

GRAUSTARK

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1981IQ "Fall 1909"

KICK 'EM WHEN THEY'RE DOWN!

ENGLAND (D. Schwartz): F Edi
holds.

FRANCE (Martin): F Nrg-Edi; F Nth
S F Nrg-Edi; A Ruh S ITALIAN A
Mun; F Tyr S ITALIAN F Ion; A
Bur-Nar; A Hol S A Ruh.

GERMANY (Chafetz): F Ska-Nwy;
F Swe S F Ska-Nwy.

ITALY (Stone): No moves received.
A Rom & F Nap hold; A Mun & F
Ion dislodged and annihilated.

RUSSIA (Aicken): F Cly-Nrg; F Nwy-
Swe; F Den S F Nwy-Swe; A Sil-
Mun; A Kie S A Sil-Mun; A Pru-
Ber; A Sev-Rum; A Ukr S A Sev-
Rum.

TURKEY (Hakey): A Vie-Boh; A Tyr S
RUSSIAN A Sil-Mun; A Alb-Ven; F
Adr C A Alb-Ven; A Pie S A Alb-
Ven; A Bul-Ser; A Arm-Sev; F
Rum holds; F Apu-Ion; F Gre & F
Aeg S F Apu-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats F Rum-Bul (e.c.) or -Bla and Germany retreats F Swe-Fin, -Bot, or -Bal. The directions of these retreats should be sent in with the "Winter 1909" orders, which may be made conditional on them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Edi, Hol, Lon, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (9)

GERMANY Nwy. (1)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun. (3)

RUSSIA: Ber, Den, Kie, Liv, Mos, Mun, Rum, St.P, Swe, War. (10)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie. (11)

Russia may build two new units, as may France; a third French unit

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1982P "Spring 1907"

IM WESTEN ABSOLUT NICHTS NEUES

The English unit in Denmark is an army, not a fleet as reported in the last issue.

ENGLAND (Kelly): No moves received.
F Bar, F Nwy, F Nth, F Ska, A
Den, F Lon & F Tun hold.

FRANCE (Stone): No moves received.
A Par, A Mar, A Pie & F Lyo hold.

GERMANY (Comer): A Liv-St.P; A Ruh
S F Kie; F Kie holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kadish): A Boh-Mun;
A Vie-Tyr; F Tri-Adr; F Gre holds; A Rom-Tus; A Ven S A
Rom-Tus; F Apu-Nap; F Ion C A Nap-
Alb; A Nap-Alb; A Sil-Pru.

RUSSIA (Zilberman): F Aeg, F Sev &
A Ukr hold; F St.P(s.c.)-Liv; A
War & A Mos S F St.P(s.c.)-Liv; A
Fin-Swe; F Bal S A Fin-Swe; A
Ber-Pru.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German A Liv is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MAY 1983. Stand-by moves should be sent in by the following players:
ENGLAND: Ken Corbin, 3220 Live Oak Dr., Corvallis, Ore. 97330; 503-753-0412.

FRANCE: John Chisholm, 119 Bay State Road, Boston, Mass. 02215.

SMOG INFESTED KIEL to LONDON and PARIS: Can it be? Is there really... a light at the end of the tunnel?

1982CV - LATE PRESS RELEASES

PARIS to NORTH SEA: No hard feelings? (ha, ha, ha)

PARIS to ROME: All my attentions are in the north. Do your good deeds.

PARIS to LONDON: I'm tired of

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1981IN - LATE DESPATCHES

"Fall 1903"

Since the moves printed on page 6 went to press, the French player has made the following changes: F Wes-Tyr; F Tyr-Nap. These two moves both fail, as does the Italian F Ion-Nap. None of the other moves in the original adjudication are affected, and the "Winter 1903" situation is unchanged.

1981CL

"Winter 1911"

ENGLAND (Gratto): Builds A Liv,
F Edi.

ITALY (Hardiman): Defers build.

FRANCE (Brawner): Removes A Hol.

TURKEY (Goode): Builds A Ank,
defers 2 builds.

The deadline for "Spring 1912" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MAY 1983.

1983L

"Winter 1901"

ENGLAND (Ticossi): Builds F Lon.

ITALY (Palter): Builds F Nap.

FRANCE (London): Builds A Par, A
Mar, A Bre.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Cameron): Builds
A Bud, A Tri.

GERMANY (McClimans): Builds F Kie,
A Ber.

TURKEY (Peart): Builds F Smy,
A Ank.

The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MAY 1983.
Press releases appear on page 10.

1980LR - LATE DESPTACHES

"Spring 1918"

A last-minute change came in from the Austrian player. Instead of "A Bud-Gal" he has ordered "A Bud-Ser". It succeeds, and no other adjudications are affected.

1982HI

"Spring 1904"

BATTLE FOR ITALY INTENSIFIES

ENGLAND (Chafetz): A Bre-Par; F Nwy-Swe; F Nth S GERMAN F Kie-Den; A
Bel-Ruh; A Hol-Kie.

FRANCE (Hakoy): F Liv-Wal.

GERMANY (Quirk): F Kie-Den; A Ruh-Mun; A Gas-Mar.

ITALY (Sanches): F Por-Spa(s.c.); A Tun holds; F Tyr-Ion; F Nap-Apu;
A Rom S F Nap-Apu; A Pie-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gratto): A Ven-Pie; A Tyr S A Ven-Pie; A Ser-Tri; F
Ion-Aeg; F Alb-Ion; F Adr S F Alb-Ion.

RUSSIA (Goode): F Sev-Bla; F Rum S F Sev-Bla; A Mos-Sev; A St.P-Nwy;
F Den-Ska; F Ber-Bal; A Sil-Ber; A War-Sil.

TURKEY (Kaplow): F Bla-Bul(e.c.); A Arm-Sev; A Con S F Bla-Bul(e.c.).

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats A Pie-Tus. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MAY 1983. Press releases are on page 10, and maybe elsewhere.

1981IV

"Winter 1908"

FRANCE (Foster): No removal received; Gamesmaster removes
F Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Cotcamp): No builds received.

ITALY (Brawner): Defers build.

RUSSIA (Mulhollen): Defers build.

The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MAY 1983.

Standby orders should be sent in by:

FRANCE: Marc Kurwitz, Box 3370, 6515 Wydown Blvd., Clayton, Mo. 63105

GERMANY: Phill Cooper, 1432 S. Roosevelt, Tempe, Ariz. 85281; 602-967-2845.

1982CV

"Spring 1905"

STEAMROLLER MOVES SOUTH

ENGLAND (Verheiden): F Den-Nth; F Lon-Wal; A Yor S F Lon-Wal.

FRANCE (Kaplan): F Bel-Nth; A Hol-Kie; F Nrg S F Bel-Nth; F Liv-Wal; A Mun S A Hol-Kie; A Bur-Ruh; F Bre-Eng; F Mar-Spa(s.c.); A Par-Bur.

GERMANY (Tallman): F Nth-Edi.

ITALY (Sanches): A Ven-Tri; A Rom-Apu; F Tyr-Ion.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg) A Sev-Arm; F Bla-Bul(e.c.); A Rum S F Bla-Bul(e.c.); A Smy-Con; A Gal-Vie; A Bud-Ser; A Tri-Ven; A Sil-Boh; A Ber-Sil; F Bal-Den; A Swe S F Bal-Den; F Nwy S FRENCH F Nrg-Nth.

TURKEY (Aicken): A Ser-Bul; F Bul(s.c.)-Con; F Con-Bla; F Ank S F Con-Bla; F Ion-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats F Bul(s.c.)-Gre, and England retreats F Den-Ska or -Hel. The direction of this English retreat should be sent to the Gamesmaster by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that it arrives by MONDAY 25 APRIL 1983. It will then be sent to all players with units in the north. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MAY 1983. Eric Verheiden is now playing England. Press releases appear on page 10.

1984AV

TRUCE STILL ELUDES DIPLOMATS

"Spring 1914"

FRANCE (Quirk): F Bar S RUSSIAN A Nwy-St.P; F Nrg, F Nth & F Tyr hold; A Hol S A Ruh; A Ruh S A Bur-Mun; A Bur-Mun; A Mar-Pie; F Lyo S A Mar-Pie; F Wes & F Tun S F Tyr.

GERMANY (Ezzio): A Ber S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kaplan): A Ven S TURKISH F Pie; A Mun S GERMAN A Ber; A Tyr & A Boh S A Mun; A Bud-Gal; A War S A St.P-Liv; A St.P-Liv; A Pru S GERMAN A Ber; A Ukr S A Bud-Gal; F Adr-Apu; F Ion-Tyr.

RUSSIA (Tallman): A Liv-Pru; A Nwy-St.P; F Bal S A Kie-Ber; A Kie-Ber.

TURKEY (Murray): A Nos S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A St.P-Liv; A Arm-Sev; F Gre-Ion; F Aeg S F Gre-Ion; F Rom-Tus; F Rie S F Rom-Tus; F Nap S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Ion-Tyr.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian A Liv is annihilated, and Germany retreats A Ber-Sil. Austria-Hungary must retreat F Ion-Eas, -Alb, or -Adr; the direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by MONDAY 25 APRIL 1983. All players with fleets in the south will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1914" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MAY 1983. The vote for a draw fails of unanimity, and should again be sent in by players.

BERLIN (DP): A pale winter's moon hangs over Berlin. Madmen run through the half deserted city screaming life impaled billy goats "Berlin ist kaputt, alles ist nichts." Scrawny black cats are seen at every corner. At the Palace the Kaiser lives alone now. The diplomats; the servants, the well-wishers and the schemers and even dumb-witten Lt. Dumchek have long departed. During the past month, the Kaiser has been breaking up the carved walnut 15th century dinning room chairs in the Royal Banquet Hall for firewood in his chambers. "Not much sense saving these for the Tsar," the Kaiser muses, "he who is the utensil of others will hardly appreciate the values of utensils. The Tsar thinks life on

this plane is but a game," continues the Kaiser in his thoughts, "so he thinks he can do as he pleases. Thereby he misses the whole point, he destroys himself, and unfortunately, he destroys others with him."

VIENNA to STOCKHOLM: This is a public pledge not to attack you. Yea, I will support your units whenever possible. Accept the draw. As for my "joy of dots", consider my truce with Turkey when he was helpless, because the situation called for unity. Do not let France win for spite, or because of 'cross-gaming'.

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cannot be built because there is no supply-center for it. Italy would also have a build but no supply center is available. Turkey has a build if the dislodged unit is removed. Germany has one removal. The deadline for these "Winter 1909" orders is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MAY 1980. Press releases appear on page 9. Standby moves for Italy should be sent in by Stephen Comer, Box 22144, SUNY at Albany, Albany, N. Y. 12222. England is out of the game, and the last English unit is removed.

1982CV - LATE PRESS RELEASES (continued from p. 1)

games. You have to go.

PARIS to MOSCOW: All German territory is off limits. Please consider this friendly advice. The French people demand Russian withdrawal from Berlin. We cannot be friends if you insist on domination of the continent.

1982HI - LATE PRESS RELEASES

VIENNA: "Although Italy has broken diplomatic ties with and declared war on Austria-Hungary, we will wait for a while before choosing a response," says the Emperor. Officials say privately that efforts will be made to placate the Italians by enlarging the guarantees of the Italian border and increasing efforts to secure the guarantees.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The following people have written in asking for information about the play of postal Diplomacy in GRAUSTARK:

- Paul Beaulieu, 2 Aldgate Dr., Nashua, N. H. 03062
- Mike Crane, 3305 N. SR 39, Lebanon, Ind. 46052
- Grant Swinger, 1768 Washington Ave., Wilmette, Ill. 60091

Honest Gamesmasters with game openings should get in touch with these newcomers. (This leaves out, naturally, Buddy Tretick, Brux Linsey, Gary Coughlin, Mark Berch, Dwayne Shreve, and Rod Walker. It particularly leaves them out if they don't exist, which I suspect is the case for many of them.)

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Missed moves seem to have particularly plagued this issue of GRAUSTARK. Anyone wishing to be a stand-by should simply keep his or her subscription current, and volunteer. Information on stand-by players may be found in the rules of postal Diplomacy, which were last published in GRAUSTARK #437. For information on how to join a postal Diplomacy game in GRAUSTARK, see page 12.

I spent much of this morning trying to reach players whose moves hadn't come in. As it happened, everyone whom I phoned had either been intending to phone me, or there was a letter from him in the mail when it finally arrived.

1982IM

TRAFFIC BACKED UP IN BALKANS

The removed German units in "Winter 1902" were F Hel & F Nth; there was no F Den.

ENGLAND (Corbin): F Eng holds; F Lon-Nth; F Ska-Den; A Bel-Bur; A Yor-Lon.

FRANCE (Ferguson): No moves received. F Bre, A Gas, A Mun, F Wes and F Spa(s.c.) hold.

GERMANY (Ellis): A Hol-Ruh; A Ruh-Mun; A Ber-Sil.

ITALY (Belliveau): A Mar-Bur; F Lyo-Mar; A Pie S F Lyo-Mar; F Nap-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Pearson): A Vie-Tyr; F Tun-Wes; A Gal-Ukr; A Bud-Gal; A Ser-Bud; A Gre-Ser.

RUSSIA (Bragdon): F Den-Bal; A Sil-Boh; A War-Gal; F Sev-Rum; A Arm-Sev; A Mos S A Arm-Sev.

TURKEY (Roybal): F Ank-Arm; A Smy-SF; F Bla-Sev; A Rum S

~~AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Gal-Ukr.~~

Underlined moves are not possible. The dislodged Russian A Arm should be either retreated to Syria or removed. The Russian player should send his orders by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by MONDAY 25 APRIL. The orders will be passed on to the Turkish and Austro-Hungarian players. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MAY 1983. Stand-by moves for France should be sent in by Phill Cooper, whose address appears in the report of 1981IV on page 2.

BERLIN to A/I/T: Sorry guys but I've got to survive and this, I'm no longer your pawn to push around. I'm now their pawn to push around. Oh the life of a puppet.

KIEL to LONDON: Yes master, anything you say goes.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Randy Ellis writes that a KC-CON is being planned for the weekend of either 28 May or 11 June, whichever is most convenient for out-of-towners. Guests will be put up at the homes of Diplomacy players in the Kansas City area. For further details write to Randy at 8310 Grandview Lane, Overland Park, Kans. 66212 or phone him at 913-381-5976.

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On Thursday it was most gallantly attempted to put a giant inflatable replica of the late, great King Kong on top of the Empire State Building, which he climbed so memorably in a film released just 50 years ago. But it was not to be. New York City is currently having its wettest April in history, and one of its windiest. For one day, King Kong reigned atop the building, 84 feet from his splayed toes to his outstretched arm. Then the battering against the base of the building's mast opened up some more rips, and he had to be taken down. So long, big fellow. Maybe on the hundredth anniversary...

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Incidentally, the location of King Kong's island was given in the film, which appeared on the local Channel 9 last Sunday. The ship went to 90°E, 2°S, and then proceeded southwest. If you look at a map, you will find that that will take you to the new and extremely secret US naval and air base at Diego Garcia Island, from which all the inhabitants were removed forcibly by the British government a few years back. The Russians are going to learn something new about gorilla warfare....

"Fall 1903"

1981 IN

THE RED DANUBE

Following "Spring 1903" moves, Italy retreated F Tyr-Rom and France retreated A Pie-Mar.

ENGLAND (Kadish): F Pol-Kie, F Hel S F pol-Kie; F Nth-Den; A Nwy holds; F Nrg S A Nwy.

FRANCE (J. Schwartz): A Ruh & A Bur S A Mun; A Mun S A Ruh; F Naf-Tun, F Wes S F Naf-Tun; A Mar-Pie; F Tyr-Rom.

GERMANY (Murwitz): F Den-Hel; A Kie-Ber.

ITALY (Wienczek): F Ion-Nap; A Pie-Mar; A Ven holds; F Rom-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert) A Bud-Rum; F Gre-Bul(s.c.); A Ser S A Bud-Rum; A Tyr & A Boh S GERMAN A Kie-Mun.

RUSSIA (La Rocco): A Rum S F Bul(e.c.); F Bul(e.c.) S A Rum; A Sil S GERMAN A Kie-Mun; A Liv-Pru; A Mos-St.P; A Fin S A Mos-St.P; F Swe S GERMAN F Den.

TURKEY (Rynkiewicz): F Eas-Ion, F Aeg S F Eas-Ion; A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia must retreat A Rum-Gal, -Ukr, or -Sev. The direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1903" orders, which may be made conditional on it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Hel, Kie, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (6)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Rum, Ser, Tri, Vie. (6)
FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Spa, Tun. (8)	RUSSIA: Bul, Mos, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (6)
GERMANY: Ber, Den. (2)	TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Ven. (3)

France, England, and Austria-Hungary may each build one unit, and Russia and Italy must each remove one. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY %5 MAY 1983.

Bob Rynkiewicz writes that his new address is P. O. Box 1512, Atlantic City, N. J. 08401, but that mail can still be sent at the previously printed address.

ANKARA: In an effort to avoid complete lethargy in his Imperial Majesty's armed forces, the Sultan ordered his mighty fleet, under the command of the flag ship Narcosis to attack the Italian dogs in the Ionian Sea.

ATHENS: Austrian soldiers were seen floating empty bottles of "ouzo" out to sea. When asked to explain such behavior, Professor Papadopoulos of the University of Athens, school of Questionable Sciences suggested that perhaps the Ancient Greek Ruins had inspired the lonely Austrians into writing love notes to their Turkish Allies out at sea.

BERLIN (DAMN): People of Germany, REJOICE! Your Kaiser has prevented the Slavic hordes from reaping Berlin!

BERN (DAMN): After a desparate journey in one of our latest top secret ~~Überwasser~~ Unterwass boats, the Kaiser arrived in Genoa, avoided the battles between the French and the Italians, and arrived safely in Switzerland. The German people can rejoice in the security of our Supreme Warlord!

((Earlier press releases appear on page 10.))

1980CD - PRESS RELEASES

LONDON to BROOKLYN: C'mon, John, "8 centers change hands?" Your title is as unimaginative as this endgame!

LONDON to World: Does the stab come this turn or next, Tom?

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Two circulars arrived here just after the publication of the last GRAUSTARK, and I am glad to give publicity to the topics mentioned therein, but one will already be past its deadline by now.

The deadline for the 1983 Zine Directory was yesterday. I got my own data in for GRAUSTARK and EMPIRE, but it is a little late to get the information to any other publishers.

The other is a circular from John Daly, Route 2, Box 136-M5, Rockwell, N. C. 28138. He is circulating a postcard questionnaire to all Gamesmasters, asking whether he or she can take on orphaned games which have been abandoned by other publishers. Though GRAUSTARK is currently 14 games, the problem seems serious enough that I have volunteered to take on a couple of orphan games if it's necessary. John would also like to be kept posted on whose 'zine is showing symptoms of sudden death - three months between appearances, grossly dishonest adjudications, or in the rare and more praiseworthy situations, admission by the publisher that he might not be able to keep it up.

Also, if there is a used war-game that you'd like to buy or sell, write to John Farewell, 61 Midland Ave., Stamford, Conn. 06906. He runs the Game Exchange.

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Penny Franco's daddy got drafted. Then, so did Penny herself.

That needs a little explanation, since the military draft is not yet fully back into function. However, the military draft is not the only way by which people are required to drop their private concern and serve their country. Unemployment is also a sort of draft. As our leaders have been telling us, inflation occurs when "too many dollars are chasing too few goods". Obviously, too high a purchasing power on the part of the general public causes prices to go up. And so, inflation is being fought by contracting the economy, inevitably putting people out of work.

Some ill-disposed people have tried to say that inflation should be fought by increasing the amount of consumer goods, so that they wouldn't be so scarce and couldn't be bid up by inflation. But this can't be done, because so much of America's productive capacity is in weapons and military equipment. People are getting paid for building these things, but they cannot use their money to buy them. So, they use their paychecks to bid up prices on a limited amount of consumer goods. An increase in production of consumer goods could be accomplished only by cutting back on military production. But His Excellency, the President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader of the Great Big United States of America has said that cutting back on military production is evil. This is therefore true.

There is nothing wrong with requiring men to drop their jobs, go into the army, and live under unpleasant conditions at risk of their lives. This is true because, from time to time, people who say it isn't get shot. Bad as unemployment is, it is not as bad as this. Therefore, neither should there be any reasonable objection to the sort of draft, for the good of America, that unemployment provides.

Early last year, this draft came to a Michigan man named Franco. He has been out of work for 14 months, and has recently received his last unemployment check. And now, according to the New York Post of 2 April 1983, Franco's 8-year-old daughter Penny has been 'drafted' too. She sold \$70 worth of Girl Scout cookies for her Brownie troop. But one woman defaulted on a \$8.75 order, and now cannot be found. The Francos were financially unable to make up this default. And so Penny was ex-

pelled from the Brownies.

Despite the tear-jerking of the bleeding-heart press, no American needs to get upset about all this. We have seen here a part of the normal operation of the Capitalist system. The man, the machine, or the policy which does not pull its weight is sternly discarded. If the Great Big United States of America is prepared to undertake a nuclear war to defend Capitalism, the problems of the Franco family need not arouse our sympathies.

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People have been saying that the forthcoming war with Nicaragua could be "another Vietnam". These fears are groundless. The Great Big United States of America has fought more wars with Nicaragua than with any other country. We invaded them in 1910, 1922, and 1926. And we beat them every time.

The precedent of those earlier wars is being followed again. Despite the pettifogging requirements of an obsolete 18th-century "constitution", our previous wars with Nicaragua never bothered with a formal "declaration" by Congress. In each case, the Nicaraguans woke up from their siestas to find American troops ruling them. The present situation is just a re-run.

"Another Vietnam"? There is not a nation on earth that America is more certain of whipping, than Nicaragua!

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Speaking of wars, who wrote these words about Vietnam:

"At this point, the removal of U. S. troops would simply lead to self-determination through Viet Cong terror, which I do not regard as self-determination, but as conquest. At the moment we have no alternative but to stick around."

Mull this one over a little. I've put the answer on page 10.

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A few issues ago I mentioned that next year the New York Telephone company will present three of the five Boroughs of New York City with a new area code. Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island will have the previously unassigned area code "718". And now, Eric Verheiden writes that "the northern valleys of L. A. get an 818 area code in January 1984". All readers who are affected by this should let me know.

Those "northern valleys of L. A.", incidentally, are the homeland of that outstanding cultural phenomenon of the 1980s, the "Valley Girls", or "Vals". (They have driven cats and preppies completely off the junk book racks in the bookshops.) I can hear it now. "On-draya, didja hear we got our own bitchen area code now? Totally awesome!" Though the breed originated in the San Fernando Valley, they are common in New Jersey shopping malls, and from time to time some are seen within the New York City limits. Indeed, as a proof that America is the land of equality and opportunity, I have even seen in my classes one or two black Vals!

People who live outside New York City might not be sure which telephones will change their area codes from 212 to 718. If the first three digits of a person's ZIP code are 103, 111, 112, 113, or 114, (Some 116s are, some aren't.) the area code will soon be 718.

Area codes, it seems can begin with any number from 2 through 9. The second digit must be 0 or 1. The third digit can be anything but 0, and the combinations ending in "11" are also out. According to a not too recent list that was lying around, presently unused combinations are 407, 409, 508, 619, 706, 708, 718, 719, 804, 818, 905, 908, 909, and 917.

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For information on joining a GRAUSTARK game of postal Diplomacy, see page 12. Subscriptions for non-players are 9 issues for \$5.00. Back issues are 10 for \$1.50. Available back issues are from 448, though a very few earlier issues are available.

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The United States Postal "Service" has announced that later this year it will issue a 20¢ stamp on the subject of "physical fitness". Certainly this is a timely topic, to judge from the enormous numbers of books, exercise records, studios, gyms, and joggers that have arisen in the past few years. Jane Fonda, for one, seems to have completely withdrawn from politics to direct and enjoy the profits from her chain of exercise parlors.

With this emphasis on physical fitness in mind, can anyone identify the source of this remark:

"What was once considered beautiful forty years ago is now fat, plump, dumpy. Sport, gymnastics, and the fight against sexual cant have changed people's attitudes, probably for the better. We are taking huge, swift strides toward a new classical age. And we are the trail-blazers of this revolution in all respects."

After you've tried your best, look to page 10 for the source.

1982R

"Winter 1907"

The following retreats took place after "Fall 1907":

GERMANY (Belliveau): A Sil-Ber. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Bragdon): A Pru
ITALY (Drakert): F Ion-Adr. annihilated; A Sev-Ukr.

The "Winter" orders were:

FRANCE (Chafetz): Builds A Mar. TURKEY (Ripper): Builds A Con, A
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Removes F Apu, AVen. * Ank, A Smy.

The proposal for a draw fails of unanimity, and is again submitted to the players. The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MAY 1983.

PARIS to VIENNA: The Scimitar has risen & struck and red corpses are starting to litter the field. It appears that you will shortly turn black & blue.

TUNIS to CONSTANTINOPLE: Well done. Your newly to be constructed armies should be able to march into Bulgaria & Serbia this year.

VIENNA: The Habsburgs rallied their people in the town square following news of a raid in force on our southern provinces. "It was expected. The Prussians are desperate. We have them in a vise & their only hope is to get someone else to distract us. Unfortunately for the Prussians, we are not about to fall for it. Let Prussia free herself, if she can! Yellow or blue -- why not? But black? Never!!" (Wild applause from the crowd.)

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FRANCE to TURKEY: Congratulations, you're turning a sure draw into a Turkish victory.

FRANCE to RUSSIA: And so are you.

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Coming as a special added attraction in the 20th Anniversary Issue: The complete text of the immortal "I Had a Duck-Billed Platypus When I Was Up At Trinity."

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ROME to MOSCOW: It must be nice to be strong enough to spurn offers of friendship. Fortunately, I'm weak enough not to care. Charge!

CONSTANTINOPLE: Thanks to our Italian friends for the words of encouragement. I share your opinion of the Russia. I agree totally with your expressed desire for same. I answer to your press I prefer not to be stabbed period!

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ROME to VIENNA: You seem to trust the Russian like I trusted you. Good luck.

ROME GAZETTE: King Vittorio-Emmanuele thanked the Kaiser today for sending aid in the war against the treacherous Austrians. He was especially pleased to hear that the much decorated Lieutenant Rommel and his Swabian Abteilung would be included.

LONDON to the World: While we are entertaining the French Govt in Exile the Prime Minister wants to show him how are armies & Fts can cavort.

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BERLIN (DAMN): The inhabitants of the eastern provinces are ordered to give every courtesy to the arriving fraternal forces of their Kaiser's brother Emperors. Already Prussian and Silesian maidens are readying themselves to welcome dashing Russian officers.

Saint Louis Herman to the World: Please applaud my tremendous self-restraint in not raving about the menace of two western powers who shall go unnamed.

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ST. PETERSBURG: I, Tsar William I, Tsar of All the Russias, the Little Father to our peoples, solemnly extend my hand and the hands of the entire Romanov House in thanks. Know you, that you have the gratitude of all Russians who will honor you in a national holiday and erect a statue/pigeon roost in your honor! I am also happy to announce that several political prisoners will be released from my protective custody, also in your honor.

My new Foreign Office Minister, the internationally famous professor, acclaimed lecturer, and author of The Games Nations Sometimes Play, Dr. I Kutyerpekerov, has informed me that the sniveling idiots responsible for his first dispatch delivery have been appropriately dispatched themselves.

BROOKLYN (URRP): If the mail takes 15 days to arrive from St. Petersburg, maybe pigeons would be better - especially if it is St. Petersburg, Florida!

PARIS to ROME: Eat Drink and be merry, but beware of Austria.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

That quotation on page 8, urging continued U. S. support of South Vietnam, was from Arthur Schelsinger Jr. It appeared in an interview with him in the May 1966 issue of Playboy.

The quotation on page 9, promoting physical fitness, is from the entry of 24 October 1939 in the diaries of Joseph Goebbels.

(And, in 1962, Miss Army Recruiting was Jane Fonda!)

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"Winter 1917-Spring 1918"

FIRST WORLD SNORE GOES ON

The possession of Bulgaria was not identified in the last list of supply centers. It belongs to Austria-Hungary. Following "Fall 1917" moves, England removed A Livonia and Austria-Hungary built A Bud. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Larzelere): A Gas-Mar; A Bur S A Gas-Mar; A Par-Gas; F Bre S A Par-Gas; F Mid, A Mun, A Ber, and A Fin hold; F NAt & F Por S F Mid; A Ruh & A Kie S A Mun; F Bal S A Ber; F Eng-Nth; A Nwy-Swe; A St.P-Nwy.

FRANCE (Hardiman): A Pie S A Mar; 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 S A Boh; A Gal-Sil, A Boh S A Gal-Sil; A Sil-War; A Mos S A Sil-War; A Ukr S A Mos; A Bud-Gal.

RUSSIA (Chisholm): A Smy holds.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The vote for a draw fails of the necessary unanimity and is again submitted to the players. The deadline for "Fall 1918" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MAY 1983.

VIENNA: To my fellow FRAT members - Each of you will be receiving a letter from me in the very near future. In it I have detailed the plans for ending this game along with a stamp for postage. I purpose that each of you submit orders (one piece of paper for each order) through Fall '21. You would then only have to watch the results (for your own protection) as they unfold. I have reread Boardman's rules and find no conflict and therefore expect no adverse ruling. I apologize to each of you for my mistake which resulted in the delay of this game, that's the reason for the postage. I will solidify my position and then do likewise. Good hunting to all.

MARSEILLES to the Czar: The Austrian was the leading proponent of including you in a five-way draw. By delaying its inevitability, he has insured that there won't be five players left after this year.

LAST MINUTE DESPATCH: Two days before the deadline, the following new Austro-Hungarian moves arrived: A Tyr-Mun; A Boh S A Tyr-Mun; A Gal-Sil; A Sil-Pru; A Mos-Liv; A Ukr-Mos; A Bud-Gal. None of the moves of the other players were affected.

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"Winter 1918-Spring 1919"

...AND ON AND ON AND ON

No "Winter" orders were received from England, and so the two dislodged units and A Ruh were removed. Italy defers its builds.

ENGLAND (Hurwitz): F NAt, F Iri, F Pic, A Lon & A Bel hold; F Eng & A Par holds.

FRANCE (Rauterberg): A Nwy-St.P; A Swe-Den; A Kie-Hol; A Ber-Mun; LA Bur-Par; A Gas S A Bur-Par; A Mar-Bur; F Mid-Eng; F Bre S F Mid-Eng; F Por-Mid; F Spa(s.c.) S F Por-Mid.

ITALY (Ripper): F Wes-Tun; A Tyr-Ven; A Boh-Tyr; F Con-Aeg; A Sev-Rum; A Mos-St.P; A War-Liv; A Ukr-Mos.

Underlined moves are not possible. The dislodged A Par & F Eng are removed. The deadline for "Fall 1919" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 MAY 1983. Press releases appear elsewhere in this issue.

NEW GAME BEGINS!

Seven players have signed up for a new postal Diplomacy game, and the country assignments are going out on Saturday 9 April 1983 so that players can have an extra week to negotiate before the first moves are due. The players are:

ENGLAND: Robert J. Baker Jr., P. O. Box 416, Cedar Park, Texas 78613

FRANCE: John Jordan, P. O. Box 9516, Moscow, Idaho 83843

GERMANY: Tom Ripper, 7290 S. Dudley Court, Littleton, Colo. 80123

ITALY: David Ezzio, Lower Main St., Freeport, Maine 04032; 207-865-4258

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Russ Rusnak, 8002 S. Nagle, Burbank, Ill. 60459;
312-598-4708

RUSSIA: Lawrence Chafetz, Apt. 2-M, 178-10 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica,
N. Y. 11432

TURKEY: David Greene, 148 E. 8th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218; 212-633-
5909

Four players got their first choices, and two got their second. Any player who does not yet have a copy of the postal rules for Diplomacy, which were last published in GRAUSTARK #437, should send for them. The deadline for "Spring 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 7 MAY 1983.

This is one of the best geographical distributions of players in a game that GRAUSTARK has had in a long time. I can assure readers that the two residents of New York City are completely unacquainted with each other. Hopefully the United States Postal "Service" can get the moves in on time from these western players. A letter postmarked in St. Petersburg, Florida on 23 March didn't arrive here until 7 April.

I shall ask Don Ditter to assign this game a Boardman Number, and will print it in GRAUSTARK as soon as I get it. In the meantime, refer to this as "the new game".

Yet another postal Diplomacy game is now being organized in GRAUSTARK. The entry fee is \$15, which includes a subscription to GRAUSTARK as long as the game lasts.

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we can do it again.."