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you are needed as a stand-by.
(See below)

NEW GAME OPENS - See page 12.

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23 February 1985

1983AX

"Spring 1911"

1983HF

"Fall 1909"

ARMISTICE AGREEMENT SIGNED!

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

ITALY (Murray): F Liverpool, A Swe, A Vie, A Ser & F Wes hold; F Rom-Tyr; A Tri & A Gre S A Ser; F Aeg S F Smy; F Smy S F Aeg; F Tun not ordered, holds.

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

With these moves the surviving players have agreed on a draw, and this game now ends. The roster and supply center chart are on page 10.

STAND-BYS CALLED UPON

The following volunteer stand-by players should send in moves for the indicated countries in the following games

1983IE, Turkey: John C. Quarto, P. O.

Box 359, Boston University Station,
Boston, Mass. 02215; 617-353-6089

1984AY, England: Michael Quirk, 3830
Chester Dr., Glenview, Ill. 60025;
312-498-1377

1984AY, France: Nunzio Paul Schembari
(see p. 12 for address).

1984AY, Germany: Terry Tallman, see
1984V for new address.

1984ID, England: John Jordan (see p. 12
for address).

1984ID, Russia: Paul Rauterberg, 4922
W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wisc.
53208; 414-778-0750

1984ID, Turkey: Charles Kaplan, 742
Grouse Court, Deerfield, Ill. 60015;
312-541-2832

NOT QUITE YET

ENGLAND (Chafetz): A Nwy-St.P; F Nth-Eng; A Lon holds; F Bre-Gas; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Par S F Bre-Gas; A Bur S F Mar; F Mar S F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Ruh-Mun; A Mun-Sil; F Kie-Hel; A Ber S A Mun-Sil; F Bal-Pru; F Liv-Bot; A Mos-War; F Tun not ordered, dislodged.

ITALY (D. Schwartz): A Gas-Mar; F Tyr-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Stewart): F Ion S ITALIAN
F Tyr-Tun; A Sev-Mos; A Ukr S A Sev-Mos;
A Arm-Sev; A Gal-War; A Sil holds; A Pie
S ITALIAN A Gas-Mar; A Boh S A Sil; A Ven-
Tyr; F Alb S F Ion.

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

Underlined moves are not possible.
The Italian A Gas is dislodged and annihilated, and England must retreat A Mos-Liv, F Tun-Wes or -Naf. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:
ENGLAND: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mar, Mun, Nwy, Par, Por, St.P, Spa, Swe. (17)
ITALY: Tun. (1)
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Mos, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (11)
TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Smy. (5)
England, Turkey, and Austria-Hungary may each build one new unit; England has a second build if one of the dislodged units is removed. These builds may be made conditional upon the direction of the English retreat. The deadline for these "Winter 1909" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 MARCH 1985. Players should also send in their votes on the proposal of a concession to England. David E. Schwartz is now playing Italy. See page 8 for a list of the players whose subscriptions will be affected by the end of this game.

1984V

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"Spring 1905"

CLIMBING UP THE STEPPES

ENGLAND (Tallman): F Liv-Wal; F Lon-Eng; F Nwy-Nth; F Nrg-Nwy; F Bre holds; F Mid-Por.

FRANCE (Drakert): F Eng-Bre; F Gas S F Eng-Bre; A Mar-Spa.

GERMANY (Gaughan): A Pic-Bel; A Mun-Ruh; A Par-Bur; A Kie holds; A Sil-Pru; A War S
A Sil-Pru; F Bot-St.P(s.c.).

ITALY (Sims): F Nap-Ion; A Rom-Ven; F Ven-Apu.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): F Adr-Alb; A Tyr-Tri; A Bud-Gal; A Vie S A Bud-Gal; A Ser-Rum; A Sev-Mos; A Tri-Ser.

RUSSIA (Kutta): F Hol-Hel; A Mos-War; F Liv-St.P(s.c.).

TURKEY (Verheiden): F Bul(s.c.) holds; A Arm-Sev; F Bla S A Arm-Sev; F Tun-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Sev-Ukr and England retreats F Bre-Mid or -Pic. The direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by FRIDAY 8 MARCH 1985. The French and German players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 MARCH 1985. Eric Verheiden is now playing Turkey. Terry Tallman's new address is #308, 7239 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, Wash. 98115; 206-526-0719.

1984AY

"Winter 1904-Spring 1905"

"HALT! WHO DOESN'T GO THERE!"

In "Winter 1904" Russia built A War. No "Winter 1904" orders were received from Germany or Italy; the Gamesmaster removed the Italian F Adr. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Levine): No moves received. F Eng & F Por hold; A Den dislodged and annihilated.

FRANCE (Hurwitz): No moves received. A Par, A Gas, A Bur, A Pie & F Tun hold.

GERMANY (Taylor): No moves received. A Kie, A Ruh, A Boh & A Edi hold; F Nth dislodged and annihilated.

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

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

RUSSIA (Quarto): A Smy-Con; F Con-Aeg; A Sev-Rum; F Bla S A Sev-Rum; A War-Sil; A Liv-Pru; A Swe-Den; F Ska S A Swe-Den; F Nwy-Nth; F Nrg S F Nwy-Nth; F Liv-Iri.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy must retreat A Rom-Nap or -Apu; this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by FRIDAY 8 MARCH 1985. It will be passed on to the Austro-Hungarian player. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 MARCH 1985. The people who are asked to send in stand-by moves for England, France, and Germany are listed on p. 1.

ROME to PARIS & BERLIN: Things don't look so good. Better look again. Things really don't look so good.

MOSCOW to PARIS: boom.

1984HB

"Spring 1903"

VIVE LA FRANCE!!!

ENGLAND (Martin): F Lon-Eng; F Hel S A Den; F Nwy-Swe; A Den S F Nwy-Swe; F Nth-Ska.

FRANCE (Sims): A Par-Bur; A Gas S A Par-Bur; F Mid-Wes; F Spa(s.c.) S F Mid-Wes.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): F Swe S ENGLISH F Nwy; F Bal & A Hol S F Kie; F Kie & A Bel S A Hol; A Bur S ITALIAN A Mar.ITALY (Budway): A Mar holds; A Tus-Pie; F Rom-Tus; F Nap-Tyr; F Wes-Spa(s.c.).AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): F Gre S ITALIAN F Nap-Ion; F Tri-Alb; A Bud S A Rum; A Bul S A Rum; A Gal-Ukr; A War S A Gal-Ukr; A Vie-Gal; A Rum S A Bul.

RUSSIA (London): F Bot S GERMAN A Swe; A Ukr-Mos; F Sev S TURKISH F Bla-Rum.

TURKEY (Quirk): F Bla-Rum; A Con-Bul; F Aeg S A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Bul-Ser. Germany must retreat A Bur-Pic, -Ruh, or -Mun, and Italy must retreat F Wes-Lyo, -NAf, or -Tun. The directions of these retreats should come in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 8 MARCH 1985. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 MARCH 1985. R. J. Budway's phone number is 216-531-6557. "Call Mon, Tue, Thu 3-10 PM EST; Sun 9AM-10PM or Sat. 9 AM-3 PM." Press releases have to be postponed to the next issue.

1984IC

"Spring 1902"

RUSSIAN FORCES SWEEP SOUTHWARD

ENGLAND (Loiacono): F Lon-Eng; F Nth S F Lon-Eng; F Liv-Nat; A Nwy not ordered, holds.

FRANCE (Chafetz): A Spa-Gas; A Mar S A Spa-Gas; A Por-Spa; F Bre-Mid.

GERMANY (Manna): A Mun-Bur; A Par S A Mun-Bur; A Kie-Mun; A Ber-Sil; A Den-Kie; F Bel-Pic.

ITALY (Clarke): F Nap-Apu; F Tun-Ion; A Ven S F Nap-Apu; A Tyr S A Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (J. Schwartz): A Alb-Apu; F Adr C A Alb-Apu; A Tri holds.

RUSSIA (Schembari): F Sev S A Rum; A Rum S A Gal-Bud; A Gal-Bud; A War-Gal; A Mos-War; F Swe holds.

TURKEY (London): A Bul-Gre; A Ser S A Bul-Gre; F Con-Aeg; F Smy-Eas; A Ank-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 MARCH 1985

1983IE

"Fall 1907"

THE WEAK GO TO THE WALL

Unfortunately, I left the Austro-Hungarian "Spring 1907" moves out of the last issue. They were:

A Tri-Ser; A Bud S A Tri-Ser; A Vie-Boh; A Tyr-Boh; A Gal-Ukr.

As soon as I found this out, I sent the Austro-Hungarian moves to all the players.

ENGLAND (Verheiden): A Bel-Pic; F Nth-Nwy; F Nrg S F Nth-Nwy; F Den-Swe; F Eng-Bre

FRANCE (Rauterberg): A Pic-Bre.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Bur-Par; A Sil-War; A Pru S A Sil-War; F Ska S ENGLISH F Nth-Nwy;
A Ruh-Bur; A Mun S A Ruh-Bur.

ITALY (Bragdon): A Pic-Tyr; A Ven S A Pic-Tyr; F Adr-Tri; A Ser S RUSSIAN A Rum-Bud;
A Gre S A Ser; F Smy-Con; F Mid-Tri; F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; A Mar-Bur.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Jordan): A Ukr-Mos; A Tri-Tyr; A Bud-Ser; A Tyr-Ven; A Vie S A Tri-Tyr.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): A War-Ukr; A Rum Bud; A Sev-Rum; A St.P-Mos; F Nwy-Swe; A Fin S F
Nwy-Swe.

TURKEY (Bobker): No moves received; F Con & F Bul(c.c.) hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary may retreat A Bud-Gal, and Russia may retreat A War-Gal or -Liv, except that if both units are ordered to retreat to Galicia both will be removed. These orders should be sent in with the "Winter 1907" orders, which may be made conditional upon them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (6)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Tri, Vie. (2)
FRANCE: Bre. (1)	RUSSIA: Bud, Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe. (6)
GERMANY: Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun, Par, War. (6)	TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con. (3)
ITALY: Gre, Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Ser, Smy, Spa, Tun, Ven. (10)	

England, Turkey, and Italy may each build one new unit, and Austria-Hungary must remove three, one of which may be the dislodged A Bud. Russia has a build if the dislodged A War is removed. The deadline for these "Winter 1907" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 22 MARCH 1985. The name of the stand-by player for Turkey appears on page 1. Press releases are postponed to the next issue.

1984ID

"Spring 1902"

"FORWARD - RETREAT!"

ENGLAND (Larose): No moves received. F Lon, F Nth & A Nwy hold; F Eng dislodged and annihilated.

FRANCE (Gratto): A Spa holds; F Bre-Eng; F Mid S F Bre-Eng; A Par-Bur; A Bel S A Par-Bur.

GERMANY (Cameron): F Den-Swe; A Kie-Ruh; F Ber-Pal; A Mun-Ruh; A Hol S ENGLISH F Nth-Bel.

ITALY (Stewart): F Nap-Ion; F Tun S F Nap-Ion; A Tri-Alb; A Ven & A Apu hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brooks): F Alb-Tri; A Ser S F Alb-Tri; A Gal-Vie.

RUSSIA (Taylor): No moves received. F Bot, A War, A Ukr & F Sev hold.

TURKEY (Hall): No moves received. F Con, F Bla, F Smy, A Gre & A Bul hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy must retreat A Tri-Bud or -Tyr; the direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that it arrives by FRIDAY 8 MARCH 1985. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 MARCH 1985. The stand-by volunteers who are asked to send in moves for England, Russia and Turkey are listed on page 1. Press releases must be postponed to the next issue.

1982IN

"Fall 1915"

CLEARANCE SALE ON USED EMPIRES

Following "Spring 1915" moves England retreated A Fir-Par.

ENGLAND (McCarthy): A St.P, F Kie & F Bel hold; A Fin S A St.P; F Bal S F Kie; A Par-Bur; A Ruh S A Par-Bur; A Hol S A Ruh; F Bre S F Mid; A Mar-Spa; F Mid & F Wes S A Mar-Spa; A Naf-Tun.

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Bur-Mar; A Mun holds; A Nap holds; A Pie S A Bur-Mar; A Rom holds; F Tyr S FRENCH F Tun.

RUSSIA (La Rocco): A Mos S A Liv; A Liv S A Mos; F Aeg-Lon; F Bla-Con; A Gre holds; A Bud-Tri; A Sil-Mun; A Boh & A Tyr S A Sil-Mun; A War-Sil; A Ber S A Pru; A Pru S A Ber.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian A Mun is dislodged and annihilated, and France retreats F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Par, St.P, Spa, Swe. (13) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Mar, Nap, Rom, V&E, Vie. (5)
FRANCE: Por, Tun. (2) RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, War. (14)

Russia may build two units, and France must remove one. These "Winter 1915" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 8 MARCH 1985. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1916" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 MARCH 1985. A press release appears on p. 7.

1984B

"Spring 1907"

DEADLOCK CONTINUES

ENGLAND (J. Schwartz): F Liv-Iri; F Fin-Bot; F Nwy-Nrg.

GERMANY (Goldman): A Wal-Bre; F Eng C A Wal-Bre; F Nat-Mid; A Gas S A Wal-Bre; A Kie-Mun; A Bur S A Kie-Mun; A Pru-Sil; A Ber S A Pru-Sil; A War S A Pru-Sil; A St.P-Mos; A Liv S A War; F Bal-Den.

ITALY (Schembari): F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; A Por-Spa; F Mid-Por.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Clarke): A Tyr-Mun; A Tri-Vie; F Wes S ITALIAN F Mid; A Mar S ITALIAN A Por-Gas; A Boh S RUSSIAN A Gal-Sil; A Vie-Gal; A Pie & F Lyo S A Mar; F Naf S F Wes.

RUSSIA (Downs): A Ukr-War; A Mos S A Ukr-War; A Sev S A Mos; A Gal-Sil; F Bla-Rum; F Bul(e.c.)-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 MARCH 1985.

BERLIN: As losses continue to mount around Warsaw and Munich, the People's Republic of Ingratia-Carpathia-Karelia showed signs of internal strife. Mobs in Karelia burned insignia of the People's Republic in the streets of Krakow, demanding that it be replaced with PRUJI, "People's Republic of Karelia-Carpathia-Ingratia". Josip Broz Lenin, President of the Ingratian People's Party and President of the People's Republic, insisted that only stamps and coins bearing the original insignia would be honored.

Meanwhile, Russian seamanship threatens only to make Polack jokes obsolete. No, no, fellas! You don't exit the Black Sea in Rumania!

VIENNA: In response to the proposal for a concession to Germany, I would like to make an equally realistic proposal: I propose that the players of 1984B concede to Belgium.

1982IM

"Spring 1914"

"EST-IL 1914 OU 1814?"

ENGLAND (Corbin): F Hol-Nth; A Kie S RUSSIAN A Sil-Mun.FRANCE (Ferguson): A Bel-Hol; F Nth S A Bel-Hol; A Swe-Den; F Ska S A Swe-Den; F Bre-Eng; F Ion-Apu; F Nap S F Ion-Apu; F Tyr-Ion; A Mun-Kie; A Par-Pic; A Bur-Ruh; A Tyr-Tri; A Ven S A Tyr-Tri; F Wes-Tun; F Nwy S F Nth; F Nrg-Bar.RUSSIA (Bragdon): A Sil-Mun; A Ber S A Sil-Mun; F Den-Nth; A Fin-Swe; A St.P-Nwy; A War-Liv; A Vie-Tyr; A Boh S A Vie-Tyr; A Bud-Vie.TURKEY (Cahfetz): A Bul-Rum((sic; no such unit exists)); F Smy-Eas; F Aeg-Ion; F Gre S F Aeg-Ion; F Apu-Ven; F Alb-Adr; A Tri S F Apu-Ven; F Rum not ordered, holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish F Apu is dislodged and annihilated. France retreats A Tyr-Pie, A Mun-Bur. Russia must retreat F Den-Hel or -Bal; the direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by FRIDAY 8 MARCH 1984. This direction will be sent to the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1914" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 MARCH 1985. The vote for concessions to France or to Russia, and for a draw, fail of unanimity, and are again submitted to the players.

ENGLISH REPUBLIC OF GERMANY: Kaiser Corbin announced that recent budget cutbacks have forced the armed forces to reduce to the point where all orders will fit on a postcard.

RUSSIA to TURKEY & ENGLAND: Our French friend still has his eyes on the north. Honest, John, there's nothing up there except frozen wastes. We Russians ought to know.

MORE RUSSIAN NEWS ANALYSIS: Endless streams of Teutonic pilgrims can be seen wending their way to the Kiel (formerly Canterbury) Cathedral, seeking the blessings of the Enlightenment brought by the new English Republic of Germany. Streams of pistol-packing FRENCH pilgrims are going in the same direction, but lo! this second group is being placed under arrest! The Republic, it seems, has very strict handgun control laws.

JOHN to EOB: Far above Cayuga's waters* I finish a pint of Peppermint Schnapps and wish that my foresight were as good as my hindsight. I think to myself that I should have won by now, and that now I may not win at all. I think about the "English Kaiser" and empty the Peppermight Schnapps, the rum & cokes, and my dinner into an appropriate receptacle. It has been a pleasure playing with you and, with my luck, I will be playing this game past 1920.

EMPEROR RAYGUN to World: We have begun the construction of a weapon which will end the war by August 1945. Until then, our best weapon is the U. S. Postal Service.

EMPEROR RAYGUN to little, foolish "English Kaiser": Where am I gonna get my centers? Let's just say that you won't be calling yourself Kaiser much longer unless the Czar gives you Warsaw.

JOHN to LAWRENCE CHAFETZ: How are you? Haven't heard from you for awhile. By the way, why won't you let anyone know your phone number?

JOHN to World: In case you're interested, I find the collegiate life much to my liking. Mondays and Fridays I have one fifty minute lecture. Wednesdays I have nine hours of classes (two labs, two lectures). I have a four day weekend with three days of hell inbetween. I voted Republican and sincerely hope that Reagan gets the cuts he is asking plus a smaller increase in defense spending (the MX missile really ought to go out the window). I like Stockman. He has Frاسos (guts). I especially like the idea of a permanent manned space station. I predict that we will be mining either the moon or the asteroids by the time I turn 40. I don't fear a U.S.-Russian war. I do fear a nuclear terrorist. I even favor a more conservative Supreme Court. Why am I spouting off these views? To show that not all college students are ultra-liberal, idealistic radicals who want to tear down our society.

* - "There's an awful smell..." (fragment of Syracuse University student song) - JB

"Fall 1912"

1983AJ

THE ONLY WAY TO GO

ENGLAND (J. Baker): A War S GERMAN A Sil-Gal; A Pic-Bur; F Nat-Mid; F Iri & F Eng S F Nat-Mid; F Nth S F Eng; F Bel-Pic.

FRANCE (Jordan): A Pqr S F Bre; F Bre-Pic. ((sic))

GERMANY (Ripper): A Ukr-Rum; A Sil-Gal; A Mos-Sev; A Mun-Boh; A Bur-Mun; A Kie S A Bur-Mun; A Ber-Sil.

ITALY (Ezzio): F Mid holds; F Naf, F Gas & F Wes S F Mid; F Alb-Gre; F Ion S F Alb-Gre; A Mar-Bur; A Tyr-Tri; A Ven S A Tyr-Tri.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rusnak): A Arm-Smy; F Ank holds; A Rum-Bul; A Gal-Rum; A Boh-Vie; A Tri-Alb; A Gre-Alb; F Con-Aeg. (A Tri is dislodged and annihilated.)

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Gal-Bud, A Gre-Ser. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

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

FRANCE: Bre, Par. (2) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Rum,

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mos, Mun, Ser, Smy, Vie. (8) (No home supply center is available for building a new unit.)

Germany may build one new unit. This "Winter 1912" build should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that it arrives by FRIDAY 8 MARCH 1985. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1913" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 MARCH 1985. The vote for a draw fails of unanimity and is again submitted to the players.

LONDON: This game may be about to get interesting in spite of all a certain nameless player can do.

1983AS

"Spring 1910"

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN RESISTANCE STIFFENS

ENGLAND (Downs): F Spa(s.c.) holds; F Mid S F Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Jordan): F Nat-Mid; F Eng-Iri; F Lon-Eng; F Edi-Nth; A Yor-Lon; A Bel-Pic; A Mar-Bur; A Kie-Ruh; A Ber-Pru; A Ven-Tyr; A Mun S A Ven-Tyr; A Boh-Gal; A War-Mos; A Sil-War; A St.P S A War-Mos((sic; no such unit exists)); A Mos not ordered, holds.

ITALY (Kaplan): F Aeg-Ion; A Rom-Ven; F Adr S A Rom-Ven; A Pic-Bur; F Wes-Mid.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rauterberg): A Liv-Mos; A Bud-Gal; A Vie S A Bud-Gal; A Rum-Ukr; A Bel-Sev; A Gre-Bul; F Tri S ITALIAN A Rom-Ven; A Tyr-Pie.

TURKEY (Hardiman): A Smy-Arm; A Con-Aeg; F Bla C AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Bul-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1910" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 MARCH 1985. The vote on a concession to Germany fails of unanimity and is again submitted to the players.

ROME to VIENNA: Sorry for the NMR.

1982IN - PRESS RELEASE

RUSSIA to the World: Since the draw proposal failed, I'm taking one last shot for all the marbles. Forgive me Bill. I think anyone else would only do the same. It's been a very long and tiresome engagement. Now it's time for it to end one way or another.

1983AX - GAME REVIEW

1983AX - GRAUSTARK, John Boardman	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
E - Robert Peart (dro S10)											
Terry Tallman (out F10)	E	3	4	4	5	6	6	7	7	4	2
F - Bob Bragdon (drew S11)	F	3	5	6*	6	6	8	8	9	10	12
G - Marc Hurwitz (out F06)	G	3	5	5	4	3	2				
I - Mark Murray (drew S11)	I	3	4	4	6	6	6	8	9	10	11
A - Kevin Wasserman (out F05)	A	3	4	5	3	2					
R - Bill Drakert (drew S11)	R	4	6	6	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
T - Mark Follmer (out F07)	T	3	4	5	5	5	5	3			

An asterisk in the supply center chart indicates a supply center for which, for some reason, a unit was not built.

Of the eight games (a GRAUSTARK record) opened in 1983, this was the fourth to begin, the fourth to end, and the first draw. (See page 1 for the final "Spring 1911" position.) It is the fifth draw for Bill Drakert, the senior active player in GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy games, who despite all his dedication has yet to win in this 'zine. In fact, he and Bob Bragdon have already been in one draw together, playing England and Italy respectively in a four-way draw in "Spring 1915" of 1976W. Bob has a win as England in 1979HH, and this game is his third draw. Mark Murray also shared in a draw in 1981AV.

A draw in 1983AX became obvious as soon as the participants agreed to eliminate England. Robert Peart as England was hampered by the slow mails between the U. S. and Canada; hopefully the new four-week deadline will keep this sort of thing from happening, though Jim McCarthy and Alan Stewart remain unconvinced.

Game reviews, if any players chose to write them, will be published in future issues of GRAUSTARK. For how the end of this game affects subscriptions, see below.

WHEN DO YOU EXPIRE?

The subscriptions of the following people to GRAUSTARK end with the indicated issue:

504 - Mark Murray	505 - Ken Peel	513 - Don Del Grande
Robert Peart	508 - W. Elmer Hinton	519 - Ralph L. Morton
Kevin Wasserman	511 - Gerry Thompson	Eric Verheiden

Several games are currently up for draw or concession votes. If these end, the subscriptions of the indicated players will end as a result:

1982IM: Dick Belliveau, Ken Corbin, Randy Ellis, John Ferguson, Allen Pearson, Hector Roybal
 1982IN: Seth Kadish, Peter La Rocco, Bob Rynkiewicz
 1983AJ: E. J. Baker, David Ezzio, David Greene, Tom Ripper, Russ Rusnak
 1983AS: Derwood Bowen, Dudley Kidd, Michael Kline, Grant Swinger, David Zaiz
 1983HF: Greg Baker, Jack Brawner, Mark Follmer, Jeffrey Scharf
 1984B: Jim Goldman, Joshua Weinstein, Richard Willey

For information about subscribing to upcoming games, see p. 10.

1982HI - GAME REVIEW

JAMES K. GOODE (Russia): My congratulations to Gratto for his excellent diplomacy. Chafetz should receive special mention for his fine play, too. His early alliances were all well-designed and well-played. At the end, his removals made it obvious that the Hungarian player would win. Thus, he was still exercising considerable control over the game even while being battered on three fronts.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

As the armed forces of the Great Big United States of America come closer to their invasion of the impudent and obstreperous Nicaraguans, some people are concerned over what will be the reaction of America's youth, particularly those enrolled in universities. It will be remembered that during the First Americo-Vietnamese War (1960-1975), some American students and faculty members so forgot their obligations towards their country, that they actually expressed the feeling that peace is preferable to war. This infamous superstition, which is contrary to the power, dignity, and destiny of the Great Big United States of America, led to a condition where for a while every member of a university community was regarded as a traitor to his or her country until proven otherwise. Eventually, of course, the armed forces of the Great Big United States of America had to go on to some of these campuses and shoot Pacifists until these students got the notion that they'd better shut up if they wanted to go on living. Fortunately, it took only about a dozen deaths to make the others realize that silence, or perhaps open, public conversion to the pro-war and therefore pro-American position was an absolute necessity.

The action, or rather inaction, on campuses during last year's ceremonial re-election of Our President seemed to confirm that the campuses had learned their lesson, and that the present student generation was not going to get involved in Pacifistic day-dreams. An indication of this came in the lead editorial of the 1 February 1985 issue of Kingsman, the campus newspaper at Brooklyn College. This editorial deplored the recent fad of getting arrested for criminal trespass on the grounds of a South African embassy or consulate. This has gone so far that the Board of Directors of the City University of New York (CUNY), of which Brooklyn College is the largest campus, voted to divest funds from corporations which have holdings in South Africa. The editorial does not in the least endorse this action, but instead asks "whether our leaders are aware of all the implications of their decisions and activities". Never mind that non-whites are held by the laws of South Africa in a subordinate position unexampled anywhere else in the world. This editorial observes that "it is widely known that South Africa is vital to the defense of the United States", and observes that the Communist Party of New York State, a notoriously Pacifistic group, has endorsed an end to U. S. diplomatic relations with South Africa. "The bottom line result," this editorial observes, "would be a critically weaker U. S. defense" since South Africa exports titanium, cobalt, platinum, chromium and, most importantly, uranium.

We need have no fear of Pacifist sedition on campuses during the forthcoming American conquest of Nicaragua. Kingsman took a fervently Pacifistic position during the last war with Vietnam, but those days are now gone forever. Moreover, if South Africa is to be warmly embraced as an indispensable ally of the Great Big United States of America, the relatively minor indiscretions of the pro-American governments of our subject allies El Salvador, Guatemala, and the Philippines can easily be ignored.

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By the time you receive this issue, Edward Meese will certainly have been confirmed by the U. S. Senate, an action technically required by an antiquated clause in the old 1787 Constitution. Mr. Meese is on record as regarding the American Civil Liberties Union as "a criminals' lobby", and so we may take it for granted that the 65-year-long history of that insolent organization is near its end. With the Great Big United States of America shortly to go once more to war, it is obvious that private concerns must yield before the overwhelming destiny of our empire. The notion that private persons may set up their own opinions against the national security and interest of the Great Big United States of America properly belongs back in the 18th century, together with the revolutionaries who wrote them. Whatever respect may be officially given to it as a memorial of our nation's early years, the Constitution cannot be taken seriously as a governing document of the Great Big United States of America in this year of 1985. After all, if you believe the notions included in that obsolete document, the President could not make war without the consent of Congress, and military conscription would be illegal under the so-called "involuntary servitude"

amendment.

The realities of 1985 America are quite different. Congress was not asked for a declaration of war against Korea in 1950, Lebanon in 1958 or 1982, Vietnam in 1964, or Grenada in 1983. The War Powers Act now gives our President, Commander in Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader the authority to conduct a war on his own, answerable to no one, for six months - by which time authorization would be a moot point anyway. The media have convinced the public that "civil liberties" are an excuse to keep obviously guilty people from getting what is coming to them, and that "civil rights" are a device for removing whites from the position of supremacy which they have had in this nation since its founding, and replacing them in this position of superiority with blacks. (If you doubt this, raise the question in any white bar and see what response you get.)

A few leftover liberals have claimed that Meese's nomination represents some sort of new departure. Actually, these developments have characterized both the Carter and Reagan Administrations: remember that, as a federal judge, President Carter's Attorney General once prevented Julian Bond from taking a seat in the Georgia Legislature because Bond opposed the war with Vietnam. Would Meese have done more?

Remember - "civil liberties", as they appear in the "Bill of Rights", are just notions of 18th-century revolutionaries to make things easier for 19th- and 20th-century revolutionaries. Americans who are loyal to their President want, like Kim, no part of them.

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GRAUSTARK is the oldest bulletin for the postal play of Diplomacy, a game designed by Allan B. Calhamer and published by Avalon-Hill Inc. The game is a simulation of the diplomatic, economic, and military features of World War I. Game openings are now available in GRAUSTARK at \$18. This entry fee includes a subscription to GRAUSTARK as long as the game lasts. With your entry fee, send in a list of the countries that you'd like to play, in your order of preference. If you do not already have GRAUSTARK #437, in which the postal rules were last printed, please send for one when you send in your game fee.

GRAUSTARK subscriptions for non-players are 9 issues for \$6. Back issues are available from the beginning of 1984, as well as a few earlier ones such as #437. Back issues as available are 10 for \$2.

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Also published here is EMPIRE, which currently has available the multi-player SPI games Empires of the Middle Ages (EMA) and A Mighty Fortress (AMF). One game of each is presently open in EMPIRE, though both boards are filling fast. The game fee for either game is \$25, subscription included. With your EMA entry fee, send a list of the scenarios you'd like to play, in your order of preference. (The Millenium Scenario, 976-1075, seems to be presently favored; it has a full board of 7.) Once a EMA scenario is settled upon, players will be asked to send in their orders of preference for countries. The countries in the Millenium Scenario are the Byzantine Empire, the Holy Roman Empire*, France, Burgundy, Denmark, Poland, and Russia.

Players enrolling in AMF should send in a list of the countries that they'd like to play in their orders of preference. The players of the four secular powers (France, England, and the Ottoman and Habsburg Empires) will then be allowed to pick which of the four victory conditions they wish; this choice will be kept secret by the gamesmaster until the end of the game. The full expanded game will be played, including taxation, payment for war, and the "Horny Old King Henry wants a divorce" rule.

Several two-player SPI games are also available in EMPIRE: Chariot, Spartan, Legion, Viking, Yeoman, Frigate, and Dreadnought. Game fees and available scenarios are listed in EMPIRE #206. However, though these games have been available for about a year, no one has yet sent in any enrollments in them. Unless some of these games get started postally by 23 March, they will no longer be offered in EMPIRE.

Subscriptions for non-players, and back issues, are available at the same rates as for GRAUSTARK. (See above.) Deadlines are four weeks apart in GRAUSTARK, and three weeks apart in all EMPIRE games.

* - "Das liebe, heil'ge röm'sche Reich,
Wie hielt's noch nur zusammen?" - Goethe, Faust I

WHAT YOU'VE BEEN MISSING

In the last issue of GRAUSTARK, the contents of recent issues of EMPIRE were listed in case any GRAUSTARK readers want to participate, or follow, postal war-games in GRAUSTARK's sister publication. This listing continues:

#205 (29 December): Game openings are announced for one postal game each of Empires of the Middle Ages and A Mighty Fortress. (See p. 10 of this issue of GRAUSTARK for details including game fees.) In EMA, Europe slowly recovers from the Plague of 1201, which did considerable damage to both the population and the prosperity of the continent. Meanwhile, Peter J. Ashley publishes a study of the extent to which the various empires have been hit by disaster cards, and the publisher proposes a few changes in the postal rules for the next postal EMA game. In the Lost Worlds combats, Lee Enderlin's Lizardman disposes of my Amazon in 7 moves, while Mike Lehtonen's Hobbit has thrown a dagger that lodged in the shield of my Orc. I am also playing a Troll against no fewer than three human foes of Mike's, and have already knocked one of them out of the fight. Scott Cameron is trying a Barbarian against my Man in Chainmail; the armored and civilized warrior seems to be getting rather the better of it. Thanks to his sword of double damage against Trolls, Scott's Mage does for my Troll.

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#206 (19 January): My Coldrake and Mike Provant's Troll have gone to 16 turns by now, and no end seems in sight. The Coldrake has discovered that his abilities of flight are by no means the advantage that they might appear, and he has gone back to the ground. This issue also contains a list of available games, scenarios, and game fees for several two-player SPI games; see p. 10 of this issue of GRAUSTARK for details. There is further comment in the letter column about the decision to abandon postal Civilization.

#207 (9 February): The last issue of EMPIRE to go out under the old 20¢ postal rate continues the Lost Worlds combats (from the gaming system published by Nova Games Ltd. of Manchester, Conn.) Combats covered in this issue are:

Barbarian vs. Man in Chainmail	Troll vs. Coldrake
Troll vs. Man in Chainmail and Woman in Scalemail	Hobbit vs. Woman in Scalemail
Wraith vs. Orc	Hobbit vs. Orc
	Lizardman vs. Man in Chainmail

Of course, the things I'm here calling "Orc" and "Hobbit" are respectively called by Nova "Giant Goblin" and "Halfling." An article takes up Trivial Pursuit and related games, including question cards which are keyed to Trivial Pursuit but published by other firms.

For information on subscribing to EMPIRE, and playing in EMPIRE postal games, see the announcement on p. 10.

THE FLIGHT OF THE GREEN EAGLE

A week ago, the one-ounce rate for first class domestic mail* went from 20¢ to 22¢. This was marked by the issuance of a green stamp with no denomination but the letter "D" on it, which is valid for 22¢ - but only for domestic mail.** After considerable effort, I have managed to pry from the U. S. Postal "Service" the following information about first- and third-class domestic rates for higher weights:

ounces	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Consult the
1st-class	22	39	56	73	90	107	124	141	158	175	192	209	PRIORITY MAIL				USP"S" for
3rd-class	22	39	56	73	88	88	98	98	108	108	118	118	128	128	138	138	priority
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Domestic postcards are 14¢. Overseas rates are, as of this writing, still apparently being kept secret.

* - Including Canada and Mexico.

** - Not including Canada and Mexico.

The "D" stamps are apparently not valid for international mail because the Universal Postal Union requires denominations to be in Arabic numerals on all postage stamps that are so used. It is difficult to see why the Great Big United States of America pays any attention to this picayune regulation. Our Government has already repudiated the notion that the World Court can have any jurisdiction over the Great Big United States of America, this happened after the Nicaragua government had the impudence to bring a complaint against the American effort to overthrow it. And our nation's representatives have just pulled out of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). These intellectual efforts do not befit an imperial nation, and are best left to the subject peoples. The masters of the Roman Empire left educational, scientific, and cultural matters to the conquered Greeks. Under the Arab Caliphate, intellectual activities were largely in the hands of Greeks, Jews, and Persians. The Mongol Empire conquered and ruled; Chinese subjects did the brainwork. The American Empire is the same thing and more of it. So why do we let ourselves be pushed around by the international postmen of the UPU?

NEW GAME OPEN

The following people have just enrolled in a new GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy game:

ENGLAND: Jon Bennett, 45 Orchard Ave., Woburn, Mass. 02168

FRANCE: P. Howard Dawson, 938 Hampton Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. 48236;
313-885-4974

GERMANY: Nunzio Paul Schembari, 191 Small Road, Syracuse, N. Y. 13210; 315-478-6450

ITALY: John Jordan, P. O. Box 9516, Moscow, Idaho 83843

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bill Hardiman, 5700 Hayloft Circle, Raleigh, N. C. 27606;
919-852-2357

RUSSIA: Scott Cameron, 4 Meadow Lane, Hicksville, N. Y. 11801; 516-938-7057

TURKEY: Jim McCarthy, 44 Belmont Ave., Ottawa, Ontario K1S 0V1; 613-236-5270 (home);
613-232-3541 (office, 8:30-4:30 weekdays)

If possible, you might try to get the "Spring 1901" moves in by the deadline for the next issue, NOON, FRIDAY 22 MARCH 1985. However, if this does not prove possible, or if any player asks an extension, the moves will instead be due for the next issue after that: NOON, FRIDAY 19 APRIL 1985. Players like to have more than the usual amount of time to negotiate alliances before the first move deadline.

Anyone who does not have a copy of the postal rules, published in GRAUSTARK #437, should send for a copy at once.

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your subscription ends
with this issue. (See p. 8.)

F I R S T C L A S S M A I L

It's not
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green!

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game. (See above.)