

# GRAUSTARK

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## ALL, RIGHT, GANG, PLAYTIME'S OVER

"What becomes of, and what signifies to me, humanity, beneficence, modesty, temperance, mildness, wisdom, and piety, while half a pound of lead, sent from the distance of a hundred steps, pierces my body, and I die at twenty years of age, in inexpressible torments, in the midst of five or six thousand dying men, while my eyes which open for the last time, see the town in which I was born destroyed by fire and sword, and the last sounds which reach my ears are the cries of women and children expiring under the ruins." - Voltaire

"How then to enforce peace? Not by reason, certainly, nor by education. If a man could not look at the fact of peace and the fact of war and choose the former in preference to the latter, what additional argument could persuade him? What could be more eloquent as a condemnation of war than war itself? What tremendous feat of dialectic could carry with it a tenth the power of a single gutted ship with its ghastly cargo?" - Isaac Asimov, The Currents of Space (1952)

Next May will be the 25th anniversary of the first issue of GRAUSTARK. This means that I was publishing all through the maniacal efforts made by the armed forces of three Presidents to conquer Vietnam and bend its survivors to their will. As older readers know, I was strongly opposed to this bloody adventure, and said so about the weird mixture of liberal and conservative politicians, homicidal maniacs, and a few people from our own hobby who could plan, conduct, and support this loathsome war.

By 1973, with the war going on and on, and President Nixon mounting espionage operations against its foes, I was getting disheartened about the ability of protest to accomplish anything. I had alienated a few friends from the gaming and science-fiction hobbies, whose friendship mattered to me. I had resigned from my union over the AFL-CIO's support for the war, and was beginning to face the prospect that if President Nixon carried out his publicly stated intentions I might face prison time. I had, so to speak, known him since I grew up in his congressional district, and I was of the opinion that he was not in the habit of pulling back from anything to which he had set his hand.

So, I dropped out. Protest was becoming passé by 1973, and the U. S. government had made it eminently clear that, as it was killing people overseas to prosecute a war, it was quite capable of killing them here at home to protect that war. Or possibly I was just exhausted.

So I turned to satire. My opinions about war in general, and the war with Vietnam in particular, have not altered one bit from what they were in 1965. That war, and the people who supported it, were and are despicable. The only heroes produced in America in those years were the people who stood up and opposed it. (sometimes at the cost of their lives), and those who went into exile rather than be dragged into it. If this country ever recovers its sanity, that Big Black Slab in Washington, filled with the names of murderers, arsonists, and rapists, would come crashing down before the wrecker's ball, to the cheers of all Americans who have the best interests of their species and their country to heart.



Satire on the topic of war and imperialism is what you've seen in GRAUSTARK since then. If people could not be turned away from the support of war and of pro-war politicians by direct argument, maybe going far beyond them in supporting these policies might work. I have no doubt that most GRAUSTARK readers understood this. (William Highfield didn't, but then we have all decided, some years ago, that William Highfield was about as stupid as a person could get and still learn the rules of a game.)

Satire, however, doesn't seem to be enough. The U. S. is slowly drifting towards war in the Persian Gulp - a well-named location, as it gulps down lives, money, and reputations. It will soon dawn in this country, as it did in the middle 1960s, that we are at war, that we have been at war for some time, the casualty counts are rising, and nobody knows when it began, or why, or what it is supposed to accomplish.

In a way, you have to admit that picking the Persian Gulp for their war is a clever stroke on the part of the masters of American policy. Nicaragua is closer, but it is virtually impossible to present some 4 million citizens of a fumbling tropical dictatorship as a Great Red Menace. Furthermore, some 60,000 Americans have over the past several years traveled to Nicaragua to do volunteer work there, and almost all of them have come back enthusiastic supporters of the present government there. A U. S. invasion of Nicaragua would turn these people into a cadre of Pacifist demonstrators, and not a few saboteurs. However, nobody likes that pack of religious fanatics who runs Iran, or the nationalist fanatics who run Iraq. And they can be counted on to make much more violent reactions to American penetration of the region, providing the war-masters of Washington with things that can be presented to the public as excuses for the American invasion of wherever.

And yet it is wrong to say that "we" or "our forces" are at war in the Persian Gulp. There is a certain legal requirement in the Constitution which must be satisfied before America is lawfully at war. It has been nearly 46 years since that requirement has been satisfied. It therefore follows that all U. S. "wars" since World War II have been nothing of the kind. They have been private filibustering expeditions by high governmental officials, and by the warriors who were coned into believing that they had to follow the orders of those officials. By sending U. S. forces into the Persian Gulp to fight, President Reagan is in precisely the same legal position as a Hatfield who enlisted in the U. S. Army and then took his rifle to West Virginia to shoot McCoys. No "we" of which I am a part was involved in the invasion of Vietnam, or in the obviously upcoming war in the Middle East.

In the past a few members of our hobby, who persuaded themselves that anyone who plays war games has to love war, have tried to refute my anti-war positions. Don't bother any more. I don't want to hear from any such homicidal maniacs who may happen to be out there, and if I do, I will simply hold those letters until some public prosecutor at last decides that conspiracy to commit murder extends to the advocacy and planning and justification of war. In particular, I am not interested in hearing about any sinister international conspiracies that you think are out to get you. Any time I want to hear about international conspiracies, I will wander through the passageways in the Herald Square subway station and listen to the homeless mental cases rant. If you think millions of lurking conspirators are out to get you, see a psychologist or a psychiatrist. (If you live in Greater New York City, I can recommend a couple of consulting psychologists who might be able to help people with this delusion.)

Why have I decided to "go public" with my views again? Because the war lovers have drastically declined in the last few years. In 1985, Rambo was America's newest culture hero. Now, the newspapers only use the term "Rambo" as a disparaging reference to some lunatic who has just taken a gun and shot 12 or 14 total strangers, or when they are describing a politician who seems too willing to get this country into a war. The "Iran-Contra" hearings were the clincher. If Lieutenant Criminal North had gone to the witness stand and said, "Yes, this is what we've done in Central America, and this is what we plan to do, and this is where we're getting the money for it, and there is nothing you can do to stop us," I would have held my peace. But Lieutenant Criminal North and Admiral Poing-Dextre stood up there, all covered with flop sweat, and lied and lied and lied - and the whole country knew it. Soon the indictments are



going to come down, these men are going to **prison**, and all that burst of enthusiasm for Lieutenant Criminal North will have vanished. (How many Ollie North souvenir magazines have you seen lately on your neighborhood newsstands?) Even the armed forces, where Lieutenant Criminal North still has the heroic status that they give to highly competent killers, will not be able to save him. (If the CIA cannot promote a successful military coup in the Philippines, how well do you think they are going to manage in this country? We may even see a replay of that incident in 1974, when North went prancing around his military base, buck naked and pointing a pistol to his head, and shouting "I'm no good! I'm no good!" This time, if our luck is in, he will conclude this moment of accurate self-analysis by consummating his threat.)

Unlike the situation from 1975 to 1985, when raw, brainless, vengeful violence was elevated to a national virtue, the advocates of war are now covered with what athletes call "flop sweat". At long last, they and their attitude are vulnerable. Values that I thought were vanished from American life are now making a come-back.

You will see expansions on this theme in future issues of GRAUSTARK, as space is available.

1985CT

"Spring 1910"

VIVE QUELQUECHOSE!

GERMANY to PARIS: This war will last forever let's just call a draw now!

FRANCE to ITALY: I'll trade you Budapest for Trieste. And a second round draft choice.

FRANCE to TURKEY: Talk to me!

ENGLAND (Chafetz): A Wal S F Lon; F Lon S FRENCH F Nth-Eng; A Den-Swe; F Nwy-Ska; A Fin-St.P.

FRANCE (Addison): A Ven-Tri; A Tyr & F Alb S A Ven-Tri; F Gre S TURKISH A Bul; F Ton-Aeg; F Nth-Hol; A Bre-Pic; A Mun-Ruh; A Mar-Bur; A Bur-Bel; F Eng S A Bur-Bel.

GERMANY (Skellie): A St.P-Nwy; F Ska S A St.P-Nwy; F Bal-Den; A Swe S F Bal-Den; F Dot-Bal; A Boh-Mun; A Kie & A Ruh S A Boh-Mun; A Bel-Bur; A Rum-Bul; A Ser S A Rum-Bul; A Sev holds; A Ukr S A Sev.

ITALY (Sims): A Tri S GERMAN A Ser.

TURKEY (Spera): A Bul-Ser; A Con-Bul; A Arm holds; F Bla-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German A Bel, the English A Den, and the Turkish A Bul are dislodged and annihilated. The following retreats are possible:

ENGLAND: F Nwy-Bar, -Nrg, or -Nth. ITALY: A Tri-Vie or -Bud.

FRANCE: A Mun-Ber or -Sil.

The directions of these retreats should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 1987. A dislodged unit may alternatively be removed. The deadline for "Fall 1910" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1987. Phillip Spera, whose address appeared in the last issue, is now playing Turkey. Bob Addison's new address is #237, 1602 Carey Lane, Silver Spring, Md. 20910; his telephine number remains the same. Players should send in with their "Fall" moves their votes on the proposal for a draw.

1987AD

"Winter 1903"

ENGLAND (Gaughan): Builds F Edi.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gibson): Build deferred.

ITALY (Currie): Removes A Pie.

TURKEY (J. Jordan): Builds F Smy.

France could not make a build because no home supply center was open. The Austro-Hungarian player sent in a letter but did not include a build in it; no stand-by will



be called upon. The Austro-Hungarian player is assured that, no matter what he may have meant to write, the moves that were printed in RGAUSTARK #540 were indeed the moves that he sent in. England is now being played by Pete Gaughan, whose address appeared in GRAUSTARK #540.

ROME: ...at a secret base in Switzerland. Sam Rider left his ship and headed for the base commander. Bursting into the room without so much as a knock, Sam Rider walked over to the commanders Desk. "Gedans," said Sam, showing the commander his evidence, "what are you going to do about it." The Commander did not reply. The Commander just sat there with his cold Dead eyes staring at the Door...

ITALY to AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: You know something? It's good to be King. I have this friend, do you know him? His name is Kriegspieler, and he flys in an Airship.

BERLIN to World: I would love to hear from my counterpart in Paris. My letters to his home address are returned stamped "Moved - left no forwarding address, and my letters to his P. O. box are ignored. Any and all help gladly accepted.

1985CY

"Fall 1909"

## ALBION PERFIDE

ENGLAND (Ulman): F Tri-Mid; F Bal holds; A Lon-Nwy; F Nth C A Lon-Nwy; A Ruh-Bur; A Mos-Ukr; A War S A Mos-Ukr; A Liv-Mos.

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

GERMANY (Scensny): A Mun-Tyr; A Tyr-Tri; A Vie S A Tyr-Tri; A Sil & A Boh S A Gal; A Gal S ENGLISH A Mos-Ukr.

ITALY (Bargender): A Ven-Pie; A Tri-Tyr; F Rom-Tyr.

TURKEY (H. Jordan): F Nap-Tyr; F Ion S F Nap-Tyr; F Aeg S F Ion; A Arm-Sev; F Bla S A Arm-Sev; A Ukr-Gal; A Rum-S A Bud; A Bul-Ser; F Adr S ITALIAN A Ven; A Bud S ITALIAN A Tri.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats A Tri-Alb, and the Turkish A Ukr is dislodged and annihilated. Players should note the application of a little-used rule in the situation in Venice, Piedmont, and Tuscany, where three armies go around in a circle. The vote for a draw fails of unanimity, and is submitted to the players again. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Mos, Mwy, St.P, War. (8)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Tun, Ven. (8)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Kie, Mun, Swe, Tri, Vie. (7)

ITALY: Rom. (1)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy. (10)

Turkey, France, and Germany may each build one new unit, and Italy must remove two. The Turkish order is already in, and the rest should come in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 1987. The deadline for "Spring 1910" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1987.

1986AZ

"Spring 1906"

## ITALIANS INVADE ITALY

ENGLAND (M. Thompson): F Ber, F Kie, A Wal, F Nth & F Hol hold; F Edi-Cly; F Liv-Iri; F Mid-Wes; F Por-Mid; A Lon-Pic; F Eng C A Lon-Pic; A Bel S A Lon-Pic.

GERMANY (Chafetz): A Bur-Bel; A Bre holds

ITALY (Blaine): A Mar-Pie; F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo; F Tun-Tyr.



AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Powell): A Rom-Tus; F Alb-Ion; F Nap S F Alb-Ion; F Tri-Alb; A Ser S  
 A Bul; A Vie & A Mun S A Tyr((sic)); A Tyr S A Mun((sic; no such unit exists));  
 A Bud-Rum; A Bul S A Bud-Rum; A Sev-Arm; A Arm-Ank; A Syr-Smy; A Boh not ordered,  
 holds.

TURKEY (Reebel): F Ank & F Smy hold; F Aeg S F Smy; A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON,  
 FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1987.

1987CX

## CENTRAL POWERS CRUSADE IN BALKANS

"Spring 1902"

ENGLAND (Mason): F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); F Lon-Eng; F Nth S F Lon-Eng; A Edi-Yor.

FRANCE (Stewart): F Bre-Eng; F Por-Mid; A Par-Pic; A Cas-Bur; A Spa-Mar.

GERMANY (Stone): F Den holds; A Ber-Kie; A Mun-Sil; A Ruh-Bel; A Hol S A Ruh-Bel.

ITALY (Tucker): F Ion-Eas; F Nap-Ion; A Ser-Gre; A Apu holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (J. Jordan): F Gre-Aeg; A Vie-Gal; A Bud S A Vie-Gal; A Rum-Ukr;  
 A Tri-Ser.

RUSSIA (Katsurinis): No moves received. F Bot, A War, and A Sev hold.

TURKEY (Rigley): F Bla & A Bul S RUSSIAN A Sev-Rum A Con S A Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. John Rigley is now playing Turkey; his address was published in GRAUSTARK #540. The deadline for "Fall 1902" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1987. Stand-by moves for Russia should be sent in by Matthew Grasse, 1871 Putnam Ave., Ridgewood, N. Y. 11385-4321; 718-381-4822. Oddly enough, the mails are now running all right from Canada, but two American players in Ohio and Texas seem to have been unable to get their moves in on time.

PARIS: The goodwill of the other Western powers is much appreciated here. German army expansion and English naval expansion is always regarded as manifesting goodwill. It is hoped that occupation of Burgundy and the English Channel is regarded in the same light.

1986CW

"Winter 1905"

ENGLAND (Harkin): Builds F Lon.

ITALY (Tucker): Builds A Ven.

FRANCE (Pribe): Removes A Pic, A Bur.

RUSSIA (Sargent): Builds A Mos.

GERMANY (Kandara): Removes A Hol.

The deadline for "Spring 1906" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1987. New addresses:

Pat Harkin, 709 5th St., Alva, Okla. 73717

Andrew T. Pribe, 3133-B Evening Way, La Jolla, Calif. 92637

PARIS to World: Sorry for the mixup. From now on I can yell orders out of my office window to my soldiers in the streets of Paris. Wait. Scratch that. Make it my soldier in the street.

UKRAINE: For two weeks the offensive lasted. Even Our Hero became weary from battle. During the second week of the Offensive, Army Drang Nach Osten encountered a Turkish force bent on capturing Moscow. Within the next few days a three way battle raged between Russian, Austro-Hungarian, and Turkish forces. The last day saw the once proud Army Drang Nach Osten in retreat back to it's base in Kiev. What could be worse?

KIEV: As the Austrian Army prepared to evacuate the remnants of Army DNO were still

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1985HF

"Spring 1910"

## ENGLISH HOLD DENMARK

ENGLAND (MacNiallais): F Nth-Eng; F Den holds; F Hel & F Ska S F Den.

GERMANY (Quirk): A Par-Bre.

RUSSIA (Austin): A Vie, A Rum, A Mar & A Bre hold; A Bel S A Hol; A Ber-Mun; A Hol S A Kie; A War-Sil; A Mun-Bur; A Kie & A Swe S F Bal-Den; F Bal-Den; A Nwy S A Swe; A Fin S A Nwy; F St.P(n.c.)-Bar.

TURKEY (Rosen): No moves received. F Iri, F Mid, F Por, F Spa(s.c.), F Naf, F Wes, F Lyo, A Pie, F Tyr, F Ion, A Tri, A Bul, F Aeg & F Con hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1910" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1987. For Ben Austin's new address see the report of 1986AM. Stand-by "Fall" moves for Turkey should be sent in by Ken McKusick, 221 Northway, Baltimore, Md. 21218; 301-243-8961.

1986AF

"Spring 1907"

hey wait, gang - the war is still going on - really it is!

ENGLAND (La Rocco): F Por-Spa(s.c.); F Wes S F Por-Spa(s.c.); F Spa(n.c.)-Mid; A Bel-Pic; F Eng S A Bel-Pic; A Liv-Wal; F Lon-Nth; F Edi-Nrg; F Fin-Swe; A St.P holds.

FRANCE (Hoffman): No moves received; A Bur holds.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): No moves received; A Hol, A Ruh, A Mun, A Ber & F Bot hold.

ITALY (Rosen): No moves received; F Rom, F Nap, A Mar & F Tyr hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (J. Brennick): A Mos-Liv; A Sev-Mos; A Sil-Pru; A War S A Sil-Pre; A Vie-Tyr; A Tyr-Ven; A Apu-Nap; F Gre-Ion; F Adr S F Gre-Ion; F Tri-Alb; A Bil-Ser; A Rum-Gal; A Gal-Sil; A Boh S A Gal-Sil.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1907" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1987. The following people should send in stand-by orders:

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

GERMANY: Jim McCarthy, Box 4905, Station E, Ottawa, Ontario K1S 5J1; 613-230-2279

ITALY: Alan Stewart, 702-25 St. Mary St., Toronto, Ontario M4Y 1R2; 416-961-8095

The proposal for a draw fails of unanimity and will not be resubmitted.

KIEL to World: I propose a draw. Why? Because Brennick cannot win unless La Rocco stabs all the front-line states. The only reason for La Rocco to do that is if he thinks Brennick will share a two-way draw with him. Given Brennick's track record in this game, it would be foolish for La Rocco to believe Brennick. Therefore, left alone or supported by England, Italy & Germany will hold off Brennick forever.

Now, admittedly this lets Hoffman in for free, and if this really irks Mr. La Rocco so that he wants to play on for a season to take Paris, ok. After that the only person with reason to veto a draw would be Brennick, and there's a house rule that if the relative number of centers amongst the survivors doesn't change for (is it 3, John?) 3 years there is an automatic draw.

KIEL to VIENNA: I'm amazed at my ability to hold you off to date, John. It's really no reflection on me - I literally roll dice to choose my moves (among the rational possibilities) and to date I've been lucky in that the dice have outguessed you.

BROOKLYN (URRP): Yes, it is 3 game years before a draw takes place among those circumstances. But "front-line states"? With the above published moves and lack of them? Spare us.



## VISITEZ LA BELLE FRANCE!

ENGLAND (Hollander): A Edi-Nwy; F Nth C A Edi-Nwy; F Nrg S A Edi-Nwy.

FRANCE (Lilleleht): A Mar-Spa; F Bre-Eng; A Par-Bur.

GERMANY (S. Brooks): No moves received; A Bur, F Hol & A Kie hold.

ITALY (Drakert): A Nap-Tun; F Ion C A Nap-Tun; A Pie-Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brooker): F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gfe; A Gal-War.

RUSSIA (H. Jordan): F Bot-Swe; A St.P-Nwy; A Ukr-War; F Sev-Rum.

TURKEY (P. Martin): A Arm-Sev; F Ank-Con; A Bul-Rum.

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

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

FRANCE: Bre, Par, Spa. (3)

GERMANY: Ber, Hole, Kie, Mun. (4)

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (5)

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

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

Austria-Hungary and Italy may each build two new units, and England, Germany, Russia, and Turkey may each build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" builds is NOON, FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1987. A Stand-by build for Germany should be sent in by Lawrence Chafetz, Apt. 2-M, 178-10 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica, N. Y. 11432.

PARIS to ALL: Damned Lieutenants, can't coordinate their moves so we got bogged down, unable to move. But no more, heads have rolled, to war!

FRANCE to ITALY: Shame, "stabbing" on the first turn, not good.

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streaming into the city. Acting commander Herr General Schmidt tried to coordinate the retreating elements, but he too decided that it was best to run when he learned that Der Rote Kriegspieler was dead!

KAISER STEVE to World: He was a great man, but Napoleon failed too didn't he?

KAISER STEVE to ITALY: Since the Popesters death, my nation has been greatly alarmed by Italian inaction. The War is over against Russia/Turkey, and we have lost.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR to KAISER JOHN: The final conflict will be between England/Russia. It's over. Austria Hungary withdraws from the Central European Alliance. Without Italy it's over.

KAISER STEVE to KING PAT: Riots in the streets, starvation, no order. PLEASE send help.

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Alan Stewart writes from Toronto that while the Canadian postal "strike" may not have caused the U. S. Postal "Service" to cease shipping mail northbound, it is still interfering with Canadian mail service on an irregular basis. "'Rotating strikes' hitting three or four cities a day began at the end of September; the Government announced its intention to pass forced back-to-work legislation yesterday, leading the union to strike Toronto (thru which 50% of Canadian mail supposedly goes) yesterday for the first time in this strike." In a nation where politicians ask why the postal system can't be brought up to U. S. standards, what can you expect?

Incidentally, Jim McCarthy is currently searching for work, a process which keeps him unavailable for long periods of time and has cut down on his ability to keep up with letters. This, not the "strike", is why he is sometimes unavailable. However, despite their difficulties, the Canadian players have managed to keep up with the games in a way that I wish some American players would emulate.



## ENGLAND RETAKES DENMARK

ENGLAND (Chang): F Cly-Nat; F Ska-Den; A Swe & F Nth S F Ska-Den; F Eng-Bel; F Bre S F Mid; F Mid S F Bre.

FRANCE (Dolan): A Par S ENGLISH F Bre; F Spa(s.c.)-Mar.

GERMANY (Ruffing): F Den holds; A Bel holds; A Kie S F Den; A Mun-Ruh.

ITALY (Goldman): F Naf-Mid; F Swe-Spa(s.c.); A Por S F Wes-Spa(s.c.); F Adr-Tri; A Tri-Ser; F Tyr-Ion; A Pic-Par; A Gas-Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rigley): A Ukr-Rum; A Bud S A Ukr-Rum; A Vie S A Bud.

RUSSIA (Kwiatkowski): A Gal S AUSTRÖ-HUNGARIAN A Ukr-Rum; F Sev holds; A Mos S F Sev; A War-Ukr.

TURKEY (M. Brennick): A Rum-Sev; A Arm & F Bla S A Rum-Sev; A Ser-Rum; F Gre S F Aeg; F Aeg S F Gre.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian F Sev is dislodged and annihilated, and France retreats F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo. Germany must retreat F Den-Hel or -Bal; the direction of this retreat should come in with the "Winter 1904" orders, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe. (7) ITALY: Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven. (8)

FRANCE: Par. (1) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Rum, Vie. (3)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5) RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, War. (3)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Ser, Sev, Smy. (7)

Germany and Turkey may each build one unit; Germany has a second build if the dislodged F Den is removed. France must remove one unit. These "Winter 1904" orders must be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 1987. They will be sent to all players. The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1987.

AUSTRIA to TURKEY: Now that sounder mines have controll of Russia, its your turn.

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

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Several readers have asked me what the colophon to the right means. It has been on my publications since I began them, and the number refers to the consecutive numbering of all my publications. (Rod Walker, a vehement defender of the U. S. invasion of Vietnam, once did his own acronym, ending in the words "Tirelessly Insulting Our Nation." He has since learned that I have the same contempt for war laws that he has for sodomy laws.)

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# 1460



1985CA

"Spring 1911"

## BETTER MED THAN RED

In the report of the "Fall 1910" orders, the English "A Bel-Ruh" should have been underlined as impossible.

ENGLAND (Bragdon): A Ruh-Mun; A Kie S A Ruh-Mun; A Bel-Ruh; A Pru-Sil; F Ber-Pru; F Bel S F Ber-Pru; F Naf-Tun; A St.P holds; F Bar S A St.P; A Edi & F Nth not ordered, hold.

FRANCE (Petty): F Mid-Wes; F Spa(s.c.) S F Mid-Wes; F Lyo-Tyr; A Pie-Tyr; A Bur S ENGLISH A Ruh-Mun.

GERMANY (Quirk): A Mun holds.

ITALY (J. Jordan): F Wes-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Foster): A Gre-Tun; F Ion C A Gre-Tun; F Apu-Nap; F Tri-Adr; A Rom-Tus; A Ven S A Rom-Tus; A Tyr S GERMAN A Mun; A Boh S GERMAN A Mun; A Vie-Tri; A War-Pru; A Liv & A Sil S A War-Pru; A Gal-Vie; A Ukr-Gal; A Mos S A Liv.

\* Underlined moves are not possible. The English A Pru and German A Mun are dislodged and annihilated, and Italy retreats F Wes-Lyo. The deadline for "Fall 1911" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1987.

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"Fall 1906"

## ENGLISH EXPELLED FROM CONTINENT

The German move printed in the last issue as "F Kie-Hol" was actually "F Kie-He1".

ENGLAND (Hurwitz): A Wal holds; A St.P-Fin; F Nwy-Nth; F Nrg S F Nwy-Nth; F Liv-Iri ((sic; no such unit exists)); F Edi not ordered, holds.

FRANCE (Barents): A Pic-Wal; F Eng C A Pic-Wal; F Mid-Iri; F Rom-Nap; F Nap-Apu; F Tun-Ion; A Gar-Par; A Ven S F Nap-Apu; A Tus-Rom.

GERMANY (Austin): A Liv-St.P; A Fin S A Liv-St.P; A War-Mos; A Mos-Sev; F Swe-Nwy; A Tyr S A Mun; A Mun S A Tyr; F Hel-Nth.

ITALY (P. Martin): A Alb holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Ball): A Bud-Rum; A Vie-Boh; A Tri holds.

RUSSIA (Dolan): A Gal-Vie.

TURKEY (Skellie): A Bul-Gre; F Aeg S F Ion; F Apu-Nap; F Ion S F Apu-Nap; A Smy-Arm.

Underlined moves are not possible. The English A St.P is dislodged and annihilated, and Turkey retreats F Apu-Adr. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon. (3)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven. (10)

RUSSIA: Vie. (1)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mos, Mun, Nwy, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (11)

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

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

Germany may build two new units; a third build would be possible if a home supply center were available for it. Austria-Hungary and France each has one build; Turkey also has a build if the dislodged F Apu is removed. England must remove one unit, and the last Italian unit is also removed. The deadline for these "Winter 1906" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1987. Ben Austin's new address is P. O. Box 6991, Stanford,



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EDINBURGH to World: PREDICTIONS FOR THE FRANCO-GERMAN ASSUALT: Germany will move A Liv-St. Pete w. support from Moscow. Army Finland will take Norway w. support from Sweden. Fleet Holland will try for North Sea. The French will move F Mid-Iri, w. support from Eng. They won't support the Germans to North Sea, neither will they move an army to Wales or Lon. Why do I feel this way? Because moving F Wes-Mid cost Herb the tempo in the Mediterranean, and he wouldn't have given up his advantage there unless he felt he had to have that fleet in the Atlantic.

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"Spring 1903"

CENTRAL POWERS ADVANCE

ENGLAND (Follmer): F Eng-Bre; F Nth-Bel; F Nrg-NAT; A Nwy-St.P.

FRANCE (Grasse): A Pic-Bre; A Bur-Mar; A Spa S A Bur-Mar; A Ruh-Bur; F Bel-Pic; F Mid-Wes.

GERMANY (Grodewald): A Mun-Ruh; A Hol S A Mun-Ruh; A Ber-Mun; A Kie-Den; F Swe holds.

ITALY (Fader): A Tus-Spa; F Lyo C A Tus-Spa; A Pie S FRENCH A Spa-Mar; F Tyr-Wes.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Carli): A Vie holds; A War-Liv; A Mos-Sev; A Rum-Ukr; A Bud-Rum; A Ser S A Bud-Rum; F Gre-Bul(s.c.); F Tri-Alb.

RUSSIA (P. Martin): A St.P-Mos; F Sev-Rum.

TURKEY (Meldrum): A Bul holds; A Con & F Bla S A Bul; F Arm S RUSSIAN F Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1987. Ronald Meldrum's new address is 115 Gannett Hall, Orono, Maine 04469.

GERMANY to TURKEY: Heere I come!

GERMANY to U. S. A.: The way I see it, you must attack Russia from the Chinese Border. It is the only way.

TURKEY to ITALY: Let's do something together before it's too late for both of us, and Austria does to us like he did to Russia.

TURKEY to World: My kingdom for a A-Bomb!

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"Winter 1901"

ENGLAND (McKusick): Builds F Lon.

ITALY (A. Brooks): Builds F Nap, A Ven.

FRANCE (D. Martin): Builds F Bre, A Par, A Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Moats): Builds A Tri.

RUSSIA (Spera): Builds A St.P.

GERMANY (Chafetz): Builds A Kie, A Ber. TURKEY (Kohburn): Builds F Con.

The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1987.

VIENNA to WORLD: Due to the increase in Balkan tensions, it is with a heavy heart the mandatory service be enacted for all male Austrian citizens. The People's First Militia remains in training on the shores of Trieste.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

My office hours have been changed again. From now until the Christmas vacation, I can most reliably be reached at my office number (718-780-5180) from 11 AM to noon on Mondays and Wednesdays, and from noon to 1 PM on Fridays. Other hours on Mondays and Wednesdays, and on Friday afternoons, might find me there, but it's chancy.

I have just become faculty adviser of the Brooklyn College Science-Fiction Society, which meets from noon to 2 PM on Mondays and Wednesdays. Despite its name, its principal activity seems to be playing fantasy role-playing and other games.



The Italian move printed as "F Mid-Eng" that was in the last issue is a misprint. It should be "F Mid-Bre". Following "Fall 1906" moves Germany retreated A Kie-Mun and England retreated A St.P-Nwy.

FRANCE (Drakert): Removes A Pie.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): Removes A Livonia.

GERMANY (Campbell): Removes F Hel.

TURKEY (Hurley): Builds F Con, F Smy.

ITALY (Ball): Builds A Ven.

The deadline for "Spring 1907" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1987.

CONSTANTINOPLE: A massive fleet of Italian battleships has been sighted steaming toward the Ionian, but the Children of Allah are ready! Heroic Islamic boat-builders work day and night to finish a flotilla of high-speed "kamikaze" rowboats packed full of molotov cocktails and cherry bombs. Throngs of eager youth press recruiters for the privilege of serving in the Sultan's Naval Guard. What more glorious fate for a fourteen-year-old sailor than to give his life in Jihad!

Meanwhile, Supreme Protectress Fatima has announced that, to further the national war effort, she will refuse to pay the latest charges on her account with Gucci of Florence. No sacrifice is too great for our leader!

ISTANBUL to ROME: Well said. En garde!

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## TURKS PUSHED BACKWARDS

"Fall 1909"

Following "Spring 1909" orders Germany retreated F St.P(s.c.)-Bot, and Turkey retreated A Sil-Pru, A Swe-Fin.

ENGLAND (MacNiallais): F Spa(s.c.)-Wes; A Por-Spa; F Ion-Tyr; F Wes-Tun; F Lon-Eng; F Lyo S F Ion-Tyr; A Liv-Lon((sic)); F Bar S GERMAN F Bot-St.P(s.c.).

GERMANY (Schenck): A Kie-Ber; A Ruh S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mun; A Swe-Fin; A Nwy S A Swe-Fin; F Bot-St.P(s.c.).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thornsen): A Ser-Bul; A Gal S A War; A Sil-Pru; A War S TURKISH A Pru; A Mun S GERMAN A Kie-Ber; A Ven not ordered, holds.

TURKEY (Drakert): A Fin-Nwy; A St.P S A Fin-Nwy; A Mos S A St.P; A Ber S GERMAN A Ruh-Mun; A Pru-Liv; A Apu-Ven; A Con-Bul; F Tyr-Run; F Eas-Ion; F Gre & F Aeg S F Eas-Ion; F Rom-Tyr; F Nap S F Rom-Tyr.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey must retreat A Ber-Sil and remove A Fin, while England must retreat F Ion-Adr or -Alb. The directions of these retreats should come in with the "Winter 1909" orders, which may be made conditional upon them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Par, Por, Spa, Tun. (9)

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Mun, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (7)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Nap, Rom, St.P, Sev, Smy, Swe. (12)

England, Germany, and Austria-Hungary may each build one new unit; England may build two if the dislodged F Ion is removed. Turkey also has a build if the A Ber is removed rather than retreated. Since all players live in the Greater New York area, I am calling for IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL for these "Winter 1909" orders, so that they arrive by FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 1987. The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1987.

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"Winter 1919"

Following "Fall 1919" moves, Austria-Hungary retreats F Nap-Apu, A Gal-Bud. In "Winter 1919" England builds A Liv and F Lon, Germany builds A Ber, and Austria-Hungary builds A Vie. The deadline for "Spring 1920" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1987.



ARMISTICE CONCLUDED

ENGLAND (Stewart): A Pie-Tun; A Mar-Pie; F Wes-Tyr; F Lyo S F Wes-Tyr; F Tun-Ion; F Tyr-Nap; F Rom S F Tyr-Nap; F Mid-Wes; F Nth holds; F Lon S F Nth.

GERMANY (Verheiden): F Nwy S F Ska; F Ska S F Nwy; A Ukr & A Mos S A Sev; A Hol S A Bel; A Bel S A Hol; A St.P, A Mun, A Kie, A Sev, A Gal & A Den hold.

TURKEY (Carli): A Rum-Apu; F Bla, F Con, F Aeg & F Ion C A Rum-Apu; F Gre S F Ion; F Nap-Tyr; A Ven-Rom; F Adr S A Ven-Rom((sic)); A Bud-Tri; A Bul-Ser.

1985H - Dennis Agosta, Command (to S05) John Boardman, GRAUSTARK E - Alan Stewart (drew F11) F - Bob Beardsley (out F05) G - Stephen Dycus (dro S02) Mike Colandro (dro F05) Eric Verheiden (drew F11) I - Brian Gallagher (out S05) A - Stanley Johnson (dro S02)\* Peter Martin (out F09) R - Lex Lambert (dro F05) Larry Sims (out S11) T - Glenn Nelsen (dro F06) Jack McHugh (res F09) Jack Carli (drew F11)

Underlined moves are not possible.

Convoys through Constantinople (or Denmark) are not possible since Rule XII.1 states that a convoy can only be across a body of water. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Mar, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun. (10)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mos, Mun, Nwy, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (12)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Rum, Ser, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie. (12)

With these moves, a draw has been voted among the three surviving players. In the supply center chart above, an asterisk represents a center for which a unit was not built. This has been the last of two orphan games taken over when Dennis Agosta had to cease publication of Command. Players and other readers should send in their reviews of the game, which will be printed in a future issue.

\* - Naturally.

Table with 13 columns (00-11) and 10 rows (E, F, G, I, A, R, T) showing supply center counts. Asterisks indicate units not built.

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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. \_\_\_\_\_.

(X) - You will be dropped from game 1986 AF if you miss the next move.

( ) - An IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL move is due from you in game \_\_\_\_\_ by 13 November 1987.

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