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1983AJ

"Winter 1911-Spring 1912"

THE FIRST WORLD SNORE

Following "Fall 1911" moves, Italy retreated F Con-Ank. This means that Ankara is now an Italian rather than an Austro-Hungarian supply center. Accordingly, Italy had a build, which was F Nap. Austria-Hungary had a removal, which was A Tyr. All players were informed. The vote for a draw failed of the necessary unanimity, and is again being submitted to the players.

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

FRANCE (Jordan): A Par S F Bre; F Bre S ENGLISH F Eng-Mid.

GERMANY (Ripper): A Kie S A Mun; A Ber S A Sil; A Mos S A Ukr; A Bur S ENG-LISH A Pic; A Ukr & A Sil hold; A Mun S ITALIAN A Pie-Tyr.

TTALY (Ezzio): F Ank-Con; F NAf-Mid; F Mid-Eng; F Gas & F Wes S F NAf-Mid; F Gre-Alb; F Nap-Ion; A Mar-Bur; A Pie-Tyr; A Ven S A Pie-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rusnak): F Bla-Ank; F Con S F Bla-Ank; A Sev-Arm; A Rum-Ukr; A Gal-Sil; A Boh-Sil; A Vie-Tri; A Ser-Gre.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian F Ank is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1913" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 1985.

VENICE: Cartalina di Sforza, spurned by the Emperor of Austria, gave an engaged speech to an angry and receptive throng in Piazza San Marco. "I shall return to Austria, and I will neuter that Austrian dog with my bare teeth!"

1983IE

"Spring 1907"

THE BEAR GETS HUGGED PACK

The English moves "A Rel holds; F Nrg-NAt" were accidentally omitted from the report of "Fall 1906" moves in GRAUSTARK #301. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Verheiden): F NAt-Nrg; F Den S GER-MAN F Swe-Ska; F Nth-Nwy; A Bel holds; F Eng-Nth.

FRANCE (Rauterberg): A Bur-Pic.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Par-Bur; A Ber-Pru; A Sil S A Ber-Pru; A Kie-Ruh; F Swe-Ska; A Mun S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tyr.

ITALY (Bragdon): A Alb-Ser; A Gre S A Alb-Ser; A Ven-Tri; A Pie-Tyr; A Mar holds; F Ion-Adr; F Aeg-Smy; F Gas-Mid; F Spa(s.c.) S F Gas-Mid.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): A War holds; A Rum S ITAL-IAN A Alb-Ser; A Sev S A Rum; A Nwy-Fin; F Ska-Nwy; A St.P S F Ska-Nwy.

TURKEY (Bobker): F Bla-Bul(e.c.); F Con S F Bla-Bul(e.c.);

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1937" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 1985.

\* ITALY to AUSTRIA: I did take on more than I can chew if my intention was to win the game. It wasn't. It was only to stop you from winning. Let's face it - you did have a commanding position and I was the only one with enough reserves to slow you down.

1983AS

"Winter 1909"

Following "Fall 1909" moves, Austria-Hung ry retreated A War-Liv. GERMANY (Jordan): Builds A Mun, A Ber, A Kie. ITALY (Kaplan): Removes F Eas. The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 1985.

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#### WHAT A DRAW IS NOT

On the front page of GRAUSTARK #502, draws were proposed in five currently running postal Diplomacy games in this 'zine. To inform players what a draw vote means, I there referred to the article "When You Say That, Draw!" on page 2 of GRAUSTARK #501. To emphasize this point, let me once again quote Rule II of the Rulebook: "Players may terminate the game by mutual agreement before a winner is determined, in which case all players who still have pieces on the board share equally in a draw."

Perfectly clear, one would think. And yet draw votes have been coming in in some of these five games, phrased in terms that make it clear that players do not yet altogether understand the unambiguous words of Rule II. Let us suppose that, after 16

game years, control of supply centers stands this way:

England - 2 Italy - 1 Turkey - 5
France - 14 Russia - 12

Under Rule II, this game cannot end in a "Draw between France and Russia". This is not an ending which is in accordance with the rules of Diplomacy. And yet, whenever a draw vote comes up, I get votes phrased in such terms as this. If the French and Russian players feel that England, Turkey, and Italy do not deserve to share in the draw, they should eliminate them in play and then agree, as the sole survivors, on their draw.

So this is how it is going to be done in the future. If, in any game in which a draw vote is up, a player sends in a "Yes" vote, that will be counted as a "Yes" vote for the only kind of draw which is legal in a Diplomacy game - a draw including all survivors. Instructions about excluding from the draw any player who still has pieces on the board will be ignored, and the draw vote will be counted as a vote for a draw among all survivors. Read the rules!

#### THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK, the first publication for the postal play of Allan B. Calhamer's board game Di; lomacy, is published every fourth Saturday by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226. Games are open for a game fee of \$18; this includes a subscription to GRAUSTARK as long as the game is in progress. Subscriptions for non-players are 9 issues for \$6. Back issues as available are 10 for \$2; this includes \$\frac{14}{14}37\$ (in which the postal rules were printed), all issues from the beginning of 1984, and a few other older issues; write for details.

On the front page of GRAUSTARK #502, draw and/or concession votes were put before the players of eight of the fourteen games now running in GRAUSTARK. All of the proposals failed of the necessary unanimity. All of them are again being put before the players, despite fire-eating claims by some players that they will never, never accede to the proposals put forward by the Evil Enemy.

The CUNY Military History and Defense Affairs Symposium and the Armos Control Workshop have announced their 1985 spring lecture series, which will be held at Room 1437, City University of New York Graduate Center, 33 W. 42d St., New York, N. Y. 10036. The talks will be held on various weekday evenings from 25 January to 22 May; send the CUNY Graduate Center a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a schedule. The topics cover things from "The Myth of Assyrian Warfare" to several talks on Vietnam, including two showings of videotapes, and "Seminars on Vietnam Veterans and Vietnam War History in Conjunction with the Dedication of the New York City Vietnam Memorial". (This will be on 8-9 May 1985.) Two well-known war-game designers are among the speakers. •n 5 April, Dave Isby will speak on "The Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan", and on 23 April John Prados will address the topic of "Operation Vulture: American Intervention in Indochina, 1954".

One week from today, I am going to throw out or give away all 1983 back issues of GRAUSTARK. (##467-484) If you want to order any (10 for \$1.50), get your order in very fast. Or, if you want them free, show up here on that date.

#### WHAT YOU'VE HEEN MISSING

If you are interested in war-games other than Diplomacy, you might want to subscribe to EMPIRE, which carries postal versions of other games. Two postal games are currently being organized in EMPIRE: one of SPI's A Mighty Fortress and one of their Empires of the Middle Ages. The game fees are \$25 for either.

Features of recent and forthcoming issues of EMPIRE are:

"197 (20 August): This issue contains a report of Atlanticon, a war-gaming convention which took place at Towson State College in Maryland on the first weekend of Aug-

ust. There's an article on John Sapienza's speech on the Christian attempt to ban the play of Dungeons & Dragons, and on the discussion which this proceded. Three games start or continue in the Lost Worlds two-book gaming system for handweapon wielders: Man v.s Troll, Man vs. Wraith, and Skeleton vs. Earbarian.

198 (25 August): Play continues in the Campaign scenario of Empires of the Middle Ages (EMA), which began in 1982 in 771 and will continue to 1471, a mark that should be achieved sometime next year. The Byzantine Empire has a large but not insuperable lead. In addition to the previously mentioned Lost World combats, a

new one begins between two Hobbits and an Orc.

#199 (15 September): EMA gets to the year 1160, with a conflict over Italian intervention in the French sphere of influence in Spain. A roll-your-own scenario from SPI's PRESTAGS series has a Byzantine mounted army making considerable headway against a Macedonian phalanx. (Under rules published in EMPIRE #131, it is possible to design armies from different periods and set them against each other.) P stal Lost Worlds has the Man smashing the Wraith into oblivion, and the Troll winning his combat against the Man. Thrown daggers give the Hobbits some scores against the Orc. (Or "Halflings" and "Goblin" as Lost Worlds calls them.)

"200 (6 October): This oversize issue, which is also the Tenth Anniversary Issue, reviews why EMPIRE was founded, and what changes have taken place in it in ten years. The animated Skeleton kills the Barbarian, and three swordfighters take on a Troll. Dave Schwartz has some comments on the legal end of the Christian attempt to ban Dungeons & Dragons, and the lawsuit against D&D's publisher by a Virginia couple who claim their son was driven to suicide by the game. Jim Goode suggests a rating system for Avalon-Hill's Civilization, and I review two new games: Talisman (excellent) and The Keep (for completists only). In EMA, the Russians forcibly convert the Baltic Pagans to their version of Christianity, and a remarkable mortality of dynasties affects the power politics of 12th-century Europe.

201 (27 October): A long battle, still in progress, between a Troll and a Colddrake gets under way. (These are the most powerful characters in Nova's Lost Worlds series.) The Hobbits continue to harass the Orc, and the Russians now try to

convert Poland to Orthodoxy.

"202 (17 November): The Orc smashes the shield of one of the Hobbits, but the other has hit him a good one in the side. The Byzantine Empire is hit with assorted disasters, and its lead over its nearest rival, Germany, is cut to 9 points.

"203 (8 December): A game between the Fighter-Mage and the tough new Lizardman, which took place at the Brooklyn College S-F Society, ends after 8 moves with a narrow victory for the Lizardman, who has only 1 Body Point left. The two Hobbits finish off the Orc after 11 turns, while the Colddrake finds that flying isn't all that much of a combat advantage. I start a combat against Lee Enderlin, a Nova editor, who runs the Lizardman. Feeling that the Woman's agility might be of some help against this tough character, I undertake that, and lose 6 of her 10 Body Points on the very first turn. I also try a Troll against Scott Cameron's Mage, who has a magic sword that does double damage against Trolls. The Plague strikes Europe in 1200 in the EMA game, and a heretical war-lord starts to conquer England.

"204 (15 December): After several months of effort with two games, I conclude that A-H's Civilization is not really playable by mail, and refund the players' entry

## ...AND THEN THERE WERE THREE

The two English units, which did not move in "Spring 1910" were F Liv and F Yor, not F Liv and F Lon as reported in the last issue. The English F Lon had to retreat to Yorkshire in "Fall 1909". The vote on a draw fails of unanimity, and is again submitted to the players. A press release appears on p. 7.

ENGLAND (Tallman): F Liv holds; F Yor holds.

FRANCE (Bragdon): F Cly S ITALIAN F NAt-Liv; F Nth-Edi; F Spa(s.c.)-Por; A Gas-Spa; A Kie S A Mun; A Mun S A Kie; F Mid, F Lon, A Bur, A Ruh & A Den hold.

TTALY (Murray): F NAt-Liv; A Swe, A Vie, A Ser, F Smy & F Wes hold; A Tir & A Gre S A Ser; F Aeg S F Smy; F Smy S F Aeg.

RUSSIA (Drakert): A Nwy, A Ber & A Bud hold; A Fin S A Nwy; A Sil & A Pru S A Ber; A Gal S A Bud; A Rum & F Con S A Bul; A Bul & A Ank S F Con.

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

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FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Lon, Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Spa. (12)

ITALY: Gre, Liv, Nap, Rom, Ser, Smy, Swe, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (11)

RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Bud, Bul, Con, Mos, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Sev, War. (11)

Italy and France may each build one unit, and the last English units are removed. The "Winter 1910" builds should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY 1985. The surviving players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1911" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 1905. If, as I suspect, the draw vote will now be consummated, the attention of players is directed to "When Do You Expire?" below.

#### WHEN DO YOU EXPIRE?

The subscriptions of the following GRAUSTARK readers expire with the indicated issue. This list is drawn up on the assumption that a draw in 1983AX will be approved on the next move.

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508 - W. Elmer Hinton 519 - Ralph L. Morton

Eric Verheiden

511 - Gerry Thompson

#### POSTAL NOTES

On Sunday 17 February 1985 the one-ounce first-class postal rate will go to 22¢ for mail within the United States and to Canada and Mexico. (President Reagan thus becomes the first President in American history to preside over three increases of this rate.) Domestic postcards go to 14¢. I have as yet been unable to find out about the new third-class and fourth-class mail rates. Overseas air mail also goes up.

The U.S. Postal "Service", caught short as usual by this development, has prepared enormous numbers of stamps that contain no denomination, but are marked with the letter "D". These will be sold for 22¢ each. However, they are valid only for mail within the United States. The Universal Postal Union has this picky regulation about denominations in Arabic numerals on all stamps in the international mails. And, while the United States has within the past few mont's defied both the World Court and UN-ESCO, it is apparently not yet willing to take on the UPU.

In the event of a US postal strike, all pending deadlines will be rescheduled for the fifth Saturday after the announced end of the strike. If there is a Canadian postal strike, deadlines will be similarly reset in all games in which Canadian players

are participating.

## THE REIGN OF SENILIO THE GREAT - XXVIII

Shortly after his re-coronation in 1385, Senilio the Great, Emperor of the Temporary Roman Empire, instituted a ceremony for changing his high officers of state. On the day after the re-coronation, all his officials were summoned to the Circus Minimus. Down the middle of the arena had been set a long double row of curule chairs. One of the Emperor's officials sat in each chair. At a signal from Senilio the Great, the Empress Nancia Poppaea Evita began to play on the bagpipes (dudelsaccum). As she played, the officials marched around the row of chairs. As they marched, the Emperor's heir Preppius snatched away one of the chairs. At irregular intervals, the Empress would suddenly stop playing the pipes. At this instant, all the officials had to sit down. One of them would be left without a chair, and he had to retire from the public service. Most of the eliminated officials were sent into exile or, worse, made members of the Senate.

As the ceremony went on and on, the row of chairs became shorter and shorter, and fewer and fewer officials were left. An immense crowd watched as some of the most trusted advisers of Senilio the Great were forced to the sidelines: Prime Minister Praefectius, the wizard Caspar Magus, the eccentric economic adviser Copius, the Quaestor Piscatorius, and the widely touted future Prime Minister Johanna Ecclesiae Patrici. Finally, to everyone's surprise, the last survivor and new Prime Minister was Regulus - an obscure clerk from the Ministry of Finance, who just barely shoved Piscatorius from the last curule chair as the Empress stopped playing for the last time. Senilio the Great immediately installed Regulus as Prime Minister.

According to the Pseudoprocopian Chronicles, Copius was overheard commiserating with Piscatorius over their defeat. "I hadn't even known," Copius complained, "that the Empress could play the bagpipes."

"Of course she can play the bagpipes," Piscatorius replied. "Why do you think

the Emperor married her?"

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"Winter 1913"

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ENGLAND (Corbin): Removes F Adr.

FRANCE (Ferguson): Builds A Par, F Bre.

TURKEY (Chafetz): Builds F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1914" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 1985.

ENGLAND to GERMANY: Sorry Randy, but better you than me.

ENGLISH REPUBLIC OF GERMANY: Admiral Corbin has assured the position of Imperial Kaiser recently vacated by King Ellis III. He promptly issued proclamation of friendship with all non French speaking people.

ENGLISH REPUBLIC OF GERMANY to RUSSIA & TURKEY: As I recall, we started this war with a total of 16 centers, and now we're up to 18. I think the Emperor P youn is getting worried.

ENGLISH REPUBLIC OF GERMANY to FRANCE: What are you going to do for centers now that the old German Republic isn't around to take all of your losses.

BOB to JOHN: As you soar farvabove Cayuga's vaters, pondering on things uplifting and collegiate, think back not on the recent unpleasantness in 1982IM but on the dramatic turnaround that the three of us - France/England/Russia - staged early in the game. It's been great fun, no matter what happens from here on. I wish you the best of luck at Cornell, less luck in '82IM.

NEWS ANALYSIS FROM RUSSIA'S ROVING CORRESPONDENT: A deafening # 1294 silence has fallen on all parts of Europe. Though sounds of war continue to be heard, gone are the strident shrieks that used to emanate continuously

from Central Europe. It's true - Germany has been eliminated - better yet, silenced. What's this? The Kaiser has taken refuge in Spain? Put your ear-muffs back on, gays

The votes for a draw, and for a concession to France, have both failed of unanimity, and are again submitted to the players.

Following "Fall 1902" moves, England retreated F Swe-Nwy, France retreated A Mar-

Gas, and Turkey retreated A Bul-Con. ENGLAND (Martin): Builds F Lon. FRANCE (Sims): Builds A Par. GERMANY (Huriwtz): Builds F Kie.

ITALY (Budway): Builds F Nap, F Rom.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): Builds A Vie, A
Bud, F Tri.

TURKEY (Quirk): Removes A Arm.

Germany had a build because it took Sweden from England on the last turn. The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 FERRUARY 1985.

VIEWNA to WORLD: Let the Crusade for the Holy Land begin

MOSCOW (DAMN): Ambassador Vat-Ist of the German Embassy filed the following re-

port:

"Artur the Inattentive has been executed by Bolshevick Revolutionaries. The new government appears to be vigorous and decisive. The new Premier, former revolutionary Feodor Lodonkoff, seems to realive the far greater danger perfidious Albion is to the future of Soviet Russian than the minor incursions by independent Austrian troops, who merely seem to want to liberate the former captive peoples of Arthr's Empire. We welcome this attitude, but still expect to be paid the 27 marks for train fare from Svitzerland to St. Petersburg (now Lodongrad) that Lodonkoff owes us."

BERLIN to LONDON: I cannot avoid building a fleet merely on your promise. Should your actions correspond with your words perhaps we can arrange for you to "retreat" my fleets so that I may remove them instead and get armies. For Winter '02, however, I simply cannot afford to trust you. You'd have too great an advantage if I built any

THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF RUSSIA to AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Blackmail doesn't work, ex

pecially when you don't keep up your side of the deal.

1984IC

"Winter 1901"

ENGLAND (Loiacono): Builds F Liv. FRANCE (Chafetz): Builds A Mar. GERMANY (Manna): Builds A Kie, A Ber,

ITALY (Clarke): Builds F Nap.\*
RUSSIA (Schembari): Builds A Mos, A War.
TURKEY (London): Builds A Ank, F Smy.

A Mun.
The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 1985. Nunzio Paul Schembari's new address is 191 Small Road, Syracuse, N. Y. 13210; 315-478-6450.

GERMANY to FRANCE: Well, the French were never really good at war anyway.

Napolean must be turning in his grave with your moves.

TURKEY to GERMANY: I do not respond kindly to someone who blackmail's me in one game for help in an other.

1984ID

"Winter 1901"

ENGLAND (Larose): Builds F Lon.

FRANCE (Gratto): Builds F Bre, A Par.

GERMANY (Cameron): Builds F Ber, A Kie.

ITALY (Stewart): Builds F Nap, A Ven.

TURKEY (Hall): Builds F Smy, F Con.

The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 1985.

GERMANY: OK, who sent me that bogus letter from "France"?

GERMANY to AUSTRIA: Arp! Arp!

1984B

"Winter 1906"

ENGLAND (J. Schwartz): Builds F Liv. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Clarke): Builds A Tri. GERMANY (Goldman): Removes F Bot. RUSSTA (Downs): Builds A Sev. The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NCON, SEREDAY 22 FEBRUARY 1985. After 20 January, Doug Clarke's address reverts to Box 5265, University of Lowell, Lowell, Mass. 01854.

AUSTRIA to Whoever proposed the concession to Germany: NO.

\* - See the report of 1984B on this page for Doug Clarke's change of address.

BERLIN: With the decimation of Austro-Hungarian chivalry on the remparts of Munich, democratic elements have risen in our neighbor to the south. The new government truly represents the unique ethnic groups of the defunct empire; the Kaiser extended enthusiastic recognition to the Peoples' Republic of Ingratia-Carpathia-Karelia.

While press police bans private news reporting within fifty km. of the Bohemian frontier, the Kaiser asserted that recent petty raids on Munich were the work of only a small group of ethnic malcontents. Still, the Kaiser could offer no solution to the chronic moral perversity of reactionary elements in the new Peoples' Republic: "Actually, our relations with the Carpathians and Karelians remain excellent. But what can you expect from an Ingrate?"

The vote on a concession to Germany fails of the necessary unanimity, and is again proposed to themplayers with the next moves.

1982IN

"Winter 1914-Spring 1915"

## EASTERN ALLIANCE BASHES BRITS

In "Winter 1914" Russia built F Sev. All players were informed. The votes for a concession to Russia, for a concession to England, and for a draw all failed of the necessary unanimity and are again submitted to the players.

ENGLAND (McCarthy): A St.P & A NAf hold; A Fin S A St.P; F Den-Kie; F Bal S F Den-Kie; F Nth-Bel; A Kie-Ruh; A Hol S A Kie-Ruh; A Bur S A Kie-Ruh; F Eng-Bre; A Mar-Spa; F Irj-Mid; F Mid-Wes.

FRANCE (J. Schwartz): F. Wes-Tun; F Spa(s.c.) S F Por; F Por S F Spa(s.c.).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Ruh-Bur; A Mun S A Ruh-Bur; A Mar-Pie((sic; no such unit exists)); F Ion-Tyr; A Rom & A Nap hold; A Pie not ordered, holds.

RUSSIA (La Rocco): A Mos S A Liv; A Liv S A Mos; A War S A Pru; A Pru & A Sil S A Ber; A Boh-Tyr; A Gal-Boh; A Bud, A Gre & F Aeg hold; F Sev-Bla; A Ber S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mun.

Underlined moves are not possible. Fingland must retreat A Bur-Pic, -Par, or -Gas or remove the unit. The direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMME-DIATE RETURN MAIL, so that it arrives by FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY 1985. The other players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1915" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 1985. Jim McCarthy writes that his phone number is 613-236-5270 at home, and 613-232-3541 at the office, where he can be reached from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM on weekdays.

LONDON: Times Reporter Jeffrey Pinstripe writes that North African fisherman claim there was a Russian fleet in the Ionian Sea last spring. But Colonel Blimp of the British Army in North Africa said: "Rot. If the ussians were there why aren't they in Tunis now?" The story quotes another fisherman as saying he saw the Russian fleet headed east under full sail. The Colonel would have none of it, writes the Times man: "There's an Austrian fleet there now. Do you mean to suggest the Russians fled in the face of the Austrians?"

Meanwhile the Admiralty refuses to comment on why the Army is in North Africa when it's a fleet that's needed there.

PARIS to FRIE FRENCH (Reuters): Your on the wrong side.

#### 1983AX - PRESS RELEASE

FRANCE to ITALY and RUSSIA: Assuming we all moved as planned and voted for a draw, thanks for your solid support & cooperation. It's been a great three-way partnership & we put together quite a steamroller.

## 1983HF - PRESS RELEASE

LONDON: Even Admiral(SC) Amid S. Hitless can not see how a Pax Britanica can be stopped.

#### DUAL MONARCHY WINS DUEL

ENGLAND (Chafetz): F Nrg-Edi; F Lon-Eng.

GERMANY (Quirk): F Den holds.

ITALY (D. Schwartz): F Tun holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gratto): F Edi, A Tyr, A Vie & A Bud hold; f Eng-Lon; F Yor S F Eng-Lon; A Bre-Pic; A Bur S A Bre-Pic; F Por-Mid; F Wes-Tun; A NAf S F Wes-Tun; A Rom S A Nap; A Nap S A Rom; F Alb-Gre; F Adr-Alb.

RUSSIA (Goode): No moves received. F Bar, A Nwy, A Ser, A Fin, F Nth, F Hel, A Bel, A Hol, A Kie, A Ber, A Mun, A Ukr, A Arm & F Ion hold.

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

TGERMANY: Den. (1)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bre, Bud, Edi, Gre, Liv, Lon, Mar, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Ser, Smy, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (18)

RUSSIA: Ank, Bel, Ber, Bul, Con, Hol, Kie, Mos, Mun, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (15)

Austria-Hungary now has 18 supply centers and therefore wins the game. As I expected Jim Goode to get in moves that might have prevented this, I did not give this game the front-page position that I usually try to give to the last moves of a game. Jim apparently phoned yesterday when I was out, and never wrote. I tried reaching him by phone this morning but no one was home.

Players and other readers are invited to send in reviews of this game to be pub-

lished in the next issue. A roster appears to the right, and a supply center chart below. (An asterisk on the chart indicates a supply center for which a unit was not built on that turn. The subscriptions of Ernest Hakey III, Jim Goode, and Mark Kaplow end with this issue of GRAUSTARK. For information about joining a new postal Diplomacy game, see page 2. This is Charles Grattors first win in a GRAUSTARK game. He participated in a 3-way draw as England in 1981CL.

1982HI - John Boardman, GRAUSTARK

E - Lawrence Chafetz (out F15) F - Ernest Hakey (res F04)

Eric Verheiden (out F06)

G - Michael Quirk

I - Mike Sanches (dro F05)
Dave Schwartz (out F15)

A - Charles Gratto (won F15)

R - James Goode

T - Mark Kaplow (out FO8)

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WHAT YOU'VE BEEN MISSING (continued from p. 3)

fees. Letters of comment from several players describe the difficulty of playing this game by mail. Between his spells and his magic sword, the Mage continues to knock large chunks off the Troll in the postal Lost Worlds game. The other Troll manages to wound the Colddrake as he flies by. Two new games begin; one sets the Wraith against the Goblin, and the other tries two of the weaker characters: the Halfling against the Woman. ("Imagine Frodo against Galadriel.")

## THE WEAK GO TO THE WALL

ENGLAND (Levine): A Den-Kie; F Eng-Bre; F Mid-Por.

FRANCE (Hurwitz): A Mar-Pie; A Bur-Mun; A Gar-Bur; A Par-Bre; F Tun holds.

GERMANY (Taylor): A Yor-Edi; F Nth S A Yor-Edi; A Ruh-Mun; A Kie-Den; A Boh-Vie.

ITALY (Kaplan): F Adr Ven; A Rom S F Adr -Ven; F Tyr S A Rom.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Downs): A Tus-Rom; A Ven S A Tus-Rom; A Tyr-Vie; F Tri S A Ven; A Alb S F Tri; F Gre S A Bul; A Bul S F Gre.

RUSSIA (Quarto): F Bar -Nwy; F Nrg-Edi; A Nwy-Swe; F Swe-Ska; F Cly-Liv; A Mos-Liv; A Sev-Rum; F Bla Rum; F Con holds; A Smy S F Con.

TURKEY (Swift): F Aeg C RUSSIAN A Smy-Bul.

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

ENGLAND: Den, Lon, Por. (3)
FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Spa, Tun. (5)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Ea, Hol, Kie, Mun. (6)

ITALY: Map, Rom. (2)
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Ser, Tri,

Ven, Vie. (7)
RUSSIA: Ank, Con, Liv, Mos, Nwy, Rum, St.P,
Sev, Smy, Swe, War. (11)

Russia and Germany may each build one unit, and Italy must remove one. The last Turkish unit is also removed. These "Vinter 1904" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY 1985. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 82 FEBRUARY 1985.

MOSCOW to PARIS: tic toc tic toc...cuckoo! cuckoo!

Seriously, your persistence in attempting to convince me to stab my erstwhile allies and turn that tic-toc into a BOOM, is exceeded only by your consistently hilarious and brilliant press releases.

MOSCOW to BERLIN & PARIS: Not bad for an alliance forced upon us, eh?
PARIS to LONDON: I hope you went to Portugal, as otherwise you're in bad shape.
You had times to get your moves in, since I sent you this in the day after we talked.
So if you read this, you had time.

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"Winter 1908-Spring 1909"

## IS EVERYTHING PERFECTLY CLEAR?

The supply centers were incorrectly listed in the last issue, as were the English "Fall 1908" moves. The English units listed there as "F St.P(s.c.) and "A Liv" were actually "F Liv" and "A Mos". (Two English "Spring 1908" moves were incorrectly underlined as failing but actually succeeded, thus setting up this situation.) The actual "Fall 1908" moves of these units were "F Liv S F Bal-Pru; A Mos-War"; the latte move stood off the Austro-Hungarian move "A Pru-War", which also failed. Thus, Moscow was not Austro-Hungarian but English; England had two builds. These were A Lon & A Edi. The Austro-Hungarian A Pru was dislodged and annihilated. All players were informed.

The proposed votes for a draw, a concession to Austria-Hungary, and a concession to England all failed of unanimity. They are again submitted to the players. There is a press release on p. 7. For Nunzio Paul Schembari's new address see the report of 1984IC on p. 6. In GRAUSTARK #502, the Italian move "F Tyr-Ion" should have been underlined as impossible.

An attempt to reach the Italian player by phone proved unavailing. His number turned out to be a data line, and San Diego information couldn't locate him. Standby "Fall 1909" moves for Italy should be sent in by David E. Schwartz, 569 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, N. J. 07081; 201-376-6925.

ENGLAND (Chafetz): A Edi-Nwy; F Nth C A Edi-Nwy; F Eng-Mid; F Bre-Gas; F Spa(s.c.)Mar; A Pic-Par; A Bur S A Pic-Par; A Ruh S A Mun; A Ber-Sil; A Mun S A Ber-Sil;
F Kie-Ber; F Pru-Bal; A Mos-War; A Liv S A Mos-War((sic; no such unit exists));
A Lon holds; F Wes-Tun; F Livonia not ordered, holds.

FRANCE (Lipton): A Par holds.

TTALY (Galicia): No moves received. A Gas & F Tyr hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Stewart): A Arm-Sev; A Sev-Ukr; A Ukr-War; A Rum-Gal; A Sil holds; A Boh S A Sil; A Ven-Pie; A Rom-Ven; F Alb-Ion; F Ion not ordered, holds.

TURKEY (Schembari): F Bul(s.c.)-Gre; F Con-Aeg; A Ank-Con; A Smy holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French A Par is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1909" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 1985. If, as is beginning to seem likely, this game ends with the next moves, then the subscriptions of Greg Baker, Jack Brawner, Mark Follmer, and Jeffrey Scharf end with it.

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"Winter 1905"

Following "Fall 1905" moves, Russia retreats A War-Ukr.

ENGLAND (Tallman): Builds F Liv, F Lon. RUSSIA (Kutta): Removes A Ukr.

GERMANY (Gaughan): Builds A Kie. TURKEY (Galicia): No build received.

ITALY (Sims): Builds F Nap.

The German player sent in an order "Destroy F Hol"; the F Hol is not his, and he couldn't destroy it if it were. The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 1985. Stand-by moves for Turkey should be sent in by Eric Verheiden, "2, 200 S. Azusa Ave., Azusa, Calif. 91702; 818-334-3149. Peter J. Gaughan's "new, final, absolutely guaranteed address" is "171-A, 3121 E. Park Row, Arlington, Texas 76010; 817-633-3208.

## WHAT YOU'VE BEEN MISSING (continued from p. 8)

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