

GRAUSTARK

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THE WAR IS NOT OVER

To hear some Pacifists talk these days, you'd think that a revolution had taken place in Washington. People are hailing the "end" of the Indochinese War as if David Dellinger had seized the Presidency and placed in his cabinet Abbie Hoffman, Coretta King, Bella Abzug, and Jane Fonda, with the support of a new Congress composed of the "American" Civil Liberties Union and the "American" Servicemen's Union.

It didn't happen. The President of the United States of America is still Gerald Ford, who through his service in Congress loyally supported the American war effort, and who owes his present high office to President Nixon. All our nation's leaders, of both parties, are men firm on record in favor of the war - Vice President Rockefeller, Secretaries Kissinger and Schlesinger, and all the men being mentioned as 1976 presidential candidates: Governors Wallace and Reagan, and Senators Kennedy, Jackson, Humphrey, Muskie, McGovern, Baker, Church, and Goldwater.

These men, with a decade-long record of loyal support of the American war effort, have not suddenly become feather-headed devotees of Pacifism. It follows that the United States of America will still have some things to say to the Vietnamese who have tried to resist our imperial will and destiny. Why, then, have US forces temporarily withdrawn from Southeast Asia?

Two possibilities, not mutually exclusive, present themselves:

1. The USA has a major military effort in preparation in another part of the world, and does not want the distraction, in military or public-relations terms, of an active war in Indochina.

2. The USA is entering a "Who Lost Vietnam?" debate, comparable to the "Who Lost China?" debate of the 1950's. So that the purposes of this debate may be accomplished, Vietnam must plausibly appear to have been "lost". Afterwards, matters can be settled with the people who imagine that they have torn Indochina loose from the American Empire.

I can remember the "Who Lost China?" debate of the early 1950's. It was loud and virulent, but not half so loud and virulent as the "Who Lost Vietnam?" debate is likely to be. For one thing, the US had not put the political and emotional commitment into maintaining the Gwomintang government of China, that it has done in Indochina. For another, in the "Who Lost China?" debate the White House was at first a neutral, and later an opponent of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy. Now that several politicians are auditioning for the role of Senator McCarthy in the "Who Lost Vietnam?" debate, the White House with its long record of support for the war is going to be on the other side. Things are going to get decidedly uncomfortable for Americans who thought that they had the right to object to their country's war effort.

Interestingly, much of the recrimination is being conducted by military men. General Goldwater and Admirals Rickover, Zumwalt, and Moorer have gone on record. ("Moorer said the US should have landed troops in North Vietnam and bombed Haiphong harbor at the outset of the war." - New York Post, 6 May 1975) In that same issue of the Post, two columnists of quite different orientations addressed themselves to the "recrimination" issue. William F. Buckley, whose views are echoed in the Senate by his brother, lists the "lessons" that Pacifists say we have learned in Vietnam. His columns have repeatedly driven home such recriminations. On the other side, Nicholas von Hoffman says, "Yes, recriminations. Lots of them." and speaks as if his side were in a position to pillory the men who made the war.

Anyone who knows how the US government functions will realize that, in the next few months, it will be the Buckyleys who will conduct the recriminations and the von Hoffmans

who will catch hell. Von Hoffman boasts: "The war would still be going on...had it not been for the protesting people in the streets." Well, I haven't seen any people protesting in the streets lately, but I know what happens to people who do. If one thing has remained constant all during the turmoil about the war, it is that the government of the United States of America damned well intends to govern. This was demonstrated in Chicago and Miami in 1968; at Santa Rita in 1969, at Kent State in 1970, and in Washington in 1971 or in any other year you'd care to mention. In not one of these events has any court said that anything illegal was done by the police or soldiers maintaining the authority of the United States of America.

The "No Lost Vietnam?" debate will afford the US Government the opportunity to put its opponents in a position where they can do no further harm. As Governor Hugh Carey of New York put it when he was a member of the House of Representatives:

"Over the past weekend, in several regions of the country, we witnessed a deplorable spectacle of the new fifth column in America. I say this column is more than deplorable - it is despicable. Until I find a better name for this column, I shall refer to it as the '5-A Vanguard'. This vanguard would aid and abet anyone against America.

"...The 5-A column is not truly a free movement. It is not a positive nor constructive movement.

"The Vice President of the United States indicated over this weekend that it is not a movement indigenous to the communities in which it is seen. He stated that there are indications that it is being controlled from without. As a controlled movement, I would question that it is entitled to the protection that it has thus far enjoyed from civil authority." - Congressional Record, Vol. 111, Part 20, p. 27205.

Governor Carey is now in charge of the entire law enforcement authority of New York, and is being mentioned as a possible future President. Woe betide Pacifism if this happens!

Generally, the campuses seem to have learned their lesson, but it is being reinforced anyway just in case. In Cleveland, US District Court Judge Don Young has forbidden "relatives, friends and associates" of the students suppressed at Kent State from discussing the case with the news media. (New York Post, 8 May 1975) An attempt to memorialize the students shot at Kent State was made on the fifth anniversary of the suppression of the insurrection; it was a howling flop. (New York Daily News, 4 May 1975) People are obviously aware of the fact that what was done at Kent State once can be done there, or anywhere, again, and may not be called into question. An editorial in the New York Times of the same date warns against not taking current student unrest seriously. And at Seton Hall Prep the headmaster has served notice on 60 male students that they will not be permitted to graduate unless he is satisfied by their haircuts. All over America, authority is being reasserted, and will prevail.

And after Pacifism is shut up and shut down in America, it will be Indochina's turn again. As the New York Daily News pointed out in its editorial of 4 May 1975, "The decision to commit American arms and manpower to Vietnam was, in fact, the logical extension of the policy of containment - opposing the spread of communism. It began with the Truman Doctrine and was continued through the Marshall Plan, the Korean War, the Atlantic Alliance, and a whole series of regional and bilateral defense pacts. Leading statesmen in both parties had a hand in fashioning that policy." One look at the people presently running the US Government, and their record of statements on this matter, should convince anyone that we have not yet had done with the Vietnamese. A few days after the North Vietnamese began their highly transitory occupation of Saigon, President Ford spoke at the commissioning of the greatest warship ever built, the 95,000-ton nuclear powered aircraft carrier Nimitz, saying, "We are strong. We will continue to be strong...We will remain a great country." (New York Daily News, 4 May 1975) Even before the "fall" of Saigon, Leslie H. Gelb observed in the New York Times of 30 March 1975 that "A Weakened America is Not What Other Nations See", and backed this up with evidence from our world-wide network of subject allies.

The refugees from Vietnam fit into this concept of future American intent. The people thus evacuated have been, generally, the faithful servants of America's imperial

interests in the Far East. Now that they are safe, there is scarcely a single person in all Indochina in whose survival the United States of America has any interest. The President is now able to say, "Half of them fight against us, and the other half won't fight for us - the hell with them!" And the US is capable of dropping a good deal of applied hell on Vietnam. As William F. Buckley put it in his New York Post column of 3 May 1975, "I am attracted to National Review's proposal that we serve notice on the North Vietnamese that if confirmed accounts reach the US that genocidal slaughter against the south is proceeding, the US Air Force will proceed forthwith to atomize Hanoi." Such accounts have since been reported by Ambassador Graham Martin.

The Vietnamese refugees will be valuable additions to the US population. These are not desperately poor peasants carrying with them no possessions or skills. They are the upper and middle class people who gave faithful support to the American Empire. They are experienced in dealing with Pacifists and Communists in Vietnam, and we can use their expertise in the "Who Lost Vietnam?" campaign here. They are bringing money into the country, and eliciting more from the government, which will greatly help the economy. They have, in fact, brought so much gold into the country that the Swiss-American firm of Deak, Perera & Co., the world's biggest gold dealers, has set up a branch at a refugee camp in Arkansas. (New York Post, 3 May 1975) All this gold will depress the world price, thus strengthening the US dollar against the competitive pressures originating in Europe.

In a personal note, I suppose that some readers expected me to rejoice in print at the "fall" of Saigon, and to declare that the pro-war conversion I announced 1½ years ago was part hypocrisy and part hyperbole. For the reasons I've just stated, such a declaration would be the height of foolishness. American foreign policy has not changed one whit. America's will to dominate the world imperially is as unchanged as the personnel of its government. Compared with the situation that led me to announce my change of view in GRAUSTARK #300, nothing has changed except the replacement of President Nixon by President Ford - and this, as both his friends and his foes realize, is no change at all in US foreign or domestic policy. In its will, its means, and its ability to deal with foreign or domestic opposition, the United States of America is precisely what it was on that night in June 1972 when the President's personal counter-espionage agents entered an office in Watergate, or on that day in October 1973 when a world-wide military alert was declared. Whosoever catches hell during the "Who Lost Vietnam?" campaign, or the renewal of the war which will follow it, I do not propose to get caught in such folly.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

"Nathan Hale did not say what most people thought he said...According to G. B. Hadden, an assistant professor of American colonial history, hale did not say, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country"...The schoolteacher's last words were: 'It is the duty of every good officer to obey any orders given him by his commander-in-chief.'" - Michael T. Kaufman, New York Times, 4 May 1975

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"For the Times to charge confusion of anti-Communism with democracy, to discuss Vietnam as a simple civil war tastes of treason against our civilization. If you think that way, we may be doomed to jumping around in boiler suits like the benighted Sons of the Celestial Empire." - Lawrence E. McGill

"Unfortunately we did not think of evacuation earlier...Evacuation followed by continuous heavy bombing, including A-bombs, etc., would have ended any further Communist threat. 'Sink Vietnam-. Maybe it's not too late.'" - Alice Raggio letters, New York Times. 4 May 1975

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If this issue gets to you a day or two later than usual, it's because I spent the weekend of 23-25 May in Washington at a science-fiction convention called Disclave. If Disclave runs true to form, Diplomacy, poker, and several other war games will have been played there - as well as much activity by the Beaker People Libation Front. It also appears that publication of GRAUSTARK #332 on 26 July might be delayed by the BPLF beer tasting announced in STONED HENCE #9.

In GRAUSTARK #328 there went out the country assignments for a new game, temporarily designated as "G-VIII". It has since been assigned the designation "1975-CQ" by Doug Beyerlein. It has also acquired a new player for France, since the check sent in by the original French player proved to be highly elastic. The present player of France in 1975CQ is Stephen Haas, P. O. Box 639, Livingston Manor, N. Y. 12758. The other players in 1975CQ were informed a couple of weeks ago, and the deadline for "Spring 1901" moves remains at noon, Saturday 14 June 1975.

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About two hours after the article on pp. 1-3 was put on stencil, the US Government announced that the freighter Mayaguez had been seized by the new Cambodian government. The subsequent events firmly support the view of US policy which I put forth in that article, as well as the assertion in the von Hoffman column there cited that "We're circling to give someone a zap." The "zap" has landed, and the Communists in Indochina are left to consider this point: That if we do all that to someone who just stole a ship from us, what are we going to do to the people who stole three countries from us?

The Mayaguez incident demonstrates the utter helplessness of the Pacifist element in Congress to do anything about US military policy. A so-called "law" of 1973, re-enacted in subsequent military appropriation bills, says:

"None of the funds herein appropriated may be obligated or expended to finance directly or indirectly combat activities by U.S. military forces in or over or from off the shores of North Vietnam, South Vietnam, Laos, or Cambodia." Yet Congress is utterly powerless to keep the President of the United States from acting to ensure American security according to his final and absolute authority.

There's a little lesson here, too, for not only Cambodia but for every other country. The Cambodians seized the Mayaguez 8 miles off the Cambodian island of Poulo Wai. (New York Post, 16 May 1975) Since Cambodia claims, and the U.S. recognizes, a 12-mile limit, the ship was in Cambodian territorial waters. But the United States of America has demonstrated with this act that no nation will be allowed to assert "sovereign rights" against the imperial interests of our country. This was emphasized, five days after the Mayaguez incident, when a Polish fishing trawler was seized inside the 12-mile limit off the western coast of the United States. Being an Empire means that you can do it to everybody else, and no one can do it to you.

Perhaps the reassertion of American control over Indochina, which I saw as coming in the original article, is closer than I had thought.

1975AP

"Fall-Winter 1901"

AUSTRO-TURKISH ALLIANCE FOILS RUSSIANS

ENGLAND (Dalman): A Yor-Bel; F Nth C A Yor-Bel; F Eng S A Yor-Bel.

FRANCE (White): F Bre-Mid; A Par-Bur; A Mar S A Par-Bur.

GERMANY (Michal): A Bur S ITALIAN A Pie-Mar; A Kie-Den; F Hol-Bel.

ITALY (Eisen): A Pie-Mar; A Ven-Pie; F Ion-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Murray): F Alb-Gre; A Ser & A Bud S TURKISH A Bul-Rum.

RUSSIA (Cathcart): F Bot-Swe; A Gal-Rum; A Ukr S A Gal-Rum; F Se--Bla.

TURKEY (Hennrikus): A Bul-Rum; A Con-Bul; F Ank-Bla.

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

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

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

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Ven. (5)

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

RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (5)

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

The "Winter 1901" builds were sent in by all but one player, so I fear that we'll have to set a "Winter 1901" deadline for NOON, SATURDAY 14 JUNE 1975. If I should hear from the missing player within the next few days I'll pass the word on to everyone and set "Spring 1902" moves for that date instead.

1974HQ

"Fall 1903"

WHERE DID EVERYBODY GO?

ENGLAND (T. Scanlan): F Bar-St.P(n.c.); F Nwy S F Bar-St.P(n.c.);
F Nth-Eng.

FRANCE (Lariton): F Mid-Gas; F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; A Pic-Par; A Mar-Bur;
A Bel S A Mar-Bur.

GERMANY (McCullam): A Swe-Fin; F Bal-Den; A Liv-Mos; A Bur-Par; A Mun-Bur;
A Ruh-Bel; F Hol S A Ruh-Bel.

ITALY (Drakert): No moves received. A Tyr, A Apu, F Ion & F Eas hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McKeon): A Gal-Rum; A Bud & A Ser S A Gal-Rum;
F Bul(s.c.) holds; A Gre S F Bul(s.c.).

RUSSIA (Squires): A Fin & F St.P(n.c.) S GERMAN A Swe-Nwy; A Ukr-War;
F Rum S TURKISH A Con-Bul.

TURKEY (Muszynski): No moves received. F Bla, A Con & A Smy hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats F Rum-Sev, and the Russian F St.P(n.c.) and the French A Bel are annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy,

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

St.P. (5)

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

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie,

Ser, Tri, Vie. (7)

Mos, Mun, Swe. (8)

RUSSIA: Sev, War. (2)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3)

Austria-Hungary and England may each build two new units, and France, Germany may each build one. Russia must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 14 JUNE 1975.

Peter Squires takes over as Russia, since Norman Stewart has missed two consecutive moves. Though they sent in no moves, I have heard from both the Italian and the Turkish players, so I will not call for stand-bys if they "report in" by the next move deadline. Ken Muszynski is now at 5537 Chenault Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32809.

1974G0

"Winter 1904"

ENGLAND (Doyle): Builds F Edi, A Lon. ITALY (Lipton): Removes A Ven.

FRANCE (Amer): Builds A Par.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Zimmermann):

GERMANY (Brennick): Removes A Gal.

Removes F Alb.

TURKEY (Drakert): No build received.

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 14 JUNE 1975. No stand-by will be called upon for Turkey. Bob Lipton is back at 556 Green Place, Woodmere, N. Y. 11598. Eric Verheiden and Mark Zimmermann, who are Cal. Tech. students, might be posting changes of address soon.

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1974HQ PRESS RELEASE: CONSTANTINOPLE: To Vienna: Allah will get you for that!

1974IA

"Spring 1903"

RUSSO-GERMAN ALLIANCE TAKES ITS LUMPS

ENGLAND (Harrah): F Nth-Nwy; F Bar S F Nth-Nwy; F Hel S A Den; A Den S
FRENCH A Hol-Kie.

FRANCE (Parks): F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; A Mar-Gas; A Par-Bre; A Hol-Kie; A Bel-
Ruh; A Bur S A Bel-Ruh.

GERMANY (Gilinsky): F Ska S RUSSIAN F Nwy-Nth; A Kie-Den; A Bre-Pic;
A Mun-Bur.

ITALY (McKeon): A Ven S A Tri; A Tri S RUSSIAN A Bud-Ser; F Rom-Tyr; F Nap-
Ion; F Ion-Eas.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Dalman): No move received; A Vie holds.

RUSSIA (Kissner): F St.P(n.c.) holds; F Nwy-Nth; F Swe S GERMAN A Kie-Den;
A Gal-Rum; F Sev S A Gal-Rum; A Rum-Ser; A Bud S A Rum-Ser; A Ukr S
F Sev.

TURKEY (Malay): A Arm-Sev; A Ser-Rum; F Bla & A Bul S A Ser-Rum; F Gre-
Ion; F Con-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. The situations on the Kie-Den and Ser-Rum borders provide good illustrations of the rules of Diplomacy. The English A Kie was able to afford effective support to the French attack A Hol-Kie, even though Denmark was attacked from Kiel, under the provisions of Example 8 of Rule X. Thus, Denmark was attacked and defended by equal force, but Kiel was attacked by superior force. The Turkish A Ser-Rum moved with the force of 3 units, while the opposing Russian A Rum-Ser was moved with only 2 units, the support from F Sev being cut. In these moves Germany retreated A Kie-Ber, while the Russian A Rum is annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 14 JUNE 1975. No stand-by will be called upon for Austria-Hungary.

1975H

"Fall 1902"

NOT MUCH DOING

ENGLAND (Morgan): F Nth S FRENCH A Bur-Bel; A Nwy, F Edi & F Nrg hold.

FRANCE (Grayson): A Bur-Bel; A Pic S A Bur-Bel; A Mar-Bur; A Par S A Mar-
Bur; A Spa & F Mid hold.

GERMANY (Chafetz): F Den-Nth; F Kie-Hol; A Bel S F Kie-Hol; A Ruh S A Bel;
& Mun-Bur.

ITALY (Lariton): F Tyr holds; A Apu-Alb; F Ion C A Apu-Alb; A Tri S A Apu-
Alb; A Ven S A Tri.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Squires): A Ser-Bud; A Try-Vie; F Gre holds.

RUSSIA (Berman): No moves received. F Swe, A Bud, A Ukr & F Bla hold; A
Sev dislodged and annihilated.

TURKEY (Silver): F Rum-Sev; A Bul-Rum; F Con-Bla; A Ank holds; A Arm S F
Rum-Sev.

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

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (4)
 FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa.
 (5)
 GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie,
 Mun. (6)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tri, Tun, Ven. (5)
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Gre, Ser, Vie. (3)
 RUSSIA: Bud, Mos, St.P, Swe, War. (5)
 TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Rum, Sev,
 Smy. (6)

Germany, Turkey, and Russia may each build one new unit, and France must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 14 JUNE 1975.

Glenn Emigh missed two moves in a row, so Peter Squires now takes over as Austria-Hungary. I am asking Cyril Penn, 67-38 108th Street, Forest Hills, N. Y. 11375 (212-544-0086) to send in a stand-by build for Russia on the next move.

1975Q

"Fall 1902"

THE NORTH IS BLUE

ENGLAND (Laves): A Nwy-St.P; F Bar S A Nwy-St.P; F Swe S GERMAN F Den-Bal; F Nth-Ska.

FRANCE (Johnson): A Par-Gas; F Mar-Lyo; A Spa-Mar; A Por-Spa; F Wes-Tun.

GERMANY (Gillespie): F Den-Bal; A Pru-Liv; A Sil-Ber; A Hol-Kie; A Mun holds; A Ruh S A Mun.

ITALY (Westergaard): A Pie-Mar; A Tus-Pie; F Tun-Wes; F Tyr S F Tun-Wes.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Haas): F Aeg-Bul(s.c.); A Ser-Bul; A Tyr-Mun; A Vie-Gal; A Boh-Sil.

RUSSIA (Harsney): F St.P(n.c.) holds; A Liv S F St.P(n.c.); F Bal-Pru; A Ukr-War; F Rum S A Ser; A Ser S F Rum.

TURKEY (Leppert): No moves received. A Arm, A Con & F Bla hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers hold the same supply centers as they did after "1901" (see GRAUSTARK #327) except that England has acquired St.P from Russia, and also Swe, Russia makes the retreat F Bal-Bot, and France retreats F Wes-Naf by pre-condition. The Russian F St.P(n.c.) is annihilated. The only "Winter 1902" moves are two English builds, which are F Lon & F Edi. The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 14 JUNE 1975. No stand-by will be called on for Turkey, since it appears that the USP"S" was late in delivering his copy of the last issue.

PLEASE STAND BY

The last couple of issues of GRAUSTARK had an unusual number of missed moves. This was partly due to errors of the United States Postal "Service" and partly due to end-of-the-semester pressures on players. In cases where a usually reliable player has missed a move, and it does not appear that it will happen again, I have not called for a stand-by. Also, as I explained on p. 2, this issue is coming out a little late, at a time when it is not convenient to contact players who have not sent in their moves. Players should always recall that one letter in time is worth half a dozen desperate last-minute long-distance calls that may not find me, or anyone, at home.

1974GR

"Fall 1905"

ITALY SLIPS IT IN AND TWISTS IT

Following "Spring 1905" moves Russia retreated A Mos-Ukr; all players were informed.

ENGLAND (Rosenberg): F Nwy-St,P(n.c.); F Swe-Bal; F Den-Kie; A Pic-Bel; F Eng S A Pic-Bel; F Nth S A Pic-Bel; F Lon-Wal.

GERMANY (Burley): No moves received. A Hol, A Kie, A Ber & A Mun hold; A Bel dislodged and annihilated.

ITALY (Jacobs): F Smy-Con; F Gre-Bul(s.c.); F Ion-Aeg; A Tyr-Vie; A Ven Tri; A Bur-Par; F Mid-Bre; A Gas S F Mid-Dre; F Wes-Mid.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Diller): A War S A Mos; A Rum S A Sev; F Bla-Ank; A Con S F Bla-Ank; A Boh S ITALIAN A Tyr-Mun; A Sil-Bor; A Sev S A Mos; A Gal holds; A Mos S ENGLISH F Nwy-St,P(n.c.).

RUSSIA (Prosnitz): No moves received. A Ukr holds; A St.P dislodged and annihilated.

TURKEY (Squires): A Arm holds.

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

ENGLAND: Bel, Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (8)
 ITALY: Bre, Bul, Gre, Mar, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Smy, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven. (14)

GERMANY: Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun. (4) Vie. (14)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Con, Mos, Rum, Ser, Sev, War. (8)

Russia removes A Ukr and Turkey removes A Arm; these countries now have no more supply centers, and are both out of the game. Italy has acquired 5 new supply centers but only has space for 3 builds. Austria-Hungary must remove one unit and England may build one. All these "Winter 1905" moves should be phoned in to the Gamesmaster AT ONCE; he will inform the other players. The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 14 JUNE 1975.

The Gamesmaster would like to congratulate Peter Squires for sticking with his position to the very end and for standing by in other GRAU-STARK games, and Edwyn Jacobs for one of the most sweeping and impressive double-crosses in the whole discreditable history of Diplomacy.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

John Hendry, who is playing Russia in 1975CO (see p. 2) has just moved to 17 Price Road, Peabody, Mass. 01960.

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Note to players in 1974IA: Dave Dalman did get in his "Spring 1903" move as Austria-Hungary. It was A Vie S TURKISH A Ser-Bud, which doesn't change anything. Sorry about that.

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Players in 1975AP should stand by for a list of the "Winter 1901" builds, which will be mailed to them on Wednesday.

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Peter Berggren, Davistown Schoolhouse Road, Orford, N. H. 03777 has a lively and professional-looking war-gaming 'zine called Turnabout, which has 8 issues for \$2, with a \$2 game fee. He runs Diplomacy, boosts The Diplomacy Association, and points out that this is a game to have fun with, rather than a tourist bureau for ego trips.

THE SECOND COMING

by Ian Newmark

(This article, if that's what it is, is reprinted from the Brooklyn College campus newspaper Kingsman of 9 May 1975. The above title was wished on Mr. Newmark by me.)

Leon Trotsky awoke one morning to find that he had been transformed into a giant...

He glanced outside of his bedroom window through sleepy glaucomic eyes, blinked twice, and reached for his thick, rimless spectacles. The sharp lines of that gray splotch on his manicured lawn suddenly appeared: a battered, old pup tent, large enough for two, maybe three, small people.

There was a knock at his door.

Three grisly figures stood at the front steps. They were identical: tremendous beige sombreros, bordered by dangling red cotton balls at the rims, dusty gray uniforms, and wide leather gunbelts, filled with tarnished rifle shells, across their chests. The faces were lean, and strangley scrubbed; young and untanned, though slightly red. Each had a large black Zapata mustache placed comically above the upper lip.

"It's him!" shouted the tallest. "It's Trotsky!" The old man's jaw dropped. "Yes, that's my name, Trotsky, that's me."

"We knew you were still alive, we just knew it. You're going to lead us, aren't you?" asked the shortest, pleadingly.

"What are you talking about, who do you want?" the old man sputtered.

"You're Leon Trotsky and you're going to lead la revolucion. We found your name in the phone book and traced you here: 2512 East 64th Street, right?"

The old man flushed and rubbed his eyes, expecting the vision to go away. "Well, yes, I am Leon Trotsky of 2512 East 64th Street, also of Trotsky's Dry Goods, 120 Orchard Street. But I don't know what you want, you must have the wrong trotsky."

The tallest turned to the shortest, and both turned to the third. "Why have you forsaken us - don't you believe any more?"

The old man looked down.

"In what?"

Tears began to well in the soldiers' eyes. "Marx is dead, Lenin is dead, Stalin is dead; you're all we have."

The old man sighed. "Trotsky is dead."

Silence.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

My copy of Philmar's game Kingmaker has just arrived from England. It's a negotiation game, placed during the Wars of the Roses in late 15th-century England. The players represent factions of nobles who are trying to control the rival claimants of the York and Lancaster branches of the Plantagenet Dynasty. To do so, they negotiate among one another using as bargaining counters the members of the royal families, plus control of towns, high offices of state, ships, and companies of mercenaries. There are battles, sieges, and meetings of Parliament, plus chance factors introduced by Scots raids, bad weather, and the plague. Philmar is presently engaged in rewriting the rules to smooth out ambiguities, but the game is fairly playable. It is, of course, a Diplomacy sort of game, with possibilities for alliances, backstabs, and other enjoyments.

It now seems fairly definite that the first-class postage rate will go up to 13¢ per ounce later this year. Apparently this increase is to be coupled with the abandonment of air mail as a separate category; instead, all first-class mail will allegedly go by air if time will be saved thereby.

There will be no change in GRAUSTARK game fees, or subscription or back issue rates, when this increase takes place. If a postal strike should take place in this country, all pending GRAUSTARK deadlines will be postponed until the fourth Saturday after the end of the strike. If a postal strike occurs in any other country, and the USPS puts an embargo on mail to that country, then pending deadlines in all games in which residents of that country are playing will be postponed until the fourth Saturday after the end of the embargo.

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"Politics also became involved when the Centre Lyceen d'Information Sexuelle was formed by students to fight what it called the official attitude towards sex. Very left wing, it advised students to have nothing to do with the official programme and called for a social and sexual revolution claiming that sex education must also be used in the fight against capitalism." - Henry Kahn, New Scientist, 10 April 1975

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I should here like to oblige several publishers who have asked me to plug their 'zines, and apologize for this delay in doing so. If you read German, you'll like Walter Luc Haas's Bumm, the first dippyzine in that language. (It's 10 issues for 10 West German marks or Swiss francs; Postfach 229, CH-4018 Basel 18, Switzerland.)

Mike Friedman, 76 Halyard Rd., North Woodmere, N. Y. 11581, has just begun publication of Ginnungagap at \$1.25 for 10 issues. The game fee is \$3.00.

Russell Fox, 5160 Donna Ave., Tarzana, Calif. 91356 brings out Centurion, giving away free game entries with a sub rate of 8 issues for \$2.00. These will increase if postal rates do. Centurion #3 carries an article about the Tarzan industry, which is responsible for the existence of Fox's home town.

Speculum comes in pale purple dittography from Dave Kadlecek, 1147 Sierra Creek Way, San Jose, Calif. 95132. Subscriptions are 10 issues for \$2, and the game fee is \$1.50 - \$2.00 for the Youngstown variant, the additional money presumably going for exceedrin for the Gamesmaster.

Paroxysm, a very appropriately named 'zine, comes from several editors in Canada, principally Doug Ronson, 864 Ingersoll Court, Mississauga, Ontario L5J 2S1. It is uncertain whether Ronson is a real person or a northward extension of Red Walker.

Bob Lipton is not, an April Fools' Day hoax to the contrary, ceasing publication of his Mixumaxu Gazette. (5 issues for \$1 from him at 556 Green Place, Woodmere, N. Y. 11598) His "The Publisher", reviewed in GRAUSTARK #326, is still available for 50¢.

Moeshoeshoe, the oldest French Diplomacy 'zine, is available from Michel Feron, Grand-Place 7, B-4280, Hannut, Belgium. Write him for subscription and game rates. Much of Moeshoeshoe is published in English.

Too little heard from these days is Donald Miller, next to myself the first Gamesmaster still publishing. His The Gamesletter is 10 issues for \$2 from him at 12315 Judson Rd., Wheaton, Md. 20906. Other war games, including chess and bridge (well, you know how devotees play them) are also covered.

Exponent is the official magazine of the John Dewey High School Strategic Games Club, and is 10 issues for \$1.50 from Richard Kovalcik Jr., 947 56th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11219. There is no game fee, and the re-

production and the gamesmastering are far above what you might expect from a high school. But then John Dewey's graduates are far above the usual high-school standards too, as I found from several who have appeared in my classes.

Bushwhacker comes monthly from Fred C. Davis Jr., 3012 Oak Green Court, Ellicott City, Md. 21043. Subs are 12 issues for \$2.00 until 1 July, when they rise to \$2.50. There are presently no game openings.

Arrakis comes from Canada, but I don't know from whom. Every time I think I know who gets a trade copy of GRAU-STARK for it, I'm told I'm trading with the wrong person. Currently it seems to be Rick Kitching, P. O. Box 1573, Huntsville, Ontario POA 1K0. There's a \$2 game fee.

Black Hole comes from Douglas Reif, 67 Grosvenor Rd., Kenmore, N. Y. 14223. Subscriptions are 7 for \$1, and it runs orphaned games.

Gassed comes, with much swearing at the Canadian postal system, from David J. Truman, Apt. 1510, 50 Stephanie St., Toronto, Ontario M5T 1B3. Subs are \$2.00 a year (3 week intervals between issues) in Canada, and \$2.50 for us traitors to the Crown. The game fee is \$5, but for \$12 you can enter a Prize Game.

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"In February this department carried a brief account of investigations into the breeding of featherless chickens, which would have the advantage of not wasting feed by converting it into inedible feathers. Harvey C. McCaleb of Columbia, Mo., writes to point out that feathers are not necessarily inedible. He cites the work of John Cherry...who is studying methods of isolating the protein of feathers so that it can be used as a food additive. According to Cherry, chicken-feather protein is already being used as a supplement to feeds, and there is no reason why it cannot be added to dog, cat and even human food. McCaleb comments: 'I think "Science and the Citizen" should be fair to our feathered friends, as there are those who think there is a great future in feathers.'" - Scientific American, May 1975

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Greg Warden has undertaken to defend the policy of the International Diplomacy Association of not making public the names and misdeeds of fly-by-night Gamesmasters who collect fees and then don't publish. Moreover, he has tried to do this without mentioning Edi Birsan, whose policy it is. (Birsan was just re-elected IDA chairman.) Instead, in a "Brief Editorial" in En Passant #64, he says I don't have the facts straight.

On the contrary - I have them straight from the lips of Birsan himself. Edi Birsan, Chairman of the International Diplomacy Association, does not believe that larcenous Gamesmasters should be publicly exposed. The Gamesmaster who plans to rip off his subscribers can find a congenial home in the IDA. Remember this if you think of sending a game fee to an IDA member. Also, contrary to Warden's lie, I have never supported Buddy Tretick's rip-offs, and have denounced them several times in print.

Meanwhile, it should be recalled that IDA began as an attempt to drive TDA's chairman, John Beshara, out of Diplomacy fandom. Larry Peery, IDA's founder, admitted as much to me in a letter which I published in GRAUSTARK #250. Failing in his acknowledged attempt to take over TDA, he founded IDA. His publication Veritas Vincit, which attacked Beshara, was financed by Walter Buchanan, and supported also by Rod Walker.

Warden claims that TDA has done nothing about the games abandoned when The Fighter's Home quit publication. You'll find them in Black Hole (see above), thanks to TDA. Now - where will you find IDA Gamesmasters if they pull a Tretick on you? Maybe Birsan and Warden know - but they aren't telling.

THE "WHO, BESIDES..." QUIZ

Yet another trivia quiz appears in this issue of GRAUSTARK. The person who answers the greatest number of these questions correctly will receive a free entry in a postal Diplomacy game, provided that he gets at least 5 answers right. The deadline for entries is NOON, SATURDAY 12 JULY 1975; the answers and the winners' names will be published in GRAUSTARK #332 on 26 July 1975.

1. Who, besides President Ulysses S. Grant, is buried in Grant's Tomb?
2. Who, besides Richard Cromwell, was ruler of England between the death of Oliver Cromwell and the Restoration?
3. Who, besides (and before) William Shakespeare, wrote a play on Hamlet?
4. Who, besides John Wilkes Booth, was leader of a plot to assassinate President Lincoln?
5. Who, besides Georges Bizet, put Carmen on the stage?
6. Who, besides Max Schmeling, knocked out Joe Louis?
7. Who, besides Paul Revere, carried the message "The British are coming!" on 18 April 1775?
8. Who, besides Robert Boyle, discovered Boyle's Law?
9. Who, besides Dr. John H. Watson, served as narrator in the Sherlock Holmes stories?
10. Who, besides Joe Di Maggio and Arthur Miller, was married to Marilyn Monroe?

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GRAUSTARK, the oldest bulletin of postal Diplomacy, has been published for twelve years by John Boardman (address below). Subscriptions are 10 issues for \$2.00. The entry fee for a postal Diplomacy game is \$10 and includes a subscription as long as the game lasts. Back issues are 10 for \$1 except for #/ 296, 300, and 315, particularly large issues which cost 50¢ each. The following back issues are available: 199, 200, 202, 206, 248-250, 253, 257, 258, 271, 273-276, 280, 283, 285, 286, and 291-328. EMPIRE, a bulletin for war games other than Diplomacy, is available at the same rates. All back issues of EMPIRE (#/1-13) are in stock. EMPIRE will shortly begin a postal game of SPI's new ancient tactical war game Legion.

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