

A last minute, critical review of that this week's performance of "Che Guevara" were cancelled because the actors were mulling a revolution.

The Socialists referred to in last week's editorial were not all Socialists or Socialism as an ideology or political belief. We are sorry for this error.

Misconstruction

Sir, I saw a duckster having sexual intercourse on the boat of play the other days but I didn't misconstrue his activity. Not I.

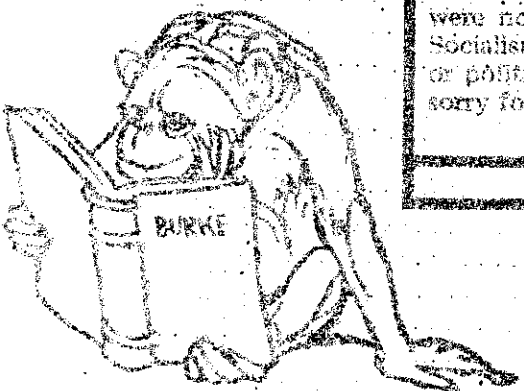
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Mr. Wu's Chinese Restaurant in Doughty is to become the Highland Angus Eating House on the transfer of the licence from Wie Wang Wu to Kyriacos Panayiotou and Demetrios Antonou. - *Tottenham Weekly Herald* (F. J. Bailey)

Sabah's new
Yang Dipertua

THE former Malaysian High Commissioner to Australia and Lt. Gen. Sri Haji Mohamed Fard Stephens is to be the new Yang Dipertua Negara of Sabah. The term of office of the present Yang Dipertua Negara, Tun Pengiran Haji Ahmad Kaifia, expires on September 15.

SO I PLANT THE EXPLOSIVES, AND WITH LUCK WE CAN KILL ANOTHER TEN JEWS

NEVER SAY WE KILL JEWS DUMMY!! WE KILL ZIONISTS!!

OFFICIAL RETRACTION
The ad allegedly placed by "Betty" in the issue of March 20th, 1970 No. 298, on page 32, column one, ad seven, was not in fact placed or authorized by the "Betty" therein referred to.

IN THIS BUSINESS PUBLIC RELATIONS IS VERY IMPORTANT

Lead Poison Drive
Progressing: Altham

Hello! My name is "God". I'm a Labrador retriever for the most part, only a little bigger. I'm young, handsome, well cued, horny as hell and not too particular. How about a date, bitch? Call 793-1855.

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GRAUSTARK is the first bulletin for the postal play of Avalon-Hill's board game Diplomacy, and with this issue we celebrate our fifteenth anniversary of publication. Several friends have rallied around to help with this operation. In particular, Mark Blackman has drawn, and Bob Lipton has placed on electrostencil, an alternate cover page which immediately follows this one, and precedes the "page 3" already printed for this issue. Bob Lipton also wrote the reverse of this alternate cover, and did the electrostencil for the first cover.

Joyce Scrivner responded to the invitation for special material by sending in six stencils of book reviews in the science-fiction and fantasy fields. The stencils arrived today, and in the haste of publication I have not had time to edit or even read them. But I know that she will have some interesting comments on new and reprinted books in these fields.

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Graustark of Beverley

A Postal Diplomacy Kaiser
Crept up on a girl to surprise her,
But found he was short
Of the needed support,
And now he is sadder and wiser.



TALES OF THE 15-YEAR BATTLE!

ABOUT THIS COVER...

by Robert Bryan Lipton

Or perhaps you may perceive it as a back cover. In any case, what happened was this:

It seems to the occasional newcomer to the hobby that I, myself, am a definite greybeard and reactionary. After all, I did exercise my right of franchise in 1972, and Nixon was elected; Q.E.D. But I can remember a time before all of this, way, back in the dim past days, when I had money in my pocket, before John Boardman took my last three doolars for a subscription to the magazine you are now holding... by George, subscriptions were eight for a dollar! And postage was 6¢ per ounce. Excuse me while I take a Geritol break.

Back now. Actually, I shouldn't be writing this at all; I'm moving tomorrow, and I should be putting improbable things in fragile boxes, but I am running out of fragile boxes (though not, certainly, out of improbable things. A well-preserved hawkbill turtle with aggie marbles for eyes is staring at me. And what will I do with my Croatian-English dictionary? Can there be anyone there who wants a large green beetle that seems to be immersed in a 14-sided lucite prism?) and so why not? Why not? Because I have my own zine to turn out this weekend (which is due in part to Steve Bell's unwillingness or inability to publish his own zine (it was a \$4 gamefee with a \$4 refundable deposit. I played that game out to the end and never got my \$4 back), in part to the estimable Hal Naus' unwillingness to print press releases and in part due to John Boardman's fondness or at least toleration of the works of Alex Katzoff, Evan Jones, and others of that caliber.), but forget it.

It becomes apparent that I am taking a long time to say what I am saying, which is, I suppose, the literary equivalent of placing one's hand behind one's back, standing on one foot while using the *mouth* to issue such witticisms as "Gee," "Gosh," and "Uh" (the third being my usual reply to any question). So, let me explain. As some of you may have known, this magazine was named after one called *Graustark* (with a long subtitle) by George Barr McCutcheon. Well, that book selling well, the author found himself with the enviable offer to write more books of the same sort, about equivalent to being paid for learning to screw (you might want to cut that line out if you have young children about the house. Or if you are a young child).

About a year and a half ago, I was going through Donan's Bookstore of East 53rd Street and let my eyes wander idly about and spied McCutcheon's name and the title *Beverly of Graustark*.

All this may strike you as somewhat pointless (and you are right); however, be informed that, when visiting John, I travel by subway, and always get off at the stop called "Beverly Road".

This struck me as funny (this gives you an idea of the subtlety of my sense of humor), and, being possessed of what seemed to me too much cash at the time (so it seemed then. Ha!), I bought it.

Yes, a cover to rank with "Tarzan of the Hares or Bunnies & Burroughs" in the memories of fen! Mark has also told me that those definitely are the people who usually show up at collation sessions of *Graustark*. John, Mark, Ray Heuer, Gary Tesser and myself. Mark's ability with caricature is exceeded only by my humor's subtlety.

Gee. Goosh. Uh. What I wanted to say was that John has been doing this for 15 years, which is an awfully long time, and we wanted to do something nice for him. But we did this.

NEW GAME BEGINS

The Gamesmaster would like to apologize to the players for the delay in getting this new game started. For a while so many game entries came in that it looked as if two games could be begun at once. I prefer this because it gives a better chance to provide players with the countries of their choice, and also makes a better geographical distribution of players possible. However, a couple of weeks ago the entries apparently stuck at the number of 11. So I have formed a game out of seven of these people, and will fill out another board as soon as three more entries come in.

"New Game II", as we may as well call it for the time being, consists of the following people:

ENGLAND: Peter McDonald, 618 Madison Dr., Hinesville, Ga. 31313;
912-876-6903
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AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Cadet Stephen J. Cozza, Co. H-1, US Corps of Cadets, West Point, N. Y. 10997
RUSSIA: Hugh O'Regan, Apt. 9, 825 Casanova, Monterey, Calif. 93940;
408-649-1098
TURKEY: Ronald Foster, 138 Koch Blvd., Staten Island, N. Y. 10312;
212-356-1144 after 6:15 PM

The deadline for "Spring 1901" moves in this game is NOON, SATURDAY 8 JULY 1978. Any players whose addresses will change as a result of the end of the academic year should inform the other players and the Gamesmaster at once.

Several people did not get the countries of their first and second choice, and England was rather unaccountably given low rates on all the preference lists. In fact, of the above seven, counting first choice as 6 points, second choice as 5 points, etc., the ratings of the countries was: France 25, Germany 24, Turkey 23, Italy 23, Russia 21, England 20, Austria-Hungary 11. Three players got their first choice, three got their second choice, and one got England as a third choice.

NEW BLOOD

The following people have written in enquiring about postal wargaming. Gamesmasters looking for new game entrants are advised to contact them:

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Highway 212, Fir Avenue, Suite 3, Clackamas, Ore. 97015
Tom A. Maniardi, 1403 Lawrence Pd., Havertown, Penn. 19083
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Marck A. Morrison, P. O. Box 1014, Greenfield, Mass. 01301
Ryan Schultz, 10 Co., Bancroft Hall, US Naval Academy,
Annapolis, Md. 21402

Ralph Volpi, Sonora Court, 30 Anne, Rohnert Park, Calif. 94928
Dave White, 401 Gretna Blvd., Gretna, Louisiana 70053

This list is up to date of 25 May 1978.

1976EV - GAME REVIEWS

ERIC VERHEIDEN (France, stand-by): 76BV easily ranks as one of the most interesting games I have participated in - and I have been in quite a few. The reason is mainly the efforts of the German player, Curt Gibson, who was my ally until very late in the game. He consistently sent out long and detailed letters to most of the players, outlining plans, which were frequently quite innovative and going into details about his psychic* beliefs which, if a bit unusual, were usually interesting nonetheless.

As far as the game was concerned, I came in after two years of play and devoted my early efforts to the removal of England. Gibson convinced me that having stabbed Germany, he was too dangerous to keep around. Also, frankly, my position was much improved as a result. Russia took the opportunity to claim Scandinavia for his very own and also kept up the pressure on Germany's eastern front, his Achilles' heel, as it turned out, thereby preventing him from profiting from England's demise to the extent I was able to.

The next phase of the game was an attempt to stalemate against Russia/Turkey, allies from the start, who had taken out Austria with some effort and now were clearly looking west. I kept my alliance with Gibson and made a deal with Lipton's Italy to hold off the east. I was quite willing at that point to settle for a five-way draw in line with my general policy of rewarding minor power allies for their efforts.

The eastern powers, however, were in no mood for a large draw and our tactical position was insufficiently strong to enforce our demands. Here credit has to go to Gregg Gallagher. His tactical expertise kept us constantly at the limits of our defenses and every slight error in judgment was exploited to the fullest. There were two primary tactical errors on our parts. First, the failure to get a fleet into Denmark and later the Baltic, which would quite possibly have enabled the liquidation of Russia's Scandinavian position. Second, the recapture of Venice, largely due to Italian insistence, which cost critical time in the more important northern situation.

Battlefield reverses at the expense of Germany gradually led to a more demanding tone from Gibson, in regard to the acceptance of a Turkish proposal to liquidate Italy and thereafter presumably draw. The tactical situation being as critical as it was, I could ill afford a German switch and so reluctantly went along. Turkey's renegeing on the deal and demanding all of mainland Italy was why Lipton held on so long. Gibson by this time was so weak that he threw in with the Russians, however Russia wasn't buying, in fact rather he sold out Gibson and this resulted in the loss of the last German center. Realistically, though, I would probably have acceded to Russo-Turkish demands for Germany's removal sooner or later anyhow.

This left the big three. Russia and Turkey were still allied, but untrusting (with good reason) and further battle would have led either to a stalemate or a victory for one, Bergeman's to my mind, if I was forced to make a choice. Hence the final draw.

GREGG GALLAGHER (Russia): I had started writing this piece by attempting a turn by turn analysis of the game - it proved to be most frustrating, as the early turns defy analysis - I look forward to the

* - I print this word as its author did. The sixth and seventh letters have obviously been left out - a fairly common spelling error. - JP

other players' comments on the subject.

What I will do is try and give my perceptions of each player in this game, beginning with myself.

RUSSIA - This was my first postal game, and only my third game of any form of Diplomacy. This was reflected in my poor tactics, and inability to discriminate between friends and enemies. I should have been more aggressive towards Germany and Turkey initially, less so towards England when things got tough for him - my help might have delayed his demise for several years! My overriding concern throughout the game was to convince Turkey that an alliance between us would be very rewarding for him. Although at the beginning he didn't buy the argument, Austria-Hungary's actions eventually threw him into my camp.

TURKEY - I think Rich underestimated himself throughout the game. The win was there for him to take if he wanted it. All he had to do was to stab me in the latter stages of the game when Vienna, Budapest and Rumania were vulnerable. He was a pretty good tactician, and his tactical analyses helped me to make my own decisions as to what were the best moves. We had a fairly long alliance - and I think we would have beaten Eric if we had continued - if Eric hadn't threatened to throw the game to Rich if I didn't vote for the draw! I see big things ahead for Rich in the hobby. Let the rest of the Diplomacy world be forewarned!

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I	Inflame
O	Optic
N	Nerves

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AUSTRIA-HUNGARY - Will came across to us as being a little too slick for his own good. Granted, the situation in the Balkans necessitates this - I would like to have been France or England in this game - Will might be a better ally (far removed) than he is a neighbor and potential adversary!

ITALY - I had very little to do with Italy throughout the game. Mr. Williams was a disinterested player, and Mr. Lipton was curiously silent. In the latter stages of the game Lipton could have used my intercession with Turkey - but he never wrote. Curt Gibson theorized that Lipton and Eric were "simpatico" because they were veterans, while Gibson, Bergeman, and I were amateurs. He might have placed more trust in the "sure-thing" of Verheiden's record, but I think that his eventual demise indicates that he would have been better off playing France and Turkey off against each other.

FRANCE - Remillard, like Williams, was a disinterested party whom I had little to do with - and then came Eric. I must admit that Eric had me totally in awe for the first few years of our relationship over the board. Here was a "personality" in the hobby, renowned in the hobby for his superb tactics, particularly in the area of stalemate lines. Gradually, my awe of Mr. Verheiden turned to simple respect, and with it the challenge to beat one of the best. I think Eric will support my contention that Rich and I would have eventually beaten him. His threat of throwing the game to Rich played on my fears that sooner or later Rich would see that the win was there for him to grab. I look forward to playing with Eric in a more friendly atmosphere - I have a lot to learn, and I'd like to be able to learn from one of the masters.

ENGLAND - You couldn't have guessed it from the game, but Ron and I have become fairly good friends as a result of this game. He lives about 20 miles from me, and we've gotten together several times over the past year and a half to play wargames. He's also responsible for my re-activation as member of Young Americans for Freedom, of which he is now National Director. Game-wise, his outside commitments resulted in spotty correspondence, which I misinterpreted as belliger-

ance. Knowing what I do now, the game would have turned out far different as I would have been much more supportive of him.

GERMANY - And last, but certainly not least, there's Curt Gibson. Let me start out by saying that Curt was most flexible in this game - resulting in his flip-flopping to the point where he never really became a "great power". But to leave a discussion of Curt at this is a great injustice. He's one of the most interesting and eccentric characters I've ever come across. He writes in a shorthand reminiscent of "f u cn rd ths u cn hv a hi pyng jb". His letters varied in subject - numerology, astrology, climbing Pike's Peak, etc. They were never boring. He probably deserved to be in on the final draw, but I deemed it tactically necessary for him to be eliminated. Being in the same game as Curt is an experience to be savored.

1976BV was a flawed game. But it is a game that will always be dear to me - it was my first postal game, and the players, for the most part, made writing a letter worthwhile. I was "deflowered" in this game - it was a most enjoyable experience.

C. L. GIBSON (Germany): "Hindsyts on 1976BV from a Castle on the Rhine" We believe this was the weytiest of all history's struggles for the body & soul of Europe and hewmankind. So much was said & thot, and so much is being locked away in secret vaults deep in secret bergs, only to be revealed at some great Judgment in some far off endtime, when each of the principals has become a race, and each race has graduated from this little village, News.

Five of the 7 starters were novices, in their first postal game. Yet so packed with ability and dyne was this contest that the 2 vets, Robinson (Eng.) & McCullam (Aus.) were the first 2 eliminees. And tho France started with the weakest player, and played 1902 with only 3 units due to NBR, it ended in the lead with evidently 13 for unfinished 1912.

France & Ger. made a formal 2 yr. mutual assistance pact in Spg. 01. It was the only formal pact I've had in my 13 games. This Jn. Remillard was a Canadian teenager & after 2 mos. was drafted into the navy & based in Br. Columbia, with such postal difficulties he missed the deadline twice in 2 yrs. and had to quit. I had resolutely upheld his interests, almost demanding war with England to prevent France being hurt.

The hyer plane powers control all man's affairs, to the last detail. And 1976's Boardman letters have shown, in each case I've studied, perfect omenic symbolism. BV started with a bryt vision, and the Blessed Virgin appeared to me & specially indicated her approval of the Fr.-Gr. comity amity (tho I was always an ultra reform Protestant, never prayed to Mary in all my 60+ yrs.) So now at 02 end & poor Johnnie forced to resign, I did pray for a replacement who wd reward my faithful loyalty. Bring Verheiden was heaven's order. For Berlin Varheit.

I'd bn working to save T from an I-A-R gangup, having fot both I & B in '01, & A in '02. So T, Rich Bergeman, gave me a key bit of help, in advising Verheiden to ally with G & E, my most aggressive & determined foe.

Now began a swift reversal of the fortunes of John Bull Voracious, who had a twin Bold Virginian in G. Gallagher, R., his neighbor & protege, helping him maul the fair Intellectual Meritocracy. First Eric V. used a deft feint of 2 flts southward in Spg 03, giving Eng confidence, so as Eng convoyed his army to '01 he shifted flts north, & in Spg 04 convoyed Por-Lpl. In just 2 yrs E dropt from 5 s.c. to 0. But E threw 1 or 2 s.c. to R who kept up such pressure on G it never cd go above 4 s.c.

Altho McCullam was the only one with over 4 s.c. for W 01 he wasted time, then tried to stab G, finally tried to retreat to T, who is-

nored & relentlessly pushed west. Typical Austrian performance, sophisticated, slick & doubletongued. But Will McC. is an interesting man, & I had a correspondence that lasted past his elimination, maybe 5000 words on my side. c. 2000 on his, & almost ignoring the game, except that I repeatedly urged him to cooperate with F in 01 & 2 & he wdn't even write him, as far as I know.

So the two 'top seeded' went out for opposite sins, R. R. for unscrupulous & superaggressive use of an ally & neighbor in hi-pressured D.C. vicinity, & W. McC. for neglecting to ally & cooperate, a typical farmer of low-pressured Ohio. And the two who left their places to standbys were also a complete contrast. Remillard was intensely involved, so caring it was painful. Pro-Italy was a spiteful & contemptuous dilettante, with a get-rich-quick mode typical of his Texas, who lost interest on finding no easy victims.

As Ger. was firmly allying with F, my only hope of holding off Russia, I tried thru 1903, 4, & 5 to get T to join us and have a F-G-T draw or even an F-T draw, but T seemed jealous of my close comity with F and gradually firmed an alliance with R, wch had helped him elim. Aus.

F got the new Italy, R. Lipton (expert vet like Verheiden) to puppet, and he was about as selfish & lazy as the Texan had bn. Then Ger sacrificed, & in vain.

We all learned a lot. Great game! Note how karma whomped Gallagher his next game, '77IH!

1976IB - PRESS RELEASES

PARIS (Nov. 23, 1909): Emperor Jean Paul Gallachais announced to the world today that he has undergone a "born again" experience and calls upon the powers of Europe to bring a cessation to the unhallowed horrors taking place and to humbly join hands in the True Light of Divine Will. While admitting to his treachery and deceit of the past, the Emperor states that they were all the doings of a wayward, misguided soul and asks for the forgiveness of Europe, and for spiritual repentance so that peace may reign. The spiritual metamorphosis took place, curiously enough, at the precise moment Gallachais became aware of the Italians' successful maneuver into Burgundy.

PARIS: Leaked excerpts from Jean Paul's Diary (rumored to be on the verge of paranoid psychosis): "Methinks that doe Thorsen writes these ambiguous letters to me in order to stir my curiosity so that I unwittingly blurt out vital information to him. But verily I say unto thee Pope Thomas, less you emerge from the profane shield of your papal façade, confess and repent for your unscrupulous and blasphemous actions, that the mockery you pursue in the transparent guise of self-righteousness, will culminate in the burning infernal that awaits you for all eternity!!!"

PARIS to MOSCOW and LONDON: On the serious side guys, the French Empire has crumbled and the game is now Italy's unless we to some degree unite and work towards a 4-way (yes Jack, a 4-way) draw. I realize my credibility is a zero, and that Tom to his credit has done nothing to create any enemies, but the choice is yours. Either get blind revenge from "that conniving scoundrel Gallagher" and finish 2, 3, or 4, or forget past actions and share in a winning draw.

ROME (RIP): There was dancing in the streets when the news reached Rome that the Italian 3rd Army had successfully invaded Burgundy in Eastern France. The Pope was ecstatic. "At last," he said, "I'll have some decent wine for Christmas Mass."

MOSCOW (RIP): Italian Ambassador Moro Lessa reassured the Czar

IMPERIAL DIARY - XIV

(Although this feature usually appears in GRAUSTARK's sister publication EMPIRE, this special edition combines with the military situation to make its message important for GRAUSTARK's larger readership. Headlines from around the world indicate America's global imperial interests. If America should again actively make war overseas, it is vitally important that people understand the need for complete, unqualified support of imperial policy. Remember - opposing the United States of America won't bother it, but could be very unpleasant for you!)

(21 March 1978): A photograph in the New York Times shows three smiling soldiers examining a 7.62 mm machine gun mounted on a West German Leopard tank. One is German, and the other two are Chinese military purchasing agents. Al Nofi, who sent the photo, added the following comments:

1. What country lies between Germany and China?
2. Why are these men smiling?"

Obviously, the United States is not going to lack for allies when it jumps the Soviet Union.

(2 April): For official consumption, the US press is currently scolding the Cambodian government. However, we are backing China, China is backing Cambodia, and Cambodia is currently continuing the US war effort against Vietnam. Following in America's imperial footsteps, the Cambodians killed 80 to 100 Vietnamese villagers, including women and children, during the week of 17 March. A Japanese news agency reported this victory along the Cambodian-Vietnamese border. Vietnam continues to learn the terrible cost of defying America's imperial will.

(7 April): If there is any consistent difference that has distinguished the United States and the Soviet Union in the past third of a century, it is that the USSR whines "Peace" while the USA resolutely prepares for war, conquest, victory, and perpetual imperial world domination. Thirty years ago the USSR, and Communists all over the world, were peddling the "Stockholm Peace Petition"; America's answer was to establish NATO and build it into a network of military alliances that spans the globe. And it still goes on. The Communist playwright Bertolt Brecht's play Mother Courage was revived in New York, and the Daily News' Douglas Watt panned the hell out of it. This is not merely a dramatic judgment but a vital necessity to maintain America's intellectual and emotional readiness for war.

Meanwhile, the Daily News also reports a speech by former Prime Minister Kissinger that the US must take the strong hand with Soviet and Cuban "incursions" in Africa. Africa is, for all practical purposes, ours; no foreign incursions are wanted. At the same meeting Interim President Ford expressed an interest in returning to the Presidency.

(9 April): As the second Panama Canal Treaty lurches towards ratification, the De Concini reservation becomes of vital importance. This reservation, written in by Senator De Concini of Arizona, contradicts another clause in the treaty that the US will not "interfere in the internal affairs of Panama". The reservation gives the US this right, as if any nation could claim "internal affairs" with respect to the overwhelming power of the United States. In fact, this reservation is the whole point of the treaty. With ratification, Panama will become the guilty party once the US invokes the reservation. Our position will be, "We negotiated and approved this treaty in good

faith, and now Panama has violated its solemn obligations." This will give the United States a much stronger hand than if the treaty had been defeated. (Daily News)

The neutron bomb, also currently under debate, is a quintessentially American weapon. The lesser peoples of the world outnumber us by about 14 to 1, but we have the greatest material prosperity. Therefore, a weapon which kills people, and except for a relatively small range spares property is just what we need. For the time being development of this bomb has been postponed, but the USSR knows that we are "clearly seeking to get from the Soviet Union concessions on other, unrelated matters". (Daily News) Some western European nations whose governments are allied with us and therefore under our control have also been a little restive about the neutron bomb, but the United States is fortunate enough to be so strong that we don't have to worry about the opinions of others.

(12 April): Although the United States is at the center of a world-wide system of military alliance, we are not currently fighting a war directly. (Instead, as in Zaire, our subject allies are doing the job for us.) Some people profess to rejoice at this state of affairs. But they should consider the tragic case of James Thomas, 21, of a Detroit suburb. According to the Daily News, Thomas was arrested for killing an attractive actress with a five-pound sledgehammer, and seriously wounding her four-year-old son.

We are always going to have people like Thomas with us; a search of his effects revealed a list with the names of his victim and several other young women. He will probably spend the rest of his life in prison. If the US had been at war, Thomas would very likely have been with the army. Like many others in Vietnam, he would have been killing women and children for the benefit of the United States of America, and would be not a criminal but a hero like Lieutenant Calley. War makes it possible for the Thomases to be, not criminals and social waste, but useful citizens of their country.

(13 April): According to the Daily News and the Post, the Indian government has been complaining about a nuclear tracking device that the US CIA left in the Himalaya Mountains. The device is leaking plutonium into the watershed of the Ganges River, in which millions of Hindus bathe to absorb the holiness of its waters. India apparently has yet to learn that the agencies of the US government can go where they please and do what they want. Let them absorb that with their Ganges water!

Also in the Daily News, Jimmy Breslin gets a run-down on the neutron bomb from a 16-year-old immigrant from Russia, a star physics student at Brooklyn Technical High School. The student observed that the details of making a neutron bomb can be found in a few journals. Breslin promises to give more details as the student passes them to him. Try it yourself!

Also in the Daily News, five major US banks announced that they have been loaning Chile over \$1,100,000,000 since the CIA overthrew Allende and made the country safe for American investment.

Most of the US press has of course been a faithful supporter of the Presidents and their foreign policy. Every American daily was on record in favor of the American war effort in Vietnam, and 95% of them endorsed President Nixon when he was running for re-election in 1972. But a few papers and columnists still think they can get away with questioning the policies of the government. They got a warning from a close personal friend of President Carter, who is clearly speaking the President's own views. Bert Lance, "speaking to the American Society of Newspaper Editors, warned that censorship could be 'a conceivable outcome of what appears to be a headstrong refusal to get your own house in order.'" (Daily News) And Attorney General Bell, the man who would enforce the censorship, warned the editors that "he was going to write to them whenever he found a 'substantial inaccuracy in any story or column about the Justice Depart-

ment carried in your newspapers."

Two men, not only personal friends but also appointees of President Carter, have given the word. A lot of newspaper publishers are going to figure out that it is better to have a pro-government newspaper, than not to have a newspaper at all.

(14 April): The Daily News reports that a department store "in a large eastern seaboard city" is piping a subliminal message along with its Muzak. The message, aimed at curbing shoplifting, is "I will not steal".

There are obvious extensions to this idea. Pacifism is a far worse crime than shoplifting; after all, nobody has ever been shot for shoplifting. If the United States decides to send troops into Panama, the text of the Muzak message could be: "Kill Panamanians! Kill Panamanians! Kill Panamanians!"

Ethel Lindsay has sent from England another shipment of British political weeklies. One of them, the Socialist New Statesman, carries a letter in its 9 December 1977 issue concerning the 21st anniversary of the suppression of the Budapest riots. Arthur Nobes contends that these anti-Soviet riots were designed to restore the old, pre-Soviet, pro-American government. "There can be no doubt," he writes, "that Prime Minister Nagy, sincere as he may have been, was to be used, if possible, as the stepping stone to a full-blooded return to capitalist dictatorship." He compares the riots to the CIA's 1974 overthrow of the Allende government in Chile. This interpretation is consistent with the strong support which the US government gave at the time to the Budapest rioters:

In the New Statesman of 6 January 1978, James Fenton examines the Cambodian situation. Of the war with Vietnam, he says, "The Cambodians are not guerrilla fighters. They prefer pitched battles on the heroic scale." This, of course, is the way the United States does things. Now guess who is backing and advising the Cambodians?

The same issue of New Statesman reviews Ian Greig's The Communist Challenge to Africa, describing Greig as "a seasoned cold warrior". The most interesting thing about the book is that it is hardcover, but costs only £3 (\$5.50). The reviewer's friends in the trade claim that it ought to cost £8 (\$14.50). "Either there was a hidden subsidy of 100 per cent plus...or the book would have to be bulk-bought and distributed virtually free by some embassy or propaganda service." Well of course the CIA has been doing this sort of thing for decades. Greig "is very much against ...all African radical governments, all African 'liberation movements', the Anti-Apartheid Movement, the Movement for Colonial Freedom and the World Council of Churches."

In the New Statesman of 13 January, Christopher Hitchens discusses the pro-American governments of Argentina and Chile. General Videla, the dictator of the former country, is quoted as saying: "We consider it a great crime to attempt against the Western and Christian style of life in order to change it." And American banks are "falling all over each other to make loans" to Chile. The United States of America is fortunate to have two such loyal supporters on that once-troublesome continent.

The historian A. J. P. Taylor, in the same issue, reviews Daniel Yergin's Shattered Peace: The Origins of the Cold War and the National Security State. Supporting the assertion given above (7 April), Taylor observes that "throughout these years ((the Truman administration)) the USSR was a frightened power desperately on the defensive". By contrast, Truman said, "Unless Russia is faced with an iron fist and strong language another war is in the making." This same theme of Soviet weakness and proud, powerful, warlike American strength has dominated the relations of the two countries ever since.

(15 April): Of course, Senator Hayakawa says in today's Daily News

that "US foreign policy around the world has been 'silent' and 'timid' in the face of what he called 'determined Communist aggression'." But this speech is not designed to describe the actual world situation, but to urge an even more strongly anti-Soviet attitude in the American public. And if it were otherwise, a body as ineffective as the Senate would hardly be the place for a pronouncement on government policy.

(16 April): Two stories in the Times contrasted the strength of the US Presidency with the weakness of everything else. Ronald Humphrey and David Truong were accused of espionage, and went on trial and were found guilty in May. The government's case was based on the President's absolute right to order any wiretaps that he in his sole responsibility believes necessary to the national security. "If the Government wins a conviction in the case," Nicholas M. Horrock wrote, "...it would be the first formal action establishing that a President may, on national security grounds, ignore the protections against illegal search and seizure embodied in the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution." And this is what happened. The Times refers to the 1787 Constitution, an obsolete document on which the government of the United States of America was formerly based.

Meanwhile, a Dutchman named Niko Schouten has got 1 million signatures on a petition against the neutron bomb. He is invited to wave this petition if the United States should ever decide to drop a neutron bomb on Amsterdam. It should hardly be necessary to add that Mr. Schouten is a Communist.

(17 April): The Post reports that a Harris Survey found 71% of the American public opposed to sending US soldiers to fight in Ethiopia against the Cubans and Russians. This makes no difference at all, of course. The imperial interests of the United States of America are too high and noble to yield to mere transitory majorities. If the President decides to send troops to Ethiopia, as his predecessors did to Vietnam, every American will approve and support this policy. Or else.

The Post's resident crier over spilt milk, Mary McGrory, begins her column by observing that "Rep. Henry Reuss of Wisconsin has called US bankers to account for bankrolling the military dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet of Chile." All this means is, that the next Republican to run against Mr. Reuss will have a money tree at his disposal.

Whatever politicians and columnists may think they can oppose war, the fashion designers know where it's at. Cyndi Stivers, in this same Post, reports a "trend to tough military uniforms" in this year's Paris styles. The photographs show black leather, leggings, double-breasted coats, and boots.

(20 April): The Panama Canal treaty has been ratified. All that this means is, that the United States will settle with the "government" of Panama later rather than now. President Carter revealed today that "he was prepared to defend the Panama Canal Zone against angry mobs if the Senate had not ratified the treaty." (Daily News) Of course, eventually the US will take some action under the De Concini Reservation, Panama will object, the rioters will go loose, and we'll have our military conquest of Panama. It is intolerable that Panama should pretend to equality with our imperial nation, or assert any voice in running the canal which is an important part of America's overseas Empire.

In today's Times Sissela Bok remarks that "The webs of deceit from Vietnam and Watergate were of an intricacy and a scope that may not soon be passed." Ms. Bok should wait until the time-bomb concealed in the canal treaties is ready to go off. Nobody is trickier than we!

Since the beginning of the war with Vietnam, several social scientists have been involved in the traditional role of intellectuals - loyally telling the government and the public that whatever the government wants to do, is right. We recall the work of Robert Ardery, Konrad Lorenz, Robert Shock-

ley, Arthur Jensen, and John Delgado towards this noble end. They have worked hard to prove that war and inequality are basic parts of human nature - that, to quote a British observer, "bashing your neighbor is the genetic norm." Now they are joined by Jane Goodall, whom the Times reports as saying that the chimpanzees she studies in western Tanzania occasionally kill one another. This is not individual murder, she is careful to point out, but "war between neighboring groups of chimpanzees". A group with 11 males engaged on a series of systematic attacks against a group with 7 males since 1974, and now only one male survives from the smaller group.

(21 April): "A special study, commissioned by a member of the House Armed Services Committee, contends that the all-volunteer Army is an expensive flop," says the Daily News. Obviously, the return of the draft will accompany America's next overseas military action.

(23 April): On top of Bert Lance's recent warning to the press, the Washington editor of Harper's "says that American journalism is getting an anti-business bias." (Times) Tom Bethel called the newspapers and TV networks "sympathetic towards totalitarian regimes". Another Times story tells the universities also to shape up; it seems that a Marxist has just been appointed chairperson of a department at the University of Maryland, and the state's Governor has come out against him.

The Times also carried two stories out of the past. Michael Straus had an editorial reflecting that 10 years ago he was a rebellious student at Columbia University during the riots of that year. He has at long last decided that law school makes more sense than Pacifism, and he sees today's students as unlikely to do as he did. "My attitudes are as different from my 21-year-old brother's as they are from my parents'." He considers himself a wiser man now. Meanwhile, a Vietnamese named Tran Dinh Truong, who once hauled cargo for the US in Vietnam, has bought two hotels in New York City and is shopping for more. As a faithful servant of America's imperial interests in the Far East, he obtained "preferred status" as an immigrant. The events of the last decade have profoundly altered Mr. Straus' outlook on the world - but not Mr. Tran's. That's as sure a sign as anything, as to which side really won the great controversy over the war in Vietnam.

(24 April): The Daily News took a telephone poll in New York City and suburbs, and reports that the Israeli invasion of Lebanon was disapproved by a margin of 41%-34%. Here, as in the poll on Ethiopia, it really doesn't matter. The invasion was made by a faithful subject ally of the American Empire, and was therefore morally right and justified.

The 1978 Bilderberg Conference ended in Princeton, N. J., and a former Prime Minister of Great Britain "said that the 'consciousness' of NATO must be 'awakened to this comparatively new situation.'" (Daily News) The situation is, of course, "the Soviet Union's rapid expansion of conventional forces in Africa". Since then the US, France, and Belgium have sent troops into Zaire.

Another remnant of the "hippie era" appeared on the screen and got loyally panned by the Daily News' Harry Haun. It's a Canadian thing called The Rubber Gun, which Haun called "decade-old leftovers from Alice's Restaurant."

(26 April): The Indonesian government has been giving five psychological tests designed to identify Communists. One was the well-known Edwards Personal Preference Schedule, but most of the others were designed for the particular Indonesian situation. "Admiral Sudomo disclosed that he had ordered the psychological testing after he had inquired from the Central Intelligence Agency whether it had 'some equipment' to detect Communists and was told it had none." (Times)

THE INERT LUMP AWARD

In GRAUSTARK #379 I reprinted from Brad Hessel's Dinan #39 a proposal on what to do about players who chronically miss moves. I have decided to follow Brad's suggestion, and publish a list of the more flagrant offenders. These are people who have dropped out of two or more postal games in GRAUSTARK or EMPIRE, without explanation or formal resignation. Entries from them will not be accepted in any of my publications in the future.

John Arensmeyer	Greg Costikyan	
George Bakich	Larry Fong	Charles Ford Hansen
Steven Bowman	Adam Gilinsky	Elmer Hinton
David Braunagel	Rich Glessman	Lewis Fitter
David Carldon		Peter Squires

1976IB - PRESS RELEASES (continued from p. 7)

that the hostile's occupying the Russian ports of Sevastopol and St. Petersburg would be ousted next year. "Frenchmen looting, pillaging and raping in Scandinavia is one thing. But when they cut off the supply of caviar to St. Petersburg they have gone too far!"

NAPLES (RIP): Stories about the four year "no bath edict" in England have been met here with skepticism. It seems half the people don't believe an Englishman can go 4 hours without a bath, and the other half don't know what a bath is.

1977CH - PRESS RELEASES

PARIS: The ungrateful Italians will be repaid in kind. Having no particular liking for either of the northern contenders, we will stay out of the situation so long as we are unmolested, except to support the Germans, so long as we are not attacked.

LONDON: The intelligent action of the French has caused the Admiralty to reconsider the status of Belgium.

NEW GAME - PRESS RELEASES

BUDAPEST (April 1, 1901): Robert II, Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary called a press conference today in order to make the following statement: "Clouds of war once again are descending upon us. No one seems to believe in the old philosophy of 'Make love, not war'. I must once again mobilize those who have given so much in the past to once more put their lives on the line for their Homeland. As of this moment, the armies of Austria-Hungary are activated, and a commission will be offered to that supreme diplomat Count Dracula. I have also alerted oyr kinsman from the Kingdom of Brügerstein to be prepared to aid us in our efforts to keep alive."

BUDAPEST (April 2, 1901): The opening of the spring ballet season has been canceled due to the call up of the Hungarian National Home-guard. Since the call up included 11 of the "chorus boys" and the Prima Ballerina herself, it was decided to cancel the entire season rather than try to get by with only 3 "boys", the Prima Understudy, and Old Rolph, the doorman.

GROSSKOPICH (a small village near the Transylvanian Mountains): The inhabitants of this small village were in ecstasy when it was learned that the hometown boy makes good, Count Dracula, has been given a hush, hush government position and assigned to some other small vil-

lage. As local wine-merchant, Vladimer Stotski, said, "The only one unhappy over this turn of events is Gypsy Larry. He held the concession on crosses, garlic and wooden stakes. Looks as if business will be down enough to cause him to go back to selling those posters of Fayra Lostit. Such are the fortunes of business."

SEVASTOPOL (Streltsi News Services): In a communique issued today by the Naval Ministry it was reported that Vice-Admiral Kikoff (now Seaman 3rd Class Kikoff) apparently was "just a little crazy, hey?" when he ordered his battle fleet into the Turkish province of Armenia. According to one report, the Admiral had recently been overheard telling his officers that if there were not a Northwest Passage to India, then surely there must be a Southeast Passage, and he thought he should be the one to find it.

Although his flagship and several other vessels ran aground in the foothills of the Caucasus Mountains, the Admiral insisted that it was only abnormally low tides that prevented him from sailing through to the Caspian Sea. Apologies have been tendered to the Turkish Government for the Admiral's eccentric behavior, and the fleet has been ordered to return home by the most direct route.

MOSCOW (SNS): TSAR DECLARES WAR ON PORTUGAL. Russia declared war today on the nation of Portugal. The Government refused to disclose its reasons for going to war, claiming, "It's a secret."

1977HT - PRESS RELEASES

MOSCOW: On the fifteenth anniversary of the first "Mouseketeer Club" show, the Czar said, "We wish all those associated with the famous American producer and entrepreneur, John Boardman, continued success on this anniversary of his publication GRAUSTARK."

MUNICH: The neurotic liars will have claimed their first victim with the elimination of John Daly's Turkey. His enemies will have defeated him with plans made while lying in the incestuous bed of cross-game alliances and previous contacts. The government of Germany will mourn the passing of Turkey; the number of truly independent and rational states grows perilously low.

Turkey has not competed successfully in the Balkans contest of gratuitous lying. Nor has John been adept in writing orders which serve ulterior needs. Nevertheless, Turkey's leader has played a respectable game of Diplomacy.

Germans will forever admire his style.

UPWARD AND ONWARD FOREVER

On Monday 29 May 1978 the United States Postal "Service" will once again increase the rates of its slipshod and tardy mail delivery. After printing enough 16¢ stamps to send Staten Island to the Moon, they have announced a rate of 15¢ for the first ounce. The new domestic rates are, by the ounce:

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
First Class	15	28	41	53	67	80	93	106	119	132	145	158
Third Class	20	20	40	40	53	53	66	66	79	79	92	92

Heavier first-class mail goes at the "Priority Mail" rate. Domestic post cards are 10¢. Foreign rates do not seem to be affected. The US has no domestic air mail service. Third class rates apply to printed matter sent within the US, or to Canada or Mexico, at weights of less than one pound. The rate is \$1.05 for 13 or 14 ounces, and \$1.18 from there up to one pound. Fourth class rates apply for heavier matter.

ITALY MEETS STONE WALL

ENGLAND (Drakert): F Spa(s.c.) S A Gas; F Mid-Por; F Bre-Mid; F Eng holds; A Gas S F Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Hodin): F Pic-Bre; F Den holds; A Bur & A Ber S A Mun; A Gal-Sil; A Mun S A Gal-Sil.

ITALY (Bragdon): A Mar & F Bla hold; A Pie & F Lyo S A Mar; F Tyr-Wes; F Tun-Naf; F Ion-Tyr; F Aeg-Ion; A Tyr-Mun; A Boh-Sil; A Tri-Vie; A Bul-Ser; A Rum-Gal; A Bud & A Ukr S A Rum-Gal; A Sev S A Ukr.

RUSSIA (Wienczek): A War S GERMAN A Gal-Sil; A Liv S A War; A St.P S A Mos; A Nwy & A Mos holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Gamesmaster regrets having told the English player that "F Spa(s.c.) S A Gas" was possible; the opposite support was understood. (See the Rulebook, p. 3, Section VII, Rule 3b.) A member of the anti-Italian alliance claims that the present stalemate line across Europe is now unbreakable, and asks for a vote on a draw. This is submitted to the players, with the provision that an abstention shall count as a negative vote. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Par, Por, Spa. (6) ITALY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mar, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (16)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (7)

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

England and Germany may each build one unit. These builds are to be sent in with the "Spring 1915" moves, which may be made conditional upon them. The deadline for "Spring 1915" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1978.

MOSCOW: Unrest in the Italian province of Serbia could cause a World War.

GERMANS ENTER MOSCOW

ENGLAND (Burns): F Nrg-Edi; F Nat-Cly; F Lon-Nth; F Eng S F Lon-Nth; F Spa(s.c.) holds; A Yor S F Nrg-Edi; A Bur-Bel; A Bel-Hol.

GERMANY (Malay): A Liv-Mos; A St.P S A Liv-Mos; A Pru S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Sil-War; A Boh-Vie; A Kie-Mun; F Edi-Nrg; F Nwy S F Edi-Nrg; F Nth-Hol.

ITALY (La Pointe): A Tri-Tyr; A Ven S A Tri-Tyr; F Ion-Adr; F Gre-Bul(s.c.): F Aeg S F Gre-Bul(s.c.).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Verheiden): : A Gal-Ukr; A Sil-War.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): A Smy-Con; A Ser-Tri; A Bud S A Ser-Tri; A Vie S A Ser-Tri; A War-Liv; A Mos S A War-Liv; A Ukr S A Mos; F Rum holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Mos-Sev, and Germany may retreat F Nth-Ska, -Den or -Hel. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Liv, Lon, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (8)

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Vie, War. (2)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Mos, Mun, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (10)

RUSSIA: Ank, Bud, Con, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Vie. (9)

Germany has two builds; the German retreat and builds must be sent to the Gamesmaster by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive no later than Monday 5 June 1978. Russia would have a build, but there is no home supply center open. If the Russian player

wishes to remove the dislodged A Mos and instead build an E Sev, he should contact the Gamesmaster at once. The deadline for "Spring 1911" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1978.

1977HE

"Winter 1906"

FRANCE (Jeria): Removes F Bre, A Gas.
GERMANY (La Pointe): Retreats A Bre-Par;
Builds A Kie.

ITALY (Lariton): Builds A Ven.
RUSSIA (Ripper): Builds A Mos.

The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1978.

1977IH

"Winter 1904"

There was a little problem here. One player sent in builds made conditional on another player's removal. Since all builds and removals are simultaneous, this can not be allowed, and the player therefore misses that build for this turn.

GERMANY (Remmele): Builds A Mun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kelly): Removes F Aeg.

ITALY (Smith): Builds A Ven.

RUSSIA (Thornsen): Removes F Rum.

Kyle Thompson has missed two successive moves as Russia and is therefore replaced by Tom Thornsen, whose address appeared in the last issue. The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1978.

MOSCOW (SAP): The Revolution has begun! Czar Kyle has been exiled to Siberia and the Duma has assumed control of the Government. Better times lie ahead.

OCCUPIED WARSAW (SAP): In its first official act of international Diplomacy, the Socialist Alliance has signed the Treaty of Warsaw with Kaiser Edsel, thus ending the Russo-German War of 1904. Terms are believed to be very demanding by the Kaiser, and include an annual supply of Polar Bears to be shipped to Berlin.

A member of the Russian Counselor Corps was heard to comment, "Hell, once those boats cross the border, they're already in Berlin's zoo."

1977AV

"Winter 1902"

FRANCE (La Pointe): Retreats F Eng-Bre;
Builds A Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Curley): Builds A Vie.
RUSSIA (Hedbavny): Builds F Sev.

GERMANY (Lariton): Builds A Kie.

The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1978. Walter Compton writes that from 13 to 30 June his address will be Apt. D, 4302 McKinney, Dallas, Texas 75205, and that after 1 July he will be at Casilla 211-A, Quito, Ecuador.

NEW GAME I

"Fall 1901"

CHRISTIANS CRUSADE AGAINST TURKS IN BALKANS

ENGLAND (McDonald): F Eng-Bre; A Yor-Bel; F Nth C A Yor-Bel.

FRANCE (La Rocco): A Gas-Bre; A Mar-Spa; F Mid-Por.

GERMANY (Dodge): A Mun-Ruh; F Hol-Bel; A Kie-Den.

ITALY (Lariton): A Ven holds; A Apu-Tun; F Ion C A Apu-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (R. Gallagher): F Alb-Gre; A Tri holds; A Ser S RUSSIAN A Sev-Rum.

RUSSIA (Milligan): F Bot-Swe; A Ukr S A Sev-Tun; A Sev-Tun; F Arm-Ank.

TURKEY (G. Gallagher): F Bla-Rum; A Con-Ank; A Bul S F Bla-Rum.

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

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon. (3)
 FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5)
 GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5)
 ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri,
 Vie. (5)
 RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (6)
 TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

Russia, France, Austria-Hungary, and Germany may each build two new units, and Italy and Turkey may each build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1978. Two players have new addresses:

Bruce C. Milligan, Apt. #3, 3003 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md. 21218

Gregg Gallagher, #1-C, 2074 Royal Fern Court, Reston, Va. 22091

Press releases begin on page 13. This game will be called "New Game I" until Cal White gets around to assigning a Boardman Number to it. For "New Game II" see Page 3.

1977HT

"Fall 1905"

CRUSADE CLOSES IN ON TURKS

The Turkish A Alb was annihilated in the "Spring 1905" moves.

ENGLAND (Crockett): F Nth-Ska; F Nwy S F Nth-Ska; F Nrg & F Bar S F Nwy; F Bal-Liv.

FRANCE (Kodman): F Eng-Mid; F Mid-Naf; A Bur-Mar; A Pic-Bur; A Pie-Tus; F Rom S A Pie-Tus.

GERMANY (Workman): A Tyr-Ven; A Mun-Sil; A Ruh-Kie; F Kie-Bal; F Den S F Kie-Bal.

ITALY (Bobker): A Tus-Ven; F Ion-Tyr; F Tun-Wes; A Smy-Ank.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Salcedo): A Rum-Sev; A Gal-Sil; A Ser-Rum; A Vie-Boh; F Alb-Adr; A Tri S ITALIAN A Tus-Ven; A Con S ITALIAN A Smy-Ank.

RUSSIA (Frost): A Fin-Nwy; A St.P & F Swe S A Fin-Nwy; F Bot S F Swe.

TURKEY (Daly): F Bla-Bul(e.c.).

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

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (5)4

ITALY: Ank, Smy, Tun, Ven. (4)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa. (7)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Con, Gre, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Vie. (8)

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

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

TURKEY: Bul. (1)

France and Austria-Hungary each has one build. These builds should be sent to the Gamesmaster by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by Monday 5 June. The Gamesmaster will send them on to the other players. The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1978. Press releases are on Page 14.

1977B

"Winter 1908"

Following "Fall 1908" moves France retreated F Tyr-Nap, making Naples a French supply center and putting Italy out of the game. All Italian units are removed. France chooses to make no builds, and Germany builds A Ber, A Kie. The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1978. One player has called, as nearly as the Gamesmaster can make out, in a vote for a draw. Votes should be sent in with the "Spring 1909" moves. Remember that an abstention is equivalent to a negative vote.

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Postal Diplomacy game entries are still available in GRAUSTARK, at an entry fee of \$12. The GRAUSTARK house rules were last published in #370; all players who do not have these rules should send for them. (This particularly includes those in the new game announced on page 3.)

1976DX

"Spring 1911"

ITALY MOPPING UP TURKS

FRANCE (Dodge): F Nat-Mid; F Mid-Gas; F Eng & F Por S F Nat-Mid; F Kie-Den;
A Ber-Mun; A Bur & A Ruh S A Ber-Mun; A Hol-Kie.

ITALY (Ameling): A Gre-Ser; A Bul-Ser; A Ven-Tri; A Tyr S A Ven-Tri; A Mun-Kie;
A Mar-Gas; F Syr-Smy; F Tun-Tyr; F Nap-Tyr; F Lyo-Mar; F Spa(s.c.) holds;
F Wes S F Spa(s.c.).

RUSSIA (Brawner): F Hel-Kie; F Nwy-Nth; F Nrg S F Nwy-Nth; F Edi-Yor; A Rum holds;
F Sev-Bla; A Smy-Ank; A Pru-Ber; A Sil S A Pru-Ber; A Swe-Den.

TURKEY (Verheiden): A Tri-Ven; F Ion-Tun; F Aeg-Bul(s.c.).

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats A Mun-Boh and Turkey must retreat A Tri-Vie, -Bud, -Ser, or -Alb. The direction of this Turkish retreat should be sent by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL to the Gamesmaster, who will pass it on to the other players. (It should arrive by Monday 5 June.) The deadline for "Fall 1911" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1978. Eric Verheiden writes that, though there has been some confusion about his new address, it seems to be #2, 200 S. Azusa Ave., Azusa, Calif. 91702.

TRIESTE: One hopes that the Tsar will soon be able to note the difference between an ally and a rival.

1978CH

"Fall 1907"

SHOWDOWN IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Following "Spring 1907" moves Germany retreated A Bel-Bur.

ENGLAND (Chafetz): F Wal-Eng; A Liv-Yor; A Bel holds; F Nth-Nwy; F Hel-Den; A Kie &
F Bal S F Hel-Den.

FRANCE (Verheiden): A Bre-Par; F Mat-Lyo; F Spa(s.c.)-Mar; F Mid-Wes; F Naf S F Mid-
Wes.

GERMANY (Schwartz): A Bur-Par; A Ber S A Mun; A Mun S A Ber.

ITALY (Brawner): F Tyr-Lyo; F Ion-Tun; A Pie-Mar; F Tri-Alb; F Bla-Ank; F Aeg S
RUSSIAN A. Con-Smy; A Tyr-Mun; A Vie holds.

RUSSIA (Salcedo): A Con-Smy; A Rum holds; A Gal-Sil; A Boh S ITALIAN A Tyr-Mun;
A Liv-Pru; A Fin-Swe; F Den-Nth; F Nwy S F Den-Nth.

TURKEY (Remmele): F Smy-Con; F Ank S F Smy-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey must retreat F Smy-Syr or -Eas, and England must retreat F Nth-Nrg, -Edi, -Lon, -Hol, or -Hel, or remove the unit. These retreats should be sent in with the "Winter 1907" builds and removals, which may be made conditional upon them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Bel, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv,
Lon. (7)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5)

GERMANY: Ber, Mun. (2)

ITALY: Bud, Con, Gre, Nap, Rom, Tri, Tun,
Ven, Vie. (9)

RUSSIA: Bul, Mos, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Ser, Sev,
Smy, Swe, War. (10)

TURKEY: Ank. (1)

Russia may build two units and Italy may build one; England also has a build if the dislodged F Nth was removed. Turkey and Germany must each remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1978. Press releases are on Page 13. See 1976DX, above, for Eric Verheiden's real address.

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"Winter 1909"

Following "Fall 1909" moves France removed the dislodged F Wes and therefore has a build. Press releases begin on page 7.

ENGLAND (Brawner): Builds F Lon.

RUSSIA (Walters): Builds A Mos.

FRANCE (P. Gallagher): Builds A Par.

TURKEY (Malay): Removes A Arm.

ITALY (Thornsen): Builds A Ven.

The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1978.

1977KE

"Spring 1904"

CLOSING IN ON AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

ENGLAND (Trangsrud): No moves received. F Nrg, F Nth, A Mos, A Pic, F Liverpool
F Eng & F Nat hold.

FRANCE (Kelly): F Gar-Bre; F Spa(s.c.)-Mid.

GERMANY (Gray): A Par-Gas; A Bur S A Par-Gas; A Sil-Gal; A War & A Ukr S A Sil-Gal;
A Ber-Sil; A Kie-Ber; A Mun-Tyr; A Ruh-Mun.

ITALY (Malay): A Pie S GERMAN A Mun-Tyr; A Rom-Apu; F Nap S A Rom-Apu; F Mar holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Bobker): F Ven S TURKISH F Apu; A Tyr-Pie; A Tri-Tyr; A Vie S A Gal;
A Gal S GERMAN A War-Sil.

TURKEY (Hunt): F Ion-Tun; F Apu S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Ven; A Ank-Arm; A Rum S A Sev;
A Sev holds; F Gre-Ion; F Con-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Tyr-Boh, A Gal-Bud. Dave Hunt reports that as of 15 June his address will be 925 Ottawa St., Lansing, Mich.; he gives no ZIP code or phone number. Steve Bobker reports that the number listed as his work phone is no longer valid. Stand-by "Fall 1904" moves for England should be sent in by Hugh J. Burns Jr., 228 Kingston Road, Upper Darby, Penn. 19082; 215-352-7587. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JUNE.

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"Spring 1904"

FRENCH BREAK THROUGH ON WESTERN FRONT

ENGLAND (Engel): F Nwy-Bar; A Yor-Nwy; F Nth C A Yor-Nwy; F Ska S A Yor-Nwy.

FRANCE (Daly): F Tun-Tyr; F Mid-Wes; F Bre-Mid; A Bur-Ruh; A Bel S A Bur-Ruh; A Pic-Bur; A Mar S A Pic-Bur; A Ven-Rom.

GERMANY (Chafetz): A Den S RUSSIAN A Swe; F Bal S A Den; A Kie-Hol; A Mun-Bur; A Ruh S A Mun-Bur.

ITALY (Schwartz): A Syr-Sny; F Eas S A Syr-Sny.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Gal & A Bud S A Rum; A Rum S A Bul; A Gre S A Bul; F Aeg-Con; A Bul S F Aeg-Con; A Tri holds.

RUSSIA (McElvaney): A Sev-Rum; A Ukr S A Sev-Rum; A Fin-Nwy; A St.P & F Swe S A Fin-Nwy.

TURKEY (R. Gallagher): F Bla-Sev; A Sny S A Con; A Con S A Sny.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats A Con-Ank, A Sny-Arm and

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REVIEWS FROM A ROMANY LADY OF SORTS: Joyce Scrivner

Ask John Boardman to explain me to you if you're curious, I doubt if I can. Or you could ask Bob Lipton or half a dozen New York fans. Does it matter particularly? I've had quite a few books lying about here to be reviewed and next collation is fifteen years for John. What better reason do I need to write reviews for anyway? You'll surely learn more about me as I write anyway, so enjoy.

QUAG KEEP; Andre Norton,
Atheneum, 1978, \$7.95

TRAITHS OF TIME
Farracett, 1976, \$1.75

I used to be religious about Norton books. Anytime a book I hadn't read appeared I would go buy it. There was even a parttime book seller who would save me copies so I would have them hot off the press.

Some of the newer ones are depressing, though. BREED TO COME, for instance is a very sick book when compared to FITCH WORLD, or STAR GATE or even CATSEYE. I haven't been buying them as busily as I did.

TRAITHS OF TIME is a 'contemporary' book. It has as the heroine a black girl who is transported to another time/space. She dealt with the contemporary world in a successful manner as can be seen by her degree and her position as assistant museum curator. Through scientific/supernatural means she gets transported away from this into a land where she must deal with an unfamiliar lifestyle and situation. All very much Norton plot peices. She has overused them so much that she no longer writes the intense inner vision of the person and his new life/old life conflict that made her books vital. This one is poverty stricken. There is action, but the heroine is an unbelievable peice of cardboard that has no internal motives or conflicts for the reader to contact and thus the reader is left dangling while this cardboard is moved over the Egyptian style of life like a play counter. Dull, a juvenile treatment for six year old black girls to influence them to become wise women and they will toss it aside as unbelievable and unreal.

Now, QUAG KEEP starts with a more interesting premise. There is a Dungeons and Dragons game going on using miniature figures to represent the players. Or perhaps it is Chivalry or Hellride. The transfer medium is the miniature figures which move the human 'essence' to another world. Several humans are caught. (Similar theme as above, no?) There is a choice of people to relate to: a berserker, an amazon, a lizardman, an elf, a priest/lizard and a bard. They of course fit into the world they are in, but they are Geas led to find that which brought them from Earth and their game to fight the battles of someone else. Each of them has a bracelet inlaid with dice: four, five, six, hex, square, triangluar dice. As the dice spin the characters are moved and various things happen. (Does it sound familar?) They might have a chance of affecting the dice spins, though, by mind power.

In this case the concepts are much too strong for the book. The story is of course a quest. But there is not enough time spent on the characters interfeaction or the story of the travel, either. There are several things in the book that were very impressive: The dragon, the six searching characters themselves, the wizard who places them under Geas, the man/alien who holds their dice. There is not enough of a story here. The book is entirely too short for the story/plot/characters..

Interesting, but minor, this book could be a good first draft for a novel three times as long. Too much story cut out.

DRAGONSINGER, Anne McCaffrey
Atheneum, 1977, \$7.95

This is the second book of a juvenle series. The heroine is Menolly, a girl of Pern. Pern is the location of the Dragon rider novels for which Anne McCaffery won Hugo and Nebula awards and nominations several years ago. There is a new book, just released: THE WHITE DRAGON, which is said to be both the third book of this series (DRAGONFLIGHT, DRAGONRIDER) and the series that DRAGONSINGER is part of. (DRAGONSONG is the first book of this series.)

A basic problem with this book is that it covers a very short period of time, one week. This is a flaw because within that period Menolly must have several very important things happen to her. The female children in the story are all very intollerant, but then they have no chance to become tollerant. The men are shown to have prejudices, but Menolly overcomes all of the important ones within that very short period. It is not totally believable. The story itself is rather cheering compared to the depressing life she led in DRAGONSONG. The trouble here is that all of her problems are solved for her more or less by the nad of the author. Menolly really has no say in what happens. It just does.

The book is easily seen to be a 'middle' book of a series and it suffers badly for it.

Pleasant reading, but not worthwhile unless you want to read the entire series. The young adult style of writing hurts this story badly. There could be more to it, if it had not been 'written down' for the audience.

HEIR OF SEA AND FIRE, Patricia A. McKillip
Atheneum, 1977, \$7.95

This is also the second book of a series, but what a difference! In this series, the first book was told from the vie point of Morgon, Prince of Hed (the book is RIDDLEMASTER OF HED, and it is currently available in paperback); this book is written from the viewpoint of his fiancée, Raederle, and it begins a year after Morgon has vanished. This is an impressive method of telling the story and of creating a very impressive 'middle' book where neither action nor flow suffer through the need to move characters around in identical manners.

There are three women major characters in this book and two off stage male ones. The women are Morgon's sister, his fiancée and a lady he met on his trip towards disappearing. The men are Morgon and the bard he traveled with during his trip, Deth. They only appear during a brief interlude for each one and in the final act/climax at the end of the story. Yet, these two men, and a completely unseen one, The High One, are the motivating factors of the story. This in opposition to the 'standard' space opera plot of young hero dashing madly off to save lovely lady who cannot save herself. The trouble with that comparison is that both heroine, Raederle, and Morgon are capable of saving themselves and dealing with troubles they encounter. This is rather a story of learning, the tale of how a person encounters set backs and deals with failures. Even the most successful of Raederle's works, which leads to the climax, is in the most important manner a failure for her. This book is not a completion of their story, but only a second step for Morgon and Raederle.

I recommend this series, both for the innovative method that Patricia McKillip creates her fantasies, and for the living/growing of the characters. There is a reminder in me to the Hemmingway short story THE SHORT HAPPY LIFE OF FRANCIS MACOBER.

LORD FOU'S BANE
THE ILL-EARTH WAR
THE POWER THAT PRESERVES

Stephen R. Donaldson
Holt, Rinehart, Winston, 1977,
\$9.95 ea.

The first of the above trilogy has just been released in paperback through Ballantine who are giving it an impressive send off by sending it to all of their mailing list to preview. All three volumes are also available through the SF Book Club.

I find the series impressive. This is the first book(s) to come from Stephen Donaldson. I have never heard of him before, and these made a large splash. Already there is a certain 'opposition' to their popularity, but that can be written off to popularity breeding contempt. There is also the attempt to compare these stories to the Tolkein Trilogy. This is a mistake. I find less of the Tolkein influence here than I do of the Herbert influence from Dune and its sequels.

The three sections take place at different periods in the flow of a 'world'. This world can be a dream world, an alternate universe or some section of this universe that is located at a different time scale. Thomas Covenant is transposed into this world via an intelligence/creator being. While in this universe he is given almost unbelievable options to control the living creatures of this world. One of these options is to save the world. A case of free choice.

The basic conflict is that Covenant cannot believe in the world or the living beings that live in it. In his unbelief he causes much pain. One of the first and most impressive actions in the book is a rape scene by Covenant of a girl whose mother must help Covenant.

This unbelief is created by the fact that Covenant is a leper and within the earth's society if he did not doubt his body's sensations and what his senses told him of the reality that he lives in he would die.

There are immense conflicts and retellings of his doubt and his inability to trust the characters of the other world. The tone is depressing and oppressive in many sections, but the action (there are two wars and much traveling and battles within the three books) and the strong characterizations of the major people keep the books moving. They are adult fantasies. They deal in terms of sex, doubt, vanity, pride and do not pull punches. The major female character, who Covenant loves, is killed through his inability to cope with her situation and aid her. None of the persons in the books are without flaws in their personalities and Mr. Donaldson's ability to create people would carry many more minor stories.

These books are worth reading and rereading, they are of excellent craftsmanship. The major problem for many readers will be their omnipotent air of oppression and depression and the layers of verbiage that the characters talk in without communication to either reader or each other.

THE BLUE HAWK, Peter Dickinson
Del Rey, 1976, \$1.95

KING AND JOKER, Peter Dickinson
Avon, 1977, \$1.50

The second one of these books you have probably not encountered as it is labeled a mystery and has been issued in a series with other Dickinson mysteries. Yet, it deals with an alternate reality, an alternate time stream and could as easily have been issued as SF.

Both books are impressive in their own ways. KING AND JOKER is about a different British royal family who suffer through ecology, soggy corn flakes at breakfast and several murders because of a family skeleton. It is pleasant light reading that shows the public/private faces of notable people can be painful. Enjoyable Saturday afternoon reading.

THE BLUE HAWK is not as pleasant. Though the book above is a murder mystery, as in many such there is a certain tendency of uncaring for the dead. This book has less of the feel.

This book is the tale of a novice priest who is moved by his gods to accomplish deeds that the priesthood would rather not have occur. Tron, the young man, is the center of a storm of controversy that changes the political, economic, and religious boundaries of his small land. He also creates a position for himself in the new order.

Both books deal with immature people finding themselves. In the first book the search is secondary to the story, in the second book the search is the story. These searches should not be thought of on the level of 'who am I?', but rather on the level of 'I am something, which something am I?' The second book, THE BLUE HAWK, has more impression because of its stronger message concerning its goals. The mystery solving in the first book detracts from the people to the extent that they are secondary to the solution.

The first book, KING AND JONER, can be read as easy reading. The second book, though stronger in both character and setting, is also just as pleasant to read and as enjoyable. Peter Dickinson, is from what I have read, a capable craftsman.

DEVIL IN A FOREST, Gene Wolfe
Ace, 1976, \$1.50

This is a more or less forgotten book. Wolfe's FIFTH HEAD OF CEREBUS was idely praised and acclamed both as novela and novel. Yet, this, his second novel has been ignored.

Partly the problem must be blamed on the fact that this is both fantasy and historical. The incentive for this story can be found in the christmas carol, 'Good King Wenceslas'. The rest of the tale deals with the St. Agnes Fountain described in the song and the people that live at the fountain. It is a fiction which is surrounded by reality. The story concerns an orphan who has been adopted by the weaver of the fountain as his association with the outlaws which lead to the dissolving of the town at the fountain amid the people of the kings forest which surrounds the town, the townsfolk and the kings rangers who patrol the forest.

There is little joy in the story other than the joy of daily life and I would have many of those who constantly say they wished they had lived during the middle ages read this story. Still there is little of the total desparation that the people lived with either.

This is a short novel as shows the fruit of research, for those of you who are interested in reading about the middle ages this is a find.

BELL OF SHIVAN, C. J. Cherryh
Daw, 1978, \$1.95

The first thing to attract the eye is the magnificent whelan cover. Elegant.

This is the second book of a series, which started with GATE OF IVREL, they are not sequels as much as books which contain the same plot (mainly to destroy the 'gate') and the same central characters. The characters can be boldly defined as Heroine: Morgain, Villian: Chya Roh, and Heroine's Assistant: Nhi Vanye. This classifies the story, but does not tell of the vivid imagery, inconsistent people (in other words: human), and the tides of action that flow through the book.

The characters are completely solid, but their images within the reader change and vary as the book proceeds. There is more to them than either their actions or purported motives or what they say. This makes them real. They are not to be completely understood at the first glance. The earth/alternate world that they move through has both history and past that is vivid enough to touch. The setting is entire of itself. Cherryh creates marvelous worlds for her people

to live in. She creates new histories for the people to be part of, yet related enough to each other to be the same universe. I envy her constructions.

This book should be read several times, she has packed the story with plot, detail and fabric that a single view cannot view the whole. I plan to watch for further stories in the series.

THREE HEARTS AND THREE LIONS, Poul Anderson
Berkley, 1978, \$1.75 reprint.

I read this book when I was in high school and I have long been looking for a copy of it for myself. When Ballantine was doing the fantasy series a few years ago I thought they might reissue this as a companion to the other Poul Anderson fantasy, HILROF KRAKI'S SAGA, but they didn't. I am very glad to see it in print again.

There are ties to other heroic fantasy, also, mainly that of the Scandanavian cycles. The basic story is that of a modern man thrown into a realm of sorcery and swords, like many other such stories. But the thread of Scandanavian mythology and Poul Anderson's ability to create setting and place characters within it make this story more than the vapid magic and mush of most s&s novels.

As in Operation Chaos, Chaos the symbol plays a part. There is a beautiful enchantress, le Fay who is the enemy. There are the Alianora, lady and Carahue, friend, who fight at his side. The struggle for Holger, the modern man, to find his position in that world of myth and legend is an excellent type of the genre.

This is not as 'heavy' as most 'important' novels are 'supposed' to be, yet I find the story and the manner it is told in excellent.

THEY DYING EARTH, Jack Vance
Pocket Books, 1977, \$1.25 reprint

This is a reissue of one of the earliest Jack Vance books, and far from it being a novel as the cover leads buyer to believe, it is a group of short stories dealing with the distant future when Earth has decayed and magic and science are interwoven into one art.

The images that Vance conveys with his words are brilliant and decadent. There are men of honor and men who have none, there are alternate worlds and variations of all of Earth's past societies. Monsters and maidens live in this world and heroes and heroines save one and kill the other. The basic flaw of this world is everything is dying. These stories, like Michael Moorcock's series on THE END OF TIME, are depressing, faded realities of past glories with no view or hope of future.

These are visions of decadent and enrapt Earth in an age that many would like to dwell. Pleasant visiting.

If you have enjoyed the above views on fantasy, I shall return again with views on SF. Peace.

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Germany retreats A Ruh-Kie. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1978. Early next month Patrick Engel's address will change to 925 Ottawa St., Lansing, Mich. 48915; phone 489-7015. (Area code not given.) Press releases will appear elsewhere in this issue if they can be squeezed in.

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"Spring 1902"

DUAL MONARCHY RESISTS RUSSIAN INVASION

ENGLAND (Salcedo): F Nth-Hel; F Lon-Nth; F Nwy-Ska; A Edi holds.

FRANCE (Frost): F Mar-Spa(s.c.); A Spa-Por; A Par S A Bur; A Bur S ITALIAN A Tyr-Mun; F Bel S ENGLISH F Lon-Nth.

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

ITALY (Katz): F Ven-Adr; A Rom-Ven; A Tyr-Pie; F Tun-Wes.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Workman): F Tri-Ven; A Boh-Tyr; A Ser-Bud; A Vie S A Ser-Bud.

RUSSIA (Smith): A Gal-Bud; A War-Gal; A Rum S A Gal-Bud; F Sev S A Rum; A St.P & F Swe hold.

TURKEY (Walters): A Bul-Ser; F Con-Aeg; A Ank-Con; A Smy holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1978.

VIENNA: Was it something I said, or did my deodorant fail?

1977CV

"Spring 1907"

RUSSIAN FLEETS STEAM WEST

ENGLAND (Remmelle): F Nth S F Edi; F Nat-Liv; F Bul S F Hel; F Hol, F Edi & F Eng S F Nth

FRANCE (La Pointe): No moves received. F Tyr, A Bur, A Gas, A Rom & F Ion hold; A Pie & F Adr dislodged and annihilated.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Sherwood): A Tyr-Pie; A Ven S A Tyr-Pie; F Tri-Adr; F Alb S F Tri-Adr; A Ser-Gre; A Bul S A Ser-Gre; A Boh-Gal; A Con-Smy; F Smy-Aeg.

RUSSIA (Fabry): F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; F Nwy-Ska; F Den-Hel; A Mis-St.P; F Rum-Bla; A Cly-Liv; A Kie-Den; A Mun-Kie; A Sil-Mun; F Nrg S F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; A Ank-Arm; A Ruh S A Sil-Mun.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1978. The Gamesmaster is at a loss as to why the Italian player missed his moves, since he got them in for three other games. However, just to cover all possibilities, a stand-by player is named: David Wiencek, 1502 Trailridge Charlottesville, Va. 22903.

THE LINE PARTY

A group of New York City science-fiction and war-gaming fans are holding a "Line Party" while waiting on line for free tickets to the Central Park Shakespeare production of All's Well That Ends Well. This will happen on the afternoon of Thursday 27 June 1978 and people should get there by the middle of the afternoon. Bring picnic supplies.

1977KF - PRESS RELEASES

BERLIN: The sale of seasick pills to the English army in Wales, who have continuously been conveyed to nowhere, has caused an increase in price to France who may be visitors to London on a good will visit.

LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES - GHETTO NOTES: Enematic Ltd. today announced the sale of its German production facilities to the Munich-based "Innerstopfer" group. The decision to make this sale was apparently made after an unprecedented 42% drop in sales of the popular pneumatic enema. This slip is attributed to the Russo-German development of the first efficient pneumatic Enema/Sausage Stuffer that is inexpensive enough for the prudent German family to afford.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL GEMIGNANI AWARDS

It's getting to be that time of year again, and nominations are now being sought for the Fourth Annual Gemignani Awards. These awards have traditionally been given to the seven worst players in postal Diplomacy, or others who have acted to the detriment of the hobby, to worst games, worst variants, worst press releases, and other low points including the ever-popular "Least Reliable Ally" award.

However, there have been a few changes this year. Instead of coming under the supervision of Robert Sacks, this year's awards will be conducted by Tom "Nice Guys Finish Last" Gould. Gould does not have Sacks' full-of-piss-and-vinegar outlook on the world, and has regrettably decided to remove Margaret Gemignani's name from the awards for the inadequate reason that she objects to its use. (Actually, whose name might better be used than that of the player who once submitted "Summer 1901" moves in a postal Diplomacy game?) Instead, Gould is going to call these awards "Sacks", as in "giving the Sack". However, this publication, a stalwart defender of traditional values, will continue to call them "Gemignani Awards".

Gould is now calling for nominations in the following categories:

1. Silliest magazine.
2. Silliest player (regular postal Diplomacy games).
3. Silliest player (variant games).
4. Silliest writer.
5. Silliest press release.
6. Silliest Gamesmaster (regular games).
7. Silliest Gamesmaster (variant games).
8. Least trustworthy ally.
9. Seven silliest people in the hobby.
10. Outstanding award for general silliness.

Nominations should be sent to him at 40 East 77th St., New York, N. Y. 10024. He has not announced a deadline, so get them to him quickly. Once the nominations are in hand, the Gemignani Awards ballot will be distributed by several postal Diplomacy publications including GRAUSTARK.

1977HT - LATE PRESS RELEASE

ANAKHIT, SKANDALUTZ (23 December 1905, United Rabble Rousing Press): The annual Winter Solstice Festival was enlivened this year by the world premier of the film Close Encounters of the Sixty-Ninth Kind, directed by the eccentric British director Seymour Skynne of Skynne Flicks. Unperturbed by the fact that his last film, The Tall Black Man with One Blonde She, has just been banned in Denmark, Skynne appeared resplendent at the showing, accompanied by the star, former Mouseketeer Annette Fellazio.

The audience, a mixture of Skandalous natives and foreign tourists, sat entranced as the story unfolded. But an unexpected development interrupted the film. It is Mr. Skynne's custom to make a fleeting "cameo" appearance in every film he directs; in this one he is the furnace repairman who visits Ms. Fellazio just after her husband has left for Wyoming to investigate the report that a quadrimammalian spacewoman has landed in

a flying saucer equipped with a heavy-water bed. As the magnificent proportions of the repairman filled the screen, the house lights went up, and Captain Percy Tarselyard of the Titanian Guard strode to the center of the stage in his elegant purple and buff uniform.

"People, have I got news for you," he crowed, following a blare of trumpets. "The Sacred Lottery has just been concluded, and the new King of Skandalutz will be - our distinguished visitor, Mr. Seymour Skymne!"

The audience instantly cheered - the natives with religious enthusiasm, and the foreigners in relief. A squad of Guards surrounded the lucky man, who now steps into all the privileges and perquisites of the kingship of this ancient monarchy. His next public appearance will be tomorrow, at the Sacred Feast. At this Feast, following a ritual of immeasurable antiquity, the previous year's King will be killed and eaten.

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Also published here is EMPIRE, which deals with war games other than Diplomacy. The subscription rates are the same as GRAUSTARK's, and all issues from #2 to #82 are available. Currently running in EMPIRE are SPI's A Mighty Fortress, Russian Civil War, Conquistador, and Frigate, and Avalon-Hill's War at Sea. Currently openings are available only in the last-named game, at \$5.

I would like to express my appreciation to all those who have sent their best wishes on GRAUSTARK's 15th Anniversary, and particularly to Joyce Scrivner, Bob Lipton, Mark Blackman, Ray Heuer, Al Nofi, and Mark Richards for their help in the production of this issue.

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