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1971EB

"Spring 1910"

FRANCE ALLIES WITH ENGLAND!

The Austró-Hungarian build was mis-printed in GRAUSTARK #281, being attributed incorrectly to a player in another game. William Drakert, playing Austria-Hungary in this game, built A Bud.

ENGLAND (Birsan): A Lon-Kic; F Nth & F Hel; C A Lon-Kic; F Bal-Liv; F Pru S F Bal-Liv; A Mun-Tyr; F Mid-Wcs; A Pic-Bur; F Hol-Bel; F Nwy-Swe; A Mos-War; F Iri-Mid; F Eng S F Iri-Mid.

FRANCE (Holcombe): A Tus-Rom; F Nap & F Tyr S A Tus-Rom; A Pie-Ven; F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo; A Bur-Mar; F Tun-Ita.

ITALY (Brooks): F Bla-Con; F Ion holds; F Adr S A Ven; A Rom-Tus; A Ven S A Rom-Tus.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Sev-Mos; A War S A Sev-Mos; A Gal-Ukr; A Boh-Sil; A Bud-Vie; A Ser-Rum; A Tyr S ITALIAN A Ven; F Gre S ITALIAN F Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. England retreats A Mos-St.P and Italy retreats A Rom-Apu. The deadline for "Fall 1910" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 27 JANUARY 1973. This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott. Press releases for 1971EB appear on p. 2.

"The Richard M. Nixon Freeway, one of the shortest and most dangerous freeways in the Los Angeles area, which incidentally doesn't go anywhere, has been responsible for four deaths in its less than one year of existence...The state commissioner of traffic reported that the freeway would not be changed because 'it seems appropriate'." - Los Angeles Staff, 15 December 1972

1971EC

"Winter 1909"

KAISER ABDICATES, SUCCESSOR CROWNED!

Following "Fall 1909" moves, Italy retreated A Ven-Rom. Also, Austria-Hungary passed from Stephen Bell, who resigned, to Steven Tessor, Box 997, Colonial Quad, SUNY at Albany, Albany, N. Y. 12222. Players were informed by mail.

GERMANY (Borman): Builds A Kic, A Bor; AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (S. Tessor): Builds A Bud.

The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 27 JANUARY 1973. Press releases begin on p. 6.

1971BG

"Winter 1906"

John Beshara, now recovering from an illness, announces that the deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is postponed to 6 PM, MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY 1973. In addition to the builds announced in GRAUSTARK #282, Russia, played by Andrew Phillips, builds F Sev.

A GOOD TIME TO STAY HOME

There are disquieting rumors that a large number of anti-war demonstrators will converge on Washington next weekend to demonstrate, during the presidential inaugural ceremonies, against the resumed bombing of Vietnam by American forces. If I may have any voice with GRAUSTARK readers who plan to take part, I want to advise in the strongest possible tones that they stay home. Our rulers have indicated by word and action that they will no longer tolerate opposition to or demonstrations against their will. It's going to be bloody and brutal next weekend in Washington. Stay home. Smoke dope. Go to a hockey game or a science-fiction convention. Get drunk or laid or both. But stay the hell out of Washington!

1971EB - PRESS RELEASES

MARSEILLES: King Balbo should check his sources of information more carefully. Today one Stephonious Brookstup (rhymes with "look dupe"), a captain in the Wrong Brothers Air Force was captured trying to drive through this city on the way to Italy. (He had a plane, but drove it rather than flew it because he was afraid of heights. In fact he was afraid of almost everything except other Italians - everyone knows Italians only fight when your back's turned.) Anyway Stephonious was recognized as the harmless, pitiful creature that he was and was granted political asylum by our merciful French government. So grateful was the Brookstup that he told us how the Italian military clique planted false reports of support for Italy in her treacherous betrayal of France. The truth is that Italy was fully consulted as to all French plans and used her position as a trusted ally to stab France one final, foolish time. England stabbed France to win, Austria-Hungary stabbed France out of greed, but Italy stabbed France out of stupidity. We have no desire to survive with such company, but of all the stabs England's, vile as it was, was the most reasonable. Therefore we shall give England her 18 if we perish in the process. To hell with Austria-Hungary and Italy! They had the draw for the asking, but they wanted it not. They only wanted to grow off of France's back while France defended them from the English hordes. New England shall win, for that is the only way I can punish them for their folly."

EDINBURGH (IDE press): The English forces have moved into the Mediterranean with the sole purpose of boosting the French assault on Italy. Brest will be taken as an additional support base but no further French territory is planned for transfer in accordance with the accords of 1907. It is a pity that French forces must pull out of Burgundy and thus expose Munich, but the loss combined with the fall of Moscow may allow the Royal forces to switch their emphasis from sea power to land force. A bit late, but never the less important for the future of the game.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Diplomacy was invented by Allan B. Calhmer and is copyright 1961 by Games Research Inc., 48 Wareham St., Boston, Mass. 02118. It is obtainable from them or from any good department or game store for \$8.00.

GRAUSTARK, the oldest bulletin of postal Diplomacy, is now in its tenth year of publication. It is published by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226. Subscriptions are 8 issues for 1. \$1.00. Back issues are 15¢ each or 10 for \$1.00; available back issues are 120, 131, 137, 139, 140, 167, 171, 198-200, 202, 206, 215, 217, 239, 247-250, 252-259, 271, and 272-281.

Also published here is FREEDONIA, a fortnightly bulletin for the postal play of the new Avalon-Hill game Origins of World War II. Subscription and back issue rates are the same as for GRAUSTARK. All back issues are available from #29, when FREEDONIA began as an Origins 'zine, to the current issue, #51. Origins was invented by Jim Dunnigan, editor of the bimonthly war-gaming 'zine, Strategy & Tactics.

In addition to carrying five postal games of Origins, each issue of FREEDONIA has at least one complete game played across the board - usually at the Strategy & Tactics gaming sessions or the Brooklyn College war-gaming group, of which more later. FREEDONIA also carries articles on other games. The current issue has an account of a chess game played between a physicist and a computer, and an article by Gary Fellman about the strategy of the popular Parker Brothers game Risk. Also in the current issue is a brief history of the Grand Duchy of Wogastisburg-Schlampenbüttel, one of the Four And A Half Kingdoms situated high in the Bal-

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SULTAN ABDICATES

Last Wednesday I received a note from William Osmondson, playing Turkey. He wrote that he is unfortunately losing interest in the game and that in fairness to the other players he is submitting a formal resignation. (And he compliments the Gamesmaster on running the game - which is a bit embarrassing, since in the last issue I put Mark Murray's name instead of his at the head of the "Spring 1909" Turkish moves.)

Bill Abbott is most decidedly still playing in 1972E. His "Spring 1909" moves apparently got lost in the Christmas mail rush - from which the postal service seems still to be recovering. Stand-by "Fall 1909" moves for England were sent in by David Ayres, Steven Brooks, John Hendry, Mark Murray, and Victor Ricci. Since Ayres and Ricci have already served as stand-bys in this game, and since Brooks and Murray are already in other GRAUSTARK games, I have decided to appoint Hendry as the new player for Turkey. His address is 17 Price Road, Peabody, Mass. 01960.

The deadline for "Fall 1909" moves will be postponed to NOON, SATURDAY 27 JANUARY 1973, to allow players to re-negotiate. If you have already submitted these moves, and wish to leave them unchanged, please inform the Gamesmaster. It should also be noted that Elliot Lipson, playing France, has made an offer of a draw. If this is agreeable to all players including Hendry it will be so concluded.

NEW STAND-BYS

In addition to the players mentioned in "1972E", stand-by moves for this issue of GRAUSTARK were submitted by Eric Verheiden and Douglas Reif. As it happens, none of these moves will be needed. However, the volunteers are assigned as stand-bys without charge in the following games:

1971EC - Victor Ricci, 99 St. Mark's Place, New York, N. Y. 10009;
212-533-0262

1972A - Douglas Reif, 67 Grosvenor Road, Kenmore, N. Y. 14223

1972E - Steven Brooks, Apt. 253, 6901 E. Broadway, Tucson, Ariz. 85710

There is already a stand-by in 1971EB: Mark A. Thomas, 10 Terrace Place, Danbury, Conn. 06810. Since a second stand-by may be needed in 1972A, I am giving that job to Ricci also.

1972A

"Winter 1908"

AUSTRIA RAISES NEW ARMY!!!

ENGLAND (Lipson): Removes F Nth.

ITALY (Ayres): Removes F Lyo.

GERMANY (Huddleston): Builds A Mun.
A. Kio.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Honig): Builds A
Vie.

The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 27 JANUARY 1973. Douglas Reif (address above) has already submitted stand-by "Spring 1909" moves for France, which will be used if no moves come in from the present player, John Powell. Victor Ricci (address above) is asked to submit stand-by "Spring 1909" moves for Russia in case the present player, John De Prisco, does not respond.

* IF THE NEXT GRAUSTARK IS LATE...

If you are not an active player in a current game, you will receive the next four issues of GRAUSTARK (## 283-286) by third-class mail in a single bundle, sometime after the publication date of the last of them on 10 March 1973. If you also subscribe to FREEDONIA, your copies of its next four issues will also be included. If your subscription to GRAUSTARK expires between now and then, your name is included on a list on p. 10 of this issue.

Stand-bys will continue to receive GRAUSTARK as it is published.

A SERIES OF PROGRESSIVE STALEMATE POSITIONS

by Robert Bryan Lipton

After the reaction to my article on northern stalemate positions, I have been badgered to write one on the southern position. Surprisingly, I found not one, but two logical progressions. The more unlikely one goes first:

I.

Position #1

Supply Centers: Ank, Con, Por, Smy, Spa, Tun. (6)

Units and moves: A Spa, A Con, A Arm & F Naf hold; A Por & F Wes S A Spa.

I believe that this is the smallest possible southern stalemate position. Note that no enemy fleets can be tolerated in the Mediterranean; this is an unlikely stalemate, but possible. Except for changing armies to fleets, there can be no variations.

Position #2

Supply Centers: Ank, Con, Nap, Por, Rom, Smy, Spa, Tun. (8)

Units and moves: A Spa, A Rom, F Naf, A Con & A Arm hold; A Por & F Wes S A Spa; A Apu S A Rom.

This expansion onto the Italian peninsula can be extended to include Venice by having the following units and moves in Italy: A Ven holds; A Tus & A Apu S A Ven.

Position #3

Supply Centers: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Por, Rom, Ser, Smy, Spa, Tun, Ven. (12)

Units and moves: A Arm, A Ser, A Ven, A Spa & F Naf hold; A Bul & A Alb S A Ser; A Tus & A Apu S A Ven; A Por & F Wes S A Spa.

As can be seen, this stalemate position has an extra supply center; a living Russia can be guarded against by changing A Arm to F Arm and having it support a fleet in the Black Sea. (I'm not suggesting you do this in the middle of a game. Opponents tend to frown on this sort of thing.) Or, instead of this, Piedmont can be taken and held by having A Tus support A Pic, and A Apu supporting A Ven. It's all a matter of personal taste although...

Position #4

Supply Centers: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Ser, Smy, Spa, Tun, Ven. (13)

Units and moves: A Arm, A Ser, A Ven, A Mar, A Spa, F Wes & F Naf hold; A Alb & A Bul S A Ser; A Pic S A Ven; F Lyo S A Mar; A Por S A Spa.

This individual position is important because it links up the Italian and Iberian fronts. As I remarked in my previous article on stalemates (GRAUSTARK #268) this is desirable, since it cuts down on the number of units needed in defensive maneuvers. For instance, that army in Marseilles frees the fleet in the Western Mediterranean (or Portugal, if a fleet is there) for an attack on the Mid-Atlantic.

As another variation, an added army in Trieste, supported from Venice and Albania, not only adds another supply center, but links up the Balkan front with the Italian. The variation with the fleets in the Black Sea and Armenia links up all lines.

Position #5

Supply Centers: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Rum, Ser, Smy, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven. (15)

Units and moves: A Arm, A Rum, A Tri, A Ven, A Pic, A Mar, A Spa, F Wes, & F Naf hold; F Bla & A Ser S A Rum; A Ven & A Alb S A Tri; F Lyo S A Mar; A Por S A Spa.

What! Better than half of the units are just sitting! Something's rotten in the South! Wrong! 'Holds' are used when the units are not necessary for defensive purposes other than just being there. If there wasn't a unit in Armenia, then troops could pour down from Sevastopol, ruining the bases of southern resistance. But, that army in Armenia could be doing something like attacking Sevastopol; if it gets in, the situation becomes the following variation: A Arm S A Sev! That's it! You now have sixteen units. Where can you get the seventeenth?

Position #6

Supply Centers: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mar, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Smy, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie! (17)

Units and moves: A Arm, A Rum, A Vie, A Tyr, A Mar, A Spa, F Wes & F Naf hold; A Bul & F Bla S A Rum; A Bud S A Vie; A Pie S A Tyr; F Lyo S A Mar; A For S A Spa.

Now, pick up Sevastopol, and you've won!

I don't mean to imply that this is the only series of stalemate positions for the South. Although the South needs more units (6) than the North (4) for its smallest stalemate, this seems to be compensated by interesting series of positions, like the one that follows!

II.

Position #1

Supply Centers: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie! (13)

Units and moves: A Arm, A Rum, A Vie, A Tyr, A Tus & F Ion hold; A Bul & F Bla S A Rum; A Bud S A Vie; A Tri & A Ven S A Tyr; A Rom S A Tus; F Nap S F Ion!

Notice that, although this is the beginning of a stalemate progression, and, indeed, is the most common one for the South, it is the most difficult one to reach, needing thirteen supply centers, all of them used to support a unit!

Variations are numerous. (1.) Change A Rom in for F Tyr, and have both F Ion & F Nap support it! (2.) Change A Bul in for A Gal, A Ven in for A Pie, and A Tri for A Boh! Then have A Vie & A Bud support A Gal, have A Tyr support A Boh, and have A Tus support A Pie, and there's a new stalemate! It's also more comforting to realize that the only supply center in danger is Rumania!

Position #2

Supply Centers: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie! (15)

Units and moves: A Sev, A Gal, A Boh, A Pie, F Tyr, & F Tun hold; A Rum & A Bud S A Gal; A Tyr S A Boh; A Tus S A Pie; F Nap S F Tyr; F Ion S F Tun!

Variations grow numerous now; put an army in the Ukraine, support it with Sevastopol, and you can throw away the fleet in the Black Sea and the army in Budapest!

In the Mediterranean, the fleets take on this configuration: F Wes & F Lyo hold; F Naf S F Wes; F Tyr S F Lyo! You no longer need A Tus to support A Pie!

Position #3

Supply Centers: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie, War! (17)

Units and moves: A Mos, A War, A Boh, A Pie, F Lyo & F Wes hold; A Sev S A Mos; A Ukr & A Gal S A War; A Tyr S A Boh; F Tyr S F Lyo; F Naf S F Wes.

At this point, you have a number of spare armies and fleets. You might try getting one in Silosia, then having A Boh and A Gal support it!

At the next supply center, you pass the victory criterion.

III.

Finally, the last part of this; you may have noticed that all southern stalomates control either the Italian peninsula, all of the Mediterranean, or both. But, working on hints fropped by John Beshara, concerning game 1967U, in which he and the late George Heap held out against the Italians and Germans for such a long time that the game took twenty-seven "years", I have discovered a stalomate position that requires neither:

Supply Centers: Ank, Bor, Bud, Bul, Con, Gro, Mos, Mun, Rum, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (17)

Units and moves: A Livonia, A Ber, A Mun, A Ven & F Ion hold; A Mos & A War S A Livonia; A Pru S A Bor; A Sil & A Boh S A Mun; A Tyr, A Tri, & F Adr S A Ven; F Gro, F Aog, & F Eas S F Ion.

1971EC - PRESS RELEASES

POLOPOLIS, LITTLE ITALY, PHUMPHA (IDUNNO): From My Fair Europe; Copyright 1909 by Teacher and Highe:

The Lord above gave Britain German allies
So we could conquer Europe without fail.
The Lord above gave Britain German allies and
With a little bit of luck, with a little bit of luck,
I shall win my first game played by mail.

CHORUS:

With a little bit, with a little bit,
With a little bit of luck Berman won't fail.
With a little bit, with a little bit,
With a little bit of blooming luck!

Oh you can send Marseilles to Piedmont,
But with a little bit of luck you'll run amuck.

Oh, it's a crime for kings to hit their brothers
And cause them to drop from the game.
Oh, it's a crime for kingd to hit their brothers but
With a little bit of luck, with a little bit of luck,
France and Italy will act the same.

CHORUS:

LONDON to VIENNA (IDUNNO): Gee, Stephen, there's all the other things in the magazine to publish. Those Austrian press releases took up almost half a page. Can't you cut it down, now that you have your own magazine?

LONDON, GREAT BRITAIN (Junior Underground National Kidding Society): War Minister Churchill had a statement for the press today:

"We are about to complete our englobement of Italy. As you all know, British forces surround Italy on the west, the south, and the east. North are our German allies. Finally, Pollutidar controls the earth under Italy.

"However, we have recently bought from an American firm, called the Wright Bros. Airplane, Jet, and Bicycle Co., a number of aeroplanes. As you know, with these little devices, we can fly in the air. Thus, we will also control the air over Italy. Yes, north, south, east, west, and up and down, we control the surroundings of Italy. Why, we have taken Sardinia and Corsica, and are about to launch an attack on Sicily! By the time this gets out, we will be in control of all the oceans surrounding Italy!"

KOARSAR, POLLUTIDAR (IDUNNO): Was that Honj the Horny in those Foster Grants?

LONDON, GREAT BRITAIN to *Sevastopol Armenia* wherever: What is this nonsense about 'Robert sucks'. If you're going to spread malicious stories about me, I can send in a juicy exposé about that time you met that guy wearing the 'KISS ME I'M ARMENIAN' button. I've got five pages, including over a dozen photos to send in to John if this nonsense doesn't stop.

WOODMERE, LONG ISLAND (from the offices of Kinney, Lipschwitz & Boringman, Synthesists): This is to inform you why there has been a breakdown in our services the last few days.

In investigation of Probability Line DIP-1971-EC, our Mr. Lipschwitz read GRAUSTARK #280. His brother, who has kept watch on Mr. Lipschwitz since his confinement earlier this year, heard him cry out, "Phumpia! Phumpia! Dutch Buys toking iver Phumpia".

Mr. Lipschwitz has been placed in a sanitarium again. Under our new policy, our Mr. Boringman will take over this chore of watching DIP-1971-EC.

However, this does not end the incident. Mr. Lipschwitz's brother has threatened the Dutch Boy in the following words:

"I'll get you, Dutch Boy, you dirty rat. I'm going to give it to you like you gave it to my brother. Nyah."

Meanwhile, the firm of K L&B is not inactive. This series of press releases has not come through our firm, thereby violating the agreement reached at the 1970 American Synthesists Society meeting. In retaliation, we are sub-contracting our present dealings with Michigan and the United Netherlands to Alfred E. von Neuman, Very Ltd., and will refuse to accept any further business from this government. We are also passing on to the Federal Government information which will cause all Americans with Dutch names to be put in quarantine in the Gobi dessert. This situation will continue until we have an end to these improper Phumphan press releases.

ISSHEMEAL-GAKA (HOME): Rumors have it that Hasha is returning To the home of his birth. All the country is making ready for the favorite Head to return. Pandit the Bandit, from his hideout high in the mountains stated that he was glad to see Hasha return, after having bad trips with the Pope, some type of drug, or something. MJIX announced that he too was happy to have his old foe back. As he stated "There just ain't nuthung like those weeds that keep coming back. They sort of grow on you."

HELSPOLINTER (HOT): Having spent the better part of their energy packs on chasing the fast moving, and ever tricky Hasha, Robots Alone and Don have decided that it really wasn't worth it after all. After reading I, ROBOT, the Robot civil rights paper, they have decided that they were going to fight for their rights.

HELLESPOLINTER (HOTTER): Hasha and Aqua Lung walking along with with their new found friend Frito, are having one hell of a time, when the Sun blackens, the wind stops, and the curtain rises. There in front of the eyes is a Crimson color, and from the color comes the voice of the Crimson King.

"Hasha and Friends listen to the voice of your master. You have much to do and very little time to do it in. You have to face the forces that are coming out of the woodwork, in woodmere. They are strong forces and they will over come you if you cannot stop them. Behind them is the force that you must destroy, and that is the JOHN! This is a recording..."

The heroes of the strange tale fall to their knees and begin to squorm, and roll about. It is as though something has taken over their minds. Next time we shall find out.

PHONEY BALONEY (Bottom Of A Sewer Tank): Today the Minister of Force, the honorable Bottomton, announced that the war that has been going on between Phumpia Armed Forces and the Liechtensteinian hula girls have gone across their borders and into the land of Phoney Baloney! Thus Bottomton issue an order that the Hula girls were to be sent to the barracks, it taken alive, and that the Phumpians were to be sent to the sewer, their natural home!

MIDDLE FIRTH (BOAST): "Frito Lives" was the cry of the Herbits as they marched against Robert Alamode! Robert when confronted with the word that Frito was still alive, answered

"Who is he?"

"Well you see," one of his officers said, "he is the popular figure that saves all the Herbits from the life worse than death."

"What was this stroy, I never heard it," Alamode says

"You see once some time ago there were but one earth, with nota thing that could live very long, and well it is a long stroy and since the letter column, and other groovy things need to be in this issue I'll stop here! Frito is a hero and, You sir need to rid him, to take over control of Middle Firth!"

"But I don't want Middle Firth!"

"But you don't have it."

"Good then we'll leave before we get it."

"But if we do that, then we'll get Happy Half Arces and Herbit the Halfwit, the leader of the Herbits, which means that we'll get Middle Firth."

"Then We'll stay!"

"We can't, if we do that then we get Middle Firth, and the over Lords which are the under Lords of Pollutidar, which means that we get all of Liechtenstein, along with Namoi."

"Nomai, but where did she come in?"

"I Think from the sewer."

"What can I do?"

"Kill yourself!"

"Never!"

"Why Not?"

"Why Four?"

"But Y four is then Y five."

"Forward or backward, whave your choice."

"I'll stay here."

NEW HAST NELED (BOAST): Namoi was looking out the window, as Billy the boy lover makes himself comfortable.

"Bill, you know your only a boy."

"Yeh, but I make up enough for three men!"

"That you do! I feel though, somehow somewhere someone is looking for me. I don't know why but some where..."

"Sure, baby, come to daddy..."

"OOOOOOOOOhh hhhhhh..."

"Hows that?"

"Great, oh more, Billy....."

ROMA: Giovanni Duce has been crowned emperor under the name, Ioannes I. He has pledged to restore the glories of the Emperor by emulating the actions of the Caesars. His first moves in this direction have been to invite German and British mercenaries to enter the Empire in order to defend its borders against their fellow countrymen, and to establish a second Imperial capital at Byzantium.

The telecommunications project has been abandoned because of continued Pollutidarian and Phumphan interference. Italy will henceforth communicate by carrier pigeon, runner, voyageur canoe, smoke signals, and talking drums.

KOARSAR, POLLUTIDAR (URRP): The Inner Crust of the Earth broke a long silence today with a triumphal speech of the Emperor before the Inferial Diet. His Inferial Majesty Honj the Horny told the representatives of the various human, sub-human, and non-human inhabitants of the inner surface of the earth that "A trifling obstruction in the tunnel to the Outer Crust region called 'Europe' has been removed, and our glorious forces are once again free to pursue their campaign against the degenerate 'civilized' men of that land. This obstruction was a fat little Dutch Russian Turk who got stuck in the tunnel. He was removed through the ingenuity of Captain Fugg of the Mammoth Men. Fugg blocked all other entrances to the tunnel, backed the biggest mammoth owned by his tribe to the remaining opening, and fed it nothing but beans for ten sleeps. The Dutch Russian Turk, whose name is believed to be 'Hasha Neggs', was blown clear through the earth's crust and out through a manhole cover in Bucharest. The Outer Crusters are believed to be searching for him, but their efforts are hampered by the difficulty of distinguishing him by odor from his surroundings."

To repeated cheers, war-cries, and an occasional belch, the Emperor went on to detail successes in the war against the Outer Crusters - ten thousand Russians isolated in Armenia and converted into Russky-Babs; France invaded through the caves at Cro-Magnon, which connect with the Inner Crust; and Italy invaded through Mt. Vesuvius and converted to a state of anarchy.

"How about Phumpha?" shouted a Jukan delegate. "The obvious relationship of Phumphans to Jukans gives the Jukan people a legitimate concern with the -"

"We are trying to forget Phumpha," replied Iard the Greasy One, Minister of Preparedness for War and Dinner.

"I wish we could forget Juka, too," added Ag-Nu the Greecey One, Minister of Impropropaganda.

The Jukan responded by throwing a small Ganak at him. This set off a riot, in the course of which the Jukan was devoured by three Mahars, and a Amozian Caveman ripped off a Gorbus' tusks, skinned a Horib with them, and used the skin to garrott three Coripis and a Segoth. The Emperor expressed his pleasure at this typical exercise of martial ardor by the people of Pollutidar.

PHUTRA, POLLUTIDAR (URRP): Mi-So-Zok, Queen of this Mahar city, expressed concern over the anti-social actions of some members of the underground city's human minority. "Instead of supporting the traditional military virtues of Pollutidar," she told meeting of the PTA (Pterodactyl Traditionalists' Association) "these humans have secluded themselves in the district near the Royal Bakeries, commonly called 'Yeast Village', and have rejected the ideals of their forebears. They are even opposing our war against the Outer Crust, and are sheltering deserters from our ever-victorious armed forces. Their leader seems to be a cave-girl called Pil the Promiscuous One; her name comes from certain practices in which bisexual species engage, concerning which I will not further distress you. They reject our warlike way of life, and call themselves 'Happies'."

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY (continued from p. 2)

kan Massif. The next issue will continue this series with a history of the Kingdom of Pundschruck (since the Revolution of 1947 the Pundschruck People's Republic), and the issue after that will have an account by Al Nefi of Strategy & Tactics concerning the Sacred War of the Holy Grand Alliance, a climactic conflict that raged in the Balkan Massif for 48 days in the summer of 1513.

While no new games of postal Diplomacy are currently available in GRAUSTARK, new games of postal Origins are being organized in FREEDONIA.

The entry fee is \$3.00 per person per game. Please indicate which scenario of the game you wish to play, in order of preference. In addition to the scenarios provided with the game, FREEDONIA has available a sixth, "roll your own", in which players are allowed to select their own National Objectives.

With the beginning of the new semester on Monday 5 February 1973, the war-gaming group at Brooklyn College will start up again. The first meeting will be from 12 to 2 PM in room 2409, Ingersoll Hall. What with all the Monday holidays, we may shift to Wednesday at these hours for the remainder of the term.

Every Friday night from 6 to 11 PM there is a gaming and play-testing session at the offices of Strategy & Tactics, 44 East 23rd Street, New York, N. Y. 10010. S & T is in the process of moving to much roomier offices in this building.

Strategy & Tactics, which is published every other month and comes with a complete and new war game in each issue, is \$15.00 per year from the above address. (Even without the very interesting and well-researched articles, \$2.50 is a good low price for war games.) Published from the same address on alternate months is Moves at \$7.00 per year, also with articles and reviews of games. For the beginning player, who wants to know what war-games will suit his talents and interests, Moves is well worth getting.

The British equivalent to S & T is Games & Puzzles, published monthly with a regular column on Diplomacy, and articles on games ranging from chess and poker through the Godfather Game to 4000 AD. As American agent for G & P I can offer it for \$9.00 per year by surface mail, or \$12.00 by air mail.

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As explained on p. 3, non-playing readers will next receive their copies of GRAUSTARK in March, in a bundle of four issues. The following subscriptions expire between now and then:

- 282 - Chin, Jeffries, Maloney, McKeon.
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- 285 - D. Johnson, McDonald, Scholz, Stehle, Atteberry.
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"Then I saw the second beast; it emerged from the ground; it had two horns like a lamb, but made a noise like a dragon. This second beast was servant to the first beast, and extended its authority everywhere, making the world and all its people worship the first beast...And it worked great miracles, even to calling down fire from heaven on to the earth while people watched. Through the miracles which it was allowed to do on behalf of the first beast, it was able to win over the people of the world and persuade them to put up a statue in honour of the beast." - Revelation 13:11-14.

"Richard Milhous Nixon and Henry Alfred Kissinger...are Men of the Year." - Time, 1 January 1973

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"The Swedish government certainly has the audacity to criticize us. They blow away most of their money on such trivial things as hospitals, schools, public housing and improved mass transportation while we build and use the most destructive weapons in the world to maintain world peace. That's why we are Number 1 and they are not even Number 2." - Arnold Malin, letter, New York Post, 4 January 1973

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There will be an across-the-board session of Diplomacy and other war games here, beginning 1 PM on Saturday 27 January 1973. Let me know if you'll be coming, and whether you need transportation directions.

NEW BLOOD

Last year GRAUSTARK was mentioned favorably in Strategy & Tactics, the excellent bi-monthly war-gaming magazine published by Simulations Publications, Inc. Also, Games Research, Inc., publishers of Diplomacy, began circulating the names and addresses of postal Diplomacy publishers, and The Diplomacy Association has also recommended GRAUSTARK. From these various sources and others I have compiled a list of war-gaming fans who have written in about postal Diplomacy, or are active in local war-gaming groups such as the Brooklyn College club and SPI's play-testers. A list of these names, accurate to 1 January 1973, appears below. It is given by numerical order of ZIP-code, so that players in one region can get in touch with others. It does not include people already listed in the address lists in GRAUSTARKs #277 and #281.

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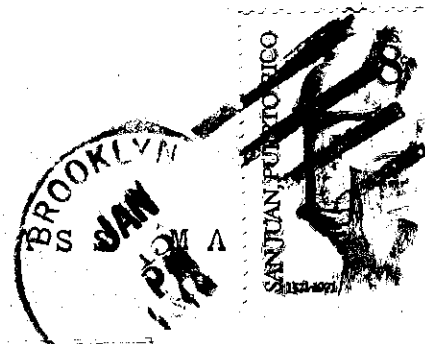
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