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GRAUSTARK

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1981IQ

"Fall 1916"

VIVE LA FRANCE!

FRANCE (Martin): F Mid-Wes; A Dur-Mun; F Lyo-Tyr; A Tus-Rom; A War-Mos; A Sil-War; A Pru & A Liv S A Sil-War; A Ber holds; F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); F Nrg-Bar; F Nth-Nwy; F Swe S F Nth-Nwy; F Tyr-Tun; F Bot S F Nwy-St.P(n.c.).

RUSSIA (Kaplan): A Ukr-Gal; A Vie holds; A Mos-Sev; F Bar-Nwy.

TURKEY (Cooper): F Ion-Tun; F Adr-Ion; A Apu-Rom; F Nap S A Apu-Rom; F Ven holds; A Bud-Vie; A Tri S A Bud-Vie; A Rum-Ukr; A Gal-War; A Sev-Mos; A Arm-Sev; F Bla S A Arm-Sev.

1981IQ - John Boardman, GRAUSTARK
 E - Peter McDonald (res S07)
 David E. Schwartz (out F09)
 F - Dick Martin (won F16)
 G - John Schwartz (dro F03)
 Larry Chafetz (out F10)
 I - Kevin Stone (out S11)
 A - Roland Morris (out F03)
 R - Ted Furey (dro F07)
 John Aicken (res F13)
 Charles Kaplan
 T - Ernest Hakey (res F09)
 Phill Cooper

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

FRANCE: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mar, Mun, Nwy, Par, Por, St.P, Spa, Swe, Tun, War. (19)

RUSSIA: Bud, Mos. (2)
 TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie. (13)

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E	3	4	5	5	5	3	1	1	1									In this supply center chart, an asterisk indicates a supply center for which, for some reason, a new unit was not built.
F	3	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	8**	9*	10	10	12	11	12	15	19	
G	3	4	5	5*	4	5	5	5	2	1								
I	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	2*	1*						
A	3	4	1															
R	4	6	8	7	8	9	8	7	8	10	11	14	13	13	9	7	2	
T	3	4	6	7	7	7	10	11	11	11*	11*	9	9	10	13	13	13	

With a majority of supply centers, Dick Martin's France now wins. This is Martin's third and longest victory; he won 1978ID as Germany in 6 game years, and 1979HG as Russia in 15. This is the first won game to be concluded since Charles Kaplan won 1982CV, also as France, in GRAUSTARK #485. These wins have ended a long dearth for France, whose last previous win was way back in 1977KF.

Reviews of this game are solicited from players and other readers, and will be published in future issues of GRAUSTARK. The subscriptions of Ted Furey, Kevin Stone, and Peter McDonald end with this issue.

PARIS to MOSCOW, ANKARA & BROOKLYN: Thanks, gentlemen, for an excellent game.

TURKEY to FRANCE: Congratulations on your eminent victory. However, your greediness toward the end was uncalled for.

FROM A BASEMENT IN ST. PETERSBURG: French artillery is falling everywhere. I can't stand the noise much longer; it is time to face those damn Frenchies one last time. Up the stairs, into a dark hall, and - blinding light. French cavalry is approaching. Maybe I can get one last shot. The French officer is to the right. Raise the rifle and aim. Steady, steady...I'm too late; I'm falling, falling. Emperor Martin has taken St. Petersburg.

A LOOK AT THE AVALON-HILL DIPLOMACY PROGRAM

by Allan B. Calhamer

I have received the new Diplomacy program from Avalon-Hill, and examined it on a TRS-80, courtesy of the local Radio Shack.

Another player and I spent two hours alone with the machine and program in a quiet room.

Among the advantages the program appears to have are:

- (1) It adjudicates the entire move in moments.
- (2) The adjudications are correct, so far as I could determine. Thus a new group, unfamiliar with the rules, can start right out with the correct adjudications, instead of unwittingly playing a variant game. It will not be necessary to go back to the rulebook to adjudicate fine points that come up only occasionally.
- (3) Arguments over adjudications should be eliminated.
- (4) If you don't have seven people, the computer will play as many countries as you wish, though not necessarily strongly. Of course, one person can play more than one country as well.
- (5) Questions and instructions appear onscreen to direct the players as they go along, minimizing the amount of learning necessary to work with the program.
- (6) The program rejects impossible, ambiguous, and poorly written orders. The player can alter his orders after keying them in, until he signals that he is finished entering orders.

The rulebook has been rewritten to incorporate a user's manual. It is not much longer than the ordinary rulebook. A few small errors were detected in the rulebook-manual, and have been reported to AH.

The program prints a map onscreen. The map is too big for the screen; pushing buttons moves it from side to side and up and down.

Players might worry about strategic grasp of the whole board during play; but if you have a set already, you probably would use that set as a visual aid to follow the game. You would have to decide what to do, however, when the position on the board differed from that in the computer.

Each player inputs his orders by sitting down at the computer. There is no way he can summon up the orders previously inputted, at this point! No peeking, either, says the rulebook-manual. One can see why; but a major tactic of over-the-board play is thus eliminated.

Miscellaneous information, such as the number of centers each country has, is served up onscreen.

Something might have to be done about the possibility of players accessing the Alter subroutine, which can alter the board position!

The program is also ready on Apple, and they are working on it for other machines.

It seems to me to be an excellent program, user-friendly, and a herculean job by Avalon-Hill.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

I would like to thank Allan B. Calhamer, inventor of the popular board-game Diplomacy, for sending this review of Avalon-Hill's new program for the computer adjudication of this game. This review is going into the 491st issue of my postal Diplomacy bulletin GRAUSTARK on 19 May 1984, and also into my computer fanzine COMPUTERS OF NULL-AA #7 on 2 June 1984. GRAUSTARK, the oldest postal Diplomacy bulletin, has been running postal Diplomacy games for 21 years, and is published every 3rd Saturday. COMPUTERS OF NULL-AA circulates in the amateur press association Mentat, which is compiled here on the first Saturday evening of every month by a few computer enthusiasts. Both are published by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11226. See elsewhere in this issue for information about subscriptions and back issues.

1983L

"Spring 1908"

TWO-HEADED EAGLE FEATHERS ITS NEST

ENGLAND (Ticossi): A Kie-Ruh; F Hel-Nth; A Lon-Bel; F Eng C A Lon-Bel; F Hol S A Lon-Bel; F Liv-Iri; F Iri-Mid; F Mid-Por; F Bot-Bel; A War-Pru; A Edi-Liv.

FRANCE (London): No moves received. F Pic, A Bur, & F Gas hold; A Fel & A Ruh dislodged and annihilated.

ITALY (Rauterberg): F Nap-Tyr; A Tun-Spa; F Wes C A Tun-Spa; F Lyo S A Tun-Soa; A Mar-Bur.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Cameron): A Sev-Mos; A Gal-War; A Ukr S A Gal-War; A Bud-Tri; F Gre-Ion; F Smy-Aeg; A Boh-Sil; A Pru-Liv; A Tyr S A Mun; A Mun S ENGLISH A Kie-Ruh; A Ber-Pru.

Underlined moves are not possible. The English A War is dislodged and annihilated. A press release appears on page 12. The vote for a concession to Austria-Hungary fails of unanimity and is again submitted to the players, including the stand-by. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 JUNE 1984. Stand-by moves for France should be sent in by John C. Quarto, whose address appears on p. 11.

1983HF

"Fall 1904"

QUI FRAPPE LE SUBLIME PORTE?

There has been some question about the situation in and around Moscow. The English "A St.P-Mos" should have been underlined as impossible since, though the Russian player didn't mention it, there was a Russian army in Moscow last turn.

ENGLAND (Follmer): A Liv-Wal; F Bre-Pic; F Eng & F Bel S F Bre-Pic; F Hol S F Kie; F Bal-Ber; F Kie S F Bal-Ber; F Nth S F Bel; A St.P-Mos.

FRANCE (G. Baker): No moves received. A Bur holds; A Pic & A Par dislodged and annihilated.

ITALY (Galicia): F Mid-Por; A Spa S F Mid-Por; A Mar-Bur; F Wes-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brawner): A War-Mos; A Gal-War; A Bud-Rum; A Sil S A Ber; A Ber S A Mun-Kie; A Mun-Kie; A Ser-Bul; A Gre S A Ser-Bul; A Ven-Rom; F Nap-Ion; F Smy-Con.

RUSSIA (London): No moves received; A Mos, A Ukr & A Arm hold.

TURKEY (Schembari): F Con-Smy; A Ank S F Con-Smy; A Bul-Gre; F Rum-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats A Bul-Con and Austria-Hungary retreats F Smy-Aeg, -Syr or -Eas; the direction of this retreat should be sent in with "Winter 1904" moves, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (11) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ber, Bud, Bul, Gre, Mun, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (13)

FRANCE: Par. (1) RUSSIA: Mos. (1)

ITALY: Mar, Por, Spa, Tun. (4) TURKEY: Ank, Con, Sev, Smy. (4)

Austria-Hungary may build two new units, or three if the dislodged F Smy was removed. England may build two units, and Russia must remove two. The deadline for these "Winter 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 JUNE 1984. Two press releases arrear on p. 12. Stand-by moves for "Winter 1904" and "Spring 1905" should be sent in by:

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

2270

RUSSIA: Eric Verheiden, #2, 200 S. Azusa Ave., Azusa, Calif. 91702; 818-334-3149.

1983IE

"Spring 1903"

FRANCE STANDS FIRM

ENGLAND (Wienczek): F Eng-Mid; F Iri S F Eng-Mid; A Bel-Fic; F Nth-Nwy.

FRANCE (Rauterberg): F Mid; A Fic & A Par hold.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Bur S ENGLISH A Bel-Fic; A Mun S A Bur; A Ber-Fru; A Sil-War; F Bal-Mot; F Swe S ENGLISH F Nth-Nwy.

ITALY (Bragdon): F Rom-Tyr; F Nap-Ion; A Mar-Bur; F Spa(s.c.) S FRENCH F Mid; F Eas S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Gre-Aeg; A Pie-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Jordan): A Bul & A Alb hold; A Ser S A Bul; A Tri-Tyr; A Vie-Boh; F Gre-Aeg.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): F Sev-Bla; A Rum-Gal; A Ukr-War; A Mos S A Ukr-War; F Nwy-Nth; A St.P-Nwy.

TURKEY (Bobker): F Aeg-Ion; F Bla-Con; A Con-Smy.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish F Aeg is dislodged and annihilated. Russia must retreat F Nwy-Ska, -Bar, or -Nrg. The direction of this retreat should be phoned to the Gamesmaster right away, and he will inform the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NCON, FRIDAY 8 JUNE 1984. An earlier press release appears on p. 11.

BERLIN to PARIS: "Black magic" - who stole yours?

PARIS to LONDON: You of course want to take the Mid, but if you moved F Iri-Mid, Lpl is at risk. Your wisest moves would be A Bel-Pic supported by F Eng and German A Burgundy. With help from I/G, you can then nab Bre. in the Fall. If you leave Lpl unattended, you are an incredible fool.

PARIS to BERLIN: Italy is a vastly better ally for you than England will ever be. England's off in a corner, while Italy straddles the centerboard. You should have protected But with A Mun in case of a supported French attack which, if successful, would deny you any share of the French spoils whatsoever.

CONSTANTINOPLE: REWARD: For any verified case of a truth by the ruler of Italy!!

MOSCOW: The Czar was heard to say "Praise the Lord & put your trust in the Emperor.

RUMANIA: Lafayette, we are coming (from the Czarina's bed).

ROME to PARIS: The scenarios you describe for me are quite dramatic, but on the other hand there are alliances. I'm sticking by my commitments. Thanks, anyhow.

1983CP

"Fall 1905"

CITNEY POLLUTION SPREADS

VIENNA: General Scheiskup vociferously stated we may not be much but we are here.

BERLIN to Current Czar: How good were your tactics?

BERLIN to VIENNA: He who receives shall ask again.

BERLIN to PARIS: A move to the "Nor" Sea's would be naughty.

BERLIN: The ninety nine Luftballoons have met strong headwinds near the gates of Moscow. Colonel Ledwate has devised a plan to use kites to gain the last few miles. Let us pray for his success.

ROME to BERLIN: I'll hold France as long as I can. Go for 18!

ROME to PARIS: You're always welcome to write to me, but I won't answer unless you return my centers.

NAPLES: Earth's Crust Dissolves: The Italian research team sent to the Ionian Sea has reported that the otneys spilled there recently have settled on the ocean floor and dissolved an enormous hole in the earth's crust. "To make matters worse,"

said a spokesman, "the Ionian has begun to drain away through the hole and, despite desperate Italian attempts to store the Sea in milk bottles and bath tubs, it's likely the Ionian will have disappeared completely by Thursday. This is a sad day for Italy."

GREECE (1983CP): Exiled British archaeologists have been overcome with a mysterious foul stench wafting landward from the Ionian. The scientists were working a dig which had yielded a marble statue of a mythical creature, half man - half otney. The debate over whether the figure is Illyrian or Asian in origin will continue as the vile gas has oxidized the marble figure beyond recognition.

ANAKHIT, SKANDALUTZ (URRP): Brigitte Bar-Nothing of the Green Gang gave another warning about otney pollution in the Mediterranean Sea. "This pollution has spread so far," she warned citizens of this ancient matriarchy, "that otney press releases are now coming in from other time lines."

Unfortunately, the Skandalous populace paid no attention to this announcement. Mlle. Bar-Nothing made it on the First of June, and by ancient custom it is a capital crime to have sexual relations in Skandalutz during the month of May.

BROOKLYN (URRP): Postal Diplomacy Gamesmaster John Boardman announced the result of a vote to select the Official Fruit of Postal Diplomacy. The election was won by the otney. A poll of postal Diplomacy Gamesmasters, players, publishers, analysts, critics, and the guys who sweep up after Eastcon gave the following results:

The Otney	19	T. S. Eliot's Prickly Pear	2
Rodney C. Walker	17	Darryl Strawberry	2
Chiquita Banana	6	Maxwell's Plum	1

Well, there were a few problems with the last moves. The sole Austro-Hungarian move "A Vie-Tri", which failed, was not printed in the last GRAUSTARK. The Italian retreat was A Ven-Apu. Hopefully this word got to all the players.

FRANCE (Brawner): A Vie S A Ven; A Ven S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Vie-Tri; F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo; F Edi-Cly; A Lon-Yor; A Bur-Bel; F Wes S F Tun; "F Tun eats tuna a la otney".

GERMANY (Kaplan): F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); F Bar S F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); F Swe-Nwy; A War-Mos; A Ukr S A War-Mos; A Sil-War; A Tyr-Vie; A Bel-Ruh; A Mun-Ruh.

ITALY (Cameron): F Tyr-Lyo; F Ion-Tun; F Rom-Tus; F Gre holds; A Apu-Ven; A Ser-Bud; A Tri S TURKISH A Bud-Vie.

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

RUSSIA (Henricks): A St.P S A Mos; A Mos S A St.P; A Win S A St.P; A Gal-War.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Mos-Liv; the High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Mar, Par, ITALY: Gre, Nap, Rom, Ser, Tri. (5)

Por, Spa, Tun, Ven. (10) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Vie. (1)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mos, RUSSIA: St.P. (1)

Mun, Nwy, Swe, War. (10) TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Rum, Ser, Smy. (7)

Turkey may build three new units, France may build two, and Germany may build one.

Italy must remove two units, and Russia must remove three. The deadline for these "Winter 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 JUNE 1984.

1982IN

"Winter 1910"

Following "Fall 1910" moves, France retreats A Mun-Ber, taking Berlin from England and making an English build impossible. Austria-Hungary removed the dislodged A Ser, so has a build. Austria-Hungary builds A Bud and Russia builds A Sev. The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 JUNE 1984. A Russian press release appears elsewhere in this issue.

EASTERN ALLIES PUSH ITALY BACK

ENGLAND (Clarke): A Liverpool holds; A Yor S A Liv; F Edi-Nth; F Lon S F Edi-Nth.

FRANCE (Wallick): F Mid-Wes; A Bur-Mar; F Tri-Eng; F Eng-Nth; A Ruh-Bur; A Bel-Hol.

GERMANY (Quirk): A Hol holds.

ITALY (Stone): F Ion-Adr; F Con-Bul(s.c.); F Gre S F Con-Bul(a.c.); A Rom-Ven; A Pie-Mar; F Tyr-Lyo.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Palter): A Ven-Pie; A Tyr S A Ven-Pie; A Tri-Ven; A Arm-Smy; A Ser-Gre; F Bul(s.c.) S A Ser-Gre.

RUSSIA (Jordan): F Ank-Con; F Bla S F Ank-Con; A Mos-War; F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; F Swe-Ska; A Den-Kie; A Kie-Ruh; A Mun S A Kie-Ruh; A Bch S A Mun; F Nat-Mid.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats F Con-Aeg, A Pie-Tus, and the French A Ruh is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 JUNE 1984. For Kevin Stone's new address see p. 10. A proposal has been made for a concession to Russia, and players should send in their votes with the next moves.

1984B

"Winter 1902"

FRANCE (Weinstein): Removes A Spa. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Clarke): Builds A Vie.

GERMANY (Goldman): Builds A Mun, F Kie. RUSSIA (Downs): Builds A Sev.

ITALY (Schembari): Builds F Nap.

The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 JUNE 1984.

BERLIN: With France in the dust, Kaiser Wilhelm addressed King John the Silent of England: "Your bumbling has achieved what diplomacy could not: an alliance between Germany and Russia. You have ignored repeated warnings that Denmark and the Low Countries would be protected from aggression at all costs. Any bloodshed between Germany and England is entirely due to the uncompromising English attitude; any further English aggression will be similarly rebuffed. Be warned, and heed."

BERLIN: The Kaiser reported today that British ships off Norway seemed to have suffered damage to their steering mechanisms, as they have been drifting in circles for a year now.

The Kaiser urged all Germans and allied peoples to be prepared for petty harassment raids by the remaining British forces. The Kaiser had special praise for the German, Danish, and Russian troops that conducted the successful defense of Denmark this past Fall. Basking in this major triumph, the Kaiser declared; "We are strong enough now to hold Denmark without further outside assistance, while the defense of Holland and Belgium will soon be perfected."

Comparing English tactics to the contortions of an otney in heat, the Kaiser noted the fatal defect in English plans; an inability to concentrate their forces against either Germany or Russia. "The three English fleets, well-positioned as they are, now face two Russian and two German fleets, not counting ground units that will be released by the collapse of France. The whole world can see the effectiveness of the Quadruple Alliance; let it also be known that Germany offered England the opportunity to join this sacred compact, but apparently his laryngitis prevented King John the Silent from replying."

AUSTRIA to GERMANY; ITALY and RUSSIA: My, aren't we efficient.

NAPLES: After his troops conquered Marseilles, Marseilles, our glorious leader, Il Duce, arrived in the city to convince Frenchmen to join us in the fight against their leader. (Editor's Note: Leader, Ha!) He brought many over to our (the right) side, and they followed him to this city, where they trained for naval combat. In

1982IM

"Spring 1910"

MARKING THE TIME AND TIMING THE MARK

There were a couple of misprints in the "Fall 1909" English moves. "F Nap-Ion" should have been underlined as impossible, and the "A Bul" is really "A Bud".

ENGLAND (Corbin): A Lon-Yor; F Nwy-Nth; F-Bel-Eng; A Bud-Ser; F Adr-Ion; F Nap S F Adr-Ion.

FRANCE (Ferguson): F Mid-Eng; F Ion-Gre; A Par-Bur; A Tri-Alb; A Tus-Ven; A Rom-Nap; "F Tun takes shore leave"; "F Tyr eats fresh fruit".

GERMANY (Ellis): No moves received. F Kie, F Hol, A Mun, A Boh, A Vie, A Ven & A Ser hold.

RUSSIA (Bragdon): A Ank-Con; A Sev-Arm; A Ukr & F Swe hold; A War-Liv; A Rum S GERMAN A Ser-Bul; A Gal S A Rum.

TURKEY (Chafetz): F Bla S A Bul; F Gre S A Bul; A Bul & F Aeg S F Gre.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1910" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 JUNE 1984. Stand-by moves for Germany should be sent in by Chris Downs, whose address appears on p. 11. Press releases must be postponed to the next issue.

1983AS

"Spring 1906"

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

ENGLAND (Zaiz): F Lon-Wal; F Edi-Nrg; F NAT-Iri; F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); A Swe-Deh; F Hel-Nth.

FRANCE (Schembari): F Tun-Tyr; A Bel-Ruh.

GERMANY (Jordan): A Wal-Liv; F Hol-Hel; F Kie S F Hol-Hel; F Ber-Bal; A Fin-Swe; A St.P-Nwy; A Mun-Bur.

ITALY (Follmer): F Eng-Mid; F Spa(s.c.)-Wes; F Eas-Aeg; F Ion-Tyr; A Bre-Pic; A Ruh S GERMAN A Mun-Bur.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kline): No moves received; A Mos, A Ukr, A Gal, A Ser & A Alb hold.

RUSSIA (Cooper): F Rum S A Sev; A Sev S F Rum.

TURKEY (Hardiman): A Smy-Syr; A Con-Smy; F Ank-Con; F Bul(s.c.) S F Gre; F Gre S F Bul(s.c.).

Underlined moves are not possible. Mark Follmer is now playing Italy. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 JUNE 1984. Stand-by moves for Austria-Hungary should be sent in by Vincent J. Manna, #1, 2217 West St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11223; 212-336-1156. Press releases are postponed to the next issue.

1982HI

"Winter 1911"

The "Fall 1911" German move F Ska-Swe should have been underlined as impossible. This means that the English retreat has to be F Nwy-Bar.

ENGLAND (Chafetz): Removes A Bre. RUSSIA (Goode): Builds A War & A Mos; defers

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gratto): Builds A one build.

Vie, F Tri.

The deadline for "Spring 1912" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 JUNE 1984.

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TRAFFIC JAM IN AEGEAN

In the report of the "Fall 1901" moves, the Turkish F Con-Aeg, A Smy-Con and the Italian F Ion-Aeg should all have been underlined as impossible.

ENGLAND (Tallman): Builds F Liv, F Edi. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Lally): Builds A Vie.

FRANCE (Drakert): Builds A Par, F Mar. RUSSIA (Kutta): Builds F St.P(n.c.).

GERMANY (Gaughan): Builds A Mun, A Kie. TURKEY (Galicia): Builds F Ank.

ITALY (Sims): Builds F Nap.

The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 JUNE 1984. Petē Gaughan wants it known that the "BERLIN to WORLD" press release in the last issue was not his. The fault is mine; it really belongs in another game.

GERMANY to ITALY: No offense taken, Larry. I didn't bring emotion into the question at all.

GERMANY to TURKEY: Of course England's on my side - of the board! And only that.

MUNICH (Official Deutschland Daily - ODD): As winter approaches, the good citizens of Bavaria are proud of the enthusiasm of their sons as they muster to form the new German Fourth Army. Heading the infantry, cavalry and armored forces is General Helmut "Mineshtomper" Kohl. Kohl has promised a conservative campaign against the marauding English forces now occupying Belgium, a campaign, he says, "of great economy. We will sign no check before its time!"

LONDON: The Prime Minister announces that members of the press were excluded from the invasion fleet to insure that Marines & Special Forces troops could make big bucks selling pictures to the wire services.

ENGLISH MAGAZINE & NEWS RACK: "Turks attempt to purchase fast food, 'Where's the grease!'"

ENGLAND to GERMANY: Are you sure that you're on my side?

ENGLAND to ENGLAND: Am I sure that I'm on my side?

TURKEY: The Sultan would like to announce that the Turks would only cooperate with others, if it would liberate Europeans from horrible (or, in the case of Italy, embarrassing) rule. Anyone is invited to take an active part or to live peacefully under our shadows, with the comfortable thought that everything will be taken care of.

For starters, I would like to encourage any of you to send back any Italian diplomats, living in your country, with a swift kick. I believe that it's appropriate to wear boots for such an occasion and to make it a ceremony. I also believe that none of you, not one, has been free from his repeated attacks on character.

TURKEY to ITALY: I'm sure that no one is on your side. Even we dirty, illiterate, & barefoot Turks can't agree with your reasoning. (Thanks, but no thanks. We've had enough bull for now. Save it for England.) You are correct that if Germany & France harass you & Austria, I won't remain motionless. However, I won't annex Europe for your sake, but I'll gladly annex Italy for Europe's sake. Also, don't bother with a naval attack; the "porte" is closed.

CONSTANTINOPLE: The Sultan was heard consulting his head researcher today, and asked, "How do you sink an Italian battleship?" "Simple. You knock on its door."

TURKEY to FRANCE: Now's the time. Rates are low and there couldn't be a better season than Spring to take Italy. I'm sure he won't mind, as long as we keep him bound & gagged. What do you say?

CON to LONDON: Me P-Panic

ITALY: After a long, draining day in the Pope's confessional, the King sat down to officially begin the evening's festivities. He wondered aloud, "My meal; where is my meal?" His rhetorical question triggered an immediate shuffling about among all the King's men. Almost magically, a large, young, plump turkey suddenly appeared within striking distance of the King's watering mouth. "I thank you my loyal servants," the King resounded, "but you have outdone yourself! This bird is too large for even me to devour alone. Invite my good friend, the Kaiser of Austria, to join our celebration and share my royal feast." Shortly thereafter, a magnificent rumbling shook the dining room as the Kaiser entered. The Kaiser was not a big man, however his stomach could not repress its anticipation. After the exchange of greetings and pleasantries, the two great men prepared themselves for the night's banquet. While reaching

for the carving knife and eyeing both the turkey and the Kaiser, the King inquired with a grin, "Will you carve the first portion or shall I "... (To Be Continued)

1983AX

"Fall 1906"

FRENCH DOMINATE CHANNEL

The Italian move reported as "A Vie-Tyr" in the last issue was actually "A Vie-Tri", It succeeded; all players were informed.

ENGLAND (Peart): A St.P holds; F Nwy S A St.P; F Nth-Den; F Swe S F Nth-Den; F Eng-Nth; F Iri-Nat.

FRANCE (Bragdon): F Mid-Eng; F Bre S F Mid-Eng; F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; F Hol-Nth; A Pic-Bel; A Par-Pic; A Bur-Ruh; A Tyr holds.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Pru-War; A Den S ITALIAN A Mun-Kie.

ITALY (Murray): A Mun-Kie; A Tri S A Ser; A Ser S RUSSIAN A Rum-Bul; F Ion-Aeg; F Eas-Smy; F Tyr-Wes.

RUSSIA (Drakert): A Bud S ITALIAN A Ser; A Sev-Arm; A Liv-War; A Ber S ITALIAN A Mun-Kie; F Ank-Con; A Mos-St.P; A Rum-Bul.

TURKEY (Follmer): A Bul-Ser; A Alb & A Gre S A Bul-Ser; F Con-Bul(s.c.); A Smy-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German A Den and the Turkish A Bul are dislodged and annihilated. England must retreat F Eng-Wal, -Tri, or -Lon, or remove the unit. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (7) ITALY: Kie, Mun, Nap, Rom, Ser, Tri, Tun, Vie. (8)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Hol, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Ven. (8) RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Bud, Bul, Mos, Rum, Sev, War. (8)

TURKEY: Con, Gre, Smy. (3)

Italy may build two new units, and Russia and England may each build one. (England has a second build if the dislodged F Eng is removed.) Turkey must remove one unit, and the last German unit is also removed. The deadline for these "Winter 1906" moves, which may be made conditional on the direction of the English retreat, is NOON FRIDAY 8 JUNE 1984.

COPENHAGEN to WORLD: "Kill me quickly, you butchers!"

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Kathy Byrne has assigned the Boardman Number "1984AY" to the new game announced on page 11. Players should use this designation in correspondence with one another and with the Gamesmaster.

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There are a couple of changes of address to report:

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And Nunzio Paul Schembari reports that his new phone number is 212-232-0037. But he, like myself, will get a still newer phone number on 1 September. There is apparently now no stopping the phone company's plan to separate the Boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island from the "212" area code of New York City, and establish in them a new area code, 718. The following GRAUSTARK-subscribers are affected: Greg Baker, Kathy Byrne, Lawrence Chafetz, David Greene, Ray Heuer, Seth Kadish, Bob Lipton, Vincent J. Manna, Al Nofi, Fred Phillips, Nunzio Paul Schembari, and Daniel Wallick. My own numbers will become 718-693-1579 (home) and 718-780-5180 (office).

WELL, ONE NEW GAME, ANYWAY

For about a month now, I have had in hand ten entire sets for new postal Diplomacy games. Rather than wait until four more entries come in, and open two games, I have decided to open one game now and allow the three odd men out to wait for a while. Therefore, the following new postal Diplomacy game is now organized:

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 FRANCE: ~~Marc~~ Hurwitz, P. O. Box 191, Owings Mills, Md. 21117; 301-363-6303
 GERMANY: Michael Taylor, 1820 N. Rojo, Hobbs, N. M. 88240; 505-397-7218
 ITALY: Charles Kaplan, 742 Grouse Court, Deerfield, Ill. 60015; 312-541-2832
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Chris Downs, 742 Spring, Alton, Ill. 62002; 618-465-5687
 RUSSIA: John C. Quarto, Apt. 5, 23 St. Luke's Road, Allston, Mass. 02134; 617-254-6262
 TURKEY: Barry Swift, 33 Manor Dr., Wayne, N. J. 07470; 201-696-1884

Announcements are being sent out to players on 12 May, and the deadline for "Spring 1901" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 JUNE 1984. The Boardman Number for this game is given elsewhere in this issue. There was not, this time, a good geographical spread either of players, or of choice of countries. However, three players received their first choices, three their second choices, and one his third. Furthermore, I have established that the two Illinois players live at opposite ends of the state, while the two Maryland players have never been in the same game with each other, by mail or across the board.

THE GREAT ALL-STAR DIPLOMACY GAME

by Marc Hurwitz

XVII - Walter Manochi (Winter 1905)

Well, I guess it's time to go see Master. I open the hotel room door, and quietly walk to the elevator. I think back to the day we all met...

I had thought at first that the game would be a typical one, with the exception that I could see my opponents face to face. Only the Russian prig looked like a Diplomacy player ought to look like - aristocratic looks, bowler hat, cane. Naturally I figured he'd do well. Smith, by comparison, was dressed in contemporary American business man, down to the cheap tie. Even then he was a bit soused, but controlled. I figured right off I'd ally with him, eliminate Russia, Germany, etc. then stab him and face the Turk.

None of them appeared particularly impressive, despite the fact that we were supposedly the best players of our sides.

And now I'm reduced to assistant Kingmaker - either helping Smith of the cadaver become \$50,000,000 richer. I've decided to aid the lush - he just might lose his control later, whereas unfortunately the Russian seems steady.

"Hello, Master."

"There'sh no need to be so formal, Walt," Smith says, with just a touch of a slur.

ENGLAND (Manochi): No builds
 RUSSIA (Wills) Builds F St.P(n.c.), A War.
 FRANCE (Smith): Builds F Bre, F Mar. TURKEY Godowski): Removes F Gre.

1983IE - PRESS RELEASES

VIENNA (DAMN): The Kaiser, when told of the Czar's remark last season, replied, "Larry is right. I do think that I am a complete fool, nyuk nyuk." He then proceeded to hit the Baron Moe and Count Curly on the head. "Since I can't beat up on the Russian stooge, I'll settle for these two," said the Kaiser.

The Kaiser is expected to end his visit to the Austrian capital soon.

This is
 O At
 P Great
 E Intervals
 R This
 A Appears
 T To
 I Inflamm
 O Optic
 N Nerves
 # 1248

1982IV - PRESS RELEASE

RUSSIA to ENGLAND: What have I to gain by not communicating? Well, first of all, I can't get stabbed in the back. By treating everyone as an enemy, I can't be surprised.

Believe me, before you entered this game I spoke to everyone. Then, about 1903 all of my "friends" figures it was time to retire the Whites. The situation was clear. I did what I had to do, and no more. With some luck, my situation improved, and here I am today.

Anyway, since you are so eager to communicate, why not pull out of St. Pete, a supply center which is more than just a territory of Russia. You could use your armies elsewhere, most definitely.

I could always use a friend, since this is what the game is all about. However, I will not be the first one to make concessions to the cause of friendship. I've tried that already with the players in this game and almost got eliminated. So give me back St. Pete and we'll be friends. If not, I'll continue the way I've been going.

1984B (continued from p. 7)

his final speech to his new fleet, an assassination attempt was made on his life by the Neo-Avignon facifists, headed by ex-Bishop Giorgio Benedettino. As he was rushed to his fully armed and indestructible tank, our glorious leader, Il Duce, called to his second in command, "Aldo, dov'è mia nipotina!" Ah, what a model Italian! To think of the safety of his family at such a time.

1983HF - PRESS RELEASES

BROOKLYN to LEXINGTON: Well, Ted, with the fall of the Russian Empire around the corner, you have certainly taken many of Turkey's centers!

CONSTANTINOPLE TRIBUNE: The Sultan, on one of his rare trips during wartime, visited Vienna, of all places! This reported must now ask: Can this lead to a change of direction in the war effort?

1983L - PRESS RELEASE

VIENNA to PARIS: Gee, I guess you were right about me.

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"Why does the Kremlin want
you to vote against Ronald Reagan?"
- William Safire, New York Times,
15 May 1984