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"Spring 1907"

ANGLO-GERMAN ALLIANCE GRINDS FORWARD

ENGLAND (Lipton): F Mid-Wes; F Tun-Ion; F Naf-Tun; F Wes-Lyo; F Bar holds;
 A Bre-Gas; A Bur S A Bre-Gas; A St. P S GERMAN A Pru-Liv!

FRANCE (Nozik): A Mar & A Por S A Spa; A Spa holds.

GERMANY (Berman): A Par S ENGLISH A Bre-Gas; A Mun-Tyr; A Tyr-Pie; A Vie-Gal; A Boh S A Vie-Gal; A Ber-Sil; A Pru-Liv; F Kie-Bal.

ITALY (Warden): A Ven S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tri-Tyr; F Tyr-Lyo; F Gre-Ion;
 F Ion-Nap; F Rom-Tus; A Ank S A Con; A Con S A Ank.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Bell): F Bul(s.c!) holds; A Ser S A Tri; A Bud-Vie;
 A Tri S A Bud-Vie.

RUSSIA (Barents): A Gal-Boh; A War-Liv; A Mos-Liv; F Rum holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian A Gal is dislodged, and must retreat to Ukraine or Budapest, or be removed. This retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN AIR MAIL, and other players will be informed. "Fall 1907" moves may be made conditional on the direction of this retreat. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 1972.

For Bob Lipton's new address see p. 11.

GREAT BRITAIN (IDUNNO): After several years of peace, the resumed attack on Russia confuses many observers. High placed sources indicate that it is due to the fact that the King hates getting his beluga caviar from Dutch merchantmen.

WOODMERE, LONG ISLAND (From the Offices of Kinney & Lipschwitz, Synthesists): At last, the true identity of the Dutch boy has been uncovered. Mr. Lipschwitz, after his rest cure, was eager to continue investigations into the well-known Sea-Whose-Name-We-All-Know-And-Love's press releases. He was permitted to continue. Since these releases have also begun to appear in FREEDONTA, an investigation into this aspect was also made. The article "Russian Fascism" was found to contain the constant misprint "Man-juria" instead of the proper "Manchuria". This sort of misspelling is fairly, evenly constant in Mr. Boardman's press releases and publications, the sort of thing the Dutch Boy does.

Furthermore, has anyone ever seen the reputed author of these press releases, a Mr. Herbert Barents with John Boardman? I have been unable to find a picture or person who knows of such an occurrence.

Finally, it must be remembered that Mr. Boardman, in his dealings with a certain Eric Blake, was less than open.

Therefore, John Boardman is Herbert Barents, alias the Dutchboy, alias the Casr, alias Huh?, alias god knows what. Mr. Boardman has been playing a colossal hoax. The actions have been reconstructed.

John Boardman makes his "Barents's" moves, seals them in an envelope, and mails them to the Postmaster in Zealand, with a dollar bill and instructions to remail them to John. These instructions are followed, and Mr. Boardman thereupon opens the letters with a great fanfare, convincing everyone of the independent existence of Barents.

Enclosed find our bill for this job.

BOTTOMLESS PLUNGEHOLE, MEROAKIA (IDUNNO): The expedition to wipe out Pollutidar continues. Entrance was made into a cave where a large number of animals stodd around, making noises. Capturing a few for experimentation, some Phumphans were captured by the animals. The Phumphans Phoreign Phorces retreated a few thousand feet and set up camp.

Higher ranks among the Expedition are beginning to voice the opinion that Pollutidar does not exist.

KOARSAR, POLLUTIDAR (URRP): A heated debate in the Inferial Diet, concerning alleged corruption in the procurement of cauldrons, tableware, recipe books, and other military supplies, was interrupted noisily today.

The floor broke open beneath a Sarian caveman delegate, Puu the Flatulent One, and a number of queerly costumed persons burst into the room. It is believed that they are Outer Crusters.

The supreme legislative assembly of the Empire of Pollutidar immediately cried "Yummy!" and attacked. Total casualties after two hours of confused fighting were all the Outer Crusters, plus at least nine members of the Infernal Diet who were devoured in the confusion. In addition, two Ganaks, a Coripi, a Horib, and a bearded woman from Oog were missing. Lard the Greasy One, Minister of Preparedness for War and Dinner, speculated that they may have been taken prisoner by retreating Outer Crusters. "If they were, they'll soon be back," chuckled Ag-Nu the Greecey One, Minister of Impropropaganda.

A DARK, WET HOLE, DEEP WITHIN (GOSH): Robot Alone is fighting his way to Hasha Hisha, to free the Turkish ruler from a fate worse than death, and to get Hasha Personal secret to the joys of life. Robot is alone in this adventure as he did Not want any one the know what he is after. Thus alone with his sword and candle he marches through the world with in, in search of the secrets of life. will he ever find them?

HELLES POINTED (HOTS): We tune in this week and Hasha is fleeing The vile creatures(?) of the inner earth. But alas every corner he tuns he finds another ugly, feitttry creature there. Oh will her ever escape? on without stroy.

Hasha finds a door to his Left, he opens et. A Long, dark Hallway is in frant of him. Hie it fareed to take this path since he is being chared bya Legion of AAVARKerSA. On he goes.

After a bout an hear, he finally fird A caran and some light. There is a street sign sAying 40th & vine. Looking About he spies A shapely, sexing Looking vamp. He Appoches her.

Hasha thnks to himself "This is the best thig that I've seen since beeng here, Good Lookig, remnds me of Hone"

so he starts to hustle here. She wants to be hustled. So They heave down the Street when Hasha cries "GET YOUR TEETH OUT OF ME!!"

maral of this is don't get TOO VAMP you might catch a cold.

PHONEY BALONEY (PHOOEY): It has been Noted in reeent Newspaper of PHUMPHA thert the people have started to copy liphell The speechless, and stopped talking. This is a very good singn of tooth decay, from which cones moral decay, from which...

PHONY BALONEY (GUESS WHO): The head of the philosphy dept of the college of ants and sceenes here today speculated That we are all but a speekar a Lareyer Idea of tine. And That are goes on

DUNGHILLA (WHATISIT): Hole Hog, the mAker of fine all park wieners today annouced that he was geig to rur far office in the Govenent of Pighets. In his cAmpaign speech Hohe Hog stated that he would bring to the job valuable hessars Learned on the Job. Such as steffing us with the sare old shit.

BROOKLYN (URRP): Sources at the United Rabble Rousing Press denied that "Herbert Barents" is a figment of John Boardman's imagination. "Of someone's imagination, yes," reporters were told, "but not Boardman's." Concerning the correct pronunciation of the Chinese region of Manjuria, inquirers were told "Get yourself a Chinese and ask him."

A representative of the Bureau of Usually Reliable Sources, International Travelers, & Intelligence Spokesmen (BURSITIS) refused to speculate on the real source of the "Barents" hoax. "I suggest you ask that bombed dyke, Geertrud van Geij, who has been protesting Pollutidar's air war policy against the outer crust," the source said. "You know what Dutchboys are supposed to do to them!"

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1971EE

"Winter 1906"

Players are again reminded that a last-minute change of Italian orders altered some of the "Fall 1906" adjudications. The following units had their orders or adjudications changed:

ITALY (Horton): F Ion-AegTURKEY (Drakert): F Smy-Con; F Aeg S FRUSSIA (P. Wood): A Bul-Con.Smy-Con.

Thus Constantinople remained Russian, rather than passing to Turkish control. Turkey retreated A Rum-Ukr. "Winter" builds and removals are:

FRANCE (Hendry): Removes A Ruh,
A Bur.RUSSIA (P. Wood): Builds A War, A Mos,
A Sev.ITALY (Horton): Builds A Ven,
F Rom, F Nap.TURKEY (Drakert): Removes A Ukr,
F Aeg.

The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 1972. See p. 12 for Dick Trtek's new address.

1972A

"Winter 1905"

In the "Fall 1905" moves, the German "F Nth S A Hol-Bel" was incorrectly printed as "F Nth C A Hol-Bel". This necessitated no change in the positions of the pieces. Following these moves, Turkey retreated A Bud-Rum and Germany retreated F Swe-Bot. "Winter" builds and removals were:

ENGLAND (Lipson): Builds F Edi.

GERMANY (Huddleston): Removes F Nrg, A Gal.

This German move was submitted by Huddleston himself, and not by the temporary substitute announced in GRAUSTARK #271. Huddleston is thus back in control of Germany.

The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 1972.

1972EB

"Spring 1907"

FRANCE DECLARES WAR ON ENGLAND!

ENGLAND (Birsan): A St.P-Liv; F Bot S A St.P-Liv; F Bal-Pru; F Den-Bal; A Kie holds; F Hol S A Kie; F NAT-Mid; F Eng S F NAT-Mid; F Nth-Bel.

FRANCE (Holcombe): A Bel holds; A Bur-Gas; A Mun-Eur; A Boh-Mun; A Vie-Tyr; F Bro-Mid; F Mar-Spa(s.c.); F Tun-Wes; F Apu-Nap; F Eas-Ion.

ITALY (Brooks): A Ven S FRENCH A Vie-Tyr; F Aeg-Con; F Smy S F Aeg-Con.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Bud-Gal; A Gal-War; A Tri-Bud; A Alb-Tri;
A Rum S A Tri-Bud; A Gre S F Bul(s.c.); F Bul(s.c.) S A Gre.

RUSSIA (O'Neil): No moves received. A Ber, A Arm, F Bla, & A War hold.
F Livonia dislodged and annihilated.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 1972. The first stand-by, Mark Thomas, should send in moves for Russia. (His address is in GRAUSTARK #271, p. 7.) Ted Holcombe writes that he will be in Oakland from 25 September to 2 October at this address: c/o Mr. & Mrs. Dave Foulkes, 325 Ramona Avenue, Piedmont, Calif. 94611.

PARIS: An interesting conversation was overheard outside the "English and Other Idiots' School". On one side was that world renowned professor of international deceit, Edi le Brigand, and on the other that honest and faithful dupe, JT.

JT: Why did the English stab France?

Le Brigand: The French wouldn't let them have Berlin.

JT: But didn't the English promise Berlin to France in 1901?

Le Brigand: Of course, but they never intended to deliver.

(continued on p. 6)

1972E

"Spring 1906"

MEDITERRANEAN CONFRONTATION APPROACHES

ENGLAND (Abbott): A St.P S RUSSIAN A Mos; F Hol-Hol; F Bcl & F Mid hold; F Tyr S ITALIAN F Nap; F Tun-Ion; F Wes S F Tyr; A Edi-Hol; F Nth C A Edi-Hol; F Lon-Eng.

FRANCE (Lipson): A Bre holds; F Mar-Lyo; A Ven S ITALIAN A Rom; A Pic S A Ven.

GERMANY (Fong): A Sil, A Par, A Bur, & A Mun hold.

ITALY (Ricci): No moves received. F Nap & A Rom hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Prosnitz): F Gre S TURKISH F Eas-Ion; A War S TURKISH A Ukr-Mos; A Gal S A War; A Tyr-Ven; A Vie-Tyr; A Tri S A Tyr-Ven.

RUSSIA (Pearson): A Mos S GERMAN A Sil-War.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 1972. David Ayres, whose address appears in GRAUSTARK #271, p. 7, should send in stand-by moves for Italy. See p. 11 of this issue for Chris Pearson's new address.

1972G

"Spring 1906"

RUSSIAN FLEET STEAMS TOWARDS LISBON

ENGLAND (Lipton): F Cly-Liv; F Nth-Nwy; F Nrg S F Nth-Nwy.

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

GERMANY (Turpin): F Hol-Kie; A Ruh & A Mun S F Hol-Kie.

ITALY (Childers): A Tyr S A Ven; A Ven S A Tyr; F Alb-Tri; F Adr S F Alb-Tri.

RUSSIA (Atteberry): F Naj-Mid; F Nwy, F Kie, A Tri, & F Bul(e.c.) hold; St.P(n.c.) S F Nwy; A Den & A Ber S F Kie; A War-Sil; A Gal-Boh; A Vie S A Gal-Boh; A Bud S A Tri; A Rum S F Bul(e.c.); F Arm-Bla; A Sev-Arm.

TURKEY (Blandin): A Smy-Arm; A Ank S A Smy-Arm; A Con-Bul; F Gre S A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 1972. Robert Warren's phone number is 212-866-0522. A new address for Bob Lipton appears on p. 11.

LONDON, GREAT BRITAIN (IDUNNO): War Minister Churchill, in a speech written by the king, said today, "If the British Empire should last one thousand years, someday it shall be said, 'Everyone has an off day.'"

MEROAKIA, PHUMPHA (IDUNNO): Sophia Septimus VIII extended her congratulations to Czar Atteberry. "For a male chauvinist pig, he's almost as smart as a woman."

SOMEWHERE (CSNS): Heh, heh, heh. The Russians are coming, the Russians are coming, but into what? Heh, heh, heh, heh.

VATICAN: Today the Pope has made an appeal for world unity in the face of Russian aggression. He feels that the only hope for world peace is utter annihilation of Russia.

HYDUNDERABAD (URRP): Maharajah Kamasutra IX, absolute ruler of this small Indian state, announced for the third time this week the utter annihilation of the rebel forces of Pandit the Bandit.

HYDUNDERABAD (URRP): Pandit the Bandit, leader of the Peristaltic Movement, proclaimed today that his forces had seized and nationalized the Maharajah's second-best harem.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

BUDDY TRETICK, 11710 Coldstream Dr., Potomac, Md. 20854 (30 August 1972): It is true that a dislodged unit has no effect whatsoever on the space from which an attack, as support, came. But, also, a unit may not cut support against itself. I believe you have built in a conflict of rules here and wish some clarification, published under the game during the coming winter season. By the way, support was NOT given to the space - support WAS given to the unit. (F Swe S F Nrg-Nwy). This situation is akin to John Beshara's example, page 5 of GRAUSTARK #272.

[This has reference to the "Fall 1905" adjudication in 1972A, in GRAUSTARK #272. Allowing the above-cited support move as valid would have contradicted the principle: "A dislodged unit has no effect on the space its attacker came from." In this example, the German F Swe was dislodged by a supported attack from Norway.]

What are the other two supply centers owned by Italy?

[There are none. Italy in this game has only Naples, Rome, and Tunis.]

JOHN BESHARA, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y. 10023 (29 August 1972): Re the adjudication problem I submitted which you published in GRAUSTARK #272, p. 5:

If you will note Section XII, Paragraph 5, of the 1971 Rulebook, the support of F Den is not cut.

Yet, Section X says the support of F Den is cut.

Wouldn't you say there is a contradiction in the rules between these two sections?

[In the problem, Germany has a fleet in Denmark which is attacked by an army convoyed through the North Sea. F Den is not itself being supported. This F Den is to support a German F Hol-Nth. If the attack dislodges F Den, then this support is not valid. The rules are explicit here: "If a convoyed army" (the English A Lon) "attacks a fleet" (the German F Den) "which is supporting a fleet" (the German F Hol) "which is attacking one of the convoying fleet" (the English F Nth), that support is not cut". This means that the German F Den S F Hol-Nth is not cut. Since this rule comes after the more general principal stated in Section X, it is clearly intended as a modification of it for a special case.

[Under these circumstances, in the situation described in the last issue, Germany and Russia stand each other out of the North Sea. If the interpretation above is valid, the English F Nth is not dislodged and the convoy A Lon-Den, with 2 supports, succeeds.]

1971EB (continued from p. 4)

JT: Then why didn't they just renounce the alliance and declare war?

Le Brigand: What? And miss a terrific stab? Never!

JT: Do the English always stab their faithful allies?

Le Brigand: Whenever they can.

JT: Then how come people ally with them?

Le Brigand: Some people never learn.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK wishes its Jewish readers a better New Year in these tragic times, and hopes that the prospects for peace are improved by the next time this wish is made.

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Regular readers of this column may wonder why I've yet made no comments about the burglary, by men close to the White House, of the Democratic National Headquarters. I intend to, but the new developments are coming so thick and fast that I'm going to hold off until some coherent story emerges. Meanwhile, has anyone noticed that Cuban emigrés seem to be involved in almost all of these mysterious capers? For their role in the John Kennedy assassination see Power on the Right by ex-FBI man William W. Turner.

MURDER IN MUNICH

"A truce was established which demanded safe conduct for all Greeks traveling to and from the Olympic festival and forbade wars during that season. This remained an unalterable law throughout Olympia's existence." - Rachel S. Robinson, Encyclopedia International

"Has any man seen such a thing from the day the Israelites came out of the land of Egypt, until this very day? Ponder on this, discuss it; then give your verdict." - Judges 19:30

The violent deaths of 11 Israelis, 1 German, and the 5 Arabs who killed them has finally run out the string on the so-called "Palestinian Refugee cause". Ever since the war of June 1967, cases of varying validity have been made for the Arab residents of Israel in the international forum. Some have pleaded for the restoration of the pre-1967 boundaries, on the sound grounds that "aggression should not be rewarded" - but without regard for the human suffering that would be accomplished by an attempt to put that program into effect. Some have urged better treatment of the Arab population by Israel, and have made a strong case against such Israeli policies as mass deportations of Arabs in border villages. Some have tried to extend their own distaste for racism in America or war in Vietnam to cover sympathy for the Israeli Arabs.

But the realities of the situation are the many acts of piracy and murder which have culminated, first in the Lod Airport Massacre, and now in the murder of 11 members of Israel's Olympic team during games nominally dedicated to international amity. "Palestinian Nationalism" is murder - pure and simple. The flourishing existence of the state of Israel is the Jewish case in the Middle East. Murder, hijacking, kidnapping, the stab in the back and the bomb in the school bus are the Arab case.

And yet, in a sense, the 5 Arab guerrillas were as much victims as were the people they killed. They were the victims of Arab political leaders who have proclaimed for years that a reversal of the verdict of history is possible, that Israel can be wiped out, that "revenge" is feasible. Such rhetoric, bearing no relation to the realities of the situation, can only encourage Arabs to batter themselves senselessly against the fact and permanence of Israel - and further, of Israel in her present boundaries.

Several accessories after the fact will now come forward. Anyone who approves the terrorists' actions, any Arab leader who breaks diplomatic relations with Germany because German authorities dared to resist them, anyone who tries to find "justification" in terms of Israeli deeds for these murders - he is and should be held as a co-conspirator with the killers.

THE RIP-OFF ROLL - V

The many new players in postal Diplomacy should be warned that some Gamesmasters are less than honest with players. They will announce new games, collect the fees, and then vanish without a trace. From time to time it is necessary to pass warnings about these persons, whose motivations range from lazy unreliability to out-and-out theft.

Chief among these are Buddy Tretick and Larry Peery. Tretick has abandoned numerous games - and is still trying to recruit more. Peery is trying to establish a whole Diplomacy organization, mainly as a device to con money out of players. He has been through at least one bankruptcy, and once took John Beshara for \$30. (This was a modest success; he'd originally tried for \$500.) Other rip-off artists to avoid are Gary Jones, Scott Hankin, Jeff Key, John Mensinger, and Ben Goss. Mensinger got away with no less than \$137 for games that were neither begun nor refunded.

Then there's Charles "Norb" Reinsel, who is honest enough but who will loose a flood of invective at you if you doubt the wisdom of the American invasion of Vietnam. His attacks include threats of violence.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Stephen Bell is bringing out a new postal Diplomacy publication, Carpetbagger, whose first issue has just arrived here. Bell, a native of Indiana, lives at 5605 Virgilwood Drive, Greensboro, N. C. 27409, and is currently playing Austria-Hungary in GRAUSTARK game 1971EC. This first issue contains the house rules, including a refund plan to keep players from dropping out in the middle of a game. The game fee is \$8, of which \$4 is refunded to a player who sees his country through to the end.

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Since I wrote my strictures on the anti-vivisection movement in the last issue, I have run across a voice from the other side of the controversy:

"I have forbidden vivisection in Prussia with immediate effect and have put it under punishment for the time being until the law itself puts it under severe penalties, under the punishment of being thrown into a concentration camp." - Hermann Wilhelm Göring, quoted, Kelley, 22 Cells in Nuremberg

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While Hawks complain about the plight of American POW's in Vietnam, a plight not noticeable in Hawkish propaganda a few years ago when POW's were being taken in greater numbers, one group of war queers has gone further. According to a preacher named Paul Lindstrom, the "Douglas MacArthur Brigade" is presently operating in northern Vietnam to free these POW's. (New York Post, 11 July 1972) Lindstrom says that the "Brigade" is operating out of headquarters in Sweden (!) and consists of about 120 mercenaries from the US and various European countries.

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Diplomacy is not the only game to elicit tournaments among its aficionados. Recently Lee Bayrd, 38, defeated about 200 other contestants in the first World Cup Open Monopoly Tournament. (New York Times, 29 August 1972). The Junior Division champion of the Beverly Hills event was Laurie Ward, 14.

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Campaign songs are not noted for musical or literary merit. The best are either borrowed from other sources, like "Happy Days are Here Again", or are over-polished professional products like "I Like Ike" and "Go With Goldwater". But the Republicans have two songs at their disposal for the present campaign:

The President's Song

Good evening, Mr. President, I want to shake your hand.
 You fought a left-wing Congress four long years to stop our land
 From going socialistic in the phony welfare way,
 Designed and planned by JFK and then by LBJ.
 You got us back on the track but still there's much to do,
 So we're giving you a landslide vote November '72.

The Vice-President's Song

Good evening, Spiro Agnew, we are proud to have you here.
 You talk the sort of language real Americans want to hear.
 Straight from the shoulder no holds barred, you don't
 beguile our youth
 With sugar-coated fairy tales you tell the honest truth.
 We want no handouts for sitting on our tails
 This breeds a nation soft as dough instead of tough as nails.
 It's time our country's voters of all ages got the word
 That welfare's no proud eagle but a soft permissive bird.

(New York Post, 24 August 1972)

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Those of you who were worrying about US planes bombing the Vietnamese dike system may now relax. We are solemnly informed in the pages of the New York Times of 28 August 1972 that "the bombing policy of the United States Government excludes all direct targeting of North Vietnamese dikes".

This assurance comes from John McLaughlin, a Jesuit who is a ghost writer for President Nixon. Now does that answer everyone's questions?

In case it doesn't, the word was passed from higher up by Federico Alessandrini, a Vatican spokesman writing in the Osservatore Romano. (New York Post, 23 August 1972) Alessandrini accused Senator McGovern of "certainly helping the Hanoi government and the Viet Cong."

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I suppose that out-of-town readers have questions about the preposterous bank holdup that took place here in Brooklyn on the night of 23-24 August. First, it wasn't in this neighborhood, but about 2½ miles away in Bensonhurst. (We missed the blackout, too.) Second, it seems that the holdup was staged by a Gay Lib honcho who wanted his "wife" out of a hospital and transformed into a woman by surgery for which the holdup was to pay. In fact, the robber, John Wojtowicz, had been formally married to Ernie Aron in an allegedly Catholic ceremony last December. (Village Voice, 31 August 1972) One rumor said that a Chase Manhattan executive of the same personal tastes had set up the robbery of a branch of his bank, while another insisted that the Gambino family of the Mafia was behind the business, having interests in gay bars and a grudge against Chase Manhattan. (This is scarcely an explanation, since everybody has a grudge against Chase Manhattan.)

But the wildest aspect of the story never got into the papers, and was heard only by those who happened to be listening to the radio while the hostages were still being held in the bank. At about midnight the robbers threw a bundle of money out of the door - a bundle of about \$2000. As it turned out, they were sending an FBI man out for pizza!

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"This system, this bastard offspring of Calvinism and Capitalism... is quite ungodly, and actively so... It consorts with the allies of the Devil in the oppression of Christian and non-Christian peoples. It encourages, enforces, and inflicts the three-headed demon of legalized theft: capitalist exploitation, usury, and oppressive taxation. It condones, nay, embraces overt immorality. And if left unchecked it will probably destroy the very earth upon which we live in a few short decades. To this we owe allegiance? For far less the first patriots abandoned the British Crown."

These revolutionary words did not appear in an "underground" or "New Left" publication. Written by one Mario de Solenni, they were printed in the January 1972 issue of the Roman Catholic monthly Triumph as part of an open attack on our secular, pluralistic, and democratic ideals. (As another Triumph writer, Alan Simek, put it, "America has openly declared war on Christ the King.") This magazine, edited by William Buckley's brother-in-law, is a real eye-opener to people who believe that there has been substantive change in the Roman Church in the past decade. In every issue it maintains, in the most strident tones, that the basic documents of American democracy are incompatible with Catholic doctrine, and recommends that violent revolution be taken into consideration as an appropriate Catholic response to this situation.

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But never fear - the FBI is on guard against our nation's potential enemies. Mrs. Daniel Ellsberg recently learned that "FBI agents had visited her dentist and asked to see some X-rays that had been made of her teeth." (New York Times, 30 August 1972)

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For several months Charles Hidalgo of House of Games has been receiving GRAUSTARK. However, it was not until the evening of 30 August that I finally dropped by to visit the place.

House of Games, at 143 West 72nd Street, is a 24-hour gaming center where chess, backgammon, ping pong, Diplomacy, and practically every other board game are available. Arnold Proujansky, who usually organizes the Diplomacy games, was not there that evening. However, Hidalgo was, and he was playing rapid transit chess before a large audience of observers. Since the Spassky-Fischer match began, chess has been the dominant passion of House of Games visitors.

Hidalgo stopped playing chess long enough to give me a copy of Who Can Beat Nixon?, one of this year's political games. A review will appear in due course.

A few days later, I saw in a newspaper a picture of Hidalgo erecting a banner before the House of Games in celebration of Fischer's victory.

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One enthusiast for the current "ecology" craze, Edward Abbey, had an article in the New York Times of 28 August entitled "On the Need for a Wilderness to Get Lost In". According to Abbey, "the reason we need wilderness is because we are wild animals. Every man needs a place where he can go crazy in peace. Every Boy Scout troop deserves a forest to get lost, miserable and starving in. Even the foulest murderer of the sweetest wife should get a chance for a run to the sanctuary of the hills. If only for the sport of it. For freedom and delirium."

Well, Mr. Abbey, we suggest that you find a wilderness and follow your own advice.

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Ho Minh Thu, a captain on the Saigon police force, competed in the pistol shoot at the Olympic Games. He placed 49th in a field of 56.

(New York Times, 2 September 1972)

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There has been a great outcry over the Soviet government's policy of ~~granting~~ large cash payments from Jews intending to emigrate to Israel. It is the stand of the Soviet government that the education of these people was paid for by the Soviet state, and that it therefore is entitled to reimbursement. A sliding scale has been announced, depending on the extent of the emigré's education.

Meanwhile, the US Air Force is in court, trying to collect \$53,575 from each of two 1970 Air Force Academy graduates. These men have, after graduation, become conscientious objectors and are refusing to serve. They have been discharged (after seeking writs of habeas corpus), but the government is trying to recover the money spent on their education.

None of the people protesting the identical Soviet policy has made any objection to the Air Force's invocation of the same principle - in fact, this case has been almost unreported. Neither of the former airmen is Jewish. (Washington Post, 3 September 1972)

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Checkers is played on a 8x8 board, right?

Well, not always. In Europe a popular variant called "International Checkers" is played on a 10x10 board. The king has a longer jump than in conventional checkers. Although popular in Europe, the game is almost unknown in this country. However, there are many devotees in the black community of New Orleans, where the game is called "100-square checkers".

Hot on the heels of Bobby Fischer's chess victory, an effort is under way to bring the International Checkers championship to the United States. America's Great Black Hope is a 23-year-old longshoreman named Alfred Barrow, who has just won the national championship in Detroit and will be taking on Europe's best shortly. (Los Angeles Staff, 18 August 1972)

With the resumption of the academic year, several GRAUSTARK readers have moved. New addresses as they are received here will be published. So far we have:

- Terry Kuch, 8419 Idylwood Road, Vienna, Virginia 22180
- Robert Bryan Lipton, McKeen Hall, P. O. Box 360, Lafayette College, Easton, Penn. 18042
- Chris Pearson, Lands' End Inn, 22 Commercial St., Provincetown, Mass. 02657

"The use of U. S. ground combat troops is prohibited in Laos and Thailand." - Paragraph PL 92-204, Section 742, Fiscal Year 1972 Defense Appropriations Bill

"Armed American Marines have gone out on regular ground patrols outside an American military installation in Thailand...Twenty-man units, armed with M16 rifles, shotguns and .45 caliber pistols, daily crossed the unmarked perimeter of Nam Phong Marine airbase during...a week-long period in early August when the base was expecting an attack." - New York Post, 5 September 1972

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At present, there are more US troops in Thailand than there are in Vietnam.

New subscribers are reminded that there is no bank account made out in the names "GRAUSTARK" or "FREEDONIA", and that checks should be made payable to John Boardman. Canadian subscribers should remit in US currency, or in Canadian postal money orders made payable in US dollars.

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This state, as you may have heard, has legalized off-track horse parlors. On 26 August 1972 the following heading appeared in the New York Times: "Mental Patients Will Man OTB Parlor".

Ridiculous. If they did that, where would college librarians be recruited?

"George Wallace said that if you laid down in front of his car, that would be the last car you'd ever lay down in front of because he'd run over you.

"If you laid down in front of Dick Nixon's car, he'd run over you, too, but he'd apologize.

"If you laid down in front of Hubert Humphrey's car, he'd run over you, too, but he'd stop and cry about it for a while." - Channing Phillips, Philadelphia Daily News, 5 September 1972

To which we might add that George McGovern would also run over you, denying all the while that he was doing it, and expressing great surprise afterwards if he were blamed for it.

"dossiers were prepared on each of the four suspects all their known thoughts were recorded also their dreams, words, and murmurings finally they were hauled before a tribunal of ten million of their peers and were made to strip naked

Their clothes and various orifices were thoroughly inspected and specimens of their blood, semen, and other secretions were carefully tested they were all found guiltless, and the oath was administered three of them died of a stroke the fourth was declared President." - Donald Lev, Village Voice, 7 September 1972

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More changes of address come in. With their effective dates, the latest are:

Dick Trtek, Boucher Hall, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
60637 (24 September)

John Carroll, 133 Atherton Hall, Pennsylvania State University,
University Park, Penn. 16802 (13 September)

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"The penguin flew high overhead,
'An evil sign,' I muttered;
I shot it quickly in the head.
And down it fluttered -
And struck me dead."

- Jack S. Margolis, Los Angeles
Free Press, 1 September 1972

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James Massar, 127 N. Emmons St., Dannemora, N. Y. 12929, is organizing new games of Diplomacy, variant Diplomacy, and Origins of World War II in his publications " " and SPQR. (Yes, that's what they're called.) If you can put up with typing almost as bad as Herb Barents', and an anti-Communism that I thought died with Joe McCarthy, drop him a line.

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The latest car recalled by Ford for repairs was produced in the quantity of only one. It was a half-million dollar armor-plated Lincoln Continental, custom-made for the President. The precise nature of the "bugs" was not stated. (New York Post, 10 August 1972)

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At one time Sammy Davis Jr. and his wife planned to adopt a Vietnamese war orphan. Then Davis became a Democrat for Nixon, and Vietnamese war orphans suddenly became an embarrassment. They have switched to the home-grown product. (New York Column, 20 August 1972)

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So far the only thing that makes sense in this election campaign is a TV revival of the Kaufman & Ryskin musical Of Thee I Sing. It will be presented on CBS-TV on 24 October. The ticket of Wintergreen and Throttlebottom should carry the country, considering the alternatives. Its particular strength is in its Vice-Presidential candidate.

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"Mr. McGovern told reporters that he would have supported Mr. Johnson if he had run for re-election in 1968." - New York Times, 23 August 1972