

GRAUSTARK

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1981IQ

"Fall 1914"

TURKEYS AND FROGS SKIN BEAR

Following "Spring 1914" moves Russia retreated F Nth-Hel. The retreat A Mun-Sil was available to and taken by the dislodged French army.

FRANCE (Martin): A Sil-Per; A Boh-Mun; A Bur S A Boh-Mun; F Nth-Ska; F Nrg-Nth; F Nat-Nrg; F Mid-Eng; F Lon & F Edi S F Nrg-Nth; A Hol holds; A Bel S A Hol.

RUSSIA (Kaplan): F Bar S F Nwy; F Hel-Hol; A Kie S F Hel-Hoh; F Den-Nth; A Tyr-Vie; A Ber S A Mun; A Mos & A War S A Ukr; A Gal S A Tyr-Vie; A Ukr S A Gal; F Nwy not ordered, holds; A Mun not ordered, holds.

TURKEY (Cooper): A Sev-Ukr; A Rum S A Sev-Ukr; A Arm-Sev; F Bla S A Arm-Sev; A Tri-Bud; A Ser S A Tri-Bud; F Adr-Tri; F Ven-Tri; F Alb-Ion; A Gre-Alb.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia must retreat A Mun-Tyr or -Ruh; the direction for this retreat must be sent in with the "Winter 1914" moves, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Spa, Tun. (12)

RUSSIA: Ber, Den, Kie, Mos, Nwy, St.P, Swe, Vie, War. (9)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven. (13)

Turkey may build three new units, and France may build one. Russia must remove three units. The deadline for these "Winter 1914" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 1984.

PARIS to ST. PETE: It's a shame you choose to bring a petty personal grudge against me into this game. What's your problem, anyway?

1984B

"Spring 1901"

FRENCH BLOCK GERMAN ADVANCE

ENGLAND (J. Schwartz): A Liv-Edi; F Edi-Nrg; F Lon-Nth.

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

GERMANY (Goldman): A Mun-Dur; A Ber-Kie; F Kie-Hol.

ITALY (Schembari): F Nap-Tyr; A Rom-Tus; A Ven-Pie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Clarke): A Bud-Ser; F Tri-Alb; A Vie holds.

RUSSIA (Downs): F St.P(n.c.)-Bot; A Mos-St.P; A War-Ukr; F Sev-Bla.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. As I have already informed the players, I misunderstood Barry Swift's game entry; it was for the postal game of Civilization in EMPIRE (if I can figure out how to handle it) and not for this game. In 1984B, therefore, Italy is being played by Nunzio Paul Scembari, 1661 72nd St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11204; 212-837-5377. The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 1984.

ROME: The Pope has released his statement on the war: 'Gentlemen, there is no use in fighting. No one will win in the end. Let us stay in our own countries, raise our chickens and live in peace. Expand now and you will only shrink later. Please, I beg you, call a truce.' In response to this outrage, our glorious leader, Il Duce, has overrun the Vatican and is now moving on Avignon where he believes the foundations of the papal anti-war movement were laid in 1375.

ITALY to TURKEY: Sorry, Richard, I just couldn't do it.

PRINCETON to the BRONX: The French Ar-mee announces with pleasure the refurbishment and restrengthening of the Maginot Line.

1983AJ

"WARSAW WAS JUST OCCUPIED BY WHO?"

"Fall 1905"

ENGLAND (J. Baker): A Liv-War; F Iri-Mid; F Nat S F Iri-Mid; A Bre S A Pic; A Pic & F Eng S A Bre; F Nth S F Eng.

FRANCE (Jordan): A Gas S A Par; A Mar-Dur; A Par S A Mar-Dur; F Mid holds.

GERMANY (Ripper): A Sil-Gal; A Ukr S A Sil-Gal; A Mos S A Ukr; A Boh-Vie; A Ruh-Bur; A Mun S A Ruh-Bur; F Kie-Bal; F Bel holds.

ITALY (Ezzio): F Naf & F Wes S FRENCH F Mid; A Pie-Tyr; A Tyr-Mun; F Smy-Con; F Tyr-Lyo.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rusnak): F Bla-Ank; A Sev S ENGLISH A Liv-Mos; A Rum S A Sev; A Bud-Tri; A Ser S A Bud-Tri; A Gal-Vie.

TURKEY (Greene): No move received; F Syr holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Gal-Bud. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Swe, War. (8) ITALY: Con, Nap, Rom, Smy, Tun, Ven. (6)

FRANCE: Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (4) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Vie. (9)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mos, Mun. (7)
Austria-Hungary and England may each build one unit; Austria-Hungary could build two more except that no home supply centers are available. Germany must remove one unit and the last Turkish unit is also removed. I have already received the English build, and the Austro-Hungarian one is obvious. The German removal should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 1984. Players will then be informed of the "Winter 1905" orders. The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 1984. The vote for a draw fails of unanimity, and is again submitted to the surviving players.

1983L

HABSBURG AND ROMANOV EXCHANGE PAWNS

"Fall 1906"

Following "Spring 1906" moves Russia retreated A War-Liv.

ENGLAND (Ticosci): A Mos, F Den & F Eng hold; F Iri & F Nth S F Eng; F Bot-St.P(s.c.); F Nat S F Iri.

FRANCE (London): A Bel S A Hol; A Hol S A Bel; A Kie-Den; A Ber-Sil; A Mun S A Ber-Sil; F Spa(s.c.) S F Wes-Mid; F Wes-Mid; F Mid-Eng; F Bre S F Mid-Eng; A Mar holds.

ITALY (Rauterberg): A Pie-Mar; F Tus S FRENCH F Wes-Lyo; F Tyr-Wes; A Tun holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Cameron): A Rum-Sev; A Arm S A Rum-Sev; F Con-Bla; A Gal-Rum; A Sil-Pru; A Vie-Boh; F Alb-Gre; A Ven-Tri; A War S ENGLISH A Mos.

RUSSIA (Verheiden): F Sev-Bla; A Ukr-War; A Liv S A Ukr-War.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A War-Gal, and the Russian F Sev is dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Mos, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (8) ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

FRANCE: Bel, Ber, Bre, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Spa. (10) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Vie. (11)

RUSSIA: War. (1)

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1982P

"Spring 1912"

"I GET BY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS"

ENGLAND (Corbin): F E r-St.P(n.c.); F Nrg-NAT; F Swe-Fin; F Bal, A Hol & A Ruh S
FRENCH A Den-Kie.

FRANCE (Stone): F Nwy S ENGLISH F Bar-St.P(n.c.); A Den-Kie; A Gas-Mar; A Bur S A
Gas-Mar; F Mar-Spa(s.c.); F Wes-Tyr; F NAF-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Quirk): F Lyo-Wes; F Ion-Tun; A Pie-Mar; A Vie-Pie; A Tyr & A Boh S
RUSSIAN A Mun; F Tri-Alb; A Vie, F Gre, A Bul & A Rum hold.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): A Fin S A St.P; A St.P S A Fin; A Mos-Liv; A Sev-Mos; F Con-Aeg;
F Eas-Aeg; A Kie-Ber; A Sil S A Kie-Ber; A Ber-Pru; A Mun not ordered, holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian A St.P is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1912" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 1984.

1982IM

"Spring 1908"

BALKAN LAND RUSH!

ENGLAND (Corbin): A Boh-Vie; F Ion-Adr; F Nap S FRENCH F Tun-Ion; F Cly, F Nth & A.
Lon hold.

FRANCE (Ferguson): F Tun-Ion; F Wes-Tun; F Lyo-Tyr; F Mar-Lyo; A Ven S A Tri; A Tus
S A Ven; A Par holds; A Tri S ENGLISH A Boh-Vie.

GERMANY (Ellis): A Mun-Boh; A Rom-Apu; A Sil-Gal; A Tyr S FRENCH A Tri; F Kie-Hol.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Pearson): A Alb-Tri; A Bud S A Alb-Tri; A Ser S RUSSIAN A Gal-Rum.

RUSSIA (Bragdon): A Gal-Rum; A Ukr-Sev; A Mos S A Ukr-Sev; A War S GERMAN A Sil-Gal;
F Swe holds.

TURKEY (Chafetz): F Smy-Eas; F Aeg S F Gre; A Con-Bul; F Gre S A Con-Bul; A Rum S A
Con-Bul; A Sev S A Con-Bul((sic)); F Bla S A Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats A Sev-Arm. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 1984.

GERMANY to AUSTRIA-HUNGARY" Do I note a slight change in your "It'd better never be a puppet even if it mean death" attitude? Al, I welcome you to the world of Toadies.

RUHR VALLEY: Where did all the press writers go?

BROOKLYN (URRP): Hoo-hah!

BERLIN: At the largest patriotic festival held since 1903, Kaiser RS Ellis addressed a crowd of 175,000 chanting, banner-waving, civilians. As the newly developed military aeroplanes circled overhead, Ellis said, "Germany is again a proud nation. We have taken our rightful status amongst the other states of Europe as equals. The future, my friends, appears only brighter. The Eastern barbarians are on the verge of total defeat, the nation's economy is in better shape than it has ever been, and the continued peace we share with our English, French, and Russian friends appears stable. Long live the second reich!"

FRANCE - WORLD (and LITTLE HECTOR): Once upon a time LITTLE HECTOR was rather bored so he and six friends got together to play Candy Land. LITTLE HECTOR didn't start off so well. He got stuck in the Cherry Pitfall and couldn't get out. Things seemed rather dim for LITTLE HECTOR. But wait! What's this? It seems that LITTLE HECTOR got lucky and drew the Ice Cream Card! He gets to go to the top of the board. LITTLE HECTOR wins with ease! "Yeah!!" he shouted, "I beat all of you, even RANDY!!!" Then, RANDY had a great idea.

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"Let's play again!!!" he shouted. "OK," was the reply. So they started all over again and this time LITTLE HECTOR drew the Ice Cream Card on the first turn. "Yeah!!!" he shouted, "I'm gonna win again!!!" At this point things didn't go so well for Hector. He picked the Candy Cane. "Ha Ha Ha," an anonymous voice shouted, "You have to go almost back to the beginning! You're not gonna win this time!!!" LITTLE HECTOR looked at the situation and saw that this was true. He also noticed that all of his friends were snickering and laughing at HIM!! At this point LITTLE HECTOR got very, very angry. He thought it over and decided...

FRANCE - WORLD (and LITTLE HECTOR): As you may have noticed, I did not provide an ending for the little story shown above. Of course, if the name of the game were DIPLOMACY instead of CANDY LAND, we would all know how the story ends. However, since the game is CANDY LAND, we will give the benefit of the doubt to LITTLE HECTOR. I propose that everyone (Including LITTLE HECTOR) should make up their own ending for the story and send it in to be published in the next issue of GRAUSTARK. So now, dear readers, only time will answer the burning questions: Will Hector quit like a baby and smash the Candy Land board to pieces, will he take it like a man, or more likely - will Hector submit a rather nasty press release about certain French citizens? Aside from these burning questions are the following: Did John Ferguson pass the N. Y. state driving test? Does he now have a license to kill? And, did John Ferguson get accepted to Cornell University which is an institution of learning which is far superior to any thing that LITTLE HECTOR did as far as his education is concerned. Some more questions: Does anybody give a damn about my driver's license or my college education? Have I pissed everybody off at me by acting like a snotty 17 year old brat? Will LITTLE HECTOR fly to Great Neck and kill me with an UZI? Will the FBI arrest Randy Ellis for illegal use of... (COPS! Sorry Randy!)? Will I ever receive a letter from Lawrence Chafetz? Will the ALLIANCE stick together? Will Ken Corbin stab my ass off? Will Randy Ellis retake Denmark? Will Bob Bragdon eliminate anyone who touches "his" centers? Have I now totally botched my Diplomacy? Do I face certain destruction? Do I Care? High School Seniors in their second semester aren't supposed to care! And last, but not least, will I ever get to meet everyone in this game face to face? I've met Randy (Origins 82) and Uncle Al (Origins 83). But how in the hell am I supposed to get to Origins 84 in Dallas? The answer to all of the questions listed (I won't even try to count them) will be listed in future issues. Hey!, I have gotten one last idea (it is now 1:30a.m. Eastern Standard Time on a Tuesday night and I have to "wake up" at 7:00a.m.) If everybody (all six of you and LITTLE HECTOR) answers all of these questions for the next issue then the issue will be eighty pages long and Dr. Boardman will have to have an enema. Why, even "Trickie, Dickie, attack France in '01 like a Sickie" can write in. Godddddd! This has been a lot of fun. Writing obnoxious press is a great way to relieve anxiety and make one drowsy! Hood Bye!! Adios!

FRANCE - URRP): Only kidding about the enema Doc!

BROOKLYN (URRP): So - go look up the original meaning of "catharsis".

FRANCE - WORLD, LITTLE HECTOR, and URRP):..God!!! Ain't I a pompous stinker!?! I certainly think so! While I am at it...Everyone get a sub to Eric Kane's ANDUIN. The rich bastard is losing a couple of bucks every month and he needs your money. Besides, if we all subscribe to both zines we can have 'cross zine press! OK, I admit it is a stupid idea, but, it is now 2:a.m. and I can't see straight. Bye!!! Zzzzzzzzzzzzz!

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The following people have written in asking about playing postal Diplomacy:
 John J. McArdle, 785 Kingswood Court, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230
 Glenn M. Nelsen, 39 Ivy Hill Road, Red Bank, N. J. 07701
 Kenneth Paul, #T-2, 8703 First Ave., Silver Spring, Md. 20910; 301-495-2799

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Definition of a "Homophobe": Someone who doesn't know any gays except Rod Walker.

FIVE POWERS RETREAT!

In the report of the "Spring 1903" moves the Russian move "A Pru-Ber" was incorrectly underlined as failing' in fact it succeeded. Italy then retreats A Tri-Ven. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Clarke): A Wsl-Liv; F Nth-Eng; F Ska-Nwy; F Den holds.

FRANCE (Wallick): A Bre-Liv; F Mid & F Iri C A Bre-Liv; F NAT S A Bre-Liv; A Ruh-Hol; A Fel S A Ruh-Hol; A Mun-Kie.

GERMANY (Quirk): A Kie S F Hol; F Hol S A Kie.

ITALY (Stone): A Vie-Tyr; A Ven-Tyr; F Tyr-Tun; F Eas-Smy; F Aeg S F Eas-Smy.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Palter): A Bud-Vie; A Tri S A Bud-Vie; F Gre-Ion; A Arm-Ank.

RUSSIA (Jordan): F Nwy-Nrg; A Swe-Den; F Bal S A Swe-Den; A Ber-Mun; A Sil S A Ber-Mun; F Con S TURKISH A Smy; F Bla-Ank; A Gal S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Bud-Vie.

TURKEY (Wilcon): A Smy-Con; A Ank S A Smy-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. England by conditional orders removes the dislodged F Den. Germany retreats F Hol-Hel or -Nth, France retreats A Mun-Boh, -Ruh, or -But, and Italy retreats A Vie-Boh, except that if two dislodged units are retreated to Bohemia both are removed. The directions of these retreats should be sent in with the "Winter 1903" moves, which may be made conditional upon them. (Turkey retreats A Smy-Syr.) The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

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

FRANCE: Fel, Bre, Hol, Liv, Mar, Par,

Por, Spa. (8)

GERMANY: Kie. (1)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Smy, Tun, Ven. (5)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (6)

RUSSIA: Con, Den, Mos, Mun, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (9)

TURKEY: (Ank. (1)

England, France, Austria-Hungary, and Russia each have one build; Austria-Hungary would have two but only one home supply center is available. France has two builds if the dislodged A Mun is removed. Italy has a build if the dislodged A Vie is removed. Germany and Turkey must each remove one unit. The deadline for these Winter 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 1984. There is an early press release on p. 9.

CEDARHURST to Kevin: One good stab deserves another.

CEDARHURST - FRANCE: Long time, no hear.

CEDARHURST - RUSSIA: Not that I told you so but...

KIEL - FRANCE: Thanks for writing to me. I have been too busy to respond.

KIEL - CEDARHURST: Hello again, too bad we aren't close enough to be allies here.

ANKARA (From the office of the Sultan): Gentlemen, it appears that my country is about to be overrun by hostile forces, so this may be my last communication. I look forward to meeting some of you again sometime in another scenario when perhaps I shall stay longer.

1983IE - LATE PRESS RELEASE

STRASBOURG, GERMANY (DAMN): The first German casualty of the war, Private Adolf Hitler, was buried here at the front in a dramatic service that brought even the Kaiser to tears. Hitler, an Austrian volunteer in the noble pan-German war effort to defend peace & truth, died while attempting to leave a French wine-cellar. Intoxicated by the deadly beverage, he fell and broke his neck. This diabolical booby-trap is only the latest in a series of French defiances of the rules of war and the Geneva convention.

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1983AS

"Fall 1904"

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO PARIS!

In the last issue the Austro-Hungarian move "A Rum-Sev" was incorrectly underlined; it actually succeeded. France retreated A Bur-Par, F Mid-NAf. All players were informed. The Russian retreat was A Sev-Arm.

ENGLAND (Zaiz): A Den-Kie; F Hel S A Den((sic; see Rule IX.6)); F Nth S FRENCH A Bel-Hol; F Iri-Mid.

FRANCE (Schembari): F Naf-Tun; A Bel-Hol; A Par-Tre.

GERMANY (Jordan): F Hol-Bel; F Kie-Ber; A Bur-Par; A St.P-Nwy; A War-Pru.

ITALY (Swinger): F Mid-Eng; F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; A Mar-Gas; A Ruh S GERMAN F Hol-Bel; F Ion-Tun; F Adr-Apu.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kline): A Sev holds; A Mos & A Ukr S A Sev; F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre; A Bud S A Ser.

RUSSIA (Bowen): No moves received. F Bal, F Bla, A Rum & A Arm hold.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish A Gre is annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Kie, Liv, Lon. (5) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Mos, Ser, Sev, Tri, Vie. (7)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre. (2) GERMANY: Der, Hol, Mun, Nwy, Par, War. (6) RUSSIA: Rum, St.P, Swe. (3)

ITALY: Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Spa, Ven. (6) TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

England, Germany and Austria-Hungary may each build one unit, and Russia and France must each remove one. A stand-by removal for Russia should be sent in by Phill Cooper 3210 N Vista Lane, Tempe, Ariz. 85282. The deadline for "Winter 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 1984. Press releases are on pp. 7 & 9.

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Austria-Hungary and England each has one build, and Russia must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 1984.

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"Winter 1909"

GERMANY (Quirk): Removes A Alb.

RUSSIA (Goode): No build received.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gratto): Builds A Tri.

The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 1984. Stand-by moves for Russia should be sent in by Ron Galicia, 6672 Plaza Ridge Road, San Diego, Calif. 92114; 619-267-8072.

1983AX

"Winter 1904"

Following "Fall" moves Turkey removed the dislodged F Tun, thus getting a build.

ENGLAND (Peart): Builds F Liv.

RUSSIA (Drakert): Builds A Sev.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): No removal received. TURKEY (Follmer): Builds A Smy.

Gamesmaster removes A Hol.

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 1984. Stand-by moves for Germany should be sent in by John C. Quarto, Apt. 5, 23 St. Luke's Road, Allston, Mass. 02134; 617-254-6262.

1983IE

"Fall 1901"

FRANCE AND RUSSIA BLOCK HOSTILE ALLIANCES

ENGLAND (Wienczek): F Eng-Bre; A Yor-Bel; F Nth C A Yor-Bel.FRANCE (Rauterberg): F Mid-Bre; A Bur-Mar; A Mar-Spa.GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Mun-Bur; F Hol S ENGLISH A Yor-Bel; A Kie-Den.ITALY (Bragdon): A Pie-Mar; A Tus-Pie; F Tyr-Tun.AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Jordan): A Ser S TURKISH A Bul-Rum; F Alb-Gre; A Vie-Gal.RUSSIA (Chafetz): F Bot-Swe; A Gal-Rum; A Ukr S A Gal-Rum; F Sev S A Gal-Rum.TURKEY (Bobker): A Bul-Rum; F Ank-Arm; A Arm-Sev.

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

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie.

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

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

RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (5)

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

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

Austria-Hungary and Germany may each build two new units, and each of the other powers may build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 1984. A late press release appears on p. 5.

MOSCOW to the Holy See: The Russ Ambassador wants to thank the Vatican about the warning about the Black Sea.

PARIS to LONDON: If I were you, I'd have prdered F English Channel to Mid Atl. The resultant de-stabilization of my position would kill me far quicker than the cheap stab for the quick center. Just how slick are you?

PARIS to BERLIN: Your letters came right out and hinted that you weren't willing to negotiate in good faith with me. My decision to guard against you was an easy one. So was my decision to stay against you. I won't be an easy nut to crack - just watch. The last time I was France, facing an early E/I/G alliance against me, I held out until 1906. By that time an A/R alliance had overrun England, Germany, and Italy. I just wouldn't lay down and die for them.

1982IN

"Winter 1908"

France retreats F Mid-Por, F Bre-Gas, A Mun-Ruh. The French A Vie is removed.

ENGLAND (Ticossi): Removes A Gal.

RUSSIA (La Rocco): Builds A Sev.

FRANCE (J. Schwartz): Builds F Mar.

The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 1984.

RUSSIAN EASTERN ALLIED PRESS (REAP): The Czar was welcomed by huge crowds throughout the countryside as he traveled back to Moscow yesterday.

Upon his arrival he delivered a speech concerning his whereabouts and adventures. The highlight of his effort came when he stated, "I've skinny dipped in the Black Sea, spent countless hours in the best harems, and dined on only the most extravagant foods on earth. Now that I'm back, there is nothing else to say."

With that, he left the platform and retired to his quarters to again resume the management of the government.

1983AS - PRESS RELEASES

GERMANY to SHATTERED ALLIES: I saw some creativity in the last Russian and English moves in the north. Maybe the game will become a bit more fun. Of course we can still laugh at the French retreat to North Africa.

BREST to ROME: Listen Grant, if you surrender now, I'll stop the barrage."

1983CP

"Winter 1903"

In the last issue, the French order "F Iri-Liv" was incorrectly underlined as failing. In fact it succeeded, which means that Liverpool is now a French rather than an English supply center. England therefore has two removals, and France has a build.

ENGLAND (Hardiman): Removes F Yor,
F Nrg.

ITALY (Cameron): Builds A Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Chafetz): Removes A Vie.

FRANCE (Brawner): Builds F Mar.

TURKEY (Haver): Builds A Con.

GERMANY (Kaplan): Builds A Ber, A Mun.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 1984.

ROMA: The government of Italy was overthrown late yesterday in a bloodless coup by the Central Italian Pea Marketing Board. The Italian government thus became the first European government overthrown by the vegetable industry.

Vinny "the Pod" Tobadello, chairman of the group, said, "We undertook this action to try to demonstrate to the people of Italy the many creative and delicious ways to use our product in their meals. To quote John Lennon, 'All we are saying, is give peas a chance.'"

DRZUNKDUMP, PUNDSCHDRUK (URRP): Following the coup in Italy, the Kingdom of Pundschrud was today seized by the Better Otneys Marketing Board (BOMB). "Inspired by our colleagues in Italy," said BOMB chairman Arpad Bayazid Themistocles Vladimir von Pomona, "we have taken over the Pundschrudki government and will require all this kingdom's subjects to eat, at least once a day, our delicious and healthful national fruit, the otney. The new national motto of Pundschrud is, 'An otney a day keeps everybody away.'"

1983HF

"Winter 1902"

In the report of the "Fall 1902" moves, the Austro-Hungarian order "A Mun-Kie" was incorrectly underlined as failing. Actually it succeeded, so that Kiel goes from Germany to Austria-Hungary. Germany therefore does not have a build, and Austria-Hungary has two. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P. (6) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Kie, Mun,
Ser, Tri, Vie. (7)

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

RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, Sev, War. (4)

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

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3)

ITALY: Mar, Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (5)

The Russian retreat is A Ber-Sil.

ENGLAND (Follmer): Builds F Lon, F Liv. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brawner): Builds A Vie,

FRANCE (G. Baker): Removes F Mid.

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ITALY (Scharf): Builds A Ven.

RUSSIA (London): Builds A War.

TURKEY (Schembari): Removes A Arm.

The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 1984.

LONDON to MOSCOW: England takes orders poorly, next time try more persuasion and less intimidation. (Earlier press releases are on p. 9)

LONDON to PARIS: Talk to me or I have no choice but to assume your hostility.

CONSTANTINOPLE: The Sultan's advisors have overheard him talking to himself. They think he is on the verge of a breakdown. But, in the midst of his babblings he was heard to say, "Good, good, help from the West against the northern barbarians. I hope they leave Sevastopol for me. And, what of Austria?"

1983IE - LATE PRESS RELEASE (continued from p. 5)

"Who can say," said the Kaiser, "who can guess what contributions young Adolf might have made? The world will never know, for this talented young man was cut off in his youth. The world will never forgive the French for this! Adolf Hitler will not have died in vain!"

Hitler was a portrait artist in civilian life, and was due for a promotion to corporal.

THE REIGN OF SENILIO THE GREAT - XXII

After his triumphant conquest of the island of Pomegrenada, Senilio the Great returned to his capital at Roma Temporarily and held the finest Triumph that the Temporary Roman Empire had seen in many years. As part of the festivities, the Emperor addressed a group of men who had all won the oldest and most prestigious military decoration in Roman History - the Grass Crown.

After personally awarding the Grass Crown to several men who had distinguished themselves against the Pomegrenadan resistance, including his son Juniorius, the 100-year-old Emperor spoke on the traditions associated with this award. "The Grass Crown," he said, "dates from the earliest years of the Republic. When my Illustrious Predecessor Caesar Augustus changed that obsolescent form of government for the glorious Empire which we now enjoy, the tradition was continued. After the usurper Galba seized the First Rome, my Illustrious Predecessor Nero I fled into this remote section of Illyria, where today, thirteen centuries later, we remain the Only True, Authentic, and Inviolable Roman Empire - er - what was I saying?"

"The Grass Crown, Your Majesty!" whispered his designated heir Preppius.

"Ah - yes - the Grass Crown has been awarded for the highest and most exemplary bravery. I recall an incident that took place seventy-five years ago, during the war with Pundschruck - or maybe it was Polykarp - a brave Roman soldier was guarding the Capitol when he saw some Franks or Gauls or something sneaking up in the dark. Without a thought to his own safety, he immediately started shouting the alarm. The garrison woke up, defeated the invading Thracians or whomever, and Rome was saved. The brave guardsman lost his life. Grass Crown, posthumously awarded!"

The audience of decorated veterans cheered the Emperor mightily. However, the puzzled scribe Nelsus said, "O Caesar, this event is recorded in Livy, and took place many hundreds of years ago. It was not a soldier who gave the alarm, it was a goose."

The Emperor and the veterans immediately turned on the unfortunate Nelsus, calling him a slanderer, a liar, a closet Christian, and a traitor for calling the Emperor's word into question. The Senate instituted an inquiry into the loyalty of scribes and minstrels, which had recently been called frequently into question by the Emperor and his ministers. The Emperor's personal Quaestor, Larrius Eloquitor, quieted the turmoil with a statement that has since become a proverb: "Si dicit quinque verum est." ("If he says it five times, it's true.") The next day, the Emperor himself inserted into the Imperial Archives a description of the event mentioned in his speech, after a search disclosed that it had not been there.

1983CW - PRESS RELEASE

KIEL to MOSCOW: I hope you did as you promised.

1983AS - PRESS RELEASES

BREST: Est-ce que je suis fini?

ALL CAPITALS: "And what is that fleet doing in Venice?"

1983HF - PRESS RELEASES

CONSTANTINOPLE: Fellow players, I am sorry that I did not get to write analysis this turn, but you didn't have to swarm me with all those letters!

TURKEY to RUSSIA: Forget what????!

CONSTANTINOPLE: A local newspaper reads: "The Sultan today broke down into tears, "Moscow, Vienna, all these foreign cities. Why don't you just leave me alone?" This reporter must ask, "Is this the man running our state?"

ANAKHIT, SKANDALUTZ (United Rabble Rousing Press): As with every previous war in Europe, at least as far back as the Persian invasion of Greece, refugees and deserters began arriving in this ancient matriarchy. "But suppose Skandalutz is invaded," an English deserter was asked. "Ave you 'eard 'ow these lydies defend their country," he responded. "Tykes all the steam out of an invader, it does. Leaves 'em limp!"

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Lacking the space for a fuller review, I can only recommend strongly that you read S. I. O. P.: The Secret U. S. Plan for Nuclear War, by Peter Pringle and William Arkin. If you wonder whether the Great Big United States of America has been getting any value for the amounts spent over the past 40 years on preparation for nuclear war, you will be assured by this book that the answer is a resounding "Yes!" Furthermore, the American Empire does not have a weak and wishy-washy policy towards nuclear war. From the very beginnings, the prospect of not only defense and deterrence but also preemption has been an integral part of the Empire's nuclear strategy.

"S. I. O. P." stands for "Single Integrated Operating Plan", which has been since 1960, with frequent updating, the master plan of the U. S. Armed Forces to wage nuclear war against the Soviet Union. Of particular interest is a feature of the plan, introduced during the Carter Administration, to target Soviet missile stations rather than cities. This can only be a first-strike capability, since if the USSR attacked the USA first, those missile silos in Russia would be empty by the time the American missiles reached them. A strike against the Soviet missile sites would eliminate those missiles before they could retaliate.

Nearly as important are "SIOP" are the initials "C³I", pronounced "c-cubed-i", and standing for "command, control, communication, and intelligence". We pay \$30,000,000,000 a year for this program, which ensures that come what may, communication can be maintained from the U. S. government to the missile bases, air fields, and nuclear submarines all over the world which will actually fire those missiles or drop those bombs. Or, as General Thomas Power said over 25 years ago, "Without communications, all I command is my desk."

A lot of details are made clear in this book, and a lot of questions answered. You will learn just what an electromagnetic pulse is, and how it will affect communications and electronic equipment. You will find out that the American President who paid the most attention to our nuclear warfare system and ensuring it would operate properly and powerfully was - Jimmy Carter! You will find out just what happened on 2 June 1980, when a failure in a 46¢ chip in a computer caused the U. S. Armed Forces to "scramble" in anticipation of a nuclear attack. You will learn how the Pentagon bought an utterly inadequate Honeywell 6080 computer in 1971, and then fired one of its own computer experts, John Huron Bradley, when he tried to make a big deal out of it. You will learn just what President Reagan means when he speaks of "prevailing" in a nuclear war. You will find out whose finger should have been on the trigger if the USSR attacked while President Reagan was under anesthesia following the attempt on his life in March 1981, and how General Haig tried to seize control of the government at that time. And a glossary explains such catchphrases and acronyms as WWMCCS ("Wimex"), MILSTAR, TACAMO, JEEP, LUA, MUCFLASH, and the various levels of DEFCON.

No one can even read knowledgeably, let alone discuss intelligently, the present nuclear strategy of the United States without the facts contained in this book,

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GRAUSTARK, the very first bulletin for the postal play of Avalon-Hill's game Diplomacy, is published every third Saturday by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11226. Games are available in it at a game fee of \$15; with your entry send in a list of the countries that you'd like to play, in your order of preference. The rules of postal Diplomacy were last published in GRAUSTARK #437; write for a copy if you don't have one.

Subscriptions for non-players are 9 issues for \$5.00. Back issues from the beginning of 1983 are available, together with a few older ones such as #437. Back issues are 10 for \$1.50.

Diplomacy was designed by Allan B. Calhamer.

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Several other publications also come out from this address, and they all seem to be going to press this weekend. EMPIRE runs games other than Diplomacy, and is just

THE GREAT ALL-STAR DIPLOMACY GAME

((I owe an apology to Marc Hurwitz, the author of this serial. When it first began to run in GRAUSTARK, I left out two of the installments which give further insights into two of the characters, Edward Macy and Jonathan Wills. These parts of the serial recently surfaced during a rearrangement of my workroom, and I am belatedly printing them now. The serial will resume with the XIIIth installment, the "Fall 1904" moves, in GRAUSTARK #487. - JB))

Edward Macy

The effect of the office is Bermuda Legal - a large desk covered with briefs weighted down against the sea breeze. It is still neater than my office at Hopkins. The lawyer - barrister, rather - drones on with the house rules of a game he is doubtless completely unfamiliar with. No matter - most of my gamemasters in the past were worse than he! What an odd-looking bunch of characters we are - from the dandy dapper Russian in his three piece suit, through England's cheap suit, my sweat-covered shirt, and Turkey's leather jacket. Turkey is already attempting to ingratiate himself, though. I suppose he'll sic his cycle gang on those who stab the Sultan! Lord, but these guys are tense! Doubtless this will increase my odds slightly. I already have my initial strategy planned out. Given a system wherein only one player can win, Russia is statistically favored. Since I haven't a chance, I'll just enjoy myself. Actually I have a 1 in 11 chance, approximately.

Is he finished yet? I hope I don't sound so pedantic. Good Lord, I hope he's not going to read the rules to us! Ah, he's winding up.

"Gentlemen, if I may have a few words? My name is Mr. John Wills of Liverpool, but I dare say it shall be of Moscow for the next few days, eh? Why don't we all retire to the lounge downstairs for some lubrication and initial negotiation. I'll even treat, this being more like home for me than the rest of you!"

Ah, so our senior member has a mellow voice! How depressing, though, to see the oily exterior charm everyone is attempting to muster.

Jonathan Wills

Down, into cabs, over and out. We all arrive at the hotel, 7 strangers with plastic smiles. Mine isn't plastic, though. I haven't had this much respect in years. It's good to be honored, regardless of the reason. I wonder if all 87 year old men in American get this treatment.

"Thanks for holding the door, Walter."

"Yes, thanks, Walt."

"Think nothing of it, John, George. I'm always eager to please the noble Latins."

"You can't be eager to please everyone."

That last quip from Mr. Godowski, taking possession of the door from Mr. Manochi. Naturally, he now expects Professor Macy, Mr. Gottlieb, and myself to thank him. Somehow I feel he isn't really interested in Professor Macy yet, but only in Austria-Hungary and myself.

"Gee, thanks, Joe."

"Thank you, Mr. Godowski."

Mr. Gottlieb said nothing! How decidedly odd.

"Anything for a veteran, Mr. Wills. What was your rank in the Great War? I guess you're the only one of us with any practical experience!"

"Yes, yes, Mr. Godowski. I was a captain in the Royal Marines, and spent most of the war aboard the super-dreadnought Queen Elizabeth. I'm afraid I had very little to do with the Foreign Ministry!"

The drinks are ordered, and everyone discusses games of the past. Fortunately none of them seem to know the others - however I think there is a tacit agreement among the other 6 not to speak of this. Oh, what have I done! I've talked too damn much - I'm doomed from the start. The black wave comes over me. I think I'll be as silent as Mr. Gottlieb.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY (continued from p. 10)

winding up a game of SPI's 6-player A Mighty Fortress, with England, the Habsburg Empire, and the Lutherans all still in a good position to win this game of 16th-century religious, political, and economic warfare. If I can work out the details of postal play, a game of Avalon-Hill's Civilization will shortly begin in EMPIRE. Recent issues of EMPIRE review Avalon-Hill's Titan, Mayfair's Family Business and Encounters, and Nova's Lost Worlds combat system. Then there's COMPUTERS OF NULL-AA, my monthly contribution to a computer hackers' amateur press association, in which I discuss computer simulation and strategy games, with software reviews. (This one is 12 issues for \$5, while EMPIRE is 9 for \$5.)

ANAKREON is a bulletin of folksinging, which is the setting of new words to old tunes. This issue, the 21st, resurrects two "Ban-the-Bomb" songs from the Aldermaston marches of the England of 25 years ago, and also contains the first song about Sophie Scholl, executed for leading an anti-war demonstration. DAGON circulates in yet another amateur press association, APA-Q, for science-fiction and fantasy fans. ANAKREON comes out every 3 months, and DAGON every 3 weeks; both are free on request. Recent issues continue the "Streak Gordon" serial, which if George Lucas ever sees it will utterly destroy his ideas about producing more in the Star Wars saga. They also have reviews of Julian May's s-f-plus-fantasy novels The Many-Colored Land and The Unborn King; there is also a review of The Dark Crystal entitled "The Muppets Go to Mordor", and a review of the latest Star Wars flick.

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With the new semester I have a slightly different teaching schedule, which will affect the times at which players can phone in their moves. If you call in the evening, I won't be reachable on Monday and Wednesday until after 9, and not on Thursday until after 10. I continue to be unavailable on Friday evenings at all. You may find it easier to call me during the day at my office number, which is 212-780-5180.

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I have just finished reading Fitzroy Maclean's book Take Nine Spies. This book contains yet another real story of Mata Hari, plus the best short accounts of the "Man Who Never Was" and "Cicero" spy events of World War II. The strange career of Yevgeni Azev in pre-revolutionary Russia is also touched upon; Maclean claims that Azev murdered the provocateur-priest Gapon. The Penkovsky story is also related, together with a well-founded warning about the authenticity of the so-called "Penkovsky Papers". Surprisingly, Maclean left out two of the most dramatic spies of our century, Sidney Reilly and Baron Ferenc Nopcsa, but each is worth a book on his own.

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