

GRAUSTARK

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NO SECOND WATERGATE

Next month, a joint Congressional committee will undertake its self-appointed task of sitting in judgment upon the deeds of the President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader of the Great Big United States of America, Our President, Ronald Reagan. The act of impudence and effrontery will allegedly try to look into the ways in which direct, immediate, and personal agents of Our President have raised money to overthrow the insolent and obstreperous body of Sandinistas that currently calls itself the "government" of Nicaragua.

Congress has only itself to blame for this awkward situation, and the retribution which their impudence will bring upon their own heads. From 1983 to 1985, Congress tried to prevent U. S. aid to the Nicaraguan Counterrevolutionaries by passing what it referred to as a "law" forbidding such aid. Finally, in 1985, Congress did the only thing it could, and authorized such aid.

But, during these two years, Our President took the route that His brother recently described as "more than one way to skin a cat". The National Security Council undertook to organize a private network of contributors to support the Counterrevolutionaries' war effort. This private network was headed by Carl R. Channel, whose contact on the NSC was Lt. Col. Oliver North, USMC. North and Channel were able to set up meetings with Our President at the White House, at which Our President expressed His appreciation for these efforts to the network's contributors.

Last November, all these quite unexceptionable exercises of Presidential Power came under the condemnation of a couple of thousand chronic soreheads who seem to wake up every morning with the thought: "How can I aggravate the President of the United States today?" A few kindred spirits in Congress, who want to turn the clock backwards to those long-forgotten days when Congress played an effective role in the government of the United States of America, have got their committee together and are already taking over whom they will "grant immunity."

Next month we are going to find that all this will go for nought. This Congressional committee seems to have overlooked the following points:

1. The present Nicaraguan government is illegitimate because the President of the Great Big United States of America says so. This is the only title to legitimacy which any government can claim. As Pat Buchanan, one of Our President's most eloquent spokesmen, has said: "Central America is Vietnam all over again...The Ortega regime ought not to survive the Reagan Presidency." (Newsday, 5 April 1987) The authority of the Great Big United States of America to do such a thing cannot be denied. As far back as 23 April 1945, President Truman told Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov that he objected to a recent Soviet-Polish Treaty, and concluded with the words: "That will be all, Mr. Molotov. I would appreciate it if you would transmit my views to Marshal Stalin." On that day it became known to all the world, that when the government of the Great Big United States of America speaks to any other government, it speaks as superior to inferior. Nicaragua will not have the government that it thinks it wants, or the government that the Soviet Union wants it to have, or the government that Cuba wants it to have, or the government that something called "Contadora" wants it to have. It will have the government that the Great Big United States of America wants it to have.

2. This is not another "Watergate", that farcical state of affairs which began when President Nixon used his undoubted prerogatives to find out who had been leaking U. S. information to its enemies, and ended when His phlebitis made Him physically un-

able to continue the duties and strain of His awesomely high office. For one thing, most of the people called by the "Watergate" investigating committee were lawyers, and when offered immunity from prosecution they sang like little yellow canaries. (This didn't help John Dean, who accepted the offer of immunity and still spent time in jail.) This time, however, it seems that most of the people called before the committee will be officers in the U. S. armed forces. And a military man knows what to do when asked questions by the enemy. It should be recalled that Admiral Jeremiah Denton served much more time in a much harsher prison than Admiral John Poindexter is likely to do after he expresses his contempt towards this congressional committee. Admiral Denton became a national hero, and was elected to the Senate. Admiral Poindexter can look forward to a similar eminence.

3. It now appears obvious that, even with money from both the U. S. government and private sources, the Nicaraguan Counterrevolutionaries will not be able to overthrow the bandits who have seized control of their country, and who have assured themselves of the support of the habitually greedy underclass by cutting them in on the landed estates and other property, stolen from the supporters of the old, pro-American government. The New York Times, in an editorial of 12 April 1987, correctly identified the three U. S. alternatives as "Pay, shoot or talk." "The Pay option," the editorial goes on to observe, "may no longer be available. Congress, always conflicted, is turning hostile towards funding the contras." However, Congress's attitude, like the existence of such a word as "conflicted", is not in question; during the war with Vietnam we learned that what Congress wants has little to do with what the U. S. government in fact does. But where the Times is most seriously in error is in the words: "No sane observer believes the public would now tolerate the direct use of American troops in Central America. That leaves only Talk."

It does not. Our President has identified the Soviet Union as "the focus of evil in the modern world" (8 March 1983), and a born-again Christian like Our President does not compromise with absolute evil. The Times editorial writer quoted above could have saved himself a great deal of embarrassment if he had bothered to read John B. Oakes's column in that same newspaper on 10 February 1987. Oakes observed that, in His State of the Union Speech, Our President urged "Never become so obsessed with failure...as to refuse to take risks that could further the cause of peace and freedom." What risks, Oakes asks. Our President was, at the time, speaking of Nicaragua.* But "there is no risk," Oakes observed, "in asking Congress to vote a few more million dollars, and so the President could not have been alluding to that. But there is a huge risk in taking the next logical step...military action by United States troops..." He concluded, "United States military action when the contras fail has to be the risk Mr. Reagan has in mind."

This, then, is the scenario against which that reckless congressional committee will dare to call into question the deeds of Lt. Col. North, Mr. Channel, Admiral Poindexter, and the other faithful servants of Our President. With a background of U. S. troops in action against Nicaragua, the efforts of these Congressmen will seem virtual treason.

And what should we, the loyal subjects of Our President, do? One point seems eminently clear about the national ordeal to which this Congressional committee seems intent on subjecting us. No one who gives unstinting, unqualified, and unquestioning support to the President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male and Supreme War Leader can possibly get into any trouble for his or her opinions. This is a fixed point; all else is conjecture or dubious motivation.

The same is true for the American invasion of Central America, which Mr. Oakes anticipates. Books and other retrospectives, written by men who had roles of military or political leadership during the war with Vietnam, are unanimous on what went wrong. There was too much domestic criticism of the U. S. war effort against Vietnam, and of its leaders. This is seen as a serious error, to be avoided the next time that there is an American and therefore necessary, glorious, and victorious war. Criticism of Our President's war effort ought therefore not be allowed, next time around. Nor will it.

DEADLINES AND LIVE PRESS RELEASES

The flood of press releases currently coming in to GRAUSTARK is the greatest in this 'zine's 24-year history. As a result, this issue will have to be expanded to the two-ounce mailing weight (24 pages at most) in order to accommodate the press releases squeezed out of GRAUSTARK #533. Press releases appear on pp. 4-10, as well as with the moves. Please check the next 7 pages as well as the reports of your game(s), in order to get them all.

Incidentally, with 17 games currently running in GRAUSTARK I would like to ask all players to send in their moves on separate pieces of paper for each game. I like to file the moves and press releases for each game separately, which is obviously easier if players do not put the moves for 2 or 3 games on the same piece of paper.

With a number of new players in GRAUSTARK, there are some points that have to be repeated. "Nor" is not an abbreviation for any one space on the board. For the spaces whose names begin with the syllable "Nor-", use the abbreviations which appear on p. 4 of the rules. "Tyr" can stand for both Tyrolia and the Tyrrhenian Sea, since a unit which can be in one cannot possibly be in the other. "Liv" can indicate both "Livonia" and "Liverpool"; the names of the surrounding areas will tell which is meant. (However, "A Liv holds" will not be used for a hold order; either "A Liverpool" or "A Livonia" will be spelled out in full.) The Gulf of Bothnia and the Gulf of Lyons will be respectively abbreviated as "Bct" and "Lyo".

Ten players had moves come in late for the past two issues of GRAUSTARK. This refers only to orders that arrived before 1 April. They are:

<u>From</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>Postmarked</u>	<u>Arrived</u>	
Forsyth, MI	20 Feb.	6 Feb.	17 Feb.*	24 Feb.	* - This letter
Boston, MA	20 Feb.	- - -	17 Feb.	24 Feb.	was also post-
Baltimore, MD	20 Feb.	17 Feb.	17 Feb.	24 Feb.	marked 19 Feb.
Mosinee, WI	20 Feb.	- - -	17 Feb.	24 Feb.	in Kansas City,
Baltimore, MD	20 March	3 March	5 March	24 March	MO.
Binghampton, NY	20 March	4 March	5 March	24 March	
Trenton, NJ	20 March	4 March	5 March	24 March	
"Western Nassau", NY	20 March	5 March	5 March	24 March	
New York, NY	20 March	5 March	6 March	24 March	
Los Angeles, CA	20 March	17 March	17 March	23 March	

A number of letters postmarked around 5 March, including the above-mentioned Diplomacy moves, did not get here until the 24th. This is certainly a fault of the U. S. Postal "Service" rather than of the players, and has been known to happen before.

This problem with the 533rd issue, whose deadline was 20 March, arrived in coincidence with the annual Lunacon, the biggest regional science-fiction convention in the east. My wife was in charge of the convention suite, and drove up on Thursday. I planned to start printing the remaining pages of #533 right after class, get it into the mail by evening, and run up on the train.

This haste precluded calls to collect missing moves, even if the players would have been likely to be home at the time available to me. (Besides, some of the late moves were changes of moves already in, and of course I had no idea that move changes were on the way.) So I put the entire issue together by 9:45 PM, dropped them in the mail - and then collapsed from weariness, and didn't go up to the convention in a northern suburb until Saturday morning.

And, as you know, GRAUSTARK #533 was badly cramped. Much of the spacing, and almost all of the press releases had to be squeezed out. An error in 1986AF had to be straightened out in hasty postcards to 6 players and 2 stand-bys, as soon as Peter La Rocco called my attention to it.

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PRESS RELEASES

1984I0

GERMANY to ITALY: I'm getting bored.

1985CA

GERMANY to ENGLAND: Do you really want to concede to Austria?

1985HD

GERMANY to RUSSIA: Our allaince worked well, but now I think you could use some opposition. Perhaps we can supply it.

GERMANY to FRANCE: On to Moscow!

GERMANY to ITALY: Why not join us? We need your help.

1985HF

PARIS to LONDON or CLEVELAND: When this Dutch boy goes so does his fleet in the dyke.

PARIS to MCS & ANK: I'm ready to concede a two way draw to you two. What do you say we end this farce?

1985HL

WOODMERE to John: Did you ever get a new set of loves F Apu-Ven, A Rom S F Apu-Ven.

BROOKLYN (United Rabble Rousing Press): Yes - four days late!

1986AF

LONDON: Some poems written by six and seven year old schoolchildren about the world as they see it, and submitted to B. L. U. R. T. (British Linguistic Utterance Respiratory Theatre) by their tracher Agatha Frumph:

(1.) There once flourished a land called Austria

Whose growth, annually, became costlier

To her allies and friends

(Who all plotted her ends)

Till her people cried out, "Oh lost we are!"

(2.) I see London, I see France

When will Italy take that chance?

I wish I may, I wish I might

See some centro-European fight.

(3.) Turkey ain't perky, what a crusher in Russia,

But Germany stays, for many days.

ANAKHIT, SKANDALUTZ (URRP): Memorandum: From: Ministress of Culture.

To: Prime Ministress.

Subject: Prospective decay of British literary standards.

If the enclosed compositions from London are at all indicative of what British literary standards are coming to, it might be a good idea, beginning about 10 years from now, to ban British participation in the Skandalous Annual Outdoor Erotic Verse Competition.

1986AM

TURKEY to RUSSIA: We have to face the fact that everyone distrusts our alliance. Even when France is their real enemy!

CONSTANTINOPLE to BERLIN: Why are you stabbing the person who saved you from Italian occupation?

RUSSIA to GERMANY: "The Glare," Ben I think you had better watch out for the "GLINT" behind you.

RUSSIA to ITALY: Hold on lad the cavalry might be coming!

Chin up!

Stiff upper lip!

Steady on

RUSSIA to WORLD: Russian scientists discover Nuclear Parchesi Board. (Details to follow.)

1986AV

BERLIN: Freedom of the Sea!

CONSTANTINOPLE to WORLD: His Imperial Highness the Sultan deplors the lack of press in the last two moves. Where are the insults, where the cruel and cutting jibes? Where are the lies and innuendoes? For Allah's sake, gentlemen!

At the very least, we should have a steady flow of indignant denials...

1986CW

VIENNA to WORLD: "Stop!" yelled Der Rote Kriegspieler, but to no avail. Russia soldiers let go of the two lines and swarmed toward DER WEINMACHT. The tow lines, which are used to help land the great Airship, were now free. DER WEINMACHT began to rise as DRK screamed to the commander, "Get help!". Commander Micheal Cogley started the motors, evading both German and Russian bullets. Several Germans were dead on board but seventy Russians were dead below. DER WEINMAXTH turned for Berlin...

VIENNA to WORLD: Two of Kaiser Steve's most respected advisors will be Austria-Hungary's judges in The Great Wine Competition. The names of these two men are Ernst Voss and Wilhelm Stahl. Kaiser Steve wishes the best to all the parties involved.

DRK to WORLD: Hour later, in a Russian held castle outside of Konigsberg, Nickolas (Nikki) tells DRK his plan. "You are correct, DRK, Tsar Mike knows nothing of this. I want to rid the world of Burgundian Colored Water and Pinot Grand Fenwick!", "Gasp!" said DRK. Then Nikki added "Then I will replace them with Imperial Russian Vodka. Ha Ha Ha!" "He is mad," thought DRK "he is trying to destroy the only thing that is worth anything in Europe...Our Wine!". Nickolas continued "I intend to march to Munich and seize the Judges of The Great Wine Competition, holding them hostage until I alone have mastery over the great wines of Europe and the peoples that produce them!". "But what about the Tsar?" asked DRK. "Then, my friend, I shall be Tsar!" answered Nickolas. Nickolas added "And you shall stay in this castle and ROT, old friend!..."

KAISER STEVE to anyone who cares: Did you know that those stupid dots on the board are places where wine is either produced or stores? Now that I've solved that great mystery why doesn't Burgundy have a big ol' dot? Because Burgundian color water is just that, COLORED WATER!

This is

ITALY to WORLD: Deepest apologies from Pope, who realizes Vatican should not meddle in temporal affairs. Pope should have realized that often visions from drinking Pinot Grand Fenwick not necessarily religious ones. Pope is pleased to see England getting along so well with France, and France with Germany, and wishes them well. He assures his fellow potentates that any ships at sea or dust-clouds on land coming from Italy will contain merely Franciscans, Poor Clares, and Claretians (from Popé's Own Order).

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O Optic
N Nerves

ITALY to GERMANY: Remember who your friends are!

ISTANBUL: I am writing to inform you of Turkey's decision to boycott the impending wine competition to be held under Austrian auspices in Munich, Germany, in the Spring 03. The Turkish Govern-

ment feels that the brutal military dictatorship of DER RAT, the Austrian warlord, will use the occasion to gain international recognition and prestige for his totalitarian state. The Turkish Foreign Office has been assigned the duty of informing all other European powers, including the so-called "Four And A Half Kingdoms," of this decision, and to urge all civilized states to join in the boycott.

Therefore, we ask you to use your good offices with The Four And A Half Kingdoms to relay this information, and to convey in the strongest possible terms Turkey's desire to see as complete a boycott of this event. Turkey has of course informed the German Empire that it intends no lack of respect for Germany or the fair city of Munich (certainly no less respect than that shown by the apparently unilateral choice, by DER RAT, of the spiritual center of German beer production to be site of an international wine contest); the snub is intended for Austria only. Under these circumstances it is hoped that at least some of the Kingdoms will join with Turkey in making this anti-totalitarian statement.

The Turkish Coordinating Committee is said to be particularly upset and hurt by the offer by Skandalutz' Ministress of Trade to "hostess" the event. Turkey hopes this does not mean "taking control of the event away from DER RAT", since then the snub would be kind of pointless. The new Union of Turkish Republics feels a deep affinity for Skandalutz, and hopes that nation will reconsider its stance and join this action against the self-confessed admirer of the Brainless One ruling Washington, DC. The other Kingdoms are likewise encouraged to take a vigorous stand opposing the monomaniacal DER RAT.

The Turkish Government would like to hear from the Kingdoms as soon as possible so that appropriate press statements may be prepared in time for the Winter '02 moves.

ST. PETERSBURG to WORLD: Please be advised that, due to the recent modernization of the Imperial telegraph system, the Tsar's confidential secretary's new number is (907) 344-1422. The palace eunuch who answers will afford foreign diplomats 30 seconds of his time and will relate your message verbatim to one of Tsar Mikolos' many underlings!

RUSSIA to GERMANY: A thousand pardons! Apparently faulty compasses, sabotaged by revolutionary elements in the Empire's factories, led to the inadvertent movement into Silesia. An unfortunate mis-reading of a weather road sign caused Prussia to be mistaken for Russia, for which we apologize. We are confident the Tsar's troops were well behaved during their visit, and hope you are pleased with their new dispositions.

CONSTANTINOPLE to WORLD: The Turkish Government, after much discussion, has decided to boycott the wine competition to be held under Austrian auspices in the Spring '03. Turkey feels that the totalitarian military dictatorship of DER RAT will attempt to garner international recognition and prestige through participation in this event, and in no way could the Turkish Government help this to happen. Turkey urges all civilized states to consider joining in this repudiation of the "conservative nincompoop in Vienna."

TURKISH PUP DOG to DER RAT: Woof, Woof!

CONSTANTINOPLE to WORLD: I have discovered that postal service is very inconsistent in this town. One letter from Pat Harkin took 12 days to get here. I don't know if that is because I've just moved here, or if the same problem exists for outgoing mail (unlikely since GRAUSTARK only took 2-3 days to get to Shutesbury), but if the situation doesn't improve I will perhaps see about getting a post office box. Turkey asks all players to have patience and to write early.

HARD TIMES IN CAPITAL (reprinted from Constantinople Crescent): The United Turkish Peoples Republic (or whatever it is we are calling it these days) is undergoing a period intense poverty and privation. Due to the combined onslaughts of DER RAT, Popëster lachta, and Tsar Mikolas, all intercourse with the West has been cut off, and Turkey has been forced to rely on her extensive Middle Eastern possessions for food, fuel, and ammunition. Neighborhood committees have sprung up to ensure that all citizens will receive at least a bare minimum of the stuff of life, and to keep a watchful eye on hoarders and black marketeers. The sailors of the Turkish Black Sea

Fleet, while victorious over the Tsarist forces in the recent battle of Shar-el-Mazhou, have been forced to scuttle their ships to prevent capture by the enemy, due to lack of coal, powder, and shells. All citizens are urged to "tighten their belts and keep their spirits up; the Government is doing all it can to bring about a reversal of fortunes." Turkish diplomats are said to be scouring Europe for allies against DER RAT.

DEATH WATCH IN VIENNA (reprinted from Constantinople Crescent): Kaiser Steve, the titular head of the Austrian Empire, is said to have slipped into a coma over the weekend. The Kaiser's health has been poor for years, and the recent smuggling scandal involving DER RAT (dubbed Ratgate) appears to have taken its toll. The court physician held out no hope for Steve, saying, "His brain is gone. Kaput! It's all over now but the waiting." For all practical purposes the decline of the Kaiser will make no difference in the affairs of state of the Slave Empire, as all power has for several years been held by DER RAT; a reactionary, Charismatic Lieut. Colonel in the Austrian Army. The Turkish Government, which for decades maintained good relations with Kaiser Steve's Dual Monarchy, expressed its sadness over the recent developments, and hopes the eventual overthrowing of DER RAT's regime could once again lead to an Austro-Turkish entente.

ANAKHIT, SKANDALUTZ (URRP): To a huge crowd of Skandals and foreigners at the 1902 Winter Solstice Festival, the Prime Ministress of this Ancient Matrairchy announced the schedule of the International Wine-Tasting Competition, to be held after the 1903 vintage is gathered in. "As hosts," she said, "the Kingdom of Skandalutz will of course offer no wine for the competition. However, there will be ample quantities of such well-known Skandalous wines as Wahrliebfraumilch, Dirndler Nacktarsch, and Wartewürdige Spätlese. Her Majesty the Queen has named as the two Skandalous judges the Ministress of Trade, Frederika Handel, and Lady Ursula Falstaff, who is descended from an old English family that has been settled in Skandalutz for many generations."

ROMA TEMPORARIA (URRP): Emperor Rubicundus, who recently succeeded Emperor Bibulus in a coup by the Praetorian Guard, announced that the Temporary Roman Empire would send to Skandalutz, as judges in the wine contest, his nephew Biberius Caldius Mero and the Quasitor Pintus Quartius Gallo.

WOGASTISBURGER-NEUSTADT (URRP): Grand Duke Gořboduc XIV today appointed, as judges from the Grand Duchy of Wogastisburg-Schlampenbüttel, his nephew, Prince Gurgustius and Kasperle Schlückl, Minority Leader in the Landnacht. "With any luck," he is said to have remarked to the Landgravine of Kitzelfürth, "neither of them will be able to find his way back after all that wine."

POLYKARPOLIS (URRP): The Patriarch nominated two members of the High School of Cardinals to represent the Pravoslavnian Patrimony of Polykarp as judges of the wine-tasting contest. Cardinal de St.-Louis and Cardinal Numba will serve as this theocracy's representatives at the competition in Skandalutz, although the Patriarch has sternly warned them to return before the Winter Solstice Festival.

DRZUNKDUMP (URRP): King Lajos XIX, absolute monarch of Pundschruck and head of the De Dzenrut Dynasty, announced that the Kingdom of Pundschruck would send to Skandalutz, as judges for the wine-tasting contest, Koloman Bayazid Giuseppe von Hockfleish-Piroshky and Kasimir Toivo Ashraf von und zu Argel und Bargel. These two members of the Royal Corps of Procurers of Various Things came of families that had been ennobled by the present king's grandfather, Velesh II, but whom the College of Heralds have never bothered to issue arms, so there is some doubt as to whether they will be regarded as nobility in their travels. This is an important matter in the more class-conscious of The Four And A Half Kingdoms, though Skandalutz pays little attention to "patriarchal titles".

STEVEN CURRIE to WORLD: The press in Issue (GRAUSTARK) #533 was not mine. I believe my build and press were mixed up with some other game. I don't need to tell you how upset I am. I hope that this is cleared up by this Issue.

BROOKLYN (URRP): Unfortunately, this press release was printed with 1986CW when it should have been part of 1986HI. It appears with the press releases for that game in this issue.

VIENNA to WORLD: Of course, what Nickolas forgot was that all old German castles have secret doors and passages. As our hero sat on his bed the bed shifted. Suddenly DRK was plummeting down a chute right into the moat! Climbing out, DRK made his way to the nearest village, got a horse, and rode to Konigsberg. DER WEINMACHT was waiting. The Fenwickian longbowman had cleared Konigsberg of Russian troops. DRK gathered the Longbowman together and said, "We are returning to Vienna, Tsar Mike must hear of this!". Two hours later the Airship DER WEINMACHT turned for Vienna...

VIENNA to POME: As a gift to the New Roman Empire, on its second anniversary, Kaiser Steve gives Italy clear title to Greece, assuming Austria-Hungary now controls the Aegean Sea.

VIENNA: The Great Wine Competition: Austrian Judges Ernst Voss and Wilhelm Stahl have chosen Pinot Grand Fenwick unanimously over all other wines. Congratulations to all.

ANAKHIT, SKANDALUTZ (URRP): Two judges from California today arrived to take part in the forthcoming wine judging competition. They are Ms. Muffie Perrier, a comparison mall shopper, and Bruce Yuppington, a cash-register programmer. "We just had to speak up for California's own Pinot Grand Fenwick," said Yuppington. "I am certain that we can be just as objective about our wines as the Austrian judges are about theirs."

"Gag me with a spoon!" Ms. Perrier exclaimed, staring at the Royal Palace. "Who are those bitchin' dudes in the mad threads, standin' outside that grody old mall? Li'l Muffie's gonna hafta meet some a them studs, fer shurrrr!"

1986HI

VIENNA: To the oppress people of Russia:

We the Government of Austria, think that it is high time to inform you of your governments, international acts of rape, pillage and plunder. But they are too numerous to name.

But the reprisal to their acts of international outrage. Has been a call to war by are government. Are best shock troops are even now being moved to the Front lines. And we ask are Allies to join us.

RUSSIA to AUSTRIA: We'll be back; with some friends.

RUSSIA to FRANCE: Please go after your uninvited Italian guests. Your Russian buddies expect to be having tea with Germans for awhile.

RUSSIA to WORLD: All we wanted was Sweden - no kidding!

AUSTRIA: Gone fishing!

1987AD

WIEN FREI LUX: Habsburgs Retire to Write Memoirs! Resign authority to leaders of the Intelmer Party (Intellectual Meritocracy). Armed forces go south to bring order & progress to the Retarded Balkans where they don't even have an Intelmer party!

TURKEY to Western Powers: Unless you want to deal with a Russian/Italian alliance later in the game, don't let me be destroyed.

BERLIN: Press release from Russia, Turkey, France, England, Germany, and Italy: Dear Ann Landers---What do you recommend when you can't read the handwriting of a play-by-mail opponent?

Dear R. T. F. E. G. I.---Tell him to type or print or die.

To: Austria-Hungary / From R. T. F. E. G. I.---Type or print or die.

ENGLAND to WORLD: His Majesty's Ministers have resigned, and the Royal Family abdicated, in favor of Thomas I, Warlord. The Warlord announced these measures would be temporary, and had only resulted because of French and German adventurism. Thomas I dissolved Parliament, declaring the extraordinary state of emergency threatened the very existence of Great Britain. Despite the best efforts of the diplomatic corps, the stench of froglegs and saurkraut being mobilized pervaded the very air of Europe. The Warlord ordered the Channel Fleet to occupy positions similar to those taken dur-

ing the Napoleonic Wars. The North Sea Fleet steamed out from Edinburgh, to the cheers of loyal Englishmen stirred by the crisis atmosphere. The Warlord expressed his hopes that an accomodation could be concluded with Germany or France, but noted this seemed dubious in light of messages reaching Whitehall from the Continent.

ENGLAND to GERMANY: The Warlord was most interested in the cryptic note received from Berlin. The matter has been referred to noted British experts to determine its meaning, if any. The Warlord hopes those in charge at Wilhelmstrasse will come to their senses, and begin negotiations with London.

ENGLAND to FRANCE: The Warlord is pleased to see that the French government has strong ties to Canada, as that government may need a home-in-exile, if current French intentions are carried out.

ROME (World Opinion Press): The Revolutionary Government announced today that the King (being dead at the time) was buried. Because of confusion of areas of responsibility, however, no one in the new Government is able to say certainly where the King is buried. (This reporter has Turin in the pool.) A search is being mounted in the Tyrole, where the late King (it is said) enjoyed the occasional nude frolic with small animals in lederhosen.

1985CT

LIVERPOOL: The Liverpool Home Guard has been called up to protect the Queen.

1984V

ENGLAND to ITALY: I gave you three fleets to play with against AH. But you blew one up. Therefore you have to go this turn! SORRY!!

ENGLAND to AH: Write soon!! I'm still waiting for your first letter containing your resignation.

1984ID

AH to TURKEY: Go home you big fat turkey. I bet I'll get to ANKARA before you do.

AH to GERMANY: Get out of FRANCE & FIGHT LIKE A REAL MAN AGAINST TURKEY.

AH to RUSSIA: Good Luck Sev is Next,

AH to FRANCE: THE TURKISH KNIFE WILL BE IN YOUR BACK SHORTLY. DON'T FORGET I told you so.

1984IO - LATE DESPATCH

GERMANY to TURKEY: Please don't make this any more painful than it has to be.

1985CA - LATE DESPATCH

TURKEY to AUSTRIA: You certainly deserve to win. Good luck.

1985CA - LATE DESPATCH

ROME: "Gee, the Pope said, what a great bar! Lots of sacramental wine, and I was still able to get my moves in for Spring 1908. That bottle of "Old Ronald Reagan" really cleared things up for me."

1985HD - LATE DESPATCH

GERMANY to FRANCE: It was nice working with you this time, but it looks like it's too late.

GERMANY to RUSSIA: Congratulations on a nicely played game. Our alliance worked well, for you at least.

1986AV - LATE DESPATCHES

ENGLAND to WORLD: Once more the German people have proven, that they have a world consuming hunger.

Along with their bootlace allies, they have set upon a campaign of rape pillage and plunder, against the French people. A truly blasphemous act, of a savage people.

And now German fleets stand ready to disrupt English shipping in the North Sea.

The time has come for England to make a stand. No more will we stand by and watch the little people of the world, be oppressed by the low life of the world. So England declares open war on Germany and Italy.

LONDON to CONSTANTINOPLE: We are declaring a war zone of the nation's, Germany and Italy and all sea zones around them.

ST. PETERSBURG: The Tsar awaits all offers. His troops are for sale.

ROME: The Italian government wishes to announce the freeing of the Portuguese people in its war against French aggression.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY to WORLD: Recently the Emperor awoke from his afternoon nap and suddenly declared "I have been lax and have not acted forcefully in quite some time, and with my beloved Trieste still in Italian hands. I must rouse myself and restore my empire to a position of prominence in Europe." New diplomatic initiatives will be forthcoming.

DEADLINES AND LIVE PRESS RELEASES (continued from p. 3)

All the games up for concession or draw votes still continue, as in none of them was the necessary unanimity obtained. Under the circumstances, I called for a vote in only one game for this turn, a draw in 19857. The games in which concessions are up may just as well go on to the end, which in most cases is a victory by the power to which a concession was refused. As for draws, let the hold-outs try to win these games. Maybe in 2 or 3 game years they'll see things rather differently.

It is once again necessary to point out that the rules of Diplomacy provide for only one variety of draw: a draw voted by unanimous consent by all the players in the game, and among all of them. (See Rule II.) There is no such thing as a "two-player draw" in a game with more than two players. In such games, all proposals for a draw, or votes on a draw, will be construed by the Gamesmaster as meaning legal draws only.

With the increased need for stand-bys, most have been called on at least once in recent weeks. GRAUSTARK's present stand-by list consists of the following people. A "*" indicates one game in which the stand-by is presently involved, and "/" indicates a stand-by who has been called on as a result of a missed move in the last issue. If you would like your name added to or removed from this list, please let me know. A stand-by who is dropped from any game for missing moves is removed from the stand-by list.

Ben Austin*
Warren Ball*
Robin Scott Barbehenn#
Alan Blaine#
Anthony Brooks*
Jack Carli
Lawrence Chafetz#
Steven Currie
Curtis Gibson#

Jeffrey L. Hoffman##
John Jordan*
Robert Bryan Lipton
Tarlach MacNiallais*
Vincent Manna*
Dick Martin*
Jim McCarthy
Jack McHugh*
Ronald Meldrum#

Thomas Plachta*
Michael Quirk*
John Rigley#
Scott Ruffing#
David E. Schwartz
Larry Sims*
Scott R. Skellie*
Alan Stewart#
Eric Verheiden*

A stand-by need only keep his or her subscription current. If a player misses a move, a stand-by will be called upon. If the present player misses a second consecutive move, the stand-by's move will be used instead, and the stand-by will take over control of that position in the game.

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* F U C K R U S S I A ! *

* Join the Marines *

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1986CW

"Spring 1903"

THE SLOW SQUEEZE BEGINS

The Italian "Fall 1902" move "A Pie-Mar" should have been underlined as impossible, as should the Italian "F Wes-Spa(s.c.)."

ENGLAND (Harkin): F Den-Hel; F Nth S F Den-Hel; A Swe-Den; F Nrg-Nwy; F Edi-Nrg; F Mid S FRENCH F Por-Spa(s.c.).

FRANCE (Pribe): F Mar-Lyo; F Por-Spa(s.c.); A Bur-Mar; A Gas S A Bur-Mar; A Bre-Pic.

GERMANY (Kandare): F Kie-Bal; A Hol-Kie; F Hel & A Mun S A Hol-Kie; A Bel holds.

ITALY (Plachta): F Wes-Spa(s.c.); A Apu holds; F Ion S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Gre-Aeg; A Pie-Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Currie): F Gre-Aeg; A Ser S A Bul; A Bud S RUSSIAN F Rum; A Vie S A Gal((sic; no such unit exists)); A Gal S RUSSIAN A War; A Bul S RUSSIAN A Sev-Con.

RUSSIA (Sargent): F Bal holds; A War-Gal; A Sev-Rum; F Rum-Bul(e.c.); F Bla S F Rum-Bul(e.c.).

TURKEY (Schenck): A Con S RUSSIAN F Rum-Bul(e.c.); A Ank S A Con; F Aeg-Gre.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Bul-Gre, and the German F Hel is dislodged and annihilated. Turkey must retreat F Aeg-Smy or -Eas, or remove the unit. The Turkish player should phone in the direction of this retreat AT ONCE, and the gamesmaster will pass it on to the Russian, Austro-Hungarian, and Italian players. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 15 MAY 1987.

Readers are assured that Garret Schenck's ancestral home really does stand on the fourth floor of the Brooklyn Museum; I have seen it there many times. It is the oldest house still standing in New York City, and the old Dutch families are, I am glad to say, still with us. I am a descendant in the tenth generation of a Dutch Puritan named Resolved Waldron, though nothing stands of his farmhouse, which was located where the main branch of Irving Trust now stands, just south of Wall Street. (John Leeder, a postal Diplomacy publisher in Canada, is also descended from Sherriff Waldron, a notable persecutor of the Quakers in Governor Stuyvesant's time. However, John's branch of the family took the wrong side of a certain disturbance in 1776, and had to leave town hurriedly a few years later.)

Earlier press releases have already been printed on pp. 5-8, thus making it impossible for me to meet the requests of some players to postpone some of them.

DUCHY OF GRAND FENWICK to WORLD (via Berlin): The combined delegations of Germany and the Duchy of Grand Fenwick, arriving in Skandalutz on the balloon Der Weinmacht II, were met by thousands of cheering people. Attending the contest are many famous people from Germany and the Duchy: Kaiser John and his wife, the Duchess Helen of Grand Fenwick; General von Bülow, Quartermaster-General-General to the German General Staff; David Bentner, leader of the loyal opposition in the Fenwickian parliament, the House of Freedom; and Count Rupert of Mountjoy, the Prime Minister of the Duchy of Grand

Fenwick. Also present are several wine makers from the Duchy. With them the delegation brought several cases of Pinot Grand Fenwick, which all are confident will soon be named the premier wine in all of Europe.

The threat of a possible Anglo-German war has not affected the festivities here at all. Kaiser John was quoted as saying, "We believe it is in the best interests of all Europe for Germany to strive for peace with England." He would not comment on the veracity of persistent rumors that claim Germany is planning to invade Denmark, saying he did not wish to mar the fun of the wine competition. More news about the wine competition here in Skandalutz will be reported in an upcoming article.

DUCHY OF GRAND FENWICK to WORLD (via Berlin): The Duchy of Grand Fenwick's delegates hereby vote for Pinot Grand Fenwick!

GERMAN GENERAL STAFF to WORLD: A peace treaty has been signed by Germany and Russia. Long live the Tsar!

GERMANY to ITALY: I think that you should have sent the "Reminder Wine" to our friend in Vienna. I do appreciate the thought, however.

CONSTANTINOPLE Crescent: ODESSA REVOLUTION SPREADING! Last fall's revolt in Odesa, though initially suppressed by the brutal Cossacks of Tsar Mikolas, seems during the Winter to have spread to other regions of Russia. Raising high the Red banner, the so-called "Workers' Soviet" have seized power over much of Russia and are said to be even now marching on Moscow.

TURKEY to WORLD: Turkey today made public its decision to boycott the wine "competition" to be held shortly in Munich, Germany. All civilized States (except England, which by its actions has demonstrated it is a nation of barbarians) have been informed of this decision, which was made only after intense discussions at the highest levels of the Turkish Government. Turkey feels the totalitarian military dictatorship of DER RAT will try to use the event to garner international recognition and prestige. In no way will Turkey participate in or otherwise aid this Propaganda effort of the German/Austrian coalition,

1984ID

"Fall 1911"

NOT QUITE OVER YET

Following "Spring 1911" moves, France retreated F Mid-Iri.

ENGLAND (J. Jordan): F Liv-Iri; F Edi-Nrg; F Lon-Nth.

FRANCE (D. Martin): F Iri-Wal; F Den-Kie; A Gas-Par; A Bur & A Bre S A Gas-Par.

GERMANY (Cameron): A Pic-Bre; A Par-Bur; A Mun S A Par-Bur; A Sil S A Pru; A Pru S A Sil; F Eng S FRENCH F Den-Nth.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brooks): A Ser-Bul; A Boh-Gal.

RUSSIA (Verheiden): A St.P S A Nwy; A Nwy S A St.P.

TURKEY (Addison): F Nrg-"Nor"((sic)); A Liv-St.P; A Mos S A Liv-St.P; A Gal S A War; A Bul-Ser; A Bud S A Bul-Ser; A Vie & A War hold; F Adr-Tri; F Apu-Ven; F Pie-Lyo; F Tun-NAF; A Tyr-Pie; F Mid-Por; F Wes-Mid.

Underlined moves are not possible. France must retreat A Bur-Gas, -Mar, -Ruh, or -Bel, and Austria-Hungary must retreat A Ser-Rum, -Gre, or -Alb. The directions of these retreats should be sent in with the "Winter 1911" orders, which may be made conditional upon them. (They will have to be very conditional, since in some cases the retreats will determine possessions of supply centers.) The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

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

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Hol, Mun. (4)

FRANCE: Bre, Den, Kie, Mar, Par, Spa. (6)

RUSSIA: Nwy, St.P. (2)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Nap, Por, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Tun, Smy, Ven, Vie, War. (18)

At first glance it might look as if Turkey has won. However, the three underlined supply centers might end up in different hands after those retreats. If France retreats "A Bur-Bel", Belgium will become a French supply center, while if Austria-Hungary retreats "A Ser-Rum" or "A Ser-Gre", then Austria-Hungary rather than Turkey will have control of the selected supply center.

Turkey may build two new units, and England and France may each build one. (If France retreats A Bur-Mar it will have no open home supply centers and therefore no builds. (A French seizure of Belgium would by this same token not give France a second build.) If Austria-Hungary retreats to Rumania or Greece, it will have to remove one unit, while if the Austro-Hungarian player chooses to retreat A Ser-Alb or remove that unit, the game ends forthwith as a Turkish victory. Germany must remove 2 units, or 3 if France retreats A Bur-Bel. The deadline for these "Winter 1911" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 15 MAY 1987. There are press releases on p. 9.

Readers are reminded that with 1984ID will end the GRAUSTARK subscriptions of Anthony Brooks, Scott Cameron, Charles Gratto, Charles Hall, and Alan Stewart. (The subscription of Daniel Larose has already ended since two letters of inquiry to him have come back in the mail.)

1986AV

"Winter 1903-Spring 1904"

REICH FOILS INVASION PLAN

In "Winter 1903", Italy built F Nap. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Rigley): F Nth C FRENCH A Bel-Den; F Nwy S F Nth; A Swe S FRENCH A Bel-Den; F Eng-Bre; A Fin-St.P.

FRANCE (Drakert): A Bel-Den; A Mar-Bur; A Par-Bre; F Tus-Lyo; F Wes-Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Campbell): F Den-Nth; F Hel & F Hol S F Den-Nth; A Pic-Bel; A Ruh S A Pic-Bel.

ITALY (Ball): F Nap-Ion; F Tyr S F Nap-Ion; F Rom S F Tyr; A Ven-Tyr; F Por-Mid; A Tri-Bud.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Knapp): A Vie-Tri; A Ser S A Vie-Tri; A Bud S A Ser.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): F St.P(s.c.) holds; A Mos S F St.P(s.c.); A Liv-Pru; F Sev-Bla; F Rum S F Sev-Bla.

TURKEY (Hurley): F Bla-Rum; A Con-Bul; F Aeg-Ion; A Gre-Ser; A Alb S A Gre-Ser.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian A Ser and the French A Bel are dislodged and annihilated. Turkey must retreat F Bla-Con, -Ank, or -Arm, and England must retreat F Nth-Ska, -Nrg, -Edi, -Yor or -Lon. The directions of these retreats should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 1 MAY 1987. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 15 MAY 1987. Earlier press releases appear on pp. 5 and 10.

LONDON: Once more the Lord Admiral has used his fleets to the up most. And is fast clearing the sea's of Hostile shipping.

CONSTANTINOPLE: The Sultan is keenly disappointed in his Italian allies. While fervently hoping he still enjoys their support, he is taking the necessary precautions.

1985CT

"Winter 1907"

ENGLAND (Chafetz): Removes dislodged F Den; builds A Liv.

GERMANY (Skellie): Builds A Ber.

FRANCE (Addison): Builds F Bre.

TURKEY (Quarto): Builds A Ank.

For press releases see p. 9

The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 15 MAY 1987.

1985HL

"Winter 1906"

Following "Fall 1906" moves Turkey retreated F Tyr-Tus.

ENGLAND (MacNiallais): Builds F Lon, A Liv. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thornsen): Builds A Tri.
 ITALY (Palter): Removes F Apu. TURKEY (Drakert): Removes A Bul.
 The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 15 MAY 1987. Earlier press releases appear on p. 4.

WOODMERE: My fate is in my hands. I can kill the mailman. Isn't it nice to kill mailmen. It is good and right to kill mailmen.

1986AM

"Spring 1904"

"LET'S ALL JUMP RUSSIA!"

ENGLAND (Hurwitz): F Nrg-Nwy; F Nth & F Bar S F Nrg-Nwy.

FRANCE (Barents): A Mar-Pie; A Tus S A Mar-Pie; F Wes-Tun; A Pic holds; F Bre-Mid;
 F Nap-Rom; F Tyr S F Nap-Rom.

GERMANY (Austin): A Den-Liv; F Bal C A Den-Liv; A Pru S A Den-Liv; A Kie-Den; A Sil-Mun.

ITALY (P. Martin): A Tyr-Tri; A Ven S A Tyr-Tri; F Tun-Wes.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Ball): A Vie-Gal; A Ser-Rum; A Bud S A Ser-Rum; A Tri-Ser.

RUSSIA (Dolan): A Gal-War; A War-Pru; A Ukr-Mos; A Rum-Bul; A Nwy-Swe; F Swe-Bot;
F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy.

TURKEY (Skellie): A Con-Bul; F Gre S A Con-Bul; F Smy-Aeg; A Ank-Smy; F Adr S ITALIAN
 A Ven.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia must retreat A Rum-Sev or -Ukr; the direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by FRIDAY 1 MAY 1987. It will be sent to the Turkish, Austro-Hungarian, and German players. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 15 MAY 1987. Earlier press releases appear on pp. 4-5.

RUSSIA to AUSTRIA: What I said in my last letter still goes I need you as much as you do me.

RUSSIA to TURKEY: I can't understand why you want me to move into Bul, but I'm willing to try anything once.

RUSSIA to GERMANY: Eat S and die.

RUSSIA to ENGLAND: Marc it's not to late. Looks to me like France is getting ready to "Protect his Northern intrests".

TURKEY to ITALY: Keep in contact. We may still have something to talk about.

1985H

"Spring 1909"

THE WEAK GO TO THE WALL

The English order "F Nwy-St.P(n.c.)" in "Fall 1908" should have been und

ENGLAND (Stewart): F Wes-Lyo; F Ion-Aeg; F Nap-Ion; F Tyr S F Nap-Ion; A Rom-Nap;
 F Nth holds; F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); F Liv-Tri; A Edi-Liv.

GERMANY (Verheiden): A Hol S A Bel; A Bel S A Hol; F Hel-Den; A Swe-Ber; F Bal C A
 Swe-Ber; A Mun-Tyr; A Boh-Gal; A War & A Sil S A Boh-Gal; A Liv S A Mos; A Mos
 S ENGLISH F Nwy-St.P(n.c.).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (P. Martin): A Ven-Tri.

RUSSIA (Sims): A St.P-Mos; A Sev S TURKISH A Rum-Ukr; A Vie S TURKISH A Gal.

TURKEY (McHugh): F Aeg-Gre; F Eas-Ion; F Con-Aeg; F Bla-Con; A Rum-Ukr; F Apu S F Eas-Ion; A Gal-War; A Tyr-Mun; A Tri-Ven; F Adr S A Tri-Ven.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A St.P-Fin. Turkey must retreat A Gal-Bud or -Rum and Austria-Hungary must retreat A Ven-Tus or -Pie; any dislodged unit may alternatively be removed. These retreats should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 1 MAY 1987; all players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1909" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 15 MAY 1987. The vote for a draw again fails of unanimity, and will not be proposed again until the situation clarifies.

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And, at the last minute before the deadline, a rather extensive change of moves has come in from Turkey. The new Turkish moves are:

TURKEY: A Tri-Ven; F Adr S A Tri-Ven; A Tyr S A Tri-Ven; F Aeg-Ion; F Apu & F Eas S F Aeg-Ion; F Bla-Con; F Con-Bul(s.c.).

There are no changes in the adjudications for or moves of the other powers, except that the English F Ion is dislodged and must retreat to Greece, Albania, or Tunis, or be removed. The English player should send the direction of this retreat by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL.

ANKARA to LONDON and BERLIN: Come & get me! I'm going for a win & will stop for no one!

1985CA

"Fall 1908"

MOST POWERFUL EMPIRE ON BOARD FINALLY GETS A BUILD

ENGLAND (Bragdon): A Bel-Ruh; A Hol S A Bel-Ruh; A Yor-Bel; F Nth C A Yor-Bel; F Den-Kie; F Bal S F Den-Kie; A Sil-War; F St.P(n.c.) holds.

FRANCE (Petty): A Spa-Gas; A Bre S A Spa-Gas; F Mar holds.

GERMANY (Quirk): F Ber-Kie; A Ruh-Bel; A Bur S A Ruh-Bel; A Tyr-Mun; A Gas-Bre.

ITALY (Plachta): A Ven, A Par, F Ion, F Adr & F Tun hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Foster): A Ank-Smy; A Con S A Ank-Smy; A Pru-Ber; A Liv-Pru; A Gal-Boh; A Vie & A Ser S A Tri; A Tri S A Vie; F Gre-Ion.

TURKEY (D. Martin): F Smy-Aeg.

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

ENGLAND: Bel, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv,

Lon, Nwy, St.P, Swe, War. (11)

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

GERMANY: Ber, Mun. (2)

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos,

Rm, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Vie. (12)

England may build three new units and Austria-Hungary may build one. (Austria-Hungary would have two more builds, and France would have one, but no home supply centers are available for them.) Germany must remove 2 units, and the last Turkish unit is also removed. These "Winter 1908" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by FRIDAY 1 MAY 1987; all players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1909" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 15 MAY 1987. A draw has been proposed, and all players should send in votes for or against this proposal. There are press releases on pp. 4 and 9.

NEW GAME OPENS!

As of yesterday, a seventh new game entry came in, and so negotiations can get started in the second new GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy game of this year. Players are:

ENGLAND: Mark Follmer, 51 Biltmore Dr., Mastic Beach, N. Y. 11951; 516-281-8715
 FRANCE: Matthew Grasse, 1871 Putnam Ave., Ridgewood, N. Y. 11385; 718-381-4822
 GERMANY: Christopher A. Grodewald, RR 2, Box 591, Highland Lakes, N. J. 07422;
 201-764-3061
 ITALY: Scott Fader, 97-B White St., Eatontown, N. J. 07724; 201-389-3457
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Jack Carli, 4030 E. 64th St., Anchorage, Alaska 99507-2027
 RUSSIA: Jack McHugh, Apt. 6, 730 Union St., Allentown, Penn. 18101-2212; 215-433-3798
 TURKEY: Ron Meldrum, Room 314, Gannett Hall, University of Maine, Orono, Maine 04469

So that players may set up their negotiations and become acquainted with one another, the deadline for "Spring 1901" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 12 JUNE 1987. If any player does not already have the rules for postal Diplomacy, which were last published in GRAUSTARK #525, he should send for a copy at once. Any player who has not already sent in his telephone number or his nine-digit ZIP code should do so to facilitate communication. Your local post office can furnish you with your nine-digit ZIP code.

With this issue I am asking Steve Heinowski to send a Boardman Number for this game. If possible, I will print it in the next GRAUSTARK, and players should thereafter use it in communications with one another and with me. Until then, just call it "the new GRAUSTARK game".

New games are still available in GRAUSTARK. The game fee is \$20, and includes a subscription as long as the game lasts. With your entry fee, send in a list of the countries that you want to play, in your order of preference, and I will put you as close to the top of that list as I can. Of the five people in the above game who did so, three got their first choices; more would have, except that three people gave Turkey as their first choices.

FRESH BLOOD

In addition to the new readers who have signed up for the above game, the following people have recently written in asking for information on postal Diplomacy:

Ed Czechowski Jr., 3306 Elm St., Toledo, Ohio 43608
 John B. Lenthe, 242 Gleaves Rd., Springfield, Penn. 19064
 Shlomo Mantz, #705, 2501 Amsterdam Ave., New York, N. Y. 10033
 Paul A. Mraz, #3, 1611 Laguna St., Concord, Calif. 94520
 Bob Rademaker, 5625 Trego, The Colony, Texas 75056
 David Stone, U. S. Embassy, Port of Spain, Trinidad, c/o Department of State, Washington, D. C. 20520
 Richard Tucker, 1712 Francis Ave., Metairie, La. 70003; 504-455-2935
 James P. Turpin, 420 Wharton Dr., Newark, Del. 19711
 David Williams, 1545 Peachtree Lane, Hatfield, Penn. 19440

1985HF

"Winter 1907"

Following "Fall 1907" moves Russia retreated A Pic-Ven, F Den-Bal.
 ENGLAND (MacNiallais): Removes F Nrg. RUSSIA (Austin): Builds A War, A Sev.
 FRANCE (McHugh): Removes A Naf. TURKEY (Rosen): Builds F Con, F Smy.
 The deadline for "Spring 1908" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 15 MAY 1987.

FRANCE to TURKEY: When do you start to move on Russia? You promised me action last turn.

(Earlier press releases appear on p. 4.)

1985H - MISPRINT CORRECTION

Two of Jack McHugh's revised Turkish moves were left out of the 1985H report on pp. 14-15. They were not included in the correction and presumably remain as they were originally submitted: "A Gal-War; A Rum-Ukr".

1986AF

"Fall 1904"

TEUTONIC POWERS SQUARE OFF

The Russian units were incorrectly listed in the "Spring 1904" reports which appeared in the last issue. There was no "A Livonia", as it had been removed rather than retreated from Moscow in "Fall 1903". Since the "F Sev" was dislodged and removed in "Spring 1904", "A St.P" is the sole remaining Russian unit.

Nunzio Paul Schembari has resigned as France owing to pressure of academic work, and is succeeded by Jeffrey L. Hoffman, who sent in stand-by "Fall 1904" moves.

Germany's "F Bot-Liv" succeeded in "Spring 1904" as a result of the correction of the Russian moves. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (La Rocco): A Lon-Nwy; F Nth C A Lon-Nwy; F Swe S A Lon-Nwy; F Mid S GERMAN
A Mar-Spa; F Eng-Pic; F Iri-Eng; A Bel S F Eng-Pic.

FRANCE (Hoffman): F Spa(s.c.) holds; A Pic S A Bre; A Bre S A Pic; A Par-Bur.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Pru-Ber; A Mun-Ber; A Boh-Tyr; A Mar-Spa; F Liv S RUSSIAN A St.P.

ITALY (Rosen): F Wes-Spa(s.c.); F Tyr-Lyo; A Tyr-Pie; F Ion-Tyr; F Aeg-Ion;
A Ank holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (J. Brennick): A Tri-Tyr; A Vie-Boh; A War-Pru; A Sil S A War-Pru;
A Sev holds; A Con S F Bul(s.c.); F Bul(s.c.) S A Con; A Mos S RUSSIAN A St.P.
A Rum S F Bul(s.c.).

RUSSIA (McCarthy): A St.P-Mos.

TURKEY (Bragdon): F Bla-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats F Spa(s.c.)-Por and the German A Pru is dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

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

Germany may build two new units, and Austria-Hungary and Italy may each build one. France must remove one unit, and the last Turkish unit is also removed.

ENGLAND to the GIBSON REPUBLIC: It's too bad you can't write any smaller. You only got 1,000 words on a standard 8" x 10" piece of paper. And you didn't even use the back! Come on now, the next time you write, make it microscopic. If we all have to show a little effort in reading it, the least you could do is give a little effort in writing it.

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"Spring 1917"

FIRST WORLD SNORE DRONES ON

ENGLAND (Brooks): A Liv-St.P; F Bot S A Liv-St.P; F St.P(s.c.)-Fin; F Nrg holds; F Tyr
A F Tun; F Tun S F Tyr; F Iri-Mid; F Eng S F Iri-Mid; F Mid-NAF.

GERMANY (Gaughan): A Pie-Tus; A Ber-Pru; A Sil S A Ber-Pru; A Mun S A Sil; A Ruh S A
Mun; A Mar & A Spa hold; A Pru-Liv.

ITALY (Sims): F Wes S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Ion-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): A War holds; A Mos & A Gal S A War; A Rum-Ukr; A Vie S A Boh;
A Boh S A Tyr; A Tyr S A Ven; A Ven S A Rom-Tus; A Rom-Tus; A Nap-Rom; F ADr-Apu;
F Apu-Nap; F Ion S F Apu-Nap; F Aeg & F Eas S F Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1917" moves is NOON,
FRIDAY 15 MAY 1987.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Jack McHugh's ZIP code was poorly printed on p. 16; it is 18101-2212.

Nine-digit ZIP codes may not speed the mail, but they probably will not retard it.
If you have not already found out what yours is, and sent it to me, just ask at your
local post office.

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In GRAUSTARK #530 I described Podbielan's Attorneyship Index and asked the many
lawyers on GRAUSTARK's mailing list to send theirs in. The PAI is computed by multi-
plying a lawyer's annual income from all sources by the number of years since admis-
sion to the bar, and then dividing that product by 1000 times the lawyer's numerical
ranking in the graduating law school class.

Thomas Plachta gave his index as 4.99. But Robert Cook protests that the PAI does
not accurately represent legal ability. "Earnings are not dispositive as to the abi-
lity of a lawyer. For example, public interest lawyers & Government lawyers (D. A.'s,
Public Defenders, Attorney Generals, JAG Corps) make significantly less than lawyers
in Private Practice. By your measurement, Ralph Nader, one of the most talented law-
yers in the country, would rank lower than a young associate at a large New York firm.
Please alert your readers to the fact that your survey is prejudicial in regards to
lawyers who work in the Public Interest."

This is an interesting conclusion, considering where the PAI first appeared. It
was introduced to the public by Christopher Corf and Michael Frith in The Chicago Con-
spiracy Trial Official Pogrom (Domesday Books, 1969). This satire treated the notor-
ious "Chicago Eight" trial like a ball game, and the lawyers' PAI was treated like one
of the many statistics in professional sports. The highest PAI on either side be-
longed to a "public interest lawyer" even more famous than Ralph Nader - the defense's
William Kunstler, with 84.67. However, the other three lawyers on the defense team
had PAIs of 34.12, 1.04, and 1.02. This was compared with the prosecution team's fig-
ures of 57.44, 12.80, and 63.27. The trial itself did nothing to enhance the majesty
of the American judicial system, and at the time it was rumored that the U. S. govern-
ment, knowing that it had a bad case under a probably unconstitutional statute on its
hands, saw that the case went to a wacko like Judge Julius Hoffman. If they were
counting on Hoffman to commit so many procedural errors that the case would be thrown
out on appeal, they were right. All eight defendants were found innocent, and the
U. S. government has never again tried to bring a prosecution under that statute.

And the Yuppie larvae that attend the new Law School of the City University of New
York would certainly concur with the PAI's view of the legal profession. "Public in-
terest", or even public employment, are not what they have in mind. "Young associate
at a large New York firm" is written on the heart of every one of them. Despite its
originally satirical and didactic intent, the PAI today accurately measures what most
law school graduates hope to make of their careers.

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"Fall 1911"

"WHEN IT'S DOT-PICKING TIME IN OLD GERMANEE..."

GERMANY (D. Martin): A Bur-Mar; A Tyr & A St.P hold; A Boh-Gal; A Rum-Bul; A Ukr-Sev;
A Mos S A Ukr-Sev; F Nwy-Bar; F Ska-Nth; F Nth-Eng; F Nrg S F Nwy-Bar; A Gas-Spa.

ITALY (Barents): No moves received. F Wes, A Pie, F Tyr, F Apu, F Adr, F Ion, F Gre,
F Alb, A Tri, A Vie & A Bud hold; F Bar dislodged and annihilated.

TURKEY (McCarthy): A Ser-Rum; A Sev S A Ser-Rum; A Bul S A Ser-Rum; A Con-Smy; F Aeg-Gre; F Eas-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Rum-Ukr and Turkey retreats A Sev-Arm. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers: GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Hol, Kie, ITALY: Bud, Edi, Gre, Liv, Nap, Nwy, Por, Rom, Lon, Mar, Mos, Mun, Par, St.P, Sev, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (12) Spa, Swe, War. (16) TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Rum, Ser, Smy. (6) Germany may build three new units and Italy may build one. (A fourth German build must be postponed for lack of a supply center.) These "Winter 1911" builds must be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 1 MAY 1987. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1912" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 15 MAY 1987. Stand-by "Spring 1912" moves should be sent in by David E. Schwartz, P. O. Box 013, Springfield, N. J. 07081. There are press releases on pp. 4 and 9.

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"Winter 1906-Spring 1907"

FRENCH SQUEEZE ITALIAN GRAPES

In "Winter 1906" England built A Edi and Turkey built A Con & F Smy.

ENGLAND (Ulman): A Edi-Hol; F Nth C A Edi-Hol; F Nrg-Nwy; A Pru-Ber; F Bal S A Pru-Ber;
A Mos S GERMAN A Ukr; A Liv S A Mos.

FRANCE (Van De Graaf): A Pie-Tus; F Wes S F Lyo-Tyr; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Lyo-Tyr; F Tun-Ion; A Spa-Mar; A Mar-Pie.

GERMANY (Scensny): A Gal-Rum; A Ukr S ENGLISH A Mos-Sev; A Boh-Vie; A Try-Ven; A Kie-Ber.

ITALY (Bargender): F Tyr S TURKISH F Ion-Tun; F Tus-Lyo; A Ven S A Tri; A Tri S A Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Botimer): A Vie-Bud.

RUSSIA (Barents): No move received; F Ber dislodged and annihilated.

TURKEY (H. Jordan): F Ion-Tun; F Adr S ITALIAN A Ven; F Smy-Aeg; F Bla S A Arm-Sev;
A Con-Bul; A Bud-Gal; A Sev-Ukr; A Rum S A Sev-Ukr; A Arm-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy must retreat F Tyr-Rom or -Nap, or remove this unit. The direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by FRIDAY 1 MAY 1987. The French and Turkish players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 15 MAY 1987.

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"Winter 1903"

Following "Fall" moves, Spain was incorrectly listed as a French rather than an Italian supply center. It is therefore France and not Italy that has a removal. The French player was informed of this but never responded, so the French F Wal is removed. Austria-Hungary builds A Tri & A Vie, Turkey builds F Con, and no German build came in. The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 15 MAY 1987. Stand-by moves for Germany are asked from Lawrence E. Chafetz, Apt. 2-M, 178-10 Westford Terrace, Jamaica

N. Y. 11432, and for France from Alan Stewart, 702-25 St. Mary St., Toronto, Ontario
M4Y 1R2; 416-961-8095.

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"Fall 1906"

RUSSIANS REPULSED!

ENGLAND (Parents): No move received; F Nth holds.

FRANCE (H. Jordan): F Mar-Spa(s.c.); A Gas S F Mar-Spa(s.c.); A Bur-Mar; F Mid-Por.

GERMANY (Cunningham): F Den-Swe; A Kie-Den; A Wal-Yor; A Pru-War; A Sil S A Pru-War;
A Mun holds,

ITALY (Scensny): F Tun F Tyr, F Alb, F Tri, A Tus, A Pie & A Tyr hold.

RUSSIA (Botimer): F Por S F Spa(s.c.); F Spa(s.c.) S F Por; F Liverpool; F Edi & A Smy
hold; A Swe-Nwy; F Bot-Swe; A Liv-Pru; A War S A Liv-Pru; A Gal S A Pie; A Vie &
A Bud S A Gal; A Gre S A Ser; A Ser & F Aeg S A Gre.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia must retreat A War-Liv, -Mos, or -Ukr
and F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo or -Wes; either or both of the dislodged units may be instead re-
moved. These retreats or removals should be sent in with the "Winter 1906" orders,
which may be made conditional upon them. The High Combatant Powers now control the
following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Lon. (1)

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

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

RUSSIA: Ank, Bud, Bul, Can, Edi, Gre, Liv, Mos,

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, ~~Mun~~, War.

Nwy, Por, Rum, St.P, Ser, Sev, Smy, Swe, Vie.

(6)

(17)

Russia may build two new units, or three if one of the dislodged units is removed.

France may build one unit, and Italy must remove two. The deadline for these "Winter
1906" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 15 MAY 1987. Earlier press releases are on pp. 4 & 9.

PARIS (December 1, 1906): It's tough to save the world from the communists when
you have to work with Belizeans! - Harley the Horrible, Emperor of France

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"Fall 1902"

ITALIAN VICTORIES CONTINUE

ENGLAND (Chang): F Bel-Nth; F Nth-Den; A Swe S F Nth-Den; F Iri-Eng.

FRANCE (Clarke): No moves received. A Par & F Mid hold; A Spa dislodged and annihilated.

GERMANY (Ruffing): F Den S A Kie; A Kie S F Den; A Hol S ITALIAN A Bur-Bel; A Ruh S
A Mun; A Mun S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Vie-Boh.

ITALY (Goldman): ~~3~~ Ion-Gre; F Wes S A Mar-Spa; A Mar-Spa; A Bur-Bel; A Pie-Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rigley): A Ser S ITALIAN F Ion-Gre; F Alb S ITALIAN F Ion-Gre;
A Gal-War; A Vie-Boh.

RUSSIA (Plachta): F Bot-Bal; A Sil-War; A Pru S A Sil-War; A Boh-Sil; F Rum holds.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. England retreats F Bel-Pic and Austria-Hun-
gary must retreat A Ser-Bud or -Tri. The directions of these retreats (or removals)
may be sent in with the "Winter 1902" orders, which may be made conditional upon them.
The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe. (5) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Tri, Vie. (3)
 FRANCE: Bre, Par. (2) RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, War. (5)
 GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5) TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Ser, Smy. (5)
 ITALY: Bel, Gre, Mar, Nap, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven. (8)

Italy may build three new units and Turkey and England may each build one. (England has a second build if the dislodged F Bel is removed. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 15 MAY 1987. Earlier press releases are on p. 8. Scott Ruffing's 9-digit ZIP code is 43085-2148.

ITALY to TURKEY: Watch out, Big Bird, this ain't Sesame Street!

LONDON: English ministers have inadvertently swallowed heavy doses of Spanish Fly and are trying to find a cool nearby clime to settle down in. Things should return to normal soon. In the meantime, enjoy the stuffy limeys making fools of themselves.

BERLIN: The Kaiser has renewed his commitment to the Alliance. All members hold coincident goals and have rededicated themselves to their realization. We shall not weaken our resolve.

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"Fall 1901"

ALARUMS AND EXCURSIONS

ENGLAND (Plachta): F Eng-Bel; A Yor-Nwy; F Nth C A Yor-Nwy.

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

GERMANY (Lange): F Den-Swe; A Ber-Mun; A Ruh-Hol.

ITALY (P. Thompson): No moves received; A Tyr, A Ven & F Ion hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gibson): F Alb-Tri; A Ser S F Alb-Tri; A Bud-Gal.

RUSSIA (Borgeson): F Bot-Bal; A Gal-Bud; A Ukr-Rum; F Rum-Bla.

TURKEY (J. Jordan): A Bul-Rum; F Con-Bul(e.c.); A Ank-Arm.

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, Ser, Tri, Vie. (4)
 FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Spa. (4) RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Sev, War. (4)
 GERMANY: Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun, Swe. (5) TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)
 ITALY: Nap, Rom, Ven. (3)

England and Germany may each build two new units, and France, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey may each build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 15 MAY 1987. Earlier press releases are on pp. 8-9.

WIEN: Drei Cheeren fur French Revolutfn Finalisch! Und Russkies had betr stop heeding the Brit deceiver & t e Temptoro di Roma. Welcome from all Intermerity to Berlin-Paris kamerader!

LANGE to other 1987AD participants: I will again be on National Guard duty from 26 April to 3 May. I will not be able to respond to any communications received during that period until my return from the wilds of the Mississippi Gulf Coast on 3 May (assuming I am not devoured by insects, executed by my commander, slaughtered by our simulated Warsaw Pact foes or fraged by my subordinates.)

PRESS RELIEF

To the best of my knowledge, I have finally in this issue printed all press releases that have come in to date in all games. Please correct me if I am wrong. Be warned that errors in spelling, grammar, and syntax will be printed as they stand in the text sent in - including such spellings as "supercede", "allaince", "congradula-tions", "it's" for "its" or "to" for "too". Nor am I a really good typist, either.

HOW DEAD IS A DEADLINE?

In the chart to the right is a record of how many moves for today's GRAUSTARK had come in by each of the indicated dates. The numbers indicate the number of players who had not been heard from, and the number of sets of moves that had not yet come in, by the indicated dates. Stand-by moves are included.

A four-week deadline is not at all unreasonably fast, and so there is really no reason to come into a deadline day with 8 or 10 people not heard from. Such a thing just means that more of the issue must be prepared on the deadline, meaning that it gets into the mail later.

Unlike the last deadline date, this one fell on a holiday weekend when I had the Friday free and plenty of time. When 9 people playing 15 positions were still not heard from after Friday's mail delivery, I thought that perhaps another such delay as afflicted us in March might be in hand, cut what stencils I could, and decided to hold the remaining 6 games till Saturday's delivery. This, as it happened, was a good idea, since a letter which had been on its way for 8 days from Len Scensny in Belize arrived today. But there were problems too. I only had phone

numbers for two of the people who were missing moves other than "Winter" moves, and both of them expressed great surprise to learn that it was a deadline date!

Under repeated application of these circumstances, it is very tempting to stop phoning at all for last-minute moves, and let natural selection take its course. GRAUSTARK is plentifully supplied with stand-bys, whose names may be found on p. 10, and who would be only too glad to take over from people who have trouble with deadlines. Nor will I be surprised if a letter arrives in the style made familiar several years ago by Stanley Johnson, the hobby's prize cry-baby, about how cruel and unfeeling I am to leave out moves simply because they have not yet arrived by the deadline.

So, please, post your deadlines in a prominent location if you have trouble meeting or remembering them, and make sure that you allow adequate time for the letter to get to me. (For someone living outside the Greater New York area, that time allowance should not be less than a week.)

GRAUSTARK #534

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- () - See the announcement of the new game on pp. 16 & 18.
- () - See the corrections to 1985H on pp. 15 & 17.
- () - If this space is checked you are needed as a stand-by in game _____. See p. ____.
- () - If this space is checked, you will be dropped from game _____ if you miss the next move.
- () - An IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL move is due from you in _____.

Date	Players	Moves
22-26 Mar.	61	95
27 Mar.	60	94
28-29 Mar.	56	82
30 Mar.	53	77
31 Mar.	51	74
1 Apr.	50	73
2 Apr.	45	66
3 Apr.	44	65
4-5 Apr.	41	61
6-7 Apr.	40	59
8 Apr.	39	57
9 Apr.	34	52
10 Apr.	30	45
11-13 Apr.	29	44
14 Apr.	23	35
15 Apr.	18	28
16 Apr.	15	22
17 Apr.	7	11
18 Apr.	5	0

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