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1983HF

"Fall 1910"

THE LINE IS HELD

ENGLAND (Chafetz): A Yor-Lon; A Bel-NAf; F Eng & F Mid C A Bel-NAf; A Mun S A Ber-Sil; A Ruh S A Mun; A Bur S A Mun; F Hel-Nth; A Ber-Sil; A Mar-Pie; F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo; A St.P S A Liv; F Lyo-Tyr; F Bot-Bla(sic); F Pru S A Ber-Sil(sic); A Liv S F Pru; F Wes S F Lyo-Tyr.

ITALY (D. Schwartz): No moves received; F Tun holds.

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

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

Underlined moves are not possible. 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)

Austria-Hungary may build one new unit, or two if the dislodged F Ion is removed.

(Possible retreats are -Adr, -Apu, or -Nap; the Austro-Hungarian A Sil is dislodged and annihilated.) These "Winter 1910" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by TUESDAY 4 JUNE 1985. They will be sent to all players. The deadline for "Spring 1911" moves is NOON, TUESDAY 18 JUNE 1985. David E. Schwartz's new address is Suite

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1985L

"Fall 1911"

THE EAGLE GROWS A THIRD HEAD

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

FRANCE (Dawson): A Bur-Bel; F Eng S A Bur-Bel; A Mar-Spa.

GERMANY (Schembari): A Kie-Hol; A Ruh-Bur; F Den-Swe.

ITALY (Jordan): A Tri-Ser; A Ven-Tyr; F Ion-Tun.

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

RUSSIA (Cameron): F Bot-Pal; A St.P-Fin; A Ukr-Rum; F Sev S A Ukr-Rum.

TURKEY (McCarthy): A Arm-Sev; A Bul-Rum; F Con-Bul(e.c.).

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

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

FRANCE: Dre, Mar, Bel, Par, Spa. (5)

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

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Ser, Tun, Ven. (5)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Tri, Vie, War. (4)

RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Sev. (3)

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

France, Germany, and Italy may each build two units, and England, Turkey, and Austria-Hungary may each build one. Russia must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" orders is NOON, TUESDAY 18 JUNE 1985. For Paul Schembari's new address see p. 11. Press releases appear on p. 9.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: THIS ISSUE OF GRAUSTARK WAS DELAYED BY VARIOUS SOCIAL AND ACADEMIC OBLIGATIONS. DESPITE WHAT IT MAY SAY ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE, ALL PENDING DEADLINES ARE RESCHEDULED TO NOON, TUESDAY 18 JUNE!

WHY THIS IS LATE

This issue of GRAUSTARK, though dated on Saturday 18 May, probably will not get into the mail until the following Tuesday. Over this past weekend an old friend and colleague from New Hampshire, Ed Meskys, was in town for the first time in over two years, and staying at our place. This of course necessitated several trips to bookstores and other places of interest. Furthermore, this is final examination week, so I didn't even have the opportunity to schedule around Ed's visit.

This means that a few things about the next couple of deadlines will have to be rescheduled. The deadline for GRAUSTARK #508 moves, originally planned for Friday 14 June 1985, has been postponed to Tuesday 18 June. This means that, as soon as the mail delivery comes in on that latter date, I will start cutting and printing stencils. This revised deadline contradicts any information that may be appended to any of the games published elsewhere in this present issue.

Games in which immediate return mail moves have been called for, have had this deadline set on Tuesday 4 June 1985. They will be sent out, as stated in those games, to players who need the information.

GRAUSTARK #509 will retain the originally planned deadline for moves: NOON, FRIDAY 11 JULY 1985. I have decided not to revise this deadline because so many of the moves in that issue will be "Winter" moves. GRAUSTARK #509 will be published as usual on the following day, Saturday 12 July 1985, the 295th anniversary of the founding of the Irish National Olympics. This will get us back on the schedule. I am sorry for any inconvenience that this may have caused to GRAUSTARK's players.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

I expect to see many of you on the weekend of 27-30 June on the campus of Towson State College, in that northern suburb of Baltimore. There, with Robert Sacks, I will be refereeing the Diplomacy tournament, and maybe a few others, at Origins 85. For information about membership and housing write to Origins XI, P. O. Box 139, Middletown, N. J. 07748.

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I have restocked on those stupid Christian* tracts which call Dungeons & Dragons a work of the devil. Yes, believe it or not, those things actually exist, and are published by a Californian named Jack T. Chick, whose other tracts preach with equal vehemence and ignorance against Catholics, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Atheists, Pagans, Hindus, and anything else he can think of at the moment. I'll send a copy of this tract, Dark Dungeons, for 35¢ to anyone who wants a copy. (If you're willing to admit to being a Christian, I'll send you one free!) Or ask me for one at Origins. They are hilariously funny, though unintendedly so.

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Almost equal in stupidity and mendacity to Chick is Bruce "Brux" Linsey, who recently wrote to claim that he has sent a flier to all GRAUSTARK readers warning against my evil self. As I have mentioned in several recent issues of GRAUSTARK, Linsey is upset because I object to the slanders that he is spreading about several hard-working and valuable members of the postal war-gaming hobby, chief among them Kathy Byrne.

It will be recalled that the honest members of our hobby first fell afoul of Linsey a few years ago when he started forging other people's postal Diplomacy publications, and sending out his own opinions over other people's names. He had several abettors in this, including Rod Walker (who has since apologized, and repudiated Linsey), David Perlmutter (who at least had the common decency to leave the hobby afterwards), and Gary Coughlan, who circulated some nauseatingly racist opinions over the name of John Michalski. (Needless to say, Linsey calls this piece of racist scum the publisher of "the perennially top-ranked zine in North America?" And why not,

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* - Please excuse the redundancy.

1982IV

"Spring 1915"

FRENCH FLEETS BREAK THROUGH IN NORTH

FRANCE (Ferguson): F Bar-Nwy; F Swe-Fin; F Nth-Den; A Kie & F Ska S F Nth-Den; F Eng-Nth; F Tun-Ion; F Tyr & F Nap S F Tun-Ion; A Tus-Ven; A Pie & F Apu S A Tus-Ven; A Hol & A Ruh S A Kie; A Bel holds; A Bur-Mun.

RUSSIA (Fragdon): A Tyr S TURKISH F Ven; A Vie-Gal; A Den-Kie; A Mun S A Den-Kie; F Bal S A Den-Kie; A Ber & A Boh S A Mun; A St.P-Fin; A Mos-St.P; A Liv S A Mos-St.P.

TURKEY (Chafetz): F Rum-Bla; F Con-Bul(s.c.); F Smy-Aeg; F Eas & F Gre S F Ion; F Ion holds; A Tri S F Ven; F Ven S A Tri.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian A Den is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1915" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 14 JUNE 1985. The Gamesmaster proposes a vote on a concession to France; players should vote on this plan when they send in their next moves. John Ferguson's address will be 10 Old Tree Lane, Great Neck, N. Y. 11024 until the end of August. His home telephone number is 516-482-1041.

1984V

"Spring 1907"

TRUMPETS OF VICTORY TEUTON LOUD

ENGLAND (Tallman): F Wal-Eng; F Nth S GERMAN A Kie-Den; F Eng-Mid; F Per S F Eng-Mid; F Nwy-St.P(n.c.).

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

GERMANY (Gaughan): F Ber-Bal; A Pru-Sil; A War S A Pru-Sil; A Hol-Ruh; A Bel-Pic; A Bur-Gas; A Kie-Den; F Bot S F Ber-Bal.

ITALY (Sims): F Tyr-Tun; F Ion S F Tyr-Tun; A Pie-Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre; A Gal-Ukr; A Mos S A Gal-Ukr; A Bud-Rum; A Bul S A Bud-Rum; A Vie-Gal.

RUSSIA (Kutta): F Den-Ska; ~~A Liv-Bud~~ (V)

TURKEY (Verheiden): F Smy-Aeg; F Con S F Smy-Aeg; A Sev-Rum; F Bla-Rum; F Gre-Ion; F Tun S F Gre-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish F Gre is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 14 JUNE 1985.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The new game, announced on page 12 of this issue, has just been assigned the Boardman Number 1985AG by Bill Quinn. Players should use this designation when corresponding about this game to the gamesmaster or to one another.

And a yet newer game already has four entries, including the winner of the contest which was announced in GRAUSTARK #505 two months ago. The deadline for this contest is 1 June, and winners will be announced in the next issue. Also on 1 June, the GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy game fee will rise from \$18 to \$20. As always, the game fee includes a subscription to GRAUSTARK as long as the game lasts, whether or not you are eliminated or resign. With your game fee, send a list of the countries you'd like to play, in your order of preference.

1982IN

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"Winter 1916-Spring 1917"

ENGLISH TRY SOUTHERN STRATEGY

In "Winter 1916", England built F Lon and F Liv, and Russia built F Sev. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (McCarthy): A St.P holds; A Fin S A St.P; F Hol-Kie; F Den S F Hol-Kie; F Bal-Ber; A Kie-Mun; A Bur & A Ruh S A Kie-Mun; A Spa-Mar; A Por-Spa; F Wes-Lyo; F Tun-Tyr; F Mid-Wes; F Lon-Eng; F Liv-Iri.

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

RUSSIA (La Rocco): F Sev-Bla; F Con-Bul(s.c.); F Acg S F Ion; A Alb-Apu; F Ion C A Alb-Apu; A Vie-Tri; A Pie-Ven; A Tyr S A Pie-Ven; A Mos & A Pru S A Liv; A Liv S A Pru; A Mun holds; A Sil & A Boh S A Mun; A Ber S A Mun.

Underlined moves are not possible. The vote for a concession to England fails of unanimity, as does the vote for a draw. Both votes are submitted to the players again. The deadline for "Fall 1917" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 14 JUNE 1985.

1983IE - PRESS RELEASES

ST. PETERSBURG: Long Live the Pope!

LONDON to ROME: Yeah, so I'll just lose my way into the Mid Atlantic.

LONDON to MOSCOW: I really hate these "strong second" operations. Fortunately, this "losing is winning" syndrome seems mainly confined to New Yorkers.

AUSTRIA to other players: In my short tenure as Kaiser of Austria-Hungary I learned one important rule: Do not ever trust an economist from Virginia.

BERLIN to ROME: I'm certainly enjoying myself. I outguessed you last turn, in both Mar and Tyrolia, Bob. Think I can keep it up!

BERLIN to ST. PETE: Since I wasn't stabbed last turn by England, my moves were indeed in my best interest, so you can see I wasn't motivated by malice, Larry.

OWINGS MILLS to World: See you at Origins!

THE FLYING ITALIAN to ANTWERP: Admiral F Eng here. Request permission to enter port and partake of your marvelous steak anglais. Avare you are corwded with foreigners - will gladly bump a few if it helps my French friends. (FYI: Scurrilous propaganda circulated about me by my faithless headquarters in Rome completely false. I am not a Flying Dutchman and I never did intend to portage across France - the route up the Rhine is much more scenic.)

1984AY - PRESS RELEASES

PARIS: Since I haven't heard any standby try to organize a Stop Russia movement, I voted yes. Hope you all did the same.

OWINGS MILLS to BROOKLYN: What if a player sends in only his vote on a concession but no orders, and a standby sends in a different vote with orders? What if a player sends in only a vote and a standby sends in only orders? What if no-one sends in any orders for a particular country?

BROOKLYN (URRP): If the player sends in no orders and the standby sends in orders, then the stand-by replaces the original player without regard to any pending vote. If I hear from neither the original player nor the standby, then both are called on again - as well as a second standby.

OWINGS MILLS to World: See you at Origins!

MOSCOW to PARIS: Yes, you convinced me but the timing had to be right for me, not you three seasons ealier!

AUSTRO-HUNGARIANS OUT OF AUSTRIA-HUNGARY!

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

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

GERMANY (Ripper): A Gal-Bud; A Ukr-Rum; A Sev S A Ukr-Rum; A Tyr S ITALIAN A Tri; A
Mun S A Tyr; A Sil-Gal; A Boh S A Sil-Gal; A Ber not ordered, holds.

ITALY (Ezzio): A Tri S GERMAN A Gal-Bud; A Vie S GERMAN A Gal-Bud; A Mar-Bur; F Ion-
Eas; F Naf-Tun; F Wes-Tyr; F Mid-Wes; F Por-Mid.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rusnak): A Arm-Sev; A Rum S A Arm-Sev; A Bud-Tri; A Ser S A Bud-Tri;
A Gre-Alb; F Aeg S F Smy-Eas; F Smy-Eas; A Bul S A Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian A Bud is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1914" moves is NOON, TUESDAY 18 JUNE 1985.

1983AS

"Spring 1911"

HALT! WHO DOESN'T GO THERE?

ENGLAND (Downs): No move received; F Wes holds.

GERMANY (Jordan): A Pic-Par; A Bur S A Pic-Par; F Eng-Bre; A Spa-Gas; F Mid-Spa(s.c.);
F Nat-Mid; F Nth-Eng; F Kie-Bal; A Nwy-St.P; A St.P-Liv; A Pru S A St.P-Liv;
A War-Gal; A Sil & A Boh S A War-Gal; A Mun S A Boh.

ITALY (Kaplan): No moves received. F Nap, F Tyr, F Lyo, A Tyr & F Ven hold; A Par
dislodged and annihilated.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rauterberg): A Pie-Mar; F Tri-Alb; A Gal holds; A Vie S A Gal; A
Bul-Rum; A Ukr-War; A Liv S A Ukr-War; A Mos S A Liv.

TURKEY (Hardiman): A Ank-Arm; F Bla-Con; F Ion-Tyr; A Sev S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mos.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary must retreat A Gal-Ukr or
-Bud; the direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so
that it arrives by TUESDAY 4 JUNE 1985. All players will be informed. The deadline
for "Fall 1911" moves is NOON, TUESDAY 18 JUNE 1985. Stand-by moves should be sent
in by the following players:

ENGLAND: David E. Schwartz (see p. 1, 1983HF report, for address).

ITALY: Ted London (see p. 11, 1984IC report, for address).

The vote for a draw fails of unanimity, and is again submitted to the players and
standbys. Under the circumstances, the Gamesmaster also proposes a vote on a conces-
sion to Germany.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY (continued from p. 2)

since Linsey just took control of the poll that says so?)

Linsey makes an interesting admission in this circular, which is dated 5 May
1985. After years of denying that he is a forger, he comes right out and admits it
with the words "I'm an admitted forger", and then proceeds to try to justify this
conduct. This being the case, by his admission all statements over his name are un-
trustworthy, including the letter he just says he sent you.

Linsey's claim that I am a "thief" simply because I have suspended his subscrip-
tion to GRAUSTARK would be slanderous only if you think that Linsey uses the same

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1933IE

"Fall 1908"

ENGLISH FLEETS DEFEAT ITALIANS

Following "Spring 1908" moves Italy retreated F Smy-Aeg and England retreated F Eng-Lon. Hopefully all players were informed.

ENGLAND (Verheiden): F Lon-Eng; F Iri-Mid; NAT S F Iri-Mid; A Pic-Bre; F Nwy-St.P (n.c.); F Den-Swe.

FRANCE (Rauterberg): A Bre holds.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Liv-Mos; A War S A Liv-Mos; F Ska S ENGLISH F Den-Swe; A Par S ENGLISH A Pic-Bre; A Bur-Mar; A Mun S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Vie-Tyr.

ITALY (Bragdon): A Tri S RUSSIAN A Bud-Vie; A Ser S RUSSIAN A Rum-Bul; F Aeg-Con; A Ven-Tyr; A Mar-Gas; A Pie-Mar; F Tyr-Wes; F Adr-Ion; F Mid-Iri; F Eng-Bel.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Jordan): A Vie holds; A Sev S TURKISH F Bul(e.c.)-Rum.

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

TURKEY (Bobker): No moves received. A Smy & F Con hold; F Bul(e.c.) dislodged and annihilated.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French A Bre is dislodged and annihilated, and at long last France has, after a memorable resistance, been eliminated from the game. (There have been very few games in which all 7 players have lasted through 3 game years, and I would appreciate hearing from people who can report records of this matter.) The following retreats must be made:

ENGLAND: F Nwy-Bar, -Nth, or -Hrg.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Vie-Gal or -Boh.

ITALY: F Mid-Por -Spa(n.c.), -Spa(s.c.), or -Iaf.

(A dislodged unit may also be removed.) The directions of these retreats should be sent in with the "Winter 1908" orders, which may be made conditional upon them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Sve. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Sev. (1)

(6) RUSSIA: Bud, Bul, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Vie.

GERMANY: Ber, Hol, Kie, Mos, Mun, Par, War. (7)

(6) TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3)

ITALY: Bel, Gre, Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Ser, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven. (11)

Germany, Italy, and Turkey may each build one unit; England also has a build if the dislodged F Nwy is removed. Italy has a second build if the dislodged F Mid is removed. Austria-Hungary must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1908" orders is NOON, TUESDAY 18 JUNE 1985. Stand-by orders for Turkey should be sent in by John C. Quarto, P. O. Box 359, Boston University Station, Boston, Mass. 02215; 617-353-6089. Press releases appear on p. 4.

1934B

"Spring 1908"

GERMAN DRIVE PICKS UP STEAM AGAIN

ENGLAND (J. Schwartz): F NAT & F Iri S GERMAN F Eng-Mid.

GERMANY (J. Goldman): F Eng-Mid; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Swe-Ska; A Bre-Gas; A Gas-Mar; A Bur S A Gas-Mar; A Kie S A Mun; A Mun & A Pru S A Ber-Sil; A Ber-Sil; A St.P-Mos; A War S A St.P-Mos; A Liv S A War.

ITALY (Schembari): A Por-Spa.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Clarke): F Lyo & F Wes S A Spa; A Spa S A Pie-Mar; A Bud-Gal; A Boh & A Tyr S RUSSIAN A Sil-Mun; A Pie-Mar; A Mar-Bur; F Naf-Mid; F Tri-Adr.

RUSSIA (Downs): No moves received. A Ukr, A Sev, F Bul(e.c.) & F bla hold; A Sil & A Mos dislodged and annihilated.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian A Mar is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, TUESDAY 18 JUNE 1985. Standby moves for Russia should be sent in by Larry Sims, 13143 Avenue M, Chicago, Ill. 60633; 312-646-2243. All players, and the standby also, should vote on a proposal for a concession to Germany. The new addresses of Doug Clarke and Paul Schembari are on p. 11.

1984AY

"Spring 1906"

RUSSIAN FORCES PRESS ONWARD

ENGLAND (Levine): No moves received. F Eng & F Por hold.

FRANCE (Hurwitz): F Tun-Tyr; A Gas-Spa; F Bre-Eng; A Par-Bur; A Bel S A Par-Bur; A Tyr-Ven.

GERMANY (Bennett): A Ruh-Mun; A Boh S A Ruh-Mun; A Kie-Hol.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Quirk): F Adr-Ion; F Nap S F Adr-Ion; A Rom-Tus; A Ven-Tyr; A Bud-Vie; A Ser-Bud; A Tri S A Bud-Vie.

RUSSIA (Quarto): F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; A Sev-Rum; A Mos-Ukr; A Rum-Gal; A War S A Rum-Gal; A Bul & F Bla S A Sev-Rum; A Pru-Sil; A Ber-Mun; A Den-Kie; F Nth-Hel; F Nrg-Nth; F Edi-Yor; F Liv-Wal; F Aeg S A Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. Michael Quirk is now playing Austria-Hungary. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, TUESDAY 18 JUNE 1985. Standby moves for England should be sent in by Terry Tallman, #308, 7239 Sand Point Way, Seattle, Wash. 98115; 206-526-0719. The proposal for a concession to Russia failed, and is again submitted to the players and standby. Press releases appear on p. 4.

1984HB

"Fall 1904"

FRENCH LAND IN ENGLAND

ENGLAND (Martin): F Nth-Lon; F Hel-Nth; F Nwy S AUSTRIO-HUNGARIAN A Mos-St.P; F Ska-Swe; A Den S F Ska-Swe.

FRANCE (Sims): A Gas-Mar; A Spa-Liv; F Mid & F Nat C A Spa-Liv; F Eng-Nth.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Bel S A Hol; F Swe-Den; F Bal S F Swe-Den; A Kie-Hel; A Mun-Kie; A Hol S A Mun-Kie.

ITALY (Budway): No moves received. A Pie, F Tus, F Tyr & A Tun hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): A Liv-Mos; A Mos-Sev; A Sev-Arm; F Ion-Eas; F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre; A Bul S F Alb-Gre; A Rum S A Bul.

RUSSIA (London): A St.P-Fin; F Bot-Bal.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The Germany F Swe and the Austro-Hungarian a Bul are dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Lon, Nwy, Swe. (5)
FRANCE: Bre, Liv, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, (6)
GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5)
ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Mos, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Vie, War. (9)
RUSSIA: St.P. (1)
TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Smy, Con. (4)

Austria-Hungary may build two new units, and France may build one. Russia must remove one unit. These "Winter 1904" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by TUESDAY 4 JUNE 1985. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, TUESDAY 18 JUNE 1985. For Ted London's new address see p. 11. Standby moves for Italy should be sent in by Paul Rauterberg, 4922 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wisc. 53208; 414-778-0750.

BERLIN (DAMN): Foreign Minister Ludicros announced today that The 2nd Reich would henceforth be known as the 2nd Democratic Republican Reich. "This is in keeping with out new policy of allying with revolutionary regimes such as the Paris & Petrograd governments."

In other developments, our glorious naval forces continued their 4 year offensive against the English. "The reactionary Martinite hordes will soon be expelled forever from the coastal waters of the 2DDR," was Kaiser Mark's comment.

BERLIN to EDINBURGH (where doubtless the English government will soon be covering): I admit it, Dick - you're right. My motives for building fleets was to help Austria win the game. Yup! - you found me out! Your unprovoked attacks upon me, your seizure of Denmark - had nothing to do with it. I realized that attacking you was the best way to help Manna.

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O Optic
H Nerves

As for being dot-hungry & paranoid - well, you're right, too. My seizure of Paris, instead of helping my ally of the time, Italy, into Marseilles, demonstrates my untrustworthiness. My continual stabbing of France since then likewise shows paranoia. I'm sure such an astute psychologist as yourself, Dick, knows of the phenomenon of "projection", in which a person projects upon others his own faults.

MUNICH (DAMN): Reports of an AIDS epidemic in Russia (see last GRAUSTARK) have prompted hundreds of telegrams to the Center for Disease Control here in Munich. No reports of AIDS in Germany have yet been uncovered. Says Dr. Annam, noted expert, "The disease originated in Vienna and spread east to Russia & Turkey. It will probably infect Italy soon, but it is to be hoped that it will also spread to English-occupied Scandanavia before reaching the 2DDR".

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OWINGS MILLS to World: See you at Origins!

ST. PETERSBURG: Good luck England!

AXIS (Vienna): United we stand, divided we fall!

ENGLAND to FRANCE: You might live to regret this stab. Hopefully not.

1984ID

"Spring 1903"

ITALY GETS STABBED

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

FRANCE (Gratto): A Wal-Liv; F Iri S A Wal-Liv; F Eng-Lon; A Por-Spa; A Par-Pic; A Bur holds.

GERMANY (Cameron): F Bal-Bot; F Swe S F Bal-Bot; A Ber-Pru; A Den S F Swe; A Mun-Ruh; A Hol-Bel.

ITALY (Stewart): F Ion & A Alb S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ser-Gre; F Tun S F Ion; A Tri holds; A Ven S A Tri.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brooks): A Ser-Alb; A Bud-Tri; F Adr S TURKISH F Eas-Ion.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): F Sev S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ser-Rum; A Ukr-Mos; A Gal-Sil;

1985L - PRESS RELEASES

PARIS: General Chevalier was shocked at the hostile English reaction to the French fleet move into the "Channel". In France, after all, it is known as the French Channel or Channel #5.

BROOKLYN (URRP): Local observers today commented that the French effort to get the England Channel renamed "the French Channel" was a sleeveless errand.

JORDAN to HARDIMAN: The reasons I attacked you were geography and opportunity not personality and resentment.

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304, 460 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair, N. J. 07042. His telephone number remains 201-376-6925.

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F Bot-Liv.

TURKEY (Hall): F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Eas-Ion; A Bul-Rum; F Bla S A Bul-Rum; A Gre S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ser-Alb.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian A Alb is dislodged and annihilated, and Italy must retreat F Ion-Apu, -Nap, -Tyr, or remove the unit. The direction of this retreat should be sent by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that it arrives by TUESDAY 4 JUNE 1985. The Austro-Hungarian and Turkish players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, TUESDAY 18 JUNE 1985. Charles Hall's new address is #1, 216 Palos Verdes Blvd., Redondo Beach, Calif. 90277. Standby moves for England should be sent in by John Jordan, P. O. Box 9516, Moscow, Idaho 83843.

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Dictionary as the rest of us. But it long ago became evident that Linsey's chart-room doesn't contain any maps of the real world. For him, the epithet "thief" doesn't mean anything that you might find in Webster's, but the following:

"THIEF (n.), a person who strongly objects to slander." - Linsey's Unabashed Dictionary, perpetually revised edition

Who can get indignant about that?

From now on, I'm just sending off anything I receive from Linsey or his little echo in Illinois to Ed Wrobel's 'zine Feudesse, 3932 N. Forestdale Ave., Dale City, Va. 22193. Ed has the time and interest in keeping Diplomacy fandom posted about Linsey, and his 'zine is free; I recommend it if you've got a liking for vigorously expressed controversy and a dislike for hypocritical dishonesty. As for what GRAU-STARK's readership thinks of this latest Linsey foolishness, I will let Dick Martin speak the consensus of readers:

"Got some trash from one Bruce Linsey the other day. Sounds like a very persuasive guy. Unfortunately, I know from personal experience that the guy is a compulsive liar and teller of half-truths, and one of the most unsavory individuals I've ever had the displeasure to meet. As far as I am concerned, John Boardman is totally justified in 'taking' Linsey's money, for exactly the reasons stated. My sole regret is that it's not a significantly larger amount."

I should like to thank Dick, and other readers who have written in their support. As for Linsey's subscription, it will resume when he starts issuing a few apologies. And if he instead just goes away, as Buddy Tretick did, would that be so bad?

WHAT BITBURG MEANS

An unreasonable amount of furor has been raised over the recent visit by Our President to a German military cemetery in the border town of Bitburg. Our President's actions and motivations have been deliberately made vague by ill-minded persons in the press. Actually, if you start at one end of the tangle that popular comment has made of this visit, you can untangle it very easily.

The key to this situation is the same as that for every contemporary issue of American politics: Our President is always right! This is self-evidently true, because look what has happened to the people who claim that He could be, as they say, "wrong". Some have been shot. Some have been chased into exile. Some have been beaten up. Some have gone to jail. If you think that, in the American grammar, the noun "President" can be modified by the adjective "wrong", then I suggest that you visit the campus of Kent State University and ask what happened to the last bunch that tried it.

Having established this as our starting point, we must then determine why Our President is reconciling Himself to aspects of German history which we have hitherto been taught were disgraceful. The answer lies in Our President's determination to fight against the Evil Empire which He, and therefore we His people, see as the focus of evil in the modern world. Several of Our President's spokesmen have seen a nuclear war against the Soviet Union as inevitable and winnable, and their voices have been quoted in previous issues of this publication. Last August 11th, Our President Himself promised us His people to "start the bombing".

Still, no matter how much destruction can be visited on an enemy land by rockets or bombers, nuclear or chemical, wars are traditionally won when soldiers with hand-held weapons go somewhere on foot and shoot other soldiers with hand-held weapons. For this we need Germans. Going back seven or eight centuries, Germans have marched into eastern Europe and fought against the Russians and other peoples of those parts. They are clearly willing to do this again, and President Reagan's visit to the sacred shrine of German soldier dead indicates that the Great Big United States of America is willing to back them up. After all, why should we risk the men of our superior nation to do a job that Germans will do for us, willingly, eagerly, and a lot cheaper?

The last German invasion of the Soviet Union was done in pursuit of the preposterous belief that Germany was destined to conquer and rule the world. This attempt had to be quashed, because it is clearly the Great Big United States of America that has this high imperial destiny, and not any of the lesser nations. Germans by now generally seem to have realized this, and are willing to serve as faithful subject allies in this effort. The skull of the Russian bear will be split by a finely honed German ax, wielded by an American hand.

We can expect to see some revisions in our official outlook on World War II, now that Our President has made this gesture. The things that the Germans did west of the Rhine, or to Jews, will continue to be condemned. But a more sympathetic approach will come into treatments of their campaign against the Soviet Union. We can see, as a precedent, the way that popular history in the English-speaking nations treats the era of Napoleon I. His armies brought freedom to the peasants of Germany and Italy, oppressed by absolute monarchs. But he was evil when he turned those arms against the British allies of those continental monarchs. American historians go on, mostly, to regard the British war effort as praiseworthy when directed against Napoleon, but blameworthy when directed against us. So, by the time the 50th anniversary of World War II rolls around, we will see a partition between the evil German war against France, Great Britain, the U. S. A., and the Jews, and the good German war against the Soviet Union.

By contrast with Our President's visit to Bitburg, the Great Big United States of America refused to recognize any Soviet role in the defeat of Nazi Germany. There was no official U. S. participation in the commemoration of the link-up at Torgau, between U. S. and Soviet troops. There was no official U. S. delegation at the 40th anniversary victory parade in Moscow on 9 May 1985. Our hands were instead stretched out towards the Germans during that week.

This contrast clearly shows that, in the present world strategic situation, it is the Soviet Union which is on the defensive and without allies. Would Gorbachev, or any of his predecessors as vozhd, have gone to Bitburg? Would Gorbachev have clasped the hand of Chancellor Kohl before the graves of dozens of SS veterans? To ask that question is to answer it.

Not that it matters, but U. S. public opinion seems to support Our President in this matter. Just this last week, a poll reported that Our President's popularity is higher now than it was before the whole mess was stirred up. And Lars-Erik Nelson of the New York Daily News did some columns objecting to this Presidential visit - and then, a few days later, had to report that his mail was running about 3 to 2 in favor of the SS. In particular, he had heard from several SS veterans who had found homes in our hospitable land, and who wrote in defence of the loyalty, patriotism, and high soldierly qualities of their deceased comrades.

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"Spring 1903"

NEW CRUSADE BEGINS

ENGLAND (Loiacono): F Hol-Nth; F Eng-Mid; F Mid-Por; F Liverpool & A Nwy hold.

FRANCE (Chafetz): A Spa-Por; A Mar-Spa; F Iri-Nat.

GERMANY (Manna): A Par-Gas; A Bur S A Par-Gas; F Bre-Mid; A Pru-Sil; A Mun-Boh; F Kie-Den.

ITALY (Clarke): A Tri S RUSSIAN A Bud-Ser; A Ven-Apu; F Nap-Apu; F Apu-Adr; F Tyr-Ion.
(See below for new address.)

RUSSIA (Schembari): F Swe & A St.P hold; A War-Gal; A Bud-Ser; A Rum S A Bud-Ser; A Gal-Bud; A Vie S A Gal-Bud; F Sev-Bla. (See below for new address.)

TURKEY (London): A Bul-Ser; A Gre-S A Bul-Ser; F Smy-Eas; F Aeg S F Smy-Eas; A Ser-Tri; F Ion holds. (See below for new address.)

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats A Ser-Alb. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 14 JUNE 1985. Ted London's address, for the summer, will be 31 Saddle Club Road, Lexington, Mass. 02173; 617-862-6088.

ROME to CONSTANTINOPLE: Don't count your turkeys before they hatch.

THE GERM TO THE BEAR: O. K. Bo-Bear, I've made the first move, you make the next.

MADRID: Queen Is A Balla realizes that her reign may soon be over but will Queen Eliz A Bitch last longer the Bear is on the move.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Several players have announced changes of address for the summer. Some are:

Munzio Paul Schembari, 129 Standart St., Syracuse, N. Y. 13210; 315-472-3589 until 30 June; then at 1661 72nd St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11204; 718-837-5377.

Douglas Clarke (as of 15 May) 784 Main St., Leominster, Mass. 01453; 617-534-6160

In addition, several people have written in asking about new postal Diplomacy games in GRAUSTARK. They are:

Mikel D. Petty, 4800 Hindman Dr., Orlando, Fla. 32806

Chris Carrier, 1215 P Street 12, Sacramento, Calif. 95814

Tony Strickland, Apt. C-1, 104 Stilwell Ave., Palatka, Fla. 32077; 904-325-9476

Daniel S. Osman, 316 S. McCarthy Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212

Honest Gamesmasters with new game openings are invited to get in touch with them.

NEW GAME ORGANIZED!

Seven new entrants have come in, and as of Friday 3 May 1985 this page alone is going out to the players. This will give them a few extra weeks to get their alliances set up, and get acquainted with one another. The deadline for "Spring 1901" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 14 JUNE 1985. The players are:

ENGLAND: Simon Lack, Apt. 9-B, 19 Max Drive, Morristown, N. J. 07960; 201-538-7495.
 FRANCE: Thames Goldman, 45 Hamilton Ave., Elmwood Park, N. J. 07407; 201-796-1557
 GERMANY: Bill Drakert, 159 Chelsea Road, White Plains, N. Y. 10603; 914-592-5009
 ITALY: Andrew Hoh, 1776 Willard St. NW, Washington, D. C. 20009; 202-483-4247
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Tom Thornsens, 113 Glensummer, Holbrook, N. Y. 11741
 RUSSIA: Dennis Walker, 2220 Trinity Dr., Atwater, Calif. 95301; 209-357-0390
 TURKEY: John Schwartz, 3530 Henry Hudson Parkway, Bronx, N. Y. 10463; 212-549-5279 or
 212-543-4319

Of the six players who expressed preferences, four got their first choices, one his second, and one his third. (There is this absurd prejudice against the Austro-Hungarian Empire, usually by people who have been wasting their time reading history instead of playing games about it.)

This game will be assigned a Boardman Number by Bill Quinn. Until he can do this, please refer to it as "the new game". As soon as I find out the Boardman Number - and, with luck, I may be able to put it elsewhere in this issue - players should use this number in correspondence with one another and with me.

MORE GAMES STILL OPEN

Yet another new postal Diplomacy game is now being organized in GRAUSTARK. The game fee will be \$18 until 1 June, and \$20 thereafter. This game fee includes a subscription to GRAUSTARK as long as the game lasts. With your game fee, send in a list of the countries that you'd like to play, in your order of preference.

If you'd like to get in the easy way, refer to the "Lightbulb" contest on page 2 of GRAUSTARK #505. All entries must come in by 1 June 1985. The three questions are: How many (Diplomacy players) (Trivial Pursuit players) (Dungeons & Dragons players) does it take to change a lightbulb? All 3 parts must be answered. First prize is a free game entry; second and third prizes are half-price (\$10) game entries. See the next issue for winners' names.

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