

GRAUSTARK

#291

23 June 1973

1972A

"Spring 1912"

AUSTRIANS EXILED FROM HOMELAND

Following "Fall 1911" moves
Austria-Hungary removed A Apu.

ENGLAND (Lipson): F Liv-Iri; F Eng
S GERMAN F NAT-Mid.

FRANCE (Reif): F Mar-Lyo; F Spa
(s.c.) S F Mar-Lyo.

GERMANY (Huddleston): A St.P & A
Liv S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A War-Mos;
A Gal-Ukr; A Sil-War; A Tyr S
AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ven; A Mun-
Boh; A Pie-Tus; A Gas-Mar; F NAT-
Cly; F Nwy-Nrg; F Nth fish.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Honig): A War-Mos;
A Vie holds; A Ven-Apu.

RUSSIA (De Prisco): A Arm holds; A
Mos holds; A Sev S A Mos; A Ukr-
Mos; A Tri-Vie.

TURKEY (Murray): A Bud S RUSSIAN A
Tri-Vie; A Rum S A Bud; A Bul-Ser;
A Alb-Tus; F Ion & F Tyr C A Alb-
Tus; F Rom S A Alb-Tus; F Adr-Ven;
F Lyo S FRENCH F Mar-Pie.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian A Vie and the Russian A Mos are annihilated, and Turkey retreats F Lyo-Wes. The deadline for "Fall 1912" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 14 JULY 1973. Scott Huddleston's phone number is now 615-383-4541.

The Austro-Hungarian offer of a general concession to Germany found no takers.

NEW BLOOD - IV

Since the last such list was published in #289, the following people have written in for information about postal Diplomacy:

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick J. Allen, Apt.
D5, 119 Main St., West Haven,
Conn. 06516

Clifford Cathcart, 3225 Pinehill Dr.
Decatur, Ga. 30032

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1973BB

"Fall 1902"

GERMANS, ENGLISH STAB EACH OTHER

ENGLAND (Eisen): F Nwy holds; F Den-
Kie; F Edi-Cly; A Yor-Edi.

FRANCE (Strauss): F Eng-Mid; F Lon-
Yor; A Pic-Bur; A Gas-Mar; A Spa-
Pie; F Lyo C A Spa-Pie.

GERMANY (Parella): F Nth-Den; A Sil-
War; A Pru S A Sil-War; A Mun-Tyr;
A Ruh-Mun.

ITALY (Heuer): A Tyr-Ven; A Tun-Tus;
F Tyr C A Tun-Tus; F Ion S AUSTRO-
HUNGARIAN F Gre.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Neiger): A Vie-Gal;
A Bud S A Vie-Gal; A Ser S F Gre;
F Gre S ITALIAN F Ion.

RUSSIA (Honig): F Rla-Con; A Rum-Ser;
A War holds; A Gal-Ukr; F Swe-Nwy;
F St.P(n.c.) S F Swe-Nwy.

TURKEY (Paulson): F Eas-Ion; A Con-
Gre; F Aeg C A Con-Gre; A Bul S A
Con-Gre.

Underlined moves are not possible. The following retreats are necessary, though players may opt to remove the dislodged units instead:
ENGLAND: F Nwy-Ska, -Nth, -Nrg, or
-Bar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F Gre-Alb.

RUSSIA: A War-Liv or -Mos.

The directions of these retreats should be phoned to the Gamesmaster IMMEDIATELY. He will then inform the players who have to make builds or removals. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Kie, Liv. (3)

FRANCE: Bre, Lon, Mar, Par, Por,
Spa. (6)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Mun,
War. (6)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

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

RUSSIA: Con, Mos, Nwy, Rum, St.P,
Sev, Swe. (7)

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THE POSTAL "SERVICE"

Four players missed their moves in the last issue, but the letters or postcards of three of them came in after the deadline. Herb Greenlee's letter was postmarked 31 May in Hines, Ill. and Howard Sidor's card was postmarked 2 June in Queens; both arrived by surface mail on 5 June. Things were even worse for Gary Tesser, a USPS employee. He dropped his postcard into a mailbag in a Brooklyn post office at 6 AM on 31 May. It was postmarked a day later, and arrived on 6 June.

Naturally, the cost of this "service" will soon rise again - to 10¢ an ounce for surface mail in January, according to the Postmaster General. (New York Post, 18 June)

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"Fall 1936"

NATIONAL OBJECTIVES CHART						Since the National Objectives Chart was misprinted in FREEDONIA #57, it is here printed correctly.	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als		NC5	NC3			Als					
Aus		NC1	NC3	C3	C1	Aus				C	C
Bal	C2	NC4	NC3			Bal					
Bri	U6			U4	U3	Bri	2				
Cze	C2	NC5	NC3			Cze					
Fra	U4			U4	U5	Fra		10			
Ger				U4		Ger					
Ita	C3	NC4			U2	Ita					
Pol	C2	NC5	NC4			Pol					
Rhi		NC1	NC6	C3	C1	Rhi				9	
Rum	C2		NC3	C3	C3	Rum				9	8 16
Rus	U4				U4	Rus					
USA				U4	U6	USA	4				

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"Fall 1938"

FRENCH DIPLOMACY FAILS IN EASTERN EUROPE						USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger	
POLAND: Britain (11) attacks France (5) at 2:1. IBM - 386 (X). Each side removes 5.						Als					
RUMANIA: Germany (10) attacks France (7) at 1:1. Boeing - 322 (X). Each side removes 7.						Aus					
FRANCE: Loses Pol U. GERMANY: Rus U.						Bal					
BRITAIN: Rus U.						Bri					U,20
The score at present is Germany 15, Britain 12, France 8, Russia 5, USA 2. The deadline for "Spring 1939" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 14 JULY 1973. Press releases begin on p. 7.						Cze					C
						Fra					
						Ger					
						Ita					
						Pol	U,5		U,6		
						Rhi					
						Rum			10		C
						Rus			U,8 U,11	20	U,8
						USA	16				

1973BS

"Winter 1901"

ENGLAND (Spencer): Builds F Lon. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Lariton): Builds A Bud, A Tri.
 FRANCE (Lanham): Builds F Bre, A Par. RUSSIA (Trtek): Builds A Mos, A St.P.
 GERMANY (G. Tesser): Builds A Mun. TURKEY (McGowin): Builds F Smy.
 ITALY (Murray): Builds F Nap.
 The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 14 JULY 1973. Dick Trtek writes that his ZIP code is 53191. For stand-by players see p. 5.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS: Steven Tesser, The Hilton, Raquette Lake Girls' Camp, Raquette Lake, N. Y.; Jerry Model, 273 Webster St., Auburndale, Mass. 02165 (after 1 July); Gilbert Neiger, Fair Harbor, N. Y. (1 July to 1 August); Richard L. Hull, 5047 Gardenia Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90807 (from 30 June to 21 July) and c/o Doug Beyerlein, 3934 S. W. Southern, Seattle, Wash. 98136 thereafter.

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"Spring 1940"

CAN BRITAIN BE STOPPED?

USA (P. Valeri): Bri 8, Cze 1, Fra 11, Rus 4.
 FRANCE (Heuer): Bri 3, Cze 1, Ita 5, Pol 7.
 BRITAIN (Barents): Cze 3, Fra 5, Ita 2, Pol 8, Rus 3, USA 3!
 RUSSIA (Trtek): Bri 16, Cze 10, Fra 11!
 GERMANY (R. Smith): Bri 3, Fra 15, Ita 10, Rus 4.
 The deadline for "Fall 1940" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 14 JULY 1973. These will be the last moves of the game. Dick Trtek's ZIP code is given on p. 2.

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als		C			
Aus					C
Bal			C	C	
Bri	U,19	U,8		16	U,18
Cze	U,11	U,11	U,10	10	5
Fra	U,19		U,10	11	15
Ger			C		
Ita		5	U,7		10
Pol	U,8	7	U,18		40
Rhi			C		C
Rum				C	C
Rus	U,19		U,13		U,19
USA			U,8		

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ANTI-WHO CRUSADE?

"Spring 1937"

USA (Trtek): USA 6.
 FRANCE (Lipton): Ger 3, Rum 5!
 BRITAIN (Mike Ritter): Bri 2, Cze 3, Ger 5, Pol 2!
 RUSSIA (Spencer): Rus 10!
 GERMANY (Neiger): Ger 20!
 The deadline for "Fall 1937" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 14 JULY 1973. For Dick Trtek's ZIP code see p. 2. Gil Neiger's temporary change of address is on the same page. Press releases begin on p. 10.

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als					
Aus					C
Bal					
Bri			2		
Cze			3		
Fra					
Ger		U,8	U,11		20
Ita					
Pol			U,11	6	
Rhi					C
Rum		U,10		5	6
Rus		U,5		13	
USA	12				

PLEASE STAND BY

This issue's moves were extremely difficult to elicit from the players, and the "inverse distance" adage received strong experimental verification. This adage states that "the delay in submitting moves is inversely proportional to the distance between the player and the Gamesmaster". John Arensmeyer, in Hawaii, got his moves in quite promptly. But as of last evening, nine New York City residents had not submitted their moves in 11 games.

Some fast work on the telephone wires during the hour prior to the deadline saved nearly everyone's bacon. When everything was finished, only one name was missing, that of Rick Stuart in 1973BC and 1973BQ. Accordingly, the first stand-bys in those games are asked to submit the next moves for the countries he is playing. (See p. 5 for their addresses.) The deadlines are NOON, SATURDAY 14 JULY 1973

A few address changes have taken place in 1973BC. Jerry Model's new address is on p. 2. Terry Paul's new address (see GRAUSTARK #289) now becomes effective.

Players are urged to get their moves in on time. The new three-week deadlines have been adopted to facilitate this, and there is now really no excuse for anyone to miss moves.

There have been recent rumors of a postal strike. If a strike should take place, then all pending move deadlines will be re-set to noon of the fourth Saturday after the end of the strike.

Press releases for 1973BC begin on p. 6.

The following back issues of GRAUSTARK are available: 120, 131, 137, 139, 140, 167, 171, 198-200, 202, 206, 215, 217, 247-250, 252, 253, 255-259, 271, 273-283, 285-290. See p. 12 for prices.

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"Spring 1912"

FRENCH SEIZE MUNICH!

ENGLAND (Abbott): F St.P-Liv((sic; this fleet is on the north coast));
A Nwy-St.P; A War-Ukr; A Mos S A War-Ukr; A Gal S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN
A Bud-Rum; A Sil-War; A Tyr-Boh; F Pru & F Ber hold; A Edi-Hol; F
Nth C A Edi-Hol; F Lon-Eng; F Nap-Apu; F Tyr-Nap; F Wes-Tyr; F Tun
S F Wes-Tyr.

FRANCE (Lipson): A Bur-Mun; A Pie S ENGLISH A Tyr; A Rom-Apu; A Ven S A
Rom-Apu; F Lyo not ordered, holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Prosnitz): A Bud-Rum; A Ser S A Bud-Rum; A Tri S A Ser;
A Vie S A Tri.

TURKEY (Hendry): F Ion holds; F Aeg, F Gre, & F Alb S F Ion; A Mos-Sev
((sic; no such unit exists)); A Bul-Ser; A Rum S A Bul-Ser; A Sev
not ordered, holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey's army in Rumania is dis-
lodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1912" moves is NOON, SA-
TURDAY 14 JULY 1973.

1973BB (continued from p. 1)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Gre, Smy. (4)

Russia and Germany may each make one build, and England must remove one
unit. (Other builds may be necessitated if players use the option to re-
move a dislodged unit.) As soon as the retreats are phoned in, the Games-
master will call players for their builds or removals, and then inform all
players of these "Winter 1902" moves. The deadline for "Spring 1903"
moves is NOON, SATURDAY 14 JULY 1973. For stand-bys see p. 5.

NEW BLOOD - IV (continued from p. 1)

Christopher Coyne, 5422 Harvey Way, Long Beach, Calif. 90808
Alan Fisher, 8526 Stockton Ave., Pennsauken, N. J. 08109
Philip J. Hilts, 3516 W Place NW, Washington, D. C. 20007
Michael Juergens, 257 Florence St., Hammond, Ind. 46324
David Newport, 4557 Lorraine, Dallas, Texas 75205
Brian E. Sarver, 218C Marshall St., Princeton, N. J. 08540
Zoltan Tomory, 83 Eldredge St., Newton, Mass. 02158
David Warden, 56 William St., Princeton, N. J. 08540
John M. Weswig, Apt. 13, 12721 47th Ave., S. W., Tacoma, Wash. 98499
(Thanks to John Beshara for some of these names.)

1973BC

"Spring 1902"

EIN REICH, EIN VOLK, KEIN FÜHRER

ENGLAND (Stehle): F Lon-Nth; F Ska-Swe; A Nwy S F Ska-Swe; F Nrg-Bar.

FRANCE (Model): A Par-Pic; A Bur-Bel; A Mar-Pie; A Spa-Gas; F Por-Spa(s.c.)

GERMANY (Stuart): No moves received. A Den, A Kie, A Mun, A Pie, & F
Hol hold.

ITALY (Paul): F Rom-Tus; A Tun-Apu; F Ion C A Tun-Apu; A Ven S FRENCH
A Mar-Pie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Lipton): A Bud-Gal; A Vie S A Bud-Gal; F Tri-Ven; A Ser
S A Rum; A Rum S TURKISH A Arm-Sev.

RUSSIA (Drakert): A Sev holds; A Ukr & A Mos S A Sev; A St.P-Nwy; F Swe
S A St.P-Nwy.

TURKEY (Carroll): F Smy-Aeg; A Bul-Con; A Arm-Sev; F Bla S A Arm-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. See p. 3 for deadline information.

197LEB

"Fall 1913"

EUROPE TURNS BLACK AND BLUE

ENGLAND (Lipton): A Nwy-Fin; A Lon-Nwy; F Nth C A Lon-Nwy; A Wal-Bre; F Eng C A Wal-Bre; F Ion & F Alb S F Gre; F Gre S F Alb; F Smy S F Con; A Rom, A Swe, & F Apru hold; A Pie-Mar; A St.P S A Mos; A Mos S A St.P; F Con S GERMAN A Arm-Ank.

GERMANY (Berman): A Hol S A Bel; A Kie S F Den; A Bel, A Ven, A Bud, A War, A Bul, A Sev, F Den, F Ber, & A Rum hold; A Ser S A Bul; A Tri S A Ven; A Tyr-Vie; A Bur-Par; A Arm-Ank.

RUSSIA (Barents): A Ank holds.

The underlined move is impossible. The Russian A Ank is dislodged and annihilated. Each of the two remaining players controls 17 supply centers, and they have agreed on a draw. Don Berman points out that, if he takes as his 17th unit an army in Munich, each of the 17 German units will occupy a supply center. He asks whether this is a first.

A review of this game by Bob Lipton will appear in GRAUSTARK #292, along with rosters and supply center charts for this game and for 197LEB, completed in GRAUSTARK #289.

197LBG

"Spring 1909"

FRENCH FORCES COLLAPSING

ENGLAND (Lipson): F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Gas & F Wes S F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Naf S F Wes; F Nat-Mid; F Eng S F Nat-Mid.

FRANCE (Latin): A Spa holds; F Por S A Spa.

GERMANY (Schleicher): No moves received. F Den, A Kie, A Ber, A Mun, A Boh, A Bur, A Mar, & A Vie hold.

ITALY (Burley): F Tun holds; F Tyr S F Tun; A Ven-Pie; A Rom-Ven; A Ser-Rum; A Tri-Ser.

RUSSIA (A. Phillips): A Bud-Ser; A Rum-Ser; F Sev-Rum; A Ukr S F Sev-Rum; A Mos-Sev; A War-Gal; F Swe holds.

TURKEY (Nierenberg): F Lyo S ITALIAN A Ven-Pie; A Arm-Sev; F Ank-Con; A Bul & F Bla S ITALIAN A Ser-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French A Por and the Russian A Rum are annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1909" moves is 6 PM, TUESDAY 10 JULY 1973.

1973BQ

"Winter 1901"

ENGLAND (Arensmeier): Builds F Lon.

GERMANY (Burce): Builds F Kie, A Mun.

FRANCE (Stuart): No moves received.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McCuistion): Builds A Tri,

See p. 3 for stand-by instructions.

A Bud.

TURKEY (De Prisco): Builds F Con.

The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 14 JULY 1973. A press release appears on p. 9. One stand-by has been enrolled in this game; see below for his address.

STAND-BYS

The following people are now enrolled as stand-bys in the new games:

1973BG: 1st - Robert Spencer, P. O. Box 867, Shelton, Wash. 98584

2nd - Bill Scanlan, P. O. Box 7, Boston, Mass. 02101

1973BQ: 1st - Andrew J. Weill, 509 Larch Ave., South San Francisco, Calif. 94080

1973BS: 1st - Martin Ritter, 1138 1/2 15th St., Santa Monica, Calif. 90403

2nd - Lt. Joseph O. Pickard, TVSLOG Det. 67, APO New York, N. Y. 09380

Pending the acquisition of New York City residents as stand-bys, Pickard and Scanlan are temporarily 1st and 2nd stand-bys in 1973BB at no extra cost.

1973BC - PRESS RELEASES

WIEN, AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (IDUNNO): Q: I thought that we were allied with the Russians against the Turks?

A: We are.

Q: Then why did we attack the Russians with Turkish support?

A: Because we're also allied with the Turks against the Russians.

Q: How can we be allied with both sides against the other?

A: It is obvious that you do not have a grasp of the fine points of Diplomacy. We wished to pick up a supply center. The unobvious choice was either Rumania or Bulgaria. We wrote to both sides promising eternal alliances. They agreed and wrote to each other promising each other eternal alliances against us. This is known as diplomacy. Do you understand?

Q: I don't know.

A: Fine. Now, in the first move I moved to threaten both sides, which convinced both sides that they were safe from me, especially as they had not moved into my territory, but Germany had, and Italy had moved to Tuscany and Venice. Since I was obviously falling apart, they decided to support me. Do you understand?

Q: I don't think so. If-

A: But, unknown to Russia or Turkey, I had an agreement with Germany allowing him transit through the Tyrol. However, what Russia didn't know was that I realized that he would side with Italy, so I sided with Turkey, letting Italy attack an occupied center without support because Germany was abandoning him to attack France.

But Russia, still believing that I was with him, even though he was against me, or at least that Turkey was not against Russia, even though he was in position to attack Sevastopol and anyway, Turkey had leaked information to Italy that he was attacking Greece which meant that I couldn't take Rumania but Turkey lied so I did. Do you follow me?

Q: But-

A: Of course it all depends on Britain now. If he doublecrosses France and attacks Russia we're fine, and if he doublecrosses Russia and France and attacks Germany we're okay. Of course if he doublecrosses Italy and attacks France and Germany with Russia's help then the sure winner will be the Gamesmaster because everyone will drop out of the game in confusion, leaving him with over \$70 for a few hours' work.

And of course Italy might be doublecrossing Russia and just be pretending to attack me so that Russia will go off balance permitting Italy to attack the Balkans and Anatolia.

Q: I see! But if Russia, realizing the hopelessness of his position offers Turkey a deal he can't refuse then we'll have to ally with the Italians to fight the Russians and Turks and keep Britain zig-zagging between France and Germany while he launches an all-out attack against Russia because it will maintain a balance-of-power in this south but will in reality let us ally with the Russians to grab some supply centers quick.

A: You've got it. Now we've some positions in the Foreign Office. Would you like to be ambassador to Britain, France, Turkey, or Montenegro?

Q: I want to be Gamesmaster and rake in all that money.

ANKARA to GERMAN ARMY PIEBOMT: Bizarre, to say the least. Reverse Schlieffen Plan?

BATUM (Dec. 4, 1901, TUMS): Aba Ababa speaks: "Bear with me if my 1973BC and 73.2b press seem to coincide. With Lipton playing, it is a bad influence. If he drags in Hydunderabad, I'll drag in Stanley Polack. If he tries Pollutidar, watch out for the Lone Junker. By the way, we do have one agreement: he gets 31 supply centers but I get Trieste, Vienna and Budapest in 1902. Watch him conquer Germany with a fleet and two armies! It might take a while, getting the fleet in position, so you're safe until then, Rick."

CALAIS ORIENTAL (Dec. 10, 1901, CRABS): The 89th Franco-Franco War got started in the traditional battlefield where at least 47 of these wars have started: Agincourt Oriental. The Franco cavalry charged through Tojas Swamp into the ritual hail of arrows, and, as per tradition, were slaughtered. The traditional defenders, the Kurds of Wey, as shaken as ever, fled the field to escape the wrathful Franco ghosts. Military observers included a General Joffre and a Colonel Foch. The boarded the paquet boat to Batum mattering something about "cran" and "elan". A British observer named Haig was also vi-

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AND 'ROUND AND 'ROUND IT GOES - VIII

by Robert Bryan Lipton

...To sleep, perchance to dream.

These, our actors, as I foretold you, were all spirits, and are melted into air, into thin air: and, like the baseless fabric of this vision, the cloud capp'd towers, the gorgeous palaces, the solemn temples, the great globe itself, yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolve and, like this insubstantial pageant faded, leave not a rack behind. We are such stuff as dreams are made on...

It is a tale, told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing.

It is a tale told by a genius, full of sound and fury, signifying a great deal. Write down this title: The Lathe of Heaven. It is written by Ursula K. LeGuin, and is available in hardcover from Scribners. Borrow it from your public library, or wait until it comes out in paperback. That's if you don't have the good taste to want a hardcover copy that you can read and reread and then read again.

The time is Spring 2002. The place is Portland, Oregon. The hero is George Orr. The problem: George dreams.

His dreams aren't like ours. When George dreams, the world changes so that his dreams are true. If George dreams that there is peace between men because aliens have landed on the Moon and are attacking Earth, then the world changes so that his dream is true.

George, a quiet man, doesn't like this. He starts taking dextroamphetamines and barbituates to make sure that he doesn't dream. He is caught, and sent to a psychoanalyst, a specialist in dreams.

At first, the psychiatrist doesn't believe that George's dreams can change the world. But eventually it becomes clear that people who are present at the dreams, and who know what's going on retain their memory of the old world, superimposed on that of the new. Gradually the psychiatrist, Dr. Haber, begins to use George's dreams to better the world. The problem is that George's subconscious is, like everyone's, very stupid. Haber orders George to dream of a world in which overpopulation does not exist. George shifts the world so that, twenty years previously, a carcinomic plague started by pollution in the air wiped out two thirds of humanity. A war in the Middle East between Israel-Egypt and Iran-Arabia is threatening to get out of control. Haber orders George to dream of peace between all men. George puts the aforementioned aliens on the Moon. Peace on Earth, good will towards men, because the aliens will get all of us otherwise.

Ursula LeGuin works on the problems of George with that combination of humanism and scientific understanding that is almost uniquely hers.

As in her other novels (Left Hand of Darkness, Wizard of Earthsea, Rocannon's World, et alii), the story is about people, good people, caught in a world that does not fit them. It is a story about love and Humanity and reality, and about a dozen other things. It is a story that touches all emotions, a story by the lady who may be the best science fiction writer this world has ever seen.

It is a story you should read.

73.2b - PRESS RELEASES

FREEDORAS (April 9, F. A. 99): Troops of the Next-To-Last Alliance reached Freedoras today and encountered a large band of Adz-Katz's Gorks, led by the SSgul and Ungoliant. The battle was an inconclusive one, until Adz-Katz himself arrived on the scene. He stepped into battle, wielding his Thing of Flour. The forces of Nafi were routed! But, Ungoliant did not think he was getting his share of the booty. When Adz-Katz wasn't looking, he lashed out at him, grabbing the Thing, and eating it. Suddenly, there was a great rumble, and the very foundations of Freedoras crumbled. All items in Liddle Earth flew threw air, seemingly aimlessly. But one by one, they all made there way into Ungoliant's mouth(?).

MUNCHEN (The Ides of Cattle): British positions in Bavaria have been salvaged despite a viscous attack by what were some sort of foul goblins. Reports from Schleswig report that the British Baltic Fleet has been harassed by what appears to be the flying remnants of Count Alexis' SS. Appearing in Berlin (underground) was Buck Private A. A. Naff, long gone from Deutschland. When asked about these wierd developments, all Count Alexis had to say was, "Where's Ungoliant?"

The answer to the Count's question seems to be in the next escapee.

UNGOLIANT CITY, UNGOLIANT, RACKATZOFF (Here and Now): Countess Marie von Katzoff has christened the newly ceded Rackatzoffian corridor 'Ungoliant'.

UNGOLIANT CITY, RACKATZOFF (Death Day, USA): Horribbble news came out off Ungoliant City yesterday. It seems that Countess Marie von Katzoff was making the trek across Ungoliant from the Capital in Rackatzoff (Bönn) to the chief city of Fuckatzoff (Vienna). When she was somewhere in the Piedmont, she was viciously attacked by a large tapeworm. Services will be held in Rackatzoff tomorrow morning.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Amalgamated Wire Tap): Peter Karp, editor-in-chief fo the North Sea News, has decided to accept government subsidies to be used to supply his gorilla army in an invasion of Rackatzoff. Rackatzoff is controlled by general publisher Alex Katzoff, financier of those memorable novels like Blimp of 15th Street, Jerk in 4C, and The Destroyer of France.

At the present moment Katzoff has set an embargo upon the export of bananas.

FUCKATZOFF, RACKATZOFF (10 Days After Death Day, USA): Have no fear, the County of Rackatzoff has a new countess. It appears that Count Alexis has not at all heartbroken at the news of the death of his wife and was quick to take a new one. But the problem is that the Count's new wife was taken from a ruler on the other side of the 73.2b time-space paradox. Count Alexis' new wife is King Evan I (and hopefully the last) of Moronia. Because of the paradox in this timeline, the two countries will not merge; Evan merely becomes the Countess von Katzoff and Alexis becomes the Queen of Moronia. (By the way this makes Evan a trigamist of the worst kind.)

DEUTSCHLAND (A Miscellaneous Release): I do not recall forgetting that RBL was in this timeline; on the other hand I don't recall remembering it either...

For those people that didn't know it, Katzoff is 11 years old...

Here's the Grand Paradoxical Line-Up: The Kingdom of the Two Sissies, the Septin-sular Empire, Bohemia Royale, the Earldom of the Great Tyrol, Moronia (Montenegro), Bessarabia, the World-Famous Trans-Caucasia, the Kingdom of the Volga Bulgars (Kama Bulgaria), Bulgaria (s.c.), the Dodecanese Islands and of course Britain with its over-seas colony of Deutschland vs. Rackatzoff...

WROCLAW (Breslau Release): The British have the Hoardorian forces bottled up in a pocket just outside this illustrious city. Although the Korks and the SSgul possess much power far beyond that of the British, the British fight superiorly because of their highly advanced technology, especially the Bessarabian ICBF's.

BRATISLAVA (Pressburg Release): By the way, Ungoliant was not present at the aforementioned battle.

LVOV (Lemberg Release): But Katzoff was.

LUBECK (CAUTION): Lübeck is the CAUTION center in this timeline. As the one in Pressburg in 1973BB will, this center is specifically going to investigate the Great Time-Space Paradox in 73.2b. (I'm watching Countdown) Here is the paradox: a) according to one statistician, there exists the County of Rackatzoff. This County consists of 1) Rhineland 2) Austria 3) Cnechoslovakia & 4) Ungoliant, the corridor connecting 1) & 2). b) Another Statistician claims that there is 1) the Kingdom of the Two Sissies which is comprised of Rhineland-Palatinate and Flanders-Wallonia 2) the Earldom of the Great Tyrol (Austria) 3) Bohemia Royale.

CALAIS (Feb. 4, 1938, HAINNA): At an all-purpose news conference, Henri le Twit touched all the bases. He deplored the fact that England was getting 1¢ a word for his press. "Ours is at least twice as witty as his. Eh. Eh. What does that make him?"

"A quarter-wit?" suggested a voice from the crowd who was led quietly away and ignored by M. le Twit.

"Since our press surpasses the English press in wit, perspicacity and readability, not to mention leitotes and oxymoron, the French government demands that HAINNA, GRABS and the new TUMS be paid at the rate of 3¢ a word."

"As is our custom, we also announce our support for the Francos in the Franco-Tranco War (trade mark reg. U. S. PAT. OFFICE), #98 in a series."

"And finally, to make sure we've insulted everybody: Yale Sucks! Seattle is rainy! (Actually, neither is an insult, since both statements are empirically verifiable.)"

BATUM (March 17, 1937, CRABS): Filming began today on Stanley Polack's movie based on the 98th Franco-Tranco War. As a sop to his injured pride in being forced to film it, it is being called "...And Call Me Stanley".

Act I, sc. 1: "My Kaliopo?"

This is

"Yes Hash, and call me Stanley."

"Yes, my Kallamazoo. Is it true that you slew the frumious bandersnatch in the 89th FTW?"

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"Yes Hash, his toves were all slithy."

"My Kankakee, is it true that you once played 17 simultaneous campaign games of U. S. A. blindfolded?"

"Yes Hash it is. And call me Stanley."

"My Kool-Aid, is it true that in the 64th FTW you stood on the burning deck?"

"I was just a boy then."

"My Killimanjaro. Is it true you're hung like a horse?"

"It is true."

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"Then let's get us some women."

"Right. And call me Stanley."

"OK Conrad."

(Thus does Carroll justify his overlapping of characters in Dip & OWWT press: by ripping off Roger Zelazny. What's your excuse, Lipton?)

VERSAILLES TO THE WORLD (De Versailles a la Monde ((sich): What is the source of these spurious press releases attributing nobility to "Count" Alexis "von" Katzoff? Everyone knows that the only royalty in this game is John Carroll, since everyone knows that the Irish are all descended from kings. Incidentally, the correct spelling is with two "R"'s and two "L"'s. We will not have our name associated with the hamburger chain who spell that glorious name with only one "L". (We suspect their main source of supply is the German Culinary Corps. See Costaguana for details.) Anyone addressing communiques to us which address our royal person with one "L" will be summarily attacked the next turn.

TAN-HOSTIGOS: Who or what is the Ligacious Preamble? Only time will tell...

ZAP

"By Dealma! They're doing it again! Alert all First Level Paratime Police. 73.2b and 1973BC exhibit all the symptoms of 'Lipton's Ennui'. We have Ahab the Arab to blame for all this."

1973BQ - PRESS RELEASE

BUDAPEST: In a proclamation to his court philosophers the Crown Prinz mused: "How strange that the colossal white bear would not befriend and trust a tiny frightened eaglet. The talons of the eaglet lengthen and sharpen with time, and soon they will be able to dig deeply into the flesh of a weakened bear. As the eagle grows and wants to soar it will remember the kindnesses which gave it health and strength."

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

This is just to remind you that GRAUSTARK's 10th birthday party will be held at 1 PM on Sunday 8 July 1973 at my home. If you plan to come, or if you need directions, please let me know.

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Q: Where does a 1000-pound grizzly bear take a shit?

A: Anywhere he wants!

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Q: Where does a 190-pound Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces plant listening devices?

A: Anywhere he wants!

73.3a - PRESS RELEASES

LONDON (June 29, 1973 Old-Ogle-Milner Past Alternate History Viewer): Having received our OOMPAH Viewer we tune in on London Sept. 4, 1937, Time Line 1973.3a OWWT. We now turn you over to our Official Press Releases from this era:

LONDON (Sept. 4, 1937, via OOMPAH): A horde of reporters surrounded Sir Neville Chamberlain as he stepped off of the plane that had brought him back from Berlin.

"Fellow Britishers," said Neville as he stepped onto the platform, "I have made history, we now have an understanding with Germany!"

This proclamation was greeted with a ten minute standing ovation by the various reporters and passer-byers. A reporter then spoke up, "Sir, how did you accomplish this feat?"

"I got the Chancellor of Germany to agree to it."

"Uh...that's very interesting sir, could you give us some details?"

"Why, of course! I walked up to Nilbert Geiger; he's the Chancellor, you know, and I pulled out my pistol, pointed it at his head and cocked it, he then hastily signed the decree of understanding that I put to him. This decree states that Geiger will not attack British or French men wherever they may be, nor will he invade any of our allies, specifically Austria, Romania, The Baltic States, The Rhineland, Poland, or Luxembourg." After this another ten minute standing ovation followed, Neville then said, "I promise peace in our time, and furthermore, if Germany breaks this promise I will declare war!!!"

VIENNA (Sept. 5, 1937): We beg our allies to keep their promise and declare war. This will be our last overt press release, we are going underground and henceforth will be known as the Under Ground Hiders -- Against Hither (Nilbert Geiger). (UGH-AH)

LATVIA, LITHUANIA, ESTONIA (Joint Release, Sept. 5, 1937): We plead with Sir Chamberlain, to answer the invasion and subsequent control of our countries by upholding his pledge to declare war.

RHINELAND (Sept. 5, 1937, UGH-AH): Sir Chamberlain, please follow through with your promised declaration of war.

LUXEMBOURG (Sept. 5, 1937): When asked why his country had not yet been invaded and overrun by the insidious, back-stabbing Germans, a high government official replied, "Shhhhh! I think that they have forgot about us."

LONDON (June 3, 1973, OOMPAH): We are sorry to say that our reporter in Luxembourg was run over and killed by a German Tank, funeral services will be held next Thursday.

JUST OUTSIDE OF LUXEMBOURG (Sept. 6, 1937): A soldier reported to us that he had heard a high Luxembourg government official crying and saying, "They (sob) remembered us (sob, sob)."

LONDON (Sept. 7, 1937): In retaliation to the treacherous stabs of the German Chancellor; Sir Neville Chamberlain released the following decree:

"I will uphold my pledge of Sept. 4 in which I had said that I would declare war if any of our allies were invaded. Seeing that all of them were and I can't wiggle out of it, Here goes nothing;

"I hereby declare that all of my efforts, all of the efforts of the British people and their economy will be concentrated on the war that I have now declared. This war ... (This decree continued on for forty pages, but ended by saying)... And I hope that all of you agree with this pledge."

LONDON (Sept. 8, 1937): All of the allies expressed their thanks to Neville for declaring war; however, they all asked who he had declared war against.

LONDON (Sept. 9, 1937): When Neville finally admitted that even he did not know who he had declared war against, he was forced to resign. Winston Churchill took his place immediately. Churchill pledged to find out what country Britain had declared war against.

LONDON (Oct. 27, 1937): The long awaited speech from Churchill finally came today. Following is an on-the-spot report.

"After diligently researching for the past month I have finally decided that we are now at war with France."

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1971EC - PRESS RELEASES

LONDON, GREAT BRITAIN (IDUNNO): The British Foreign Ministry was all set to reject the latest rejection of the British rejection of the Pollutidarean rejection of the British rejection (when satisfied, skip to the final phrase of the sentence) of the Pollutidarean rejection (repeat if necessary, I don't have all day, you know) of the British note concerning the disappearance of Mr. Chamberlain (do you remember the beginning of this?) when it was discovered that the Pollutidareans have been falling behind on their rejections. "We can turn out rejections faster than anyone, which is why Britannia rules the waves and Britons never ever ever will be slaves," noted a department spokesman. "This proved that British people can produce twice as much red tape as anyone else, which we can later use to strangle our opponents. Have a Turkey sandwich?"

MASONOPOLIS, PHUMPHA (IDUNNO): Robert of Abalone-screech-hmm-bzz--click-who claims to be in reality Svetsoxa, daughter of Empress-click-click-hmmmmmmmm-announced the storming of the Squiji Islands-Albert Lebrun sold his novel for an undisclosed sum. Part of the agreement was that Miss Nergel-hmmmm-click-Beaucoill-clcik-clcik-Franscaucasia today won the war when it stormed Buckingham Palace, trapping Queen Georgianna outside the men's room-clcik-click-screeeech-hmmmm.

FROM THE OFFICES OF KINNEY, LIPSCHWITZ AND BORINGMAN: As you can see, reception of timeline DIP-1971-EC is declining at a considerable rate. We estimate that in six weeks the line will be impossible to find - a boon to humanity, since it will mean an end to this Phumpha (though it will probably turn up elsewhere). We are opening a lottery on the hour in which it dies. We regret to announce that 12 noon, 23 June 1973 is not open. All other dates are, though.

ZOOLAND (BOAST): From the business manger of Herb Barents, a Mr. J. J. Berbaba, it has been learn that the one and only MR. Herb Barents and wife, will in fact take a trip to new York this summer. He did not state what type of trip this would be, but he noted that Herb would be meeting with the spirit of 76 when he goes. The only other adjective that was used in describing the trip was "farout". It was reported that the trip is being planned for the 4th of July and should last for a few days until the 9th. It will be one hell of a blast, was the last words mentioned about the whole affair.

PHILLY (BOAST): Stop the press! You mean to say that this is going to stop soon? Hmmmm, but I've hardly even started to get warm. Well, I'm going to tell you that it will not stop! I'm going to make sure that it doesn't die. Are you with me Lipton? What do you say we continue after the fall of 71 EC?

GOONAL (GOLLY): In his annual announcement to the royal goons of Goonal Island, the head Goon announced that they were no longer accepting anything that dealt with it.

ISSHEMEAL-GAKA (HOTTER): "Frodo, what do you mean it is up"

"Like I said, it all points to it. You are in the pay of the John! In fact this robe you are wearing is fake, as s that face." Frodo reaches to take the mask off Hasha, but can't get it off.

"OUCH!.., what are you trying to do to me?"

"I could have sworn that it was you, it all pointed to you."

"Well, it wasn't me!"

"I know what has happen, Ala Mode and Pandit the Bandit, Bustya, MJIX, Nomai are all the same, as Leroy the Boy, They are all the John. The John is the Crimson King. If we travel to his court, the Court of the Crimson King we should be able to find out something."

"Your right, but where is it."

"Right, here. Isn't this where you meet him?"

"YES!!!!!"

Our hero and anti hero, begin to goto the castle, Place to seek out the Crimson King.

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sibly impressed. "Damned Frogs can sure put on a ripping good show, wot?"

BROOKLYN (URRP): This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott.

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A chorus of reporters shouted in unison, "But sir, we are the allies of France."

"Uh... Oh yes... mmm, let me see... Excuse me, it is not France, it's actually... uh... (At this point he turned to his aide and whispered something into his ear)... uh... Where was I?... Oh yes, this country is actually the country of Carthica."

"Sir, Sir," hollered a reporter, "Where is this country located?"

"No comment."

"Will there be an invasion?"

"No Comment."

PARIS (Nov. 3, 1937): After hearing that Britain had declared war on Carthica, France joined in, saying, "We will support our allies."

CARTHICA (Somewhere on the North Coast of Africa, Nov. 5, 1937): King John called a mass meeting of all his subjects. All three voted to declare war on Britain, France, Russia, Germany, and the US. King John issued a statement saying, "I am against war, but these arrogant rulers need to be taught a lesson."

CARTHICA (SotNCoA, Nov. 6, 1937): Since no one had enough money to buy stamps, King John has decided to forestall a formal announcement of the declaration of war.

LONDON (Nov. 7, 1937): Having received no reply from Carthica, Churchill has taken it as an unconditional surrender. He now says that he can get back to the business of keeping our real enemies at bay.

LONDON (Nov. 8, 1937): At his daily press conference Churchill was asked by a reporter, "Sir, who are our real enemies?"

"Why they are... mmm... uh... they're... uh... No Comment."

The reporter was then arrested and sentenced to 999 years of hard labor or life, whichever comes first.

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