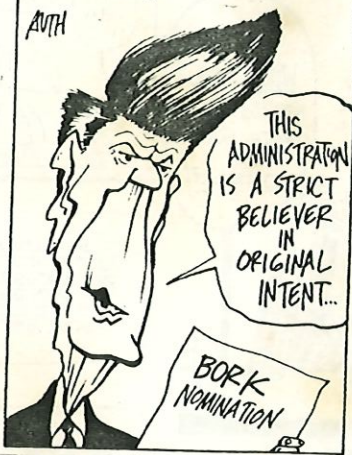
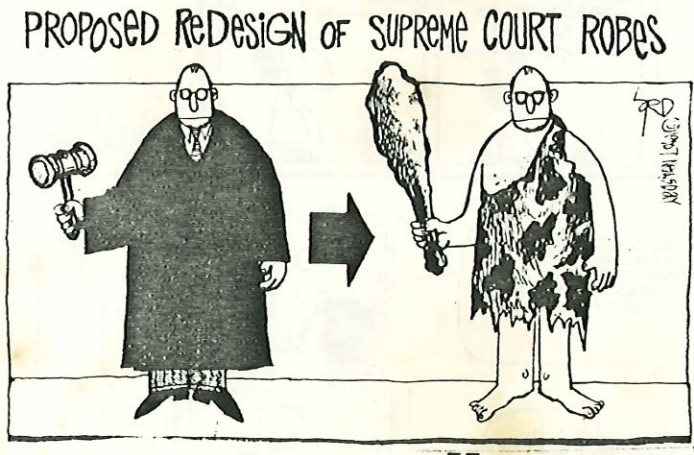




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Best wishes to all for a peaceful and happy new year!



## How to Raise a Hero

So America has a new national hero! I'm sure all parents will want their children to grow up to be like Ollie North. Here are a few guidelines:

Never insist your child tell the truth. "Truth" is an outmoded concept. No successful American tells the truth anymore — it's unpatriotic!

Encourage your child to be secretive and to practice deception. And if at times this makes you feel a bit uncomfortable, remember . . . this is one of Ollie's most outstanding talents.

Realize that your child has to do what he feels is most important. And if this should conflict with school rules and regulations and he should happen to be called inot the principal's office, just make sure he wears his Boy Scout uniform and all his merit badges. That will impress 'em!

Don't discourage your child's ideas on raising

money for his pet projects — you want to encourage initiative and creativity. So what if he's supplying knives and tire chains to the neighborhood bad boys! He's making them pay a good buck for them, isn't he?

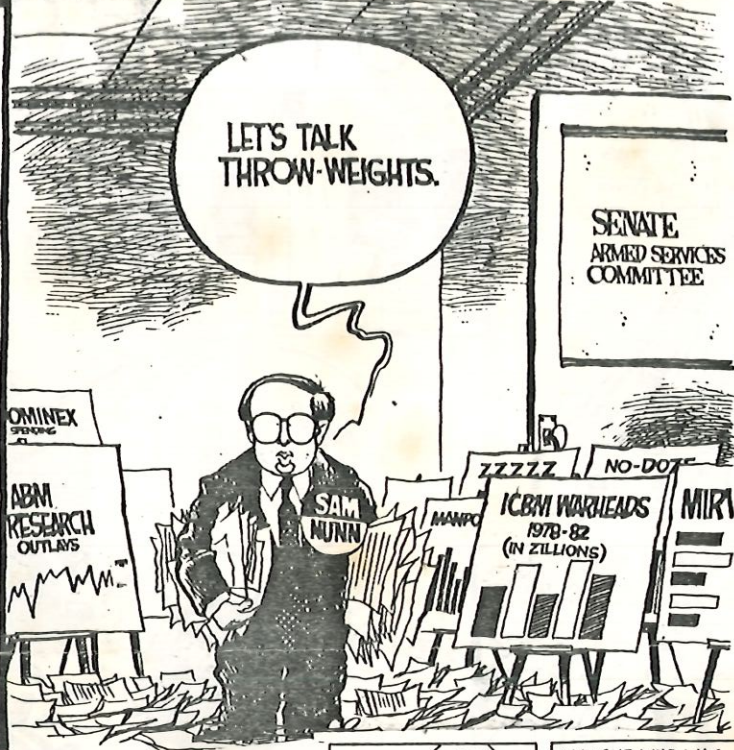
And if anyone questions the way you're raising your child, just tell them you're doing it Ollie's way. They'll understand that you're just trying to produce another great American hero.

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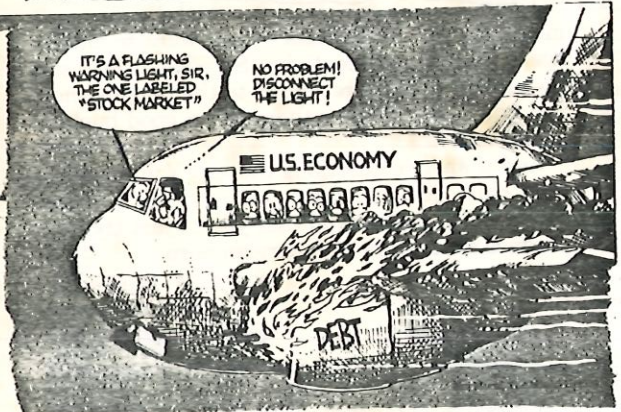


Here He Is,  
America:  
The Democrats'  
Exciting, Dynamic  
Hope for 1988.  
Who Will Capture  
Your Imagination!!!



To the Editor:  
Malise Lynedoch Graham concludes in his Nov. 9 letter that the Allies' World War II bombing of Dresden was justified because "the logic of total war, wherein civilians contribute vitally to the war effort, excludes, by definition, their immunity from attack." One wonders if the activists of the Irish Republican Army or their extralegal opponents will read Captain Graham's justification for the killing of innocent civilians with interest. Can Captain Graham object if they carry out his argument to its logical conclusions?

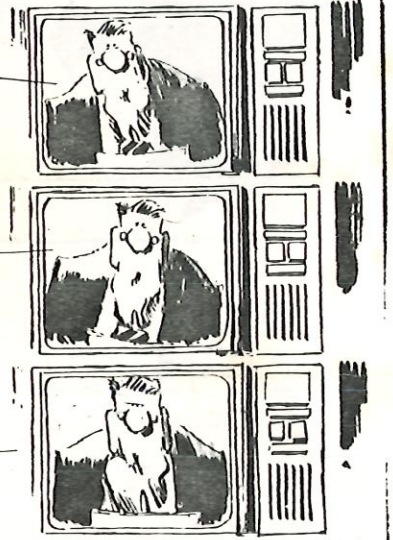
## Cuomo is eager for Nixon's advice



MY FELLOW AMERICANS, I HAVE JUST RECEIVED WORD FROM OSLO, NORWAY THAT PRESIDENT OSCAR ARIAS OF COSTA RICA HAS BEEN GIVEN THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FOR HIS EFFORTS TO RESTORE STABILITY TO STRIFE-TORN CENTRAL AMERICA!

THIS HAS UNDERMINED CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE CONTRAS. THE WHOLE WAR COULD COME TO AN END!

THIS COUNTRY WILL NOT TOLERATE NORWEGIAN TERRORISM!



SHOULDN'T we peace-seeking people now be demanding, "Mr. Reagan . . . tear down your own Berlin Wall around Cuba?"  
True, a person crossing the Berlin Wall from east to west without permission might get a bullet in the back. If you cross Reagan's Berlin Wall around Cuba, you'll only get fines of up to \$50,000 and a prison sentence of up to 10 years, or both.  
**DANIEL L. SNOW, Kingwood, Texas**

Senator Bob Kasten, Republican of Wisconsin, was sorting through some postcards at the Senate gift shop the other day when one caught his eye. Part of a series of patriotic images of America, it depicted the flag raising at Iwo Jima. Mr. Kasten flipped it over and discovered that, down in the corner, in small print, it said, "Made in Japan."





EXCERPTS FROM THE PRIVATE JOURNAL OF BURLEIGH WARLOCK FEYNMAN, ROVING REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OTNEY COMPUTER CORPORATION OF SILICON ALLEY, NEW JERSEY

Dec. 7: Mr. Wozniurd called me into his office today and told me that Otney had just landed the contract to automate the Winter Solstice Lottery in Skandalutz. "You are assigned to go there and install it, and supervise its workings," he said. "We underbid Geikikan Computers by \$4.98. And on Pearl Harbor Day, too. At last, we have revenge on those Japs." He then gave me the tickets on TWA.

Dec. 8: I've been researching this Skandalous assignment, and I see that we had a great deal of trouble selling them on this plan. They have run their lottery with paper ballots since the 16th century, and it seems it was a big job, then, to get them to change over from wooden tallies. I must read up to see just what this lottery is about.

Dec. 10: It seems that the Kingdom of Skandalutz is way up in the Balkan Massif, and Otney got the contract because Mr. Wozniurd's family emigrated from one of the neighboring countries, a place called Pundschruck. The lottery is among all males of a certain age group who are present at the Winter Solstice Festival. The names of native Skandals are plugged in from the census reports, while visiting foreigners are put into it from travel agents or hotel registers. It seems that the lottery win gets to be King of Skandalutz. Maybe I'll see whether I can rig it to put my name in a couple of thousand times.

Dec. 11: I have just found out why there has to be a lottery every Winter Solstice to choose a King. It seems that at each Winter Solstice Festival the previous King is sacrificed to the Mother Goddess, and eaten at the Sacred Feast. I'm going to have to get my name out of that machine altogether. Maybe I ought to tell Mr. Wozniurd that I can't get away this Christmas.

Dec. 14: It shouldn't be too difficult to rig up a program that will give a random choice. However, I just noticed that those "TWA" tickets aren't with the airline I thought they were. The initials stand for "Tin Wing Airlines", a firm from another neighbor of Skandalutz, the Grand Duchy of Wogastisburg-Schlampenbüttel. They claim to have been in the airline business since 1879, which sounds like a misprint to me.

Dec. 17: Flew from JFK today in "TWA". My seat-mate, a handsome, slender man in his forties, said he was also looking forward to the Winter Solstice Festival. I asked him whether he was worried about getting chosen King in the lottery. "Not really," he said, goosing a stewardess. "The chances of getting chosen King are very small, but everyone gets laid." He then went somewhere with the stew, and I didn't see either of them for an hour and a half.

Dec. 19: I got to work on the computer program. They've got an old mainframe here that probably dates back to Ada Augusta Byron - who, they told me, made several visits to Skandalutz in her day. But I loaded the program with no trouble, and we did a trial run using names off the International Herald Tribune's reports of NFL games. I suppose I could tell Mark Gastineau what he missed, but I'd like to be at a safe distance, first.

I put my name into the computer along with everyone else's, and then privately wrote a subroutine that took it out again. It is built into another subroutine that has the computer playing the Skandalous National Anthem before announcing the name of the winner - if "winner" is the word I want.

Dec. 20: I reported in to the Mistress of Trade, who praised my work ("Pretty good for a man") and suggested we get a drink somewhere together. "Somewhere" turned out to be a private suite at the King's Staff, a sumptuous local hotel. I am rapidly becoming reconciled to many of the aspects of a matriarchy.

Dec. 21: Today was the big day. However, the computer developed an unexpected glitch, and three names appeared on the screen. All, oddly enough, were Americans. The read-out was:

REVEREND JIMMY JIM BAKKENFORTH, P. T. O. MINISTRIES  
 SENATOR GARY HARD (DEM., CNDM.)  
 LT. CRMPIL. OLIVER NORDIK (USMC, REF.)



I didn't want to draw too much attention to this glitch, since they might have found my own little subroutine when they checked the program. So I simply told the Queen that any one of the three could be the winner. After considerable discussion among themselves, the priestesses decided to let the Queen choose. (I have the distinct impression that the alleged impartiality of the Sacred Lottery has been frequently ignored in the past.)

The Queen, Tanna Hanna CCXLII, did not make an immediate decision, but invited three American guests to the Royal Palace for a long and highly secret conference. These guests were Jessica Scrawn, a Deaconess in the Church of the Holy Profeta; Donna E. Mobile of the American Federation of Bimbos; and Fawn Ing, Undersecretary of Contra-Ception. After this conference, a Palace spokeswoman announced that Senator Hard had won the Sacred Lottery. There are rumors that he is favored because of his roots in the Four And A Half Kingdoms; his family originally emigrated from the Grand Duchy. (The family name was originally "Hardpantz", but the Senator dropped the "pantz".) Apparently the Democratic Party is going to have to find another presidential candidate. And Senator Hard, it seems, had been my seatmate on the flight in.

Dec. 22: The last King of Skandalutz, the American actor Sylvio Scumbaggi, was sacrificed yesterday and served as the largest pizze in the history of the Four And A Half Kingdoms. (A shame - no more "Bumbo" films!) I will be glad to leave before my little trick is discovered. A lot of jet-setters are going on to the Ignobel Prize awards in Wogastisburger-Neustadt, the capital of the Grand Duchy, and will then continue on to the big Circus Bowl game in the Temporary Roman Empire.

Dec. 23: As usual, the Ignobel Prizes were announced at a lavish reception in the Salon du Grand-Duc of the Hotel de Wogastisburg et Metropole, a gilded age hotel in the Grand Duchy's capital. The announcements were made by Aloys Ignobel, the elderly son of the millionaire who endowed the prizes and of Mata Hari.

The War Prize was given to P. W. Botha of South Africa, for the highly successful wars he seems to be running by proxy in Angola and Mozambique. Herr Ignobel seemed particularly impressed by the fact that, despite the anti-African character of the Botha regime, most of the troops it is using in both operations are African. "It's as if," he said, "the Confederate rebels in the U. S. had used slave troops against the Union." I must check to see whether the Ignobel Prizes were in existence then.

The Espionage Prize was awarded to the Walker Family Spy Ring, "as an appreciation of the fact that, even in this day and age of the bug multinational corporation, there is room for the little family firm." The Ignobel Prize Committee, whose membership is kept secret, also expressed its appreciation of the fact that Mr. Walker could simultaneously be a spy for the Soviet Union and an official of the Ku Klux Klan.

The Genocide Prize went to Roberto d'Aubuisson, whose Death Squads have operated successfully for many years in Central America. "Admittedly," said Ignobel, "we are impressed by the great strides made in the last year by Renamo in Mozambique, but Sr. d'Aubuisson's claims are of many years' standing and deserve international recognition. The award was accepted for Sr. d'Aubuisson by John Hull.

The award for Provocation went to Eden Pastora, and Mr. Hull also accepted it for him. It seems that this award goes to the best agent provocateur, and St. Pastora was honored for his work in persuading Americans that the opposition to the Nicaraguan government consists solely and without exception of devoted supporters of democracy who opposed the Somoza dictatorship and are against the Sandinistas because they have betrayed the promise of the revolution.

The last award, in Military Science, went to Dr. Lowell Wood, director of the laboratory which is building the Strategic Defense Initiative, an effort which promises to end forever the risk that America's electronics and aerospace industries might go bankrupt. That, at least, is what Ignobel said, but by this time I was haeded for the buffet, hot on the heels of Ms. Mobile. I had not realized how interesting it is to be president of a nationwide union in her line of work.



## I'LL SEE YOU IN THE FUNNY PAPERS

## XLVIII. Gen Comes to America

The possibility of nuclear war has hung over the world for more than forty years. Science-fiction stories, mainstream novels, films, and comic books have tried to estimate what horrors would be caused if it were unleashed. Nevertheless, there are still people who can regard nuclear war as one of several options which, under certain conditions, it might be desirable to employ.

Such people are about to be exposed to the art work of the Japanese comic strip artist Keiji Nakazawa. Nuclear war is not an academic question for Nakazawa. He was on his way to school on the morning when the first nuclear bomb fell on Hiroshima. His father, sister, and brother died in the resulting firestorm, and he does not know how he escaped. His determination that such a thing must never happen again has led him to create a book, from which will soon be designed a film which is going to have a major impact when it is released in this country.

Nakazawa's Hadashi no Gen ("Barefoot Gen") first appeared in 1972-73, serialized in Japan's largest comic art weekly, Shukan Shōnen Jampū. The message is as hard, stark, and uncompromising as is the artwork. In 1976 Project Gen was formed, to bring Nakazawa's message to speakers of other languages. This was not an easy job, since Japanese reads from right to left, meaning that panels had to be reversed and in some cases redrawn. So far, Barefoot Gen has appeared in English, French, German, Norwegian, Swedish, Indonesian, and Esperanto. A full-length, animated, feature film of this book will be released in the U. S. in 1988.

"Gen" means "roots" or "source", and the boy Gen Nakaoka is a fictionalized version of the artist himself. The story begins in April of 1945, with the Japanese militarists desperately trying to keep up the people's patriotic spirit in the face of the defeat that could be seen coming. Gen is the fourth of the Nakaokas' five children; a sixth is on the way. His father is opposed to the war and to the militarists, and so of course the whole family is condemned as "traitors" - a condemnation which is reinforced when they behave decently towards their Korean neighbor instead of insulting him as the other Japanese do. Gen's oldest brother was yanked away from his studies to work in a munitions plant - from which he enlists in the navy because he is tired of being called a traitor's son. The second son has been "evacuated" to the country, where he is put to agricultural labor and half starved to death. Experiences of both older boys are shown, interspersed with those of the family at home, to show how the war has perverted the values and mutilated the spirits of the people.

The humorous is mixed with the tragic in this book. Gen and his little brother Shinji are the sort of high-spirited, mischief-making boys who are common in "kid strips" - Katzenjammer Kids without malice. If a crippled glazier is about to be evicted from his shop, Gen and Shinji drum up business for him - by breaking windows all over the neighborhood. If they are short of money for food, they do a song and dance act on the street corner, pretending to be orphans. But in the midst of this is pathos. While they are begging, an old woman offers to take them in, since her grandchildren were killed in an air raid - we see their deaths as the old lady speaks. When word comes of the fall of Okinawa, we see the Okinawan civilians committing suicide, taking their children with them. A cousin of the Nakaokas comes home a blinded, quadruple amputee. And, from time to time, we break to see the planning and testing of the first nuclear weapons, in distant America.

Barefoot Gen does not give us long recriminations about the American use of nuclear bombs against Japan. Americans are, equally with Japanese, presented as victims of the war. The Nakaoka family walks by a prisoner of war camp, and see other passers-by stoning and insulting the prisoners. Mr. Nakaoka tells his children, "These Americans have Mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers too. War just makes humans hate each other, kill each other.." The blame for the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima is fixed primarily on the Japanese militarists who led and lied the country into the war.

Koji, Gen's oldest brother, is seen at a training camp for kamikaze pilots, where the military mystique is carried to its highest pitch. One of the boys, Hanada, breaks



under the brutal training, runs away, and is recaptured and beaten to within an inch of his life. He hangs himself, and his parents are told that their son "met with an accident and died honorably during training." When they come to the base, Koji tells them the truth - and they reject it bitterly. "Terukichi died honorably for his country!" the elder Hanada shouts. "Don't take away our glory! Don't destroy our dream! Our dream that Terukichi would die in the war for his country!" As the Hanadas leave, Koji is stunned that they are "rejoicing over their own son's death."

Nor was it only the Japanese "warrior mystique" that produces such feelings. There is now under construction, just a few miles east of New York City, a memorial to and for Gold Star parents. It celebrates the deaths of their sons in military service. To call things by their real names, this memorial is being erected by parents who are glad that their sons are dead. It is difficult to find words to describe such a perversion of normal human feelings.

The anti-war message comes over well, but American readers will still feel some culture shock. The Nakaokas are a close and loving family, but the father administers terrific beatings to his sons when they misbehave - even to Koji when he announces his intention of joining the navy. ("You moron. - I didn't bring you up to become a murderer!") After Gen is caught breaking the windows, he is not only beaten, but his hands and feet are tied and he is suspended for a while from a railing. (Naturally, Shinji comes along and tickles his feet.) This was more violent punishment than you would have found in an American family at that time, let alone now. Also, the whole family sleeps on adjacent floor mats in the same room. And while Shinji sometimes wears the same outfit as would an American boy, at other times he wears a sort of lozenge-shaped wrap-around garment that leaves his buttocks bare.

The English translation is well-done and idiomatic; we see such expressions as "hang in there", "turkey", and "creep". The lettering, however, leaves a great deal to be desired. The English translation of Barefoot Gen (\$11.45 including shipping from New Society Publishers, 4722 Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia, Penn. 19143) takes us up to the fall of the bomb, though the original Japanese text goes into the aftermath.

The effects of the bomb are particularly strong stuff; after reading the end of the book you will want to go and hug someone you love. Since film is a more powerful medium than print, there is going to be much controversy when the film version of Barefoot Gen becomes available. As commercial distributors will not touch such a thing, it will circulate on university campuses and among anti-war groups, for which it should be an effective propaganda piece and fund-raiser. I leave to your imagination the reaction it will get from conservative columnists and talk shows - which will probably be excellent publicity for it. Nakazawa's work, based as it is on his personal experience of nuclear warfare, should prove very effective in promoting opposition to it.

The book has an introduction by Susumu Ishitani, a Japanese Pacifist who as a boy survived the nuclear bombing of Nagasaki. He speaks of the universality of the message of Barefoot Gen. His words are equally applicable to the nations of our own time:

"Gradually I came to know how I and all ordinary Japanese people had been cheated by the ruling people. Those who were cheated, cheated other people, too. Mass media, education, social pressure and police and military power were all used on the people. We had never been given proper information to judge what was actually going on. What we were given was incorrect information in order for them to be able to justify their military policies. Education had been used to promote the hatred and killing of 'enemies...The war was actually not between the Japanese people and the people of the allied nations. I felt anger at those who cheated me and also at myself for being so easily cheated."

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This column, criticism of comic art, regularly runs in my science-fiction fanzine DAGON. This installment will also run in the 544th issue of my war-gaming fanzine GRAUSTARK.



## WAR GAMES AND THE GAME OF WAR

This is a series of three editorials that first appeared in GRAU-STARKS ##146, 147, and 149 on 16 and 30 December 1967 and 20 January 1968. These editorials explored the question of whether war is desirable and/or necessary, what steps may be taken to end it, in what danger the world presently stands of war, war viewed as a game, and the appropriateness of discussion of war in a war-gaming fanzine. On the 20th anniversary of the original publication of these articles, virtually nothing has changed except that the war with Vietnam is over; however, the mode of thought that brought it about is still, unfortunately, alive and well. I find that I still support in every particular the ideas that I put before GRAUSTARK's readers 20 years ago.

## I. The Idea of War

"Wars do not break out automatically; they start in the minds of men, and man must commit himself to champion the soundness and value of alternative solutions. We have abandoned other outmoded concepts in other centuries that were just as firmly rooted in man's experience: slavery, for example; or feudalism, human sacrifice and the divine right of kings. It is becoming increasingly clear that war itself carries no fruits of victory and that all parties suffer in the disaster." - Dr. Andrew W. Cordier, former Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations, 30 October 1967.

War is one of the most ancient of human institutions. In the past 5,000 years, according to the best historical evidence available to the Fund for Education in World Order, there have been 14,513 wars. Over this period, which encompasses most of the course of human civilization, every fourth human being has been a war casualty. No disease, no natural disaster, no sort of accident, no other crime, has begun to approach the appalling toll of war in life, property, and the intangibles which go to make up civilized existence.

In fact, what is war? It is the sum total of millions of acts, each of which individually is regarded as a most heinous crime by the standards of any civilized society. The most vicious criminals in human history - Sawney Bean, Gilles de Retz, Elizabeth Brownrigg, Henri Landru, Aleister Crowley, Lawrence Rainey - have not killed as many as have men highly honored in history as military leaders. In fact, the crimes of de Retz are sometimes regarded as being offset in part by his record as a military man, when in fact he would have been a most notable killer had he never enticed a boy into those dungeons beneath his castle. Nor have the greatest thieves and arsonists destroyed a tithe of the property which perishes in warfare. And the bloodiest and most extreme revolutions which history records have not killed a fraction of the numbers who die in even the shortest wars - though in several cases, such as the French Revolution of 1789, it is difficult to distinguish between the revolution and the war into which it led.

This historical view, combined with the fact that the technical aspects of warfare have reached in recent years a state in which the extermination of humanity is literally possible, makes the ending of war the first order of business for the human race. At this stage there can be no point to distinguishing between "just" and "unjust" wars, between "wars of aggression" and "wars of national defense". These terms have become perverted beyond any recognizable meaning, and a man killed in one kind of war is just as dead as a man killed in another kind.

At this point the opponent of war should not let himself get involved in historical questions beginning with the words "what would you have done when..." No human agency can prevent World War II from breaking out. The task is now to stop all existing wars, and to prevent further wars. This holds for the American invasion of Viet-



nam, the Egyptian invasion of Yemen, the Israeli-Arab confrontation, and Greco-Turkish crisis, and all other situations of danger.

The urgent necessity to stop war may conflict with other values, and so people should be made to see clearly how the prevention of war has a higher priority. In this connection the question which poses the greatest soul-searching for the resident of a democracy is "Should the advocacy of war be permitted?" A negative answer to this question conflicts at first glance with deeply held convictions about freedom of speech, the press, opinion, and association. The idea that the expression of some opinion, the advocacy of some course of action, be prohibited is one which does not come easily to an American - nor should it. Very strong reasons must be advanced for giving a negative answer to this question.

Yet there are already some topics whose advocacy is prohibited. Several states, including Illinois, prohibit the dissemination of propaganda which slanders or libels an ethnic group. These "group libel" laws were upheld as constitutional by the U. S. Supreme Court in 1952, in the case of Illinois vs. Beauharnais. There is a long history of civil turmoil and criminal acts directly attributable to such propaganda, and a "group libel" law is one of several ways in which this problem should be met. Nor is there a civil libertarian anywhere in the world who would defend, on the grounds of freedom of speech and association, the association of a group of men to rob a bank, and their attempts to recruit others into this group.

Nor can freedom of speech cover incitement to riot in circumstances where there is an immediate specific danger of a specific riot. (This also has been upheld by the U. S. Supreme Court, in New York vs. Feiner, 1951.) But if incitement to riot is not protected then, a fortiori, neither is incitement to war.

Of course, such a ruling should be enforced with care. There is no need to yank the volumes of von Treitschke or Quinton out of the depths of libraries and burn them; no one was ever incited to march off to war by something he dug up out of a dusty volume decades old. But specific advocacy of specific wars, and of specific warlike acts, should come under this heading. "Let's drop a H-bomb on Moscow," spoken by a Union Square crackpot, is beneath notice as incitement. But "Let's lob a few more mortar rounds into that village over there," is a direct incitement to a vicious crime. In civil society men have been hanged for such words even though they themselves did not pull the fatal trigger.

In their efforts against war, Pacifists have taken what are commonly regarded as extreme measures. Yet no Pacifist action, accomplished, planned, or wildly conjectured, causes the damage and death brought about by an average day of a limited war like the one in Vietnam. There is something grossly twisted in the mind of a person who accepts war as a necessary and unavoidable part of life, and yet gets angered by a peace demonstration which blocks the streets, breaks a window, or shrieks calumny upon the sex life of a President.

A lover of war might say, "I would rather die in war than live under a system objectionable to me." He had every right to make this decision for himself. He has no right to make this decision for his neighbors, his nation, any other nation, civilization, or humanity. And people who might be affected by his determination have every right to protect themselves against his attempts to get them all killed with him.

#### EARLY PRESS RELEASES

1985CT

TURKEY to ENGLAND: Interested in a Crimean Campaign?

1986AM

FRANCE: The Flying Dutchie Boy announced today that affairs in England have been broken off!! "The would not all me to see their Wales Why Should I Allow Them to see my Whale!" he said.



Rumors have it that they will Soon Allow Frenchmen into WALES & then the affairs can start over once again.

1986AV

LONDON to CON: Is Fatima getting fat, or is it just the Russian caviar.

LONDON to ROME: The Queen said "that peace is for the best." So English ships will stay out of the Mid Atlantic.

LONDON to MUNICH: How about it did it work?

1986AZ

CONSTANTINOPLE: The tide is beginning to turn against the Austrian beast as English and Italian forces begin moving in the Mediterranean. Our encircled forces will hold until the end. No deals with backstabbers!

1986CW

PARIS to CONSTANTINOPLE: Isn't France known to have an erratic foreign policy?

PARIS SOCIALITE: Foreign Minister de Vries has not returned from his August leave. Reportedly, he is conducting foreign policy from a jacuzzi in Southern California.

ENGLAND to GERMANY: I've been in some games before with an armoured duck but you take the cake. Is that the way a good Boy Scout would act?

UKRAINE: Surrender! The Russians came by the thousands. This is  
There was no stopping them, and before long those Austrians that  
had not surrendered were dead. Turkish forces had also appeared O At  
in the area, apparently aiding the Russians. At the Turkish field P Great  
Headquarters in Sevastopol locked securely in a cell was the wound- E Intervals  
ed Der Rote Kriegsspieler. Light came into the cell thru a single R This  
window in the cell door. 20 Turkish soldiers gaurded Our Hero in A Appears  
and around the small building in which DRK was being held. T To  
machine gun and crew covered the only exit out of the cell, and barbed I Inflame  
wire circled the building. Would Our Hero meet his end at the hands O Optic  
of the enemy? N Nerves

SOMEWHERE OVER SEVASTOPOL (via VIENNA): The Turkish soldiers  
heard a steady whiff and, looking up, they saw a great cigar shape # 1469  
illuminated in the moonlight. Flares lit up the sky and shots could  
be heard as the Turks attempted to shoot down the Fine Fenwickian Airship. For two  
hours the Airship tied down Turkish troops, and it even succeeded in killing some of  
them with Longbow fired arrows! Meanwhile...

FROM THE SEA (via VIENNA): The German commandos had landed from a U-boat in the  
Black Sea and had made their way to the position that the Airship had radioed to them.  
Finding the Turkish involved firing on the Fenwickian Airship and having abandoned  
their positions, the German Commandos just crossed the wire, dispatched the Machine  
gun crew, broke down the door (with gunfire and other noise protecting them from de-  
tection) and took DRK. Then the Germans disappeared, as fast as they had come, to  
their raft and then to the waiting U-boat. On receiving the coded message from the  
U-boat, the Airship turned for home. In the U-boat DRK thought "Napoleon had his sec-  
ond chance too! I shall be emporer!"

FRANCE to ENGLAND: Piss off.

1986HI

BUDAPEST: Long live are Allies and to are greater glory.

MOSCOW to World: The United Christian nations of Italy, Austria-Hungary and Rus-  
sia have risen up to throw off the yolk of the invading Moslems and to insure that they  
will never blacken civilized soil again.



1987AD

GALICIAN HQTRS OF INTELMERIT'Y: No news from Moscow may mean their isolationist party isn't quite out of control. No news from London or Paris means Intelmerit idea has them in cultural shock, still. No news from Istanbul makes good sense. Surprises coming.

ENGLAND to Board: One month here, and already the silent treatment? Wow.

ROME: Italian pressure on France had been lifted simply because "he who defends all defends nothing." Because "only the simple can be made to work" I have chosen a path which I believe will help Italy proper. It's good to be king.

ROME to BERLIN: Relax, life it tough but we're tougher. If we are persistent, we shall overcome.

1987CD

PARIS (still the capital of the civilized world): "The territory of Belgium had been the pathway of warriors since Caesar fought the Belgae. In Belgium, Charles the Bold of Burgundy and Louis XI of France had fought out their long and bitter rivalry; there Spain had ravaged the Low Countries; there Marlborough had fought the French at the "very murderous battle" of Malplaquet; there Napoleon had met Wellington at Waterloo; there the people had risen against every ruler - Burgundian, French, Spanish, Hapsburg, or Dutch - until the final revolt against the House of Orange in 1830. Then under Leopold of Saxe-Coburg, maternal uncle of Queen Victoria, as King, they had made themselves a nation, grown prosperous, spent their energies in fraternal fighting between Flemings and Walloons, Catholics and Protestants, and in disputes over Socialism and French and Flemish bilingualism, in the fervent hope that their neighbors would leave them to continue undisturbed in this happy condition." - Barbara Tuchman, The Guns of August

PARIS: Looks like the Belgians are acting up again. Someone help me before the little buggers destroy my nation.

TURKEY to AUSTRIA: It looks like we might have a problem here...

ANKARA to BERLIN: Welcome, welcome, mein herr!

TURKEY to ITALY: Maybe if you just grabbed a couple Austrian centers...

1987CX

CONSTANTINOPLE: HELP!!!!

RUSSIA to FRANCE and GERMANY: How about putting a little pressure on Austria and Italy in order to free up the Turks and Russians so as to have us greatly contribute to their ultimate destruction.

LONDON: Once again, the English Channel has proven to be a tinderbox and a serious threat to Anglo-French cooperation. The Prime Minister has dispatched envoys to Paris and expresses hope that the situation can be peacefully resolved.

1987HQ

VIENNA: The Austrian Foreign Ministry calls for peace in Europe. This buildup can only result in death and destruction.

MORE 1987CX

MOSCOW: Look out world. The Russian steamroller has four wheels once again. Now lets see if the rag tag Russian revolutionary regime can find some axel rods to put them on.



## ARMISTICE CONCLUDED!

Following "Fall 1911" moves, England builds A Lon and F Edi, France builds F Mar, and Austria-Hungary builds F Tri. These three surviving players also agreed upon a draw, and so the game now ends. Of the six postal Diplomacy games begun in 1985, this is the third to be completed, and the first to end in a draw. A supply center chart appears below. An asterisk indicates a supply center for which, for some reason, a unit was not built.

1985CA - John Boardman, GRAUSTARK

E - Bob Bragdon (drew F11)  
 F - Mikel D. Petty (drew F11)  
 G - Tony Strickland (res S06)  
 Michael Quirk (out S11)  
 I - Dennis Walker (res S06)  
 Thomas Plachta (dro F10)  
 John Jordan (out F11)  
 A - Larry Foster (drew F11)  
 R - Edward Wrobel (out F07)  
 T - Dick Martin (out F08)

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E	3	4	6	5	6	6	6	8	11	11	11	12
F	3	4	3	3*	2	2	3	3	4*	*5	5	6
G	3	6	7	6	7	7	5	5	2	1	1	
I	3	4	5	6	7	7	7	5	5	3	2*	
A	3	5	7	8	8	8	10*	12***	12**	14*	15	16
R	4	5	3	2	2	2	1					
T	3	4	3	2	2	2	2	1				

Players and other readers are invited to send in their reviews of this game. Those players whose subscriptions end as a result of this game ending should check with the listings under "When Do You Expire?", elsewhere in this issue.

1985HL

## PARIS IN THE FALL

"Fall 1910"

ENGLAND (MacNiallais): F Adr-Ion; F Wes-Tun; A Spa S F Mar; F Mar holds; F Mid-Naf; F Lyo-Tyr; A Wal-Pic; F Eng C A Wal-Pic; F Bar-Nwy.

GERMANY (Schenck): A Fin-Nwy; A Nwy-Swe; F Bal-Ber; A Ber-Mun; A Mun-Tyr; A Ruh-Bur.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thornsen): A Bur-Par; A Pie-Mar; F Tri-Ven; A Ser S A Rum; A Rum S A Ser; A War S A Sil; A Sil S A War.

TURKEY (Drakert): F Tyr-Lyo; F Tus S F Tyr-Lyo; F Rom-Tyr; F Apu-Nap; F Ion-Tun; F Gre S A Bul; F Aeg-Ion; A Ank-Arm((sic; no such unit exists)); A Liv & A Mos S A St.P; A St.P S A Liv; A Bul S F Gre; A Arm not ordered, holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The English F Lyo is dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

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

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Nwy, Swe. (7)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Par, Rum, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (8)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Nap, Rom, St.P, Sev, Smy. (10)

England, Germany, and Austria-Hungary may each build one unit, and Turkey must remove two. These orders should be sent in my IMMEDIATE REUTRN MAIL (or phone), so that they arrive by FRIDAY 8 JANUARY 1988. The deadline for "Spring 1911" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 1988.

A proposal for a draw has been put forward by one of the players. All players should send in their votes on this proposal with their "Winter 1910" orders.



## ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS MY TWO FRONT LINES

Just in time to get into 1987 as the 6th game begin in GRAUSTARK this year, the following people have signed up for a new postal Diplomacy game.

ENGLAND: John E. Ferder, 75 Sheridan Ave., Williston Park, N. Y. 11596-2313;  
516-747-2987

FRANCE: Dave Wilson, Apt. 3-H, 3764 Bronx Blvd., Bronx, N. Y. 10467; 212-655-3949

GERMANY: Tom Taylor, 2023 Englewood Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21207

ITALY: Christopher J. Gabel, 235 Fifth St., Madras, Ore. 97741; ( ? )-475-3933

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Arthur C. Thomas, 97 Emily Dr., Centereach, N. Y. 11720

RUSSIA: Jeffrey A. Dickerson, 4819 Oakhurst Pl., Indianapolis, Ind. 46254; 317-293-3414

TURKEY: Michael Quirk, 3830 Chester Dr., Glenview, Ill. 60025; 312-498-1377

The geographical spread of entrants is not as good as it has been for previous games, but entries have been coming in very slowly since the last new GRAUSTARK game was opened 28 August 1987. Also, country assignments were rather difficult, as four of the above-named seven players specified Turkey as their first choice, and nobody placed Italy or Germany higher than third. Still, three people got their first, and two their second, choices.

These moves are being mailed out on Friday 18 December, so players will have an extra week to get acquainted with one another and to plan their initial strategies. The deadline for "Spring 1901" orders is NCON, FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 1988. (That, as it turns out, is the 83rd anniversary of an event critical to the period in which this game is placed. It was on that date, by the present calendar, that a Russian priest named Gapon organized a huge non-violent protest by the people of St. Petersburg against the autocracy and the war. Gapon led this multitude into the center of the capital - and fed them to the army, as he was a police agent. Hundreds of Russians were shot down in the streets, in a gesture which the court obviously hoped would put an end to these protests. Instead, it convinced the Russian people that peaceful methods could not work, and set the stage for the violent revolution of 12 years later. A few months after this massacre, some Socialists murdered Gapon, and then there was no turning back. As it happened, my father was born on that same day - fortunately, in a tiny town on the Dakota prairies rather than anywhere near St. Petersburg.)

The rules for postal Diplomacy were published in GRAUSTARK #525. Any player who does not have a copy of this issue should write for it at once. I am sending these listings to Steve Heinowski, who assigns Boardman Numbers. Eventually the Boardman Number that he assigns should be used for this game; until I pass it on to you, just refer to this one as "the New Game".

New postal Diplomacy games are still being organized in GRAUSTARK, and already two entries are in. One is for a "Leisurely Game" with eight-week deadlines, no immediate return mail, and no one ever dropped for missing moves; experience has convinced me that a lot of GRAUSTARK readers would like to play in such a game rather than with what is apparently the present break-neck speed of four-week deadlines. The game fee, for either an ordinary game or a Leisurely Game, is \$25; this includes a subscription to GRAUSTARK as long as the game lasts. With your entry fee, send in a list of the countries that you'd like to play, in your order of preference, and I'll try to place you as close to the top of that list as I can.

GRAUSTARK subscriptions for non-players are 12 issues for \$10. Back issues from the beginning of 1986 are 10 for \$3 but move fast if you want any 1986 issues; on 2 January I'm going to throw out all back issues from before 1987 except #525.

EMPIRE, my other war gaming fanzine, has just begun a new postal game of Greg Costikyan's Pax Britannica. The subscription and back issue rates for EMPIRE are the same as for GRAUSTARK. Since interest seems to have slackened off recently for Pax Britannica, I will not for the time being have any new game openings for it. GRAUSTARK and EMPIRE, as well as a science-fiction fanzine LAGON, are published by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226-5302; 718-693-1576.



## EXCERPTS FROM THE PRIVATE JOURNAL OF BURLEIGH WARLOCK FEYNMAN (continued from p. 4)

Dec. 25: Ms. Mobile and I spent today at the big Circus Bowl game in Roma Temporraria, where today's holiday is called "Saturnalia". The game was interesting, although a bit one-sided. The final score was Lions 19, Christians 1. A shut-out was avoided when the Christians' nose guard, a short, dark, muscular man who seemed somewhat familiar, shouted, "Yo, Leo!" and skewered the beast through the left eye with a fletcherette.

1985CT

"Winter 1910"

Following "Fall 1910" moves Germany retreated A Mun-Boh. The vote for a draw fails of the necessary unanimity and is again submitted to the players.

FRANCE (Addison): Builds F Bre and A Mar; defers one build. GERMANY (Skellie): Removes A Swe. TURKEY (Spera): Builds A Con.

The deadline for "Spring 1911" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 1988. Phillip Spera writes that until 3 January his mailing address will be 461 NE 44th St.; Boca Raton, Fla. 33431.

1986HI

"Winter 1904"

Several players have pointed out to me that I miswrote the "Winter 1904" orders when I sent them out after receiving them by immediate return mail in early November. The German build was actually F Ber and not A Ber. Under the circumstances I feel that I have to set again a deadline date for the "Spring 1905" orders; this is inconvenient, but seems to be the least difficult way of proceeding. The deadline for "Spring 1905" orders is accordingly reset to NOON, FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 1988. I am sorry for any inconvenience this has caused.

1987CD

"Winter 1903"

GERMANY (Grodewald): Builds A Ber. RUSSIA (P. Martin): Removes A Fin. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Carli): Builds A Bud.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 1988.

PARIS: You're all a bunch of wimps. Austria is TOO BIG. Lets go get him!!

FRANCE to AUSTRIA: If these wimps weren't in my way you'd be in big trouble!

PARIS: ALLIANCES FOR SALE! ALL SUGGESTIONS GUARANTEED A RESPONSE. MANY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

FINLAND (AFF): FOR SALE: Russian rifles. Never fired, dropped only once.

PARIS to ANKARA: I don't think we'll see the day when a Turkish fleet sails into a Swedish port. The Anti-Christ residing in Rome really let us down. I told you all that talk was nothing but Papal Bull!!

FRANCE to BOARDMAN: I hope I'm not being too verbose, but this is the only fun I'm allowed in this game. I kind of feel like Napoleon in St. Helena. "RATS"!!

PARIS: Pauvre General de Grasse. The guiding principle of all he had ever taught at St. Cyr and the Ecole Supérieure, the principle that trained the French Army, was to "attack the enemy wherever met." He looks at it now, and sees the face of a skeleton.

1987CX

"Winter 1902"

ENGLAND (Mason): Builds F Liv.

RUSSIA (Grasse): Builds A War.

GERMANY (Stone): Builds A Ber.

TURKEY (Rigley): Builds A Ank, A Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1903" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 1988.



1984V

## TRUCE EFFORTS ABANDONED

ENGLAND (A. Brooks): A Mos-Sev; F Tus-Rom; A St.P & F Swe hold; F Apu-Nap; F Adr S F Tun-Ion; F Tun-Ion; F Mid & F Eng C A Wal-NAf; A Wal-NAf; F Tyr S F Apu-Nap.

GERMANY (Gaughan): A Rum-Ser; A Wal-Gal; A Ukr S A War-Gal; A Bwr-Pru (sic; no such unit exists); A Mun-Boh; A Sil S A Mun-Boh; A Ruh-Mun; A Bur S A Ruh-Mun; A Gas-Bre; A Mar-Pie; A Pru not ordered, holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Ruffing): A Bud-Rum; A Bul & A Bud-Rum; A Gal S A Bud-Rum; A Boh S A Gal; A Tyr S A Boh; A Sev-Ukr; A Tri-Ser; A Nap-Apu; A Rom S A Nap-Apu; A Ven S A Rom; F Alb-Adr; A Pie not ordered, holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German A Rum and the Austro-Hungarian F Nap are dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Mos, Nap, Nwy, Por, St.P, Spa, Swe, Tun. (12)

GERMANY: Ber, Bre, Den, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mun, Par, War. (9)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie. (13)

Austria-Hungary may build two units and England may build one. These "Winter 1902" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 8 JANUARY 1988; they will be sent to all players. The deadline for "Spring 1921" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 1988. The vote on a draw has not obtained the unanimous support of the players and will therefore not be renewed.

## WHEN DO YOU EXPIRE?

The subscriptions of the following people expire with the indicated issue of GRAUSTARK. For information on subscriptions and game entries, see p. 12.

544 - Larry Foster	546 - Eric Verheiden	549 - Kenneth L. Peel
Mikel Petty	547 - John M. Weswig	550 - Chris Carrier
Tony Strickland	548 - Stephen Kwiatkowski	556 - Jeffrey L. Hoffman
Ed Wrobel	549 - John Barnes	563 - Ted London
545 - Steve Emmert	Ralph L. Morton	Gerry Thompson

1987HR

"Spring 1902"

## IL MARE NOSTRO

ENGLAND (Hollander): F Lon-Eng; A Nwy holds; F Nth S A Nwy; F Nrg-Nat.

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

GERMANY (Chafetz): A Kie-Den; A Bur-Bel; F Hol S A Bur-Bel; A Mun-Tyr.

ITALY (Drakert): A Mar S GERMAN A Mun-Bur; A Tun holds; F Rom-Tyr; F Nap-Ion; F Ion-Eas.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brooker): A Vie-Tyr; A Gal-Sil; A Bud-Gal; A Ser S TURKISH A Bul-Rum; F Gre holds.

RUSSIA (H. Jordan): A St.P-Fin; F Swe S A St.P-Fin; A Mos-St.P; A Ukr-Sev; F Sev-Bla.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 1988.



BERLIN: I apologize to the Emperor if he is not in Silesia. If he is my army in Tyrolia is my best defense.

PARIS to WORLD: A Merry Christmas to everyone and may the new year bring you much joy and many worthy opponents.

1987HQ

"Fall 1902"

## AUSTRIAN TROOPS INVADE, OR MAYBE ESCAPE TO, VENICE

Following "Spring 1902" moves France retreated A Mun-Boh. Players were informed.

ENGLAND (McKusick): A Yor-Bel; F Nth C A Yor-Bel; F Lon S F Nth; F Nat-Nrg.

FRANCE (D. Martin): A Poh-Vie; A Bur & A Pic S ENGLISH A Yor-Bel; F Bre-Eng;  
F Spa(s.c.)-Mid.

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

ITALY (A. Brooks): A Tri-Bud; A Gre S A Ser; F Ion-Alb; F Tyr-Nap; A Ser S TURKISH  
A Bul-Rom.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Moats): A Tyr-Ven; F Alb-Gre; A Rum-Ser; A Bud S A Rum-Ser.

RUSSIA (Spera): "F Nor holds"((this is actually a F Nwy)); A Fin-St.P; A St.P-Mos;  
A Ukr S F Sev; F Sev S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Rum.

TURKEY (Kohburn): A Arm-Sev; F Bla S A Arm-Sev; F Con-Bul(e.c.); A Bul-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Rum-Gal and Germany retreats A Bel-Hol. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Ven. (2)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Vie. (6) RUSSIA: Mos, Nwy, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (6)

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

ITALY: Gre, Nap, Rom, Ser, Tri, Tun. (6)

Turkey, Italy, and Russia may each build one unit; Germany also has a build if the dislodged A Bel is removed rather than retreated. Austria-Hungary must remove two units. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 1988. Phillip Spera writes that until 3 January his address will be 461 NE 44th St., Boca Raton, Fla. 33431.

FRANCE: What is this talk about Balkan tension? Might as well check it out firsthand!

1986C

"Fall 1906"

## AUSTRIA-HUNGARY FIGHTS ON, SORT OF

KAISER STEVE to WORLD: Standing on his balcony, facing the cheering crowd, Kaiser Steve waved to his people. His Citizens had stuck with him until the very end, and Kaiser Steve was proud of them! A young man though he was, the Kaiser was in many ways aged beyond his years. The Kaiser began his speech with a grim look of determination, and without hesitation the Kaiser said, "Thankyou my people. Our former allies, the Italians, have landed in Trieste without opposition. Italy can keep Trieste, it is an Italian city, and rightfully belongs to Italy!" the crowd cheered and after a brief period the Kaiser continued "The heroic defenders of our nation will continue to defend Austria-Hungary as gloriously as ever. When the enemy reaches the gates of Vienna, there will be no bloodshed for Vienna shall be evacuated as soon as it is determined that Vienna will fall. From this moment on the provinces known as Vienna and Tyrolia shall henceforth be known as Austria with me as its Sovereign ruler.



The remaining territory of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire will be known as Hungary and shall be under temporary control of Tsar Mike of Russia!" then the crowd was silent with despair...

ENGLAND (Harkin): A Nwy-St.P; F Den holds; F Swe & F Nth S F Den; F Mid-Naf; F Bre-Mid; F Por S F Bre-Mid; A Gas-Bre; F Eng-Bel,

FRANCE (Pribe): A Par S GERMAN A Bur-Gas.

GERMANY (Kandara): A Bur S A Bel; A Bel S A Bur; F Hel-Den; F Bal & A Kie S F Hel-Den.

ITALY (Tucker): F Spa(s.c.) holds; A Mar & F Wes S F Spa(s.c.); A Gre-Ser; A Tri S A Gre-Ser; F Ion-Gre.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Currie): A Rum-Gal; A Ser S RUSSIAN F Aeg-Gre.

RUSSIA (Sargent): No moves received. F St.P(s.c.), A War, A Mos, A Sev, F Bul(e.c.) & F Aeg hold.

TURKEY (Schenck): F Eas-Ion; A Ukr-Rum; A Smy-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary must retreat A Ser-Bud or -Alb; this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1906" 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, Por, Swe. (8)	ITALY: Gre, Mar, Nap, Rom, Ser, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven. (9)
FRANCE: Par. (1)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Vie. (2)
GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5)	RUSSIA: Bul, Mos, St.P, Sev, War. (5)
	TURKEY: Ank, Con, Rum, Smy. (4)

Italy may build three new units and Turkey may build one; Austria-Hungary also has a build if the dislodged A Ser is removed. Russia and England must each remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1906" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 1988. Stand-by orders for Russia should be sent in by Curtis L. Gibson, Apt. 9, 622 E. 11th St., New York, N. Y. 10009

#### PLEASE STAND BY

The following people are currently volunteer stand-bys for GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy games. Stand-bys already active in a game are indicated by "\*"; those called upon for one of the next two issues are indicated by "#".

Ben Austin*	Matthew Grasse*	Jim McCarthy	David Schwartz*
Anthony Brooks*	David Hollander#	Ken McKusick#	Larry Sims*
Jack Carli#	Stephen Kwiatkowski*	Ronald Meldrum*	Scott Skellie*
Lawrence Chafetz**	Tarlagh MacNiallais*	Michael Quirk#	Alan Stewart*
Steven Currie*	Dick Martin#	John Rigley*	Richard Tucker*
Peter Gaughan*	Peter Martin*	Scott Ruffing*	Eric Verheiden**
Curtis L. Gibson#			

The stand-by for Turkey in 1986AZ (see p. 19) is David Hollander, 5514 Kemper Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21210.

Any GRAUSTARK reader who would like his name added to or removed from this stand-by list should let me know. The conditions under which a volunteer stands by for play in a game may be found in Rule 5 of the Rules for Postal Diplomacy, which were last published in GRAUSTARK #525.



ENGLAND (MacNiallais): Removes F Den.

TURKEY (Rosen): Builds A Con.

RUSSIA (Austin): Defers one build.

The deadline for "Spring 1911" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 1988. Ben Austin has a corrected version of his telephone number: 415-494-7927. The Gamesmaster calls for a vote on a draw in this game, and asks the players to send in their votes with the "Spring 1911" orders.

1986AF

"Winter 1907"

ENGLAND (La Rocco): Removes F Eng.

ITALY (Rosen): Removes F Tyr.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): Removes A Bel.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (J. Brennick): Builds A Vie, defers two builds.

With these orders, Marc Hurwitz resigns as Germany and is succeeded by Alan Stewart, 702-25 St. Mary St., Toronto, Ontario M4Y 1R2. The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 1988. A proposal has been made for a concession to Austria-Hungary, and the players should send in their votes on it with their "Spring 1908" orders.

### THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The United States Postal "Service" ceased being a department of the federal government about 20 years ago. At the time, we were solemnly informed that this "de-politicization" of the postal service, and its transformation into some sort of semi-private corporation, would greatly improve postal efficiency. Since then, first-class rates have nearly tripled, and both the speed and the security of our mail have severely declined.

More is to come. Two days ago the USP"S" announced that "many" post offices, in unspecified locations, would be closed today and on 2 January. This will aggravate the problems of postal war-gaming, particularly those GRAUSTARK readers who are still living in a past in which mail from the northeast might be expected to arrive in New York City in less than a week. I have repeatedly cautioned GRAUSTARK readers about this situation, to little effect. Letters postmarked on Tuesday of deadline week continue to drift in, 2 or 3 days late.

For people with this problem, I have opened the "Leisurely Game"; see p. 12 for further information. But people who still wish to play in games with four-week deadlines should adjust themselves to the realities of living in a nation which might be able to provide its citizens with an efficient postal service, and might be able to conquer Asia, but certainly cannot do both.

A warning to this effect seems to go out with every issue of GRAUSTARK, and seems not to be heeded by the many optimists on its roster. I am tempted to make no calls to missing players on the deadline date, and to let natural selection take its course. Indeed, I may have no choice in the matter, as I presently have no phone numbers for Ian Campbell, John Jordan, Jim McCarthy, Ron Meldrum, or Ray Ulman - all of whom had moves missing at the end of the last postal delivery date prior to today.

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According to Walter Kaner's column in the New York Daily News of 24 December, the people who were conned into the last attempts to conquer Asia are out to try to make the rest of us pay for their gullibility. American Legion members "will hit the streets to collect one million signatures in a petition drive" to get a New York State bonus for veterans of the invasions of Korea and Vietnam. Other states are sure to try this treasury raid, too.

At this rate, how about a petition drive to aid those people gullible enough to buy the Brooklyn Bridge?

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My belief that peace is preferable to war has obtained considerable support, and practically no opposition, from the readers of GRAUSTARK. I am happy to say that this is a preferable response to the one I got when I announced this same policy twenty years



ago. At that time I was physically threatened by Charles Reinsel, a prominent postal Diplomacy gamesmaster of that era. (Naturally, he never delivered on that threat. Events of those days proved that, here or in Vietnam, supporters of the U. S. war effort were not harmful at 1:1 odds to adult males who had no physical handicaps. Others, of course, were fair game, including the blind student who was beaten up by four patriots at an anti-war parade in Baltimore, or the four students at Kent State University who were gunned down by U. S. soldiers.) Another GRAUSTARK reader, a Mainer named Brian Libby, also threatened violence which he never delivered. (Mind you, these louts have the gall to call Pacifists "cowards".) Still another, a Floridian, came up with some cardboard Darwinism whereby he claimed that humanity needed a predator if we were not to die from overpopulation, and that predator was humanity itself. And finally there was Odd Rod Walker, then a captain in the Air Force and undoubtedly delighted to have all those handsome young men under conditions of absolute obedience to him. Walker kept regurgitating old notions of power politics dating back to Sun Tsu, Kautilya, and Machiavelli, as a justification for the slaughter then being perpetrated by U. S. forces in Vietnam. (Sun Tsu, if alive today, would undoubtedly have been using those same principles to justify the slaughter being perpetrated by the Vietnamese!)

Now there is very little of this sort of thing - probably because I said, two issues ago, that I wasn't going to stand for this sort of thing. I want no complaints from readers who claim that I am giving no space to "the other side". This is not a debate over tax policy, deficits, or even civil liberties. This is a difference of opinion between people who want to slaughter large numbers of human beings and blow up cities, and people who do not. Since every newspaper in the U. S. once went on record in support of the war with Vietnam, I refer to those papers the people whose day is not complete unless they read or hear advocacy of mass slaughter.

So far, only two people have complained about my anti-war policy; one has been promising for several weeks a rebuttal which he is apparently having difficulty in writing. Several readers have supported it, but a few of them have reservations about my remarks on the Big Black Slab. One reader called it "a powerful anti-war statement". In that case, I wonder why President Reagan, surrounded as far as the eye could see by pro-war politicians and reporters from pro-war media, dedicated that Bitburg-on-the-Potomac. Did he think it was "a powerful anti-war statement"?

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The following people have written in asking about postal Diplomacy play. Honest gamesmasters with game openings should get in touch with them.

Mark Gorski, 134 Brady Ave., Salem, N. H. 03079  
C. E. Grubbs, 1387 Stone Rd., Harrison, Ohio 45030-2029

1985CY

"Fall 1910"

TURKS BLOCK ALLIED OFFENSIVE

ENGLAND (Ulman): No moves received. F Mid, A Bel, F Nth, F Bal, A St.P, A Mos, A War & A Ukr hold.

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

GERMANY (Soenshy): A Tri-Ser; A Bud S A Tri-Ser; A Gal-Rum; A Tyr-Tri; A Vie S A Tyr-Tri; A Boh-Tyr.

ITALY (Bargender): F Rom S TURKISH F Nap-Ion((sic))

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



Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian F Rom is dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Mos, Nwy, St.P, War. (9)

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

GERMANY: Ber, Bud, Den, Kie, Mun, Swe, Tri, Vie. (8)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy. (9)

Germany may build two new units and England may build one. These "Winter 1910" builds are to be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by FRIDAY 8 JANUARY 1988. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1911" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 1988. Stand-by English orders for both "Winter 1910" and "Spring 1911" should be sent in by Phillip Spera, whose address will be 461 NE 44th St., Boca Raton, Fla. 33431 until 3 January, and 292 Park St., West Haven, Conn. 06516; 203-934-8577 thereafter.

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## "SCHLÄMPERET"

ENGLAND (Rigley): A St.P & F Den hold; A Fin-Swe; F Pic-Bel; F Nth & FEEg S F Pic-Bel.

FRANCE (Drakert): F Bre holds; A Par S F Bre.

GERMANY (Campbell): No moves received. F Hol & A Mun hold; A Bel dislodged and annihilated.

ITALY (Ball): F Ion holds; F Nap & F-Tyr S F Ion; F Mid-Bre; F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo; F Adr & A Tyr S A Tri; A Mar-Pie; A Vie-Bud; A Tri S A Vie-Bud.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Meldrum): No moves received. A War holds.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): A Liv-Kie; F Bal C A Liv-Kie; A Ruh-Mun.

TURKEY (Hurley): A Mos S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A War; A Gal-Vie; A Bud S A Alb-Tri; A Ser S A Alb-Tri; A Alb-Tri; F Aeg-Ion; F Con-Bla; F Gre & F Eas S F Aeg-Ion.

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

ENGLAND: Bel, Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe, St.P. (8)

FRANCE: Bre, Par. (2)

GERMANY: Hol, Mun. (2)

ITALY: Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (9)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: War. (1)

RUSSIA: Ber, Kie. (2)

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

England may build two new units and Turkey may build one. Russia and Italy must each remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1907" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 1988. Stand-by moves for "Spring 1908", which are due by NOON, FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1988, should be sent in by:

GERMANY: Ken McKusick, 221 Northway, Baltimore, Md. 21218; 301-243-8961

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Michael Quirk, 3830 Chester Dr., Glenview, Ill. 60025; 312-498-1377

ISTANBUL: Ali Pasha, the Divine Fatima, the Sultan, and the entire Turkish court wish a happy holiday season to misguided infidels everywhere. Turkish artillery shells will be filled, from 11:30 to 12:00 pm on Dec. 24, with taffee, coffee, and cigarettes.

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ENGLAND (M. Thompson): Builds F Lon, Liv, F Edi.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Powell): Builds A Tri, A Bud.

TURKEY (Reebel): No orders received.

The gamesmaster removes the Turkish F Aeg & F Eas. The deadline for "Spring 1907" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 1988. See p. 16 for the stand-by's address.



"Fall 1904"

## WAR SEPARATES INTO TWO

ENGLAND (Gaughan): F Eng-Bre; F Mid S F Eng-Bre; F Pic S F Eng-Bre; F Lon-Eng; F Nth-Nrg; A St.P-Nwy.

FRANCE (McCarthy): A Bre-Par; A Gas S A Bre-Par; A Por-Spa; F Lyo-Tyr; F Tun S F Lyo-Tyr.

GERMANY (Lange): A Bur-Gas; A Ruh-Bur; A Bel-Pic; F Ska, A Hol & A Den hold.

ITALY (Currie): A Apu-Rom; F Ion-Gre; F Eas-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gibson): F Bul(S.C.) S ITALIAN F Ion-Gre; A Ser & A Rum S F Bul(s.c.); A Bud S A Rum.

RUSSIA (Schwartz): No moves received. A Mos & A War hold.

TURKEY (Verheiden): F Smy-Eas; F Bla-Con; F Aeg-Con; A Sev holds.

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

ENGLAND: Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P. (6)	ITALY: Gre, Nap, Rom, Ven. (4)
FRANCE: Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Tun. (5)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Rum, Ser, Tri, Vie. (6)
GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Swe. (7)	RUSSIA: Mos, War. (2)
	TURKEY: Ank, Con, Sev, Smy. (4)

Austria-Hungary may build two new units, and Italy and Germany may each build one. These "Winter 1904" orders should come in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by ~~FRIDAY~~ 3 JANUARY 1988. The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 1988. Eric Verheiden is now playing Turkey. Stand-by orders for Russia should be sent in by Dick Martin, 17601 Lisa Dr., Rockville, Md. 20855-1319; 301-948-3146.

KING OF ITALY to WORLD: All hail Kaiser Gibby!

KING OF ITALY to GERMAN KAISER: You worry too much. Rome wasn't built in a day, and this Empire doesn't even have a foundation!

ITALY to FRANCE: Listen Frogs, I'm not going to take it any more. Give me back Tunis or I'll take it (and more...).

TRIESTE TRIDENT: Prospects of a New Gov't in Turkey, & one headed by an American from Oregon, friend of our Pres. Gibson the Gohist, makes the end of the Great War seem imminent. We must all work to persuade the Wehrmacht tt la belle France is never going to produce another Napoleon, so the war in the West can also end soon. Peace with honor, in our time!

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## ANOTHER MAN DONE GONE

ENGLAND (Hurwitz): A Wal & F Nrg hold; F Nth holds.

FRANCE (Barents): A Pic-Lon; F Eng C A Pic-Lon; F Iri-Liv; F Apu-Adr; F Tun-Ion; A Par-Bre; A Rom-Apu; A Ven S A Rom-Apu; F Mar-Lyo; F Nap S F Tun-Ion.

GERMANY (Austin): A Sev holds; A Mos S A Sev; A St.P-Nwy; A Fin-Swe; F Nwy-Nth; F Hel S F Nwy-Nth; F Kie-Hol; A Mun-Boh; A Tyr S A Mun-Boh; A Ber-Sil.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Ball): A Rum S TURKISH A Arm-Sev; A Boh-Vie; A Bud & A Tri S A Boh-Vie.

RUSSIA (Dolan): No moves received. A Vie dislodged and annihilated.



TURKEY (Skellie): A Gre-Apu; F Ion C A Gre-Apu; A Arm-Sev; F Adr S F Ion; F Aeg S F Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The English F Nth is dislodged and must retreat to Edi, Yor, Ska, or Den. With these moves the English player resigns, and is succeeded by Eric Verheiden, 1805 Vista del Oro, Fullerton, Calif. 92631-1331. He should send in a retreat for this unit by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that it arrives by FRIDAY 8 JANUARY 1988. The French and German players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 1988. Ben Austin's phone number was mis-printed in the last issue; it is 415-494-7927.

#### 1986AV - PRESS RELEASES

LONDON: Once more Belgium is the scene of a great battle to come. Hopefully, our fleets will be victorious.

LONDON to CCN: Tell Fatima that her customize camel is ready for shipment. It will be in Rome when she gets there.

#### 1987CX - PRESS RELEASE

SULTAN to VIENNA & VENICE: Get out of my waters now! And that army in Syria too!

#### THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

I hope that I have printed all pending press releases by now. The only one I can find is one for 1986HL, which I have decided to hold until the situation in that game catches up and covers over the mistake I made in reporting the last winter builds. (See p. 13 for details.)

If any player has send in a press release which has not yet been printed, then I fear that I have lost it. Please send in a duplicate, and I will print it.

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I would like to thank all the GRAUSTARK readers who have sent in their greetings for the season. We had a family celebration on Christmas morning, preceded by a buffet supper the previous evening at which a few friends were here. Both our daughters and their families were here, and the kids made out like bandits when the presents were opened. Both our daughters are expecting for the upcoming spring, so there will be twice as many grandchildren at our next Christmas.

We had, in case anyone was wondering, a thoroughly secular Christmas. For one thing, Perdita and I are both Atheists; for another, most of the guests at our Christmas Eve party were Jewish. Refreshments included a traditional turkey, and equally traditional potato pancakes, a dish favored for Hanukah, a Jewish holiday that takes place at this time of year. A music tape included both Silent Night and Mi Y'malel. We have an artificial Christmas tree; we have traditionally preferred real ones, but they have priced themselves out of their market, and the one we got a few years ago has already amortized itself.

Actually, a midwinter festival is far older than Christianity, and my ancestors were celebrating Yule long before this strange new god came up from the south. Particularly important in ancient times was the observed fact that as winter drew on, the sun rose further and further south every morning - might it not just go so far south that it would vanish altogether? After the Winter Solstice, when it started moving north again, there was reason to celebrate. (Do you think it's an accident that Saturnalia occurred, and Christmas still occurs, at this time of year? "Shepherds watch their flocks by night" only during the lambing season, and that's in late February and early March - not the end of December.) The feast arises from the very practical consideration that you are often not able to feed all your livestock through the winter. Therefore, making a virtue out of necessity, you slaughter the critters that you won't be able to feed, and throw a feast. That's the meaning of "Hogmanay", which is still celebrated in a tenuous association with Christmas and New Year's in Scotland.



Some of my Pagan friends shuck away the intervening centuries and go right back to the original Winter Solstice celebrations, though without certain of the grimmer traditions of ancient Paganism. (Every so often a strangled body is pulled out of a Danish swamp, to the greater glory of Odhin.) But theirs is the more sensible observance, since it depends not on virgin births or miraculous oil supplies, but on the continuing revolution and rotation of our planet. (Besides, what is so marvelous about the Hanukkah miracle of making one day's supply of oil last for eight days? Any New York City landlord can do that! And unanticipated children, whose mothers tell unreliable tales about their conceptions, are still with us.)

Then comes New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. It is strictly for human convenience that we have decided to begin a new year at 12:00 PM of 31 December, rather than, say, at 4:20 PM on the 18th of May. And it gets us thinking about the future, rather than about events that may or may not have occurred in the distant and miraculous past.

And that brings me back to the question of peace. Fortunately, the President who came into office on a wave of bellicosity has realized that now his constituency consists only of the historians of the 21st century, and so we have a tentative yet promising deal on nuclear arms reductions. But U. S. armed forces are blundering around between the Persian Gulf and a big ranch on the Costa Rican side of the Nicaraguan border, which seems to be a staging area for an upcoming U. S. invasion of Nicaragua. And to deal with it we have a crop of presidential candidates whom I wouldn't trust if they were handcuffed and behind bars - as, to judge from the record of the past 15 years, some of them may well eventually be.

If the 1988 presidential election runs true to recent form, the Democrats will nominate a babbling incompetent and the Republicans will nominate a criminal conspirator, and then we'll see which one repels a dwindling electorate the least. (This is why I haven't voted for over 15 years.) If you must vote, let me recommend the candidacy of Senator Gary Hart. It is obvious that he loves the good things of life, particularly if you define that as tooling around the Caribbean on a yacht with a blonde bimbo. A man who cherishes those values is not likely to turn a nuclear war loose on us.

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Dave Isby, who used to be a game designer for SPI and who now works for a Washington lobbyist, sent a Christmas card that showed Oliver North in a Santa Claus suit with the caption "Tis the season to be Ollie" and the message "Do not shred until Dec. 25". It lightens my heart to see this thug become a national laughingstock. And, if he looked ridiculous under investigation in 1987, think how he'll look under indictment in 1988!

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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. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) - You will be dropped from game \_\_\_\_\_ if you miss the next move.
- ( ) - An IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL move is due from you in game \_\_\_\_\_ by 8 Jan.
- ( ) - YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRED!