

# GRAUSTARK

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1980LR

"Fall 1920"

## ENGLAND WINS!

The retreats after "Spring 1920" were A Bul-Rum for Austria-Hungary and F Wes-NAF for Turkey.

ENGLAND (Larzelere): A War-Mos; A Liv & A St.P.S A War-Mos; A Pru-Sil; A Mun holds; A Ruh & A Bur S A Mun; "A Berlin buys cases and cases of the finest German beer; A Marseilles parties on the Riviera; F Spa(s.c.) drinks tequila; F Wes enjoys a cruise party; F Lyo S F Wes cruise party; F Eng Channels all its energy into partying; A Fin looks for Swedish girls; F Baltic and F Bothnia make love; F Mid smokes dope."

FRANCE (Hardiman): F Tun-Tyr; F Nap-Tyr; F Bul(s.c.) S F Gre; F Gre S F Bul(s.c.).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Aicken): A Sil-War; A Gal & A Ukr S A Sil-War; A Mos S A War; A Boh-Mun; A Tyr S A Boh-Mun; F Apu-Nap; A Rom S F Apu-Nap; A Rum S TURKISH F Aeg-Bul(s.c.).

TURKEY (Cameron): F NAF-Tun; F Aeg-Ion; A Smy-Con.

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

ENGLAND: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mar, Mos, Mun, Nwy, Par, Por, St.P, Spa, Swe. (18)  
 FRANCE: Bul, Gre, Tun. (3)  
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (10)  
 TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3)

1980LR - John Boardman, GRAUSTARK

- E - Mark Larzelere (won F20)
- F - David Hunt (dro S10)
- Seth Kadish (res S12)
- Bill Hardiman
- G - Steve Bobker (out F05)
- I - Peter La Rocco (out F07)
- A - John Aicken
- R - John Chisholm (out F18)
- T - Scott Cameron

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E	3	5	6	8	8	9	10	11	11	12	13	14	15	16
F	3	5	5	6	8	9	11**	12	13*	13	11	11	9	9*
G	3	4	5	4	1									
I	3	4	4	5	4	3	1							
A	3	4	5	4	5	5	5	6	5	4	5	5	6	6
R	4	6	5	5	5	6	5	3	3	3	2	2	2	1
T	3	4	4	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2

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E	16	17	17	16	16	17	18
F	8	8*	8*	8*	6	4	3
A	7	6	6	7	9	10	10
R	1	1	1	1			
T	2	2	2	2	3	3	3

An asterisk on the supply center chart indicates a supply center for which, for some reason, a unit was not built. This has been the longest won game in the twenty-year history of GRAUSTARK, and is exceeded only by two drawn games

which were played over a decade ago. 1980LR began in GRAUSTARK #422 on

1983HF

"Winter 1900"

WAR BREAKS OUT IN EUROPE AGAIN

Seven people have signed up for a new postal Diplomacy game, to which Kathy Byrne has assigned the Boardman Number 1983HF. This is the seventh game to be begun in GRAUSTARK this year, a new record. The players are:

ENGLAND: Mark Follmer, 51 Biltmore Dr., Mastic Beach, N. Y. 11951;  
516-281-8715

FRANCE: 2nd Lieut. Gregory A. Baker, 87-50 125th St., Richmond Hill,  
N. Y. 11418

GERMANY: John C. Quarto, Apt. #5, 23 St. Luke's Road, Allston, Mass.  
02134; 617-254-6262

ITALY: Jeffrey Scharf, Apt. G-508, 1074 S. Dahlia St., Denver, Colo.  
80222; 303-758-6596

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Jack Brawner, 10596-B 2nd Way North, St. Petersburg,  
Fla. 33712; 813-576-2324

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

TURKEY: Nunzio Paul Schembari, 1661 72nd St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11204

To give players adequate time to begin negotiations, the deadline for "Spring 1901" moves will be NOON, FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 1983. Five of the seven players got their first choices, with one second and one third. For the first time that I can remember in organizing a new game, no one picked England as a first choice.

If you do not have a copy of GRAUSTARK #437, in which the rules of postal Diplomacy were printed, write for one at once.

1983L

"Winter 1903-Spring 1904"

## BLUE TIDE PRESSES ON

The "Winter 1903" moves, as revised in the last issue, are:

ENGLAND (Ticossi): Builds F Lon. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Cameron): Builds A  
FRANCE (London): Builds A Par, A Vie, A Bud.  
Mar, F Bre. RUSSIA (Whisnant): Removes F Bot.  
GERMANY (McClimans): Removes A Pic. TURKEY (Peart): Builds A Ank.  
ITALY (Rauterberg): Removes F Eas.

All players got their moves in by the "Immediate Return Mail" deadline of 29 August, and were informed of these orders. However, William Whisnant missed his second consecutive deadline today, and is replaced by Eric Verheiden as Russia.

ENGLAND: F Eng-Mid; F Lon-Eng; F Hol-Hel; A St.P-Fin; F Nwy & F Nth  
hold.

FRANCE: F Wes-Mid; F Bre S F Wes-Mid; F Lyo-Wes; A Rom-Nap; A Par-Pic;  
A Mar-Bur; A Bol-Hol; A Ruh & A Kie S A Bel-hol.

GERMANY: F Den S F Swe; F Swe S F Den; A Ber holds.

ITALY: A Tun-Nap; F Tyr C A Tun-Nap; A Tri-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Ven-Apu; A Vie-Boh; A Bud-Tri; A Con-Smy; A Boh-  
Sil; F Aeg S A Con-Smy; A Bul holds.

RUSSIA (Verheiden): F Rum-Bla; A War-Mos; F Sev S A War-Mos.

TURKEY: A Ank-Bul; F Bla C A Ank-Bul; A Mos-Ukr.

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1981IQ

"Winter 1911-Spring 1912"

ARMISTICE PROPOSED

It was not Turkey but Russia that had three "Winter 1911" builds. These were F St.P(n.c.), A War, and A Mos.

FRANCE (Martin): F Ion-Tun; F Wes S F Ion-Tun; F Naf-Mid; F Lyo S F Wes; A Pie-Tyr; F Nth S F Nrg; F Nrg S F Nth; A Bur-Ruh; A Hol S A Bur-Ruh; A Mar-Bur.

RUSSIA (Aicken): F St.P(n.c.)-Bar; A Mos-St.P; A War-Sil; F Nwy & F Kie hold; F Den-Nth; A Mun S A Tyr; A Tri-Ser; A Bud & A Rum S A Tri-Bud((sic)); A Vie-Tri; A Tyr S A Vie-Tri; A Sev-Mos; A Ukr-Sev.

TURKEY (Cooper): A Arm holds; F Bul(s.c.)-Con; A Ser-Bul; A Gre S A Ser; ~~F Adr-Tri~~; ~~A Ser S F Adr-Tri~~; ~~A Rom-Ven~~; F Tyr-Ion; F Nap S F Tyr-Ion; A Rom S A Ven; A Ven S FRENCH A Pie-Tyr.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1912" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 1983. A draw has been proposed, and the surviving players should send in their votes for or against this plan. Russia retreats A Tri-Alb, or removes this unit.

PARIS to MOSCOW: You wouldn't be going for the win, would you?

1982R

"Spring 1910"

AND THEN THERE WERE TWO AND A HALF

FRANCE (Chafetz): F Bre-Eng; F Nat-Nrg; F Nth-Hol; A Bel & A Bur S A Ruh; A Ruh S A Bel; A Pie-Tyr; A Ven & F Adr S A Tri; F Ion-Alb; A Tri S GERMAN A Vie-Bud; F Nap-Ion; F Tyr S F Nap-Ion.

GERMANY (Belliveau): F Den-Hel; F Swe-Ska; A Ukr-Gal; A Vie-Tri; A Tyr S A Mun; A Sil S A Mun; A Boh S A Tyr; A Kie-Ruh; A Mun S A Kie-Ruh; A Hol S A Kie-Ruh; A Mos & A St.P hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Bragdon): A Bud-Rum.

TURKEY (Ripper): A Ser-Bud; A Rum S A Ser-Bud; A Bul-Ser; A Sev S A Rum; F Bla-Con; F Smy-Eas; F Aeg-Ion; F Gre S F Aeg-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian A Bud is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1910" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 1983.

1982IN

"Winter 1905"

FRANCE (J. Schwartz): Builds A Par, GERMANY (Hurwitz): Builds A Ber.  
F Bre, A Mar. ITALY (Wienczek): Removes F Apu.  
The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 1983.

D.A.M.N.: Kaiser Wilhelm announced today, "Winter is the first season of the rest of the war!"

BERLIN (D.A.M.N.): To the ONE player I have not written to in the last 3 weeks (barring Italy & Turkey) - HA!

BERLIN (D.A.M.N.): Seth, Seth, Seth - I'm not even buried yet, and there you go defaming my character. I'm hurt. Really, I'm hurt. J.S. at least doesn't do that.

BERLIN (where else?): DISREGARD ALL ABOVE PRESS\* IT'S ALL A SUBTLE PLAN TO FOOL YOU.

OWINGS MILLS TO WORLD: You can have the use of the army - it's up for bid.

## THE GREAT ALL-STAR DIPLOMACY GAME

by Marc Hurwitz

## VI - Jim Smith (Spring 1902)

I sip the splendid Jamaican rum as I listen, vital intelligence coming through the earplug:

"Very well, gentlemen, I shall present the summary to the Unholy Alliance of Latin, Turk, and Slav. I, Tsar Jonathan (or rather Ivan, heh heh!) shall move my Polish auxiliaries into Galacia, my crack Galacian troops into Bohemia, and shall command the Rumanian army to support the Bulgar's righteous invasion of Serbia! My southern navy shall not enter the Euxine, but rather ferry vodka and caviar to the Rumanian garrison!"

How, I wonder, can the other two stand him? This is English wit?

"Meanwhile, of course, the warriors of Islam shall not only invade Serbia, but support the invasion from Greece, while our loyal Italian allies, heirs to the greatest Empire of all, shall treacherously take Trieste! Ha! It just occurred to me - the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Romes are all allied!"

Listen to that forced laugh! Godowski doesn't get it!

After the conversation is over, I write my moves. Thanks to the bugs the maid allowed me to plant in the rooms, I shall thwart Manochi's stab in the Channel. Macy fortunately calls his wife every night and confides everything in her. The plan is working perfectly. The nights I spent studying wiretaps are paying off. I haven't heard anything from Alice. By now she must have called missing persons, and have accepted that I'll be gone indefinitely. Eventually, I'll be assumed dead - and I'll be fifty times a millionaire. The practice, the bugs, the drugs... I'll stop at nothing. I can't.

ENGLAND (Manochi): F Lon-Eng; F Nwy-Ska; A Yor-Den; F Nth C  
A Yor-Den.

FRANCE (Smith): F Por-Mid; F Bre-Eng; A Spa-Gas; A Par-Pic;  
A Bur holds.

GERMANY (Macy): A Bel & A Mun hold; F Hol-Hel; A Kie-Den;  
F Ber-Bal.

ITALY (Johnson): A Ven-Tri; A Apu-Tun; F Ion C A Apu-Tun.

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

RUSSIA (Willis): A St.P-Nwy; F Swe S A St.P-Nwy; A War-Gal; A Gal-Sol  
Boh; A Rum S TURKISH A Bul-Ser; F Sev S A Rum.

TURKEY (Godowski): A Bul-Ser; A Gre S A Bul-Ser; F Smy-Eas; F  
Con-Aeg; A Ank-Con.

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK, the publication in which postal play of Diplomacy began, is published every third Saturday by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11226. New games are open at a game fee of \$15, a fee that will go up when the next postal rate increase is announced. With your game fee, send in a list of the countries that you'd like to play in your order of preference. The game fee includes a subscription to GRAUSTARK as long as the game lasts. Subscriptions for non-players are 9 issues for \$5.00. Back issues from the beginning of 1982, and a few earlier ones, are 10 for \$1.50. They include #437, in which the postal rules of Diplomacy were last published.

## THE REIGN OF SENILIO THE GREAT - XIX

When he came to the Throne of the Temporary Roman Empire in 1381, Senilio the Great drastically altered the policies of the discredited Emperors of the old dynasty. Foreign affairs were put into the hands of Prime Minister Clericius, who systematically alienated the rest of The Four And A Half Kingdoms by reminding their rulers that they were established on territory that had been part of the Roman Empire as recently as a thousand years earlier. Military affairs were under the direction of the Wizard Caspar Magus, though some courtiers objected to the way in which he threatened his opponents, domestic and foreign, with magic spells rather than with such tried and true conventional weapons as swords, lances, mangonels, pikes, and some old war-galleys left over from the Battle of Actium. The Minister of Justice was criticized for keeping a dwarf woman ("Femina munchkina inferiorissima") immured in the Ministry's dungeon, where Caspar Magus was going to use a magic spell to change her into a rabbit.

However, by the third year of his reign the most controversial Minister of Senilio the Great was Wattus, the Minister of Resources and Sawdust. His responsibilities put him in charge of the Empire's forests, which as elsewhere in the Balkans were an important economic resource. However, an outbreak of heresy in the Pravoslavnican Patrimony of Polykarp, an important imperial trading partner, sent up the price of firewood, and Wattus ordered extensive cuttings in the Empire's forests. Elsewhere in Europe, the closing of the overland trade routes to Asia led to a boom in shipbuilding.

Some forest dwellers became concerned that Wattus was chopping them out of house and home. Wattus, however, secure in the Emperor's favor, continued the cuttings. "Jupiter gave us these trees," he said, during a sacrifice in Roma Temporaria's principal temple, "and we would be most ungrateful to him if we didn't chop every splinter off these hills and sold it at the highest price we can get." These views had the strong support of Senilio the Great, since the Empire's rearmament program was proving far more expensive than anticipated.

Wattus's devotion to Syncretic Polytheism, the Empire's state religion, was also behind his attempt to censor the Empire's music. "Nearly two thousand years ago," he told officials who were planning festivities for the Emperor's hundredth birthday, "the divine Plato said, in The Republic, that poets and musicians were a pack of subversive rascals, who should be severely censored by the government lest they infect the populus with their seditious notions." Wattus therefore decreed that no musicians of the popular vibrare et volvere style would be allowed to perform at the festivities. He particularly condemned one group, the Litoriani.

The results did not meet Wattus's expectations. Banned from the capital, the Litoriani went on a triumphal tour of the provinces and the rest of The Four And A Half Kingdoms. Wattus remained in office, though he had to go through a public penance in the Temple of the Erynyes, at which he ritually removed his left foot from his mouth. And, instead of high dignitaries of the Empire, the Temporary Capitoline Hill was covered with a great mob of poor peasants and artisans.

"What is this rabble doing here?" Senilio the Great is said to have asked his courtiers. They cast lots to determine who would tell him, and this fell on the Emperor's own daughter, the Lady Morina.

"O Paterfamilias," she began, "this is the twentieth anniversary of a festival instituted in the last year of the reign of your illustrious predecessor, the Emperor Cameloticus." The Emperor and the courtiers blanched with horror at the mention of that name. These poor,

many of them aliens or freedmen, seek only to sing their anthem 'Vincemus' and depart in peace."

"Peace! Freedmen!" the Emperor quavered, gulping a handful of multi-colored Byzantine sweets with one hand and summoning the Praetorian Guard with the other. "Why wasn't this holiday cancelled, with all the other decrees of my predecessor?"

"Er - Paterfamilias - you forgot," Morina replied.

"There do seem to be a great deal of them," the Emperor observed. "Very well, my dear, I appoint you as my Ambassadress to this mob of rabble. Say something to them that will keep them quiet."

"Yes, O Paterfamilias," Morina replied dutifully. She then faced the multitude and began to sing: "Vincemus, vincemus, vincemus aliquo die..."

### 1982CL - GAME REVIEW

by Bill Hardiman (Italy)

A good game but not a great one.

I tried to organize an Anglo-German-Italian alliance against France but (A) England and Germany couldn't see eye to eye (B) Austria promptly violated an agreement not to threaten Venice. England and France got together and eliminated Germany; Turkey and Italy did the same to Austria.

The turning point was Spring 1903. The Postal Services elected not to deliver my moves. France interpreted this as a lack of Italian resolve and attacked me. Turkey came to our mutual rescue by allowing me enough Balkan centers to build two fleets. France then showed his lack of resolve by claiming that it was all a mistake, he meant to attack England. His failure to press me gave Italy-Turkey the initiative in the Mediterranean. The rest is history.

This was my first Diplomacy game, so I feel reasonably satisfied with the results. Jim Goode made an excellent ally. Charles Gratto hung in there when his back was to the wall, as did Chuck Kaplan and Jack Browner. Art Ticossi made a worthy opponent, also.

### THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

A history I recently read, of last year's war in the Falkland Islands, made the following excellent point about the British victory there. Obviously, a British commentator is being quoted:

"We have maintained the honour of the crown and the superiority of our influence. Beyond this what have we acquired? What, but a bleak and gloomy solitude, an island thrown aside from human use, stormy in winter and barren in summer; an island which not even the southern savages have dignified with habitation,; where a garrison must be kept in a state that contemplates with envy the exiles of Siberia; of which the expense will be perpetual and the use only occasional; and which, if fortune smiles on our labours, may become a nest of smugglers in peace, and in war the refuge of future buccaneers."

These words were written in 1771 by Dr. Samuel Johnson.

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Last issue we discovered that the mails from upstate New York can get badly delayed. This time, a change of orders mailed in a Toronto suburb on the 10th of August didn't get here until the 22nd - two days late.

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John P. Farewell, 61 Midland Ave., Stamford, Conn. 06906, runs the Game Exchange: "A service for players and collectors of games: puts re-

sponsible sellers in touch with interested purchasers. Any tyope of game and games of all publishers may be listed." This service may be of particular interest to gaming fans who want to get hold of SPI games, and who are having trouble now that SPI is out of business.

The seller sends in a list of the games for sale: title, manufacturer, date of issue or edition (if known), and overall condition. (List any missing items.) Give a price, which will not be passed on to prospective buyers. Books, magazines, and miniatures are also handled. Write to John Farewell for further information.

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The last issue of GRAUSTARK had a front-page editorial describing the huge flotilla of men and machines then converging on the obstreporous Nicaraguans. However, it seems that the armada is even bigger than was there announced. Four aircraft carriers have been named as taking part in this operation: Ranger, Coral Sea, Independence, and John F. Kennedy. (That's one more than the U. S. won the Battle of Midway with!) In addition to the battleship New Jersey, the nuclear-powered guided missile cruiser Mississippi is on the scene. Altogether, according to the New York Daily News of 23 August 1983, the U. S. has 43 fighting and support ships there, and 35,000 troops. Two British and one Dutch ship are also there.

The Nicaraguans are obviously going to regret their hare-brained attempt to pull themselves out of the American Empire.

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Speaking of John F. Kennedy, it is particularly appropriate that one of the ships sent south to punish the Nicaraguans should bear his name. President Kennedy never held back from any such actions as President Reagan is now undertaking. Not only did he do much the same thing in sending an armed force against Cuba in 1961, and issued an ultimatum to Cuba the following year which was instantly obeyed, but he built up an enormous armed force against Vietnam's attempt to pull itself away from the American Empire. Incredibly, some people may still be heard to say that, if President Kennedy had lived, he would have withdrawn American troops from Vietnam. The best answer to this slander may be found in The Irony of Vietnam: The System Worked, by Leslie H. Gelb with Richard K. Betts (Brookings, Washington, 1979). It is the authors' contention that the American war with Vietnam was not an accident, not "blundered into", but was an integral part and outcome of standing U. S. policy. (I plan to review it in a future issue of GRAUSTARK.)

In his news conference of 12 September 1963, President Kennedy told the press, "What helps to win the war, we support; what interferes with the war effort, we oppose...But we are not there to see a war lost." That same month, he told Walter Cronkite, "I don't agree with those who say we should withdraw. That would be a great mistake."

Nor were these mere words; they were backed by solid deeds. When President Kennedy took office, there were only 700 American soldiers in Vietnam. (There are many more than that in Honduras now.) At the time of his death, there were about 15,000 U. S. troops there, an increase of more than twenty-fold. It is entirely in keeping with the spirit of John F. Kennedy, that the Great Big United States of America should now be undertaking to blast Nicaragua into submission.

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For the last GRAUSTARK, one player ensured that his moves would arrive on time by spending \$9.35 for the U. S. Postal "Service's" guaranteed overnight delivery. It worked, but I am of two minds about recommending it. His letter was mailed in Louisville on the 17th for a deadline on the 20th. The USP"S" did indeed get it to Brooklyn on the 18th. However, nobody was home, so I had to go a long trip to the local post

office on the morning of the 19th. (I live clear at the other end of the postal zone district from the post office.) During the academic year, this might not fit into my schedule.

In this issue's letter column, which begins on p. 14, there is a discussion of this matter, and I am enclosing with this issue a questionnaire which asks readers about deadlines.

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Postal Diplomacy players can be assured that I will never adopt the Lee McPhail system of adjudication.

This came up after the notorious "pine tar" scandal. George Brett, the star hitter of the Kansas City Royals, hit what appeared to be a game-winning home run against the New York Yankees in Yankee Stadium in July. However, it was observed that Brett had pine tar too far up the handle of his bat. This was a violation of the rules of baseball, and he was called out. Seven years ago, the Yankees' own Thurman Munson had been called out against Minnesota for this same reason.

So far, so good. But the Royals went crying to the league president's office, determined to win there what they'd lost on the field. And, incredibly, President McPhail reversed the umpires (who had merely been on the scene, enforcing a rule), and gave Brett his "home run".

McPhail apparently based his decision not on the rules, but on what he imagined the rules ought to be, by some private standard of judgment to which the rest of us weren't admitted. There are some postal Diplomacy gamesmasters who do this same thing. I won't.

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Last weekend I was at the 41st World Science Fiction Convention, in Baltimore. Among other activities, I there adjudicated a tournament of Avalon-Hill's sensational new game Civilization. (See EMPIRE #180 for details of this and other games.) It has occurred to me that it might be possible to adapt Civilization for postal play. If I can do this, I may open a game of postal Civilization in January. If you are interested, see the enclosed poll ballot.

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Much in evidence at Baltimore was the war-gaming club FanTek, which makes discounts on games available to members. Their growth has allowed them to expand their newsletter to mini-magazine format, and the first issue of Castle was widely distributed there. Membership is \$2, and by contributing to the organization, FanTek members may amass Experience Points which will advance them from the ranks of Soldier or Squire, through Paladin, Count, or Duke, to (eventually) King.

FanTek is planning a gaming convention, "Eve-Con", for 30 December to 2 January, at the Sheraton International Conference Center, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Va. 22091. FanTek's address is P. O. Box 128, Aberdeen, Md. 21001. For information about Eve-Con, write to the same address. Pre-registration for Eve-Con is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members until 30 November, and \$15 at the door. Room reservations (703-620-9000) are \$46 a night, for singles or doubles.

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The Great Big United States of America is responding to the Lebanese situation not by withdrawing the Marines, as some Pacifists have suggested, but in doubling their number. The Baltimore Evening Sun of 3 September reports that:

"The administration hasn't said why the added Marines are being sent... That vagueness, a State Department official said yesterday, is part of a strategy aimed at keeping the enemies of Lebanese President Amin Gemayel guessing.

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## WHEN DO YOU EXPIRE?

The subscriptions of the following people expire with the indicated issue of GRAUSTARK. This information is accurate to 8 September 1983, and includes the subscriptions which end as a result of the end of 1980LR, reported on page 1.

479 - John Chisholm	484 - John M. Weswig
David Hunt	486 - Mark Larzelere
480 - Greg Troutman	488 - Richard Kovalcik
483 - Phill Cooper	489 - Gerry Thompson
"Bruce Linsey"	491 - Mark E. Johnson
Ralph L. Horton	495 - Don Del Grande
Eric Verheiden	

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

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13 September 1980, and so has taken almost exactly three years to play. Like many long games, it worked out to be a match between one major power, and an alliance of smaller powers who tried to stop the giant. This has worked frequently in GRAUSTARK. It did not work here, since internal jealousies within the attempted alliance broke it apart.

This is Mark Larzelere's first win in GRAUSTARK. It is also the last 1980 game to be finished. This is England's 10th victory in a GRAUSTARK game, bringing it just ahead of Italy with 9. (The winner so far is Russia with 12.) Trailing are Turkey and Germany with 8 each, and France and Austria-Hungary with 6 each.

LONDON: "There will always be an England."

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY to ENGLAND: The govt of the people of A.H. wish to express our most reverent admiration to our English advisers. You have completed (as this should be the last season of this the 3rd largest of all Graustark campaigns) a most impressive win. I look forward to facing you again in the diplo arena.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY to FRANCE: Why you gave up all hope for a draw just because I gained a few centers remains an enigma to me. Not being one to muddle the waters I promise not to mention it again. I had hoped you were made of sterner stuff.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY to TURKEY: Your last move belies your true character gobble gobble. Still as far as allies go you weren't all that bad.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY to RUSSIA (wherever he may be): Your only fault in this game was in trusting two players - England & me. Your trust in England was dashed by deceit while in my case it was a combination of poor plan coupled with even poorer execution. Frankly I'd rather deal with the former.

TURKISH COMMERCIAL ENDORSEMENTS (#357): "Before I move all my little fleeties,

"I get the eaties for my Wheaties!"

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A game review by the English player appears on page 10. Other players are also invited to send in their reviews.

## 1980LR - GAME REVIEW

by Mark Larzelere (England)

1980LR was one of the first postal games I entered and is my first postal win.

I started out the game trying to organize a 3 way EFG alliance. But F and G were determined to fight each other, and both wanted me as an ally. I chose to side with F, but had I to go it all over again, I would have sided with G (Bobker).

The E/F alliance went fine for some time, through the elimination of G and I. But then we reached a position where I was stopped in the north while F (David Hunt) was still free to expand in the south. He would have gotten to be about 3 or 4 centers ahead of me, to about 14. I couldn't just let this happen and do nothing, so I took Holland from France. I didn't see this as a stab at all - in fact I told F I was doing it in advance, explaining why. Nevertheless, F saw this as a hostile act and started fighting me, then dropped out of the game.

Kadish took over and defended terribly, NMRing twice. I routed him, taking over everything except Spain and Marseilles. With War and Mos I had 17, but I was stalemated. I had a chance to reach 18 with the right tactics around 1910 or so, but I blew it.

I didn't want a 5 way draw, so I started retreating from War and Mos, hoping to get some action in the game which would lead to somebody getting eliminated. R and T were both small and I was hoping to induce F and A to wipe them out and give a 3 way draw, which would have been much more preferable to me. I would have kept retreating even further if I'd had to.

But as it turned out, when A took Mos, so that the GM couldn't impose a "3-year stalemate" draw, F was so irritated that he started fighting A, giving me Spain and Mar. After that, getting the 18th center was easy.

Thanks to John for a very well run game. Maybe I'll join another some day. As for now, you can keep my extra 7 issues and drop my sub after the endgame statements are printed. I wouldn't mind still receiving DAGON, though.

1982CV

"Fall 1908"

## THE SHOW-DOWN

ENGLAND (Verheiden): A Edi-Nwy; F Nth C A Edi-Nwy.

FRANCE (Kaplan): F Nrg S ENGLISH A Edi-Nwy; F NAT S F Nrg; F Bel-Hol; F Den-Swe; A Kie-Ber; F Bal-Pru; A Sil-Pru; A Tyr-Tri; A Vie S A Tyr-Tri; F Lyo-Mar; F Apu-Adr.

ITALY (Brawner): A Nap-Apu; F Ion-Gre; F Ven S FRENCH A Tyr-Tri.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): F Bla S A Con-Bul; A Con-Bul; A Smy holds; A Sev-Rum; A Ukr S A Sev-Rum; A Ser-Tri; A Rum-Bud; A Gal-Vie; A War-Sil; A Pru S A War-Sil; A Fin-Swe; F Nwy S A Fin-Swe; F Bar S F Nwy; F Swe-Bot; A Pie-Tyr.

TURKEY (Aicken): F Bul(s.c.) holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats F Bul(s.c.)-Aeg.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Lon. (2)

FRANCE: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Hol, Kie, Liv, Mar, Hun, Par, Por,

Spa, Tri, Vie. (14)

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

RUSSIA: Ank, Bul, Con, Mos, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Sev, Ser, Smy, Swe,

War, Búd. (13)

TURKEY: Tun. (1)

France may build three units, and Italy may build one. Russia must remove two units. The deadline for these "Winter 1908" moves is NOON, MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 1983; I feel that I am safe in asking for IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL because two of these moves are already in. The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 1983.

SAMOTHRACE: We like to thank the peoples of the Great Sovereigns of Italy and France for coming to the rescue of a fellow devine right ruler. We can only assume that religious beliefs played a part in our demise.

PARIS to TURK: Keep fighting!

PARIS to ST. PETE: Let's not run away from our destiny. Fight, man!

MOSCOW to ROME and LONDON: If you guys are intent on "stopping the leader", what happens when there's a change in leaders? Keep that in mind, as you promote unlimited French expansion.

1982IM

"Winter 1905"

There were some errors in the listings of the supply centers in the report of "Fall 1905" moves. This is the correct list:

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (5)  
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Tun, Vie. (6)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Hun, Par, Por, Spa. (6)

GERMANY: Ber, Hol, Kie, Ven. (4)

ITALY: Nap, Rom. (2)

The "Winter 1905" moves were:

ENGLAND (Corbin): Removes F Hel.

FRANCE (Ferguson): Builds F Bre.

GERMANY (Ellis): Builds A Kie, A Ber.

RUSSIA (Bragdon): Builds A St.P.

The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 1983. Stand-by moves for Austria-Hungary should be sent in by Paul Rauterberg, 4922 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wisc. 53208; 414-778-0750.

FRANCE to the WORLD: For those of you who wish to know my secret to playing Postal Diplomacy, please send a check or money-order for \$9.95 to:

"How to be a Toady for fun and Profit"  
10 Old Tree Lane  
Great Neck, New York 11024

I'm not quite sure what I am going to do with the money, but as soon as I hear from Ken I'll let you know.

TURKEY to RUSSIA: Ha, Ha, try to get through!

TURKEY to AUSTRIA: Hey, Al whereth thou goest so goest Turkey. So sendeth in thy moves or we're going down the toilet together.

TURKEY to WEST: Our surprise paralyzing weapon, the NMR, is bound to destroy you!

1983AS

"Spring 1902"

## BETRAYAL IN THE BALKANS

GERMANY to RUSSIA: Italy says that you send more press releases than you do letters. I would consider that an insult, what do you think?

RUSSIA to EUROPE: I do not know what you think but I get the feeling that the game is almost over. Bye.

FRANCE to EUROPE: See what a little diplomatic maneuvering can do for you. Let's go for it.

AUSTRIA to RUSSIA: "The Hapsburg Happening" today reported that the Galician Lobbyists have gotten their way and the Kaiser will seek restitution for the great loss in goats due to the Tsar's ill will. Also for

Trieste the Kaiser remarked, "Help is on zee way."

GERMANY to FRANCE: How does it go? Fool you once shame on me, fool you twice shame on you. Should we try for thrice?

GERMANY to RUSSIA: You know our relationship in this game was going to come to this sooner or later and I just wanted the upper-hand.

GERMANY to TURKEY: Why the hell do you not write. We need your help.

ITALY to FRANCE: Les jeux sont faits.

ENGLAND (Zaiz): F Edi-Nth; F Lon S F Edi-Nth; A Liv-Wal.

FRANCE (Schembari): F Eng-Bel; A Mar-Bur; A Pic S A Mar-Bur; A Spa holds.

GERMANY (Jordan): A Bel-Pic; F Hol-Nth; A Den-Swe; F Kie-Den; A Ber-Pru; A Mun-Sil.

ITALY (Swinger): A Ven-Pie; A Tri-Tyr; F Tyr-Wes; F Rom-Tyr.

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

RUSSIA (Bowen): F Ank-Con; F Sev-Arm; A Rum S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Gre-Bul(s.c.); A Mos-Ukr; F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; A War holds; F Swe not ordered, holds.

TURKEY (Hardiman): A Smy-Ank; A Bul S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ser-Rum; A Con S A Smy-Ank.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats F Ank-Bla, A Rum-Sev. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 1983.

FRANCE to GERMANY: You said I could take it anyway.

1983CW

STAB THE HABSBURG?

"Spring 1901"

ENGLAND (Clarke): F Lon-Nth; A Liv-Edi; F Edi-Nth.

FRANCE (Wallick): F Bre-Mid; A Par-Bur; A Mar S A Par-Bur.

GERMANY (Kellmeyer): F Kie-Hol; A Mun-Ruh; A Ber-Kie.

ITALY (Speidel): A Ven-Tri; A Rom-Ven; F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Palter): A Bud-Ser; F Tri-Alb; A Vie-Gal.

RUSSIA (Jordan): A War-S81; A Mos-Ukr; F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; F Sev-Bla.

TURKEY (Wilcon): A Con-Bul; A Smy-Arm; F Ank-Con.

The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 1983. Douglas Clarke's telephone number is 617-534-6160.

ENGLAND to ITALY: Please disregard all my previously sent letters. Thank you.

1982P

"Winter 1909"

FRANCE (Stone): Builds F Bre.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kadish): No removals received. Gamesmaster removes F Tu# and F Nap (Rule XIV.4.)

RUSSIA (Zilberman): Builds A War; A Mos, A Sev.

The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 1983.

Stand-by Austro-Hungarian moves should be sent in by Michael Quirk, 3830 Chester Dr., Glenview, Ill. 60025; 312-498-1377. Boaz Zilberman's

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## FLIGHT 007

The most evil thing about the Soviet Union, of course, is that it defies the supreme imperial authority of the Great Big United States of America, and attempts to induce other of the lesser nations to break free from America's imperial control. Attached to this subversion is the propagation of the belief that peace is preferable to war; the Soviet position with respect to the Great Big United States of America is so weak that war is clearly not a viable option for them. We in America know that the advocacy of peace is physically hazardous and therefore morally wrong; a course of action that is likely to get you shot has clearly received the most powerful logical refutation possible. Indeed, it seems evident that peace is not evil because Communists advocate it, but that Communism is evil because Communists support peace.

It therefore follows that the Great Big United States of America is entitled to take any measures whatsoever to preserve our world supremacy. It is in this light that the Soviet attack on Korean Air Lines Flight 007 should be interpreted.

The Great Big United States of America regularly sends espionage flights over the Pacific coast of the Soviet Union. President Reagan, in his speech of 5 September 1983, announced that a Boeing 717, rebuilt for espionage purposes and retitled "RC-135", had been on such a mission. He also said that this 717 was in the vicinity of the KAL Boeing 747. All of this is completely within the imperial rights of the Great Big United States of America.

In fact, we can make an even stronger case. The Soviet Union would not have been justified in shooting down the spy plane, either. In fact, let us suppose that the military plane were not a spy plane, but a bomber that had just eradicated Vladivostok with a hydrogen bomb. Even then, the high moral indignation of the Great Big United States of America and its subject allies would be justified. After all, neither the Soviet Union nor any of the other lesser nations can presume to equality with our Empire. No specious claims of "national sovereignty" can keep the Great Big United States of America from doing anything it pleases, to anyone or anything, anywhere in the world. As President Reagan said: "This attack was not just against ourselves or the Republic of Korea. This was the Soviet Union against the world and the moral precepts which guide human relations among people everywhere." One of these moral precepts is clearly subjection to the Great Big United States of America and its high imperial destiny of world domination. Anyone who tends to doubt this should look at the ravaged terrains of Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon, and other nations which have tried to defy our imperial might.

The feeble Soviet effort to claim that the tapes of their pilot's reports to base are fakes deserve the contempt they are getting. It is in the imperial interests of the Great Big United States of America that these tapes be accepted as true. This is the only meaning that the word "true" can have in world politics.

Nearly four decades of careful training have created the proper attitude among the subjects of the Great Big United States of America towards this event. Liquor stores are pouring out supplies of Russian vodka. Aeroflot offices are being closed. Tours to the Soviet Union are being cancelled. Picket lines form in front of consulates and embassies. The U. S. Marine contingent in Lebanon has been doubled, and the appropriation for nerve gas development is now certain to pass in Congress. The American people are showing a deep and fundamental revulsion towards the very idea of peace with the Soviet Union. The deaths of 269 people on Flight 007 is a small price to pay for so many victories.

## THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

WILLIAM S. HIGHFIELD, 2012 Ridge Road East, Rochester, N. Y. 14622  
(24 August): I was prepared for your zine's arrival, having been told of your slightly extreme tendencies. I was still shocked that there WAS another super-patriot in the hobby! I can't imagine why a loyal American would disagree with your political views! They are close to perfect (no political views are ever perfect). Not even mine.

As for commie dogs, I don't hate them at all. After all, does the Vet hate a diseased animal that he has to put to sleep? No. He kills the dog or animal because it becomes a menace to society. Well, the commies are the new NAZIs, and the KGB is the new SS. We shouldn't kill them because we hate them, that would lower us to their level. No, we should blow their commie heads off because they are a menace to freedom and humanity! The same holds true for pacifists and liberals. However, I would not rate Iranians anywhere near the level of diseased animals. They aren't that good! Ayatollah-lovers are just plain SHIT! Their stench is worse than our shit's stink (we all know that American shit doesn't stink, right?!!)

Nicaragua? Who cares? Nuke the fuckin country and leave, that's all. If we have to go in, beat the shit out of them (Latin American shit, not to be confused with Iranian shit). Our beloved protector, the US NAVY, is already showing Latin America what the story is. As I always say, "MESS WITH THE BEST, DIE WITH THE REST!!!!"

Oh, I almost forgot to mention that bastard from Libya. I can't WAIT for that fuckin disgusting leper to step out of line! I want to see Libyan blood (sewer water and camel piss)! That bastard had pissed on the Great Big United States of America too much already! If I were President, Commander in Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader, I'd have the United States' Imperial Fleet blow his fuckin palace all over the Meditteranean! DEATH TO THE SCUMBAG!

Have you ever read The Death Merchant? Try it some time. I know the author. He's a riot (he's also an anti-liberal, anti-commie, patriotic, imperialist American.)

((I am sure all GRAUSTARK readers are as grateful to Midshipman Highfield as I am, for showing us a typical picture of the dedication of an American officer as our imperial nation prepares for war.

((However, I am not altogether certain that his condemnation of liberals is altogether justified. As I have pointed out frequently in GRAUSTARK, liberals are just as devoted as conservatives to America's war effort and imperial supremacy in the world. Almost every American political leader who took us into the war against Vietnam, which the conservative President Ronald Reagan has called a Noble Cause, was a liberal. The declaration of war against Vietnam, in August 1964, had the support of President Johnson, Secretaries Rusk and McNamara, and Senators Kennedy, Fulbright, McGovern, Humphrey, Muskie, and Mondale. For further details, see the book cited on page 7. Even the losses with Flight 007 showed this. The two Members of Congress who died were both Democrats, one southern conservative and one northern liberal. Representative McDonald, who was on the plane, was leader of the John Birch Society. Senator Jackson, who died of an heart attack shortly after denouncing the Soviet attack on the plane, had a firmly liberal voting record which included uncompromising support for the war with Vietnam. If liberal Democrats are Pacifists, then the Rolling Stones are eunuchs.))

MARK MURRAY, 14220 Deloice Crescent, Newport News, Va. 23602 (5 August): I used to get GRAUSTARK on Tues or Wed, now it comes on Thurs or Friday. I will get letters from players the same day or the day after I get GRAUSTARK. E. G. - I got the last issue ((published on 30 July)) on

4 Aug. On 5 Aug I got letters from Russia and Turkey - both dated 2 Aug. ((They live in suburbs of New York City.))

JACK BRAWNER, 10596-B 2nd Way North, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33712: Didn't receive GRAUSTARK until Saturday. Was it because (1) mailed late (2) DAGON slowing it down or (3) USPS sucks?

((Probably (3) is correct. DAGON is usually completely prepared and printed a couple of days before GRAUSTARK is mailed out.))

PHILL COOPER, 3210 Nu Vista Lane, Tempe, Ariz. 85282 (27 August): Regarding Ezzio's letter in #478, I wholeheartedly concur with four-week deadlines which (I believe) would make postal Diplomacy more playable for your Far West subscribers.

KEN CORBIN, Route 1, Box 26-W, Philomath, Ore. 97370 (30 August): GRAUSTARK #478, postmarked Aug 22, finally arrived here on Aug 29. ((It was collated and mailed out on the 20th.)) I am being forced to the realization that playing Diplomacy in GRAUSTARK on a 3 week deadline is starting to become prohibitively expensive in terms of phone bills.

Moving the deadline up to Friday is not helping one bit. My usual strategy has been to firm up alliance strategy by phone on the weekend before the deadline, then get my orders in the mail Monday morning. With the Friday deadline & the postal snail express service, I can no longer count on them making it. You are forcing me into doing my calling at the more expensive week night rates.

One suggestion would be to retain the Saturday deadline for mailed orders and a Friday deadline for phone in orders. Another would be to grit your teeth & quietly announce that the continuing Postal Service degradation has made 3 week deadline postal Diplomacy impossible and drop back to a 4 week publishing schedule.

BOB BRAGDON, 6030 N. 16th St., Arlington, Va. 22205 (3 September): Another annal of the U. S. P. "Service": GRAUSTARK #478, 20 Aug '83, reached me in Arlington, Va. (suburb of Wash., D. C.) 27 Aug, but reached Hector Roybal in Los Angeles 25 Aug!!

JOE BAKER, P. O. Box 110, Cedar Park, Texas 78613 (5 September): I'd like to comment on a couple of things I've seen in recent issues of GRAUSTARK.

First, I remember reading an impassioned plea from one player that you extend deadline for a turn an extra 3-weeks in some cases where orders had not yet been received. I'm sure you wouldn't seriously consider such an alternative, but perhaps I can present an argument against it in any case. It wouldn't be fair to the other players in the game. Some players use knowledge of those deadlines in their negotiations with other players. Suppose the following scenario. I have submitted move orders that are going to be a surprise to my "Allies". I do not want to tell my ally beforehand because I fear that he will over-react. I write a letter of explanation to my ally - timing it to arrive after the move deadline (so that he can't submit orders based on mine) but before he sees the moves in GRAUSTARK (so that he won't be surprised when he sees the moves). Now suppose the gamemaster had extended the deadline another 3 weeks - I've compromised my plans through being unable to count on the deadline remaining firm. So please, don't ever do it.

Second, I've seen a suggestion that you consider going to 4-week game turns - instead of the current 3-week turns. USP"S" does seem to be getting slower - so it may be an alternative for you to study. The slower USP"S" gets - the more difficult it is to accomplish necessary negotiations via mail (instead of phone, which I don't like to do). My purpose in mentioning this is to say that if going to 4-week deadlines were to be necessary, I'd still stick with GRAUSTARK for my Diplomacy games.

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## STAB THE HABSBURGS!

ENGLAND (Hardiman): A Yor-Nwy; F Nth C A Yor-Nwy; F Nrg S A Yor-Nwy.  
 FRANCE (Brawner): A Pic-Bel; F Mid-Por; A Gas-Spa.  
 GERMANY (Kaplan): A Ruh-Mun; F Den holds; A Kie-Hol.  
 ITALY (Cameron): A Apu-Tun; F Ion C A Apu-Tun; A Tyr-Tri.  
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Chafetz): A Bud-Vie; F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre.  
 RUSSIA (Henricks): F Bot-Swe; A St.P-Nwy; A Gal S F Rum; F Rum holds.  
 TURKEY (Heuer): A Bul holds; A Con S A Bul; F Ank-Bla.

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

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (4)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Vie. (4)
FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (6)	RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (6)
GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5)	TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)
ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tri, Tun, Ven. (5)	

France may build three new units, Germany, Russia, and Italy may each build two, and England, Turkey, and Austria-Hungary may each build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 1983.

BERLIN to VENICE: I refused to be "Byrned" by any Italian. Before giving advice, make sure your own hands are clean. Go away.

BERLIN: The Kaiser Chuckles feels much better now that his troops have had a little exercise. Where next should He send His faithful.

BAVARIA: Lieutenant Dumbeck was seen roaming the hills in a small town south of Munich, uttering nonsense about being in the wrong time, and that peace was already settled. The Kaiser insisted that peace is not at hand, and won't be at hand for as long as the enemy are breathing, whoever they may be.

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY (continued from p. 8)

"It does help keep people slightly off-base," the State Department official said, since opposing forces cannot be sure the Marines won't suddenly be thrown into battle on the side of the government."

Furthermore, "an official who didn't want to be identified said yesterday it was the first time the administration had declared the U. S. role to be indispensable to the future of Lebanon."

That's definite enough for me, and ought to be for any American. It now becomes clear that the American presence in Lebanon has the same permanent character as does the American presence in Korea.

Rowland Evans and Robert Novak also confirm this fact in their column of 29 August in the New York Post. They described the fiery outburst with which Ambassador Robert McFarlane, successor to the well-meaning but weak Philip Habib, laid down the law to President Gemayel of Lebanon and Defense Minister Moshe Arens of Israel. Israeli forces were being withdrawn from Lebanon, against the wishes of President Reagan, who wanted them to stay in the Shuf region:

"A top State Dept. official...praised the envoy for 'a deliberate loss of his cool.'"

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## WAR BY PRESS RELEASE

ENGLAND (Peart): A Nwy holds; F Nrg S A Nwy; F Nth-Ska; F Edi-Nth.  
 FRANCE (Bragdon): A Por-Spa; A Par-Bur; A Pic S A Par-Bur; A Bre-Par;  
F Bel S ENGLISH F Edi-Nth.  
 GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Mun-Bur; A Kie-Ruh; A Ber-Mun; A Hol-Bel; F Den-Nth.  
 ITALY (Murray): A Ven-Tyr; A Tyr-Boh; A Tun-Apu; F Ion C A Tun-Apu.  
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Wasserman): A Vie S A Ser-Tri; A Ser-Tri; A Bud-Gal;  
F Alb S TURKISH F Aeg-Ion.  
 RUSSIA (Drakert): A St.P-Nwy; F Swe S A St.P-Nwy; A War-Gal; F Rum-  
 Bla; A Gal-Rum; A Sev S A Gal-Rum.  
 TURKEY (Follmer): A Con-Bul; A Arm-Ank; F Aeg S A Gre; A Gre S A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 1983.

BERLIN (DAMN): Despite rumors of conflict, the Imperial government emphatically denies that there is anything other than complete unanimity in the cabinet. Fleet Admiral Tirpitz agrees completely with Foreign Minister A. Freda DaRussuns that use of the Berlin shipyards would be unduly provocative, and that the best allocation of new Dutch and Danish resources is to give all of them to the army.

The glorious agreement of the glorious ministers of the glorious 2nd Reich sets a glorious example of why the glorious German people will gloriously achieve their glorious destiny!

BERLIN to LONDON & PARIS: I'll let you guys be the naval powers.

MUNICH to TYROLIA: Without even a word to me? Not even a letter timed to arrive after all moves were in but before publication? My feelings are hurt.

MUNICH (DAMN): No explanations from Berlin about the sudden shift in policy. 3rd Army troops, already equipped with special equipment for the Tyrolian Alps, were ordered into the muddy fields of Burgundy. No one knows how it shall all end.

BERLIN (DAMN): INTELLIGENCE SHOULD NOT BE BASED ON GUESSES OF ENEMY INTENT, BUT OF ENEMY CAPABILITY.

BROOKLYN (U. R. R. P.): That's pretty good advice to follow with regard to your own government, too.

BERLIN to PARIS: I have great respect for you, Bob - your armies are very capable.

VENICE to CONSTANTINOPLE: Sorry. Last minute information of an impending threat caused me to change my plans. Don't think it will affect you anyway. There'll be no problem supporting you back into Greece if need be.

VENICE to Gamesmaster: My GRAUSTARK arrived 30 Aug. Almost a week later than I normally get it. I actually got two letters of correspondence on the results on 27 Aug. This is becoming more regular lately. We must be at the end of the line or something. Other players should not wait for me to write first because there is no telling when by GRAUSTARK will arrive.

PARIS: Reward: a genuine 1812 croix de queue to anyone anywhere who can discern any logic in the moves of the three Western countries, including our own. Frankly, we are stumped. Who is attacking whom? Is anybody attacking anybody? Has peace broken out?

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new address is c/o Weis, 8706 Wly Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90035; 213-659-5352. The proposal for a draw is rejected. A press release appears on p. 19.

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"Spring 1903"

EASTWARD HO!

ENGLAND (J. Baker): F Nth-Eng; A Liv-Wal; F Bar-Nrg; A Nwy-St.P;  
F Swe-Ska.

FRANCE (Jordan): A Bel-Pic; A Spa-Tun; F Wes C A Spa-Tun; A Tus-Ven;  
A Mar-Pie; F Lyo-Tyr.

GERMANY (Ripper): F Bal-Kie; F Den & A Ruh hold; A Mun-Sil; A Boh S A  
Mun-Sil; A War-Gal; A Mos-Sev.

ITALY (Ezzio): F Eas S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Gre-Aeg; F Nap-Tyr; A Apu-  
Rom; A Tri-Ven; F Ion S F Nap-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rusnak): F Gre-Aeg; A Bul-Con; A Rum-Sev; A Gal-Ukr;  
A Vie-Boh; A Bud-Tri.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): F Arm-Bla; A Sev-Arm.

TURKEY (Greene): F Smy-Aeg; F Con-Bla; A Ank-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1903"  
moves is NOON, FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 1983. Press releases appear on p.  
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THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY (continued from p. 16)

"McFarlane then rose, said he would not waste time lis-  
tening to rebuttals and left the room. His attitude was more  
in the tradition of the U. S. Marines than striped-pants dip-  
lomacy."

According to Evans and Novak, the two Levantine politicians immediately  
began to shape up. Ambassador McFarlane has shown the lesser nations  
what they can expect from the Great Big United States of America if  
they do not instantly accede to our imperial demands.

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Technically, there is going to be an election next year. But after  
the way that President Reagan recently sandbagged the Democrats in Con-  
gress, we may wonder why they'll bother.

It began when the President suckered the Democrats into supporting  
his proposal to authorize \$8,400,000,000 in U. S. credits to the Inter-  
national Monetary Fund. This money would be used in loans to various  
nations with shaky economies.

This bill passed in the House of Representatives by only six votes,  
including those of several liberal Democrats who responded to a personal  
appeal in its favor by the President.

Now comes the snap of the trap. The National Republican Congres-  
sional Committee has issued a release blasting 20 of these Democrats for  
"having voted - with the President's leadership in the House - to per-  
mit the IMF to continue making loans to 'Communist dictatorships.'" (Patrick J. Buchanan, New York Post, 23 August 1983) The Republican  
Party is prepared to make support of this bail-out plan a campaign is-  
sue, and to accuse its supporters of being pro-Communist. President  
Reagan, in setting up the congressional Democrats for this attack, has  
proven himself a masterly political tactician.

In effect, next year's election will be fought between the Republi-  
can Party and the Communist Party. The National Republican Congressional  
Committee will see to this. Democrats will either have to outdo the Re-  
publicans in fervent hatred of everything Communistic, or risk getting  
labeled as a near thing to Communists themselves. Particularly after  
the Soviet attack on Flight 007, every American office-seeker will be  
forced to take a bitter, extreme, uncompromisingly anti-Communist and  
therefore anti-Pacifist position.

1982HI

"Winter 1906-Spring 1907"

## GERMAN ARMY LOST IN BALKAN MASSIF

In "Winter 1906", England built F Edi and Austria-Hungary removed A Gre. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Chafetz): A Cly-Edi; A Liv-Yor; F Edi-Nrg; F Nth & F Ska S F Nwy; A Ruh & A Kie S GERMAN A Mun; A Bur-Mar; F Nwy S GERMAN F Bal-Swe.

GERMANY (Quirk): A Mun holds; F Bal-Den; A Tri-Ser.

ITALY (D. Schwartz): A Rom S A Tus; A Tus S A Rom; F Tun holds; F Wes-Spã(s.c.).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gratto): F Eas-Smy; F Apu holds; F Nap-Rom; A Ven-Tus; A Pie S A Ven-Tus; A Tyr-Mun; A Vie-Tri.

RUSSIA (Goode): A St.P-Nwy; A Fin S F Swe; F Bot-Bal; F Swe S F Bot-Bal; A Ber S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tyr-Mun; A Sil S A Ber; A Mos-Ukr; F Ank-Con; F Ion-Tyr.

TURKEY (Kaplow): F Con-Bul(e.c.).

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian A Tus is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 1983.

TRIESTE - ASSOCIATE SECOND MINISTER TOURS HERE: Count Willi Von Schnearhause notes that "The unexpected arrival of the German army creates the possibility of animal health problems, especially for horses." Schnearhause has asked the German commander to disband his army and turn the sick horses over to the Animal Health Service for treatment.

## 1982P - PRESS RELEASE

LONDON to MOSCOW: No way Jose. Who says Russia is going to win anyway? If the Austrians ever give up their grandiose plans of glory & fame and cooperate with us the English vision of a Russia free Europe may yet become a reality.

## 1983L - PRESS RELEASES

TURKEY to RUSSIA: Dr. Kutyerpekerov, the Sultan did befool the seat of his pants - laughing! An advisor has informed me the reason you are called 'father of his people' is because your people do not know who their real fathers are. In addition, another advisor claims if they do not call you that an appointment is made with you, or your associate Dr. Kutyertitsov.

TURKEY to AUSTRIA: I don't except your surrender.

TURKEY to FRANCE: Vite, Vite!

~~ISRAEL~~ TURKEY to ENGLAND: What tourists?

TURKEY to ITALY: Thanks for the info.

TURKEY to GERMANY: We must have faith!

## 1983AJ - PRESS RELEASES

FRANCE to ITALY: Maybe, someday, saved by zero.

FRANCE to ENGLAND & GERMANY: Well what do we do now?

## 1983AX - LATE PRESS RELEASES

BERLIN to LONDON: 1) Have I committed myself (or should I be committed)?

2) F Den moved to defend against suspected Anglo-French attack on Holl.

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\_\_\_ - You're a stand-by;

see page \_\_\_\_.

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"If it takes a bloodbath,  
then let's get it over with."

- Ronald Reagan