

# GRAUSTARK

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1976DW

"Spring 1907"

WHEN'S THE TSAR COMING BACK?

ENGLAND (Bakich): F St.P(n.c.) holds;  
F Nwy S F St.P(n.c.); F Kie-Ber; F  
Bot-Liv; A Liv-Pru; F Bal S A Liv-  
Pru; A Ber-Mun; A Ruh S A Ber-Mun; A  
Lon-Hol; F Nth C A Lon-Hol.

FRANCE (Schwartz): A Bur S ENGLISH A  
Ber-Mun; A Tus-Pie; A Mar & F Lyo S  
A Tus-Pie; F Tyr S ITALIAN F Nap; F  
Tun & F Wes S F Tyr.

ITALY (Lipton): F Rom S F Nap; F Nap S  
F Rom.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (R. Gallagher): A Mun.  
holds; A Pie holds; A Ven S A Pie; A  
Apu S ITALIAN F Rom; F Adr & F Eas S  
RUSSIAN F Ion; A Tyr & A Boh S A Mun.

RUSSIA (Silko, vice Michal): A Pru=Liv;  
A Mos. & A War S A Pru-Liv; A Sev-  
A Sil S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mun; F Ion-  
Tyr; F Aeg-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible.  
The Austro-Hungarian A Pie is annihila-  
ted. The vote for a draw fails of un-  
animity and is re-submitted to the  
players. The English A Liv is annihila-  
ted. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves  
is NOON, SATURDAY 27 AUGUST 1977.

VIENNA (Sept. 1, 1906): HA, HA, THE  
JOKE'S ON SKANDALUTZ!!! It has been an-  
nounced by Robert I, Emperor, King, etc.  
etc. that it was not Count Dracula who  
stayed in Skandalutz as their New Year  
King but it was in fact actor Lon Chan-  
eski, known as "the man of a million fa-  
ces" who impersonated the Count and was  
ceremoniously devoured by the primitive  
cannabulists of Skandalutz. The Count  
was actually hidden away, working on a  
new invention "the Fuzz Bomb". The late  
Mr. Chaneski was awarded "the Red Tur-  
nip", Austria's highest medal of honor.

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1976EG

"Fall 1905"

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: THE WAGES OF SIN ARE....

Following "Spring 1905" moves,  
France retreats F Lyo-Spa(s.c.).

ENGLAND (Kelly): No moves received. F  
Swe holds; F Den annihilated.

FRANCE (Cunningham): A Yor-Lon; F Eng S  
A Yor-Lon; F Lon-Wal; F Mar S F Spa  
(s.c.); F Mid S F Spa(s.c.); F Spa  
(s.c.) & A Gas S F Mar.

GERMANY (Goldberg): A Fin-Swe; F Nwy S  
A Fin-Swe; F Bal-Den; F Nth S F Bal-  
Den; F Edi-Yor; A Kie-Ber; A Bel-Ruh.

ITALY (Bakich): A Rom-Ven; A Pie-Mar; F  
Lyo S F Pie-Mar; F Tyr-Wes.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Bowman): A Boh-Sil; A  
Mun S A Boh-Sil; A Gal S A Rum; A Rum  
S A Bul; A Bul S F Con; F Con holds;  
F Tri-Ven.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): A St.P-Nwy; A War-Gal;  
A Sev-Rum; A Arm S A Ank; A Ank S AUS-  
TRO-HUNGARIAN F Con-Smy.

TURKEY (Lipton): F Bla-Con; F Smy S F  
Bla-Con.

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

ENGLAND: Swe. (1)

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

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie,  
Nwy. (7)

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mun,  
Rum, Ser, Tri, Vie. (9)

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

TURKEY: Smy. (1)

Austria-Hungary has two builds, which can  
only be A Vie & A Bud. Turkey removes F  
Bla. The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves  
is NOON, SATURDAY 27 AUGUST 1977.

## NEW GAME BEGINS

Eight days ago, a full postal Diplomacy game board was attained by the following seven people. These country assignments were mailed out to them. The deadline for "Spring 1901" moves will be NOON, SATURDAY 27 AUGUST 1977.

ENGLAND: David T. Crockett, 4060 S. Maplewood, Chicago, Ill. 60632; 312-847-1830.

FRANCE: Grant Kodman, RR 4, Magnolia 8, Morganfield, Ky. 42437

GERMANY: Galen Workman, #0, 3531 E. Wilton St., Long Beach, Calif. 90804; 213-498-3038. (Call between 11:30 PM & 2:30 AM PDT.)

ITALY: Steven Bobker, 1009 87th St., North Bergen, N. J. 07407; home 201-868-3281; office 201-863-1572, 8-4, Mon.-Fri.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ron Salcedo, 78 Charles St., New Rochelle, N. Y. 10801; 914-NE 3-7235.

RUSSIA: Jack Frost, Apt. 2, 1035 Warner, Lemont, Ill. 60439; 312-257-2194.

TURKEY: John Daly, 79 Maple Ave., Potsdam, N. Y. 13676 until 7 August, and thereafter 2307 Rockwood Ave., Baldwin, N. Y. 11510; 516-868-1828.

This game may be referred to as "the New Game" until I get a Boardman Number for it from Doug Beyerlein, and that number should be used thereafter. If the Boardman Number should get here quickly enough, it will be printed elsewhere in this issue.

1976DC

"Winter 1907"

ENGLAND (Lariton): Removes F Eng.

ITALY (Malay): Builds A Ven, A Rcm.

FRANCE (Chafetz): Removes A Mun.

RUSSIA (Drakert): Builds A Mos.

GERMANY (Ripper): Builds A Ber.

TURKEY (Bakich): Removes A Ank.

The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 27 AUGUST 1977. John Malay has proposed a vote on a concession to Russia, and would probably be very surprised to get it.

1977B

"Winter 1903"

There was an error in the adjudication of the "Fall 1903" moves, and the Austro-Hungarian "A Boh-Gal" was incorrectly underlined as failing. In fact it succeeded, and the Russian A Gal was annihilated, giving Russia a build. In addition, Italy removed the dislodged A Ser, thus getting two builds. The delay occasioned by this error, means that the deadline for "Spring 1904" moves will be postponed until NOON, SATURDAY 27 AUGUST 1977. If you have already sent in "Spring 1904" moves please write whether you want them to stand. The "Winter 1904" moves are:

ITALY (Salcedo): Builds F Ven, F Nap.

RUSSIA (Addison): Builds F St.P(s.c.).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Eisen): Removes A Gal.

BERLIN (Sept. 1, 1903): Late today Baron Wolfgang von Luftkopf, Chancellor of Deutschland, was seen sitting in a corner muttering, "It's pretty bad ven your allies make funny non-aggressive moves urd then don't write you no letters. I either got B. O. or there's a stab, stab coming. What about dat Ripper?"

BERLIN (Sept. 2, 1903): Drop Dead Freda!!

ANAKHIT, SKANDALUTZ (Sept. 15, 1903, URRP): A well-formed and -informed government spokeswoman today announced that the German refugee Freda Grossbrust would take a position in the Skandalous Foreign Service. No further details were revealed.

## DEADLOCK ALL DOWN THE LINE

Following "Fall 1907" moves, France built F Bre, Russia built F St.P(s.c.), and Turkey removed A Ser.

FRANCE (Verheiden): F Tun-Ion; A Bur S GERMAN A Mun; A Bel-Ruh; F Tyr S ITALIAN  
F Nap; A Pie S ITALIAN F Ven; F Pre-Mid; F Nrg-Bar; F Nth-Ska; F Eng-Nth;  
A Den-Swe.

GERMANY (Gibson): F Hel S FRENCH F Eng-Nth; A Kio S A Ber; A Ber holds; A Mun-Tyr.

ITALY (Lipton): F Ven holds; A Rom & A Tus S F Ven; F Nap S FRENCH F Tun-Ion.

RUSSIA (G. Gallagher): F Ska-Nth; F Nwy S F Ska-Nth; A Swe S F Nwy; F St.P(s.c.)-  
Bot; A Liv-St.P; A Pru-Ber; A Boh-Mun; A Rum-Gal.

TURKEY (Bergeman): A Sil S RUSSIAN A Pru-Ber; F Apu-Ven; F Tyr S F Apu-Ven; A Tri &  
F Adr S F Apu-Ven; F Ion holds; F Gre & F Aeg S F Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. A player has called for a vote on a draw, and all players are asked to send in their vote with their "Fall 1908" moves. An abstention counts as a negative vote, and for a draw the affirmative vote must be unanimous. Curtis Gibson, playing Germany, writes that he'll be staying on a bit longer at the Colorado address reported in the last issue, but doesn't say how much longer. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 27 AUGUST 1977.

BERLIN: War raging in Italy, Field-Marshal Von Munchhausen will again try to take the Tyrol from the Turks, so that people of Venice can finally be safe in Christian protection. The French Army of the South will join the effort.

Symbologists are noting however that Tyrol may mean Tire All, & so there's hopes for an Armistice by the year-end.

ROMA TEMPORARIA (Ides of May MCMVIII, URRP): In a joint announcement at the Ides of May Orgy, the Temporary Roman Empire and the Kingdom of Skandalutz offered to extend a "Pagan Protectorate" over Venice for the duration of the present European war. "The good people of Venice have had nearly eight years of 'Christian protection' or 'Moslem protection' since the war began," said Foreign Affairs Quaestor Lucius Penilus. "By now they should be willing to try Paganism for a change."

The Quaestor's sentiments were echoed by Fulvia Fallopia, Skandalous Ministress of Foreign Affairs. The Ministress has been in the Temporary Roman Empire for two weeks for various diplomatic missions, including this offer of a protectorate. "We have a deep friendly feeling of long standing for Venice in Skandalutz," she said from a gilded couch between those of Quaestor Penilus and the Emperor Sextus Licentius Macho. "We have never forgotten that Casanova was a Venetian."

Asked how much longer her diplomatic mission to Temporary Rome would last, Ms. Fallopia asserted that certain minor matters of tariffs and immigration would require her presence until at least the end of the month. Ms. Fallopia refused to relate this diplomatic difficulty to the extremely ancient Skandalous custom that forbids sexual intercourse during the month of May under penalty of death.

Following "Fall 1904" moves England retreats F Nth-Bel.

ENGLAND (Brawner): Builds A Liv.

RUSSIA (Walters): Builds A War.

FRANCE (P. Gallagher): Builds F Mar.

TURKEY (Robinson): Builds A Cen.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Schwartz): Removes  
F Alb.

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 27 AUGUST 1977. Paul Gallagher's address is now 1117 W. Main St., Monongahela, Penn. 15063; 412-258-3598.

Jack Brawner's phone number is 813-392-1989; ask for "Jack, Jr."; best in mornings.

1976DX

"Spring 1906"

DOOR STILL LOCKED AT GIBRALTAR

ENGLAND (Fabry): F Edi-Nth.

FRANCE (Dodge): F Bre S F Mid; F Nth-Hol; F Por-Spa(s.c.); F Mid S F Por-Spa(s.c.);  
A Bur S A Hol-Ruh; A Hol-Ruh; A Liv-Yor; A Gas S A Bur.

ITALY (Ameling): F Naf S F Wes-Mid; F Wes-Mid; F Tun S TURKISH F Tyr-Wes; A Mun S  
TURKISH A Mar-Bur; A Pie-Mar; A Ven-Pie.

RUSSIA (Brawner): A Kie-Ruh; A Sil-Ber; F Den-Nth; F Swe-Ska; F Nrg S F Den-Nth; A  
Nwy-Swe; F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; A Sev-Rum; A Mos & A Boh hold.

TURKEY (Addison): A Mar-Bur; A Ber-Kie; F Lyo S ITALIAN A Pie-Mar; F Tyr-Wes; F Aeg,  
F Rum & A Tyr hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. France must retreat F Nth-H 1, -Lon, -Bel, or -Eng. The direction of this retreat must be sent in to the Gamesmaster by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that it arrives by Monday 15 August. He will then inform the other players. Jack Brawner's current phone number is given on p. 3. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 27 AUGUST 1977.

1977CH

"Winter 1902"

ENGLAND (Chafetz): Builds A Edi.

ITALY (Brawner): Builds F Nap.

GERMANY (Hoh): Builds F Kie.

RUSSIA (Salcedo): Builds A Mos.

The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 27 AUGUST 1977. For Jack Brawner's phone number see p. 3.

1976IB - PRESS RELEASES

CLYDE (WARTI): When "Rough Rick" Hester, famed for his his honesty and incredible luck when running a casino, heard of Louroche's accusations of loaded dice, he became indignant. "If dat crybaby frog comes back, men and dice won't be de only things loaded in my fun place, we'll also load our tommy guns." - - "Uh, not men and dice, only the men," corrected the intelligent, quick-thinking executive. "Damn!!" he exclaimed, getting curious, suspicious looks from many of the customers at the crap tables. "Get outa here!!" he asked us.

EDINBURGH (WARTI): Joe Shemwell, leader of England, seemed pleased to announce the acceptance of Emperor Jean Paul Gallachais' offer of half the crown jewels of France to win the war. "I hope they wir the silly thing," said Shemwell, "we've received fifty times that amount from Russia alone, along with substantial amounts from Turkey and Italy." He later admitted that the crown jewels of France weren't worth much.

EDINBURGH (WARTI): When asked why he has shifted from London to Edinburgh, Joe Shemwell declined comment. Hmm...this reporter suspects that the recent build in Edinburgh is Shemwell's "pet" project.

MADEIRA BEACH: Sorry about that.

SWITZERLAND (via France?): To allies of France: At the last minute my brother changed his mind and said he would send in his moves from California. He did not allow extra time for the USPS Pony Express from coast to coast and as a result his moves were late. It wasn't my fault!!!

NETHER DODDERING, SKANDALUTZ (URRP): There was an indignant blast from the local Old Age Home at the latest despatch from Switzerland. Jacob F. "Jackalopa Jake" Coney, last surviving Pony Express rider, said that "that sneakin' French varmint, or maybe his brother" was slandering the good name of the Pony Express. "By cracky," he said, goosing a nurse, "we run the mail from St. Leo to the Coast in less time than them fancy 'Postal Service' could do if'n they got up a dawn an' used antylopes fer the special delivery!"

1977HE

"Fall 1901"

## ITALIANS FOLLOW AUSTRIAN LEAD

ENGLAND (Bolton): A Yor-Bel; F Nth C A Yor-Bel; F Nrg-Nwy.

FRANCE (Joria): A Spa holds; F Mid-Par; A Bur-Mun.

GERMANY (Bakich): A Ruh-Bel; F Hol S A Ruh-Bel; A Kie-Den.

ITALY (Lariton): A Ven-Tri; F Ion-Tun; A Tri-Ser.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McCullam): A Ser-Gre; F Alb S A Ser-Gre; A Vie-Bud.

RUSSIA (Ripper): A War-Mos; F Bot-Swe; F Sev-Rum; A Ukr S F Sev-Rum.

TURKEY (Glenny): A Bul-Gre; A Con-Bul; F Ank holds.

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

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Vie. (3)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Mun, Par, Per, Spa. (6)

RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War.

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

(6)

ITALY: Nap, Pom, Ser, Tri, Tun, Ven. (6)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

Italy and France each have three builds, Russia has two, and Turkey and England each have one. Germany has two builds. The deadline for "Winter 1901" builds is NOON, SATURDAY 27 AUGUST 1977. The following changes of address become effective in the near future:

Robert Glenny (6 August), #1, 514 S. Lincoln, Bloomington, Ind. 47401; 812-339-9432

Gerard Joria (15 August), 208 N. School St., Normal, Ill. 61761

1977CV

"Spring 1902"

## ANYBODY HOME?

ENGLAND (Remmele): F Eng-Bre; F Liv-Nat; F Nth holds; A Nwy-Swe.

FRANCE (Kelly): No moves received. A Par, A Spa &amp; F Mid hold.

GERMANY (Bowman): A Bel-Pic; F Hol-Bel; F Kie-Hol; F Ber-Kie; A Den holds.

ITALY (L. Hurdle): No moves received. F Nap, F Tun, A Mar, A Ven &amp; A Tyr hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Sherwood): A Bud S RUSSIAN A Ukr-Rum; A Ser-Bul; F Gre-Aeg;  
A Tri holds; A Vie S A Tri.RUSSIA (Fabry): F Swe-Nwy; A Mos-St.P; A Ukr-Rum; F Sev-Bla.TURKEY (Compton): F Ank-Bla; A Bul holds; A Con S A Bul; F Smy-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 27 AUGUST 1977. Eric Verheiden, who will be until 28 August at 3245 S. W. 185th St., Aloha, Oregon 97005, is asked to send in stand-by moves for Italy. Since Ron Kelly has generally been quite good about getting moves in on time, no stand-by will be called on for him.

SOUR GRAPES, YUGOSLAVIA: Rex Redjack King of Rykoffia and notorious pool hustler annoced today that he is changing the name of his armed forces. We quote: Henceforth our mighty minions shall be known as TROJANS after the great and mighty University of Southern California football team. We shall slay our enemies as the Trijans have slain such scum as the Babbling Baby Bruins of UCLA and the Nefarious Nerds of Norte Dame. Fight on troops and fight on S. C.!

Rex was later arrested for trying to give the Rose Bowl a monkey Bite.

1976W

"Winter 1908"

ENGLAND (Drakert): Builds F Liv.                      RUSSIA (Wienczek): Removes F St.P(s.c.)  
 GERMANY (Hodin): Removes F Bal.                      TURKEY (Kahn): No moves received. Games-  
 ITALY (Bragdon): Builds A Ven, A Nap.                      master removes dislodged F Aeg.  
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Laves): Removes A Tri.

The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 27 AUGUST 1977. Eric Verheiden, whose address appears on p. 5, is asked to send in stand-by moves for Turkey. Bob Bragdon reports that he is back at his Arlington address.

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By the way all you Skandalutzers, Mr. Chaneski was suffuring with leprosey at the time of his untimely death. Rumbley, Rumbley in the Tumbley!!

PARIS (April 1, 1907, AFP): The Emperor Napoleon IV today announced that France is a 'sated power' and that the acquisition of Piedmont is his "last territorial demand" in Europe.

ANAKHIT, SKANDALUTZ (April 14, 1907, URRP): Prime Ministress Bartholin today, in response to a reporter's question, poured scorn upon "the latest lame Austro-Hungarian claim that their Count Dracula was not the 1905 Year King." Asked for the Queen's reaction, the Prime Ministress said that "Her Majesty recalls the late Count as being potent, tireless, healthy, and delicious." As for his allegedly being a leper, the Queen is said never to have observed that anything fell off him.

#### THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK, the Very First organ of postal Diplomacy, is published every third Saturday by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226. Openings are available in new games at \$10 per person, but this rate will go up to \$12 on 1 October due to the approaching increase in postal rates. Subscriptions for non-players are now 10 issues for \$2, but will rise to 8 issues for \$1 on 1 October. Back issues remain 10 issues for \$1, as available.

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Robert Sacks has published the Third Annual Gemignani Award ballot results, and it seems that once again Chicago Diplomacy fandom pulls down the lion's share of the awards. "Leather Len" Lakofka placed second to Gordon Anderson among the 7 Most Infamous Members of the hobby, but he won "Least Meritorious Contribution" with his "IDA/NA" "coup", and also the awards for "Confusion" and "Procedures". His Liaisons Dangereuses beat out BOAST and Diplomacy World for worst 'zine, and "IDA/NA" also won. Anderson did nearly as well, being voted "Most Irregular Publisher" and also getting awards for "Delay" and for financial fooleries. Ron Kelly was voted "Least Reliable Ally" with Lakofka second. Forty postal Diplomacy players participated in the vote.

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Holidays You Didn't Know We Have: "Tony Orlando, who announced over the weekend he was retiring from show business, may be sued for cancelling a sex-day appearance at a local summer theater." - New York Post, 25 July 1977

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Diplomacy was invented by Allan B. Calhmer and is now published by Avalon-Hill of Baltimore.

Avalon-Hill also publishes War at Sea, which is being played postally in GRAUSTARK's sister 'zine EMPIRE (same rate & frequency as GRAUSTARK). Other EMPIRE postal games now in progress are SPI's Russian Civil War, Sorcerer, Conquistador, Viking, Spartan, Frigate, Dreadnought, and Breitenfeld.

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I'm sorry I didn't see several of you at Origins 77 a couple of weekends ago, but that date coincided with a big mailing for the forthcoming World SF Convention in Miami on Labor Day weekend. So I spent most of the time at a collating party in our living room.

## IMPERIAL DIARY -- IX

(15 July): The famous 'withdrawal' of American troops from South Korea seems to be for propaganda purposes only. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Brown, in the Times, thoroughly endorsed the pull-out. After all, it will be 'phased' over five years, which in practice certainly means that most of the 33,000 US troops will be there until 1981. And there will be US Air Force units remaining in Korea, and US Navy support forces off the coast. North Korea can then be mouse-trapped into a southward adventure with disastrous consequences to themselves, since as Chairman Brown remarked, "The past history of Kim Il-sung has led to some doubts about his being rational at all times."

America's capacity for foreign and domestic espionage is not diminished either, according to other stories in the same edition. Captain Nicholas Shadrin, once an officer in the Red Fleet, defected to serve as a US espionage agent and vanished in Vienna 18 months ago on this service. The US has demanded his return. We look after our own. And we do it at home too, since Congress has just established a new committee "that leaders said President Carter wants in an effort to stop disclosures of Government secrets by members of Congress." On the editorial page, Tom Wicker points out how America's security agents are able to use wire-tapping with scarcely any difficulty. (Out of 5563 applications to tap, Federal and state judges turned down only 15 in the period 1969-76.)

(17 July): The drive to discourage potential future anti-government activity in America goes on with an article in the Times by Nicholas M. Horrock. Horrock describes past CIA activity on the effects of various drugs "that could be used in interrogation and 'knockout' operations and drugs designed to disable a victim temporarily." Anyone who gets an idea about opposing the next war should read this, think hard, and shut the hell up.

In the Daily News, Patrick Buchanan patriotically defends the development of the neutron bomb. In doing so, he claims that "The US is today naked to Soviet missile attacks". This of course is not so, but it is necessary to circulate this idea in order to build up the proper attitude in the American people. It is also necessary to tie American Pacifists to the interests of the Soviet union; Buchanan's article concludes with the words "the decibel count of Senate doves, protesting the new weapon, is exceeded only by that of Soviet hawks."

We will be hearing much more of this last point, that American Pacifists are working in the interest of the Soviet Union. It is in the imperial interest of the United States of America that this statement be believed. The statement is therefore true, in the only meaningful sense that the word "true" can have.

A little group of malcontents called the "Center for International Policy" claims in the Times that despite its announced concern for human rights, the US is giving money to nations which practice "gross rights violation, such as the East Timor invasion and the kidnapping and imprisonment by South Korean police of the leading political opponent of President Park." The "Center" ignores the fact that the human rights campaign is for the purpose of giving US support to dissidents who are doing our work internally against the Soviet Union. Indonesia and South Korea are already subject allies of the American Empire, and so naturally questions of "human rights" can no more arise there than they can when the police beat up a few Pacifist demonstrators here at home. What "human rights" claims were recognized in American courts when the army suppressed the Pacifist demonstration at Kent State in 1970?

The latest Korean incident, in which a US helicopter was shot down over North Korea, gets much space in the Times including a statement from the commander of the USS Pueblo. Editorials on this incident serve the useful purpose of building up the American people towards demanding Korean War II.

Another "Korea" story involves the payments that have passed from the South Korean government to members of Congress. Millions of dollars in cash, gifts, and prostitutes seems to have been presented by the Korean government. Before getting too deeply involved in attacking the recipients, various "ethics" committees and the press ought to think over one question to which they have not yet addressed

themselves: Where did the South Korean government get this money? Obviously, the place where the South Korean government gets money is from the Imperial Government of the United States of America.

So this is how it works. The Imperial Government wishes to pay various members of Congress for services rendered or anticipated. The money is channelled through our faithful subject ally, President Park of South Korea. If the Imperial Government of the United States of America wishes to reward its faithful servants in Congress, what is that to the press, or to the few dissident members of Congress whose announced public positions do not qualify them for such rewards?

(18 July): Of the riots and looting in New York on the night of the blackout, Pete Hamill writes, "Only the extraordinary discipline of the New York Police Department prevented widespread killing. More than 300 cops were injured on the Night of the Great Darkness, but they made more than 3,700 arrests, and did not have to fill the graveyards to do it. If a similar outbreak of looting and violence had taken place in a city like Los Angeles, where the grim legions of Police Chief Ed Davis would have gone out to do battle, they would still be counting the corpses. In New York, life still takes precedence over property."

With his usual facility, Hamill identifies the key to the situation but tries to turn it the wrong way. The nation which is building the neutron bomb does not believe, or want its subjects to believe, that "life...takes precedence over property." Other columnists, editorials, and letter columns regretted that

This is the police had killed no looters, and wondered why the Governor had not sent in the National Guard. The net effect of the blackout, rioting, and looting was to set public opinion towards a policy of shoot first and ask questions afterwards, if ever. Perhaps the switch was pulled to produce this attitude. As I observed in "Imperial Diary" for 14 July in EMPIRE #68, "anyone who automatically rejects the idea that the blackout was set up to swing voter opinion to the right, probably slept through the 1972 campaign." And when America next goes to war, Pacifists as well as common criminals will be the victims of new, harsher, carefully produced public attitudes.

Hamill's own notions are quite otherwise. He wants the US Army to come in and help clean up the damage - as if soldiers were for the purpose of building things, rather than killing foes of the American Empire.

# 809

(19 July): An article by Robert Lindsey and a letter from physicist Ernest J. Sternglass dominate Times comment on the neutron bomb. Sternglass is one of the all too many scientists who feel that they have a 'right' to take issue with America's military policies. (This has caused a precipitous decline in government funding for science over the past decade.) Sternglass observes that, though damage produced in the vicinity of the blast is limited, the neutron bomb produces a great amount of fall-out. Like Hamill, Sternglass views with alarm where he should point with pride as a citizen of an Imperial nation. Of course the neutron bomb produces fall-out! The Russians know that any defiance of America's Imperial will is going to bring them not only shattered cities in their country's heavily populated west, but also deformed babies in Siberia.

As matters now stand, the President of the United States could phone President Brezhnev this morning and tell him that the Tsarist pretender will arrive at Moscow Airport at sunset and is to be crowned in the Uspensky Sobor at noon tomorrow. The Russians would scream and yell about "national sovereignty" and "imperialism" - but they would damn well do it. It's better to have a Tsar in Moscow, than not to have Moscow.

Meanwhile, Lindsey presents Livermore, California, where the neutron bomb was designed, as just another "middle American" town, concerned with the Little League, air pollution, the Alameda County fair, and an infestation of aggressive blackbirds. From time to time someone gets up a protest against the University of California's affiliation with the Livermore Lab, but four times the matter has been considered and each time the affiliation continues. "You can't stop progress," says the Chamber of Commerce manager, who observes that the lab payroll is \$10 million a month.

## AN EXTRAVAGANZA IN TIME

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Everyone is familiar with the plot in which a relatively ordinary Twentieth Century man turns up, through some cosmic accident or time machine, in an anterior age. He then proceeds to rewrite history, by anticipating all the major political events and cashing in on them, whilst finding time to invent everything. Usually he ends up marrying the princess - or a reasonable facsimile thereof - and inherits half the kingdom. This plot-line has been worked up into several interesting novels and short stories. But somehow, they are never quite convincing. Given the real, ordinary Twentieth Century man, just how successful would one be in coping with another age? Frankly this reviewer doubts his survivability. Aside from not having the knowledge necessary to invent very much, he would almost certainly not have the historical knowledge necessary to enable him to cash in on events in advance; even seasoned historians are hard-pressed to follow less-than-earthshaking events, the sort that occur and seem overwhelmingly important on a daily basis. This reviewer knows of only one work which approaches what might be termed a realistic assessment of the chances of an ordinary Twentieth Century man in another age: Pawn of Time by Robin Carson (Henry Holt, New York: 1957).

Pawn of Time is a difficult novel to classify. It is not science fiction or fantasy, though its premise is the transfer of a man from New York in 1955 to Venice in 1521. The trouble with calling it a science fictional or fantasy piece is that, once in Venice, the hero - and he is one - Heitman Urban of Beekman Place, New York proceeds to lead a perfectly ordinary Sixteenth Century life, involving wars, plunder, rape, murder, abduction, the galleys, and even a touch of the Inquisition. All of this is done against the background of Urban's extraordinary origins. But even that does not overwhelm the book. Carson has managed to write an interesting, fast-moving, convincing and realistic work. Which happens to bely the labels.

Urban, a fairly ordinary middle class New Yorker, is ill-prepared for his voyage in time. Aside from a splendid physique and some reading in Renaissance history, he has no particular advantages. To be sure, the process by which he arrives in the past - a process which is not discussed but is 'paranormal' - also gives him a full purse and a set of stylish threads. But that's it. Urban is going to have to fend for himself, based on his strength and his knowledge. But, of course, he is an untrained fighter and has a faulty memory. He knows, for example, that Rome was sacked sometime during the 1520s. But he doesn't know when or by whom. And even when he himself takes part in the sack, in 1527, many of the details escape him until they actually happen, although he has read them all in Cellini's Autobiography (which isn't a bad yarn either). Nevertheless, Urban manages to survive and prosper through a reasonable series of coincidences which tie him in with an interesting group of people, none of whom are historical.

On his appearance in Venice he takes a grand tour, during which he rescues a Spanish nobleman, D. Manuel Ordóñez, from a gang of cutthroats. This puts him in contact with Ordóñez' friend D. Pilon Vasquez, and their patron the wealthy expatriate Spanish marrano (i. e., ex-Jew) D. Isidoro de Bahamonte Mendoza y de Beltran. In the process he promotes himself to the nobility as Señor Don Jaiman Urban de Biqueman, and invents an amusing, outrageous personal history to explain his origins. (Briefly, his mom was shipwrecked in the Indies a year or two before Columbus and he was born that very day. An accomplished, saintly woman, she educated him even unto Italian, and Latin, and the use of forks. As a result of a storm he is set adrift on a huge tree and meets a ship....) The Spaniards take him under their protection, teaching him swordplay, for which he shows a special talent. Then the fun begins.

An evening's entertainment at a convent 'saddles' Urban with the Lady Bianca Borgia - that child of Lucrezia alleged to have been also that of Cesare. With her and his Spanish friends he joins an abortive attempt to sack Rome in 1522, barely

remembering that he's got his dates wrong in time to save their skins. But mightier forces than Urban are at work. His abduction of Bianca has brought him to the notice of Fray Segundo Ortiz, a politically well connected Dominican with strong paternal regard for Bianca, and fears that she might be used in a political game. Segundo, by chance, is from Nineteenth Century Sweden! Inevitably the headstrong Urban and the wily priest clash, to Urban's discomfort. There follow some time in the galleys, a shipwreck, Urban's rather passionate and deadly progress through Italy until he rejoins his Spanish buddies, and war upon war, as the first blows of the religious wars which would dominate Europe for a century and more begin to be traded. In between, Urban goes to Spain as a favor to Don Isidoro, who wishes to arrange for a niece of his to be let out of the country - getting a former Jew out of Spain in the 1520s must have been like getting one out of Russia today. As things turn out Urban marries her, and her considerable fortune. In this little adventure Fray Segundo plays a major part. Typically, Urban prefers another girl, who's a lot prettier but broke. Even a brush with the Inquisition doesn't quite convince him until Fray Segundo explains that Urban had better or else.... Fortunately things work out. By the end of the book Urban is a wealthy, retired soldier of Carlos V living in Venice on Don Isidoro's inheritance, with a wife and a mistress plus a flock of kids by both. And he's having problems adjusting to the ever-present threat of being hurled back suddenly to his 'own' times. With the help of Fray Segundo he survives, but his eldest son is snapped into the Twentieth Century thereby, presumably, restoring the cosmic balance.

So what have we got? Basically it's a hell of an adventure yarn. Except that nearly everyone on center stage is fictional the story is as real and as accurate as anything by Sabatini or Shellabarger done in the same period. Urban is particularly well-drawn and his occasional emotional crises - he has some truly interesting adjustment problems after all - are realistically handled. Of course the whole concept is essentially science fiction. But the label has often been used to thinly disguise trash and this is distinctly not trash. As a time travel story Pawn of Time is quite superior. Urban's existence is controlled by his times and those times are Sixteenth Century, not Twentieth. To be sure he has skills, abilities and knowledge beyond those of ordinary Sixteenth Century men, but they are not often useful. To survive he must become spiritually what he already is physically: a Sixteenth Century man. And that he does quite well.

It is unfortunate that Pawn of Time is not more widely known. It is clearly a superior work in science fiction and historical fiction. The work really is an extravaganza in time.

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