

THE NEXT DEADLINES ARE ON A FRIDAY!

GRAUSTARK

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1973BB "Winter 1907-Spring 1908"

ALBION PERFIDE!

Following "Fall 1907" moves, England built F Liv, Russia built A Mos, and Germany removed A Sil.

ENGLAND (Eisen): A Cly-Edi; F Edi-Nth; F Lon-Eng; F Liv-Iri.

FRANCE (Strauss): F Tyr-Wes; A Mun-Sil; A Tyr-Mun; A Ruh S A Tyr-Mun; F Nrg-Nth; F Hol S F Nrg-Nth; F Hel-Kie.

GERMANY (Sidor): F Den S RUSSIAN A Kie

ITALY (Heuer): A Apu-Ven; A Rom S A Apu-Ven; F Tun-Ion.

RUSSIA (Honig): F Bar-Nrg; F Nwy & F Ska S ENGLISH F Edi-Nth; F Bel. & A Ber S A Kie; A Mos S F Sev; F Sev & A Kie hold; A Vie-Tri; A Bud-Ser; A Rum-Ser.

TURKEY (Paulson): A Arm-Bul; F Bla C A Arm-Bul; F Con S A Arm-Bul; F Bul (s.c.)-Aeg; F Gre-Ion; A Ser S A Tri; F Adr S A Tri; A Tri S A Ser.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 1 MARCH 1974. For Howard Sidor's temporary change of address, see 1973BQ.

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ALL READERS PLEASE NOTE: THE NEXT MOVE DEADLINES FOR ALL POSTAL DIPLOMACY AND ORIGINS GAMES IN GRAUSTARK IS NOON, FRIDAY 1 MARCH 1974. THIS IS NECESSARY BECAUSE THE NEW POSTAL RATES BECOME EFFECTIVE ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, AND MAIL MUST BE POST-MARKED BEFORE 11:30 PM TO QUALIFY FOR THE OLD RATES. I PLAN TO PRINT, COL-LATE, AND MAIL GRAUSTARK #306 ON 1 MARCH, AND GET IT IN UNDER THE WIRE.

GRAUSTARK #306 WILL CONTAIN COMPLETE TABLES OF THE NEW RATES FOR FIRST-CLASS, THIRD-CLASS, AND AIR MAIL, DOMESTIC AND OVERSEAS.

1973BC "Winter 1905"

SO WHO'S MINDING TEN DOWNING STREET?

Following "Fall 1905" moves, Russia removed the dislodged A St.P. Austria-Hungary built A Vie & A Tri. England sent in no builds.

The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 1 MARCH 1974. I do not have a current address for Donald Stehle, playing England; the address reported for him in #303 seems to be no longer valid. For stand-by "Spring 1906" moves for England, the Gamesmaster calls on Ronald M. Kelly, #210, 225 Virginia Ave. SE, Washington, D. C. 20003.

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1971BG "Fall 1912"

RUSSIA CATCHES EUROPE NAPPING

ENGLAND (Lipson): No moves received. F Nrg, F Nth, F Eng, F Hel, F Spa (s.c.), F Mar, F Gas, A Bur, A Bel, & A Lon hold.

GERMANY (Schleicher): No moves received. F Kie, A Mun, A Tyr, & A Sil hold.

ITALY (Burley): No moves received. A Pie, A Ven, A Tri, A Bud, A Rum, F Mid, & F Wes hold.

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ITALY OVERWHELMED!

"Fall 1905"

ENGLAND (Pickard): No moves received. A Yor & F Edi hold.

FRANCE (Kollmer): A Bur-Bel; F Eng-Lon; F Liverpool & F Wes hold; F Lyo-Mar.

GERMANY (Burco): A Ber S A Mun; F Swe-Nwy; F Nth S F Swe-Nwy; A Bel-Bur; A Par S A Bel-Bur; A Mun S A Bel-Bur; F Den-Swe.

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McCuistion): A Boh-Mun; A Tyr S A Boh-Mun; A Gal-Sil; A War-Pru; A Mar holds; A Fin S A Nwy; A Nwy S A Fin; A Ven S TURKISH F Rom; A Ank-Arm; F Apu S TURKISH F Ion-Nap; F Alb-Gre.

TURKEY (De Prisco): F Ion-Nap; F Rom S F Ion-Nap; F Con holds; F Eas-Ion; A Ukr-Gal.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats F Nap-Tyr and France retreats A Bur-Pic or A Bur-Gas, or removes the unit. This retreat or removal should be sent in with the "Winter 1905" moves, which may be made conditional on it. If it is sent in immediately, other players can be informed. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi. (1)

FRANCE: Bre, Liv, Lon, Por, Spa. (5)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Par, Swe. (8)

ITALY: Tun. (1)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Mar, Mos, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Scr, Tri, Ven, Vic, War. (12)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Nap, Rom, Sev, Smy. (7)

Turkey may build two units, and Austria-Hungary and Germany may each build one. (France may also build one if the dislodged army was removed.) England must remove one unit, and Italy must remove two. The deadline for these "Winter 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 1 MARCH 1974. Joe Pickard's missed move is caused by a postal foul-up and not by loss of interest, so no stand-by will be called on. (Since he was transferred from Turkey to Germany, the idyllic situation described in his letter on p. 10 no longer applies.) Howard Sidor is presently at "c/o Kerry Roter, 4771 N. W. 20th St., Lauder Hill, Fla. 33313". He expects to return before the next deadline, but isn't sure of the exact date.

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RUSSIANS SMASHED ON TWO FRONTS

"Fall 1905"

No retreat came in for the dislodged English F Nwy, which is removed.

ENGLAND (Pickard): No moves received. F Iri & F Nth hold.

FRANCE (Lanham): F Lon-Nth; F Bre-Mid; F Mar-Lyo; F Spa(s.c.) S F Mar-Lyo; A Bur-Mar; A Pic-Far; A Bel-Bur.

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

ITALY (Murray): A Arm & F Bla S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Rum-Sev; F Wes-Lyo; F Tyr-Tus; F Nap-Tyr; F Tun-Naf; A Pic-Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Lariton): F Gre, A Ber, & A Mun hold; A Tyr S A Mun; A Rum-Sev; A Gal-War; A Sil & A Ukr S A Gal-War.

RUSS A (Trtek): A Nwy holds; F Swe S A Nwy; A Sev-Rum; conditional orders were sent in for A Mos & A War depending on the direction of the English retreat, but the condition of its removal was not accounted for, whence these two units hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian A Sev is annihilated, and the Russian A War must retreat to Pru or Liv. The direction of this (continued on p. 6)

TURKS BATTER GERMANS AT GENOA

ENGLAND (Lipson): No move received. F Spa(s.c.) holds.

FRANCE (Reif): F Por-Mid.

GERMANY (Ansoff, vice Huddleston): F Liv-Nat; F Eng-Iri; F Lon-Eng; F Nth-Eng; A Gas-Spa; A Mar S A Gas-Spa; A Pie S A Mar; A Tyr S A Pie; A Gal-Bud; A Vic S A Gal-Bud; A Ukr-Rum; A Sil-Gal; A War S A Sil-Gal; A Boh S A Vic; A Mun-Sil; A St.P holds; A Bur S A Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Honig): A Mos holds.

RUSSIA (De Prisco): A Rum S A Sev; A Arm S A Sev; A Sev S AUSTR0-HUNGARIAN A Mos.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The German A Pie is annihilated. The proposed draw is still being rejected. The deadline for "Fall 1916" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 1 MARCH 1974.

Peter Ansoff's telephone number is 615-322-8101. Elliot Lipson is not losing interest in the game; he writes that he returned from vacation too late to meet this deadline. Accordingly, no stand-by will be called upon.

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

TURKEY (Nierenberg): No moves received. F Lyo, F Ion, A Ser, A Bul, F Bla, & A Arm hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers hold the same supply centers that they did after "1911" (see GRAUSTARK #302, p. 1), and have no builds or removals. The deadline for "Spring 1913" moves is 6 PM, TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 1974. These moves should be sent to John Beshara, who will be back by then.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The war games published by Simulations Publications Inc. necessarily require a wide variety of pieces, ranging from barbarian raiding parties to nuclear-armed aircraft of future wars. Naturally, the small cardboard squares representing these military units must carry much information - offensive strength, defensive strength, movement allowance, missile range, etc. But it would probably strain the imagination of the most experienced game designer to create a piece representing this military unit:

"When...the Mogul emperors ruled the entire peninsula [of India], their war elephants bore not only armor but also swords in their trunks, long blades on their tusks, and sometimes small cannon on their backs. At one battle in 1659 between the emperor Aurangzib and another potentate named Shah Shuja', the latter attacked with three elephants swinging huge iron chains." - L. Sprague de Camp, Elephant, p. 124.

The ninth and last name on GRAUSTARK's stand-by list is Joe Wetherell, 300 Norman Road, Camp Hill, Penn. 17011. For the other stand-bys, and for information on stand-by status, see GRAUSTARK #302, p. 11.

The front cover of the January issue of Games & Puzzles shows Cur Founder, Allan Calhamer, with a Diplomacy board. The lead article is devoted to Diplomacy. I'm American agent for G&P; subscriptions are \$9.00 a year by surface mail, and \$16.50 by air mail.

PERSIAN ARMY CHECKED IN SYRIA

Phase	I. <u>Dority</u>	II. <u>Fong</u>	III. <u>Hulland</u>	IV. <u>Lehtonen</u>
Position of non-Roman forces after phase 1D.	Gr12B GaA* Gr5B Hs.* Gr20B ItA* Ps7B SyC Sc4B AfC* Sc10B DaA* Sc5BP ScA*	Gr12B GaA* Gr5B Hs.* Gr20B ItA* Ps12B SyC Sc4B AfC* Sc10B DaA* Sc5BP ScA*	Gr12B GaA* Gr5B Hs.* Gr20B ItA* Ps6B SyC= Sc4B AfC* Sc10B DaA* Sc5BP ScA*	Gr12B GaA* Gr5B Hs.* Gr20B ItA* Ps12B SyC Sc4B AfC* Sc10B DaA* Sc5BP ScA*
1E: Roman movement.	1L AgB-AfB; 2L AsB- SyC; 1L GcB- AsA-SyC; 3L IyA hold; 2L ThB hold; 4M SyA-SyC. Sc 2N raised in Afa	2L IyA-ThA- ThB-AsC; 2L IyA-AsA; 2L IyC-IyA; 2L IyC holds; 3L SyC hold; 1L ThB holds; 10M raised in SyC.	1L Ag B holds; 1L AsB-SyA; 1L AsB holds; 1L CyA-SyA; 1L IyA-ThA; 1L IyA holds; 2L ThA-ThB; 2L ThB holds; - "	1L AgB holds; 4L GcB-ItA; 4L IyC-ItB; 3L SyA hold; 10M SyA hold. Gr 1N raised in ItB.
1F: Roman combat.	SyC; 3L & 4M vs. Ps7B, 1:1. (4), no result.	None.	None.	ItB; 4L vs. Gr 1N, 4:1. (2), $\frac{1}{2}$ DE. Gr 1N eli- minated.
1G: Legion Rebellious.	None.	None.	None.	ItA (4), none. ItB (6), 3RL.
1H: Control.	Ag, As, Cy, Gc, Iy, Sy($\frac{1}{2}$), Th. Ps:Ar, Ms, Ps.	Ag, As, Cy, Gc, Iy, Sy($\frac{1}{2}$), Th. Ps:Ar, Ms, Ps.	Ag, As, Cy, Gc, Iy, , Th. Ps:Ar, Ms, Ps & Sy.	Ag, As, Cy, Gc, Iy, Sy($\frac{1}{2}$), Th. Ps:Ar, Ms, Ps.
1J: Attrition.	None.	None.	None.	None.
1K: Taxes.	15+42-18=39 Ps:10+27-14=23	15+42-24=33 Ps:10+27-24=13	15+38-20=33 Ps:10+35-12=33	15+42-18=39 Ps:10+27-24=13
1L: Repl.	None. (3-3L; 6-5B)	None.	None. (3-2L 6-6B)	None.
1M: Bribes	None.	None.	None.	None.
2A: Revs.	None.	None.	None.	None.
2B: Non-Roman Movement.	Sc7B DaA-ThB; Sc5BP ScA-DaA. 10M raised ThB. Sc4B AfC-AfB.	Sc7B DaA-ThB Sc5BP ScA-DaA. 10M raised ThB.	Sc7B DaA-ThB Sc5BP ScA-DaA. 10M raised ThB. Ps6B SyC-AsB.	3RL ItB-ItA; Sc7B DaA-ThB; Sc5BP ScA-DaA. 10M raised ThB. Gr20B ItA-ItB.
2C: Combat.	AfB: Sc4B vs. 1L, 4:1. (2), $\frac{1}{2}$ De, no effect.	None.	AsB: Ps6R vs. 2L 3:1 (1), De: 2L.	ItB: Gr20B vs. 1L, 6:1. (2), De.
2D: Barbarian Creation:	Gr15B in GrR (2,2) for all players.			

Underlined moves are not legal; in Game III the units have insufficient movement points, and in Game VIII the indicated Legion is in ThB, not ThA. These units instead hold. A "*" indicates that the Barbarians in question controlled that region at the end of the previous Control Determination Phase. A " $\frac{1}{2}$ " indicates that Rome collects only half the taxes from that province owing to the presence of non-Roman forces. The destination of the Sc5BP in DaA is Th; the destination of the Sc7B in ThB and the Gr15B in GrB is As. Players should accordingly submit conditional orders for the Militia in Iy.

EXERCITUS PERSICUS IN SYRIAE HAESUS

Phase	V. Paulson	VI. Scensny	VII. Scher	VIII. Ver Ploeg
Position of non-Roman forces after phase 1B.	Gr12B GaA* Gr5B HsC* Gr20B ItA* Psl2B SyB Sc4B AfC* Sc10B DaA* Sc5BP ScA*	Gr12B GaA* Gr5B HsC* Gr20B ItA* Psl2B SyC Sc4B AfC* Sc10B DaA* Sc5BP ScA*	Gr12B GaA* Gr5B HsC* Gr20B ItA* Psl2B SyC Sc4B AfC* Sc10B DaA* Sc5BP ScA*	Gr12B GaA* Gr5B HsC* Gr20B ItA* Psl2B SyC Sc4B AfC* Sc10B DaA* Sc5BP ScA*
1E: Roman move-ment.	3L AgB-AgA-SyB; 3L AgB-AfB; 2L AgB hold; 2L AsA hold; 1L ThB ThA; 10M SyA-SyB. Sc 2N raised in AfA.	3L AgB-AfB; 2L IyA-GcB-AsA-SyC; 3L IyC-IyB-ThA-ThB; 3L SyA-MsC; 1L ThB-AsC-AsA; 10M SyA-SyC. Sc 2N raised in AfA; Pr 8N raised in MsA.	3L AgA-AgB; 3L AgB-AfB; 1L GcA-AsA; 1L IyB-holds; SyC hold; 1L ThA holds; 10M SyC hold. Sc 2N raised in AfA.	3L AgB hold; 1L AsA holds; 2L IyA hold; 1L IyB holds; 1L IyC holds; 3L SyC hold; 1L ThA-GcA; 10M SyC hold.
1F: Roman combat.	None.	SyC: 2L & 10M vs. Ps 12B, 1:1. (4), no result.	None.	SyC: 3L & 10M vs. Ps 12B, 1:1. (4), no result.
1G: Legion Re-bellion.	None.	None.	None.	None.
1H: Control (control).	Ag, As, Cy, Gc, Iy, Sy($\frac{1}{2}$), Th. Ps: Ar, Ms, Ps.	Ag, As, Cy, Gc, Iy, Sy($\frac{1}{2}$), Th. Ps: Ar, Ps.	Ag, As, Cy, Gc, Iy, Sy($\frac{1}{2}$), Th. Ps: Ar, Ms, Ps.	Ag, As, Cy, Gc, Iy, Sy($\frac{1}{2}$), Th. Ps: Ar, Ms, Ps.
1J: Attrition.	-2ScB AfC	-2ScB AfC	-2ScB AfC	None.
1K: Taxes.	15+42-22=35 Ps: 10+27-24=13	15+42-24=33 Ps: 10+17-24=3	15+42-26=31 Ps: 10+27-24=13	15+42-24=33 Ps: 10+27-24=13
1L: Repl.	None. (3-1L)	None.	None.	None.
1M: Bribes	None.	None.	Sc2B AfC	None.
2A: Revs.	None.	None.	None.	None.
2B: Non-Roman Move-ment.	Sc7B DaA-ThB; Sc5BP ScA-DaA; Sc2B AfC-AfB; 1M raised ThB; 9M raised ThA.	Sc7B DaA-ThB; Sc5BP ScA-DaA; Sc2B AfC-AfB; Psl2B SyC-MsC; 10M raised ThB.	Sc7B DaA-ThB-AsA; Sc5BP ScA-DaA; No orders for Th Militiae or As Militiae. AsA: Sc7B vs. 1L, 6:1. (1), De. -1L.	Sc7B DaA-ThB; Sc5BP ScA-DaA; 10M raised ThB.
2C: Combat	ThB: Sc7B vs. 1M, 6:1. (3), $\frac{1}{2}$ De. -1M.	MsC: Psl2B vs. 3L, 4:1. (5), Ex. -3B, 3L.	None.	None.
2D: Barbarian Creation:	Gr15 in GrB (2,2) for all players.			

The deadline for 531 AD orders is NOON, SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY 1974. Players should be more careful about writing move orders, and about indicating where the Militia should be raised in case of invasion. Questions which several players have raised about rules will be taken up in the next issue, as space does not permit it here.

NOTE: When sending in move orders for Legions, players should state the routes by which they travel.

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"Fall 1937"

RUSSO-GERMAN ALLIANCE GETS RUMANIA

RUMANIA: Russia (15) attacks Britain (5) at 3:1. Royal Crown Cola - 13 (D).
 RUMANIA: Germany (12) attacks France (6) at 2:1. Royal Crown Cola - 13 (X).
 In Rumania, Britain removes 5, and Germany and France each remove 6.
 RHINELAND: Germany (16) attacks USA (6) at 2:1. US Shoe - 13 (X). Each side removes 6.
 BRITAIN: Cze U, Pol U.
 RUSSIA: Rum C.
 GERMANY: Rum C.

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als		C			
Aus					C
Bal				C	
Bri			3		
Cze			U,5		15
Fra					
Ger			C		
Ita					
Pol		U,7	U,6		
Rhi			8		10
Rum				C	C
Rus				3	
USA	8				

Britain decidedly refuses to share control in the Rhineland. The score is now Britain 9, France 8, Russia 8, Germany 6, USA 0. The deadline for "Spring 1938" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 1 MARCH 1974. Press releases begin on p. 7.

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THE STATUS IS QUO

"Fall 1937"

No one sent in attack orders. Robin Smith confirmed, however, that he is still playing Russia. A long British press release must be postponed to #307.
 FRANCE: Pol U, Rhi U.
 BRITAIN: Rus U.

	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	U,5			
Rhi		U,5			12
Rum				C	
Rus			U,6	10	
USA					

The score is now USA 21, France 11, Britain 5, Germany 4, Russia 3. The deadline for "Spring 1938" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 1 MARCH 1974. Players who intend to make no attacks should let the Gamesmaster know in the "Fall" turns, unless it is thematically impossible for them to attack. USA

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retreat should be sent in AT ONCE to the Gamesmaster, who will inform the other players. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv. (2)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ber, Bud, Bul, Gre,

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Lon, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (7)

Mun, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Vic, War. (11)

GERMANY: Den, Hol, Kie. (3)

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

ITALY: Ank, Con, Nap, Rom, Smy, Tun, Ven. (7)

The only builds are three for Austria-Hungary, unless Russia chooses to remove the dislodged A War and make a build. THESE ORDERS SHOULD BE SENT IN AT ONCE TO THE GAMESMASTER, who will inform all players. The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 1 MARCH 1974.

Dick Tretk writes that he now has a phone number: 312-752-8006. No stand-by will be called on for England, for reasons discussed in 1973BQ.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

In the latest issue of his Costaguana, Conrad von Metzke lists nine postal Diplomacy 'zines that now have game openings. Write him for a copy of Vol. VII, #4, at P. O. Box 4, San Diego, Calif. 92112. The issue lists no price, but 25¢ would seem about right.

"One German is a fine fellow, two Germans are a Bund, three Germans are a war." - Hermann Wilhelm Goring

THE SHADOW OVER WESTON

by Robert Bryan Lipton

being another last story by P. H. Hateart, in posthumous collaboration with August Dawgie, as edited by Kinney, Lipschitz & Boringman, Synthesists

I have only a few years in which to tell the horrendous story of what occurred on that dreaded evening of 1973, in the seemingly quiet college of Lackawanna, located in rustic Weston, Pa. Thinking back on my awful tale of woe, my squamously rugose torso feels the tototemporal fear-thrill of horripilation. And never again will I hear the ticking of a clock without remembering the shadow that fell over Weston.

But, come. I am twenty, and my life expectancy is but seventy-three, so I must be brief, as brief as my tale of horror and evil will permit me to be.

The first snowfall of 1973 had occurred, and I dreamily contemplated its whiteness, not realizing the evil it concealed, when I heard a scream emanate from Marchioness Hall.

I turned away, mildly amused. "Forsooth," I murmured to my too-trusting mind, "'Tis but some poor fool who has foolishly bitten into a soft roll and has cracked a tooth. He will not repeat the mistake." I turned back to my perusal of my xeroxed copy of the Book of Snails, that horrendous piece of literature that speaks of things better left unknown by mortal man, and whose author, Johann Z. Plankman, was incarcerated in an uncomfortable prison cell, on a charge of "Obscenity", an obviously trumped-up charge, for he had demonstrated that his book had redeeming social value by virtue of the fact that it demonstrated fully what the phrase "utterly without any redeeming social value" means.

But it was time for dinner. I quickly powdered my peruke, put on my waistcoat, my overcoat, my galoshes, gloves, hat, and went to Marchioness Hall. I walked, unaware of the stares that people gave me, obviously aware that they passed a true scholar.

There was, strangely, no line at dinner that night. I took a helping of the dish they offered me, aware that it was labeled "Pork". Unthinkingly, I sat down and began to think of the ill-fated expedition made by members of the Lackawanna faculty to distant Gross Points.

Suddenly, I stopped in wonder, and tasted my meal for the first time. Although all throughout the year, meals labeled "beef" have tasted as lamb, "veal" as pork, "lamb" as horsemeat, and "pork" as dog-food, this meal, plainly labeled "pork" on the menu, tasted like - pork!

What could this mean? I rushed back to face the cook.

(to be continued)

73.20b - PRESS RELEASES

NEW RACKATZOFF, FRANCE (EFE, Africa. This is meant to be one agency, not two separate ones): So much for elections. But today, we want to tell you of the continuing story, which ends today, of Gil Bliss, made an honorary Brigadier General by the British Air Force. He took flight training, and after losing a ~~maternity~~ paternity suit (two pairs of pants with this suit), he got (shudder) married. He was soon divorced, however, when his wife learned he was having an extra-curricular affair with a gorilla. He claimed that he was just trying to brush up on his gorilla imitations, but we know better. It seems that at about this time, he had an extra-curricular affair with a layed-off study hall teacher. He contracted oysters and had to go for a pencillcilin shot. While sipping from a gallon jug of bathtub gin (remember the word ring. It will be important), he tried open his sixpack for breakfast, and cut his finger on the ring (I told you it would be important). Seeing the blood, he cried, "A Bloody Mary." Not to far off. He sucked the blood out until he died,

and was sold to a cat-food company. And so endeth the story of Gil Bliss. He had a dream, but horsed around, and it turned into a nightmare.

ALBERQUERQUE, NEW RACKATZOFF, FRANCE (EEE, Africa): A hint. EEE is a city in North Africa. Answer(?) next(?) issue(?). And now the continuing story of "Son of Bliss", a story which starts here, AT THE BEGINNING.

It seems our hero, Gilles, son of Gil Bliss, colonel, general, et. al. was having a stare-down contest with Stare-e-o (R) (pat. end.), when the Mail-man arrived with induction, seduction, reduction and abduction papers for [(chorus): "Our hero!"]. He was sent to Alaska, where he was almost eaten by polar bears (he said he preferred polar girls). (Really, John, I know these are obscene, but please print 'em anyway. They're good!) He went to India and, after being attacked by a Cobra, or even a no-bra, he got married, became a millionaire in the used wife business, and then, when all else failed for bringing home the bacon, ~~he robbed a pig/far~~ he stooped to writing press releases. And so, as our hero steps on a fragmentation-bomb and sinks slowly into the West, we take leave forever of our continuing story of "Son of Bliss."

ANAKHIT, SKANDALUTZ (URRP): Lord Bulellefont, British Ambassador to Skandalutz, called the alleged activities of Gil Bliss "a transparent (index of refraction 1.000069) forgery". "For one thing," he told a press conference in a chambre separée at the Temple of the Mother Goddess, "there is no such rank as 'Brigadier General' in Great Britain. The term is simply 'Brigadier'."

1973BC - PRESS RELEASES

EASTON, PA. (IDUNNO): The petition of the Bureau of Usually Reliable Spokesmen, Intelligence Sources, International Travellers and Intelligence Spokesmen to be readmitted to the ranks of Syntheist First Class is hereby denied on the grounds that the score on BURSITIS on the qualifying examination was 0.5 points below the passing grade on 100.0. Questions incorrectly answered were:

17: What are the basic equations of the Tappscott InterTimeline Scanner?

Answer: $x^{3\frac{1}{2}}y \log(\tau/t)/(e^{\tau} + 4Kzs_1) = (y\tau e^{\tau_1} - xq e^{\tau_2})/S_2$

where x and y are the momentum on neutrinos on the viewing and viewed timelines, Tau and t are Tau time and t time on prime lines on Earth, K is the curvature of space induced by Earth's mass, z is the value of the proton/electron mass ratio on the Prime Line, s₁ and s₂ are the Stability levels on the viewing and viewed lines, r is the rho function, and q is the omicron function.

163: What is the first movie made by the Marx Brothers?

Answer: The name, which was lacking on answer, is 'N Everything'.

221: What was the first battle of the American Civil War?

Answer: The American Civil War is the standard, if not official, nomenclature. The first battle was the Firing on Fort Sumter, not, as stated in the answer, the Ellsworth incident, nor the Whiskey Still Incident, the first which was the first casualty, and the latter which was not conducted by Government troops.

397: What is the musical score of W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan's operetta Thespis?

Answer: The answer is correct, save that the 1003rd note is not F# for the violins, but G, and the music for the third stanza should be transposed down one octave.

In comment, I have rarely seen such a poor showing on an examination. We suggest that your staff take special Synthetics courses offered by Brooklyn University, which has an adequate Physics section. However, the English courses should be taken at some other institute.

as the credentials of Prof. J. A. Boardman have had not cast upon them.
/signed/ Irving T. Schlotz
President, A. S. S.

WOGASTISBURGER-NEUSTADT (URRP): The Bureau of Usually Reliable Spokesmen, International Travelers, and Intelligence Spokesmen, acting through the traditional anonymous spokesman, repeated its rejection of claims that its synthesists' license was invalid. "A. S. S. doesn't even have our agency's name right," said the spokesman. "Furthermore, they have misspelled 'Tapscott', as reference to the catalog of the University of Utah could have informed them. The figure which they give as the proton/electron mass ratio is actually six times pi to the fifth power. The first battle of the American Civil War was at Fort Sumner, not at Fort Sumter. (GRAUSTARK #267, p. 10) This, presumably, is what A. S. S. means by the "Whiskey Still Incident" - but that took place on 1 April 1861, several days before the Fort Sumter incident. The first movie made by the Marx Brothers was Pferdfeder. It was made right here in Wogastisburg-Schlampenbütel in 1899, and starred Ulrich, Heinrich, Friedrich, Erich, Dietrich, and Amalrich Marx. Finally, the first version of Thespis was written by William S. Gilbert and a certain Maeve Sullivan of Skandalutz, during the Winter Solstice Festival of 1870. According to a tradition preserved in Skandalutz, Gilbert was grateful for the opportunity to write without trimming his lyrics to Victorian propriety. The operetta is still performed frequently in Skandalutz. There was even a performance in 1954 in which that year's King performed the role of Bathyllos."

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

[Letters are dated, if the date on which they were written is indicated. Comments on the letters by the editor are indicated in square brackets. As things are likely to change rather fast between now and then, it should be noted that this letter column is being put on stencil on 13 January 1974, and that these comments should be interpreted accordingly.]

BILL DRAKERT (10 December 1973): My review of 73.6x is that the US 'unrealistic' choice of goals and his play were the only spice to what appears to be a poor variant. My apologies to Ron Kelly, with whom I shared, first for deceiving him on my goals, but of course that is part of the game. With my limited resources, I think I chose realistic targets [as France]. Not worth trying again without major modifications in the PF allocations or in the required goals.

ALEX KATZOFF (3 January 1974): You might like to know that the stamps on the envelope were from an old FREEDONIA I had lying around. The glue I used for each one probably came to more than 8¢ apiece, but - who cares.

PHILIP DE VICCI (1 January, 1974): In [the over-the-board game printed in] GRAUSTARK #300, pp. 18-20, Russia's play was weak, but it was his first game! If any one deserves 'credit' for France's Control of Germany, it must go to the German player and Al Nofi, the 'Gamesmaster?' who was trying to speed up the game. Spring 1936 took 5 minutes while all other Spring turns took 15 minutes. Note France asked for and the German player agreed to French control of Germany at this time USA & Britain were out of the room, when we returned with 10 minutes left to talk Russia, Germany and France, Al asked for our moves; thus the French control of Germany was at best a gamesmaster-induced oversight.

BOB LIPTON: About 73.3a [ended in #301], I reasoned as Dick Trtek did, that I couldn't come out well unless I sat on my hands for 5 game years, but that would be boring. Germany, England and I apparently

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agreed to help each other kill Russia. When Germany dropped out of that alliance, England and I agreed to kill Germany if possible.

I knew that such moves as the PFs in Germany and Rumania would yield me nothing. But observe that it took Germany over forty PFs to knock me out of Rumania, and that my presence in Germany caused Neiger [Germany] to attack me rather than Britain. In effect I did everything I could to throw the game to Britain, a strategy that barely succeeded.

The problem with press releases is not insults or obscenity; it is the fact that many writers do not know what's funny. The sabre-toothed Neiger joke was good for one or two releases. The SPI group has gone on and on and on, to nausea.

DICK TRTEK (12 November 1973): In 1973BS...my preoccupation with moving and study has led to a critical turn. Because of neglect in correspondence, Tsarist Russia may go into the vassal business, with Tesser dying for my sins at the hands of Austria.

...While prowling about a used-book shop last month, I chanced upon a copy of McCutcheon's Graustark. I'd never searched for it in a library, and since it was for \$1.50, I picked it up along with copies of King of the Khyber Rifles and The Autocracy of Mr. Parham. (The latter of which will hopefully inspire press in 73.2lh...) I don't know the publishing history of McCutcheon's book, but this edition was printed in Chicago in 1901 by Stone.

JOE PICKARD (20 November 1973): Your letter dated 15 Nov. was post-marked 16 Nov., and I received it on 19 Nov., so I guess that being in New York helps a lot. Letters from North Carolina get here in 4 or 5 days, and it makes no difference whether they are sent first class or airmail. However, letters from the west coast do take several days longer by first class than airmail (as a rule). First class letters from other APO addresses and New York do average 3 days. We get mail 7 days a week here in Turkey, but Saturday's and Sunday's mail is only first class and air mail...I suggest you just mail stuff first class to APO addresses.

ALEX KATZOFF (19 November 1973): In #300, in the first across-the-board Diplomacy game, you have Howard Sidor listed as the English player. However, I distinctly remember moving A Liv-Lon. What I'm saying is that I think I was playing England. The moves all seem very familiar. Please recheck your records. I also think maybe Ben Miller was playing Russia or, some country.

[Sorry. I thought I got the player list from the game's Gamesmaster, but maybe I made the mistakes myself.]

ADAM GILINSKY: Politically speaking - two items. We should not impeach Firefly (or even Throttlebottom) and why restore the 'American Empire'?

As a neofan, I do wish more science-fiction was mentioned in your 'Mizerabel rag', but I realize it is an idle wish.

[Oh, not quite. Another Lipton review is coming up, and the realms of fantasy are with us in the Balkan Massif and elsewhere. I have a few science-fiction book reviews coming up soon in The Alien Critic and Amra, and I'll supply details ere long. As for the American Empire, I regard that term as a quite accurate description of the domination which our country has obtained over most of the world. Don't knock it, either. Because of the American Empire, you spend a smaller proportion of your income for food than do the citizens of any other country. Even with the recent price rise, petroleum products from gasoline to plastic are cheaper here than almost anywhere else in the world. And, finally, beyond these materialistic considerations there is the very real emotional satisfaction that an American gets out of being everything that a Roman was in the 2nd century, or a Briton in the 19th.]

MIKE RITTER (3 January 1974): I received your latest issue of GRAUSTARK and read the Ministry of Miscellany with some puzzlement. You have stated that your change of views are sincere, yet the articles all seem to

read like satire. You do a much better job when people know that the material is satire. Also the articles seem stilted, not up to the par of the articles you wrote opposing Nixon.

Since you seem to be sincere I think that there are a few changes that should be made in your 'format'. One mistake was that in your letter you do not, well you do support Nixon, but not for the 'correct' reasons. You say you fear him. [Where?] Now this would obviously not help you in the eyes of staunch supporters of his. You could probably fix this by picking some act that the president has recently done and praise it, or start hating the 'innocent' (?) Arabs, or the people who never do anything wrong, the Israelis. Or you could holler about the communist conspiracy that is out to get us all.

One thing you must remember is to not attack people who attack the president, or if you do to not do only this. Also do not express your views openly. The last article sounded sort of like someone trying to rationalize a bad mistake that they are making, these just won't make it with people who really believe that Nixon is the best thing that has happened to this country since we 'won' in Vietnam and Korea. What you must do is support the president's actions, however hard this may be. If you are really sincere.

Putting down a group of people seems not up to your standard of decency. If you expect me to believe that you have actually changed your political views you will have to come up with some reasons that might make me change my views.

[This is an example of the sort of comments that have come in since I announced that I was abandoning my Pacifist position and supporting President Nixon completely. The people whom I have to persuade are not people who will be persuaded by the fact that it is their patriotic duty as Americans to support their President. Other arguments will have to be used. I am trying to use them.]

[As one example, look what is happening to a wise-ass cartoonist in Los Angeles named Paul Conrad, who did a cartoon attacking President Nixon's energy program. The US Secret Service promptly seized engravings of his cartoon, told him they are investigating him, and alerted US Attorneys all around the country to seize the cartoon if and when it appears in their local newspapers. (New York Post, 16 January 1974) In the words of Julie Nixon Eisenhower, "You can't underestimate the power of fear." (There; I've used the word, or at least quoted it.) "They're afraid if they don't shape up..."

[And I do "support the president's actions, however hard this must be." As an American, I can scarcely do anything else. If you don't take my word for it, you might ask Dean Kahler. He was a student at Kent State when he thought he had the right to demonstrate against President Nixon. Now four of his classmates are dead, and he'll never walk again.]

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

"To my mind, Nixon's basic mistake was his lack of immediate candor. He should have said, 'Yes, I planned Watergate and all its concomitant actions. I did so to defend this country against the inroads of radicals who, in addition to betraying our secrets to the enemy, were disrupting us domestically with riots and other actions designed to divide us and to weaken our very being as a world power.'

"Unfortunately, Nixon did not take this stand. Is it too late for him to do so now?" - Bert Goldsmith, letter, New York Post, 18 Jan. 1974.

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"Any order of the President, or under his authority, made at any time during the existence of the present rebellion, shall be a defense in all courts for any seizure, arrest or imprisonment made, done, or committed, or acts omitted to be done under and by virtue of such order." - Act of Congress, 3 March 1863

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"This compassionate and gentle man, Jesus, was humiliated beyond all reason and crucified on a wooden cross as guards stood watch.

"Of his loyal and dearest friends one doubted him, another denied him, and one betrayed him.

"Now in our present day, 2,000 years later, there is a man who is the leader of a great and powerful country... The tide of public opinion has turned against this good and kind man. He, too, is being tried and convicted by the court of public opinion. He is being assailed, cursed, and crucified by the power of irresponsible pens accountable to no one. A living death is more cruel many times than the death of the flesh.

"He, too, has been betrayed by his friends, lied about by his associates, and doubted by many.

"This man, Richard M. Nixon, has not been tried in a court of law or by any other legal process, but if and when it comes, as surely as night follows day, he, too, will be found guilty as charged, for the verdict is already in.

"I am a part of public opinion. I am ashamed." - Evan G. Koons, editorial, New York Times, 17 January 1974

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Lately I have received several fliers about new games under development, or just published. Richard F. Loomis, editor of The Flying Buffalo, announces game openings and play-test openings for computer war-gamers. He is also selling T-shirts for players of Diplomacy, or of his own computerized war-game Nuclear Destruction. (The Dippy shirt has a knife sticking out of the back.) Write to him for details at P. O. Box 1467, Scottsdale, Ariz. 85252. Game Designers' Workshop, P. O. Box 582, Bloomington, Ill. 61701, is offering two games of a 3-game series about the eastern front in Europe in World War II. Drang Nach Osten! and Unentschieden! are already ready at \$13.75 and \$12.85 respectively (plus a dollar postage each). Marita Merkur, covering the Balkan campaign, is under preparation. They also publish Triplanetary, a space game, and are preparing games about the Roman campaign in Germany under Varus, and the 1932-35 Chaco War between Bolivia and Paraguay. The planned German invasion of England is the subject of Histo Games' Eagle Day (\$5 from them at 34 Sharon St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11211). They also publish Hannibal and 1944 at the same price.

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