

GRAUSTARK

#304

19 January 1974

1972A

"Fall 1915"

TRUCE OFFERS REJECTED

The proposed draw was not accepted by all players. It may, however, be renewed with the next move.

Peter Ansoff, playing Germany temporarily while Scott Huddleston is out of the country, did not send in revised moves after the adjudication of GRAUSTARK #302 was corrected in #303. His moves, therefore, pertain to the situation described in #302, and some of them do not apply here.

ENGLAND (Lipson): F Mid-Spa(s.c.).

FRANCE (Reif): F Por S ENGLISH F Mid-Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Ansoff, vice Huddleston): F Mid-Por [sic; no such unit exists]; A Spa S F Mid-Por [this unit is actually a F Spa(s.c.)]; A Gas & A Mar S A Spa; F Iri-Liv; F Eng-Lon; F Bre-Eng; F Den-Nth; A Boh S A Vie; A Tyr S A Pic; A Gal-Rum; A Ukr S AUSTRIO-HUNGARIAN A Mos-Sev; A Liv-St.P; A Sil-Gal; A War S A Sil-Gal; A Bur not ordered, holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Honig): A Mos-Sev.

RUSSIA (De Prisco): A Sev S AUSTRIO-HUNGARIAN A Mos; A Rum S A Sev; A Arm S A Sev.

TURKEY (Murray): F Ven, A Tri & A Bud hold; A Tus S F Ven; F Adr S A Tri; A Ser S A Bud; F Bla S RUSSIAN A Rum; F Wes & F Lyo S ENGLISH F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Tyr S F Wes; F Naf-Mid.

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

ENGLAND: Spa. (1)

FRANCE: Por. (1)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mar, Mun, Nwy, Par, St.P, Swe, Vie, War. (17)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Mos. (1)

RUSSIA: Con, Rum, Sev. (3)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Gre, Nap, Rom, Ser, Smy, Tri, Tun, Ven. (11)

Germany builds A Mun. The deadline for "Spring 1916" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY 1974.

1973BQ

"Spring 1905"

TURBAN TOPPLES TIARA

ENGLAND (Pickard): A Lon-Yor; F Edi S A Lon-Yor.

FRANCE (Kollmer): No moves received. F Wes, F Lyo, F Eng, and F Liverpool hold; A Yor dislodged and annihilated.

GERMANY (Burce): F Swe-Nwy; F Nth-Eng; F Den-Nth; A Pic-Par; A Ruh-Bur [sic; no such unit exists]; A Bel & A Mun S A Ruh-Bur; A Ber not ordered, holds.

ITALY (Sidor): F Rom-Tyr; F Nap S F Rom-Tyr; A Tun holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McGuistion): A Vie-Boh; A Tyr S A Vie-Boh; A Bud-Gal; A Pic-Mar; A St.P-Fin; A Nwy S A St.P-Fin; A Mos-War; A Con-Ank; F Adr-Apu; F Tri-Alb; A Ven S TURKISH F Tyr-Rom.

TURKEY (De Prisco): F Tyr-Rom; F Ion-Nap; F Aeg-Con; F Eas-Ion; A Sev-Ukr.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats F Rom-Tus. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY 1974.

John Arensmeyer and Andrew Weill have each missed two consecutive moves and are now out of the game. Edward Kollmer has missed his stand-by moves as France. If he should miss "Fall 1905" moves, he will also be dropped from the game. Stand-by "Fall 1905" moves for France should be sent in by Ronald M. Kelly, #210, 225 Virginia Ave. SE, Washington, D. C. 20003. Joseph Pickard, now playing England, has a new address: 64th Ordnance Co., APO New York, N. Y. 09144.

VIENNA: A formal declaration of war was issued to the German Ambassador. He looked at the document and wept. "Our countries' neutrality has been beneficial for both of us. If we had only acted with more force against the French, this could probably have been avoided," decried the Ambassador.

1973BB

DEADLOCK IN HEAVY GERMAN FIGHTING

"Fall 1907"

- ENGLAND (Eisen): F Nth-Lon; F Edi S FRENCH F Nrg; A Cly holds.
- FRANCE (Strauss): F Nrg holds; F Hel-Kie; F Hol & A Ruh S F Hel-Kie; Mun S F Hel-Kie; A Tyr S A Mun; F Tyr-Rom.
- GERMANY (Sidor): F Den S RUSSIAN A Kie; A Sil S RUSSIAN A Ber-Mun.
- ITALY (Heuer): A Rom holds; A Apu-Ven; F Ion-Tun.
- RUSSIA (Honig): F Bar S F Nwy; F Nwy S ENGLISH F Edi-Nrg; F Ska S GERMAN F Den; A Rum-Ser; A Bud S A Rum-Ser; F Sev-Rum; F Bal S A Kie; A Ber-Mun; A Kie S A Ber-Mun; A Boh-Vie.
- TURKEY (Paulson): A Smy-Arm; F Con-Bla; F Aeg-Con; F Gre-Bul(s.c.); F Adr-Ven; A Ser holds; A Tri S A Ser; F Alb-Gre.

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

- ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon. (4)
- FRANCE: Bre, Hol, Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Spa. (7)
- GERMANY: Den. (1)
- ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun. (3)
- RUSSIA: Ber, Bud, Kie, Mos, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swc, Vie, War. (11)
- TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Ser, Smy, Tri, Ven. (8)

Russia and England may each build one new unit, and Germany must remove one. These orders should be phoned in immediately to the Gamesmaster. The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY 1974.

1973BC

FRENCH MOVE SOUTH:

"Fall 1905"

In the "Spring 1905" moves, the French "A Ruh-Kie; A Bur-Mun" should have been underlined as impossible. Players were informed.

- ENGLAND (Stehle): F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); F Lon-Eng; F Nth S F Lon-Eng; A Wal-Yor; F Den S GERMAN F Kie.
- FRANCE (Model): F Eng-Mid; F Lyo-Tyr; A Bur-Mar; A Hol-Kie; A Ruh S A Hol-Kie; F Mid-Wes; A Bel-Bur.
- GERMANY (Scanlan): A Mun holds; F Kie holds.
- ITALY (Paul): F Nap S A Rom; A Rom S F Nap; F Tun-Ion.
- AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Lipton): A Boh-Mun; A Sil & S Tyr S A Boh-Mun; F Adr-Ven; A Ven-Tus; A Gal-War; A Mos S ENGLISH F Nwy-St.P(n.c.).
- RUSSIA (Drakert): A Ber S GERMAN F Kie; A St.P-Nwy.
- TURKEY (Carroll): F Ion-Nap; A Apu S F Ion-Nap; F Eas-Ion; F Aeg & F Gre S F Eas-Ion; A Sev holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German A Mun is annihilated, and Russia must retreat A St.P-Fin or -Liv. The direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1905" builds, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

- ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P, Swc. (7)
- FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Hol, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (7)
- GERMANY: Kie. (1)
- ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun. (3)
- AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Mos, Mun, Rum, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (9)
- RUSSIA: Ber. (1)
- TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Sev, Smy. (6)

England and Austria-Hungary may each build two units, and Russia must remove one. The deadline for these "Winter 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY 1974. For stand-by Joseph Pickard's new address see 1973BQ.

VICHY RUSSIA

(The following press release was elicited after I spent hours vainly trying to figure out the "Special" and "Optional" rules, and the air and naval movement rules, of SPI's new game World War II.)

MOSCOW (August 8, 1941; UP): Today, six days after German troops occupied the Soviet capital, Marshal Mikhail Nikolaievich Tukhachevsky proclaimed the abolition of the Soviet Union and the establishment of the Russian Social Republic. Flanked by General Guderian and a guard of German soldiers, the Marshal read the proclamation from the Kremlin balcony to a thin crowd in Red Square.

The new Russian government announced an armistice with Germany and her allies, and promised to render "all possible assistance in enabling our great German ally to seek out and destroy the remnants of the Bolshevik regime". Observers here compare Tukhachevsky's actions to those of Marshal Petain following the collapse of France last year.

The cabinet of the new government is Prime Minister, Nikolai Bukharin; Foreign Minister, Karl Radek; Finance Minister, Grigori Sokolnikov; War Minister, Nikolai Muralov; Interior Minister, Yuri Pyatakov; Justice Minister, Nikolai Krestinsky; Trade Minister, Ivan Smirnov; Labor Minister, Mikhail Tomskey; Health Minister, Ignaty Kazakov; Transport Minister, Ivan Knyazev; Agriculture Minister, Mikhail Chernov; Information Minister, Dmitri Bukhartsev. Among other appointments, Pavel Bulanov was named to "the critically important post" of Director of the new Secret State Police.

This proclamation was expected by old Russian hands following the quick collapse of the northern and central fronts in July. As soon as the Germans launched their invasion on June 22 from the eastern borders of the former states of Estonia, Latvia, and Poland, Generals Gamarnik, Putna, Uborevich, and Eideman surrendered their entire commands. General Kork, commander on the southern front, is said to have been shot instantly by his second in command, General Konev, when he issued a similar order. Later, General Putna was assassinated by partisans. The other generals were in Moscow today to announce their support of the new government.

Several persons known to support the Stalin government were rounded up by Bulanov's police, and their present whereabouts is unknown. These included former cabinet members Vyacheslav Molotov, Serge Kirov, and Andrei Zhdanov. Foreign Minister Litvinov's badly mutilated body was found last night in Red Square, with the word "Zhid" ("Jew") carved in his back. The new government seems anxious that everyone know of his fate.

It seems that the Nazi policy with regard to Jews will be carried into effect in this newest of Hitler's allies. Even opponents of the Stalin government are being rounded up if they happen to be Jewish. It is rumored that Leo Kamenev, brother-in-law of the exiled Trotsky, has been arrested, as have Arkady Rosengoltz, Yakov Livshitz, and GPU head Genrykh Yagoda. The Kremlin grave of Grigori Zinoviev, who died in 1938 of cancer, has been opened and his body thrown into the Moscow River. Marshal Tukhachevsky has pledged his government's "unyielding opposition to the remnants of the Jew-Bolshevik conspiracy that has held Holy Mother Russia in its grasp for 24 years".

An authoritative source in the new government denied rumors that the 23-year-old Grand Duke Vladimir would be called home from exile to assume the throne of his ancestors.

A radio broadcast from the new Soviet capital, Sverdlovsk, bitterly attacked the "Fifth Columnists", and referred to the Tukhachevsky government as "Vichy Russia". Unsubstantiated reports say that bitter recriminations were exchanged by members of the Sverdlovsk government, and that

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1971BG

ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT...

"Spring 1912"

ENGLAND (Lipson): F Edi-Nrg; F Nth S F Edi-Nrg; F Eng S F Nth; F Hol-Hel;
F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Mar S F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Gas-Mid; A Par-Bur;
A Bel-Ruh; A Lon holds.

GERMANY (Schleicher): F Den-Kie; A Mun-Ruh; A Tyr-Mun; A Boh-Sil.

ITALY (Burley): A Ven-Pie; A Rom-Ven; A Tri-Vie; A Bud S A Tri-Vie; A
Rum S TURKISH A Arm-Sev; F Naf-Mid; F Wes S F Naf-Mid.

RUSSIA (A. Phillips): A Sev S TURKISH A Bul-Rum; A Mos & A Ukr S A Sev;
A Vie S GERMAN A Tyr; A Gal S A Vie; A War S A Gal; F Nwy-Nrg.

TURKEY (Nierenberg): A Bul & F Bla S ITALIAN A Rum; A Arm-Sev; A Scr S
ITALIAN A Bud; F Lyo S ITALIAN F Wes; F Ion holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1912" moves has been postponed slightly, since Gamesmaster John Beshara will be out of town at that time. John Boardman will instead adjudicate these moves, which should be sent to him. The deadline for "Fall 1912" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY 1974. Until 23 January, Elliot Lipson will be on vacation, and reachable at 1612 NE 169th St., North Miami Beach, Fla. 33162.

73.20b

"Spring 1937"

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO THE WHITE HOUSE!

Since John Arensmeyer failed to submit moves, and his present address is a matter of some doubt, Evan Jones succeeds him as the US player. His address is 390 Riverside Dr., New York, N. Y. 10025.

USA (Jones): USA 8.

FRANCE (Katzoff): Pol 2, Rum 6.

BRITAIN (Drakert): Bri 3, Cze 3, Pol 3,
Rhi 3, Rum 3.

RUSSIA (Heuer): Rum 10.

GERMANY (Neiger): Cze 15, Rum 5.

The deadline for "Fall 1937" moves is
NOON, SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY 1974.

73.21h

"Spring 1937"

GREMLINS IN THE KREMLIN?

USA (Jones): Pol 6.

FRANCE (Hendry): Pol 3, Rhi 5.

BRITAIN (Trtek): Bal 2, Bri 6, Rus 4.

RUSSIA (Smith): No moves received. Rus
10.

GERMANY (Kelly): Bal 5, Ger 3, Rhi 12.

The deadline for "Fall 1937" moves is
NOON, SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY 1974. Russia
has no "Fall 1937" attacks, so the first
volunteer as stand-by will be taken on.
His name and address will be published in
GRAUSTARK #305, in case he is needed by
the next issue.

SICK (April 14, 1937***): A new movie has been released called "Gay Ray Baby's Big Score"...It is the first (and it is to be hoped the last) movie Ray will star in.

SICK (Nov. 25, 1973***): JOHN BOARDMAN FOR PRESIDENT IN '76 VOTE
B. P. L. F. (Anyone who has figured out a sexual link between Julius
Caesar and Alexander Hamilton can't be all bad!

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als		C			
Aus					C
Bal				C	
Bri			3		
Cze			5		15
Fra					
Ger			C		
Ita					
Pol		U,7	6		
Rhi	6		8		16
Rum		6	5	15	12
Rus				3	
USA	8				

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als		C			
Aus					C
Bal			7	4	5
Bri			6		
Cze	2	2	U,11		
Fra					
Ger					24
Ita					
Pol	10	5			
Rhi		5			12
Rum				C	
Rus			6	10	
USA					

PLAY BEGINS IN "FALL OF ROME" TOURNEY

Eight entrants will be playing in the Fall of Rome tourney announced in GRAUSTARK #303. With their initial Legion placements, they are:

- I. Greg Dority: AgB-1; AsB-2; GcB-1; IyA-3; SyC-3; ThB-2.
- II. Larry Fong: IyA-4; IyC-4; SyC-3; ThB-1.
- III. John Hulland: AgB-1; AsB-2; Cy-1; IyA-2; SyC-2; ThA-2; ThB-2.
- IV. Mike Lehtonen: AgB-1; GcB-4; IyC-4; SyA-3.
- V. Jerry Paulson: AgB-8; AsA-2; SyB-1; ThB-1.
- VI. Len Scensny: AgB-3; IyA-2; IyC-3; SyA-3; ThB-1.
- VII. Kenneth Scher: AgA-3; AgB-3; GcA-1; IyB-1; SyC-3; ThA-1.
- VIII. Brenton Ver Ploeg: AgB-3; AsA-1; IyA-2; IyB-1; IyC-1; SyC-3; ThB-1.

The initial phases of Turn I (530 AD) are:

1. No Internal Revolutions.
2. Non-Roman Moves: Sc 10B in DaA do not move. (Note that when these barbarians do get under way, 3 units will remain in Dacia to retain control of the province. The destination of the other 7 is Asia. If, on the next turn, they should enter ThB, players should send in conditional placements for the Thracian militia.)

Pr 12B in Ar go to MsC and then to SyC. At this point the Syrian militia is raised as follows:

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| I. SyC-6; SyA-4. | V. SyA-10. |
| II. No orders received. | VI. SyA-10. |
| III. SyC-10. | VII. SyC-10. |
| IV. SyA-10. | VIII. SyC-10. |

In Games I, II, III, VII, and VIII the Persians stop here, having met opposition. In Games IV and VI the Persians stop because they cannot move to SyA on this turn. In Game V the Persians move on to SyB.

3. Non-Roman Combat:

- I. Ps 12B vs. 3L & 6M at 1:1. (2), $\frac{1}{2}$ Ex. All Romans and 5 Persians eliminated. 3L may be replaced on Turn 3, and Ps 5B on Turn 6.
- II. Ps 12B vs. 3L at 4:1. (2), $\frac{1}{2}$ De. No effect.
- III. Ps 12B vs. 2L & 10M at 1:1. (2), $\frac{1}{2}$ Ex. All Romans and 6 Persians eliminated. 2L may be replaced on Turn 3, and Ps 6B on Turn 6.
- IV. None.
- V. Ps 12B vs. 1L at 6:1. (2), Dc. 1L eliminated; it may be replaced on Turn 3.
- VI. None.
- VII. None.
- VIII. None.

4. Barbarian Creation: (4,4) Sc 5BP in Sc. The destination of these units will be determined at the beginning of the next Non-Roman movement phase; it now appears as if it will be Thrace.

All players should send in their orders for Phases 5 and 6 (Loyal Roman Movement and Loyal Roman Combat) by the deadline of NOON, SATURDAY 2 FEBRUARY 1974. They will be published a week later in GRAUSTARK #305. If there is a possibility that you might have a Legion Rebellion on your hands, try to get your orders in early. I'll let you know if you have a revolt, and then you can act appropriately in the remaining phases. I will, after adjudicating your combats, work out the remaining phases. If you intend to bribe Barbarians on this turn, let me know. Hopefully in #305 I will be able to complete all phases of Turn I, and the first 4 phases of Turn II. Treasuries now stand at Rome 15, Persia 10.

In reporting these moves, I am more or less feeling my way towards a proper format. Any suggestions from the players will be appreciated. I am also observing John Van De Graaf's format for his tournament in Yggdrasil Chronicle, and may be borrowing ideas from it as well.

1973BS

GERMANY WINS A BATTLE!

"Spring 1905"

Martin Ritter has missed two turns in a row, and is replaced as England by Joe Pickard. See 1973BQ for his new address.

ENGLAND (Pickard): F Iri-Eng; F Nwy & A Hol hold; F Nth S F Nwy.

FRANCE (Lanhám): F Lon-Nth; F Bre-Eng; F Mar-Lyo; F Spa(s.c.) S F Mar-Lyo; A Bel holds; A Bur & A Pic S A Bel.

GERMANY (G. Tesser): A Kie-Hol; A Ruh S A Kie-Hol; F Den-Nth.

ITALY (Murray): A Ank-Arm; F Con-Bla; F Ion-Tun; A Tyr-Pic; F Nap-Tyr; F Tyr-Lyo; F Wes S F Tyr-Lyo.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Lariton): A Rum-Ukr; A Gal S A Rum-Ukr; A Bul-Rum; A Vie-Tyr; A Mun-Ber; A Sil S A Mun-Ber; A Boh-Mun; F Gre holds.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The English A Hol is annihilated, and the English F Nwy must retreat to Ska, Nrg, or Bar. This retreat should be sent in by immediate return mail, and other players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves, which may be made conditional on the direction of the English retreat, is NOON, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1974.

1973BC - LATE PRESS RELEASE

VEY, IZMIR (June 7, 1905, HAINNA): The first breakthrough in the Catholic-Mithra talks was announced today at the clearinghouse. A major point of agreement was realized when the similarities between Papal Bulls and the Sacred Bull of Mithra were discovered. Reports from the Vasuvius front were scattered and contradictory. The only report which makes any sense is from our battlefield correspondent:

"Fresh spirited Turkish troops today successfully completed a skillful retreat in the face of demoralized Italian troops, who were advancing in utter confusion."

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The issue after next, #306, will have its deadline date moved up from Saturday 2 March to Friday 1 March. This is because mail must be postmarked before midnight of 1 March to qualify for the old postal rate of 8¢ per ounce. On the following day, the new rate of 10¢ per ounce will go into effect. See GRAUSTARK #305, published on 9 February, for further details.

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John Hendry will be at his Peabody address until 27 January 1974. He then returns to 205 Thatcher Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass. 01002. Bob Lipton returns to his Lafayette address now.

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Currently available back issues of GRAUSTARK are 131, 137, 139, 167, 171, 199, 200, 202, 206, 239, 248-250, 252, 253, 257, 258, 271, 273-276, 278-283, 285-287, 289, and 291 to date. These are 10 for \$1 until the new postal rates take effect, except for #289, #296, and #300, particularly large issues which are 50¢ each. All 29 issues of FREEDONIA, which carried postal games of Origins of World War II, are \$1.50.

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THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION presents

FUNDAMENTAL STALEMATE POSITIONS - III

by John J. Beshara

These are unusual stalemate positions for the Eastern Sphere powers against the West when it is not necessary to hold all of Italy.

- I. Armies: Apu, Boh, Gal; Mos, Nap, Rom, Sev, Sil, Tri, Tyr, Ukr, Vie, War.
 Fleets: Adr, Ion.
 Supply Centers: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Vie, War. (15)
 Moves: A Sev S A Mos; A Ukr S A War; A Gal & A Boh S A Sil; A Vie & A Tri S A Tyr; A Apu & A Nap S A Rom; F Adr S F Ion.
- II. Armies: Ber, Boh, Liv, Mos, Nap, Pru, Sil, Tri, Tyr, Ven, War.
 Fleets: Aeg, Apu, Adr, Ion.
 Supply Centers: Ank, Ber, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Nap, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (16)
 Moves: A Mos & A War S A Liv; A Pru & A Sil S A Per; A Boh S A Tyr; A Tri & F Adr S A Ven; F Apu S A Nap; F Aeg S F Ion.
- III. Armies: Ber, Boh, Liv, Mos, Mun, Pru, Sil, Tri, Tyr, Ven, Vie, War.
 Fleets: Aeg, Alb, Adr, Fas, Ion.
 Supply Centers: Ank, Ber, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Mun, Rom, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (16)
 Moves: A Mos & A War S A Liv; A Pru S A Ber; A Sil & A Boh S A Mun; A Tyr, A Tri, & F Adr S A Ven; F Alb, F Aeg, & F Fas S F Ion.
- IV. Armies: Apu, Ber, Boh, Liv, Mos, Mun, Pru, Sil, Tri, Tyr, Ven, War.
 Fleets: Aeg, Adr, Fas, Ion.
 Supply Centers: Ank, Ber, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Mun, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (16)
 Moves: A Mos & A War S A Liv; A Pru S A Per; A Sil & A Boh S A Mun; A Tyr & A Tri S A Ven; F Adr S A Apu; F Aeg & F Fas S F Ion.

A significance of stalemate positions, besides the obvious, is the ability of a country to survive. In some of these examples, Germany can sustain existence in Berlin but Russia's difficulties are compounded once Sevastopol is lost. Italy, Germany and Russia, caught in the fringe of the battle, can bargain with both sides, for the decisions they make with so little power may determine the outcome of the game.

Notwithstanding the rancor of an allegedly-notable player, good gaming demands knowledge of the stalemate positions. And a bedevilment of Diplomacy is the connivance in avoiding the traps to victory. But pity the player who has to win to be amused. Every position offers challenges, challenges everyone enjoys, unless they're fucked-up.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

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THE SOUTHERN START

by Robert Bryan Lipton

This article is written as a reply to one by Duncan Smith, which appeared in Pouch #41.

Although three-way alliances are often unstable, this is actually an outcome of the instability of all alliances. Having three people merely increases the opportunities for stabbing.

However, if one can be set up, the most powerful may well be the Southern Alliance of Italy, Austria, and Turkey.

Generally, the first target for such an alliance is France. Italy moves off and tackles France alone. Since this has been covered in detail previously, let us cover the actions of Austria and Turkey.

The obvious target is Russia. This is whom they attack. Generally the best opening is:

AUSTRIA: F Tri-Alb; A Vie-Gal; A Bud-Rum.

TURKEY: F Ank-Bla; A Smy-Arm; A Con-Bul.

This assures that there will be at least two units that can attack Sevastopol in Fall 1901. If Austria's A Bud-Rum has failed in the Spring, Turkey supports him in the Fall. This almost guarantees that for Spring 1902 there will be three units on Sevastopol. If F Ank-Bla failed, then the move is repeated in the Fall, and A Arm attacks Sev, supported by A Rum. If A Smy-Arm failed, then F Bla S A Smy-Arm in the Fall, and in the Spring there will be three units on Sevastopol.

Basically, this is a souped-up version of the Austro-Turkish opening.

After having knocked off Russia, the alliance turns to Germany, while offering Italy whatever aid is wanted.

The advantage rests in correcting the greatest weakness in the Austro-Turkish alliance: Namely that, by the time they have broken down Italy, the dominant Western alliance has strength and position to stop them in the western Mediterranean or at Gibraltar.

Its weaknesses are also great. It is easy, once Russia has been taken care of, for Austria and Turkey to hit Italy. Once Russia has been taken care of, Austria will have to attack Germany, while Turkey sits on her hands. Austria's task is difficult, while Turkey's is boring. It is difficult to sit by while Italy moves out, when it would be so easy to hit her...

I don't know if this alliance is really practical. It is a good way for Austria and Turkey to keep Italy busy in the early moves of the Austro-Turkish alliance until she can be taken care of, and also of weakening any future defense against expansion through the Strait of Gibraltar.

SPOILSPORT DEPARTMENT

Now that the educational TV network is presenting dramatizations of Dorothy Sayers' murder mysteries, with her sleuth Lord Peter Wimsey being played by the unlikely Ian Carmichael, I am going to ruin everyone's enjoyment of these dramas by giving in advance the names and the crimes of the villains:

Whose Body? (1923): Sir Julian Freke, murder

Clouds of Witness (1926): Capt. Denis Cathcart, suicide

Unnatural Death (1927): Mary Whittaker, alias Mrs. Forrest, murder

The Unpleasantness at the Bellona Club (1928): Dr. Walter Penberthy, murder

Strong Poison (1930): Norman Urquhart, murder

Five Red Herrings (1931): John Ferguson, manslaughter

Have His Carcase (1932): Henry Weldon, alias Haviland Martin, murder; Alfred Morcambe, alias William Bright, alias William Simpson, alias

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A BAD DAY FOR THE ANGLO-SAXONS

This game of the Aggressive British-US Version of Origins of World War II was played at Simulations Publications on the evening of 16 November 1973. Players picked their own countries, and placement of PFs was simultaneous. Comments by the editor are interspersed.

"Spring 1935"

USA (Steve Whitmore):

Pol 2.
FRANCE (Andy Wright):

Als 4.
BRITAIN (Evan Jones):

Ger 9.
RUSSIA (Al Nofi):

Bal 5, Rus 1.
GERMANY (John Board-

man): Bal 5, Ger 7.

At this point a Russo-German deal was in the works, based on the fact that Germany can get into the Baltic States now or never.

This is Evan Jones' usual opening as Britain in this variation - a good idea, but risky if Germany knows what he's about.

"Fall 1935"

BRITAIN: Attacks Germany in Ger, 1:1 (3), no change.

RUSSIA: Bal C.

GERMANY: Bal C.

Russia 5, Germany 2, USA 0, France 0, Britain 0.

"Spring 1935"

USA Fra Bri Rus Ger

Als

Aus

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Bri

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Fra

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Pol 2

Rhi

Rum

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"Spring 1936"

USA Fra Bri Rus Ger

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Bri 4

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"Spring 1936"

USA: Bri 4.

FRANCE: Als 2, Rum 4.

BRITAIN: Rhi 12.

RUSSIA: Rum 5, Rus 3.

GERMANY: Aus 5, Ger 6, Rhi 5.

The USA is clearly going for the high-scoring "U" points. The British, in putting everything into a 1-point control of the Rhineland, are trying a negative strategy - keeping other players' points down instead of building theirs up. This is the more sophisticated strategy, and is recommended for experienced players.

The Anglo-Russian deal here is obviously to the Russian advantage; Russia doesn't care diddly about the Rhineland, but badly needs those 6 "U" points in Germany - and they'll never get them if Britain controls the Reich.

"Fall 1936"		"Fall 1937"					"Spring 1938"				
		USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
BRITAIN: Attacks Ger-	Als		C				Als		C		
many in Rhi, 2:1.	Aus						Aus				C
(4), X. Each side	Bal				C	C	Bal			C	C
removes 5.	Bri	4					Bri	5			
RUSSIA: Attacks France	Cze			4		5	Cze		13	6	15
in Rum, 1:1. (3),	Fra		1				Fra	5	6		6
no change.	Ger					5	Ger	5			10
BRITAIN: Rhi C.	Ita						Ita				
FRANCE: Als C.	Pol	U,5		U,11		15	Pol	U,5		U,20	32
GERMANY: Aus C.	Rhi			C			Rhi			C	
France 6, Germany 6,	Rum					C	Rum				C
Russia 5, Britain 1,	Rus	U,5					Rus	U,10	5		
USA 0.	USA						USA				

"Spring 1937"		"Fall 1938"				
		USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
USA: Pol 3, Rus 5.						
FRANCE: Fra 1, Pol 5, Rum 2.						
BRITAIN: Cze 4, Pol 11.						
RUSSIA: Ger 6, Rum 8.						
GERMANY: Cze 5, Pol 15.						
Russia, by entering Germany, doublecrossed Ger-						
many at the ultimate expense of Britain. For						
the first time Poland gets noticed; previously						
players had other things to do with their PFs.						

"Fall 1937"		"Spring 1939"				
		USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
BRITAIN: Attacks Russia in Ger, 1:1. (6), A.						
Britain removes 9.						
RUSSIA: Attacks France in Rum, 2:1. (1), D.						
France removes 6.						
GERMANY: Attacks France in Pol, 3:1. (3), D.						
France removes 5.						
USA: Pol U, Rus U.						
BRITAIN: Pol U.						
RUSSIA: Rum C.						
Russia 8, France 6, Germany 6, USA 5, Britain 4.						

"Spring 1938"		"Fall 1938"				
		USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
USA: Bri 1, Fra 5, Ger 5, Rus 5.						
FRANCE: Fra 5, Rus 5.						
BRITAIN: Cze 9, Pol 9.						
RUSSIA: Cze 6, Fra 6.						
GERMANY: Cze 10, Pol 17.						
Britain offered Germany a deal this turn. If						
Germany allowed a British control in Germany,						
Britain would chase out all the resistance to						
German control in Poland. Germany agreed,						
provided that the British control would be delayed to 1940.						

"Fall 1938"		"Spring 1939"				
		USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
BRITAIN: Attacks USA in Pol, 4:1. (3), D. USA removes 5.						
GERMANY: Attacks Russia in Cze, 2:1. (3), X. Each side removes 6.						
USA: Bri U, Fra U, Ger U; loses Pol U.						
FRANCE: Rus U.						
BRITAIN: Cze U.						
RUSSIA: Fra U.						
USA 15, Russia 10, France 8, Germany 6, Britain 5.						

"Spring 1939"

"Fall 1939"

"Spring 1940"

			"Fall 1939"					"Spring 1940"					
USA:	Fra	Ger	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger	
Bri 8,	Fra 4,	Ger 10.	Als		C			Als					
FRANCE:	Bri 5,	Fra 1,	Aus				C	Aus				C	
	Ger 6.		Bal			C	C	Bal			C	C	
BRITAIN:	Ger 21.		Bri	U,13	U,5			Bri	U,21	U,5	8	7	
RUSSIA:	Ger 14.		Cze				C	Cze				C	
GERMANY:	Cze 21,	Pol 8,	Fra	U,9	7		U,6	Fra	U,9	14	6	U,9	12
	Rus 9.		Ger	U,15	U,6	21	U,14	Ger	U,20	U,6	21	U,19	
The problem with the			Ita					Ita	7	6		12	
Anglo-German deal is			Pol				C	Pol				C	
that Germany has no ob-			Rhi			C		Rhi		C			
jections to British PFs			Rum			C		Rum			C		
in the Reich so long as			Rus	U,10	U,5		U,9	Rus	U,21	U,5	6	U,10	
they can't take control.			USA					USA			6		
The best the British can													
do is to drive out other													
PFs, thus keeping down													
the scores of Germany's													
rivals.													

"Fall 1940"

USA Fra Bri Rus Ger

			"Fall 1939"					"Fall 1940"				
USA:	Fra	Ger	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
FRANCE:	Attacks	Russia	in	Fra,	1:1.	(4),	no	Als				
	change.							Aus				C
BRITAIN:	Attacks	Russia	&	France	in	Ger,	1:1.	Bal			C	C
	(4),	no	change.					Bri	U,13	U,5		U,7
GERMANY:	Attacks	Britain	in	Pol,	2:1.	(1),	D.	Cze				C
	Britain	removes	20.					Fra	U,9	2	U,6	U,9
GERMANY:	Attacks	Britain	in	Cze,	2:1.	(3),	X.	Ger	U,20	U,6	21	U,19
	Each	side	removes	13.				Ita		U,7	U,6	U,12
FRANCE:	Bri	U,	Ger	U.				Pol				C
BRITAIN:	Loses	Cze	U,	Pol	U.			Rhi			C	
RUSSIA:	Ger	U.						Rum				C
GERMANY:	Cze	C,	Pol	C,	Rus	U.		Rus	U,21	U,5	U,6	U,10
	Russia	16,	USA	15,	France	14,	Germany	14,	USA		U,6	
	Britain	1.										
Germany now collects on his side of the deal with Britain. Britain, on the other hand, doesn't have the manpower to clear Germany. These attacks assured Germany a piece of the action come "Fall 1940"												

"Spring 1940"

USA:	Bri 8,	Ger 5,	Rus 11.	RUSSIA:	Bri 8,	Fra 3,	Ger 5.	
FRANCE:	Fra 7,	Ita 7.		GERMANY:	Bri 7,	Fra 12,	Ita 12,	Rus 1.
BRITAIN:	Fra 6,	Ita 6,	Rus 6,	USA 6.				

At this point the maximum possible points for each player is Russia 18, Germany 17, France 16, USA 15, Britain 12. The "Fall 1940" orders all depend on these considerations. Everyone has a reason to attack Russia, and secondarily Germany. This is why the USA went for Russia rather than Germany in Britain. France's PFs were saved at home to use against whomever looked the most vulnerable. The successful French attack against Germany at 1:1 odds saved the tie.

"Fall 1940"

USA:	Attacks	Russia	in	Fra,	1:1.	(4),	no	change.			
USA:	Attacks	Russia	in	Bri,	2:1.	(4),	X.	Each	side	removes	8.
FRANCE:	Attacks	Germany	in	Fra,	1:1.	(2),	X.	Each	side	removes	12.
FRANCE:	Ita	U.									
BRITAIN:	Fra	U,	Ita	U,	Rus	U,	USA	U.			
GERMANY:	Bri	U,	Ita	U.							
FINAL SCORE: France 16, Russia 16, Germany 16, USA 15, Britain 12.											

SPOILSPORT DEPARTMENT (continued from p. 8)

Field, alias Cedric St. Denis, alias Maurice Vavasour, and Mrs. Tillie Tulliver Morecambe, accessories

Murder Must Advertise (1933): Mr. Tallboy, murder and drug-running

The Nine Tailors (1934): Accidental death; the corpse is Geoffrey Deacon

Gaudy Night (1935): Charlotte Ann Clarke Robinson ("Annie"), assault and malicious mischief

Busman's Honeymoon (1936): Frank Crutchley, murder

VICHY RUSSIA (continued from p. 3)

Justice Minister Vyshinsky told Premier Stalin that "you should have shot all those traitors years ago".

Fighting still continues on a front extending from the Pechora River through Kazan to Astrakhan, but with most of Russia's productive capacity in German hands most observers believe that the Soviets cannot hold out much longer. Pogroms are reported not only from the Ukraine and Nizhni Novgorod (formerly Gorki), but from Orenburg, behind Soviet lines.

The Tukhachevsky government has already been recognized by Germany, Italy, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Finland, the Vichy French government, Slovakia, and Spain. There has been no official comment so far from London, but it seems likely that the Soviet collapse will release more Axis troops for use against the British in North Africa, and possibly against Great Britain herself. In Washington, President Roosevelt is under heavy pressure from the conservative wings of both parties to recognize the Tukhachevsky regime. Isolationist feeling will probably be strengthened by Hitler's apparent victory over the Comintern, and by the fact that defeating him without Soviet aid is a hopeless cause.

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Despite the new regime's appeal to national unity, there are persistent rumors of friction between the new Chief of State and Prime Minister Bukharin. This may reflect a split between civil and military elements in the new government, whose cabinet is almost entirely civilian despite the fact that it owes its existence to military defections to the Germans. Observers do not rule out a future break between civilians charging "a stab in the back" and generals opposed to governmental standards of ideological conformity.

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