boh; A War-Mos; A Tri-Ser; A Bud S A Tri-Ser.

RUSSIA (De Prisco): F St.P(n.c.) holds; A Fin S F St.P(n.c.); A Mos S F St.P(n.c.); A Ukr-War.

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

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

ENGLAND: Edi, Lon. (2)

FRANCE: Bre, Liv, Mar, Por, Spa. (5)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Nwy, Par, Swe. (7)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tri, Tun, Ven. (5)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Ser, Vie, War. (4)

RUSSIA: Con, Mos, St.P, Sev. (4)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Gre, Rum, Smy. (5)

France may build two new units, and Germany and Turkey may each build

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1972G

"Spring 1963"

## ITALY STABS RUSSIA!

ENGLAND (Lipton): F Edi-Cly; F Nth-Edi; F Eng-Nth; A Bre-Par.

FRANCE (Underwood): No moves received. A Spa, A Mar, & F Pic hold.

GERMANY (De Jonghe): F Kie-Hal; F Hol S A Bel; A Bel holds; A Bur-Gas; A Par S A Bur-Gas; A Mun-Bur.

ITALY (Devereaux): A Tyr-Vie; A Ven-Tyr; F Nap-Tyr; F Tun-Wes; A Tri-Bud; F Bul(s.c.) S TURKISH A Smy-Con.

RUSSIA (Atteberry): A Nwy-Cly; F Nrg C A Nwy-Cly; F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; F Swe S F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; A War-Sil; A Vie-Boh; A Rum-Ser; A Bud S A Rum-Ser; A Sev-Arm; F Con-Kab.

TURKEY (Blandin): A Ser-Rum; F Gre-Aeg; A Smy-Con; F Ank-Arm.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian F Con is dislodged and must retreat to Bla or be removed. This decision should be sent to the Gamesmaster immediately, and he will inform the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1963" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 MAY 1972. Robert E. Warren, Apt. 18A, 560 Riverside Dr., New York, N. Y. 10027 should send in stand-by "Fall 1963" moves for France.

Rich de Jonghe has been transferred, and his new address is Ensign R. J. de Jonghe Jr., USNR 778848, BOQ D215, NAS Corpus Christi, Texas 78419. He assures other players that all mail to him is forwarded promptly.

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1970BN

"Spring 1912"

RUSSIANS LAND IN ENGLAND

ENGLAND (H. Anderson): F Edi-Nth; F Yor S F Edi-Nth.

FRANCE (Nierenberg): A Par-Gas; A Bur S A Par-Gas; A Pic S A Bur; F Wes-Spa(s.c.).

RUSSIA (Buchanan): A Nwy-Cly; F Nrg C A Nwy-Cly; F Nth-Eng; F Kie-Hel; F Den-Nth; F Ska S F Den-Nth; F Liv-Wal; A Hol S A Bel; F Tyr-Wes; F Aeg-Ion; A Gal holds; A Sev-Arm; A Ruh, A Bel, & A Mun S TURKISH A Mar-Bur.

TURKEY (Barents): F Tun-Naf; F Ion-Tun; F Tus-Lyo; F Nap-Tyr; F Lyo-Spa(s.c.); F Con-Aeg; F Ank-Con; F Smy-Eas; A Syr holds; A Ven-Pie; A Pie-Mar; A Mar-Bur.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Bur-Par. The deadline for "Fall 1912" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 MAY 1972.

Hugh Anderson writes that he will be in Italy until 19 May.

1972E

"Spring 1903"

ENGLISH FLEET MOVES INTO MEDITERRANEAN

ENGLAND (Abbott): A St.P holds; F Nwy-Nth; F Eng-Mid; F Nrg-Nat; F Mid-Wes.

FRANCE (Lipson): F Por-Spa(s.c.); A Bre-Gas; A Par S GERMAN A Bel-Bur.

GERMANY (Fong): A Mun-Tyr; A Bel-Bur; A Ruh S A Bel-Bur; A Ber-Sil; A Kie-Mun; F Pic S ENGLISH F Eng-Bre.

ITALY (Strayer): A Mar-Bur; F Spa(s.c.) S FRENCH F Por-Mid; A Ven holds; A Rom-Pie((sic)); F Nap-Ion.

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

RUSSIA (Malone): A Mos-Sev; A Ukr-Gal; A Mar S A Ukr-Gal.

TURKEY (Osmanson): F Sev & A Rum hold; F Con-Aeg; A Arm S F Sev; F Bul(e.c.)-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 MAY 1972. A press release appears on p. 5.

1971EE

"Winter 1903"

Following "Fall 1903" moves Austria-Hungary failed to send in a retreat for the dislodged A Rum, which was therefore removed.

ENGLAND (Trtek): Builds F Lon, GERMANY (Tesser): Builds A Mun.  
A Edi. ITALY (Horton): Builds F Nap.

FRANCE (Vest): Removes A Gas.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 MAY 1972. The first stand-by, Steve Nozik, is asked to send in stand-by moves for Austria-Hungary.

LONDON: Punch revealed the winners in the second annual "Tell a Hun Joke" contest. Grand Prize Entry was: Q. What is the only place where Germans don't follow orders? A. In the dictionary.

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"Spring 1904"

## WESTERN ALLIANCE PUSHES EAST

ENGLAND (Birsan): F Nwy-Ska; A Edi-Nwy; F Nrg C A Edi-Nwy; F Lon-Nth; F Nth-Den; A Kie S FRENCH A Ruh-Mun; F Hol-Hel.

FRANCE (Holcombe): A Ruh-Mun; A Bur S A Ruh-Mun; A Bel-Ruh; A Pie-Tyr; F Wes-Tun; F Tyr S ITALIAN F Nap-Ion.

GERMANY (Gutierrez): A Mun-Kie.

ITALY (Brooks): F Nap-Ion; A Ven S FRENCH A Pie-Tyr; A Apu S A Ven; F Ion-Adr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Tyr S RUSSIAN A Sil-Mun; A Tri S A Tyr; F Gre-Aeg; F Con S F Gre-Aeg; A Ser-Gre; A Bud-Vie.

RUSSIA (Silverman): No moves received. A St.P, F Swe, A Mos, A Sil, A Sev, A Rum, F Bul(s.c.), & A Ber hold.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Mun-Boh. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 MAY 1972.

ROME (12 Feb. 1904): Elements of the 3rd and 2nd Naval Fleets were reviewed by King Balbo. The Combined Fleet is being sent East to pick up survivors of the 1st Fleet and to re-open negotiations with Eastern Powers.

1971EC

"Spring 1904"

## AUSTRIANS RETREAT DEEP INTO GERMANY

ENGLAND (Lipton): F Nwy-Bar; A Swe-Nwy; F Eng-Mid; F Nth-Eng; F Por-Spa (s.c.); A Lon holds.

FRANCE (Nozik): A Pic-Bre; A Bur holds; A Mar S A Bur; A Gas-Spa.

GERMANY (Berman): A Tyr-Tri; A Boh-Vie; A Mun S RUSSIAN A War-Sil; A Ruh S F Bel; F Bel holds; A Hol-Kie.

ITALY (Warden): A Nap-Gre; F Ion C A Nap-Gre; A Smy-Con; A Ven holds; F Aeg S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Gre-Bul(s.c.).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Bell): A Bud-Vie; A Tri S A Bud-Vie; A Sil-Gal; A Ser-Rum; F Gre-Bul(s.c.).

RUSSIA (Barents): F St.P(n.c.) holds; A Rum-Bud; A Gal S A Rum-Bud; F Bla-Rum; A War-Sil.

TURKEY (Gutierrez): A Con S A Bul; A Bul S A Con; F Ank S A Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish A Bul is annihilated, and the Austro-Hungarian A Sil must retreat to Pru or Ber, or be removed. The direction of this retreat should be sent immediately to the Gamesmaster, who will inform the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 MAY 1972.

Mike Willner failed to send in moves this turn, and is replaced by Mike Gutierrez.

MOSCOW (BALLS): H. Barents to day said that he was getting very worried. "I haven't heard from The Queen for a Long Time" At which Glue said "But I thought you Liked Females"

E PHUMPA (GOSH): Lipless today told an crowd that he Liked his egg-

heads hard bailed.

SEVASTOLA (GOLLY): The Tzar today returned from his very successful trip to the underworld. He told reporters that he was very please with what Hornj & he talked a bout. On his last dog he visted the wall of sewage that has been built up though the ages and made into a defense for the kirgdam. When asked where they get all the sewage he was told from all the CRAP the outer world throws away.

VANGAWALLI (BALLS): The Datch Boy has gotten into a couple of Mew foriegn affairs since goverment of the central countries are hitting on diffulicet times. But alas Dutchie was ready to get into everything.

WARSAW: Barenta, head of foreign affairs were being conducted with Germany. Results of This affair is not certain but, it could lead to New barn things.

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one. England must remove one. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 MAY 1972.

Two players have new addresses to report:

Mark W. Murray, 12 Shawomet Ave., Warwick, R. I. 02889; 401-737-6054

Buddy Tretick, P. O. Box 34046, Bethesda, Md. 20034

Murray's new address will not become effective until 20 May.

Press releases appear on p. 5.

The first stand-by, Elliot Lipson, is asked to send in the "Winter 1903" removal for England.

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LONDON: The British government today announced that as a gesture of friendship the Russian Czar would give two Siberian goats to the Royal Family. In return, two Irishmen will be shipped to the Moscow Zoo.

LONDON: As the British people continued to stand firm against German barbarism, the Royal Family announced it was changing its name from Saxe-Coburg-Gotha to Stevens.

1970EN - PRESS RELEASES

ISSHEMEAL-KEP: After spending a shivering night, wondering what the crazy sound was, The Sun came up from the south. Still our heraes could see the Light from the mountains. So onpressed Hasha & AquaLung, as they treked their way from selma to montgomery They came upon a great gate and towers, with signs which read, "IF YOU READ THIS YOUR TOO CLOSE AND WE WILL SHOOT YOU."

But Alas This Did Not Stop Our Heroes A They Started Pounding On The Gates To See If They Could Get In.

All at once the Gate opens and says \$2 please. At which Hasha said "I don't have it"

"WELL GET IT!"

"But where will I find IT?"

"Everywhere, but get IT!"

"Do I Really have ti have IT?"

"yes you do have to have IT."

Then Hasha started walking away when the GATE said "I've been told you HAVE IT. please enter"

"Well that is nice but I guess we can travel on" said Hasha

"YOU WILL ENTER"

"Ok, I will!"

So in went Hasha and his side kick. Before they knew it they were no Longer in the Sun, but surrounded by Reds.

1972E - PRESS RELEASE

PARIS (25 December 1902): NEW GOVERNMENT IN FRANCE!! MENDEL FRANCOIS GOLDENBERG IS KING!! The government of France passed peacefully today into the hands of Mendel Francois Goldenberg, former member of the Paris Department of Sanitation. In the following exclusive interview, King Mendel I tells the story of how he became King.

"Vel den, it vas like dis. Dere I vas, sweeping out the pissoir at the corner of Rue Mabuf like regular, ven suddenly dese two ruffian no-goodnick soldier bums grabbed me an took me to dis cart. Next dey took me to a big, fancy building with lots of soldiers loafing around in the street outside (dey got nothing better to do vid mine taxes but to pay bums like dem to loaf in the street all day?). Next I vas dragged to a big room with lots of guys in formal clothes (like at a vedding) and more soldier boys in fencier clothes wid medals and gold all over dem. 'Mendel,' says ven of dem, 'Ve vant you to run the country, be like a King.' I said, 'You must be off your trolley, me Mendel be King?' 'Yes, YOU Mendel vill be king.' I thought about it for a vile, den, not to be taken for a dummy, 'How much does the job pay?' I asked. 'How much you making now?' said one of the fancy soldiers. So, let's face it, a little white lie every now and then doesn't hurt, especially ven you vant a little raise. 'Now, I'm making '20 Francs a veek. I von't change jobs for less than 30, two weeks in advance, in gold, not dat junky paper you guys been printing lately, and I von't vork on Shabos no matter vat!!' I expected them to try and beat me down to 25 a week, and boy ven dey said ok vas I kicking myself for not asking for 35!!

"OK, now I got the job, vad do I do?' 'Vell, King Mendel, first ve got dis var going on, you got to tell us vut to do,' said a fancy soldier. 'OK,' I said, 'vuts going on?' Den dey showed me dis map, it was covered vid green, black, and dark blue markings, and in de middle of all of dem vas a few light blue markings. 'Vat are dem marks?' I asked. 'Vell,' said a fancy soldier, 'the green are Italians, the black are Germans, the dark blue are English, and the light blue are us.' 'OK,' I said, 'go out and get two of those other countries to be our allies, and den ve all attack the third.' All those guys in fancy clothes looked at me kind of funny, and dey started to leave the room. 'Hey,' I said, 'were are you all going?' 'Ve have vork to do, we'll be right back.'

"Vell, it's been three days since dey left, no buddy I seen in dis building since. I been thinking about the var, and I just don't know vat to do. Anybody out dere got any suggestions? Send dem to King Mendel, I ain't too prout to consider advice.'"

1972A - PRESS RELEASES

ST. PETERSBURG (RP): The underground forces here reported to the Czar that their mission to aid in the expulsion of the British invaders has been successful. In one swift strike the Navy, under the command of Sergi "Seasick" Sonovich, recaptured the capital. Said Sonovich, "When the Limeys saw the flagship steaming into the bay they all turned tail and ran to Livonia." An observer on the north coast reported that the English fleet sat idly by as the victorious navy edged along the north coasts of Norway and St. Pete. Undoubtedly their knees were shaking and just decided to let the army fend for themselves.

MOSCOW (RP): The Czar has made plans to return his seat of government back to the capital city of St. Petersburg after the news of its recapture reached him. "Serves those Limey b\*\*\*\*\* right," he was heard to mitter while packing his smashed furniture. He was also pleased to hear that the French were about to invade Liverpool. "Now all we have to do is drive the creampuffs out of Warsaw. Once that is accomplished we can start peace negotiations with Austria," remarked the Czar. As for the retreating British army in Livonia, the Czar ordered his wife's bridge club to go drive them out. "Once those women start talking even the British would leave as fast as they can."

ANKARA: To whoever sent the anonymous note, thanks for the tip.

NORWAY: Fearful of mass invasion and murder, this country along with our neighbors to the East braces itself for the three way split by two powers.

GREECE: The price of VD inspections has suddenly risen, and the price of contraceptives has become free, donations by the Greek Government. And, all of this because the Austrians are coming.

BROOKLYN (URRP): The Austrians may be coming, but the Turks have already sneaked in by the back door.

## THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

ROBERT BRYAN LIPTON, 556 Green Place, Woodmere, N. Y. 11598: I'm not quite certain where I indicated the belief that Islam was divided into a feudal system, but after 750, when the first wave of expansion died down, the outlying areas soon resorted to the practice of acknowledging nominal authority to the Abbasid Caliphate, with the exception of the Spanish Umayyad dynasty. To quote from the Penguin Atlas of Medieval History (Colin McEvedy, reprinted 1968) in the section covering the temporal neighborhood of 737, "It was not until the early eighth century that any considerable territory was reduced, and then, as in Asia, the conquest was more due to the energy of the local emir rather than the direction of the Caliphate. This, combined with the growing number of independent emirates and caliphates in the 9th and 10th centuries, indicate to me a breakdown in central authority.

I am not sure why Rod Walker is taking pot shots at me. Perhaps it was my press release about Larry the Laughable and Rodney Perambulator. It was about two friends of mine. I have not taken a pot shot at anyone but friends and people and others that I am playing Diplomacy with.

JOHN DE PRISCO, Box 502, Manor Branch, New Castle, Del. 19720: Since my A Ukr supported Turkish A Rum, why did his attack on Serbia fail?

((This refers to the "Fall 1902" moves 1972A, for which see GRAUSTARK #261. The important move orders in this situation were:

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Bud-Rum; A Ser-Bul; F Gre-Bul(s.c.)

RUSSIA: A Ukr S TURKISH A Rum.

TURKEY: A Bul-Ser; A Rum S A Bul-Ser.

This is a situation that comes up fairly often. The Turkish A Rum was supported against an enemy attack, and holds its position. But, in defending itself against an attack from Budapest, it cannot support an attack into Serbia.

YALE EDEIKEN, 2635 Cranston Road, Philadelphia, Penn. 19131 (17 April 1972): John, if the comments at the bottom of p. 10 ((in GRAUSTARK #262)) were meant derisively I would like to point out, as a person who war-games with miniature figures, that these figures are made of solder and, as such bend and break easily. Further it can take hours of delicate labor to paint a group and the paints can easily be damaged. I'll be damned before I'd let some six-year-old kid wreak havoc upon my troops. I would like to point out that, from personal observation, the war-gamers I know are more likely to be pacifist in ideal and behavior than are the collectors of military miniatures - a closely related hobby.

JOE ANTOSIAK, 3637 Arden Ave., Brookfield, Ill. 60513 (26 April 1972): In GRAUSTARK #263, p. 11, you compare my lie with those of Carol D Buchanan.

This is preposterous. Anschluss' brand of irresponsible journalism is in a class by itself; nobody can touch us when it comes to errors, typos, and lies.

(PS: Anyway, I'm glad it's cleared up.)

((So am I.))

HARTLEY PATTERSON, "Finches", 7 Cambridge Rd., Beaconsfield, Bucks., England: Your comment on Diadokhi incorrect - the Maccabees were in the 2nd cent BC, some time after the setting of this game.

As for 'West Bengal', could be this is a leftover from the Raj. May as well suggest 'Northern Ireland' is sign that the UK intends to annex Eire.

...Why is it that your mailings get through, dock strike or no, whereas others (Miller etc) don't?

((I hadn't tried to buck the dock strike; I just held up my mailings until it was over.))

JOHN A. McCALLUM, P. O. Box 52, Ralston, Alberta, Canada (2 April 1972): In GRAUSTARK #260 you print several old letters of mine. The point of them is rather lost now as they were intended for Quiz items in case you used a Quiz for entry in the games you were then forming, which you didn't. However, since they have been printed I suppose I had better send in the answers in case anyone wants to know.

The first one, the letter of 15 Oct. Country A is Britain, Country B, France, Country C Russia. The lady, your old friend Catherine the Great of Russia. The ambassador Sir James Harris, appointed ambassador to Russia in 1779. The circumstances: Britain was hard

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RODNEY CLIFFORD WALKER IS SENT TO SIBERIA

or

WHO CACHED KOLCHAK'S CZESHS?

In his letter to GRAUSTARK #262, Rod Walker mentioned the joint Japanese American invasion of Siberia in 1918. He claimed that this was not part of an attempt by the US to suppress the Soviet government and re-impose monarchy on the Russian people, that the US was not out to support the Tsarist leader Kolchak, and that our government merely wished to protect Russia from the excesses of the Entente Powers. I objected to this. Walker's rebuttal is presented below. In the right column I have placed excerpts from documents and books of interest for this period.

Dear John:

Before you parade your ignorance of the Siberian Intervention further, I suggest you read the classic studies by John Albert White (The Siberian Intervention) and Betty Unterberger (America's Siberian Expedition), particularly the latter.

There was no intent whatever on the part of the American Government, at any time, to assist the Kolchak regime. Your naive statement that we intended to deliver the Russians to Kolchak is untrue and not supported by any facts. Just for openers, the United States refused to recognize the "All-Russian" government of Kolchak, despite the fact that he had been accepted as head of the Russian state by every major White faction in the country.

Furthermore, it is well known that American forces attacked and defeated the forces of Ataman Semyonov, the Cossack leader working with the Japanese against the Bolsheviks.

Attorney-General Palmer was not appointed to that post until 1919. His statements on Russia therefore mean nothing. He had nothing to do with the Intervention. Nothing.

Anyone with half a brain who reads the documents will realize that there was never any intent by Wilson to unseat the Bolsheviks. (why should he? he assumed they would collapse anyway).

It might be instructive for you to learn that when Maxim Litvinov came to Washington for the recognition negotiations, he demanded reparations for damage done by American forces in Siberia on the ground that the Intervention had been undertaken with an eye to overthrowing the Bolsheviks. Comrade Litvinov was then shown the State Department documents (then secret, but now public) on the Intervention. The demand for reparations was instantly dropped. So much for the mythical "anti-Bolshevik crusade".

(By the way, when the Czech Legion was forming the backbone of Kolchak's army, would you like to know who was putting constant pressure on them to leave? Wilson, of course. I suspect that even your warped political imagination cannot contrive a plan whereby Wilson could deliver Russia to Kolchak by taking away his main military force.)

"During the first week in July ((1918))...General Gayda staged a coup in Vladivostok and set up an anti-Soviet regime in that city. The streets were placarded with a proclamation signed by Admiral Knight of the United States Navy...and Captain Badiura of the Czechoslovak Army, who had become commandant of the occupied city." - Sayers & Kahn, The Great Conspiracy

"Now, General," said Morris, "you will have to support Kolchak."

"Graves replied that he had received no word from the War Department directing him to support Kolchak."

"The State Department is running this, not the War Department," said Morris.

"The State Department," answered Graves, "is not running me." - conversation between General William S. Graves and the US Ambassador to Japan, cited by Graves, American Siberian Adventure

"...though the Americans eventually decided to support Kolchak, the damage had been done." - Richard Luckett, The White Generals, p. 227

((See overleaf for more goodies.))

"Military action is admissible in Russia...only to help the Czechoslovaks consolidate their forces and get into successful co-operation with their Slavic kinsmen..." - Secretary of War Newton D. Baker to General Graves, 2 August 1918

"You may inform the Czech-Slovak leaders confidentially that pending further notice the Allies will be glad, from a political point of view, to have them hold their present position." - DeWitt C. Poole, US consul at Moscow, to the US consul at Omsk, 22 July 1918

"On the night of 18 November 1918, the Directorate ((at Omsk)) was arrested, the government took over power itself, and handed it to Kolchak who was proclaimed supreme ruler.

"This coup d'etat was welcomed by the representatives of Great Britain, France, and the United States at Omsk." - Yuri Semenov, Siberia, p. 370

"The plan to move the Czechs to Europe was dropped, and it was decided instead to build up a front against the Germans in Russia." - Semenov, ibid.

"The whole of American policy during the liquidation of the Armistice was to contribute everything it could to prevent Europe from going Bolshevik or being overrun by their armies." - letter, Herbert C. Hoover to Oswald Garrison Villard, 17 August 1921

"The Czech...National Council published an open letter declaring their distaste for Kolchak and all his works, and demanded to be evacuated...On 13 December ((1919)) a Czech ensign ordered Kolchak's train off the priority line and onto the 'slew' down line. The Whites were furious, but they could do nothing except to increase their consumption of vodka." - Lockett, op. cit., pp. 311-12.

"1919 - A. Mitchell Palmer ordered mass arrests of agitators during 'Red scare' period." - New York Times Encyclopedic Almanac, 1971

"In March 1918, the Japanese government urged General Horvat to organize an anti-Bolshevik government in the Far East. The Allied representatives in Harbin, including the American consul, supported this proposal." - Unterberger, op. cit. (by Walker), pp. 14-15

"The American press generally approved of intervention." - Ibid., p. 35

"By June 1 ((1918)) the President consented to divert American troops from France to North Russia upon the approval of General Foch." - Ibid., p. 52

"Leading editorials ((in the US press)) preached the need for intervention urging that Bolshevism was a greater threat than the menace of Japan. They insisted that the only means of helping Russia was by overthrowing Bolshevism." - Ibid., pp. 60-61

"Later, Baker said that the North Russian and Siberian expeditions were practically the only decisions of a military nature which President Wilson had determined personally throughout America's participation in the war." - Ibid., p. 64

"Throughout 1919 public sentiment against the Bolsheviks grew in intensity. Senators, congressmen, respected government officials, and the newspapers described the brutalities of the Bolsheviks in lurid language. Porter J. McCumber, Republican Senator from North Dakota...declared that 'the civilization of the world demands the extermination of such beasts'. Speeches such as these gained powerful support for the intervention policy." - Ibid., -p. 137

((I am aware that President Wilson can be quoted in opposition to these interpretations of US policy. However, I prefer to deal not with his words, which depict him as a failure in the Jesus business, but by his deeds - which depict him as a failure in the Machiavelli business.))



## POSTAL SYNOPSIS

I have noticed that several Gamesmasters are paying more postage than they have to, and am re-publishing here a summary of current US postage rates. All rates are domestic unless otherwise indicated.

# of ounces	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1, surface	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96	100	100	100	100
1, air	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1, foreign	15	26	34	34	76	76	76	76	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144
3	8	8	10	13	16	18	21	24	26	29	32	34	37	40	42	45
3, foreign	8	8	12	12	16	16	20	20	24	24	28	28	32	32	36	36

All mail to Canada or Mexico goes by the domestic rate. The foreign rates are by surface mail. Foreign air mail is 17¢ per half ounce to the Western Hemisphere, and 21¢ per half ounce for the Eastern Hemisphere. Unlike many other countries, the US does not have a special rate for third-class air mail, domestic or foreign.

In the chart, "1" denotes first class mail, which may contain other than printed matter and goes at considerably faster rates. Third class mail ("3") may contain only printed matter and may not be sealed. For mail over one pound in all classes, special rates apply; consult your post office.

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

"A military target is any person, thing, idea, entity, or location selected for destruction, inactivation, or rendering nonusable with weapons which will reduce or destroy the will or ability of the enemy to resist." - U. S. Air Force ROTC Manual, May 1961

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With the approaching end of the academic year, the addresses of a considerable number of postal Diplomacy players will change. Please send in your new addresses and the dates on which they become effective if you want to receive GRAUSTARK regularly.

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Paul J. Wood, publisher of Yggdrasil, needs three more entrants in a Youngstown Variant game. The entry fee is \$3, which includes a subscription and a free map for this variant. Wood's address is 24613 Harmon, St. Clair Shores, Mich. 48080.

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"When Bobby Kennedy said 'I need your help,' it worked. When Ed Muskie says 'I need your help,' he needs your help. Boy, does he need your help." - Clark Whelton, Village Voice, 30 March 1972

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There is good news for those Diplomacy fans who are tired of the way deadbeats have recommended other deadbeats. (Walker, could you spare the time from your own private Diplomacy organization to explain what became of the money for those new 'zines from Scott Hankin and Gary Jones, that you were recommending?) Just because Buddy Tretick was promoting Fred Winter's new Carbon 13 does not mean that Winter is another Tretick - quite the contrary, I am assured by an outspoken letter from Winter.

Carbon 13 is opening new games with a \$3 fee; Winter's address is 2625 El Rancho Drive, Brookfield, Wisc. 53005. One dollar of this fee is refunded to each player who finishes the game. My apologies to Winter for confusing him with his self-appointed patron; Tretick in fact has no connection with Carbon 13.

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For years the otherwise backwards state of Mississippi experimented in a very humane sort of prison reform: the wife or girl-friend of each long-term prisoner was able to make a weekly "conjugal visit" to him. Now other states have taken up this practice.

So, apparently, has the federal government. Lt. William Calley, under sentence for the murder of 22 "Oriental human beings" at Mylai, Vietnam, is waiting out his appeal in custody at his apartment in Ft. Benning. "Tanned and trim, he lifts weights, romps outdoors with a pet beagle... grills steaks, tends a flower garden, and is visited regularly by his girl friend, Ann Moore." (Newsweek, 3 April 1972) However, even this

This is duration de luxe is too much for Vincent P. McCauley, a local lawyer. On the first anniversary of Calley's conviction, he arranged a rally to demand that President Nixon free Calley by executive order. McCauley hoped to attract 75,000 people, but only about 250 showed up. (New York Times, 29 March 1972)

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Meanwhile, far from getting any conjugal visits, Prof. Angela Davis is going to be accused at her trial of having balled the late George Jackson in an appropriately designated "holding room" at the Marin County Jail. Prof. Davis, who is not even accused of having killed anybody, is for damn sure not going to get to tend a flower garden or romp with any beagles. As for the other accusation, George Koski writes in the New York Post of 3 April 1972, "New Angela Davis stands accused of the ultimate rebellion - making love in a prison cell... Uncle Tom - heretofore the establishment's hope - gives way to Peeping Tom."

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Among the many peaceful anti-war parades held on 22 April was a demonstration by several thousand marchers in Los Angeles. However, some violence was provided by two groups of counter-demonstrators who fought, not with the peace marchers, but with each other. They were from the American Nazi Party and the Jewish Defense League - both of which support the war. (New York Daily News, 23 April 1972)

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Pass-Out, P. O. Box 1222, Hollywood, Calif. 90028 advertises four board games which apparently cater to various orgiastic impulses on the part of their players. In addition to Pass-Out, they bear the names of Getche, Sip-N-Go Naked, and Gulp & Giggle. All are \$6 except for the last-named, which is \$8. Any GRAUSTARK reader who may know anything about any of these games is politely requested not to tell me about them.

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By the time this reaches you, over a dozen of these insufferably tiresome presidential primaries will have taken place. To see just what they are worth, let us add up all the votes cast for all candidates in the presidential primaries of 1968, and see whether they bore any relation to what actually happened. These figures are taken from preferential primaries and from statewide contests for slates of delegates pledged to various candidates for the nomination. The source is the Congressional Quarterly:

Democrats	Republicans
Eugene McCarthy.....2,858,342	Ronald Reagan.....1,647,175
Robert F. Kennedy.....2,253,490	Richard M. Nixon.....1,569,654
Thomas Lynch.....372,683	Nelson Rockefeller.....124,597
Lyndon B. Johnson.....330,495	John Volpe.....31,465
Roger Branigan.....238,700	Raymond Shafer.....1,223
George Smathers.....236,242	others.....177,618
Hubert H. Humphrey.....180,058	
Scott Kelly.....128,899	
others.....93,829	

Observe that the eventual Democratic nominee placed no higher than seventh in this futile balloting. We have long since passed the point where the wishes of the people of this country can have any effect on high policy, or even on the identity of the men who administer this high policy.

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Every Friday evening from 6 PM until far into the night, there is an open house at the offices of Strategy & Tactics on the 3rd floor of 44 E. 23rd St., New York, N. Y. 10010. S & T has by far the most professional appearance of all magazines published in the war-gaming field. For \$10 per year the subscriber gets at least one new game with each issue, and copious commentary on Diplomacy, Avalon-Hill games, and other favorites. James Dunnigan, designer of Origins of World War II and several other board games, runs the show, with the able assistance of Al Nofi, whose letters have appeared in these pages from time to time.

The last time I was there, about a dozen people were trying out a newly designed game Soldiers, a World-War-I battle simulation. This is now being considered for publication, as are many of the games you are likely to see there. Games fans in the New York area are strongly urged to take advantage of S & T's hospitality. If you don't find a game to your taste, you can certainly get into an interesting conversation with the staff about some obscure point in history or military tactics.

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GRAUSTARKs #261 and #262 were mailed out to all readers except active players in a third-class mail bundle, which was posted on 9 April. I find that this was delayed in transit to several readers. If you should have received this package, and it has not yet arrived, please let me know at once.

#### THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH (continued from p. 6)

pressed at sea facing the combined navies of France and Spain plus American privateers during the American Revolution. Britain desired Russia to make a naval demonstration in the Atlantic with a view to distracting the French fleet. To persuade Catherine to do so was the object of the appointment of Harris but the proposal met with no success.

((About a century later, Daniel Sickles was the American ambassador at the court of Queen Isabella II of Spain, in such wise that he was sometimes called "the American king of Spain". The honorable ambassador observed a double standard of morality, since some years earlier he had been acquitted of killing his own wife's lover, Philip Barton Key, son of the composer of our national anthem. This marked the first time that "temporary insanity" had ever been successfully pleaded in an American court.))

The other question. The diplomat, a paragraph of whose will you printed, was Sir William Hamilton, British minister to the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, the lady was Emma, Lady Hamilton, and her lover Admiral Nelson. (The artist was Le Brun, and the copyist Bone.)

ROD WALKER, 4719 Felton St., San Diego, Calif. 92116 (17 April 1972): I believe that you are being unduly harsh on Tretick. It is true, of course, that La Guerre is not up to the high standards set in other 'zines, but there are other Gamesmasters who fall just as short. It is also true that he has abandoned all of his 1970 games, more than a dozen of them. That is ancient history, and he has long since been roundly condemned for it. Two of the games, 1970AE and 1970BJ, are apparently going to continue under different Gamesmasters. The others seem to be hopeless cases.

Tretick's 1971 games are, however, proceeding, if slowly. I would not recommend joining a game in La Guerre, but I see no sense in hounding Tretick at this point. We ought to give him a chance and see if those games suffer a better fate than the 1970 ones. My complaint about Buddy, however, has primarily been that when personal problems make it temporarily impossible for him to run his games, he has not accepted offers of temporary help in keeping the games moving until he has recovered.

I might add that John Beshara is now doing the same disservice to the players in 1971BG. He could easily have a temporary alternate Gamesmaster.

((Except that the recent delay in 1971BG was not Beshara's fault. He was not kept from supervising the game; instead, one of the players prevailed upon him to delay a deadline, and then vanished completely. He has at last been replaced, and the game is now in

progress again.))

There is no question that the so-called "Diplomacy Association" has defended Tretick's past performance. When I wrote Tretick last summer to remind him that help was available in keeping his 1970 games going, and that his players had a right to expect the games would continue, the Chairman of the DA's "Board of Directors", John Beshara, wrote to Tretick in response to my letter (I sent John a copy as a courtesy). In this letter Beshara, on behalf of the "DA", declared that Tretick was one of the best Gamesmasters in the business and that there was nothing wrong with his performance. He signed the letter "Chairman of the Board". This letter was published in Erehwon and in La Guerre. Subsequently, Tretick was listed in Wazir as having game openings. In the absence of public retraction, the "Diplomacy Association" is still on record as defending and supporting Buddy Tretick's record as a Gamesmaster.

((This statement can prevail upon the intelligence of no one who actually bothers to read it. Despite what one might hear from Rod Walker, I am not an alter ego of John Beshara nor does every position I take on every issue correspond to every position he takes on every issue. He and I have differed over Buddy Tretick's reliability for a long time. This has not prevented us from working together in The Diplomacy Association. Compare this with the fragmentations and subfragmentations that the Walker-Peery-Buchanan attempt to take over TDA has generated. They are now slanging each other with as much vigor and a good deal more reason than every they slanged us.))

Or is your statement a release of the new Party Line? "the Diplomacy Association is at war with Buddy Tretick. The Diplomacy Association has always been at war with Buddy Tretick." Sure....

I don't know why I wasted time writing that. You wouldn't dare print it. Chairman Beshara will slap your wrists.

You may wish to call to your readers' attention that Allan Galhamer's observations on the convoy rules in the new Rulebook may be found in Erehwon #65, available from me for 15¢.

#### THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

'Tis a pity that I've ended publication of PRISCVS ORDO SECLORVM. My contention that the Middle Ages are on the way back was just illustrated by a case opened in an English court by an Irish Protestant named Thomas Doyle, secretary of the Yorkshire Association for a British Ulster (YABU). The YABU official went into court in Leeds to try to get Bernardette Devlin indicted for treason under a 14th-century law. The judge threw the case out as outside his bailiwick, so YABU is going to try again in Northern Ireland.

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