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1971EE

"Fall 1904"

1972A

"Spring 1904"

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY GOES DOWN THE DRAIN

GERMANS BEATEN IN NORTH

Following "Spring 1904" moves Germany retreated F Hol-Bel. Austria-Hungary sent in no retreats, so the A Gal and F Gre are removed.

ENGLAND (Lipson): F Bar-Nwy; F Nth S F Bar-Nwy.

ENGLAND (Trtek): F Eng-Mid; F Nth-Eng; F Hel S F Hol; A Den-Kie; A Yor-Edi; F Hol S A Den-Kie.

FRANCE (Powell): A Pic S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Boh-Tyr; F Mar S A Pic; F Por-Spa(S.C.); F Bre-Eng; F Liv-Wal.

FRANCE (Hendry): F Wes-Spa(s.c.); A Tus-Pie; A Par holds.

GERMANY (Huddleston): F Kie-Hol; A Hol-Kie; A Bel-Pic; A Par-Pie; F Den-Nth; F Nwy S F Den-Nth; F Swe S F Nwy; A Sil S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A War; A Mun S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Boh-Tyr.

GERMANY (Tesser): A Ber-Kie; A Ruh S F Bel; F Bel holds; A Pic-Par; A Gas S A Pic-Par.

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

ITALY (Horton): A Ven-Tri; A Rom-Ven; F Tyr-Rom; F Tun-Wes.

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Nozik): No moves received. A Bud holds; A Ser dislodged and annihilated.

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

RUSSIA (P. Wood): A Rum S TURKISH A Bul-Ser; F Bla holds; F Bal S ENGLISH A Den-Kie; A Liv-Pru; A War-Gal; A Gal-Vie.

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

TURKEY (Drakert): A Bul-Ser; A Gre S A Bul-Ser; F Ion-Alb; F Aeg S A Gre.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Par-Bre or -Bur; the direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1904" moves, which may be made conditional on it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

Underlined moves are not possible. England retreats F Nwy-Nrg or -Ska; THE ENGLISH PLAYER SHOULD SEND IN THIS RETREAT IMMEDIATELY. Other players may make their "Fall 1904" moves conditional on the direction or removal of this unit. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1972. A press release appears on p. 3.

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (7)

Vie, War. (7)
TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Ser, Smy. (6)

FRANCE: Bre, Por, Spa. (3)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Mar, Mun, Par. (5)

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud. (1)

RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe,
(continued in the next column)

Turkey may build two new units, and England, Italy, and Russia may each build one. The deadline for "Winter" (continued on page two)

BRITISH ARMS (AND OTHER MEMBERS) TRIUMPHANT EVERYWHERE

LONDON (Reuters): The British Govt. would like to take this opportunity to thank the Kaiser for his graciousness in permitting English seamen to enjoy the pleasures of the Copenhagen sex fair. Life aboard ship is exceedingly dull without women (thank God for saltpeter), and this little escapade should be a welcome relief. We regret that Brest does not have as much to offer, but after all, a little Brest is better than no sex at all.

MADRID (Reuters): The Italian movie company, Pronto, has announced the cancellation of its forthcoming production, "Defeat, Italian Style," starring Gina Lottabottzama and Jacques Mehoff. The reason given in the press release was that locations in Spain and the Mediterranean were no longer suitable for filming now that the water has turned from Green to various shades of blue, most notably, light and dark.

TUNIS (Reuters): The Sultan of Tunis announced today that his government was ready to take up arms against the Italians in the expectation of the liberation of his country by the British. The Sultan was quoted as saying: "In a military sense, it makes little difference whether the Italians are allies or enemies. If they are allies, it takes three divisions to help them, and if they are enemies it takes three divisions to fight them."

BROOKLYN (United Rabble Rousing Press): This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott.

ENGLAND (Abbott): Builds F Lon.

ITALY (Strayer): No builds received.

FRANCE (Lipson): Builds A Par.

TURKEY (Osmanson): Builds F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1972. Rob Strayer has missed 2 moves in a row and is now out of the game. David King failed to submit stand-by moves for him, so I am asking a second stand-by to send in "Spring 1904" moves for Italy. He is Victor Ricci, 99 St. Mark's Place, New York, N. Y. 10009; 212-533-0262. Also, stand-by moves for Russia should be submitted by Chris Pearson, c/o The Handcrafter, 241 Commercial St., Provincetown, Mass. 02657.

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"1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1972. A press release appears on p. 3. Chris Pearson is asked to send in stand-by moves for Austria-Hungary in "Spring 1905". This move will be due on 1 July.

STAND-BYS STILL WANTED!

We have run through all the stand-bys in 1971EC, and one is still needed for France. Rod Warren should therefore send in stand-by "Spring 1905" moves for France in that game.

Things are even worse in 1972G. Robert Warren has already missed some stand-by moves in this game. Therefore I am asking not only him but also Michael Childers to send in stand-by "Spring 1904" moves for France.

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1971EB

"Winter 1904"

Following "Fall 1904" moves Italy retreated A Ven-Tus, F Ion-Alb. All players were informed of these retreats.

ENGLAND (Birsan): Builds F Lon.

ITALY (Brooks): Removes A Tus.

FRANCE (Holcombe): Builds F Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): Builds A Bud.

RUSSIA (Silverman): Removes A Gal.

Effective immediately, Perry Silverman resigns as Russia. He is succeeded by the stand-by, John O'Neil, 3287 Campbell Dr., Bronx, N. Y. 10465. The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1972.

FRANCE RESISTS GERMAN PUSH

The Gamesmaster mislaid the "Fall 1904" moves submitted for France by Steve Nozik, and distributed them instead to players by dittography. They were:

FRANCE (Nozik): A Bre & A Bur hld; A Gas S A Bre; A Mar S A Bur.

Except for the failure of the German A Ruh-Bur, the other moves are unchanged. There is no change in the supply center chart, and France now has to remove one unit. Following these moves, Austria-Hungary retreated A Bud-Ser. All players were informed.

FRANCE (Nozik): o removal received. ENGLAND (Lipton): Builds F Liv, A Lon.

Gamesmaster removes A Bur. ITALY (Warden): Builds F Nap.

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1972.

It has developed that Stephen Bell's retreat following "Spring 1904" moves was mailed on 11 May, the day after he received GRAUSTARK #264. His postcard took 5 or 6 days to get here. This confirms an impression of long standing that north-south mail travels much more slowly than east-west mail, and players should act accordingly.

Greg Warden announces that he has left for a summer in Italy, and that his address is "c/o Soavi Americani, Vescovado di Murlo, Siena, Italia". However, he will continue playing in this game. Mail that does not need to reach him before 1 September can be sent to 179 Aquetong Road, New Hope, Penn. 18938. It can be forwarded to him from that address if wished. Games in his publication En Passant will be managed by John Boyer, 117 Garland Drive, Carlisle, Penn. 17013.

U PHUMPA: At a convention of old used tuba players, There came a resounding phumpa out the the marble tuba in The square. At once Herbert the Pervert, player of all tubas, was crowned the monarch of the Ragal tube Players. It seems that he was the first person to play that tuba. Pervert said About that "well I had Lotsa practice for it. It took months of hard work. I'd like to Thank my..."

ENGLISH ARMY VANISHES IN BRITTANY

Following "Fall 1903" moves the High Combatant Powers control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND (Lipton): Edi, Liv, Lon. (3)

ITALY: Bul, Nap, Rem, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (7)

FRANCE (Underwood): Mar, Per, Spa. (3)

RUSSIA: Ber, Bul, Ccn, Mes, Nwy, Rlm, St.P,

GERMANY (De Jonghe): Bre, Bel, Den, Hol,

Ser, Sev, Swe, War. (11)

Kie, Mun, Par. (7)

TURKEY: Ank, Gre, Smy. (3)

DENMARK: The XIIth Corps commander has announced that if any southern degenerates wish to occupy German soil they're going to have to fight for it.

PARIS: The Vlas ((?)) wishes to announce his immediate departure for Berlin. He hopes to clarify the present misunderstanding between the peoples of Silesia and Russia at this time.

ENGLAND: A Bre removed. RUSSIA: Builds F Sev.

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ITALY: Builds A Ven. (by Dev- ureau, who stays in) TURKEY: A Ser removed.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1972.

- O At
- P Great
- E Intervals
- R This
- A Appears
- T To
- I Inflamm
- O Optic
- N Nerves

1972A - PRESS RELEASE

MOSCOW: Dymopolis demands the English government undergo a change of leadership after the unpopular Alfentite regime tried vainly to invade and destroy the Russian homeland. With the emergence of Prime Minister Lipson the Russian government welcomes our new neighbor and ally. God Save The King.

1971EE - PRESS RELEASE

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CONSTANTINOPLE: At last the southern Balkans are returning to their natural friends. We have nothing but praise and friendship to offer the new Austrian Emperor, so long as he recognizes our interests.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

MARK W. MURRAY, 12 Shawomet Ave., Warwick, RI 02889 (15 May 1972): If a country must retreat a unit and it can be retreated to an opposition's open supply base, what would happen if said opposition built an army in that space to where the other army is retreating simultaneously?

((The answer to this one is, that the retreat and the build are not simultaneous. If, for example, Austria-Hungary should retreat to Venice, then Venice immediately ceases to be an Italian supply center. Italy can accordingly not build there, and may even have to remove one unit.))

I like the way 1972A has been on the front page of GRAUSTARK quite often, keep up the good work. ((This is just a matter of how the issue make-up looks. In #265 it was on p. 9.)) My last press release you issued was about three seasons old, you can do better than that. Your headings are as good as the press releases but you have used the same heading two seasons in a row for us.

((Regrettably, there were no headings at all in #265. This is because an unusually large number of players missed their moves, and I had to take up space explaining what happens next and what stand-bys have to submit what moves for what countries. This also prevented referring players to the locations of their press releases, and giving the supply center chart in 1972G. Fortunately, this issue involves 5 "Winter" moves and thus there is more space to dispose of.

((As long as the supply holds out, fliers announcing Diplo-con V will constitute pp. 7-8 of this issue. These come from Larry Blandin, who announces that the Diplomacy Tournament is filling up fast, and that the cut rate for pre-payment now extends to 3 July.

((Incidentally, I have learned that, though Blandin's name has been played up in the Diplo-con V publicity, the man in charge is really Len Lakofka, who has the Chicago franchise for Rod Walker's Private Diplomacy Fandom. Caveat emptor, and expect the session to begin with a Two Minutes Hate directed at John J. Beshara, chairman of the real Diplomacy Association. For those who want the real thing, TDA's address is c/o Beshara, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y. 10023. Beshara is currently digging out from under a great heap of inquiries about TDA, so those who have written him should expect to hear from him soon.))

BILL DRAKERT, 159 Chelsea Road, White Plains, N. Y. 10603 (23 May 1972): Can one power 'loan' a unit to another if he approves and writes the gamesmaster to simplify tactical coordination; i. e., Power B is given the right (until rescinded) to make the moves for one of Power A's pieces?

((Yes, but this must be done in instructions to one's ally and not to the Gamesmaster. Frequently, in a Russo-Turkish alliance, Turkey will be given effective control of the southern Russian fleet. This means that Turkey tells Russia what he wants done with that fleet, and Russia passes the order on to the Gamesmaster - if he wishes. I suspect that something of this sort is now going on in 1970EN.))

STEVEN BROOKS, Apt. 86, 3601 E. 2nd St., Tucson, Ariz. 85716 (25 May 1972): Add me to the list victimized by John Mensinger's WN&WR. My experience is identical ((to that described by Paul Wood in GRAUSTARK #265)) and I am trying to get the game transferred. Game I got as far as "Winter 1901".

1970EN

"Winter 1912"

FRANCE (Nierenberg): Removes F Naf.

RUSSIA (Buchanan): Refuses his two builds.

TURKEY (Barents): Builds F Con, F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1913" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1972.

ISSHEMEAL-GAKA: MJIX today announced that he wants some of the action. It seems that the peace got to him after a while and that he needed a rest.

ISSHEMEAL-KEP: Hasha after hearing about the John Looks About the Room. He is looking for a way to view the fight so that he will make sure that the John is killed!

He finally spots one. a door over to the left. Hasha starts to move though the 1000's of people to get to the door. After moving about 50 inches a man dressed in Red stops Hasha.

((This stirring episode will be continued in the next issue.))

THE AMERICAN BLIMPS

In the late 1930's, a character named Colonel Blimp began to appear in the political cartoons of David Low. Blimp always appeared, towel-wrapped, in a Turkish bath, expostulating from an extremely reactionary viewpoint about the latest events in the cold (later hot) war between Great Britain and Germany.

At this time Robert Graves was researching his historical novels, and found that the Blimp strain extended far back into English history. His genealogical researches were published in 1942, and included an obituary for the Low character and a birth announcement for his grandson. This essay, "Colonel Blimp's Ancestors", may be found in Graves' Occupation: Writer (Universal Library, 1950).

However, Graves has neglected the American branch of the Blimp family, which while of lesser length of lineage still fully illustrates the characteristics which have made the Blimps world-famous.

The first American Blimp was Col. Dunstan Ulric Marmaduke Blimp, second son of the Col. Blimp whose head was removed by a cannon ball at the Boyne. As part of a pact with his brother to keep the estate in the family come what may, he went into exile with the Jacobites while Col. Marmaduke Hereward Blimp served on Marlborough's staff. However, his attachment to the Church of England caused him to reject the Pretender's Catholicism, and he retired in disgust to "a land under the English flag, ruled neither by canting Roundheads and Dutch rascals, nor yet by currish Papishers". On the conclusion of the Peace of Ryswick he accordingly emigrated to Virginia.

Virginia had been settled by Englishmen for over two generations, and most of the desirable tidewater locations had already been taken. However, Blimp secured the title to a large and fertile back-country estate by marrying Princess Moccacalf, daughter of Chief Wide Ear. This chief, famous as being the only Indian monarch who believed all the promises made him by white men, left what had remained of his tribe's territory to his son-in-law. (Curiously, later Blimps maintained that the Colonel's bride had been a white girl, the great-granddaughter of Virginia Dare, raised among the Indians but unrelated to them.)

His son, Marmaduke Berkeley Blimp, was colonel of the Virginia Militia during the French and Indian War. As a member of General Braddock's staff he advised the march through the forests of Pennsylvania to Fort Pitt, and fell in the ensuing disaster.

His son, Dunstan Aelfric Marmaduke Blimp, served as liaison between the Continental Congress and General Washington when the American Revolution broke out. He is among those who labored to have Washington replaced in the supreme command by either Horatio Gates or Benedict Arnold. He was sent south to get him out of Washington's hair, just in time to surrender to the British at Charleston. As a result, he never crossed swords with his cousin Col. Marmaduke Hereward Blimp of His Majesty's Umpty-third Regiment of Foot, who at that time was marching on Yorktown.

Following the war Col. Blimp went into politics, as a prominent member of Patrick Henry's campaign against Virginia's ratification of the Constitution. When this failed he retired in disgust to his plantation at Rottinhominy, still the country seat of the American Blimps.

His son commanded the Virginia Militia during the War of 1812. Despairing of action, he pulled strings to get a commission in the Maryland Militia at the time of the 1814 British invasion. He was consequently among the prisoners taken at the "Battle" of Bladensburg, and ended the war in captivity.

His son commanded the only American unit that was defeated in battle during the Mexican War.

The next Blimp, Col. Henry Patrick Marmaduke, was the first Virginian to enlist after Fort Sumner was fired on. He led an immediate attack into

the western counties of Virginia, who had rejected secession, claiming that "it is of the most immediate importance to the Confederate States of America that these malignant mountaineers be brought to heel, and the sacred cause of slavery and secession be vindicated throughout the Commonwealth". The resulting battle at Philippi was the first Union victory of the war, and greatly inflated the reputation of General McClellan, who took Blimp prisoner and for whom the Virginian maintained an admiration for the rest of his days. Later exchanged for a government colonel taken at Bull Run, he was with Lee in the Gettysburg campaign. On the third day of the fighting he led a charge uphill into the teeth of the Union artillery, and his forces were cut to ribbons.

Personally pardoned by President Andrew Johnson after the war, he went west to fight Indians. In a letter to his wife, he discusses the bleak future of the continent's non-white peoples. "Deprived of our paternal care, the darkies must inevitably languish and die; our new-born grandson will probably see the last African on American soil perish. As for the red man, his refusal to rely on such mechanical contrivances as artillery will probably extend his resistance longer, but his extermination is as a thing fore-ordained." Six days after he wrote this letter, Col. Blimp became General Custer's second in command; the War Department was of the opinion that Custer's mercurial temperament and Blimp's solid character would combine ideally in command of the 7th Cavalry. The descendants of each man now blame the other for conceiving the Little Big Horn campaign.

His son was in the Phillipines for the campaign against Aguinaldo, and is the subject of a bitter article by Mark Twain accusing him of wiping out three Filipino villages. Returned home, he fell dead of apoplexy while on his way to Twain's home with a horse-whip.

His successor, Col. Armstrong Marmaduke Blimp, was plucked from a Quartermasters Corps depot in France and sent to Arkhangelsk to command an American contingent against the Russian revolutionaries in 1918. His announcement that every Russian not swearing allegiance to the Tsar would be instantly shot is credited by E. H. Carr as ensuring the triumph of the Bolshevik forces in the North Russian campaign. Returning home, he sat on the board that court-martialed General Mitchell, and backed up his verdict of "Guilty" with a stinging attack on the idea that air power could be of the slightest importance in the warfare of the future. He also complained that the breed and number of cavalry horses was being neglected by the Army. In 1926 he retired and ran for Congress on the strength of his anti-Communist campaign, serving two terms before being defeated in the Democratic landslide of 1930.

While his activity in the 1935 American Legion plot to overthrow President Roosevelt and replace him with a military dictatorship was being investigated by Congress, Col. Blimp died of acute indigestion. His son, Col. Norman Ulric Marmaduke Blimp, accompanied Col. Lindbergh on his 1938 visit to Germany, and was decorated by Hermann Goering "for his work in promoting a better feeling of understanding between the kindred Nordic peoples of the German Reich and North America". However, Col. Blimp abandoned his Germanophile leanings on 8 December 1941, and specifically requested a command in the Pacific theater "so the little yellow monkeys can learn what the aroused wrath of the white race can do". General MacArthur immediately put him in command of a supply depot in Australia, where he remained for the entire war except for two convalescences from syphilis in a stateside hospital. The government found him an embarrassment in 1945, and sent him to the furthest duty post available - South Korea, where he was put in charge of preparing defenses against an attack from the north. He was taken prisoner in the first week of fighting. Released in 1953, he spent his retirement as a Major Coordinator for the John Birch Society until his death ten years later at an impromptu party celebrating the Kennedy assassination.

His son is presently in command of a US regiment in Vietnam!

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THE GRAUSTARK INTERVIEW - III

GRAUSTARK brings you the first published interview with that new rock group that everyone's talking about these days - the Identicals. Their presentation of the swinging New Sounds of the 1960's is drawing huge crowds wherever they go.

I dropped in at the Identicals' home base in Washington and found them at rehearsal in a huge echo chamber at the east end of the Capitol Mall. Naturally, Dick was on lead guitar, with Hubie on second guitar. Big George was pounding away at his vibes - "the best vibes in the business", all his groupies are fond of saying - while Little George was drumming away at those famous black-skinned drums, producing the most amazing sounds.

"I've come to ask why the Identicals are the biggest thing going in America today," I began.

"In America!" Dick said. "In the world! If we belch today, they'll be dancing to it in Karachi and Saigon tomorrow!"

"How do you feel, being the leader of such an influential group?"

"Now I want to make this perfectly clear," said Dick, strumming a few bars of "The War With No Name". "Any one of us could be the leader of the Identicals. If I stepped down tomorrow and Hubie here took over, you can be sure of that. We'd still be giving out with the same powerful sound! Right, Hubie?"

"Right, Dick," said the second guitarist. "I've been beating out the same riffs as Dick here for years and years. So's both Georges."

"What do you consider the biggest influence on your music?" I asked.

The answer came in a virtual chorus. "Big-Daddy!" All four Identicals got their musical inspiration from the late country & western star Big Daddy, who tragically OD'd on the drug RVN four years ago. "We like to think that every concert we give is a kind of memorial to him," Hubie said.

"What musical styles do you use?"

"Well, Hubie and Big George brought in that old prairie sound, and Little George gave us that real shit-kicking Southern Strategy. None of the wise-ass critics thought his style had a chance when he joined up with us, but now we play it all the time."

"You damn betcha!" Little George said from behind his huge array of drums. "When Little George pounds on them drums, everybody sits up and takes notice. Since they heard mah music, the rest of the Identicals been making sounds nobody ever expected to hear from them!"

"Is there any truth to the rumors that Big George is going to split from the Identicals?"

"That's just a lot of crap from the papers," Dick snorted. "Whenever those fan mags can't think of anything else to print, they go around saying that our group is breaking up. I'd like to shut down a few of those rags sometime."

"I'm a real Identical," Big George said, "and don't let our fans ever forget it. They say I'm chicken about drugs - well, I been taking RVN ever since it came on the market. And I stick by the other Identicals, and play right in tune with them."

"He jest lets them stories git out so's the groupies will be chasing him," Little George grinned. "I never seen the way the chicks go after ol' Big George here."

"You fellows have been making a lot of tours around the country lately," I said.

"Do you find that rock fans still go for your kind of sound?"

"What choice do they have?" Dick said. "Nobody else dares make any other sound besides the Identicals' sound. And nobody is nearly as good as we are. Look what happened to East Side John, or that outfit called The Maine Thing. A few months ago they looked like they were going to hit the top of the charts, and where are they now? If people want the Identicals' sound, they'll come to the Identicals - not to any cheap imitations."

"What are you going to play at your next concert in California?" I asked.

"The usual hits," Dick said. "'What You See Is What You Get', 'The Us Everybody Knows', 'Don't Think Once, It's All Right', 'Promises, Promises', 'People Who Kill People', 'Bombs Keep Falling On Their Heads', 'Chappaquiddick Bridge', 'Piece of Your Brains', and an oldie-but-goodie from the country & western field, 'Thar's a Star-Spangled Banner Waving Everywhere'." Have a toke of RVN! This is a new batch that'll have you flying at 20,000 feet and dropping all your troubles!"

I declined and left.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Many Americans have become understandably cynical about the assassinations that have taken place in recent years. They feel that someone is covering up when assassin after assassin is portrayed in the press as a lone madman without political connections and often without coherent political beliefs. Some hope, and others prefer to fear, for deep-laid plots by politically motivated men - feeling, perhaps, that this would make more sense than a succession of apparent madmen with guns.

Yet it is just this sort that stands the best chance of getting away with an assassination. Of all the assassination attempts on presidents, dating back to Andrew Jackson's time, only two, those against Lincoln in 1865 and Truman in 1950, were political plots. In both cases the assassins were agents of movements which wanted to detach regions from the United States, and thus conceived their acts as acts of war.

In his History of England, written in 1857, Thomas B. Macaulay got to the heart of the matter. Discussing a 1696 plot against the life of King William III, he wrote, "The English regard assassination, and have during some ages regarded it, with a loathing peculiar to themselves. So English indeed is this sentiment that it cannot even now be called Irish, and till a recent period, it was not Scotch...In England, as soon as such a design ceases to be a secret hidden in the recesses of one gloomy and ulcerated heart, the risk of detection and failure becomes extreme. Felton and Bellingham reposed trust in no human being; and they were therefore able to accomplish their evil purposes. But Babington's conspiracy against Elizabeth, Fawkes's conspiracy against James, Gerard's conspiracy against Cromwell, the Rye House conspiracy, the Cato Street conspiracy, were all discovered, frustrated, and punished. In truth such a conspiracy is here exposed to equal dangers from the good and from the bad qualities of the conspirators. Scarcely any Englishman, not utterly destitute of conscience and honour, will engage in a plot for slaying an unsuspecting fellow creature; and a wretch who has neither conscience nor honour is likely to think much of the danger which he incurs by being true to his associates, and of the rewards which he may obtain by betraying them...The vast majority of men are either not vicious enough or not virtuous enough to be loyal and devoted members of treacherous and cruel conspiracies; and, if a single member should want either the necessary vice or the necessary virtue, the whole confederacy is in danger."

Felton and Bellingham, mentioned above, are the only two men who have assassinated English Prime Ministers. A highly distorted account of the former assassination will be found in The Three Musketeers.

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"So. What scenario now? Miami Beach as a great, amorphous, blob of love, set to embrace; to swallow dissent?...Imagine: A crowd. A disturbance up front. 'It's the pigs,' somebody says. 'What are they doing?' Sounds of confusion from the front lines. 'What's happening up there? For Christ sake, what are they doing?' Cries of anguish and nausea now. Somebody screams from the front, 'God, no, it's terrible. They're relating to us!'" - Richard Hill, Los Angeles Staff, 19 May 1972

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"More than 300 years ago, when Peter Stuyvesant first landed on the shores of Manhattan, he discovered that 18 foreign languages were spoken here and that fully one-third of the buildings on the island housed a tavern. Things in Manhattan have not changed much since." - George Nelson, New York Column, 24 May 1972

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"Production of defense and space equipment has risen at an annual rate of 10 per cent since January, according to figures from the government.

"This is in marked contrast to an annual decline in defense production of around 10 per cent a year for the past three years, the statistics show.

"All measures of output in the defense and aerospace industries have been climbing since the beginning of the year," says Irwin Kellner, associate economist with Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co. He mentioned production of ordnance, instruments and aviation fuel as just a few examples of rising defense output.

"He noted further that the rise in military expenditures since mid-1971 'is the fastest since the Vietnam build-up of 1966.'

"This increase in defense outlay is not unexpected, but some observers had not thought

would come so soon.

"In fact, the surge in defense spending has been so pronounced it now appears likely the Defense Dept. may ask Congress for more funds before June 30, the end of the current fiscal year." - New York Post, 23 May 1972

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Now that a native of New York City is about to play in a chess match for the world championship, the city is getting chess conscious. This includes an exhibit of "Chess '72" sets at Times Square, including a set keyed to the current political scene. "The idea came in a dream" last November to designer Mark Howard. Naturally, the Republicans are in gold and the Democrats in silver; the set is available in gold and chrome plate for \$100 or in these colors of plastic for \$30. The personnel are:

| | Republicans | Democrats |
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| K | Richard M. Nixon | George McGovern |
| Q | Henry Kissinger | Eugene McCarthy |
| Rs | John Mitchell, J. Edgar Hoover | Edward Kennedy, Edmund Muskie |
| Bs | Melvin Laird, William Rogers | Hubert Humphrey, Henry Jackson |
| Ns | Spiro Agnew, John Connally | John Lindsay, Sam Yorty |
| Ps | eight elephants | eight donkeys |

I am reminded of a set that was made in the Soviet Union shortly after the end of the civil war. Various Communist leaders appeared in the red set, with heroic workers as the pawns; Tsarist commanders made up the white set, with enslaved proletarians as their pawns. Unfortunately, it soon became necessary to bleach the red rook representing Trotsky and move him to the other side of the board. Then a few other pieces got bleached, and finally the whole set was taken off display. It is now rumored to be somewhere in the West.

(New York Post, 24 May 1972)

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There is now somewhat more definite information about the increase in postal rates. According to a story in the New York Post of 24 May 1972, the first-class rate increase will be to 10¢ an ounce, and will most decidedly take place after the election. Other classes of mail will also be hiked.

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Have you ever noticed how certain words seem to come suddenly into prominence, usually in the train of a new political movement, and then appear all over the place, in a wide range of connotations? In the recent past such eminence has been achieved by the words "massive", "militant", "vibrations", "consciousness", "brinkmanship", "ethnic", "revolution", and numerous others which will undoubtedly occur to the reader.

I am beginning to suspect what next year's "in" word will be.

"Triage".

This term, originally French and pronounced accordingly, began as a technical term in military medicine. According to William and Paul Paddock, whose book Famine 1975! is a major influence in popularizing this word, "It is defined as the assigning of priority of treatment to the wounded brought to a battlefield hospital in a time of mass casualties and limited medical facilities. The wounded are divided on the basis of three classifications:

- (1) Those so seriously wounded they cannot survive regardless of the treatment given them; call these the 'can't-be-saved'.
- (2) Those who can survive without treatment regardless of the pain they may be suffering; call these the 'walking wounded'.
- (3) Those who can be saved by immediate medical care."

However, the Paddock brothers are not talking in terms of mere individuals. In this 1967 book they utter the conviction that the population crisis has already gone too far to be overcome by birth control or higher food production, and that worldwide famine can be expected to begin by their target date. I do not propose to argue this conclusion, since the Paddocks' impressive array of statistics are sure to be countered by an equally impressive array from people with equal credentials and the opposite opinion. However, they feel that the US should use its food production capacity during this crisis not to help all people equally, but to reward those nations who seem salvageable, and to keep from helping those nations whose "inadequate leadership and other divisive factors make catastrophic disasters inevitable". After stating the theory of triage in the above words, and taking into account the need to "safeguard the political, economic, and strategic interests of the United States

on all continents", the Paddocks pose ten countries as case studies. They conclude that Haiti, Egypt, and India can't be saved, that The Gambia and Libya are "walking wounded", and that US food should be sent to Tunisia, Pakistan, and, for special strategic reasons, Panama, Bolivia, and the Philippines. No suggestions are offered on what to do if Bad India marches in and helps itself to the food we have sent to Good Pakistan.

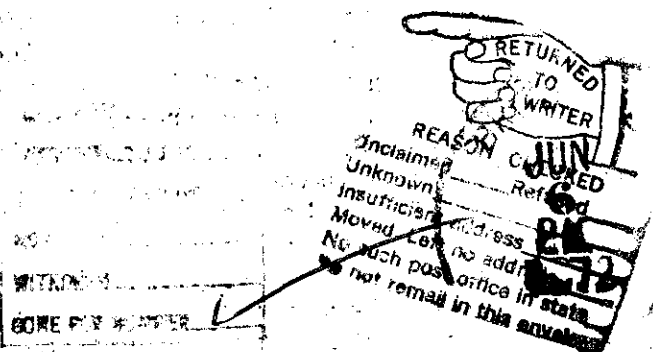
Triage, obviously, is a helpful precedent if a government wants to enforce a callous policy under the plea of "urgent necessity". If it appears that all the possible policy alternatives involve shooting, jailing, or starving people, "triage" is a good excuse to stop considering less unattractive possibilities, or putting the entire topic in a new framework not involving such unpleasant consequences.

Dial Press is currently bringing out a book with the title Triage. Its author, Leonard C. Lewin, is well-known as a link in the transmission line which brought the Report from Iron Mountain out of a secret study group and into the public eye. The early advertisements feature a quotation from a "Presidential Commission on National Priorities" of a triage proposition. (The quote sounds fictional, although these days the government seems eminently capable of such a thing.) The "Chairman" says, "Our presence on this commission is predicated on the fact that our institutions are breaking down faster than we can patch them up." After stating the need for drastic solutions, and not questioning whether some of these institutions ought to break up, he goes on to say that "we must reduce - significantly - the numbers of people who contribute disproportionately to the intensification of both our particular and our more general breakdowns. In still plainer English, kill them off. Not casually, not indiscriminately, but purposefully." Like the serious Paddocks, the (I hope) fictional Commission Chairman urges that triage be expanded to the social scale. "The object of triage, for us, will be to save as many as can be saved of the fully functioning and productive members of the species. We will make the judgments concerning who these people are because we are among the very few who realize they must be made."

Whether Lewin's Triage becomes a best-seller, or whether it is relegated to moulder in the second-hand bookshops alongside It Can't Happen Here and a dozen imitations of Seven Days in May, the ideas expressed in the quoted excerpt are certainly in the air these days. Hard, drastic, sanguinary measures are frequently talked up in Washington to deal with domestic problems - sometimes even with foreign problems, though less often since Vietnam and Cuba have better means of self-defense than do the Black Panthers or the Kent State student body. I feel that we are going to hear a lot about "triage", and about metaphors drawn from triage by those favoring more repression. Eventually, "triage" may come into use to describe any situation posing three alternatives, particularly an unpleasant situation with three repellant alternatives.

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