

"Reduction In Force" is a dreaded phrase in the Federal bureaucracy, because being "riffed" means somebody is about to be jettisoned from his job. The other morning, a woman was spotted outside a Federal building wearing a bright button with the President's face on it. And across the face, printed in large capital letters, was "RIF."

He'll sign up

Saddle Brook, N.J.: If Shimon Peres wants an international effort to squelch terrorism, let's give him one. Moammar Khadafy is a menace to the free world. Obviously America cannot risk an all-out war with Libya. With a multinational task force, we would be able to eliminate dirtbags like Khadafy. I would like to submit my name for the force. I saw "Rambo" twice.

Christopher M. Vacca

"THIS [THE TERRORIST ATTACK] IS THE MOST SACRED ACTION IN THE WORLD."
—MAMMUK KADDAFI

"THEY [THE CONTRAS] ARE THE MORAL EQUAL OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS"
—RAWLDS REAGAN



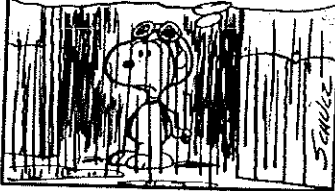
"THEY LOVE RUNNING SELF-CRITICAL ITEMS! IT DOESN'T CHANGE ANYTHING, AND IT MAKES THEM LOOK AS IF THEY HAVE INTEGRITY!"



STAR WARS IS THE WEAPON SYSTEM OF THE FUTURE...



HERE'S THE WORLD WAR I FLYING ACE STARING GLOOMILY OUT OVER THE RAIN-SOAKED AERODROME



TELL ME A STORY ABOUT THE WAR, GRAMPA!



WELL, ONE NIGHT, AFTER A FEW BREWS AT THE LOCAL PUB, SOME OF THE BOYS AND I DECIDED TO STAGE A PANTY RAID ON...



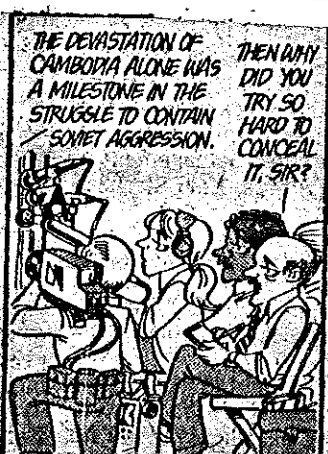
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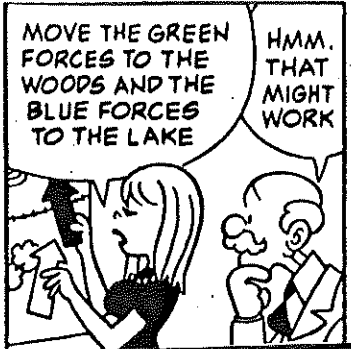


DON'T YOU REMEMBER ANY OF THE GOOD STUFF?!!



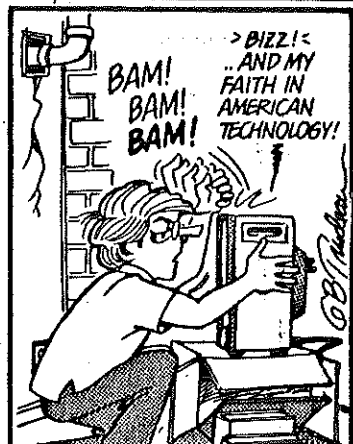
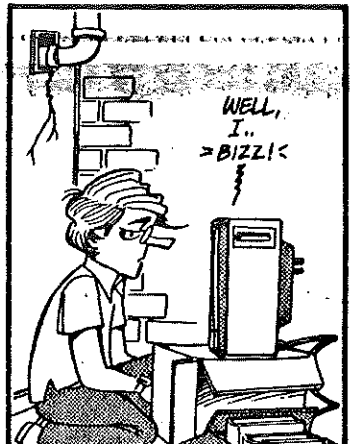
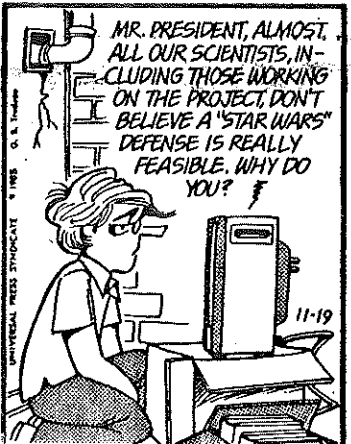
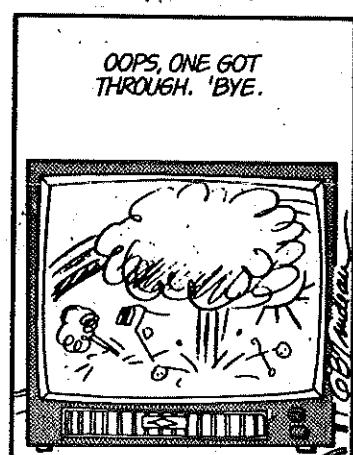
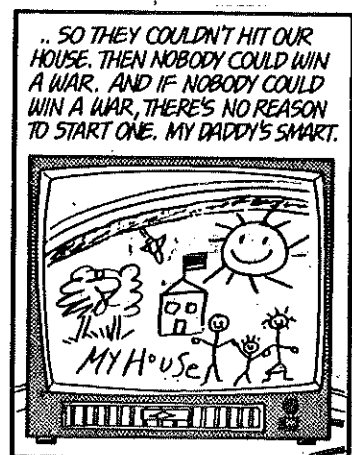
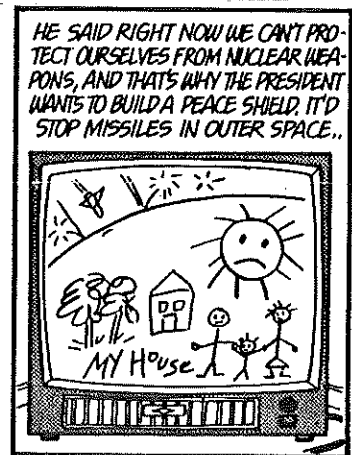
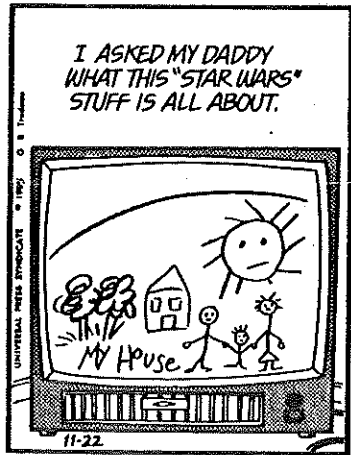
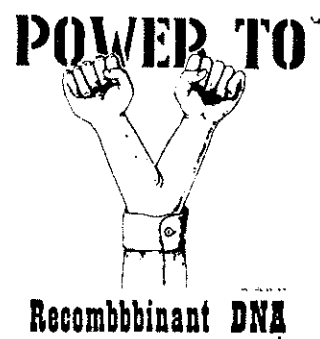
REALLY BIG APPLE. "Give me your poor, your tired, your affluent." Just so immigrants don't miss the point that they've arrived in the land of milk and honey, a vending machine at JFK International brings the point home: A single apple costs \$1.





★½ COMPROMISING POSITIONS (R) A bored Long Island housewife turns investigative reporter after her periodontist is murdered. Stars Susan Sarandon and Raul Julia. Fun. At area theaters.

MAD MAD AVE. Rumor along Madison Avenue is that Kellogg's is seriously thinking about something called "Yuppie Flakes."



1983AJ

"Spring 1918"

VENICE FALLS TO GERMAINS

ENGLAND (J. Baker): A Sev-Mos; A Ber-Bel; A Par-Pic; A Gas-Spa; F Mid-Por; F Bre-Mid; F Eng, F Iri & F Nat S F Bre-Mid; F Nth & A Lon hold.

GERMANY (Ripper): A Ukr-Sev; A Rum S A Ukr-Sev; A Gal S A Rum; A Pie-Ven; A Tyr & A Tri S A Pie-Ven; A Vie & A Bud S A Tri; A Ber-Gil; A Mun-Bur; A Mar S ENGLISH A Gas-Spa.

ITALY (Wrobel): A Rom-Tus; A Ven S A Rom-Tus; F Adr S A Ven; F Spa(s.c.) & F Naf hold; F Por S F Spa(s.c.); F Wes S F Spa(s.c.).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rusnak): F Ion-Tyr; A Bul & A Alb S A Ser; A Ser S A Bul; A Arm holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy makes the conditional retreat A Ven-Apu. The vote for a draw fails of unanimity, and is again submitted to the players. The deadline for "Fall 1918" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 21 MARCH 1986.

1985HL

"Winter 1901"

Apparently mail is now going very slowly to and from the west coast, and the sole 1985HL player who lives there protested about being asked to send in such important builds as those of "Winter 1901". Under the circumstances this is reasonable, and therefore only the "Winter 1901" builds are being published in this issue.

FRANCE (Chafetz): Builds A Par, F Bre, F Mar.
ITALY (Palter): Builds F Nap.
TURKEY (Drakert): Builds A Con, F Smy.

GERMANY (Austin): Builds A Ber.

The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves has been re-set to NOON, FRIDAY 21 MARCH 1986.

PARIS to LONDON: What happened to your workers. Has all building ceased. I hope to keep them idle for at least another year.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK, the first 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. Diplomacy was designed by Allan B. Calhamer, and first copyright in 1959 by him.

Postal Diplomacy games are now open at an entry fee of \$20. This game fee includes a subscription to GRAUSTARK as long as the game lasts. With your entry fee send in a list of the countries that you'd like to play, in your order of preference. If you do not already have a copy of GRAUSTARK #437, in which the rules of postal Diplomacy were published, let me know when you send in your entry fee, and I'll send you a copy. Two new postal Diplomacy games are now in process of being opened, and one of them needs three more players before it can begin.

Subscriptions for non-players are 9 issues for \$6. Back issues from the beginning of 1984 are 10 issues for \$2.

Also published here are two other war-gaming 'zines: EMPIRE and THE VALOR OF IGNORANCE. EMPIRE currently publishes postal games of SPI's A Mighty Fortress and Empires of the Middle Ages, and of Nova's Lost Worlds combat series. No new games are presently available in EMPIRE, but the two EMA games will end this summer, and new games (not necessarily of EMA) will then be opened. THE VALOR OF IGNORANCE, which takes its name from General Homer Lea's 1909 book on the theory and practice of imperialism, publishes two postal games of Pax Britannica, a popular new board war game designed by Greg Costikyan and published by Victory Games. New Pax Britannica games will be opened later this year. EMPIRE and THE VALOR OF IGNORANCE are each 9 issues for \$6, and back issues are 10 for \$2.

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"Fall 1906"

FRENCH OPEN ATLANTIC TO TURKS

ENGLAND (Jordan): F Mid-Par; A Nwy-St.P; F Eng-Mid.FRANCE (Gratto): A Edi-Liv; F Nrg-Edi; A Bre holds; A Pic S A Bre; A Bur-Bel; F Lyo-Spa(s.c.).GERMANY (Cameron): A Mun-Bur; A Ruh & A Bel S A Mun-Bur; F Nth S A Bel; A Kie-Mun;
A Ber.S A Kie-Mun.ITALY (Stewart): F Adr-Tri; A Vie S F Adr-Tri; A Cal S TURKISH A Rum-Bud.AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brooks): F Ven S A Tri; A Tri S A Bud; A Bud S TURKISH A Rum-Gal.RUSSIA (Rauterberg): A St.P-Mos; A Liv-War; A War-Ukr.TURKEY (Addison): F Mes-Mid; F Nap-Rom; F Aeg-Ion; F Tun S F Aeg-Ion; A Sev-Ukr;
A Rum-Gal; F Bla holds; A Ser S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Bud.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats A Gal-Boh, and France must retreat A Bur-Par, -Gas, or -Mar. The direction of the French retreat should come in with the "Winter 1906" orders, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Lon, Nwy, Par, St.P. (4)	ITALY: Vie. (1)
FRANCE: Bre, Edi, Liv, Mar, Par, Spa: (6)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Tri, Ven. (3)
GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Swe. (7)	RUSSIA: Mos, War. (2)
	TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Rom, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tun, Rom. (10)

Turkey may build two new units, and Germany and England may each build one. Russia and France must each remove one unit, and Italy must remove two. The deadline for these "Winter 1906" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 21 MARCH 1986.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE: Sir Lewis is Lew Lehrman, right? But does he have an "eastern U. S. upper-class accent"? Not as I remember from his commercials. Or maybe I'm thinking of al D'Amato's mother.

BROOKLYN (URRP): Oh, no doat about it, eh?

TURKEY to World: Come on really, the Meditteranean isn't that great. Can't you see me desperately trying to get out of it?

TURKEY to Pope: The Lord works in mysterious ways.

TURKEY to RUMANIA: If you're finally 'eliminated' this year, blame it on the Italians. I tried to leave. (I like records.)

TURKEY to FRANCE: Aren't you going to attend your brother-in-law's funeral?

1985HF

"Spring 1902"

BALKAN SITUATION CONFUSED

The Austro-Hungarian "Fall 1901" move "F Alb-Gre" was incorrectly reported as succeeding. It actually failed.

ENGLAND (S. Ellis): F Lon-Nth; F Nath-Ska; F Nwy S F Lon-Nth; A ~~Mar~~; has tea.

FRANCE (Lack): F Bre-Mid; A Par-Gas; A Bel holds; F Mar-Lyo; A Spa-Mar; F Por-Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Quirk): A Den S ENGLISH F Nwy-Swe; F Hol holds; F Kie-Bal; A Tyr-Pie;
A Mun-Tyr.ITALY (C. Johnson): F Tun-Ion; F Nap-Tyr; A Pie-Tyr; A Ven S A Pie-Tyr.AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Bowen): A Vie-Bud; A Ser S A Vie-Bud; F Alb-Gre.

RUSSIA (Austria): A War-Gal; A Mos-Ukr; A St.P-Fin; A Bud-Ser; F Bla S A Rum; A Rum S A Bud-Ser; F Swe watches old Bergman movies.

TURKEY (Rosen): A Bul S RUSSIAN A Bud-Ser; F Smy-Eas; F Aeg-Ion; A Con S A Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary must retreat A Ser-Alb or -Tri, and Germany must retreat A Tyr-Boh, -Tri, or -Vie. The directions of these retreats should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by FRIDAY 7 MARCH 1986. If both armies retreat to Trieste, they will instead be removed. Either army may be removed rather than retreated. All players will be informed of these orders. The deadline for "Fall 1902" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 21 MARCH 1986.

FRANCE to ITALY: I fear that Turkey's warnings were well founded. Now whom do you trust? Well, I did hear that one of your northern neighbors was planning to move into...

FRANCE to TURKEY: As the source of the rumours that presaged Italy's ill-fated venture into (and out of?) Pie, I hope you are suitably ashamed of the confusion you have caused in Rome. Needless to say, in spite of your cruel (and correct) accusations, I look forward to meeting you on the beaches of Sicily.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF PARIS (FROP): The price of silver roubles soared recently, particularly on the Rome Exchange. Everybody was selling lire, with the exception of some French sailors who anticipate relieving the boredom of a probable year at sea by visiting an Italian brothel shortly.

FRANCE to ANKARA: Keep practising your Russian.

RUSSIA to Firesign Theater: Don't be afraid. Russia just looks big. Besides, the Czar has all of your records.

RUSSIA to John: Last issue's message, loosely translated, reads as "happy new year". I would have thought that a man of your worldliness could type kiryllic, but I guess I was wrong.

BLACK SEA to TURKEY: Certain Soviet sailors, signaled by speeches of "Soviet shooting", suspended said scheme to spend summer stationed in Sevastopol. With a paranoid on my western flank and a turkey in the south, who can I trust?

1985HL - LATE PRESS RELEASE

GERMANY to the skies: What can I say? The weirdest dip game I ever did see. Well, maybe not the weirdest.

1985AG - PRESS RELEASES

ENGLAND to FRANCE: I would have voted for the concession, but I'm rather enjoying watching, and being a part of, the demise of the French Empire!

ENGLAND to ITALY: I think the coal that is powering your fleets blindly westward will shortly be snuffed out at home. I don't understand why you entered the game if you never intended to write to anybody.

RUSSIA to GERMANY: My mistake. Seems we do have an opening for a "junior partner" after all.

RUSSIA to FRANCE: Don't let it bother you, kid. Your dad's not doing much better.

RUSSIAN FLEET Ion to TURKISH FLEETS: May I have a little boost, please?

RUSSIAN ARMY RUHR to ENGLISH FLEET KIEL: Yassah, Massah, y'all can g'wine in now. I done gots Kiel all cleaned up good.

FRANCE to RUSSIA: Hail, Prime Minister Walker.

PICARDY: Our troops got lost yesterday. "Which way to Belgium?" they asked. They thought by going southwest, they could find Belgium. What idiots!

1985L - PRESS RELEASES

PARIS to World: If we don't stop "Il Duce" now we will never be able to.

AUSTRIA-IN-EXILE to World: United we fall, divided we fall.

"Spring 1911"

1984V

IS THE FIX IN?

ENGLAND (Brooks): F Ice holds; F Eng S F Bre; F Wal-Iri; F Lon-Nth; F Edi-Nrg; F Bel-Hol; F St.P(n.c.) not ordered, holds.

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

GERMANY (Gaughan): A Pru holds; A Ber-Kie; A Ruh-Hol; F Nth S A Ruh-Hol; A Par-Bre; A Gas S A Par-Bre.

ITALY (Sims): A Mar-Pie; A Ven S A Mar-Pie; F Lyo-Mar; F Wes-Spa(s.c.); F Mid S F Wes-Spa(s.c.).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): A Arm-Smy; F Con S A Arm-Smy; F Eas S A Arm-Smy; A Bul S F Con; A Mos-Sev; A Vie-Tri; A Tyr S A Vie-Tri; A War-Fru; F Tri-Adr; A Sil-Ber; A Mun S A Sil-Ber; A Boh S A Mun.

TURKEY (Verheiden): A Smy S F Ark-Con; F Ank-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French A Spa is dislodged and annihilated, and Turkey retreats A Smy-Syr. The deadline for "Fall 1911" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 21 MARCH 1986. A proposal has been put forward for a concession to Austria-Hungary, and players should send in their votes on this proposal with the "Fall" moves. Vincent J. Manna's address will be, until further notice, 2217 West St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11223; 718-336-1156.

GERMANY: Well, well! There's somebody alive out there after all! I see I didn't say enough last time. To the charge of "Quitter!" I say forget it. Quitting would have been simply NMRing out, after one NMR when I couldn't find my copy of the results and my orders were returned to me for lack of postage. Yes, I'm a loser in this game - I will lose, and war, again - but the second-best player and my #2 ally will win. Quitter? I certainly won't quit with the incentive you've provided, Brooks.

But as for the charge of "Cry-baby", I fully agree. My last press was sour grapes, written out of frustration. But I'm not impressed by criticism from two-center powers.

Best of luck to you all.

1984IC

"Winter 1906-Spring 1907"

TRAFFIC JAM IN MITTELEUROPA

Following "Fall 1906" orders, Italy built F Nap, Germany built A Ber, and England built A Edi. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Lolacoco): A Edi-Nwy; F Nth C A Edi-Nwy; A St.P-Liv; F Liv-Iri; F Spa(s.c.)-Mar; F NAT-Mid; F Mid-Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Manna): F Swe-Fin; F Fal S ENGLISH A St.P-Liv; A Ber-Sil; A Pru S A Ber-Sil; A Pie-Ven; A Boh-Gal; F Por-Spa(s.c.); A Mun S A Tyr; A Tyr holds; A War S A Boh-Gal; A Mar not ordered, holds.

ITALY (Clarke): A Vie S RUSSIAN A Gal; A Ven S GERMAN A Pie-Tus; A Tri S A Vie; A Rom S A Ven; A Bul-Ser; F Lyo S F Wes; F Wes S ENGLISH F Mid-Naf; F Cro-Ion; F Nap-Apu.

RUSSIA (Schembari): A Sev S A Mos; A Ukr S A Gal; A Gal S ITALIAN A Vie; A Mos holds; A Con-Rum; F Pla S A Con-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 21 MARCH 1986. For Vincent J. Manna's new address see the report of 1984V. A press release appears elsewhere in this issue.

WAR IN FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS

"I don't see why we should stand by and watch any nation go Communist simply because its people do nothing." - Henry Kissinger.

"Damn, damn, damn the Filipinos,
Cross-eyed kakinak ladrones!
Underneath the starry flag,
Civilize 'em with a Krag,
And we'll all go back to our own happy homes."
- U. S. soldier song, 1898*

During his 1984 campaign, President Reagan informed us that Corazon Aquino and her movement against President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines was Communist. During one of the carefully staged "debates" He told His obstreperous opponent, the nation, and the world, that the only alternative to President Marcos was Communism.

Our President did not make any exceptions for Mrs. Aquino, or assert that it is wrong for Communists to start rebellions but right for them to win elections. If you follow the leadership of Our President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader, you oppose Aquino as a Communist. If you do not believe Our President, what nation's president do you believe?

The present turmoil in the Philippines, where a Communistic guerrilla army is already in open warfare with the pro-American government, was neatly summarized by William F. Buckley in his New York Daily News column of 14 February 1986. Buckley starts by saying that "democracy, particularly in its currently accepted, fanatical application (one-man, one-vote) is nothing more than a Western superstition." He goes on to say that "The notion that democracy is actually an instrument by which the people can fine-tune public policy is a Western superstition, along with the notion that anyone 18 years old, whether literate or illiterate, instructed or dumb, should participate in political decision-making." This notion, invented by 18th-century revolutionaries, and devoutly maintained by 19th- and 20th-century revolutionaries, is about to go down the drain in favor of stable, powerful, vigorous government.

(In New York City we found this out last year, when a pack of Pacifist malcontents tried to put on the city's ballot a ban on the presence of a U. S. Navy nuclear task force in our harbor. The state government promptly yanked this notion off the ballot; such decisions are not for the dirty ignorant rabble to lay their hands upon.)

Rather than the discredited 18th-century notion of democracy, for what is the Great Big United States of America fighting? Buckley tells us that: "We have imperial responsibilities in the Western Pacific that have nothing to do with civic progress in that country." In short, the Great Big United States of America is not a Democracy. It is, now and forever, an Empire. If people want to play with voting for or against candidates who uphold this Empire, fine, but neither here nor in the lesser nations should such things be allowed to interfere with the Great Big United States of America's high imperial destiny of world domination.

Other voices of the media are also supporting our imperial position in the Philippines. In an editorial of 20 February, the New York Post told us that "to place Philippine democracy above the strategic interests of the U. S. is a dereliction of duty." Secretary of State Shultz seems to believe the contrary, as the editorial quotes him. Shultz seems destined for the same rubbish heap as his weak-willed predecessors Cyrus Vance.

According to the latest reports, a certain General Ramos has, in the Philippines,

* - This verse was sung to the tune of "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp the Boys Are Marching." Ladrones is Spanish for "thieves", and the Krag was the standard issue U. S. Army rifle of the period. I don't know what "kakinak" means and would welcome enlightenment from any reader; the first place to look would probably be a Tagalog dictionary. Another tune of the time, referring to one of the islands, began; "Oh, the monkeys have no tails in Zamboanga..."

cast his lot with the Communistic opposition of Aquino, Laurel, and the "New Peoples' Army". As this issue goes to press the only certainty is that Ramos, Aquino, and Laurel will all be shot dead soon. The only thing in doubt is when these anti-American subversives will meet this fate, and whether it will be at the hands of President Marcos' army or U. S. troops. For, if that last step becomes necessary, there can be no doubt that the U. S. Army will once again move into the Philippines and bring its malcontent people into line with imperial policy. From Chile through Grenada to the Far East the same constant applies. Every one of the lesser nations is going to have not the government its people think they want, not the government the Soviet Union wants it to have, not the government Castro or Khomeini or something called "Contadoro" thinks it ought to have, but the government that the Great Big United States of America wants it to have. Ultimately, that will include Russia itself. In the eyes of the Great Big United States of America, Russia is simply a slightly larger and colder version of Grenada.

Some people are so foolish as to believe that President Reagan was lying when He said that the only alternative in the Philippines to Marcos is the Communists. Just so such people don't get the wrong ideas, a statement on the matter was issued by the White House eight days ago. A short statement concluded with the words: "The President is the final voice on foreign policy." (Newsday, 15 February)

This statement should straighten out the confusion that exists - a confusion which I have called "The Weasel and Lectern". The Weasel and Lectern is not, unfortunately, the name of a British pub; instead it is a phenomenon that you may see on television a day or two after Our President makes a major policy statement. A weasel-faced man behind a lectern appears and says that the President really didn't mean what He said, that instead He meant something else. It is about time to tell ~~the~~ weasel, and the people who are responsible for his appearance on television, that we His people are quite capable of knowing for ourselves what Our President thinks and says. We can read or listen to His words ourselves, and we already know that his is "the final voice."

During His campaign in 1980, Ronald Reagan severely and repeatedly attacked his predecessor, whose name I cannot now remember, by accusing him of losing Iran. In Iran, as in the Philippines, a revolutionary leader came home to lead opposition to the government which, because it was supported by the Great Big United States of America, was the legitimate government. Acting under the instructions of the then U. S. President, the Shah of Iran fled without putting up a fight, and Ayatollah Khomeini now rules that country. When the same thing was tried in the Philippines, during the First Reagan Administration, President Marcos had the rebel shot as soon as his plane landed.

In short, Our President simply is not going to follow the example of His predecessor and let a loyal subject ally fall into unfriendly hands. Get used to that.

1985L

"Winter 1904"

In the last issue I announced that "Spring 1905" orders would be published in this issue only if all the "Winter 1904" moves had come in by the 7th. They didn't. This is what happened:

ENGLAND (Bennett): No build received.

TURKEY (McCarthy): Removes A Con, A Ukr.

ITALY (Jordan): Builds A Ven, A Rom, F Nap.

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 21 MARCH 1986. Stand-by moves for England should be sent in by Alan Stewart, 702-25 St. Mary St., Toronto, Ontario M4Y 1R2, Canada; 416-961-0095. (As long as the mails from Canada are so slow, we may as well accomodate a Canadian stand-by; the game can be delayed no more than it now is. In the event of another Gala Annual Canadian Postal Strike, deadlines in this game will be postponed to the fifth Saturday after the end of the strike.) Players should operate on the assumption that Stewart will probably take over play of England, as I have not heard from him for several weeks, and several players have made the same complaint. Press releases appear on page 5.

FORWARD - RETREAT!

ENGLAND (Lack): F Eng S GERMAN A Gas-Bre; A Bel-Pic; F Nth-Bel; F Hol-Kie; F Nrg-Nat;
F Iri-Mid.

FRANCE (T. Goldman): F Bre holds; A Pic-Bur; A Par S A Pic-Bur; A Por-Spa; A Pie-Mar.

GERMANY (Drakert): A Gas-Bre.

ITALY (Bennett): No moves received. F Spa(s.c.), F Mes, F Tyr & F Rom hold; A Boh
dislodged and annihilated.

RUSSIA (D. Walker): A Bud-Ser; A Tri-Vie; A Tyr-Pie; A Ven S A Tyr-Pie; A Sil-Boh; A
Mun S A Sil-Boh; A Kie-Ruh; A Mos-Ukr; A Bur-Par; F Bal holds; F Ion prepares for
autumn advance.

TURKEY (J. Schwartz): No moves received. A Con, A Smy, F Eas, F Aeg & F Gre holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Bur-Gas, and the French F
Bre is dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following
supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (8)	ITALY: Nap, Rom, Spa, Tun. (4)
FRANCE: Mar, Par, Por. (3)	RUSSIA: Ber, Bud, Mos, Mun, Rum, St.P, Ser, Sev, Sve, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (13)
GERMANY: Bre. (1)	TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Smy. (5)

Russia and England each have two builds; Russia may build 3 new units if the dislodged
A Bur is annihilated rather than retreated. France must remove one unit. The dead-
line for these "Winter 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 21 MARCH 1986. The deadline for
"Spring 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 18 APRIL 1986. Stand-by "Spring 1905" moves
should be sent in by:

ITALY: Marc Hurwitz, P. O. Box 191, Owings Mills, Md. 21117; 301-363-6303

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

The proposal for a concession to Russia fails of unanimity and is again submit-
ted to the players. Stand-bys may vote, and their votes will be used if the present
player for that position is not heard from by 18 April. Press releases are on page 5.
As of 28 March 1986, Dennis Walker's address will be 204 Cartwright Dr., Bonaire,
Georgia 31005; 912-923-7989.

FRENCH RETAKE PARIS

ENGLAND (Bragdon): F Eng S FRENCH F Bre-Mid; F Liv-Nat; F Edi-Nth; A St.P-Mos; F Den-
Swe; A Lon holds.

FRANCE (Petty): A Bur-Par; A Gas S A Bur-Par; F Bre S ITALIAN F Wes-Mid.

GERMANY (Strickland): A Par-Bre; A Bel-Bur; A Mun S A Bel-Bur; A Ber-Sil; A Kie-Liv;
F Bal C A Kie-Liv; F Swe-Nwy.

ITALY (D. Walker): A Tun-Gre; F Ion C A Tun-Gre; F Wes-Spa(s.c.); A Mar S F Wes-
Spa(s.c.); F Nap-Apu.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Foster): A Vie-Gal; A Bud S A Vie-Gal; A Tri-Vie; A Rum-Sev; A Ser-
Rum; A Bul-Con; F Aeg S A Bul-Con.

RUSSIA (Wrobel): F Bot-Liv; A Liv-St.P; A Ukr- War.

TURKEY (Martin): No moves received. F Eas & F Smy hold; A Con dislodged and annihilated.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Par-Pic. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 21 MARCH 1986. For Dennis Walker's forthcoming change of address see the report of 1985AG. Stand-by moves for Turkey should be sent in by Michael Quirk 3830 Chester Dr., Glenview, Ill. 60025; 312-498-1377.

FRANCE to ITALY: How much for that bridge.

LONDON (BBC Broadcast): We know our listeners are dying to hear what's happened; to those wandering soldiers of fortune -- Army (St. Pierre).. Here we have it -- the latest episode in that epic saga.... "A St.P to London: We've finally got our bearings -- we're back in Edinburgh! The city to the southwest of us is definitely Liv..."

ENGLAND to ITALY: The strategy you describe won't work for you unless you've really duped France. Will he sit on his hands while you take two more of his centers?

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"Fall 1902"

Following "Spring 1902" moves Austria-Hungary retreated A Gre-Alb; the Turkish and Italian players were informed.

ENGLAND (Chafetz): A Ilwy-St.P; F Bar S A Nwy-St.P; F Nth-Nwy; F Edi-Nth.

FRANCE (Addison): A Spa-Gas; F Mid-Itat; F Eng C GERMAN A Bel-Wal; A Pic-Bel; F Lyo holds.

GERMANY (D. Walker): F Den-Swe; F Bal S F Den-Swe; A Sil-War; A Pru S A Sil-War; A Kie-Ruh; A Bel-Pic.

ITALY (Tendering): F Tun-Ion; F Tyr S F Tun-Ion; A Ven holds; A Rom-Apu.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Jordan): A Tri S A Ser; F Alb S ~~TURKISH~~ F Eas-Ion; A Ser S A Bud-Rum; A Bud-Rum.

RUSSIA (J. Goldman): F Bot-St.P(s.c.); A St.P-Ilwy; A Fin S A St.P-Nwy; A Ukr-War; F Rum-Bul(e.c.).

TURKEY (Quarto): A Ger-Ser; A Bul S A Gre-Ser; F Aeg-Gre; F Eas-Ion.

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

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

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

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5)

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

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

RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev. (4)

Mun, Swe, War. (8)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Smy. (5)

Germany may build two new units, and Turkey may build one. Russia must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 21 MARCH 1986.*

LONDON: The Queen hopes that Lon is still Eng. Nothing ventured nothing gained.

GERMANY to RUSSIA: So I lied. Look, give me Sweden and Warsaw and I'll leave you alone.

GERMANY to TURKEY: Are you having a good time playing with those little red blocks, John? Want some nice WHITE ones too?

GULF OF LYON to TYRRKENIAN SEA: I can tread water as long as you can.

PARIS to FINLAND: Popular place, I see. Are you sure there's no 'dot' up there?

FRANCE to ENGLAND: I'm in Belgium as promised. Are you in Holland? Good man!

FRANCE to TURKEY: The navy ship Quarto must have been a gunboat.

* - For Dennis Walker's new address see the report of 1985AG.

ITALY to BROOKLYN: Cease your horrid comments about Italian nobility! Remember, we own Libya (& the Barbary States).

1983AJ - PRESS RELEASE

AUSTRIA-World: If this is being read by you people, you can blame someone else.

1985HF - PRESS RELEASES

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY to TURKEY: Congrats on a "winning" coin flip. Now see what you've got?

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY to ENGLAND: Attack in Scandinavia! Hit white blocks.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY to GERMANY: Attack Warsaw! Hit white blocks. (White stars these days, I guess.)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY to TURKEY: Attack Sevastopol & Rumania! Hit white plastic pieces.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY to FRANCE: Teleport over to Moscow! Dump on Russia.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY to ITALY: Well, you get the idea.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

I have no postal games of Victory's Pax Britannica open right now. However, some games are now being opened by Robert Sacks, Apt. 5-V, 4861 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 10034; 212-942-3572. The game fee is \$12. Subscriptions to his 'zine Hansard are \$6 for 12 issues. His house postal rules differ somewhat from the ones I use in THE VALOR OF IGNORANCE (see p. 3) so be sure you get a copy from him.

THE VALOR OF IGNORANCE will open new postal games of Pax Britannica sometime this summer.

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Robert Sacks also publishes a 'zine called Known Game Openings. This 'zine attempts to cover the whole postal war-gaming scene, and keeps hobbyists posted on what gamesmasters may have openings available in what games, with fees, deadline periods, and other matters. Write to him at the above address for information.

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I have just got a letter plugging a new postal gaming 'zine. It is entitled Juggernaut, and it is going to be published by Andrew Merrilees, 7322 Kingsgate Way, West Chester, Ohio 45069. Diplomacy will be one of the games played. Write to the editor for details.

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New postal war games are available from Rick Barr, P. O. Box 1873, Cave Creek, Ariz. 85331; 602-488-3148. Rules are \$1 and set-up fees are \$2 for each game. One of the games, Reformation, sounds like the board game A Mighty Fortress; it deals with the religious wars in 16th-century Germany. ("A goblet of poison can turn a losing position into a winner.") There is also Hemesis (a computer break-down wrecks the galactic empire), Moneylender (rivalry of the great banking houses of the Italian renaissance), Crisis (can you win the Fourth World War?), and Armageddon, which sounds like another of those dreary s-f novels and games about Our Barbaric Descendants. These games are all computer-moderated.

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Two up-coming gaming conventions may be of interest. Fantasy Role-Playing games (FRP) will be featured at Princecon XI on the weekend of 14-16 March. It is sponsored by the Simulation Games Union, Whig Hall, Princeton University, Princeton, N. J. 08544; 609-452-3626. Registration is \$8, and opens at 3 PM on the 14th. "You may... run your character in Princecon scenarios as many times as you wish during the weekend, subject only to the endurance of yourself and your character." Twenty dungeon-masters are lined up, so things should be lively. Registration at the door is \$10. This year there's a new FRP scenario: "Floyds, the international insurance cartel" is being hit with an avalanche of phoney claims and only YOU can find out what is behind them. (Remember, the young WASP gentlemen of Princeton are brought up to assume

that any claim made against daddy's insurance corporation is invalid until proven otherwise.) The flier makes no mention of accommodations, but then people who attend FRP conventions don't plan on sleeping anyhow.

Last year Ray Heuer took to Princecon 50 copies of Dark Dungeons, the Christian tract which claims that FRP gaming is a wife of the devil. He handed them out to great hilarity among the gamers. I plan to do the same at the gaming conventions I will attend this summer.

MaryCon '86 will take place at Mary Washington College at Fredericksburg, Virginia, on the weekend of 30 May-1 June. This year Allen B. Calhmer, founder of Diplomacy, will be present. Depending upon which "package" you choose, membership and lodging can run from \$35 to \$77. For details write to MaryCon '86, 1309 Hanover St., Fredericksburg, Va. 22401, or to Ken Peel, #T-2, 6700 Fir t Ave., Silver Spring, Md. 20910; 301-495-2799.

The next issue of GRAUSTARK will contain information about Atlanticon at Trenton State College (19-22 June) and a convention at Knoxville (25-27 July). Robert Sacks and I expect to be refereeing the Diplomacy and other tournaments at both of these.

THE MAILS STILL GET THROUGH

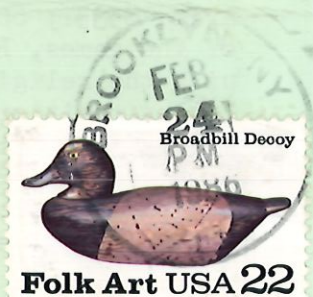
People frequently try to telephone me with their postal Diplomacy moves. Please note that this is postal Diplomacy. During the present semester, I am not likely to be available to home until 9 PM on Monday through Thursday, and not predictably home on Friday or Saturday nights at all. If you must call in your moves, please keep this in mind, as my wife has wisely decided not to get involved in writing down orders in a game she does not wish to understand. If I am not available at my home number (718-693-1579) it is sometimes possible to reach me at 718-780-5180.

However, mail is the most reliable way by which I can be reached - if you allow enough time. If you think that a letter can be counted on to reach Brooklyn from the corridor reaching from Maine to Virginia in less than a week, you are living in a fool's paradise. Ten days should be allowed from the west coast. It doesn't always take this long, but it can. Anyone who thinks that a letter dropped into a mailbox in San Francisco, Boston, or Baltimore on Wednesday will predictably reach New York City by Friday is temperamentally unfit to function in the contemporary world. A great nation can choose, as ours has done, among two alternatives. It can conquer the world, or it can have an efficient postal service. Not both.

This is particularly important for the enclosed moves, since so many "alliances" supported moves that weren't made. I suspect either a large number of backstabs, or a flood-tide of hurried last-minute changes that will reach me next Tuesday.

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