

GRAUSTARK

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1982HI

"Spring 1903"

FORWARD - RETREAT?

ENGLAND (Chafetz): A Edi-Hol; A Lon-Pic; A Bel S A Edi-Hol; F Nth C A Edi-Hol; F Eng C A Lon-Pic; F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy.

FRANCE (Hakey): F Mid-Mat.

GERMANY (Quirk): A Par-Bre; A Mun-Ruh; F Kie-Hel; F Den S F Kie-Hel; A Liv-War.

ITALY (Sanches): A Mar-Pie; F Tyr-Ion; F Nap S F Tyr-Ion; F Spa (s.c.) & A Tun hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gratto): A Ven-Pie; F Ion holds; F Adr S F Ion; F Tri-Alb; A Ser-Bul; A Bud-Tri.

RUSSIA (Goode): A Mos-Liv; A War S A Mos-Liv; F Bot-Bal; F Swe-Den; F Rum S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ser-Bul; A Sev-Arm.

TURKEY (Kaplow): A Con-Bul; F Bla S A Con-Bul; A Smy-Arm.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Liv-St.P or -Pru or removes the unit. The direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Fall 1903" moves, which may be made conditional upon it. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MARCH 1983.

LIVERPOOL SLUMS: The Admiralty anxiously awaits news of the landings of the BEF's, who are coming to the aid of their French Allies.

BERLIN to ROME and MOSCOW: I hope neither one of you were foolish enough to trust England again.

BERLIN to VIENNA: Don't you know that an England-Austria alliance never works?

VIENNA to LONDON: All is well here, keep up the good work.

ROME to VIENNA: I hope you didn't forget to take out the cat.

1982IM

"Spring 1902"

THE RED AND YELLOW DANUBE

ENGLAND (Corbin): F Lon-Eng; A Bel-Ruh; F Nth C A Edi-Hol; A Edi-Hol; F Nwy-Ska.

FRANCE (Ferguson): F Bre-Mid; F Por-Spa(s.c.); A Mar S F Por-Spa(s.c.); A Bur S A Mar.

GERMANY (Ellis): A Mun-Bur; A Ruh S A Mun-Bur; F Kie-Hel; F Den S F Kie-Hel; A Hol-Bel.

ITALY (Belliveau): A Pie-Mar; F Lyo S A Pie-Mar; A Ven-Pie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Pearson): F Gre-Ion; A Ser-Gre; A Bud S TURKISH F Bla-Rum; A Vie-Gal; A Tri-Ser.

RUSSIA (Bragdon): F Swe S ENGLISH F Nwy-Ska; A War-Sil; F Sev-Bla; F Rum S F Sev-Bla; A Ukr S F Rum; A Arm-Smy.

TURKEY (Poybel): F Bla-Rum; A Bul S F Ele-Pum; A Con-Smy; F Ank-Bla.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian F Rum is annihilated, and France retreats A Mar-Gas. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MARCH 1983.

BERLIN to ST. PETERSBURG: If prevarication, equivocation, falsification and deceit are the meat and

drink of the Russian totalitarian state, so be it. All that can be said is that may others who would deal with these unscrupulous barbarians should take heed and observe the trustworthiness of the Russians.

Better put, untrustworthiness. Tsar Bragdon, those who opt to lie as much as you have already in this game seldom do well. They usually are attacked by a conglomeration of neighbors who are fed up with lies they've been told.

KAISER to LONDON, ANKARA, and

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"Fall 1916"

1980LR

Since the moves published on page 5 went to press, the Turkish player has changed one of his moves. Instead of "A Ank S FRENCH F Con-Smy", he orders "A Ank holds". This move succeeds. There is no change in the position.

1981AF

"Fall 1913"

UN SI TERRE ET DEUX SI MER

ENGLAND (Ripper): A St.P-Mos; A Liv S A St.P-Mos; F Bot & F Bal S A Liv; A War S FRENCH A Boh-Gal; F Mid-Wes; F Eng-Mid; F Nat S F Eng-Mid.

FRANCE (Szauter): A Boh-Gal; A Pru S ENGLISH A War; A Ber-Sil; A Mun S A Ber-Sil; A Tyr-Vie; A Gas-Mar; A Bur S A Gas-Mar; F Mar-Lyo; F Spa(s.c.) S F Mar-Lyo.

ITALY (Kane): A Mos-Ukr; F Aeg-Con; F Naf S F Wes; F Wes S F Lyo; A Ven-Tyr; A Pie S A Ven-Tyr; F Tus S A Pie; F Lyo S A Pie; A Tun holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Corbin): F Adr-Ion; A Tri S ITALIAN A Ven-Tyr; A Gal-Boh; A Vie S A Gal-Boh; A Ukr-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats F Lyo-Tyr and France retreats A Tyr-Boh. Austria-Hungary may retreat A Gal-Bud or -Rum. Any dislodged unit may be removed rather than retreated. These orders should be sent in with the "Winter 1913" moves, which may be made conditional upon them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Mos, Nwy, St.P, Swe, War. (9)

ITALY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Rom, Smy, Tun, Ven. (9)

FRANCE: Bel, Ber, Bre, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Spa. (10)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Vie. (6)

England, France, and Austria-Hungary may each build one new unit, though Austria-Hungary has no build if it retreats A Gal-Bud. If any other country removes a dislodged unit, it has a second build. The deadline for these "Winter 1913" orders is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MARCH 1983. The proposal for a draw fails of unanimity, and is again submitted to the players for another vote.

PARIS: The government of France wishes to point out to the government of Austria that the singular third person possessive does not take an apostrophe. For this reason, a four way draw is inconceivable. Building a stalemate line will indeed be a challenge, but that is not the term that the government of France would apply to the plan.

1982R

"Winter 1906"

Following "Fall 1906" moves Austria-Hungary retreated A Tyr-Vie and F Ion-Apu.

GERMANY (Belliveau): Builds A Kie. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Bragdon): Builds ITALY (Drakert): Removes F Adr. A Vie.

The vote for a draw fails of unanimity, and is again submitted to the players. The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MARCH 1983.

VIENNA to ANKARA: We're not trying to make you red or green, Tom - just trying to keep you from turning blue. They'll come for you next if they can break through us.

NEW GAME BEGINS!

Seven more players have signed up for a new game of postal Diplomacy in GRAUSTARK. They are:

ENGLAND: Arthur Ticossi, Box 1696, APO New York, N. Y. 09283

FRANCE: Ted London, 31 Saddle Club Road, Lexington, Mass. 02173;
617-862-6088

GERMANY: John Patrick McClimans, P. O. Box 384, New York, N. Y. 10040;
212-569-5459

ITALY: Daniel S. Palter, c/o Bucci Imports, #100, 123 Grove Ave.,
Cedarhurst, N. Y. 11516; 212-845-1228 (home) or 212-327-5533
(office)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Scott Cameron, 4 Meadow Lane, Hicksville, N. Y.
11801; 516-938-7057

RUSSIA: William R. Whisnant, 5611 10th Ave. Dr. W., Bradenton, Fla.
33529

TURKEY: Robert Peart, 35 Ringway Crescent, Rexdale, Ontario M9W 1X2;
416-741-6514

Only three people got their first choices, owing to a very uneven distribution of country preferences: four had Russia as first choice and two had Turkey. If we calculate preferences with 6 points for a first choice, 5 for a second, and so forth, the vote was. Russia 27, England 25, Turkey 22, Italy 17, Austria-Hungary 14, France 14, Germany 13.

Although the publication date of this issue of GRAUSTARK is 12 February, these country assignments are going into the mail by 5 February. This way, the players can have four weeks in which to negotiate before the "Spring 1901" moves are due. The deadline for these moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MARCH 1983.

I hope that nobody is distressed by the fact that four of the seven above addresses are in New York. One is an APO address, and Lieutenant Ticossi was in Spain, the last I heard. As for the other three New York players, who live in the City or its suburbs, I can assure readers that they do not move in the same circles or, in John McClimans's case, hyperbolas. Unless Dan and Scott have run into each other in passing at war-gaming conventions, I greatly doubt that any two of them have ever met.

The rules of postal Diplomacy were last printed in GRAUSTARK #437, and any player who doesn't have a copy should write for one at once. Don Ditter is asked to send a Boardman Number for this game, as soon as it arrives, it will be printed in GRAUSTARK. Players in this new game should thenceforth use this Boardman Number in correspondence with one another and with the Gamesmaster.

Game openings are still available in GRAUSTARK for \$15. With your entry fee, which includes a subscription as long as the game lasts, you should send in a list of the countries that you'd like to play, in your order of preference. Subscriptions for non-players are 9 issues for \$5.00. Back issues, as available, are 50¢ each or 10 for \$1.50; write for details.

Postal games of SPI's PRESTAGS two-player scenarios are now available in GRAUSTARK's sister publication EMPIRE at fees ranging from \$7.50 to \$15.00. Write for details if you'd like to re-fight Granicos, Cannae, Clontarf, Bannockburn, or Pavia.

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THE REIGN OF SENILIO THE GREAT - XVI

Early in the third year of his reign over the Temporary Roman Empire, Senilio the Great summoned all scribes, chroniclers, heralds, and bards of his empire before him. When the Praetorian Guard herded them into the imperial presence, Prime Minister Clericius made the following announcement:

"It is to you that the people of the Roman Empire look for facts on their Most August Ruler and his laws. And you have sorely deceived them, and tried the patience of the Emperor!"

"In what way have we offended, O Caesar?" cried the scribes. "Have we not always told the truth?"

"Yes," said the 99-year-old Emperor, "and that's the trouble. Last year, when I announced that all beggars would have to pay an alms tax. You put that into the chronicles of the year, and now it is said in the streets that the Emperor is a foe of the poor. Do them good anyway - tax their alms, and people wouldn't be so fast to go into the begging business."

"Then," the Prime Minister explained, "you also reported the plan to exempt the nobility from taxes."

"Made me look like a tyrant," the Emperor wheezed. "If you can't exempt your friends from taxes, what's the point of being an Emperor!"

"The decree, Your Majesty," Clericius prompted.

"Oh, yes, the decree. I proclaim that the answers to all our problems can be found in the Sybilline Books. So I proclaim this to be the Year of the Sybilline Books!"

"No, Caesar - the other decree!"

"Certes - Whosoever shall tell lies about the Emperor, thus making him appear contemptible before the populus, shall be thrown to the lions in the Circus Minimus. And whosoever shall tell the truth about the Emperor, thus making him appear contemptible, shall be crucified!"

"O Caesar," whispered the Prime Minister, "three of the nations which border us are more or less Christian. If we continue to use crucifixion as a punishment, there will be diplomatic difficulties -"

"Oh, very well," grumbled the Emperor. "Then if anyone tells the truth, we'll hang him, or whatever that new-fangled method is called. Damned radicals, tampering with the good old Roman system of law and order -"

"What His Majesty means," Clericius explained to the scribes, "is that anyone who lies about him will be thrown to the lions, and anyone who tells the truth about him is going to be hanged."

A pall of silence fell over the scribes. Then it was suddenly broken by the singer Aquila, a woman who sang satirical songs about current events in the Taberna Pacifica.

"The Emperor is going to have me thrown to the lions!" she cried.

"By Jupiter, you're right!" said Senilio the Great. "That's the truth - no - if it's the truth she'll have to be hanged - O Hades - if I hang her, then what she said was a lie, and she'll have to be thrown to the lions - serve her right - throw her to the lions for lying - but if I do that it won't be a lie - I'll have to hang her - that's what people who tell the truth about My Majesty deserve - but she said the lions, so it won't be the truth -" The Emperor proceeded to think the matter over, assisting his cogitations by vibrating his lower lip with his right forefinger.

"This audience is ended!" shouted Clericius. "Get her out of here! I'll try to persuade him that he was watching a comoedia in the amphitheater!"

"Or acting in one," Aquila responded.

1980LR

"Fall 1916"

SPAIN NOT FOR ENGLISH

In the last issue, the English move "F Nat-Mid" was correctly underlined as impossible. It was incorrectly printed as "F Nth-Mid". The French F Spa(n.c.) was ordered to hold, and did.

ENGLAND (Larzelere): A Bel-Spa; F Mid & F Eng C A Bel-Spa; F Por & A Gas S A Bel-Spa; F Bre & F Nat S F Mid; F Nth-Den; A Bur-Mar; A Ruh S A Mun; A Ber-Kie; A Sil-Ber; A St.P-Fin; A Liv-St.P; A War-Liv; A Mun & A Mos hold.

FRANCE (Hardiman): A Pie S A Mar; F Spa(n.c.) hold; A Mar S F Spa(n.c.); F Lyo S F Spa(n.c.); F Tyr & F Naf S TURKISH F Wes; F Con S TURKISH A Ank.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Aicken): A Tyr & A Gal S A Boh; A Boh & A Vie S A Gal; A Ukr S A Sev; A Sev S A Ukr.

RUSSIA (Chisholm): A Smy holds.

TURKEY (Cameron): A Ank S FRENCH F Con-Smy; F Wes S FRENCH F Spa(n.c.).

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

ENGLAND: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Edi,	FRANCE: Bul, Con, Gre, Mar, Rom,
Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mos, Mun, Nwy,	Spa, Tun, Ven. (8)
Par, Por, St.P, Swe, War. (17)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Hum, Ser,
TURKEY: Ank, Nap. (2)	Sev, Tri, Vie. (6)
	RUSSIA: Smy. (1)

There are no builds and no removals; France lacks a home supply center for a build. The deadline for "Spring 1917" moves is NOON, SATURDAY, 5 MARCH 1983. The vote for a draw fails of unanimity and is again submitted to the players.

TURKEY to ENGLAND: How can we break up the F-A-R...I mean the F-R-A-T alliance.

VATI PORTE: The VatiPorte supports the five-way draw.

MARSEILLES to LONDON: The Czar stays.

VIENNA: Booring - Booring - Booring.

BROOKLYN (URRP): Ganz gewiss!

1982P

Not quite "Fall 1906"

There were a couple of little problems with the last moves in this game. First, I addressed Seth Kadish's copy of the last issue incorrectly, so that he didn't get it until most of the negotiating period had passed. Then it transpired that I had incorrectly underlined his "Spring 1906" Austro-Hungarian move "A Gal-Sil" as failing. In fact, with the support of his A Boh, it succeeds as both supports of the German "A Ber-Sil" were cut. Therefore, the deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is postponed to NOON, SATURDAY 5 MARCH 1983. If you have already sent in these moves, and do not plan to change them, please let me know.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

In recent weeks, several politicians have announced their candidacies for the Presidency, and others are expected to do so any day now. Are they ever going to be surprised when they find out there's not going to be a presidential election this year!

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After several years, postal games of SPI's popular Frigate and Dreadnought are once again available in GRAUSTARK's sister publication EMPIRE. Write for details if you're interested.

1980CD

"Winter 1917"

The Italian player writes that he is deferring his build, and the French player has no builds or removals. The English orders were brief but not to the point: "All units hold; all retreats if any toward England." Since he specified no removals for this season, the Gamesmaster removes the English units F Pru & A Boh, under Rule XIV.3. The deadline for "Spring 1918" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MARCH 1983.

ENGLAND to World: Your alliance will falter when one or both of you approach the magic number. Hence, it behooves me to hasten the day of reckoning. A desire for a 50% chance of victory (vis a vis 100% of a three-way draw) is not necessarily irrational. Still, should you change your mind(s)...

1981CL

"Winter 1910"

Following "Fall 1910" moves, Russia retreated F Nth-Ska, and England retreated F Eng-Lon. Since Holland remains a French supply center, France does not have a removal. Turkey defers the two builds to which he is entitled, and Russia does not have the home supply centers available for the two builds to which he would otherwise be entitled. The only actual build is therefore Italy's A Ven. The deadline for "Spring 1911" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MARCH 1983.

rites of passage

Last Sunday, in Las Vegas, Nevada, our daughter Deirdre married Lance Corporal Chris Perez, USMC. Perdita and I, two chronic introverts and compulsive readers, have precipitated into the adult world an extroverted, highly social, woman all set to enter the routine of the service wife and the office worker. We're not altogether certain how this all was managed, but we have every confidence that she and Chris can manage in San Diego. They are a pair of very mature and serious young people. We may be seeing them back here in May, since Chris has a 30-day leave before they are shipped overseas. Current rumors have it that by mid-summer they'll be setting up housekeeping in Okinawa.

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May 1983 will mark the 20th anniversary of the first issue of GRAUSTARK, which was printed on an old hand-cranked Gestetner 120 in an apartment in Washington Heights. I plan to mark the event by turning GRAUSTARK #474, whose publishing date is 28 May, into an oversize 20th Anniversary Issue. Anyone who wishes to make a contribution should send in his or her manuscript. I am particularly interested in book and game reviews along topics in history or war-gaming.

The 15th Anniversary issue, in 1978, included a "15 Quiz" - fifteen questions, each of which had something to do with the number 15. There will be a "'20' Questions" quiz, of a comparable character, in the 20th Anniversary issue. Free game entries will be the prizes.

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Speaking of GRAUSTARK's 20th Anniversary Issue, there has once again surfaced the claim that GRAUSTARK was not the first postal Diplomacy 'zine. It is alleged that a 'zine called Mongo was published, one conveniently arranged year earlier, in California, by a long-forgotten fan whose name has variously appeared in the literature as "Conrad Matzike", "Conrad von Metzke", and "Eutiquio Jose Revillagigedo". I have never met this person, and I'm not aware of anyone who has, though he published copiously in the middle 1960s, and I was in correspondence with someone using one of these names, who then put out a 'zine called Costaguana. Curiously, this claim never came from Metzke himself, who never men-

tioned "Mongo" in his correspondence with me, or in Costaguana. And it can be conclusively proved that this claim about "Mongo" is a lie. The proof is a very simple one. We know the claim is a lie, because the name signed to it is "Rod Walker".

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Glen Taylor has had some personal and family difficulties lately, which is why he has had to drop out of playing postal Diplomacy in GRAUSTARK. However, he has recently written that he is going to resume publication of his postal Diplomacy 'zine. Interested persons can write him at Apt. 428, 3007 Hewitt Ave., Silver Spring, Md. 20906; telephone 301-460-5653.

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Ah, yes, telephones! Ma Bell, one of the country's nastiest muthas, has recently announced that telephone calls between Manhattan and Brooklyn will soon be "long distance". Sometime next year, we have been informed by a utility that solemnly promised nothing of the sort would happen, New York City is going to be divided into two area codes. Manhattan and the Bronx will retain the 212 code which the entire City now uses. But Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island will be granted the new area code "718", beginning in June 1984.

Needless to say, New Yorkers on both sides of this telephonic wall are unhappy with the plan. Ever since area codes came in, "212" has been the City and nothing but the City. "718" sounds like an area code that you might dial to reach East Rectum, Alabama.

But New Yorkers also know the futility of arguing with Ma Bell. So, beginning in June 1984, you should phone in moves to 1-718-693-1579. That is, if you phone them, at all. The name of this game is "postal Diplomacy", and moves should be telephoned in only in extreme circumstances.

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Ken Corbin and Joan Extrom announce the birth of their daughter Samantha Rose Corbin, who weighed in at 4 kilograms at 5:15 P. a week ago today.

1982IN

"Spring 1902"

CRUSADERS RAPE THRACE THRICE

ENGLAND (Kadish): A Nwy holds; F Nrg S A Nwy; F Nth-Iel; F Lon-Nth.
 FRANCE (J. Schwartz): A Par-Bur; A Bel S A Par-Bur; A Spa-Mar; F Mar-Lyo; F Bre-Mid; F Por-Spa(s.c.).
 GERMANY (Hurwitz): F Ber-Bal; A Kie-Den; F Hol holds; A Mun-Kie.
 ITALY (Wienczek): A Ven-Tyr; A Apu-Ven; F Nap-Ion; F Tun-Tyr.
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Tri-Ser; A Bud S A Tri-Ser; A Vie S A Bud; F Gre S RUSSIAN F Bla-Bul(e.c.).
 RUSSIA (La Rocco): F Swe S GERMAN A Kie-Den; A St.P holds; A Mos-Sev; A Gal-Ukr; F Bla-Bul(e.c.); A Rum S F Bla-Bul(e.c.).
 TURKEY (Rynkiewicz): F Con-Aeg; F Ank-Con; A Smy S F Ank-Con; A Bul S RUSSIAN A Rum-Ser.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish A Bul is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MARCH 1983.

RUSSIAN EASTERN ALLIANCE PRESS (REAP): It has just been revealed by a high government source that the excursion into the Austrian province of Galicia was not really an attack at all. * Due to the high ten-

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"Fall 1908"

1981IQ

RUSSO-TURKISH WAR HEATS UP

ENGLAND (D. Schwartz): F Edi holds.

FRANCE (Martin): A Ruh-Hol; A Bel S A Ruh-Hol; F Eng-Lon; F Nat-Nrg;
A Bur-Mun; F Tyr-Nap.GERMANY (Chafetz): F Nth-Nwy; F Hel-Den; F Ska S F Hel-Den.ITALY (Stone): A Apu-Nap; F Tun-Ion; A Ven S F Tun-Ion((sic)); A Mun-Ber.RUSSIA (Aicken): A Kie S F Den; F Den S A Kie; A Sil-Ber; A War-Gal;
A Sev-Rum; A Ukr S A Sev-Rum; F Cly-Liv.TURKEY (Hakey): A Vie-Tyr; A Boh S A Vie-Tyr; F Tri-Ven; F Adr S F
Tri-Ven; F Ion-Apu; F Aeg-Ion; A Rum-Gal; A Arm-Sev; A Ank-Con;
A Bul-Gre; F Bla S A Arm-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats A Ven-Rom, -Tus, or -Pie, and Turkey retreats A Rum-Bud. -Ser, or -Bul. The directions of these retreats should be sent in with the "Winter 1908" moves, which may be made conditional upon them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi. (1)

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

GERMANY: Ber, Nwy. (2)

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

RUSSIA: Den, Kie, Liv, Mos, Rum,
St.P, Swe, War. (8)TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre,
Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie.
(11)

France may build two new units, and Russia may build one. Italy and Turkey also each has a build if the dislodged unit is removed. Germany must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MARCH 1983.

CHRISTIANIA: The German Govt. in Exile hopes to tour Scandinavia & possibly St. Pete in the near future.

FRANCE to GERMANY: To say that nobody trusts you would be an understatement. Oh yes - I'd like London also. Interest, you know.

FRANCE: The reunification of France is complete - long live the Kaiser!

PARIS to the United Rabble Rousing Press: "Low Deeds"? Shucks, 'tweren't nothin'.

PARIS to ROME: I saw that!

ITALY to TURKEY: What happened to "Slow and steady wins the race"?

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VIENNA: Kill the Russian filth! He deserveth not to live!

TURKEY to World: E. T. is in Turkey!! He has landed and has called himself the Extra-Turdestrian. Sometimes known, among his friends as the Extra-Turd. But he pays it no mind. He was the dinner guest at a state banquet. Dinner consisted of a 1963 VW Bug, in Bernaise Sauce with a side of Michelin Radial tires. He was welcomed at the home of the Coneheads, wintering in Turkey from France, where they consumed more mass quantities. In any case he has expressed an interest in travelling through your beautiful countries. He has insisted on taking an entourage, a security force, his harem (fourhundred well dressed and cute camels), and his chef, (a mechanic at a local VW dealership). We will provide transportation and security for his state visits. Any invitations should be sent immediately to your nearest Turkish embassy (Changed temporarily to Turdish). Any deposits and info will be passed along immediately. Hoping to hear from you soon.

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1981AV

"Fall 1912"

TURKS RETAKE MOSCOW, SORT OF

ENGLAND (Verheiden): F Nth S GERMAN F Hel-Den.FRANCE (Quirk): F Edi-Nth; F Eng-Lon; F Mid-Iri; A Hol-Kie; A Bel-Ruh;
A Bur S A Bel-Ruh; F Tun-Ion; F Tyr S F Tun-Ion; F Lyo S F Tyr;
F Wes-Tun.GERMANY (Ezzio): F Hel-Kie; A Ber S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ruh-Mun.AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kaplan): A Ruh-Mun; A Mos-St.P; A Rum-Sev; A Ukr S
A Rum-Sev; A Ser-Rum; F Gre-Ion; F Smy-Eas; A Ven-Tyr; A Bul
holds.RUSSIA (Tallman): A Nwy holds; A St.P-Liv; F Bal-Den; A Kie S F Bal-Den.TURKEY (Murray): F Rom & A Arm hold; F Aeg-Gre; F Con-Aeg; A Sev-Mos;
F Nap & F Apu S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Gre-Ion.

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

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Ed, Hol, Liv, Lon, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Tun. (11)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Mun, Rum, St.F, Ser, Sev, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (11)
GERMANY: Ber. (1)	TURKEY: Ank, Con, Gre, Mos, Nap, Rom, Smy. (7)
RUSSIA: Den, Kie, Nwy, Swe. (4)	

Austria-Hungary may build two new units and France may build one. Germany must remove one unit, and the last English unit is also removed. These "Winter 1912" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by TUESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 1983. All players will be informed of them. The deadline for "Spring 1913" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MARCH 1983. There has been a proposal for a draw; players should send in their votes on this proposal with the "Spring" orders.

LONDON: Death to old what's his name...Quirk! That's it.

FRANCE to the AUSTRIAN Scumbag: Sure Chuck, I trust you. That move to Ruhr in the Spring was a very friendly gesture.

BERLIN: Rumors are flying in the Kaiser's apartments that the Austrian monarch has been duped by the Czar into believing that the vital German centers are secure whereas in fact, it is thought, the dashing young Czar is merely the utensil of French ambition.

VIENNA to ANKARA: You were a man of your word, and I took advantage. I did not believe. For this I apologize.

VIENNA to WORLD: There will be no more fighting with the Turk. As far as I'm concerned the game is over. Only the constituents involved in the peace are to be decided.

1981TV

"Winter 1907"

Following "Fall 1907" moves France retreats F Mid-Bre.

FRANCE (Foster): Removes F Eng. ITALY (Brawner): Defers build.
GERMANY (Cotcamp): Builds A Ber. RUSSIA (Mulhollen): No build received.
The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MARCH 1983.
Stand-by moves for Russia should be sent in by Eric Verheiden, #2, 200
S. Azusa Ave., Azusa, Calif. 91702; 213-334-3149.

PARIS to MOSCOW & MUNICH: Wise up before it's too late.

PARIS to ROME: What do you mean when you say you're not going to build anymore? Don't make me laugh. You may fool Russia & Germany into believing in a 3-way tie until it's too late for them. I, on the other hand don't buy your lines anymore.

RUSSIANS AND TURKS MIX IT UP

ENGLAND (Morris): F Den-Kie; A Wal-Yor; F Lon-Wal.

FRANCE (Kaplan): F Liv-Wal; F NAT-Nrg; A Ruh S GERMAN A Kie; A Pie-Tyr;
F Bre-Eng; A Bur S GERMAN A Mun.

GERMANY (Tallman): A Kie-Ber; A Mun S A Kie-Ber; F Ska-Nth; F Hel-Kie.

ITALY (Sanches): A Ven-Apu; A Rom & F Nap S A Ven-Apu.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): A Sev-Rum; A Bul-Con; F Bla S A Bul-Con; A Vie-Tri;
A Bud S A Vie-Tri; A War-Gal; A Ber-Sil; F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy;
A Swe-Ber; F Bal C A Swe-Ber; A Nwy-Swe.

TURKEY (Aicken): A Apu-Ven; A Tri-Bud; A Ser S A Tri-Bud; F Aeg-Bul
(s.c.); F Con S F Aeg-Bul(s.c.); F Ion-Gre; F Tun-Tyr.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Bud-Vie. The Turkish A Apu is annihilated, and Turkey must retreat F Con-Aeg or -Ank or -Smy, or remove this unit. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves, which may be made conditional on the direction of the Turkish retreat, is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MARCH 1983. Mike Sanches is now playing Italy.

TURKEY to the World: We thought the rest of the players might be interested in the type of player Rauterberg is. In his latest letter to me, he explains, "a factor in my decision to stab. It was too easy." Well guys, diplomacy is a lot of things but easy sure as hell isn't one of them. Some folks get their kicks by conniving and playing one guy off another, but this ole boy isn't one of 'em! There's something sad about a guy like Paul. Sort of makes you wonder what he's like in real life. So much for the sour grapes, let's get on with this collective madness and see what develops.

PARIS to ST. PETE: Is there light at the end of the tunnel?

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

JACK BRAWNER: As you know, I support you totally in regards to the 'controversy' about "DIAS" (Draws Include All Survivors). It amazes me that people complain about the rules, especially after the game has started, and especially since it isn't hard to find gamemasters who allow draws not incl. survivors, civil disorder retreats, etc.

But I'd like to make an outsider's comment on forging. John, an historian like yourself knows that social morals come and go with time. Right now, 'forgery' is generally meant by Berch & Co. to mean a satirical pseudo-copy of a gamezine. The people who's zines have been forged all consider it amusing, an honor, and certainly harmless. Berch, for example, has publicly stated that he loves to be 'faked'.* If I, for example, decide to oblige, I don't really see that it would be right for you or anyone else to care - or especially to condemn me.

I understand your feelings on using forgery as an excuse for personal attacks, racism, or anything ugly. But I don't feel it would be just to condemn friendly satire among friends, so wouldn't it be better just to ignore Berch. Berch is just needling you, trying to provoke you into an extreme reaction, so he can needle you more. Ignore him, please, John; don't let him win.

Forgery as clearly labeled or obvious satire; I would think it would appeal to you, as a person who writes some of the best satire I've read, and this is the current hobby vogue, not the ugly stuff.

GMing/publishing is a long-term commitment. Putting out a hoax zine

* - How do you know it was Berch who said this? - JB

is a good way for a non-pubber to 1) find out how much work goes into putting out a zine 2) ditto, cost 3) gives people a chance to receive or circulate some clever writing.

John, I ask you as an admirer, as a long-time receiver of GRAUSTARK, as a fellow gaming enthusiast, and as a fellow non-alumnae* of F. S. U. -- ignore Berch. Please.

Think I can win 1981IV?

ROBERT J. BAKER: Now - my comments on the "Draws Include All Survivors" rule. You are welcome to quote me in print if you think mine is a point worth making.

Playing to a two-player draw takes a great deal of skill and trust. One country inevitably has an advantage at some point in the game. Modifying this rule would make it possible to reach a two-player draw with far less tactical and diplomatic skill - and the game of postal Diplomacy would be something less than it is. I prefer the rule as it is now: Draws include all survivors.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

New inquiries keep coming in about postal Diplomacy, and I send out information to those who ask for it. I also publish their names and addresses here in GRAUSTARK so that other Gamesmasters can get in touch with new players. The inquiries that have come in since the last GRAUSTARK are from:

Dustin L. Laurence, P. O. Box 50, 620 Josephine Ave., Terry, Mont.
59349-0050**

E. Allen Joslyn, Apt. 1, 924 21st St., Rockford, Ill. 61108

Joslyn writes that "I saw your ad in the latest Pontevedria..." This is gratifying but confusing, since I don't get Pontevedria, and have never put an ad into it. But if the publisher of Pontevedria is giving me a free plug, I am much obliged to him, her, it or xu.

I would prefer to get a stamped, self-addressed envelope from anyone who writes in for information about postal Diplomacy in general, or GRAUSTARK in particular. Since I always send out quite a bit of material in response to such a request, it would be best if the envelope carried 37¢ in postage, the 2-ounce rate.

Subscription information about GRAUSTARK is on p. 3 of the present issue.

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With regard to the forgery issue, some forged 'zines and letters have not been so innocent as those cited by Jack Brawner. John Michalski's Brutus Bulletin was forged a couple of years ago, and some viciously racist material was included in it over his name. My objection to this was cited by Mark Berch, Gary Coughlan, and Brux Linsey as an utterly unreasonable act to a jolly good bit of innocent fun.

This is not a proper description of racism, or of the defamation of Michalski by putting out such opinions over his name. Nor was the "Robert Ames" hoax, whose author still has not confessed. (Berch, however, has said that he will defend the anonymity of the "Ames" hoaxster. Tag, Berch, you're it!) Mark Larzelere has, in a letter to me, admitted being one of these forgers. Okay, Larzelere, or whatever your name is, you're out as soon as 1980LR is over. Meanwhile, other players in that game are warned that the identity of the English player is a completely open question. Unless, of course, he's really Robert Ames.

* - Sic. (I had 3 years of Latin in high school.)

** - This is one of those famous 9-digit ZIP codes that is going to improve the handling of mail so drastically. Or hadn't you noticed?

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sions in the region and the clatter of war machinery revving up, the story now being circulated is that the Czar himself had led his troops into the region disguised as a horse, at the invitation of the Austrian government, for the purpose of some secret negotiations.

Reports from inside Austria indicate that there has been a high level of diplomatic movements in that province.

BERLIN (DAMN): As per agreements, the German government shall respect all neutral zones.

KIEL (DAMN): Attempting to oppose the efforts of the Kinderfresser, Teutonic troops answered the call of the Danes. While desiring nothing but peace, it seems that we must respond to the Kinderfresser actions.

BERLIN (DAMN): The Imperial Meteorology Bureau reports that Scandanavia is not the least bit chilly, and should heat up further in the next year.

BERLIN to TRIESTE: Glad you saw reason.

ANKARA (Turkish Times): A message from the Sultan to the World: "The plot thickens, and as per agreed, Turkey assist the Tsar."

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MOSOW: The Tsar wishes to respond to the many letters he has received from his fans in Turkey & Germany. The Tsar is flattered by all the attention. Also, he wishes to make one thing perfectly clear: he is no crook. Reports to the contrary are somewhat exaggerated.

LONDON: The Forigien Affairs Department has been closed for the past week, amid the general celebration over the birth of an heir to the Royal Family. We apologize to all countries whose correspondance has gone unanswered as a result.

BERLIN to LIVERPOOL: Here we go again old chaps!

MUNICH to BURGUNDY: Here we come - ready or not!

KIEL to WARSAW: I truely hope you have'nt followed your past tradition of lie and deceipt by ordering A Warsaw-Prussia or Silesia or by helping England into Denmark. If you did, I hope you encountered a rather unpleasent surprise in the South. Otherwise, good day!

BERLIN to NAPLES: Welcome to Marseilles great pope!

MUNICH to TRIESTE: You did'nt lie to Nephew Randy now, did you Uncle Al? I did'nt really think so.

KIEL to SMYRNA: Sorry I did'nt do what I said I'd do but I think you've a friend in Uncle Al.

KAISER to GM: I propose a new rule for postal Diplomacy - no Tussian units allowed in Prussia/Silesia.'

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