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THE SECOND TRIPOLITAN WAR

"Thou art an old fool, Ganstax," said Salathiel to the chief in the Algonquin tongue. 'It is time for thee to tremble - not to command.' He touched his rifle significantly.

"Ganstax smiled. 'You no kill big man,' he said in English, 'you kill squaw; you kill baby!'. He spat on the ground at Salathiel's feet. ...'My people have heard of the great Little Turtle and his brothers, the Mountain Foxes,' continued Ganstax. 'They have heard of their mighty deeds. We show um dead baby!'

"!Good!" replied Salathiel, burning with hate. 'I will send them more, by and by.'" - Hervey Allen, Bedford Village (1944)

For the time being, it's Libya. This, among many others, is the obstreperous, foolhardy country which, as an object lesson to the rest of the world, the Great Big United States of America is going to blast into nothingness. Other candidates, such as Nicaragua, Iran, and the Philippines, will just have to wait their turn.

There can now be no doubt in anyone's mind that Libya has hostile intent towards the Great Big United States of America. On the night of 14-15 April, the Libyans deliberately fired on American airplanes, and even seem to have shot down one of them. There can be no excuses for such a diabolical act. If you hear anyone say that there can be circumstances that make it right for Libyans to fire on U. S. planes, make a note of that person's name. You may someday be asked for it.

The rest of the lesser nations are fuming with impotent rage, but they know that unless they subject themselves to the Great Big United States of America, their turns will follow. This was made abundantly clear on 23 January by Vice President George Bush, in a speech before the New York State Conservative Party. "Responding to terrorism," he said to loud cheers, "there can be no confusion on one point: We can't sit back and listen to garbage about who's right and who's wrong."

It should be recalled that these are not the words of some obscure street-corner pamphleteers. George Bush has the complete trust and confidence of Our President, and is his certain successor. If anyone should doubt that moral content of these remarks, let him recall that Vice President Bush has already been endorsed for the Presidency in 1988 by the Reverend Jerry Falwell. "Who's right and who's wrong" is a matter of very little moment. What is important is that the Great Big United States of America is strong, and Libya is weak. This is the basis upon which moral matters are settled in the real world.

Terrorism is a weapon of the weak, particularly terrorism that deliberately sacrifices the lives of its agents. In the last year of World War II the Japanese, knowing that they were doomed to defeat, made the suicidal "kamikaze" attacks on U. S. ships. The person who knows that his or her cause is lost, and does not wish to survive it, will die in the hopes of taking a few others along. But, as General Patton said, you don't win wars by dying for your country; you win them by seeing that someone else dies for his. We the faithful subjects of the Great Big United States of America know that victory is sure to be ours, if the only weapon against us is this little band of self-sacrificing fanatics.

Incredibly, there have been a few voices complaining about the American and therefore totally right, proper, and moral attack on Libya. It is important for us

to note carefully these attacks and, most importantly, who is making them. Dissent in time of war is another name for treason, as we all learned during the war with Vietnam. Let us deal with each of these carping criticisms from persons of dubious motivation:

I. Some say that Libya was not responsible for the terrorist attacks that were revenged upon them last week, and particularly the bombing of a discotheque in Berlin, in which an American soldier - a Black - and a Turkish woman were killed. This notion can be refuted by simply reading over the speech delivered, on the night of 14-15 April, to us His People by the President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader. This august personage told us himself that the Libyan government of Mu'ammār Khaddhāfy was responsible, and did not even mention Syrians, Iranians, or other terrorist groups. It is therefore true that the Libyans were responsible. If you don't believe Our President, whose president do you believe?

II. Some bleeding-hearts wonder why over 100 Libyans were killed who bore no part in Khaddhāfy's responsibility for terrorist acts. A grosser violation of logic and tradition would be difficult to find. It is part of the immemorial "Law of Nations" that if the leader of a nation does something wrong, punishment may be visited upon every subject of that nation. No exceptions are made for civilians, assuming that the distinction between "soldier" and "civilian" is valid anyway. No exceptions are made for children, women, old people, or the crippled in body or mind. It may be recalled that during the Conquest of Grenada, U. S. troops fired on a mental hospital, and that at the glorious victory at Mylai U. S. troops killed hundreds of women and children, in an action which won the praise of Americans from common citizens all the way up to Governor Jimmy Carter of Georgia, who proclaimed a day in honor of a fellow-Georgian who played a leading military role in this victory.

Besides, Khaddhāfy was personally a target of the attack. In Newsday of 18 April, U. S. officials were quoted as saying that "we hoped we would get him, but nobody was sure where he would be that night." Still, the men Our President sent on the noble mission of revenge did their best. "His command post was destroyed with four 2,000 bombs," George C. Wilson of the Washington Post reported. As Robert B. Sims of the War Department said, "We have shown you the attack, and we hit what we aimed at."

III. This brings up another point about which some Pacifists have complained - the fact that Mu'ammār Khaddhāfy's 16-month-old daughter Hana was killed in the attack, and that two of his sons were seriously wounded. Nothing could more firmly bring home to Khaddhāfy, and indeed to anyone in the lesser nations who value their children, that the Great Big United States of America is prepared to kill children in pursuit of its high imperial destiny of world domination. After all, many people will risk their own lives for causes in which they prefer to keep their children safe. As in Vietnam, so in Libya - we will impress upon the lesser nations the commitment which we have towards our imperial goals if we kill non-combatants as well. The hope is, that eventually in all the lesser nations, the very idea of defying the Great Big United States of America will cause a cold chill of elemental horror to pass through entire populations. Dead babies is the way to do this.

Many people who believe liberals to be Pacifists will be surprised that the New York Times, in editorials of 15 and 20 April, has warmly and whole-heartedly endorsed the present U. S. war against Libya. (This, however, does not come as a surprise to those who remember that the war with Vietnam was entirely the creation of liberal political leaders and liberal media.) The Times editorial of 20 April was headed "To Save the Next Natasha Simpson". Against Hana Khaddhāfi they set Natasha Simpson, an 11-year-old American girl who was killed during a terrorist attack on an Italian airport in December. I am sure Natasha Simpson's parents must take great comfort in the fact that now Hana Khaddhāfi is also dead - as are many other Libyan children. The Great Big United States of America has taken an insuperable lead in the Dead Baby Race.

IV. Some people profess a concern for what is coming next. What comes next, now, is the Second Tripolitan War, the first one having been the early 19th-century con-

1983AJ

"Spring 1919"

FIRST WORLD SNORE NEARS END

ENGLAND (J. Baker): F Nth C GERMAN A Bel-Nwy; F Mid-Por; F Bre-Mid; F Eng, F Iri & F Nat S F Bre-Mid; A Gas-Spa; A Ukr S GERMAN A Rum.

GERMANY (Ripper): A Bel-Nwy; A Kie-Den; A Mun-But; A Ber-Mun; A War-Mos; A Mar S ENGLISH A Gas-Spa; A Bud-Ser; A Rum & A Tri S A Bud-Ser; A Vie & A Ven S A Tri; A Tyr S A Ven; A Gal S A Rum; A Sev-Arm.

ITALY (Wrobel): A Tus-Rom((sic; no such unit exists)); F Adr-Ven((sic; no such unit exists)); A Apu S A Tus-Rom((sic)); F Por S F Spa(s.c.); F Wes S F Spa(s.c.); F Spa(s.c.) & F Naf hold; A Rom not ordered, holds.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1919" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 16 MAY 1986.

1984V

"Winter 1911-Spring 1912"

IS THE ALLIANCE TOO LATE?

Following "Fall 1911" moves Italy built A Rom. No builds were received from Italy nor removals from Turkey; the Gamesmaster removed the Turkish A Syr. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Brooks): F Nth-St.P(n.c.); F Edi-Nrg; F Bel-Nth; F Lon S F Bel-Nth; F Mid-Naf; F Eng-Mid; F Bre holds.

GERMANY (Gaughan): A Fuh-Mun; A Kie & A Ber S A Ruh-Mun; A Par-Bur; A Gas S A Par-Bur; F Nth-Bel.

ITALY (Sims): F Lyo-Tyr; F Spa(s.c.)-Wes; F Por-Spa(s.c.); A Apu-Nap; A Pie-Ven; A Rom S A Pie-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manra): F Con S A Smy-Ank; A Smy-Ank; A Bul-Rum; A Liv-St.P; A Mos S A Liv-St.P; A Mun & A Ven hold; A Tyr & A Sil S A Mun; F Adr S A Ven; F Ion-Nap.

TURKEY (Verheiden): F Ank-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany must retreat F Nth-Edi, -Yor, -Eng, -Hol, -Hel, -Den, or -Ska, and Turkey must retreat F Ank-Bla or -Arm. The directions for these retreats should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by FRIDAY 2 MAY 1986. All players will be informed of them. The deadline for "Fall 1912" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 16 MAY 1986.

AUSTRIA to EUROPE: I NMRed to make it interesting, perhaps it will work?"

1985HF

"Winter 1902"

GERMANY (Quirk): Builds A Ber.

RUSSIA (Austin): Builds A Mos.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Bowen): Builds A Tri.

TURKEY (Rosen): Builds F Con.

The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 16 MAY 1986. Stand-by orders for England should be sent in by Tarlach MacNiallais, Apt. 4-B, 182 E. 19th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226; 718-284-3622. Simon A. Lack writes that after 10 May his new address will be Apt. 9-G, 320 South St., Morristown, N. J. 07960.

1984IC

"Winter 1907-Spring 1908"

ITALIANS SINK ENGLISH FLEET

Following "Fall 1907" moves Italy built F Nap. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Lciacono): F Mar-Lyo; F Mid-Wes; F Iri-Mid; F Nth-Eng; F NAF S F Mid-Wes;
A St.P & A Liv S GERMAN A War-Mos.

GERMANY (Manna): F Spa(s.c.) S ENGLISH F Mid-Wes; F Fin & F Bal hold; A Gas S F
Spa(s.c.); A War-Mos; A Pru-War; A Boh-Gal; A Sil S A Boh-Gal; F Tyr-Vie; A Pie-
Tyr; A Mun-Boh.

ITALY (Clarke): A Ven & A Tus S F Lyo-Pie; A Vie S RUSSIAN A Gal; A Bud S RUSSIAN A
Gal; A Tri S A Vie; F Wes-NAF; F Tun S F Wes-NAF; F Lyo-Pie; F Apu S A Ven;
F Nap not ordered, holds.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Pie-Mar, and the English
F NAF is annihilated. The vote on a draw fails of the necessary unanimity and is sub-
mitted to the players again.

RUSSIA to GERMANY: If you voted down the draw, look at the board again. You
can't break through."

GERMANY to ITALY: Soon the Med will be all black and blue.

1984ID

"Spring 1907"

TURKS GO NORTH BY LAND, WEST BY SEA

ENGLAND (Jordan): F Por-Spa(s.c.); F Eng-Iri; F Lon-Wal; A St.P-Mos.

FRANCE (Gratto): F Edi-Nth; F NAT holds; F Spa(s.c.) S TURKISH F Mid-Gas(Pic); A
Pic-Par; A Bre S A Pic-Par; A Mar-Bur.

GERMANY (Cameron): A Bur-Pic; A Bel S A Bur-Pic; A Ruh-Bur; A Mun S A ~~Rum-Bur~~; A Ber-
Sil; A Kie-Ber; F Nth holds.

ITALY (Stewart): A Vie holds.

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

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): A Mos-St.P; A Liv S A Mos-St.P.

TURKEY (Addison): A Gal-Sil; A Con-Sev; F Bla C A Con-Sev; A Ser-Bud; F Tun-Wes; F
Rom-Tyr; A Sev-Ukr; F Smy-Aeg; F Ion-Tun; F Mid-Gas.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy must retreat A Vie-Tyr or -Boh, and
England must retreat A St.P-Fin or -Iwy. The directions of these retreats should be
sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by FRIDAY 2 MAY 1986. All play-
ers will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 16 MAY 1986.

GERMANY to ITALY & AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Are you guys still arguing??

TURKEY to FRANCE: My water-logged crew needs to touch down on dry land. In the
interests of peace, I'll try not to end a fall move in Gascony. If I do, you can
have Apulia or something.

TURKEY to GERMANY: Sorry about that. If you spread out too much, I won't recog-
nize you.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY to ITALY: Your stubbornness did you in. You entered A-H on the first turn of the game. Your piece in A-H is also your last turn this game! I hope you learned your lesson well, as the first player eliminated this game. That is really sorry when you had only one opponent this game & no threats from France. Your sorry excuses for your sins will be your penance.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY to RUSSIA: Whose ally are you?

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY to TURKEY: Did you say you preferred English tea over German beer: Or was it vice-a-versa.

1935HL

"Fall 1902"

THE EMPIRES STRIKE BACK

ENGLAND (MacNiallais): F Nth-Nwy; A Pic-Bel; F Eng; S A Pic-Bel; FRANCE (Chafetz): F Ber-Mid; F Spa(s.c.) S F Por-Mid; F Bre-Eng; A Gas-Bre; A Par S A Gas-Bre; A Bur-Bel.

GERMANY (Austin): A Kie S A Mun; A Prus S ENGLISH: A Pic-Bel; F Den-Sve.

ITALY (Palter): F Ion-Adr; F Tun-Ion; A Ven-Tri; A Tyr S A Ven-Tri

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thorsen): F Alb-Tri; A Vie S F Alb-Tri; A Bud-Ser

RUSSIA (Manna): A War-Mos; F Bot-Sve; A St.P-Nwy.

TURKEY (Drakert): F Acg-Gre; A Bul-Ser; A Rum S A Bul-Ser; A Sev-Ukr; F Bla holds.

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

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

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

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

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

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

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Ser, Sev, Stry. (3)

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

Turkey may build three new units, and England and Germany may each build one. France must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 16 MAY 1986.

VERSAILS: The Dauphin hopes to visit Liverpool soon. Let the Brist know that the fleets are coming

PARIS to BERLIN: Lets be fair. I can be believed sometimes.

This is

SALZBURG to VIENNA: Nice war we're having. Ends for you in

03 but then that's life. Of course you could make Turkey a reasonable offer. You've already thrown him the Balkans. Now you can throw him the game.

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TUNIS to John: I know the HR's don't actually permit it, however, I symbolically propose an FT draw.

IRISH LIVERPUDIANS to PARIS: Sorry we've no champagne in this neck of the woods; just good old Irish poitin. But by the time you get here, it'll be all drunk. HIC! We're still celebrating St. Patrick's day here.

FROM RUSSIA, WITH LOVE: As the Turkey goes, gobble, gobble.

1367

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Vincent Manna writes that he won the diplomacy tournament at Wizardcon. He is one of the strongest local players, and hopefully we'll be seeing him in action at some of the summer conventions such as MaryCon and AtlantiCon.

1905AG

"Spring 1905"

NOT YET, BATYUSHKA

ENGLAND (Lack): F Mid-Por; F NAT-Mid; F Eng S F NAT-Mid; A Pic S F Bel; F Bel S A Pic; F Liv-Iri; F Edi-Nth; F Kie holds.

FRANCE (Quirk): A Bur-Gas; A Par S A Bur-Gas; A Mar S A Bur-Gas.

GERMANY (Drakert): A Ire holds.

ITALY (Bennett): F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo; F Tyr S F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo; F Rom-Nap; F Wes-Tun.

RUSSIA (D. Walker): A Gas-Mar; A Pic S A Gas-Mar; A Mun-Bur; A Ruh S A Mun-Bur; A Ven-Rom; F Sev-Bla; A Mos-Sev; A Ukr-Rum; A Ser S A Ukr-Rum; A Boh-Tyr; A Vie-Tri; F Bal holds; F Ion holds.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The French A Mar is annihilated, and Russia must retreat F Ion-Adr, -Apu, or -Alb. The Russian player should send this retreat by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by FRIDAY 2 MAY 1986; the Turkish and Italian players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 16 MAY 1986. For Simon Lack's new address see the report of 1985HF on p. 3. The vote on a concession to Russia fails of unanimity and is again submitted to the players. Michael Quirk is now playing France.

ROMA to MOSCOW: Offer Accepted.

"Spring 1903"

1905CT

ENGLAND (Lack): F Mid-Por; F NAT-Mid; F Eng S F NAT-Mid; A Pic S F Bel; F Bel S A Pic; F Liv-Iri; F Edi-Nth; F Kie holds.

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

FRANCE (Addison): F Eng-Bel; F Lyo-Spa(s.c.); A Pic-Bur; A Gas S A Pic-Bur; F NAT-Cly.

GERMANY (D. Walker): F Sve-Bot; A Ber-Liv; F Bal C A Ber-Liv; A Pru-War; A War-Mos; A Mun-Bur; A Ruh S A Mun-Bur; A Bel-Pic.

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Jordan): A Bud-Gal; A Ser-Gre; F Alb-Adr; A Tri-Bud.

RUSSIA (J. Goldman): No moves received. A Ukr, F Bot & F rum hold; A St.P dislodged and annihilated. (See p. 7 for information about a stand-by.)

TURKEY (Quarto): F Eas S ITALIAN F Tun-Ion; F Aeg & A Bul S A Gre; A Gre S A Bul; F Con-Bla.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 16 MAY 1986. John Quarto's new address is Astronomy Department, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47405.

LONDON to MOSCOW: It is a shame that the bear will have to go into hibernation after this winter.

FRANCE to TYROLIA: Is anybody out there??

ITALY to RUSSIA: I guess it's time for you to realize that maybe Communism isn't that bad.

ITALY to GERMANY: I'd like to help you, but...um...

1985L

"Fall 1905"

TWO EMPIRES CLOSED OUT

ENGLAND (Stewart): F Ion-Eng; F Nth S F Lon-Eng; A Den holds; F Mid-Naf; F Wal-Lon.

FRANCE (Chafetz): A Spa S GERMAN A Mar; F Wes-Tyr; A Bur-Gas; F Bre-Mid.

GERMANY (Schembari): A Mar holds; F Kie-Hol; A Bel-Hol; A Pru-Sil; A Mun S A Pru-Sil; A Ruh S A Mun.

ITALY (Jordan): F Ank-Bla; F Con S F Ank-Bla; A Rum S RUSSIAN A Sev; A Bul S A Rum; A Gal-War; A Ser-Bud; F Lyo-Spa(s.c.); F Tyr-Wes; F Ion-Tun; A Ven-Tus; A Boh-Gal; A Tyr-Boh; A Pic S GERMAN A Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Hurwitz): A Ukr-Mos.

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

TURKEY (McCarthy): F Bla-S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ukr-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats F Bla-Arm. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Sve. (6) ITALY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Smy, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (14)

FRANCE: Bre, Par, Por, Spa. (4)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mun. (6) RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Sev, War. (4)

England, Russia, and Italy may each build one new unit. The last Turkish and Austro-Hungarian units are removed. These "Winter 1905" builds should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 2 MAY 1986. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 16 MAY 1986. The proposal for a concession to Italy fails of unanimity and is again submitted to the players.

1985CA

"Winter 1903"

Following "Fall 1903" moves England retreated F Swe-Fin, A Mos-Liv.

ENGLAND (Bragdon): Removes A Hol.

ITALY (D. Walker): Builds A Ven.

GERMANY (Strickland): No removal received; gamesmaster removes F Nwy.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Foster): Builds A Bud.

RUSSIA (Wrobel): No build received.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 16 MAY 1986. For stand-bys see below.

TURKEY to GERMANY: "Collapse of Turkey"? O ye of little faith! You should be more concerned with the collapse of Germany!

PLEASE STAND BY

The following people are asked to send in their standbys moves for the following games, countries, and seasons:

1985CA, Germany, "Spring 1904": Larry Sims, 13143 Avenue M, Chicago, Ill. 60633; 312-646-2143

1985CT, Russia, "Fall 1903": Dick Martin, 26 Orchard Way North, Rockville, Md. 20851; 301-762-1761

1985CA, Russia, "Spring 1904": Evan Loiacono, 157-13 Cryders Lane, Feechurst, N. Y. 11357; 718-767-0448

1983HF, England, "Spring 1903": Tarlach MacNiallais (see p. 3 for address)

THE SECOND TRIPOLITAN WAR (continued from p. 2)

flict that put the lines about "the shores of Tripoli" into the Marine Hymn. For there can be no doubt that the first attack of this week will be followed up. As Our President has informed us, "If necessary, we will do it again." Unable to make any direct military attacks on the Great Big United States of America, Khaddhafi will certainly be maddened by his daughter's death into sending forth more terrorists. This in turn will certainly bring upon him no mere air raid but an actual invasion. Besides, some of his children are still alive.

It should be recalled that the First Tripolitan War lasted, with intermissions, for 14 years, from 1801 to 1815. Our forces took considerable losses, particularly the warship Philadelphia, which in terms of America's resources and fighting capability was roughly the equivalent of a modern nuclear-powered aircraft carrier. In the end, ground forces had to be committed to the job. Significantly, the biggest part of the American force consisted of Libyan political dissidents who wanted a change in their country's government.

V. Won't this attack solidify Libyans behind Khaddhafi, we are asked. Who cares? At present, the most important business of the Great Big United States of America is to kill Libyans. They will die just as dead, and smell just as bad, whether they worship Khaddhafi to folly, merely put up with him in the face of foreign invasion, or hate his guts. True, there was after the Pearl Harbor attack no noticeable disposition in this country to get rid of President Roosevelt. But we have to remember that Libyans are not Americans, and cannot be judged by the standards appropriate to our superior nation. The Libyans are an inferior nation of inferior people, with an inferior social system, an inferior religion, an inferior economy - and most important of all - an inferior military force. Remember Our Vice President's words: "We can't sit back and listen to garbage about who's right and who's wrong."

In His speech of 14-15 April, Our President ordered the Libyans to get rid of Khaddhafi. And, under sufficient military pressure, nations do do this sort of thing. Almost as soon as American troops set foot on the Italian mainland in 1943, Benito Mussolini was overthrown by men who had until then been his most devoted supporters, and even including his son-in-law. Six weeks after the Normandy landings, the Germans attempted to get rid of Hitler, in a conspiracy which included some of the most dedicated soldiers of the country, and even the man who invented the gas chambers. It is not beyond the bounds of possibility that the first American troops who land in Libya will be met by Libyan soldiers who will solemnly hand them Colonel Khaddhafi's genitals and head, in that order of removal. The Libyans know that unless they follow some such course of action, all three million of them will die horribly.

VI. Some people have fretted about what "the Allies" will say. However, the Great Big United States of America does not have "Allies". As the supreme power in the world, our imperial nation has only subjects. Some nations, like Great Britain and Israel, recognize this subordinate status, and do the will of the Great Big United States of America. Others, like the Soviet Union, Libya, and France, do not. "World public opinion" is merely an expression of the fundamentally Communistic viewpoint that peace is better than war, and that the lesser nations have some mystical attribute called "sovereignty" that makes them immune from the Great Big United States of America, and independent of the commands of our Empire.

This is why we Americans can ignore the tumult now being raised in Europe, or the polls that allegedly show a majority of the British people oppose their Prime Minister's support of Our President. The Great Big United States of America has not built a world-wide Empire in response to "world public opinion", but to meet the economic and military needs of our own superior nation.

Besides, what do Europeans know about war anyway?

VII. Finally, what will this mean for the domestic situation of the Great Big United States of America? The situation, like all others, necessitates the complete and uncritical support of the opinions and actions of Our President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader. What He considers to be right, no one may

call "wrong". What He considers to be true, no one may call "false". We all saw, during the war with Vietnam, where the contrary viewpoint leads. When Our President resolves to fight a war, it is our duty, as human beings and as Americans, to give him total, unquestioning, instant obedience. We also know what happens to people who take up this foolish opposition to Our President. They were shot dead on numerous college campuses, beaten by police and other patriots, ridiculed into impotence by the press and television, chased into exile, and today are a negligible and laughable footnote in America's political and cultural history. In those days it was clearly demonstrated, that opposition to Our President's war policy is physically dangerous and therefore morally wrong.

Just about every book on the First Americo-Vietnamese War stresses that domestic opposition to that Noble Cause (as Our President calls it) was responsible for its present suspension on terms superficially disadvantageous to our Imperial nation. Eventually, of course, the U. S. Armed Forces will move back into Vietnam and grind that insolent nation into a bloody appreciation of our imperial might. But the toleration of domestic Pacifist dissent is regarded, by just about every historical and political commentary on that war, as a monstrous evil. Clearly no such mistake will be made during the Second Tripolitan War.

This makes it necessary for loyal Americans to keep a strict watch out for dissentient opinion. Already we are seeing the fatal word "but" attached to expressions of support for Our President's attack on Libya. These doubters of today will become the Pacifists of tomorrow, just as they did during the war with Vietnam. You may hear some politician, or private person, loudly approve the attack on Libya, "but..." Anyone who expresses regret over the death of Khaddhafy's daughter, or other civilians, is a potential Pacifistic opponent of the Second Tripolitan War and therefore of the imperial might of the Great Big United States of America. Such people are quite capable of coming out publicly, in some future year of the present war, and saying that some development in that war has turned them against it. You know who they are.

It is not only the Libyans, the Europeans, and others in the lesser nations who are being put to the test by the Second Tripolitan War. The citizens of the Great Big United States of America are now being tested in their loyalty. No one can afford, for his or her personal safety, to be found on the wrong side of this vitally important issue, or to express the least doubt or qualification that might detract from a total support of Our President.

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A new game is currently being organized in GRAUSTARK, though it is the slowest to be filled in several years. At present I have six entrants; with one more I will mail out a list of country assignments. If the seventh entry comes in by 10 May, the deadline for the "Spring 1901" moves will be 13 June.

The entry fee is \$20, which 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. The rules of postal Diplomacy were published in GRAUSTARK #437; if you do not have a copy write for one when you send in the entry fee.

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The 0th Annual Rhinestone Poll, for which ballots were distributed in the last issue, has a deadline of 3 May. The results will be published in 17 May in the next GRAUSTARK. The early voting indicates that there is an unusual distribution of readers. One came in from "Cutter Elfstar, c/o Bernie Oaklyn". A certain "Obelix the Gaul" uses Dick Martin's return address. A ballot came in signed "Bruce Linsey", who seems to be living (to judge from the envelope) at the address we usually associate

with Ed Wrobel. In fact, thanks to these ballots I even have a real name, or I think I do, for "Karel Alaric".

A second communication, allegedly from Bruce Linsey, also came in. In it, the person signing himself as "Brux" wonders why I consider a feud exists between Brux and "the Entire Postal Diplomacy hobby". After all, this person complains, 265 people voted in the last Runestone Poll, and of them 37 voted for GRAUSTARK. However, it should be remembered that we have only Brux's word for this, and that word is by the common experience of the hobby totally worthless.

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Another ballot is also circulating among postal Diplomacy players, from Chris Carrier, 1215 P St. 12, Sacramento, Calif. 95814. This ballot judges the "best" feuds in the hobby, and has a deadline of 15 May. (I'd reproduce ballots here, but this issue has taken enough time already.) Chris, who chronicles and frequently encourages hobby feuds, will publish the results. My own recommendations in the voting are:

BEST FEUD LETTER/EDITORIAL OF THE YEAR: Why, naturally, my "The End of Brux" in GRAUSTARK #508.

BEST FEUD ITEM OF THE YEAR: The alleged Diplomacy World #40.

NOVICE FEUDER OF THE YEAR: Chris Carrier. (There's no real competition for this one.)

FEUD WIMP OF THE YEAR: Larry Peery, "for turning DW into a whiny rag that stands for nothing except bitching about the Feud, and for his attitude that if you do not support his latest Peerischeme you are bad for the hobby."

Incidentally, Chris informs me that he is not descended from Jean-Baptiste Carrier. Considering his contributions to the hobby, I am not altogether sure of this.

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Jack Brawner writes that on 23 March he and his wife Susan became the parents of a son, Keith Warwick Brawner. Congratulations!

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