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1982P

"Fall 1912"

DEADLOCK?

ENGLAND (Corbin): F St.P(n.c.)-Bar; A Swe holds; F Bal S FRENCH A Kle; A Ruh-Bur; A Hol-Ruh; F NAT-MTD.

FRANCE (Berguson): F Nwy S ENGLISH F St.P(n.c.); A Kle S ENGLISH A Hol-Ruh; F NAT-Tun; A Bur-Mar; A Mar-Spa; F Tyr S F NAT-Tun; F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Quirk): F Wes-Mtd; A Pie & A Bul hold; A Ven-Rom; A Tyr-Ven; A Vte-Tyr; A Boh S RUSSIAN A Mun; F Alb-Afr; F Ion-Tun; F Gre-Ton; A Rum-Bud.

RUSSIA (Rautenberg): A Fin-Nwy; A Liv-St.P; A Mos S A Liv-St.P; A Pru & A Mun S A Ber; A Ber & A Sil S A Mun; F Con-Aeg; F Bas-Aeg.

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

(6)
ENGLAND: Edt, Hol, Ltv, Ion, For, Swe.
FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Den, Kle, Mar, Nwy, Far, Spa, Tun, (9)
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Trt, Ven, Vte. (10)
RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Con, Mos, Mun, St.P, Sev, Smy, War, (9)

France may build two units, and Austria-Hungary must remove one. These "Winter 1912" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by MONDAY 5 MARCH 1984. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1913" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 16 MARCH 1984.

A draw has been proposed. Players should send in their votes on this proposal with their "Spring 1913" orders. I would like to thank players for getting their moves in so promptly for this issue. Time is very short this weekend.

1983L

"Winter 1906"

ENGLAND (Thocast): Builds A Lon. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Cameron): Builds A Vte. RUSSIA (Verheiden): Removes A Livonia. The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 16 MARCH 1984. ENGLAND to ITALY: What do we have to gain by not negotiating? ENGLAND to AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: The King, in a rare public statement, announced that the rumor of Count Otto von Spritzen, being alive and seeking exile in Clyde, was completely unfounded. VIENNA: A government spokesman here today answered "no comment" when questioned about rumors that Soviet Premier Yuri Andropov had not died of kidney failure as reported but had actually fallen victim to Count Otto von Spritzen. The rumors, however, WHICH have Andropov and von Spritzen jointly wreaking vampiric horror in the Ukraine, continue to be heard. The pair is supposedly headed for Germany. ((Earlier press releases appear on page 11.))

1983CW

"Winter 1903"

Following "Fall 1903" moves Italy removed the dislodged A Vte and thus has a build. France retreats A Mun-Bur and Germany retreats F Hol-Nth. many retreats F Hol-Nth. ENGLAND (Clarke): Builds A Edt. FRANCE (Waltick): Builds F Bre. GERMANY (Quirk): Removes F Nth. ITALY (Stone): Builds F Nap. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Palter): Builds A Bud. RUSSIA (Jordan): Builds A Sev. TURKEY (Wilson): Removes A Syr.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 16 MARCH 1984.

Word has just arrived of the death of Glen Taylor, who played England in 1980C and Austria-Hungary in 1981AF, before personal difficulties caused his resignation about 16 months ago. He died 2 or 3 days ago by his own hand. No details are available.

EASTERN ALLIANCE READIES FINAL ONSLAUGHT

ENGLAND (Charetz): F Nat-Mid; F Eng S F Nat-Mid; F Liv-Int; A Bur-Mar; A Gas S A Bur-Mar; A Kie-Hol; A Bel S A Kie-Hol; F Den-Bal; F Nrg S F Nrg S F Nrg S F Nrg S F Swe.

GERMANY (Gulrk): F Swe S ENGLISH F Nrg.

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gratto): F Tyr-Lyo; F Nap-Tyr; A Gre-Mar; F Ion C A Gre-Mar; A Trt-Lyr; A Boh holds; A Tyr-Ple; A Ven S ITALIAN A Rom; F Mid-Nat; A Rub S RUSSIAN A Mun-Kie.

RUSSIA (Goode): A St-P-Nrg; A Fin S A St-P-Nrg; F Bal-Den; A Mun-Kie; F Ber S A Mun-Kie; A Gal-Sil; F Bul(s.c.)-Com; F Trt S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Mid-Nat.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary must retreat F Mid-For, -Wes, -Nrg, or -Bre or remove the unit. This retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by MONDAY 5 MARCH 1984. It will be sent to all players. The deadline for "Fall 1910" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 16 MARCH 1984.

BAIKAN TOURISM SETS NEW RECORDS

ENGLAND (Corbin): F Nth-Bel; F Nap S FRENCH F Ion; F Edt-Nrg; A Lon holds; A Vie S RUS-SIAN A Gal-Bud; F Adv S GERMAN A Apu-Alb.

FRANCE (Ferguson): F Ion C GERMAN A Apu-Alb; F Tun & F Tyr S F Ion; F Lvo-Wes; A Trt-Lyr; A Par-Gas; A Tus-Ven; A Ven-Trt.

GERMANY (Ellis): A Boh & A Sil S RUSSIAN A War-Gal; A Apu-Alb; A Tyr S FRENCH A Trt-Lyr; F Hol holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Pearson): No moves received. A Ser holds; A Alb & A Bud distlodged and annihilated.

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

TURKEY (Charetz): A Rum-St.P((sic)); A Arm, F Bla & A Arm S A Rum-St.P((sic)); A Bul-Ser; F Aeg S F Gre; F Bas-Ion; F Gre S F Bas-Ion.

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

- ENGLAND: Bel, Edt, Liv, Lon, Nap, Nrg, (1)
- FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, For, Spa, Trt, (7)
- Tun, Ven. (8)
- GERMANY: Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun, Rom. (5)
- Russia may build two new units and England may build one. Turkey must remove one unit. These "Winter 1908" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by MONDAY 5 MARCH 1984. All players including the stand-by will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 16 MARCH 1984. Stand-by moves for Austria-Hungary should be sent in by David E. Schwartz, 569 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, N. J. 07081; 201-376-6925. Some press releases must be postponed.
- MOSCOW to VIENNA: Sorry Al, but I thought we'd agreed on no Austrian attacks against #/G/E.
- MOSCOW (PRAVDA) to FRANCE (WORLD): Another country heard from. Wow! You omitted

FLEET DEADLOCK CONTINUES

Following "Fall 1905" moves, England built F Liv, Austria-Hungary built A Vie, Germany removed F Bel, and Turkey removed its last unit, F Syr. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (J. Baker): F Trt-Mid; F Nat & F Eng S F Inv-Mid; F Liv-Trt; F Nth-Bel; A Bre-Par; A Pic S GERMAN A Ruh-Bur; A War-Ukr.

FRANCE (Jordan): A Bur-Mun; A Par-Bur; A Gas S A Par-Bur; F Mid holds.

GERMANY (Ripper): A Ukr-Sev; A Mos S A Ukr-Sev; A Gal-Rum; F Bel-Swe; A Boh-Trt; A Ruh-Bur; A Mun S A Boh-Trt.

ITALY (Ezzio): F Con-Aeg; F Nat & F Wes S FRENCH F Mid; F Lyo-Spa(s.c.); A Pic-Trt; A Tyr-Mun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rusnak): A Sev-Ukr; A Rum-Ukr; A Ser-Rum; A Vie-Gal; A Bud S A Vie-Gal; A Trt-Vie; F Ank-Bla.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Gal-Sil and Austria-Hungary retreats A Sev-Arm. The proposal for a draw fails of unanimity and is again submitted to a vote by the players. Russ Rusnak writes that he will be moving soon, and will send his new address when he knows it. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is noon, FRIDAY 16 MARCH 1984.

"Spring 1909" ENGLISH ENTER PARIS!

ENGLAND (Ticost): A Liv-St.P; F Ber-Kie; F Eng-Bel; A Pic & F Nth S F Eng-Bel; A Bre-Par; A Bur S A Bre-Par; F Mid-Bre; F Trt holds.

FRANCE (J. Schwartz): A Tyr-Mun; A Ruh S A Tyr-Mun; A Kie S A Tyr-Mun; A Par-Bur; F Wes-Mid; F Por & F Gas S F Wes-Mid; F Bel-Eng; F Bul(s.c.) S F Gre; F Gre S F Bul(s.c.); A Hol S A Kie; F Mar-Spa(s.c.); A Trt-Ven; F Adv S A Trt-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drahtert): A Boh-Trt; A Mun S A Boh-Trt; A Vie S A Boh-Trt; A Ser-Trt; A Bud S A Vie.

RUSSIA (La Rocco): A Mos-Liv; A Sev-Mos; A Rum-Gal; A Con-Rum; A Smy-Con; F Bla C A Con-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French A Par and F Bel are dislodged and annihilated. Austria-Hungary must retreat A Mun-Boh or -Sil, or remove this unit. The direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that it arrives by MONDAY 5 MARCH 1984. It will be sent to the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1909" moves is noon, FRIDAY 16 MARCH 1984.

"Winter 1904"

ENGLAND (Zalz): Builds F Lon.
FRANCE (Schembart): Removes A Bre.
RUSSIA (Cooper): Removes F Bel.

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is noon, FRIDAY 16 MARCH 1984. Phill Cooper, whose address was given in the last issue, takes over the play of Russia.

The following people have written in about playing postal Diplomacy:
Bob Foote, 4840 53rd St., Lubbock, Texas 79414
Pete Gaughan, #130, 509 S Napier Dr., Arlington, Texas 76013; 817-460-3253
Capt. Timothy J. Kutta, 80 Crown Point Rd., Hubert, W. Va. 28539; 919-326-3223

ENGLAND (Hardiman): F Nth-Ska.

FRANCE (Brawner): F Mar-Lyo; F Mid-Wes; A Gas-Mar; F Eng S GERMAN F Den-Nth; A Lon-Yor; F Ltv-Cly; A Bur holds.

GERMANY (Kaplan): A Bel-Hol; F Den-Nth; F Nwy S F Den-Nth; F Swe S F Nwy; A Gal-War; A Sll S A Gal-War; A Ber-Fru; A Mun-Tyr.

ITALY (Cameron): A Alb-Ser; A Trt S A Alb-Ser; A Ven S A Trt; F Adr-Alb; F Ion-Gre;

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Chafetz): A Tyr-Vie.

RUSSIA (Henricks): A Fin-Nwy; A St.P S A Fin-Nwy; A W r-Gal; F Sev S F Rum; F Rum S F Sev; A Bud-Gal.

TURKEY (Heuer): A Con-Arm; F Bla C A Con-Arm; A Ser holds; A Gre S A Ser; F Aeg S A Gre; A Bul not ordered, holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish A Ser is dislodged and annihilated, and Russia must retreat A War-Liv, -Mos, -Ukr, or remove the unit. The direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by MONDAY 5 MARCH 1984. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 16 MARCH 1984.

ROMA: The Italian government announced today that, with the closure of Happy Bob's Cluster Bomb Factory, the Italian armaments industry had been completely dismantled. "In future," said spokesman Anthony "Leary Green" Galliano, "frozen peas will be used instead of bullets and pumpkins will be used instead of bombs."

Opposition leaders reacted negatively, however, with many of them remarking that the government was merely "substituting a vegetable for a mineral".
BERLIN TO PARIS: I don't like being brow-beaten. It doesn't matter that your capital is prettier than mine. We have bigger monuments.
BERLIN TO ENGLISH FLEET: Why pick on me? France is picking up all your centers. BERLIN TO SOUTH: Will you please rationalize the Balkans? It's messy, messy,

1984B

GERMANS INVADE FRANCE

ENGLAND (J. Schwartz): A Edt-Nwy; F Nrg C A Edt-Nwy; F Nth-Den.

FRANCE (Weinstein): F Mid-For; A Mar-Spa; A Bur-Mar.

GERMANY (Goldman): A Mun-Bur; A Kle-Den; F Hol-Bel.

ITALY (Schembart): A Pie holds; A Tus-Tun; F Tyr S A Tus-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Clarke): A Vie holds; F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre.

RUSSIA (Downs): F Bot-Swe; A St.P-Fin; F Sev-Rum; A Ukr S F Sev-Rum.

TURKEY (Witley): A Con-Bul; A Bul-Rum; F Ank-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:
ENGLAND: Edt, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (7)
FRANCE: Bre, Mar, For, Spa, (5)
GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Kle, Mun. (4)
RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (6)
ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Trt, Vie. (5)
TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

France, Russia, and Austria-Hungary may each build two units, and Turkey Germany, Italy and England may each build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 16 MARCH 1984. A press release appears on page 11.

ROME: Our glorious leader, Il Duce, released his statement on the apparent attack of Marseilles: "This city is the Italians by right. The Romans owned it and we will take it back."

PARIS to WASHINGTON: Dear Pres, Roosevelt: The French people were the first and strongest supporters of the infant American Republic and our two nations have remained friends for years. Now it is time for our friendly words to be translated into actions. The monstrous Tyrannical Powers of Germany, Austria, and Russia are threatening the entire European Continent. For the sake of the entire Western culture, it is imperative that American armies be sent to Europe to protect the entire civilized World.

Vive l'Amérique!!! Vie la France!!!

ANKARA to MOSCOW: You don't get the Black Sea and Rumania.

ANKARA to ROME: Sorry I could not support you into Greece but I still agree about the Italian irredeemta.

1983HT

"Spring 1903"

A CRUSADE WORKS BOTH WAYS

ENGLAND (Rollmer): A St.P holds; F My S A St.P; F Bel holds; F Nth S F Bel; F Lon-Eng; F Liv-Irl.

FRANCE (G. Baker): A Spa-Mar; A Pic-Bel; A Bur-Pic; F Lyo-Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (quarto): A Ber-Liv; F Bal C A Ber-Liv; A Ruh-Mun; F Den-Hel.

ITALY (Scharf): No moves received. A Ven, F Wes, F Tyr, A Tun & A Mar hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Bjawn): A Bud-Ser; A Kie-Ruh; A Tyr-Mun; A Bul-Con; F Gre-Aeg; F Ion S F Gre-Aeg; A Thr-Tyr; A Vie-Boh.

RUSSIA (London): A War-Ukr; A Mos-St.P; A Sev-Arm; A Sil S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tyr-Mun.

TURKEY (Schembart): F Aeg-Gre; A Con-Bul; F Bla S A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary must retreat A Bul-Rum or Gre and Turkey must retreat F Aeg-Con, -Smy, or -Bas. A dislodged unit may also be removed. These retreats should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by MONDAY 5 MARCH 1984. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 16 MARCH 1984. Stand-by "Fall 1903" moves for Italy should be sent in by Ron Galicia, 6672 Plaza Ridge Road, San Diego, Calif. 92114; 619-267-8072. Earlier press releases appear on page 8.

BERLIN to VIENNA: Es ist zum Kotzen! But I still have one final trick up my sleeve...

BERLIN to ROME: To Austria's next conquest: I salute you and the historically important Italian army.

BERLIN to MOSCOW: Thanks for the tip. You're not such a fool after all.

CONSTANTINOPLE to LONDON: Could you please hurry it up?

CONSTANTINOPLE to VIENNA: What are you waiting for?

PARIS to LONDON: We will talk. Call me. 212-853-1427.

1982IM (continued from p. 2)

one key question, though: Will 1982IM break records for game-length? We're already in- to 1908 and just getting warmed up. By 1915, will we each have 10 centers, as pro- mised? (Interesting promise: 10x4=40. Hmmm.....)

TURKEY to FRANCE and the rest of the uncivilized world: I will write to anyone who writes me.

MEATGRINDER PRODUCES GERMAN SAUSAGE

"Spring 1905"

ENGLAND (Peart): F Liv-Itl; F Eng-Mid; F Bar-St.P(n.c.); A Swe-Eim; F Nth hok; F Bal.
 C A Swe-Liv;
 FRANCE (Bragdon): F Bel-Hol; A Pic-Bel; A Bur-Rub; A Gas holds; A Mar-Ple; F Wes-Mid.
 GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Pru & A Ruh hold; A Kie-hold.
 ITALY (Murray): A Mun S RUSSIAN A Ber-Kie; A Tyr-Trt; A Vie S A Tyr-Trt; F Nap-Apu;
 F Tun-Ion; F Tyr S F Tun-Ion.
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Wasserman): A Trt-Ven; A Bud S TURKISH A Bul-Rum.

RUSSIA (Drakert): A Ber-Kie; A Mos-War; A Gal-Bud; A Sev-Arm; A Rum-Ser; F Ank-Con.
 TURKEY (Follmer): A Bul-Rum; A Ser S A Ser; F Aeg-Con; A Smy-Arm.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Rum-Ukr and Germany retreats A Kie-Den. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 16 MARCH 1984. One player asks why the German A Hol, rather than A Pru, was removed following the failure of the German player to send in a "Winter 1904" removal. By Rule XIV,4, the only unit outside the home country to send in a "Winter 1904" removal. Earlier press releases appear on p. 11.
 PARIS to LONDON: So you're ruling some waves - big deal. There aren't any supply centers at sea, however. What do you do after you stab Germany in Denmark?

CIVILIZATION, ANYONE?

At long last, a postal game of Avalon-Hill's Civilization is open in GRAUSTARK's sister publication EMPIRE. The game was announced in EMPIRE #187 a week ago, and the postal rules for Civilization will be published two weeks from today in EMPIRE #188. The game fee is \$20 for the first year of play. If it turns out that the game will last more than about one year, the fee for the second year will be assessed a year from now. Inge trades start, it will take three stages of three weeks each to play one game-turn. With your entry fee, send a list of the countries that you'd like to play, in your order of preference.

1983E

"Winter 1901"

ENGLAND (Wiencek): Builds F Liv.
 FRANCE (Rautenberg): Builds A Par.
 GERMANY (Hurwitz): Builds A Kie, A Ber.
 ITALY (Bragdon): Builds F Nap.
 The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 16 MARCH 1984.

PARIS to LONDON and BERLIN: Each season's press will include the moves I would make if I were England or Germany, attacking France. I would build F Trt, A Kiel, F Ber. Germany can advance in 2 directions with no sweat, if he so desires, and if no one has the will to challenge him. England can be Germany's wagging tail, and possibly enjoy short term profits.
 RUSSIA to ENGLAND: Sorry but due to recent change of leaders the armies are called to Moscow.

BERLIN (DAMN): The Kaiser announced today plans to visit and consult with King David, Czar Larry, Sultan Stevey, Emperor Johnny, and even King Bobby. Even Paul... if he'll stop sulking.

WILHELMSHAVEN (DAMN): The Imperial Fleet denies plans for expansion. In a short release, A miral Willy-Fred explained, "Uncle Johnny B. won't let us bid three ships & toy soldiers, even dough I wanna! Howcum General Freddy-Bill gets two toys an' I don't get any?; I'm gonna tell Aunt Perdita!"
 The Kaiser was unavailable for comment, having made in his pants again.

CHUCK KAPLAN (France): As my first postal win, I am obviously pleased with the results. However, my cause was greatly aided by a few events beyond my influence. First and foremost, the decision of Russia (Paul Rautenberg) to stab his ally Turkey was critical. Given the disharmony in the west a R/T alliance would have swept the board fairly easily. A Russian stab two years later than occurred maybe would have secured the Russian victory. Paul, you were the dominant personality in this game, and deserved a better result. As the result of the Russian stab, France was able to become the leader of a "stop-the-leader" coalition.

Since France was "behind" the other coalition members, I could pick up centers from everybody at will. For example, Germany faced east and at an opportune moment, Paul '04, France grabbed three German centers. "erry, this does not mean I'm "dot-happy". My strategic position did not deteriorate with your elimination, but improved coordination among the coalition.

For various reasons, the coalition held almost to the end. England and Turkey, with a few units were able to tie up many more Russian units. If at any time either had turned against me, or if Italy had turned sooner, I would have gladly settled for a two-way draw with Russia. Eric, John, and Jack, I appreciate your efforts and your continuing to play with small powers.

But the coalition held, and France prevailed. I'll accept the results, for a win is a win. Thanks to everybody for an entertaining game. Special thanks to you, John, for another superb gamesmaster performance. Without a doubt, GRIMMIAK is the best vehicle to play postal Diplomacy.

PAUL RAUTENBERG (Russia): This game started out very well, with an efficient Russo-Turkish alliance taking out the Austrians by 1903. In the north, England was invaded by the Franco-Germans, thus easing any potential pressures in the north. In 1903, France and I conspired to carve up Germany and to go for a two-way draw. This led to the destruction of Germany in 1904. At this point, I was presented with English offers to puppet for me, and I was aware of a general state of Italian incompotence in the south. If these conditions had continued, my stab of Turkey would very possibly have led to a Russian win. I decided to give it a try.

My stab of Turkey worked out well, but the replacement players in Italy and England foiled my plans. Jack Bruner lent competence to the Italian position, and Eric Verheiden certainly did not continue the pro-Russian stance of his predecessor. Their "stop Russia" alliance worked all too well; I was stopped, but French units were supported across the stalemate lines in so doing. In stopping a win by one player, they contributed to a win by another. In either case, they lost. Congratulations go to Chuck Kaplan, who won this game with a minimum of letter-writing, but was obviously effective in those rare instances when he did choose to communicate. He rode the crest of a wave to the shores of victory, and can hardly be faulted for that. The usual credit goes to John for his excellent timing and prompt publishing habits.

TERRY TALLMAN (Germany): This game was interesting for several reasons. It was one of my first game starts but I had already observed the play and diplomacy of Russia and France. I was in Deep Shit! Both play in the Chicago-Madison area, and this game was part of my early research on the phenomenon of the "Mad Lad" style of play.

Here I was, trapped between two of the hobby's most infamous dot-grabbers. In one hand the smooth, urbane bulshitting style of Paul Rautenberg. He really made you believe he was your buddy.

The brash, greedy, never make a promise that can't easily be broken style of Chuck Kaplan. You knew he was going to screw you. The question was when. Roland Morris knew as well as I did we were caught in the jaws of the trap. He simply chose an evil from the two offered and rode it out.

If I'd had anyone but Falter in Italy there, might have been hope. Either a strong T-I or I-A could have helped keep France honest.

THE GREAT ALL-STAR DIPLOMACY GAME

By Marc Hurwitz

XIII - Edward Macy (Fall 1904)

"Hi, Jim! Ready for today's High Command Meeting! No "uh"s or "ah"s for Smith. He's my only chance. Fortunately he's extremely reasonable. The game is being turned to fall back into a pattern again - decisive west and confused east. We can't stymie the Russians and the English simultaneously. At this point there's no way Smith will lose. He's clearly the superior player. At least I'll be able to tag along when this game ends. Perhaps we'll get in the Digest.

"Yes, but I'm hungry. How about some room service?"

"Sure, Jim. What will you have - my treat!"

Smith orders three hard-boiled eggs and a screwdriver. I order the standard continental. We chat about the Jamaican climate while waiting for breakfast.

When it arrives, Smith flirts with the maid. Obviously he's a man of many faults. Over breakfast we discuss the moves due at noon. Berlin, he says, will be attacked with but one support - Silesia. Munich can easily thwart that. Meanwhile, London and Edinburgh will fall handily. I tell him that my model predicts an 85% chance of English destruction by 1906, given the guessing game. He smiles - his grin warm and friendly, doubtlessly not caused by the orange juice - and wags his finger at me.

"Never forget the human factor, Edward. Each game is different."

"But Jim, we're operating under almost optimum conditions."

"Suicides aren't optimum," he says, his smile disappearing.

With Gottlieb's shadow ending the conversation, we say no more. He leaves, and I prepare to write the moves down. Suddenly - a knot of pain pulls at my abdomen, and I double over in pain. Why now? I want to pierce my stomach to let the gas out, it hurts so much. The floor is getting closer...

ENGLAND (Manoel): No moves received. F Den, A Yor & F Lon hold.

FRANCE (Laurin): F Rav holds; F Nrg-Nrb; A Ruh-Hol; F Eng-Bel; A Tyr-Mun; A Bur S A Tyr-Mun.

GERMANY (Macy): No moves received. A Ber, A Mun, F Ska & F Hel hold.

ITALY (Johnson): F Nap-Tyr; A Apu-Ven; A Rom S A Apu-Ven.

RUSSIA (Wills): F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; A Con holds; A Vie-Bud; A Gal S A Vie-Bud; F Lia-Rum; A Rum-Ser; A Trt S A Rum-Ser; A Swe-Ber; A Sil S A Swe-Ber; F Bal C A Swe-Ber; A Nwy-Swe.

TURKEY (Godowski): F Tyr-Ion; F Gre-Bul(s.c.); F Bul(s.c.)-Con; A Bud-Trt; A Ser S A Bud-Trt; F Ank S F Bul(s.c.)-Con.

1982CV - GAME REVIEWS (continued from p. 7)

But with the early crippling of Italy it was clear that F & R were going to carve up the board. Either could have been stopped if the other had been willing to achieve an alliance but both were clearly playing for the win. And there can only be one winner when there are no allies. I got some good experience in playing Germany with no allies. Live and learn.

1983HF - PRESS RELEASES

ROME: Reports of a Turkish ambassador near the Vatican today were dispelled when the Pope expresses his sorrow over the Turks desperate dealings. The Pope was noted to be out of character as he left the press conference whistling Dixie. ITALY to FRANCE: I hope the recent show of disorder is not a permanent situation.

As 1984 advances, it becomes increasingly clear that certain people are taking a drastic step in their attempt to tear down the international position of the Great Big United States of America - to make our Empire and its Leader seem of less account, as if we were just another country rather than the greatest nation in the world, and the greatest Empire that history has ever known. These malcontents, dissidents, and in some cases even Fascists are proposing a situation that for disloyalty and audacity has no equal. They are going to run a candidate against the President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader of the American Empire.

An obsolete tradition may lead some people to believe that this is right and proper. Once it was, in an era when both parties, whatever their other differences, united in total support for America's pre-eminent position in the world. When Democrats and Presidents proclaimed wars against Korea in 1950, and Vietnam in 1964, Republicans did not make nit-picking references to the obsolete 1787 Constitution which forbade declaration of war by Presidential prerogative. Instead, they gave complete and loyal support to the war effort. Both candidates in the Presidential elections of 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972, 1976, and 1980 were on record in favor of the American invasion of Vietnam. It was in those days clear that every Presidential aspirant - the incumbent, his chosen successor, and his opponent - were united in favor of the Great Big United States of America's high imperial destiny over the entire world.

To a superficial glance, it does not appear that Ex-Vice-President Mondale would be substantially different from President Reagan in this respect. As a member of Congress, he supported the war against Vietnam. Later, he was Vice-President in the Administration which, far more than any of its predecessors, ensured that the Great Big United States of America was in an excellent position from which to make nuclear war against the Soviet Union. (For details, see Pringle and Arkin, S. I. O. P.: The Secret U. S. Plan for Nuclear War, which was reviewed in the last GRAUSTARK.) However, Alpha Male's necessity for absolute national unity in the face of foreign resistance to our drive for Empire requires that we give absolute, unquestioning, unreserved support to our President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader. The mere suggestion that he might be replaced will weaken our Empire's international position, as the dissident leaders of the lesser nations suspect that they might get a better deal from his successors. Our national unity will be greatly enhanced if some group is singled out as a violator of that unity, and attacked by political figures and the media until by blaming them, the rest of us can better establish our solidarity and total loyalty. Other nations have done this; our Empire finds this role best played in 1984 by the liberals, Democrats, and other Fascist ideologues who seem to be gathering about the Mondale candidacy. Their unifying theme is that they do not want Ronald Reagan to be our Leader. This is disloyalty openly walking across the face of our imperial mission.

Readers of GRAUSTARK know that the standards of loyalty now coming into use will be extremely stringent. I personally have for many years given total, unquestioning support for America's obvious drive for world domination. Yet, as you have seen, from time to time a letter arrives accusing me of being less than total in my support of the President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male and Supreme War Leader of our globe-girdling Empire. Obviously, a deeper commitment is yet needed. Whether I nor anyone else can afford to have loyalty questioned in this critical moment, with American troops at war, or pursuing dangerous occupation duties, in Lebanon, Grenada, Honduras, Europe, and other troublesome little countries. When war begins, criticism ends. This is axiomatic.

Fortunately, the American people seem to be coming to a realization of this fact. Every Presidential election of the last 20 years has seen a smaller turn-out of eligible voters than its predecessor. Politics is, when you come down to it, people telling the government what to do - ordinary, uneducated, uninformed people who do not know the high and secret facts upon which the President bases his decisions. Where this can lead we have seen in such decadent European nations as England or Poland, where everyone, no matter how poorly informed, seems to think that he or she is competent to question, criticize, and disagree with the decisions or policies of the President.

tions of comparable anarchy) have had serious urban rioting in the past few years - a thing that has been virtually absent from this country since the suppression of the Pacific movement a dozen years ago.

If politics is people trying to tell the President what to do, then we don't want it. In this country the President tells the people what to do - and they go it, or else. Therefore, the idea should not be allowed to circulate, that someone might replace him. In the past, when the United States of America was just one nation among others, the presidential elections might have been allowed to be selections among significantly different candidates presenting actual alternatives. Later, they became the incumbent was so obviously a national laughing-stock that we began to wonder whether he hadn't been allowed to serve four years just to make his successor the obvious beneficiary and the public idol, by contrast.

Now, however, we don't need politics. We already have a President. Why should the holder of this immensely powerful office be subjected to attacks which have the colossal insolence to call his policies into question, to berate him as if he were just another politician rather than being the sole incarnation of all our imperial greatness.

This is what the Communist-Democratic opposition to President Reagan is trying to do. We should evaluate it for what it deserves, realizing that total loyalty is the only key to national power and, for that matter, individual survival. Remember - the following people want Ronald Wilson Reagan to cease being President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader of the American Empire:

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| Konstantin Chernenko | Daniel Ortega | Wojtech Jaruzelski |
| Walter Mondale | Alan Cranston | Gary Hart |
| Rfael Castro | Hafez el-Assad | Yasser Arafat |
| Jesse Jackson | Reuben Askew | George McGovern |
| John W. Hinkley | Ayatollah Khomeini | Kim Il Sung |
| John Glenn | Fritz Hollings | Jimmy Carter |

For your own safety, you should not try to add your name to this list.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Several months ago, in GRAUSTARK's 20th Anniversary Issue, I commented on the statement by American Catholic bishops against nuclear weapons, noting that it was contrary to the vigorous anti-Communism that has been preached from Catholic pulpits for decades. There was one major hold-out against this "pastoral letter", who defended the American policy of nuclear deterrence. This came when Admiral John O'Connor, a Navy chaplain, spoke up against the draft.

At the time, I was doubtful about how the Pope felt about this bright idea of the American bishops. But now we know. Admiral O'Connor has just been appointed Archbishop of New York. A man of similar outlook has been appointed to the vacant Boston archbishopric.

And, by the way, have you noticed how little has been heard about that anti-nuclear "pastoral letter" since it was approved almost a year ago? It is already not a pastoral letter any more, but a dead letter.

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The next issue of GRAUSTARK will be collated at the Sheraton Heights motel, in Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey, at about 2 PM in room 719. This is because Lunacon, the principal eastern regional science-fiction convention, will be held there that weekend. Help from collators will be welcomed, as it is every third Saturday afternoon, so if you can get to Lunacon, drop around. There will be quite a bit of war-gaming done there too, so bring your Diplomacy set or other favorite game.

I plan to start cutting stencils on Friday 16 March as soon as the noon deadline for the moves has passed, and to take them all out there for collation as soon as I've printed them. They will be mailed from there.

Following "Fall 1914" moves, Russia retreated A Mun-Tyr.
FRANCE (Martin): Builds A Mar.
RUSSIA (Kaplan): Removes F Hel, A Kie, F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1915" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 16 MARCH 1984. A draw has been proposed for this game, and players should send in their votes on this proposal with their "Spring 1915" orders.
WARSAW to PARIS: "This land is your land, this land is our land, from the Urals to the Ruhr, this land is your land."
Lyrics for a good song, eh?

PLEASE STAND BY

Apparently in the last issue I was using an obsolete stand-by list, and thus called on people who are no longer stand-bys. Below is what I hope is a correct list of the people who have volunteered to stand by when moves are missed in GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy games:

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| Jack Brawner | Michael Quirk | David E. Schwartz |
| Bill Hardiman | Paul Rautenberg | Art Ticossi |
| Robert Bryan Lipton | Kevin Stone | Eric Verheiden |
| John C. Quarto | Mark Follmer | Charles Kaplan |
| Lawrence Chafetz | Fon Galicia | |

It appears that I have lost track of the most recent list of stand-bys, and I may have listed here people who no longer wish to get into still more games. If you want your name added to, or removed from, this list, please let me know.
Any GRAUSTARK subscriber may volunteer to stand by. See Postal Rule 5 for information on stand-by status. To continue as a stand-by your subscription must be current.

1983AX - PRESS RELEASES

PRIESTE to World: The Emperor in Exile of Austria and Hungary, F. J., has proclaimed that the Royal Armed Forces will launch a holy war to free the Vatican from its forty year long siege by Italian Nationalists. The imperial poet has written a battle dirge to be sung by the crusaders:
Ashes to Ashes; dust to dust.
Italy will fall; it must, it must.
BUDAPEST: A revolution has torn through Hungary; both the army and the Magyar population have joined in protesting F.J.'s insane holy war. Instead, a provisional government has been set up and extended an offer of alliance to the Sultan in return for help in throwing off the oppressive rule of czarist imperialists in Romania.
POUGHKEEPSIE to BROOKLYN: Quote of the day: "Dying countries never fade; they just issue more press releases."
BERLIN to LONDON: Thanks, but your letters came too late for me to act on them.

1983L - PRESS RELEASES

FRANCE to ENGLAND: How long can you follow that warmonger.
FRANCE to ITALY: When will you realize that he is just using you, and you are the next one to be stabbed.
FRANCE to AUSTRIA: Who are you going to stab next?
FRANCE to RUSSIA: Sorry, but you should have never trusted him.

1984B - PRESS RELEASE

PRINCETON to the BRONX: My address is: 431 Joline Hall, Mathew College, Princeton University, Princeton, N. J. 08544.

SERVICE DOWN, PRICES UP

Those of us familiar with the operations of the U. S. Postal "Service" recognize the symptoms. Service is getting slower and slower. Copies of GRAUSTARK, and moves, are disappearing in the mail, or taking an unconscionable length of time to arrive. It obviously is about time for an increase in postal rates!

This is confirmed by the January 1984 issue of News, a fliter from the USP"S" which announces postage stamps to be issued this year. Most commemorative stamps are listed in the denomination 20¢ - until 7 September. Thereafter, the denominations of forthcoming commemoratives are left blank. This can only mean an increase.

The figure of 23¢ has been mentioned, but this would be only a 15% increase - a rather small one by the standards of the last few. I would be more likely to believe 25¢. This indicates an amazing audacity on the part of President Reagan, comparable to the boldness of his other policies such as the conquest of Grenada, the invasion of Lebanon, the Family Protection Bill, and his opposition to evolution. He will be the first President to preside over three increases in the postal rate, the first to preside over more than one increase in the same term, and the first to do it in an election year since 1968.

Combined with recent increases in the price of paper, this forces me to the unpleasant necessity of increasing the GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy game fee and subscription rates. As of 1 April 1984, the game fee becomes \$18. Subscriptions will go on that date to 9 issues for \$6.00. Back issues will remain 10 issues for \$1.50 - a loss leader to get them cleared out. Individual back issues go to 75¢.

My other publications also increase. EMPIRE, which carries postal games other than Diplomacy, will also be 9 issues for \$6.00. DAGON, my science fiction and fantasy publication (every 3 weeks) will be \$8.00 a year (18 issues). Freebies of DAGON will, regrettably, have to cease. ANAKHEON, a quarterly publication devoted to filk-singing, is now \$2.50 a year. COMPUTERS OF NULL-AA, my new monthly publication on computers and especially computer gaming, is 12 issues for \$6.00. All back issue rates are the same as for GRAUSTARK.

I regret that these increases are necessary. They take effect on 1 April, so if you want to join a new game at the old \$15 rate, send in your game fee before then. With your entry, send in a list of the countries that you'd like to play, in your order of preference. Your game fee includes a subscription to GRAUSTARK as long as the game lasts, whether or not you are eliminated. If you do not have a copy of GRAUSTARK #437, in which the rules of postal Diplomacy are printed, send for one when you join a new game. Available back issues of GRAUSTARK are 437 and 467-486. Available back issues of EMPIRE are 168-187.

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