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1984V

"Fall 1907"

DREIBUND WIRD DREISTER

The French move "A Spa-Por" in the last issue should have been underlined as failing, as many players noted.

ENGLAND (Tallman): F Wal-Eng; F Nth-Ikwy; F Eng-Bre; F Por-Spa(s.c.); F St.P (n.c.)-Nwy.

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

GERMANY (Gaughan): A Pic S ENGLISH F Eng-Bre; A Gas S ENGLISH F Por-Spa (s.c.); F Bot-Swe; F Bal-Swe; A Den holds; A Ruh-Bur; A Sil S A War; A War S A Sil.

ITALY (Sims): F Ion-Eas; F Tyr-Tun; A Mar-Gas.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): A Rum-Sev; A Ukr & A Mos S A Rum-Sev; A Gal-Rum; A Ser & F Gre S A Bul; A Bul S A Gal-Rum.

RUSSIA (Kutta): No moves received. F Ska & F Livonia hold; see p. 8 for stand-by.

TURKEY (Verheiden): F Aeg-Ion; F Tun-Ion; F Con-Bul(s.c.); A Sev-Rum; F Bla S A Sev-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats F Bre-Mid, Turkey retreats F Sev-Arm, and the English F Por is dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P. (6)

FRANCE: Por, Spa. (2)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Par, War. (8)

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Mos, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Vie. (9)

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1985AG

"Spring 1901"

EVERYTHING WORKS

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

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

GERMANY (Drakert): F Kie-Hol; A Ber-Kie; A Mun-Ruh.

ITALY (Hoh): A Ven-Tyr; A Rom-Ven; F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thornsen): A Bud-Ser; A Vic-Tri; F Tri-Alb.

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

TURKEY (J. Schwartz): A Con-Bul; F Ank-Con; A Smy-Ank.

The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 12 JULY 1985.

VIENNA: The Armed Forces of the Empire have moved into Serbia to suppress rioting crowds. Montenegro and Serbia will be absorbed into the Empire.

ENGLAND to World: Beware any Italians at Heysel Stadium.

RUSSIA to GERMANY: Regarding Belgium, is your definition of a good ally one who brings his own Vaseline?

RUSSIA to AUSTRIA: Yes, it's true, I lied.

RUSSIA to GM: How about a contest for best press?

1984V - PRESS RELEASES

RIGA: The Madman of Europe plays on!
LONDON: Okay folks - let's talk.

The gamesmaster regrets that a lack of space requires that some of the longer press releases be postponed to the next issue. This by no means intends to discourage press releases, and I have seldom had to postpone a press release more than one issue.

1932IN

THE CANALS RUN WITH VODKA

"Fall 1917"

ENGLAND (McCarthy): No moves received. F Iri, F Eng, A Spa, F Wes, F Lyo, F Tun, A Mar, A Bur, A Ruh, A Kie, F Hol, F Den, F Bal, A Fin & A St.P hold.

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

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

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Ven-Rom. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mar, Nwy, Par, Por, St.P, Spa, Swe, Tun. (16)
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Nap, Rom. (2)
RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Mur, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (16)

England and Russia may each build one unit, and Austria-Hungary must remove two. The deadline for these "Winter 1917" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 12 JULY 1985. For the stand-by for England see p. 8.

1933AS

DEFEAT BY DEFAULT

"Fall 1912"

Following "Spring 1911" moves Austria-Hungary retreated A Gal-Ukr. All players were informed. David E. Schwartz is now playing England.

ENGLAND (D. Schwartz): F Wes-Tun.

GERMANY (Jordan): F Eng-Mid; F Bre S F Eng-Mid; F Mid-NAF; F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo; A Bur-Mar; A Gas S A Bur-Mar; A Par holds; A Nwy-St.P; A St.P-Liv; F Bal S A St.P-Liv; A Gal-War; A Pru S A Gal-War; A Sil S A Gal-War; A Boh-Vie; A Mun-Tyr.

ITALY (Kaplan): No moves received. A Tyr, F Ven, F Lyo, F Tyr, & F Nap hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rauterberg): A Ukr-Gal; A Rum-Bud; F Alb-Gre; A Vie S A Ukr-Gal; A Liv-Pru; A War S A Liv-Pru; A Mar-Spa; A Mos S A War.

TURKEY (Hardiman): A Sev-Rum; A Arm-Sev; F Ion-Tun; F Con-Aeg

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Mar-Pic and removes the dislodged A Livonia. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Por. (1)
ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)
GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mar, Mun, Nwy, Par, St.P, Spa, Swe. (16)
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Mos, Ser, Tri, Vie, War. (3)
TURKEY: Ank, Con, Rum, Sev, Smy. (5)

Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey may each build one new unit, and Italy must remove one. The deadline for these "Winter 1911" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 12 JULY 1985. For a stand-by for Italy see p. 8.

1935L

"Winter 1901"

ENGLAND (Bennett): Builds F Edi.
FRANCE (Dawson): Builds A Par, A Mar.
GERMANY (Schembari): Builds A Mun, A Kie.
ITALY (Jordan): Builds F Nap, A Ven.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Hardiman): Builds A Bud.
RUSSIA (Cameron): Removes F Sev.
TURKEY (McCarthy): No build received. See p. 8 for stand-by.

1982IM

"Fall 1915"

"WELL, GOING IN THROUGH THE ATTIC WORKED WITH MOVE!"

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

RUSSIA (Bragdon): A Tyr S TURKISH F Ven; A Mun holds; A Boh & A Ber S A Mun; A Gal-Sil; F Bal-Swe; A St.P-Fin; A Mos-St.P; A Liv S A Mos-St.P.

TURKEY (Chafetz): F Bla-Con; F Bul(s.c.)-Gre; F Aeg-Ion; F Eas S F Aeg-Ion; F Gre-Alb; F Ion-Adr; F Ven S F Ion-Adr; A Tri S F Ven.

Underlined moves are not possible. Denmark, which was incorrectly listed as a French supply center after "Fall 1914", now is correctly so listed. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie,	RUSSIA: Ber, Bud, Mos, Mun, St.P, Ser, Sev,
Liv, Lon, Mar, Nap, Nwy, Par, Por,	Vie, War. (9)
Rom, Spa, Swe, Tun. (17)	TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Smy, Tri,
	Ven. (3)

France may build one unit. This "Winter 1915" order should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that it arrives by WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 1985. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1916" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 12 JULY 1985. The vote for a concession to France fails of unanimity and will not be re-submitted to the players, nor will a draw proposal, until the situation on the board clarifies.

1983AJ

"Fall 1914"

THE ALLIANCE GETS RESTLESS

Several players have observed that there is no German A Ber, as it was removed in "Winter 1913".

ENGLAND (J. Baker): A Mos-Sev; A Bur holds; F Mid-Bre; F Eng & F Pic S F Mid-Bre; F Bel S F Pic; F Tri-Mid.

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

GERMANY (Ripper): A Bud S ITALIAN A Tri-Ser; A Tyr S ITALIAN A Vie-Tri; A Mun S ENGLISH A Bur; A Sev-Rum; A Ukr & A Gal S A Sev-Rum; A Boh S A Gal.

ITALY (Ezzio): A Mar-Bur; A Vie-Tri; A Tri-Ser; F Tyr-Ion; F Tun S F Tyr-Ion; F Por-Spa(n.c.); F Wes-Spa(s.c.); F Ion-Alb.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Rum-Bul and France retreats F Bre-Gas. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Mos,	ITALY: Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven,
Ilwy, St.P, War. (9)	Vie. (9)
FRANCE: Par. (1)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Ser, Smy.
GERMANY: Ber, Bud, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun,	(6)
Rum, Sev, Swe. (9)	

Germany and England may each build two units, and Italy may build one. Austria-Hungary and France must each remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1914" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 12 JULY 1985.

VENICE to BERLIN: Your plan sounds fine to me.

NAPLES to LIVERPOOL: Your true intentions will soon be known.

ROME to PARIS: My goal is to remove the wart.

PALERMO to SOFIA: You turkey!

1983HF

THE BIG BREAKTHROUGH!

Following "Fall 1910" moves, Austria-Hungary retreated F Ion-Nap and built A Vie. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Chafetz): A Lon-Den; F Nth C A Lon-Den; F Eng-Mid; F Mid-Naf; A Naf-Tun; F Wes S A Naf-Tun; A Mar-Pie; F Lyo S A Mar-Pie; A Ruh-Mun; A Bur S A Ruh-Mun; A Mun-Tyr; A Sil-War; A Liv S A Sil-War; F Tyr-Ion; F Pru-Pal; F Bot S A Liv; A St.P-Mos.

ITALY (D. Schwartz): F Tun holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Stewart): A Mos S A War; A Sev S A Mos; A Tyr-Mun; A Boh-Sil; A Gal S A Boh-Sil; A War S A Sil; A Ven-Pie; A Tus S A Ven-Pie; F Nap-Tyr; F Alb-Adr; A Vie-Boh.

TURKEY (Schembari): F Ion S ITALIAN F Tun; A Gre, F Aeg, A Con & F Eas hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A War-Ukr, and the dislodged Italian F Tun is annihilated, putting Italy out of the game. The deadline for "Fall 1911" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 12 JULY 1985. See also "Miscellany", p. 7.

LONDON: Rumors from the Tower state that the Queen demands Tunisian dates.

WHEN DO YOU EXPIRE?

The subscriptions of the following GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy players expire with the indicated issue. This is based on the assumption that 1983HF ends in the next issue (but I was wrong on that once before):

508 - W. Elmer Hinton	509 - Jeffrey Scharf	519 - Ralph L. Morton
509 - Greg Baker	513 - Chris Carrier	Eric Verheiden
Jack Brawner	Don Del Grande	529 - Gerry Thompson
Mark Follmer	515 - Kenneth L. Peel	John W. Weswig

Stand-by players are reminded that they must keep their subscriptions current. A stand-by player who is enrolled as a starting player in another game should re-subscribe if the game ends in which he was a starting player, and he is still in another game as a stand-by.

1984HB - PRESS RELEASES

BERLIN to PETROGRAD: Please judge Martin & me by our actions. Who seems to try to hurt you & help Austria? Who gives you what support he can although faced with pressing problems of his own? Regardless of which unit you remove, I hope you assist me against Martin in 1905.

BERLIN (DAMN): Foreign Minister Ludicros announced today that the 2nd Democratic Republican Reich's Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Erich von Openheimer, has been held responsible for provoking the Russian attack on German waters last year. He is being replaced by Ambassador Heidi Honeytonguen, a former cabaret dancer, who shall communicate more effectively the 2DRR's peaceful intentions toward the Petrograd government.

BERLIN to World: Now Is The Time!

OWINGS STY to reactionary Martinite Hordes: Your subtle attempts to produce hypnosis in conjunction with para-emotional disturbance in we Earthhogs shall not go unpunished!

BERLIN to PARIS: Before moving elsewhere, I need Denmark.

BERLIN to LONDON (the city, not the player): Evict Denmark!

BERLIN to PARIS: A Bel-Holl fulfills the letter of my obligations and removes a

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DEUTSCHE WÖRTERBÜCHER ZUM KAUFEN

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

GERMANY (J. Goldman): F Mid-Spa((sic; no coast specified)); F Eng-Mid; F Ska-Nwy; A Mar S F Mid-Spa; AGAs S A Mar; A Kie-Mun; A Bur S A Kie-Mun; A Mun-Sil; A Liv S A Sil-War; A Mos S A War-Ukr; A Pru S A Mun-Sil; A Sil-War; A War-Ukr.

ITALY (Schembari): A Por S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Spa.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Clarke): A Spa S A Pie-Mar; F NAT-Mid; F Wes & F Lyo S A Spa; A Pic-Mar; A Tyr S A Boh; A Boh holds; A Gal-Rum; F Adr-Ion.

RUSSIA (Sims): A Sev-Mos; A Ukr S A Sev-Mos; F Bul(c.c.) & F Bla hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. Larry Sims is now playing Russia. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Liv. (1)

ITALY: Por, Tun. (2)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Lon, Mar, Mos, Mun, Nwy, Par, St.P, Swe, War. (16)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Nap, Rom, Run, Ser, Spa, Tri, Ven, Vie. (10)

RUSSIA: Ank, Bul, Con, Sev, Smy. (5)

Germany and Austria-Hungary may each build one unit, and England must remove one. There would additionally be two German, one Italian, and one Russian build, but no home supply centers are available for them. The deadline for these "Winter 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 12 JULY 1985.

1984AY

"Fall 1906"

SURPRISE! LOOK WHO WON!

ENGLAND (Tallman): F Por holds; F Eng-Lon.

FRANCE (Hurwitz): A Tyr & A Bur S RUSSIAN A Ber-Mun; A Bel S RUSSIAN F Hel-Hol; F Tyr-Tun; A Spa-Por; F Bre-Eng.

GERMANY (Bennett): No moves received. A Boh holds; A Hol & A Mun dislodged and annihilated.

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

RUSSIA (Quarto): F Aeg-Gre; A Rum-Ser; A Bul S A Rum-Ser; A Ukr-Rum; F Yor-Lon; F Val S F Yor-Lon; A Gal-Boh; A Sil-Mun; A Ber S A Sil-Mun; A War-Sil; F Bal-Kie; A Kie-Hol; F Hel & F Nth S A Kie-Hol; F Bla S A Ukr-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Tyr-Pie. With these moves Russia acquires 21 supply centers and wins the game; details will be supplied in the next issue, together with a roster and supply center chart. As a result of this, the subscriptions of Charles Kaplan, Mike Levine, and John Quarto end with this issue.

1984HB

"Winter 1904-Spring 1905"

RING AROUND THE BOSPORUS

Following "Fall 1904" moves, Austria-Hungary built F Tri & A Vie, and France built A Par. No removal from Russia was received and so the gamesmaster removed F Bot. All players were informed. Press releases are on p. 4.

ENGLAND (Martin): F Hel-Nth; F Lon S F Hel-Nth; F Sve S A Den; A Den S F Sve; F Nwy-Nrg.

FRANCE (Sims): A Par holds; A Mar-Gas; A Liv-Yor; F Hat-Nrg; F Eng-Nth; F Mid-Eng.

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

ITALY (Budway): F Tun-Lyo((sic)); F Tus-NAF((sic)); F Tyr-Wes; A Pie-Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): A Mos-St.P; A Sev S A Rum; A Ser-Bul; A Rum & F Gre S A Ser-Bul; A Arm-Smy; F Eas S A Arm-Smy; A Vie-Tyr; F Tri-Ven.

RUSSIA (London): No moves received. A Fin holds. (See p. 8 for stand-by.)

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 12 JULY 1985.

1934IC

THEN WHAT?

"Fall 1903"

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

FRANCE (Chafetz): F Mat-Cly; A Mar-Spa; A Spa-Por.

GERMANY (Manna): A Gas-Mar; A Bur S A Gas-Mar; F Bre S ENGLISH F Eng-Mid; A Sil S A Boh; A Boh S A Sil; A Ber-Mun; F Den "shadows Russian fleet Sweden".

ITALY (Clarke): A Tri S RUSSIAN A Ser; A Ven & F Adr S A Tri; F Nap-Ion; F Tyr-Ion.

RUSSIA (Schembari): F Swe, A St.P & A Vie hold; A Bud S A Ser; A Rum-Ank; F Bla C A Rum-Ank; A Gal-Rum; A Ser S A Gal-Rum.

TURKEY (London): No moves received. A Alb, A Bul, A Gre, F Ion, F Aeg & F Eas hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Mar-Pie. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (5) ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tri, Tun, Ven. (5)

FRANCE: Por, Spa. (2) RUSSIA: Ank, Bud, Mos, Rum, St.P, Ser, Sev, Swe, Vie, War. (10)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Kie, Mar, Mun, Par. (8) TURKEY: Bul, Con, Gre, Smy. (4)

The German A Ber was not ordered on the "Spring" turn. Russia may build two new units and Germany may build one. France must remove one unit, and Turkey must remove two. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 12 JULY 1985. Stand-by moves for Turkey should be sent in by Michael Quirk; see p. 8. For Paul Schembari's new phone number see p. 7.

1934ID

FAVORITE STRATEGY: THE SNEAK ATTACK

"Fall 1903"

Following "Spring 1903" moves Italy retreated F Ion-Nap.

ENGLAND (Jordan): A Nwy-Edi; F Nth C A Nwy-Edi; F Lon-Eng.

FRANCE (Gratto): A Liv-Edi; F Iri-Liv; F Eng-Bel; A Pic S F Eng-Bel; A Bur-Mun; A Spa-Gas.

GERMANY (Cameron): A Pru-War; F Bot-St.P(s.c.); A Den-Kie; A Ruh-Mun; A Bel holds; F Swe-Bal.

ITALY (Stewart): A Tri-Vie; A Ven-Tyr; F Nap-Apu; F Tun-Ion.

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1983IE

"Winter 1908"

Following "Fall 1908" moves the following retreats were ordered:

ENGLAND (Verheiden): F Nwy-Nth.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Jordan): A Vie removed.

ITALY (Bragdon): F Mid-Por.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): A Mos-Ukr.

(The Russian retreat was overlooked in the report of the "Fall 1908" moves, but the Russian player caught this and made the retreat.) "Winter" orders are:

GERMANY: Builds A Kie.

TURKEY: No build received. See p. 8 for stand-by.

ITALY: Builds F Nap.

The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 12 JULY 1985. A vote on a draw has been proposed, and players should send in their votes with these moves.

LONDON to ANKARA: Wake up! You could survive the game as the key to halting Italian expansion. With say A Smy, F Con, F Bla or Arm you can last quite some time, particularly if you cooperate with Germany and Austria.

LONDON: We (E/G/A) propose a six-way draw. Any guesses on the most likely NO vote Larry?

ITALY to AUSTRIA: Av, come avn, Jawn! Some of my best friends are economists from Virginia (even from D. C., yet).

ITALIAN ADMIRALTY TO ALL VESSELS AT SEA: Large craft warning: maverick flotilla bearing our green insignia foraging somewhere off the Belgian coast. Captain last seen exiting Brussels steak-house. Can be identified by tendency to sail in circles, read maps, menus, newspapers upside down. Said to be dangerous if his sense of direction is questioned. Flotilla's destination unknown. May raid Hilland before putting to sea. Subject fleet not, repeat not, under orders of this headquarters.

ROME to BERLIN: Outguessing me? That's a cinch, Marc. Tell me something really difficult that you've done lately.

ROME to LONDON: I agree with you about "strong seconds", but I'm also averse to "strong firsts". How about a draw?

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RUSSIA: Swe. (1)

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

England and Austria-Hungary may each build two new units, and Italy may build one. France, Russia, and Turkey must each remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 12 JULY 1985.

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threat to Picardy.

BERLIN to ROME: My one regret in this game has been my reliance at times on the unstable Italian government. Who's in charge?

BERLIN to CONSTANTINOPLE: Thank you, for being the only government which has not caused me any worry this game.

BERLIN (DAMN): Ambassador Konrad von Grosspecker has been recalled from Rome. The German Government (2DRR) is wroth the unreliable Italians. One half hopes that Rauterbergini will take over, for at least he'll get the trains to run on time and get his orders in too. On the other hand, Priemer Budwayini was very friendly to our government." von Grosspecker said. "So we have a choice between a government of certain good will and doubtful efficiency and a government of doubtful good will and certain efficiency."

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Paul Schembari's Brooklyn phone number was misprinted in a previous issue. From 30 June his phone number will be 718-232-0037.

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The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 12 JULY 1985. For Paul Schembari's new phone number see p. 7. Press releases are postponed to the next issue.

STAND-BYS CALLED UPON

The following people are asked to send in stand-by orders for the indicated positions and games in the next issue. (DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY 12 JULY 1985!)

1982IN, England: Nunzio Paul Schembari, 129 Standard St., Syracuse, N. Y. 13210; 315-472-3598 until 30 June, and thereafter 1661 72nd St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11204; 718 232-0037.

1983AS, Italy: Ted London, 31 Saddle Club Rd., Lexington, Mass. 02173; 617-862-6088

1983IE, Turkey: John C. Quarto, P. O. Box 359, Boston University Station, Boston, Mass. 02215; 617-353-6089

1984V, Russia: Alan Stewart, 702-25 St. Mary St., Toronto, Ontario. M4Y 1R2

1984AY, Germany: Bill Hardiman, 5700 Hayloft Circle, Raleigh, N. C. 27606; 919-852-2357

1984HB, Russia: Eric Verheiden, #2, 200 S. Azusa Ave., Azusa, Calif. 91702; 818-334-3149

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

1984ID, Austria-Hungary: Terry Tallman, #308, 7239 Sand Point Way, Seattle, Wash. 98115; 206-526-0719

1985L, Turkey: Vincent J. Manna, #1, 2217 West St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11223; 718-336-1156

Regrettably, some of the above-named stand-bys didn't respond for the last issue. And so second stand-bys are also called on for the following positions; their moves will be used if neither the present player nor the first stand-by responds.

1983AS, Italy: Lawrence Chafetz, Apt. 2-M, 178-10 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica, N. Y. 11432

1983IE, Turkey: David E. Schwartz, Suite 304, 460 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair, N. J. 07042; 201-376-6925

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AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brooks): No moves received. A Bud, F Adr & A Alb hold.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): F Liv-St.P(s.c.); A Mos-War; A Sil-Ber; F Sev holds.

TURKEY (Hall): F Ion-Nap; F Aeg-Ion; A Rum-Sev; F Bla S A Rum-Sev; A Gre-Alb.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Bel-Hol and Russia retreats A Sev-Arm. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Lon, Nwy. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Ser. (2)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Liv, Mar, Par, Por,

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

Spa. (7)

TURKEY: Ark, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Sev, Smy.

GERMANY: Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Swe. (5) (7)

ITALY: Rom, Tri, Lun, Ven, Vie. (5)

Turkey may build two new units, and Italy and France may each build one. Austria-Hungary and Germany must each remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 12 JULY 1985. For the stand-by for Austria-Hungary see above. Charles Gratto writes that he will be in Portugal - the real one - until after the middle of July, but his "Winter" moves are already in.

ROME: Rioting broke out in the streets today as public opposition to the disastrous war in Austria continues to mount. Conservatives blamed the administration for "fighting a no-win war" and "tying the hands of our boys in Albania". Leftist protestors charged that the Administration failed to recognize who its true friends were, and dissipated its moral authority by supporting corrupt, authoritarian regimes.

THE LAST OF BRUX

Bruce Linsey, who insists on calling himself by the eructative monosyllable "Brux" and will therefore be so denominated here, has long since worn out the patience of postal Diplomacy fans with his open lies, his financial hi-jinks on the telephone, and his ceaseless slander of the most hard-working and useful members of the hobby. As an example, he has been known to make collect calls to his victims at their places of employment, or to give phoney numbers to the telephone company, leaving them to bill the person he called as their only way of getting paid. Kathy Byrne, who almost lost her job through this stunt, has been a particular victim of his. He then capped this antic by sending an insulting and suggestive letter to her daughter. He now claims that no such letter ever existed - and indeed, since Kathy and John recently had a fire in their home, it may not exist any more; they haven't been able to find it.

It has become painfully obvious that Brux has an almost autistic belief in the centrality of his own person. For him, "right" is what, at the moment, seems advantageous to himself, while "wrong" is a thing that may be disadvantageous to him. He is to psychology what Claudius Ptolemy was to astronomy - the center of his own universe, about which all else must be made to revolve, whether it in fact does, or not.

Kathy Byrne agrees that, under these circumstances, it is futile to expect Brux to apologize for his conduct, since Brux is incapable of regarding anything he ever did, wrote, or said as being in any way wrong. As he is obviously incapable of seeking professional aid for himself, we can only wait until the public authorities are forced by circumstances to require him by force of law to do so. Until this happens - and it cannot now be far off - we are simply going to have to treat Brux as a problem to be dealt with, and certainly not as an opposition to be debated. For this purpose, Ed Wrobel devotes several pages of each issue of his excellent 'zine Feudesse, free from him at 3932 N. Forestdale Ave., Dale City, Va. 22193. To ensure that irrelevant matters do not hamper this effort, I have sent Brux the remaining six issues of his GRAUSTARK subscription.

Now, however, it becomes necessary to deal with Brux's supporters. In fact, we first need a name by which to describe the few but noisy members of Brux's cheering section, and I therefore propose to call them "Bruxelles". Not only is it a diminutive of the name he has chosen for himself, but it is also the local name of a European city. This city is chiefly famous for a naked little boy who is perpetually pissing. What better symbol could there be of Brux and his supporters?

The Bruxelles themselves present a problem, though not one as great as their exemplar. If you look at their letters - as published, probably with the aid of a muck-rake, by Ed Wrobel - they are vehement about the things that have been done to Brux, but draw the silence of the tomb over the things done by him. When pressed, all the Bruxelles whom I have encountered admit that they find his conduct indefensible. Pete Gaughan has done so. Russ Rusnak has done so. If Gary Coughlan has ever printed an annotated justification of the letter Brux wrote to Kathy's daughter, he has refrained from sending me a copy of it - not that I want to hear from this racist anyway.

So how do we account for the Bruxelles? As a minor example of the same major neurosis that obviously afflicts their paragon? As the currently popular fad of masochism? As a chronic opposition, out of sheer pig-headedness, to the public good? As a recognition of a man who has dared to say and do in public the things they have only had interior fantasies about?

Let the psychologists among us debate this question. This is only appropriate to the status of Brux and the Bruxelles as subjects of discussion, rather than as an opposition. This can scarcely "dehumanize" them, nor can the name "Brux", since Brux has already, by his vicious and mendacious antics, dehumanized himself. We only make public recognition of a state of affairs which he has already brought about by his own efforts. As for the Bruxelles, tell me what you honor and I'll tell you what you are.

Further comments on this matter by GRAUSTARK readers will be passed on to Ed Wrobel. Maybe he'll print them. Maybe he won't.

CHANGING THE LIGHTBULB - THE WINNERS

In GRAUSTARK #505, on 23 March, was announced a contest with a free entry to a GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy game as first prize. The contest was to get the best answers to the following three questions:

1. How many Diplomacy players does it take to change a lightbulb?
2. How many Trivial Pursuit players does it take to change a lightbulb?
3. How many Dungeons & Dragons players does it take to change a lightbulb?

Dick Martin sent in the winning entry, with the following answers:

1. 21; one to do it, and 20 to write off-the-record letters about how poorly the job was done.
2. Gee, I'm sure I know this one....
3. None; true D&D players use candles, not lightbulbs.

Second prize was won by Dennis Walker:

1. This is a trick question. Diplomacy players do not change light bulbs since (a.) no one would possibly expose his back long enough to do so and (b.) they do their best work in the dark anyway.
2. This is a "Science and Nature" question. Answer: Three. One to fix the drinks, one to call the electrician, and one to read the next question.
3. Also three. The first player stands beneath the socket. The second player gets on the first player's shoulders and changes the bulb. This procedure is necessary since the players purchased 50 feet of rope and other useful items but no step stool. The third player stands guard against wandering/random Christians...

Third prize went to David Ezzio:

1. Three. One to change the lightbulb, and one to make sure the lightbulb is changed, and a gamesmaster to see if the new lightbulb works.
2. Two. One who remembers the price of the first commercial light bulb, and one who hasn't forgotten how to change a light bulb.
3. It only takes one Dungeons and Dragons player to change a lightbulb; however, he or she must be a Sorcerer.

Dennis and David are each entitled to a half-price (\$10) entry into a new GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy game. I would like to thank all the readers who entered the contest.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

TOM RIPPER: Are you sure about "little-known geographical facts" #4 and #8? ((in GRAUSTARK #506)) True, Afghanistan has no seacoast but Trident SLAMS have a range over 7000 kilometers thus U. S. Navy involvement in the war there is not "impossible". The Soviets have a submarine port north and east of Vladivostok that is closer to Central America. In addition, using my globe and string, the other 3 fleet headquarters (Sevastopol, Kaliningrad, and Severomorsk) all are geographically closer to Nicaragua than Vladivostok is.

DAVID EZZIO: When a game has been dragging on...it is quite easy to forget to vote for a draw, since no one has any great hopes of a draw coming about. I would suggest that counting a failure to vote as an affirmative vote is more sensible than counting it as negative vote. Usually, by the time a draw is proposed, far more people are in favor of the vote than oppose it. Thus a person who forgets to vote is more likely to favor the draw than oppose it. Also, usually, a person's feeling run much higher in opposing draws than in favoring them. Thus people who oppose a draw are less likely to forget to vote. Also, it is usually in the interests of the game-

master and the 'zine to have a game end in a draw than continue to drag along for no apparent reason, especially if you go several moves with people forgetting to vote, as I am sure must happen. In conclusion, if you haven't changed this policy yet, you should.

((I know the situation of which you speak - in fact, I think it is no secret to anyone in your game - and I am sorely tempted. But for the time being I'll go with the existing rule.))

CHUCK KAPLAN: I have switched companies to the "friendly skies of United". One benefit is virtually free plane fare. ((If they're running at all, of course.)) So I may be able to attend N. Y. events if given some advance notice.

Morton Kondrake, Washington Bureau chief of Newsweek and a reputed liberal, has termed Reagan a "closet moderate". Comments? ((I'd like to hear from Pat Buchanan, George Shultz, and his resident experts on the spiritual development of the physically handicapped before I answered that.))

As a YUPPY, I am fairly satisfied with the current state of affairs, but a nagging doubt that the foundations are crumbling around us persists. Why are the liberals having so difficult a time establishing a new agenda?

((And why is Recording for the Blind finding it such a job to get anyone from the "Yuppie generation" to do any volunteer reading for them? Could this age-group be uninterested in any such thing as a social responsibility towards others?))

KEN PEEL: On this glorious occasion ((May Day)), where all antichrists such as the Pope and the U. S. President celebrate their efforts of global enslavement, it seems appropriate to renew my subscription to GRAUSTARK...

Just kidding. About our supreme leader, alpha male being in league with subversive elements, that is... You realize, of course, that this is nothing more than a belated April fools joke by the good Pastor Akamo. So outlandish, it is, that surely no one would believe a word. What a knee slapper!

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THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK, the oldest publication for the postal play of Avalon Hill's board game Diplomacy, is published every fourth Saturday (with exceptions such as today) by John Boardman, 234 E. 19th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226. New games are open at a game fee of \$20, which includes a subscription to GRAUSTARK for as long as the game lasts. With your game entry send in a list of the countries you'd like to play, in your order of preference. The postal rules were last published in GRAUSTARK #437; send for a copy with your game entry if you don't already have one.

The subscription rate for non-players is 9 issues for \$6. Back issues are 10 for \$2 from the beginning of 1984, with a few selected issues from previous years.

Diplomacy was invented by Allan B. Calhamer.

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Empiricon, a science-fiction convention scheduled for the first weekend of July in New York City, has been cancelled. War-gaming activities had been scheduled for the convention.

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Origins XI, a/k/a Origins 85, decidedly has not been cancelled, and will take place on 27-30 June on the campus of Towson State College, in Towson, a northern suburb of Baltimore. As with last August's Atlanticon, at the same place, I will with Robert Sacks be adjudicating the Diplomacy and other tournaments there, and expect to see a lot of GRAUSTARK readers. I also plan to bring with me a number of copies of that Jack Chick tract which claims Dungeons & Dragons is an instrument of the devil; ask me for a copy of you're really all that curious about it. And, if I can work out the details to my own satisfaction, I will be bringing as Gamesmaster an adventure scenario for Chaosium's new Arthurian role-playing game Pendragon, which will be reviewed sometime this summer in GRAUSTARK's sister publication EMPIRE.

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There were two boards in the Diplomacy competition at a war-gaming convention held on 20 April at Columbia University. I was referee, and scoring was by the Sacks System. (If you want to see how that works, join the Diplomacy tournament at Origins XI on 29-30 June at Towson State College in Maryland, and watch Robert Sacks and me run up the calculations.) The winner was James Rouselle, with a score of 10.17 as England on the first board.

The second board was afflicted by a rather odd circumstance: It was a good lively game until about "1903" or "1904", when one of the players had to leave. A substitute came in, but he was disinclined to go along with the system of alliances that had predominated in the game up to that point. Apparently this soured the other players off their stride that all seven of them decided to agree on a draw. Under the circumstances, there was nothing I could do except register the draw. As you might expect, the final score list began with three players from the first board, followed by all seven players from the second board, and then by the other four players from the first board. Second and third places went to two players named Weiser and Gallin, whose first names I didn't catch, and who played Germany and Turkey respectively with scores of 9.56 and 8.67. Highest score on the second board was Vincent J. Manna, the only GRAUSTARK reader among the players, who got 6.92 points as Russia.

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As a boy, I was one of those "children who are up in dates, and floor you with them flat." I could also reel off complete lists of the colonial possessions of all the European empires, a job which was much more difficult then than it is now. And, thanks to a stamp collection, I could locate such present or former jurisdictions as Nossi-Bé, Oltre Giube, and the Wallis & Futuna Islands.

I've more or less tried to keep up with this, as we have seen the creation and in some cases the annihilation of such new nations as Bourkina Fasso, Kiribati, and Biafra. But what is "Z. E. S."? The information that the initials stand for "Zil Elwagne Sesel" doesn't help much. The stamp column of the New York Times of 9 June 1985 identifies this mystery as being "a number of small islands in the Indian Ocean", formerly known as B. I. O. T. - not the man who established the qualitative laws of magnetic induction, but "British Indian Ocean Territory". To add further to the confusion, the initials have just been declared to stand for "Zil Elwanmyen Sesel".

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Vincent J. Manna announces the publication of Blitzkrieg, a postal Diplomacy 'zine which is trying for an 18-day turnaround. I wish him the best in this effort, though I have my doubts about the ability of the U. S. Postal "Service" to live up to these hopes. The game fee is \$20, and his address is Software Doctors Inc., P. O. Box 171, Gravesend Station, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11223.

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