

ROME, Jan. 1.—The Vatican, which has no other arms than the medieval halberds of its Swiss Guards, announced today that it would sign the international treaty on halting the spread of nuclear weapons.

Souvenir Liquor Leaks

AUGUSTA, Me., Dec. 27 (UPI)—Many of the lobster-shaped ceramic liquor bottles sold as part of the state's sesquicentennial observation have proved leaky. The chairman of the State Liquor Commission, Keith Ingraham, said today that although ceramic bottles tend to leak more than glass, the percentage of "leakers" has been high with the lobster edition. The bottles, containing bourbon, were sold in the state's liquor stores for \$18.05.

Military officials said that the decision to abolish the Congress was made because the elected body had blocked the armed forces campaign to end "left-wing subversion" and failed to take steps to provide efficient government.

Ruth Ashton Taylor, of CBS news, called the fact that women have to pay a dime to pee in public toilets while men get to go free, a "burning issue." Sorry to hear about that, Ruth.

So There—

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The Women's Lib group at Florida State University, opposing the idea that a woman's place is in the kitchen, decided to raise some cash—so the members held a bake sale.

GRAUSTARK

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Even More Special "The 1970's Are Damn Near Over Too" Issue!

WE FEEL coloured underwear is not appropriate dress in a educational school. Mr William Gill, headmaster of Cooper's School, Chislehurst.

Shoe fits

EARTH Shoes has filed for bankruptcy, but another purveyor of footwear, Roots, has increased sales by more than 20 per cent. "It's all because of that television program," says an exec for the company. "We've got millions of dollars worth of publicity even though we have absolutely nothing to do with it."

Program for '70's

To the Editor:
For 35 years irresponsible spending by Federal, state and local politicians has constantly edged us toward the brink of total bankruptcy. This has developed an environmental climate enabling hippies to attack with impunity fundamental principles and traditional virtues that made America great.

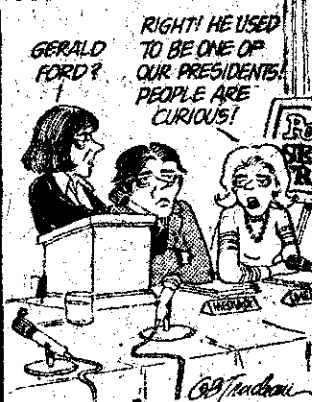
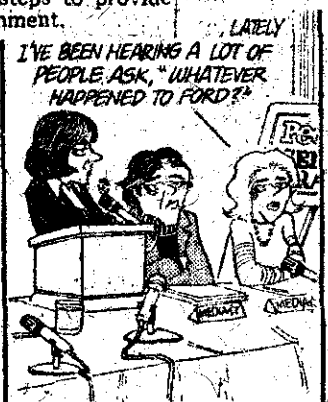
Voters who cherish life, liberty and our right to pursue happiness can make the seventies sensible. We must defeat profligate politicians at every election and elect instead only freedom loving patriots who will enforce basic economy throughout all levels of government.

Unless we change course within this decade, our good Ship of State may actually perish in the fathomless depths of permissive liberalism. If that should happen, courtesy, decency, integrity and responsible society will surely vanish from this earth.

E. L. McLAUGHLIN
Union, S. C., Aug. 25, 1970



WATERGATE CAPER
Bronxville: The alleged Watergate incident is the laugh of the year. What in the world would be worth laughing at in Cooper's headquarters?
R. C. C.



MCCARTHY POEM LITHOGRAPHS with designs by John Freeman or Charles Frazier, both signed by Eugene McCarthy. Edition of 100, 24 x 30, \$50 each. Referendum '70, 66 Morton St., New York 10014. (212) 691-1802.



1975H

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"Fall 1914"

GIBRALTAR STILL CORKED

FRANCE (Heuer): F Spa(s.c.) holds; A Por S F Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Chafetz): F NAT & F Bre S F Mid; F Mid S FRENCH F Spa(s.c.); F Gas S FRENCH F Spa(s.c.); A Par S F Gas; A Bur-Mar; A Ruh-Bur; A Mun & A Sil S A Boh; A Boh S A Mun; A Mos S A War; A Pru S A War; A War & A Liv S A Mos.ITALY (Lariton): F Wes-Mid; F Naf S F Wes-Mid; A Pie-Mar; A Tus-Pie; A Gal-Boh; A Tyr & A Vie S A Gal-Boh; A Bud-Gal; A Tri S A Tyr; A Ukr-Mos; A Sev S A Ukr-Mos; F Bla S A Sev; F Tyr-Wes; A Mar-Spa; F Lyo S A Mar-Spa.

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

FRANCE: Por, Spa. (2)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mos, Mun, Nwy, Par, St.P, Swe, War. (16)

ITALY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mar, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (16)

Germany may build two new units, and Italy may build one. These "Winter 1914" builds should be sent to the Gamesmaster by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, and should arrive by Monday 25 April 1977. The deadline for "Spring 1915" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 7 MAY 1977. The proposed draw fails of unanimity, and is re-submitted for another vote by the players.

1976DC

"Winter 1905"

"MARE NOSTRUM" ONCE AGAIN

Following "Fall 1905" moves Italy retreated A Rum-Bud and England retreats F Lon-Yor. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Liv, Nwy, Swe, St.P. (5)

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

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

Builds and removals are:

ENGLAND (Lariton): Removes F St.P(s.c.).

FRANCE (Chafetz): Builds F Mar.

ITALY (Malay): Builds F Rom.

ITALY: Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Rom, Ser, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (11)

RUSSIA: Mos, Sev, War. (3)

TURKEY: Ank, Rum, Smy. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McNally): A Con resp moved; out of game.

RUSSIA (Drakert): Builds A War.

TURKEY (Bakich): Removes F Bla.

The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 7 MAY 1977.

1976BV

"Winter 1905"

FRANCE PLAYS A WAITING GAME

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Mar, Par, Por. (9)

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

ITALY: Rom, Spa, Tun. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ven. (1)

Builds and removals are:

ENGLAND (Robinson): Removes F Pic, F Eng & F Hel.

FRANCE (Verheiden): Builds F Mar, defers one build.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McCullam): No orders received; Gamesmaster removes F Ven.

RUSSIA: Bud, Mos, Nwy, St.P, Swe, Vie, War. (7)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri. (10)

RUSSIA (G. Gallagher): Builds A Mos, A War, F St.P(n.c.).

TURKEY (Bergeman): Builds F Smy, F Ank.

The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 7 MAY 1977.

PARIS: The French government would like to mark the passing of the English by noting that Robinson was a skilled diplomat, a tenacious player, and I'm glad he's gone!

1976DX

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"Fall 1904"

BRITANNIA RUES THE WAVES

ENGLAND (Fabry): F Bot-Swe; F Liverpool holds; F Eng-Lon; F Iri-Mid.FRANCE (Dodge): F Por-Spa((sic)); A Gas & F Mid S F Por-Spa; A Bur-Mar; A Bel-Ruh;
A Yor-Edi; F Bre S F Mid; F Nth-Lon.GERMANY (La Rocco): F Den-Nth; A Ber-Kie; A Sil-Ber.ITALY (Ameling): A Boh S RUSSIAN A Mun; A Pie-Mar; F Wes-Mid; F Naf S F Wes-Mid;
F Tun holds.RUSSIA (Brawner): A Mun-Kie; A War holds; A Mos S A War; F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; F Liv
S F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; A Fin-Swe; A Sev-Rum.TURKEY (Addison): A Mar-Gas; F Lyo S ITALIAN A Pie-Mar; A Tyr S RUSSIAN A Mun;
F Tyr-Wes; A Gal-Sil; F Rum & F Aeg hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. England retreats F Bot-Bal. The High Com-
batant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Liv, Nwy, Swe. (3)

ITALY: Gre, Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (5)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Edi, Hol, Lon, Par,
Por, Spa. (8)RUSSIA: Bul, Mos, Mun, St.P, Sev, Vie,
War. (7)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Kie. (3)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Con, Mar, Rum, Ser,
Sny, Tri. (8)

England must remove one unit, and Turkey may build one. These "Winter 1904" moves
should be sent to the Gamesmaster by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, and must arrive by
Monday 25 April 1977. The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 7
MAY 1977; all players will be informed of the "Winter 1904" moves as soon as they
are in. In the above adjudications, the French "F Por-Spa" fails because it was
not specified to which coast of Spain the fleet was trying to move.

1977B

"Spring 1902"

GERMAN LANDING FAILS

ENGLAND (Carter): A Liv-Yor; F Lon-Eng; F Nrg-Edi.FRANCE (Ripper): F Eng-Iri; F Bre-Eng; A Par-Pic; A Spa-Gas; A Per-Spa.GERMANY (R. Gallagher): A Mun-Sil; F Kie-Bal; A Hol-Kie; A Bel-Yor; F Nth C A
Bel-Yor.

ITALY (Salcedo): A Ven-Tyr; A Tun-Alb; F Lon C A Tun-Alb; F Nap S F Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Eisen): A Bud-Gal; A Vie S A Bud-Gal; A Tri-Bud; F Gre-Bul(s.c.);
A Ser S F Gre-Bul(s.c.).RUSSIA (Addison): F Swe-Bal; F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; F Bla S TURKISH A Bul; A War-Sil;
A Gal-Bph.TURKEY (Laves): A Rum-Ser; F Aeg-Gre; A Bul S F Aeg-Gre; F Con-Aeg; F Sny-Eas.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish move "A Bul S F Aeg-Gre" suc-
ceeds because the A Bul was attacked out of the space into which it was giving
support, and therefore its support was not cut. The deadline for "Fall 1902"
moves is NOON, SATURDAY 7 MAY 1977. Regrettably, several interesting press re-
leases must be postponed to the next issue for lack of space.
The Austro-Hungarian F Gre is annihilated.

WESTERN ALLIANCE KEEPS UP THE PRESSURE

ENGLAND (Drakert): F Nrg & A Edi hold; F St.P(n.c.)-Bar; F Nwy S GERMAN A Den-Swe;
F Bal S GERMAN F Swe-Bot.

GERMANY (Hodin): A Den-Swe; A Kie & F Nth hold; A Ber-Sil; A Pru S A Ber-Sil; A Mun-
Boh; F Swe-Bot; A Sil-Gal.

ITALY (Bragdon): F Spa(s.c.), A Alb & F Ion hold; A Tyr-Vie; F Tun S F Ion; F Adr
S A Alb; F Ven S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tri.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Laves): A Gal-Rum; A Tri S ITALIAN A Tyr-Vie.

RUSSIA (Wienczek): A War holds; A Ukr S A War; F Bot-St.P(s.c.); A Liv & A Fin S F
Bot-St.P(s.c.).

TURKEY (Kahn): A Ser-Tri; F Eas-Ion; A Gre & A Bud hold; F Aeg-Con; F Ank-Bla.

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NOON, SATURDAY 7 MAY 1977.

WHAT YOU'VE BEEN MISSING

If you enjoy playing or following postal Diplomacy in GRAUSTARK, you'll also enjoy the other war games which are being played postally in EMPIRE. (See page 10 for a list of them.) Recent issues of EMPIRE have contained the following features:

#51 (30 October): Six players began combat in a postal game of Russian Civil War. Initially this looked like a scrap between one player who controlled Lenin, Voroshilov, Tukhachevsky, Stalin, and the imprisoned Tsar, and one who had obtained most of the Tsarist leadership by the luck of the draw. Catholic and Protestant units made contact at Breitenfeld (1632), while the leaderless Vikings surrendered at Stamford Bridge (1066).

#52 (13 November): The postal rules for SPI's Conquistador, which has since become very popular as a postal game, were published. Two trial games have been started in EMPIRE, and other 'zines are also running it. A Blue Enchanted Fortress fell to two Purple Trolls in a Sorcerer game, and some new SPI games are reviewed. "Intercepted Mail", a regular EMPIRE feature, tells how a Hindu swami "de-programs" a young Indian prince who has fallen victim to Christianity.

#53 (27 November): Bill Drakert's Germans continue to bash Steve Haas's British in a re-creation of the 1914 naval scrap at Dogger Bank, while Dave Schwartz's Normans open dealings with Drakert's English at Hastings. In Russian Civil War the Cossacks ride on Moscow, while Sam Rhine undergoes a rare loss at postal Frigate against Dave Wienczek. "Intercepted Mail" examines the prospects of the comedy team of Butz and Brown.

#54 (11 December): Dick Trtek's Persians take on Dave Braunagel's Greeks at Marathon, which has since developed into a hard-slugging, evenly matched scrap. The first Conquistador game gets under weigh among Trtek, Schwartz, and Drakert, while a second is organized with the Portuguese and German Banker optional rules. The Holy Roman Empire wins the first skirmish at Breitenfeld, and "Intercepted Mail" tells a would-be member of Young Americans for Freedom why he won't be allowed to join. In a trial postal game of Warcat Sea, a battle royal shapes up in the North Sea between Drakert and Lewis Ritter.

#55 (25 December): Trtek's Americans start what will eventually be a successful escape from Rhine's British in Cape Fear, the most popular postal Frigate scenario. Schwartz and Braunagel begin Heraclea, the original 'Pyrrhic Victory'. In Russian Civil War, Trtek rescues the Tsar from the evil Reds, while his ally (for the time being) Ritter draws control of 36 Strength Points of Finnish and Polish Nationalists.

#56 (15 January): The annual Ignobel Prize awards were announced, to the tune of a row between the Iranian and Saudi Ambassadors, as a member of the Gang of Four becomes the next King of Skandalutz. Find out why awards went to Flushing National Bank and to an obscure Canadian politician. The Germans win a handy victory at Dogger Bank, which almost followed its historical precedent. Postal rating systems are published for Frigate and for SPI's PRESTAGS series of ancient and medieval tactical war-games; Rhine led the first list, while Malay and Drakert tied for the second.

#57 (5 February): Trtek's French get a lock on Brazil in the first Conquistador game, while in the second Columbus is lost on an expedition to Argentina and the English explore the Mississippi River. In Russia, Whites disperse of Tukhachevsky and Stalin, while the English draw first blood at Hastings and the Greeks at Marathon.

#58 (26 February): The French loot the Aztec Empire in the first Conquistador game, while they pulverize the Aztecs in the second. Elmer Hinton's Dnai closes in on his eventual win over Schwartz's Ussa in postal Sorcerer, while in War at Sea Germany fights to the last Italian. In a new Dreadnought scenario for Denmark Strait, the Prince of Wales lands a good shot on the Bismarck.

#59 (17 March): Two new Dogger Bank games begin - but these are the Frigate scenario of the Anglo-Dutch naval battle during the American War for Independence. "Intercepted Mail" carries congratulations to the Hanafi leader from William F. Buckboard of National Reaction, and in the second Conquistador game nearly everyone goes bankrupt. Mark Keller's "The Modern Modern Major General" satirizes our beloved hobby in appropriate Gilbertian stanzas. And Verazzano is lost while trying to round Cape Horn.

#60 (22 March): Lenin and Trotsky are expelled from the Central Committee in Russian Civil War, while "Intercepted Mail" announces a campaign, based on the National Rifle Association's ideas, against auto registration and licensing. A new feature, "Imperial Diary", begins, using stories from the daily press to support the editor's contention that the United States of America will soon go to war and that everyone mindful of his or her personal safety ought to make no objection to this.

#61 (1 April): A new postal Sorcerer game begins between Brenton Ver Ploeg and Bill Osmanson, Dungeons & Dragons fans are told the properties of the Magic Sword Exkalowicz, and Braunagel replaces Bakich as the Protestants at Breitenfeld, as Tilly's mercenaries work great destruction on the Swedish cavalry. The North Cape scenario of Dreadnought is tried by Dave Schwartz's Duke of York and Mikko Lehtonen's Scharnhorst.

#62 (9 April): Sebastian Cabot is lost at sea in one Conquistador game, while in the other nobody is able to bring his loot back to Europe. Kamenev is assassinated in Russian Civil War as a White victory seems nearer, and "Imperial Diary" wonders how soon the carefully staged replacement of Vance by Brzezinski will be carried out.

1976EG

"Winter 1903"

DIE WELLE DER ZUKUNFT

ENGLAND (Kelly): Removes F Nwy.

GERMANY (Goldberg): Builds A Mun.

FRANCE (Cunningham): Builds F Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Bowman): Builds F Tri.

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Six entries have been received for a new postal Diplomacy game. As soon as a seventh entry fee comes in, country assignments will be mailed out to the players, and a deadline set - probably for 28 May 1977. Entrants should send in, with the \$10 fee, a list of the countries they'd like to play in order of preference. The rules for postal Diplomacy may be found in GRAUSTARK #346.

1977CH

"Spring 1901"

TIGHT SQUEEZE IN THE CHANNEL

Doug Beyerlein has assigned this new game the Boardman Number "1977CH". Players should use it henceforth in communications with one another and with the Gamesmaster.

ENGLAND (Chafetz): F Lon-Eng; F Edi-Nth; A Liv-Yor.

FRANCE (F, Hurdle): F Bre-Eng; A Mar-Spa; A Par-Gas.

GERMANY (Hoh): A Mun-Ruh; F Kie-Den; A Ber-Kie.

ITALY (Brawnër): A Ven-Tyr; A Rom-Ven; F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Osmanson): F Tri holds; A Bud-Ser; A Vie-Gal.

RUSSIA (Salcedo): F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; A War-Gal; A Mos-Ukr; F Sev holds.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 7 MAY 1977. Robert Hoernig's new address is 95 Augell Road, Hyannis, Mass. 02601. Thanks for the press releases, which will have to be deferred to the next issue since this one lacks space.

1976IB

"Spring 1903"

GERMANS MOVE EAST; SO DO FRENCH

ENGLAND (Brawnër): F Edi-Nth; F Lon-Eng; A Wal-Liv.

FRANCE (P. Gallagher): A Gas-Bur; A Bel-Ruh; A Pic-Bel; F Nat-Cly; F Mid-Eng;
F Nth-Hel.

GERMANY (Trtek): F Den S FRENCH F Nth; A Mun-Boh; A Ber-Mun; A Kie-Ber; A Hol-Kie.

ITALY (Thornsen): F Tur-Ion; F Nap S F Tur-Ion; A Ven S A Tyr; A Tyr S GERMAN
A Mun-Boh.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Fanning): No moves received. A Vie, A Tri, A Ser, A Alb & F Gre hold.

RUSSIA (Walters): F Nwy-Ska; F Swe S F Nwy-Ska; A War-Pru; A Mos S A Sev; A Ukr S
F Rum; A Sev & F Rum hold.

TURKEY (Robinson): A Arm-Sev; A Bul holds; F Bla & F Con S A Bul.

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STAND-BYS

According to the stand-by rules published in GRAUSTARK #346, the following people are asked to send in the indicated stand-by moves:

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1976IB: Austria-Hungary, Fall 1903: David E. Schwartz, 569 S. Springfield Ave.,
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THE JIMMY CARTER DEMOCRATIC ESSAY CONTEST AND WAR POOL

WINNING ESSAY BY ALLAN B. CALHAMER

((The essay contest announced last November in GRAUSTARK #355 was won by Diplomacy's founder with the following essay.))

This essay is to "explain, in 2000 words or less, why the election of a Democratic President of the United States of America is always followed by a war which involves American armed forces".

This question is an intensely interesting one. I have asked it many times; but Democrats are so embarrassed by the question that they contribute nothing in reply, and Republicans are hard to find.

Brevity requires that we limit ourselves to such points as seem major, foregoing the desire to raise minor arguments and deal with them in anticipation.

First we will consider the seven of the arguments suggested in GRAUSTARK, which seem subject to the most serious objections. Then we will consider the remaining five arguments from GRAUSTARK, finally offering a few suggestions of our own.

First, that economic difficulties bring Democrats to power in the U. S., and militarists elsewhere. This argument fits only World War II, for F. D. Roosevelt and his militarist opponents, Hitler, Mussolini, and Tojo, all came to power during severe economic difficulties. However, Truman came to power when the economy was ready for a marked upward movement, due to pent-up demand and widely distributed savings created by the war. Of Truman's surprising victory in 1948, Senator Taft said, "It is difficult to defeat the party in power during a prosperity." It is easy to find fault with the current economic picture, almost no matter what it is, but by long-term comparison, neither Wilson nor Kennedy-Johnson came to power at a particularly difficult time economically. Both came to power toward the end of long upswings. And when did Wilson's militaristic antagonists come to power? 1812? 1866? 1871? 1890, perhaps? Wilson was elected in 1912.

Second, that Democrats favor centralization of power. The difficulty is that, prior to 1933, the Republican Party, rather than the Democratic, favored centralization of power/ but still the only war during 1900-1933 occurred under the only Democratic President.

Third, that Democrats seek to provide employment for poor people by putting them in the armed forces. One difficulty here is that the draft was employed in all four wars, and that the precedent of the Civil War, whereby the wealthy could buy their way out, was rejected; and the college deferment, which was similar but not as sweeping in effect, was only in effect during the last two wars. However, interestingly enough, it was unilaterally proclaimed by Harry Truman, at a time when there was opposition to it in Congress.

Fourth, new immigrants and their immediate descendants, disproportionately represented in the Democratic Party, want the U. S. to go to war to help the "old country". The truth seems to be that Americans generally are biased in favor of their country of origin, without regard for whether they are new immigrants or twelfth generation Americans. Thus Anglo-Americans tended to favor intervention in both World Wars. Germans and Irish tended to oppose entry into World War I (the Irish simply because they were against the English, who then ruled Ireland). There was no question of entry on the German side, since the English were far more influential in the United States, so the opposition preferred non-intervention. However, the Germans in those days were typically Democrats, and the Irish were powerful in the Democratic Party! In World War II, one could expect interventionist sentiment from the English, the Dutch (that is, Franklin D. Roosevelt), the Jews (justifiably) and the East Europeans. Those opposing intervention again included the Germans and Irish, joined now by the Italians. The Germans were no longer concentrated in the Democratic Party, but the Italians now were, and the Irish were, if anything, moving up in that party. Samuel Lubell showed that so-called "midwestern isolationism" in this period actually was concentrated in

German, Italian, and Irish precincts, and was equally prevalent in those precincts in the Eastern cities. The last two wars were both in Asia; and there is hardly any Oriental bloc voting to worry about in the United States, because there are relatively few Orientals here. Almost the only possibility is that Senator Knowland, Republican of California ("the Senator from Formosa") may have been playing for pluralities in districts such as San Francisco's Chinatown.

Fifth, Southern senators may be trying to get rid of blacks. In fact, in the first World War, most Negro soldiers were not permitted to fight, being used only to bring up supplies. The white supremacists of the time realized that you cannot weaken any group by teaching its members to fight, with arms, by teaching them dirty tricks, by toughening them and teaching them to work together, by praising them for their service to their country, then killing a mere 5%, wounding another 5%, and extending veterans' benefits (principally medical care, which can be ruinously expensive) for life to the 95% who survive. The history of the Negro rights movement since World War II contains occasional points at which "armed Negro war veterans" have been present to assert their rights.

Sixth, that the people prefer war and the majority party is bringing it to them. If the people preferred war, we would have had it for more than 17 years out of the last 77; and, although the Republican Party was the majority party 1900-1933, still the only war occurred under the only Democrat.

Seventh, that foreign governments attack during Democratic administrations, seeing them as "weak". The Viet Nam War began as a guerrilla action against the French, not the United States, about 1945. It continued throughout the Republican administration of Eisenhower, and did not involve the United States in any way until the United States chose to involve itself. It is a question whether we were attacked in Korea, since we hardly had any troops there at the time. We were not attacked in World War I. The Germans attacked only American blockade runners. Of course, American had freely attacked European blockade runners during the Civil War. The mere fact that the German vessels were submersible, about which much propaganda was made at the time, of course has no bearing on the principles involved. Only in World War II were we undeniably attacked. Revisionist historians make much of an apparent American ultimatum to Japan just before the attack; but still the war is started by the attack.

We now examine the five more difficult arguments from GRAUSTARK. First, Republicans represent "old money", while Democrats represent "new money", which is hungry for war profits. Various persons have profited from war related activities, including, inevitably, "old money", "new money", and people with no money at all. Inevitably, even in a situation altogether free from individual fault, some people will become dependent upon these activities. The largest part of the "defense industry" is probably in this category. We cannot tell, however -- because it is too complicated and we don't know enough about it -- whether these people or any of them actually create any predisposition toward war, as distinguished from merely meeting an existing need, or whether that predisposition is significantly large, or whether it is larger under Democratic than under Republican administrations.

Second, that the labor element in the Democratic Party tends to cause war because war drives up wages. Apparently Labor generally favored the Viet Nam war. Labor has never actually resisted any war anywhere in the world, so far as we know, other than through individual expression of opinion. The closest thing to it may have come in 1914, when the German Socialist party (I no longer remember its formal name), which was pledged under Marxist principles to refuse to support a war even

* - The publisher wishes emphatically to dissociate himself from this remark of the author's, which carries the implication that the United States of America should be bound by the same restrictions as lesser nations. We are an imperial power destined to world domination, and not required to imitate others. What is wrong for any lesser nation to do, is right for the United States of America. Look what happens to people who argue the contrary! - JB

if the state went to war, broke its pledge and supported World War I. Supposedly one of the reasons was that they wanted to liberate the Russians from the backward yoke of the Czar. Of course, Labor in this episode did not show itself any more warlike than the rest of the population; it only failed to show itself any less warlike.

Third, idealists collect in the Democratic Party, and their conduct historically leads to armed violence. I deny the claim as it is stated, that the Democratic Party attracts more people "of high ideals"; but for various reasons I believe that, in many cases, the Republican "of high ideals" will concern himself more nearly with personal integrity than with millennialism.

Fourth, Democrats want "national unity" to cover up their habitual mismanagement. The Democratic reputation for mismanagement may be a result of the wars, or of other factors leading to rapid increase in the size of the government. Whether, given stability in government size, Democratic mismanagement would actually exceed Republican or not, I am in no position to say.

Fifth, Democrats seek inflation, through war. There might be many reasons why an administration would seek inflation; the most obvious seem to be the numbers illusion (people like getting paid more and more, even if it doesn't buy any more), social levelling, and reducing outstanding obligations (a sort of numbers illusion for investors). "Expansionist" economic policy also calls for inflation. Tax increases can be concealed by jacking everyone up into a higher bracket, without increasing their real income.

In summary, it appears that the easiest arguments to deal with are those relating to racial or ethnic factionalism, since most of the factions are in the same political Party; and economic arguments related to the business cycle. The more difficult arguments appear to be economic arguments unrelated to the business cycle, the role of idealism, and the role of certain illusions.

We now suggest a few more considerations. First, though the country inevitably suffers from certain divisions, the gravest and most combative divisions tend to be over-represented within the Democratic Party. Thus, a Democratic President may see the country as more deeply divided than it is; and the temptation to seek "national unity" may coincide with a desire to unite his party. The division between Southern whites and Negroes, that between Catholics and Jews (Milton Gwirtzman purported to show some years ago that the Democratic Party lost several elections in New York State due to a pattern in which, as Jews moved into the Party, Catholics moved out, and vice versa), that between Southern Protestants and Catholics, and, more recently, abrasion between Negroes and "ethnics", and even between Negroes and Jews, are all over-represented, generally heavily over-represented, in the Democratic Party. Obviously the same difficulties will be under-represented in a Republican cabinet.

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The Democrats are more sensitive to charges of disloyalty. Each side accuses the other of disloyalty. Democrats habitually claim that Republicans do not support the wars. Corporations are attacked for internationalism, and what not. Republicans charge Communism, and related charges. For whatever combination of reasons, the Democrats seem more fearful of the charges than the Republicans, and their judgment may be rocked by them.

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There is a connection between these two points. Since Democrats are over-represented on both ends of the political spectrum, charges of disloyalty emanating from either wing threaten to cause a crippling desertion of the other wing. Already Carter has told the Russians that he will interest himself in the protection of the dissident Sakharov; and a commentator has speculated that Carter did this to reduce "right wing criticism", in case he makes another SALT agreement. That "right wing criticism" could come at least from Southerners or from Catholics, both over-represented in the Democratic Party.

By comparison, neither Nixon nor Eisenhower would have been likely to pay much attention to "left wing criticism"!

In the foregoing, we have not examined the causes of war, but only those which might distinguish between the parties in a particular way. We have not examined any differences at all between two Administrations of the same party. For example, the three-year Administration of Kennedy did not fight a war, the dispatch of 10,000 "advisers" to Viet Nam hardly being of sufficient magnitude to rank with the two World Wars or the two Asian Wars. The notion that this action by Kennedy compelled his successor to send 500,000 draftees to Viet Nam is, of course, nature-faking; denying the rudimentary premise that all men have free will; though the claim was frequently made in an effort to exculpate Lyndon Johnson. The Republican Administration of Nixon, on the other hand, prosecuted a war for four years, though it admittedly started under a Democratic Administration.

Finally, we do not share GRAUSTARK's cynicism that war is inevitable after the election of a Democratic President. After all, all men have free will.

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"Winter 1904"

FRENCH GO TO SEA

ENGLAND (Bakich): Builds A Lon.
 FRANCE (Schwartz): Builds F Bre, A Par.
 GERMANY (Verheiden): Removes F Hel; out of game.
 ITALY (Cathcart): No builds or removals.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (R. Gallagher): Builds A Tri.
 RUSSIA (Michal): Builds A War, A Sev.
 TURKEY (Braunagel): Removes dislodged F Smy; cut of game.

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