

## GRAUSTARK

#293

4 August 1973

1972A

"Fall 1912"

## TEUTONS REGAIN VIENNA!

ENGLAND (Lipson): F Iri-Mid; F Eng-Bel;

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

GERMANY (Huddleston): A St.P S AUSTR0-HUNGARIAN A Mos; A Sil-Gal; A Liv-War; A Gal-Vie; A Boh & A Tyr S A Gal-Vie; A Pie S AUSTR0-HUNGARIAN A Apu-Ven; A Mar holds; F Mid-NAF; F Nrg-Nat; A Edi-Bel; F Nth C A Edi-Bel.AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Honig): A Apu-Ven; A Mos S GERMAN A Sil-War.RUSSIA (De Prisco): A Ukr-Gal; A Sev-Mos; A Arm holds; A Vie holds.TURKEY (Murray): A Rum S RUSSIAN A Ukr-Gal; A Bud S RUSSIAN A Vie; A Ser-Tri; F Ven-Apu; F Ion S F Ven-Apu; F Tyr-Nap; F Rom-Nap; A Tus-Pie; F Wes-Mid.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian A Vie and the Austro-Hungarian A Apu are annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Liv, Lon. (2)

FRANCE: Por, Spa. (2)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mun, Nwy, Par, St.P, Swe, Vie, War. (15)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Mos, V. (2)

RUSSIA: Con, Ser, Sev. (3)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Gre, Nap, Rom, Rum, Smy, Tri, Tun. (10)

Germany may build 3 units, and Turkey may build 1. THESE BUILDS ARE TO BE SENT IN BY IMMEDIATE RETURN AIR MAIL. All players will be informed of them. The deadline for "Spring 1913" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 25 AUGUST 1973. Note that Turkey cannot build in Constantinople, which remains a Russian supply center. Austria-Hungary has no home supply center on which to build a second unit.

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"Fall 1902"

## PARTITION OF RUSSIA BEGINS!

ENGLAND (Arensmeyer): F Bar-St.P(n.c.); F Ska-Swe; A Nwy S F Ska-Swe; F Nth S FRENCH A Pic-Bel.

FRANCE (Weill): F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Mar-Pie; A Pic-Bel.GERMANY (Burce): A Bel S A Hol; A Hol S A Bel; A Mun holds; F Swe-Den; F Hel S F Swe-Den.

ITALY (Sidor): F Ion S AUSTR0-HUNGARIAN F Gre; A Pie-Ven; A Tun holds.

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

RUSSIA (Greenlee): A Mos S A War; A War S A Mos; F Bot-Swe.TURKEY (De Prisco): A Sev-Mos; F Bla-Sev; F Aeg-Gre; A Bul S F Aeg-Gre.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian A War must retreat to Liv, Pru, or Sil, or be annihilated. The disposition of this army is to be sent in with the "Winter 1902" moves, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (6)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5)

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

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Rum, Ser, Tri, Vie, War. (7)

RUSSIA: Mos. (1)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Sev, Smy. (5)

England, France, and Austria-Hungary may each build 2 new units, and Germany, Italy, and Turkey may each build 1. Russia must remove 2 units. The deadline for "Winter 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 25 AUGUST 1973.

NOTE: In 1973BC, Donald Stehle's new address is Apt. 7A, 1549 S. Armacost, West Los Angeles, Calif. 90025. The "Winter 1902" builds are on p. 4.

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## GERMANS HEIGHTEN IN RUMANIA

"Spring 1938"

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
USA	20				
Fra					
Bri		3	3		
Rus				5	
Ger					42

USA (Trtek): USA 8.  
 FRANCE (Lipton): Bri 3, Ita 4, Rum 3.  
 BRITAIN (Mike Ritter): Bri 1, Fra 5, Ger 8.  
 RUSSIA (Spencer): Rus 12.  
 GERMANY (Neiger): Rum 36.  
 The last 2 issues of GRAUSTARK incorrectly showed French units in Russia, and left out the German "C" in the Baltic States. These corrections are made in the chart to the right. The score at present is Germany 8, Britain 7, France 2, USA 0, Russia 0. The deadline for "Fall 1938" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 25 AUGUST 1973. Press releases begin on p. 8.

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## RUMANIA GOES UNCLAIMED

"Fall 1937"

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
USA					
Fra					
Bri					
Rus				8	17
Ger					10

RUMANIA: Germany (36) attacks Britain (19) at 1:1. IBM - 142 (X). Each side removes 19.

Neither the German nor the Russian player requested a share of control in the event of this outcome, so no share will be made at this time. Other players may still put PFs in Rumania if they wish. The deadline for "Spring 1938" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 25 AUGUST 1973. A press release is on p. 7. The score is the same as it was after "1935"; see GRAUSTARK #290!

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## ITALIANS LAND IN SMYRNA

"Fall 1902"

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

FRANCE (La. am): A Gas-Bur; A Par S A Gas-Bur; F Spa(s.c.) holds; A Pic-Bel [sic; no such unit exists]; F Bre-Eng; A Bel not ordered, is dislodged and forced to retreat to Pic.

GERMANY (G. Tesser): A Mun-Bur; A Ruh S A Mun-Bur; A Hol S ENGLISH A Yor-Bel; F Den-Mun [sic].

ITALY (Murray): A Boh-Tyr; A Tun holds; F Apu-Ion; F Eas-Smy.

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

RUSSIA (Trtek): A Rum holds; F Sev & A Ukr S A Rum; A War-Gal; A St.P-Mos; F Swe not ordered, holds.

TURKEY (McGowin): A Con-Bul; F Bla & F Aeg S A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (5) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre,

FRANCE: Bro, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5) Ser, Tri, Vie. (6)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kic, Mun. (5) RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swc,

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Smy, Tun, Von. (5) War. (6)

TURKEY: Ank, Con. (2)

England, Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Italy may each build 1 unit, and

Turkey must remove 1. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 25 AUGUST 1973. Press releases begin on p. 7.

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"Fall 1903"

## LOW BLOW IN LOW COUNTRIES

Following "Spring 1903" moves Germany retreated A Tyr-Mun.

ENGLAND (Eisen): F Nth-Nrg; A Edi holds; F Hol S FRENCH F Yor-Nth.

FRANCE (Strauss): A Tus-Ven; A Pie S A Tus-Ven; F Lyo-Spa(s.c.); F Mid-Wes; F Yor-Nth; A Bel S ENGLISH F Hol.

GERMANY (Parcella): A Ruh S ENGLISH F Hol-Bel; A Mun-Bur; A Kie-Hol; F Don holds; A Ber-Kie; A Sil holds.

ITALY (Heuer): F Wcs S F Tyr-Lyo; F Tyr-Lyo; A Rom S A Ven; A Ven S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tyr.

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

RUSSIA (Honig): F Ska-Swe; F Nwy-Nth; A Liv-Pru; A War S A Liv-Pru; A Gal-Bud; A Ukr-Rum; F Bla-Con.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The direction of the Austro-Hungarian retreat (A Ser-Tri or -Alb) will be phoned to all players. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Hol, Liv. (3) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Tri, Vie. (3)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Lon, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (7) RUSSIA: Con, Mos, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (8)

GERMANY: Ber, Don, Kie, Mun. (4) TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Gre, Smy, Ser. (5)

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

France, Russia, and Turkey may each build 1 unit, Austria-Hungary must remove 1, and Germany must remove 2. These moves are to be phoned in at once. The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 25 AUGUST 1973. Press releases begin on p. 9.

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"Spring 1913"

## THE COIL TIGHTENS

ENGLAND (Abbott): F Bar-Nwy; A St.P-Mos; A Sev-Arm; A Ukr-Rum; A Sil S A Kie-Mun; F Pru-Ber; A Ber-Kie; A Kie-Mun; F Nth-Eng; F Mid S F Nth-Eng; F Tyr-Wes; F Nap-Tyr; F Apu-Nap; F Tun-Ion; A Gal S A Ukr-Rum; A War-Ukr.

FRANCE (Lipson): F Bre-Eng; A Par-Pic; A Mar-Bur; A Mun-Boh; A Tyr-Tri; A Ven S A Tyr-Tri; A Rom holds; F Spa(s.c.) holds.

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

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian A Tri and the Turkish A Rum are annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1913" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 25 AUGUST 1973.

## NEW ORIGINS GAMES OPEN

New postal games of Origins of World War II are now open, at an entry fee of \$4. (The original players in 73.6x may enter one game at no cost.) All entrants (including 73.6x players) should list the versions that they want to play, in order of their preferences.

THE WATERGATE FOLLIES

Incredibly, the press is of the opinion that President Nixon stands in some political danger as a result of the Senate investigation of the Watergate and "Plumber" operations. A good close look at the men who claim to be sitting in judgment on him is quite instructive.

One of the members of the "Watergate Committee" is the only living American who ever tried to seize a state government by force of arms. This is Senator Talmadge. When, early in 1947, the governor-elect of Georgia died, Talmadge (then a private citizen) decided to prevent the inauguration of the lieutenant-governor. With some state troopers he marched on the state capitol, seized it forcibly, and held it for several months in defiance of the legitimate governor. Georgia became a national laughingstock. Had Talmadge not belonged to a Democratic Party faction opposed to President Truman's, he might have gotten away with it. And this man has the utter nerve to accuse President Nixon of arrogating to himself extra-Constitutional powers!

Save for Senator Weicker, all members of this committee were in the 88th Congress when two major Constitutional crises took place: the Civil Rights Bill and the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution. Four of these men voted against the Civil Rights Bill (Senator Inouye and Representative Montoya, with their ancestries and constituencies, could not do other than support it) and all of them supported the American invasion of Vietnam. This deserves capitals: SENATOR ERVIN PUT HIS PRESTIGE AS AN ALLEGED EXPERT ON THE CONSTITUTION ON THE LINE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSITIONS THAT A BLACK MAN IS THE POLITICAL INFERIOR OF A WHITE MAN, AND THAT THE PRESIDENT CAN MAKE WAR WHEREVER AND WHENEVER HE PLEASES!

With men like these sitting in judgment on him, President Nixon has nothing whatever to worry about.

1971BG

"Winter 1909"

England builds F Lon, Pussia builds A War, and Turkey builds A Con. The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is 6 PM, TUESDAY 21 AUGUST 1973. If all moves are received by August 15th, they will be adjudicated and will not thereafter be revocable. The Gamesmaster expects to be out of town on August 21st and publication of the adjudications may be delayed if all of them are not received by August 15th.

73.2b

"Fall 1939"

THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM

		USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
USA (Neill): "USA (38) attacks Britain (0), France (0), Pussia (0), Germany (0), and Brooklyn (-3). Tapscott Industries Unpreferred (13.5) - GMX. The GM is eliminated, and all players in all games must remove one unit or 5 PFs, whichever is appropriate. No "other" attack orders were sent in. The score is the same as it was after "1938"; see GRAUSTARK #291. The deadline for "Spring 1940" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 25 AUGUST 1973. Required readings are Nehemiah 8:1-3, Ecclesiastes 10:20, and 1 Samuel 8:18. Press releases are on pp. 7 & 10.	Als Aus Bal Bri Cze Fra Ger Ita Pol Rhi Rum Rus USA		C   6   U,5   38		   C   U,6   U,18	   C U,20 C   C 3 U,8

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"Winter 1902"

Germany retreats A Pie-Tyr and builds F Kie; Turkey builds F Smy & F Con, and France builds F Bre. The next deadline is NOON, 25 AUG. 1973.

by Robert Bryan Lipton (suggested for review by Ronald Melton)

There is a plot common among the more poorly written s-f novels. The Battle of Britain is being reenacted, see, and the RAF can't hold out for long.

Actually, it's not really the Battle of Britain. It's the Humanoid world of Tau Vwexxax 3, and it's being invaded by some horrid monsters who pass their spare time drooling over beautiful girls. As the story opens, they've drooled over all but one girl, and that one is about to be caught.

Fortunately, in the nick of time, an Earthman enters (almost invariably Anglo-Saxon, even when the author's name is Ramon Felipe San Juan Mario Silvio Enrico Smith Heathcourt-Brace Sierra y Alvarez del Rey y de los Uerdes and he is published as "Lester Del Rey"). The Earthman, as I was saying, enters, ties the monsters' eyes in knots, and saves the world.

That's just the sort of story that Phillip Jose Farmer, usually one of the most talented writers of s-f, has written.

The name of the book is The Gates of Time (Belmont B50-717: 50¢). As the story opens, Roger Two Hawks, an American Iroquois, is flying out to bomb Festung Ploesti, Hitler's major source of oil during World War Two. Some strange things happen, and he finds himself catapulted into an alternate universe where the American continents do not exist beyond a few archipelagos, but the Euro-Afrasian land mass is about the same as in our world.

Now, the leading Central European power, Lithuania (under a different name), is attacking the entire world. (No, I'm not joking. Every nation named is either attacked by and/or has war declared upon them by Lithuania.)

I hope that I won't have to give a further plot summary. The book is cliched, inaccurate, and idiotic. A few of the things that disturb me the most are:

1. the conflict is resolved by deus ex machina.
2. the prologue lets you know that the hero and the civilization of the Good Guys (who, naturally, live in Britain) will be saved.
3. The removal of the American continents and a warm period in the Earth's climate does not seem to have affected the outline of the Eurasian continent to any great degree. It is stated in the book (no, I'm not going to tell you the page - that would mean reading the damned thing again) that the outlines are substantially the same. A missing New World should cause the level of the oceans to fall by a substantial amount, linking Italy with Tunisia, Sweden with Denmark, etc. And what happened to the various plates of the American continents anyway? Did God forget something?\*
4. Two Hawks, who holds a degree in a branch of linguistics, decides that the people who live in what are our Rumania and Ukraine are actually Amerindians because their language is a member of the Iroquois group.

There is a law in linguistics that, in an isolated, non-literate culture, words will be dropped for new ones at the rate of 17% of the total vocabulary per millenium. (I. e., the Old English "aetheling" was dropped for "knight".) Estimating 10,000 BC as the date when the divergence between the cultures of the world of this book and of our world became noticeable, calculate the number of words that Two Hawks could recognize. Hint: Old English ca. 850 AD sounds like a Scotsman speaking German, and one of the few words that survives from the original Indo-European language (ca. 2500 BC) is the word for water, which is "agua" in Spanish, and appears in such place names as "Argau", "Aix-la-Chappelle", and the "Aa River".

In addition, such things as Grimm's law, which covers the fact that lower consonants evolve to higher consonants, and eventually to diphthongs, and vowel shifts, which can run backwards as well as forwards, tend to snarl up language origins even more. If Two Hawks can recognize two languages as being related after twenty thousand years of

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\* - He didn't forget everything. In this world a major religion centers about the worship of a martyred Son of God, born many centuries ago of a virgin - in Ireland! Two Hawks' Irish-American co-pilot, otherwise totally at a loss in this new world, is most gratified by this development. - JB

## I'LL BET YOU THOUGHT THAT 1971EC WAS OVER!

Technically, it is. The last moves, for "Fall 1913", were published in GRAUSTARK #291. A review of the game, with a supply center chart, was printed in #292. But some late comments by John Leeder, who was playing Italy at the game's end, should find some place somewhere. Owing to our presently tight situation with regard to space in GRAUSTARK (see #290 for details), here they are:

"My experience in 1971EC illustrates the undesirability of one rule which most Gamesmasters employ in their houserules: that is, the rule that unordered units, when dislodged, are not allowed to retreat but are annihilated. My predecessor as Italy, was holding his own under heavy enemy attack when he missed a couple of moves. Most of the units protecting his homeland, being unordered, were unsupported, dislodged and removed. Thus the position I took over was indefensible and quickly overrun. If those unordered units had been allowed to retreat, Italy would have had some chance of putting up a spirited defence and the game would have been more interesting.

"I do not mean this as a criticism of GRAUSTARK's houserules and their application in this game. I mean to point out to all Gamesmasters that this particular rule is discriminatory. It places a player in double jeopardy; he loses both position and the actual unit. It is especially hard on standby players - if unordered units were allowed to retreat, a standby player would have a better chance of having a viable position to take over. I urge all Gamesmasters to rethink their position on this rule."

Unfortunately, this rule about attacked unordered units being removed is not alterable at the discretion of individual Gamesmasters. It is part of the rules of Diplomacy themselves. (Copyright Games Research Inc., 501 Harrison Ave., Boston, Mass. 02118.) Unless a support is specifically ordered by another, active, player, any attacked unit of an unordered country must be removed. Aside from this rule, suppose it were allowed to retreat - who would determine the direction of the retreat?

## 1971EC - PRESS RELEASES

NEW YORK (IDP): Rumors are running rampede that great herds of Bare Ents are approaching New York from the West. It is not sure whether they will come via Canada or Ohio, but one thing that is for sure, they smell and they eat alot. It is also rumored that they will be mate hunting, But the leading authority, Bob Lipless states that in fact they will be bring along their mates, and they might even try a little swapping on the way. He also noted, however, that they are still very dangerous and should be approached with great care.

CITY SEWERS (BOAST): It has been noted, that the expected arrivial of the great Herb Barents, is not being taken very lightly. It seems that the city has decided to block all avenues that he would most likely take, ie the sewer, and have them well guarded.

ZOOLAND (STENCH): It has been noted that the trip planed by the flying Dutchie Boy is in fact about to take place. He will use no vehicle of any sort, but will fly all the way to New York. Watch for him as he passes over head your city. It is a thrill that you would not want to miss!

EDITORIAL (PRESS WRITERS): O! you all stupid writers of press I want to make one thing very clear, that is to say that there is a tradition in diplomacy, not to steal other peoples charactors and press ideas. I have seen in many different games, including OWII and what now, things that were born and belong to 71 EC. Show some respect and stop your stealing of another man's good idea! Do you understand? If not I'll send my wife after you, since they are her ideas!

ISSHEMEAL-GAKA (HOT): Hasha Hisha died today of being worn out by too much use. Poor old Hasha. It was sais that he was burned, and that all left the funneral very happy.

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

## 73.2b - PRESS RELEASES

•DESSA (Ides of Ides): The Bessarabian 333rd B. S. armored division was completely liquidated today by a peasant uprising. The Russian peasantry, led by none other than the notorious (hold your noses, boys) Evan Jones, were alarmed by the massive role that Britain is playing in current European politics. The peasants then marched into Bessarabia itself, i. e., the Last Straw.

This is

DULCIGNO (December 24, 1938): Montenegrin troops landed here in the first amphibious invasion in World War I. King Evan I (and hopefully the last) led the Moronian Vampirial Guard in a vicious defense of Moronia. But, just as the Guard was about to turn the tide, Montenegrin King Elmo XXX marched (crawled?) into battle yelling, "Goo goo, dada, ga-ga, kill Evan." (Translated, of course)

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I Inflamm  
O Optic  
N Nerves

Finally, in the center of the battlefield, the two kings met. Evan yelled: "Moronia for Morons!"

At this point, Elmo bit Evan on the toe, and Evan went off screaming, "It's not fair, I didn't know he was gonna hurt me!"

Dulcigno has fallen.

CORFU (October 10, 1938): Emperor Anrileo called the Second Annexed Allies' Council. Queen Melanie of the Dodecanese Islands was there and so were Czar Nicholas of the World-Famous Trans-Caucasia and Barsto Khan of Bessarabia.

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"Fellow Annexed Allies: I suppose you are wondering why I called you here today. We need a rapid reformation of our position.

"For one thing, the positions of our British allies in Deutschland are threatened by the traitorous Sissiens, the Bohemians Royale and the Tyrolians. The World-Famous Trans-Caucasian Army is lost somewhere in Turkestan and the Russian peasants are penetrating into Bessarabia. And last, and most definitely least, the Montenegrins are reconquering Montenegro.

"Our position requires immediate stabilization. Barsto, you bomb Dulcigno harbor with ICBF's; Melanie, detach half of your islands and bottle the Montenegrin fleet. That should take care of them. Nick - your army may as well keep on its way, but allow the 2nd Border Guards Squad to land in Holland. They can then retake Maastricht and force the Sissiens to turn back. Evan, go to your room (Room 6); no seriously, take a trip to Prague; that'll take care of the Bohemians Royale.

RHODES (Point of Information): In case anyone's wondering how the Dodecanese Islands can be in so many places at the same time, it's that whenever they execute landfull, they become part of the land and reappear in their original spot.

## 73.6x - PRESS RELEASE

LONDON: My name is Richard. I write kinky press. For assemblage, send me \$5 and your name and address. (After all, this game is x-rated, isn't it?)

...AND 'ROUND AN' 'ROUND IT GOES - X (continued from p. 5)

divergence, he is not a linguist. He is God.

At first I thought that this book is a first draft, but John Boardman tells me that it was butchered by Belmont's editors.\* Still, the only reason that books such as this are written is that authors like to eat.

But if they write like this, they don't have to.

## 1973BS - PRESS RELEASES

ON THE STEPPES OF CENTRAL ASIA: As the man said, Russia in the good old days. A little war. A little peace. And lots of horsing around.

MOSCOW: Hundreds of Neiderhofferist revolutionaries went on a two-day rampage in this city before being brought under control by the police. The rioters were said to be

\* - They cut out the rape scene.





talent, and I'm the perfect agent. You outguff McGuffey."

"Eh, he wants you to tell a story about Spot!" said Chicolini, referring to Pinky, who sat up and parted like a smiling dog.

"Yeah, all the kids in class want to hear about Spot," said Firefly.

"I don't know what you mean. Now identify yourself," replied the officer.

"That's easy. I'm me. But you are who?" answered Firefly, and as the two argued back and forth, a disappointed Pinky walked to the officer's rear and slipped his leg into the officer's hand. Realizing he held the limb, the Soviet soldier dropped it. Pinky repeated the process, to be met by a second rebuke. After an unsuccessful third try, Pinky set the officer's cap on fire. Discovering his headgear aflame, the Russian ran about screaming, when a Marshal of the army appeared.

"What is that officer doing?" he asked.

"The Turkey Trotsky," replied Firefly. "It's very popular back home. You run around like a chicken with its head chopped off. Now then, what do you want?"

"You are Rufus Firefly of...Freedomia?"

"Eh, you betcha, the one an ornery," declared Chicolini. "Thatsa him."

"This dispatch has just arrived for you. Read it and get out of here at once."

"Humm, maybe it's a contract from Warner's," said Firefly as he took hold of the envelope.

"Eh, sure, thatsa what it is," said Chicolini as Pinky nodded in agreement.

"What do you mean?" said Firefly. "You don't even know who they are."

"Eh, sure I do!"

"Alright, what do Warner Brothers make?"

"Thatsa easy. Cough drops."

"That shows how much you know....That shows how much I know for hiring you. I doubt you've even seen a cough drop."

"Eh, whata you talk? Sure I have. They do it in the army all the time."

"What?"

"Eh, sure. They lina you up, hava you dropa you pants, and cough."

"And to think I called you ignorant," said Firefly, who after reading the message revealed its content. "They're holding a big conference in Munich, and we're not invited."

"Whata we do now?" asked Chicolini.

"Easy. We crash the conference," replied the Freedomian president.

And so the plane bearing the three took off and headed for the German city, full of fuel, for Pinky had siphoned off gas from ten Russian tanks.

#### 1973BB - PRESS RELEASES

OUTER BULGARIA (10/15/02): Austrian officials stormed into Bulgaria and captured the small city of Petrich. They were defended from the Turks by massive troop concentrations in neighboring Greece and Serbia. It is not known yet what the officials intend doing in Bulgaria.

OUTER BULGARIA (11/22/02): Hundreds of Austrian citizens were invited to the unveiling of Petrich. They were all shocked when the officials revealed a zoo! But this was no ordinary zoo. Thousands of rare Saber-Tooth Neigers, a few stray Dunc-Hounds, an RBL or two, and to the surprise of many a brand new animal was there. A whole section of the zoo had been appropriated to a colony of Rayrillas. Rayrillas are a wierd type of ape the was discovered less than a year ago in southern Italy.

The caretaker of this new enterprise is that old-time captured Russian general, Gen. Michael Davidodovich, or to his Austrian friends Mike "Honey" Fritz.

Mr. Fritz was overwhelmed when the French, who knew about the zoo more than a week ago, sent over none other than the Sheriff of Nottingham, which the Frogs capture in southeast England. But the Austrian officials, because of their close ties to the English, sent the Sheriff back to Yorkshire, C. O. D.

WIEN-AN-DER-DONAU (NOW): To the dismay of my acquaintances (notice that I didn't say friends) Alex Katzoff and Bob Lipton, I have discovered the perfect press release. Here it is:

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Leslie Tascott.

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SO. S. F. (GLEEP): Praise God for the beauty and the wonder of this world - then get off your ass and help make it even better. The quiet activists will have achieved greatness while the noisy squabblers continue to squabble.

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BERKELEY, CALIF. (GLEEP): It's true, folks! We did manage to graduate from Yale and are about to attend Law School in this, our new headquarters in three months. And once I study international law...

WASHINGTON (URRP): The Bureau of Usually Reliable Sources, International Travelers, and Intelligence Spokesman has revealed the last words spoken by Kent State student Alison Krause to an unidentified fellow-victim just before the National Guard opened fire on student demonstrators on 4 May 1970. According to a BURSITIS agent on the scene, she said, "Praise God for the beauty and the wonder of this world - then get off your ass and help make it even better...There is no magic cure all, folks. It's all up to you and me. Get with us now - 'cause we just won't have the time or patience for you later....Aaaaahhhhhhh!"

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