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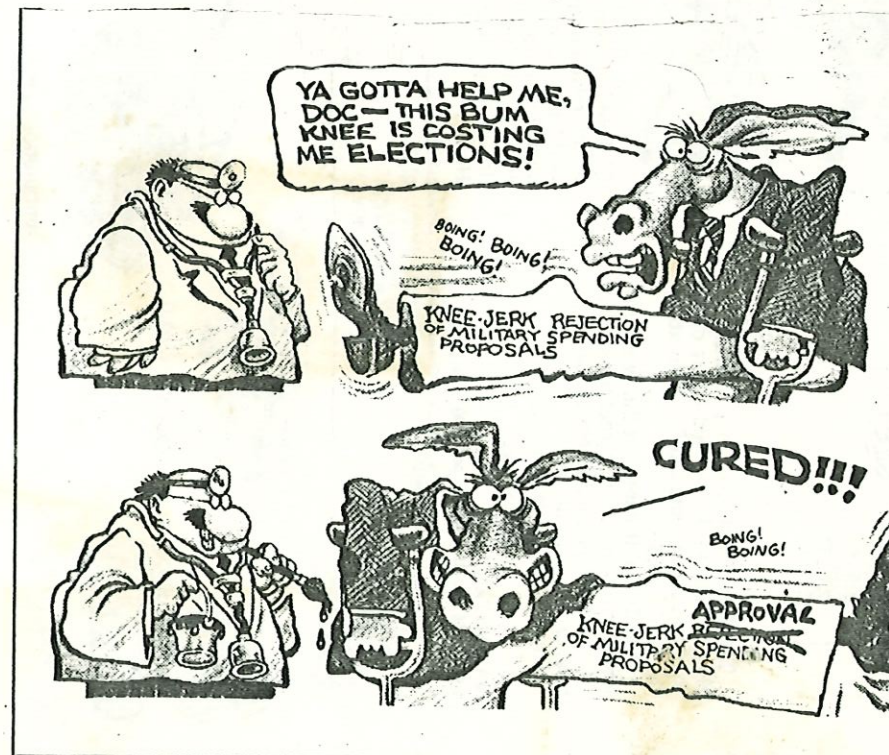
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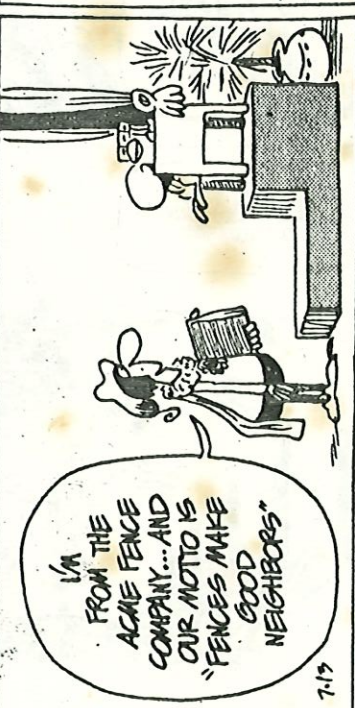
## Girl Scout Cookies Get Clearance From F.B.I.

■ Mechanical problems grounded the super-sonic B1B bomber, and a substitute test version of the \$220 million addition to the nation's nuclear arsenal was sent to Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Tex., for ceremonies that were to mark the plane's operational debut.



**T**HE LAUNCHING of the Democrats' latest effort at self-definition was not entirely auspicious, but at least it was different. For the first time in memory, someone spoke in defense of binary nerve gas production at an official gathering of the Democratic Party — and did so without being lynched.

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# AMERICA'S WAR WIMPS

Where Was Sylvester Stallone During the Vietnam War?

Reagan sees no recession

Bullets Fired in 1959 Kill Man



DOC, I'M PLANNING A RELIEF FUND-RAISER WHEN I GET HOME. WHAT CAN I SAY IS YOUR GREAT-EST NEED HERE IN THE CAMPS?



ACTUALLY, JIMMY, MOST OF WHAT WE NEED IS ALREADY IN ETHIOPIA. FOOD, MEDICINE, VEHICLES—THEY'RE ALL ON THE DOCKS, BUT HELD UP BY RED TAPE.



SOMETIMES IT GETS SO BAD, WE JUST GO IN AT NIGHT AND STAGE A RAID ON OUR OWN SUPPLIES. OF COURSE, IT MEANS PAYING OFF A LOT OF CUSTOMS AND WAREHOUSE PEOPLE.



"THAT'S RIGHT, FOLKS, YOUR \$100 CONTRI-BUTION WILL HELP US BRIBE FOUR ETHIOPIAN OFFICIALS!"

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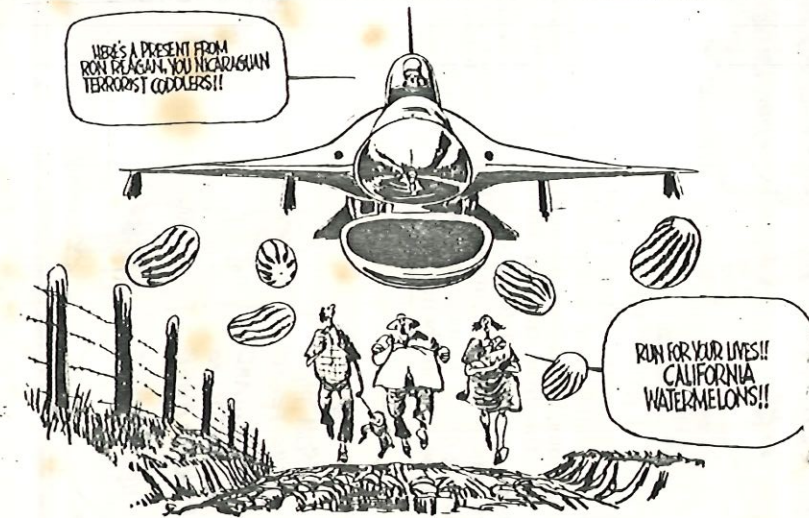


GOOD GRAVY MAN, HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? REAGAN'S BUDGET PROPOSAL WILL CUT SOCIAL PROGRAMS! YOU'VE GOT TO TIGHTEN YOUR BELT!!

BUT I DON'T OWN A BELT!

HERE TAKE MINE... I WON'T BE NEEDING IT!

□ Sensible choice of a pet would lead to a happy relationship between man and animal. It could not be stressed too often that when the animal was a dog the relationship would not be entirely satisfactory unless the human was the dominant partner. — *Daily Telegraph* (Glenda Horne)



HERE'S A PRESENT FROM RON REAGAN, YOU NICARAGUAN TERRORIST CODDLERS!!

RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!! CALIFORNIA WATERMELONS!!

The New York City Department of Health last week released a list of 61 food establishments cited for violating the health code. In addition, it listed six that were allowed to reopen after correcting earlier violations and nine that were closed for having failed to do so. The establishments are these:

**Violations**

MANHATTAN Aphrodite Special Greek Food, 300 W. 58th St.

HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE CONTRAS (ONE SHIPMENT)

- Door stops (300)
- Scalpels (400)
- Ambulances (6)
- Splints (400)
- Clothing (180 gross)

## 1985CA - LATE DESPATCHES

Since the report of this game on page 15 was printed, but before the deadline, a change of moves came in from the Russian player. Instead of "F Sev-Bla, A War-Gal" he ordered "F Sev & A War hold". This means that the Austro-Hungarian move "A Vie-Gal", which was underlined as impossible on page 15, actually succeeded.

1984B

"Fall 1909"

## PEACE - IT'S WONDERFUL

ENGLAND (J. Schwartz): F Iri S GERMAN F Eng-Mid.GERMANY (J. Goldman): F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Eng-Mid; F Nrg-Nat; A Mar S F Mid-Spa(s.c.):  
A Gas & A Bur S A Mar; A Mun, A Mos, A War & A Sil hold; A Liv S A Mos; A Kie S A Mun; A Pru S A War; A Ber S A Sil.

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Clarke): A Gal & A Tyr S A Boh; A Boh & A Vie S A Gal; A Pie-Mar; A Spa S A Pie-Mar; F Lyo & F Wes S A Spa; F NAF-Mid; F Tun holds.RUSSIA (Sims): A Ukr S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Gal;  
A Sev S A Ukr; F Bla holds; F Con-Aeg.

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

ENGLAND: Liv. (1)

ITALY: Por. (1)

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, Rum, Ser,  
Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (11)

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

With these moves, the five surviving players agree to a draw.

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## WHEN DO YOU EXPIRE?

For the first time in the history of GRAUSTARK, three postal Diplomacy games have ended in the same issue: 1982IN, 1983AS, and 1984B. It is also highly likely that 1982IM will end in the next issue. As a result, the subscriptions of a number of readers will expire. Below is listed the number of the issue with which the subscription or each listed person will expire:

511 - Derwood Bowen

512 - Dick Belliveau

517 - Thomas E. Johnson

Chris Downs

Ken Corbin

519 - Ralph L. Morton

Seth Kadish

Randy Ellis

Eric Verheiden

Dudley Kidd

John Ferguson

521 - Chris Carrier

Michael Kline

Al Pearson

Peter J. La Rocco

Bob Rynkiewicz

Hector Roybal

529 - Gerry Thompson

Grant Swinger

513 - Don Del Grande

John M. Weswig

Joshua Weinstein

515 - Kenneth L. Peel

533 - Barry Swift

Richard Willey

517 - W. Elmer Hinton

David Zaiz

Jeffrey L. Hoffman

New postal Diplomacy games are now being organized in GRAUSTARK. See page 8 for details including the game fee. If your subscription ends now, but you are a stand-by in another game, you will have to renew your subscription in order to continue playing a stand-by position.

LET'S MAKE A DEAL

ENGLAND (McCarthy): A St.P holds; A Fin S A St.P; F Bel-Ber; F Hol-Kie; F Den S F Hol-Kie; A Kie-Mun; A Ruh & A Bur S A Kie-Mun; F Mid-Wes; F Eng-Mid; A Bre-Gas; F Tun-Ion; F Tyr S F Tun-Ion; A Mar-Pie; F Lyo S A Mar-Pie; A Tus S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Apu-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Apu-Ven; A Rom-Nap((sic; no such unit exists)); A Nap not ordered, holds.

RUSSIA (La Rocco): A Mos S A Liv; A Liv S A Pru; A Ber S A Mun; A Sil & A Boh S A Mun; A Mun S A Ber; A Pru S A Ber; A Tyr-Tri; A Pic-Tus; A Ven S A Pie-Tus; F Bla-Con; F Ion-Apu; F Adr S F Ion-Apu; F Aeg-Ion; F Gre S F Aeg-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The dislodged Austro-Hungarian F Apu and the Russian A Pie are annihilated. Note that the F Apu still cuts the support given by the Russian A Ven even though it is itself dislodged; see Example 10 on page 6 of the Rulebook. 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, Sve, Tun. (16)
- AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Nap, Rom. (2)
- RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Mun, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (16)

- 1982IN - John Boardman, GRAUSTARK
- E - Seth Kadish (dro S06)
  - Art Ticossi (dro S14)
  - Jim McCarthy (drew F18)
  - F - John Schwartz (out F16)
  - G - Marc Hurwitz (out F06)
  - I - David Wiencek (out F07)
  - A - Bill Drakert (drew F18)
  - R - Peter J. La Rocco (drew F18)
  - T - Bob Rynkiewicz (out F06)

With these moves the surviving players all vote for a draw, thus ending the game. The roster appears to the right, and the supply center chart is below. An asterisk indicates a supply center for which no unit was

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reviews																				

of this game, which will be published in the next issue. For a list of people whose subscriptions will end as a result of the end of this game, see page 3.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Jon Bennett writes that, as of 9 September, his address will be Knaulton 14, Tabor Academy, Marion, Mass. 02738.

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Bill Drakert has been playing postal Diplomacy in GRAUSTARK longer than any other active player, having started 12 or 15 years ago. He has participated in six draws, beginning with 1974GO and including the just-completed 1982IN. However, he has yet to win a GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy game.

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The following people have written in for information about postal Diplomacy games in GRAUSTARK, and some have already signed up for a game now being organized:

- Bob Addison, P. O. Box 7393, Silver Spring, Md. 20907; 202-291-2513
- Jim Martin, 2940 W. Julie Dr., Phoenix, Ariz. 85027
- Scott Tendering, 437 N. Everett Dr., Palatine, Ill. 60067

## THE FALL AND RISE OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IN 1980CZ

by David Ezzio

I know, if you are reading this article in GRAUSTARK, that you are not likely to be ignorant of the game of Diplomacy, but if you happen to be a friend of relative of the person to whom GRAUSTARK is sent, it's quite possible that you don't have the foggiest idea of what the game of Diplomacy is all about. It's also likely that you believe Diplomacy is, at best, a waste of time, and at worst, a training ground for future warmongers.

Neither of the above is true. Diplomacy is a war game, and for some, anything to do with war will always be evil and any game will always be a waste of time. I take the position, however, that Diplomacy is not just any game, no more than Chess, Backgammon, Parcheesi, Monopoly, Poker, or Zork are just any games. Instead, Diplomacy is a great game. As such, it provides diversion at the simplest level. If your life is fascinating, then you don't require diversion. For the rest of us, diversion offers us a chance to be somewhere else, be someone else, love something else, and in general pretend that we're masters of the universe instead of cogs in the machine.

Great games go a step beyond diversion. They seem to capture some part of reality, and allow us to manipulate it and taste it and be crushed by it at our leisure and at low cost. Great games are fascinating; they take on a life of their own. Playing them, we sometimes experience things that we have never experienced before and probably never will again. As usual, I jump to metaphysical conclusions from simple facts, but if you doubt my assertions, pay attention to what happened to me in 1980CZ.

1980CZ was one of the three games I played in the 1980 Postal Diplomacy Tournament. While playing the game, I called it "1980 Crazy". My country was Turkey.

My opening strategy was simple. I forthrightly proclaimed to the three countries on my border that I wanted to ally with two of my neighbors and attack the third. I figured that my neighbors would clamor to hop on the bandwagon rather than chance the alternative of being the odd man out. I couldn't have been more wrong.

Russia responded and said he was willing to ally for an attack on Austria. I heard nothing at all from either Austria or Italy. Not wanting to alienate Russia, who was being a bit unreasonable, but at least communicating, I let him take the Black Sea in the opening move.

Both the Austrian and Italian players missed the first move and were replaced. Hoping to get my game plan going, I wrote Italy, letting him know of my willingness to go against Austria with Russia and then against Russia, provided I had a dependable ally with him. Apparently the number of standby players for the tournament was small. At any rate, the two new players stuck together like strands of yesterday's spaghetti.

Russia had incredibly good luck in the Fall 1901 moves and obtained four builds. The Russian builds sent a shock wave through the game that roughly equalled the shock that would hit the stock market if California slid into the sea\* Everyone on the board told me that I had to stop my alliance with Russia and join them in attacking him. When I asked what I would get out of it, there was a silence that could be heard all the way to Kansas.\*\* Naturally, I refused to attack my only ally, and hoping for better terms, I told everyone so. Italy was sympathetic and tried very hard to make me think his Lepanto moves were really his way of helping me take Greece.

By Fall 1902, Russian forces were penetrating Germany's eastern frontier, and four Russian units were meeting a German counterattack in Scandinavia. At the same time, the French government started a fast slide into civil disorder. Germany, who was depending on France in every way - to help take out England, stave off Russia and ultimately control the Italian and Austrian alliance - followed on the heels of France into civil disorder.

I was still loyally allied with Russia, and was doing my best to stand off the

\* - Just be patient. This is going to happen sometime within the next couple of hundred million years. It will sink into the Earth's mantle south of Alaska. - JJ  
 \*\* - "Golly, Toto, I don't think we're in Kansas any more," - JG per JB

concerted attacks of Italy by sea and Austria by land. I was also hoping to find a more promising course of action.

In Spring 1903, Russia attacked me. Naturally, there was no way I could defend Turkey effectively from attacks on three sides. My fate looked bleak. About this time, to divert myself from my diversion, I began writing press about the Sultan and his private yacht the Wrath of Allah. While the Sultan's fortunes were ebbing, his feelings were running high.

By Winter 1903, Russian fleets were threatening the English coast, and Russian armies were running wild in Germany and France. Russia had only one problem. Austria was starting to mount an effective attack against his southwest frontier.

I began to examine the board closely to see what my options were. My resources were scant. England sounded promising for an ally, but he was weak and far away. I had two armies and two fleets. I was surrounded with my back to the wall. I was under no illusions about the real intentions of my enemies. Italy, at about this time, had decided that dividing Turkey with three was small time compared with the loot that awaited him in France. He sent a fleet and army west.

In 1904, as Turkey was crumbling under the blows of her attackers, Russia, in a piece of idiocy I have rarely seen, passed into civil disorder. Only four players remained. The two biggest ones were attacking me, and the fourth was so weak that he needed plenty of time just to dislodge the immobilized units around him. There wasn't a center within reach that I could have for the taking, or for the asking.

Without one's homeland, a player can do little in Diplomacy. In this case, it was a foregone conclusion that if I continued to defend my homeland, I would be eliminated soon. If I had one center, far from my homeland, I would be considered a nuisance, something that would have to be dealt with eventually and in due course, but not a pressing matter. Diplomacy is funny that way. When you have five centers, you can be conveniently attacked, but when you are out of the way of the main conflict and down to one center with no hope for a comeback, it usually takes more effort than you're worth to get rid of you altogether.

Tunis was the only center I could reach before it was too late. Furthermore, in this game, with Italy keeping Austria honest in Turkey and hoping to find the pot of gold in the West, Tunis offered some solid hope of sheltered waters.

I bided my time and at the best opportunity tried for the Tonian Sea, Success! That fall I took Naples to repay with trouble the trouble Italy had caused me.

By Winter 1906, Tunis was my new home. I wrote Italy a nice letter, saying let's let bygones be bygones, and graphically portraying how little ambition I had and how I hoped just to survive in this game. He wrote back to tell me that if I was a good boy and didn't bother him, my survival was alright with him. I always wanted to be a choirboy, so naturally I agreed.

Next, I turned my attention full-time to England. "I want to get these guys bad," I said, "and I'll do anything to help you win." He bought it because he needed it. Help from a one-center power is nothing to scoff at, if you've only got three centers yourself; however, with France, Germany and Russia in civil disorder, England's potential was tremendous.

In later games, the English player turned out to be a very good player and scores today high up on the rating polls, but in this game, he was a rookie and I had to lead him by the hand. Perhaps he didn't need as much advice as I gave him, but he allowed me to give him advice, and my advice was good. England was of no use to me unless he became a major power, and I stayed up late many nights analyzing the board to make sure he knew how to use every edge he had.

By 1909, British armies were storming through the French countryside, and British fleets were steaming through the Straits of Gibraltar. Naturally, I helped by bouncing back to port an Italian fleet that hoped to make the Tyrrhenian Sea. England was on a roll, and he began to speak in glowing terms of winning the game.

Meanwhile, my old friends Austria and Italy had cleaned up Russia, the Balkans, Turkey, and eastern Germany. Also, about the time that England captured Paris, they began to fight among themselves.

I was getting worried. The game would soon be over, and Turkey, would only be a

survivor with one center. I put through urgent calls to Italy and Austria telling them that their inability to cooperate would cost us the game. I made them a simple proposition. Both of them were to puppet for me, and I would see that they didn't make gains against each other and would be able to make a stand against England. My only requirement was that they should support me in the draw. To my surprise, they went along with it.

Thus, it came about that for one glorious year in Turkey's history, the Sultan, while stranded on a foreign shore with no homeland and no significant military power, nonetheless, ruled the world. I dictated moves to Italy and Austria, and I was England's closest and trusted advisor. Is it any wonder that England's steamroller came to a sudden halt at Malta, Milan, Munich, Berlin, and Saint Petersburg?

I consoled him as a trusted counselor must do, and I asked him, since there was no hope for a win, if he would support Turkey in the draw. This was the only favor I ever asked him, and being a kind hearted chap, he didn't refuse.

In Spring 1913, the game ended in a four-way draw. Normally, four-way draws are not a cause for great celebration, but the Sultan, aboard his private yacht the Wrath of Allah, celebrated with wild women, champagne, and caviar.

### 1983IE - PRESS RELEASES

BERLIN to ROME: Please don't take my diatribes seriously. Frankly, I too am unconcerned with the casualties our wars produce. After all, they are merely painted pieces of wood (or colored plastics for the proletariat). You have every right to try to win, and frankly I'd say you're close to achieving a well-earned victory. I try to get my kicks from playing even when I'm doing poorly. Otherwise the game wouldn't be worth the cost of admission.

BROOKLYN (URRP): "Lead soldiers leave no widows and orphans." - H. G. Wells (1866-1946)

ROME to LONDON: Oh, the unfairness of it all! - Why does Russia cooperate with Italy instead of with England and Germany? Well, let's see. When the Tsar was Germany's "ally", he got stabbed. During the Russo-Italian entente, his centers have held even and will soon be increasing.

ROME to LONDON (again): Tried to warn you not to go ashore in Spain. The natives are savages -- may cut you up a bit. Not to worry: a few friendly Italian units are nearby. They will look into the matter and dispose of your expedition in a satisfactory manner.

TV Interview with the Flying Italian: Q: Well, once again you find yourself in the English Channel, admiral. It has been noted that you tend to sail in circles.

A: Can't a guy change-a his mind?

Q: Would you like to tell our audience what your navigation plans are for this voyage? Perhaps a circle 'round the North Pole? This is

A: No, just-a around England. O At

Q: To what do you attribute your seeming affinity for the English? P Great

A: Dey-a like me. Dey-a try to hide it - shove me around here & there, but I always come back. Dey get used to me and invite me ashore sooner or later... E Intervals

LONDON: I propose Mr. Chafetz for the McIlvane award (in honor of T To

Frank McIlvane, who gave Edi Birsan all his centers in their last Dip I Inflamm

World game to achieve something called a "joint victory." (Frank got O Optic

the finger (joint), Edi for the victory.) H Nerves

EDINBURGH to LONDON: We wish to thank you for your hospitality. Unfortunately the diatribe attributed to the London press is unreasonable. The Tsar had offered to Verwiltz & Hunheiden ample opportunity to break off attacks. Each offer was ridiculed. Better an Italian win than an Eng/Germ draw. #1329

BROOKLYN (DAMN). Achtung! The New York corresspondent for the Deutschland Agency for Military News, Herr Johann Boardenmann, reported today that the U S Secretary of State (their Foreign Minister) officially recognized our Kaiser's sovreignty over

France. The announcement came after the fall campaigning season, in which Secretary Dr. John Boardman told the U S Congress (Reichstag) that France would raise new forces.

Herr Johann Boarzenmann went on to suggest that rumors of U S intervention in the war could occur if Italy did not immediately withdraw from both the German & French provinces of our glorious 2nd Reich. This intervention would be made easier if the dreaded Italian Z-Boats would continue to cower in the protected havens of Iberlia.

OWINGS MILLS to ARLINGTON: Actually, Bob, I don't accuse you of any fault I don't admit to. Frankly, I am totally unconcerned with the terror, bloodshed, and death we are putting our armies through - after all, they're only wooden blocks (plastic stars to the prols).

BERLIN to World: German speaking units occupy most of France & All of Russia. Bragdenburg is in an insane asylum and Bregfetz is in exile. Why then do I feel I'm losing?

World to BERLIN: Because you are, Marc.

#### THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

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Last November, with some misgivings, I changed the postal Diplomacy deadlines in GRAUSTARK from 3 to 4 weeks. This did not materially reduce the number of late or missing moves. The player who thinks that everything can be phoned in on Thursday night before the deadline will still do so, whether those Thursday nights are 3 or 4 weeks apart. And numerous players in New England and the greater Baltimore-Washington area will still labor under the delusion that a letter can be counted on to get from them to New York City in less than a week.

So how has it worked out? In the ten issues prior to this change of deadline period, there were 42 missed moves. (It is counted as 2 missed moves if, in the same issue, the same player misses moves in 2 different games.) Since GRAUSTARK went to a four-week deadline, there have been ten issues, and in them there were 57 missed moves. It has become quite obvious that, whatever may have been the cause of all these missed moves, the three-week deadline was not one of them.

I am not at this time going to return to the three-week deadline. However, I would like to have the comments of readers on this point, and I will print them in future issues.

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This will probably be the last oversize issue of GRAUSTARK for several months, as the academic year just began. This means that press releases may have to wait an issue for publication, particularly if there is a game end, game reviews, or a large number of "Fall" moves in the issue.

If you have to phone in your moves - a procedure which I do not recommend - my home telephone number is 718-693-1579, and my office number is 718-780-5100. However, I am not likely to be home on Monday and Wednesday evenings before 9 PM, and it is very difficult to reach me on Fridays at all.

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Two postal games of Greg Costikyan's Pax Britannica (published by Victory Games) have been opened in my newest postal gaming publication, THE VALOR OF IGNORANCE. Subscriptions for non-players are 6 issues for \$9. All people who were then subscribers



to GRAUSTARK received THE VALOR OF IGNORANCE #1, which was published on 24 July 1985.

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Military history buffs may be interested in the 1985 Fall Lecture Series at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. (CUNY Military and Defense Affairs Symposium, 33 W. 42nd St., New York, N. Y. 10036.) Subjects include:

- 18 Sept.: "The Bay of Pigs Fiasco"
- 27 Sept.: "Warfare among the North-West Coast Indians"
- 18 Oct.: "Anarchism and Terrorism in the U. S. in the 19th Century"
- 23 Oct.: "13th Century Warfare: Mongols vs. Mamelukes"
- 30 Oct.: "World War I: The Western Front"
- 2 Dec.: "World War I and the Short War Theory"
- 9 Dec.: "City Fighting: NATO Urban Defense"

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In the 1950s it was "Rent-a-Beatnik".

In the 1960s it was "Rent-a-Hippie".

In the 1970s it was the strip-tease singing telegram.

And now, in the 1980s, it's the Rambogram. For a suitable fee, a muscular model, dressed like the former porn star Sylvester Stallone in his Rambo role, will deliver your message or gift. Except that there are a few problems.

On 19 August, messenger Mark Stancapiano, 28, dressed up as Rambo, and carried a phony Soviet assault rifle, was spotted "on his way to deliver a letter to a law office across from the court building." (A lot of lawyers subscribe to GRAUSTARK; perhaps one of them could tell me whether this is standard procedure.) Three dozen officers converged on the court building, including one who shot himself in the foot while trying to get off an elevator. This was the only casualty; Stancapiano was taken into custody without incident and charged with "disorderly conduct".

All things considered, it might have been better if Stancapiano had dressed up, not as Stallone in Rambo, but as Stallone in his earlier hit A Party at Kitty and Stud's.

(New York Times & Newsday, 20 August 1985)

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No one should underestimate the extent to which people are willing to go in support of our armed forces and their Commander-in-Chief. In an editorial on 17 August, the New York Post gave its full support to Attorney General Edwin Meese's war on drugs. However, his burning of 300,000 marijuana plants and seizure of 620 poppies is left open to the criticism that "marijuana is like moonshine. Once the 'revenooers' leave, the growers are right back in the fields."

The Post's recommendations on this problem are entirely in keeping with the R. Bennett Tyrell column it printed 3 years ago, urging President Reagan to call out the armed forces and dismiss a refractory Congress. "If Uncle Sam is really serious about the drup problem," the editorial concludes, "he'll turn the army loose with orders to take no prisoners."

In other words, as recommended by one of America's largest newspapers, no arrests are to be made; suspects are simply to be shot dead on sight by the U. S. Army. No prisoners are to be taken. If a large segment of public opinion, possibly a majority segment (as if that mattered any more) is willing to support such rigorous methods against the growers of marijuana, what will be done to the purveyors of the far more dangerous drug of Pacifism? What will be done, overseas, to those nations of persist in defying the imperial will of the Great Big United States of America?

On the 11th of last August, Our President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader promised us His people that He would bomb the Soviet Union. It was because of this promise that a large majority of the electorate concurred in the ritual of His re-election. There is no limit whatever to the stringency with which Our President will act, or in which we His people will support him. Get used to that.

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It is to be expected that newspapers like the New York Post will support our President and our armed forces. The Post is a conservative Republican newspaper, if you will pardon the redundancy. But when similar language is borne by the liberal weekly

New Yorker, you know that a trend is shaping up that extends all across the so-called "political spectrum". Yet this is what William Pfaff wrote, in the New Yorker of 27 May 1985:

"Mr. Reagan declared a 'national emergency' because 'of extraordinary threat to the national security' posed by Nicaragua. The Sandinista leaders, by their intolerance and ideological intoxication, risk eventually destroying their own position, as Nicaraguan leaders have persistently done during the country's intermittent episodes of freedom. Mr. Reagan walks the path of his predecessors. History is with him. The Nicaraguans know that their destiny is to submit."

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However, not everyone is so enthusiastic about the forthcoming subjugation of the insolent Nicaraguans by the armed forces of the Great Big United States of America. Yet it is a surprise to find this carping criticism coming from an author who owes a great prosperity to American readers, and to the present-day international setting. Frederick Forsyth is famous for his spy novels, but in an interview published in the Saturday Review of July-August 1985, this ingrate gave us the following opinion:

"It's not always easy to retain a conviction that using the Contras to pick up a regional magistrate who happens to be a Sandinista and pulling his testicles off is really serving democracy."

Forsyth should realize, as should the Nicaraguans, that there is no limit at all to what the Great Big United States of America will do in order to ensure that its will shall prevail. Whatever it takes to bring the Nicaraguans to their knees, will be done. If testicles are insufficient, eyes, ears, and fingers will follow.

Forsyth's lily-livered approach to the Central American War deserves the full-hearted condemnation of the American people. A boycott of his novels should be sufficient to bring him into line. I suggest it to everyone who is thrown into a state of patriotic indignation by his above-quoted words.

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John H. Merriman's collection For Want of a Horse: Choice & Chance in History (The Stephen Greene Press, Lexington, Mass., 1985) looks good at first glance. This is a series of articles by various historians, in the tradition of J. C. Squires's 1930 classic If; or, History Rewritten. But it falls far short of the original, and shares with it an exaggerated notion about the role of the individual in history. We are asked to believe that the Stuart Dynasty would have remained on the British throne forever if the wind had not brought William of Orange to England in 1688. One author thinks that if Pocahontas had not saved the life of Captain John Smith, Virginia might not have become a slave state. (This leaves aside the question of the veracity of Smith's account.) Another thinks that World War I would not have taken place if the Archduke Franz Ferdinand had escaped the bungled, amateurish plot against him. Nor do they have real history straight. One of the contributors to this volume asserts that King Louis XVI and Queen Marie Antoinette were executed on the same day. Another believes that the treatment of Catholic tenants by Protestant landlords in 19th-century Ireland is a major grievance of today's Irish Catholic rebels.

There is also a preposterous story, of whose authenticity I stand in doubt, about how Mayor James "Last Hurrah" Curley is supposed to have assured the nomination of Franklin Delano Roosevelt by disguising himself as a Puerto Rican. Another tale from the same state nearly 2 centuries earlier explains how easily the American Revolution could have been foisted. However, as Barbara Tuchman points out in The March of Folly: From Troy to Vietnam, the British government of those days was afflicted by the sort of terminal foolishness against which the stars in their courses are helpless. Left unanalyzed in either book, and still not to my knowledge given a thorough examination, is the hypothesis that the British commanders "threw" the American Revolution because they feared that if King George III could suppress the rights of Americans, the rights of Britons would be next on his agenda.

## THE REIGN OF SENILIO THE GREAT - XXX

When Senilio the Great was elevated to the throne of the Temporary Roman Empire in 1381 at the age of 97, hopes were high that he could restore the Empire to its former greatness. This small nation of The Four And A Half Kingdoms regarded itself, and still regards itself, as the only true and legitimate Roman Empire. It was and is an article of faith among its inhabitants that someday it will restore itself in all its glory over all the regions it had ruled in antiquity. Under the law of the Temporary Roman Empire, such nations as Italy, France, and England are mere temporary usurpers of territories that rightfully belong to the Empire, and will someday be returned to its rule.

The old dynasty, upon whose extinction Senilio the Great was elevated to the throne, had fought its share of wars. However, Senilio the Great and his supporters chose to regard its emperors as weak-willed, incompetent near-traitors who had given up hope that the Empire could ever be restored to its former glory. But after he had been on the Imperial Throne for four years, voices were heard that Senilio the Great was also failing to restore the Roman Empire.

Eventually these malcontents gathered themselves into a group called Gesta Romanorum ("Roman Events"). Among themselves they debated why, more than five years after the elevation of Senilio the Great to the Imperial Purple, nearly a year after his triumphal Re-Coronation, imperial legions were not marching through Gallia, Graecia, Aegyptus, Britannia, and all the other temporarily lost provinces.

The members of Gesta Romanorum concluded that the Emperor Senilio the Great was himself dedicated to the restoration of the Empire and the suppression of the subversive Christian sect, but that some of his advisers were diverting him away from this great destiny, secretly working against him, or negligently carrying out his policies and orders. It was their remedy to identify these advisers and root them out of the imperial service. Although not in total agreement with one another, chroniclers give the names of the principal members of Gesta Romanorum as the Emperor's major-domo Duchanus, the brothers Buccleius, the converted Jews Submontanus and Susanna Dominica, and the very devout Senator Helminthus.

At first they fixed upon the former major-domo, Missus, and procured his exile to the Chancery, a department of government from which few men ever emerged alive and in good reputation. When matters did not change to their satisfaction, they procured the dismissal of the assistants of Missus, Pistorius and Urinatorius.

With these men gone, the policies of Senilio the Great were still too moderate and not forceful enough for the Gesta Romanorum. Johanna Ecclesiae Patrici was dismissed from her high government position, the title of which is still a matter of debate among historians. Various lesser office holders, also suspected of seducing Senilio the Great away from the restoration of the Roman Empire, were also dismissed through the machinations of the Gesta Romanorum.

Much to this group's dismay, all these changes in the Emperor's cabinet and staff did not set the legions marching, or send any Christians to the Circus Minimus, or lead to any improvement in the Temporary Roman Empire's economy, foreign policy, or military posture. Gesta Romanorum merely concluded that they had not yet rooted out all the "closet moderates" ("modici vestiarii") who were giving the Emperor bad advice.

As the leaders of Gesta Romanorum were preparing a manifesto demanding the dismissal of the Prefect for Foreign Affairs, Prefectius, one of their younger members, Tyrrhellius, rushed in and gasped out that he knew the adviser who was really leading the Emperor astray.

"Who is it?" Buchanus demanded. "Never mind Prefectius! Once we get rid of this one, the glories of the Roman Empire are certain to be restored." The others eagerly demanded from Tyrrhellius the name of the culprit.

"It's Nancia Poppaea Evita!" Tyrrhellius gasped. "The Empress!"

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ANKARA to VIENNA: When does the massive German offensive against England start? My intelligence suggests an indefinite postponement.

## THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

DICK MARTIN: I liked your solution to the Linsey situation. Sending him back issues that he certainly has from other sources is both elegant and hilarious.

Please, never change the NVR=no rule. If you must make a change, why not make the no votes public? Not only does this provide the players with a certain way to know who to eliminate if they want the draw to pass, but it also more closely reflects face-to-face play. I'd like to point out that the consequences of not voting in an IVR=yes situation are very severe (the possible end of the game), while an NVR=no merely forces the players to play one more season. IVR=no and draws include all survivors are the two best houserules, please don't change them.

((I'll stay with the present situation for the time being. It's been my experience that if one player is holding out against a draw to which the others agree, his identity seldom remains in doubt for very long. And "draws include all survivors" is not a GRAUSTARK house rule, but a rule of Diplomacy.))

ED WROBEL: I will not be publishing any further issues of Feudesse, however I will be submitting comments to Steve Langley's The Hot for Hire, 2296 Eden Roc Lane #1, Sacramento, CA 95825 regarding Linsey and his Bruxelles. Did you know that Linsey himself won the poll he wrote you about? Not surprising. I wonder if he signed his own certificate...

((And with whose name?))

MIKEL D. PETTY: I haven't agreed with much of the political commentary in the few issues of GRAUSTARK I've read, but one item in #507 appears to be correct. You state that we will begin to see a separation between the evil German war against the Allies and the good one against the Soviets. This notion may not be official government policy, but it already exists in the minds of many people I know. Where is the idea coming from?

((It isn't coming; it's already here, and was here even before the US entered the Second World War. In 1941, just after Germany invaded the Soviet Union, a Senator said: "If we see that Germany is winning we ought to help Russia, and if Russia is winning we ought to help Germany and that way let them kill as many as possible." That Senator's name was Harry S. Truman.))

CHRIS CARRIER: I...note that you had a contest on p. 30 of #500 by D. E. Schwartz "The Diplomatic Military and Royalty Trivia Quiz". Answers were promised in #502, but were never printed. Please print - I'm interested.

((Since no one sent in an entry for the contest, I felt that it produced too little interest to justify printing the answers, particularly as I usually find myself cramped for space if I want to bring out a GRAUSTARK under a one-ounce mailing weight.))

#500 was a very interesting issue, and I am trying to get the novel by Dalos through the library at CSU, Sacramento. Also enjoyed post-political America - your treatment of Our President reminds me of someone I used to worship in highschool, only his title was Principal, and Revered Leader. Our Principal's beaming face appeared from not fewer than 50 posters in a school with a student body of 500. 243 people entered my freshman class, 88 of whom graduated as seniors. (As you might guess, this was not a public school, and yes, I am hysterically proud of the entry/exit statistics, bring one of the 88 grads.) The articles supporting Reagan preventing Mondale from taking office remind me of editorials I wrote defending our school's system of apportioning Student Council seats in such a way that only the top 28% of students (demerits not grades were the criterion) could cast an effective ballot.

I have a suggestion about future "Dungeons and Christians" material. That material is interesting not only for EMPIRE readers, but for readers of your other zines as well. Therefore future D&C articles, when they come out, could "stand alone" and be mailed to anyone who wants them as they come out, the recipient paying -1 on his sub balance.

((Thus far, 5 or 6 articles in the series "Dungeons & Christians" have appeared in EMPIRE, describing the Christian campaign to ban the play of the popular fantasy role-playing game Dungeons & Dragons. The first article in this series is already out of print. Anyone who wishes the others can either get them as a part of a back issue

order of **EMPIRE** at 10 for \$2, or order them and credit them against your **GRAUSTARK** subscription as Chris suggests. Subscriptions to **EMPIRE** are 9 issues for \$6. Space permitting, a sixth installment of "Dungeons & Christians" will appear in today's issue of **EMPIRE**, #217.)

I would also like to ask (even if it was back in 1966) do you still have any material you published from the period rejoicing in the assassination of Henrik Verwoerd? (My reference for this is **GRAUSTARK** #500, p. 22.)

((I don't keep back issues in stock from earlier than last year, with a few exceptions such as #437. More recent South African tyrannicides are likely to concern us more. Check the evening news for further details.))

...I Have a suggestion for another election contest - "The **GRAUSTARK** Dirty Election Contest" - in which the winner is the person who tells us what, in your opinion, was the dirtiest election of all time. Entrants should provide a number of quotes and xeroxes to prove that their election was, indeed, the dirtiest of all time.

((Would this be limited to U. S. elections? TO U. S. Presidential elections? If so, you could make a good case for 1884. Something might also be said for 1968. If the idea still looks good in 1988, I may run such a contest then. Naturally, people are reluctant to think about so sordid a process as a U. S. Presidential election unless its imminence actively forces itself upon them.))

SCOTT TENDERING: A couple of years ago I was reading books from a library about how good SPI games were. Then, I went to my local hobby store to see if they carried any of their games. To my dismay, SPI was out of business. What I please would like to know is how (and why) did SPI die?! Like I said, this question has been killing me for years.

((Simulations Publications Inc. spread itself rather thin my comparison with its principal competitor, Avalon-Hill. More games were published, but the boards and pieces were not of comparable quantity. Then a difference of opinion developed between SPI's stockholders, and one group which constituted a small majority decided to sell their interest to Tactical Studies Rules Inc. (TSR) When this deal was closed in 1982, rumors got around that each side was pulling a fast one on the other. The majority stockholders failed to tell TSR about thousands of dollars of claims that the minority stockholders had against SPI for designing games. And TSR used the assignments of voting rights that they'd bought to throw out of SPI the stockholder-employees who'd rented them these rights. TSR also refused to honor subscriptions to SPI's publications. A lawyer and war-gamer who heard about these peculiar arrangements informed me that, unless a deal was cut, someone would go to jail over these transactions.

((To this day, TSR has published a private version of the incident, when it bothers to say anything at all to war-gamers about the matter. For the current state of the affair, I refer readers to Dr. John Farewell, Game Exchange, 61 Midland Ave., Stamford, Conn. 06905. He is also a good source for information on the SPI games that TSR has not reprinted in new editions. Another source of information about out-of-print games is Earl E. Whiskeyman Jr., The Gamer's 'Zine, Connecticut Game Club, 27 Mark St., Milford, Conn. 06460. And some of these games may be for sale by Lou Zocchi, 01956 Pass Rd., Gulfport, Miss. 39501. Several months ago, some back-issue SPI games were still available from Bill Forrester, 535 NW 31st Ave., Gainesville, Fla. 32609.))

JOHN FERGUSON: During the summer I received two publications that, if the publications spoke truthfully\*, were sent to all **GRAUSTARK** readers. These publications came from Bruce Lindsey and Gary Coughlan respectively. In them, they both denied your accusations, challenged you to produce proof of your accusations, challenged you to produce proof of your accusations in the form of some written statement made by them in the past, and offered two \$50 rewards to anyone who could produce such proof.

They both seem pretty positive that no physical evidence will turn up. I find it difficult to believe that they could have gathered all of the physical evidence which may exist and disposed of it. Therefore, if such evidence exists, it is almost certainly obtainable by either you, your hobby friends, or some of the readers of **GRAUSTARK**.

I now challenge you to provide proof. Send me the evidence that you say Kathy Byrne has to offer, or any other evidence which you may obtain. Better yet, publish the evidence. If you do this, I don't expect to collect \$50 since lowlife like that wouldn't pay up, but at least the "feud" will have been settled once and for all.

On the other hand, if you can't produce proof in the months to come, I will be forced to conclude that you have a personal vendetta against Lindsey and Coughlin, which you carried to a libelous extreme. If that is a case, a retraction on your behalf in GRAUSTARK would be the only honorable thing to do.

I really hate to receive GRAUSTARK and literally see the hate emanating from it. I enjoyed GRAUSTARK very much until this business started, and I hope you will end it decisively instead of ending it with innuendo.

By the way, my friends found the Dark Dungeons pamphlet to be most hilarious. Could you send a few more? I will pay for postage.

((There are several problems with the letters you mention receiving. The mere fact that you have received a letter signed "Bruce Linsey" or "Gary Coughlan" does not mean that you have received a letter from Bruce Linsey or Gary Coughlan. These men have repeatedly published forged 'zines attributed to other people, and when caught out have had the effrontery to defend such comment. Whenever we deal with Linsey or Coughlan, we are dealing with proven, admitted, unregenerate forgers. That is the starting point with them.

((One of their first forgeries was a 'zine that purported to be an issue of John Michalski's Brutus Bulletin. Several people seem to have collaborated in it besides them, including David Perlmutter, who has since dropped out of Diplomacy, and Rod Walker, who has since apologized to the hobby. Over Michalski's name, Coughlan propagated some viciously racist statements about blacks. While Michalski was an outspoken conservative, he is not to the best of my knowledge a racist. Coughlan's attempt to make him seem one cannot be endorsed or excused by any human being whose opinion is worthy of respect. Coughlan later claimed to excuse this conduct by saying that he himself is black. I have never been so unfortunate as to meet him, but I do not believe this for a minute. Michalski has since dropped out of postal Diplomacy. He told me that this was for financial reasons, but I cannot help feeling that dismay over this forgery may have been part of it.

((A few months ago, Kathy and John suffered a fire at their place, and they have since not been able to locate the letter which Linsey sent to Kathy's daughter. Since Kathy saw this letter and I didn't, I now have to refer to her and John's publications for its text. If you want further information about this letter, you will have to apply to them. If you want to check Linsey's assertion that no such letter ever existed, you will simply have to make your own decision as to who is the more honest and reliable person - Bruce Linsey or Kathy Byrne. This is not a difficult decision for most postal Diplomacy players.

((Incidentally, it was on Kathy's urging that I sent Bruce the remainder of his GRAUSTARK subscription. Since she was the injured party, I saw no reason to continue a policy which she was willing to abandon. In GRAUSTARK #508 I explained why Bruce's personal pathology made it unlikely that he could comprehend the idea that he was capable of doing anything wrong.

((Those circulars, whoever may have written them, were vitiated by the fact that they were signed by Linsey's and Coughlan's names. Dick Martin's letter in The Not for Hire #3, which just came out, really covers the whole issue so thoroughly that I can add nothing to it. See my reply to Ed Wrobel's letter on page 12 for the address.

((Incidentally, one of our hobby's older troublespots has broken out again. Page 12 of The Not for Hire #3 is an announcement by "Bernie Oaklyn" of a new postal gaming 'zine, The Edge of Creation. In fact, no such person as "Bernie Oaklyn" exists. This is one of the many, many pseudonyms of Buddy Tretick, who is so crooked that a dog would have to turn around to bite him twice on the same leg. Steve Langley, the publisher of The Not for Hire, was obviously not in the hobby when Tretick's dishonesty was our major topic of conversation, or he wouldn't have run this ad. Tretick plays in his own games under fake names, does not print moves of people he doesn't like, and falsely informs players that everyone but himself has voted for a draw. Tretick is the wellhead from which such streams and Linsey and Coughlan originated.))

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## WAR BEGINS; COAST PATROLS VIGILANT

ENGLAND (Bragdon): A Liv-Yor; F Edi-Nth; F Lon-Eng.

FRANCE (Petty): A Mar-Spa; F Bre-Mid; A Par-Pic.

GERMANY (Strickland): A Mun-Bur; F Kie-Den; A Ber-Kie.

ITALY (D. Walker): A Ven holds; A Rom-Apu; F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Foster): A Bud-Ser; A Vie-Gal; F Tri-Alb.RUSSIA (Wrobel): F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; F Sev-Bla; A Mos-Ukr; A War-Gal.

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

The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 1985.

TURKEY: A southerner? Me? Hey, I'm one of those northern immigrants! Lived in Maryland for 17 years and still can't figure out whether it's really a southern state or a northern state. Most likely it's a southern state that likes to pretend it's northern.

DALE CITY to GM: Now, John Boy, the Civil War's been over a long time. Why don't ya'll come on down sometime. I've got a spare baseball cap ya'll can wear. We'll go for a ride in my pick-up and ping a few stop signs with my double-ought!

VENICE: A Venice Hold (But Feint to Piedmont).

ITALY to ENGLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY and AUSTRIA: Yes, yes, I know all about Martin and Wrobel, but keep those cards and letters coming in! (Bob, if I were living in Arlington I'd hesitate before pointing out how Dick and Ed must be in cahoots because they live in suburbs of DC!)

ITALIAN WEATHER SERVICE: Severe storm warning! As the Eastern high pressure front sets in, blizzards are expected. At least one "snow job" has already been detected.

LONDON: Her Majesty's Government wishes to point out that the English Channel is, after all, the English Channel. British naval vessels in that area are accordingly inside U. K. boundaries and are not violating the borders of any other nation.

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"Winter 1916-Spring 1917"

## DRAW FAILS; WIN MAY NOT

The French player made no build in "Winter 1916"

FRANCE (Ferguson): A Nwy-Fin; F Swe & F Bot S F Nwy-Fin; F Nth-Nwy; F Bar S F Nth-Ivy; F Ska S F Nth-Ivy (sic; no such unit exists); F Tun-Ion; F Tyr & F Nap S F Tun-Ion; F Rom S F Nap; A Tus-Ven; A Pie S A Tus-Ven; A Bur-Mun; A Kie S A Bur-Mun; A Hol & A Ruh S A Kie; F Bal not ordered, holds.

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

TURKEY (Chafetz): A Tri-Ven; F Adr C A Tri-Ven; F Ven-Tri; F Apu S A Tri-Ven; F Alb & F Eas S F Ion; F Ion not ordered, holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian F Fin is dislodged and annihilated. The maneuver around Trieste and Venice is perfectly legal, though rare; see the ruling at the top of page 10 of the Rulebook. The Turkish A Tri has two supports to enter Venice, and the French A Tus has only one, so the Turkish convoy succeeds. This leaves Trieste open for the Turkish A Ven to enter.

If this game ends in the next issue, the subscriptions of Dick Belliveau, Ken Corbin, Randy Ellis, John Ferguson, Al Pearson, and Hector Roybal will end with it.

One player has already sent in a review of this game; others are also invited to do so.

ISTANBUL: My congratulations to Ferguson as I believe but hope not that he will win this year.

PARIS (Associated Press): There has been a revolution in France! Young Emperor Fergie has retaken his rightful position as ruler, and has had Ronald Raygun executed for crimes against humanity. He has ordered all troops to stop the fighting.

PARIS (UPI): Older Emperor Fergie reconsidered his previous position after hearing of numerous atrocities committed against French citizens in Finland, and St. Petersburg. He has vowed to avenge their suffering before ending the war.

CORNELL to the World: I am now back at school. It seems strange that I started this game in 1982 at the age of 16. Now I am 19 and can drink and drive, although I would never do the prior before the latter. I spent \$5 on lottery tickets for the \$41 million LOTTO drawing. I live above several families. During the summer, the University renovated the entire dormitory. They turned the first floor into some apartments for instructors. Every time I blast my stereo, I am afraid of waking up a three year old girl. Consequently, I don't blast my stereo. Well, I just wanted to get my two cents worth in while there is still time. Good bye for now.

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"Winter 1902"

Smyrna was not listed as a Turkish supply center in the last issue. It is, and Turkey has a total of 6. Portugal and Rumania still have not been taken by any power. FRANCE (Dawson): Removes A Gas. ITALY (Jordan): Builds A Ven, F Nap.

GERMANY (Schembari): Builds A Ber, A Kie. TURKEY (McCarthy): Builds A Smy, A Con, A Ank. The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 1985. See also p. 4.

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"Winter 1909-Spring 1910"

## ROMAN EMPIRE ROAMS ON!

Following "Fall 1909" moves Turkey retreated F Con-Ank. In "Winter 1909" England built F Lon and Germany built A Ber. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Verheiden): F Mid-Naf; F Spa(s.c.) S GERMAN A Gas-Mar; F Bel-Nth; F Lon S F Bel-Nth; F Nat-Liv; A Pic-Bre; F Bot S GERMAN A St.P-Fin.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Hol-Kie; A War-Sil; A Bur-Ruh; A Ber S A Hol-Kie; F Ska-Swe; A Gas-Mar; A St.P-Fin.

ITALY (Bragdon): A Gal S RUSSIAN A Sil-War; A Mar-Spa; F Lyo, F Wes & F Por S A Mar-Spa; F Eng-Mid; A Mun-Bur; A Pic-Mar; F Eas-Smy; F Aeg & A Con S F Eas-Smy.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Jordan): A Sev-Rum.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): A Cly-Yor((sic; no such unit exists)); A Fin-Nwy; F Nrg S A Fin-Nwy; A Sil-War; A Boh-Mun; A Rum-Sev; A Edi not ordered, holds.

TURKEY (D. Schwartz): A Smy S F Ank; F Ank holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The English F Spa(s.c.) is dislodged and annihilated. Germany must retreat A War-Pru, -Liv, -Mos, or -Ukr and Turkey must retreat A Smy-Syr or -Ank. The directions of these retreats (or removals) must be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 1985. They will be sent to all players. The deadline for "Fall 1909" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 1985. Most press releases appear on page 7.

LATEST REPORT ON THE CREATION (via Vatican circles in Rome): And on the sixth day, God beheld His creation and found it good - except for parts of northern Europe, which were black-and-blue. "Methinks," mused the Lord, "that white and green would be more pleasing to the eye."



## ITALIAN FLANKS SMASHED

ENGLAND (J. Baker): A Mos-Sev; A Gas-Mar; A Bur S A Gas-Mar; A Yor-Bel; F Nth C A Yor-Bel; F Eng-Iri; F Pic-Eng; F Bre S F Mid; F Mid S ITALIAN F Por-Spa(n.c.).

FRANCE (Jordan): A Par-Bur.

GERMANY (Ripper): A Tyr-Pie; A Mun-Tyr; A Vie-Tri; A Rum-Ser; A Bud S A Rum-Ser; A Ukr-Rum; A Gal S A Ukr-Rum.

ITALY (Wrobel): F Wes-Spa(s.c.); F Por S F Wes-Spa(s.c.); A Mar S F Wes-Spa(s.c.); F Tyr-Wes; F Tun-Naf; F Ven-Adr; A Tri-Ven; F Gre holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rusnak): A Arm not ordered, holds; F Eas S F Aeg; A Ser S A Bul; F Aeg S A Bul; A Bul & A Alb S A.Ser;

Underlined moves are not possible.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Mos, Italy: Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven, Vie, Iwy, St.P, Sev, War. (10) Gre. (9) Italy may build one unit.

FRANCE: Par. (1) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bul, Con, Ser, Smy.

GERMANY: Ber, Bud, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, (5) Austria-Hungary must remove one unit. Rum, Swe, Tri. (9)

England may build one new unit and Germany may build two. The deadline for these "Winter 1915" builds is NOON, FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 1985.

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"Fall 1906"

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Following "Spring 1906" moves England retreated F Nth-Ska.

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

FRANCE (Sims): F Eng & A Yor S GERMAN A Hol-Lon; F Urg S GERMAN F Nth; F Wes holds; A Mar-Gas; A Bur holds.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Hol-Lon; F Nth C A Hol-Lon; A Kie-Den; F Bal S A Kie-Den; A Mun holds.

ITALY (Rauterberg): A Pie-Tyr; F Tyr-Rom; F Tus S F Tyr-Rom; F Tun S FRENCH F Wes-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): A Arm-Ank; A Con S A Arm-Ank; A Sev-Mos; A Gal-War; A Ven-Apu; F Nap-Rom; A Tyr-Ven; F Adr S A Tyr-Ven; F Ion-Nap; F Gre-Ion; A Nwy-Swe; A Bul-Rum.

TURKEY (Quirk): F Ank-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats F Ank-Bla and England retreats F Lon-Wal. The vote for a concession to Austria-Hungary fails of unanimity, and is again submitted to the players, who should send in their votes with the "Winter 1906" orders. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Swe. (2) ITALY: Mar, Rom, Tun. (3)  
FRANCE: Bre, Edi, Liv, Par, Por, Spa. (6) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Nap, Nwy, Rum, Ser, St.P, Sev, Smy,  
GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie, Lon, Mun. (6) Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (17)

Austria-Hungary may build three units and Germany may build one. (There would be two additional Austro-Hungarian builds but no supply centers are available for them.) Italy must remove one unit and England must remove two; the last Turkish unit is also removed. The deadline for these "Winter 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 1985.

BERLIN to GREATER AUSTRIA: Norway is clearly Austrian territory, just as Italy is the western province of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. However, The Saxon Coast of England is linked to Germany by long tradition, which I seek to emulate. Likewise, Brittany & Wales are linked. Regardless of my actions in Western Saxony, your claim to continental domination is assured when you surpress the rebellious elements of Italy. Rest assured that Germany shall not hinder you! Indeed, were it not my need to surpress the rebellious elements of Western Saxony & Scandinavia, I would aid you in attacking the supporters of the Italian rebels.

OWINGS MILLS to NEW YORK: I want as many centers as possible at the end of the game, regardless of its outcome.

1984IC

"Fall 1904"

"REVENGE IS A DISH BEST SERVED COLD"

Following "Spring 1904" moves France retreated A Spa-Gas and Russia retreated F Swe-Bot. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Loiacono): A Liv-Cly; A Swe-Hwy; F Nth & F Hrg S A Swe-Nwy; F Spa(s.c.) not ordered, holds.

FRANCE (Chafetz): A Gas-Par; F Cly-Edi.

GERMANY (Manna): F Mid-Bre; A Bur-Par; A Mun-Bur; A Sil-Gal; A Boh S A Sil-Gal; F Den-Swe; F Bal S F Den-Swe; A Mar-Bur.

ITALY (Clarke): A Pie-Tyr; A Tri-Bud; F Alb-Adr; F Ion-Tyr; F Tun-Wes.

RUSSIA (Schembari): A Nwy-Swe; F Bot S A Nwy-Swe; F Bla-Con; A Bul S F Bla-Con; A Ank S F Bla-Con; A Ser S ITALIAN F Alb-Gre; A Vie S ITALIAN A Tri-Tyr; A War-Sil; A Gal S A War-Sil; A Liv-Pru.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia must retreat A Nwy-Fin or -St.P and A Gal-War, -Ukr, or -Rum; either or both of these units may be removed. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Hol, Liv, Lon, Hwy, Spa. (2)

ITALY: Bud, Nap, Rom Tri, Tun, Ven. (6)

FRANCE: Edi, Por. (2)

RUSSIA: Ank, Bul, Mos, Rum, St.P, Ser, Sev, Vie, War. (9)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Kie, Mar,

TURKEY: Con, Gre, Smy. (3)

Mun, Par, Swe. (9)

Italy and Germany may each build one unit. Russia must remove one unit, but if both dislodged units were removed Russia has a build. The Italian and German builds may be made conditional upon the directions of the Russian retreats. These "Winter 1904" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 1985. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 1985. For Doug Clarke's new address see page 20.

ROME to MOSCOW: In Fall '01 you prevented me from getting Vienna. You may have forgotten this; I have not.

## 1985AG - PRESS RELEASES

LONDON to PARIS: No Thames, I do not think your troops would look good punting their merry way along the canals of Venice. In fact I would venture to suggest that the Venetian ambassador may even care to take a vacation among the topless beaches of the French "midi". At any rate, do not spend too long at the bullfight.

LONDON to ROME: Beware, lest your cavalry develop foot and mouth in the Tyrolean mountains. I would hate them to miss the Rome Olympics, where the physical supremacy of Anglo-Saxons will be well demonstrated.

PARIS: I'd love to see the sights of Munich.

"HEUTE, DIE GANZE WELT!"

GERMANY (Jordan): F Bal-Den; A Liv & A War S A Mos; A Mos & A Pru S A War; A Boh holds; A Sil & A Mun S A Boh; A Mar & A Gas hold; A Bur S A Mar; F Mid-Wes; F Spa(s.c.) S F Mid-Wes; F Wes-Tun; F Naf S F Wes-Tun.

ITALY (Chafetz): A Tyr-Boh; F Nap-Tyr; F Tyr-Lyo; F Lyo-Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rauterberg): A Pie-Ven; A Tri S A Pie-Ven; F Gre holds; A Bud-Ser; A Gal-Bud; A Ukr-Gal; A Vie S A Ukr-Gal.

TURKEY (Johnson): No moves received. A Sev, F Ion & A Rum hold; F Tun dislodged and annihilated.

Underlined moves are not possible.  
 The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:  
 ENGLAND: Por. (1)  
 GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mar, Mos, Mun, Nwy, Par, St.P, Spa, Swe, Tun, War. (19)  
 ITALY: Nap, Rom. (2)  
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie. (7)  
 TURKEY: Ank, Con, Rum, Sev, Smy. (5)  
 With these moves John Jordan as Germany wins this game. This is second win; the first was as Russia in 1903CW. The roster appears to the right, and the supply center chart is below. As asterisk indicates a supply center for which no unit was built.

- 1903AS - GRAUSTARK, John Boardman  
 E - David Zaiz (dro F06)  
 Chris Downs (dro S11)  
 David E. Schwartz (out S12)  
 F - Hunzio Paul Schembari (out F06)  
 G - John Jordan (won F12)  
 I - Grant Swinger (dro S05)  
 Mark Follmer (dro F08)  
 Charles Kaplan (dro F11)  
 Lawrence Chafetz  
 A - Michael Kline (dro F08)  
 Paul Rauterberg  
 R - Derwood Bowen (dro F04)  
 Phill Cooper (dro F06)  
 Bob Lipton (out F07)  
 T - Dudley Kidd (res F01)  
 Bill Hardiman (dro F11)  
 Thomas E. Johnson

This game was plagued by missed moves and frequent re-placements of players. Altogether, 17 people participated in the game, and of the nine who dropped out, only one had the courtesy to send in a formal resignation. As you might expect, the game was won by one of the two players who stayed by his position to the end.

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
E	3	3	3	4	5	6	5	2	3	2	1	1	1
F	3	4	4	3	2	2							
G	3	6	5	5	6	7	9	11	14*	16*	15	16	19
I	3	4	5	6	6	7*	8	9	6	5	6	4	2
A	3	4	6	6	7	5	7	8	8	8	8	8	7
R	4	7	5	4	3	2	1						
T	3	3	4	5	4	5	4	4	3	3	4	5*	5

Players should check the list at the bottom of page 3 to determine whether their subscriptions have expired. Information on getting into a new game appears on page 8. Players and other readers are invited to send in reviews of this game, which will be printed in future issues.

ROME: Try, & try again.

1905AG - PRESS RELEASES

RUSSIA to GERMANY: Oh no, Mr. Bill!

VIENNA: Kaiser I. M. Puppette again beseeched rogue Austrian units to stop their senseless bloodshed, but sporadic guerilla activity continued.

1904V - PRESS RELEASE

ENGLAND: We will be holding regattas in waters contiguous to many of you. Bring a lunch and perhaps a good wine and enjoy.

## 1984B (continued from p. 3)

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
E	3	4	3	2	2	2	3	2	1	1
F	3	5	3							
G	3	4	6	9	12	13	12	13	16**16	
I	3	4	5	5	4	4	4	2*	2*	1
A	3	5	6	7	8	8	9	10	10	11
R	4	6	7	10	9	8	7*	7*	5*	5
T	3	4	3	1						

1984B - GRAUSTARK, John Boardman  
 E - John Schwartz (drew F09)  
 F - Joshua Weinstein (out F03)  
 G - Jim Goldman (drew F09)  
 I - Nunzio Paul Schembari (drew F09)  
 A - Douglas Clarke (drew F09)  
 R - Chris Downs (dro S08)  
 Larry Sims (drew F09)  
 T - Richard Willey (dro F03)  
 Ted London (out F04)

In the above supply center chart, an asterisk indicates a supply center for which a build was not made. If your subscription ends as a result of the end of this game, your name will appear in the list on page 3.

Players and other readers are invited to send in their reviews of this game. These reviews will be printed in forthcoming issues of GRAUSTARK.

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Douglas Clarke writes that with the beginning of the new academic year his address has become Box W, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. 06457.

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I seem to have lost several GRAUSTARK readers. Letters have been coming back in the mail, which were sent to Derwood Bowen, Seth Kadish, and Art Ticossi. Does any reader have a current address for any of these people?

1984V

"Fall 1908"

## CROSSED SIGNALS?

ENGLAND (Tallman): F Nth & F St.P(n.c.) hold; F Iri-Mid; F Bre & F Eng S F Iri-Mid; F Mid-Naf.

FRANCE (Drakert): A Spa S F Por; F Por S A Spa.

GERMANY (Caughan): A War & A Mar hold; A Liv S A War; A Mun-Boh; A Sil S A Mun-Boh; A Bur & A Gas S A Mar; F Bal-Kie; F Bot-Bal.

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): A Vie-Tyr; A Rum-Gal; F Gre S A Bul; A Bul S F Gre; A Sev-Arm; A Ukr S A Mos; A Mos S GERMAN A Liv-St.P; F Adr-Ion; A Bud S A Rum-Gal.

TURKEY (Verheiden): F Con S F Aeg; F Aeg S F Smy-Eas; F Smy-Eas; A Arm-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. 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, Mar,  
Mun, Par, Swe, War. (10)

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

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

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3)

Germany may build one unit and Turkey must remove one. These "Winter 1908" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 1985. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 1985. Press releases are on pages 11 and 19.

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"Fall 1904"

"AND NOW, FOR MY NEXT TRICK..."

ENGLAND (Jordan): F Nth-Eng; F Bel S F Nth-Eng; A Yor S FRENCH A Edi-Liv.FRANCE (Gratto): A Pic-Bel; A Bur S A Pic-Bel; A Gas S A Bur; F Bre-Eng; F Mid-Nat;  
A Edi-Nwy.GERMANY (Cameron): A Gol S ENGLISH F Bel; A Ruh S A Mun; A Mun S A Ruh; A Ber & F  
Den hold.ITALY (Stewart): A Gal-Rum; A Vie & F Nap hold; F Apu-Ven; F Tyr-Tun.AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brooks): A Bud-Rum; F Tri-Ven.RUSSIA (Rauterberg): F St.P(s.c.)-Liv; A Mos-Sev; A Ukr S A Mos-Sev; A Sil-Gal.

TURKEY (Hall): A Alb-Ser; A Sev holds; F Bla S A Sev; F Ion-Tyr; F Aeg-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The English F Bel is dislodged and annihilated. There was no German F Bot, as erroneously mentioned in the last issue; that unit had been removed in "Winter 1903". Anthony Brooks's new address is 14043 Flairwood Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78233; 512-646-8645. With these moves Charles Hall resigns as Turkey and is succeeded by Bob Addison, whose address is on page 4. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Lon, Nwy. (2)

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

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Edi, Liv, Mar, Par,  
Por, Spa. (8)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Ser, Tri. (3)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Sve.

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

(6)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Sev, Smy. (6)

France may build two new units, and Germany and Turkey may each build one. (Austria-Hungary would also have a build, except that no home supply center is open.) Russia must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1904" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 1985.

PARIS to LONDON: I did listen to you, that is my problem.

1935AG

"Spring 1902"

RUSSIANS MOVE WEST!

ENGLAND (Lack): F Nrg-Nwy; F Edi-Nth; F Bel S F Edi-Nth; A Lon holds.

FRANCE (T. Goldman): A Par-Gas; A Bre-Pic; A Bur-Ruh; A Spa-Mar; F Por-Mid.

GERMANY (Drakert): F Hol holds; A Kie-Ruh; A Mun S A Kie-Ruh; A Ber-Kie; A Den-Sve.

ITALY (Hoh): F Nap-Ion; F Ven-Adr; F Tun-NAF; A Tyr S A Tri; A Tri S RUSSIAN A Gal-Bud.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thornsen): A Bud-Rum; A Ser-Bul; F Bre S A Ser-Bul.RUSSIA (D. Walker): A St.P-Fin; F Sve-Bal; A War-Pru; A Sev-Rum; F Rum-Bla; A Gal-Bud; A Vie S A Gal-Bud.TURKEY (J. Schwartz): F Con-Aeg; F Smy-Eas; A Bul-Ser; A Ank holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats A Bul-Con and Austria-Hungary retreats A Bud-Ser. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 1985. Press releases are printed on pages 18 and 19.

## PLEASE STAND BY

As the play of recent GRAUSTARK games shows, stand-by players are always needed to fill in for someone who resigns or disappears. Anyone can be a stand-by simply by letting me know, and by keeping his or her subscription current. GRAUSTARK's present stand-by list is printed below. If you want to have your name added to, or removed from, this list, please let me know. The number indicates the number of games in which that person is presently playing as a stand-by.

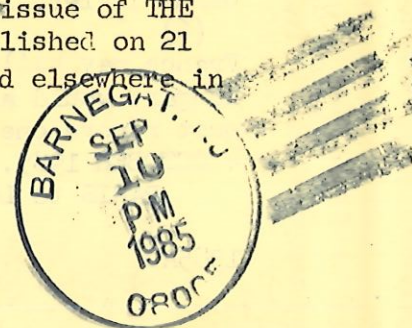
Bob Addison (1)	Bob Lipton	David E. Schwartz (1)
Jon Bennett	Vincent J. Manna (1)	Larry Sims (1)
Lawrence Chafetz (1)	Jim McCarthy	Alan Stewart
Marc Hurwitz	Michael Quirk (1)	Terry Tallman
Thomas E. Johnson	Paul Rauterberg (2)	Eric Verheiden (2)
John Jordan (1)	Munzio Paul Schenbari	Edward J. Wrobel (1)

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

As of today, six players have signed up for a new postal Diplomacy game. If a seventh player should come in before 28 September, the country assignments will be mailed out to these players, and the deadline for the "Spring 1901" moves will be set at Friday 1 November 1985. For information on joining a postal Diplomacy game in GRAUSTARK, see page 8. If additional game entries come in after this game is filled, they will be put in a later game when 7 more players sign up.

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Two postal games of Pax Britannica have begun in THE VALOR OF IGNORANCE, of which a sample copy was sent you with the last GRAUSTARK. The next issue of THE VALOR OF IGNORANCE, with the first moves in these games, will be published on 21 September. Subscriptions are 9 for \$6. (Not 6 for \$9 as was printed elsewhere in this issue!)



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