

GRAUSTARK

#506

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20 April 1985

1983HF

"Spring 1910"

DEADLOCK LOCMS

ENGLAND (Chafetz): A Edi-Yor; F Lon-Bel; F Eng C A Lon-Bel; F Hol-Nth ((sic; no such unit exists)); A Mun & F Bot hold; A Ruh S A Mun; A Ber S A Mun; A Bur-Mar; A Par-Bur; F Mar-Lyo; F Spa(s.c.) S A Bur-Mar; F Gas-Mid; F Wes-Tyr; A St.P-Mos; A Liv S A St.P-Mos; "F Pru sup"; F Hel not ordered, holds.

ITALY (D. Schwartz): F Tun holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Stewart): A Mos holds; A Sev S A Mos; A Gal-War; A Ukr S A Gal-War; A Sil-Ber; A Tyr-Mun; A Boh S A Tyr-Mun; A Pie-Mar; F Alb-Ion; F Ion-Tyr; A Tri-Ven.

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

Underlined moves are not possible.

The deadline for "Fall 1910" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 17 MAY 1985. Dave Schwartz's new address is c/o Stephen H. Rosen, Suite 304, 460 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair, N. J. 07042; he can still be reached at the same telephone number.

Proposals have been made for a draw, and for a concession to England. Votes on these proposals should be sent in with the "Fall 1910" orders.

LONDON: The Queen quoting an old adage slow but sure.

The Admiralty was heard to say "Allah be praised."

1984ID

"Winter 1902"

The Turkish move reported as "F Smy-Aeg" in the last issue was actually "F Smy-Eas." This move succeeded, as did F Con-Aeg.

ENGLAND (Larose): Builds F Liv.

FRANCE (Gratto): Builds A Par.

GERMANY (Schembari): Builds A Ber.

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1985L

"Spring 1901"

THE SQUEEZE IS ON

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

FRANCE (Dawson): F Bre-Eng; A Par-Bur; A Mar S A Par-Bur.

GERMANY (Schembari): F Kie-Den; A Ber-Kie; A Mun-Ruh.

ITALY (Jordan): A Ven-Tri; A Rom-Ven; F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Hardiman): A Vie-Gal; A Bud-Rum; F Tri-Alb.

RUSSIA (Cameron): A Mos-St.P; F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; F Sev-Rum; A War-Ukr.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 17 MAY 1985. Jon Bennett's address, which was misprinted in the last issue, is 45 Orchard Ave., Waban, Mass. 02168; his telephone number is 617-527-2377.

LONDON to PARIS: Get out of the channel or I will make you wish that you had never started playing Diplomacy.

PARIS: Le Grande Armie and Navie Francaise will confine themselves to Belgium and the Iberian Peninsula. The rain from Spain has spread beyond the plains.

ANKARA (Palace Offbeat Radio Transcript): The Sultan strode across the ballroom, rudely brushing aside all in his path "And where is your master? I expected him here." Red faced, the Italian ambassador stuttered, "He had important calls of state Your Oneness."

The Turkish ruler whirled away muttering: "And does the Czar think he can ignore me? Not even a minion here to appease me."

"The Czar is too ignorant" was the Eng

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1983IE - LATE DESPATCHES

In adjudicating the 1983IE moves which appear on page 7, I had overlooked a change of English moves which came in. The following of the English moves on page 7 have been changed:

F Nrg-Nat; F Eng S F Liv-Iri.

With these changes, the French move "A Pic-Bre" now succeeds. The English F Eng is still dislodged, with the same alternatives for its retreat. France is therefore still in the game.

LONDON to ROME: Your lies are at least amusing...maybe you will yet learn to control your greed, but I am not holding my breath.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

As of present writing, I have in hand five new entries for a postal Diplomacy game now being organized. This will increase to six as soon as I hear from Michael Taylor as to whether he wants to join the free game I offered him in the last issue, and which countries he'd prefer to play. This means that, well before the next publication date of 18 May, I expect to have a full board.

As soon as this new game is filled, I will inform the players of one another's addresses and country assignments. This information will be mailed out at least five weeks before the deadline date of GRAUSTARK #508, which will be 14 June 1985. The deadline for "Spring 1901" moves in the new game will be set for 14 June, so players will have more than the usual four weeks of a deadline to get acquainted with one another, negotiate their alliances, sharpen their knives, and pick out a nice vulnerable back.

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There are rumors of a Canadian postal strike in the near future. If this should happen, then the next deadline of any game with a Canadian player will be postponed until the fifth Friday after the announced end of the strike.

And, in the event of a U. S. postal strike, all pending GRAUSTARK deadlines will be re-set for the fifth Friday after the announced end of the strike.

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The last quiz contest, in GRAUSTARK #500, drew no entrants whatsoever, so I was rather uncertain about putting a contest into #505. However, it seems to be working out fairly well. Five entries have so far come in, though one of them left out the Trivial Pursuit part of the quiz. The three questions are: How many Diplomacy players does it take to change a lightbulb, how many Trivial Pursuit players, and how many Dungeons & Dragons players? The deadline is 1 June 1985. First prize is a free entry in a new postal Diplomacy game; second and third prizes are half-price entries.

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There has been such a heavy demand for the Jack Chick tract climbing Dungeons & Dragons is a work of the devil that I've run out of the ones I promised to send to readers. (See GRAUSTARK #505, p. 11.) I have reordered, and will ship them as soon as I can.

One contributor to this shortage seems to have been Ray Heuer, who bought some 50 of these tracts from the Christian bookshop in Manhattan which carries them. He took them to Princecon, a D&D convention held at Princeton University on the weekend of 15-17 March, and distributed them all over the place, to the great amusement of the gamers.

Incidentally, that Christian bookshop not only sells Chick's bitter little tracts against D&D players, Catholics, Mormons, Pagans, Atheists, scientists, Hindus, Communists, and anything else he can think of, but it also sells a "Christian Fantasy Role Playing game" called Dragonraid! And, though Chick's Dark Dungeons tract urges

FRENCH FLEETS MOVE NORTH

Following "Fall 1903" moves Austria-Hungary retreated F Gre-Alb. In "Winter 1903" France built F Bre and Turkey built A Con. Russia removed F Arm. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Martin): F Nth S F Nwy; A Den holds; F Ska & F Hel S A Den; F Nwy S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mos-St.P.

FRANCE (Sims): F Mid-Nat; F Bre-Eng; F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; A Mar-Spa; A Gas S A Mar-Spa.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): F Swe-Den; F Bal & F Kie S F Swe-Den; A Mun S F Kie; A Bel S A Hol; "A Hol continue to work on V-2 bases".

ITALY (Budway): A Pie & A Tun holds; F-Lyo-Tus; F Wes-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): A War-Liv; A Bud-Ser; A Ukr-Sev; A Rum S A Ukr-Sev; A Bul-Gre; F Alb & F Ion S A Bul-Gre; A Mos-St,P.

RUSSIA (London): A St.P holds; F Bot S A St.P.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 17 MAY 1985.

LONDON to BERLIN: Ah, Marc, you have such a way with words...Look, as I have said many times before, a state of peace between us is easily achieved. Unfortunately, not only are you a liar, but you're paranoid as well. Either one alone, I can deal with, and is often the sign of a good Diplomacy player. Both in combination, though, spells trouble for any ally foolish enough to leave himself open to you. That's why I insist that you leave yourself open to me, rather than vice versa: because I know I can be trusted not to wildly grab dots, and you can. Meanwhile, for all your talk of stalling Austria's final victory, you've managed to build three fleets. Hmm...they'll come in real handy against Austria...

LONDON to ROME: Good to know that you can count on those Germans for help in your assault on France, isn't it?

SEVASTOPOL (RUN: Russian Underground News): The winter in Armenia proved to hard for the officers aboard the fleet, and they died of sunburns, and the Anarchists took over, and the fleet disbanded.

FRANCE to ENGLAND: Sorry, Dick. As long as Italy is now attacking A-H (I hope!), this is the best way for me to go.

RUMANIAN DISPATCHES: It has been learned that, do to concern among European govts about the question of Serbian independence, Austrian troops have killed everyone living in Serbia. "Therefore," an Austrian diplomat explained, "since there are no Serbian people, there is no longer a question of Serbian independence."

VIENNA to World: Now that the Serbian question is buried, Emperor Vincent wishes to reassert that he has no plans to go to war with any of the Christian European countries, Eng, Fra, Ita & Ger. As Emperor Vincent himself has said, "We, the Austrian people, are fighting the final crusade for the freedom of our Holy Lands from the Arab infidels. We shall bring back the promised land to all the European peoples. God is on our side, the victory will be ours. We shall bring peace to this land with our laws, enforce these laws with our armies, and destroy those that do not hold these edicts as truth."

AUSTRIAN INVESTORS DAILY SERVICE (AIDS): As Austrian armies bring civilization and law to the Russian people, it is unclear what role these 2 or 4 divisions will

1982IN

"Fall 1916"

INCHING AHEAD

The unsuccessful Russian order "A Boh S A Sil-Mun" was accidentally omitted from the last issue.

ENGLAND (McCarthy): A St.P holds; A Fin S A St.P; F Bal-Ber; F Den-Kie; F Hol S F Den-Kie; A Kie-Mun; A Spa-Mar; A Bur-Mar; F Wes-Lyo; A Naf-Por; F Tun-Ion; A Ruh S A Kie-Mun; F Mid C A Naf-Por

FRANCE (J. Schwartz): F Lyo-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Rom-Nap; F Tyr S A Rom-Nap; A Apu-Ven; A Tus S A Apu-Ven; A Pie S A Apu-Ven.

RUSSIA (La Rocco): A Gal-Vie; F Bla-Con; F Aeg S F Ion; F Ion C A Nap-Alb; A Nap-Alb; A Ven-Pie; A Tyr S A Ven-Pie; A Mos S A Liv; A Liv S A Pru; A Mun S A Ber; A Ber S A Mun; A Sil & A Boh S A Mun; A Pru S A Ber.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian A Pie is dislodged and annihilated. 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, Tun, Por. (15)
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Mar, Nap, Rom, Ven. (4)
RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Vie, War. (15)

The last French unit is removed; France is out of the game. England may build two units, and Russia may build one unit. One of these "Winter 1916" orders has already come in, and the other should be sent by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by FRIDAY 3 MAY 1985. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1917" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 17 MAY 1985.

1982IM

"Winter 1914"

Following "Fall 1914" moves, Russia retreats A Swe-Den and France retreats A Ven-Tus. Denmark remains a Russian supply center, and France has no build.

RUSSIA (Bragdon): Builds A Mos. TURKEY (Chafetz): Builds F Con, F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1915" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 17 MAY 1985.

THE GHOST OF ENGLAND PAST to GM: As a mater of idle curiosity, did my orders for last season ever arrive? I appreciate your trying to call, alas I picked that night to tie up the phone demonstrating computer games to early Lepracon arrivals.

GM (URRP): Nope. Sorry.

ENGLISH REPUBLIC OF SWITZERLAND: Due to further budget cuts, the Ministry of Defense has been ordered to reduce it's strength to the point where all orders can be mailed in on the back of a postage stamp.

TO ENGLISH REPUBLIC OF GERMANY: IN MEMORIAM (MOSCOW): Like Camelot, your republic was great while it lasted. Thanks for your ideas, resourcefulness, steadfastness in 13 years of alliance. Best of luck, Ken, on & off the Diplomacy board.

1984B

"Winter 1907"

ENGLAND (J. Schwartz): Removes F Bal. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Clarke): Builds F Tri.

GERMANY (Goldman): Builds A Kie.

The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 17 MAY 1985.

WILLY - NICKY: Russia, And then I'll
I'm gonna Flush ya.
Crush ya, Signed,
Then I'll Prussia.
Mush ya,

1984V

"Winter 1906"

Following the "Fall 1906" moves in 1984V, the dislodged Russian A Mos could not retreat to St.P because that area had been left vacant due to a stand-off. It is therefore removed, constituting the required Russian removal. Turkey retreated F Bul(s.c.)-Gre. This retreat made Greece a Turkish rather than an Austro-Hungarian supply center, so Turkey now has two builds instead of one as announced, and Austria-Hungary has none. Germany builds F Ber and Turkey builds F Con and F Smy. The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 17 MAY 1985.*

1984IC

"Winter 1902"

The situation around Trieste was adjudicated incorrectly in the "Fall 1902" report. The Italian order F Apu-Adr stood off the Austro-Hungarian moves A Tri-Apu, F Adr S A Tri-Apu, so none of these units moved. But the Turkish order A Ser S AUSTRIO-HUNGARIAN A Tri was invalid, since that Austro-Hungarian unit was not ordered to stay in Trieste. (Rule IX.6) Therefore, the A Tri is dislodged by the supported Italian attack A Tyr-Tri, A Ven S A Tyr-Tri. This dislodges and annihilates A Tri, and Trieste is now an Italian supply center. Since there are no remaining Austro-Hungarian supply centers, Austria-Hungary is out of the game, and the remaining Austro-Hungarian units, F Adr and A Alb, are removed. Since John Schwartz, the Austro-Hungarian player, was eliminated before "Fall 1903" without missing any moves, he is entitled under Postal Rule 6 to a free entry in a new game, and should send in his list of country preferences for it.

The Italian retreat is F Ion-Tyr. Italy has a build for the new supply center.
ENGLAND (Loiacono): Builds F Liv. ITALY (Clarke): Builds F Nap.
FRANCE (Chafetz): Removes A Gas. RUSSIA (Schembari): Builds A St.P, A War.
GERMANY (Manna): Builds F Kie. TURKEY (London): Builds F Smy.
The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 17 MAY 1985.

TURKEY to ITALY: You will be humming a different tune when there is a Turkish fleet in Rome.

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lish King's loud comment.

The Kaiser and Emperor had their backs to this scene, but the French President, to whom they were talking, was seen to smirk openly.

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play. Who is the Austrian Allie, Germ or Eng?? Will Austrian armies invade Germany for its unprovoked verbal assault, or will Austria free Norway of the English Commonwealth?? Best offer!

ROME (IPA): The Italian government has announced the end of naval exercises in the Mediterranean Sea. All fleets were ordered back to their home ports for refitting.

CROSS-GAME PRESS RELEASE

From Bennett Games 1985L & 1984AY to London Games 1984IC & 1984HB (Turkey & Russia respectively): "Hi Ted!!!!"

* - Stand-by "Spring 1907" moves for England should be sent in by Lawrence Chafetz, Apt. 2-M, 178-10 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica, N. Y. 11432.

BEGIN AS FARCE, END AS TRAGEDY

Of the seven realms played on the Diplomacy board, the most interesting, most preposterous and most thoroughly vanished was the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Its capital, Vienna, was in many ways a symbol of the age, combining cultural and intellectual brilliance with extreme political incompetence and a touching faith in the use of the army as a unifying influence.

After all these dreams fell to pieces, various ideologues rose to try to hold their pet villains responsible. The Communists and Socialists were suppressed in 1919 with almost ridiculous ease, considering the fears they had aroused. But the Fascists proved harder, and indeed had tended to legitimize themselves by their vigor against the Left. A ruinous inflation, and the economic isolation of the new Republic of Austria from the six nations who had picked up pieces of the old Empire, made things worse. And the anti-Semites, with a long pre-war tradition behind them, rose.

In the midst of this malaise a most curious book appeared, in 1925: The City without Jews, by Hugo Bettauer. Bettauer's satire begins with the assumption that a Christian-Social leader (Karl Lueger's old party) becomes Prime Minister, and proceeds to drive out of Austria everyone who is more than one quarter Jewish. To the general acclaim of the population, and of all parties except the Socialists, Dr. Schwartfeger proclaims the expulsion of the Jews. Parliament's one Zionist deputy ironically welcomes the quarter million Jews by which the population of Palestine will be enriched. Laws are enacted to prevent Jews from taking out more than one year's income.

Several chapters describe the reactions of individual Jews, and of part-Jewish families, particularly concentrating on the book's protagonist, a young Jewish artist who is engaged to the daughter of a Hofrat. At first all looks well for the new Austria. The housing crisis is eased, and a remarkable number of new jobs are opened up for good Christians in business, the arts, journalism, and even the demi-monde. (A number of ladies of the evening and their protectors also decide to emigrate.)

Then Dr. Schwertfeger's bright idea begins to turn sour. Prague, Budapest, and Paris begin to pull ahead of Vienna as cultural centers, and business slumps as its best minds are no longer present. The universities, and scientific research generally, would be seriously affected, though Bettauer does not go into this. The Austrian krone slumps on the international money markets. Even Austria's Hakenkreuzler (the ancient Hindu swastika is called a Hakenkreuz in German) break up, as the expulsion of the Jews only exacerbates the country's troubles, and now the Jews can no longer be blamed! And the young women of the working class lament the departure of their Jewish boyfriends, who never got drunk, gambled away their money, and beat them up the way their successors do. (And, one girl intimates in language rather strong for 1925, they were better in bed, too.)

Eventually, of course, the Social Christian government falls, new elections are held, a coalition of Socialists and moderates takes over, and the Jews are invited back. For presenting this scenario to the world, Bettauer was murdered shortly after the book's publication by a 20-year-old "Nordic" who gave as his motive that "he had resolved to save German Kultur from degradation."

The City without Jews went into 54 editions in less than a year, and sold over 250,000 copies. It was published in this country in 1926, with an introduction by the translator, Salomea Neumark Brainin, who does wonders with the famous Viennese working-class dialect.

The assassination of Bettauer - who was not Jewish, but a member of Austria's small Protestant minority - should have told people what was coming. In 1925 neither the schemes of the anti-Semites nor the fears of the Jews had gone further than this plot. Ironically, Vienna is today largely a city without Jews, and has as a direct consequence long since lost its old pre-eminence in the arts, medicine, and philosophy. Bettauer could see what escaped most of his Christian countrymen - that a nation which excludes any ethnic group, and most particularly the Jews, is sentencing itself to intellectual stagnation, cultural sterility, and the condemnation of that minority of men and women of good will who, over the long run, determine what the judgment of history shall be.

1983AJ

"Fall 1913"

ITALY RETAINS ATLANTIC CONTROL

ENGLAND (J. Baker): A Mos-Sev; A Pic-Bur; F Eng-Pic; F Bel S F Eng-Pic; F Nth-Eng; F Iri S F Nth-Eng; F NAT-Mid.

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

GERMANY (Ripper): A Boh S ITALIAN A Tri-Vie; A Tyr S ITALIAN A Ven-Tri; A Rum-Bud; A Gal S A Rum-Bud; A Sev-Rum; A Sil S A Gal; A Mun S ENGLISH A Pic-Bur; A Ber holds.

ITALY (Ezzio): F Gas-Mid; F Naf & F Wes S F Gas-Mid; F Mid-Por; F Ion-Aeg; A Mar-Bur; A Tri-Vie; A Ven-Tri.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rusnek): A Arm-Sev; F Aeg-Ion; F Con-Smy; A Gre S A Ser; A Ser & A Bul S A Bud-Rum; A Bud-Rum; A Vie-Tri.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Vie-Bud and Germany retreats A Rum-Ukr. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Mos, Nwy, St.P, War. (8)

ITALY: Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (9)

FRANCE: Bre, Par. (2)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre,

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

Rum, Ser, Smy. (8)

England and Italy may each build one unit, and Germany must remove one. These "Winter 1913" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by FRIDAY 3 MAY 1985. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1914" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 17 MAY 1985.

1983IE

"Spring 1908"

ITALIAN FLEETS DEFEAT ENGLISH

ENGLAND (Verheiden): F Nrg-Bar; F Eng-Bre; A Bel-Pic; F Liv-Iri; F Nwy holds; F Den-Swe

FRANCE (Rauterberg): A Pic-Bre.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Mun S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Vie-Tyr; A Bur-Mar; A Pru-Liv; A War S A Pru-Liv; F Ska S ENGLISH F Nwy; A Par S ENGLISH A Bel-Pic.

ITALY (Bragdon): A Ser-Tri; F Adr S A Ser-Tri; A Gre-Ser; A Ven-Tyr; A Pic S A Ven-Tyr; A Mar-Bur; F Iri-Eng; F Mid S F Iri-Eng; F Nap-Tyr; F Smy-Ion((sic)).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Jordan): A Ukr-Sev; A Vie-Tyr.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): F Swe-Nwy; A Fin S F Swe-Nwy; A Mos-War; A Bud-Gal; A Rum-Gal; A St.P not ordered, holds.

TURKEY (Bohker): F Bul(e.c.) holds; A Ank-Smy; F Con S A Ank-Smy.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French A Pic is dislodged and annihilated. England must retreat F Eng-Wal, -Lon, -Nth, or -Bel, and Italy must retreat F Smy-Syr, -Eas, or -Aeg. The direction of these retreats (or removals) should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive before FRIDAY 3 MAY 1985. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 17 MAY 1985.

BERLIN to MOSCOW: You almost had me convinced, Larry. In fact, the first set of orders I sent in had your suggested moves on it. However, like I said, a lot depended on what I heard from Eric. And, your insinuations to the contrary, I just don't think he's going to stab me.

BERLIN to LONDON: Eric, I hope you don't make me look like an April Fool!

ST. PETERSBURG: The Tsar stated that we may have to evacuate Moscow but we want to get the Red out even if we turn Green.

ROME to LONDON: Another, ah, explanation may be in order concerning the activities of our colorful IRI Fleet Admiral. The good news is that he has finally got his map rightside up; he sees that he must sail south in order to return to Italy. The bad news is that he apparently intends to take the direct route home. He may thus turn up in such odd places as the English Channel or Paris -- though we have tried to explain to him that it is a long portage across France. Please be assured that the Admiral's meanderings have nothing to do with official Italian policy.

AUSTRIA to other players: This game is going to end soon for me. Thanks for a good game. And Bragdon, next time I will know.

1933AS

"Winter 1910"

Following "Fall 1910" moves Italy retreated A Pic-Par. No orders were received from England, so the dislodged F Mid is removed. This constitutes the required English removal.

GERMANY (Jordan): Builds F Kie.

TURKEY (Hardiman): Builds A Ank.

ITALY (Kaplan): Builds F Nap.

The deadline for "Spring 1911" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 17 MAY 1985. Stand-by moves for England should be sent in by John C. Quarto, P. O. Box 359, Boston University Station, Boston, Mass. 02215; 617-353-6089. A proposal for a draw has been put forward, and all players, including the stand-by, should vote on it with their next orders.

1934AY

"Winter 1905"

FRANCE (Hurwitz): Builds F Bre.

RUSSIA (Quarto): Builds A Mos, A Sev, A War,

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Downs): No move received. and F St.P(s.c.).

The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 17 MAY 1985. Stand-by moves for Austria-Hungary should be sent in by Michael Quirk, 3830 Chester Dr., Glenview, Ill. 60025; 312-498-1377. A proposal for a concession to Russia has been put forward, and all players, including the stand-by, should vote on it with their next orders.

PARIS to LONDON: I called you - no answer. Please call me!

PARIS to MOSCOW: Boom boom boom! Make my day and tell me that it was my efforts that got you to stab Germany & Austria to go for a win. Congratulations! I'm proposing a concession to you this turn.

ST. PETERSBURG: How sweet it is!

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY (continued from p. 2)

Christians to burn the works of C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien, that same shop sells at least a dozen Lewis titles, fiction and non-fiction, including science-fiction. Indeed, some Christians claim that Lewis's books constitute powerful arguments in favor of their way of looking at the world!

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This weekend I am refereeing a Diplomacy tournament at a one-day war-gaming convention at Columbia University. This summer I have two more such weekends lined up. With Robert Sacks, I'll be referee of the Diplomacy tournament, and one or two others if we can get the entrants, at Origins XI on the campus of Towson State university in Towson, a northern suburb of Baltimore. Origins XI will take place on 27-30 June; for information write to P. O. Box 139, Middletown, N. J. 07748. One week later is Empiricon, on the weekend of 5-7 July at the Sheraton Inn near La Guardia Airport in New York City. Membership is \$17.50 until 1 June, and \$20 thereafter, from Empiricon 6, P. O. Box 682, Church St. Station, New York, N. Y. 10008. The game room is just one of many attractions at this science fiction and fantasy fan convention.

THE CONQUEST OF THE SOVIET UNION

"Before a state can be drilled to arms, its spirit must be militant; if not, it must undergo such a transfiguration. Militancy is different from other virtues in that it cannot be preserved by the individual. It is collective and not personal, hence the first duty devolving upon a state is to take means of preserving from deterioration this excellence upon which depends its existence." - General Homer Lea, The Day of the Saxon, 1912

"We have only to kick in the front door, and the whole rotten structure will come crashing down." - attributed to Anti-Communist leader, uncertain date

Thirteen Presidents of the United States of America have held office since the Russian Revolution of 1917. With the sole exception of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, every one of them has regarded the Soviet Union as a temporary accident on world history, a nation and system doomed to perish. A man very likely to be the fourteenth such President summed up this attitude at the National Convention of America's Party in Dallas last August with the words:

"Russia is an unnatural state with a malignant, totalitarian ideology." - Repr. Jack Kemp, America's Party, N. Y.

This is in line with Our President's judgment upon the Soviet Union, "the focus of evil in the modern world." (He made this statement in His speech before the National Association of Evangelicals on 8 March 1983; it is certainly the most significant foreign policy speech which Our President has ever made.) These words must be understood in line with Our President's profound convictions as a Christian. For a Christian, absolute evil is a force with which there can be no compromise or negotiation, but only unmitigated struggle towards a certain victory over it.

That the conquest of the Soviet Union is a major part of America's outlook on the world cannot be denied. Richard Pipes, President Reagan's principal spokesman on eastern European affairs, has said that the Soviet Union will either have to adopt our system, or else fight us. (New York Daily News, 19 March 1981) During the first year of President Reagan's reign, Kenneth Adelman stated that "arms control" was a sham, that such talks were only for the purpose of defusing domestic opposition by telling Pacifists that, yes, talks are going on. It was after Adelman made this statement, and quite possibly because of it, that Our President named him to the post of Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

For many decades it has been standard U. S. strategic doctrine that, if Soviet troops should attack any central European nation with conventional weapons, the U. S. would respond with first use of nuclear weapons against the Soviet Union. For this reason, the Great Big United States of America has never signed, or even seriously considered, the treaty being promoted among the lesser nations that would pledge never to be the first to use nuclear weapons. The lesser nations may fear the use of nuclear weapons, but we loyal Americans know that nuclear weapons are the means whereby Our superior nation will establish its world domination. This was made clear in a carefully "leaked" War Department document to the effect that:

"The U. S. would escalate a conventional war and strike first against the Soviets with nuclear weapons. The Doomsday strategy sees the U. S. emerging the victor in a protracted game of nuclear ping-pong which would leave millions dead around the world. Such a war might begin in the Persian Gulf, says the document - and the Soviet Union must be made to understand that any attack on the oilfields by them or their allies would result in a major conflict." - Miles Lathem and Peter Fearon, New York Post, 17 January 1983

This report went on to say that if breaking arms control treaties to deploy the MX missiles were necessary, then this would be done. This, of course, is a part of the standing U. S. policy that treaties can bind the lesser nations to obey the Great Big United States of America, but can never bind our imperial nation.

Nor is this anything new that came in with President Reagan. General Sir Alexander Haig, then Prime Minister of the Great Big United States of America, disclosed "a grim NATO contingency plan which called for the forces of the alliance to explode a nuclear bomb to shock the Soviet Union into retreat...This contingency plan has been in the NATO charter for decades." (Niles Lathem, New York Post, 5 November 1981)

Though, technically, arms control talks with Soviet representatives have been scheduled, Our President is dedicated to the overthrow of the Soviet Union and will therefore not let them accomplish anything. What His opinion of "negotiations" is may be seen from His recent remarks on Nicaragua: that "negotiating" with them means that they must "Say uncle." This is a well-known American colloquialism for total surrender, whose roots were analyzed in the New York Times Magazine of 7 April 1985 by William Safire, a former speechwriter for President Nixon. That same publication, on 27 January 1985, had published an article by Max Kampelman, head of the current negotiating team, to the effect that "a breakthrough in arms reduction negotiations is almost impossible. Another 'negotiator', ex-Senator Tower, has an outspoken determination to increase American military might." (New York Times, 20 January 1985) And why not? The Republican National Platform of 1980 endorsed not merely parity, but U. S. superiority over the Soviet Union in all forms of weaponry. As Flora Lewis observed in the New York Times of 29 January 1985, "one school holds that war is inevitable, and the United States must prepare to 'prevail.' Norman Podhoretz, for example, veils this reasoning with analogies to the 1930s appeasement of Nazi Germany and Japan." And it is this school that plainly is most influential in the policies of Our President.

As this issue goes to press, there is talk that a meeting may be arranged between Our President and the new Soviet vozhd, Gorbachev. This would not, as Our President has said, be a "summit", since no agreement seems near on an agenda. Nor is there need for one. Our President's pronouncements about the "Evil Empire" which Gorbachev now heads mean that the only possible purpose of such a meeting is for Gorbachev to deliver his surrender, or to "say uncle" by analogy with the demands now being made by the Great Big United States of America upon Nicaragua.

The American assault on the integrity of the Soviet state is coming from so many sides that the Soviet Union will not know what hit it. On the one hand, numerous U. S. leaders have attacked the Soviet Union for being anti-Semitic. The restrictions on Jewish cultural life and emigration are cited as evidence for this statement. And, at the same time, Radio Liberty is broadcasting into the Soviet Union accusations that a Jewish conspiracy set up the Soviet Union. There is no real contradiction here - only a determination to propagate whatever anti-Soviet accusation is most likely to be accepted by the listeners at whom the argument is being directed. The Soviet Jew who is reminded by U. S. propaganda of his oppression, and the Russian anti-Semite who is told that Jewish revolutionaries set up the government under which he groans, are both made by such talk more likely to work for the overthrow of the Soviet Union, and for its replacement by a government faithfully subservient to the Great Big United States of America. There will be time enough, after that happens, to settle out the differences which will then arise between the Jewish and non-Jewish citizens of post-Soviet Russia. (Lars-Erik Nelson, New York Daily News, 24 and 27 January 1985)

And who will rule post-Soviet Russia in the American interest? Well, to start with, much of it won't be Russian at all. Public Law 86-90, enacted by enormous majorities a quarter-century ago, specifically decrees the partition of the Soviet Union, and names the component parts into which it is to be divided. The Great-Russian stump will then have to be ruled by Great-Russians (a term which distinguishes them from Ukrainians, Byelorussians, Jews, etc.) in the American interest. And the elite that will do this job is already being trained right here in New York City, at St. Sergius' School, an elite private academy operated by the Russian Orthodox Church - a church whose supreme head on earth, equivalent to the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, is Prince Vladimir Kirillovich, the claimant of the Russian throne, now resident in Madrid

The coming American conquest of the Soviet Union will be filled with benefits for every American, and well worth the huge sums which we are presently spending towards this end in the military budget, and in interest to finance the necessary deficits towards this end. The Soviet Union is incredibly rich in natural resources. Does the Great Big United States of America need oil? The Soviet Union exports enough to qualify for membership in OPEC. Timber? The forests of Siberia are the largest on earth. Coal, uranium, gold, chromium, manganese - all these and more are there. Our approaching victory over this "unnatural state" will be filled with profit for every loyal American.

We Americans know it too, Gone, even from the campuses and the large cities, are the Pacifistic attitudes of 15 years ago. This was well illustrated on 28 March 1985, when Our President made a triumphal progress through His largest city, stopping at the New York Stock Exchange and the campus of St. John's University. It might be expected that he would be greeted with chants of "Ronnie, Ronnie, Ronnie" as he rang the bell that began the trading day at the Stock Exchange. But the welcome was even more extravagant at the campus of America's largest Catholic university, where 5,000 students chanted not only "Ronnie, Ronnie, Ronnie!" but also "Bonzo, Bonzo, Bonzo!" A tiny minority who tried to cheer the notion of cutting military spending was quickly drowned out by a chorus of boos, while Our President attributed the former viewpoint to "a drumbeat of demagogic propaganda against spending money on the military." In all, about 25 students were so foolhardy as to set up private and therefore worthless notions against Our President, while over 5,000 cheered him to the echo. The New York Daily News, which reported Our President's triumph the next day, even showed a photograph of St. John's student Jeff Toner wearing a t-shirt which read "Reagan-Goetz Two American Heroes". And indeed there is much similarity between these two men. Both perceived a threatening situation and, acting on their own responsibility alone, without advice from any other person, struck out violently to make their wills prevail. This is what the Great Big United States of America means, and will continue to mean for all time.

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(This incidentally, puts an end to a matter I put before GRAUSTARK's readers in #474, the 20th Anniversary Issue. The Roman Catholic bishops' statement against nuclear weapons had just been published, and I wondered how this would affect the laity, which over the decades has constituted the largest and most dedicated bloc of anti-Communists in America. Now, two years later, the bishops' declaration seems to have had no effect whatsoever. John O'Connor, who dissented from this declaration, has since been rewarded by the Pope with the most prestigious Catholic position in the western hemisphere - the post of Archbishop of New York. The Pope himself has taken public positions very much at odds with this Pacifistic declaration. And the students of America's largest Catholic university have cheered Our President in a way that shows them totally unsympathetic with the bishops' declaration. The notion that the Roman Catholic Church, America's largest and most faithfully pro-war denomination, would ever line up with such "peace churches" as the Quakers and the Jehovah's Witnesses, is now shown to be totally without foundation or justification.)

Nor are these things happening only on the east coast. On 12 April the New York Daily News reported the existence of a San Francisco patriotic organization called the Skinheads. These young man, described as "super-patriotic", flourish in Haight-Ashbury, once a hangout of Pacifists during the war with Vietnam. The Skinheads have issued a Manifesto "addressed to 'Punks, Communists, Anarchists, Hippys, and Homosexuals,'" saying: "We the skinheads will not tolerate your spreading of unwanted disease both mental and physical. We are jailed because we use every method at our disposal to protect the people of this country from your un-American, subversive, left wing mind poison...So beware enemys of the flag! Your days are numbered."

With support like this, from youth of both the east and the west, Our President cannot fail in his leadership of American back to the patriotic realities of life.

LITTLE-KNOWN GEOGRAPHICAL FACTS

Recently a survey found that the geographical notions of American college students are rather hazy. In particular, about a third of them seemed to think that the Middle East is located somewhere in the eastern part of the United States. This recalls the situation that existed during the First Americo-Vietnamese War, when it turned out that most of the people who supported the war were unaware on which continent Vietnam is located.

This problem even sometimes manifests itself on the Diplomacy board; I have received orders from people who apparently think that Berlin is adjacent to Denmark, or that Bulgaria is adjacent to Budapest. I am therefore putting forward a list of ten correct geographical statements, since so many people seem to believe otherwise. Recall - these statements are the correct ones; opinions to the contrary are, however commonly held, erroneous.

1. The Earth isn't flat. (This corrects an error which may be found in Isaiah's 40th chapter, where the contrary is asserted. The Hebrew word translated as circle is hug, which means a flat, round surface. If Isaiah had meant to say "sphere", he would have used the word kedur.)
2. The Earth moves. (This contradicts the 104th Psalm, which claims that the Earth is fixed on its foundations.)
3. Nicaragua is not part of the Soviet Union.
4. Since Afghanistan has no seacoast, it would be impossible for the US Navy to get involved in the war there.
5. Iran, Afghanistan, and Turkey are not Arabic nations.
6. The Panama Canal is in Panama.
7. Except for winter snow and spring mud, there are no natural barriers to travel from the Soviet Union to Poland.
8. The nearest Soviet naval base to central America is in Vladivostok.
9. The United States of America is the world's fifth largest Hispanic nation.
10. Israel is a foreign country.

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