

GRAUSTARK

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1981IQ

"Fall 1910"

NOW WHAT?

FRANCE (Martin): F Mid-NAF; F Tyr-Ion; F Cly-Liv; F Nth S A Hol; A Hol S A Ruh; A Ruh & A Bur S RUS-
SIAN A Mun; A Pie-Ven.

GERMANY (Chafetz): F Ber-Kie.

ITALY (Stone): A Rom S F Nap; F Nap S A Rom.

RUSSIA (Aicken): A Rum-Bud; A Sev-Rum; A Mos-Sev; A War-Gal; A Kie-Ber; A Sil & A Mun S A Kie-Ber; F Den-Kie; F Swe-Den; F Nwy holds.

TURKEY (Cooper): A Arm-Sev; A Bul-Ser; F Aeg-Bul(s.c.); F Ion-Nap; F Apu S F Ion-Nap; F Tun-Tyr; A Tus-Rom; A Ven S A Tus-Rom; A Tyr-Tri; A Boh-Vie.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian F Nap and the German F Ber are dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (10)

ITALY: Rom, Tun. (2)

RUSSIA: Ber, Bud, Den, Kie, Mos, Mun, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Swe, War. (11)

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

France may build two new units, and Russia and Turkey may each build one. Italy would have a build, but no home supply center is open. Germany is out of the game. The deadline for these "Winter 1910" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 JULY 1983.

FRANCE to TURKEY: What a coincidence. You're making my decision easier too.

FRANCE to RUSSIA: Thanks, I

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"Fall 1908"

"IS HE IN HELL OR IS HE IN HEAVEN?
THAT DAMNED ELUSIVE O-O-7?"

ENGLAND (Corbin): F Tun S FRENCH F Tyr; F Mid-Wes; A Spa-Gas; F Nth-Hel; F Ska-Nth; F Nwy-St.P; F Bar S F Nwy-St.P; A Hol-Ruh.

FRANCE (Stone): F Eng-Mid; A Bur S ENGLISH A Hol-Ruh; A Mar-Pie; F Tyr holds.

GERMANY (Comer): A Ruh-Bel.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kadish): A Tyr & A Boh S RUSSIAN A Sil-Mun; A Mun-Kie; F Nap-Rom; A Ven S F Nap-Rom; F Tus-Lyo; F Tri-Adr((sic; no such unit exists)); F Apu-Nap; F Ion S F Apu-Nap; A Pie-Tus; A Alb not ordered, holds.

RUSSIA (Zilberman): F Arm & F Aeg hold; A St.P-Fin; A Mos-St.P; F Bot-Bal; F Den-hel; A Kie-Den; A Swe-Nwy; A Ber S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mun-Kie; A Sil-Mun.

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

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Por, St.P, Tun. (6)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Spa. (4)

GERMANY: Bel, Hol. (2)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Mun, Nap, Rom, Ser, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie. (11)

RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Con, Den, Kie, Mos, Nwy, Rum, Sev, Swe, War. (11)

Russia and Austria-Hungary may each build one unit, and England must remove two. Germany would have a build, but no home supply center is available. The deadline for these "Winter 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 JULY 1983. As of next Friday, Boaz Zilberman's address will be c/o Vered, Apt. 4-T, 666 West End Ave., New York, N. Y. 10025.

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NEW BOARDMAN NUMBER CUSTODIAN!

Don Ditter, who has done an excellent job assigning the Boardman Numbers and keeping track of the games, has passed the Boardman Number Custodianship on to Kathy Byrne, 160-02 43th Ave., Flushing, N. Y. 11358.

And the two new games in GRAUSTARK have Boardman Numbers. The game which was announced on page 7 of the last issue is now 1983AS, while the game announced on page 12 of the present issue is 1983AX. Players should use these designations in correspondence with one another and with the gamesmaster.

WHEN DO YOU EXPIRE?

With the conclusion of 1981IV (See page 3), several GRAUSTARK subscriptions have run out. Your subscription ends with the following issue:

475 - Paige Cotcamp	480 - Greg Troutman
Ron Foster	483 - Ralph L. Morton
Roy Henricks	Eric Verheiden
Stanley E. Johnson III	484 - John M. Weswig
Ron Mulhollen	488 - Richard Kovalcik
Gerry Thompson	491 - Mark E. Johnson

For information on renewing your subscription, see page 9.

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needed that!

MOSCOW: We welcome the new Imir of Turkey with open hands and good wishes for longevity and successful campaigns, however not at our expense!

TURKEY to RUSSIA: The Turkish delight on which you plan to dine WILL prove to be very unsavory indeed! It's unfortunate that your menu held nothing else to appease your appetite. For this meal will continue to disrupt your sleep throughout the coming years.

TURKEY to FRANCE: Choose your ally wisely and without haste.

ITALY to BROOKLYN: I guess you weren't kidding when you said the 18th was the DEADLINE!

Defunct ITALY to Late TURKEY: Why Ernest, why?

ITALY to FRANCE: Sorry I've been rather uninspired since the NMR.

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FRANCE to ENGLAND: Everything is okey-dokey.

FRANCE to GERMANY: Hang on Papa, help is on the way.

FRANCE to AUSTRIA: I'm happy to inform you that your only direction for expansion is through Russia. The Iron Curtain has formed. If you want to keep banging your head on it, go right ahead.

1982R

"Winter 1908"

FRANCE (Chafetz): Builds A Par, F Bre, A Mar.

ITALY (Drakert): Removes F Apu, F Adr.

GERMANY (Belliveau): Builds A Kie, A Ber, A Mun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Bragdon): Removes A Ukr, A Gal.

TURKEY (Ripper): Builds F Con, F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 JULY 1983.

RED to BLACK & BLUE: Welcome to Austria! Help yourself to a few centers while the Habsburgs are away. They're trying to quell a mutiny among the troops, who seem set on a Turkish campaign.

PEACE, IT'S WONDERFUL!

Following "Fall 1909" moves, Germany built A Ber & F Kie, and Italy built A Ven & F Nap. Russia deferred a build. All three of these surviving players then agreed on a draw, which therefore becomes effective among them. The supply center chart is:

1981IV - John Boardman, GRAUSTARK
 E - Stanley Johnson (out FO4)
 F - Ronald Forster (out SO9)
 G - Paige Cotcamp (drew FO9)
 I - Jack Brawner (drew FO9)
 A - Roy Henricks (out FO4)
 R - Ron Mulhollen (drew FO9)
 T - Bob Bragdon (out FO7)

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G	3	4	5	6	6	6	7	8	10**	10
I	3	4	6	7	9	9	11	12*	12*	13
A	3	4	3	2						
R	4	6**	5	4	5	6	8	10*	10*	10*
T	3	4	5	6	6	5	3			

An asterisk indicates a supply center for which a unit was not built. France was eliminated in "Spring 1909" and is therefore not a participant in the draw. To check when your subscription expires, see the listings on page 2.

This game was remarkable in that all the original seven players saw it through to the end. Players and other readers who wish to write reviews of it should send them in.

SILESIA to WARSAW & BOHEMIA: C'mon guys, let's get this over with. ...After all, it's a shame to see all of these units sitting idle. Right Ron?

BERLIN to ROME and MOSCOW: Don't get all upset guys. Just covering my back doors in case...Well, you understand. Let's wrap it up!!!

1980LR

"Spring 1919"

GOTT STRAFE OESTERREICH!

ENGLAND (Larzelere): F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Por S F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Bur-Mar; A Gas S A Bur-Mar; A Par-Bur; F Nat-Mid; F Bre S F Nat-Mid; A Ruh S A Mun; A Kie S A Ber; A Mun & A Ber hold; A Swe-Liv; F Bal C A Swe-Liv; A Nwy-St.P; A Fin S A Nwy-St.P; F Nrg-Nwy.

FRANCE (Hardiman): A Pie-Tus; A Mar-Pie; F Naf-Tun; F Lyo-Tyr; F Ion-Gre; F Con-Aeg.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Aicken): F Tri-Adr; A Boh-Tyr; A Ven S A Boh-Tyr; A Sil-Boh; A Pru-War; A Bud-Gal; A Ukr holds; A Mos-St.P; A Gre holds.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1919" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 JULY 1983. The vote for a draw fails of unanimity. This time two proposals are put before the players for a vote. One is for a concession to England, and the other is for a draw. Players should send in their separate votes on both proposals with their "Fall 1919" moves.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY to FRANCE: I realize our negotiation have sometimes been strained but your obsession with my taking the proffered English centers eventually has led to your present condition. I can understand why you'd want to be second in a draw but your turn around

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1982CV

"Fall 1906"

MAJOR POWERS STALLED

The "Spring 1906" French move, printed as "F Nth-Hol", was actually "F Nth-hel". The Russian retreat was "A Ank-Smy".

ENGLAND (Verheiden): F Lon & A Edi hold; F Ska-Nwy.

FRANCE (Kaplan): F Hel-Kie; F Eng-Nth; F Nrg-Nwy; F Bre-Pic; A Ber-Sil; A Pru & A Mun S A Ber-Sil; A Ruh S A Mun; F Wes-Tyr; F Pie holds; F Liv-Nat.

ITALY (Sanches): A Gre & A Ven hold; F Adr S A Ven.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): A Ukr-War; F Rum-Bla; A Bul-Con; A Ser-Gre; A Tyr-Ven; A Tri S A Tyr-Ven; A Boh-Sil; A War-Liv; A Arm-Ank; A Smy S A Bul-Con; F Bar-Nrg; F Nwy S F Bar-Nrg; A Swe S F Nwy; F Den-Kie.

TURKEY (Aicken): F Ank holds; F Bla-Bul; F Con S F Bla-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats F Con-Aeg. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Lon. (2)	RUSSIA: Bul, Con, Den, Mos, Nwy,
FRANCE: Bel, Ber, Bre, Hol, Kie,	Rum, St.P, Sev, Ser, Smy, Swe,
Liv, Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Spa.	Tri, Vie, War. (14)
(11)	TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Tun. (3)

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

Italy may build one unit, and England must remove one. These "Winter 1906" moves should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by MONDAY 27 JUNE 1983. The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 JULY 1983.

ROME PRESS: The Italian Embassy has been moved to: 1052 Burlwood, Anaheim, CA 92807.

PARIS to SEVASTOPOL: I don't take handouts.

1982HI

"Spring 1905"

HOLD WHAT LINE?

ENGLAND (Chafetz): F Bot-Swe; A Kie S GERMAN F Den; A Ruh S GERMAN A Mun; A Par-Bur; F Nth-Ska; F Eng S A Lon-Wal; A Lon-Wal.

FRANCE (Verheiden): F Wal holds.

GERMANY (Quirk): F Den S ENGLISH F Nth-Ska; A Mun S ENGLISH A Kie; A Mar-Pie.

ITALY (Sanches): A Tus S GERMAN A Mar-Pie; A Rom-Ven; F Nap-Ion; F Wes-Tun; F Tyr S F Wes-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gratto): F Aeg-Con; F Ion-Tun; F Adr-Apu; A Tri-Vie; A Ven-Rom; A Pie-Mar.

RUSSIA (Goode): A Sev-Arm; F Bla-Ank; F Bul(e.c.) S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Aeg-Con; F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; F Swe-Bal; F Ska-Den; A Nwy-Swe; A Ber-Mun; A Sil S A Ber-Mun.

TURKEY (Kaplow): F Ank S A Con; F Smy S A Con; A Con holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Pie-Tyr and France retreats F Wal-Liv. The Russian F Ska is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 JULY 1983.

ROME PRESS: The Italian Embassy has been moved to: 1052 Burlwood, Anaheim, CA 92807. Everyone, except Austria, please write there.

1982IN

"Fall 1904"

WAS THE HELL IST LOS?

In the report of the "Spring" moves, the French "A Mar-Pie" should have been underlined as impossible. Germany retreated F Den-Bal; all players were informed. The French moves "F Tyr-Tus, F Wes-Tyr, F Tun S F Wes-Tyr" were left out; all succeeded..

ENGLAND (Kadish): F Bar-St.P; A Den-Swe; A Nwy S A Den-Swe; F Kie-Ber; F Hel-Den; F Nth S F Hel-Den.

FRANCE (J. Schwartz): A Mar-Pie; A Bur-Mun; A Ruh S A Bur-Mun; A Mun-Ber; F Mid-Wes; F Tus S F Tyr; F Tun-Ion; F Tyr S F Tun-Ion.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Ber S FRENCH A Mun-Kie; F Bal S A Ber.

ITALY (Wienczek): A Ven-Pie; F Rom-Tyr; F Nap S F Rom-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Ser-Bud; A Ukr-Rum; A Rum-Bul; A Boh-Vie; A Tyr-Mun; F Alb-Tri.

RUSSIA (La Rocco): A Mos-Sev; A St.P-Mos; A Gal-Rum; A War-Ukr; F Bla S A Gal-Rum; A Arm-Smy.

TURKEY (Rynkiewicz): F Gre-Bul(s.c.); F Aeg S F Gre-Bul(s.c.); A Con-Ank.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Rum-Ser. This High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv,	ITALY: Nap, Rom, Ven. (3)
Lon, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (9)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri,
FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Mun, Par,	Vie. (5)
Por, Spa, Tun. (8)	RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, Sev, Smy, War. (5)
GERMANY: Ber. (1)	TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con. (3)

England may build three new units, and Austria-Hungary, Russia, and Germany must each remove one. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 JULY 1983.

BERLIN (DAMN): Der Academie uf Kriegscience announced today that young Prof. Einstein, whose research has been lavishly funded by our glorious open-minded Kaiser, has perfected a trans-dimensional transporter. The first human to use the device is our glorious Kaiser Mark, who has agreed to change places with one Kaiser Wilhelm II of the dimension 19-83 codenamed ASgard (1983AS). The two dimensions, ours and theirs, are quite similar, except that they are 4 years behind us, and that by a fluke of genealogy, our Habsburg Emperor William is over there Czar Wilhelm.

The Kaiser's last announcement: "It's been fun, guys. Thanks to all of you! No hard feelings, eh?"

1983L

"Winter 1902"

Following "Fall 1902" moves, Germany retreated A Bel-Ruh and Turkey retreated A Gal-Ukr.

ENGLAND (Ticossi): Builds F Edi. ITALY (Palter): No build received.
FRANCE (London): Builds F Mar. TURKEY (Peart): Removes A Smy, A Con.
The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 JULY 1983. Apparently I neglected to call Paul Rauterberg's attention to the fact that he was named as stand-by for Italy, as no moves came from either him or Palter. I will be more careful this turn; Rauterberg is still the stand-by. From 19 June until 21 July, Ted London's address will be General Delivery, Hoya Station, Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. 20057.

1981AV - GAME REVIEW

CHARLES KAPLAN (Austria-Hungary): This was my first postal game, and I wanted to be there at the end. The game started with my trying to get an alliance against Turkey. Instead Italy and Russia both attacked me, and Turkey offered his hand in friendship. For the next four game-years, we proceeded to sweep the eastern half of the board. Then, the weakness of an Austrian/Turkish alliance came to the fore. Though the alliance had a majority of centers we could not break a stalemate line. No western power would join Austria/Turkey. At that realization, Turkey and Austria had a falling out, a real one. It was interesting for a while, but it let France gain a dominating position. At that point Turkey and Austria reconciled, and played for our own stalemate.

I congratulate Larry, Mike, Dave and Jerry for holding the line. Dave wrote often, and I felt deserved to be part of the draw. But it was not to be. My strategic mistake of not obtaining a western ally caused the game to bog down. Overall, it was very enjoyable, and of course superbly gamesmastered.

1983AJ

"Winter 1901"

ENGLAND (Baker): Builds F Lon.	ITALY (Ezzio): Builds F Nap.
FRANCE (Jordan): Builds F Bre, A Par, F Lyo((sic)).	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rusnak): Builds A Tri, A Bud.
GERMANY (Ripper): Builds A Ber, A Mun, F Kie.	TURKEY (Greene): No build received.

The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 JULY 1983. The French player only gets two builds, and is cautioned to read the rules more carefully. Stand-by moves for Turkey should be sent in by David E. Schwartz, 569 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, N. H. 07081; 201-376-6925.

FINLAND: The Finished Commander General Botchitup has taken charge of the White Russian Forces before they all become black & blue.

1981IV - LATE PRESS RELEASE

ROME to MUNICH and MOSCOW: You've both pointed out that I have no chance to win, rather rudely in one case. Well, you may be right, but your letters have stirred a complacent Italy, ready to end the game as soon as possible, with the fires of challenge. En garde!

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

It has been many months since an issue of GRAUSTARK got into the mail as late as this one did. A flood tide of moves came in on Saturday morning, whereas only one game had all its moves in prior to today's mail delivery. It took five hours just to cut stencils, and how long the rest of the job could take is anybody's guess. Would it hurt you to get this show on the road a little earlier?

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I would like to thank all the readers who wrote in letters of appreciation and comment on the 20th Anniversary Issue of GRAUSTARK. There will be a sizable letter column in the next issue, to accomodate all of these people. The next issue will also have the answers and results of the "'Twenty' Questions" contest that appeared in the last issue.

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MARSILLES to ITALY and AUSTRIA: If you don't write to me I feel free to act on my own.

VIENNA: Count Willi von Schnearhausen, head of the newly formed Ministry for the Department of Italy acknowledged that he had a big job ahead. "There is the problem of the German refugees. Some elements of some provinces are openly hostile to the Emperor. Critical shipping seems not to get through. I will have many a sleepless night before I get this situation in order," says the Count.

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only means you'll be the first out in an English win. If you don't change your attitude I'll have but one choice which you should know by now will cost you additional centers.

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TURKEY to ENGLAND: I like your offers. Attack Austria and maybe we'll let you into the alliance. I do not want to become an "Auxiliary" too. I would rather take the dignity of the fight to the humility of slavery.

TURKEY to FRANCE, RUSSIA and GERMANY: Don't you guys see what is happening to you. Why are you bound to this "alliance" if it doesn't do you any good. Russia. What good does a commitment to England do you to attack us down south. We far outnumber you in units. You are sacrificing yourself for England. France. What the hell good does an alliance with England give you. Security? What foolishness, you have every unit of yours vulnerable to attack, and even have an English army on your very soil. Italy is weak now, but wait till we get into position to defend. What will you have then? You'll be fighting with your units, losing your centers, while England sits back and either attacks you too, (to keep the centers away from enemy hands of course!)

Any communique will be read on the this side in strict confidence. Regain you dignity guys! Save yourself from the sure apathetic uninterest that slavery brings! No alliance is cast in iron. Salvation is possible.

TURKEY to AUSTRIA and ITALY: We seek to unite in common cause until this menace of "British Auxiliaryism" is destroyed from the fact of this board!!

FRANCE to ENGLAND: Yes to the first question and no to the second.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is, that a cure has just been discovered for herpes. The bad news is, that the cure requires you to spend a night in bed with a Haitian junkie of your own sex.

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Old joke guaranteed to get you expelled from West Point, Sandhurst, or St. Cyr:

"Why did the general call his war-horse Napoleon?"

"Because he had a martial neigh."

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Heard at the party thrown by Phyllis Schlafly to celebrate the defeat of the Equal Rights Amendment:

"What are you doing after the party?"

"The floors."

THE GREAT ALL-STAR DIPLOMACY GAME - II

by Marc Hurwitz

Jim Smith

I sip my Scotch and watch the last of us come in. I tag him - England. He doesn't look like an England. In his stained suit, the fat little fellow looks more like an Italy. Ah, well - beneath his bleak balding scalp there probably lies - hum, a pun - a Diplomacy genius. Too bad for him - I shall have to kill him. Should I talk to him? It's best not to. My, he's in a hurry - doubtless to get his grubby hands on his \$50,000.

Fifty million fifty million. The number keeps repeating itself over and over again. Tax free - enough to leave Cleveland, leave Alice ... I must win. France must win. I must be France. For a month I have lived France, breathed France. I've immersed myself in back issues of Diplomacy 'zines. I've played 3 games a week, playing college students to oppose me. I've ignored Alice, ignored my clients.

A wave of despair, then another. I force a smile, and order another Scotch. I'm getting drunk - this won't do. So what. What if I lose? Germany, the statistics buff, told me the odds are against me. I kill myself, that's what. Oh damn - here comes a headache.

How to kill the others? That, dear James, NO! - dear France, is the problem. The pills in my pocket - quite illegal - comfort me. Why should I die? Let the others go! Already part of my plan is underway. I signal for the waiter, and leave a \$20 tip. The hotel staff is becoming quite fond of me.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Well, the 20th Anniversary issue is over and done with, and seems to have no more than the usual number of misprints and other minor errors. One of them took place in 1982IN, and has already been taken care of in the report of that game. The man whom President Reagan fired from the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency was not Walter Whitman Rostow, but his brother Eugene V. D. Rostow, also a firm supporter of American policy in Vietnam but too soft for the present President. One of the Catholic columnists who is opposed to the bishops' statement against nuclear weapons is Bill Reel, not Joseph Reel.

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GRAUSTARK, the oldest bulletin for the postal play of Diplomacy, is published every third Saturday by John Boardman, 234 E. 19th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226. New games are open; see page 12 for details. Subscriptions for non-players are 9 issues for \$5.

Back issues are available from #448 at 10 for \$1.50.

Diplomacy was designed by Allan B. Calhamer and is published by Avalon-Hill Inc.

Also published here is EMPIRE, a 'zine for the postal play of games other than Diplomacy. It is currently running SPI's multi-player negotiation games Empires of the Middle Ages and A Mighty Fortress, and also a reader-designed scenario for SPI's Dreadnought. Two-player games of Dreadnought, Frigate, and the games of SPI's PRESTAGS series are available in EMPIRE; write for details. Subscription and back issue rates are the same as for GRAUSTARK.

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Although the 20th Anniversary Issue of GRAUSTARK carried an article on computer games, these are usually covered in EMPIRE. Any

reader who would like to comment on his or her own experiences with this new phase of gaming should send an article in.

The last issue of EMPIRE, which was published a week ago, contained yet another of my personal battles with the Sargon-II Chess program on my Commodore VIC-20. In this one, I beat it at Level 2 (actually the third of its 7 levels) with the hackneyed old "Fried Liver Attack".

I would particularly like to print reviews of other computer games, especially those of the "adventure" type.

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By the time you read these lines, "the mother of a thousand dead" (so Pink Floyd has called her in an 'underground' hit song) will have been re-elected as Prime Minister of Great Britain. An obvious lesson has been learned in Washington, where the Republican Party has been eagerly copying all of Mrs. Thatcher's style and policies since she was first elected in early 1979. As there, so here - crack down on the poorer levels of society, run unemployment way up without significant effect on inflation, goad blacks into riots, reduce governmental activity in the economy with the significant exception of military expenditures. The only place where President Reagan has not yet followed Prime Minister Thatcher's lead is in giving us a short, sharp, victorious little war to feel good about.

Mrs. Thatcher won her war just twelve months before her landslide re-election. Mr. Reagan comes up for re-election in November 1984. Work it out for yourselves.

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Russell Rusnak, operating under the name of "Slump the Midget", has just sent the first issue of his brand-new postal Diplomacy 'zine. With a close attention to the major intellectual trends of the eighties, he has named it Who Cares? ("The answer, my dear, is blow it out your ear...") His address, as the other players in 1983AJ already know, is 8002 S. Nagle, Burbank, Ill. 60459. The game fee will be announced "if there is a next issue". Russ also includes his resume (!), a proposal to graft features from Cosmic Encounter on to Diplomacy, and an impassioned claim that drunken driving is a civil right. (Any comments from the Libertarians in the audience?) However, anybody whom Eric Ozog dislikes can't be all bad.

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On 10 November, the United States Postal "Service" will issue a commemorative stamp in honor of one of the most vicious anti-Semites who ever lived, a man whose ordinary debating style indicates that his toilet training never really took effect. Tell me what you honor and I'll tell you what you are.

(His name, wenn Sie ihn nicht wissen, will appear in the next issue.)

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As a National League baseball fan, I can assure you that there is no truth to the rumor that the New York Mets will ask the St. Louis Cardinals for an armistice and protective custody.

Yet.

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"The triumph of Reaganism is proof that clear, simple, seemingly commonsensical beliefs that are wrong or irrelevant are far more attractive, both psychologically and politically, than complex, sophisticated and prudent beliefs that also are wrong or irrelevant...If nothing works - neither Keynesian liberalism, nor conservative monetarism, nor the welfare state, nor supply-side economics - you might as well take the system that is simplest and tells you the most beautiful stories.

If the country is in such a mess that no President can make much difference, let's pick a President who is tough, cheerful, optimistic and entertaining.

"This is how the American public responded in 1980 and how it is likely to respond again in 1984." - Lars-Erik Nelson, New York Daily News, 6 June 1983

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Despite my announcement on page 3 of the last issue, not everyone got their 20th Anniversary Issue brought to them by the new Brooklyn Bridge centennial stamp. The press run was larger, and the packages weightier, than I had suspected, so I had to make do with other stamps.

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I have decided not to buy Epyx's game Sword of Fargoal. ("Far Goal", get it?) While Epyx's own advertising literature doesn't mention the fact, the actual game box asserts that a joystick is needed to play the game. This means that, though it is billed as an adventure game, it actually requires those blazing reflexes that you may see at your neighborhood (and I do mean 'hood') game arcade.

These arcades, incidentally, were praised by President Reagan in his famous speech before the National Association of Evangelicals. He quite accurately pointed out how these games train the fast reflexes needed in time of war. They also reduce the enemy to a blip on a screen, thus eliminating those humanitarian feelings that can do so much damage to the soldierly spirit.

This will have obvious application in the "electronic battlefields" of the future. I can just see a sergeant addressing a group of new recruits: "Okay - any of you guys who ever won Donkey Kong with only one Mario, fall out for special assignment to the Electronic Warfare Corps!"

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Owing to my unfamiliarity with the algebraic notation for Chess, I made a few misprints in recording the game I played against the Sargon-II Chess program on my VIC-20. In the report on page 12 of GRAU-STARK #474, Black's fourth and fifth moves should respectively be ...Ke8-e7 and ...Ke7-d6.

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Two more people needs to be acknowledged in the collation of the 20th Anniversary Issue. Ira Donewitz dropped by, complete with a home-baked cake for the festivities. Ira was once a regular habitue of the collating sessions, and it's good to see him back. Nina Bogin, whose artwork enlivens APA-Q, also participated in assembling the issue.

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I recently sprung for Avalon-Hill's new game Civilization, which sets up to 7 players against each other in the Mediterranean basin of about 3000 or 4000 years B. C. E. Their population markers must settle in a region located somewhere between Carthage and Mesopotamia inclusively, build cities and fleets, establish colonies, fend off oneanother's encroachments, and by adroit trade build up such desirable things as Astronomy, Drama, Law, Architecture, and Philosophy. (Curiously, the trade goods do not include slaves.) It is a first-rate "beer-and-pretzels" game, and I am vainly trying to figure out a way to adapt it to postal play. This is hampered by the lack of a notation for the spaces, and more so by the fact that the postal game will not be able to retain the trading rules, which are one of the games liveliest and most characteristic features. (If you've ever played the classic game Pit, you know how they work.) There are also disasters to be dealt with, including Famine, Civil War, Piracy, and little problems with Mounts Vesuvius, Aetna, and Thera.

ANOTHER NEW GAME BEGINS!

A new game was announced in the last issue, to which Don Ditter has just assigned the Boardman Number "1983AS". (Players in that game should use that number in correspondence with one another and with the gamesmaster.) Since then, seven more entries have come in, and they were mailed out to the players on 9 June. The players are:

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The deadline for "Spring 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 JULY 1983. Any player who does not have a copy of GRAUSTARK #437, in which the postal rules were last published, should write to me for one at once. Until Don Ditter assigns a Boardman Number, just call this "the new game" or, if a distinction from 1983AS is desired, "the other new game".

Since three people asked for France as their first choice, and two wanted England, I had to dip as far as third choices sometimes. The geographical distribution also leaves a bit to be desired, but these are the entries that came in. Players should be careful in writing any letter that begins "Dear Mark", or "Dear Bob".

(This distribution of names is not unknown here. There have been local meetings of war-gaming or science-fiction fans, in which half the males present have been named one of these two names.)

New games remain open in GRAUSTARK. The game fee is \$15, which includes a subscription as long as the game lasts. With your entry fee, send a list of the countries you'd like to play, in order of preference.

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"El Salvador" is Spanish
for "Vietnam".