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1982HI

"Fall 1913"

## DESPERATE ENGLISH GAMBLE FAILS

ENGLAND (Chafetz): A Den-Liv; F Bal C  
A Den-Liv; A Hol-St.P; F Nth, F Nrg  
& F Bar C A Hol-St.P.

GERMANY (Quirk): F Swe S ENGLISH F Bar-  
Nwy.

ITALY (D. Schwartz): F Spa(s.c.) S AUS-  
TRO-HUNGARIAN F Mid; A Rom-Tus; F  
Tun holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gratto): A Ven & A Nap  
S ITALIAN A Rom; F Tyr S ITALIAN F  
Tun; A Pie, A Bre & F Mid hold; A Mun  
S RUSSIAN A Ber-Kie; F Bel-Nat((sic));  
A Bur-Bel; F Eng S F Bel-Nth; F Iri-  
Liv.

RUSSIA (Goode): F Ion, A Livonia & A  
Nwy hold; F Kie-Hol; A Ruh S F Kie-  
Hol; A Ber-Kie; A Pru-Ber; F Ska & A  
Fin S.A.Nwy; A St.P S A Nwy.

Underlined moves are not possible. The English A Hol is dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers' now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Lon. (3)

GERMANY: Swe. (1)

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bel, Bre, Bud, Gre,  
Liv, Mun, Nap, Par, Por, Ser, Smy,  
Tri, Ven, Vie. (14)

RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Bul, Con, Hol, Kie,  
Mos, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Sev, War. (12)

Austria-Hungary may build three new units, and Russia may build two; Italy also has a build at long last. England must remove two units. The deadline for these "Winter 1913" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 1984. Jim Goode writes that he has a new ZIP code: 37043. The rest of his address remains unchanged.

1983AJ

"Spring 1909"

## THE WEAK GO TO THE WALL

ENGLAND (J. Baker): F Iri-Mid; F NAT S F  
Iri-Mid; F Eng-Bre; F Lon-Eng; A Bel-Pic;  
F Nth-Bel; A War S GERMAN A Ukr.

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

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

ITALY (Ezzio): F Con holds; F Por-Mid; F  
Naf & F Wes S F Por-Mid; F Spa(n.c.)-Gas;  
F Nap-Ion; A Mar S F Spa(n.c.)-Gas; A Pie  
S A Mar; A Ven S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tri-  
Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rusnak): A Rum-Ukr; A Sev  
S A Rum-Ukr; F Bla S A Sev; F Gre-  
Bul(s.c.); A Tri-Tyr; A Boh & A Vie S A  
Gal; A Gal S A Boh.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French A Gas & A Bur are dislodged; one retreats to Gascony and the other is removed. The deadline for "Fall 1909" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 1984.

1983AS

"Winter 1907"

Following "Fall 1907" moves, the dislodged English F Nth was removed.

ENGLAND (Downs): Remove F Nrg, A Edi.

GERMANY (Jordan): Build A Mun, A Kie.

ITALY (Follmer): Build A Rom.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kline): Build A Vie.

The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 1984.

ENGLAND to ITALY: What was the point?

1982IM

"Winter 1911"

ENGLAND (Corbin): Remove F Edi.

FRANCE (Ferguson): Build F Bre, A Par, F Mar.

GERMANY (Ellis): Remove A Tri, F Bel.

The deadline for "Spring 1912" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 1984. Press releases are elsewhere in this issue, at issue.



## GAME REVIEWS

1983L

SCOTT CAMERON (Austria-Hungary): In winning this game there were two things I had to accomplish. First, I had to eliminate Russia & Turkey & become the dominant power in the east. Second, I had to break up a strong English-French alliance to clear the way to making A-H the dominant power on the board.

In eliminating Russia & Turkey I was greatly aided by the fact that the Russian player was a novice & that he was not conducting any correspondence. At first this forced me into an A/T alliance but, since A/T alliances generally end with a successful Turkish stab, I wanted out of this alliance as quickly as possible. For that reason I kept peppering the Tsar with letters hoping against hope to get a response from him & was finally rewarded with a letter which eventually led to a strong A/R alliance. My position at that point was very good. I knew Turkey & Russia couldn't be allied since the Turk had long ago stopped trying to contact the Tsar & I knew that a Russian alliance with another player (i. e. Germany or Italy) was unlikely for the same reasons. I could then pick my own course, secure in the knowledge that my two neighbors would be making the moves they told me they make and that a stab of me was unlikely. Accordingly, I stabbed Turkey &, with Russian help, polished him off. I then turned on my erstwhile Russian ally &, with English help, eliminated him.

While I was engaged in reducing Turkey in the east, a new problem arose in the west. An E/F alliance had been formed & France had put several fleets into the Med. Italy was on the verge of elimination & I knew I would be next. It was vital that I get England to stab France & get those French fleets turned north. My breaking up of E/F was facilitated by the fact that England had been building nothing but fleets & had only one army with which to attack the interior of Europe, obviously a hopeless case. It was only necessary for me to point out to the English player that he would never expand beyond eight or ten centers while France would surely win the game. England did the only thing he could - stab France - & after that I felt that victory was mine to win or lose.

I compliment the other players on an interesting game filled with a lot of flexible diplomacy. I also apologize to all the people I stabbed. When I saw I had drawn A-H in this game I decided to go for the win & I never wavered in my decision.

ROBERT PEART (Turkey): This was my very first Postal Diplomacy game in any zine and I learned a lot while having a great deal of fun. I received my first Diplomacy correspondence from Scott Cameron and for that reason I must have, unfortunately, felt a certain amount of loyalty and trust towards him.

After Scott had broken out alliance by moving on Turkey I approached Russia and Italy. Russia felt he had more to gain by allying with a strong Austria rather than a weak Turkey even though Austria's position showed that his next victim would probably be the also weak Russia. Plans were made and agreed to on the phone with Italy (Palter) which Italy could have made me lose only one center, Italy gain one or two centers and Austria stay even. He, of course, NMRed out of the game. Then, when France's plea for co-operation between Russia and Turkey was not agreeable to Russia I was doomed to the ever growing, powerful Austrian who very neatly made his way to victory. Congratulations to Scott and thanks to John and the other players for a good game.

1983CW

KEVIN STONE (Italy): When I entered this game after Steve Speidel dropped out, it was clear that Russia and France were the top powers on the board. I figured my only hope was to let France grow and then puppet to him. I was urged by a number of players to stab him, but there was no need to because he stabbed himself with two NMRs in three seasons.

From then on I just wanted to see Russia end the game quickly, because I had lo-

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"Fall 1907"

1983CP

## BLACK ARMY REACHES BLACK SEA

The French units were incorrectly listed in the last issue; the corrected position appears in the orders below.

FRANCE (Brawner): F Cly-Nrg; A Yor holds; F Bre-Pic; F Mid-Eng; A Bur-Bel; F Spa(s.c.) -Mid((sic; no such unit exists)); F Mar-Lyo((sic; no such unit exists)); F Lyo-Tyr((sic; no such unit exists)); F Wes S F Lyo-Tyr; F Tun-Ion; A Rom-Nap; A Tri-Ven; F Tyr, A Mar & F Naf not ordered, hold.

GERMANY (Kaplan): A Mun-Bur; A Bel S A Mun-Bur; A Vie-Tri; A Tyr & A Bud S A Vie-Tri; F Kie-Hol; F Nwy-Nth; F Swe-Nwy; F Bar-Nrg; A Mos-Sev; A Ukr S A Mos-Sev; A Gal-Rum; A Boh-Vie.

ITALY (Cameron): A Alb-Gre; F Ion & A Ser S A Alb-Gre.

TURKEY (Heuer): A Bul-Ser; A Gre S A Bul-Ser; F Aeg S A Gre; A Sev S F Rum; F Rum S A Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats A Sev-Arm. France must retreat A Bur-Par, -Gas, or -Ruh; 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:

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

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bud, Den, Hol, Kie, Mos, Mun, Nwy, St.P, Sev, Swe, Tri, Vie, War. (15)

ITALY: Ser. (1)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Smy. (6)

Germany may build two new units and Turkey may build one; France also has a build if the dislodged A Bur is removed. Italy must remove two units. The deadline for these "Winter 1907" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 1984.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Valhalla, Serbia. Even from the grave I will try. I assume that the Green Slugs will shortly follow me.

ITALY to FRANCE: Uh...hello?

THONOT CONTROL (Pitchblende City, Albania): At a press conference here today, the Supreme Archon of the Thobots announced that every attempt would be made to recapture Greece from the Turks. "Grease is necessary for our lubrication," thundered the Archon. "We cannot and will not live without it!"

ANDES MELT!": Unconfirmed reports from Peru indicate that the Andes Mountains have melted and that South America is covered to a depth of 3 feet in molten rock. Nobody has advanced an explanation for the disaster although it seems to have coincided with the planting of thousands of otney trees as part of the Andes Reforestation Project.

BERLIN to PARIS: You kept expecting it. I did not want the anticipation to get to you.

BERLIN to PARIS: If this attack does not succeed, I will throw the game to you. No four-way draws in this one.

BERLIN to World: OK guys. You know who the enemy is.

1982IN

"Winter 1912"

ENGLAND (Ticossi): Builds A Edi, A Liv, A Lon.

FRANCE (J. Schwartz): Removes F Aeg, A Boh, F Gre.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): Builds A Vie.

RUSSIA (The Deeee): Builds A War, A Sev.

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"Fall 1906"

1933HF

## OSTMARKING TIME

ENGLAND (Chafetz): A Nwy-St.P; F Bot S A Nwy-St.P; A Lon-Bel; F Nth C A Lon-Bel;  
 F Hol S A Lon-Bel; F Hel-Kie; A Kie-Ber; F Bal S A Kie-Ber; A Pic-Bur; F Eng-Bre  
F Mid-Spa(s.c.).

FRANCE (Lipton): A Par holds.

ITALY (Galicia): F Wes-Mid; A Tus-Rom; F Tyr S A Tus-Rom; A Spa "dies laughing".

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brawner): A Ruh-Mun; A Ber S A Ruh-Mun; A Sil S A Ber; A Mos-Liv;  
 A War S A Mos-Liv; A Sev-Arm; A Vie-Tyr; A Bud-Ser; F Adr-Ion; A Rom S A Nap;  
 A Nap S A Rom; A Rum-Sev; A Bul-Gre; F Tri-Alb.

TURKEY (Schembari): F Ion-Gre; F Aeg-Bul(s.c.); A Con S F Aeg-Bul(s.c.).

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary may retreat A Bul-Rum or re-  
 move it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ber, Bud, Gre, Mos, Mun,  
 Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (11) Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Ven, Vie,  
 FRANCE: Par. (1) War. (14)

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

Turkey may build one new unit; so may Austria-Hungary is the dislodged A Bul is re-  
 moved. These "Winter 1906" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that  
 they arrive by MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 1934. All players will be informed. The deadline  
 for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 1934.

LONDON: The newly elected Lord of the Admiralty has ordered all fleets to sea  
 on maneuvers.

EDINBURGH: Col. Blimp the new commander of the English forces is open to all sug-  
 gestions as to how to bring a lasting peace to the continent. Of course if the Aus-  
 trian-Hungarian Empire wants to take a few more half year vacations a Pax Britannica  
 may have to be declared.

ITALY to FRANCE: Hey. What do you say we split the board, 17-17, and agree  
 on a draw?

ITALY to ENGLAND: Oops.

ITALY to TURKEY: Austria's too big, wouldn't you say?

1934B

"Fall 1904"

## REICH MARCHES ON

ENGLAND (J. Schwartz): F Ska & F Nrg S GERMAN A Bel-Nwy.

GERMANY (Goldman): A Bel-Nwy; F Nth C A Bel-Nwy; A Swe S A Bel-Nwy; F Bal S A Swe;  
 A Bur-Mar; A Gas S A Bur-Mar; F Eng-Mid; A Sil-War; A Pru S A Sil-War.

ITALY (Schembari): F Spa(s.c.)-Por; A Mar-Spa; F Tyr-Wes; A Tus-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Clarke): A Gre-Ser; A Bud S A Gre-Ser; F Aeg-Ion; A Pie-Tus; F Rom S  
 A Pie-Tus; A Ven S F Rom; A Apu-Nap.

RUSSIA (Downs): F Nwy-Swe; F Bot & A Fin S F Nwy-Swe; A Mos-Liv; A War S A Mos-Liv;  
 A Rum-Ukr; A Bul-Rum; F Bla-Bul(e.c.); A Smy-Ank; F Con S A Smy-Ank.

TURKEY (London): A Ank S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Aeg-Smy.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats A Ank-Arm, Germany retreats  
 A Swe-Den, and Russia must retreat A War-Gal or -Mos. The Italian A Tus is dislodged  
 and annihilated. The direction of the Russian retreat should come in with the "Winte



1904" orders, which may be made conditional upon it. The High-Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv. (2)

GERMANY: Bel, Bre, Den, Hol, Kie, Lon,  
Ber, Mar, Mun, Nwy, Par, War. (12)

ITALY: Por, Spa, Tun. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Nap, Rom, Ser,  
Tri, Ven, Vie. (8)

RUSSIA: Bul, Con, Ank, Mos, Rum, St.P,  
Sev, Smy, Swe. (9)

Germany may build three new units and Austria-Hungary may build one. Russia must remove one unit, and the last Turkish unit is also removed. The deadline for these "Winter 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 1934.

AUSTRIA to ITALY: Your defense of Rome would have worked if I had stuck with my original plan of attack. I had planned to move F Aegean to the Ionian with support from Naples, which your moves would have stopped, but something told me to make a different attack which worked. Good guessing but not good enough.

VIENNA: Today the King announced that due to certain technical difficulties he has been unable to recall the Austrian forces now attacking Italy. In fact those forces, despite the King's sincerest wishes, have gone on to capture Rome. The King apologized profusely for any inconvenience this unfortunate incident may cause the citizens of Italy and promised to have the whole thing straightened out, someday. The King also addressed Il Duce, Leader of the homeless, in his speech, saying: "You got me all wrong, I'm not boring, I'm mediocre." The King finished off his speech by denying the rumors that he had lost control of the Austrian armed forces.

AUSTRIA to TURKEY: What plans? I never got a letter from you and I didn't send a letter to you.

AUSTRIA to World: In the future if anyone wants to support me let me know beforehand. It makes it so much easier.

ROME (Radio Free Italy): During one of his famous speeches, our glorious leader, Il Duce, received a dagger in his back from far off in the north. He died immediately. Who will lead Italy now against the barbarians? Who will help Italy restore its empire? Is there any help from the east coming?"

BERLIN: I seem to remember some unpleasantness regarding Rod Walker many years ago. I guess we shouldn't be too surprised that Diplomacy brings out the megalomaniac in people.

1984V

LET'S DO IT RIGHT THIS TIME!

"Fall-Winter 1903"

ENGLAND (Tallman): F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); F Mid-Gas; F (Tri-Mid); A Pic-Bre; F Eng S A Pic-Bre.

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

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

ITALY (Sims): A Rum S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Bul(s.c.); A Tyr-Boh; A Tun-Smy; F Ion & F Eas C A Tun-Smy.

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

RUSSIA (Kutta): F Bot-St.P(s.c.)((sic; no such unit exists)); F Bar-Trg; A Gal-Rum; F St.P(s.c.) not ordered, holds; A Ukr & F Sev S A Gal-Rum.

TURKEY (Gal'cia): F Aeg-Bul(s.c.); A Ank-Smy; F Bla S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ser-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The dislodged French A Bre is dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (6) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie.

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

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Swe. (6) RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Sev, War. (4)

ITALY: Rum, Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (5) TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)



Following "Fall" moves, England builds F Edi, Germany builds A Ber, Austria-Hungary builds A Tri, Turkey builds F Smy, and Russia removes A Gal. The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 1984.

TURKEY to ITALY: You see, boots don't float.

1984AY

"Fall 1902"

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY INVADES A WHOLE LOT OF STUFF

BERLIN to PARIS: See, Marc, you're not the only one who gets screwed by the inadequate postal system.

BERLIN to World: I have returned from my summer-long hermitage. I am ready to begin diplomatic relations with renewed fervor.

ROME to VIENNA: Don't explain. I know why you did what you did. In the long run you will see it was not smart. But I am a goner too.

ROME to BERLIN: Nice going.

((Earlier press releases appear on p. 11.))

ENGLAND (Levine): A Edi-Den; F Nth C A Edi-Den; F Ska S A Edi-Den; F Eng-Bel.

FRANCE (Hurwitz): A Bur S ENGLISH F Eng-Bel; F Por-Spa(s.c.); A Gas S F Por-Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (M. Taylor): A Kie-Mun; A Ber S A Kie-Mun; A Bel not ordered, holds; F Hol S A Bel.

ITALY (Kaplan): A Mar-Spa; A Pie-Tur; F Wes-Tyr; F Tyr-Ion; F Nap S F Tyr-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Downs): A Tri-Ven; A Tyr S A Tri-Ven; A Ser-Bul; F Gre S A Ser-Bul; A Bud-Ser.

RUSSIA (Quarto): A Nwy holds; F Swe S F Nwy; F St.P(n.c.)-Tar; A Mos-Sev; F Sev-Bla; F Rum S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ser-Bul.

TURKEY (Swift): F Ank-Con; F Con-Smy; A Smy-Ank; A Bul holds.

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

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie. (7)

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

RUSSIA: Mos, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War.

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

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3) (7)

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

Austria-Hungary may build two new units, and Russia, France, and Germany may each build one. Italy must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 1984. Michael Taylor writes that his new phone number is 505-842-5063. John C. Quarto's new address is P. O. Box 359, Boston University Station, Boston, Mass. 02215; 617-353-6089.

GAME REVIEWS (continued from p. 2)

interest. Things might have been different if I had made an attempt to ally with Palter, but I was busy most of the spring with the end of school and job hunting.

Congrats to John Jordan for a very quick win. Thanks to John for another well run game. And to the players who NMR's out of the game, maybe you should try face-to-face chess.

BRUX BEATS HIS SPOON ON HIS HIGH CHAIR

Bruce Linsey's subscription to GRAUSTARK has been suspended until he apologizes to Kathy Byrne for his actions cited in #495. Last night he phoned me and said he'd run a photostat of his check in his 'zine. I don't know why he's going to the expense of all this; I would willingly state that he once subscribed to GRAUSTARK.



## 1982IM - PRESS RELEASES

GERMANY to ENGLAND: It would appear that you and I are both destined to die soon. Now. So be it. Regardless, it has been enjoyable playing Diplomacy with you, Ken, and I only wish that the USP'S" hadn't lost my Spring 1911 orders so that my stab would have been more homicidal rather than the suicidal move it really was...

KAISER ELLIS to EMPEROR RONNIE: Severe case of narcolepsy, eh? No, merely a case of too little too late. Congratulations, Sir, on ousting that wimp, Fergie, and taking control! I will now make the prediction that France will win this game by Winter 1914. Viva Le France! More power to you and your conservative masses!

MANIACAL KAISER to LAUGHING TSAR: Well done, I must say. Between your excellent tactical genius and my own ineptitude resulting in NMRs, my position has been completely destroyed. It is sad since so much effort was put into rebuilding my empire and then, in 1 year, the empire is crushed. Don't worry, though, because I intend to hang around a little longer so as to tie as many of your units up as possible while giving Emperor Ronnie his victory. On guard!

LOBOTOMIZED KAISER to GAMESMASTER: Not that it makes any real difference, but have you yet received my orders for Spring 1911 which were sent on or about July 10th (the deadline being July 20th)? I tell you, I don't get upset when I NMR because of my own stupidity (as has happened on several occasions this game), but boy do I get mad when the postal "service" is at fault! Hmm, perhaps I should start sending my orders in triplicate. Nah, I don't need to do that. It really doesn't matter now anyhow, right?

BROOKLYN (URRP): They never arrived. Aren't we lucky (they told us back in 1968) to have the lazy, inefficient, socialistic, bureaucratic Post Office Department replaced by the brand-new, up-to-date, "Semi-private" corporation, the Postal "Service"? Remember? Remember? Sure you remember - it was when first-class mail was 8¢ an ounce, and there was still a domestic air mail service.

SPOUTING AND ANGRY GERMAN to SMALL AND SILENT TURK: You made a decision and I can respect that. If allying with E/R is what you thought to be best, so be it. However, I think you were rather close-minded to not have even ever written me once. Do you behave this way in all of your postal Diplomacy games or is it just this one? Oh well, it doesn't matter any more. Really, it doesn't.

F BALTIC to RUSSIA: They call me guerilla unit #1. What fun, eh?

VIENNA (New Capital of Germany): Aids to Kaiser Ellis are greatly concerned. The Kaiser, having locked and barred himself in isolation in his parlor, refuses to give commands, comments, orders, or anything else. He now reportedly spends his time banging his forehead into walls in between his dart throwing escapades wherein he throws 9" long, needle-sharp darts at A) a detailed map of Philomath, Oregon, B) a United States Postal Service Emblem, and C) a smiling photograph of the one and only Bob Bragdon. Bob is smiling as he watches his troops throw German babies up into the air and catch them on their bayonettes "so they won't land on the hard ground and hurt themselves". The remains of the German government are now reportedly controlled by Harpo the smiling Gorilla. Harpo, a pet of the Kaisers', plays with a Diplomacy board in his castle. At the end of the day, aids visit Harpo to feed him and the aids then look at the Diplomacy board. Where the units lie on the board are where they are ordered next season. An aid to Harpo had this to say about the situation: "Harpo's plans are somewhat unorthodox but they can't be any worse than that fool Ellis' es. At least Harpo may get his orders in, eugh..." A 9" long dart penetrated the aid's cranium and the aid falls to the floor. A crazed laughing scream echos from the parlor where Kaiser Ellis now lives. Harpo loyally picks the dart out of the bloody corpse's head and brings it to "master" who pats Harpo on the head and then quickly locks and bars his door as aids rush up to see what is happening. It appears that the Kaiser has gone mad indeed.

## 1982HI - PRESS RELEASE

LONDON TOWN: The armies are attempting a series of ocean excursions.



1983AX

"Spring 1908"

## ENGLISH BEAT FRENCH IN TWO NAVAL BATTLES

ENGLAND (Peart): A St.P-Mos; F Den-Nth; F Nwy S F Den-Nth; F Nrg-NAT; F Liv-Iri;  
F Wal S F Liv-Iri; F Eng-Mid.

FRANCE (Bragdon): A Hol-Yor; F Nth C A Hol-Yor; F Pic-Eng; F Bre S F Pic-Eng; F Iri-Wal; A Mun-Kie; A Tyr-Mun; A Bel holds; F Hel not ordered, holds.

ITALY (Murray): F NAT-Nrg; A Rom-Ven; A Kie-Den; F Smy holds; F Aeg S F Smy; F Eas-Ion; A Gre S A Ser; A Ser S A Tri; A Tri S A Rom-Ven.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The French F Iri is dislodged and annihilated, and France must retreat F Nth-E i, -Yor, -Lon, or -Ska. The direction of this French retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 1984. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 1984.

1983IE

"Spring 1905"

## ITALIANS ARE VERY HELPFUL

ENGLAND (Verheiden): F Lon-Nth; F Eng S F Lon-Nth; F Edi-Nrg; F Cly S F Edi-Nrg;  
A Bel S GERMAN A Bur.

FRANCE (Rauterberg): F Bre-Eng; A Par S ITALIAN A Mar-Gas; A Pic-Bur.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Den-Kie; A Ber S A Den-Kie; F Bal S A Ber; A Bur-Mun; A Gas-Par.

ITALY (Bragdon): F Smy S TURKISH F Ank-Con; A Rom-Ven; A Pie-Tyr; F Wes-Tyr; F Mid S FRENCH F Bre-Eng; F Spa(s.c.) S A Mar; A Mar S FRENCH A Pic-Bur.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Jordan): A Ruh-Mun; A Mun-Sil; A Tri-Vie; A Vie-Roh; A Bud-Gal; A Rum-Ukr; A Bul S ITALIAN F Smy-Con; F Con-Bla.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): A St.P-Nwy; A Liv-Mos; A Ukr-Sev; F Nth-Den.

TURKEY (Bobker): F Ank-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German A Bur is dislodged and annihilated, and England must retreat F Eng-Iri, -Wal, or -Lon. The direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 1984. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 1984.

MOSCOW to BUDAPEST: Your stab worked but was unnecessary I would have given you all my support.

St. PETE to LONDON: I wish you luck all bad. Sorry about that.

LETTER FROM ROME: Dear Germany: You can wake up now. You've got plenty of play and friends - left. Why not regain your home centers? Sincerely, Italy.

KIEL to MOSCOW: What is your phone number, Larry?

## 1983AX - PRESS RELEASES

ENGLAND to FRANCE: Yes, boating is fun, but, I bring terminally ill would like to find a hot sandy beach where I may law my head to rest.

ENGLAND to the World: Who will be the odd man out? I would like to hear from him, whoever he may be.



## OVER THE BOARD AND AROUND THE RULES

As far as I was concerned, the major event of Atlanticon 84 (3-5 August) was the Diplomacy tournament, which together with Robert Sacks I refereed. On the first day of play, Saturday the 4th, there were 8 boards involving, naturally, 56 players. The tournament started in one of the Towson State College classroom buildings at 4 PM. Some people wondered at this rather late hour, but it has been the experience of several war-gaming tournaments that a bigger turnout shows for Diplomacy when it begins late in the day, than when it begins at 10 or 11 in the morning. The first session ran to 11 PM, and the second session began from 9 to 10 the next morning, as people straggled in and a new room had to be found.

Atlanticon 84 was generally well run, but the air conditioning gave out in the originally scheduled room, and as it was an unusually hot weekend we annexed for the second session a room originally reserved for some Avalon-Hill function. No one from A-H ever showed up to claim it, and so all went well. The second round attracted 35 people for 5 boards, and unusually large number for a second round. It is not necessary to attend both rounds to win a prize, but some people who may not have done so well on Saturday, or had conscientious objections towards recognizing the hour of 9 AM Sunday, understandably found other things to do on the last day of the tournament.

The tournament once again showed the efficiency and fairness of Robert Sacks' scoring system. Within the time constraints of a weekend tournament, games rarely go to an 18-center victory by one player. None of these 13 did, and all had to be adjudicated as **draws**. There were two 2-way draws, seven 3-ways, one 4-way, one 5-way, and 2 stalemates.

For only the second time, the same player got two best-of-country awards. Tony Hecht not only won the tournament, but got Best France and Best Russia in his two games. Doug Byrnes came in second, and was also Best England. A surprise third-place finisher was a newcomer, Paul Kenny, who had a little trouble the first day as his local group had apparently been playing a variant rule whereby passing through a previously unclaimed supply center in Spring guaranteed you possession of it in Fall. But he stayed in the game and his scores on the two days gave him third place. Mark Klanssek got Best Austria and fifth place, Jeff Robertson got Best Turkey and seventh place, and Brad Wilson got Best Germany on the second day. (This was vigorously contested, since the first day's best Germany was so low that everyone realized it would be easy to beat on Sunday.)

The most complicated adjudication occurred on the first day, when a 2-way draw was claimed on one of the boards. Jim York, a mill-hand from North Carolina who was quite a contrast to the usual crowd of war-game convention addicts, tried to justify his claim that a victory was possible for the alliance of which he was a leading member. The opposing alliance, headed by John Caruso, merely had to prove that they could meet all of York's plans and block them. York unsuccessfully protested that the Caruso alliance had to prove a draw. Robert and I held him to the rules - the Caruso didn't have to prove a draw, but York had to prove a win. After projecting the game several moves into the future, York was unable to support his claim, and the game ended as a 5-way draw. It was good enough, however, to win Best Italy for York.

To judge from the questions of some players, there are a lot of groups of Diplomacy players who allow variants from the actual rules. The case cited above, of allowing possession of a supply center just for passing through it on a Spring move, is an example. Other groups apparently allow convoyed retreats, convoyed supports, or draws that do not include all survivors. There were also questions raised about the "Beleaguered Garrison" rule (Rule IX.5), and whether a unit can cut support against it by attacking the supporting piece (Rule X.8). There was even an attempt to order a piece to move, and to order another piece to support it holding in case the move should fail. This is explicitly forbidden by Rule IX.6.

There was also some trouble with the particular tournament rules. Like the problems with the Rulebook, they arose mainly from an inability to read and comprehend a passage of English prose. For example, on the first day one table of players agreed on a draw, put the pieces away, and then informed the referees that the game



was a draw. This explicitly contradicted the tournament rules, which said that all draws must be checked with a referee. The game had to be reconstituted from the last sets of written moves, and only then could a draw be established. The scoring system also drew some criticism despite its simplicity. This simply involves adding together the numbers of supply centers possessed at the end of each game year, giving the last a weight of 10, and also adding together the number of years themselves, again giving the last a weight of 10. For example, refer to the final report of postal Diplomacy game 1983L, on the front page of GRAUSTARK #496. To establish the score of the English player in that game, just add the supply centers from 1901 on: 4 plus 5 plus 6 plus 6 plus 7 plus 8 plus 11 plus 10 plus (10 times 10) - since the last year is to be given a weight of 10. This gives a total of 157. Then add the years from 1901 to 1909; that would be nine, but the last year is given a weight of 10, so we instead have 18. Dividing 157 by 18 gives a result of 8.722, which would be the English score in this game. Bonuses are given for winning (10 points) or for sharing in a draw (10 divided by the number of people sharing). The "draws include all survivors" rule (abbreviated by some as "DIAS") is not followed in the tournament owing to time pressures.

A full report of the tournament scores, including the names of all people participating, may be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Robert Sacks, Apt. 5-V, 4861 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 10034.

Origins 85 will be held on the weekend of 27-30 June 1985, most probably at the Baltimore campus of the University of Maryland. There will also be a Saturday-Sunday Diplomacy tournament there, and if we can manage it there'll also be a tournament of SPI's Empires of the Middle Ages.

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Other games were of course also played at Atlanticon. For comments on them, including reviews of Talisman and The Keep, see forthcoming issues of EMPIRE. There was a very interesting talk by John Sapienza, with numerous comments from the audience, about the Christian campaign to ban Dungeons & Dragons and other Fantasy Role-Playing (FRP) games. There is a report of Sapienza's talk, and my own comments on how to deal with this stupid campaign, in EMPIRE #197. (Send a 20¢ stamp if you'd like a copy.)

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A couple of obligations left over from Atlanticon still have to be dealt with. On 4 August Robert and I found, in the Diplomacy gaming room, a drawstring bag which was obviously lost by a FRP gamer. Normally I would say that the owner can have the bag by identifying the contents. However, it is well-known that FRP gamers use such bags to carry the large numbers of various shapes of dice which these games require. Therefore, I am asking the owner to identify the color of the bag, the color of its drawstring, and the number of thirty-sided dice in the bag. I would also appreciate \$2 for postage to send it back to him or her. Since not too many FRP gamers read GRAUSTARK, I would appreciate it if readers could pass the information on to any FRP 'zines with which they may be familiar.

While at Atlanticon, I promised someone a copy of the rules to Chaosium's game King Arthur's Knights. Unfortunately, I failed to write down the name of the person who made this request of me. Could he or she please write and jog my memory?

#### THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK, the publication in which postal Diplomacy was founded, it published every third Saturday by John Boardman, 234 E. 19th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226; 718-693-1579. A new game is announced on page 11, and still more new games are available. The game fee is \$18; this includes a subscription to GRAUSTARK as long as the game lasts. With your entry fee, send in a list of the countries you'd like to play in your order of preference. If you do not have a copy of GRAUSTARK #437, in which the postal rules were published, ask for one when you send in your entry fee.

Subscriptions for non-players are 9 issues for \$6.00. Back issues from #467 (with a few earlier ones such as #437) are available at 75¢ each or 10 for \$1.50.

Also published here is EMPIRE, a bulletin for the postal play of games other than Diplomacy. It is currently running two games of Avalon-Hill's Civilization,



and one of SPI's Empires of the Middle Ages. New games are being organized for SPI's Chariot, Spartan, Legion, Viking, and Yeoman (the PRESTAGS series), and Frigate and Dreadnought. There is also a plan for designing your own armies and scenarios for PRESTAGS games. Write for details. Back issues of EMPIRE from #168 are available at 10 for \$1.50. Subscriptions for non-players are 9 issues for \$6.00.

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The next issue of GRAUSTARK, #498, will contain a directory of GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy players and other readers. Make sure that your up-to-date address and phone number are here as quickly as you can manage it, particularly if you will be changing your address with the beginning of the new academic year.

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The 500th issue of GRAUSTARK will be published on 3 November 1984. Usually, the issues numbered in multiples of 100 are made particularly large issues, with articles and other contributions from readers. GRAUSTARK readers are invited to send in contributions for #500 as early as they can manage.

### NEW GAME BEGINS!

At long last, we have enough new game entrants of a sufficient geographical spread that a new postal Diplomacy game can be opened. The players are:

ENGLAND: Dick Martin, 26 Orchard Way North, Rockville, Md. 20854; 301-762-1761

FRANCE: Daniel S. Palter, c/o Bucci Imports, #100, 123 Grove Ave., Cedarhurst, N. Y. 11516; 212-845-1228

GERMANY: Marc R. Hurwitz, P. O. Box 191, Owings Mills, Md. 21117; 301-363-6303

ITALY: R. J. Budway, 20751 Arbor Ave., Euclid, Ohio 44123

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Vincent J. Manna, #1, 2217 West St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11223; 718-336-1156

RUSSIA: Arthur Ticossi, 142 Armstrong St., Travis AFB, Calif. 94535

TURKEY: Michael Quirk, 3830 Chester Dr., Glenview, Ill. 60025; 312-498-1377

The deadline for "Spring 1901" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 1984. This announcement is being mailed out on 25 August, so players will have four weeks in which to set up their alliances and their first moves. I am also sending a copy of this announcement to Bill Quinn, the new Boardman Number Custodian. As soon as I receive it, I will announce this new game's Boardman Number in GRAUSTARK, and players will be asked to use it in correspondence with one another and with me. Until then, simply refer to it as "the New Game".

This is

O At  
P Great  
E Intervals  
R This  
A Appears  
T To  
I Inflame  
O Optic  
N Nerves

Making the country assignments in this new game was fairly easy for a change. Every player but one got the first choice.

Two more entries have come in, as of the 25th, for yet another new game. For information on how to sign up for a new game, see p. 10. Players should note that the telephone area code "718" does not come into effect until 1 September. From then until 31 December, both "212" and "718" may be used for telephones in Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island. After 1 January, only "718" will be valid for these Boroughs.

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### 1984AY - PRESS RELEASES

AUSTRIA to TURKEY: War was YOUR choice not mine.

VIENNA: The Emperor announces that nominations are being solicited for the 1st annual "Mary Decker Award". This award will go to the player who blames others for his (or her) own mistakes. Whining & crying are desirable but not necessary. So far, the Turk is the sole nominee.

BORDEAUX: Well, gentlemen, France fights on.



## JOKE? WHAT JOKE?

"What need we fear who knows it, when none can call our power to account?"  
- William Shakespeare, Macbeth, Act V, Scene 1

"From this moment the very firstlings of my heart shall be the firstlings of my hand." - Ibid., Act IV, Scene 1

On Saturday 11 August, President Reagan was about to give His weekly radio address to us His people. Testing the microphone, He said: "My fellow Americans, I'm pleased to tell you today that I've signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes."

For reasons completely opaque to most people, these unexceptionable remarks caused a storm of protest. But what is so remarkable about a President and Commander-in-Chief of the Great Big United States of America threatening the Soviet Union with nuclear destruction? The last eight Presidents have overseen plans for the Great Big United States of America to attack the Soviet Union with nuclear weapons. None of them got this reaction, although all of them were prepared to give orders that would turn the largest single nation on Earth into a blackened, radioactive, lifeless desert. Even President Carter, whom popular mythology portrays as a weak-willed Pacifist, gave more attention to assuring the power and readiness of the U. S. nuclear arsenal than any of his predecessors. (See Peter Pringle & William Arkin, S. I. O. P.: The Secret U. S. Plan for Nuclear War, which was reviewed in GRAUSTARK #486.)

The M-X missile program makes no sense as a weapon unless it is used for a first, or pre-emptive, strike. Furthermore, the Great Big United States of America, under the leadership of Our President, is presently putting into place a "Star Wars" nuclear defense program, an absolutely impenetrable shield, which will destroy in flight any missile aimed at our superior nation by any malcontent who resents our global supremacy. Once this shield, this "astrodome", is in place, the Great Big United States of America will be able to plaster any nation with nuclear missiles and not have to fear the slightest retaliation.

A week later, Our President was again testing a microphone. After a week of wailing by Pacifists who traitorously think that an American nuclear attack on the Soviet Union could in any way be "wrong", he again put into words the concepts that are closest to his heart. He tested the microphone with the words: "Ten, Nine, Eight, Seven, Six..." (New York Times, 19 August 1984)

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"The very people who criticize censorship are inviting it by not censoring themselves." -  
Lady Reagan