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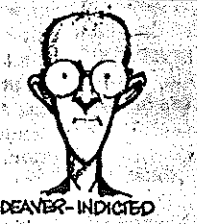
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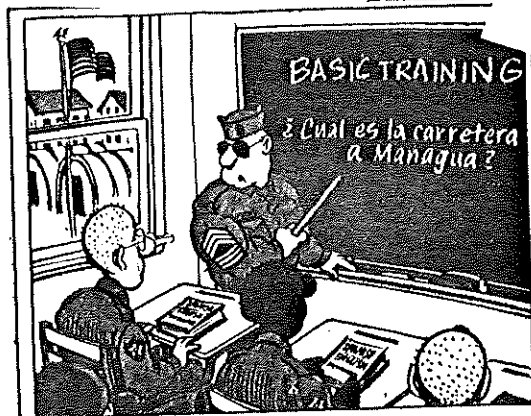
DEANER - INDICTED

Reagan's management style: "You get the best people you can to do a job and let them do it."



### Putting the bite on

THE Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals branch in Cape May County, New Jersey, has been charged with causing suffering to unwanted strays by allegedly using an inefficient gas chamber to kill them.



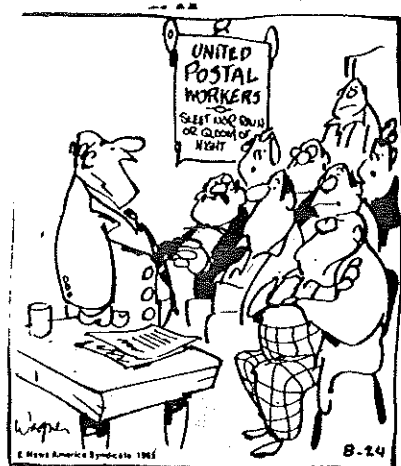
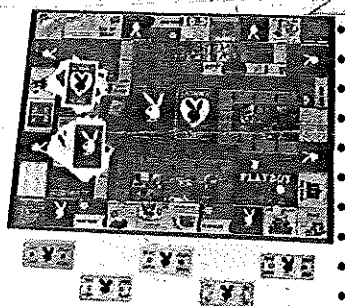
"Okay, men, let's try this one, 'which is the road to Managua?'"

Donaldson writes: "Whereas many Presidents try to rewrite the facts in an effort to convince the public, when Reagan tries it he seems to have the ability to convince himself. That's how he reconciles ideological rhetoric with more pragmatic action. Some wag once observed that Reagan could probably pass a lie detector test on any subject because he always believes what he says. Words to him do not seem to have a fixed meaning as defined by a good English dictionary; rather, they seem to be flexible 'tools' that he uses to do the job of the moment."

8:00 PM @ THE ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD \*\*\*\*\* (Adventure, 1938). Robin Hood (Erol Flynn) deals in pragmatic socialism while bugging Prince John (Claude Rains) and the Sheriff of Nottingham (Melville Cooper), romancing Maid Marion (Olivia de Havilland), fighting Sir Guy (Alan Rathbone) and romping with his merry men (Alan Hale, Eugene Pallette, Patric Knowles. (2 hrs.)

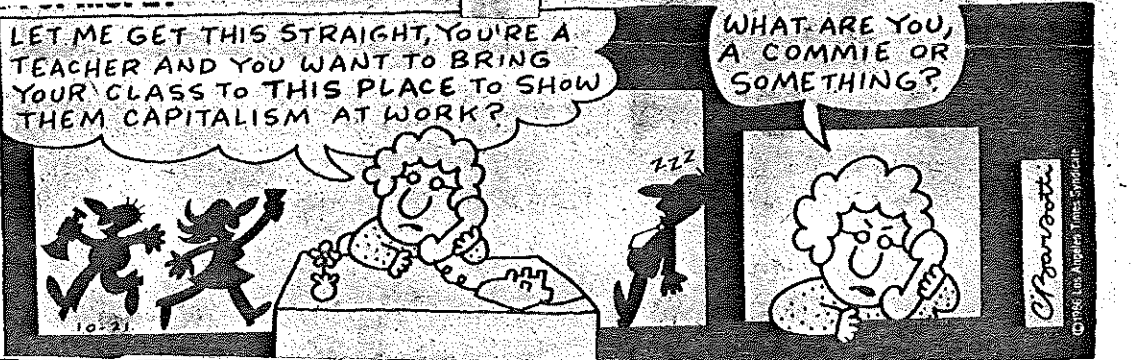
## WARSHIP CLEARED FOR DUTY OFF IRAN

Navy Says New Jersey Is Able to Repulse Aerial Attacks With No Air Support



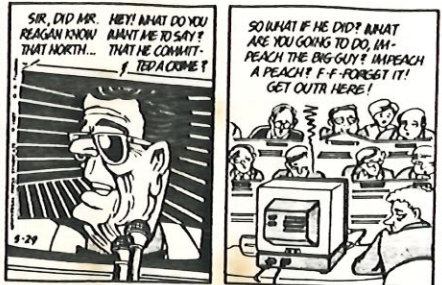
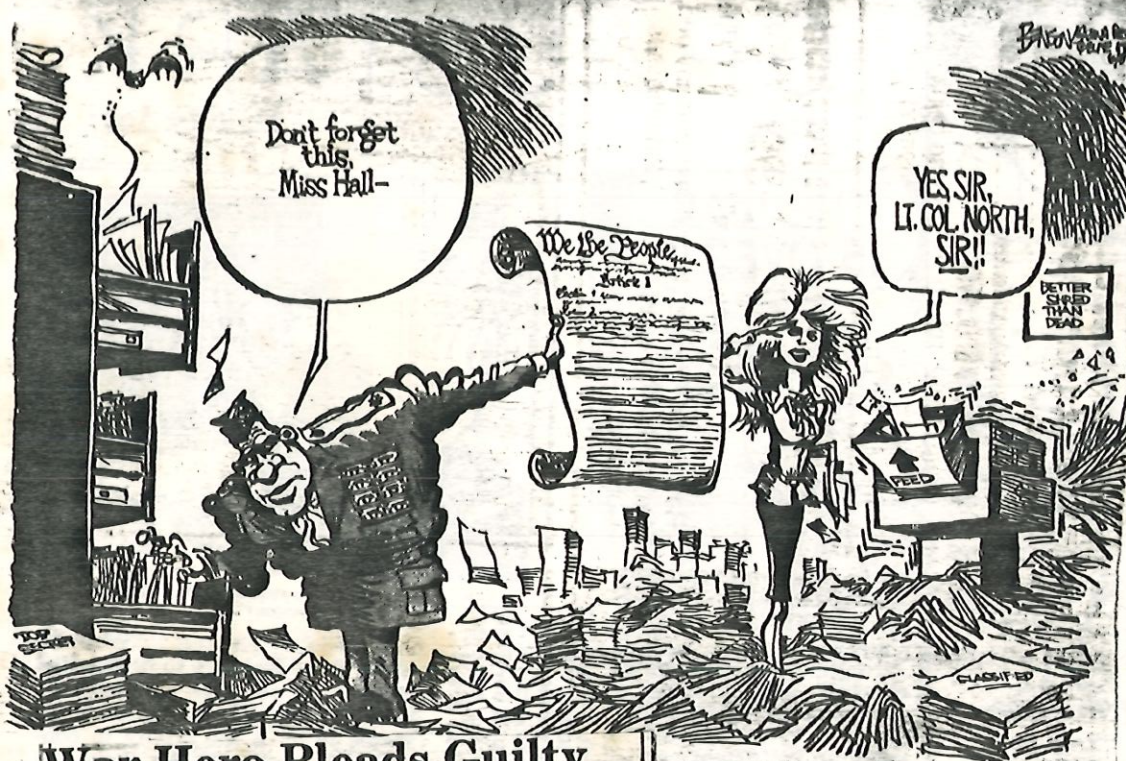
"Our demands are signed and sealed, but we're having problems delivering them."

BALD EAGLE ON SALE



## BUNOPOLY

The nameless rabbit, symbol of the huge Playboy empire, challenges you to play in the fast lane, in a board game full of executive suites, shopping malls, fine art and hot tubs. Playboy, "the game for elegant lifestyles," costs \$24 at Macy's.



His weariness showed earlier yesterday when he spoke in Las Vegas, Nev., where the Republican Senate candidate, Rep. Jim Santini, is running behind Rep. Harry Reid, the Democrat.

In a slip that Reagan didn't seem to notice, he said, "the simple truth is those Democrats who are here are probably here because, like millions I've met across the country, they have found they can no longer follow the leadership of the Republican Party, which has taken them down a course that leads to disaster."

A footnote in the White House transcript said Reagan meant the Democratic Party.

### War Hero Pleads Guilty

Wilkes-Barre, Pa. (UPI) — A former hero Green Beret who receives a 100 percent disability pension for Vietnam veterans syndrome pleaded guilty Friday to giving dynamite to an ex-marine accused of bombing abortion clinics in New York, authorities said.

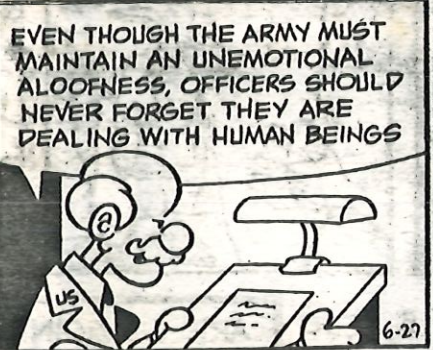
Donald Pryor Jr., 43, faces up to five years in prison and \$250,000 in fines for violating federal explosives laws, said U.S. Attorney James West.

Pryor's guilty plea in U.S. District Court came two days after the arrest of Carl Cenera, who is charged with selling him some 35 sticks of dynamite obtained from a construction site. Cenera allegedly altered the serial numbers on the dynamite to make it difficult to trace its source.

Pryor gave the dynamite to Dennis Malvasi, 37, who was indicted last month on charges he bombed two New York City abortion clinics and attempted to blow up a third in 1985 and 1986.

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A sign posted outside the secure door of the House Intelligence Committee reads: "Power corrupts, but absolute power is neat."



**Executive Memo:** The U. S. Postal Service has been dumped by a fellow federal agency, the U. S. Mint. Officials decided they could save money by shipping collectors' editions of coins by United Parcel Service. "The savings were astounding," amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars, a Mint official told us. Furthermore, private delivery services will make good on lost or stolen collections, which the Postal Service won't.



## TIGHT SHIPS DON'T HAVE LOOSE CANNON

"When a mob shows up in the yard, howling that the head of the household be produced, the sons do not force the Old Man to sit down at a table and write up a list of his 'mistakes'. You start firing from the upper floors." - Patrick J. Buchanan, New York Post, 9 December 1986

In a civilization as heavily technological as our own, it is inevitable that people in public life should be compared with machinery. John Dean of the "Watergate" inquiry was "a human tape recorder". Some people have had their acts called "smoking pistols". For a while, before he took the witness stand last week, Lt. Col. Oliver North was called a "loose cannon". Now, it appears that he may more appropriately be called "a human switchboard".

For, if one fact came out of these hearings, it was that Col. North was not running a top secret operation out of the White House basement on his own authority and for his own goals. Like Dwight D. Eisenhower, another man who held the same rank when his abilities came to the notice of his superiors, he has faithfully operated within the chain of command in everything that he did.

It should now be evident to every subject of the Great Big United States of America that Col. North was a faithful and effective executor of the Will of Our President, as expressed by Our President Himself and His immediate subordinates, the then National Security Advisors Robert McFarlane and Admiral John Poindexter, Attorney General Edwin Meese, and the late Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, Sir William Casey\*.

What we are seeing on television is a conflict between two concepts, not just of the Great Big United States of America, but of the State. This conflict is so new to us that no adequate words exist in English, but the French have long known it, and call these concepts pays réel and pays legal. These shall be literally translated as "the Real Country" and "the Legal Country". The Legal Country is defined in terms of the 1787 Constitution, written laws, and the sort of thing that is force-fed to high school students in civics classes. The Real Country - and the French word réel ultimately means "royal" - can best be expressed by Fawn Hall's remark that "there are times when you just have to go above the written law". Note her choice of preposition: not "around" or "beneath" or "behind" but "above". This expresses concisely her conviction, and that of her superiors from whom she learned it, that the Legal Country can at times be an inconvenience, and to remove these inconveniences an appeal must be made to a higher concept - the Real Country. It is taken for granted that, whenever the interests of the Legal Country and the Real Country are in conflict, those of the Real Country must prevail, no matter what "laws" of the Legal Country have to be shattered in the process.

This distinction has been basic to the formulation of the policies of the Great Big United States of America with regard to those nations which refuse to accept Our President's imperial commands. Our President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader has repeatedly stressed His conviction that the present government of Nicaragua has to be overthrown. It is also His conviction that neither the Boland Amendment nor any other "law" enacted under the processes of the Legal Country can bind Him in the conduct of foreign policy. (Besides, Congress eventually bowed to His Supreme Will, and repealed the Boland Amendment. The obstreperous members of Congress who are conducting the current investigation are defending a law which they themselves have already repealed!)

\* - I am not going to join the popular fad of referring to Our Presidents as "Ike", "Dick", "Ron" or a set of initials, or their loyal subordinates as "Ollie" or "Zéro". Sir William Casey, like General Sir Alexander Haig and Sir Peter Grace, held a papal knighthood, and it is our duty to refer to him with the respect his title deserves.

If the distinction between the Legal Country and the Real Country is kept in mind, Col. North ceases to be a "loose cannon", and becomes a faithful executor of the Will of Our President, as he himself has told us in the past week. Friday's testimony is crucial. Col. North then told us that, at Sir William Casey's direction, he organized a self-financing, non-governmental intelligence and covert action agency that did not have to account for its actions or finances to any official of the Legal Country. This "Super-C.I.A." was not just a one-time operation designed to sell arms to Iran, release various hostages, and use the profits to supply the Counterrevolutionaries of Nicaragua with weapons. It was to be a permanent organization, which in Col. North's words could be taken "off the shelf" and used whenever the ponderous processes of the Legal Country prevented Our President from doing His Will. Nor is there any indication that this agency has ceased to function; it now, in fact, seems a good bet to survive Congress.

By a curious chronological coincidence, this year is the 200th anniversary of the writing of the 1787 Constitution, the foundation of the Legal Country. It is very interesting to note that this anniversary has been acclaimed by a number of prominent politicians, up to the Vice President - but not including Our President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader. The 1787 Constitution is the fundamental document of the Legal Country, and those who put the Real Country above the Legal Country have no use for it. If you believe that the 1787 Constitution is the fundamental law of the Great Big United States of America, then you must believe that we have fought no wars since 1945, when the last war declared under the regulations of that functionally obsolete document ended. The 1787 Constitution puts the declaration of a war into the hands of an obsolete and powerless organization called "the United States Congress". Yet since 1945 the Great Big United States of America has fought major wars with Korea and Vietnam, and minor skirmishes with Lebanon, the Dominican Republic, and Libya, plus one comic opera invasion of Iran and the present war with Nicaragua. Congress has gone along with Presidential prerogative on these conflicts only because they realize that their existence as a body is endangered if they do not.

While the 1787 Constitution is only 200 years old, the powers of the Real Country go back to time immemorial. In 1170 King Henry II of England - a nation whose Real-Country institutions are ancestral to our own - was troubled, as Our President is today troubled, by a major political crisis involving a man who would not subject himself to the Royal Will. This man was an obstreperous preacher who went against the King's law-and-order policies and was stirring up the rabble - a type that seems to have remained virtually constant over the centuries. King Henry II expressed towards this troublemaker the same attitude that Our President expresses in our own time against the troublemaking government of Nicaragua - that someone should remove this nuisance. And, as in 1170, there were men around him who heeded the Will of their Sovereign. Four knights, the Oliver Norths of their day, did the King's Will. The King lived out a long life and reign, and died full of years and honor.

Against such powers as this, and the general popular support that Col. North is now receiving, how can the Legal Country stand? As Patrick J. Buchanan said in the article quoted at the head of these comments:

"The day the United States ceases to produce soldiers of the kidney and spleen and heart and soul of Oliver North is the day this country enters on its irreversible decline. The President was right. Ollie North is an American hero, and I am proud to know him as a friend."

More recently Mr. Buchanan, who after a briefly announced candidacy of his own is now working in the Presidential campaign of Representative Kemp, has said that the Democratic Party wants to see the other side win in Central America. (See last week's Newsweek for details.)

We civilians have not noted, though we should, that Col. North has heroic status

EARLY PRESS RELEASES

1984V

ENGLAND to AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: You just had your last chance to accept a draw offer. You should concede now or be taken apart dot by dot!!

1985CT

LONDON: The Prime Minister expects that all foreigners shall have left English soil.

FRANCE to TURKEY: What's a Grecian Urn?

1986AV

MOSCOW to ROME: The Tsar takes all threats verbal especially seriously.

ROME: In the heat of war, the Italian government has kept its head and not moved against the English despite their attacks on our ally Germany and their declaration of war.

This is in the hope that England will see the error of its ways and stop its support of the dieing French regime before it is too late.

ENGLISH GOVERNMENT to the Exiled Government of Germany: As the Russian horde has taken up residence in your capital city. We thought we would be nice and offer you, a small Island in the North Atlantic. To set up your government on.

But bring your long johns its cold up their. And their is no need for ice buckets.

1986AZ

VENICE: Answering an urgent call from the Pope himself, Austrian forces entered Rome today. It was hoped that their presence would restore order and security to the riot stricken city. Rome had seen little peace since the Italian government had abandoned it when a large Ottoman fleet appeared off its coast. In a mass given in St. Peter's square, the Pope called the Kaiser God's appointed warrior on earth and he called for all Christian nations to aid the Austrian people in their just war with the Moslem Turks.

1986CW

VIENNA to SKANDALUTZ: The turkish National Enquirer (I mean, of course, the Constantinople Crescent) has once again struck a blow against responsible reporting and has insulted our intelligence. Your nation will ALWAYS be respected by Austria-Hungary whether you are friend or foe, that is the difference between Turkey and Austria-Hungary. Terrorist tactics are no excuse for poor negotiating and diplomatic ability. Notice that no action has been taken against Turkey in quite some time by Austro-Hungarian forces. Can Turkey claim the same?

This is  
O At  
P Great  
E Intervals  
R This  
A Appears  
T To  
I Inflamm  
O Optic  
N Nerves

PARIS: The coalition government of Emile Combes fell after a vote of no-confidence. President Loubet asked Republican René Waldeck-Rousseau to form a government with Centrist Andre de Vries, who initiated the vote against his former partner. Minister de Vries said, "The many foreign crises of late have been a direct result of the isolationist forces from Combes party. These forces have impaired the ability of the Foreign Ministry to respond in an efficient and forceful manner."

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN (via Paris Newswire): Three French physicists shared the 1903 Nobel Prize for their researches into spontaneous radiation.

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The prize was awarded to Antoine Henri Becquerel "in recognition of the extraordinary services he has rendered by his discovery of spontaneous radioactivity" and to Pierre and Marie Curie "in recognition of the extraordinary services they have rendered by their joint researches on the radiation phenomena discovered by Professor Henri Becquerel."

Dr. H. R. Thörnebladh, President of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, said in the presentation speech: "We have gained knowledge of a property of matter quite new to us, the capability of emitting, spontaneously as it seems, these marvellous rays."

"We have gained new methods, infinitely superior in subtlety to any we had in this sphere, to examine under certain conditions the existence of matter in nature. Finally we have found a new source of energy, for which the full explanation is not yet forthcoming."

He addressed Becquerel: "Your victory serves as a shining refutation of the ancient dictum 'Ignoramus - ignorabimus', we do not know and we shall never know."

Of the Curies, who were not present, he said, "This learned couple represent a team of differing nationalities, a happy omen for mankind in the development of science." Marie Curie was born in Warsaw.

PARIS: The English embassy's deputy chief of mission, the number two man at the embassy, has been expelled from France for conduct inconsistent with his status as a diplomat.

PARIS: The new Soviet government has been recognized by the French government. According to a statement issued by the Foreign Ministry, the French ambassador shall remain at his post in the Soviet Union. The French government also announced new capital investments in the Soviet Union, contingent on their assumption of the financial responsibilities of pre-revolutionary French investments.

PARIS SOCIALITE: The Great Wine Competition. French judges abstain from voting after one cannot be found and the other abruptly leaves competition.

The French Ambassadors to Skandalutz, Lady Fouqueau de Pussy, announced the French abstentions after failing to find judge Joseph Liouville during the competition and after judge Fifi Bleue abruptly left the competition after observing one of the New York judges sniffing the screw-off cap of an Austrian entry.

One of the judges from the Republic of Sun and Fun and Surf and Sand also could not be found. Reportedly, Li'l Ms. Muffie was won by Liouville in a card game. They then disappeared together with a case of Chateau Cheval Blanc and a case of Chateau OP.

LA JOLLA to ANCHORAGE: Hey, Mike. How many prestige points can I lose if an assassination plot becomes public?

FRANCE to ENGLAND: Is it true that Greenpeace is now using English ports? Are any of their boats located near any of your nice, big battleships?

PARIS SOCIALITE: The Great Wine Competition. The judges from Morocco, Algeria, Chad, Madagascar, Cambodia, New Caledonia, Spain, and Luxembourg have cast all of their votes for the French entry Chateau Haut-Brion. Andorra cast its two votes for Pinot Grand Fenwick.

PARIS: The Foreign Ministry announced a cutback on foreign aid to Andorra.

BLOCK ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE to TURKEY (via Paris): Okay, so I wasn't in my right mind. What can I say but that this used to be a left-leaning government.

CONSTANTINOPLE to THE CITY (LONDON): You may wish to slander the female sex by calling yourself "whore" or "slut", but from this angle you look more like that much lower specimen of humanity known as "stockbroker". Why is it all the "bad boys" in this game like to put down women? And is it true you wear yellow ties?

CONSTANTINOPLE CRESCENT: "OPERATION DRAG ME UNDER" A COMPLETE FAILURE. The Military Government of DER RAT, the Austrian Warlord, is continuing to teeter on the brink of collapse. The failure of the much touted Austrian Fall offensive (dubbed "Operation Drag Me Under" by the self-styled military "genius" ruling Austria-Hungary) has convinced even the most ardent one-time supporters of RAT that his utility is nearing an end, while those long opposed to his brutal dictatorship have celebra-

ted his imminent demise with wild street parties and long fireworks displays. The destruction of the Austrian forces in Greece, coming as it does on the heels of the "Doctor's Scandal" in the Austrian capital, as well as wholesale corruption in the Austrian Army of last Winter (which prevented an entire Army Group from being equipped), have led many observers to question whether DER RAT is truly in control of events in his country or if he is merely a puppet for the Pope in Rome.

SKANDALUTZ (via the Duchy of Grand Fenwick (via Berlin)) to WORLD: The Great Wine Competition has occurred! Delegates from all over the World came to cast their ballots for the premier wine of Europe.

From the German protectorates and colonies: The Netherlands, Belgium, Togo, Kamerun, German East Africa, German New Guinea, Kiao-Chan, and the German Pacific Island Protectorate (including the Caroline and Marshall Is. and Samoa) have all cast their votes for Pinot Grand Fenwick. The 16 judges were very impressed by such European culture, and they resolved to do their best to educate their own peoples about the merits of a European life-style.

The two judges of German Southwest Africa both cast their ballots for Burgundian colored water. The German Foreign Office has announced that there will be no repercussions to this action.

The delegates of the Duchy of Grand Fenwick also attended the competition. David Bentner, the leader of the loyal (?) opposition in the Council of Freedom, voted for a Balkan concoction reputed to be used for cleaning boilers. A spokesman for the Fenwickian Vitners' Association has announced that Bentner will fall in the next election. He cited Bentner's "obvious crackpot mentality" and "horribly bad taste" as reasons to unseat Bentner.

Count Rupert of Mountjoy, on the other hand, smuggled a bottle of Premier Grand Cru 1857 into the tasting room. When he accidentally turned it upside down, the bottle popped its cork and pulled the Count out the nearby open window. At last sighting he was headed for the city of Dresden, in Saxony. Let us all hope that the prevailing winds do not change.

DUCHY OF GRAND FENWICK (via Berlin) to CALIFORNIA: The Duchy formally protests the presence of two judges representing Pinot Grand Fenwick, a scum-laden, vile, and disgusting imitation of our pure Pinot Grand Fenwick. If this copy is not immediately pulled off the market, the Duchy will have no choice but to declare war on California.

BERLIN to WORLD: The Education Ministry today announced a cutback in funds for school operation and maintenance in German Southwest Africa. The Ministry said that the funds would be diverted to the other German colonies in Africa.

KITTY HAWK, N. C. (via Kiel) to WORLD: On Thursday, Dec. 17, 1903, two young men named Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first successful flight in a powered heavier-than-air craft. In one flight the airship covered 852 feet and stayed aloft for 59 seconds. It appears that the age-old problem of heavier-than-air flight may finally have been solved for the first time since Daedalus and Icarus. The Duchy of Grand Fenwick has taken a serious interest in this new feat. "Think of the wine deliveries we could make," exclaimed one grape grower. "The Duchy would become a world economic power!"

UKRAINE: The first Russian villages had been suprised by the 10 Airships filled with Elite Austro-Hungarian soldiers. When the villages saw Der Rote Kriegspieler leading the Austrians, they surrendered immediately. Kiev, however, proved to be more than DRK had bargained for. Entrenched around the City, the Russians had no intention of allowing the Austrians to walk into Kiev. After several days of fighting, Our Hero selected 40 of his best men to help him break the stalemate around Kiev. Der Weinmacht took off with Our Hero and his "Lufttruppen" over Kiev. Under heavy ground fire DRK and his men landed on the building which just happened to house the Russian headquarters. Using his sword (which was a gift from Duchess Eloise) DRK personally felled 3 then 5 then 12 Russian soldiers. As 2 Russians attempted to lock the office (war room) doors Austrian troops shot them down. As DRK entered the Russian war room (18 of his men with him) he found the Russian General cowering in a corner of the

room. Later that day Austro-Hungarian troops entered the city as DRK accepted the city's surrender. Our Hero was heard to say two things: "Whether or not I succeed, Napoleon would have been proud." and "Eat this commie scum!"...

ANAKHITE, SKANDALUTZ (United Rabble Rousing Press): The turmoil at the International Wine Tasting Contest will apparently last on into the Winter Solstice Festival, and indeed this may have been the intention of the judges, since the annual Winter Solstice Festival of this ancient Matriarchy is generally held by Skandals and tourists alike to be the high point of the year in The Four And A Half Kingdoms. The rigors of the season are tempered by the hot springs that are common in the Balkan Massif, and the Festival has since time immemorial been the occasion for orgiastic celebration of the rebirth of the Sun and the promise of a new and fruitful year in this rich agricultural region. The climax of the Winter Solstice Festival is the Sacred Lottery, at which the next King of Skandalutz is chosen by lot from all males in attendance, Skandals and foreigners. Another major ritual is the Sacred Feast, at which the previous year's King is sacrificed to the Mother Goddess, and served to a large company of banqueters. Although the Skandalous priestesses always claim that the Sacred Lottery is completely unbiased, over the centuries a surprising number of vocal critics of the Matriarchy's customs seem to have shown up just in time to be chosen. (The most notorious case was that of Pope Formosus II, whose horse bolted and carried him across the border in 1002, just as the Festival was beginning.)

ANAKHIT, SKANDALUTZ (URRP): The Wine Tasting Contest was enlivened today by an outbreak from the New York judge, Billy Goatz. Goatz tasted the first wine in the series, and then shouted that someone was threatening his life by giving him the stuff. He then pulled out a Maxim gun, claiming that he had a right to shoot anyone who acted threatening. With his weapon he shot numerous holes in 237 bottles and 25 barrels of wines sent from various parts of the world. The Skandalous government has not yet revealed the identity of the wine that caused Goatz to go berserk.

1984ID

FRANCE to AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Maybe there's a reason Turkey never had any opponents. Sometimes it's luck, but I call this stuff diplomacy!

1986HI

VIENNA: The Arch Duke has ordered his army units to dig in deep, and hold their own, or die where they are.

PLEASE STAND BY

Below is a revised list of the stand-bys in GRAUSTARK games of postal Diplomacy. A "\*" indicates a game in which that person is presently playing as a stand-by. A "@" indicates a stand-by player in 1984V, 1984ID, or 1985HD which seem to be near their ends. A "#/" indicates a player who was called on in the last issue as a stand-by.

Ben Austin *	Curtis Gibson #	Michael Quirk *
Warren K. Ball *	Jeffrey L. Hoffman *#	John Rigley
Robin Scott Barbehenn	John Jordan @	Scott Ruffing @
Alan Blaine	Robert Bryan Lipton	Garret Schenck
Anthony Brooks @	Tarlach MacNiallais *	David E. Schwartz #
Jack Carli *	Dick Martin @	Larry Sims **
Larry Chafetz #	Jim McCarthy	Scott R. Skellie *
Steven R. Currie	Ronald L. Meldrum #/	Alan Stewart *
Dan Dolan #/	Thomas J. Plachta *	Eric Verheiden *@
Peter Gaughan *		

A stand-by will be dropped from this list for not keeping his subscription current, or for being eliminated from a game for missing moves.



1987CD

"Fall 1901"

"VOICI - PAS DES FRANÇAISES DANS MA MANCHE!"

ENGLAND (Follmer): A Edi-Nwy; F Nrg C A Edi-Nwy; F Nth-Lon.

FRANCE (Grasse): F Eng-Bel; A Bur-Mun; A Spa-Por.

GERMANY (Grodewald): A Ruh-Hol; F Den-Swe; A Kie-Den.

ITALY (Fader): A Ven &amp; A Tus hold; F Ion-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Carli): F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre; A Gal-Rum.

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

TURKEY (Meldrum): A Bul-Rum; A Con-Bul; F Ank-Bla.

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

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie.

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Mun. (6) (5)

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

RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, War. (5)

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

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

France may build three new units, Austria-Hungary & Germany may each build two, and each of the other powers may build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 1987. Ron Meldrum's phone number is 207-265-4541.

This is

TURKEY to You-Guys-Know-Who-You-Are: Roast Turkey isn't really as good as people say.

O At

TURKISH DEPT. OF WAR to the WORLD: The Turkish Baltic fleet announces its intentions to invade Sweden in full force. Both fishing boats and the Kayak will hit the Southern beaches at dawn.

P Great

E Intervals

R This

ANKARA to BULGARIA: Greetings from the Sultan; Please give me all your money.

A Appears

T To

RUSSIA to AUSTRIA: I trust we will find our alliance mutually profitable.

I Inflamm

O Optic

N Nerves

RUSSIA to ENGLAND: I'd be careful if I were you. You may have other problems besides the North to worry about.

RUSSIA to GERMANY: Good luck - I see that you've got France on your side. Hopefully you won't need to spend too much time crushing England.

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1985CT

"Winter 1908"

FRANCE (Addison): Builds A Mar, A Par.

ITALY (Sims): Removes F Apu.

GERMANY: Builds F Ber, A Kie.

The deadline for "Spring 1909" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 1987.

1986HI

still "Spring 1903"

The gamesmaster made a mistake in adjudicating the "Spring 1903" orders in the last issue. The English order "A Swe-Den" was incorrectly underlined as failing. In fact it succeeds, dislodging the German F Den. I wrote the German player for his retreat, but it arrived while I was out of town for last weekend's Origins 87 convention. The German retreat was F Den-Ska, and the deadline for "Falz 1903" orders is re-set to NOON, FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 1987. Douglas K. Clarke, the French player, is reminded that he will be dropped from the game if no moves arrive from him by that date.

1985H

"Spring 1910"

## WINDING DOWN THE WAR

ENGLAND (Stewart): A Wal-Spa; F Eng & F Mid C A Wal-Spa; A Rom-Nap; F Tyr S A Rom-Nap; F Lyo-Wes; F Ion-Aeg; F St.P(n.c.) holds; A Liv-Wal; F Edi-Nth.

GERMANY (Verheiden): A Ukr-Sev; A Mos S A Ukr-Sev; A War-Ukr; A Livonia holds; A Sil-War; A Mun-Kie; A Boh-Mun; F Swe-Nwy; F Den-Swe; A Hol S A Bel; A Bel S A Hol.

RUSSIA (Sims): A Sev-Mos; A Vie-Boh.

TURKEY (Carli): A Ank-Arm; F Con-Bla; F Bul(s.c.)-Gre; F Smy-Aeg; F Eas-Ion; F Apu & F Adr S F Eas-Ion; A Ven-Rom; A Tyr-Vie; A Bud S A Tyr-Vie.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Sev-Rum and England must retreat F Ion-Tun or -Alb. The deadline for "Fall 1910" moves, which may be made conditional on the direction of the English retreat, is NOON, FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 1987. A draw has been proposed in this game, and players should send in their votes on this suggestion with the "Fall 1910" orders. See p. 12 for instructions on draw votes.

BERLIN to LONDON: No stab intended but your move F Lyo-Mar last time indicates a little realignment is needed, say Nwy/St.P for me and Lon/Mar for you. I will support E/G/T draw if Russia goes this year.

## PANDIN'S PARADOX, AND OTHERS

John J. Bashara, who was very active in postal Diplomacy about 15 years ago, sent me his comments on the Pandin's Paradox problem which has been discussed in the last few issues of GRAUSTARK. At the time The Diplomacy Association put out a worksheet entitled "Sample Rulings" which took up this matter. Two proposals were put forward by Beshara and by Richard Miller:

1. In the event of a paradox, that is, a sequence of orders that cannot be adjudicated without a contradiction of the rules, these orders are deemed not adjudicable and all involved units hold.

2. An army being convoyed cuts support even when the convoying fleet is dislodged. The former proposal simply bypasses the issue, while the latter presents us with an incongruity. Robert Strayer's proposal that a fleet ordered to convoy may not be supported in its position is also unmanageable. Beshara put forward another idea, that any army being convoyed may not cut support unless it succeeds in occupying the space to which it is moving. Finally, as Allan B. Calhameer pointed out in the last issue, the 1982 Rulebook states that if a convoyed army attacks a fleet which is giving support into a body of water which contains a convoying fleet, that support is not cut.

None of these proposals deal with a situation which was presented to Robert Sacks and me as one that might arise during a game in the Diplomacy tournament at Origins '87 last weekend. The moves were:

ENGLAND: F Lon-Nth; F Nrg & F Ska S F Lon-Nth.

FRANCE: A Bel-Lon; F Nth C A Bel-Lon; F Eng S A Bel-Lon.

GERMANY: F Hel & F Den S FRENCH F Nth.

The French F Nth is attacked by 3 units and defended with its own strength and two others, so it is not dislodged. My ruling was that the French A Bel-Lon would fail because it was coming from the North Sea into London with only one support, while the English F Lon was going into the North Sea with two. Sacks, however, took the view that the French army is entering London from Belgium, and that the attack with its one support succeeds against a F Lon that is ordered not to Belgium but to the North Sea. We were in agreement that, had the French orders been "F Eng C A Bel-Lon, F Nth S A Bel-Lon" it would succeed. Neither the 1971 nor the 1982 Rulebook addressed itself to the critical question: Is the attack "A Bel-Lon, F Nth C A Bel-Lon" coming into London from the North Sea or from Belgium? This applies to the words "Unless it is opposed by a unit equally well or better supported..." on p. 4 of the Rulebook.

The Austro-Hungarian move listed in the last issue as "A Rum-Bul" was actually "A Rum-Bul", which also caused the Turkish move "A Con-Bul" to fail. As the Turkish player did not need its support in "Fall 1912" this does not affect the game significantly. Following "Spring 1912" moves Turkey retreated F Nrg-Cly.

ENGLAND (J. Jordan): A Yor-Liv; F Wal S A Yor-Liv; F Nth-Den; F Nrg-Edi.

FRANCE (D. Martin): A Pic-Bel; A Bur S TURKISH A Tyr-Mun; A Par-Bre; F Den-Swe; F Lon & A Hol hold.

GERMANY (Cameron): A Pru-War; A Sil S A Pru-War; A Mun S A Sil.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brooks): A Rum-Sev.

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

TURKEY (Addison): A Arm-Sev; A Ser-Rum; A Bud S A Ser-Rum; A Tyr S FRENCH A Bur-Mun; A Vie-Boh; A Ukr & A Mos S A War; A Con-Bul; A Liv-Pru; A War S A Liv-Pru; F Cly-Edi; F Nat-Liv; F Mid-Tri; F Wes-Mid; F Apu-Ion; F Por & F Adr not ordered, hold.

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

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv. (3)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Hol, Kie, Lon, Mar, Par, Spa, Swe. (9)

GERMANY: Ber, Mun. (2)

RUSSIA: Nwy, St.P. (2)

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

Bob Addison, playing Turkey, has therefore won the game. (For another of his triumphs, see the report in this issue of Origins 87.)

1984ID - John Boardman, GRAUSTARK

E - Daniel Larose (dro S03)

John Jordan

F - Charles Gratto (dro S08)

Dick Martin

G - Scott Cameron

I - Alan Stewart (out S07)

A - Anthony Brooks (out F12)

R - Michael Taylor (res S02)

Paul Rauterberg (dro F07)

Eric Verheiden

T - Charles Hall (res F04)

Bob Addison (won F18)

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The supply center chart to the right indicates how many supply centers each power had at the end of each game year. An asterisk indicates a supply center for which, for some reason, a unit was not built.	E	3	4	4	3	3	3	4	4	5*	4	3	4	3
	F	3	5	6	7	7	7	6	5	4	4	6*	7*	9
	G	3	5	6	5	6	6	7	7	7	8	6	3	2
	I	3	5	5	5	5	3	1						
	A	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	5	4	3	2	1	
	R	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	1	1	1	2	2	2
Players and other readers are invited to send in their reviews of this game, which will be printed in a subsequent issue of GRAUSTARK.	T	3	5	5	7**	7	8	10	12	13	14	15	17	18

WHEN DO YOU EXPIRE?

The subscriptions of these players expire with the indicated issue.

- 537 - Anthony Brooks
- Scott Cameron
- Charles Gratto
- Charles Hall
- Ralph L. Morton

- 538 - Chris Carrier
- Stephen Kwiatkowski
- 539 - Ted London
- Bruce Schneier
- 542 - Robert Hauser

- 543 - Jacques Belanger
- 545 - Steve Emmert
- 546 - Eric Verheiden
- 547 - John Weswig
- 548 - Gerry Thompson
- 556 - Jeffrey Hoffman

## A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS

Three issues ago, on p. 10 of GRAUSTARK #534, I re-stated the Diplomacy rules and GRAUSTARK policy about draws, and I thought at the time that that would be the end of it. However, the level of illiteracy among some postal Diplomacy players is nearly equal to that of the Federal Communications Commissioners who have trouble reading the First Amendment.

To repeat what I said in #534:

"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."

I mean this. Any such statement as "Turkey votes for a 2-player draw between Turkey and France only if Russia is eliminated, and Germany and Italy each reduced to only 2 supply centers apiece" will be treated as a vote for the only kind of draw in Diplomacy - a draw among all survivors, with their unanimous consent.

Owing to time pressure, matters have to be arranged somewhat differently in an over-the-board tournament at a convention, such as Origins 87 last weekend. For such cases as this, Robert Sacks and I use his rules for adjudicating a drawn Diplomacy game. For a copy, send him a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Sacks's address is Apt. 5-V, 4861 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 10034-3139.

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Another question that sometimes arises in GRAUSTARK is: What happens if you are enrolled in one game as an original player, and playing as a stand-by in another when the former game ends? If a stand-by is not an original player in a GRAUSTARK game and receiving the 'zine on that account, then he or she can continue as a stand-by only by subscribing. A stand-by player whose subscription ends can continue in the game in which he or she is a stand-by only by entering a new game, or subscribing. Subscriptions are now 10 issues for \$7, but on 8 August 1987 they will rise to 12 issues for \$10, owing to the upcoming increase in postal rates.

1987CX (New Game)

"Winter 1900"

The new game announced in the last issue has been assigned the Boardman Number "1987CX" by Steve Heinowski. Players should use this designation in referring to the game among one another or to the Gamesmaster.

Mike Mason, playing England in this game, writes that his address will change some time in August. If his new address arrives by the date of publication of this present issue, it will be printed. Otherwise, I suggest that he inform other players of it as soon as it is about to become effective.

Stephen Katsurinis, playing Russia, writes that his Arlington phone number is 703-522-2104. After 15 August his Georgetown, Texas phone number is 869-1950, but I presently have no record of the area code.

The "Spring 1901" deadline remains NOON, FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 1987.

## 1984IO - GAME REVIEW

DICK MARTIN, Germany: I owe (no pun intended, but I'll take it) this win to two "people" - Lex Lambert and the USP"S". Lex maneuvered Germany into an easy winning position before dropping. The USP"S" toppled the first domino by losing Herb Barents' moves (which included several pre-arranged standoffs) and giving me a "good stab".

My original intention on getting into the game was to see out the two-way draw with Italy. A typical dipper, though, I wanted to be unstabable along the way. I suppose Herb mistook my paranoia for aggression, and our alliance fell apart.

Maybe we'd have a better chance if we'd started from the beginning?

Thanks to all for a good game.

## TRUCE-BID FAILS AGAIN

The proposal for a draw fails of unanimity, and is again submitted to the players, who should send in their votes for or against this plan with their "Fall 1918" moves. See the article on p. 12 for the Diplomacy rules on a draw.

ENGLAND (Brooks): A St.P S GERMAN A Liv-Mos; F Fin S A St.P; F Ion-Aeg; F Bot holds; F Tun-Tyr; F Naf-Tun; F Mid-Wes; F Por-Spa(s.c.); F NAT-Mid; F Lon-Eng.

GERMANY (Gaughan): A Spa-Gas; A Pie-Tyr; A Bur S A Mun; A Ruh-Kie A Ber-Sil; A War S A Liv-Mos; A Pru S A War; A Mun S A Ber-Sil; A Liv-Mos.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Ruffing): A Bud-Ser; F Tri-Alb; F Eas-Ion; F Nap-Tyr; A Apu-Nap; A Ven-Pie; A Tus S A Ven-Pie; A Rom S A Tus; A Boh-Sil; A Vie-Boh; A Tyr S A Vie-Boh; A Mos-War; A Ukr & A Gal A Mos-War; F Aeg not ordered, holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Pie-Mar, A War-Liv. The deadline for "Fall 1918" orders is NOON, 7 AUGUST 1987.

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

One GRAUSTARK player, whose copy did not reach him in over 2½ weeks, has proposed that the "Immediate Return Mail" option (Postal Rules 14,15; 16) be abandoned. This would require that the other options mentioned in those rules be used instead. Readers are asked to send in their suggestions about this proposal. The rules may be found in GRAUSTARK #525.

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Subscriptions for non-players are now 10 issues for \$7, but will rise to 12 issues for \$10 on 8 August. Back issues from the beginning of 1986 are 10 for \$2, but will rise to 10 for \$3 on 8 August.

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Also published here is EMPIRE, A bulletin for the postal play of war games other than Diplomacy. EMPIRE is available at the same rates as GRAUSTARK, and they will rise at the same time. Currently four games of Victory Games's Pax Britannica are in process in EMPIRE, and since two of them are near their ends more are being organized. The Pax Britannica game fee is \$25 but will rise to \$30 on 8 August. The postal rules for Pax Britannica were last published in EMPIRE #234. With your entry fee send in a list of the countries that you'd like to play, in your order of preference. EMPIRE is published every four weeks, and the next issue will come out on 18 July 1987.

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Jeffrey Hoffman has removed his name from the stand-by list published on p. 8, and Richard Tucker has added his. Any other GRAUSTARK reader who wishes his name either added to or removed from that list should get in touch with the Gamesmaster.

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My telephone number is 718-693-1579. I have an answering machine, so if you get shunted to it, please speak slowly and clearly. During the academic year I can sometimes be reached, during weekdays, at 718-780-5180. (This number might be useful during the summer, but don't count on it. It does not have an answering machine.)

## BEDLAM HARBOR

The World Science-Fiction Convention of 1983 was held in the same Baltimore convention center as last weekend's Origins 87, which was combined with the 1987 Atlanticon as it always is when Origins is held on the east coast. (I am told that the east coast Origins are the only ones that make a profit.) Although there are a number of significant differences between war-gaming and science-fiction fandoms, some parallels do exist. As long as you stayed within the convention center and enjoyed yourself, you could count on having a very good time. The hotels are competent, though some of them are hung up on a preposterous custom called "corkage". (Don't ask me to define "corkage". It is nearly as silly as "arbitrage".)

I have lived in New York City for 25 years, and I have never seen traffic jams like the ones in Baltimore. Never. A headwaiter at the Four Seasons would find it difficult to snoot the customers like the ones in the "Harborplace" restaurants. I have an invariable rule in such cases - if a restaurant refuses me admission once, I never return there, and I recommend that course of action to everyone I know. It is amusing to walk around Harborplace, but the prices are exorbitant and the personnel seem to believe that the clientele are there for stomping on.

Now that we're rid of that, Origins 87 was a very enjoyable convention. Robert Sacks and I adjudicated the Pax Britannica tournament on Friday 3 July, and the Diplomacy tournament on Saturday the 4th and Sunday the 5th. I will take up the Pax Britannica tournament more thoroughly in EMPIRE #248, next weekend.

At last year's Atlanticon at Trenton State College, arrangements were badly bungled, in part by the college's inexperience compared to a professional convention center, and in part due to the incompetence of Tom Carroll. Carroll was well in the background of my convention experience this year, mainly because I had as little to do with him as I could manage. But there was a mix-up about how many tickets could be sold to people who wanted to play in the Diplomacy tournament, and people were told that it was closed when in fact it was not.

We were told that all 175 tickets had been sold - how nearly correct this is, I cannot say, because I find that the less I have to do with the administrative staff at a war-gaming convention, the better I like it. But, be that as it may, only 84 people showed up to form 12 tables on the first day of the tournament. Two of those 12 tables actually went to one-country wins, which is rare under the limitation of a convention gaming session to seven hours. Bob Addison led after the first day's play with a win as Austria-Hungary, to get 26.812 points on the Sacks Scoring System. (For information on the Sacks Scoring System, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Robert Sacks, whose address is given on p. 12.) Jim Yerkey won as Italy with 24.412 on another board. The rest went to adjudicated solutions, not without some problem from a four-power alliance which insisted that, since it had 19 supply centers, it could inevitably overcome a two-power alliance with 15 supply centers. They could not maintain this assertion in adjudication, however, and the game ended as a six-player draw.

Another of the first-day tables concluded as an abandoned game. The players, who had apparently not read the tournament rules, got to a position where one player had 10 supply centers, one had 9, and one had 8, while the other 7 were divided among three or four others. The two top players then announced that they had a shared win, put away the pieces, sent the others out of the room, and then informed Robert and me that they had a shared win. However, the tournament rules require that a shared win must have the approval of players holding 28 units, and the judges. The draw was not allowed and, since most of the players had left the room, the game had to be counted as abandoned.

Some players fail to realize that a Diplomacy tournament under the rules we use is not an elimination tournament. Someone who did not attend the first day at all, or got eliminated early, can still come back on the second day and has the possibility of winning a prize.

On the second day only enough people showed up for 5 tables, and none of them

went to wins. But Jim Yerkey came back with a strong performance as Russia, and wound up with 40.523 points - the first time I have ever seen a player go over 40 on the Sacks system in a two-day tournament. He also got Best Italy and Best Russia. Bill Thompson came in second with 28.259 points, winning Best France on his second day's play. Bob Addison fell upon hard times on the second day of the tournament, but wound up with Third Prize and Best Austria-Hungary. Other winners were Cris Skrabut as Best England, Frank Jones as Best Turkey, and Joseph Licata as Best Germany. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Robert Sacks for complete results.

The room that science-fiction fans frankly call "the Huckster Room" is more euphemistically called "Exhibit Area" by War-gaming fans. This one was a very large space, filled with exhibitors that came from as far away as Australia. I heard that the hucksters did very well at this year's Origins. Nancy Lebovitz's famous button shop did a land-office business, not only with stock buttons like "Incorrigible Punster. Do Not Incorrrage" and "Nuke the Smurfs" but also custom jobs like my "BORK If You Think He's Unqualified". (For her catalog, write to her at Apt. C-6, 400 Wollaston Ave., Newark, Delaware 19711.) Aside from the company booths that sold new games, there were booths that sold t-shirts, military books, and miniatures, which seemed to be unusually prevalent this year. The traditional shop for used and old books has been joined by shops for used and old games.

Britannia, a new Avalon-Hill game set in Dark Age Britain, was very popular, and I will be reviewing it in an upcoming issue of EMPIRE. (For subscribing to EMPIRE, see p. 13.) Another popular game was Viceroy, which covers the same period and topic as A-H's Conquistador, but on a mapboard which is a reproduction of a 17th-century Dutch map! The game areas are not hexes, but regions set off by a grid of latitude and longitude lines, which to the best of my knowledge is a first in war-gaming. Yet another popular game was Victory Games' Cold War, which Scott Cameron reviewed in EMPIRE #246. (For a copy of this issue, send me a self-addressed envelope with 39¢ postage.)

There was a curious side issue to the convention, which appeared as a poorly duplicated flier on hotel check-out desks on Sunday, the last day of the convention. It seems that a 13-year-old girl was missing, having last been seen at midnight Saturday night in the company of a 15-year-old boy with bicolored hair, a so-called "punk" outfit, and presumed membership in Origins U7! For my own part, I saw no one of that description around the convention, and think we may be in for another bum rap like the one at Towson State College two years ago, when some idiot turned up in a Nazi uniform and got us banned from Towson despite the fact that he was never a member of Origins in the first place! Besides, it can be regarded as a fixed point of the universe that teen-agers will fuck, that nothing can be done to prevent it, and that prudent parents will tell them how to avoid pregnancy and disease. (Our daughters were raised on this principle, and we have never had reason to regret it.) There have been no subsequent stories about parts of a 13-year-old girl being discovered in the hold of the USS Constellation\* with punk-dyed hair clutched in her fingers, so presumably nothing got broken except a few commandments and maybe a maidenhead.

I would like to particularly thank Dave Schwartz, who gave me a lift down to Origins, and Bob Addison, who on Sunday afternoon gave me a lift to Washington, where I spent the next day at the Smithsonian Museums. Thanks are also due to Robert Sacks, who had to put up with a lot of convention bureaucracy and my own frequent absences from the tournaments so I could inspect the Huckster Room.

Robert and I have been approached about refereeing the Diplomacy tournament at the next east coast Origins, at Atlanta in 1990. I am still mulling this one over. However, I probably will not be at the 1988 Origins, which is scheduled for Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and guess what war-gaming company will have a dominant role there. The Boardmans are planning a family reunion for sometime next summer.

\* - A ship alleged to be an original 18th-century frigate is moored in Baltimore harbor. Virtually the whole thing is a reconstruction. If you want to see a real 18th century U. S. frigate, the USS Constitution is still in Boston.

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"Fall 1907"

RUSSIANS OVERCOME DOGGED RESISTANCE

ENGLAND (Barents): F Nth-Den.

FRANCE (H. Jordan): F Tri S GERMAN A Yor-Liv; F Spa(s.c.)-Por; F Mid S F Spa(s.c.)-Por; A Mar-Spa; A Gas S A Mar-Spa.

GERMANY (Cunningham): F Den holds; A Yor-Liv; A Kie S F Den; A Sil-Ber; A Mun S A Sil-Ber.

ITALY (Scensny): F Naf & F Alb hold; F Lyo S RUSSIAN F Wes-Spa(s.c.); A Pie-Mar; A Tyr-Mun.

RUSSIA (Botimer): F Edi, F Aeg & A Gre hold; F Liverpool holds; F Wes-Mid; F Por S - F Wes-Mid; F Nwy-Nth; F Bot-Swe; A Swe-Den; A Liv-Pru; A War S A Liv-Pru; A Gal-Boh; A Ukr-Gal; A Con-Bul; A Ser-Tri; A Tri-Ven; A Vie S A Gal-Boh.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian F Liverpool is dislodged. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Lon. (1)

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

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

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun. (3)

RUSSIA: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Edi, Gre, Mos, Nwy, Por, Rum, St.P, Ser, Sev, Smy, Swe, Tri, Ven, Vie; War. (19)

With these moves, Larry Botimer as Russia now wins this game, which was begun in Howard Dawson's Yggdrasil Chronicle, and transferred to GRAUSTARK when YC had to cease publication. A supply center chart appears below. The subscription of Michael Cunningham ends with this issue.

Players and other readers are invited to send in reviews of this game, which will be printed in future issues of GRAUSTARK. Any difficulties encountered in the transfer of the game from Yggdrasil Chronicle to GRAUSTARK should be included, as well as the problems in negotiating with players who live outside the country. In particular, I am trying to establish whether the strategy of a game is likely to change significantly when it goes from one publisher to another.

1985HD - Howard Dawson, Yggdrasil Chronicle (to FO4)

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E - Craig Welch (res FO2)  
Herb Barents

F - Jim Fuqua (res S04)  
Harley Jordan

G - Michael Cunningham

I - Len Scensny

A - Cecil Solomon (dro S02)  
Alan Borgender (out FO5)

R - Larry Botimer (won FO7)

T - Peter Dawson (out FO3)

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E	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1
F	3	6	6	7	6	5	5	5
G	3	5	6	5	6	6	6	6
I	3	4	4	6	7	7	5	3
A	3	5	5	4	2			
R	4	7	8	11	12	15	17	19
T	3	4	3					

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"Winter 1904"

ENGLAND (Rigley): Builds F Liv, A Edi, F Lon.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Powell): Builds A Bud and F Tri, and defers one build.

GERMANY (Chafetz): Removes A Ruh.

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 1987. Lawrence Chafetz is now playing Germany, and Curtis L. Gibson should send in stand-by "Spring 1905" moves for Turkey. Their addresses appeared in the last issue.



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"Fall 1905"

## THE EAST IS RED

ENGLAND (La Rocco): F Fin & A Nwy S GERMAN F Liv-St.P(s.c.); A Bel-Hol; F Mid S GERMAN  
A Spa-Por; F Iri F Mid; F Pic-Bre; F Eng S F Pic-Bre.

FRANCE (Hoffman): A Gas-Spa; A Mar & F Por S A Gas-Spa.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Boh-Vie; A Spa-Por; A Kie-Ruh; A Ber-Mun; A Sil-Mun; F Liv-  
St.P(s.c.).

ITALY (Rosen): A Pie-Mar; F Lyo S A Pie-Mar; F Wes-Spa(s.c.); F Ion-Nap; F Tyr-Rom;  
A Smy-Con; F Tun-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (J. Brennick): A Arm-Smy; A Ank S A Arm-Smy; A Bul-Con; F Gre & A Ven  
hold; A Tyr-Vie; A Gal-Vie; A Pru-Sil; A War S A Pru-Sil; A Mos S RUSSIAN A St.P.

RUSSIA (McCarthy): A St.P holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian A St.P, the German A Sil, and the  
French F Por are dislodged and annihilated, while France retreats A Mar-Bur and Italy  
retreats A Smy-Syr. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply  
centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon,  
Ivy, Swe. (8)

FRANCE: Par. (1)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Kie, Mun, Por,  
St.P, Spa. (7)

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre,  
Mos, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie,  
War. (14)

Austria-Hungary may build three new units, Germany may build two, and England may  
build one. (Austria-Hungary would have a fourth build but no home supply center is  
available.) France must remove one unit and Italy must remove three. The deadline  
for these "Winter 1905" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 1987.

KIEL (D.A.M.N.): Kaiser Wilhelm returned safely from the Holy Land, where the  
Italo-Austrian authorities had made a new opening around Jerusalem's walls so that he  
could ride in on horseback. As a welcome home present, the Austrians refrained from  
occupying Berlin.

VENICE, ATHENS, SMYRNA and ANKARA to ROME: Perhaps a fight for survival will in-  
terest you in this game enough to actually order all your units, to try to communicate  
to France, and to look at the results of the turn earlier than six days before the  
deadline!

If you've been scheming to make sure Germany doesn't crumble before my advance,  
you should be happy - you've achieved that result for certain now!

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"Spring 1905"

## MEATGRINDER CLOSES ON GERMANY

ENGLAND (Rigley): F Ska-Den; A Swe S F Ska-Den; F Edi-Nth; F Lon S F Edi-Nth;  
A Nwy S A Swe.

FRANCE (Drakert): F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; F Lyo-Spa(s.c.); A Bre-Pic; A Bur-Ruh.

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

ITALY (Bell): F Mid-Por; F Tun-Wes; F Tus-Lyo; F Tyr S F Tus-Lyo; A Vie-Bud; A Tri S  
A Vie-Bud; A Tri-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Meldrum): A Bud S TURKISH A Ser-Tri.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): A Sev-Ukr; A St.P-Nwy; F Bot-Bel; A Ber-Kie; F Bla-Sev.

TURKEY (Hurley): A Rum-Ukr; A Con-Bul; A Ser-Rum; A Gre S A Con-Bul; F Aeg-Con;  
F Ank S F Aeg-Con; A Smy-Arm.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Bud-Gal and Germany must retreat F Nth-Yor, -Eng, -Nrg, or -Hol. The German player should send in the direction of this retreat by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by FRIDAY 24 JULY 1987; it will be transmitted to the English, French, and Russian players. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 1987. Ronald Meldrum is now playing Austria-Hungary.

KIEL: Liberate the Fatherland!

ST. PETERSBURG: The Tsar has declared a scorched earth policy against the Black & Green vermin.

BUDAPEST to WORLD: Can I open my eyes now?

#### TIGHT SHIPS DON'T HAVE LOOSE CANNON (continued from p. 4)

not only with Our President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader, but with the most important political organization in America today - the U. S. Armed Forces. His fellow Marines, and those in other services, have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for his defense, and are organizing mass rallies in his support. Whenever he visits a military base or a veterans' organization, he is greeted with the acclaim of a Roman Emperor in a Triumph. Your newspapers and TV sets have told you in the past week how he is regarded by the general public. In fact, if Congress continues to give him a hard time by calling into question the deeds he performed at his superiors' orders, Col. North's fellow Marines may give him an even more tangible expression of their support. It is altogether thinkable that, some day within the near future, a file of Marines in dress blues will march into the hearings room on Capitol Hill, dismiss the Congressmen who have had the effrontery to call Our President's actions into question, and carry Col. North out on their shoulders. It would, after all, not be the first time that such a thing had been done on behalf of a man named "Oliver".

Compared to this, the faded ink on the 1787 Constitution shrinks into insignificance. And, if you bother to read its words, you will find out why. At best, the 1787 Constitution and its amendments are a statement of political utopianism altogether inappropriate to the real world in which we live in 1987 - a world which, as Col. North has said, is a dangerous world in which we are a nation at risk. The 1787 Constitution envisages the United States of America as a nation dealing on equal terms with other nations. It is therefore quite unrealistic in the 1987 world, where the Great Big United States of America dominates over the lesser nations, has-beens like Great Britain and France, or never-will-bes like Russia and Vietnam. At worst, the 1787 Constitution was written by 18th-century revolutionaries to make things easier for 19th- and 20th-century revolutionaries. It cannot apply in a world in which the Great Big United States of America is the great center of anti-revolutionary and counter-revolutionary activity.

It therefore follows, particularly after over 40 years of Cold War, that the Legal Country is a concept of no use to us, and indeed dangerous to our high imperial destiny of world domination. It is instead the Real Country whose policies and needs dominate, even if they may contradict the wishes of transient and ill-informed majorities. If a poll states, as some have claimed, that a 4 to 1 majority opposes further aid to the Nicaraguan Counterrevolutionaries, this means either that the compilers of the poll are lying, or that the gross, ignorant rabble is not going to be allowed to place its dirty paws on the destiny of the Real Country.

And to conclude the argument with an irrefutable summary, there is no way in which anyone holding these views can ever get into trouble with the government of the Great Big United States of America. This is convincing enough for me, and it ought to be for you, too.

Why should this concern us? Because in 1904 Col. North drafted a plan to be put into effect by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in case of "national opposition to a U. S. military invasion abroad." (New York Daily News, 5 July 1987) This plan is to be put into effect by Executive Order in case of such a crisis. Under the plan, the 1787 Constitution would be suspended, and the Great Big United States of America would be ruled by martial law through FEMA, and ultimately under the authority of the Commander-in-Chief. Military commanders would replace rabble-chosen civilian politicians in running state and local governments.

Col. North's plan, which may or may not be in effect today (no one has yet said), envisages a Pacifist movement against a future war comparable to the one which had the seditious effrontery to say that the Presidents who declared and conducted the war with Vietnam were "wrong", as if that adjective could modify the noun "President". In the Great Big United States of America today are 60,000 people who have done volunteer work for the anti-U. S. and therefore illegal "government" of Nicaragua, and who could be counted on to be the core of such an opposition. The Legal Country gives them full freedom to pursue such a policy, but the Real Country will not - and Col. North's FEMA plan is an expression of the Real Country.

No, it is not important that Col. North should have our good opinion. But it is very, very important that we should have his.

1985HL

"Winter 1907-Spring 1908"

## WHO OWNS THE MED?

Following "Fall 1907" moves, England removed A Lon. No build was received from Germany.

ENGLAND (MacNiallais): F Tyr-Tus; F Lyo S F Tyr-Tus; F Tun-Ion; F Mid-Wes; F Eng-Mid; A Gas-Spa; F Bar S GERMAN F St.P(s.c.).

GERMANY (Austin): No moves received. A Mar, A Ber, A Den, A Nwy & F St.P(s.c.) hold; A Mun dislodged and annihilated.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thornsen): A War S TURKISH A Liv-Pru; A Ven-Pie; A Sil-Mun; A Tyr S A Sil-Mun; A Vie S A Tyr.

TURKEY (Drakert): A Fin-Swe; A Liv-Pru; A Mos-Liv; A UkrOMos; A Boh S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Sil-Mun; A Apu holds; F Ion-Tyr; F Tus S F Ion-Tyr; F Rom & F Nap S F Ion-Tyr; F Aeg not ordered, holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish F Tus is dislodged and annihilated. With these moves, Ben Austin resigns as Germany and is succeeded by Garrett Schenck, Downstairs Apt., 40 3rd Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11231; 718-852-6574.

BERLIN: The government of Germany, having been denied a build through no fault of its own, sees its position as untenable at this point.

GERMANY to TURKEY: Enjoy yourself.

GERMANY to AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: I still don't understand what you are doing.

GERMANY to ENGLAND: Sorry, it was a noble try.

1985HF

"Winter 1908"

Following "Fall 1908" moves Russia retreated A Ven-Pie, so Rome remains a Turkish supply center. Turkey thus has two builds and Russia has none.

FRANCE (Gaughan): Removes A Bur.

TURKEY (Rosen): Builds F Smy, A Con.

The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 1987. Ben Austin's new address is 345 8th Ave., New York, N. Y. 10001; 212-242-5857.

1986AM

## FRENCH TIGHTEN GRIP

LONDON to MOSCOW: Hell, Dan, you're probably right. Had I stabbed France, I could have grabbed Belgium this turn. If he didn't get any builds, I could gain maybe another 3 centers in '07. But - having stabbed first France, then Germany, and then having been forgiven and my advice heeded by these two nations, I can't bring myself to betray 'em again. Call me a sentimental fool - you'd be right. That's probably why I never win any of these silly games.

TURKEY to RUSSIA: Sorry, but things are not changing too soon. Hang in there.

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For Ben Austin's new address see the report of 1985HF on p. 19. Stand-by "Fall 1905" moves should be sent in by the next deadline for Russia by Richard Tucker, 1712 Francis Ave., Metairie, La. 70003-4652; 504-455-2935.

ENGLAND (Hurwitz): A Edi-St.P; F Nrg & F Bar C A Edi-St.P; F Nwy S A Edi-St.P.

FRANCE (Barents): A Pie-Tyr; F NAF-Tun; F Wes S F NAF-Tun; A Pic holds; F Nap-Apu; F Rom-Nap; A Mar-Pie; A Tus S TURKISH F Adr-Ven.

GERMANY (Austin): A Swe holds; F Bal S A Liv; A Sil-War; A Pru & A Liv S A Sil-War; A Mun S A Sil.

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Ball): A Rum-Bul; A Ser S A Rum-Bul; A Gal-Rum((sic; no such unit exists)); A Bud S A Gal-Rum((sic)); A Vie not ordered, holds.

RUSSIA (Dolan): No moves received. A Mos, A Gal & A Sev hold; A War dislodged and annihilated.

TURKEY (Skellie): F Adr-Apu; F Ion S F Adr-Apu; F Gre-Aeg; A Bul-Gre; A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1905" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 1987.

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"Spring 1908"

## TURKS WIN ONE, LOSE ONE

ENGLAND (Ulman): A Mos-Sev; A Sil-War; A Liv S A Sil-War; F Eng-Tri; A Ruh, F Bal & F Nth hold.

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

GERMANY (Scensny): A Kie holds; A Ber-Sil; A Mun S A Ber-Sil; A Tyr-Ven; A Ukr-Gal; A Boh & A Vie S A Ukr-Gal.

ITALY (Bargender): No moves received. A Ven, A Tri & F Rom hold; F Tus dislodged and annihilated.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Botimer): No move received; A Bud dislodged and annihilated.

TURKEY (H. Jordan): F Ion-Nap; F Aeg-Ion; F Adr S F Aeg-Ion; F Bla S A Sev; A Ser-Bud; A Rum S A Ser-Bud; A Gal-Vie; A Sev S A Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish A Gal is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 1987. Len Scensny's

temporary address is 6089 S. U.S. 1, Ft. Pierce, Fla. 34982. Stand-by "Fall 1908" orders for Italy should be sent in by Dick Martin, 26 Orchard Way North, Rockville, Md. 20854; 301-762-4267.

1986CW

"Spring 1904"

## RING AROUND FRANCE

ENGLAND (Harkin): F Nat-Mid; F Por S F Nat-Mid; F Edi-Nrg; F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; A Swe-Fin; F Den-Swe; A Lon-Pic; F Eng C A Lon-Pic.

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

GERMANY (Kandara): A Bel-Pic; A Mun-Ruh; F Kie-Bal; A Ber-Kie; A Hol S A Ber-Kie.

ITALY (Plachta): F Rom-Tus; A Ven-Pie; F Tyr-Lyo; F Ion-Tun; A Gre S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ser-Bul.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Currie): A Gal-Ukr; A Bud-Gal; A Ser-Rum; F Aeg S ITALIAN A Gre-Bul.

RUSSIA (Sargent): F Bal-Bot; A War-Gal; A Rum S F Bul(e.c.); F Bul(s.c.) & F Bla S A Rum.

TURKEY (Schenck): A Con S RUSSIAN F Bul(e.c.); A Ank-Smy; F Smy-Eas.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1904" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 1987.

1987AD

"Fall 1902"

## "WHERE'D EVERYBODY GO?"

ENGLAND (Plachta): No moves received. F Eng, F Nth, F Bel, F Nat & A St.P hold.

FRANCE(McCarthy): A Par-Bur; A Pic-Bre; A Por holds; F Wes-Tun.

GERMANY (Lange): A Sil-Ber; F Bot-Swe; A Mun-Kie; A Ruh-Bur; A Den holds.

ITALY (P. Thompson): No moves received. A Ven & F Gre hold; A Vie dislodged and annihilated.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gibson): F Adr-Ven; A Tri-Vie; A Bud S A Tri-Vie; A Ser S RUSSIAN A Gal-Rum.

RUSSIA(Borgeson): No moves received. F Bal, A Gal & A Ukr hold; F Sev dislodged and annihilated.

TURKEY(J. Jordan): A Arm-Sev; F Bla S A Arm-Sev; A Bul S RUSSIAN F Sev-Rum; F Con-Aeg.

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

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P. ITALY: Gre, Nap, Rom, Ven. (4)  
(6) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Ser, Tri, Vie. (4)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Tun. (6) RUSSIA: Mos, War. (2)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Swe.(6) TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Sev, Smy. (5)

Italy may build two new units, and England, France, Germany, and Turkey may each build one. (France would have a second build but no home supply center is available for it.) Russia must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 1987. Stand-by moves for the indicated countries should be sent in by

the following people:

ENGLAND: Alan Blaine, 15090 El Capitan Way, Delhi, Calif. 95315; 209-632-4075

ITALY: Steven R. Currie, RD #1, Box 1529, Maryland, N. Y. 12116; 607-432-1628

RUSSIA: David E. Schwartz, P. O. Box 813, Springfield, N. J. 07081

MAGYAR PRESCA (BUDA): That It. army tt wandrd into Wien province were so dazed & bedraggled, after a year digging up t Tyrol hunting for dead king, most of them thot they were in Switz or Deutschland! Sorry to boot them out so roughly.

French fleet in Med must mean t crats of Paree aint so dumb. Welcome! Next year Rome of Greece?

STOCKHOLM (clipping from the Atlanta Journal of 2 July 1987, sent by Stuart B. Lange): Warships searched the northern Gulf of Bothnia for a suspected intruder submarine today after a navy helicopter dropped depth charges in an effort to bring the vessel to the surface, the defense staff said.

The search was taking place in Tore Bay in the northern end of the Gulf of Bothnia near the Finnish border, one of Sweden's most sensitive military areas.

"Observations indicating alien submarine activity have been made the last few days in the area. After a new indication Wednesday night, it was decided to employ weaponry against the suspected intruder," said Jan Tuninger, chief press spokesman of the defense staff.

BERLIN: The only reason for the German Navy to have been sent to the Gulf of Bothnia was to eliminate the threat of submarines being used against our gallant ally. Mission accomplished.

1985CA

"Winter 1909"

Following "Fall 1909" moves, England retreated A War-Liv. No retreat was received for the dislodged Italian A Ven, and so it is removed. Since France has five supply centers, France has two rather than one builds. The French player announces that his ZIP code has just changed from 32806 to 32812.

FRANCE (Petty): Builds F Bre, F Mar. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Foster): Builds A Bud, A

ITALY (Plachta): No removal received. Vie, F Tri.

Gamesmaster removes A Pic.

The deadline for "Spring 1910" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 1987. Stand-by moves for Italy should be sent in by John Jordan, P. O. Box 9516, Moscow, Idaho 83843.

#### 1986AV - PRESS RELEASE

INSTANBUL-IN-THE-SIERRAS to WORLD: The Sultan is saddened by the demise of his Majesty the Emperor of Austria. He was a worthy foe. War is fiendish and cruel in the Balkans, and the lives of nations often hang by a thread. And Austria's thread is thinner than most.

We look forward to tilting lances again in some other incarnation.

#### THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Peter Gaughan writes that he was married on 25 May to Cathy Sexton. Our congratulations!

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Alan Stewart phoned from Canada that their postal strike is over. It never blocked mail service completely, because instead of an industry-wide shut-down it consisted of a series of minor actions that cut off service first in one region and then in another. It never in fact interfered with any Canadian players in either GRAUSTARK or EMPIRE, who were able to get their issues and send in their moves.

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After much effort in getting out this double-sized issue of GRAUSTARK, I think I'm caught up on all press releases submitted for all games and seasons up through

this present issue. If you have sent in a press release that wasn't included, please send me another copy, and I'll make sure that it gets into the next issue.

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How late is late? GRAUSTARK usually goes into mail on late Saturday or early Sunday of the weekend when the moves are due. If you do not receive your copy by the Monday of the next week, phone me (718-693-1579) and we'll try to figure out what went wrong. You can also get the situation in your game by phone, and give me any immediate return orders which may be due.

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Harold Feld writes that he and some friends are trying to develop a new "world" version of Diplomacy for 13 players. They started from a copy of World Diplomacy that Joshua Weinstein brought back from Albuquerque, but then started editing. Colonial possessions and non-geographical land bridges were eliminated, and Australia was added as a new player. This version is going to be play-tested at NYClone 2, a science-fiction convention that will be held on 17-19 July in New Jersey. I will be at NYClone 2 as Fan Guest of Honor, and will take a look at the game then.

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Dick Martin suggests that "players are reluctant to vote for draws and concessions when a single 'No Moves Received' can change the course of the game so drastically." This is certainly a factor, particularly in orphan games, which in my experience are more likely to have NMRs than others are. However, if one player has 14 or 15 supply centers when no others have more than 8, a vote for a concession to the dominant power would seem to make good sense. So is a draw vote for an obviously deadlocked position, where 3 powers each have some 11 or 12 centers.

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Simon Billenness, Apt. 6-F, 630 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, N. Y. 10301, writes that he has just turned Zine Register over to Ken Peel, its new editor, and is now beginning Excitement City, "which is intended to be an international variants zine with a little chat on the side". Drop him a line if you're interested.

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A poorly assembled publication recently arrived from something with the grandiose name of "Institute for Diplomatic Studies". Behind this name is nobody by Larry Peery of San Diego, a rip-off artist whose activities in leeching off the hobby go back nearly 20 years. The pages are put together in the order 1,2,4,6,5,3, one with no number, and finally 2 again. This illustrates neatly the way in which Peery's mind works. Interleaved somewhere among this mess are ballots for the dishonestly counted "polls" which seem to be endemic in our hobby. Two of the awards are named for people of undoubted service to postal Diplomacy, who are now dead and cannot object. The third is a "Rod Walker Award for Literary Excellence". Does that give you an idea?

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Warren K. Ball, 107 W. Cuthbert Rd., Brooklyn, N. J. 08107-1016 writes "I have begun writing and collecting notes on Diplomacy. I hope to be able to have a book written on the game in about five years." He would like written permission from each of the participants in GRAUSTARK 1986 games to use their correspondence among one another. If they could mail this correspondence to him on the completion of the game, he would be able to base some discussion of negotiations on it. All such players would get credit in the book for his contribution, as well as sending Ball their comments on the game as it developed.

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After years of neglecting the postal Diplomacy hobby and postal gamesmasters and players, Avalon-Hill has asked gamesmasters to circulate a flier for play-by-mail Diplomacy. A sample copy arrived together with a cover letter from Executive Vice President Thomas N. Shaw, urging that players put quantities of these fliers on counters in retail outlets.

One side of the flier asserts "What the White House Needs Now is a copy of Diplomacy, the internationally famous board game!" Avalon-Hill's assertion that "our foreign policy is in shambles" rings rather hollow, when we compare it with the things

that Col. North has told us about how U. S. foreign policy operates. A-H goes on to say:

"Whatever your opinions of the Nixon administration have been, you must admit they had one sharp foreign policy - due, perhaps, to the fact that members of the Nixon cabinet were Diplomacy players."

The flier went on to assert that the Nixon Cabinet included David Eisenhower. And, in the sort of bad grammar we have come to expect these days, we are told that:

"...the Kennedy's were said to play Diplomacy at the White House."

Therefore, "if every person reading this would send one copy of Diplomacy to the White House, someone surely would get the message."

On the other side of the flier are the flags of the seven nations of the board - except that the flags of the Austro-Hungarian and Russian Empires are wrong! A San Diego box number is given for information about postal Diplomacy - the same box number used for Larry Peery's preposterous little publication!

This sounds like a good thing to stay away from.

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Since the last new GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy game was opened, a few more people have written in for information about postal Diplomacy. They are:

Mark Cornell, 8831 E. Vicksburg, Tucson, Ariz. 85710

Jim Dudley, 215 E. 49th St., Savannah, Ga. 31405

Kirby Garrett, 12449 N. 33rd Pl., Phoenix, Ariz. 85032; 602-971-1422

Doug Greenwood, 620 West North 2nd St., Grangeville, Idaho 83530

Glen Johnson, 1518 8th St., Tuscaloosa, Ala. 35401

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John Reebel, who is playing Turkey in 1986AZ, writes, "I have been reading The Ottoman Centuries by Lord Kinross. We Ottomans were really a brutal, ruthless bunch of perverts. No wonder we did so well."

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Jim Meinel, P. O. Box 240003, Anchorage, Alaska 99524, publishes a postal Diplomacy 'zine The Prince. Subscriptions are 10 issues for \$5, and game openings are available. Write to him for details.

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( ) - If this space is checked you are needed as a stand-by in game \_\_\_\_\_ . See p. \_\_\_\_\_ .

{ } - You have just taken over a position in game \_\_\_\_\_ . See p. \_\_\_\_\_ .

( ) - If this space is checked, you will be dropped from game \_\_\_\_\_ if you miss the next move.

( ) - Your subscription expires with this issue.



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