

# GRAUSTARK

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1983AJ

"Spring 1916"

## ALLIES TAKE MARSEILLES

ENGLAND (J. Baker): A Sev-Arm; A Gas & A  
Dur S GERMAN A Pie-Mar; A Bel S A Bur;  
F Bre S A Gas; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Iri-  
Mid; F Eng S F Iri-Mid; F Liv-Nat; F  
Ith holds.

FRANCE (Jordan): A Par holds.

GERMANY (Ripper): A Rum-Ser; A Bur & A  
Tri S A Rum-Ser; A Ukr-Rum; A Gal S A  
Ukr-Rum; A Tyr-Ven; A Pie-Mar; A Mun-  
Boh; A Ber-Mun.

ITALY (Wrobel): A Rom & F Adr S A Ven; F  
Por & F Wes S F Spa(s.c.); F Spa(s.c.),  
F HAF, F Gre & A Ven hold; A Mar-Pie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rusnak): A Arm-Sev; A  
Alb & A Bul S A Ser; Ser S A Bul;  
F Aeg S A Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible.  
The Italian A Mar is dislodged and annihila-  
ted. The deadline for "Fall 1916" moves  
is NOON, FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 1985. Joe  
Baker's new address is 4511-A Lexington  
Place NE, Lacey, Wash. 98506, and his te-  
lephone number is 206-459-4745.

ROME: My flanks may be smashed but I  
got the dots, thanks to my great friend  
and loyal ally, Russ ~~Russarak~~! 4-way  
DIAS anyone?

1985CA

"Winter 1901"

ENGLAND (Bragdon): Builds A Lon.  
FRANCE (Petty): Builds A Mar.  
GERMANY (Strickland): Builds A Ber, F Kie,  
A Hun.  
ITALY (D. Walker): Builds F Nap.  
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Foster): Builds A Bud,  
A Vie.  
RUSSIA (Wrobel): Builds A St.P.  
TURKEY (Martin): Builds F Smy.  
The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is

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1985CT

"Spring 1901"

## BOTH ENDS OF POWDERKEG STOPPED UP

This is the new game which was an-  
nounced in the last issue. It has been as-  
signed the Boardman Number "1985CT", and  
players are asked to use this designation  
in correspondence with one another and with  
the gamesmaster.

ENGLAND (Chafetz): F Lon-Nth; A Liv-Yor;  
F Edi-Irg.

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

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

ITALY (Tendering): A Ven-Tri; A Rom-Tus;  
F Nap-Tyr.

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

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

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

Underlined moves are not possible.  
The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON,  
FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 1985.

LONDON: A sailing we will go.

ANKARA (AP): The Turkish Foreign Sec-  
retary, Shish al-Kabob, today announced the  
contents of a private communique to the Aus-  
trian government from the Sultan: " ".  
The Austrian reply was like-wise uncommi-  
tal. Said Kabob, "It is truly amazing how  
differences can be resolved with just a mod-  
est investment in communications skills."

TURKEY to NAPLES: France intercepted  
some submarine communication, causing a  
change in fleet missions.

ROME to World: I agree with Mr. Benja-

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## NOW IT'S ITALY'S TURN

ENGLAND (Martin): F Ska S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Nwy; F Swe-Den.

FRANCE (Sims): F Nrg-Bar; F Eng-Mid; F Wes-Tyr; A Yor & A Bur hold; A Gas-Mar.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): No moves received. A Mun, A Ber, A Kie, F Lon, F Nth & F Bal hold.

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): A Apu-Rom; F Nap S A Apu-Rom; A Mos-St.P; A Rum-Ukr; A War-Liv; A Bud-Gal; A Con-Bul; A Ank-Con; A Nwy-Edi; F Ion-Tyr; F Gre-Ion; A Vie-Tyr; A Ven S A Vie-Tyr; F Tri holds; F Adr S F Gre-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats F Rom-Tus and A Tyr-Boh or -Pie. The players may make their "Fall 1907" orders dependent upon the direction of this latter retreat. The deadline for these "Fall 1907" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 1985. It is uncertain why no moves were received from Marc Hurwitz, who is usually so careful that he sends in moves in duplicate or triplicate, and who did send in moves for another game in which he is playing. No stand-by will be called upon for "Fall 1907". For Vincent J. Manna's new address see the report of 1984IC on page 3.

AUSTRIA to World: If I haven't lost Norway, this game is over after this turn, go thru the ropes. If I have lost Nrw I have 17. That means we continue playing till Tunis or Munich falls. I will feel content knowing that all greeb (Italy) is out of the game. So, this is my goal.

1985L

"Fall 1903"

## ITALIAN JANITOR MOPS UP BALKAN CORRIDOR

Following "Spring 1903" moves Russia retreated F Swe-Bot; all players were informed. No "Fall 1903" moves were received from Marc Hurwitz; see the report of 1984HB, above, for comment on this unprecedented situation. Stand-by "Winter 1903" and/or "Spring 1904" orders should be sent in by the following people:  
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Anthony Brooks, 14043 Flairwood Dr., San Antonio, Texas, 78233; 512-646-8645

TURKEY: Tony Strickland, 212 Ivy St., Palatka, Fla. 32077; 904-325-9476

ENGLAND (Bennett): A Lon-Yor; F Nth-Eng; F Nwy-Nth; F Swe holds.

FRANCE (Dawson): A Spa-Por; F Pic-Eng; A Par S A Bur; A Bur S A Par.

GERMANY (Schembari): A Ruh & A Bel; F Den & A Mun hold; A Kie-Hol; A Bel S A Kie-Hol; A Ber S A Mun.

ITALY (Jordan): A Boh-Gal; A Ven-Tri; A Bud S A Ven-Tri; F Apu-Ion; F Ion-Aeg; F Gre-Bul(s.c.); A Ser S F Gre-Bul(s.c.).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Hurwitz): No moves received. A Pru holds; F Tri dislodged and annihilated.

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

TURKEY (McCarthy): No moves received. A Ukr, F Ela, A Con, A Ank & A Arm hold.

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

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe. (5) FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5)

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1904IC

"Fall 1905"

## RUSSIAN TROOPS FALL BACK

Following "Spring 1905" moves, Russia retreated F Bot-Liv and Italy retreated A Bud-Tri. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Loiacono): F Edi holds; F Yor-Lon; A Nwy S GERMAN F Bot-St.P(s.c.); F Nth S A Nwy; "F Sp(s.c.) S" GERMAN A (?) "Mar."

FRANCE (Chafetz): A Cas-Mar; F Nrg-IAt.

GERMANY (Manna): F Bal-Liv; F Bot-St.P(s.c.); A Pru-War; A Sil S A Pru-War; A Ukr-Sev; A Mun-Tyr; A Bur-Par; F Bre-Gas; A Mar holds.

ITALY (Clarke): A Tri-Bud; A Vie S A Tri-Bud; A Alb-Ser; F Lyo-Pie; F Wes holds; F Adr-Tri.

RUSSIA (Schembari): F Liv-Bot; A War-Mos; A St.P S A War-Mos; A Con-Smy; A Ank S A Con-Smy; A Ser-Bul; A Rum S A Ser-Bul; F Bla-Sev; A Bud-Gal.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A St.P-Fin and Turkey retreats F Smy-Syr or -Eas. The direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1905" orders, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Spa. (6)

ITALY: Bul, Nap, Rom, Ser, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (8)

FRANCE: Por. (1)

RUSSIA: Ank, Bul, Mos, Rum, Sev, Smy. (6)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Kie, Mar, Mun, Par, St.P, Swe, War. (11)

TURKEY: Con, Gre. (2)

Italy and Germany may each build two units, and England may build one. Turkey and France must each remove one unit, and Russia must remove three. The deadline for these "Winter 1905" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 1985. Vincent J. Manna's address is now 22 Mallard Dr., Greenwich, Conn. 06830. However, he remains reachable on weekends at his Brooklyn telephone number, 718-336-1156.

ITALY to GERMANY: OK. (but I still think you are going to attack me)

BORDEAUX: The Admiralty asks will it outlast the White Bear.

THE GERM to the World: Now this is the way WWII was supposed to go!

GERM to BO: Forget everything I said, you don't call or write so there is nothing to say.

1904ID

"Spring 1905"

## FULL OF SOUND AND FURY, SIGNIFYING NOTHING

In the "Fall 1904" moves the English F Bel was not dislodged, and England keeps Belgium as a supply center, as the German A Hol supported that fleet. The French A Pic remains there. The Turkish build in Smyrna was a fleet, not an army.

ENGLAND (Jordan). F Bel-Eng; F Nth S F Bel-Eng; A Yor-Lon.

FRANCE (Gratto): F Mar-Lyo; F Bre-Mid; F NAT-Nrg; A Edi-Nwy; A Pic-Bel; A Bur S A Pic-Bel; A Gas S A Bur.

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

ITALY (Stewart): A Gal-Bud; A Vie S A Gal-Bud; F Apu-Ven; F Nap-Rom; F Tun-Tyr.

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## ROMAN EMPIRE ROAMS FURTHER

In "Winter 1910", Italy built A Ven and A Rom, and Turkey removed A Arm. No English orders were received, owing to a failure of the United States Postal "Service", and so the English F Naf and F Bot were removed. Players are reminded that when this game ends, the subscriptions of Paul Rauterberg and Steven Bobker will end. However, that won't be quite yet, because the vote for a concession to Italy fails of the necessary unanimity. It will not again be submitted to the players.

SEVASTOPOL: The Tsar mourning his lost Scandinavian fleet stated "Ich bin ein Berliner".

BERLIN to What's His Name: We are diligently searching through the files at the Reichstag but can not find any legitimate birth certificate for you here.

The Roving Reporter has asked if anyone was searching for the missing English fleets.

ROME to the Barbarian Tribes in Britain & Germany: Sic semper tyrannis! (Translation: Up yours.)

CAESAR to ROME: Hey, what's with Gaul these days? It took nearly 7 years to conquer the place back in the good old 50's B. C., but here I'm still struggling after 10 years. Request about six more legions urgently.

ROME to CAESAR: Get lost, Julius. We've only got two legions in reserve and they'll have their hands full. The Awful Black Things are at it again, threatening to terrorize our allies in the Balkans. So shape up! And don't cross the Po like you did last time. (signed) Pompey

BERLIN to WARSAW: Name your terms, Larry. If the vote failed, it was because of your vote.

ENGLAND (Verheiden): F Liverpool & A Bre hold; F Nth-Edi; F Yor S F Nth-Edi.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Bur-Ruh; A Sil-Ber; A Mun S A Sil-Ber; A Ruh-Kie; F Swe-Bal; A Nwy-Swe; A Livonia not ordered, holds.

ITALY (Bragdon): A Ven-Tyr; A Rom-Apu; A Bel-Hol; A Mar-Bur; A Gas S A Mar-Bur; F Spa(s.c.) & F Ion hold; F Tun-Wes; F Por-Mid; F Iri-Eng; A Ukr-Gal; A Con-Bul; F Smy-Con.

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

RUSSIA (Chafetz): A Ber-Kie; A Edi-Liv; F Nrg-Nth; A War-Liv; A Sev-Mos.

TURKEY (D. Schwartz): F Ank holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Edi-Cly, A Ber-Pru. Germany must retreat A Bur-Par, -Pic, or -Bel. The direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that it arrives by FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 1985. It will be passed on to the English, Italian, and Russian players. The deadline for "Fall 1911" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 1985.

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GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (6) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: War. (1)  
 ITALY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Nap, Rom, Ser, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (10) RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Sev. (3)  
 TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3)

Italy may build three new units, and England and France may each build one. Turkey must remove two units. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 1985. The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER 1985. Players who add up the supply centers in the above listing are reminded that, after 3 game years of play, no one has yet ended a "Fall" move in Rumania, and it is therefore still a neutral supply center.



## SUPREMACY

One of the permanent effects of the hijacking of the Achille Lauro, and the subsequent U. S. seizure of four of the hijackers, is a new relationship that now exists between the Great Big United States of America and the lesser nations. Precedents that go back to the remotest antiquity have been overturned, and a new condition of international relations now exists, by command of Our President.

At one time a sort of theoretical equality existed among different nations. Under the slogan "national sovereignty", each nation respected certain privileges that others were regarded as possessing. For example, in those days a crime against an individual outside his or her own country was considered the responsibility of the country in which the crime took place. If, for example, an American was robbed in Italy, the search for, arrest, and trial of the thief were considered the responsibility of the Italian rather than the American government. These ideas extended to ships, which were considered parts of the territory of the nation in which the ship was registered.

Under these now obsolete notions, for example, the hijacking of an Italian ship was a crime under Italian law. If the hijackers committed a murder, this was a crime under Italian law. If they escaped to another country, Italy had the responsibility of extraditing them for trial. If they were arrested, they would go on trial in Italy for their crimes. And if one of them could wangle diplomatic status from any nation, this status was universally regarded as a protection against arrest. "Diplomatic immunity" was then regarded as so important for the normal conduct of international affairs that nations were willing to let pass any violations of law committed by people with diplomatic passports, as an evil that was outweighed by the need for keeping diplomats from being harassed by countries who had disputes with their own. Even when the poverty-stricken Liberian government sold its diplomatic status to Europeans who then used this status to carry huge amounts of counterfeit money across borders, diplomatic immunity had a sacrosanct character. Historians would tell us that it could be traced all the way back to the immunity enjoyed by heralds delivering messages in remotest classical antiquity.

Now, of course, all that is changed. It was not Italy, but the Great Big United States of America, that demanded that the Egyptian government surrender the four hijackers, who were citizens of four different Arab nations. When these men took an Egyptian plane out of the country, it was U. S. fighter planes that diverted it to a NATO base in Sicily. Also on this plane was a certain Mohammed Abbas, who had been indulged in such capers by Yasser Arafat of the "Palestine" Liberation Organization because Arafat needed Abbas's vote to stay in control of that faction-ridden group. Ever since the Israeli conquest of southern Lebanon, a faction supported by the government of Syria has been trying to take over the "PLO. Syria's bitter rival Iraq seems to have given Abbas an Iraqi diplomatic passport in an attempt to counteract this Syrian power grab.

Because of this diplomatic status, and a belief in the obsolete concept of "diplomatic immunity", Italy did not arrest Abbas, but allowed him to go to Yugoslavia. The Great Big United States of America tried to get him from both countries, but was stymied by this notion. He is believed now to be back in the "PLO headquarters in Tunisia.

Among the prominent political figures who no longer accept this notion of "national sovereignty" and "diplomatic immunity" is Governor Mario Cuomo of New York, a potential future President. He has demanded that the hijackers be sent to this country for trial. (Newsday, 16 October) Columnist Murray Kempton properly identifies this as "the idea of America as a land so chosen by God as beyond the judgment of any other". So embarrassed was the Italian government by the decisive action by the U. S. armed forces that its head was forced to resign. When the captured Egyptian airplane landed in Sicily, it was surrounded by a detachment of Italian carabinieri. This was in turn surrounded by the true masters of the situation, a specially trained U. S. anti-terrorist unit. (Joseph Kraft, New York Post, 19 October) The government of the Great Big United States of America insisted on its superior status and demanded that the hijackers be turned over, to stand trial in the U. S. For a while it looked as if it might come to gunfire, but Our President decided to give our subject allies in



Italy a chance to demonstrate their loyalty to their American suzerains.

This represented a change in the original plan, according to a report in the New York Post of 19 October. The original intent of Our President was to take the prisoners on to Fort Bragg, and only then announce their capture. Their Only trial would have been on U. S. soil - assuming, as Kepmton observed, that "we didn't meet them at the airport with a rope." (This may well be a future U. S. option.) But the plane had to refuel in Sicily, the local air traffic controller got suspicious, and the government of our subject ally in Rome had to be informed.

So it appears that these four Arabs will go on trial in Italy for murder, piracy, and other crimes. But they will still be alive at the end of this trial, since the Italian government has pusillanimously written into its very constitution a ban on capital punishment. Then the Great Big United States of America will command their extradition to stand trial here. Either this will be granted, or it will be discovered how high the going rate is for bribery of Italian prison officials and port officers.

For only one explanation can be given for the U. S. position that these men must be tried in the Great Big United States of America. They have committed a crime against an American citizen and, for the first time since the Roman Empire, an Empire exists in the world which takes jurisdiction over all crimes committed against its citizens, no matter where or by whom. This is explicitly stated in the Federal Crime Control Act of 1984, according to Director William H. Webster of the FBI. (New York Times, 13 October) "We have jurisdiction," the Director said, "and we have not waived it."

The Italians have realized this too. In late October they made a preposterous decision to look into "possible crimes committed by United States military forces during a standoff with Italian soldiers...on the night of Oct. 10." This ridiculous action by a subordinate government, which can only be compared with the preposterous petition against stationing nuclear weapons in New York harbor, was slapped down by higher authority the next day.

As a result of all these military and legal shennannigans, it is now firmly established that the government of the Great Big United States of America has superior jurisdiction over all the other governments of the world. This, in brief, is what it means to be an Empire. We have no doubt that, should the government of the Great Big United States of America have a chance to seize Mohammed Abbas on the territory of any other nation, it will pay no attention whatsoever either to that nation's so-called "sovereignty" or to Abbas's "diplomatic immunity". Anyone wanted by Our President for crimes against the American Empire and its citizens, anywhere in the world, is subject to the Empire's powers.

This is also true of such actions when they are performed under U. S. authority by a loyal subject ally. When Israeli jets blasted the "PLO headquarters in Tunisia on 1 October, this action was warmly welcomed by Our President, who called it an act of self-defense, and who through a State Department spokesman said, "As a matter of principle, it is our view that it is legitimate self-defense to respond appropriately to acts of terrorism." "As long as you pick out the people responsible," He later qualified these words. (Newsday, 2 October) This was certainly also the case with regard to the terrorist ship Rainbow Warrior, which the personal agents of the President of France (another loyal subject ally) blew out of the water in New Zealand on 10 July. Ambassador Kirkpatrick denied that the destruction of the Rainbow Warrior was an act of terrorism (New York Times, 26 September). In another counter-terrorist action, the offices of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee in Santa Ana, California, were blown up on 11 October, killing the regional director, who only a few hours before had gone on TV to praise Yasser Arafat's role in the hijacking. This is what opposition to Our President will continue to get, both here and in the Empire's subject domains overseas.

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The imperial supremacy of the Great Big United States of America, and its high imperial destiny of world domination, must be driven home at home as well as in the lesser nations. A group of Pacifists learned this last week, as a result of a campaign against the basing of the USS Iowa and a support group in New York harbor. They were opposed to the fact that the Iowa is armed with nuclear weapons, and thought they could set their private wills against the supreme sovereign authority of the Great Big United States of



America. So they passed around positions to get a referendum question placed on the ballot for next Tuesday's New York City election. This referendum would have made it illegal for any city authority to cooperate in the basing of these ships here.

On the record these Pacifists should have known better. Back in 1967 they tried to place on the ballot a city charter amendment that would have the practical effect of expressing a judgment against the war with Vietnam. The Board of Elections did not challenge the validity of the signatures on the petition, but simply told the petitioners that it was not going to put their little plan on the ballot. And the courts, with their superb record of support for the American war effort, upheld the Board.

Mayor Koch a strong supporter of the "home-porting" of the Iowa here, referred to the recent New Zealand action in banning nuclear weapons as "disgusting". Although the Pacifists got over 100,000 signatures on this petition, the courts once again came through patriotically, and the question was thrown off the ballot. Furthermore, in a neat legalistic twist, New York's highest court decided the matter by reference only to state law, thus preventing a Pacifist appeal to the federal courts which would only have inflicted further defeats upon them.

A lesson has been given to the Pacifists - one which may save their lives if they take it to heart. As I have observed for many years in these pages, certain subjects have long since been removed from the arena of public discussion in the Great Big United States of America. Among these are whether and what nuclear weapons the U. S. will build, where they will be stored, and against whom they will be used. These matters have been taken out of the fumbling hands of the dirty ignorant rabble and lodged with the supreme authority of the President, Commander in Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader of the Great Big United States of America.

Our President knows how Communism came to power in Russia. There, 68 years ago, Pacifist agitators created a great war-weariness in the Russian people, just as they tried to do here during the first phase (1954-1974) of the war with Vietnam. Unlike our own Presidents, the Russian imperial government did not crack down sufficiently hard on these Pacifists. So this war-weariness caused the Russians to put into power a government committed to take the nation out of the war. This was a Communist government. Nothing could more clearly indicate the intimate connection that has always existed between Pacifism and Communism.

These sentiments still dominate the Soviet Union. For decades they have slobbered about "peace" while the Great Big United States of America resolutely prepared for a war against the Soviet Union. From the Stockholm Peace Petition of the 1940s to the "Star Peace" notions of Foreign Minister Sheverdnadze today, Soviet policy has always squealed for peace and an opposition to nuclear weapons. They have even pledged themselves to no first use of nuclear weapons - which means that they are dead meat as soon as any U. S. President decides to scour them off the face of the earth with our nuclear arsenal.

But it isn't going to happen here. Peace candidates are slammed down by both political parties, and wind up either coming over to the noble pro-war ideals of our established political leaders, or in ending their days contending for one of those ridiculous little parties that may sometimes be found on the right side of the voting machine, but never in the media reports of campaigns. And if instead of candidates the Pacifists try referenda, their propositions are just not allowed to go before the public in the first place.

The U. S. political system is based on the assumption that, if the general public is given a formal chance to decide between two candidates, they will feel they have a stake in the system and will thereafter accept the will of their government no matter how close together the candidates' policies were. But the rabble must realize that it will be indulged in this privilege only so long as it is not misused. If it should ever appear that the electorate may use its privilege for the purpose of reducing the force with which the Great Big United States of America holds the rest of the world in terror, this privilege will be yanked away from it, as it already has been done with regard to the anti-nuclear referendum whose petitions have just been left out for the trash collector.

So far none of the signers of this "referendum" have been sent to prison. This may be regarded as the biggest victory they are likely to get.



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"Winter 1902-Spring 1903"

## GERMAN ROOF FALLS III

In "Fall 1902", the Russian move "A Fin-Swe" succeeded, annihilating the German A Swe and making Sweden a Russian rather than a German supply center. Russia therefore had two "Winter 1902" builds, which are A War & A Mos. England builds F Lon & F Liv, and the dislodged Austro-Hungarian A Ser is removed.

ENGLAND (Lack): F Liv Iri; F Lon holds; A Den-Kie; F Bel-Hol; F Nth S F Bel-Hol; F Nwy S F Nth.

FRANCE (T. Goldman): F Eng-Iri; A Bul-Bel; A Pic S A Bur-Bel; A Gas-Spa; A Mar-Pie.

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

ITALY (Hoh): No moves received. A Tyr, F Adr, F Ion & F Mid hold; A Ser dislodged and annihilated.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thornsen): F Gre-Bul(s.c.).

RUSSIA (D. Walker): A Swe-Ber; A Bal C A Swe-Ber; F Pru S A Swe-Ber; A War-Sil; A Mos-War; A Tri-Ven; A Rum-Ser; A Bud S A Rum-Ser; F Bla-Con.

TURKEY (J. Schwartz): F Aeg-Gre; A Bul S F Aeg-Gre; F Eas-Ion; A Ank-Smy.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats F Hol-Hel and Austria-Hungary retreats F Gre-Alb. The German A Ber is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 1985. Stand-by moves for Italy should be sent in by Jon Bennett, Knaulton 14, Tabor Academy, Marion, Mass. 02738; 617-748-9707. Tom Thornsen writes that he will be in Indiana from 23 November to 2 December, so he may be a little difficult to reach for negotiating purposes. Negotiators should write him as soon as possible.

RUSSIA to GERMANY: Sorry, we have no openings for "junior partners".

BERLIN: The so-called "second Reich" fell today as the people of the German capitol province gladly welcomed liberation by Russian forces. The new ruler, Kaiser I. S. Sluggo, proclaimed a general armistice and ordered remaining German units to lay down their arms at once. Kaiser Puppette of Austria and Tsar Ansel of Russia immediately granted diplomatic recognition to the new government.

ISTANBUL (CONSTANTINOPLE): The Russian Southern Fleet entered the Turkish capitol today for a friendly visit. The current itinerary calls for similar friendly visits to Mediterranean ports of interest.

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK, the oldest bulletin for the postal play of Avalon-Hill's board game Diplomacy, is published every fourth Saturday by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11226. For information about joining a GRAUSTARK game see p. 12. Subscriptions for non-players are 9 issues for \$6. Back issues as available are 10 for \$2. On the first Saturday of the new year, I will throw out all back issues from before 1985, except for a few special ones like #437. So if you want any back issues of GRAUSTARK prior to #405, including a report of the riot at the Ignobel Prize awards of 1983, please send for them before 4 January 1986. If you are interested in back issues of any of my other publications, please write for information. These are THE VALOR OF IGNORANCE (for postal Pax Britannica), EMPIRE (for several other postal war games), ANAKREON (for filksingers), and DAGON (for science-fiction, fantasy, comic art, the universe's longest and worst Star Wars parody, and anything else that may occur to me.) The next issue of EMPIRE, on 9 November, will contain the 6th installment of the series "Dungeons and Christians", about the Christian attempt to ban the play of Dungeons & Dragons. As a bonus, this column will also explain the Christian campaign against the belief that the Earth is round!



## AUSTRIANS TAKE WARSAW!

ENGLAND (Tallman): F St.P(n.c.) holds; F Nth-Nat((sic)); F Mid S GERMAN, A Mar-Spa; F Bre & F Eng S F Mid.

FRANCE (Drakert): A Spa holds; F Por S ITALIAN F Naf-Mid.

GERMANY (Coughan): A Liv-St-P; A War holds; A Boh holds; A Sil S A War; A Mun S A Boh; A Mar-Spa; A Gas S A Mar-Spa; A Bur-Pic; F Pal-Swe; F Kie-Hel.

ITALY (Sims): A Pie S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tyr; F Lyo S FRENCH A Spa; F Naf-Mid; F Wes S F Naf-Mid.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): F Aeg-Con; A Bul S F Aeg-Con; F Ion holds; A Sev S A Mos; A Ukr-War; A Mos & A Gal S A Ukr-War; A Vie-Boh; A Tyr S A Vie-Boh.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A War-Pru. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P.

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

(6)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Mos, Rum,

FRANCE: Por, Spa. (2)

Ser, Sev, Tri, Vie, War. (10)

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

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3)

Mun, Par, Swe. (9)

Austria-Hungary and England may each build one unit, and Germany must remove one. These "Winter 1909" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 1985. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 1985. For Vincent J. Manna's change of address (and retention of telephone number) see the report of 1984IC on page 3.

GERMANY to ENGLAND: ENOUGH. I'm fed up, and you're dead.

VIENNA to CONST(ipation): You underestimate the Italians. First, they are stronger than the Turks, second, they have been tactically smarter than the Turks, third - they are a loyal ally. Together, Austritalia will win!

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

In some of the games published in GRAUSTARK #512, the deadline was incorrectly given as 25 October 1985. This was incorrect; the deadline for all orders for this issue (except "Immediate Return Mail") was 1 November. Sorry.

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Now that the so-called "Diplomacy World #40" has been exposed as yet another Brux Hoax, it is reported that the real 'zine of this name is in serious financial trouble. But guess who is coming to the rescue! Larry Peery, the well-known petty rip-off artist of San Diego, is now panhandling for money to save DW. On the basis of his dealings with The Diplomacy Association and other attempts to organize the hobby, you can be confident that any money sent to Peery will be used - not dishonestly, but just irresponsibly. In his flier Peery fails to tell us why DW should continue to exist. He seems to take for granted that there has to be some sort of centralized organization, some centralized "clearinghouse" publication in postal Diplomacy. Otherwise, the implication is, how would us poor un-coordinated hobbyists know how to have a good time playing postal Diplomacy?

Postal Diplomacy fandom ought to take a lesson from the fandom of science-fiction and fantasy, out of which it grew. Every attempt in over 50 years to form a centralized s-f fandom organization has failed, and s-f fans have gone on merrily enjoying their hobby, holding conventions, and running feuds compared to which Brux and Coughlin have been minor nuisances. Diplomacy World is (on the admittedly debatable assumption that Peery can be trusted) dying. Goody.



## 1982IM - GAME REVIEWS

ALLEN PEARSON (Austria-Hungary): As with any activity involving seven individuals, each views the situation from his own perspective. I had the opportunity to read a couple of the other endgame statements for this game that were printed with the concluding season before I wrote mine. After reading those I almost wonder if we were playing in the same game.

It was my recollection that the game started off rather predictably - England and France hitting Germany, Italy grabbing Tunis, and Austria (me) siding with Russia against Turkey. In 1902 I received a good offer from Turkey to change sides and hit Russia, for which Bob Bragdon took exception. After it appeared Germany was going to be blown out of the game, I took it on myself to save Randy by talking Italy into attacking France to take some of the pressure off Germany. So I convinced Italy to go out on a limb for Germany, and I completed my switch to Turkey's side which should take Russia off Germany's back. And what happens - Germany decides to puppet to E/F while the powers who came to his aid (A/I) are left out to dry.

Bob Bragdon indicated that Randy came in for some hostile press when he made this switch, and I agree because I wrote as much as possible trying to convince Randy to come back to the Central Powers Alliance that he had abandoned. So as Randy prospered as a puppet, Italy and I were eliminated. It was only justice that Randy left the game next. "A coward dies a thousand deaths, but a brave man only dies one."

I have no real regrets in the game except for one. I would have liked to ally with Russia and seen how well it would have worked out. My shift away from him was meant to save Germany, but obviously that was a mistake.

I do have a final complaint about this game and probably all Diplomacy games - which has to do with endgame statements. It seems that always the writer is innocent of all hostile actions, stabs, or anything else. Writers are always "amazed" at the treacherous, lying, deceiving actions of the rest of the players. I received some criticism for the normal actions of a Diplomacy player while the other writers were as pure as the driven snow - or so they would have you believe. To these players in all games, I suggest you consider how ludicrous your statements sound; you are just deceiving yourself since everyone else knows what to expect from all diplomacy players.

Finally, John Ferguson played an excellent game. He stuck with his plan and chipped away at enemies and allies alike, taking the win after eliminating one enemy (Italy) and two allies (England and Germany) while stabbing a third ally (Russia). He played it like a real Diplomacy player.

LARRY CHAFETZ (Turkey): I want to congratulate John Ferguson on a well deserved win. His play in the north was excellent.

It is truly unfortunate that the U. S. mail service is not reliable and played a part in this game. NMR's are ruinous to allies & detract from an opponents win.

I would like to make a suggestion that players consider it a three week deadline, giving themselves one week for the mail. Moves can be revised by phone or a later letter.

When I joined the game in 07 I did not really know what was going on but it seemed that it was everyone against me.

I played to consolidate my position & I outguessed Russia and succeeded. The French-German stab allowed me to form an alliance with Russia.

I believe that a Turk-Russian statemate line could have been formed. However my ineptness & distrust of Russia caused my F Rumania to become ineffective. To be truthful it was mostly my ineptitude.

Unfortunately I have little or no sympathy for Randy Ellis. Once your in you should play to survive or inflict the most punishment on your enemies. You should not give your bases to an allie just because you can not win.

At least that is my philosophy.

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min Austin, plastic stars and anchors outrank wood blocks. Go ahead and call me a proletariat. (What's a proletariat, anyway. Sounds like something you serve with a



croissant.) Anyways, four out of five leading world leaders prefer plastic to wood.

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NOON, FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 1985.

TURKEY to ITALY: If anything, your bellowings of R/T alliance have forced us close together. Since you refuse to even diplomacize, what other choice is there but to look to Austria and Russia for alliance? Contrary to what you may believe, this is not a "wargame" and virtually anything is possible -- a little trust and a little daring can take you far if you let them. Preconceived notions such as yours lead only to four center powers by 1906 (at best). Humbug! Boring! Lighten up!

TURKEY to AUSTRIA: What'll it be?

TURKEY to RUSSIA: Nice press, Ed.

TURKEY to ENGLAND: Your lack of anxiety is appreciated (and seemingly unique in this game).

TURKEY to GERMANY: Maybe I'll write you again some day.

TURKEY to FRANCE: ...and maybe you'll write me.

LONDON to NORWAY: What the hell are you guys doing over there? Your orders said, "Normandy", not "Norway", you clunks! (TO THE TSAR: Sorry about that. The quality of British navigation has declined sadly in our all-volunteer navy.)

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AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brooks): A Bud holds; F Tri-Ven.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): A Ukr-Sev; A Mos S A Ukr-Sev; A Sil-Gal.

TURKEY (Addison): A Con-Bul; F Bla S A Sev; A Ser S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Bud; F Smy-Aeg; F Ion-Nap; F Tyr S F Ion-Nap; A Sev holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 1985.

TURKEY to TUNISIA: With France busy in the North, there are open supply centers on his south coast. Let me give you a boost in the right direction.

A-H to PARIS: Three "pintas" in this game - right?

A-H to ITALY: I'd wish you would stop vacationing in A-H. Maybe we could get something accomplished if you leave.

A-H to TURKEY: Look out for three knives - two by sea and one by land.

A-H to GERMANY: Please!!

A-H to RUSSIA: So much for the anti-alliance??

A-H to ENGLAND: You're OK!!!

A-H to A-H: I couldn't leave myself out.

A-H to GERMANY:

GERMANY to NEW YORKERS: Look what I've got, guys - a nice cool glass of water! Wouldn't you like to have some water? Well I'll be glad to send you some - for a price.

Whoops! Can't talk any longer. I've got to go wash the car, & take a shower, & water the lawn, etc., etc.

NEW YORK to GERMANY (URRP): Keep your water. Look what a wonderful Mayor we have! Keep your superb system of public transportation. Look what a wonderful Mayor we have!

Keep your low utility rates. Look what a wonderful Mayor we have!

Keep the big testimonial dinners you give to your politicians when they go to jail. Look what a wonderful Mayor we have!

Keep your hydrofoil taxis. We've got a battleship. Our wonderful Mayor got it for us. And it's full of plutonium too! So is our wonderful Mayor!



## FIRST WORLD WAR BEGINS AGAIN

As of today, nine game entries have come in for new postal Diplomacy games in GRAUSTARK. Seven of them are organized below, and I hope that this is regarded as a good geographical spread. The problem arises out of the fact that five of the nine are from the Greater New York metropolitan area - too few for a full board, and yet enough so that at least three will have to be in the new game, giving rise to the fears of "New York vs. the Hinterlands" which I have heard some Diplomacy players from the rest of the country express. I will try to get around this by choosing the three players from this region as widely separated geographically as possible. The players are, accordingly:

ENGLAND: Stanley Ellis, 1301 So. M, Fort Smith, Ark. 72901  
 FRANCE: Simon Lack, Apt. 9-B, 19 Max Drive, Morristown, N. J. 07960; 201-538-7495  
 GERMANY: Michael Quirk, 3030 Chester Dr., Glenview, Ill. 60025; 312-498-1377  
 ITALY: Carlton Johnson, 22 Mill St., Lock Haven, Penn. 17745; 717-748-7884 (home);  
 717-893-2081 (work)  
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Derwood Bowen, 4400 Clarkwood Parkway, Warrensville Heights, Ohio  
 44128; ( ? )-662-6459  
 RUSSIA: Ben Austin, 345 8th Ave., New York, N. Y. 10001; 212-242-5857. (This address  
 will change on 1 January 1986.)  
 TURKEY: Jerry Rosen, Apt. 6-B, 40 S. Cole Ave., Spring Valley, N. Y. 10977

The deadline for "Spring 1901" moves is flexible at present. If it is convenient to all the players, I would like to set it at NOON, FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 1985. However, if any one player requests it, or if all the "Spring 1901" moves aren't in by then, the deadline will be postponed to that of the next subsequent GRAUSTARK: FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER 1985. This is done to give the players additional negotiating time, should they need it, on the important first move.

Any of these players who does not have a copy of the postal Diplomacy rules, which were last published in GRAUSTARK #437, should write for one at once. A Boardman Number will be assigned to this game, and announced in GRAUSTARK #514. Until then, it should be referred to by players as "the new game".

And new postal Diplomacy games are still open in GRAUSTARK. The game fee is \$20, which includes a subscription until the end of the game. With your entry fee, send a list of the countries that you'd like to play, in your order of preference.

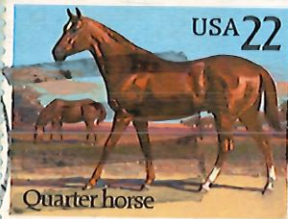
GRAUSTARK #513

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1902IM - The game is over, but the reviews go on forever. (See p. 10.)

☐ - If this space is checked, you are called upon as a stand-by. See

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