

# GRAUSTARK

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1983AJ

"Fall 1909"

DEADLOCK BY LAND AND SEA

The sole remaining French army retreated in "Spring 1909" to Paris, not to Gascony.

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

FRANCE (Jordan): A Par-Bre.

GERMANY (Ripper): A Bur S ENGLISH A Bel-Pic; A Mun S A 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 & A Ven hold; F Wes-Mid; F Naf & F Gas S F Wes-Mid; F Mid-Bre; F Ion-Tyr; A Mar-Bur; A Pie-Mar.

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

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

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P, War. (7)

FRANCE: Bre, Par, (2)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mos, Mun, Swe. (7)

ITALY: Con, Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Smy, Spa, Tun, Ven. (9)

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

France and Austria-Hungary may each build one new unit. These "Winter 1909" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by MONDAY 1 OCTOBER 1984. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 1984.

The fact that the Powers control the same supply centers as they did after "1908" might, to the superficial

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1983AX

"Fall 1908"

BRITAIN BESIEGED

Following "Spring 1905" moves, England retreated F Nth-Edi. All players were informed. The English retreat "A St.P-Fin" was left out of the last issue.

ENGLAND (Peart): A Fin-Swe; F Nwy S F Nth; F Nrg-Edi; F Nth S F Nrg-Edi; F Iri-Mid; F Wal-Lon; F Mid-Bre.

FRANCE (Bragdon): F Edi & A Bel hold; F Hel-Nth; A Kie-Den; A Hol-Kie; A Mun-Bur; F Eng-Wal; F Bre-Mid.

ITALY (Murray): A Den-Swe; F NAT-Nrg; A Ven, A Ser & F Smy hold; A Tri & A Gre S A Ser; F Aeg S F Smy; F Ion-Tun.

RUSSIA (Drakert): A St.P, A Ber, A Bud & A Ank hold; A Liv S A St.P; A Gal S A Bud; A Rum & F Con S A Bul; A Bul S F Con.

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

ENGLAND: Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe. (4)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Edi, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Spa. (10)

ITALY: Den, Nap, Rom, Ser, Smy, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie, Gre. (10)

RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Bud, Bul, Con, Mos, Rom, St.P, Sev, War. (10)

France may build two new units, and Italy and Russia may each build one. England must remove three units. The deadline for these "Winter 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 1984.

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observer, suggest the possibility of a draw. However, my experience with this game and with its players' attitudes have persuaded me that such a proposal would be futile. I may put a draw vote before them if the situation remains the same after another one or two game years, but not at present. Meanwhile, players should consult Rule 21-B of the Rules of Postal Diplomacy. (See GRAUSTARK #437.)

## THE SLEAZE FACTOR

A recurrent feature of postal Diplomacy fandom is the fan who really knocks him- or herself out for the hobby, putting in a great deal of time and effort, and not a small amount of money, to help make this hobby more enjoyable for all of us. Unfortunately, an equally recurrent feature is a vicious campaign against this person, deliberately designed to throw him or her out of the hobby, and pursued by slander and forgery.

A decade ago, John Beshara and The Diplomacy Association, of which he was chairman, were thus attacked. After a few months of invective from Rod Walker, Larry Peery, and Walter and Carol Buchanan, John decided "Who needs this?" and left the hobby.

Kathy Byrne is now getting a similar treatment. She is the most effective Boardman Number custodian the hobby ever had, a sheer relief after incompetents like Cal White, or people like Lee Kendter who did well enough but couldn't devote to it the time it deserves.

Kathy and John Caruso have furnished me with photostats of some of the more vicious attacks on them, and their own defenses. One minor matter may as well be disposed of first: Ron Brown's complaint, in Murd'ring Ministers #72, that Kathy declared one of his 'zine's games, 1983AY, to be irregular. The purpose of declaring a game "irregular" is for the benefit of gamesmasters who run up rating systems, and since I don't, this is a relatively minor matter as far as I am concerned. But in 1983AY a gamesmaster did allow a player to handle the country assignments; Brown does not deny this in his 'zine. This is rather far removed from the point of having a gamesmaster at all. It will be recalled that Peery attacked Beshara because of a situation that arose out of a game in which Peery was a player and Beshara a Gamesmaster, and which was to be published in Peery's 'zine. Beshara refused Peery's request for a \$500 "loan", and so Peery attacked Beshara, and ~~claimed that he himself rather than Beshara~~ was Chairman of TDA. Because of Peery's attacks, Beshara withdrew the game, 1971BG, from Peery's Xenogogic and it was instead published in GRAU-STARK. Peery refused to refund the money that Beshara had sent him for printing the game, and he and a satellite named Burton Labelle resigned from 1971BG. They were replaced, and the game went on to 17 game years, eventually to be won by Elliot Lipson, a stand-by, as England.

But the more serious attacks seem to originate with - as you might expect - Bruce "Brux Sux" Linsey, published of The Voice of Doom (henceforth "VD"). Linsey seems to come into just about every dishonest act in our hobby. His favorite shtick is claiming to the police, or to his victim's employer, that someone has made death threats against him. Byrne's article "The Ethical Bruce Linsey", available from her for a stamped, self-addressed envelope, gives details. (Her address is in the Mailing list on p. 8.) They include an accusation of business dishonesty against Bob Arnett for which Linsey offered to provide details. He never did, and the accusations appear to be sheer dishonesty. So do the death threats, except from one man who seems to have a penchant for that sort of thing, and who is scarcely preferable to Linsey as a controversialist.\* Linsey also claims that Byrne was going to call all his games "irregular". As usual, no evidence is or can be cited in support of this. He has written abusive letters not only to Byrne but also to her 12-year-old daughter. And when Linsey phones you, he often finds a way to make you pay for his call - Byrne had trouble with her boss over this, since some of the calls reached her at work. Check your long-distance phone bills.

Walker and Linsey are now trying to generate a boycott of Caruso's and Byrne's 'zines, which will of course fail. After all, what is Walker's standing in the hobby? For some 10 or 15 years now, he has tried to drive out anyone who does any work - that is, anyone who might seem a danger to whatever status he may have because he has persuaded Avalon-Hill to subsidize his publication. He is "the expert" on Diplomacy strategy, and will tell you so in about every issue of The General. He seems to be, in his own mind, the clearing-house, the pivot of the hobby. The very existence of a Boardman N

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\* - Fortunately, he now seems to be out of the hobby, so we needn't bother with identifying him. Sometimes the bastards do cancel each other out!

## SOUTHWARD RUSSIAN ADVANCES BLOCKED

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

FRANCE (Palter): F Bre-Mid; A Par-Bur; A Mar-Spa.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Ber-Kie; A Mun-Ruh; A Kie-Den; A Sil-Gal; A Pru-Liv; A Ruh-Bur.  
((sic; no such units exist))

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): A Vie-Gal; A Bud-Ser; F Tri-Alb.

RUSSIA (Ticossi): F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; A Mos-Ukr; A War-Gal; F Sev-Bla.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON, 12 OCTOBER 1984. For Dan Palter's new address see the Mailing List on p. 8. This game has been assigned the Boardman Number "1984HB", and players should use it in correspondence with one another and with the gamesmaster.

ITALY to GERMANY: Thanks for all the fan mail. I'm sure that we can work something out.

DEUTSCHLAND AGENCY FOR MILITARY NEWS (DAMN): BERLIN: Der Kaise today ordered a 4 pronged attempt to conquer the world, going after England, France, Austria, and Russia. He challenges Europe to a 6 on 1 struggle. "C'mon, ya sissies!"

In other words, Foreign Secretary Marie Chantre said, "Well, after I do the typing and all, I empty the wastebaskets. Soon I'll have saved up enough marks to go home to France and set up a small florist's shop!"

## AUSTRO-ITALIAN WAR HEATS UP

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

FRANCE (Rauterberg): A Par-Bre; F Eng-Bel; A Bur S F Eng-Bel.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): F Bal-Den; A Kie S F Bal-Den; A Gas-Bur; A Ber S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN,  
A Ruh-Mun/

ITALY (Bragdon): A Tyr-Tri; A Ven S A Tyr-Tri; F Tyr-Ion; F Mid-Por; A Mar S FRENCH  
A Bur; F Spa(s.c.) S A Mar; F Smy S TURKISH F Con.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Jordan): A Ruh-Mun; A Vie-Bud; A Boh-Tyr; A Sil-Boh; A Gal-War;  
A Ukr-Rum; F Bla-Con; A Bul S F Bla-Con.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): A Sev-Rum; A Mos-War; A Nwy & F Den hold.

TURKEY (Bobker): F Con holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia must retreat A Nwy-Swe, -Fin, or -St.P and F Den-Swe, -Sha, -Hel, or -Nth, except that both units cannot go to Sweden. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

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

FRANCE: Bre, Par. (2)

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

ITALY: Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Smy, Spa,

Tri, Tun, Ven. (9)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Mun, Rum,  
Ser, Vie. (7)

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

TURKEY: Ank, Con. (2)

It is here assumed that one of the dislodged Russian units goes to Sweden, thus seizing it from Germany. If this does not happen in the retreats, then Germany has 5 supply centers and Russia has 4. Russia may, if in possession of Sweden, build one new unit. (If the other unit is dislodged and removed, a second build may be made.) Italy may build two new units, and Turkey may build one. France and Austria-Hungary must each remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1905" orders, which may be made conditional upon the directions of the Russian retreats, is NOON, FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 1984.

LONDON to ST. PETERSBURG: Why so nasty? The Austrians are marching on you, I'm not.

ROME to VIENNA: Sorry, John. You simply have too good a chance to win the game unless the rest of us slow you down. It's still unclear whether we can even do that.

1982IM

"Spring 1912"

## FRENCH THROWN BACK IN BALKANS

ENGLAND (Corbin): F Nth-Bel; F Kie-Hel; F Adr-Ion; A Den S RUSSIAN F Ber-Kie.

FRANCE (Ferguson): F Liv-Cly; F Eng-Nth; F Lon S F Eng-Nth; F Bre-Eng; F Mar-Lyo; F Tyr S F Ion; F Ion S A Bul-Gre; A Bul-Gre; A Nap-Apu; A Ven-Tri; A Par-Pic; A Mun S GERMAN F Hol-Kie.

GERMANY (Ellis): A Gal-Sil; A Boh S A Gal-Sil; A Ser S FRENCH A Bul-Gre; A Bud-Rum; F Bal-Bot; F Hol-Kie.

RUSSIA (Bragdon): A Pru-Ber; F Ber-Kie; A War-Gal; A Ukr S A War-Gal; A Rum-Ser; A Sev-Mos; A Sil-Mun.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The French A Bul is dislodged and annihilated. Russia may retreat A Sil-Pru or -War, or remove the unit. The deadline for "Fall 1912" moves, which may be made conditional on the direction of this retreat, is NOON, FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 1984. However, if the Russian player sends in the order for this retreat by Monday 1 October, I will send it around to the other players.

PHILOMATH, ORE.: A mysterious shower of giant steel projectiles has devastated numerous buildings in this quiet Oregon town. The Commander in Chief of the English forces toured the devastated areas before returning to his home in an outlying community that that, for security reasons, cannot be named. Officials noted that the Philomath Post Office servicing the English HQ has so far escaped destruction.

LONDON to VIENNA: This game is either going to end in a spectacular French victory, with you as one of the small time participants, or in a dreary 5-way draw with you sharing the draw. It's your choice Randy Ellis.

ANKARA: The Sultan apologises for not answering all his mail. His summer tour of the provinces is now over.

CONSTANTINOPLE to Kaiser in Exile: The French may indeed win but he who has no country should not gloat over it. Pawns are usually snickered at.

1983CP

"Winter 1907"

Following "Fall 1907" moves, France retreated A Bur-Par.

GERMANY (Kaplan): Builds A Ber, A Mun. TURKEY (Heuer): Builds F Smy.

ITALY (Cameron): Removes A Alb, F Ion.

The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 1984.

ANAKHIT, SKANDALUTZ (URRP): With the near collapse of Italy, thousands of itinerant Italian farm workers showed up for jobs in this agricultural nation's harvest season. However, upon hearing that they were experienced only as otney pickers, the government closed the border and deported the Italians to the Republic of Santa Chocha.

## LEBENSRAUM

ENGLAND (Downs): F Eng-Mid; F Iri S F Eng-Mid.

GERMANY (Jordan): A Wal-Liv; A Bel-Bur; F Hol-Bel; F Nth-Lon; F Den-Nth; A Nwy-St.P;  
F Swe-Nwy; A St.P-Mos; A Sil-Gal; A Kie-Mun; A Mun-Tyr.

ITALY (Follmer): F Bre-Eng; F Mid S F Bre-Eng; A Par-Bre; A Bur-Pic; F Ion-Eas; F Aeg  
S F Ion-Eas; F Apu-Ion; F Nap-Tyr; A Rom-Nap.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kline): A Ser-Bul; A Rum & A Gre S A Ser-Bul; A Vie, F Alb, A Sev,  
A Ukr & A Bud hold.

TURKEY (Hardiman): A Ank-Arm; F Bla S A Ank-Arm; F Con-Bul(e.c.); A Smy-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy must retreat F Mid-Nat, -Gas, -Por, -NAf, -Spa(n.c.), -Spa(s.c.) or -Wes, or removes the unit. The direction of this retreat should come in with the "Fall 1908" orders, which may be made conditional upon it. However, if the Italian player can get this retreat in by Monday 1 October 1984, it will be passed on to the English and German players. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 1984.

1983HF

"Spring 1907"

## DESPOTISMUS MIT SCHLÄMPEREI GEMILDERT

ENGLAND (Chafetz): A St.P-Liv; F Bot & F Bal S A St.P-Liv; A Bel-Ruh; A Bur & A Kie S  
A Bel-Ruh; F Hel S A Kie; F Hol-Bel; F Bre-Mid; F Mid-Por; F Nth-Eng.

FRANCE (Lipton): A Par holds.

ITALY (Galicia): No moves received. A Tus, F Tyr, F Wes & A Spa hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brawner): A Mun-Ber; A Ber-Mun; A Sil S A Mun-Ber; A Tyr S A Ber-Mun;  
A Mos-St.P((sic; no such unit exists)); A War-Liv; A Arm-Syr; A Bud-Ser((sic; no  
such unit exists)); F Adr-Ion; A Rom-Ven; A Nap holds; A Sev-Arm; A Rum-Bul; F  
Alb S F Adr-Ion; A Ser not ordered, holds; A Livonia not ordered, dislodged.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary must retreat A Liv-Pru or -Mos. The direction of this retreat should come in with the "Fall 1907" orders, which may be made conditional upon it. However, if the Austro-Hungarian player sends in this retreat by Monday 1 October I will pass it on to the English player. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 1984. Stand-by moves for Italy should be sent in by Paul Rauterberg, whose address appears in the Mailing List.

CONSTANTINOPLE (The Crying Sultan) to Colonel Blimp: Help! Please!!

CONSTANTINOPLE (The Raving Sultan) to ITALY: Ye of little faith!

MORE NEW GAMES OPEN!

The entry fee for a postal Diplomacy game in GRAUSTARK is \$18. This includes not only the game fee, but a subscription to GRAUSTARK as long as the game lasts, whether or not you continue in it. With your game entry fee, send in a list of the countries you'd like to play in your order of preference. The postal rules for Diplomacy were last printed in GRAUSTARK #437; send for a copy when you mail in your entry fee, if you don't already have one. Subscriptions for non-players are 9 issues for \$6.00. Back issues from #467, plus a few earlier ones like #437, are 10 issues for \$1.50.

As of today I have three paid-up entries for a new game, plus "check-is-in-the-mail" promises for two more.

1984V

"Spring 1904"

## AUSTRIA TIPTOES INTO VENICE

ENGLAND (Tallman): No moves received. F Edi, F Nwy, F Iri, F Eng & A Bre hold;  
F Gas dislodged and annihilated.

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

GERMANY (Gaughan): A Bur-Pic; A Ruh-Bur; A Ber-Sil; A Mun S A Ber-Sil; A Kie-Ber;  
F Swe-Bal.

ITALY (Sims): A Rum-Gal; A Boh-Tyr; A Tun holds; F Ion-Adr; F Eas-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): A Tri-Ven; A Bud S RUSSIAN F Sev-Rum; A Ser-Alb; F Gre-Alb.

RUSSIA (Kutta): A Ukr-War; F Nrg-Edi; F St.P(s.c.) holds; F Sev-Rum.

TURKEY (Galicia): F Bul(s.c.)-Aeg; F Smy S F Bul(s.c.)-Aeg; A Ank-Con; F Bla-Bul(e.c.).

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 1984. Stand-by moves for England should be sent in by Nunzio Paul Schembari, whose address appears on the Mailing List. Press releases appear on pages 7 and 11.

## GAME REVIEW - 1983CW

DANIEL S. PALTER (A-H): I believe my press in the last two issues should have made my position clear. I had been playing for a strong second which under the circumstances should have been extremely likely. To insure the Russian win I threw three supply centers (Ven, Smy, Gre). If the game had been played to conclusion I had a reasonable hope of 9-11 presuming that I take Rom and Nap and have a shot at Tu and/or Mar depending on events. I threw to Russia because it simply wasn't worth the time and trouble to play out a dead position as a tactics exercise. I had promised John the win back when we first allied. He probably didn't believe me at the time but I had ruined my position and regarded a strong second as the best I could hope for under the circumstances. Turkey and Italy were both uncooperative and my alternative was quick death or firm alliance. I had one temptation to stab, and could have probably done so but for what? An alliance with Kevin, who I like but found impossible to contact on a regular basis? To screw John who was a patient and firm ally constantly calling and consulting and putting up with my bizarre tactical notions and often poorly written orders. John deserved a win here and I am happy to have helped him to it. If I ever find myself with him in a game in a more equal bargaining position it should be amusing - as is he could have stabbed for the win but was instead gracious enough to let me offer my centers and was willing to play out a finished position if it would make me feel better. Such good feeling between players is rare in postal Dip and his call after the game was over to thank me for my help rarer still. All in all a most enjoyable experience. One last comment to France - I am presuming in what follows only that you were the holdout on the draw; the rest is fact not presumption - if there is ever an award for worst diplomat in the world other than myself or Blair Cusack you have my vote. I wouldn't have stabbed John regardless of what you offered - the fact is that you didn't even try in a situation where for three game years I was your only possible salvation. It is play like yours and mine that converts far too many postal Dip games into midgame exercises in tactics punctuated by NMR's.

## 1984AY - PRESS RELEASE

PARIS to World: At long last, the ministry of production produces!!!!

## THE SLEAZE FACTOR (continued from p. 2)

sort of center to the hobby, that isn't him, is dangerous to his sense of self-esteem.

Or there may be deeper motives working, and here we see a curious parallel with national affairs. Any Boardman Number Custodian would be attacked by Rod Walker, just as any Democratic candidate for Vice President would be attacked by the Executive Director of the National Conservative Political Action Committee. But Terry Dolan's attacks on Geraldine Ferraro are attacks by the country's most politically prominent gay male on the country's most politically prominent woman, and their particular vitriol may arise from causes more psychological than political. So do attacks on postal Diplomacy's most prominent woman by postal Diplomacy's most prominent gay male.

Unfortunately, Kathy Byrne has decided that she's had enough of this slander campaign. And so, as I mentioned in a recent issue of GRAUSTARK, she has turned the job of assigning Boardman Numbers over to Bill Quinn, who was already publisher of Everything, and seems well qualified. (See the Mailing List on the next page for his address.)

Eventually, of course, Bruce Linsey is going to have to apologize to Kathy Byrne for these attacks. The question is not whether he will do this, but only when. To show my disapproval of his slander campaign, and to evidence the general revulsion in the hobby against his tactics, I have suspended with #2495. This subscription will be resumed for the 6 issues it yet has to run as soon as Linsey realizes and fulfills this obligation of his. It will be resumed from either #2496 or from the time he apologizes, as he wishes. A couple of GRAUSTARK readers have undertaken to defend, in letters to me, Linsey's attacks on Byrne. I am not going to freeze them out; if they choose to send in reasons why Linsey is right to charge his phone calls to other people, stop payment on checks for these calls, or write nasty letters to Kathy and her daughter, they will have space in which to try to defend and justify these actions. (Would you believe a parallel text publication of that letter, and one from some Linsey flack defending the language as right and proper?)

If you subscribe to any publication by Linsey, Walker, or Mark Berch, you might quit and tell them why. As for Linsey, I will take no more phone calls or letters from him until Kathy Byrne assures me that he has sent her a written apology, not under a "DNQ", which satisfies her completely.

Remember, Brux. It's not something about which you have any volition. You must do it. Only the time you waste before doing it is within your control.

1982IN

"Spring 1913"

" 'TIS THE FINAL CONFLICT..."

ENGLAND (Ticossi): A Mun & A Tyr S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Vie-Boh; F Gas-Mid; F Eng, F Iri & F Spa(n.c.) S F Gas-Mid; A Lon & F Ber hold; A Mar S F Spa(n.c.); A Nwy-Swe; F Swe-Bot; A Edi-Nwy; F Nth C A Edi-Nwy; A Fin S A Edi-Nwy; A Liv-Yor.

FRANCE (J. Schwartz): F Ion-Gre; F Naf-Mid; F Wes & F Por S F Naf-Mid.

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

RUSSIA (La Rocco): A St.P holds; A Mos S A St.P; A Con-Smy; F Bul(e.c.)-Con; A Ser S A Bud; A Gal-Boh; A Sil S A Gal-Boh; A Rum-Gal; A War-Pru; A Sev-Ukr; A Bud S A Sev-Ukr.

Underlined moves are not possible. England retreats A Tyr-Pie. The deadline for "Fall 1913" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 1984.

1984V - PRESS RELEASES

TURKEY to GERMANY: Maybe I can help you, uh, in your future ventures, too?  
TURKEY to FRANCE: Does this mean "Good-bye"?

## GRAUSTARK MAILING LIST

This mailing list gives the addresses and phone numbers of all GRAUSTARK subscribers, as of 18 September 1984. The code after each reader's name states why he or she is receiving GRAUSTARK. Following the Boardman number of a game is the initial of the country which that person is playing in the game; if this initial is followed by an "S" it means that that player is a stand-by. An "S" alone means that that payer has volunteered as a stand-by in future games. "C" indicates a complimentary copy, and "T" means that GRAUSTARK is traded for that person's publication. A Boardman number without a country's initial following it means that that person has been eliminated in the game. A number following a name is the number of the issue with which that person's subscription ends. A "/" sign indicates how many issues that person's subscription will run after the games are over. "N" means that this player has enrolled for a new game which is not yet filled. Some people have asked that their addresses not be included, or their phone numbers.

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#### FRESH BLOOD

The following people have recently written in, inquiring about playing postal Diplomacy. Gamemasters who run honest and frequent 'zines should get in touch with them.

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Evan Loiacono (see Mailing List, above)

Sean Moore, 16 Clearview St., Goulds, Newfoundland AOA 2K0

1982HI

"Winter 1913"

ENGLAND (Chafetz): Removes F Bar, A Den. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gratto): Builds A Vie, F Tri.

ITALY (D. Schwartz): Builds F Rom. RUSSIA (Goode): Builds A Mos, A War.

Austria-Hungary reserves a third build. The deadline for "Spring 1914" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 1984.

#### EVER SINCE MACHIAVELLI

Once, in the early years of postal Diplomacy, I remarked that one or another ethnic group seemed to be represented in the hobby beyond its proportion in the general population. Once it was a group as limited as the great Clan Campbell. One of the first postal Diplomacy publishers was John McCallum of Alberta, whose ancestors had been hereditary weaponsmiths to the Chiefs of Campbell as far back as the records went. The names "Campbell" and "McDermott" - after the legendary Diarmid, founder of the Clan - were also represented. In the Highlands, the Campbells have the reputation among the other clans of being rapacious, sly, and overbearing. (Videlicet their famous anthem, "The Campbells Are Coming".) Actually, the Campbells had the wit to see that the old days of private law and private wars in Scotland were ending, and they allied themselves with the English to get some personal profit out of this situation at the expense of the lands of less perceptive clans. And they were faithful to the death in this alliance, too; John Campbell, first Marquess of Argyle, was guillotined by the Stuart Royalists after the downfall of his allies of the English Commonwealth.

Later, I commented on how many people of Dutch ancestry there seemed to be in postal Diplomacy. I have nearly as much Dutch as English ancestry, with names like Rundle, Rasback, Ackerman, and van Nagel up the family tree. One of my ancestors was

an Anglo-Dutch Puritan named Resolved Waldron, a notable persecutor of the Quakers of Nieuw Amsterdam during the governorship of Pieter Stuyvesant. (He was also an ancestor of the Canadian postal Diplomacy player John Leeder, whose branch of the family had to leave town hurriedly at the end of the American Revolution.) Other names from past mailing lists of GRAUSTARK include Herb Barents, Gerald van Alkemade, Eric Verheiden, Paul Girsdansky (a Minnerlij on his paternal grandmother's side), Brenton ver Ploeg, John van de Graaf, and several former players in that largely Dutch region around Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Another ethnic group is rising into prominence at present on the postal Diplomacy rolls. Though they're rising into prominence generally, having placed this year the first of their number on a major-party presidential ticket. For many years Italian-Americans have constituted the largest single ethnic group in New York City, and it seems they will soon have the same eminence on the GRAUSTARK mailing list. Nor is ethnic pride lacking among them; I have several times received criticism of my attempts to put Italian catchphrases into headlines and press releases. (The distinction in spelling between the words "e" and "é" is a particular sore point.)

We start with one of my oldest and most highly valued friends, Albert A. Nofi, who is a member of the Italian-American Historical Society and a doctoral candidate in history at the college where I teach. Relative newcomers to GRAUSTARK's subscription list include David Ezzio, Evan Loiacono, Nunzio Paul Schembari, Vincent Manna, John Quarto, and Don del Grande. Of rather longer standing are Marcello Truzzi, a classmate at Florida State University 28 years ago and presently Chair of the Sociology Department at Eastern Michigan University, Art Ticossi, a petty officer in the Air Force now on foreign service (Well, he's in California, isn't he?), and Peter J. La Rocco.

As the next deadline is Columbus Day, this seems to be a particularly good time to mark this eminence on a continent made known to Europe through the efforts of an Italian. (Claims that Columbus was Spanish or Catalan, or that he was preceded by a Portuguese, Welshman, or Pole, will be treated here as they deserve. As for Leif Erikson, he did his best but he couldn't make it stick.)

1984AY

"Winter 1902"

FRANCE (Hurwitz): Builds A Par.  
 GERMANY (M. Taylor): Builds A Kie.  
 ITALY (Kaplan): Removes A Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Downs): Builds F Tri, A Vie.  
 RUSSIA (Quarto): Builds F St.P(n.c.).

The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 1984. Barry Swift's address will change next month; see the Mailing List for details.

ROME to AUSTRIA: You will be the latest in a long line of Austria's to learn it is silly for an A/I war. Only E/F will benefit. So be it.

ENGLAND to RUSSIA: What else is new? - Big in quantity and small in quality.

ENGLAND to GERMANY: Keep it up, you may even get to marry the Czar.

ENGLAND to AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Talk is cheap.

## 1984V - PRESS RELEASES

AUSTRIA to ITALY: I'm taking Venice for your own protection.

NEW BYZANTINE to World: Due to the mass migration (the carting away of women & children by the Italian army during 1900-1901) to Venice, Tuscany, Rome & Piedmont, the Austrian contingents of the New Byzantine Empire annex these parts in the name of Austria-Hungary.

GERMANY to ITALY: Get this thorn out of my paw, would you please?

GERMANY to RUSSIA: Do you know who your friends are yet?

GERMANY to EUROPE: The mustery begins: will Dr. John print both sides of the Rod Walker story? Will he allow Bruce Linsey "right of reply"? Will he dare to print this press??? The continent holds its breath...

TURKEY to RUSSIA: You've got to try and stop them sooner or later. Oops. Sorry about Rumania, but right now it has no one's name on it.

TURKEY to AUSTRIA: Anything new?

TURKEY to ITALY: Good luck.

## THE GRAUSTARK #500 SILLY ELECTION CONTEST

The 500th issue of GRAUSTARK will be published on Saturday 3 November 1984, three days before the 50th U. S. Presidential Election. Since the special issues of GRAUSTARK are usually accompanied by contests, frequently silly ones, I have a real beaut for my faithful readers this time.

First, make the following assumptions:

1. Walter Mondale defeats Ronald Reagan for the Presidency. (See, I told you it was going to be silly!)
2. Upon learning this news, President Reagan announces that the inauguration of Walter Mondale as President would be contrary to the national security of the United States of America, mobilizes the armed forces, and refuses to allow him to take office. (If you can get by the first assumption, then this one doesn't sound so silly.)

Under these two assumptions, write an excerpt of up to 500 words (no lower word-age limit here) from an editorial in a newspaper of your locality, supporting President Reagan's action. However, if in your vicinity is a daily newspaper owned by either Rupert Murdoch or the Moonies, you must use an editorial in the style of one of those newspapers. Include with your entry the name of the newspaper whose style you are using.

The deadline for these entries is Thursday 1 November 1984. The winning entry will be printed in GRAUSTARK #500. Other entries that look good to me will be printed also, in #500 or in a subsequent issue.

FIRST PRIZE: Two free entries in GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy games.

SECOND PRIZE (if at least 5 people enter the contest): One free entry in a GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy game.

HONORABLE MENTION (one for each additional five entries or major fraction thereof which come in): A free 10-issue subscription to GRAUSTARK.

1984B

"Winter 1904"

Russia retreated A War-Mos.

GERMANY (Goldman): Builds A Mun, A Kie, AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Clarke): Builds F Tri.  
F Ber. RUSSIA (Downs): Removes A Ank.

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 1984.

MESSINA, SICILY (Radio Free Italy): I, Benedettino Benedetto, the last living Bishop of Italy, have escaped execution. The entire world ignores the existence of my island. I now call all Italians here so we may fight back against the invading barbarians. Then we shall let the world see what La Sicilia is made of!"

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