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1983CP

"Fall 1906"

DRANG NACH OTNEY

Following "Spring 1906" moves, Italy retreated A Tri-Ser. All players were informed.

FRANCE (Brawner): F Wes F Tun ((sic)); F Lyo-Tyr; F Tun S F Lyo-Tyr; F Mid-Nat; F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; A Bur-Bel; F Cly & A Yor hold; A Ven-Rom; A Tri S AUSTRALIAN A Vie-Bud.

GERMANY (Kaplan): F Nwy & F St.p(n.c.) hold; F Bal-Swe; A Mos-Sev; A Ukr-Rum; A Gal S A Ukr-Rum; A Tyr-Vie; A Boh S A Tyr-Vie; A Pru-War; A Bel-Bur.

ITALY (Cameron): A Apu-Gre; F Ion C A Apu-Gre; F Tus-Rom (sic; no such unit exists); F Rom-Nap; A Ser S AUSTRALIAN A Vie-Bud; F Tyr not ordered, is dislodged and retreats F Tyr-Tus.

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

TURKEY (Heuer): F Con-Aeg; F Ank-Con; A Bul-Rum; A Sev & A Bud S A Bul-Rum;

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish A Bud is dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant powers now control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Mar, par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven. (12)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mos, Mun, Nwy, Rum, St.p, Swe, Vie, War.

(13)

ITALY: Gre, Nap, Ser. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud. (1)

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

Germany may build three new units and France may build two. Turkey must remove one unit and Italy must remove two. Two of these "Winter 1906" orders are already in, and the others should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so they arrive by MONDAY 30 JULY 1984. The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 1984. Press releases appear on pages 1 and 10.

1983AX

"Fall 1907"

BRITAIN UNDER SIEGE!

ENGLAND (peart): F Lon-Eng; F Nth S F Lon-Eng; F Wal S F Lon-Eng; F Swe-Den; F Nwy S A St.p; A St.p holds; F Nat-Liv.

FRANCE (Bragdon): F Iri S ITALIAN F Mid-Nat; F Eng-Nth; F Hel S F Eng-Nth; A Ruh-Hol; A Pic-Bel; F Bre-pic; A Mun holds; A Tyr S A Mun.

ITALY (Murray): A Kie holds; A Ven-Tri; F Mid-Nat; A Ser S A Ven-Tri; A Gre S A Ser; F Ion-Aeg; F Aeg-Smy; F Eas S F Aeg-Smy.

RUSSIA (Drakert): A Mos-St.p; A Liv S A Mos-St.p; A Ber holds; A Gal-Rum; A Bud-Rum; F Bla-Con; A Bul & A Ank S F Bla-Con.

TURKEY (Follmer): No moves received; F Con & A Smy dislodged and annihilated.

Underlined moves are not possible.

England must retreat F Nth-Ska, -Nrg, -Edi, -Yor, -Lon or remove the unit. The direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1907" orders, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.p, Swe. (7)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Hol, Mar, Mun, par, Por, Spa, Ven. (1)

ITALY: Gre, Kie, Nap, Rom, Ser, Smy, Tri, Tun, Vie. (9)

RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Bud, Bul, Con, Mos, Rum, Sev, War. (9)

France, Italy, and Russia may each build one unit; so may England if the dislodged unit was removed. The deadline for these builds is NOON, FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 1984.

1983CP - PRESS RELEASE

BERLIN to PARIS: Is München still mine?

1982IN

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"Winter 1911-Spring 1912"

VIVE LA FRANCE, SI ON PEUT DIRE "VIVRE"

No retreat was received for the dislodged French A Ven, which was therefore removed. England built F Lon, Russia built A War and A Sev, and Austria-Hungary removed A pie and A Boh.

ENGLAND (Ticossi): A St.P-Nwy; F Den-Swe; A Fin S F Den-Swe; F Nth S A St.P-Nwy; F Kie-Ber; A Mun S F Kie-Ber; A Gas-Mar; A Bur S A Gas-Mar; F Mid-Gas; F Bre-Mid; F Iri S F Bre-Mid; F Lon-Eng.

FRANCE (J. Sachwartz): F Bul(s.c.) S F Gre; F Gre S F Bul(s.c.); A Ber, F Tri & A Swe hold; F Por S F Spa(n.c.); F Spa(n.c.) S F por; F Wes-NAF; F Lyo-Wes.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Tyr-Tri; A Ven S A Tyr-Tri; A Vie S A Tyr-Tri.

RUSSIA (La Rocco): A Liv-St.P; A Mos S A Liv-St.P; A Ukr-Gal; A War S A Ukr-Gal; A Bud-Vie; A Rum-Ser; A Sev-Rum; F Bla-Bul(e.c.); A Con S F Bla-Bul(e.c.).

Underlined moves are not possible. The French A Swe is dislodged and annihilated. France must retreat A Ber-pru or -Sil and F Tri-Alb or -Adr; either or both of these units may instead be removed. These French retreats should be mailed or phoned in by MONDAY 30 JULY 1984 and will then be sent on to the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1912" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 1984.

1982IM

NIEMAND ZU HAUSE

"Spring 1911"

ENGLAND (Corbin): A Den-Kie; F Nth-Hel; F Lon-Nth; F Edi S F Lon-Nth; F Adr S TURKISH F Gre-Ion.

FRANCE (Ferguson): F Eng-Iri; F Wes-Mid; F Bre-Eng; F Ion holds; A Ven & A Nap hold; F Tyr S F Ion; A Alb-Gre; A Bur-Mun.

GERMANY (Ellis): No moves received. F Hol, F Bel, F Kie, A Ber, A Boh, A Vie, A Tri, A Bud & A Ser hold.

RUSSIA (Bragdon): F Swe-Bal; A Liv-pru; A Gal-Sil; A War S A Gal-Sil; A Rum-Gal; A Ukr S A Rum-Gal; A Arm-Sev.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats F Ion-Tun by conditional order. The deadline for "Fall 1911" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 1984. Stand-by moves for Germany should be sent in by Chris Downs, 742 Spring, Alton, Ill. 62002; 618-465-5687. press releases will be printed in this issue if space permits, and in the next if it doesn't.

1984AY

"Winter 1901"

ENGLAND (Levine): Builds F Lon.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Downs): Builds A Tri, A Vie.

FRANCE (Hurwitz): No builds received.

RUSSIA (Quarto): Builds F St.p(n.c.), F Sev.

GERMANY (M. Taylor): Builds A Ber.

TURKEY (Swift): Builds F Ank.

ITALY (Kaplan): Builds F Nap, F Rom.

The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 1984. Stand-by moves for France should be sent in by Terry Tallman, 820 W. Armour St., Seattle, Wash. 98119; 206-285-4374. press releases appear on pages 6 and 10.

EPIDEMIC OF SLEEPING SICKNESS SWEEPS EUROPE

ENGLAND (Downs): F Iri-Mid; F Eng-Bel; F Nth S F Eng-Bel; A Swe-Nwy; F Nrg S A Swe-Nwy.

GERMANY (Jordan): A Bel S F Hol; F Hol S A Bel; A Mun-Ruh; F Hel-Nth; F Kie-Den; F Bal-Swe; A Fin S F Bal-Swe; A St.P-Nwy; A Liv-Wal.

ITALY (Follmer): No moves received. F Mid, A pic, A Ruh, F Wes, F Tun, F Rom, F Nap, & F Aeg hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kline): No moves received. F Tri, A Bud, A Gal, A Ser, A Gre, A Ukr & A Sev hold.

RUSSIA (Lipton): A Arm-Smy.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. Chris Downs is now playing England, and Bob Lipton is now playing Russia. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 1984. Stand-by moves for Italy should be sent in by Jack Brawner, 6011 7th St. South, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33705 and for Austria-Hungary by Charles Kaplan, 742 Grouse Court, Deerfield, Ill. 60015; 312-541-2832.

1983CW

"Spring 1906"

"THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING! THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING!"

Since the dislodged French F Eng was removed, there was no need for a French removal in "Winter 1905", and the French F Wes is still in existence. Stand-by "Fall 1906" moves for Italy should be sent in by Eric Verheiden, #2, 200 S. Azusa Ave., Azusa, Calif. 91702; 818-334-3149. The votes for a draw, and for a concession to Russia, both fail of unanimity and will not be re-submitted to the players until the situation on the board clarifies a little.

ENGLAND (Clarke): A Liv-Edi; A Wal holds; F Eng-Iri; F Lon-Eng.

FRANCE (Wallick): A pic-Bre; F Mid S A pic-Bre; A Mar-Spa; F Wes S A Mar-Spa.

GERMANY (Quirk): A Hol S RUSSIAN A Bel.

ITALY (Stone): No moves received. A Tus, A Rom & F Adr hold; F Gre dislodged and annihilated.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (palter): A Bud-Tri; A Tri-Alb; A Ser-Gre; F Bul(s.c.) S A Ser-Gre; A Smy S RUSSIAN F Bla-Con; A Ven-Tus((sic; no such unit exists)); A pie S A Ven-Tus; A Tyr-Ven.

RUSSIA (Jordan): F por-Spa(s.c.); A Bur-Gas; A Bel S ENGLISH A Wal-pic; F Nwy-Nrg; F St.p(n.c.)-Nwy; A Sil-Mun; A pru-Ber; A War-Sil; A Mos-War; A Sev-Rum; F Con-Aeg; F Bla-Con; F Den-Hel.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 1984. press releases appear on page 10.

FRESH BLOOD

The following people have written in, asking about Postal Diplomacy:
 R. J. Budway, 20751 Arbor Ave., Euclid, Ohio 44123
 S. R. Nigbor, 387-70-7225, Co. 921, Div. 24, RTC Great Lakes, Ill. 60088
 James Ward, Apt. #3, 2000 W. Birchwood, Chicago, Ill. 60645
 Russell O. Wood, 5730 Adelaide Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92115

1983HF

"Fall 1905"

A QUESTION OF TIME

ENGLAND (Follmer): No moves received. F Eng, A Bre, F pic, A Lon, F Bel, A Hol, F Hel, F Nth, F Kie & F Bal hold; A Mos dislodged and annihilated.

FRANCE (Lipton): A Bur-Mar.

ITALY (Galicia): A Gas-Mar; A pie-Mar; F Tyr-Tun; F Spa(s.c.)-Wes.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brawner): A Liv-Mos; A War S A Liv-Mos; A Ukr-Sev; A Rum S A Ukr-Sev; A Bul-Gre; F Ion-Gre; F Adr-Ven; A Rom-Ven; A Mun-Ruh; A Sil S A Ber; "A Ber digs trenches"; A Apu-Nap.

RUSSIA (London): A Syr-Smy.

TURKEY (Schembari): F Aeg-Bul(s.c.); F Smy-Eas; A Ank-Smy; F Arm-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. The votes for a concession to Austria-Hungary, and for a draw, both fail of unanimity, and will not be re-submitted to the players at the present time. The High Combatant powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (11)

FRANCE: par. (1)

ITALY: Mar, por, Spa, Tun. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ber, Bud, Buk, Gre, Mos, Mun, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (15)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3)

Austria-Hungary may build three new units and England may build one. Turkey must remove one unit, and the last Russian unit is also removed. These "Winter 1905" orders should be sent in by MONDAY 30 JULY 1984; one of them is already in. These orders will be sent to all players. The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 1984. Stand-by moves for England, both "Winter 1905" and "Spring 1906", should be sent in by Lawrence Chafetz, Apt. 2-M, 178-10 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica, N. Y. 11432.

VIENNA to CONSTANTINOPLE: please send me your address & phone #; I've misplaced it.

VIENNA to World: The concession to me is much premature. I feel that England is the man to beat -- I've overexpanded. While I'm not opposed to a draw, I won't vote for a six-way. Maybe after this move.

1983IE

"Fall 1904"

THE WEAK GO TO THE WALL

ENGLAND (Verheiden): N Nat-Cly; F Nrg-Edi; A Bel-Bre; F Eng C A Bel-Bre.

FRANCE (Rauterberg): F Mid-Bre; A par-Bre; A pic-Bur.

GERMANY (Follmer): No moves received. A Ber, A Den, F Bal, A Bur & A Gas hold; A pru dislodged and annihilated.

ITALY (Bragdon): F Naf-Mid; F Wes S F Naf-Mid; A Mar-Gas; A pie-Mar; F Spa(s.c.) S A pie-Mar; A Rom & F Smy hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Jordan): F Con holds; A Ser-Rum; A Bul S A Ser-Rum; A Mun-Ruh; A Tyr-Mun; A Vie-Gal.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): F Bla-Arm; A Mos-St.P; F Edi-Nth; A War-pru; A Liv & A Sil S A War-pru; A Ukr-Gal.

TURKEY (Bobker): No move received. F Ank holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French F Mid must retreat to por, Iri, or Nat, or be removed. The direction of this removal should come in with the "Winter 1904" orders, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant powers now control

the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (5)

FRANCE: Bre, par, por. (3)

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

ITALY: Mar, Nap, Rom, Smy, Spa, Tun,
Ven. (7)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mun,
Rum, Ser, Tri, Vie. (9)

RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Sev, War. (4)

TURKEY: Ank. (1)

Austria-Hungary may build two new units; a third could be built but a third home supply center is not open. England may build one new unit, and so may France if the dislodged fleet is removed. Russia must remove three units. The deadline for these "Winter 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 1984.

PARIS to BERLIN: Well, I guess I've made my point in this game. Wienczek was so totally embarrassed by his performance that he has to quit in disgrace, and you are about to be overrun from the East. Next time, you have to make sure that France is out by 1902, or that it is so totally emasculated that it can't make itself a pain in your rear in subsequent years. I warned you that I have achieved similar results by holding on as a beleaguered France in the past, but you chose to test the waters again. I trust you found them a bit hot for your liking.

PATTI SMITH to GERMANY: "C'mon, pretty boy, can't you show me nothin' but surrender."

1984B

"Winter 1903"

ENGLAND (J. Schwartz): Removes F Nth.

GERMANY (Goldman): Builds A Ber, A Mun,
F Kie.

ITALY (Schembari): Builds A Rom.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 1984. Stand-by moves for Turkey should be sent in by Ted London, 31 Saddle Club Road, Lexington, Mass. 02173; 617-862-6088. Earlier press releases appear on page 10.

VIENNA: Ouch!

AUSTRIA to RUSSIA: You did well to stab me. I think it will give you the game.

ROME: Millions of Italians arrived in this city fleeing the invading barbarians. Our Glorious Leader Il Duce had inspiring words for them. "Let all the world see if any country has the gall to attack any of the real powers of Europe. The wrath of the continent shall fall on his head."

1982IM - PRESS RELEASES

IT'S YOUR LIFE, RANDY ELLIS (Moscow): This sequel to the Ken Corbin series is just opening on prime time and your friendly corner Russian reviewer will let you in on key developments as they transpire. As we look in, Randy has just finished stabbing his benefactor, Ken, and is being interviewed by the media.

MEDIA: How does it feel to stab the player who saved your onions in this game?

RANDY: Great! Try it yourself before breakfast every day.

MEDIA: Certain quarters are alleging that you formally agreed with England and its allies not to institute hostilities prior to a certain date. Have you any comment?

RANDY: Jawohl! The agreement with Mr. Chamberlain -- I mean, Mr. Corbin -- was just a piece of paper, so I tore it up. It got in the way of the Reich's God-given right to expansion.

MEDIA: I see.... Tell me, Mr. Hitler -- I mean, Mr. Ellis -- could you give our viewers an indication of the future that you see for Europe?

ELLIS: Gladly. The Reich will spread the blessings of German culture to all Europeans -- after the English, then the Russians and the Turks.... Just one thing is bothering me.

MEDIA: What is that?

ELLIS: The French. They seem to think they are my equal partners. Have they forgotten 1870? Also 1914 -- it's approaching again and this time, we won't stop at the Marne.

MEDIA: Thank you, Mr. Ellis.

(Continued next month)

PLAYBOY MAGAZINE (paris) to World (excerpt of interview with Emperor Reagan)

pL = playboy interviewer. ER = Emperor Reagan

pL: Why did you launch the coup?

ER: I believed that the French people were being deprived of the power & prestige that they deserved. I am willing to provide the citizens of France with the leadership they need to achieve these goals. Emperor Fergie was not.

pL: Isn't it true that you ordered the execution of young Emperor Fergie?

ER: That's sheer nonsense and nothing more than a viscious rumor being spread by Communist Counterrevolutionaries. He is actually being held under house arrest under opulent conditions in a secret location: all for his own protection of course.

pL: In other words, you are saying that the Emperor is being maintained in a drugged stupor indefinitely. Isn't this correct?

ER: (response censored by Junta censorship committee)

pL: Why have you enslaved the citizens of Italy?

ER: I have not enslaved them! As a matter of fact, many elements of Italian society have been integrated into French society. Italian artists and their work have flocked here. The works of Michelangelo, Leonardo Da Vinci, Raphael, and many others adorn our Museums. Italian shipwrights have been a great help in maintaining a standard of excellence in the recently completed French 5th Fleet.

pL: What do you do for relaxation?

ER: I enjoy playing games of skill.

pL: Such as?

ER: Diplomacy, of course!

pL: Why Diplomacy?

ER: Because I can utilize my real life experience for the game and vice-versa.

pL: How often do you play?

ER: Whenever I have free time although, I do prefer variants of Diplomacy.

pL: Which is your favorite?

ER: Gunboat Diplomacy.

(end interview)

MUNICH to World: The streets were lined with joyous people as they welcomed the French. It was a long celebration as Emperor Reagan took upon the Kaiser on his offer to "bring a few guests along to the summit meeting."

JOHN to World: Will the "person" who tried to convince Dr. Boardman that I had no fleet in the MAO as of Fall 1910 please step forward. My brother and I would like to pay you a visit.

1984AY - PRESS RELEASES

BERLIN to the soon to be Elsewhere French Army in Munich: Nothing good lasts forever.

BERLIN to ROME: Congratulations. Keep upon the good work.

ROME to BERLIN: Anyone home?

ROME to LONDON: Want some Brest?

ROME to Anyone: Anyone go to Origins, and if so, what happened?

ROME to VIENNA: No need to be so pushy and threatening. I'm basking in the Ned not the Balkans.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

I trust you were all as amused as I was by the farce out in San Francisco. (Or you may not have been; TV ratings services said that viewers didn't give much time to it.) Of course, the big issue about Senator Mondale's "running mate" was superfluous. Before the convention began, he already had two "running mates" - Konstantin Chernenko and John Hinckley. We know what to call it when someone tries to remove from office our Empire's president, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader.

1984V

EVERYONE WANTS BURGUNDY!

"Winter 1902-Spring 1903"

In "Winter 1902" Austria-Hungary built A Tri and Italy built A Ven. All players ~~were~~ informed.

ENGLAND (Tallman): F Nwy S GERMAN F Den-Swe; F Nat-Mid; F Iri & F Eng S F Nat-Mid;
A Pic S GERMAN A Bur-Par.

FRANCE (Drakert): A Bre-Pic; A Mar-Bur; A Par S A Mar-Bur; F Por-Mid; F Mid-Gas.

GERMANY (Gaughan): A Bur-Par; A Mun-Bur; A Ruh S A Mun-Bur; A Kie holds; F Den-Swe.

ITALY (Sims): A Bud-Bum; A Ven-Tyr; A Tun holds; F Ion-Eas; F Tyr-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): A Bul-Ser; F Gre-Bul(s.c.); A Tri-Bud; A Vie S A Tri-Bud.

RUSSIA (Kutta): F St.P(n.c.)-Bar; F Bot-St.P(s.c.); A Gal-Bud; A Ukr-Gal; F Rum-Sev.

TURKEY (Galicia): A Smy-Ank; F Con-Aeg; F Ank-Bla.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 1984.

GERMANY to TURKEY: I don't know what your problem is, but I kind of like Italy. All your allegations against him remain as yet unsubstantiated.

GERMANY to ENGLAND: How's the weather up there?

GERMANY to FRANCE: Duck! There's a peace bomb headed your way!

GERMANY to Board (Reuters): Very even distribution for Fall 1902. Maybe a few powers will be weakened in 1903?

GERMANY to AUSTRIA (Reuters): Welcome aboard.

ROME to World: The pope urges all the nations of Europe to remember that all men are created equal. It is God's wish that this equality be maintained. At this time, the pope would like to point a finger of shame upon the sinners in the West. "The English and Germans have strayed my brothers. Let us unite prayerfully yet mightily to help steer their lost souls back on the path of peaceful contentment and glory."

Of course, our Crusade of Equality must forego Turkish participation. Although most turkeys make excellent house pets, they certainly cannot be considered human beings, i. e. men.

1983L

SEE NAPLES AND DIE

"Spring 1909"

ENGLAND (Ticossi): F Wes S ITALIAN F Lyo-Tyr; A Bel-Ruh; F Hol-Kie; A Kie-Ber; F Bal S
A Kie-Ber; F Por, F Eng, F Iri, A Ydr & F Nwy hold.

FRANCE (London): F Pic-Bre; F Gas S F Pic-Bre.

ITALY (Rauterberg): A Spa-Tun; F Nap-Rom; F Tun-Ion; F Lyo-Tyr; A Mar-pie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Cameron): A St.P holds; A Mos S A St.P; A War-pru; A Liv S A War-pru;
A Ber S A Mun; A Mun & A Sil S A Ber; A Bud-Ser; A Tri-Ven; A Vie-Boh; A Ven-Rom;
A Pie-Mar; F Ion-Nap; F Adu S F Ion-Nap.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian F Nap is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1909" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 1984. If it should turn out that the next move is the last, then John McClimans' subscription will end with #495, William Whisnant's with #499, and Arthur Ticossi's with #503.

players and other readers are invited to send in their end-of-game comments.

1983AJ

"Fall 1908"

"BOOTS, BOOTS, BOOTS, BOOTS, SLOGGING OVER..."

ENGLAND (J. Baker): F Eng-Mid; F Nat & F Tri S F Eng-Mid; F Lon-Eng; F Nth S A Bel;
A Bel S GERMAN A Ruh; A War S GERMAN A Ukr.

FRANCE (Jordan): A Bre-Gas; A Bur S A Bre-Gas; A Pic-Bre; A Par S A Bur.

GERMANY (Ripper): A Ukr, A Sil & A Mun hold; A Mos S A Ukr; A Ber S A Sil; A Kie & A
Ruh S A Mun.

ITALY (Ezzio): A Mar, A Ven & F Con hold; A Tyr-Pie; F Gas-Mid; F Naf & F Wes S F
Gas-Mid; F Spa(s.c.)-Por.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rusnak): F Bla-Con; A Sev & A Tri hold; A Rum S A Sev; A Gal-Sil;
A Boh S A Gal-Sil; A Vie S A Tri; F Alb-Gre.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian F Gas was dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P, ITALY: Con, Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Smy, Spa, Tun,
War. (7) Ven. (9)

FRANCE: Bre, par. (2)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser,

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mos, Mun, Sev, Tri, Vie. (9)

Swe. (7)

Italy may build two new units and Austria-Hungary may build one. France must remove two units. The deadline for these "Winter 1908" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 1984. The vote for a draw once again fails of the necessary unanimity, and under the circumstances the gamesmaster does not feel it would serve any purpose to again submit this proposals to the players until the situation undergoes some major change.

1982HI

"Winter 1912"

ENGLAND (Chafetz): Removes F Liv, F Nat. RUSSIA (Goode): Builds A Mos & A War; defers
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gratto): Defers 1 build. 1 build.

The deadline for "Spring 1913" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 1984. A concession to Austria-Hungary is proposed, and votes should come in with the next moves.

RUSSIA to GM: After spending months on inside pages, we find ourselves as page 1 news two issues in a row. Long live 1912!

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK, the bulletin in which postal play of Diplomacy was founded, is published every third Saturday by John Boardman, 234 E. 19th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226. New game openings are available at \$18.00; this includes a subscription to GRAUSTARK as long as your game lasts. With your game fee, send in a list of the countries that you'd like to play, in your order of preference. The postal rules for Diplomacy were last published in GRAUSTARK #437; when you send in your game fee, ask for a copy of this issue if you don't already have it. Back issues of GRAUSTARK from #467 are available at 10 issues for \$1.50. Non-players' subscriptions are 9 issues for \$6.00.

Diplomacy was designed by Allan B. Calhamer, and is published by Avalon-Hill.

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The last collation of GRAUSTARK was hampered somewhat by the fact that, that morning, we had to drive out to La Guardia Airport to get Chris, who was coming in for his first look at his first-born, whose birth was announced in the last issue. (His first remark was: "He looks like Gizmo!") But heavy rains and traffic jams prevented our return here until 3 PM. Nothing daunted, the collating crew was holding a party on our front porch, waiting for us. We eventually got GRAUSTARK put together, but it was rather hectic for a while. The crew consisted of Al Nofi, Larry Carmody, Dennis Casey, Mark Blackman, Phil Cohen, Fred Phillips, and Bob Lipton. Thanks again.

WHO IS PRESIDENT X?

While campaigning he called the Federal government "a horrible, bureaucratic mess," and claimed to be "an outsider" to its processes. On the strength of his strongly pro-business attitudes, the Wall Street Journal called him "a foe of Washington's big government". The New York Times agreed: "No President in living memory has courted big business as ardently."

The liberal consensus that had dominated American political thinking since the New Deal he rejected utterly. Of the role taken by the federal government under the direction of this consensus he said, "It is disorganized, wasteful, has no purpose, and its policies - when they exist - are incomprehensible or devised by special interest groups with little regard for the welfare of the average American citizen." He campaigned against the existing federal tax system, "a disgrace to the human race", and wanted to cut 1,300,000 people off the welfare rolls. Openly racist groups had supported him when he ran for governor of his state, and he called school integration "the most serious threat to education I can remember". He also supported residential segregation. One of his first acts as President was a big tax cut, particularly affecting large businesses. The price of energy was "deregulated" by him, and oil company profits promptly climbed. However, instead of using this windfall to expand production and employment, big businesses used them to buy up other big businesses. In line with his view that "there is no higher priority than controlling inflation", he caused the Federal Reserve Board to raise the discount rate, thus contracting the money supply, bringing on a deliberately planned recession, and causing unemployment to rise.

However, his increases in military spending cancelled the deflationary effects of this policy, and both deficits and inflation continued to rise. Both before and during his presidency, he strongly supported the Vietnam War and economic sanctions against Vietnam and the USSR. His foreign policy adviser was a "Hawk" who, according to the New York Times, "sees everything in terms of the rivalry of the Soviet Union and the U. S." "Virtually every weapon the Pentagon proposed was pegged for production". U. S. armament shipments to dictatorships increased, and military advisors were sent to support the government of El Salvador against guerrillas.

President X had been very popular early in his term. But his popularity slumped until time approached for his re-election campaign. Then his popularity climbed again. After four years in the White House, he still campaigned as an outsider. As his pollster said, "It is crucial that (President X) keep the image that he is not part of the traditional political establishment."

Who is President X?
(Answer next issue.)

1983AJ - PRESS RELEASES

ROMA: When Cartolina di Sforza returned from her trip to Germany, she found the Illustrious Chairman throwing a terrible fit. "Why did that Austrian dog build that fleet?? Why, why, why?? Don't he know that I told him he coulda noa build a fleet? I'ma going to stuffa his face a so fulla of my fista that he gonna look alike a fata man", and with these words, the Illustrious Chairman was throwing noodles at the picture of the Austrian Monarch.

"Benny, why on earth are you throwing the pasta on the wall?"

"Who tolda him he coulda build a fleet?", shouted the Illustrious Chairman.

"Well, it certainly wasn't me," she said on a rising voice. Ducking four pounds of flying spaghettini, she skipped out the door.

ROMA: Cantolone Multomangare dell'Aria, after making a big splash in Germany, went to France to welcome the Italian fourth Fleet when it landed at New Winter Harbor in Gascony. We quote from his welcoming remarks, "We came, we saw, and ah, ah, oh fiddlesticks! I've lost my notes. Anyway, we're just tourists here, so let's go have a look around."

1983CP - PRESS RELEASES

BERLIN to LONE RUSSIAN UNIT: Give up. The war is over. In a few years you can start a revolution.

NAPLES: SCIENTISTS RESCUED! The elite Italian scientific team, headed by Dr. I. N. Stikky-Mirsky and Prof. Paul Gonad, which had been sucked beneath the earth's crust, was rescued yesterday by a group of technicians with an extremely long rope. However, the smiles on the faces of the rescuers turned to looks of consternation and terror when they heard the tale of horror the scientists had to relate.

"The area beneath the earth's crust," said Dr. Stikky-Mirsky to reporters, "is occupied by a race of mechanical men called 'Thobots'. They have lived there peacefully for millions of years but the inundation of their cities by the Ionian virtually destroyed their civilization. The Thobots, enraged, have now vowed to destroy all mankind. Myself and Prof. Gonad only barely escaped their clutches. I say to you all: Flee! Flee for your very lives!"

In a possibly related development, the Italian government announced that Italy would soon be relocated to "somewhere in South America."

REPUBLIC OF SANTA CHOCHA (URRP): Sulpicio Suspicio, dictator of this small South American nation, today offered hospitality to Italy should it ever resettle in his continent. "We have vast acreages of undeveloped land, which is at the disposal of the government and people of Italy in their time of need," he said. "A new Italy can arise in our hills, surrounded by the snow-capped peaks of the Andes Mountains and the gently waving fronds of millions upon millions of otney trees."

1983CW - PRESS RELEASES

CEDARGURST (SIC): Russia has won the game. Why not concede the obvious and get on to other business. If I don't stab him and I won't he gets 18 in two game years without my centers and one with them. Think about it.

LONDON: The government of Britain is forced to deny a vicious rumor that our loyal Russian ally is merely a puppet. It is the opinion of England and it's government that Russia is an equal partner in our goal to rid the world of those ugly sickly-green pieces.

1984AY - PRESS RELEASES

PARIS to AUSTRIA: My greatest failure is my frankness. Your letter persuaded me to change my opinions voiding the offer in my letter. THAT'S WHY I CALLED YOU. THAT'S WHY WHAT I SAID ON THE PHONE DIFFERED FROM WHAT I WROTE. If I hadn't anything new to say, I wouldn't have phoned you. Let's start anew, ok?

BERLIN: Sorry for my lack of communication. Things will get better.

ROME to World: Now class, repeat after me, "I will not grab dots. I will not grab dots. I will..."

MOSCOW to World: To those of you who know my situation during July, you may call if absolutely necessary at 011-49-431-23-13-75 (remember the 6 hr. difference). If it's not a rush or you don't know what the hell I'm talking about, write at the regular address.

1984B - PRESS RELEASES

WIEL: The Naval Observatory announced that the Earth's magnetic poles have shifted several times in recent years. This phenomenon is apparently responsible for the British fleets' repeated course changes over the same time period.

CHICAGO (URRP): Boleslaw Coleslawski, leader of the Polish-American League (PAL), indignantly protested the latest press release out of Kiel. "It's part of the pattern," he told the press. "Blame everything on the Poles!" When a reporter protested that the German press release referred to magnetic poles, Coleslawski replied, "At the last Polish picnic I got laid five times. If that's not being a magnetic Pole I don't know what is!"

Although he had dismissed his advisers' concern with public opinion about the forthcoming war with the Kingdom of Pundschruck, the Emperor Senilio the Great of the Temporary Roman Empire did not therefore drive the matter from his mind. Before the extinction of the old dynasty in 1381, and his accession to the throne at the age of 97, he himself had been a very popular performer of the stage and the arena, and he thus did not underestimate the effect of the views of the populus of the Temporary Roman Empire.

Therefore, after he had decided to invade the border district of El Slammador even though it risked a war with the Kingdom of Pundschruck, he inquired as to what plays were popular with the populus. Much to his dismay, he found that fantasies and other escape dramas were very popular. Accordingly, on the Kalends of August he summoned the populus to a great rally in the Forum Vitularum, and thus addressed them:

"O Senate and People of (Temporary) Rome! It has come to my imperial attention that you, My beloved people, are flocking to plays which attempt to escape from our Empire's present grave crisis into imaginary worlds of fantasy. There is the drama of Ferulabaccius, Iter Stellarum, and the no less pernicious drama of Lucas, Belli Stellarum, in which people fly to the stars to do battle there with fantastic creatures! There is a multitude of other such fantasies: Alienus, and Scrutatio Spocci. There are dramae of fantastic adventures in distant lands, such as Fraedatores Arci Perditi and its sequel Indianus et Templum Dammatum, in which the hero Vadius, under the direction of Stephanus Ludius, suffers brutally in pursuit of fantastic treasures. There is Congressus Enopinqui Tertii Modi, in which alien beings come down from heaven to help humanity. There is Kallikandjaroi, which is basically Alienus played for laughs, with dozens of little monsters afflicting a small town. There is Ludi Belli, which tried to sap our Will to War by showing how a mere juventus might start a war by playing with his toys. There is Extraterrestris, which has a fantastic visitor from the stars preaching impossible dreams of peace and brotherhood. There is Ruptores Phantasmae, a comedy that has people destroying spirits from the other world. There is even a revival of that hoary fantasy from the early days of the recently defunct and discredited dynasty which I have had the honor to succeed: Fulgor Gordonius.

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"O My people! Forget these fantasies, these escapes into worlds that never were or could never be! A greater adventure calls us!" At these words, several historians record, the populus fell into a sullen and hostile mood. However, the well-known rhetorical talents of Senilio the Great soon changed this mood.

"I, My people, offer you not fantasy but reality! The High Gods in Olympus look down upon the (Temporary) Roman Empire with favor! We battle against all the forces of evil, as concentrated in the Kingdom of Pundschruck, the Evil Empire, which follows the dictates of Christianity. Under our Imperial state religion of Syncretic Polytheism, we worship all gods and goddesses, freely and without discrimination. But Christians do not extend this freedom to others, and therefore do not deserve it themselves! It therefore follows that they are the Focus of Evil in the World, and deserve to be annihilated by the (Temporary) Roman Empire in this climactic struggle between Good - which is, of course, us - and Evil! So, My people, forget these escapist dramae, with their fantastic plots. Join under My rule in the great struggle against Total Evil! We shall, by the arts of the wizard Caspar Magus, place our fortresses far up in the sky, and from there blast our enemies' citadels upon the earth! Also by the arts of Caspar Magus, we shall wall all the (Temporary) Roman Empire in brass, so that the missiles of our enemies shall not penetrate our defences! We deal with an international conspiracy so evil, and so widespread, that the invasion of a tiny island in the Mare Altum is absolutely vital to the fate of the universe! Compared to these realities, what are those childish fantasies worth?"

The populus then cheered Senilio the Great until the welkin rang, proclaiming his speech far better than all the fantastic dramae, and thereafter gave him total support in his wars.

SUPPORT OUR VIETNAM VETERANS

Last November, at long last, a memorial was dedicated in Washington to commemorate more than 55,000 American men who died in the first phase of the war with Vietnam. This overdue monument was hailed in the press as a sign that the people of the Great Big United States of America have finally "got over" a period of doubt and dissent concerning the purposes of our imperial nation in southeastern Asia. It is now popular to defend the commitment made by the men who went to fight in Vietnam, and from time to time there even appears an article by a man who was a Pacifist during those years, and now regrets that he did not put his manhood to the test by going to war.

Meanwhile, some of those soldiers are still suffering in prison because they obeyed the orders of their country. I would like to urge the readers of GRAUSTARK to write in support of one of these men, who hopefully can be released from his cell and restored to freedom.

Lance Corporal Louis Kahan, USMC, is still a prisoner because of his commitment to his country's cause in Vietnam. One day he found a Vietnamese woman whom he suspected was with the Vietcong. Using field interrogation techniques which are standard in the U. S. armed forces, he tried to get her to tell where the Vietcong were. During this interrogation, she died.

You may find this difficult to believe, but as a result of this action, a quite ordinary one in the war with Vietnam, Corporal Kahan is still behind bars. Furthermore, he is incarcerated, not in Hanoi or Saigon, but right here in New York City.

President Reagan has called the American war with Vietnam "a noble cause", and officiated at the dedication of the memorial to Corporal Kahan's fallen comrades. If he were acquainted with this case, I am sure that he would set Corporal Kahan at liberty. As a veteran himself, he surely realizes that a soldier on the battlefield cannot be judged by the standards of a civil and civilian society. Only those people who believe that the American invasion of Vietnam was wrong can concur that Corporal Kahan should still be incarcerated.

If you agree, write to President Reagan, describing the circumstances of the case to him, and ask him to release this patriotic fighting man.

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"Why does the Kremlin want you
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William Safire, New York Times,
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