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1972A

"Fall 1904"

BALKAN BACKSTABS BURGEON

The "English" retreat mentioned in #266 should of course have been a German one. It was F Nwy-Nrg; all players were informed.

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

FRANCE (Powell): No moves received.
F Wal, F Eng, & F Spa(s.c.) hold;
A Pie dislodged and annihilated.

GERMANY (Huddleston): F Nrg-Nwy; F
Swe & A Bel hold; F Den-Nth; F Hel
S F Den-Nth; A Kie-Den; A Mun-Ber;
A Sil S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A War; A
Par-Bre.

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

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

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

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

Underlined moves are not possible. England must retreat F Nth-Edi, -Yor, -Lon, -Hol, or -Ska; the direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1904" moves, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Lon, Nwy. (3)
FRANCE: Liv, Mar, Por, Spa. (4)
GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Hol,
Kie, Mun, Par, Swe. (9)

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1971EC

"Spring 1905"

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY RETREATS FORWARD

ENGLAND (Lipton): A Lon-Bre; F Eng C
A Lon-Bre; A Pic S A Lon-Bre; F Mid-
Wes; F Spa(s.c.)-Mar; F Liv-Iri; F
Bar & A St.P hold.

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

GERMANY (Berman): A Ber-Pru; A Boh-
Vie; A Tyr-Tri; A Mun-Tyr; A Ruh-
Bur; F Bel holds.

ITALY (Warden): A Smy-Arm; A Gre-Smy;
F Aeg C A Gre-Smy; F Ion-Gre; F Nap-
Tyr; A Ven not ordered, holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Bell): A Pru-Liv; A
Ser-Bud; F Bul(s.c.) S ITALIAN F
Aeg-Con; A Tri-Vie; A
Rum S A Ser-Bud.

RUSSIA (Barents): A Gal-Rum; F Bla S
A Gal-Rum; A Bud-Ser; A War-Mos.

TURKEY (Gutierrez): No moves received.
A Con & A Ank hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary must retreat A Rum-Ukr or -Sey, or remove the unit. This decision should be sent to the Gamesmaster immediately; he will relay it to the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 1 JULY 1972.

Stand-by moves for Turkey should be sent in by Mark A. Thomas, 470 Johnston Dr., Watchung, N. J. 07060; 201-755-4458. Press releases begin on p. 5.

As of 1 July, Bob Lipton's address will be c/o Clarion S. F. Writers' Workshop, Justin Morrill College, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich. 48823

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"Spring 1904"

NEW GOVERNMENTS TAKE CONTROL

ENGLAND (Abbott): F Tyr-Tun; F Mid-Wes; F Iri-Mid; F Lon-Eng; F Den-Ska;
A St.P holds.

FRANCE (Lipson): A Mar-Pie; A Gas-Mar; A Par-Gas; F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo.

GERMANY (Fong): No moves received. A Sil, A Ruh, A Mun, A Bur, A Tyr, & F
Bre hold.

ITALY (Ricci): A Ven S GERMAN A Tyr; A Rom S A Ven ((sic; no such unit
exists)); F Ion S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Gre-Aeg.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Prosnitz): A Vie-Tyr; A Tri S A Vie-Tyr; A Ser S A Tri;
A Gal S TURKISH A Rum-Ukr; F Gre holds.

RUSSIA (Pearson): A Mos-Liv; A Ukr-Mos; A War S A Ukr-Mos.

TURKEY (Osmanson): F Aeg-Ion; F Con-Aeg; F Smy-Eas; A Rum-Ukr; A Sev S A
Rum-Ukr; F Bla-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. David King failed a second time
to send in a stand-by move and is now dropped; Ricci and Pearson replace
the previous players of their countries. Stand-by "Fall 1904" moves
for Germany are requested from David Ayres, 2214 E. 3rd, Spokane, Wash.
99202. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 1 JULY 1972.

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"Spring 1904"

WESTERN ALLIES BLOCK RUSSIA

ENGLAND (Lipton): F Cly-Liv; F Edi-Nth; F Eng-Lon.

FRANCE (Warren): A Mar-Bur; A Spa-Gas; F Pic-Bel.

GERMANY (De Jonghe): A Kie-Ber; A Bel-Ruh; A Bur-Mun; A Par-Bur; A Bre-
Gas; F Nth-Den; F Hel S F Nth-Den.

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

RUSSIA (Atteberry): A Boh-Mun; A Swe-Den; A Ber S A Swe-Den((sic)); F
Bal-Kie; F Nat-Nrg; F Nwy-Nth; A Ukr-Gal; A Rum-Bud; A Ser-Tri;
F Sev-Arm; F Bla S F Sev-Arm.

TURKEY (Blandin): F Aeg-Con; A Ank S F Aeg-Con; F Arm-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish F Arm is annihilated.
The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 1 JULY 1972. Press
releases appear on p. 7.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The publisher of GRAUSTARK wishes to acknowledge gratefully the fre-
quent assistance of Michael Honig, Gary Tesser, and Ira Dunowitz during
the Saturday afternoon printing and collating sessions for this publica-
tion and FREEDONIA.

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In addition to the units listed on p. 1, in 1972A France also has
a fleet in Marseilles.

1970BN

"Spring 1913"

GRAND ALLIANCE FRAYS AT EDGES

FRANCE (Nierenberg): A Par-Bre; A Gas S A Par-Bre; A Bur-Pic.RUSSIA (Buchanan): F Nwy-Nrg; F Nrg-Nat; F Eng-Iri; F Lon-Eng; A Edi-Bel; F Nth C A Edi-Bel; F Hol S A Edi-Bel; A Pic-Par; A Ruh & A Mun S
TURKISH A Bel-Bur; A Boh & A Gal hold; A Sev-Arm; F Wes S F Tyr;
F Tyr S F Wes.TURKEY (Barents): F Tus-Pie; F Ion-Tyr; F Aeg-Ion; F Con-Aeg; A Bel
holds; F Mid-Nat; A Mar-Gas; A Spa S A Mar-Gas; F Lyo S A Spa; F
Tun & F Nap S F Ion-Tyr; F Eas S F Con-Aeg; F Smy-Con; A Syr-Arm.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French A Gas and the Turkish A Bel are both dislodged, and the only space available to either is Bur-gundy. Under the old GRAUSTARK house rules, which were in effect when this game began, both units are therefore annihilated. Russia must retreat F Tyr-Rom or F Tyr-Tus; the direction of this retreat should be air-mailed at once to the Gamesmaster, who will inform the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1913" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 1 JULY 1972.

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"Spring 1905"

TOURIST SEASON BEGINS IN ITALY

ENGLAND (Birsan): F Lon-Nth; F Nrg-Ber; F Ska S A Nwy; A Nwy S F Swe; F
Hel S A Kie; F Den-Bal; A Kie holds; F Swe S F Den-Bal.FRANCE (Holeombe): A Mun-Sil; A Ruh-Mun; A Bur S A Ruh-Mun; A Tyr-Tri;
F Mar-Pie; F Tyr-Rom; F Ion-Eas.ITALY (Brooks): F Alb-Ion; A Apu-Ven; F Adr S A Apu-Ven.AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Bud-Tri; A Vie S A Bud-Tri; A Ven S A Bud-
Tri; A Tri-Alb; A Gre S A Tri-Alb; F Aeg-Smy; F Con S F Aeg-Smy.RUSSIA (O'Neil): A Sev-Arm; F Bla-Ank; A St.P holds; A Fin-Swe; F Bal S
A Fin-Swe; A Ber holds; A Sil S A Ber.TURKEY (Hawley): A Arm-Ank; F Smy-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Ven-Tus and Turkey retreats F Smy-Syr. If either of these players wishes to exercise his option of annihilating the dislodged unit instead, he should inform the Gamesmaster at once, and he will inform the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 1 JULY 1972.

Steve Brooks, to whom congratulations, writes that he will be on his honeymoon from 28 June to 15 July. However, he has seen to it that his moves in 1971EB will be provided for.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Press releases for 1970BN appear on p. 8.

In one of his recent publications, Rod Walker "reprinted" John Beshara's article on stalemates from Wazir #3, the official publication of The Diplomacy Association. Needless to say, he did this without bothering with Beshara's permission to do it.

P. M. Gaylord announces that his Ramsey Diplomat has ceased publication. A new Gamesmaster will contact players.

Following "Fall 1904" moves France retreated A Par-Bur. All players were informed.
 ENGLAND (Trtek): Builds F Lon. RUSSIA (P. Wood): Builds A War.
 ITALY (Horton): Builds F Nap. TURKEY (Drakert): Builds F Con, F Smy.
 The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is SATURDAY 1 JULY 1972. Steve Nozik reports that letters have been delayed in the mail and that he definitely is playing Austria-Hungary in this game. Press releases are printed on p. 8.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Buddy Tretick's phone number, though unlisted, is here reported at his request for the convenience of Diplomacy players. It is 301-299-7881.

On the weekend of 4-5-6 August Tretick is holding an open house at his new home, 11710 Coldstream Drive, Highland Stone, Potomac, Md. 20854. Diplomacy players are invited; see La Guerre #8 for details. In the middle of the affair Tretick will be yanked off to Oklahoma by the Air Force, but he has seen to it that this will not seriously interrupt the festivities.

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John Beshara, Chairman of The Diplomacy Association, announces that this group is sponsoring a regular Diplomacy game for TDA members from the New York City area. All players must be newcomers to postal Diplomacy, and preferably those with 212 area code phone numbers. The Gamesmaster is Chris Schleicher, who will publish the game's moves in his Atlantis. The entry fee is \$5.50, which includes a 50¢ discount for TDA members. This fee includes a subscription to Atlantis for the length of the game. To play, send a check to John Beshara, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y. 10023, or phone him between noon and midnight at 212-724-4352 for further information. When writing, include your home phone number and the best times to call, as well as a listing from 1 to 7 of your country preferences.

Membership in TDA is \$1 per year. For this you get numerous services including Wazir, TDA's official publication. Its 4th issue is now in preparation, with an article by Allan B. Calhmer, the inventor of Diplomacy.

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There are other game openings in Atlantis, for both new and experienced players. Those interested should write Schleicher at 5122 W. Carmen Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60630.

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Of considerable interest to new players looking for games is Camelopard Cake #1, published by John A. McCallum, P. O. Box 52, Ralston, Alberta T4J 2N0, Canada. In it McCallum, one of postal Diplomacy's oldest inhabitants, lists 20 publications which are looking for new players. (This information is dated 4 May, so some games may be full by now.) Entry fees are given where known. Of these publications 3 are in Canada, 1 in Belgium, and 1 in England. McCallum also recommends Gamers Guide as a general information bulletin in board game fandom; for club and convention information. This is 10 issues for \$1.50 from Ken Borecki, P. O. Box 255, Rockville Center, N. Y. 11571. John Mansfield's Signal, mentioned in GRAUSTARK #266, serves a similar purpose.

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As McCallum's address indicates, Canada is now using a sort of ZIP code of mixed letters and numbers. I would appreciate it if the following Canadian readers of GRAUSTARK would send me their address codes: Leeder, Monahan, Nelson, Rack, Stone, Weidmark. England also has this sort of code; I need Patterson's and Piggott's.

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Lewis Pulsipher is now at 423 N. Main, Bellevue, Mich. 49021. Elliot Lipson reports that he will not be able to receive mail at his regular address until 26 June. Anything delivered before the 20th can reach him c/o General Delivery, Moose, Wyo. 83012. Anything which will not reach Moose by that date should be sent to his Denver address.

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John Beshara reports that Terminus and Vulcan have not been seen for several months. GRAUSTARK has the same experience with them and accordingly suspends trade relations herewith. Walt Wood's and Paul Rubin's copies of GRAUSTARK have been coming back in the mail from their last known addresses.

1971EC - PRESS RELEASES

The-SEH-whose-wane-we-All know-And-Love: Weather reports over the sea show that it will be easy sailing for the English in Northern waters. The Black sea shall remain black and have manga storm yet. The yellow people are doomed AS A whirl wind shall pick them up. There will be a jockeying for position between Red & white with black decidig which way it will go. The whirl pooh has Already taken one and is About to take another so stay clear.

I PHUMPA: Lipless has A flow though head.

MOSCOW: due to Lack of communaction from Lipless The Speachless, Super Lover, Herbert, the Pervent, Dutch boy, etc have Allied Against the Farees of England and Liphess the Speach Less. The only real reason given by the goveint was That he "is The uglyist thing since monster moves went out, and they are beauty queens compared to him!" The taking of Sweden, St Petersburg are all trivAl things.

MOSCOW: Karlos Kotexya the kind today was heard saying these things "I had it, I Lost It, I found it And now I've got it. Once you've had it you've had it."

WOODMERE, L. I. (From the offices of Kinney & Lipschwitz, Synthesists): This firm is puzzled by the series of press releases from Phumpha datelined COLLY. Although the members of our firm are conversant with 17,632 languages and dialects, we are unable to translate these press releases. Since these press releases are a major source of information about Phumpha, we feel it incorrect of the Staff of GRAUSTARK to permit this unknown language to be used in an English language newspaper.

WOODMERE, L. I. (IDUNNO): Investigations into the unknown language appearing in GRAUSTARK press releases continue. A clue has been found in certain Pollutidarean letters decrying a certain 'Casr', a title contemporary with the Nova Zemaylan culture of 26,324 B. C. Casr's meaning is not certain, but it is believed to have something to do with sewage tanks.

MASONPOLIS, PHUMPHA (IDUNNO): Talks with Liechtenstein concerning limitations on strategic arms broke down when Umberto the Last refused to discuss limitations of Phumpha's air force. Sources close to Umberto indicate that Phumpha is building a new paper airplane.

LIECHTENSTEIN, LIECHTENSTEIN, LIECHTENSTEIN (JUNKS): Phumpha attacked the capital town of Liechtenstein today and captured Herbert Halfwit, the man (?) who leads this country. He was taken outside to be shot, and, on being asked by Richard the Chicken-Livered if he had anything to say stated, "Just for this, you can consider our alliance at an end."

LIECHTENSTEIN (IDUNNO): Herbert Halfwit escaped the forces of Phumpha today when Sir Osis of the Liver dropped in for a can of imported Sterno. His statement "Why(Why(Why why Y?)...etc. so nauseated everyone that all eightysix crack Phumphan sharpshooters switched their aim from Herbie to Osie and shot, permitting Herbert to escape with only a flesh wound from soldiers who shot at Osis.

NEW YORK, U. S. A. (JUNKS): A manufacturer today announced plans to market purple lima bean pies imported from Phumpha under the brand name of the Island of Mud.

1972A (continued from p. 1)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (5)

RUSSIA: Con, Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev. (5)

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

Austria-Hungary, England, and Russia may each build one unit, and Italy must remove two. The deadline for these "Winter 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 1 JULY 1972. Michael Stroz should send in stand-by "Spring 1905" moves for France; these will be due on 15 July. Buddy Tretick's phone number appears on p. 4, together with an invitation.

SMYRNA: No Comment.

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"As courage endangers life, even so fear preserves it." - Leonardo da Vinci. (with thanks to Andrew Phillips)

FRANCE AND ITALY ASSAULTED

ENGLAND (Lipson): A Lon holds; F Nat-Iri; F Nth-Bel; F Ska-Nth.

FRANCE (Latin): A Pic S A Bur; A Bel S A Bur; A Bur S A Bal; F Eng S A Bel; A Spa-Gas; F Mid S ENGLISH F Nth-Bel.

GERMANY (Schleicher): F Hel-Kie; F Den S ENGLISH F Ska-Nth; A Mun-Bur; A Hol & A Ruh S ENGLISH F Nth-Bel.

ITALY (Burléy): F Nap-Apu; F Ion-Adr; A Ven holds; A Tus S A Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Berman): F Alb-Adr; A Tyr-Ven; A Tri S A Tyr-Ven; A Rum holds; A Bud S A Rum.

RUSSIA (Phillips): F Swe S GERMAN F Den; A St.P-Liv; A Mos & A Ukr S F Sev; F Sev S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Bud-Rum.

TURKEY (Nierenberg): A Arm-Sev; F Bla S A Arm-Sev; A Gre holds; F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Eas-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. France's A Bel is annihilated, and Italy retreats F Ion-Tyr. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

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

England builds F Liv . The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is 6 PM, MONDAY 26 JUNE 1972.

LONDON (September, the year 1 AC/DC - the new British calendar): KING HODINI VANISHES, PRINCE GEORGE CROWNED, LONG LIVE THE QUEEN!!!

When efforts by thousands of secret emissaries failed to locate the King, a Special Act of Parliament declared the throne of England vacant and directed Prince George be released from confinement to assume the throne. In this manner the mystery surrounding the Prince was resolved: His disappearance ten years ago was due to King Hodini's dislike for certain personality traits exhibited by the young Prince and he was confined to the Tower.

Prince George, the new ruler of England, issued the following Proclamation: "It's just dreadful about dear daddy! He got what he deserved though for locking me up in that dreary old Tower just because I'm 'different'. Now that I'm in charge, I'm going to make some switches around here. First, let's make it official; call me Queen Georgiana, dearie. I want to liberate all of England. My first law is to legalize ANYTHING desired by two (or more) consenting adults (and/or animals). I want those lovely big fellows in the Horse Guards taken off that tedious guard duty and assigned as my special 'friends' in the palace. Studs are needed in the palace as well as the stable. And most of all, I want a PRIVATE audience with that darling, hairy brute Rasputin, if Alexandria will let him visit me for a few months. I'm sure he will make a big impression on me and improve my relations."

LONDON (October 1, 0001 AC/DC): EVOLUTION SWEEPS COUNTRY!!!

Thousands of young men all over England in a gesture of support for the Queen abandoned traditional male garb in favor of a new fashion recently introduced at Canaby Street called the "mini-kilt". Several Government ministers issued statements:

The recently appointed Lord of the Royal Air Force: "Delightful idea. It shall be our new uniform. So much easier to get to the cockpit. Also makes it easier for the chap in the rear seat."

Minister of Foreign Affairs: "I just can't wait to have some foreign affairs. Since the whole character of our society switched, it's only right our foreign affairs switches (or is it swishes?), too!"

Minister of Internal Affairs: "Thank God! My internal affairs can now be public

affairs. I'm going to ram home some new legislation to insure that all young Englishmen are properly 'reared' at home. It's part of a father's responsibility."

First Sea Lord (in a SMASHING chartreuse mini-kilt): "I'm dreadfully sorry to have to announce that 14 sailors in her Majesty's Royal Navy were court-martialed for leaving their friend's 'behind'. It's just a bloody awful mess."

Minister of Exports and Imports: "Our manufacturers just weren't prepared for this change. There will be a terrible imbalance in our balance of payments as a result of the enormous quantities of dildoes, suppositories and similar articles we're importing from the United States. Charles Pfizer Inc. and the Warner-Lambert Co. are engaging in a joint venture in which they are filling a 500,000 ton supertanker with K-Y. And it is quite considerate of them to paint the supertanker a shocking-pink paisley. As a gesture of our appreciation, we're flying over a group of our handsomest young men to entertain the crew during the voyage."

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BERLIN (26 October 1903): The German High Command announced the intention of participating in the English attack on Belgium by stating the French aggression against German troops in Holland caused this reversal of foreign policy. The High Command was acting on orders sent through the Foreign Office directly from the Kaiser. According to an announcement from Chancellor von Bismuth-Bülow, "Should the French not accept the consequences of their aggression, that is, the ceding of Belgium to the English, Germany would have no alternative but to demand territorial concessions for herself as well as for England." The Chancellor admonished any other country to refrain from aggression against Germany, else full retribution would be extracted.

ANAKHIT, SKANDALUTZ (URRP): There was mixed reaction in the Balkan Massif to the new government reported in England. The Queen of Skandalutz extended the warmest greetings to "Our Most Royal Brother, or Sister, or whatever, of England", and recalled that many gentlemen of his persuasion are enrolled in the Titanian Guard, whose duty it is to keep the King of Skandalutz from escaping his ritual obligation to be sacrificed to the Mother Goddess at the Winter Solstice festival. However, the reaction of the Pravoslavnican Patrimony of Polykarp was quite the opposite. The Patriarch announced that all Englishmen would be expelled from his country, "And we'll be glad to see the backs of them." In the Temporary Roman Empire, the Emperor Titanus Limpristus announced his intention to make an immediate State Visit to England. Comment from the Kingdom of Pundsdruck and the Grand Duchy of Wogastisburg-Schlampenbüttel was delayed, since the two countries went to war with each other yesterday.

1972G - PRESS RELEASES

LONDON, GREAT BRITAIN (IDUNNO): The British Government today announced the receipt of peace terms from the tyrannical Waj of Germany, asking England not to oppose German occupation of the North Sea. His Majesty agrees to this request if German fleets will permit British forces to move into Kiel, Munich, Berlin, Denmark, Holland, Paris...

LONDON, GREAT BRITAIN (British Press Agency (no wash and wear)): His Majesty, Robert, King of the British Nation, noted today that there seemed to be an attempt by the soi-disant 'Great Powers' to eradicate all nations whose rulers had any experience in war. Since even the superbly trained British forces cannot long hold out against the hordes of Russia and the whores of Germany, plans are being made to move to the United States. In the meantime, the Austrian Government, another victim of this international conspiracy, is invited to Britain to set up a government in exile. Meanwhile, the British Government wishes the Government of France luck, even if it was a lousy ally.

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Also interested in the new Avalon-Hill game "Origins of World War II"? Then play it by mail in FREEDONIA, published on the same schedule and at the same rates as GRAUSTARK. New games are now open at \$3 per entry. Write the publisher of GRAUSTARK for information about postal Origins.

1970BN - Press Releases

ISSHEMEAL-KEP ((continued from GRAUSTARK #266)): A man dressed in Red stops Hasha. "sorry but orders have it That No one may move over 50 inches."

What can he do Now. FLASH!!!! an Idea bits hin. (the first of his Life.)

Hasha says to AquaLuig" An Idea just hit me"

"The first of your Life" replies Aqualung.

"Yes, but I'll take this key, and became invisible and then walk to the door and watch the fight."

"very good idea," says Aqua.

Haslaa Then takes the key...

Next time will About do it for Hasha so see you them.

HYDUNDERABAD (United Rabble Rousing Press): Maharajah Kamasutra IX, absolute ruler of this small Indian state, today announced that the United States is going to come to the aid of his government against the subversive Peristaltic Movement, headed by the guerrilla leader Pandit the Bandit. "The international forces of revolution are going to be turned back decisively by the assistance of our great American ally," he told the press at a conference held in his Second Best Throne Room.

HYDUNDERABAD (URRP): At his secret camp high in the Gonnalaya Mountains, Pandit the Bandit announced that his "campaign against the bloated tyrant Kamasutra IX" would soon receive support from the United States "as part of their world-wide crusade against all forms of tyranny".

WASHINGTON (URRP): Special Presidential Adviser Henry Kissantell was asked about U. S. policy towards the civil war in Hydunderabad. "Both sides have announced that they are getting U. S. support," a reporter observed. "What is the U. S. going to do?"

"Well, to begin with," the adviser said, "the U. S. definitely is going to get involved in the Hydunderabad situation. However, though we have investigated both sides, we have not yet decided whom we are going to help. The important thing is that American concern for every last remote corner of the world is made evident for all to see. There is no place so remote that an American interest and an American presence cannot be asserted there. If the U. S. intervenes in Hydunderabad, it follows that the U. S. can intervene anywhere, a fortiori. (I learned that phrase from Bill Buckley.)"

"What factors will determine the side on which the U. S. intervenes?"

"Where we can get the best deal," Kissantell replied. "If we intervene on the stronger side, it will be over too soon, and we'll have to go back to a peacetime economy. The last time the U. S. had a peacetime economy was in the 1930's, and you know what things were like then. The difficulty in Hydunderabad is that both sides are so weak that it's hard to tell where we should intervene."

"Does the U. S. have any other interventions planned?"

"Well, for domestic purposes we'd like to get something going in a civil war in an African country. Then half the American people would approve because we're saving blacks, and the other half would approve because we're killing blacks."

At this point Kissantell called off the news conference to arrange a meeting with representatives of two feuding African tribes. Curiously, both had sent attractive young female ambassadors.

1971EE - Press Releases

LONDON: The War office announced it had located the source of the strange order which almost resulted in the drowning of half the British army in the English Channel. Apparently, the command was issued from the Admiralty by a captain whose only qualification for his post is a remarkable ability for polishing door handles. A court martial was reportedly in preparation.

LONDON: Punch announced the start of the third annual "Tell a Hun Joke" Contest.

LONDON: As demands rose in Parliament for British intervention to save the beleaguered French government, the Prime Minister announced a naval squadron had been dispatched to the Mid-Atlantic should such action prove necessary.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE: Spokesmen for the Royal Family announced that King Edward would soon make a statement of great importance.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

"'Crime in the streets' has nothing to do with either crime or streets. It has mainly to do with Black people, kids with long hair, and anyone who doesn't consider it a very great honor to get his balls shot off in Vietnam. Anyone who falls into any of these categories is called 'crime in the streets'. Whenever a cop sees 'crime in the streets' he busts it. Mainly, he busts it over the head with a big heavy stick. This is lots of fun and much less destructive of family life than if the cops were to bust their wives over the head." - "Jackson Short", Blue Alice

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President Nixon gave the Chinese People's Republic a pair of muskoxen. To the Soviet Union he gave a chess set - a contrast which tells us a lot about those two countries and the estimation in which the United States holds them. The chess set was designed by Harry Burger Jr., and was inspired by the Nine Heroes Tapestries displayed in the Cloisters here in New York City.

The pieces are from 5 to 7 inches high, but the story (New York Times, 29 May 1972) did not say how the chessmen illustrate the Nine Heroes myths. They were done "in porcelain." "Half the set is done in shades of pink and red, the other in blues and turquoise."

"For those who want to speculate on how the set looks, the Nine Heroes or Nine Worthies were heroes selected by medieval mythographers as the summit of human virtues. Just to make them strictly symmetric, there were three pagans (Hector, Alexander, and Julius Caesar), three Jews (Joshua, David, and Judas Maccabeus), and three Christians (Arthur, Charlemagne, and Godfrey of Bouillon). In the tapestries, among the oldest which survive, they are represented in medieval European costume, surrounded by courtiers and soldiers from which the pawns of the set would probably be taken.

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"In Lisbon when heretics were publicly burned, it sometimes happened that one of them, by a particularly edifying recantation, would be granted the boon of being strangled before being put into the flames. This would make the spectators so furious that authorities had great difficulty in preventing them from lynching the penitent and burning him on their own account. The spectacle of the writhing torments of the victim was, in fact, one of the principal pleasures to which the populace looked forward to enliven a somewhat drab existence. I cannot doubt that this pleasure greatly contributed to the general belief that the burning of heretics was a righteous act.

"The same sort of thing applies to war. People who are vigorous and brutal often find war enjoyable, provided that it is a victorious war and that there is not too much interference with rape and plunder. This is a great help in persuading people that wars are righteous." - Bertrand Russell

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One of the Ecofreaks' current causes is the replacement of the internal combustion engine with a gas turbine engine which will allegedly run our motor vehicles with much less air pollution. An experimental gas turbine car costing \$250,000, part of a federal testing program costing \$500,000, is now being tried in New York City. Its proponents have high hopes for the vehicle, if anyone can manage to get it started. (New York Times, 29 May 1972) So far it has broken down eight times since the experiments began in February.

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"In a dozen years of visiting the United States I have never known a time when I have been so conscious of a smouldering resentment burning away beneath the surface. It is almost as if all the less privileged now accept that life is stacked against them - that wherever the 'breaks' may go, they will never be allowed to fall into the lap of the little man. Under Lyndon Johnson there may have been despair but the despair was there because people had once had expectations. Under Richard Nixon few of those survive, and, consequently, if there is calm there is also total despondency.

"It is a despondency, too, of a particularly bitter variety...Perhaps for the first time in American history there is a growing belief that if you begin in rags you will always stay in them; if, on the other hand, you start with riches you will never lose them." - Anthony Howard, New Statesman, 14 April 1972

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Several Diplomacy players, among them John Beshara and Eugene Prosnitz, are also Bridge enthusiasts. While never so active, I have developed a strategy at Bridge that serves my needs admirably. I worked it out while an undergraduate at an institution that shall be here nameless, but where Bridge was a major concern of many students and where "fourths" were always in demand.

You simply maneuver the bidding so that you're always dummy, and thus don't have to worry about how to play the hand. For example, if your partner opens with "One Club", you come back heavy in clubs, whether you have them or not. This has the added advantage that after a while people stop asking you to play Bridge with them.

After my article "The American Blimps" appeared in the last GRAUSTARK, a few readers have asked what became of the English branch of this celebrated military family. Col. Marmaduke Hereward Blimp is now in command of Her Majesty's Umpty-third Regiment of Foot ("the Royal Patagonians") at Derry, Ulster. And his son, Maj. Hereward Marmaduke Blimp, whose birth was mentioned in the 1942 London Times item quoted by Graves, is on loan from the British Army as a special confidential military adviser to the Pakistani Army.

One sharp-eyed reader noted that the Civil War Blimp was recorded as having enlisted in the Confederate Army right after "Fort Sumner was fired on". "Don't you mean Fort Sumter, in South Carolina?" Not at all. The first shots of the Rebellion were fired on 1 April 1861, 11 days before the action at Fort Sumter. This action took place at a still in the mountains of what is now West Virginia, where an Internal Revenue agent named Wendell Lloyd Brown was trying to break up a moonshining ring. Finding the local mountaineers hostile, he deputized six black freedmen, seized the still, and named it Fort Sumner after the Abolitionist Senator who was beaten and crippled on the floor of the Senate by a southern Representative. The local moonshiners organized a raid on the Fort, but were driven off when Brown dug a trench around the position, filled it with the produce of the still, and lit it.

The past few years have seen some expertly prepared and executed political con games. In 1960 John Kennedy made much capital of a "missile gap" which proved later to have existed only in his imagination. In 1964 Lyndon Johnson successfully passed himself off as a peace candidate. In the subsequent years, liberal Democrats made much political advantage out of opposing a war that had been planned and executed entirely by liberal Democrats. And in 1968 Richard Nixon gained the presidency with a secret plan to end the war that never existed.

But George McGovern is putting all these efforts into the shade. Even as he makes his pilgrimage to the latest Holy Place of the Democratic Party - George Wallace's bedside - he has managed to persuade millions of voters that he is a true lover of peace. His words have thus managed to persuade people that his deeds did not exist; or are capable of some innocent interpretation. He voted for the war in August 1964, and in 1967 he voted against a repeal of this "Gulf of Tonkin Resolution". He voted in favor of the Selective Service Act in 1967, and in the same debate voted against reducing the term of service, and against allowing registrants to be represented by attorneys in appeals. He refused Daniel Ellsberg's request to make the Pentagon Papers public. His New York City boss, Councilman Troy, is the head of something called "Support America's Vietnam Effort" ("SAVE", isn't that cute?), and has urged that peace demonstrators be beaten up.

Naturally, since the American people aren't buying this sort of war-mongering any more, McGovern and his supporters claim that he's had a "change of heart". But then, so do Humphrey and Nixon. Big deal.

Even when he urges getting out of Vietnam, McGovern sees nothing wrong in the policy that led to Vietnam and threatens to lead to more. Referring to the Thieu regime, he said: "If you are in a business that is bankrupt, you liquidate the firm instead of prolonging the agony." But he is quite willing to start up "the firm" in another part of the world - the Middle East, say. "I think that the granting of American military sales and credit sales is the least we could do. I have no moral problem at all in supporting jet aircraft sales to Israel." (New York Times Magazine, 21 March 1971; A. D. A. World, February 1972).

There are also disquieting rumors that McGovern is cuddling up to Mayor Daley and his bloc of 59 "unpledged" delegates. Any Daley deal would be a cynical break of faith with the peace demonstrators who were clubbed senseless by Daley's cops during the carefully choreographed nomination of Hubert Humphrey four years ago.

No rumor, but a sad fact, is the cynical deal now under way between McGovern and the forces behind George Wallace. (New York Times, 21 May 1972) McGovern will back the Wallace delegates if they decide to appeal to the convention floor their minority reports in various committees. According to McGovern's campaign manager, Frank Mankiewicz, "The Platform Committee requires a 10% dissent to file a minority report. And if he doesn't have 10% I'm inclined to give it to him. We'll just take some of our delegates and say, 'We'll join in your dissent so you can get your minority report to the floor.'" This means that, thanks to George McGovern, we will be treated to a full-scale debate on the floor of the Democratic Convention on whether Negroes are entitled to civil rights...this 24 years after the Biemiller Resolution, 18 years after the school desegregation decision, and 8 years after the passage of the Civil Rights Act.

(Nor is this part of an "anti-Establishment" alliance between McGovern and Wallace; according to the Harris Poll, "Humphrey was more the beneficiary than McGovern among voters whose first choice was Gov. George Wallace", by a 3-2 margin. (New York Post, 1 June 1972))

But, if McGovern is the latest front-runner in the political confidence racket, a new entry is breathing hot at his heels. Former Attorney-General Ramsey Clark, retired wire-tapper and prosecutor of Benjamin Spock, is trying to pass himself off as a champion of civil liberties. Obviously, if Nixon is re-elected, Clark is trying to get the reversion of liberal Democratic loyalties for 1976. Failing this lovely goal, there at least might be his old job back in a McGovern or Humphrey cabinet. Towards this end, he has produced a snowstorm of junk mail under the letterhead of the "Law Students Civil Rights Research Council". In the last few months I have received 8 or 10 of these appeals, professing to state Clark's concern for the legal rights of the poor.

When he was in office, it was a different story. "On December 9 ((1967)), a highly publicized joint statement was released over the signatures of Attorney General Ramsey Clark and General Hershey, announcing formation of a special unit in the Criminal Division...to speed up investigations and prosecutions of of violations of the Selective Service Act and related statutes...with special attention to violations of the 'counsel, aid, or abet' provision." - Jessica Mitford, The Trial of Dr. Spock, p. 55.

"When McGovern was asked whether he 'could imagine Wallace holding a post in a McGovern Administration,' he made it clear that he would not 'compromise his own positions'. But he added, 'If in the interest of national unity there was a role he could play, I wouldn't rule that out.'" - Clayton Fritchey, New York Post, 31 May 1972

"Robert Simpson, head of the National Hurricane Center, says that the 1972 hurricane season starts today." - New York Times, 1 June 1972

That evening President Nixon addressed a joint session of Congress. Do you suppose he was exercising the presidential prerogative of throwing out the first gust of wind?

"The Secret Service, in its desperate efforts to prevent political assassinations, keeps a close watch on more than 400 organizations, ranging from the Women's Liberation Movement to the Chinese Hand Laundry Alliance.

"The only trouble: a federal study of 81 assassination attempts reveals that the assailants were loners, not joiners. For instance, Arthur Herman Bremer...doesn't appear in the Secret Service's computerized files of 180,000 potential assassins." - Jack Anderson, New York Post, 31 May 1972

Perry Silverman, who resigned from 197LEB two weeks ago, has undertaken a rather more momentous project. He is writing a book on the dynamics of campus unrest.

"In a test of ZIP codes, six Associated Press bureaus nationwide mailed nearly eight hundred test letters to various other bureaus last week. Results: 8 times out of ten the

letters arrived at their destinations as fast or faster than ZIP coded letters mailed at the same time and place. Significantly, a similar survey conducted fifteen months earlier resulted in approximately the same conclusions.

"In addition, the survey also indicated that spending the extra three cents for airmail doesn't necessarily guarantee quicker delivery. In 45 percent of the cases, the airmail letters arrived at their destination at the same time as first class mail." - Metropolitan Review, 1 June 1972

"It has been said that to be elected President of the United States, one must occupy the middle of the road and middle-of-the-road candidates have been defined as men who do not want to make substantial changes in American life. In an essay of 25 words or less, explain why an electorate which is so vocally unhappy with so many aspects of American life prefers to vote for candidates who promise not to change anything." - Russell Baker, New York Times, 1 June 1972

"Outside the US government, what is the biggest and most dedicated pro-war organization in America?" The answer to that one, in case you were wondering, is the AFL-CIO. Our Boys in Blue (Collars) recently lost another one, but it wasn't for lack of trying. An organization headed by former Senator Gruening took a 2-page ad in the New York Times of 31 May 1972, advocating the impeachment of President Nixon for the various "high crimes and misdemeanors" involved in his Vietnam policy. But the advertisement nearly didn't get printed, because the Times' pressmen tried to get it removed or, failing that, threatened a wildcat strike. They finally printed it, "working under protest". One anti-war action that everyone can perform with ample opportunity and little trouble is to cross an AFL-CIO union's picket line. Try it - you'll like it.

Ever since the US re-discovered China, there has been much talk in the press about the "marvels" of acupuncture. Recently these were explored - in the "First Western Hemisphere Conference on Acupuncture, Kirilian Photography, and the Human Aura". Any questions? (Metropolitan Review, 1 June 1972)

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