

# GRAUSTARK

#522

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12 July 1986

1986AF

"Spring 1901"

Newer Game

"Winter 1900"

## THE LORD ALPS THOSE WHO ALP THEMSELVES

Bill Quinn, the Boardman Number custodian, has assigned the Boardman Number "1986AF" to this game. Players should use this designation in writing to one another and to the gamesmaster.

ENGLAND (La Rocco): F Edi-Nrg; F Lon-Nth;  
A Liv-Edi.

FRANCE (Schembari): A Par-Bur; A Mar S A  
Par-Bur; F Bre-Mid.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Mun-Tyr; A Ber-Sil;  
F Kie-Den.

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brennick): A Bud-Ser;  
A Vie-Gal; F Tri-Alb.

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

TURKEY (Bragdon): A Con-Bul; F Ank-Bla;  
A Smy-Arm.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 AUGUST 1986. Jerry Rosen's new address is c/o Hoffinger & Friedland, 33rd floor, 110 E. 59th St., New York, N. Y. 10022-1392; 212-570-2371 (home); 212-421-4000 (office). John Brennick's telephone number is 617-344-6209.

BERLIN: The Kaiser swayed as if drugged, which he was. The French Ambassador moved forward to catch His Majesty before a Royal Fall. The drug the English Ambassador had claimed came from the highlands of India, and which was made of cobra venom, hashish, and other, more exotic ingredients, did its job well. Not wishing

## YET ANOTHER NEW GAME OPENS

Since the new game announced on p. 12 was opened, enough new entries have come in so that another new game can be announced. To avoid confusion until Boardman Numbers are assigned by Bill Quinn, please refer to the game announced on p. 12 as "the New Game", and to this game as "the Newer Game". The deadline for "Spring 1901" moves in "the Newer Game" is NOON, FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 1986. The players are:

ENGLAND: John Rigley, RD1, Box 170, Richmondville, N. Y. 12149; ( ? )-294-7769

FRANCE: Bill Drakert, 159 Chelsea Road, White Plains, N. Y. 10603; 914-592-5009

GERMANY: Ian H. Campbell, 11 Maclean Circle, Princeton, N. J. 08540

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Eric Knapp, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Penn. 19081

ITALY: Warren K. Ball, 107 W. Guthbert Rd., Oaklyn, N. J. 08107-1016; 609-858-8910 (home); 609-461-3400 (office)

TURKEY: Richard Hurley, 341 Wolf Creek Rd., Grass Valley, Calif. 95945; ( ? )-273-6349

Of the six players who expressed preferences, 3 got their first and 3 their second choices. Unfortunately, the geographical spread of players isn't as good as that in the "New Game", in which no two players come even from adjacent states, but this game just filled up as this issue went to press, and I wanted to get it started.

The rules for postal Diplomacy were last published in GRAUSTARK #437, and will soon be reprinted. If you do not already have a copy of these rules, write to me for one at once.

Postal Diplomacy games are still open in GRAUSTARK. For details on joining, see p. 12. Elsewhere in this issue is a list of people who have written in for information about postal Diplomacy and other games.

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1985L

"Winter 1906-Spring 1907"

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO THE SURRENDER CEREMONIES?

Following "Fall 1906" moves, Russia retreated F Nwy-Nrg and France Retreated F Wes-Mid. No English build was received. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Stewart): F Naf S FRENCH F Mid-Wes; F Nth-Edi; F Nwy holds; A Swe & F Ska S F Nwy.

FRANCE (Chafetz): F Mid S F Spa(s.c.); F Spa(s.c.) & A Gas S A Mar; A Mar S F Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Schembari): A Bur-Gas; A Par S A Bur-Gas; A Bel-Pic; A Mun-Bur; A Ruh S A Mun-Bur; F Kie-Hel.

ITALY (Jordan): A Tus-Mar; F Lyo C A Tus-Mar; A Pie S A Tus-Mar; F Wes-Spa(s.c.); F Tun-Wes; F Tyr S F Tun-Wes; A Tyr, A Vie, A Tri, A Gal, A Rum, F Bul(e.c.), F Bla & A Arm hold.

RUSSIA (Cameron): F Nrg-NAT; A War-Liv; A St.P-Nwy; F Bal S GERMAN F Kie-Den.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Gas-Bre and the French A Mar is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 AUGUST 1986.

1984ID

"Spring 1908"

GETTING WHAT ACT TOGETHER?

In the report of the "Fall 1907" moves, the English order "F Por-Spa(s.c.)" should have been underlined as impossible. Fortunately, most players caught this.

ENGLAND (Jordan): F Por-Mid; F Iri S F Por-Mid; F Liv-Wal; A Nwy-St.P.

FRANCE (Gratto): No moves received. A Mar, A Bre, F Spa(s.c.) & F Edi hold; A Par dislodged and annihilated.

GERMANY (Cameron): F Nth holds; A Ber-Pru; A Sil S A Ber-Pru; A Mun S A Sil; A Bur-Par; A Pic S A Bur-Par; A Bel S A Pic.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brooks): A Bud-Rum; A Ser-Bul; F Adr-Ion; A Tri-Alb; A Vie-Gal.

RUSSIA (Verheiden): A St.P holds.

TURKEY (Addison): F Mid S FRENCH F Spa(s.c.)-Por; F Gas S F Mid; F Maf-Wes; F Lyo-Tyr; F Smy-Aeg; F Ion holds; A Con-Bul; F Rum S A Con-Bul; A Ukr S F Rum; A War S A Gal; A Gal S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Vie-Boh; A Mos not ordered, holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Press releases appear on p. 11. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 AUGUST 1986. Stand-by moves for France should be sent in by Dick Martin, whose address appears in the report of 1984IO on p. 6.

1985HF

"Winter 1904"

ENGLAND (MacNiallais): Builds F Lon, F Edi. ITALY (C. Johnson): Removes F Tyr.

FRANCE (Lack): No build received. RUSSIA (Austin): Builds A War.

GERMANY (Quirk): Removes F Bal. TURKEY (Rosen): Builds F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 AUGUST 1986. Stand-by moves for France should be sent in by Tony Strickland, 212 Ivy St., Palatka, Fla. 32077; 904-325-9476. For Jerry Rosen's new address see p. 1; for Ben Austin's new new address see the report of 1984IO on p. 6.

## I'M DREAMING OF A WHITE ARMISTICE DAY

ENGLAND (Lack): No moves received. F NAT, F Mid, F Wes, F Eng, F Bel, A Par, F Kie & F Nrg hold.

GERMANY (Drakert): A Bre holds.

ITALY (Hurwitz): F Tun-Tyr.

RUSSIA (D. Walker): A St.P-Nwy; F Bar S A St.P-Nwy; F Bal-Swe; A Mun-Ber; A Bur-Bel; A Mar-Spa; A Gas S A Mar-Spa; A Pie-Mar; A Ven-Tyr; F Nap S ITALIAN F Tun-Tyr; A Rom holds; A -Sil; A Sev-Ank; F Bla C A Sev-Ank; A Rum-Bul; A Ser S A Rum-Bul.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish A Bul is dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Den, Ebi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Par, Por. (9)

GERMANY: Bre. (1)

ITALY: Tun. (1)

RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Bud, Bul, Mar, Mos, Mun, Nap, Nwy, Rom, Rum, St.P, Ser, Sev, Spa, Swe, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (20)

TURKEY: Con, Gre, Smy. (3)

With this move Dennis Walker as Russia gets a majority of the supply centers and wins the game. This is the first win for a man who has proven to be one of the stronger new players in GRAUSTARK. This is Russia's 15th win in a GRAUSTARK game, keeping it in first place. (England is second with 12.) Only one shorter game has ever been won in GRAUSTARK:

1970AG, which John Beshara won as Italy in "Fall 1905". (Four other GRAUSTARK games have gone to wins in "Fall 1906".) In the supply center chart above, an asterisk indicates a supply center for which a new unit was not built. Players and other readers are invited to send in reviews of this game, which will be published in a future issue. The subscriptions of Thames Goldman, Andrew Hoh, and John Schwartz end with this issue of GRAUSTARK. New games are open; see p. 12 for details.

TUNIS: Sheik al-Hurwitz, glorious liberator of the Semetic peoples, again hurled the People's Navy across the Line of Death to assist the right-thinking workers & peasants in their effort to smash American Imperialism and its Turko-Syrian lackeys!

## 1985CT - PRESS RELEASES

PARIS: German terrorist activity is on the increase. France calls on all free nations to join in economic sanctions against the Kaiser. If no one cooperates, we will have to enforce our own morality by raiding Munich and shooting soldiers who support the Walker regime.

FRANCE to ITALY: Switzerland won't let us use their air space. Mind if we cross the Italian Alps?

REAGAN to FRANCE: Now you know how we felt!

LONDON: The Queen is calling her northern armies home for the Fall Games.

1985AG - GRAUSTARK, John Boardman

E - Simon Lack  
 F - Thames Goldman (dro F04)  
 Michael Quirk (out S06)  
 G - Bill Drakert  
 I - Andrew Hoh (dro S03)  
 Jon Bennett (dro F04)  
 Marc Hurwitz  
 A - Tom Thornsen (out F03)  
 R - Dennis Walker (won F06)  
 T - John Schwartz

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E	3	4	6	6	8	10**	9
F	3	5	5	5	3	1	
G	3	5	4	1	1	1	1
I	3	5	5	5	4	1	1
A	3	3	1				
R	4	7	9	12*	13	16	20
T	3	4	4	5	5	5	3

## STAB! STAB! STAB! THE BOYS ARE MARCHING!

ENGLAND (Chafetz): A Dai-Liv; A Nwy-Yor; F Nth C A Hwy-Yor; F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; F Hol-Kie.

FRANCE (Addison): A Mar-Pie; A Bur-Mun; A Pic-Bel; F Eng S A Pic-Bel; F Mid-Wes;  
F Liv-Nat.

GERMANY (D. Walker): A Mos-Sev; A Ukr S A Mos-Sev; A War-Gal; A Tyr-Vie; A Ruh-Mun;  
A Bel holds; F Den & F Swe hold.

ITALY (Sims): F Ion holds; F Tyr S F Ion; A Ven-Pie; A Nap-Rom.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Jordan): F Alb-Tri; A Rum-Ser; A Alb & A Bud S A Rum-Ser.

TURKEY (Quarto): No moves received. F Eas, F Aeg, A Con, A Gre & A Ank hold; A Ser  
& F Sev dislodged and annihilated.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Bel-Hol. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 AUGUST 1986. Larry Sims, whose address appears in the report of 1985H on p. 11, is now playing Italy. Stand-by moves for Turkey should be sent in by Michael Quirk, 3830 Chester Dr., Glenview, Ill. 60025; 312-498-1377. Press releases are on p. 3.

## FRESH BLOOD

Aside from the people who have enrolled in the two new games announced on pp. 1 and 12, the following people have written in asking for information on the postal play of Diplomacy. Honest Gamesmasters (and, regrettably, there are a few of the other kind) are invited to send them information about their 'zines.

David L. Anderson, 5709 B. Brown Ave., Fort Knox, Ky. 40121  
Terry Baker, P. O. Box 115, Streetman, Tex. 75859  
Scott Barbehenn, 1626 Angus Court, Crofton, Md. 21114  
Alan Blaine, 15090 El Capitan Way, Delhi, Calif. 95315  
Patrick Connaughton, #7, 3800 Itaska, St. Louis, Mo. 63116  
Mark C. Franceschini, 8 Maple Dr., Spring Lake Heights, N. J. 07762  
Francis Frysiak, 206 Hollywood Ave., Yonkers, N. Y. 10707 (Summer: Hostyn B. C. 55,  
R. R. 3, St. Calixte, P. Q. JOK 120, Canada)  
Jeff Groteboer, SWDOC Class 86003, NETA, Newport, R. I. 02841  
Mark Haynes, P. O. Box 565, Roseland, N. J. 07068  
Lane Hess, 363 Laurel Dr., Hershey, Penn. 17033  
James Hudlow, Apt. G-9, 910 Woodmont Blvd., Nashville, Tenn. 37204  
1st Lt. Thomas J. Keegan, E Company 4SB, APO New York, N. Y. 09068  
Kevin J. Kennelly, Apt. #1, 2 Lindenwood Terrace, Ambler, Penn. 19002  
B. M. Powell, HHC, 2d Bde., #135, 3rd Inf. Div., APO New York, N. Y. 09031  
Andrew T. Pribe, 3967 Zenako St., San Diego, Calif. 92122  
John Reebel, 1234 Chase Ave., Lakewood, Ohio 44107  
Brady Richter, 54 Fries Lane, Cherry Hill, N. J. 08003  
Darryl Rothchild, Box 204, Delmont, S. D. 57330  
Garret Schenck, 42 Pelham Holl Rd., Shutesbury, Mass. 01072  
Mark E. Thompson, #111, 2731 Hillsboro, New Hope, Minn. 55427  
Steve Watters, 12 Verity Court, Baltimore, Md. 21236  
Richard Wheet, #2042, 8014 W. Highway 84, Waco, Tex. 76710

I should like to thank The General once again for publicizing postal Diplomacy in GRAU-STARK, and the participants in Atlanticon '86 and NYClone I who expressed an interest in my 'zine.

## FROG PRINCE RALLIES JACOBITE CLANS

Following "Spring" moves Italy retreated A Tyr-Pie, F Ion-Tyr, and France retreated A Bur-Gas. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (MacNiallais): F Nth-Nwy; A Bel-Pic; F Eng S A Bel-Pic; F Iri-Liv.

FRANCE (Chafetz): A Bre-Cly; F Mid & F NAT C A Bre-Cly; A Pic-Bre; A Gas-Bur.

GERMANY (Austin): A Sil-Boh; A Mun-Tyr; A Bur-Mar; A Den-Swe; F Ska S ENGLISH F Nth-Nwy.

ITALY (Palter): A Ven S GERMAN A Mun-Tyr; F Adr-Apu; F Tyr-Nap; A Pie S GERMAN A Bur-Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thornse): A Tyr-Vie; F Alb-Gre; A Bud-Tri.

RUSSIA (Manna): A St.P-Nwy; A Fin S F Swe; F Swe S A St.P-Nwy.

TURKEY (Drakert): A Sev-Mos; A War S A Sev-Mos; A Gal-Boh; F Bla-Rum; A Bul-Apu; F Aeg & F Ion C A Bul-Apu; A Ser S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Bud-Tri.

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

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (5)

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

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

RUSSIA: St.P, Swe. (2)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mun. (6)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Mos, Rum, Ser, Sev,

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

Smy, War. (9)

Turkey, Austria-Hungary, Germany, and England may each build one unit, and France and Russia must each remove one. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 8 AUGUST 1986. For Den Austin's new address see the report of 1984IO on p. 6.

BREST: Napoleon while holding Josephine said "Nothing ventured nothing gained" and Paris & Mars must defend themselves I must get my men into Clyde.

VIENNA: Sorry Bill but after that stab in Serbia last year I just can't trust you this year.

If you didn't make the moves you promised, then I am lost anyway. If you did make the moves you promised, then we are even after the seizure of Serbia (although I think you still owe me one for the support into Ionian).

VIENNA to ROME: Hey Dan! Opportunity knocks! If you went for Trieste again I will save my stamps and work with the other players to give you your exercise in tactics. If you captured Trieste, then the joke is on me and you and Turkey can show me the door. If you left Trieste alone, let's talk.

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to waste a single minute of his audience, the French Ambassador began to drone in perfect German. "You trust the French. You trust the English. You hate the Russians. You trust the French. You trust the English. You hate the Russians. You trust....."

BERLIN to ROME: Did you decide to face my wrath, or did you stay out of Tyrolia?

GRAB (Governmental Reports About Britain): It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood, a beautiful day in the neighborhood, won't you be my friend, won't you?....

GRAB: It has been determined that this year's Fall '01 Western European Festival will be hosted by Holland. Such notable delights on the menu include French wines, German ales, and Yorkshire pudding. All nations are invited to view the fireworks.

ANAKHIT, SKANDALUM (URRP): Sir Hardie Horscocke, the British Ambassador to this ancient matriarchy, is reported to have told the Queen in a private interview that the German Kaiser's recent troubles were not being correctly reported in the world press. "Highlands of India, indeed," he said. "Highlands of Scotland is more like it!"

1984V

"Fall 1913"

THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

Following "Spring 1913" moves, Austria-Hungary retreated F Ion-Eas, A Mun-Sil. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Brooks): F Wes-Spa(s.c.); F Tyr S ITALIAN F Ion; F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); F Par & F Fin S F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); F NTh & F NAF hold.

GERMANY (Gaughan): A Mar & A Mun hold; A Bur S A Mar; A Ber S A Mun; A Kie-Hol.

ITALY (Sims): A Ven holds; A Rom S A Ven; F Lyo-Mar; F Ion-Adr; F Nap-Apu; F Tun-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): A Ukr-Sev; A Liv & A Mos S A St.P; A St.P & A Sil hold; F Bla S A Ukr-Sev; A Bud-Rum; F Alb-Gre; F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Eas-Don; A Pie-Ven; A Tyr & A Tri S A Pie-Ven; F Adr S A Pie-Ven.

TURKEY (Verheiden): F Sev-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats F Ion-Nap, A Ven-Tus, and Turkey retreats F Sev-Arm. It should be noted that since the Italian F Ion was not ordered to hold, the English order to support it is invalid, and cannot prevent its being dislodged. (See Rule XIV.6.) The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Spa, Swe. (8)

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

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mun, Par. (7)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Rum, St.P, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (15)

England, Austria-Hungary, and Germany may each build one unit, and Italy must remove two. (Germany would have a second build, but only one home supply center is open.) The last Turkish unit is also removed. The deadline for these "Winter 1913" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 8 AUGUST 1986.

ENGLAND to VIENNA: Build some fleets and come out fighting like a man!!

1984IO

"Winter 1907"

ENGLAND (Austin): Removes F Yor.

ITALY (Parents): Builds A Rom, A Ven.

GERMANY (D. Martin): Builds F Kie, A Mun. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Hurwitz): Removes A Gal.

Absolutely nothing has been heard from Lex Lambert or Mike Colandro since this game and 1985H were taken over in GRAUSTARK. They have therefore been replaced in both games. Ben Austin also has a new address. These changes are:

ENGLAND: Ben Austin, 710 North Carolina Ave. SE, Washington, D. C. 20002; 202-547-2920 (home); 202-544-1784 (work).

GERMANY: Dick Martin, 26 Orchard Way North, Rockville, Md. 20854; 301-762-1761

RUSSIA: Warren K. Ball, 107 W. Cuthbert Rd., Oaklyn, N. J. 08107-1016; 609-858-8910 (home); 609-461-3400 (work)

The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 AUGUST 1986.

ROCKVILLE: No, really, let's have a big hand for Marc, here. You've done a brilliant job of protecting Warsaw, Marc, and we all know that that's one of the truly key dots on the map. So, three cheers, everybody. No, make that four cheers and a yes vote on that concession to Russia....

WARSAW to World: Please - someone, anyone - make me an offer. I'd love to be part of a stalemate line.

WARSAW to GERMANY: Dick Martin - is that you? If so, help out a clone, eh?

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NOTE: To new players in 1984IO, the current positions appear in GRAUSTARK #521, and the addresses of the other players are in #520. If you need either or both of these issues, get in touch with me at once.

## HORSE FEATHERS

## A Report on Atlanticon '86

In the last several years, numerous college campuses have opened up their facilities during the summer for conventions. At first glance it looks as if this would be a good idea. The colleges get needed income, and the conventions are held at facilities which cost much less than hotels and convention centers, and which have had much experience in housing and feeding large numbers of people.

In practice, it hasn't worked out this way. Officials at colleges are used to dealing with a mass of students who have no choice but to do as they are told, and when summer conventioners take over for a weekend, these officials look on them as a new batch of people to push around. Commitments made in the middle of a business day by a high administrative official can be repudiated at 1 AM on Saturday morning by a security guard or student center director, and no one can be reached to amend matters. Meal hours that appear in the convention catalog bear no relationship to the hours that are actually kept by the food facilities. Equipment from soda machines to toilet paper dispensers empty out on the first day of the convention and are never replenished.

These were minor problems when Atlanticon, and associated cons such as Origins and DipCon, met in past years at Johns Hopkins University or Towson State College (both in Maryland). The 1983 Origins at Glassboro State College (N. J.) was a disaster, but that was mainly due to the incompetence of convention director Allen Barwick, and if the college did anything to abet him, it would have been like adding an extra bucket of water to Hurricane Camille. By the second day of that convention, buttons began to appear which read: "Don't Blame Me - I'm Not Allen Barwick". It is said that Barwick himself wore one as protective coloration - a very wise move. Science fiction and comic art conventions might borrow this method of dealing with management incompetence at conventions; a good target would be a fan named John Sims, who specializes in bungling arrangements for the annual PhilCon.

Unfortunately, Towson State College was not available to us this year. It is said that, at the 1985 convention, some thug showed up wearing a Nazi uniform. Atlanticon established that this person was not a member of the convention, and I neither saw him nor spoke with anyone who did. But this evanescent idiot served as an excuse for Towson State, where some of the better Atlanticons had been held, to dispense with our patronage. It is said that we lost Johns Hopkins and Glassboro because Pacifists on those campuses objected to the presence of war-gamers. They were probably unaware of the fact that the percentage of Pacifists among war-gamers probably exceeds that on any 1986 college campus.

Mismanagement at Atlanticon '86 was costly to both the college and the conventioners. Some early arrivals gleefully told me that when they checked into the dorms, they were issued meal tickets good for the whole convention - whether they'd paid for them or not. Checking into the dorms themselves involved a process whereby a helpful but harried young lady had to run back and forth between two widely separated buildings before all the necessary keys and forms could be accumulated. Although we had been informed that the dorm beds didn't have pillows, they were provided - which means that I schlepped a bulky pillow down to Trenton for no reason. We had been informed in advance that the cafeteria would be open only to meal ticket holders, but it turned out to sell individual meals for cash as well. The snack bar of the student center announced in advance that it would stay open to 8 PM, but it closed at 5 or 6 most evenings - with tournaments letting out at 6 or 7 and people looking for something to eat. The snack bar manager, a peremptory young woman with the singularly inappropriate name of Amoroso, informed us that Trenton State College had no right to say what hours she had to keep. The main beneficiary of these early closings was a nearby Domino Pizza take-out service, which did several hundred dollars' worth of business out of this situation. I would not be in the least surprised if a mutu-

ally profitable arrangement existed between someone at the take-out food service, and someone with the power to close the snack bar early.

This by no means exhausts the problems with Atlanticon '86. Several wheelchair-bound people have been coming into war-gaming in recent years, because such a handicap puts practically no barriers in the way of participation in the hobby. On Sunday morning a wheelchair-bound gamer had to navigate halfway across campus to the student center because no one was available to open the elevator in a building where was scheduled an event in which he was entered. He had been assured in advance that there would always be someone available to unlock the elevators. At least he knew where his event was. Several events and meetings were scheduled for rooms that proved to be non-existent, and the Atlanticon management gave no cooperation whatsoever in the matter of getting the Diplomacy tournament schedule properly printed in the program booklet.

Any complaints about these and other matters were referred to a grinning billiken named Tom Carroll, who ran Atlanticon by assuring everyone that nothing could be done about anything. He is obviously in the running to be next Allen Barwick, and I feel that such efforts should be suitably rewarded. I suggest, for future war-gaming conventions, an Allen Barwick Award. It could be presented to people such as Tom Carroll, who work diligently to uphold the Barwick standards in convention mismanagement. Around the border of the award certificate could be placed the sayings we have all come to know and love: "It's not my fault" - "We can't do anything about that" - "They're an independent contractor" - "We can't reach anyone about that at this hour" - "I don't know where you can get the key" - "But that room should be open at this hour" - "It's not my fault" - "I know it says so in the program, but it can't be done" - "It's not my fault" - and so forth.

However, once you got away from Atlanticon and college officials, and got into the gaming rooms and the hucksters' room, you could have a good time. Among the second-hand dealers on the terrace I found at long last a copy of Dwarfstar's Barbarian Prince. This solitaire FRP game was published in 1981 by Dwarfstar Games, a now-defunct firm which, I am informed, published no particularly good games other than this one. I first encountered it several years ago thanks to my son-in-law Dean Wright, an enthusiastic board- and computer-gamer. Saturday night in the open gaming room I got into a game of Warrior Knights, a new game from Great Britain's Games Workshop, the same firm that publishes Talisman. I had already heard quite a bit about Warrior Knights, and playing it for 3 or 4 turns decided me; I bought a copy the next day. The mechanics of the game are somewhat similar to those of Kingmaker, but there are differences as well, and the map is imaginary. Each faction has a color of its own, and the names of its members are appropriate. For example, the leader of the "Brown" faction is Baron Umberto da Sienna and his lords are Sir Richard Bayard, Renaud de Bistre, Giovanni d'Umbria, and Geoffrey, Earl of Russet.

The Milton-Bradley edition of Axis & Allies, which has several differences from the original Nova edition, was very popular at Atlanticon. So, surprisingly, was 1830, a new game about building the first rail networks and companies in the United States. (I may be interested in playing it when it gets far enough west; Grandfather Boardman was a gandy-dancer on the Chicago Northwestern.)

Robert Sacks and I were referees of the Pax Britannica tournament on Friday, and of the Diplomacy tournament on Saturday and Sunday. The Pax Britannica tournament is reported in THE VALOR OF IGNORANCE #14. In an example of attrition which seems to be becoming quite marked of late, 45 people signed up for the Diplomacy tournament, but only 35 of them were present when the tournament began at 1 PM on Saturday. We made up five tables, all of which eventually went to negotiated adjudications of draws by the time the session ended at 8 PM.

The second session of the Diplomacy tournament began 8 AM on Sunday. This has always been something of a sore point with some gamers, but it is unavoidable if you want to run a two-round tournament. If play begins at 8 AM it ends at 3 PM, giving the winners time to go over to the hucksters' room and cash in their prize certifi-



cates for merchandise before the convention ends.

Since the message apparently has not got across, I want to stress that the Diplomacy tournament is not an elimination tournament. It is quite possible to get eliminated in "1904" as Austria-Hungary on the first day, then come back on the second day, sweep the board as Russia, and wind up with the "Best Russia" award.

Only 11 people showed up on the second day, so we divided them into one 6-man and one 5-man board. (The use of the word "man" is literal. There was a larger proportion of women at Atlanticon '86 than I have seen at any other war-gaming tournament, but most of them are involved in Fantasy Role-Playing (FRP) games, though two of the five people I played Warrior Knights with were women.) The Diplomacy tournament results showed that it was a great weekend for the Kelts. First prize went to Ian Campbell, who was also Best England. Second prize was won by Paul Kenny, also Best Italy, and third prize went to Mark Lynch; Best Turkey. The eleven people who came to the second tournament won two best-of-country awards for their perseverance, Best Italy and Kevin McHugh's Best Russia. Best Austria-Hungary went to Jeff Robertson, Best France to Michael Saylor, and Best Germany to Brian Gorry. This is

I would particularly like to thank Dave Schwartz, who gave Robert Sacks and me a ride down to Trenton, and Mark Haynes, who brought us back.

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A war-gaming convention called SECon is scheduled for the weekend of 25-27 July in Knoxville. The Sacks-Boardman refereeing team was supposed to work the Diplomacy tournament at SECon. However, Robert informs me that he has been unable to get anyone in the SECon management to respond to his letters, and their latest publicity material does not mention the Diplomacy event at all. Under the circumstances, it doesn't look as if anyone is minding the store at SECon, and veteran war-gamers know that these are the symptoms of a disaster on its way somewhere to happen. So we won't be going to SECon - a measure I recommend to other war-gamers. # 1381

Robert was also a little dubious about playing FRP games in the middle of the "Bible Belt". However, I think these concerns are rather exaggerated. Christians have fulminated for several years against Dungeons & Dragons and other FRP games, but their chief triumphs so far have been getting it banned in a few high schools. Even in Tennessee they would be unable to impose their fanaticism on an entire gaming convention. Furthermore, history has shown that when you face them down, they back off and evaporate. Neither prohibition nor anti-evolution laws have survived in the courts and on the statute books, despite the fact that Christians once crammed them down our throats in the name of religious principles.

At every war-gaming convention I attend, I bring many copies of Jack Chick's comic book tract Dark Dungeons, which claims that FRP games are a work of the devil. At Atlanticon '86 I gave away some 60 or 70 of them. Considering the great hilarity that these stupid tracts elicit from other gamers, I consider it the easiest \$6 or \$7 worth of amusement I ever had. I could have given away over 100 of them - and I will, the next time I attend a war-gamers' convention.

(If you'd like one, send me 35¢ in stamps. In fact, if you're willing to admit to being a Christian I'll send you a copy free.)

#### THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK, the very first bulletin for the postal play of Diplomacy, is published every fourth Saturday by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11226-5302. Postal Diplomacy games are available; see page 12 for details, and for subscription and back issue rates.

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In the last issue I mistakenly said that MaryCon/DipCon had been held in Maryland. This misconception arose from the fact that the people I had been writing and phoning to about it were Marylanders. Actually, it was held at Mary Washington College in Virginia, whence the name.

Also in GRAUSTARK #521, I mentioned a phone call I'd got from my step-daughter, Karina Wright. (She's expecting her first in November, which may come as a surprise to some long-time GPAUSTARK collators who remember her as a teen-ager doing beer runs for us hard-working page-flippers in the early 1970s.) Karina was describing a story that had appeared in the Washington Post about MaryCon/DipCon. Unfortunately, Karina did not have the story before her, and so got some of the details wrong. Ken Peel gave me a call about it, and then sent me a photostat of the story, which appeared in the Post of 2 June 1986 under the by-line of Joseph McLellan.

For one thing, Rod Walker hadn't even been at DipCon. Karina could not remember the name of the early postal publisher whom McLellan interviewed, and when I suggested it may have been Rod Walker she agreed that it might have been. Actually, it was ~~David~~ Davis, whom we all know as a chronic sorehead who takes great pleasure in sniping at Kathy Byrne for motives that have never been made very clear. Nor did Davis make any such claim; he simply said that he had just published the 175th issue of his 'zine Bushwhacker.

"Davis also collects variant forms of the game...and shows them to Calhamer," the story continues. Calhamer "doesn't like them very much. 'The game now has an internal harmony', he says. 'Any change could disrupt it.'" I am in complete agreement with this view. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Kathy Byrne, by the way, got mentioned as a specific case after McLellan observed that about 1 Diplomacy player in 8 is a woman. (The proportion is much lower than that on the GRAUSTARK mailing list.) Unquestionably she is the best-known, and probably the best, woman player in the hobby. "Some men claim that she uses feminine wiles in negotiating - which is perfectly permissible." Considering that a lot of history is made in bed, the mere application of "wiles" in a board game ~~has nothing~~ wrong with it. History buffs may recall that a major factor in bringing about the Seven Years' War was the bitter hatred directed by the homosexual King Friedrich II of Prussia against the three thoroughgoing and actively heterosexual women who then ruled Austria, France, and Russia, and that the famous Austrian diplomat Metternich brought Prussia into the alliance against Napoleon I by screwing the Queen.

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Among the printed matter I picked up at Atlanticon '86 was a copy of Masters of Deceit, an excellent guide to beginners to Diplomacy, and also useful to veteran players. I particularly recommend it to all the new players and other subscribers which GRAUSTARK is now getting.

Masters of Deceit is published by Steve Arnawoodian, 602 Hemlock Circle, Lansdale, Penn. 19446 and is \$1 from him. It consists of 23 articles by 17 well-informed Diplomacy players, none of them a part of the Tretick-Linsey-Berch Forgery Gang. You are getting the straight stuff here on strategy, over-the-board and postal negotiation, and publishing, from people not afraid to sign their real names to what they write. Contributors include Kathy Byrne, John Caruso, Ed Urobel, Bob Olsen, Ken Peel, and John Michalski.

Some articles tell you how best to negotiate, while others, one for each country, give the various workable alternatives for strategy for the particular country you're playing. If you have ambitions to get into running and publishing postal games yourself, there is a short article by Pete Caughan - a good beginning, but there is much in publishing which still needs to be covered.

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One curious spin-off of our hobby is the non-Dip Dip 'zine. It purports to be for postal Diplomacy players, and has lively discussions in the letter columns, but it never seems to run any postal games! Most of these journals are tendentious and tiresome, but a very lively one is Pommes mit Mayo, published more or less monthly by Scott Hanson and Frauke Petersen, 3508 4th Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn. 55406. It's 35¢ per issue, and keeps the letter column blessedly short.

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Okay, gang, once again. This game is postal Diplomacy. In response to player complaints that the deadlines didn't allow enough time for negotiation and the deterioration of the U. S. Postal "Service", I extended the deadlines in November 1984 from 3 to 4 weeks. This apparently was not enough for some people, who persist in frantically phoning in their moves on the Thursday night before the deadline.

That usually works during the academic year. However, in summer my time is under no such constraints. Thursday night I spent at New York City science-fiction fandom's annual trip across the upper harbor on the Staten Island Ferry. This festive occasion, which was enlivened by sights of a few of the tall ships, blimps, and other left-overs from the Statue of Liberty centennial fest, was followed by an expedition to Chinatown. I didn't get home until 11:40, and Perdita then informed me that the phone had been ringing off the hook all evening.

I sometimes wonder whether four weeks is not too long a deadline. It seems to give a lot of players the notion that they have all the time in the world to get their moves in. Then, when the deadline approaches, they panic and reach for the telephone. It doesn't always work.

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"Winter 1905"

ENGLAND (Stewart): Builds F Liv.

TURKEY (Nelsen): Builds F Ank, F Smy,

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (P. Martin): Removes F Ion. A Con.

The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 AUGUST 1986. Glenn Nelsen writes that his phone numbers are 201-842-9514 (home) and 212-688-2016 (office). He can usually be reached at the office all night on Mondays and Thursdays. For reasons explained in the report on 1984IO on p. 6, Lex Lambert and Mike Colandro have been removed from this game and are replaced by:

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

RUSSIA: Larry Sims, 13143 Avenue M, Chicago, Ill. 60633; 312-646-2143

The addresses of other players in this game were published in GRAUSTARK #520, and the positions in #521. Any new player who needs this information should write for the appropriate issue(s) at once.

1985CA

"Winter 1904"

Following "Fall 1904" moves England retreated F Bel-Eng.

ENGLAND (Bragdon): Builds A Edi.

ITALY (D. Walker): Builds F Nap, A Ven.

GERMANY (Strickland): Builds F Ber.

RUSSIA (Wrobel): Removes A Livonia.

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 AUGUST 1986.

## 1984ID - PRESS RELEASES

TURKEY to AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Italy says he's ready to talk.

BULGARIA to BREST: As C. W. McCall (remember him?) said, "Looks like we got ourselves a convoy."

TURKEY to AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: To answer your last press, Germany wants to be the next victim.

TURKEY to ST. PETERSBURG: Isn't it lonely at the top?

GERMANY to FRANCE: If I don't take Paris this season, I give up -- you can keep it.

GERMANY to AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Arp! Arp!

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY to World: At the memorial service for Italy, it was discovered that the Bozo's body was missing. Later, it was reported, to be reincarnated as English clowns in 1985 lines. Watch out for these english clown as they open their mouth long enough to change feet. The stuff on their face is not make-up, it is egg!!

VIENNA to TURKEY: I hope this sin't the start of bad things to come. We worked well together.

## ANOTHER NEW GAME OPENS

Now that 1986AF is under way, enough people have signed up that another new postal Diplomacy game can begin. Of the six players who specified their country choices, three got their first choices, two got their second choice, and one got his third. (For some reason France seems to be rather unpopular of late.) These country assignments will be mailed out on 19 June 1986 so that players can get negotiations started. The deadline for "Spring 1901" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 AUGUST 1986.

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

FRANCE: Herb Barents, 17187 Windemere, Detroit, Mich. 48221

GERMANY: Arthur Ticconi, 1713 E. Cedar Ave., Las Vegas, Nev. 89101

ITALY: Peter Martin, P. O. Box 1017, Forsyth, Mont. 59237; 406-356-2611

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Keith Fortner, 4227 Sudbury Rd., Charlotte, N. C. 28205; 704-536-1887 (home); 704-545-9771 (office)

RUSSIA: Dan Dolan, RR #2, Box 443, Highland Lakes, N. J. 07422; 201-764-8381

TURKEY: Scott Skellie, #2706, 16302 El Camino Real, Houston, Texas 77062; 713-280-8842

The rules for postal Diplomacy were published in GRAUSTARK #437. If you do not have a copy of these rules, please ask me for one at once. (I am getting to the bottom of the 1981 press run, so I fear that some of these copies are not in the best condition. They are, however, legible, mostly.)

Postal Diplomacy games are still open in GRAUSTARK. The entry fee is \$20, which gets you not only a game, but also a subscription to GRAUSTARK as long as the game lasts, whether or not you are eliminated. With your entry fee send in a list of the countries you'd like to play, in your order of preference. I will try to place as close to the top of that list as I can manage.

Stand-by players are also needed, as there has been a rather heavy call on them lately. If you want to be a stand-by, just let me know and keep your subscription current. Subscriptions for people not enrolled in a game presently in progress in GRAUSTARK are 9 issues for \$6. Back issues from #500 are available at 10 for \$2.

I am asking Bill Quinn to provide us with a Boardman Number for this game. I expect that the number will arrive by 12 July, which is the publication date of GRAUSTARK #522, so look for it elsewhere in this issue.

GRAUSTARK #522

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( ) - You have just taken over play of \_\_\_\_\_ in postal Diplomacy game \_\_\_\_\_. See page \_\_\_\_.

( ) - You are needed as a stand-by in game \_\_\_\_\_. See page \_\_\_\_.

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