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TURMOIL AT IGNOBEL PRIZE AWARDS

Not since the turbulent era of the First Americo-Vietnamese War have the annual awards of the Ignobel Prizes been accompanied by as much controversy and disruption as they were this year. These five prizes, awarded under the will of the war profiteer, spy, and currency manipulator Alfons Ignobel (1838-1937), are usually given out just before Christmas in the Salon du Grand-Duc of the Hotel de Wogastisburg et Metropole, a gilded-age hostelry in Wogastisburger-Neustadt, capital of the Grand Duchy of Wogastisburg-Schlampenbüttel. The award ceremony has become a regular stop on the winter tourist circuit in the Four And A Half Kingdoms, just after the Winter Solstice Festival in the matriarchal Kingdom of Skandalutz, and just before the big Circus Bowl game at the Circus Minimus in the Temporary Roman Empire.

This year the controversy began before the actual announcement of the awards. While the Grenadian exile Reo Stutz was being chosen King of Skandalutz, a rumor began circulating among the revellers at the Festival that the secretly awarded 1974 Ignobel Prize for Espionage had actually gone to Hafiz el-Assad, President of Syria. Even Stutz, former Minister of Detourism, asked reporters about the rumor, during the press conference held just after he was chosen King of Skandalutz by lot from among all adult males present at the Winter Solstice Festival. ("My qualifications for office in the former Coard-Austin government," he said in answer to another question, "were unquestioned. I was also named after an obsolete automobile.")

The rumors became so insistent that Aloys Ignobel, 77, son of the the prizes' founder and of Mata Hari, spoke on the matter after the Sacred Feast. (This climax of the Pagan religious year in Skandalutz saw the former King, the Argentine army deserter Eusebio Toromierda, sacrificed to the Mother Goddess and served as a traditional Argentinian mixed grill.) Ignobel refused to confirm or deny that he would refuse to confirm or deny this rumor, but he did tell reporters: "Long before President Assad took office, an Israeli spy named Eliyahu Cohen infiltrated the Syrian government and was on the point of receiving a cabinet appointment when he was exposed and hanged. Now that would be too good a trick to try just once. Furthermore, if you subtract all the rhetoric, President Assad has been a faithful servant of Israeli interests. He has crushed the Palestine Liberation Organization, and made the once-formidable Yasser Arafat a fugitive with an uncertain present and no future. The P. L. O., once an international diplomatic factor, has been reduced to a mere agency of the Syrian government, and can never again pretend that it is pursuing an independent policy."

The actual awarding of the prize began, as is traditional, with the WarvPrize. There had been high hopes that President Reagan would become the first American President to get the prize since Richard Nixon, in 1969, but Ignobel ridiculed this notion in the presentation speech. "Considering the means at the disposal of the United States of America," he said, "it would be preposterous to award this prize for a minuscule operation like Grenada." Instead, the Prize went to Menachem Begin, for the invasion of Lebanon and all the subsequent complications. "For the first time," he told the audience of glittering tourists and local freeloaders, "troops of the United States are engaged in combat with a nation being directly supplied with military equipment and advisers by the Soviet Union, under the terms of an explicit treaty. For the leader of a small nation to have brought this about is an accomplishment worthy of recognition."

Herr Ignobel spoke these words against cries of outrage from the exiled American Yippie leader Julius Orange, who loudly expressed his opinion that President Reagan should have won the War Prize. Eventually, Orange was shouted down by P. Vigurus Macho, a Temporary Roman who heads the exiled Pundschrunki Fascist party, the Stalwart National Iron Fist (SNIF). Macho was also opposed to this award, since it went to a Jew. "We

don't care how big a war he started, or how harsh a minority government he imposed on a neighboring state, or how many people got killed!" Macho yelled. "No Jew has the qualifications to be a good Fascist!"

After these objections were suppressed, Ignobel went on to award the 1983 Espionage Prize. "This year we honor a freelance spy, of the new tradition," he said. "Howard Moreland worked for no nation, no faction, no party or organization. Yet, without even a security clearance, he put together scattered bits of information and put a complete description of the construction and detonation of a hydrogen bomb into his book The Secret that Exploded."

"Who'd he spy for?" shouted Macho. "And what kind of spy is that who puts it all in a book instead of sending a secret message to his government?"

Ignoring this interruption, Ignobel went on to the Genocide Prize. This went to President Assad for his virtual annihilation of the entire city of Hamah, simply because it was a stronghold of his opposition. "I am aware of these rumors that President Assad was an Israeli agent," he said, "and they have nothing to do with the award of this prize. The extermination of the Moslem Brotherhood would be an accomplishment worthy of this prize, even without regard to his motivation. The fact that it destroys the infrastructure of one of the most bitterly anti-Israeli organizations in the Moslem world is entirely irrelevant."

"Wasn't your great-great-grandfather Chief Rabbi of Chelm?" Macho howled.

"That's better than not knowing who your father was, Macho," Orange heckled him.

"That's a sexist remark!" shouted the American Feminist leader Valerie Solipsis, who had just been expelled from Skandalutz for urging the complete replacement of sex by artificial insemination.

The Provocation Prize, in the sense of the term agent provocateur, went to Kenneth Adelman, President Reagan's director of disarmament negotiations. "Mr. Adelman's assertion that disarmament talks are a 'sham', designed to defuse domestic concern about war rather than to accomplish any actual reduction of armaments, is one of the most sweeping acts of provocation ever seen in the whole history of international diplomacy. The fact that Mr. Adelman was supported by President Reagan, and confirmed by the Senate despite these remarks, assures that he deserves this award," said Herr Ignobel.

"It is with a particular nostalgia that I make the award of the Ignobel Prize in Military Science," Herr Ignobel concluded. "When my father endowed these prizes, the popular conception of the Military Science Prize was some marvelous new weapon, invented by a scientist of genius and put to the service of bigger and better wars. The posthumous award of the first Military Science Prize to Dr. Franz Haber for the invention of poison gas was made in this spirit. Then, during and after World War II, scientific discovery became the field of huge research endeavors, involving hundreds of scientists who would each add a little to the common effort. Indeed, sometimes the prize went not to an actual weapon, but to a new tactical doctrine of the coup d'etat, or a new formulation of racism, or some other intellectual system with a military content. Now, however, the 1983 Ignobel Prize for Military Science goes to an individual scientist, for his invention of a particular weapon. The recipient is Dr. Samuel Cohen, inventor of the neutron bomb. Not only did Dr. Cohen get to the heart of modern war by inventing a weapon that works its particular effects on people rather than property, but since then he has defended this weapon against the pernicious and dogmatic attacks of Pacifists."

At this point, P. Vigurus Macho burst loose from the restraining grip of three gorgeously uniformed members of the Grand Ducal Secret Police, and charged after somebody - whether Ignobel, Orange, or Solipsis was never established. At full speed, he slipped on a memento left by one of the of the Secret Police guard dogs, slid full length down a nearly denuded buffet table, and landed in the lap of Mme. Condé-Wasch, the Skandalous Ambassadors to France. She promptly took him off to the Skandalous Embassy for medical treatment, as the ceremony broke up in turmoil. A scheduled showing of The Day After, the first in the Four And A Half Kingdoms, was postponed indefinitely, since Solipsis threw Orange through the only available screen.

1982CV

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"Spring 1910-Spring 1911"

TO THE BITTER END

Following "Fall 1910" moves, France retreated A Sil-Mun. In "Winter 1910", France builds F Mar and A Par, while Russia builds A Sev, F St.P(n.c.) and A Mos. No removal was received from Italy, and so the Italian F Tun was removed. All players were informed.

FRANCE (Kaplan): F Lon-Eng; F Nrg-Nwy; F Nth & F Ska S F Nrg-Nwy; F Den S F Bal; A Der holds; F Bal & A Mun S A Der; A Ruh-Kie; A Tyr S A Ven; A Rom S A Ven; A Ven & A Pie S A Tyr; F Adr-Ion; F Nap S F Adr-Ion; A Par-Bur; F Mar-Lyo.

ITALY (Brawner): F Apu-Ion.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): A Nwy S F Swe; F Bot & A Fin S F Swe; F St.P(n.c.), F Swe & F Bar S A Nwy; A Mos-Liv; A Sil-Boh; A Pru-Sil; A War-Gal; A Sev-Ukr; A Tri-Tyr; A Vie S A Tri-Tyr; A Gre-Alb; A Bul-Ser; A Smy-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The vote for a concession to France fails of unanimity. The deadline for "Fall 1911" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 13 JANUARY 1984.

PARIS: Paul, you shouldn't have been so greedy.

1983HF

"Spring 1902"

EASTERN ALLIANCE STABS AND IS STABBED

ENGLAND (Follmer): F Lon-Eng; F Edi-Nth; F Nth-Nwy; A Nwy-Fin.

FRANCE (G. Baker): A Pic-Bur; A Par-Pic; F Dre-Mid; F Mar-Lyo; A Por-Spa.

GERMANY (Quarto): A Hol-Ruh; A Ber-Mun; F Kie-Bal; F Swe S F Kie-Bal; A Den-Kie.

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brawner): A Bud-Rum; A Vie-Tyr; A Ser S RUSSIAN F Bul(e.c.); F Gre-Aeg; F Tri-Alb; A Mun S RUSSIAN A Sil-Ber.

RUSSIA (London): A Sil-Ber; F Bal-Kie; F Bul(e.c.) S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Bud-Rum; A Rum-Ukr; A Mos S A Rum-Ukr.

TURKEY (Schembari): F Bla-Bul(e.c.); A Con S F Bla-Bul(e.c.); A Sev-Rum; F Smy-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Ber-Pru and Russia retreats F Bal-Den, -Liv, -Dot-, or -Pru, except that if both units are ordered to Prussia both are removed. The directions of these retreats should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by MONDAY 2 JANUARY 1984. They will then be sent on to all players. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 13 JANUARY 1984.

RUSSIA to TURKEY: FORGET IT!!!!

TURKEY to AUSTRIA: Don't you talk to anyone but Russia?

TURKEY to RUSSIA: How long will you let him use you?

*CONSTANTINOPLE: A Turkish paper today read, "Thousands of Russia airplanes flew over all of Turkey yesterday and bombarded the Turks with propaganda leaflets. The people are swaying towards the Russians and the Sultan may be agreeing with them. Perhaps instead of Moscow, He will soon be vacationing in Vienna."

FRANCE to GERMANY: Your proposal is neat-0.

FRANCE to ITALY: No, I prefer a French Rome.

GERMANY to WORLD: I know it's Yuletide, but doesn't anyone write anymore?

1983CP

"Spring 1903"

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO RUSSIA FROM GERMANY

ENGLAND (Hardiman): F Lon & F Nrg S F Nth; F Nth S F Lon.

FRANCE (Brawner): A Pic-Bur; A Gas-Bur; A Bel-Wal; F Eng & F Iri C A Bel-Wal; F Mid S F Eng.

GERMANY (Kaplan): A Hol holds; F Den-Swe; F Nwy S F Den-Swe; F Kie-Dal; A Tyr-Boh; A Mun-Sil.

ITALY (Cameron): A Ven S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tri; A Tun-Alb; F Ion C A Tun-Alb; F Adr S A Tun-Alb.AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Chafetz): A Vie-Gal; A Tri-Bud; A Ser-Alb.RUSSIA (Henricks): F Swe S GERMAN F Nwy; A St.P S GERMAN F Nwy; A Mos S A St.P; A War-Gal; F Sev S F Rum; F Rum S TURKISH A Bul; A Bud S GERMAN A Tyr-Vie.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian A Ser is dislodged and annihilated. Russia must retreat F Swe-Ska, -Fin, or -Bot. The direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by MONDAY 2 JANUARY 1984. The English and German players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 13 JANUARY 1984. Press releases appear on page 7. Bill Hardiman's new address is 1213-A Manassas Court, Raleigh, N. C. 27609.

1983AX

"Spring 1904"

"HALT! WHO GOES THERE?"

ENGLAND (Peart): F Lon-Eng; A St.P-Nwy; F Ear-St.P(n.c.); F Ska-Den; F Nwy-Nth.FRANCE (Bragdon): F Bel-Eng; A Bur-Bel; A Pic S A Bur-Bel; A Par-Bur; A Gas S A Par-Bur; F Mar-Lyo.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): No moves received. A Ber, A Kie, A Ruh & A Hol hold.

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Wasserman): A Tri-Ser; A Bud S A Tri-Ser; A Vie S A Bud.RUSSIA (Drakert): A Mos-St.P; A War-Sil; A Gal-Vie; A Rum-Bud; F Bla-Rum.TURKEY (Follmer): F Ion holds; A Con-Gre; F Aeg C A Con-Gre; A Bul S A Con-Gre; A Ser S RUSSIAN A Rum-Bud.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey must retreat F Ion-Tun, -Apu, -Acr, -Aln, or -Eas. The direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that it arrives by MONDAY 2 JANUARY 1984. All players in the general vicinity will be informed - in particular, Italy and Austria-Hungary. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 13 JANUARY 1984. Press releases are on page 6.

WHEN DO YOU EXPIRE?

On the reasonable assumption that 1982CV will end in GRAUSTARK #485, the subscriptions of John Aicken, John Carroll, and Terry Tallman will end with that issue. Richard Kovalcik's subscription will end with #488, and Gerry Thompson's with #489.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

SCOTT CAMERON (20 November): I just saw The Day After on TV & must say I'm underwhelmed. I think when ABC claimed it was a serious drama, they meant it didn't have Gary Coleman in it. And the psychologists who argued against watching it alone were probably either employees of the network or quacks. I would have been better off spending my time re-reading Hiroshima (or re-reading practically anything else).

It was interesting that Martin Sheen was playing JFK (in a film that ran opposite to "TDA") while at the same time he's appearing as a deranged political candidate in the theatrical film Dead Zone. One scene in Dead Zone has Sheen, as president, launching a first strike nuclear attack against the Soviet Union &, had things worked out only a little differently a few years ago, they could have spliced that part into the Kennedy flick. An interesting coincidence.

ROLAND MORRIS (27 November): This letter is to ask you to terminate my subscription to GRAUSTARK effective immediately. I do not expect a refund of any sort. Since I am no longer involved or interested in any GRAUSTARK games it is pointless for you to continue mailing it to me.

I greatly respect the contribution which you have made to postal Diplomacy. You have helped create a hobby which many people now involved will enjoy for a lifetime, including myself. For this I am grateful to you and GRAUSTARK.

However, if I had the desire to read one sided distortions about the United States I would subscribe to Pravda, not GRAUSTARK. I have no such desires and therefore upon its arrival GRAUSTARK goes from the mailbox to the garbage can in a matter of seconds. This being the case, GRAUSTARK is quite useless to me and there is no point in wasting your stamps on me.

((Obviously, hard as I have tried, I have not yet been sufficiently vehement in my total support of everything done by the Great Big United States of America to convince some readers that I completely support, without reservation or question, every act and policy and word of His Excellency, the President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader of our glorious and eternal Empire. Now that the Great Big United States of America is at war with Syria, absolute loyalty is demanded, not merely of every American, but of every human being. I cannot afford to let the least suspicion of disloyalty fall on me, knowing what was done to such people during the war with Vietnam. I am therefore going to take the following steps, which should leave not the least doubt of my Total Support of our Total Empire:

1.) Henceforth, all pronouns referring to the President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader will be capitalized.

2.) Previously I had been quite complacent about the 1984 elections, knowing that in the past, Democrats have begun and carried forward wars that have advanced our nation from the status of one among many to the overwhelmingly dominant position which it now has and will forever have in the world. However, this impartiality cannot be maintained in a world in which such suspicions as Mr. Morris' are rampant. I will therefore in future issues vigorously reject, oppose, and condemn the colossal and virtually treacherous effrontery of the Democratic Party, which has had the disloyal insolence to assert that it will run a Presidential candidate against our glorious and warlike Leader.

3.) An article will appear in one of the next two issues of GRAUSTARK, opposing the recent series of accusations that our President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader has been telling falsehoods in his public statements. It must vigorously be asserted that whatever the President says, is ipso facto solo, True.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Kevin Stone writes that his new address is 2880 County Line Drive, Big Flats, N. Y. 14814; 607-562-8124.

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Dave Schwartz informs me that Jim Goldman, who played Germany in the very first postal Diplomacy game, 1962A, is again interested in resuming the hobby. I have sent Jim this issue, and the offer of a free game in the magazine he helped get started.

1982IM

"Fall 1907"

TRAFFIC JAM IN VIENNA

ENGLAND (Corbin): F Liv-Cly; A Bel-Lon; F Nth C A Bel-Lon; A Boh-Vie; F Tyr-Nap;
F Tun-Tyr.

FRANCE (Ferguson): A Vie-Tri; A Ven S A Vie-Tri; A Tus S A Ven; F Naf-Tun; F Wes S
 F Naf-Tun; F Lyo-Tyr.

GERMANY (Ellis): A Sil S RUSSIAN A War-Gal; A Tyr S FRENCH A Vie-Tri; A Mun-Boh;
 A Rom S ENGLISH F Tyr-Nap.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Pearson): A Bud-Vie; A Tri S A Bud-Vie; A Ser S A Tri; F Ion-Adr.

RUSSIA (Bragdon): A Gal-Bud; A War-Gal; A Ukr S A War-Gal; A Mos S A Ukr; F Swe holds.

TURKEY (Chafetz): A Sev-Ukr; F Bla-Sev; A Rum-Gal; F Aeg-Gre; F Con-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Tri-Alb and Eng-
 land retreats F Tun-Ion. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply
 centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nap, Nwy. (6)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Ser, Vie, (3)
FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven. (8)	RUSSIA: Den, Mos, St.P, Swe, War. (5)
GERMANY: Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun, Rom, (5)	TURKEY: Ank, Gul, Con, Gre, Rum, Sev, Smy. (7)

Turkey and France may each build two units, and Germany may build one. England also
 has a build if the dislodged F Tun is removed. Austria-Hungary must remove one unit.
 The deadline for these "Winter 1907" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 13 JANUARY 1984. Hector
 Roybal has resigned as Turkey, and is replaced by Lawrence Chafetz, whose address ap-
 peared in the last issue. As of 4 January 1984, Randy Ellis's address will be #1-A,
 905 Emery, Lawrence, Kansas 66045.

TURKEY to WORLD: What a boring game! Come on guys, where's that Diplomacy spi-
 rit. I for one will not go down with a whimper. Let's shake things up a bit.

ISTANBUL: Gentlemen, I am resigning formally my position as Turkey in this game.
 Although I have been very busy and could easily use that as an excuse for terminating
 in this game, I must admit that real reason is that this game (yawn) has become a bit
 of a chore and not much is going to happen. Perhaps I could interest you all in an
 exciting postal game of Freeway Watching. This exciting game involves sitting on an
 overpass sometimes counting cars. There is the super exciting Bench Sitting game.
 Or perhaps the Breathing game would be more the liking for some of you. I though
 Diplomacy was supposed to be played by aggressive, wheeling-dealing types. Solid
 five-way draws in Diplomacy are exceeded in their dullness only by six and seven way
 draws. Where no one individual or alliance can spark some competition the game will
 die of sheer boredom. Next week I know of a get together where some people will be
 comparing shag rug samples. If you are interested give me a call. Wishing you all
 the best. Hector.

LONDON: Fleet Edinburg, where are you?

ENGLAND to WORLD: It's about time we finally eliminated someone, no who is
 going to volunteer to be next.

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ROME: Christmas Green, Christmas Red
 Kick the Turk, in the Head.

PARIS to LONDON: Fine - you've picked up your eastern center(??), Now, let's
 get the Poches!

BURGUNDY to RUHR: Nothing personal in my policy towards you. Germany just hap-
 pens to be on my path of advance & I need a bit of lebensraum. I'm sure you under-
 stand about such things.

Following "Fall 1903" moves, Italy retreats A ~~Ruh~~-Ruh.

ENGLAND (Zaiz): Builds F Liv.

ITALY (Swinger): Builds F Ven.

FRANCE (Schembari): Removes A Par.

TURKEY (Hardiman): Builds F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 13 JANUARY 1984. Stand-by moves for Russia should be sent in by Phill Cooper, 3210 Nu Vista Lane, Tempe, Ariz. 85282. Bill Hardiman's new address is 1213-A Manassas Court, Raleigh, N. C. 27609. Earlier press releases appear on page 9.

ST. PETERSBURG: A cold fury settles in at the Russian headquarters. How could our dispatches to the front have been lost? Without direction, our soldiers & sailors just stood idly by and watched the worst happen. Now, our efforts must be geared to meet survival until our allies can help up.

BREST: A question from Brest to Berlin and Vienna: Which of you is going to help check the Italian's growth?

1983L

"Winter 1905"

ENGLAND (Ticossi): Builds F Edi.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Cameron): Builds A Vie,

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

F Tri.

The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 13 JANUARY 1984.

ROME to VIENNA: Send me some orders and this time I'll follow them to the letter.

ROME to PARIS: You keep lying; that's no way to get a guy to puppet for you.

VIENNA: It was reported here today that Count Otto von Spritzen had escaped from Rumania and was heading for the Russian military installation at Tagonrog. Imperial troops will be sent to pursue him.

1982IN

"Winter 1907-Spring 1908"

IRON RING CLOSES ON IRON CROWN

In "Winter 1907" France built F Bre and Russia built A Sev. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Ticossi): F Nat-Mid; F Nth-Eng; F Iri S F Nth-Eng; A Yor-Lon; A Bel-Pic; A Ruh-Lur; F Ber-Kie; F Bal-Den; A Ukr-Gal; A Mos-War.

FRANCE (J. Schwartz): F Mid S F Bre; F Bre S F Mid; F Eng-Bel; A Bur S F Eng-Bel; A Hol-Ruh; A Kie S A Hol-Ruh; A Mun S A Kie; A Gal-Vie; A Tyr S A Gal-Vie; A Ven-Tri; F Apu-Adr; F Bul(s.c.)-Con; F Gre holds; F Rom-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A War-Sil; A Vie-Boh; A Tri-Vie; A Ser-Tri; A Bud S ENGLISH A Ukr-Gal.

RUSSIA (La Rocco): A Rum-Ukr; A Sev S A Rum-Ukr; F Bla S A Sev; A Con-Bul; A Smy-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 13 JANUARY 1984.

RUSSIA to ENGLAND: I'd like it very much to join forces with you. Just tell me what to do.

1983CP - PRESS RELEASES

VIENNA: In his abdication speech the Emperor was quoted as saying "At least we kept the green slugs out of Albania."

PARIS to LONDON and VIENNA: The German people pray for your divine forgiveness. The evil Russians have shown to honor.

BERLIN to ST. PETE: You've got too many armies.

VATICAN: The Pope today declared a jihad against Albania, and said that Italy would wage war against that country until its leaders agreed to change the name of its capital from Tirana to Pitchblende City.

No explanation was offered.

1983CW

"Winter 1902"

Following "Fall 1902" moves, Turkey removes the dislodged A Bul and F Con, while Germany retreats A Bel-Ruh. Press releases left over from the last issue appear on page 9.

ENGLAND (Clarke): Builds A Liv.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Palter): Builds A Bud.

FRANCE (Wallick): Builds F Bre.

RUSSIA (Jordan): Builds F St.P(n.c.).

GERMANY (Quirk): Removes A Ruh.

TURKEY (Wilcon): Builds A Smy.

ITALY (Stone): Builds F Nap.

The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 13 JANUARY 1984.

BERLIN: Cut off from the main body of British troops and completely surrounded by the armies of three nations the commander commented today that "maybe we shoulda stayed in Liverpool."

TURKEY to MOSCOW: Backstabbing is becoming a habit with you. Your doing an excellent job of emulating the famous Russian leaders. I should have listened to the ghost of Leon Trotsky.

1982HI

"Winter 1908-Spring 1909"

SOMETHING OR OTHER HAPPENS

Following "Fall 1908" moves, Russia retreated A Mun-Tyr, F Swe-Bal, and Turkey retreated F Bul(e.c.)-Bla. "Winter 1908" moves were:

ENGLAND: Builds F Liv, F Edi.

RUSSIA: Removes A Boh, A Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Builds F Tri.

TURKEY: Removes F Bla.

All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Chafetz): F Edi-Cly; F Liv-NAT; F Eng-Mid; A Bre-Gas; F Nrg S F Nwy; F Nwy S GERMAN F Swe; F Ska-Den; A Kie S F Ska-Den; A Ruh S A Kie; A Mun-Sil.

GERMANY (Quirk): F Swe S ENGLISH F Nwy; A Bul-Rum.

ITALY (D. Schwartz): F Tun holds; F Spa(s.c.) S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Wes-Mid; A Rom S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Nap.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gratto): F Aeg-Ion; A Ser holds; A Bud-Vie; F Tri-Adr; F Nap S

ITALIAN A Rom; A Pie-Tyr; A Ven S A Pie-Tyr; A Mar-Bur; F Wes-Mid.

RUSSIA (Goode): A St.P-Nwy; A Fin S A St.P-Nwy; F NAT-Iri; F Ber-Kie; F Bal S F Ber-Kie; A Sil-Mun; F Con-Bul(s.c.); A Rum S F Con-Bul(e.c.).

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Bul-Gre. The deadline for "Fall 1909" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 13 JANUARY 1984.

SWEDEN and BULGARIA to WORLD: If you guys don't write to me I have to guess where to move to.

VIENNA: SCHNEARHAUSEN JAILED - Count Willi Von Schnearhausen emerged from seclusion only to be jailed in Switzerland. Schnearhausen has run afoul international law and will be tried for violating Rule IX.3. Schnearhausen says he will plead innocent.

1981IQ

"Winter 1913"

Following "Fall 1913" moves, France retreated A Hol-Ruh and Russia retreated A Mun-Ber, A Ser-Bud. The dislodged Russia A Tri is annihilated. Russia builds F St.P(n.c.) and Turkey builds A Con. With these moves, John Aicken resigns as Russia under extreme pressure of mundane activity, and hopes to resume at some future date. The new Russian player is Charles Kaplan, 742 Grouse Court, Deerfield, Ill. 60015; 312-541-2832. The deadline for "Spring 1914" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 13 JANUARY 1984.

PARIS to CONSTANTINOPLE: CHARGE!

1983AS - PRESS RELEASES

ISTANBUL to VIENNA: Geography, not a failure in diplomacy made this necessary.

GERMANY to FRANCE: Their are some people who make the wrong decision sometimes. You are the type that always makes the wrong decision.

ITALY to ENGLAND: I see you have been attending the "Nunzio Paul Schembari School of Diplomacy", Zaiz.

ENGLAND to GERMANY: I say ol' boy, I believe you are right, we is BAD!

VIENNA DISPATCH: The atrocities being committed in Greece will not go unpunished. The Greeks will be given Turkish captives to do with as they please.

1983CW - PRESS RELEASES

ROME to PARIS Thanks for not building a fleet in Marseille. Doing so would be a serious provocation.

CEDARHURST to MOSCOW: Hopefully for once I will do what I thought I was doing.

CEDARHURST to RUSSIA: Sorry that Holly didn't get the moves in but no major hassle as it went anyway.

CEDARHURST to TURKEY: Your noncommunication speaks for itself.

CEDARHURST to ITALY: Between your NMR's & mine we've got BIG trouble.

BRITISH PRESS: Today in London the Ministry of Medicine offered a helping hand across the continent to Italy. Due to the deterioration of the mad Prime Minister's condition, which no doubt caused the recent stall of the Italian military, the Ministry of Medicine offered the services of a team of the finest British doctors, all experts in the most modern of techniques. "I'll be useing my best leaches as well as the newest in trepanning gear" said the 107 year-old head of the medical team being offered to the troubled Dr. Speidel.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Kathy Byrne has assigned the Boardman Number "1983IE" to the new postal Diplomacy game announced in GRAUSTARK #483, and players should use this designation in all correspondence among themselves and with the Gamesmaster.

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Subscriptions for non-players are 9 issues for \$5.00. Back issues as available are 10 issues for \$1.50. And, as of the end of January, substantially fewer back issues will be available. This is because, at the end of every year, I clean out back issues of GRAUSTARK and EMPIRE from the previous year. This means that the 1982 issues will be thrown out at the end of January, those that I don't take over to Kathy Byrne's New Year's weekend Diplomacy session and give away. Presently available back issues are all those from #448, plus a small number of earlier issues. After the end of January 1984, only issues from #467 will be available. Available back issues of EMPIRE are ##149-184 (with a few earlier ones that contain postal rules), but after the end of January the issues ##149-167 will be chucked out.

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While I'm on the topic, Diplomacy was designed by Allan B. Calhamer and is published by Avalon-Hill. The games currently being played in EMPIRE are A Mighty Fortress, Empires of the Middle Ages, and the PRESTAGS series. These were all published by SPI, which means that nobody really knows now who has the rights to them. However,

I am reliably informed that Lou Zocchi has got hold of a few "Z-Packed" copies of EMA, and I've seen one on sale at the uptown branch of The Compleat Strategist for \$25. (Roger Oliver bought it, and it seems to have been their last one.) For information write Zocchi Distributors, 01956 Pass Road, Gulfport, Miss. 39501.

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This issue of GRAUSTARK is being collated at the home of Larry Carmody, so my wife can spend this afternoon readying the house for a Christmas Eve party. Thanks, Larry.

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A press release for 1983AS was erroneously printed in 1983AJ in the last issue. A few other press releases were crowded out altogether. They all appear on page 9 of this issue.

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The American conquest of Grenada is over, and Grenada is settling into life as a subject ally of the Great Big United States of America. Our Empire has installed Sir Paul Scoon as its satrap there, and he has decreed several changes in Grenadian law. For a model on how to govern a small nation in the American interest, Sir Paul does not have far to look; El Salvador and Honduras can give him the model he needs. Therefore, he has prohibited all meetings, gatherings and assemblies of persons in any public place, except for church and business meetings. He has also decreed the establishment of a "special advisory tribunal" to deal with the political opposition, and established press censorship in case a newspaper should ever be established on the island. Arrests without warrants have also been authorized. "A government source said the public security laws would 'remain in effect as long as necessary'". (New York Daily News, 11 November 1983) The once-troublesome island of Grenada has a new master now, they better believe it.

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As an article in the last GRAUSTARK pointed out, the imperially mighty Great Big United States of America has changed greatly from the isolated and isolationist state that existed prior to World War II. This is why the frequent quotation of a 19th-century politician makes no sense in the vastly different realm which is now an imperial stage on which the Great Big United States of America now presents itself before history and an admiring world. These are the narrow-minded and pusillanimous words which have been inserted over a dozen times in recent issues of the Congressional Record, that tiresome account of the doings of an obsolete and powerless legislative body:

"Allow the President to invade a neighboring nation, whenever he shall deem it necessary to **repel** an invasion, and you allow him to do so, whenever he may choose to say he deems it necessary for such purpose - and you allow him to make war at pleasure. Study to see if you can fix any limit to his power in this respect, after you have given him so much as you propose. If, today, he should choose to say he thinks it necessary to invade Canada, to prevent the British from invading us, how could you stop him? You may say to him, 'I see no probability of the British invading us' but he will say to you 'be silent; I see it, if you don't.'"

"The provision of the Constitution giving the war-making power to Congress, was dictated as I understand it, by the following reasons. Kings had always been involving and impoverishing **their** people in wars, pretending generally, if not always, that the good of the people was the object. This, our Constitution understood to be the most oppressive of all kingly oppressions; and they resolved to so frame the Constitution that no one man should hold the power of bringing this oppression upon them. But your view destroys the whole matter, and places our President where Kings have always stood."

In our own time, the 1787 Constitution's provision that only Congress may declare war has become a legal nullity. We Americans place a total and absolute reliance on the wisdom and power of our President, knowing full well what will happen to us if we don't. His power far exceeds that of any of the kings of old. These words, written in 1848 by an obscure one-term midwestern Congressman named Abraham Lincoln, can have no relevance to the imperial stature which the Great Big United States of America now has.

1983AM

"Winter 1904"

Austria-Hungary has no home supply centers open, and so no build is possible.

FRANCE (Jordan): Removes F Spa(s.c.)

ITALY (Ezzio): Builds F Nap.

GERMANY (Ripper): Builds A Mun.

TURKEY (Greene): Removes F Ank.

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 13 JANUARY 1984.

ROME: Umberto Quatromangare, the culinary specialist of the Committee of Twelve, has decided to paddle his way across the English Channel on a raft. "Why are you going to England?" reporters asked him in Paris. "It is widely believe that the English never cook-up anything," replied Umberto, "but I've heard that their raw eggs and boar's tusks are just delicious." When asked how he intended to travel from place to place as there are no roads in England, Umberto Quatromangare replied that he had heard that the English mail-system was excellent, therefore he intended to mail himself, bulk rate, from place to place.

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"Fall 1911"

RUSSIA TRADES SCANDINAVIA FOR GERMANY

ENGLAND (Corbin): F Mar & F Nrg S FRENCH F Nth-Nwy; F Den-Swe; F Bal S F Den-Swe;
A Bel-Ruh; A Hol S A Bel-Ruh.

FRANCE (Stone): F Nth-Nwy; F Naf-Tun; F Mid-Wes; A Kie-Mun; A Bur S ENGLISH A Bel-Ruh;
A Mar-Gas.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Quirk): A Boh & A Tyr S RUSSIAN A Sil-Mun; A Ven-Pie; A Tri-Ven; F
Tyr-Lyo; F Ion-Tun; F Gre-Ion; A Rum S A Bul; A Bul S A Rum.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): A Sev & F Con hold; A Nwy holds; A Ukr-Mos; A War-Sil; F Smy-Eas;
A Ruh-Hol; A Mun-Kie; A Ber S A Mun-Kie; A Sil-Mun; A Swe-Den; A St.P S A Nwy.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia removes the dislodged A Ruh, and retreats A Nwy-Fin or removes the unit. The French and Russian players should send in orders on whether they want to retreat or remove their respective dislodged armies in Kiel and Sweden. If Russia orders A Nwy-Fin, A Swe-Fin, both units are removed. If Russia orders A Swe-Den and France orders A Kie-Den, both are removed. If one of these armies is retreated, and the other in the pair is removed, then the retreat is valid. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

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

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

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

RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Con, Kie, Mos, Mun, St.P, Sev, Smy, War. (10)

Austria-Hungary may build two new units, and England and France may each build one. (France does not have a build if the retreat A Kie-Den succeeded.) If the dislodged Russian A Swe wasn't annihilated then Russia has a removal. If all three dislodged Russian armies were removed, Russia has a build. The deadline for these "Winter 1911" orders, which may be made conditional on the disposals of the dislodged units, is NOON FRIDAY 13 JANUARY 1984.

ENGLAND to RUSSIA: Why is it that everyone accuses ME of pupeterring when I'm the smallest power on the board?

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

One player asks how the following situation would be adjudicated:

ENGLAND: A Bre-Par; A Pic S A Bre-Par.

FRANCE: F Mid-Bre; A Par S F Mid-Bre; A Gas S A Par.

The only impossible move is underlined, and the English A Bre is annihilated, since it has nowhere to retreat. The French A Par cannot be dislodged since it is supported in place by A Gas. It can therefore deliver a valid support to the French F Mid-Bre, because it is attacked only from the area into which it is delivering support.

THE GREAT ALL-STAR DIPLOMACY GAME

By Marc Hurwitz

XI - Walter Manochi (Winter 1903)

Things are definitely heating up, as the egg said to the pan - that's an old yolk. At least Wills is steady. What a game - 3 centers still, after 3 years. No builds for me. At least I'm not dead yet, despite the wino to the south.

If I can just hold out, Wills will let me in on the continent. I can lose England to France, so long as the prig keeps me alive. At least Smith gets no builds. I've got to persuade Macy to remove the fleet he retreated to Skag. Then, I can proceed into Kiel with Will's help.

"Uh, Walt - mind if I sit down?"

I had been sitting, I am sitting, in a dark booth in the bar. Think of the devil - Macy himself!

"Sure, Ed! You know - I was just thinking about you. We're both in a pretty sorry state, and we've both been manipulated by other people - you know who I mean."

"Um - well, uh, Walt, you're right. All my, err, models, uh, have gone awry. Perhaps we should, uh, swear loyalty until, uh, our fortunes improve. France is sustaining me against - you know - the Englishman, but if I could get him, to, withdraw from England - well - maybe we could stab both Russia and France."

"It's certainly worth a try, Walt! I'm glad we see eye-to-eye on this. Now it seems to me that the first thing you've got to do is remove F Skag. You see, Russia is about to stab Turkey. Removing F Skag will allow him to move more forces south, increasing our chance for a stab!"

We talk about it. He agrees! I'm going to eat him alive!

GERMANY (Macy): Removes A Bel.

ITALY (Johnson): Removes F Tyr, F Adr.

RUSSIA (Wills): Builds A Sev, A War,
F St.P(n.c.).

TURKEY (Godowski): Builds F Con.

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