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1982IM

"Fall 1912"

NAPOLEON'S DREAMS COME TRUE

Following "Spring 1912" moves Russia retreated A Sil-Pru. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Corbin): F Bel-Nth; F Hel-Hol; A Den-Swe; F Adr-Tri.

FRANCE (Ferguson): F Cly-Edi; A Pic-Nwy; F Eng & F Nth C A Pic-Nwy; F Lon S F Nth; F Lyo-Tyr; F Tyr-Tun; F Ion-Aeg; A Apu-Ven; A Tri S GERMAN A Bud; A Mun S GERMAN F Hol-Kie.

GERMANY (Ellis): F Bot-Swe; A Sil-Ber; A Boh-Vie; A Ser-Rum; A Bud S A Ser-Rum; F Hol-Kie.

RUSSIA (Bragdon): F Kie S ENGLISH F Hel-Hol; A Ber-Mun; A Pru-Sil; A Mos-St.P; A Ukr-War; A Rum-Ser; A Gal-Bud.

TURKEY (Chafetz): A Bud S RUSSIAN A Rum-Ser; F Aeg-Ion; F Gre S F Aeg-Ion; F Bla-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German F Hol is dislodged and annihilated, and Germany must retreat A Ser-Alb. France must retreat F Ion-Eas, -Nap, -Apu, or -Alb, except that if two dislodged units are ordered to Albania both are instead annihilated. The directions of these retreats must be sent in with the "Winter 1912" orders, which may be made conditional upon them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:
 ENGLAND: Bel, Den, Hol. (3)
 FRANCE: Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Mar, Mun, Nap, Nwy, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven. (15)
 GERMANY: Bud, Vie. (2)
 RUSSIA: Ber, Kie, Mos, St.P, Ser, Sev, Swe, War. (8)
 TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Smy. (6)
 France may build three new units, Turkey

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1984V

"Fall 1904"

ITALIA AFTER YOU, MY DEAR ARCHDUKE THE NORTH!

ENGLAND (Fallman): F Edi-Nrg; F Nwy S GERMAN F Bot St.P(s.c.)((sic)); F Iri-Mid; F Eng S A Bre; A Ber S GERMAN A Bur-Par.

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

GERMANY (Gaughan): A Pic-Par; A Bur-Mar; A Mun holds; A Sil-War; A Ber-Liv; F Bal C A Ber-Liv.

ITALY (Sims): A Gal-War; A Tyr S A Gal-Vie; A Tun-Nap; F Ion C A Tun-Nap; F Adr S F Ion; A Tyr S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ven-Tri.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): F Gre holds; A Vie-Tri; A Ven S A Vie-Tri; A Bud-Rum; A Ser S A Bud-Rum.

RUSSIA (Kutta): F St.P(s.c.)-Liv; F Nrg-Nwy; A War holds; F Rum holds.

TURKEY (Galicia): F Bul(e.c.) holds; F Smy-Eas; F Aeg-Ion; A Con-Ank.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia must retreat F Rum-Sev or -Bla, or remove the unit. The direction of this retreat 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, Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (6)
 FRANCE: Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (4)
 GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Swe. (6)
 ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, (3). (4)
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Rum, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie. (7)
 RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Sev, War. (4)
 TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)
 Austria-Hungary builds two, and England build one new unit; Russia also has a build if the dislodged unit is removed. Italy must remove two units. The deadline for these "Winter 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER

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THE REIGN OF SENILIO THE GREAT - XXV

"And thus began the placket Reÿgn
Of Aphra-dite, surnamed Behn.
Just as Senylio the Great,
Who Talk of Peace did deeply hate,
Triumph'd o'er Rebels in his State
E'en though he lost the fam'd Debate

(And as his Heir reviewed the Farce
Of that Debate as 'kicking Arse')
So Aphra-dite, Heirëss then
Of Giralдина, hated Men
And would the State to Madnesse throw
By making high what God made low."
- Samuel Butler, Burningbras* (1679)

When the old dynasty of Emperors of the Temporary Roman Empire died out in 1381, Senilio the Great ascended the imperial throne at the age of 97. Four years later, unrest led to a famous confrontation in the Senate, one of the many institutions which the Temporary Roman Empire retained in support of the claim of this tiny Balkan Massif nation that it was the sole legitimate successor to the Roman Empire. Objections to the policies of Senilio the Great had begun to center around Senator Vallunius, who was widely believed to be an illegitimate offspring of the old dynasty. Moreover, the second in command of Vallunius was a woman, Giralдина of Trent, who was widely believed to be descended from Margaret of Trent and her lover, the heresiarch Fra Dolcino, who had been burned at the stake in Italy in 1308.**

The disaffection of Vallunius and his co-conspirators came to a head in a debate before the Senate at a time when Senilio the Great was presiding. Vallunius accused the Emperor of harshness towards the poor, of debasing the coinage, and of spending too many denarii on the schemes of the wizard Caspar Magus to use magical weapons against the Kingdom of Pundschruck and the Empire's other neighbors.

The emperor and his supporters replied to these calumnies. The Emperor compared Vallunius to the infamous Catiline, and referred to his own supporters as "Rome's Party - and, might I ask, to what nation does the party of Vallunius belong?" He then met objections to his own great age by challenging Vallunius to a turn with sword and trident in the Circus Minimus. The Emperor's heir, Preppius then threatened to kick Giralдина's podex, and Babsa, the wife of Preppius, invaded the Senate chamber and called Giralдина a "four million denarii bitch". Other Senators supported Senilio the Great. Dioguardius, the representative from Castra Occidentalis, said that the poor only had more babies so they could get more alms. Another Senator urged that alms be taxed, a step which would make people less willing to take up begging as a profession. Helminthus, of Carolina Septentrionalis, urged a return to the worship of Jupiter. Finally, Senilio the Great concluded by saying that Vallunius was trying to disband the Legions and weaken the Temporary Roman Empire.

After this spate of accusations, Vallunius disclaimed all intent to revolt against the rule of Senilio the Great, and retired to private life. As he later told the chronicler T. H. Candidius, Senilio the Great and his supporters would not have made such sweeping, haughty, and demeaning statements unless they had been confident that they would never be called to account for them. "Against such confidence, no dissent has a chance of success."

* - After the success of his poem Hudibras, satirizing the Puritans, Butler attempted a little-known sequel, Burningbras, which attacked Aphra Behn and other Feminist leaders of his day. The poem could not, however, find a publisher. A letter of dubious authenticity, from John Wilmot to Gilbert Burnet, boasts that Wilmot was responsible for this.

** - See Dante, Inferno, Canto XXVIII, lines 55-60.

1983IE

"Winter 1905"

Following "Fall 1905" moves, Russia retreats A Nwy-Swe, F Den-Nth. Russia therefore owns Sweden and builds A War. Italy builds A Nap & A Rom, Turkey builds F Ank, France removes A Bre, and Austria-Hungary removes A Mun. The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER 1984. Press releases are on page 6.

ENGLAND (Peart): Removes A Fin, F Nvy,
F-Nrg.

ITALY (Murray): Builds F Nap.

RUSSIA (Drakert): Builds A Mos.

FRANCE (Bragdon): Builds A Par, F Mar.

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may build two, and Russia may build one. (France would have four builds but no home supply center is available.) England must remove one unit, and Germany must remove three. The deadline for these "Winter 1912" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER 1984.

ANKARA: The Ankara Dispatch regrets the drowing of the irreplaceable puppet army in Bulgaria.

TSAR to KAISER: Are you a glutton for punishment? The longer this game goes, the more we will have to clobber you. Nothing personal - it's just that we have to get through your units in order to stop France. If you start defending against France, we'll have no reason to hit you and Germany will have a much larger role in the final outcome of the game.

ENGLISH GOVERNMENT IN EXILE to GERMAN EXPATRIATES: One of us is going to loose big this turn. I sure hope it's you.

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TURKEY to the World: I'm slow but sure.

SUBLIME PORTE to VIENNA: The Sultan would like to request that our future finds in Italy be divided into two. It would seem right that there be a new government formed for both the northern and southern halves of Italy, after the incompetent rule of the last tyranny. Turkish engineers have already submitted plans for the empire's new capital to be in Venice. By the way, there's going to be a big bash in Naples. It sounds like it's going to be a blast.

SUBLIME PORTE to PARIS: The Sultan regrets that there is no possible way to send immediate aid. However, we look forward, just as you, to the time when we are able. This would be when the oceans and coasts have been cleared of the annoying green rafts which have been plaguing the local marine life and the health of the coastal population, and after the northern alliance has been long since dissolved. We are, however, optimistic that these are just formalities.

SUBLIME PORTE to MOSCOW: The Sultan would like to warn you of the German schemes to get your real estate. However, this has not been the first time such a warning has been made. Fortunately, English complacency has reduced the seriousness of this attack on Russia. It will also give you some time to reconsider the future and the details of our military plans.

SUBLIME PORTE to BERLIN: The Sultan regrets that he cannot find time in his schedule to go to London, in order to attend the funeral of our dearly departed Englishman. You must note that he is rather busy, conquering the world and all. He is, of course, shocked and saddened over the loss of such fine royalty, and he is sending his cousin, Ogie, in his place. We would also like to send consolations and say that we, Personally, will miss him very, very much. Again, we apologize for the inconvenience.

OFFICE OF THE SUBLIME PORTE to THE EXILED KING OF ITALY: Stuff it.

THE ARMENIAN POST (Not the one you tie people to): Shocking news has been obtained from a very reliable source, that the Sultan has been institutionalized for the last six months. The details are still unclear, but the Sultan has been observed by two prominent European psychologists, one of whom is named Fred but strangely insists that

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ENGLISH FORCED BACK IN GERMANY

ENGLAND (Ticossi): F Mid-Por; F Spa(n.c.) S F Mid-Por; A Mar-Bur; A Pie-Mar; F Iri-Mid; F Eng S F Iri-Mid; A Lon-Hol; F Nth C A Lon-Hol; A Yor holds; F Ber holds; A Mun S F Ber; A Nwy-St.P; A Swe-Den; F Bot & A Fin S A Nwy-St.P.

FRANCE (J. Schwartz): F Gre holds; F Naf-Mid; F Wes-Spa(s.c.); F Por S F Wes-Spa(s.c.).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Nap holds; A Tyr-Mun; A Vie-Tyr; A Ven-Pie.

RUSSIA (La Rocco): A Sil-Ber; A Pru S A Sil-Ber; A Boh S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tyr-Mun; A Gal-Sil; A Bud S A Ser; F Con-Bul(s.c.); A Ser S F Con-Bul(s.c.); A Ukr-Gal; A St.P-Liv; A Mos S A St.P-Liv; A Smy-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. England retreats A Mun-Kie or -Ruh and F Ber-Kie or -Bal, except that both may not go to Kiel. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Den, Edi, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mar, Nwy, Par, St.P, Spa, Swe, Hol. (14)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Mun, Nap, Rom, Tri, Ven, Vie. (6)

RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Bud, Bul, Con, Mos, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, War. (11)

FRANCE: Gre, Por, Tun. (3)

Austria-Hungary may build two new units, and England and France must each remove one unit. (However, if both dislodged English units are removed, England has a build.) The deadline for these "Winter 1913" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER 1984.

RUSSIAN EASTERN ALLIED PRESS (REAP): Today the Czar, ruler of many, commander of none, called for "the complete halt of all hostilities throughout Europe." He stated "I want the complete halt of all hostilities throughout Europe." He then pledged to murder every last individual that did not comply with his demands. He was quoted as saying, "I pledge to murder every last individual that does not comply with my demands." (Story by cub reporter Svetsomutch Istinkk.)

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it is Fried, and that the Sultan has been having recurrent nightmares of being hit on the head with the heel of a boot. Fried naturally explained that it was a heel from a French harlot's shoe, and released the Sultan, after concluding that he was a normal masochist.

FLEET AEGEAN: I made it! I finally made it!

1984B

"Spring 1905"

IM OSTEN VIEL NEUES

ENGLAND (J. Schwartz): F Ska-Swe; F Nrg-Bar.

GERMANY (Goldman): F Mid-Por; F Nth-Nwy; A Nwy-St.P; A Den S ENGLISH F Ska-Swe; F Ber S F Bal; A Kie-Liv; F Bal C A Kie-Liv; A Pru S A Kie-Liv; A War S A Kie-Liv; A Mar-Spa; A Gas S A Mar-Spa; A Mun-Bur.

ITALY (Schembari): F Por-Mid; F Wes S F Por-Mid; A Spa-Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Clarke): A Ser-Bud; A Bud-Vie; A Ven-Tyr; A Tus-Pie; A Nap-Alb; F Ion C A Nap-Alb; F Rom-Tyr; F Tri-Adr.

RUSSIA (Downs): F Swe-Bal; A Fin-St.P; F Bot S A Fin-St.P; A Mos-War; A Ukr S A Mos-War; A Rum-Gal; F Con-Bla; A Liv-Pru; F Bul(e.c.) holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats F Swe-Fin, A Liv-Mos and Italy retreats A Spa-Por. Germany retreats A War-Sil and F Mid-Naf, -Bre, -Eng,

-Tri, or -Nat. The direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by MONDAY 22 OCTOBER 1984; it will be sent on to the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER 1984.

AUSTRIA to GERMANY: What can I say? You're getting too big and something must be done. You Fly too high, too close to the sun.

AUSTRIA to ENGLAND: Why do you puppet to Germany while he occupies London?

AUSTRIA to GERMANY: We're both telling lies to each other and I think we both know it. Why don't we stop pretending and have a War.

LISBON: I, Bishop Benny, now in command of the Portuguese Fleet call to you, German. You speak of yourself as a giant (ha), but do you think you can take on the strength of La Sicilia?

1984HB

"Fall 1901"

DOUBLE, DOUBLE-CROSS AND TROUBLE

ENGLAND (Martin): A Edi-Bel; F Nth C A Edi-Bel; F Nrg-Nwy.

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

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Kie-Hol; A Ruh-Bel; F Den-Swe.

ITALY (Budway): A Pie S FRENCH A Spa-Mar; F Tyr-Tun; A Tus holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): A Vie-Boh; F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre.

RUSSIA (Ticossi): F Bot-Swe; A Ukr-Rum; F Sev-Bla; A War-Gal.

TURKEY (Quirk): A Bul-Rum; F Ank-Bla; A Arm-Sev.

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

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie.

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

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

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

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

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

Germany and Austria-Hungary may each build two new units, and England, Turkey, Italy and France may each build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER 1984.

ROME: Hundreds are cart loads of emergency rations were enroute for the earthquake strifed city of Marseilles. This act was to show the French people Italy's concern for their well being.

GERMANY to World: This game, Germany goes for broke!

Will the French go for Munich?

Will the English go for Belgium?

Will the English go for Holland?

Will the Italians go out for coffee?

Is the Kaiser out to lunch?

For the answers to these and other ravings, look for your next issue of GRAUSTARK, the magazine with the slogan:

"Diseased minds like mine want to know!"

CEDARHURST: The enclosed letter from Hurwitz is to be printed as press.

CEDARHURST: G-F, New Game, Sp 1901, September 20th, 1984

Dear Dan,

Dick Martin told the truth, but not quite the entire truth. I and Bway have masterminded a 6 way alliance against you. The 6 of us have agreed not to move into any neutral countries until you are completely eradicated. We will not take any builds from your centers, either, and once you are gone we will each move our units back to our respective home centers. Then will begin in earnest a 6-way diplomacy game.

Now, how much would you pay to play in this game? But wait! There's more!
 John Boardman has offered a cash prize of \$5000.00 to whoever wins this game. Yes, that's five gees in cold, hard cash. Says Dr. Boardman, "I consider myself a venture capitalist." Without any sarcasm at all, the patriotic gamesmaster continues, "I'm sure this money will trickle down, via the free-market system and the unregulated forces of supply and demand, to less well-off zines."

Now how much? Wait! There's still more!

Dick Martin has established a special free conference line for all the non-French players, allowing any number of us to talk to any or all of the other five, for as long as we want, for free. The various local phone companies decided that they're making too much money now, and want to lose some.

OK! How much would you pay for a guaranteed 3 year loss, seeing \$5000.00 go to an enemy, and to let your opponents get free phone service? But's- there's more!

YOU'LL ALSO GET, courtesy of the Getty Trust, a leather-bound copy of The Prince, a first-edition copy of Diplomacy with hand-carved wooden pieces in the shapes of actual soldiers and battleships of the countries, and a \$1000 credit at Federal Express for use in diplomacy mail!

You get guaranteed destruction, enrichment of your enemies, free phone service for your opponents, a copy of The Prince, the deluxe first-edition copy of Diplomacy, and a \$1000 credit towards use of Federal Express all for the unbelievably low price of \$1200! Yes, that's right, Dan, a mere twelve hundred dollars. Just send it to me, check, money order, or cash, made out to Marc Hurwitz. Include \$60 Md sales tax and \$123.87 shipping and handling. Yours truly. /s/ Marc Hurwitz

PS. The only reason I'm making this extra-special offer is that Dick Martin says you're as sharp as a polished bowling ball.

AND HE NEVER LIES!

1982HI - PRESS RELEASES

LONDON: I concede to the growing Italian power.

GERMANY to RUSSIA: Do you realize how close Austria is to winning this game?

GERMANY to AUSTRIA: If you do win, you deserve it.

1983HF - PRESS RELEASES

LONDON: Col. Blimp to Sultan: I am trying.

ITALY (what's left) to TURKEY: Sorry about that. I hope I didn't set back out master plan to control the whole human race.

ITALY to ENGLAND: What happened to peace?

ITALY to PARIS: Still around, eh?

TURKEY to the World: Somebody better get moving soon, out there, or this guy is going to own this game. I don't want to be the one giving it to him.

1983IE - PRESS RELEASES

GERMANY to World: I was alive in 1905.

MOSCOW to LONDON: The bear hopes that the lion will agree to a detente.

1984AY - PRESS RELEASES

ROME to BREST: Take my centers, please!

ROME to PORTUGAL: You don't need to try to placate me. So don't lie. You intend to take my dots. Just do so.

RUSSIA to LONDON: If your technique is quality, I think I'll stick to quantity.

ENGLISH TAKE BERLIN

Following "Spring 1907" moves Austria-Hungary retreated A Liv-Pru.

ENGLAND (Chafetz): A Bur-Mar; F Eng-Bre; F Bel-Eng; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Por S F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Bot-St.P(s.c.); A Kie-Ber; F Bal S A Kie-Ber; F Hel-Kie; A Ruh S F Hel-Kie; A Liv-Pru.

FRANCE (Lipton): A Par holds.

ITALY (Galicia): A Spa-Mar; F Tyr-Ion; F Wes-Tyr; A Tus-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brawner): A Mun-Kie; A Ber S A Mun-Kie; A Pru S A Ber; A Sil-Mun; A Tyr-Ven; A Ven-Rom; A War-Mos; A Syr-Smy; F Alb-Gre; A Nap S A Ven-Rom; A Sev-Arm; A Ser-Bul: A Rum S A Ser-Bul.

TURKEY (Schembari): A Con S F Bul(s.c.); F Bul(s.c.) S F Gre; A Ank-Smy; F Gre "spits at Serbia".

The Austro-Hungarian A Ber is dislodged and annihilated, and Italy retreats A Spa-Gas. The key to the rather complicated adjudication in Germany is the fact that the A Ber is dislodged by an attack from Kiel with support from the Baltic. Once dislodged, the Austro-Hungarian A Ber is no longer able to support "A Mun-Kie", so the supported English attack into Kiel from Helgoland Bight succeeds. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Por, St.P, Spa, Swe. (14)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Mos, Mun, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (12)

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

FRANCE: Par. (1)

ITALY: Mar, Tun. (2)

England may build three new units and Turkey may build one. Austria-Hungary must remove one unit, and Italy must remove two. The deadline for these "Winter 1907" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER 1984. Press releases are on page 6.

GERMAN SAUSAGE GRINDER GOES INTO HIGH GEAR

In the report of the "Fall 1907" moves in GRAUSTARK #497, the French moves "F Tun-Ion, A Bur-Bel" should have been underlined as impossible.

FRANCE (Brawner): F Cly-Edi; F Eng-Lon; A Yor S F Eng-Lon; F Pic-Bel; A Par-Gas; A Mar-Gas; F Wes-Lyo; F Tun-Ion; A Nap-Apu; A Ven-Pie; F Tyr S F Tun-Ion; F Naf-Mid.

GERMANY (Kaplan): F Par-Nrg; F Nwy S F Bar-Nrg; F Nth-Eng; A Bur-Pic; A Bel S A Bur-Pic; F Hol S A Bel; A Tri-Ven; A Tyr S A Tri-Ven; A Mun-Bur; A Vie-Tri; A Ber-Sil; A Ukr S A Sev; A Bud-Ser; A Gal-Rum; A Sev S A Gal-Rum.

ITALY (Cameron): A Ser-Rum.

TURKEY (Heuer): No moves received. F Smy, A Bul, A Gre, F Aeg & A Arm hold; F Rum dislodged and annihilated.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats F Pic-Bre. Ray Heuer's missed moves are due to illness, and no stand-by will be called upon.

The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER 1984.

EUROPEAN BUREAU OF CIVIL DEFENSE: WARNING! WARNING! Due to the presence of several extensive otney orchards, the country of Serbia has been declared a "biohazard". Entry to Serbia is forbidden to everyone except designated Italian decontamination teams. Do not be alarmed. Everything is under control.

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"Spring 1914"

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY COLLECTS ON ITALIAN ALLIANCE AT LAST

ENGLAND (Chafetz): F Noth-Lon; F Nrg-Cly; F Bal-Den.

GERMANY (Quirk): F Swe-Den.

ITALY (D. Schwartz): F Spa(s.c.) S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Mid; F Rom-Tyr; F Tun S F Rom-Tyr; A Tus-Rom.AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gratto): F Tri-Adr; A Vie & A Mun hold; A Ven-Tus; A Pie S A Ven-Tus; F Tyr-Rom; A Nap S F Tyr((sic)); A Bur-Mar; A Bre-Gas; F Mid-Por; F Eng & F Bel S RUSSIAN F Hol-Nth; F Liv-Cly.

RUSSIA (Goode): A Kie & F Ska S GERMAN A Swe-Den; A Fin-Swe; A St.P S A Nwy; F Hol-Hel; A Ruh-Hol; A War-Sil; A Liv-Pru; F Ion, A Mos, A Nwy & A Ber hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian A Tus is dislodged and annihilated, and Austria-Hungary must retreat F Tyr-Lyo or -Wes. The direction of this retreat should be sent by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL to the gamesmaster, who will pass it on to the Italian player. The deadline for "Fall 1914" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER 1984. Press releases are on page 6.

1983AJ

"Spring 1910"

FOUR UNITS ACTUALLY MOVE

Following "Fall 1909" moves, France built F Bre and Austria-Hungary build A Bud. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (J. Baker): A War S GERMAN A Ukr; A Pic-Par; F Eng-Pic; F Bel S F Eng-Pic; F Lon-Eng; F Iri S F Lon-Eng; F Nat-Mid.FRANCE (Jordan): A Par-Pic; F Bre-Pic.GERMANY (Ripper): A Bur S ENGLISH A Pic-Par; A Kie S A Mun; A Ber S A Sil; A Mos S A Ukr; A Mun S A Bur; A Sil & A Ukr hold.ITALY (Ezzio): F Con & F Mid hold; F Naf & F Wes S F Mid; A Gas-Bre; F Tyr-Lyo; A Mar-Bur; A Pie-Mar; A Ven-Tus.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1910" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER 1984.

1984AY

"Spring 1903"

THE RUSSIANS SHALL HAVE CONSTANTINOPLE

ENGLAND (Levine): F Eng-Bel; F Nth S F Eng-Bel; F Ska-Swe; A Den S F Ska-Swe.FRANCE (Hurwitz): A Bur S ENGLISH F Eng-Bel; A Par S A Bur; A Gas-Mar; F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo.GERMANY (Taylor): A Mun-Bur; A Bel S A Mun-Bur; F Hol S A Bel; A Kie-Ruh; A Ber-Kie.ITALY (Kaplan): F Tyr-Ion; A Tus-Rom; F Ion-Adr; F Nap-Apu.AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Downs): A Ven-Tus; A Tyr-Map; F Tri-Adr; A Ser-Alb; A Vie-Tri; F Gre-Aeg; A Bul S RUSSIAN F Bla-Con.

RUSSIA (Quarto): F Rum-Bla; F Bla-Con; A Sev-Arm; A Nwy-Fin; F Swe-Den; F Bar-Nrg;
F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy.

TURKEY (Swift): F Con-Aeg; F Smy S F Con-Aeg; A Ank-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia must retreat F Swe-Bot or -Bal. The direction of this retreat should be sent to the game master by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that it arrives by MONDAY 22 OCTOBER 1984. The English and German players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER 1984. Press releases are on page 6.

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"Fall 1908"

HANGING TOGETHER, HANGING SEPARATELY, AND HANGING ON

Following "Spring 1908" moves Italy retreated F Mid-Por.

ENGLAND (Downs): F Iri-Liv; F Mid-Por.

GERMANY (Jordan): A Gal-Run; A Mos S TURKISH A Arm-Sev; A St.P S A Mos; F Nwy-Nrg;
A Liverpool holds; F Lon-Eng; F Nth S F Lon-Eng; F Bel-Pic; A Tyr-Ven; A Mun-Bur; A Bur-Mar.

ITALY (Follmer): A Bre-Par; A Pic-Bur; F Eng-Mid; A Nap-Rom; F Aeg C AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN
A Gre-Smy; F Eas S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Gre-Smy; F Ion-Wes((sic)); F Tyr holds;
F Por-Spa(n.c.).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kline): No moves received. A Vie, A Bud, A Ukr, A Sev, A Rum, A Bul, F Alb & A Gre hold.

TURKEY (Hardiman): No moves received. F Con, F Bla, A Smy, & A Arm hold.

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

ENGLAND: Edi, Lon, Por. (3)

ITALY: Bre, Nap, Par, Rom, Spa, Tun. (6)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Liv,
Mar, Mos, Mun, Nwy, St.P, Swe, Ven,
War. (14)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser,
Sev, Tri, Vie. (8)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3)

Germany may build two new units and England may build one. (Germany would have a third build, but only two home supply centers are open.) Turkey must remove one unit and Italy must remove three. The deadline for these "Winter 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER 1984. The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER 1984. Stand-by "Winter 1908" and/or "Spring 1909" moves should be sent in by:

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Paul Rauterberg, 4922 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wisc. 53208;
414-778-0750

TURKEY: Nunzio Paul Schembari, 210 Chinook Dr., Syracuse, N. Y. 13210

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The last two issues of GRAUSTARK, #497 and #498, were collated on Saturdays the 1st and 22nd of September respectively. However, several readers have informed me that they were not postmarked until the following Tuesdays! They were therefore late even by the standards of the United States Postal "Service". This could perhaps be accounted for with GRAUSTARK #497, since that was published on Labor Day weekend, but there was no holiday coinciding with #498. (I will not here take into account the fact that that weekend saw the Autumnal Solstice, the 292nd anniversary of the Salem Village "witchcraft" executions, the 138th anniversary of the discovery of Neptune, or F. Scott Fitzgerald's 88th birthday.)

So, I would like information from readers as to the postmark date of today's issue of GRAUSTARK. I am used to delays on the delivery end, but if the USP'S is

going to delay things at this end as well, I may have to reconsider my decision of several months ago to keep GRAUSTARK on a 3-week deadline.

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Inquiries continue to come in about postal Diplomacy in general and GRAUSTARK in particular. The most recent ones are from:

Daniel Larose, #17, 156 Suffield St., Agawam, Maine 01001

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And, in fact, eight new game entries have come in since 1984HB was opened in GRAUSTARK #497. So why isn't a new game announced in this issue? Well, the geographical distribution is very irregular. These eight consist of four residents of New York City (one presently a student out of the city, and another a student from out of the city), and four people very widely scattered in the rest of the country. As one or two other city residents have also expressed interest in joining a new game, I am going to see whether an all-New York game might be organized. At any rate, a new postal Diplomacy game will be announced to its players in two weeks and to everyone else in three, and the deadline for its "Spring 1901" moves will be 24 November.

The entry fee for postal Diplomacy games in GRAUSTARK is \$18. This includes a subscription to GRAUSTARK as long as the game lasts, whether or not you are eliminated from it. If you do not have a copy of the postal rules of Diplomacy, which were last published in GRAUSTARK #437, write for one when you send in your game fee.

Subscriptions for non-players are 9 issues for \$6.00. Back issues from #467 are available at 10 for \$1.50; a few earlier issues such as #437 are also available.

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On the first Saturday of every year, it is my custom to throw out all the back issues of the year before last. This means that on 5 January 1985 I will throw out all 1983 issues of GRAUSTARK that have not been sold by then. This also goes for back issues of EMPIRE, which carries postal games other than Diplomacy, and DAGON, my fanzine for science-fiction, fantasy, comic art, and various other odds and ends.

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In this last issue you'll get prior to the National Affirmation (as elections have now become), I want to repeat my support for Ronald Reagan, President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader of the Great Big United States of America Remember - He has called His Party "America's Party". After reflecting on what this implies for His opposition's allegiance, can you afford not to support Him?

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