

# GRAUSTARK

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## AMERICA AT WAR

The doubts and worries of the past are now at an end. American troops are now shooting at and killing Lebanese, and Lebanese are shooting at and killing American troops. This means, unequivocally, that our own beloved country, the Great Big United States of America, is once again at war.

Furthermore, this is a 20th-century war, of the sort we have come to know since our nation ceased to be just one among many nations, and set out on its obvious goal of world domination. In the old days, American statesmen considered themselves limited by the provisions of the 1787 Constitution, which provided that only Congress could declare war. But this provision has been obsolete since 1945, and now wars are declared by the only person who embodies the whole power and destiny of our imperial nation: His Excellency, the President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader, Ronald Wilson Reagan. It is by his will alone that American troops are now engaged against the enemy. The feeble attempts by Congress, to intrude itself onto his prerogatives with a "War Powers Act", are doomed to fail - in fact, have already failed. A few months ago, the Supreme Court ruled out such "legislative vetoes" on the acts of the President. And Secretary of State George Shultz has informed that pack of politicians that "the Reagan Administration would not feel bound by proposed legislation to invoke the War Powers Resolution." (Steven V. Roberts, New York Times, 27 September 1983) This is in precise analogy with the way in which President Johnson's Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach told Congress nearly 20 years ago that the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution was the "functional equivalent of a declaration of war" and that even without it, the President would be entirely within his prerogatives in going to war on his own without the approval of Congress. Since Katzenbach, like Johnson, was a liberal Democrat, this action ought to destroy once and for all the notion, promoted by a few partisan politicians, that liberal Democrats are somehow less devoted to America's war effort than are conservative Republicans.

Nor is Lebanon to be the only theater of operations. According to Anthony Lewis (New York Times, 17 October 1983) there are now 45,000 U. S. troops in Honduras. These are obviously poised to crush the obstreperous Nicaraguan government, which has committed the ultimate disloyalty and folly of trying to remove Nicaragua from American control. They might also support the government of El Salvador in an effort against comparably motivated guerrilleros in that country.

And it could go yet further. "The plane the President would use as a flying command post in the event of a nuclear attack will be moved to Indiana" from its present location in Maryland. (New York Times, 26 September 1983) Since the possibility of nuclear war would render pointless any further "arms limitation" talks, "the Reagan administration has ruled out high-level negotiations with the Soviet Union aimed at winning an arms control agreement before the deployment of United States nuclear

1982F

"Fall 1910"

THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT THROWN BACK

ENGLAND (Corbin): F St.P(n.c.) holds; F Nth-Hel; F Den S F Nth-Hel; A Hol S FRENCH A Ruh-Kie; A Bur-Mun; F Mid-Nat.

FRANCE (Stone): En-Nth; A Ruh-Kie; A Pie S A Ruh-nie((sic)); F Tyr-Wes; F Wes-Mid.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Quirk): A Gal-Rum; A Bud S A Gal-Rum; F Ion-Aeg; F Gre S F Ion-Aeg; Nap-Ion; A Tri-Ser; A Ven-Tri; A Tyr S ENGLISH A Bur-Mun.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): A Kie-Hol; F Hel S A Kie-Hol; A Mun-Ruh; A Sil-Boh; A War-Gal; A Nwy & A Rum hold; A Mos-St.P; A Fin S A Mos-St.P; A Sev & F Bul(e.c.) S A Rum; F Smy-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. England retreats F St.P(n.c.)-Bar, and Russia retreats A Kie-Ber. The Russian F Hel is dislodged and annihilated. Paul Rauterberg is now playing Russia, and we are in the peculiar position of having all four surviving countries played by stand-by players. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Hol, Mun, Por. (7)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Kie, Mar, Par, Spa. (6)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Lud, Gre, Nap, Rom, Ser, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (9)

RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Bul, Con, War, Mos, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Sev, Smy, Swe. (12)

Each player may build one new unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1910" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 1983.

1982CV

"Fall 1909"

THE BIG STAND-OFF

In the last issue the Italian move "F Ven-Apu" was incorrectly underlined as failing. In fact it succeeded. Both votes, for a concession to France and for a draw, fail of the necessary unanimity, and are again submitted to the players. Press releases are on page 8.

ENGLAND (Verheiden): A Nwy S FRENCH F Bal-Swe; F Nth S A Nwy.

FRANCE (Kaplan): F Nrg-Edi; F Nat-Nrg; F Kie-Bal; F Bal-Swe; F Den S F Bal-Swe; A Pru-Ber; A Mun-Tyr; A Boh-Vie; A Tri-Ven; F Adr S A Tri-Ven; F Lyo-Tyr; A Bur-Mun; F Pic-Eng.

ITALY (Brawner): No moves received. A Nap, F Apu & F gre hold; A Ven dislodged and removed.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): A Con-Smy; A Bul holds; A Run-Gal; A Vie S A Run-Gal; A Ser & A Bud S ITALIAN A Ven-Tri; A Gal-War; A Sil-Boh; A War-Liv; A Fin S F Swe; F Bar-Nwy; F Bot S A War-Liv; F Swe S F Bar-Nwy.

TURKEY (Aicken): F Aeg-Bul(s.c.).

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

ENGLAND: Lon, Nwy. (2)

FRANCE: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Edi, St.P, Sev, Ser, Smy, Swe, Vie, War. (13)

Hol, Kie, Liv, Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Spa, Tri, Ven. (15)

TURKEY: Tun. (1)

ITALY: Gre, Nap, Rom. (3)

France may build two units. These "Winter 1909" builds should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by MONDAY 31 OCTOBER 1983. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 1983. Stand-by moves for Italy should be sent in by Phill Cooper, 3210 Nu Vista Lane, Tempe, Ariz. 85282.

1982IM

"Fall 1906"

## GERMANS SACK ROME; 1527 RECORD FALLS

ENGLAND (Corbin): F Wes-Tun; F Lyo-Tyr; A Boh-Vie; F Nth & A Bel hold.  
 FRANCE (Ferguson): A Pie-Ven; A Tyr S A Pie-Ven; A Tus S GERMAN A Ven-Rom; F Naf S ENGLISH F Wes-Tun; F Mid-Wes; F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo.  
 GERMANY (Ellis): A Ber-Mun; A Sil S RUSSIAN A War-Gal; A Mun-Boh; A Ven-Rom.  
 ITALY (Belliveau): A Rom holds; F Tyr S A Rom.  
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Pearson): A Bud-Vie; A Gal S A Bud-Vie; A Tri S A Bud-Vie; A Ser S A Tri; F Tun holds.  
 RUSSIA (Bragdon): A War-Gal; A Liv-War; A Ukr-Rum; A Mos-Sev; F Den-Swe.  
 TURKEY (Roybal): No moves received. A Sev, A Rum, F Bla, F Con & F Aeg hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Gal-Bud, F Tun-Ion. Italy must retreat A Rom-Apu or -Nap; the direction of this retreat should come in with the "Winter 1906" orders, which may be made dependent upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Tun. (6)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (5)
FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Ven. (6)	RUSSIA: Den, Mos, St.P, Swe, War. (5)
GERMANY: Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun, Rom. (5)	TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Rum, Sev, Smy. (6)
ITALY: Nap. (1)	

England, Germany, and Turkey may each build one unit, and Italy must re-move one. The deadline for these "Winter 1906" orders is NOON, SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 1983. Stand-by orders for Turkey should be sent in by Bill Hardiman, P. O. Box 919, Port Ewen, N. Y. 12466-0919. Some press releases appear on page 11; others have been postponed to the next issue.

1983IN

"Fall 1906"

## WESTERN ALLIANCE SHATTERS!

ENGLAND (Ticossi): F Nrg-Nat; A Edi-Liv; F Nth-Lon; A Den-Kie; F Kie-Ber; F Bal S F Kie-Ber; A Fin-St.P; A St.P-Mos; A Liv S A St.P-Mos.  
 FRANCE (J. Schwartz): A Pie-Ven; F Apu S A Pie-Ven; A Mar-Pie; A Mun-Sil; A Bur-Mun; F Ion-Gre; F Aeg S F Ion-Gre; F Eng-Lon; A Mos-War; F Rom & A Hol hold.  
 GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Ber-Kie.  
 ITALY (Wienczek): A Ven S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tri-Tyr.  
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Gal-War; A Bud & A Ser S A Rum; A Rum S A Ser; A Tri S ITALIAN A Ven.  
 RUSSIA (La Rocco): A Sev-Rum; A Bul S A Sev-Rum; F Bla & A Con S A Bul; "A Smyrna Con-Tunis".  
 TURKEY (Rynkiewicz): F Gre S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ser-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Mos-Ukr, Germany retreats A Ber-Pru, and Turkey retreats F Gre-Alb. Art Ticossi is now playing England. A press release appears on page 12. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Ber, Den, Edi, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mos, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (10)	FRANCE: Bel, Brè, Gre, Hol, Mar, Hun, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, War. (13)
ITALY: Ven. (1)	

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY. Bud, Rum, Ser, TRI, Vie. (5) RUSSIA: Ank, Bul, Con, Sev, Smy. (5)

France may build two new units, and England may build one. The last German and Turkish units are removed. The deadline for these "Winter 1906" builds, which must be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, is MONDAY 31 OCTOBER 1983. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 1983.

1983AX

"Winter 1902-Spring 1903"

#### INERTIA TEUTONICA

In "Winter 1902" Turkey built F Smy. France deferred the build.

ENGLAND (Peart): F Nth-Den; F Nrg-Bar; F Ska-Swe; A Nwy S F Ska-Swe.

FRANCE (Bragdon): F Bel S ENGLISH F Nrg-Nth; A Pic S F Bel; A Bur S ITALIAN A Tyr-Hun; A Par S A Bur; A Spa-Gas.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): No moves received; F Den, A Hol, A Ber, A Ruh & A Hun hold.

ITALY (Murray): A Boh-Sil; A Tyr-Boh; A Ven-Tyr; F Ion-Eas.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Wasserman): No moves received; A Vie, A Bud, A Tri & F Alb hold.

RUSSIA (Drakert): A St.P-Nwy; F Swe S A St.P-Nwy; A Mos-Ukr; A War-Gal; F Bla holds; A Rum S TURKISH A Gre-Ser.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 1983. Press releases appear on page 6. Stand-by moves should be sent in by:

GERMANY: Ken Corbin, Route 1, Box 26-W, Philomath, Ore. 97370; 503-929-3223

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Michael Quirk, 3830 Chester Dr., Glenview, Ill. 60025; 312-498-1377.

#### NEW BLOOD

The following people have written in asking about postal Diplomacy games in GRAUSTARK:

Norman D. Chase, 1482 Pompey Dr., San Jose, Calif. 95128

Chris Downs, 742 Spring, Alton, Ill. 62002

Tim Enright, 2285 Lancelot Dr., North Huntingdon, Penn. 15642

Peter J. Gaughan, #130, 509 Sandpiper Dr., Arlington, Tex. 76013

Raymond Schoo, 61 S. 10th Ave., Beech Grove, Ind. 46107

Moshe Simon, 170 E. 83rd St., New York, N. Y. 10028

John Weinstein, 431 Joline Hall, Mathey College, Princeton University, Princeton, N. J. 08544

Two new postal Diplomacy games are now being organized in GRAUSTARK, and so the potential players will have to expect a bit of a delay. One game is limited to quite experienced postal Diplomacy players, as were 1982CP and the recently completed 1982R. The other will be for newer players. So far, three entires are in for the veterans' game, and two for the newcomers' game.

The entry fee for postal Diplomacy is \$15. If you do not have a copy of GRAUSTARK #437, in which the postal rules were last published, please ask for one when you send in your \$15. With your entry fee, please send a list of the countries that you'd like to play, in your order of preference. Your subscription is included with the game fee, for as long as the game lasts.

1983AJ

"Winter 1903"

Austria-Hungary does not have a home supply center in which to build, as Trieste is Italian, and Vienna and Budapest are occupied.

ENGLAND (E. J. Baker): Builds

FRANCE (Jordan): Removes A Pie.

F Liv, A Lon.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): Removes A Sev.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 1983. Eric Verheiden, whose address was printed in the last issue, should send in stand-by moves for Turkey. There is a press release on page 8.

1981IQ

"Winter 1912"

In the "Fall 1912" report, the Turkish move "F Con-Bul(e.c.)" was misprinted as "F Con-Bul(s.c.)". The fleet is actually at Bul(e.c.). The vote for a draw again fails of the necessary unanimity, and is again submitted to the players. Russia ordered the retreat F Kie-Hel and France ordered the retreat F Nth-Hel. Both units are therefore removed. This constitutes the Russian removal, and gives France another build.

FRANCE (Martin): Builds A Par,

TURKEY (Cooper): Builds A Con.

F Bre, A Mar.

The deadline for "Spring 1913" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 1983. MOSCOW to PARIS: We have learned through the years of playing Diplomacy that the true meaning of the words "Sorry but you made me nervous" really implies that the issuer felt that the time was right to stab the issue. (Say John how's the syntax on that line.)\* Dick you latest longer than most but not quite as long as I had hoped for. You may not believe this but I was serious about ending the game in a two-way draw with you on top. We'll just have to see how things develop. From here on out I'll vote for a three way draw.

1983L

"Winter 1904"

FRANCE (London): Removes A Tus.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Cameron): Builds

ITALY (Rauterberg) Builds F Nap.

A Vie, A Bud.

TURKEY (Peart) Removes A Ank.

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 1983. John Aicken, whose address appeared in the last issue, should send in stand-by moves for Germany. Earlier press releases appear on page 8.

ROME to PARIS: What do you have to gain by not negotiating with us? Do you enjoy being taken to the cleaners by Austria?

ROME to LONDON and VIENNA: Just tell me what you guys want. I have a feeling that I can accomodate both of you!

1983AS

"Winter 1902"

GERMANY (Jordan) Removes A Den.

RUSSIA (Bowen): Removes F Nwy,

ITALY (Swinger): Builds F Rom.

F Arm.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kline): Builds

TURKEY (Hardiman): Builds A Smy.

A Vie, A Bud.

The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 1983. After two game years there are still two neutral supply centers: Tunis and Portugal. Press releases appear on page 8.

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Has GRAUSTARK reverted? Well, yes, for one issue. The next deadline will be on a Saturday, because Friday 11 November is a holiday with no mail delivery. Incidentally, the allotting on deadlines is running at present in favor of a 4-week deadline, but only by a small margin over a 3-week deadline. If you haven't already sent in the questionnaire you got with the last GRAUSTARK, please get it in by the 31st.

I am still undecided as to whether I will follow the recommendations of a majority of the respondents.

## AMERICA AT WAR (continued from p. 1)

missiles in Europe in December, a senior administration official said yesterday." (Barbara Rehm, New York Daily News, 7 October 1983) Besides, Kenneth Adelman, the principal American negotiator, has long since called such talks "a sham", designed to defuse domestic political dissent rather than actually to reduce the number of nuclear weapons.

In January, in a development discussed in a front-page editorial in GRAUSTARK #468, the Great Big United States of America revealed that it was planning first use of nuclear weapons. Every other nation that possesses nuclear capability has declared against first use, thus giving out Empire an incalculable advantage in the next nuclear war. It was this revelation of American preparedness for a nuclear first strike that led this publication to begin using the term "Great Big United States of America" as a measure of our Empire's predominant status and assured total domination of the world.

During the present war, absolute loyalty and support is expected not only from America's citizens, but from every human being. Of the many Lebanese war-lords, each in command of his own band, the President of Lebanon is Amin Gemayel. This is so because the Great Big United States of America says it is so, and this is the only title that President Gemayel or any leader needs in any of the subject allies of our Empire. In Nicaragua the rebels are right and the government is wrong, and in El Salvador the government is right and the rebels are wrong. The same universal reason governs these situations as well. As for Europe, William A. Root, director of the Office of East-West Trade, put it this way: "the United States had been redoubling our efforts to convey to our Allies that their views do not count, that we know best and that they had better shape up." (New York Times, 26 September 1983) Patrick J. Buchanan, a former speech-writer for President Nixon, put it more bluntly in the New York Post of 14 October 1983: "...the Union of Concerned Scientists and Educators for Social Responsibility, pro-freeze organizations the titles of which should cause a reasonable man to release the safety catch on his revolver." So much for the anti-nuclear movement.

Another such attack is being loosed on the American Broadcasting Company's plan to show a two-hour TV film entitled The Day After. In a lead editorial on 23 September 1983, the New York Post asked: "Why is ABC doing Yuri Andropov's job?" On the previous day, the Post revealed that corporate advertisers were steering clear of this extravaganza, and that none of the 25 advertising spots have been sold. The film is presently planned to go on the air on Sunday 20 November 1983. Of course, President Reagan may step in to keep this from happening. In a nation at war, a TV network's "right" to show what it pleases must shrink into insignificance next to America's military needs. And it is vitally important to America's military domination over the entire world that the prospects of nuclear war should fill the public not with despair, but with hope and pride. A film showing widespread destruction as the result of a nuclear war is scarcely the way to promote such an attitude. After all, it is not the Great Big United States of America, but its enemies, that will suffer this disaster in the event of a nuclear war.

These same considerations hold for each of us. Neutrality will not be an option open to our Empire's subjects, here or abroad, now that we are at war. Support of this war is compulsory. First the overt and unashamed Pacifists will be put out of the way. Then, once they are gone, suspicions will light upon those who give insincere or insufficient support to the Imperial war effort. After all the beatings, jailings, and shootings visited upon Pacifists during the war with Vietnam, I do not propose to be caught in this trap. Neither should any of you.

## THE GREAT ALL-STAR DIPLOMACY GAME

By Marc Hurwitz

## VIII - Jonathan Wills (Winter 1902)

"Do come in, Mr. Smith. Actually, I should call you Barrister Smith, eh?"

"Somehow, Jonathan, I can't help but feel that you're trying to cover up the effects Gottlieb's suicide has had on us all."

I sigh. Of course, the man's right. I've been overcome with guilt, as have Mr. Godowski and Mr. Johnson, ever since a maid found Gottlieb hanging from the balcony above his own, his feet swaying over the balcony silhouetted by the sun rising over the Caribbean. Meanwhile, this little swine is having a sadistic ball at my expense, his mock sympathy merely accentuating his glee. Well, it won't be cheap.

"Are you implying something, Mr. Smith? If so I suggest you contact the police. Oh, by the way, how is Mr. Manochi doing? Has he recovered from the bug he caught from room service?"

He sighs, pretending to be weary. Ha! He's one of the greedier ones. The money means little to me - I won't live long enough to enjoy it properly.

"Look, John, just forget I said it, ok? I just meant that everyone's been feeling a bit down lately, that's all. I just want to talk about the game - alright?"

"Very well."

"Together we can crush Germany and England. Manochi's hopelessly behind - he's lost tempo. Build a fleet on the north coast of St. Pete. We can string Germany along for the moment. We all know what he's like, John - the odd events thus far will reduce whatever mathematical plan he's got to shreds. You and I - we're different from the others. We've got education, we've got, well, class. Do you really want to ally with a nincompoop like Johnson, or a reformed tough like Godowski?"

He's got a point. He's got a POINT! As long as I'm forced to deal with scum, I may as well deal with educated and well-mannered scum?

"I don't particularly like you, Mr. Smith, but then again I don't particularly like anyone in this game. Let's talk tactics."

ENGLAND (Manochi): Removes F Ska.

FRANCE (Smith): Builds F Bre.

ITALY (Johnson): Builds F Nap, F Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (deceased): Removes F Alb. (by the rules)

RUSSIA (Wills): Builds A St.P, A War.

TURKEY (Godowski): Builds F Smy.

## 1983AX - PRESS RELEASES

MUNICH (DAMN): The experienced veterans of the 3rd Army needed not fear the Italian build-up to the South, acc. to General Rudolph Donner-Blitzen. Said the General, "Why, dey are nuting but a bunch of green troops!"

BERLIN to PARIS: The answers are - your large army and mine are stalemating each other while the noitherner grabs supply centers and chuckles with glee. Why did you build two armies?

CONSTANTINOPLE to VIENNA: I prefer my untrustworthy (your term) Russian allies.

CONSTANTINOPLE to ROME: What did you gain?

BERLIN to VIENNA: Congratulations on a successful defense!

BERLIN to ROME: Gee, you don't lie and you don't tell the truth. You just don't talk at all. You're just no fun anymore, Mark.

KIEL (DANN): Kaptan I. M. Becile of Naval Intelligence at a Navy press conference announced that the English have the world's largest fleet. In a brilliant analysis, he explained that this was because they were the only ones building ships. The incisive & penetrating presentation only goes to show that no-one can fool us Germans, nope!

ENGLAND to those concerned: The King has discovered a treacherous scallywag among his acquaintances and has rewritten his countries Constitution.

BERLIN to PARIS: Had you only developed your maritime capability, a lively trade in wine & beer might have developed. As it is, due to your construction of armies, millions of Frenchmen & Germans will drink mud & blood.

CONSTANTINOPLE to VIENNA: I prefer my untrustworthy (your terr) Russian friends.

CONSTANTINOPLE to ROME: What did it gain you?

#### 1983L - PRESS RELEASES

AUSTRIA to GERMANY: Oh my god--not you too!

VIENNA: Oh where, oh where can my allies be?

The Lord took them away from me,

Two NMRed and one resigned,

And left the poor Kaiser in an awful bind.

#### 1982CV - PRESS RELEASE

TURKEY oto anyone who cares to listen: Haven't we had enough of this silly war? What say we pick up our marbles (some of us should use the singular) and go about our separate ways.

THE NETHERLAND to LESBOS: Hey Eric, the Frenchman's name is Kaplan, not Kelly. If you throw this game to Chuck, he probably isn't in a position to throw a game of equal value to you. That was the old arrangement, wasn't it?

#### 1983AJ - PRESS RELEASE

ROME: Benito Mussoloni, an obscure member of the Committee of Twelve, was overheard muttering to himself repeatedly during a recent meeting, "Mare Nostro, Mare Nostro..."

#### 1983AS - PRESS RELEASES

AUSTRIA to GERMANY, ITALY & TURKEY: We prepare this winter for the beginning of the final days of Tsarist Russia.

AUSTRIA to RUSSIA: Reside quietly now in the lonely cold of your steppes, for soon we will set fire to them.

AUSTRIA to ENGLAND: You might as well take what you can from the dying bear lest you go hungry altogether.

PARIS to World: So this is how it feels to be stabbed. I can't even lean back.

#### 1983HF - PRESS RELEASES

TURKEY to RUSSIA: Sorry, Ted, but Sevastopol looks so much nicer than Budapest.

TURKEY to FRANCE: The warmongers may die, but what shall I get?



## 1982R - GAME REVIEWS

LAWRENCE CHAFETZ (France): I want to thank & compliment Belliveau. Without his help and trust the game could have turned out completely different.

I also set out to prove in this game that my word once firmly given is my bond. I could have attacked Germany and taken Edinburgh & possibly Holland but this would have been a stab to a country that had given me aid and support.

I firmly believe that AH & I should have won this game. In my opinion they made two mistakes both of which were serious and together destroyed them.

First they should have reduced Turkey to two or less bases before they moved against Russia & France.

Second Italy is the country that needs bases to protect himself not AH. AH should have given Italy some of his own bases in 04 or 05.

Especially if France is free to concentrate his forces against Italy.

In closing I would like to say that without Ripper's aid this game would either still be going on or a five way draw would have occurred.

TOM RIPPER (Turkey): I feel very fortunate to share in a three-way draw in this game. My thanks to Dick Belliveau and Larry Chafetz for including me. I could have just as easily been eliminated early in the game. In fact, this game might have ended up a Russia, Austria and Italy draw had that alliance stuck together. Instead Austria and Italy stabbed Russia once the three of them had contained me. The stab had come too early, and with help from Russia I was able to hold out until Germany and France finished off England and turned on Austria and Italy. Austria and Italy were forced to turn and defend their home centers allowing me to improve my position and pick the time of my attack. Timing and position were important as Austria had threatened that he and Italy would take me down with them if I helped Germany and France, and I believed him. Once I attacked them, Austria and Italy were certain to fall. I had to have a strong enough position at the time not only to survive any suicide actions by Austria and Italy, but also to discourage France and Germany from making 1982R a two-way draw.

BOB BRAGDON (Austria-Hungary): Playing this country in this company, I was surprised to last as long as I did. My main asset was a strong alliance with Italy from the start. Russia helped us both early on against Turkey and then I won a few more centers when Germany decided to expand eastward against Russia instead of southward against me. With his northern and eastern flanks covered, Italy meanwhile was keeping France from pay dirt in the Mediterranean. As late as 1904, Italy and I appeared to have a good chance of sharing in a four-way draw.

The Austrian-Italian demise in 1908-09 was, I think, due mainly to three developments - a piece of bad luck, a judgment call that didn't work out, and a clear mistake in tactics. The bad luck was an early English NMR that enabled France to finish England up quickly and shift forces against Italy. The judgment call was my failure to stab Germany in Fall 1904 when (as the orders later showed) I could have taken Munich. This gain would have stacked the deck more in my favor in the German-Austrian war that followed. It was a tough decision, however, and I might do the same thing again. Dick Belliveau had been a cooperative partner. By not stabbing him, I kept open the possibility that he might turn against France instead of against me.

Not so fuzzy is the case of the bumbling Austro-Italian operations against Turkey. There was no excuse for not eliminating Turkey when we had the chance in 1902-03. The best chance was in Fall 1902, when Rus-

sia offered to support one of our units into Smyrna. This would have cut Turkey down to two units, which would have been easy to eliminate with the forces we had available. Failing to mount the most effective offense, we had to rely on Turkish mistakes. Turkey was Tom Ripper, however, and Tom was not about to give us any freebies.

The rest was anticlimax. By 1905, it was clear that Italy and Austria could not continue to hold off France and Germany unless we brought up reinforcements from the Turkish front. This meant hoping that Turkey would not reciprocate our earlier attacks with raids on our rear. With little grounds for such hope, we nevertheless grasped at this straw because it was no worse than the alternative - a two-front war against F, G, and T that would certainly have knocked us out of the game by 1907. As it turned out, Turkey postponed his assault on us for a year, pretending temporarily to be working with us towards a five-way draw. It is not surprising that Tom preferred the three-way draw that he got by attacking us in 1907.

Congratulations to the winners - Larry, Dick, and Tom - who moved and bargained astutely throughout the game. And thanks to Bill Drakert for showing that a game-long alliance can be fun as well as productive.

1983HF

"Spring 1901"

## RUSSIA INVADES GERMANY!

ENGLAND (Follmer): F Edi-Nth; F Lon-Eng; A Liv-Yor.

FRANCE (G. Baker): A Par-Pic; F Bre-Eng; A Mar-Spa.

GERMANY (Quarto): F Kie-Den; A Ber-Kie; A Mun-Ruh.

ITALY (Scharf): A Ven-Pie; F Nap-Tyr; A Rom holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brawner): A Vie-Tyr; A Bud-Ser; F Tri-Alb.

RUSSIA (London): F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; A War-Sil; F Sev-Rum; A Mos-Sev.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 1983. Earlier press releases appear on page 8.

FRANCE to GERMANY: Together we'll protect the sacred soil of France.

FRANCE to ITALY: O. K.

ITALY to FRANCE: What can possibly happen between those who do not talk but the worst.

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"Winter 1901"

ENGLAND (Clarke): Builds F Lon. ITALY (Speidel): Builds F Nap.

FRANCE (Wallick): Builds A Mar, A Par, F Bre. RUSSIA (Jordan): Builds A St.P, A War, F Sev.

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TURKEY to RUSSIA: With allies like you, who needs enemies?

TURKEY to ITALY: Don't trust the Tsar, look what he did to me.

TURKEY to EUROPE: Heed my prophecy. Step the red tide now or Europe will be ruled from Moscow (Idaho that is)!

1983CP

"Spring 1902"

## WHO WILL STAB THE STABBERS?

ENGLAND (Hardiman): A Nwy S GERMAN F Den-Swe; F Nrg & F Nth S A Nvy;  
F Lon S F Nth.

FRANCE (Brawner): F Bre-Eng; A Par-Bur; A Bel-Bur; F Por-Mid; A Spa-  
Gas; F Mar-Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Kaplan): A Pol holds; F Den-Ska; F Kie-Den; A Mun-Tyr; A  
Ber-Kie.

ITALY (Cameron): A Tri holds; A Ven S A Tri; A Tun-Alb; F Ion C A  
Tun-Alb; F Nap-Apu.

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

RUSSIA (Henricks): F Sev S F Rum; F Rum S F Sev; A Gal-Bud; E Swe-  
Nwy; A St.P S F Swe-Nwy; A Mos S A St.P.

TURKEY (Heuer): F Smy-Aeg; A Bul S ITALIAN A Tri-Ser; A Con & F Bla  
S A Bul.

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BERLIN: The Kaiser paced the floors, "Where can my armies go? My fleets will mutiny if ordered to any large body of water. My armies refuse to enter the plains. I need an air force." At that point, the Kaiser went to his hobby room and started working on his model airplanes, with his good friend the Red Baron.

1982HI

"Winter 1907"

Following "Fall 1907" moves England retreats A Mar-Gas and F Nwy-Bar, while Germany removes the dislodged A Mun. These moves came in by immediate return mail, and all players with "Winter 1907" moves were informed.

ENGLAND (Chafetz): Removes A Yor.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gratto): Builds A Vie.

RUSSIA (Goode): Builds A War, defers one build.

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## 1982IM - PRESS RELEASES

BERLIN to LONDON, PARIS, and ST. PETERSBURG: Gentlemen, it would seem as if our alliance has all but crushed the opposition in the South. If it makes any difference whatsoever, let me say now that I have changed my mind and would be willing to vote for an E/F/G/R after our Southern opponents are slain. Does anyone else feel differently about the way they voted on this matter earlier?

BERLIN to MOSCOW: I knew something wasn't quite right with Ferguson's claim to be author of "How to Toady for Fun and Profit". If anyone would be the author of such a booklet, I'm afraid it would be myself. That stage in Germany's history, however, is past.

KAISER to World: Come on guys! Liven this game up a little! What ever happened to the good ol' days when press was not on the endangered species list? Get those printers rolling people.

## 1983CW - PRESS RELEASES

ROME: 'Twas a dark and stormy night. Lightning flashes sent shadows dancing crazily about the ill-lit, dusty room, shadows of a figure sinister enough in daylight, but now made grotesque by the gloom, and a sick gleam in his eye. It was Dr. Speidel, the mad Prime Minister of Italy. He laughed, a horrible thing. "Ha ha, that's it, Eastern Med. in '01! Ha ha ha ha hee hee hee ho!"

LONDON (British Press): Today our Glorious King announced that the North Sea fleet has been sent to save the freedom loving people of Denmark from the oppression of the German Barbarians.

Also today the King announced the annexation of Norway. Said the King, "The recent mugging of two British citizens in that land can not go unpunished."

GERMANY to EUROPE: You're making it very difficult to be trusting.

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O At  
P Great  
E Intervals  
R This  
A Appears  
T To  
I Inflamm  
O Optic  
N Nerves

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## 1983CP - PRESS RELEASE

MILANO: A team of genetic engineers in this city have developed a completely new fruit which they have dubbed the "otney". The otney, which is the size of a softball, has a gray, scaly skin and a slimy, vile smelling meat.

Said chief of the project, Dr. Guido "Wax Lips" Molinaro, "We're not sure what the nutritional value of the otney is, but we've made some otney cider, otney tarts and Dr. Bardolini's mother has baked a yummy looking otney pie. Unfortunately, none of us have yet had the nerve to eat an otney so we don't know what it tastes like. Even the cat wouldn't touch it."

## 1982IN - PRESS RELEASE

BERLIN (DAMN): Kaiser Wilhelm announced today, "The worst part of the war is over."

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