

GRAUSTARK

#292

14 July 1973

1973BC "Fall 1902"

AUSTRIANS STAB EVERYTHING IN SIGHT!

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

FRANCE (Model): A Bel holds; F Spa-Mid; A Gas-Bur; A Pic S A Gar-Bur; A Mar S ITALIAN F Tus-Pie.

GERMANY (Spencer): F Hol-Bel; A Den holds; A Kie-Ruh; A Mun-Bur; A Pie-Mar.

ITALY (Paul): A Ven-Pie; F Tus S A Ven-Pie; F Ion-Gre; A Adu-Ven.

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

RUSSIA (Drakert): F Swe S ENGLISH F Ska-Den; A St.P holds; A Mos S A St.P; A Ukr-War; A Sev-Rum.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian A Sev is annihilated. Germany must retreat A Pie-Tyr; if the German player wishes instead to annihilate this unit he should inform the Gamesmaster at once, and he will inform the other players. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (4)

FRANCE: Bel, Bré, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (6)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Rum, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie. (6)

RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Swe, War. (4)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Sev, Smy. (6)

Turkey may build 2 units, and France and Austria-Hungary may each build 1. (Germany may also build one if its A Pie is removed.) Italy must re-
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1973BQ "Spring 1902"

RUSSIANS BATTERED ON SOUTHERN FRONT

ENGLAND (Arensmeyer): A Nwy-St.P; F Nrg-Bar; F Lon-Nth; F Ska-Den.

FRANCE (Weill): F Por-Mid; A Mar-Bur; A Bel S A Mar-Bur.

GERMANY (Burge): F Swe-Den; F Kie-Hel; A Ruh-Bel; A Hol S A Ruh-Bel; A Mun-Bur.

ITALY (Sidor): A Pie-Mar; A Nap-Tun; F Ion C A Nap-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McCuistion): A Tri-Bud; A Bud-Rum; A Rum-Ukr; A Gal S A Rum-Ukr; F Gre-Ion.

RUSSIA (Greenlee): F Bot-St.P; A War holds; F Sev-Rum; A Ukr S F Sev-Rum.

TURKEY (De Prisco): F Con-Aeg; F Bla S A Arm-Sev; A Arm-Sev; A Bul holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian A Sev is annihilated. France may retreat A Bel-Pic and Russia, A Ukr-Mos. (If either player wishes instead to remove the dislodged unit he should inform the Gamesmaster at once, and he will tell the other players. Rick Stuart has missed two moves and is now replaced by Andrew Weill as France. As of 26 July, Weill's address will be Cloyne Court, 2600 Ridge Rd., Berkeley, Calif. 94709. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 4 AUGUST 1973.

PARIS (ZIONIST PRESS GROUP):

"Handy" Andy Weill was elected President to the cheers of 300 Latvian refugees. "Our strength is weak, but our spirits are strong," he said on a tour of the vineyards.

BERLIN: The Imperial High Command has decided that in the interest of educating the German palate to the high level necessary to enjoy the products of potential petitioner states, it will be necessary to procure a large supply of epicurean delicacies.
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73.6x

"Spring 1937"

TENSIONS HEIGHTEN IN RUMANIA

Rick Stuart has missed two consecutive moves, and is replaced as the US player by Tim Carleton, 737 Ackerman Ave., Syracuse, N. Y. 13210.

USA (Carleton): Cze 5, Ita 5.
 FRANCE (Drakert): Cze 6, Ita 6, Pol 6.
 BRITAIN (Trtek): Rhi 2, Rum 10.
 RUSSIA (Hendry): Rus 10.
 GERMANY (Kelly): Rum 20.

The deadline for "Fall 1937" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 4 AUGUST 1973.

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als					
Aus				C	C
Bal					
Bri	2				
Cze	5	6			
Fra					
Ger					
Ita	5	6			
Pol					
Rhi			11		
Rum			19	8	36
Rus				10	
USA					

73.3a

"Fall 1937"

CONFUSION HEIGHTENS IN RUMANIA

GERMANY: Germany (20) attacks France (8) at 2:l. IBM - 196 (X). Each side removes 8.

FRANCE: Loses Ger U.

Curiously, Germany ordered an attack against France in Rumania, and Germany and Russia agreed to share controls there.

But both countries are outnumbered there by French PFs, and the attack is impossible.

The score at present is Britain 7, Germany 4, France 3, USA 0, Russia 0. The deadline for "Spring 1938" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 4 AUGUST 1973. From 13 to 29 July

Mike Ritter's address will be c/o Dean Barnes, 4400 Tougalin Ave., Lincoln, Nebr. 68507.

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

72.28b

"Fall 1940"

BRITAIN WINS; TIE FOR SECOND

BRITAIN: USA (19) attacks France (8) at 2:l. IBM - 196 (X). Each side removes 8.

POLAND: Germany (40) attacks France (7) at 5:l. Abbot Labs - 63 (D). France removes 7.

FRANCE: Ita U; loses Bri U.

RUSSIA: Bri U, Cze U, Fra U.

GERMANY: Fra U, Ita U.

The final score is Britain 23, USA 16, Germany 16, Russia 15, France 10. This is the third consecutive Origins game in GRAUSTARK which was won by Britain. The players in

this game were: USA: Peter Valeri; FRANCE: Ray Heuer; BRITAIN: Herb Barents; RUSSIA: Dick Trtek; France GERMANY: Robin R. A. Smith. If any player wants to write an analysis of the game, I'd print it.

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

	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940
USA	0	0	4	12	16	16
France	0	8	8	8	12	10
Britain	2	3	8	12	23	23
Russia	5	8	8	8	8	15
Germany	0	11	11	13	14	16

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Initial forays will concentrate on Beaujolais, Chablis, Côte de Nuits, and other southern French products.

move one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" moves, which may be made conditional on the disposal of the dislodged German army, is NOON, SATURDAY 4 AUGUST 1973. A press release appears on p. 10.

Rick Stuart has now missed 2 consecutive moves as Germany, and is replaced by Robert Spencer, P. O. Box 867, Shelton, Wash. 98584. Jerry Model writes that his new address is 275 Webster St., Auburndale, Mass. 02166; this corrects an error made in an earlier issue. His phone number is 617-527-7201. SEE P. 4 FOR A LAST-MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENT!

TWO IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS!

The PF charts for 73.3a, published in this issue of GRAUSTARK (p. 2) and its predecessor, fail to show the German Control in the Baltic States. Germany accordingly has 8 points in this game at present.

My office has been changed, and with it my office phone number. It is now 212-780-5180.

73.2b

TOURISM VERY POPULAR IN RUSSIA

"Spring 1939"

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
USA (Weill): USA 22.		C			
FRANCE (Carroll): Fra 6, Rus 6.					C
BRITAIN (Neiger): Bri 14, Rus 7.				C	
RUSSIA (Spencer): Rus 14.			14		U,20
GERMANY (Katzoff): No moves received.					C
Since Britain has a "C" in Germany, the German PFs cannot be placed anywhere.		6			
The deadline for "Fall 1939" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 4 AUGUST 1973. Press releases begin on p. 8.			C		
					Ita
	U,5		U,6		Pol
					Rhi
				10	Rum
		U,14	U,18	34	Rus
					USA
	38				

1973BB

"Winter 1902-Spring 1903"

GOTT STRAFE L'ANGLETERRE!

Following "Fall 1902" moves England retreated F Nwy-Nth, Russia retreated A War-Liv, and Austria-Hungary elected to remove the fleet dislodged from Greece. Then Germany built A Ber, Austria-Hungary built A Tri, Russia built A Mos, and England removed F Cly.

ENGLAND (Eisen): F Kie-Hol; A Edi-Yor; F Nth-Eng.

FRANCE (Strauss): F Mid-Eng; F Yor S GERMAN F Den-Nth; A Bur-Bel; A Mar-Tus; F Lyo C A Mar-Tus; A Pie S A Mar-Tus.

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

ITALY (Heuer): A Ven S AUSTR0-HUNGARIAN A Tri-Tyr; A Tus-Pie; F Tyr-Wes; F Ion-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Neiger): A Ser holds; A Bud S A Ser; A Tri-Tyr; A Gal-Vie.

RUSSIA (Honig): A Mos-War; A Liv & A Ukr S A Mos-War; A Rum-Gal; F Con-Bla; F Nwy-Ska; F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy.

TURKEY (Paulson): A Bul-Ser; A Gre S A Bul-Ser; F Aeg-Bul(s.c.); F Eas-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats A Tus-Rom and Germany retreats A Tyr-Boh or -Mun. The direction of this German retreat should be phoned at once to the Gamesmaster, who will inform the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 4 AUGUST 1973. Press releases begin on p. 7. This game now has a stand-by player!

Howard Sidor, 47-15 211th St., Bayside, N. Y. 11361; 212-428-7908.

1973BC - LAST-MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENT

In the "Fall 1902" list of supply centers on p. 1, Venice was incorrectly listed as an Austro-Hungarian supply center. It is still Italian, so Austria-Hungary has no build and Italy has no removal.

1973BS

"Spring 1902"

"DON JOHN OF AUSTRIA IS GOING FORTH TO WAR"

ENGLAND (Spencer): F Lon-Eng; F Nwy holds; F Nth S F Nwy; A Edi-Yor.

FRANCE (Lanham): F Por-Spa(s.c.); F Bre-Eng; A Pic-Bel; A Par-Bur; A Spa-Gas.

GERMANY (G. Tesser): F Den-Swe; A Kio-Hol; A Ruh S ENGLISH A Edi-Bel; A Mun-Bur.

ITALY (Murray): F Ion-Eas; F Nap-Apu; A Tun holds; A Boh S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Vie-Gal.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Lariton): A Vie-Gal; A Bud-Rum; A Ser-Bul; F Gre S A Ser-Bul; A Tri-Ser.

RUSSIA (Trtek): A Mos-Ukr; A St.P, A War, A Rum, & F Swe hold; F Sev S A Rum.

TURKEY (McGowin): F Smy-Aeg; F Bla S A Bul((sic)); A Bul-Gre; A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish A Bul is annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 4 AUGUST 1973.

1972E

"Fall-Winter 1912"

"...VON SCHLÄMPEREI GEMILDERT"

ENGLAND (Abbott): F St.P(n.c.)-Bar; A Nwy-St.P; A Mos-Sev; A Ukr S A Mos-Sev; A Gal S A Ukr; A War S A Gal; A Boh-Sil; A Hol-Kie; F Eng-Mid; F Nap-Apu; F Tyr-Nap; F Wes-Tyr; F Tun S F Wes-Tyr; F Pru, F Ber, & F Nth hold.

FRANCE (Lipson): A Apu-Rom; A Pie-Tyr; A Ven S A Pie-Tyr; F Lyc-Spa (s.c.); A Mun-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Prosnitz): No moves received. A Vie, A Tri, & A Ser hold; A Rum dislodged and annihilated.

TURKEY (Hendry): F Ion holds; F Aeg, F Gre, & F Alb S F Ion; A Sev-Rum; A Bul S A Sev-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers hold the same supply centers as they did after "1911" (see GRAUSTARK #289, p. 8) except that England has gained Sevastopol from Turkey and lost Munich to France. France builds F Bre, A Par, & A Mar, while the only possible Austro-Hungarian build is A Bud. The deadline for "Spring 1913" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 4 AUGUST 1973. Steve Brooks should send in stand-by moves for Austria-Hungary.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Bob Lipton points out that the quotation on p. 12 of FREEDONIA #52, attributed to Jonathan Swift, is really from William Blake. I was misled by the student publication from which I took the quotation.

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Yesterday's news reported that President Nixon is in Bethesda Hospital. I wonder if they gave him Secretary Forrester's old room?

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Back issues of GRAUSTARK are 10 for \$1, except for #289, the 10th anniversary issue, which is 50¢. A complete run of FREEDONIA is \$1.50.

GAMESMASTER FLUBS 1972A

There were so many printing errors in the "Spring 1912" moves of 1972A, as published on p. 1 of GRAUSTARK #291, that I have postponed the deadline for "Fall 1912" moves to NOON, SATURDAY 4 AUGUST 1973. The errors were:

1. The German move printed as "F NAT-Cly" was actually "F Nat-Mid". This move succeeded.
2. Germany also moved "A Cly-Edi", which succeeded.
3. The Russian move printed as "A Ukr-Pos" should have been "A Ukr-War". It stole off the German "A Sil-War", leaving Warsaw vacant.
4. The Turkish move "F Adr-Ven" should have been printed without the underlining, as it succeeded.

If any player has already submitted "Fall 1912" moves and wishes to leave them unchanged, he should let me know.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Copies of #290 or #291 addressed to Daniel Frisch, Rick Stuart, and Arthur Sussman have been coming back in the mails. Does anyone know the present address of any of these? # Do you feel left out because your name was not on the President's "Enemy List"? Then send in an application form to get on this list. They're available on request from Richard Harris Eney, #578,428,835, Committee to Re-Elect the President (Colonial Branch), American Embassy CG/4, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96243 # Press release writers will be glad to know that all material submitted to date will be published no later than 15 September 1973. # The subscriptions of the following people expire with this issue: Bruce Chin, Daniel Frisch, Robin Smith, Steven Tesser, Peter Valeri. The subscriptions of Harry Drews and Bill Hawley will expire with the next issue.

1971BG

"Fall 1909"

EASTERN SPHERE IMPROVES POSITION

ENGLAND (Lipson): F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo; F Wes S F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo; F NAF S
F Wes; A Gas-Spa; F Mid S A Gas-Spa; F Eng holds.

FRANCE (Latin): F Por-Mid.

GERMANY (Schleicher): F Den & A Kie hold; A Mun-Tyr; A Boh & A Vie S
A Mun-Tyr; A Ber-Mun; A Mar S ENGLISH A Gas-Spa; A Bur S A Mar.

ITALY (Burley): A Rum-Sev; A Ven-Tyr; A Pie & A Tri S A Ven-Tyr;
F Tun-Wes; F Tyr S F Tun-Wes.

RUSSIA (A. Phillips): A Gal-Rum; A Bud, A Ukr, & F Sev S A Gal-Rum;
A Mos S F Sev; F Swe bays at moon.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia's F Sev is annihilated. The High Combatant Powers control the same supply centers that they did after "1908" (see GRAUSTARK #289, p. 4) except that Spain goes from France to England, and Italy gains Sevastopol from Russia and loses Serbia to Turkey. England, Russia, and Turkey may each build 1 unit. These adjustments must be submitted within 24 hours. The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is 6 PM, TUESDAY 21 AUGUST 1973.

"LEMMIE LOOK UNDER THE HOOD!"

The used car dealer's image as a rapacious, unscrupulous highbinder got started in the years immediately after World War II. A public starved for consumer goods was willing to pay any price for the first cars off the reconverted assembly lines. So used car dealers drove the cars across the street from new car agencies to their own lots, jacked the prices up, and assaulted the airwaves with commercials bearing little relationship to the conditions actually prevailing on these lots.

The surprising thing about used car dealing is that no simulation game based on it was published until 1972. It's Dealer's Choice, by Parker Brothers, P. O. Box 900, Salem, Mass. 01970. It retails at \$6, but I have picked it up at a discount place for as little as \$2.

Players are supposed to number from 3 to 5, but it is playable by 2 or by 6. Lately it has been popular among the play-testers at SPI; it is a raucous, enjoyable, uncomplicated game which makes no great intellectual demands on its players but is a lot of fun. If it really has been remaindered, then a good game is going at a bargain price.

Twenty-four automobiles, depicted on the Auto Cards, are for sale; they range from a 1925 Mercedes-Benz listing at \$10,000 down to a 1959 Edsel, a 1971 VW, a Checker Cab, and a Harley hog with list prices of \$2,000 each. In addition to these list prices, each player has his own blue book, drawn from ten included with the set. These blue books set various other prices on the cars - the prices that they are worth to the player who holds that blue book. For example, these are the various blue book judgments on a 1932 Stutz Bearcat listing at \$6,000:

\$12,000 - The Cat's Meow	\$1,500 - A real steal
\$7,000 - Mint condition	Junk - Driven by a bear
\$6,000 - Park Ave. Puff	Junk - Barecat
\$6,000 - Comes with racoon coat	Junk - Pedal Pusher
\$1,500 - Folded up for easy parking	\$3,000 - Almost restored

Players may, as they are allowed by the cards they hold, buy cars from the Auto Exchange, or sell them at either list or bluebook prices. (The Auto Exchange operates something like the bank of Monopoly.) They may also buy them from one another, after bargaining. If the seller asks a price which the buyer thinks too high, the buyer may ask to "Look Under the Hood". If the seller's price is at or below his blue book price, the seller must pay it plus \$1000, but if the seller was bluffing, he must let it go at blue book price minus \$1000.

Players may also play cards indicating that one of their opponent's cars is wrecked, stolen, or burned. If the owner of the afflicted car can play an insurance card he recovers list price. In addition to collision, theft, fire, or comprehensive insurance, there are "Fly By Night" insurance cards for protection against such things as leaky galoshes or roving bands of chickens.

The game ends when all the Auto Cards have entered play, and when one player is out of cars. Players then total up their cash on hand and the value of their own cars according to their own blue books; high man wins. (The currency is identical to that used in Parker Brother's game Careers.)

One feature which other games might well copy is the "Organizer", a circular plastic matrix with slots in which unused cards and the various denominations of game money are separately filed. The "Organizer" also makes it possible to charge a high price for the game, since otherwise it consists merely of cards, money, and the blue books. The game bears a strong similarity to the same publisher's Masterpiece, in which the objects bid for are great works of art rather than cars, and values can range from astronomical amounts down to "Forgery". Both games have a slightly cynical approach to the whole matter of appraisals and dealings in these items.

...AND 'ROUND AND 'ROUND IT GOES - IX

by Robert Bryan Lipton

I've received quite a number of letters from the people who have read these articles. All of them are interesting, most of them are helpful, and some ask questions that seem to be important.

The most often asked question is: "Where can I find these books?" If you don't live near a large library, you'll have to buy them. If the book is in print, the first place you should try is F & SF Book Company at Box 415, Staten Island, N. Y. 10302. This mail order company has almost all s-f books that are in print, and many that are not. Unfortunately, it issues lists only a couple of times each year, so, for the newest books, you should try Stephen's Book Service, Box 321, King's Park, N. Y. 11754.

Unfortunately, many s-f books are let go out of print, and for these you should try Gerry de la Ree, 7 Cedarwood Lane, Saddle River, N. J. 07458. Gerry issues monthly lists, and if you want a s-f book, he'll have it for sale, eventually. If you ask, he's willing to reserve a book.

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This time I am reviewing a book that is definitely out-of-print. It is the play If by Edward M. Plunkett-Ernie-Erle-Drax, Eighteenth Lord Dunsany, published by Putnam in 1922. Dunsany, like his fellow-countryman Jonathan Swift, was a satirist. Unlike Swift, he was gentle; whereas Swift would use symbols such as excrement to indicate the nastiness of society, Dunsany would use a note saying: "It is not Proper for you to be there" to indicate its stuffiness.

As If opens, we see its hero, John Beall, being refused a seat on a train to London. The play skips ten years. John is Properly married, and doing well in an import business. An Arab, who used to sell John's firm rugs, turns up in London, Broke. Approaching John's firm, he asks for some money. He is about to be given ten shillings when John points out that the firm has made thousands of pounds from the Arab's merchandise, and gives him fifty pounds. In gratitude, the Arab gives John a crystal which, he claims, will enable John to change any single event in his life. John decides that the only thing that he regrets is not having caught that train ten years ago. He knows that having caught the train would have made no change in his life, but it rankles him. The scene shifts back ten years, to the railroad. This time John gets on, and eventually winds up absolute ruler of a small Indian-Persian valley.

Dunsany originally established his reputation by writing about lands "beyond the fields we know." From Poul Anderson to Roger Zelazny, there is not a major s-f writer who does not show Dunsany's influence. His books are a joy to read, and this is a fun book.

This book might easily be found in a medium-sized library; Dunsany was a very popular dramatist and this is one of his best plays. Go and look for it.

1973BB - PRESS RELEASES

4a. SHERWOOD FOREST LIBERATION FRONT, Bulletin #1

Be it resolved, that as the British Government has undertaken a policy of concession and appeasement, vis a vis the French invaders, we, as representatives of the people of south-eastern Britain, make the following resolutions:

THAT until the province of London and the Sheriff of Nottingham are returned to the people of England, there shall be an embargo on the importation of, and moratorium on the use of, the following articles:

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|----------------------------|--|
| 1.) French beans, | 8.) French horns, |
| 2.) French bread, | 9.) French ice cream, |
| 3.) French bulldogs, | 10.) French pastry, |
| 4.) French chops, | 11.) French pox, |
| 5.) French cuffs, | 12.) French ticklers, |
| 6.) French dressing, | 13.) French toast, and, |
| 7.) French fried potatoes, | 14.) French women (i. e., see #11 above) |

In addition, we have further resolved that in the matter of lip to lip encounters,

one should eschew such acts insofar as they involve the employment of the tongue. In the alternative it is recommended that those who feel obliged to engage in such conduct refer to it as "soul-kissing", rather than with reference to any particular nation-state.

/s/ R. H., F. T., M. M., L. J., A. A., et al.

1b. "Last Tango in Damascus", contd.

...It was Tonto Bhamre who first noticed it. To another, unfamiliar with the legend, it would appear to be nothing more than a series of strange coincidences. Yet to Tonto, the appearance of the green falcon talons was more than just bizarre; and he was afraid. Tonto's father, Sanjit, had told him how in 1841 the Sikh panchayats, Sanjit among them, invaded Lahore killing anyone who spoke Persian. History records the killing of the munshis as reprisal for the embezzlement and wastage which cheated the Sikh soldiers out of their pay. (The accounts had been kept in Persian.) But, to the Sikh soldiers it was more than a matter of money.

The areas between the rivers near Lahore, known as Doabs, were once in prehistoric times lightly wooded but now wind-eroded wastelands. Along the edge of this great plain the foothills of the Himalayan complex begins. In the 9th century, nomadic oriental tribes, from the region which is now Tibet, traversed the Shiphi Pass, and raided the Lahore region. These people, considered semi-deities by the relatively backward inhabitants of Lahore, were falcon worshippers, and plundered the Lahore plain of the once prevalent falcons.* While the Indians knew no science, they quickly saw the result of the absence of this natural predator. Plant-eating animals flourished resulting in the arid wasteland which now exists.

Thus, to the Sikh, falcon worship is a great and ominous evil, which resulted in the destruction of the once fertile land in which he lives. It was for this reason that those who spoke Persian (oriental-sounding to the Sikhs) were massacred in 1841. Tonto's fear at seeing the green falcon talon (the symbol of falcon worship) can also now be understood...

ST. PETERSBURG (April 21, 1902, DAMN): The Czarist Armies have temporarily delayed their attack on Austria due to whether. That is, depending on whether or not the German press a successful attack on Warsaw.

WARSAW (April 22, 1902, DAMN): The Duchy of Poland declared that, in the event of a successful German attack on Warsaw, Polish partisans will take to the hills in order to establish a base from which to harass the occupation forces through commando action.

GENEVA (April 23, 1902, DAMN): The Foreign Ministry today commented on the Polish press release, "Somehow, a threat of partisan activity loses something through poor grammar."

73.2b - PRESS RELEASES

PARIS (August 17, 1938, CRABS): M. le Twit took the announcement of the Anti-French Crusade in stride. "Le plus ça change, or is it Ce plus la change or Plus la che gange? Sacree merde! I cannot even pronounce my own language! I must talk to Arrakis. Maybe he'll help."

GLOUCESTER: "Dive thoughts, down to my soul.

Here Ervin comes."

"I am determined to prove a villain."

"Dogs bark at me."

This series of quotations from Carroll's favorite play is brought to you by the "Committee to Re-elect the President", a leisure service of "Trashy Tales".

BATUM (Sept. 19, 1938, HAINNA): Director Stanley Polack today turned down the plot for a musical comedy entitled "Water Gate! or, How I Learned Not to Ask Questions and Trust My President" with these comments: "Be serious. It reads like a third rate Allen Drury novel."

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* - These people as a test of strength would, on certain high holidays, drink the green bile-like substance found in the falcon's fundus. Many died in so doing, but the ones who survived were considered to be great men by their tribesmen, gods by the Indians.

SUPPLY CENTER CHARTS

Prior to the games opened this spring, the last batch of postal Diplomacy games opened in GRAUSTARK began in late 1971 and early 1972. The first two of these, 1971EB and 1971EC, have now been completed. These games were opened to entrants in GRAUSTARK #252 on 20 November 1971. The first game, 1971EB, had country assignments published in #253 on 4 December, and ended in #289 on 12 May 1973. The next game, 1971EC, began on the same date, and ended in #291 on 23 June 1973. Player rosters and supply center charts for these games appear below. Each supply center chart indicates the number of supply centers controlled by a country at the end of each year. An asterisk after a number indicates a supply center which, for one reason or another, was not represented in that season by a build.

- 1971EB - John Boardman
 E - Edi Birsan (won F12)
 F - Ted Holcombe
 G - George Grayson (dro S03)
 Mike Gutierrez (out F04)
 I - Steve Brooks
 A - Bill Drakert
 R - Perry Silverman (res F04)
 John O'Neil (out F08)
 T - Bill Hawley (out F06)

- 1971EC - John Boardman
 E - Bob Lipton (drew F13)
 F - George Grayson (dro S03)
 Steve Nozik (dro S09)
 David Ayres (out S10)
 G - Don Berman (drew F13)
 I - Greg Warden (dro S09)
 John Leeder (out S13)
 A - Donald Fox (res F03)
 Stephen Bell (res F09)
 Steven Tesser (out F11)
 R - Herb Barents (out F13)
 T - Michael Willner (dro F03)
 Mike Gutierrez (out F05)

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Analyses of 1971EB by Edi Birsan and Ted Holcombe appeared in GRAUSTARK #289. Bob Lipton's review of 1971EC follows:

The major factor of this game consisted of the Anglo-German alliance. This mainly consisted of Germany pushing in the center of the battlefield, while England's fleets covered the flanks. The success of this policy was due to two factors:

1. negotiations with France that enabled England to slip a fleet into the Mid-Atlantic in 1902 and
2. Italy's success in eradicating the German army in Piedmont in Fall 1908, at the expense of letting me move into position to grab Italy. His abdication the next spring made no difference; it merely sped up the game. Once Germany took Venice, the game was ours.

The best tactical player seems to have been Stephen Bell, who played Austria for a number of years. Starting with only Trieste as an owned home

supply center, he regained the others, and for a while appeared to be breaking through the German lines. But the collapse of his Italian flank, and the fact that he was otherwise busy, left Italy in the hands of one who could not maintain as well.

My thanks to Herb Barents for making my press appear good in comparison. My thanks to Don Berman, for being a faithful ally. Thanks also go to Messrs. Ayres and Leeder, who took hopeless countries and played them through to make Don's and my win better. Thanks especially to John Boardman, who took our money and ran my releases.

1973BC - PRESS RELEASE

BATUM (Jan. 10, 1902, TUMS): Pippin the Pimp announced today that the legendary "Leaping Kurds of Borodino" had joined the recent Franco-Tranco war on the side of the Francos. The Leaping Kurds were originally the remnants of the "Batum 17,091" who were defeated by the Trancos in 1789. While obeying the traditions of the FTW series, they remained together as a unit. They retired to the desert where they developed the bizarre tactics which made them famous. They would gallop full speed towards the enemy lines on camels with severe diarrhea, until at the last minute, they would leap off the camels yelling, "Gncrg!". At this point, the loyal camels would relax. The Kurds would then attack, brandishing flaming fag-gots (who weren't too thrilled about it). Mopping up was the duty of the captured prisoners.

French tradition had prompted them to declare for Napoleon in the ill-fated Egyptian campaign. To atone for their not showing up, they invaded Russia in 1812, where they were instrumental in preventing Napoleon from obtaining the decisive victory he desperately needed at Borodino. The Russian soldiers either thrived on camel dung or the French soldiers were too unnerved by the tactics of their allies to hold the Great Redoubt. Some scholars appear to embrace both positions.

Their descendants have refined the art of camel-leaping to an unprecedented degree.

73:2b - PRESS RELEASES (continued from p. 8)

RUSH HOUR IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA (HAPPENSTANCE): Lon Timelot, scourge of commuters everywhere, here. Don't take the Frog's Neck Bridge, unless you want to croak. The Crappen Zee looks constipated. The LIE is doing just that, lying still. The East River Drive isn't; the West Side Highway is; the Bland Central is feeding too many cars to the Belt, which is tight; and my motor just conked couuutttttt!!

RHINELAND (HAPPENSTANCE): CAR records and tapes announces "Symphonys in Suicide", sung by Evan Jones. This album includes "Around His Neck, He Wore a Yellow Noose" and "I'm Swinging in the Rain".

HOAXSTER (LAFF): "Have you ever taken Judo before?" "No, how much money does she have."

HOAXSTER (LAFF): How do you make a good Italian wine? Kick him in the balls.

HOAXSTER (LAFF): Some of the press in this issue weren't released, they were paroled.

VIENNA-ON-THE-PRAGUE (AWK): The Queen (Evan of Savoy? Nahhhh) got rooked trying to pawn a horse one knight.

VIENNA-FELL-OFF-THE-PRAGUE (AWK): That was a press release???

THE RIVER THAMETHY, via THE RUHR, to the RHINELAND (no comments, please): What's the difference between a bad writer and a bad Diplomacy player? The bad writer doesn't dot his I's, and the bad Diplomacy player doesn't eye his dots.

IT'S AUSTRIA'S TURN (CARAP): MGM announced "The Horrid Experiment". The experiment to see if Evan Jones and Jerry Paulson could live together for 2 months on one subscription of Luxor. (Paulson, incidentally, tried

every loop-hole known to man to weasel out of his contract, but was forcibly dragged back "kicking and screaming" each time by a pair of Cybernauts. Among other problems, Evan kept hogging the back issues of Luxor, Paulson didn't mind though. Except for an occasional grunt or sigh of satisfaction, Evan's mouth was closed. Silence is golden, right, Jerry?

HOAXSTER (LAFF): Jokes you laugh at today, can be elected tomorrow.

JABLUNKOR (AFIM, Aww fuck, it's Monday): The press release is meant to show disgust. "Dis gust, dat gust, what's da difference." No news has been recieved concerning the whereabouts of the perfect press release, but 49 CAR battalions have been dispatched to the Isle of Fybog to look for it. Their destination after that is another old favorite, Cape Katzoff. After that they intend to go to Atlantic City to see the bored walk.

HOAXSTER (LAFF): "I wouldn't say you're going to die tomorrow, but don't start any two-part serials."

WEST WYOMING, PA.: Henrietta Koch, president of the Citizens for Decent Literature, was scandalized by the language in GRAUSTARK. "You mean you're actually permitted to say PAFFF in that zine? (Interrabang) Holy shit, how does he get away with that?"

FROM THE MIND OF THE GREAT ONE: The Lone Junker, Stanley Polack, Russell Buffalino, Lieut. Goodbody, CRABS and all the folks at HAINNA wish to express their sorrow to Prof. Boardman on being demoted to English Professor by Thongor. In the words of the Lone Junker himself, "Now I realize he was only a physicist, but he was still a Scientist. This caste demotion saddens me greatly." All of Carroll's other symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia megalomania issued similar statements.

HAPPY VALLEY: Judging by the quality of the press issued by the others in this game, I'm not sure I want to be in on a record. If they even think that their's compares to mine, well...."

EDINBORO (Late '38): Recent mayoralty race reports from New York give the following data:

Candidate	%
Herbert BARENTS	39%
Eric BLAKE	39%
John BOARDMAN	39%
John BRANCHWATER	39%

Since none of the candidates have received the required 40%, there will be a run-off election in three weeks. The excess in voting percentage is best explained by the fact that this one bum in Brooklyn voted four times.

SOMEWHERE IN TURKESTAN (Perhaps, Transoxiana): The world-famous Trans-Caucasian army trudged across the vast waste that is Turkestan to further their efforts to conquer the Great Wall of China. Up in front is Slave A. A. Nofi, commander of the 1st Border Guards Squad. He is leading his troops in a rousing chorus of that famous Trans-Caucasian marching song, "From Batum to Baku, The Long Way Around":

"From Batum to Baku, the Long Way Around,
The Trans-Caucasian Army Will March into the Ground!
The Best Way to March is the Best Way We've found:
From Baku to Batum, the Long Way Around!"

The song is always followed by roaring cheers, cheering roars and thigh-slaps from all present, particularly on Nofi's thighs.

BRESLAU (Katzinoff, Go Home): Count Alexis von Katzoff was allowed just one phone call after he was picked up here.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (!): British reconasaince planes flew the USA today in order to locate the missing American Secretary of War, Weillllllllllllllllllllll. It seems that Weil...l has been missing for the last four years.

BRESLAU (Again!): "Operator, could you please give me the number of Secre---no, operator, I don't think I could give my autograph over the phone...no, no I don't want your autograph..."

"Hurry it up, Katzoff (Katzoff gives the operator the name); we don't have much time."

"...oh, damn it; why does he spell his name with so many l's."

"Come on Count, your wife is waiting."

"But I don't wanna see Evan; I just ate."

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

"Peterson traces the game back beyond rounders, beyond the 'baseball' mentioned by Jane Austen in 1796, beyond the game of pulat played in southern India and dedicated to two gods, who are brothers and sharing a polyandrous wife, an arrangement unlikely to be approved by any American commissioner of baseball'. When he wrote that, Mr. Peterson could not have known how right he was about Commissioner Bowie Kuhn's view of wife-swapping." - Red Smith, review of Harold Peterson's The Man Who Invented Baseball, New York Times Book Review, 20 May 1973

"Take two ads across the aisle of the subway. One urges young men to join the service because the skills acquired will guarantee good jobs. The other pleads with businessmen to hire veterans who cannot find employment." - Arthur Herzog, The B. S. Factor

"If you can't learn to live with reality, then reality will almost certainly come to live with you." - Skip Williamson, "Snappy Sammy Smoot", Bijou Funnies #6

"Once there were two gardens. The first was a tiny, meager garden. It belonged to a very old, very poor lady who lived in the heart of the ghetto. The other was a beautiful oceanside garden. It was very large and belonged to a very rich old lady. The rich old lady's garden was lavishly mulched and fertilized. It was filled with the most exotic and beautiful flowers money could buy. While the poor old lady's garden was filled mostly with rocks and cement. The nasturtiums and other humble flowers that grew there needed all her care and attention.

"When the revolution came, the poor old lady was told she could have anything in the world she wanted.

"Not being any fool, she left her dear little garden without a backward glance. With three other ancient crones, she took the rich and beautiful garden for her own.

"MORAL: Beauty may be in the eye of the beholder, but gardeners have pretty sharp eyes." - Lisa Lyons, It Ain't Me Babe Comix #1

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"Tactical atomic weapons are now conventional, and will be used against the military targets of any aggressive force." - Richard M. Nixon