

GRAUSTARK

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1983AJ

"Spring 1904"

FRENCH MOBILIZE AGAINST ENGLAND INVASION

ENGLAND (J. Baker): A St.P-Mos; F Nwy-Nth; F Liv-Iri; F Nat-Mid; A Lon-Pic; F Eng C A Lon-Pic; A Bre S A Lon-Pic.

FRANCE (Jordan): A Pic-Par; A Naf-Gas; F Mid C A Naf-Gas; A Mar-Bur; F Spa (s.c.) S F Mid.

GERMANY (Ripper): A Mos-Ukr; A War-Gal; A Sil & A Boh S A War-Gal; A Ruh-Bur; F Hol-Bel; F Den-Kie.

ITALY (Ezzio): F Eas-Smy; F Tun-Naf; F Tyr-Wes; A Rom-Tus; A Ven-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rusnak): A Vie-Tyr; A Bud-Vie; A Gal-Ukr; A Rum-Sev; F Con-Ank; A Bul not ordered, holds.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): F Arm-Ank.

TURKEY (Greene): F Smy-Syr; A Ank-Arm.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Gal-Rum. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 1983.

1982P

"Winter 1910"

ENGLAND (Corbin): Builds A Edi.

FRANCE (Stone): Builds A Par.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Quirk): Builds A Vie.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): Builds A Mos.

The deadline for "Spring 1911" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 1983.

LONDON to MOSCOW: Welcome to the game, unfortunately you are taking over a country past behavior deserves its immediate elimination. No hard feelings.

FRANCE to All: How's about some press before this game dies of boredom?

FRANCE to ENGLAND: I must say, this certainly does look better than when we entered, doesn't it?

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1983AX

"Fall 1903"

ITALIANS GET INTO UNEXPECTED PLACES

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

FRANCE (Bragdon): A Bur-Ruh; F Bel holds; A Pic S F Bel; A Par-Bur; A Gas S A Par-Bur.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Mun-Bur; A Ruh S A Mun-Bur; F Den-Ska; A Ber-Boh((sic)); A Hol-Bel.

ITALY (Murray): A Sil-Ber; A Boh-Mun; A Tyr S A Boh-Mun; F Ion-Gre.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Wasserman): A Vie S A Rud; A Tri-Ser; A Bud S A Tri-Ser; F Alb S ITALIAN F Ion-Gre.

RUSSIA (Drakert): A St.P-Nwy; F Swe S A St.P-Nwy; A Ukr-War; A Gal-Sil; F Bla-Rum; A Rum-Bud.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Mun-Kie, and Russia retreats A St.P-Fin, -Liv, or -Mos. The direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1903" orders, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P. (5)

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

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

ITALY: Gre, Mun, Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (6)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Tri, Vie. (3)

RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, Sev, Swe, War. (5)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Ser, Smy. (5)

Italy may build two new units, and England and France may each build one. Germany, Russia, and Austria-Hungary must each remove one unit. The deadline for these

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IRON RING SURROUNDS GOLDEN FLEECE

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

FRANCE (Brawner): A Bel-Lon; F Eng C A Bel-Lon; F Mid-Iri; F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; A Par-Pic; A Gas holds.

GERMANY (Kaplan): A Hol holds; F Ska-Nwy; F Den-Nth; A Tyr-Vie; A Kie-Mun.

ITALY (Cameron): A Ven-Tri; F Apu-Adr; F Ion S TURKISH A Con-Gre; "A Tun meets Godzilla".

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

RUSSIA (Henricks): A St.P S F Swe((sic)); A Mos S A St.P; F Swe S GERMAN F Ska-Nwy; F Sev S F Rum; F Rum S TURKISH F Bla-Bul; A Bud-Vie.

TURKEY (Heuer): A Con-Gre; F Aeg C A Con-Gre; A Bul-Ser; F Bla-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. England retreats A Nwy-Fin. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ser, Tri, Vie. (3)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa.

RUSSIA: Bud, Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (7)

(6)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Nwy. (6) TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Smy. (5)

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

Russia, Turkey, and Germany may each build one unit, and England and Austria-Hungary must each remove one. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 1983. Jack Brawner's new phone number is 813-864-4423.

VIENNA: The Austrian Court announces that do to move from Bud to Vienna has caused the Emperor to auction off his Greek statues to the highest bidder. He was heard to utter one word upon the news from Budapest, "Hilfa".

MILANO: Scientists working here on developing the newly invented Italian fruit the otney, have recommended that it not be used for human consumption. "We don't want to alarm anybody," said Dr. Molinaro, chief developer of the new fruit, "but we've just discovered that eating an otney will result in a slow and horrible death."

The doctor went on to apologize for marketing the otney before it had been fully tested and added that anybody who may have eaten one should immediately flush their mouth with water and prevent absorption of the otney into their body via their digestive system by drinking a can of radiator sealant.

BERLIN to PARIS: Hello?

BERLIN to ST. PETE: Hello?

BERLIN to ROME: Hello?

BERLIN to LONDON: Hi there.

RED BARON to WORLD: The German Air Force has staged a bloodless coup. Only 150,000 civilians were killed in the seizure of the capital. All generals and admirals of the Army & Navy have been exiled to Grenada to build an airport. Peace to all! The Red Baron has spoken.

BERLIN: In a lightning move, the Red Baron, leading a platoon of balloons has conquered Berlin. The King is dead; long live the Baron.

LONDON to PARIS: On behalf of British journalists, we protest the French government's display of bad sportsmanship in failing to even invite a pool of reporter's along on its rescue mission in the English Channel. If you don't shape up we will drop Rupert Murdoch on Paris.

1981IQ

"Spring 1913"

NEW FRANCO-TURKISH ALLIANCE HITS RUSSIA

FRANCE (Martin): F Nrg-Nth; F Nat-Cly; F Mid-Tri; F Wes-Mid; F Tun-Wes; A Pie-Tyr;
A Hol S A Kie; A Kie S A Bur-Ruh; A Bur-Ruh; A Par-Fic; F Bre -Eng; A Mar-Bur.

RUSSIA (Aicken): A St.P-Nwy; F Bar S A St.P-Nwy; F Nth-Hol; A Der-Kie; A Mun & F Den
 S A Ber-Kie; A War-Ukr; A Bud-Tri; A Vie S A Bud-Tri; A Ser-Alb; A Rum-Ser;
A Tyr-Ven; A Sev-Arm.

TURKEY (Cooper): A Arm-Sev; F Dul(e.c.)-Bla; A Gre-Bul; A Con S A Gre-Bul; A Apu-Gre;
 F Ion C A Apu-Gre; A Ven S FRENCH A Pie-Tyr; F Tri S A Ven; F Alb S A Apu-Gre.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats F Tri-Adr, Russia retreats A Tyr-Boh, and the French A Kie is annihilated. The vote for a draw fails of unanimity, and under the circumstances will not be re-submitted to the players. The deadline for "Fall 1913" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 1983.

1982CV

"Winter 1909-Spring 1910"

PEACE TALKS ABANDONED!

In "Winter 1909" France built A Par & A Mar. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Verheiden): F Nth-Lon; A Nwy holds.

FRANCE (Kaplan): F Edi-Nth; F Nrg S ENGLISH A Nwy; F Den-Bal; F Kie S F Den-Bal; F Bal-Swe; A Boh-Sil; A Ber & A Mun S A Boh-Sil; A Tyr-Ven; A Ven-Rom; F Tyr S A Ven-Rom; F Adr-Ion; F Eng S F Edi-Nth; A Par-Bur; A Mar-Pie.

ITALY (Brawner): A Nap-Rom; F Gre-Ion; F Apu S F Gre-Ion.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): F Bot S F Swe; A Fin-Nwy; F Swe S A Fin-Nwy; F Bar S A Fin-Nwy;
 A Liv-St.P; A Bud-Tri; A Vie S A Bud-Tri; A Ser-Gre; A Bul-Con; A Smy-Con;
A Sil holds; A War S A Sil; A Gal S A Vie.

TURKEY (Aicken): F Aeg-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Sil-Pru. The votes for a concession to France, and for a draw, fail so decisively that they will not be re-submitted to the players. The deadline for "Fall 1910" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 1983.

LONDON to World: Aside from the cheap shot, I think Paul makes an interesting point. Namely, a small replacement power has virtually no chance to win or even draw. The only choice is really who to "throw the game" to, in the present instance, France or Russia. Obviously, Paul feels somewhat cheated that I did not go into pseudo-CD and thereby throw the game to him rather than France. I thereby propose for consideration a houserule change for GRAUSTARK already used by many GMs: any country with three units or less after 1901 will not be replaced. This would reduce workload for everyone and turn a random diplomatic factor into a random tactical one.

BROOKLYN: I'm against it. The United States Postal "service" is bad enough already without imposing this additional handicap.

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PARIS to MOSCOW: Unfortunately, this time your reasoning was wrong.

RUSSIAN FLEET ENTERS ATLANTIC

ENGLAND (Chafetz): F Bar-Nwy; F Nrg, F Nth & F Ska S F Bar-Nwy; A Ruh S A Kie; A Kie S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tyr-Mun; A Bel-Bur; A Gas S A Bel-Bur.

GERMANY (Quirk): F Den-Bal; A Bud-Rum.

ITALY (D. Schwartz): A Rom & F Tun hold; F Spa(s.c.) S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gratto): F Aeg holds; F Ion-Tyr; F Nap S ITALIAN A Rom; A Ven-Pie; A Tyr-Ven; A Mar-Bur; A Vie-Bud; A Tri S A Vie-Bud.

RUSSIA (Goode): F Nwy-Swe; A Fin S F Nwy-Swe; A St.P-Nwy; A War-Gal; F Wes-Mid; F Con-Bul(e.c.); A Ukr-Rum; F Ber-Bal; A Sil-Ber; A Mun S A Sil-Ber.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Bud-Ser. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 1983.

VIENNA: Schnearhausen Silent. Count Willi von Schnearhausen stunned reporters here as he made no announcements this time. Asked to comment on Schnearhausen's strange behavior, the Emperor replied, "When no thing is happening and no one is doing anything it is to be expected that there will be little to talk about."

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"Winter 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 1983.

PARIS to BERLIN: What's all this talk about "maritime capability"? We French are land-lubbers from way back. Britannia is welcome to rule the waves.

ULM (DAMN): They came from Italy - hordes of green men with little green minds, forcing out hordes of German refugees seeking shelter in Burgundy. Will they find it? Or will Gallic pettiness prevail?

BERLIN to World: I'm not dead yet? C'mon!

1983L

"Spring 1905"

REVENGE FOR BLENHEIM!

ENGLAND (Ticossi): F Eng-Iri; F Lon-Wal; F Hel-Den; F Nth & F Swe S F Hel-Den; A Fin-St.P.

FRANCE (London): F Tyr-Nap; F Bre holds; F Mid S F Bre; A Ruh-Mun; A Kie & A Bur S A Ruh-Mun; A Hol S A Kie; A Bel S A Kie((sic)).

GERMANY (McClimans): A Ber S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mun; F Den holds.

ITALY (Rauterberg): A Tun holds; A Ven-Tyr; F Rom-Nap; F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Cameron): A Vie-Boh; A Mun S A Vie-Boh; A Sil S A Mun; A Tri-Vie; A Bud-Gal; A Bul S RUSSIAN F Rum; A Smy-Ank; F Con S A Smy-Ank; A Apu-Nap.

RUSSIA (Verheiden): F Rum S A Sev; A Sev S F Rum; A War holds.

TURKEY (Peart): A Gal-Sil; F Bla-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian A Mun is dislodged and annihilated, and Germany must retreat F Den-Ska or -Bal. The direction of this retreat should be phoned in AT ONCE, and the Gamesmaster will pass it on to the other

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THE GREAT ALL-STAR DIPLOMACY GAME

by Marc Kurwitz

IX - Joe Godowski (Spring 1903)

Hi hi, hi ho, it's off to work I go... This is too much. This is fantastic! I'm going to sweep the board! With Gottlieb dead, Mr. Wills and I are invincible!

I'm on my balcony, sipping a coke. Asia's in the background, the sun dries off the Atlantic from my trunks, and soon I'll have Trieste! It's 10 AM.

"Core in, Mr. Wills! The door's open."

Mr. Wills comes in. The baby of the game allied to the grand-daddy. As usual, the cap and cane, matching his British accent. And the practiced smile!"

"Hello, Joe. Just gone swimming, I see?"

"Yeah - you should try it! It really clears the mind!"

We talk about swimming for a while, then fishing - he likes talking about that, I know - then navies in Diplomacy - and finally the game. First we talk tactics - he'll support me into Trieste this turn, and next turn he'll get Serbia. Meanwhile, I'll go for Venice from Trieste. Then, we talk about Italy.

"I've got an idea, Mr. Wills. It's crazy, but it just might work. Ask Johnson to use his Fleet Ion to convoy A Tun-Alb."

"But Joseph - there is no Italian fleet Ion."

"That's the point, Mr. Wills!"

He chuckles, and I guffaw. Haw Haw! Johnson's so screwed-up and uptight, it might work!

ENGLAND (Manochi): F Lon-Eng; F Nth S F Lon-Eng; A Yor-Wal.

FRANCE (Smith): F Eng-Iri; F Mid-Nat; A Bel-Bur; A Pic S A Bel-Bur;
A Gas-Mar; F Bre-Eng.

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

ITALY (Johnson): F Ven-Adr; F Nap S F Ion; A Tun-Alb; A Tri S A Tun-Alb; F Ion C A Tun-Alb (sic; no such unit exists); F Tyr not ordered, holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (dead): A Bud dislodged and annihilated.

RUSSIA (Eills): A St.P-Nwy; A Nwy-Swe; F Swe-Bal; A War-Sil; A Gal-Bud;
A Rum S A Gal-Bud; A Vie S TURKISH A Ser-Tri; F Sev S A Pum.

TURKEY (Godowski): A Ser=Tri; A Bul-Ser; A Gre-Apu; F Ion C A Gre-Apu;
F Aeg S F Ion; F Smy-Eas.

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PARIS to LONDON: It is sad. Because Italy doublecrossed me and blocked me from the Ionian and then Tunis, I must take one of your centers. I will do my best to see the Italian pay.

PARIS to ROME: The three-way draw is dead, unless you mend your ways. The choice is yours, flea-ridden one.

OSLO to MOSCOW: Long experience shows that in these situations (two major powers and a cluster of minor powers) that one of the major powers wins maybe 95% of the time. Nobody wants a draw with a 2-3 unit minor. So why should I care which major power wins?

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WARSAW to ANKARA: Your offer is appreciated, but Russia/Turkey looks like a loser to me at this point. Russia/Austria at least has some potential.

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GERMANIA to RUSSIA & ENGLAND: Come on guys! I don't see any great harm if I build just 1 fleet and part it in Holland. Admittedly, the fleet would not be useful against A/I/T, but I still feel it is my right to have a fleet if I want one without facing the prospect of invasion if I build the fleet. You see, if and when this alliance collapses, I'd like to have at least 1 fleet because if I am a 100% land-based power, Russia and France will surely assume that I am England's toady because without fleets, what possible harm could Germany do England? I am not saying that I intend to attack England after the alliance disbands. In fact, if I had my way, we'd call it a 4-way after our Southern "friends" are dead. I simply believe that if England, France, and Russia all have both fleet and army capability, why should Germany be restricted to only armies?! We should discuss this further after this season.

MUNICH to Dr. Boardman: If we reside in the Great Big United States of America, I guess the Soviet Union's official name would be the Tremendously Powerful Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Oh oh! Maybe you'd better not print that, the CIA will probably be kicking in my door the day after this zine offend some big corporate pigman who sits behind his office desk smoking cigars making a million dollars a year while he orders around his employees in much the same way as a tyrannical king orders around his "subjects" (i. e. slaves). Sorry for the run-on sentence. I got carried away.

BROOKLYN (United Rabble Rousing Press): From your mouth to god's ears!

BROOKLYN (URRP): Homer Leak, military affairs analyst of the United Rabble Rousing Press, today analyzed the expression "Tremendously Powerful Union of Soviet Socialist Republics". "Tremendously powerful?" snorted the 95-pound weakling, as he sat behind his orange crate smoking a cigar which owed no debt to the plant first scientifically described by Andre Nicot. "It's an army of illiterate drunks, led by a man who can't walk across a room without propping himself up on the furniture! They can't tell an air-liner from a B-52, and they haven't got any anti-aircraft missiles that could shoot down a stray Canada goose, if the goose decides to crap on them. The typical engagement of World War III will be a G. I. and an Ivan, sprawled under a tree in Germany, each with his arm around a blonde Gretchen, and passing a joint and a bottle of vodka back and forth between them!"

1982P - PRESS RELEASE

RUSSIA to World: Now that I'm no longer an immediate threat to win this game, perhaps some of you would like to change sides?

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK, the Very First postal Diplomacy publication, is published every third Saturday by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226. New games are available at a fee of \$15; this includes a subscription to GRAUSTARK for as long as the game lasts. With your game fee, please send in a list of the countries that you'd like to play in your order of preference. If you don't already have a copy of GRAUSTARK #437, in which the postal rules were last published, ask for it when you send the game fee. Subscriptions for non-players are 2 issues for \$5.00. Back issues from the beginning of 1982, and a few earlier ones such as #437, are 50¢ each or 10 for \$1.50.

1982IN - PRESS RELEASES

VENICE: Will life in Italy civilize a Frenchman?
 TURKEY to the World: It's been a real pressure.

This is

RUSSIAN EASTERN ALLIED PRESS (REAP): When the Czar
 returned home from the Second Annual Borneo Cuckoo Clock
 Championships he was informed that his country had moved
 to Turkey. He was quoted as saying, "First cuckoos, now
 turkeys. Next it will be high flying, overfed pigeons."

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

RUSSIA to AUSTRIA: We've been allied all through
 this game and I think your plan is finally working. It
 was sheer brilliance to attack me. Everyone thought we
 were really at war. Ha ha. Now, lulled into a false
 sense of security, France is attacking England. Wow!
 And to think I almost doubted you. Pretty soon they'll
 be begging for mercy. There just isn't enough space to
 write all the things I think about you. And to think, you brought
 about this position all by yourself. Were it not for your intellect,
 what would we thank?

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THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

For the time being, the deadline for the next moves in all current
 GRAUSTARK games is NOON, FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 1983. In that issue of
 GRAUSTARK I will present the results of the poll I took among the read-
 ers of GRAUSTARK and EMPIRE, and announce my decision on whether or not
 to go to a four-week deadline for postal Diplomacy moves. Although a
 small majority favors four-week over three-week deadlines, I have no-
 ticed that a great majority of missed moves come, not because the U. S.
 Postal "Service" was late, but because the moves were never sent in at
 all. I fear that the same people who were chronic procrastinators on
 the three-week deadline will continue to be the chronic procrastinators
 on the four-week deadline. This, at least, seemed to be the case when
 I went from two-week to three-week deadlines in 1973.

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Readers will notice that, except for pages 5-7, this issue of
 GRAUSTARK was cut on an elite typeface. I have just bought a recon-
 ditioned IBM electric typewriter, as my Royal Medallion II "portable"
 seems unable to produce legible copy except with about an hour of
 warm-up time. I have since learned that Royal has, understandably,
 gone out of the typewriter business.

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I recently got an aerogramme inquiring about postal Diplomacy, and
 asking for samples of GRAUSTARK. I would be happy to oblige. However,
 the aerogramme carries an illegible signature and no return address
 whatsoever. It is postmarked "Rushcutters Bay, New South Wales, Aus-
 tralia." Can anyone identify what is sure to be the only Diplomacy fan
 at that remote locality?

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"In a more sensible world, the news that Soviet air defenses ex-
 perience grave difficulties in intercepting large, slow, passenger air-
 liners, allowing them to fly for two and a half hours over heavily de-
 fended military bases and testing areas should be some cause for re-
 lief among American policymakers." - Andrew Cockburn, New York Times,
 21 September 1983

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Peter J. Ashley's new address is Apt. B-20, 2929 Tremont Ave.,
 Colorado Springs, Colo. 80907. Ralph L. Morton's is R. R. #2, Greely,
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ONE LEADER, ONE NATION, ONE TRUTH

" We saw it all during the war with Vietnam. United States diplomatic or military officials in Saigon would tell the press what was going on. Instead of dutifully sending these reports back to their newspapers and broadcasting stations in the U. S., the reporters then flagrantly violated their responsibilities as loyal subjects of the Great Big United States of America. They went out into the boonocks and talked to local peasants, U. S. soldiers, and even Vietnamese soldiers, and produced alternate views that contradicted the official, and therefore true, statements of the U. S. government. They then presented these alternative notions to the American people.

Now it is starting all over again, as the Great Big United States of America goes to war in the Middle East and the Caribbean against dissident nations and factions that refuse to recognize our Empire's supreme authority over all the Earth. Three recent incidents have all shown this feature: the destruction of KAL Flight 007, the conflict in Lebanon, and the American conquest of Granada.

In his very first statement about Flight 007, President Reagan said that the airliner had been deliberately shot down by the Russians, who fully knew it to be an unarmed and innocuous civilian plane. What many people fail to realize is that this is not just another statement by another politician. Ronald Reagan is the President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader of the Great Big United States of America. He is the most powerful human being who has ever lived. We are all therefore, Americans and foreigners alike, obligated to accept his statements. He was loyally echoed by Ambassador Kirkpatrick at the United Nations, who called the attack "a deliberate stroke designed to intimidate - a brutal, decisive attack meant to instill fear and intimidation on all who observed this violence. We are dealing here not with pilot error but with decisions characteristic of the Soviet system." (New York Post, 6 September)

Most of the press loyally accepted this view. However, a few went out to try to call their President's account into question by deliberately and unashamedly searching out and reporting alternate versions. In the New York Daily News of 19 September, Lars-Erik Nelson said that the Soviets were confused between Flight 007 and a U. S. espionage plane that was in the same region, as if it were somehow wrong for the Great Big United States of America to spy on the Soviet Union. Two days later in the New York Times, Alexander Cockburn called the shooting "a bloody botch-up" rather than a deliberate Soviet act, as he was obligated to do. In the Village Voice of 20 September he expanded on these ideas by giving no fewer than four alternative "explanations" of the event, as if President Reagan had not already defined what we must think about Flight 007. Cockburn also professed to find errors in the account in the New York Times by Drew Middleton, whose columns in that newspaper ought to dispose decisively of the notion that the Times is any any way Pacifistic. Cockburn said that Middleton was wrong in the intelligence capacities of satellites and airplanes, that Leslie Gelb was wrong in saying that infrared cameras are ineffective above a few thousand feet, that "synthetic aperture radar" was too large to be fitted into such a plane as Flight 007. These technical matters shrink into insignificance next to the obligation of all people to accept the words of their President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader - particularly now that the Great Big United States of America is in a state of war.

This attempt to write an alternative history, in contradiction to the authority of our President, continued with David Shribman's front-page article in the Times of 7 October. Shribman claims that "U. S. Experts Say Soviet Didn't See Jet Was Civilian", The article is a collection of niggling little doubts and snide comments whose net effect is to cause readers to doubt the words of their President - of the man who in his person incarnates the whole history, present, and future of our imperial nation and its destiny of world domination. It is difficult to find the words to express the indignation that this attitude elicits. It is no wonder that William Casey, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, "circulated an angry memo warning officials to stop discussing intelligence information about the incident." (New York Post, 14 October 1983)

On 25 October both the Times and the Post published interviews with high U. S. government officials about the disposition of some elements of the press to contradict the official positions of the government. When asked what harm has been done through unauthorized leaks of classified information, Deputy Assistant Attorney General Richard K. Willard said, "Examples of this are classified themselves." That's telling those nosy reporters! Willard was defending a new government directive which will require more than 100,000 officials to be subject to government censorship for the rest of their lives. And Ambassador Kirkpatrick, interviewed by the historian George Urban, gave examples of how the media had reported the fighting in the Fifth Arab-Israeli War in such a way as to produce sympathy for Arabs. She went on to say, "We know well enough that the publication of textbooks and the control of the media are in the hands of a relatively small number of people who decide without public accountability what should be said in the textbooks, shown on the television screens, and advertised throughout the length and breadth of 50 American states." When she tried to protest to one newspaper that did this, she "found that a senior official of the U. S. government and a member of the Cabinet could not get access to the letters page of a major newspaper in order to clarify government policy."

The things implied in these remarks are as interesting as the explicit words. This complaint about an elite that manipulates opinion in opposition to government policy is frequently heard, but is tantalizingly vague. No people or newspapers are ever named, and no particulars given. Much as we would like to hear that at a meeting in the offices of a specific publication, at a specific date and time, with certain named individuals present, it was decided to put a certain named anti-Reagan broadcast on a specific news story, such details have not yet been given to us by Ambassador Kirkpatrick or other loyal supporters of the President.

The American conquest of Grenada is another news happening with which certain interpreters have attempted to contradict the authority of the President. Loyal Americans deal with their country at war as did Speaker O'Neill. Although he is the nearest thing in the American political system to a "Leader of the Opposition", his reaction to the invasion of Grenada was: "It's no time for the press of America or we in public life to criticize our country when our troops are being committed." This is good enough for most people, and certainly the loyal support that Democrats are giving to the war with Grenada has matched the equally loyal support which Republicans have given to the many wars started by Democratic Presidents. America is at war. Indeed, the Great Big United States of America has been continually in a state of either war, or active preparation for war, ever since President Roosevelt first proclaimed a national emergency on 8 September 1939. It therefore follows, as Speaker O'Neill said, that it has not since that date been allowable that a U. S. President should be criticized on any military issue.

The press has not merited much consideration from the U. S. government, and so it was only appropriate that they were barred from all participation or observation of the U. S. conquest of Grenada. On 24 October, White House Press Secretary Larry Speaks ordered the press to "knock down hard" any stories suggesting that the U. S. might soon invade Grenada. On the 26th, after the invasion, he told the press that "it was an operation that required an element of surprise." He thus invoked the Right to Lie, which has been a basic part of American government since it was first invoked over 20 years ago, at the time of the ultimatum to Cuba, by Assistant Secretary of Defense Arthur Sylvester.

Incredible as it may sound, four American journalists defied their President's orders and sneaked into Grenada. They were promptly rounded up and deported by the army. (New York Daily News, 27 October) The press ululated with protest, but the government of the Great Big United States of America stood firmly upon its right to command the flow of information. Truth, after all, is not up to the individual decision of individual reporters. Truth is what it is to the advantage of the Great Big United States of America should be generally believed. It is the duty of the press to understand and report this. Private truths are not allowed.

The New York Post is certainly not among those newspapers who believe that they can contradict freely the official pronouncements of our President. On 29 October,

Dorothy Rabinowitz compiled for the Post a list of the ways in which TV reporters tried to get Americans to see the conquest of Grenada from perspectives other than their President's. She chiefly addressed the question of whether the U. S. students at the unaccredited medical school in Grenada were in danger from the pre-invasion government. Since President Reagan said such danger existed, and justified the invasion, this ought to end the matter for all Americans. Indeed, early critics have come into line once the President has spoken. Charles Modica, chancellor of the St. George Medical School, had originally said the students were in no danger. Once the necessity of the President's position had been made clear to him, he reversed himself and endorsed the invasion. A few days later, Speaker O'Neill and Senator Moynihan did the same. Contradiction of the President, Commander-in-Chief, A pha Male and Supreme War Leader must cease. This same agreement with the President was voiced by the students themselves, after they had been rescued from the "FIGs".

(According to Alexander Cockburn and James Ridgeway, in the Village Voice of 8 November, the American medical students refer to the locals as "FIGs" for "Fucking Ignorant Grenadians". This is an appropriate attitude for members of our superior nation to take when faced with their inferiors. It is to be remembered that the Village Voice is under the same ownership as the New York Post.)

In the Daily News of 28 October, Nelson returned to his carping attitude. He listed seven reasons why the U. S. invaded Grenada. First came rescue of the students, and then the suppression of the gang of thugs which overthrew and murdered Prime Minister Maurice Bishop. After that came the request from six neighboring Eastern Caribbean states - and Cockburn and Ridgeway note that these demands were first drafted in the U. S. State Department and then transmitted to those islands, to be returned to Washington as requests. The New York Times reported this on 30 October. After all, those islands are parts of the American Empire, and it is about time that they started earning their keep.

Other reasons given by Nelson were the imminent appearance of Cuban troops on Grenada, and the building of a large airstrip at the southern tip of the island. Furthermore, Grenada has a Marxist government. This reason should not be overlooked by the world's people. The Great Big United States of America hereby asserts the privilege and right to overthrow any government of which it does not approve, or which makes treaties not approved by our President. Nicaragua, Cuba, and the Soviet Union itself should look out for this doctrine. It should not be forgotten that President Reagan regards the Soviet Union as a temporary and transitory phenomenon. His principal spokesman on Soviet affairs, Richard Pipes, said in 1981 that eventually the Soviet Union will either have to change to our system, or fight us. What has been done in Grenada yesterday can be done in any nation, even the Soviet Union, tomorrow, and there won't be a thing anybody can do about it.

(Nelson, obstinately, accepts only the first and second of these reasons as valid. But who needs more than one reason?)

Nor was the American conquest of Grenada an improvised, spur-of-the-moment adventure. From the 1st to the 15th of October, 1981, the armed forces of the Great Big United States of America conducted training exercises in Puerto Rico for the invasion of Grenada. Using the usual fiction, they invaded "the island of Amber and the Amberdines" who had seized American hostages. This was an obvious reference to the islands of Grenada and the Grenadines. "After rescuing the 'hostages' and seizing power," Cockburn and Ridgeway write, "the American troops would stay on Amber Island to 'install a regime favorable to the way of life we espouse' and opposed to the previous 'unfriendly' Amber government." (Amber is in fact the name of a district on Grenada.)

The American invasion turns out to have been very popular with the people of Grenada. However, the reasons for this is not to their credit. They have welcomed U. S. forces because they object to the Austin-Coard regime that overthrew their beloved Prime Minister Bishop. However, this means that the Grenadians would have turned ought and fought for Bishop, had he been in power when U. S. troops arrived.

If the original scenario, envisioned in the October 1981 maneuvers, had been carried out, the Grenadians probably would have fought and been suppressed by our troops.

This suggests that the Grenadians can not be trusted to put and keep in power a regime approved of by the Great Big United States of America. Therefore, American troops will have to remain there for some time before turning the job over to people from the other islands. It may even prove that American military presence in Grenada will have the same permanent character as in Germany, Korea, or Lebanon.

Some politicians and journalists are still trying to produce alternate versions of reality. Last Sunday, the State Department announced that well over 100 bodies have been found in a mass grave on Grenada, victims of the Austin-Coard coup of a couple of weeks ago. Later, a few malcontents have tried to deny that such a mass grave exists, obvious in an attempt to make the Austin-Coard government appear less worthy of being overthrown. When the President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader of the Great Big United States of America says that our enemies have committed atrocities, then our enemies have committed atrocities. Is that clear?

Now the Great Big United States of America is going to rule Grenada. Anthony Lewis, in the New York Times of 31 October, quotes Admiral Wesley L. McDonald, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic Fleet, as saying that "American troops must get rid of all resisting Grenadian elements before leaving...We cannot afford the withdrawal of all the forces and allow an insurgency government to reappear." On 7 November, the Daily News quoted Representative Thomas Foley (Dem., Wash.) as saying that "the troops should not be pulled out too soon" because "we have to make sure that what was gained here is not lost." On the following day, the Wall Street Journal reported in a front-page report that "Grenada Slips Back To Its Usual Torpor After U. S. 'Rescue'".

Fortunately, the American conquest of Grenada is not going to be a major issue of partisan politics. Granted, a handful of Pacifistic extremists have begun legal cases, in San Francisco and in Washington, to have the conquest declared 'illegal', as if mere laws could bind the awesome power of the President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader. (The 'impeachment' agitation in Washington is particularly ludicrous, since the provision of the 1787 Constitution on declarations of war has long since ceased to apply to the realities of 20th-century America.) But most Democrats have loyally given a complete and unconditional endorsement to their President's action. Chief among these was Zbigniew Brzezinski, who for all practical purposes was President Carter's Prime Minister. "I support and applaud what Reagan did in Grenada. The operation was justified on strategic grounds," he is quoted in the Daily News of 7 November, "even if not a single American student had been in danger."

One critic, Tom Wicker, raised two rhetorical questions in the Times of 7 November. "Can the United States tolerate Marxist governments in the Western Hemisphere?" and "Does the U. S. as a great power have the right to overthrow a government in the pursuit of its own interests and security?" The answer to the former question is of course "no!", and applies to the Eastern Hemisphere as well. The force that returned Sir Paul Scoon to Grenada is perfectly capable of returning Prince Vladimir Romanov to Moscow. The answer to the second question is "Yes!" Watch Nicaragua and Cuba if you doubt it. Nor does this right extend to justify Soviet actions in Afghanistan and Poland. The Soviet Union is not a great power, since it is demonstrably not the Great Big United States of America. There is only one Great Power in the world, and the lesser nations can either bow down to it, or get eradicated.

All the press furor has not brought the slightest statement of regret from the government; nor will it. From now on, wars will be reported the way the government of the Great Big United States of America wants them reported. And this principle can be extended down to all levels of government. Just last Tuesday, a reporter was ordered to stop photographing a traffic accident in New York City that involved a squad car and injured two police officers. The reporter disobeyed this order, and he was arrested and handcuffed. (New York Post, 9 November 1983) If it worked in Grenada, it can work on East 96th Street.

THE READER SURVEY

With GRAUSTARK #479 I sent out a survey asking readers of GRAUSTARK and EMPIRE when they received their copies, and whether they preferred the present three-week deadline or would like to accomodate the slowing speed of the U. S. Postal "Service" by going to a four-week deadline. The vote on this last point was almost evenly split. Of the 47 people who responded to the questionnaire, 39 expressed an opinion on this point; 18 were for the present deadline, and 21 would rather go to a four-week deadline. This throws the ball back into my court, and I will announce my decision on the matter in the next issue.

I also made a record of how long the replies took to get to me. Based on the town of postmark, this is how it went:

1 day: Brooklyn, NY	3 days: Atlanta, GA	4 days: Grove City, PA
Brooklyn, NY	Baltimore, MD	Kansas City, MO
Hicksville, NY	Boston, MA	Louisville, KY
Newark, NJ	Colorado Springs, CO	Oakland, CA
North Bergen, NJ	Denver, CO	Pasadena, CA
"North Jersey", NJ	Denver, CO	Portland, OR
	Des Moines, IA	Salem, OR
2 days: Albany, NY	Freeport, ME	
Austin, TX	Hampton Roads, VA	5 days: Rexdale, Ontario
Chatham, NJ	"North Suburban", IL	6 days: Westchester, NY
Chicago, IL	Phoenix, AZ	(!)
Hackensack, NJ	Port Ewen, NY	
Hicksville, NY	St. Louis, MO	
Milwaukee, WI	Salem, OR	
New York, NY	Van Nuys, CA	
New York, NY	Washington DC	
New York, NY	Worcester, MA	
Pittsburgh, PA		
Prince Georges, MD		
Seattle, WA		
Smithtown, NY		

The above listing shows that distance from Brooklyn is a fair but by no means accurate indication of how long the mails take. The responses of three Colorado readers got here in three days, and all three of them voted for continuation of the three-week deadline. At the other extreme was the notorious case of Kevin Wasserman's "Fall 1901" moves in 1983AX, which took more than five weeks to get here from Poughkeepsie, a mere 70 or so miles up the Hudson.

Forty-one people indicated on what day of the week GRAUSTARK, which is mailed out late Saturday, reached them. A response such as "Wednesday or Thursday" was counted as Thursday to be on the safe side, but if it was something like "Wednesday; Thursday a few times" it went for a usual date of Wednesday. These were the responses:

Tuesday - 5	Friday - 6
Wednesday - 14	Saturday - 1
Thursday - 14	Monday - 1

As a general rule, then, five days each way should allow adequate transit time. And I will accept telephone calls, though my wife won't. My home number is 212-693-1579, and my office number is 212-780-5180. I can be reached at home from about 9 to 11 on Mondays and Wednesdays in the evening, and 7 to 11 on other evenings except Fridays. (That's Eastern time.) The best time to catch me in my office is 4-5 PM Monday and Wednesday, and 11 AM-noon Friday. These will change in January, when I go on a different teaching schedule. After January I will probably not be reachable at my office number except on Monday and Wednesday.

1983AS

"Spring 1903"

CENTRAL POWERS BATTER FRANCE

ENGLAND (Zaiz): A Lon-Hol; F Nth C A Lon-Hol; F Ska-Den.

FRANCE (Schembari): F Eng-Mid; A Bel S ENGLISH F Nth-Hol; A Bur-Ruh; A Mar holds.

GERMANY (Jordan): A Sil S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Gal-War; A War-Liv; A Ruh S ITALIAN
A Mun-Bur; F Hol-Bel; F Kie-Bal.

ITALY (Swinger): A Mun-Bur; A Pie-Mar; F Lyo S A Pie-Mar; F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; F Rom-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kline): A Gal-War; A Vie-Gal; A Bud S A Vie-Gal; A Rum holds;
A Ser S A Rum; F Tri holds.

RUSSIA (Bowen): F Bla C TURKISH A Ank-Bul; A Ukr-Rum; A Sev S A Ukr-Rum; A Liv-Mos;
F Swe-Bal.

TURKEY (Hardiman): A Bul-Gre; F Con-Aeg; A Ank-Bul; A Smy-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The dislodged French A Mar^o must retreat to Gas, cr and A Bur must retreat to Pic or Par. This retreats should be phoned in AT ONCE, and the Gamesmaster will inform the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 1983.

ISTANBUL: The Sultan today announced that any who attempt humor by referring to his nation in the context of an impending western holiday will have his cranberries removed with a dull scimitar.

CENTRAL POWERS to ENGLAND (Berlin): Give it up pal - you have bad company.

ST. PETERSBURG: It was cold, like always. The Russian general staff pondered the maps. Can we really count on help from the infidels? Is there any truly brilliant way to outwith the unholy Germanic alliance? The Russian leader's face was as cold & impassive as the bleak winter outside. Brilliance is for Germanic peoples. We Russians survive by out-enduring our foes. We must endure more hardships. Many Russians must die to repel another incursion into Mother Russia. But, in the end, we shall triumph yet again. Our allies in the west will hurt the German bastard, while the infidels to the south pillage Austrian holdings. We will hold on and wait, as always. Having thus spoked, the leader left, thus ending the meeting.

FRANCE to CENTRAL POWERS: The puppet's life is not for me.

FRANCE to GERMANY: I'll see you in hell.

FRANCE to TURKEY: When Austria has nothing left to do, he will certainly not turn to Italy.

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players. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 1983. Art Ticossi's new phone-number is 707-437-2117. An earlier press release appears on page 5.

TRANSYLVANIA: Austrian envoy Count Otto von Spritzen, who was found recently floating face down in the Blue Danube, has reportedly risen from the dead.

PARIS: After weeks of consultation with operatives our supreme commander has come to the conclusion that all major powers are against him, or are too weak, and distant to help him. So this great power struggle will have to be overcome by the president himself. (God help us!!)

COMPUTERS OF NULL-AA

That's the name of my new computer gaming fanzine, which will begin publication next month. Subscriptions are \$5 a year; the publication will appear at the beginning of each month. Those people who expressed an interest in it in the recent poll will get copies with the next GRAUSTARK.

THE REIGN OF SENILIO THE GREAT - XX

Towards the end of the third year of his reign, unrest began to trouble Senilio the Great, Emperor of the Temporary Roman Empire. The hundred-year-old monarch, who had succeeded to the throne in 1381 by simply outliving all the members of the older dynasty; met this unrest in accordance with his deeply religious character. As Pontifex Maximus of the state religion, Syncretic Polytheism, he sacrificed one of his ministers, Wattus, in the Temple of the Erinnyes. Prime Minister Clericius was given the former portfolio of Wattus, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Sawdust.

This failed to quiet the public unrest, and Senilio the Great summoned Prefectius, Minister of Foreign Affairs, for a consultation. (This was not technically the minister's title, since the Temporary Roman Empire does not recognize formally the existence of any independent state located on what was once Roman imperial territory. It is the Temporary Roman Empire's contention that it is on the point of restoring the Roman Empire as soon as a few barbarian hordes are expelled from outlying reaches of Roman territory.)

"It is a wise maxim of the statesmen of all times, Caesar," Prefectius told his master, "that nothing rallies the populus around their monarch like a successful war. I therefore propose that we fight a war - one that we can win, of course."

"A Capitoline idea!" the Emperor quavered in reply. "Against whom?"

"That is the difficult question, Caesar," Prefectius replied. "The Kingdom of Pundschruck is far too strong for us - or at least that's what I tell the Senate when I go to them asking for more denarii for the legions. The Grand Duchy of Wogastisburg-Schlampenbüttel has just re-supplied its troops with caltrops, mangonels, and several other modern weapons. If we attack the Kingdom of Skandalutz, the army won't march, owing to the treacherous Skandalous practice of not allowing citizens of hostile nations to attend the Winter Solstice Festival. The Pravoslavnian Patrimony of Polykarp is technically our ally against Pundschruck. There's no use in attacking those Catalan mercenaries in El Slammador, because we're trying to close a deal to buy them instead. And the legions are, right now, not numerous enough to attack any nation outside the Balkan Massif."

"Well, then, what do you suggest?" the Emperor snapped.

After a little thought, during which the Emperor took a nap, Prefectius came up with a suggestion. "As Your Caesarship knows, the High Sea borders all the states of the Four And A Half Kingdoms. Far out in the High Sea is a small island, called Pomegranada because of the pomegranites grown there. It is technically claimed by Wogastisburg-Schlampenbüttel, but most of the population are Pundschruckis exiled for laziness." (The court laughed uproariously, since anyone whom Pundschruck considers too lazy is likely to breathe only on alternate Saturdays.) "If we conquer Pomegranada, it will be the glorious victory Your Augustousness needs for popularity. And the Grand Duchy won't object, because six rival claimants are currently intriguing for their crown."

The Emperor so decreed. Senilio the Great personally led the High Sea fleet to Pomegranada, aboard the war-galley Nova Caesarea, a recently re-conditioned veteran of the Battle of Actium. The fleet included the Praetorian Guard, the Theban Legion (led personally by the Emperor's son Juniorius), and a small band of English longbowmen mercenaries led by Sir John Hawkwood's illegitimate son, Jack Pigeonroost.

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WHEN DO YOU EXPIRE?

The subscriptions of the following readers expire with the indicated issue of GRAUSTARK:

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| 483 - Phill Cooper | 489 - Barry Swift |
| "Bruce Linsey" | 491 - Mark E. Johnson |
| Ralph L. Morton | 495 - Don del Grande |
| 488 - Richard Kovalcik | 502 - John Weswig |
| 489 - Gerry Thompson | 519 - Eric Verheiden |

PLEASE STAND BY

Stand-by players are always needed in GRAUSTARK. To become a stand-by, simply volunteer. If a player misses a move, you may be called upon to send in the next move for that country. If you do, and the present player doesn't, you take over play of that country. To remain as a stand-by player, simply keep your subscription current - either by paying \$5 for 9 issues, or by signing up for a postal Diplomacy game.

A few players have been put in so many games as stand-bys that they have asked to be removed from the list. The present list of stand-by players is:

Jack Brawner
Phill Cooper
Bill Hardiman
Robert Bryan Lipton

Michael Quirk
Paul Rauterberg
Kevin Stone

David E. Schwartz
Art Ticossi
Eric Verheiden

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

DERWOOD BOWEN: I must tell you that I am enjoying myself in GRAUSTARK, despite the results to date in my game. I am also amused by the politics of your zine and the responses they engender. This last GRAUSTARK contained a letter from David Ezzio and your reply, which I found entertaining. You managed to state that the US of A was right in such a fashion that I actually believed you. How can the land of the free and the home of the brave be anything but right all the time. The answer to that, of course, is that if they aren't right, the might makes right. (We are told that, too.) So by becoming mighty, we become right by fiat. I am not too sure people realize just how close to a police state we could become with just the right pushes. ((I have confidence in our President.)) So we have a duty as freedom loving people to support our government fully so that there will be no compulsion to institute a police state. The easiest way to prevent a police state is to make it unnecessary. Remember that, and don't protest our Central America policy. If our leaders know that no sixties protest will be forthcoming, they can pursue the policies needed to make the whole world safe for American freedom, whether the whole world wants it or not. I would suggest one change in your writing style, though. The way you write, it might appear that, even though every word you write says you are supportive of the "Great Big USA", the tone of voice you say it in makes it seem as though it is satire or sarcasm. If you refine that out of your writing style, you will be ready to join the front rank of Reagan supporters. Mind you, this is only a small criticism, seeing as how your words say so well the truth as all of us with brains see the world. Good luck and don't fear to spread the gospel according to Reagan. I hope I have managed to make this sound sincere and not too satirical. If it is just a shade satirical, I can always claim the whole thing was satire, should the political mood change. Otherwise, this is the gospel.'

PETER J. ASHLEY: I don't know if it is of any concern to you, but with the wide-range of interests the U. S. military has found itself in of late, reservists stationed at Fort Carson here have been called up for tours of duty of around a year. So far it has been only rare duty positions, like helicopter tenderers. These could be distressingly exciting times.

((Meanwhile, just this last week Syria and Israel both mobilized all their reserves!))

CHUCK KAPLAN: Our troops in Beirut have no real objective and should leave. ((I disagree. Our troops in Beirut have an objective. It is to find out just who has been shooting at our troops in Beirut.))

Our invasion of Grenada at least has a geopolitical goal, and though "illegal" according to international law at least serves some national interest. Whether this gain outweighs adverse world opinion remains to be seen. The effect on what the U. S. "stands for" also may prove temporary.

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FRANCE to AUSTRIA: I'm O.K., you're O.K.

FRANCE to RUSSIA: Die you filthy swine!

GROVE CITY to MILWAUKEE: Welcome to the game! As far as I am concerned, you can never have too many standbys in one game.

GROVE CITY to BROOKLYN: About that shocking pink paper - you'll get the bill from my eye doctor shortly.

BROOKLYN to GROVE CITY: Wait'll you see the lavender paper I just bought!

1983L - DELAYED PRESS RELEASE

AUSTRIA to TURKEY: I am the Supreme Gorfian Empire. Gorfian robots - Attack! Attack!

1983AS - DELAYED PRESS RELEASE

ENGLAND & CO. to Allied Powers: If we fight this war by conventional means it could take years & cost millions of lives. And we're just the guys to do it!

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Kevin Stone writes that his telephone number is 412-458-9863.

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I'd like to apologize to Joshua Weinstein for printing his first name incorrectly in the last issue. He apparently doesn't regard it as too serious an error, because he's signed up for the new players' game. This, and a veterans' game also under organization, are both filling up fast, and at this rate I expect to have the game announcement in the next issue.

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There'll be Diplomacy at Kathy Byrne's place over Thanksgiving weekend. Write or phone her for details. Her address is 160-02 43rd Avenue, Flushing, N. Y. 11358, telephone 212-353-9695. Another game is planned there for New Year's weekend.

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Bill Hardiman, playing England in 1983CP, protests that the English press release printed in GRAUSTARK #480 isn't his. He's right. That press release should have gone into 1983AS and, above, has.

1981IM

"Winter 1906"

No Italian retreat was ever received after "Fall 1906" moves, and so the dislodged A Rom is removed.

ENGLAND (Corbin): Builds F Liv.

TURKEY (Roybal): Builds A Con.

GERMANY (Ellis): No build received.

The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 1983. The following players should send in stand-by moves:

GERMANY: David E. Schwartz, 569 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, N. J. 07081; 201-376-6925

ITALY: Robert Bryan Lipton, 87-11 35th Ave., Jackson Heights, N. Y. 11372; 212-565-2270

MOSCOW to BERLIN: Re your question about a 4-way draw (E/F/G/R) or not: I don't feel strongly about this any more & could go either way. My vote will be cast for the course favored by the majority among E, F, & G.

MOSCOW to NORTH: What do you say we call a halt to public apologies by any of us for alleged toadying, puppeting, et.c, etc? None of us (repeat - none of us) has in-

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* - Also please note Kevin Stone's new phone number, down there in "The Ministry of Miscellany".

1983HF

"Fall 1901"

WHO IS MY 'ALLY?

ENGLAND (Follmer): A Yor-Nwy; F Nth C A Yor-Nwy; F Lon-Eng.

FRANCE (G. Baker): A Spa-Por; A Pic-Bel; F Bre-Eng.

GERMANY (Quarto): F Den-Swe; A Kie-Den; A Ruh-Hol.

ITALY (Scharf): A Pie holds; A Rom-Tun; F Tyr C A Rom-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brawner): A Tyr-Mun; A Ser S RUSSIAN F Rum-Bul(e.c.); F Alb-Gre.

RUSSIA (London): F Bot-Bal; A Sil S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tyr-Mun; F Rum-Bul(e.c.);
A Sev-Rum.

TURKEY (Schembari): A Bul-Rum; A Arm-Sev; F Bla S A Arm-Sev.

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

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Mun, Ser, Tri,

FRANCE: Bel, Mar, Par, Por, Bre. (5)

Vie. (6)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Swe. (5)

RUSSIA: Bul, Mos, Rum, St.P, War. (5)

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

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Sev, Smy. (4)

Austria-Hungary may build three new units, Germany and France may each build two, and each of the other powers may build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 1983. Jack Brawner's new phone number is 813-864-4423.

FRANCE to GERMANY: Fahren wir gegen England, ou nous defenderons la sacre terre de France?

FRANCE to ITALY: Do you want the Boot scuffed? Then leave yourself out of trouble.

FRANCE to TURKEY: The Med's yours, friend!

PARIS (October 1901): Pro-German hysteria is sweeping France. Pumpnickel and brass bands replace croissants and accordians in the hearts of true patriots. Dentists report teeth hold up well, but chefs are committing suicide over the thought of saurebraten.

TURKEY to RUSSIA: Openly and truthfully, I am attacking you.

TURKEY to AUSTRIA: I hope you chose the right way.

CONSTANTINOPLE: A local newspaper was found to say, "The Sultan hopes to overcome the northern barbarians and be vacationing in their capital soon. If not, the Royal Army will probably return to the homeland to execute him."

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dulged in such pastimes. If they had, they wouldn't have been accepted in our partnership in the first place. We don't want toadies, we want independent, fighting spirits - & we've got 'em!

(Earlier press releases appear on page 6.)

1982CV - PRESS RELEASES

PARIS: Paul, Austria is yours. Enjoy it while you can.

PARIS to LONE TURKISH FLEET: I hope you are persevering in the noble cause of being as big a pest to the Russians as possible.

1983AX - PRESS RELEASE

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

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ENGLAND AND FRENCH SWAP WINS

"Winter 1906-Spring 1907"

In "Winter 1906" England built F Lon while France built A Par and F Bre. All players were informed. Art Ticossi's new phone number is on page 13.

ENGLAND (Ticossi): A Mos S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Gal-War; A St.P S A Mos; A Liv-Kie; F Lon-Wal; F Bal C A Liv-Kie; F Ber S A Liv-Kie; A Kie-Hol; F Nth S A Kie-Hol; A Liv-Yor; F Nat-Mid.

FRANCE (J. Schwartz): F Eng-Mid; F Bre S F Eng-Mid; A Par-Bur; A Pie-Tyr; A Mar-Pie; F Apu-Ven; A Sil-Ber; A Mun S A Sil-Ber; A Hol-Kie; F Gre S F Aeg; F Aeg S F Gre; F Rom holds; A Ukr-War.

ITALY (Wiencek): A Ven holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Bud & A Ser S A Rum; A Rum S RUSSIAN A Sev-Ukr; A Tri S ITALIAN A Ven; A Gal-War.

RUSSIA (La Rocco): No moves received. A Sev, F Bla, A Bul, A Con & A Smy hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. Earlier press releases appear on page 7. The dislodged French A Hol must retreat to Ruh or Bel. The direction of this retreat should be phoned in AT ONCE to the Gamesmaster, who will pass it on to the English player. England retreats F Ber-Pru or removes the unit. Please notify me at once if a removal is contemplated. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 1983. Stand-by moves for Russia should be sent in by Eric Verheiden, #2, 200 S. Azusa Ave., Azusa, Calif. 91702.

PRUSSIA to WORLD: Thanks for the fun - I mean that sincerely! Kadish was a Stalin-esque buffon whose pitiful attempts at deception were never successful - I'm glad I outlasted him. John - when you built two fleets, I thought I was safe. You're a much better player than you let on - which is true of all good players!

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"Spring 1902"

...AND NOW WHAT?

ENGLAND (Clarke): A Nwy-Swe; F Nth-Ska; F Lon-Nth; F Nrg S F Lon-Nth.

FRANCE (Wallick): A Spa-Gas; A Mar-Bur; A Mun S A Mar-Bur; A Par-Pic; F Bre-Eng; F Por-Mid.

GERMANY (Kellmeyer): No moves received; A Kie, A Bel & F Hol hold.

ITALY (Speidel): No moves received; A Tyr, A Tri, F Nap & F Eas hold.

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

RUSSIA (Jordan): A St.P-Nwy; A Ber-Sil; A War holds; A Ukr-Rum; F Swe-Bal; F Sev-Bla; F Ank-Con.

TURKEY (Wilcon): F Aeg-Con; A Bul S F Aeg-Con; A Am-Smy.

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GERMANY: Michael Quirk, 3830 Chester Dr., Glenview, Ill. 60025; 312-498-1377
ITALY: Kevin Stone, Box 671, Grove City College, Grove City, Penn. 16127; 412-458-9863
RUSSIA to TURKEY: If you would not have talked so freely about stabbing me you would be in a better position now.