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WAR GAMES AND THE GAME OF WAR

II. "Pawn to King Four? Hell, No, I Won't Go!"

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"You play war, General; I play Chess." - Samuel Reshevsky (age 5) to a German general, 1917

A great deal can be told about a man by the analogies he uses. And one of the oldest and most favored analogies in world politics and war is that of a game - a great game of unbelievable complexity, played with treaties and armies for the stakes of power and wealth. Towards the end of the 9th Century, in a letter to Harun al-Rashid, the Roman Emperor Nikephoros described his predecessor Irene as a mere pawn, but himself as a rook. Ivan IV sent a chessboard to Elizabeth I, with an explanation of how trade routes in the North could be opened to their mutual advantage. A play from the time of James I depicts the old war between England and Spain as a chess game, with the Anglican and Roman churches as the two queens. (Spain, of course, is Black.) A cartoon from the War of the Rebellion shows a government general laying down a hand of cards which cleans out Jeff Davis's last chips. Another, from World War I, shows Hindenburg giving check to a dismayed bunch of Entente leaders. A popular story after that war tells how St. Peter displays a full house in a poker game with the devil, only to be beaten by that worthy's four kings.

In current analogies of the world situation, Americans seem fond of similies drawn from the poker table, while Russians exemplify their national preoccupation with chess. President Eisenhower once described a cabinet meeting as if it were a strategy conference on how to bet a poker hand; the Secretary of State describes the possibilities of the hand, and the Secretaries of the Treasury and Defense determine how much we can put up in the way of a stake. In Russia there have been produced several chess sets which pit white capitalists against red proletarians. (In one such set, figures of Trotsky and others had to be hastily bleached.) This disparity of outlook has even produced a discussion as to whether poker or chess is a better analog to the current international situation.

Basic to all these analogies is the notion, held by heads of state and their henchmen, that world politics is a gigantic game played on a world-wide board, with people as counters. All moves - military, economic, diplomatic - are relevant to this game, as an advantage is sought. Even though the metaphor gets confused - for example, is Vietnam a player, a gameboard, or a stake? - national leaders still use it. A heavy loss in counters is taken for granted by all players, in an attitude best characterized by Anatole France in his satire Penguin Island. A Penguin tourist remonstrates with a citizen of "New Atlantis" - by which our own republic is patently meant - over the speed with which their senate voted a war. "It is an unimportant war which will hardly cost eight million dollars," the New Atlantean replies. "And men?" "The men are included in the eight million dollars."

This attitude is exemplified in real life by President Eisenhower's metaphorical poker game, which also "includes the men in the eight million dollars." Men's lives, the lives and safety of their families, their property, the cultural treasuries of civilization, become so many chips to be shoved across the table when a gamester decides on an increase of the stake. Hundreds of thousands of men are condemned to death for an evan-

escent future advantage with as little concern as a chessplayer pushes his King's Bishop's Pawn in a gambit.

As an added insolence, anti-war criticism is met by these gamesters within the context of their awful game. Do you object to U. S. policy in Vietnam, they ask. Then tell us your alternate strategy. How else should we go about playing this game? You don't think the best defense to 1. P-Q4 is 1...P-Q4? Do you think that 1...N-KB3 or 1...P-QB4 might be better? Then we'll hear you out, but the game must go on.

This arrogance, begotten by the mental limitations of those who wish to play war games with real soldiers, assumes that the "game" must go on forever. Different players may come and go, different nations rise and fall as world powers, but the "game" goes on forever. It does not lie within their mental framework that anyone might want to stop the game, but only that different strategies might be employed in its play.

Implicit in this view of world affairs is the assumption that the "counters" will always be at the disposal of the "players". The statesmen who send out orders for war, or make policies which envisage war as a thinkable alternative, display a sublime disregard for human life. They imagine that their noble ancestry, electoral majority, or devotion to some ideology, confers upon them the right to loose these horrors upon humanity.

To such men, their "counters" are eternally passive. They no more expect resistance to their marching orders, than a chess player would expect a pawn to balk at being sent out to certain capture. When the possibility is suggested that the people under their control might balk at such cavalier disposal of their lives, the "gamesters" panic. One need only look at the ravings of congressional hawks against the peace movement to realize how deeply their preconceptions are challenged by the possibility, or even the advocacy, of peace.

The men who, by one means or another, come to the control of nations, seem singularly obtuse in this respect. They seem incapable of distinguishing between the symbol and the fact, between the metaphor and reality. And they do not pay for their stupidity themselves, but pass it along to the millions of men, women, and children whom they shove unconcernedly across the "board". Such stupidity and callousness unfits them for even the business of ordinary life, let alone the control of national affairs.

Yet they will play this deadly "game" only as long as they are permitted to do so. Without the silent assent of their millions of "pawns" and "counters", they would be as powerless as the glazed-eyed gambling devotees who incessantly yank down the handles at Las Vegas or shove chips across the baize at Monte Carlo. So, in the last analysis, it comes down to the common folk who are the subjects of this monstrous "game". Every man is obligated to do what he can to impair, and finally to end, his own country's capacity to make war. No false issues such as foreign "threats" or an alleged basic depravity in human nature should be allowed to get in the way of this task, which holds the first order of importance if our species is to survive.

Once the assurance that a large and docile army stands at their disposal is withdrawn from them, national leaders will find themselves forced into saner policies. Until now, nations have considered certain policies as having greater or lesser importance to the national interest, and have regarded war as one of several alternatives which can be employed towards gaining these ends. A better rearrangement of priorities would require the avoidance of war to be the national policy having first priority. Other policies and actions would follow from this fundamental imperative. And this imperative must be enforced by a firm determination, on the part of the potential "counters" of the war "game", that the making of war by their national leaders will not be permitted under any excuse.

ADDENDUM

Since this article first appeared, such metaphorical usages as "every man" have been replaced by "all people" or such gender-free phrases. I apologize to the one female reader of GRAUSTARK for retaining the period flavor of the above article. Also, the chess moves are, in algebraic notation, "1. d2-d4", "1...d7-d5", "1...Ng8-f6", and "1...c7-c5"; since 1967 this notation has at last come into general use in the U. S.

LAST MINUTE CHANGE IN 1986CW LAST MINUTE CHANGE IN 1986CW LAST MINUTE CHANGE IN 1986CW

After page 12 of this issue was printed, but before the deadline, Mike Sargent made a change in his "Winter 1906" order. His removal as Russia in that game is F Bul(e.c.) not F Aeg.

1987IY

"Spring 1901"

WHICH WAY TO TANNENBURG?

This new game, announced in GRAUSTARK #544, has been assigned the Boardman Number 1987IY by Steve Heinowski. Players should use this designation in letters to one another and to the gamesmaster.

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

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

GERMANY (Taylor): A Mun-Sil; A Ber-Pru; F Kie-Den.

ITALY (Gabel): A Ven holds; A Rom-Apu; F Nap-Ion.

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

RUSSIA (Dickerson): A War-Pru; A Bud-Ser; F Tri-Alb.

TURKEY (Quirk): A Con-Bul; F Ank-Con; A Smy-Ank.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Full 1901" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1988.

MUNICH: In a paranoid state of national emergency, the German High Command has deployed it's conventional forces in and around the surroundings of Warsaw; in a press statement, the Führer has announced remorse for his actions and stupidity in doubting his slavik allies and realizes where his true enemies lie (and this is meant to have a double meaning) It appears the general staff of Germany's Intelligence fell prey to some strong propaganda, of which she will try to make amends. Recending orders failed to reach the armies in time.

ROME to WORLD: Veni, Vidi, Vici!

VIENNA to all: Lock and load and watch your back doors.

BUDAPEST to enemies: Prepare to Die!!

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Almost all the press releases got into this issue, and those that didn't will be in the next one, along with a review of the recently completed game 1985CA, written by Dob Bragdon, who as England participated in the draw. GRAUSTARK #546 will also carry the concluding installment of "War Games and the Game of War", reprinted from 20 years ago in GRAUSTARK.

A few last-minute phone calls had to be made to pick up missing moves for this issue, and the statement I make at the bottom of p. 10 about this matter was supported by today's evidence. Some of those whose moves are missing in today's issue do not have telephone numbers at which they can be reached, and apparently the number I have been listing for Mark Follmer is no longer valid.

The 25th Anniversary of GRAUSTARK is coming up in May, and there will be a large special issue to mark the occasion. I am going to include in it an article about a somewhat more famous anniversary due this year. It was 400 years ago this summer that, as Pope Sixtus V said, "The Queen of half an island defied the Emperor of half the world" - and, to the Pope's regret, got away with it!

1987CD

"Spring 1904"

FRANCE FALLS BACK

ENGLAND (Follmer): No moves received; F Eng, F NAt, F Nth & A Nwy hold.

FRANCE (Grasse): A Bre-NAf; F Mid C A Bre-NAf; F Bel-Eng; A Bur & A Spa S A Mar;
A Mar S A Spa.

GERMANY (Grodewald): A Mun-Bur; A Ruh-Bel; A Hol S A Ruh-Bel; A Ber-Mun; A Den-Swe;
F Swe-Bal.

ITALY (Fader): A Pie-Mar; F Lyo S A Pie-Mar; F Wes-Spa(s.c.); A Tus-Pie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Carli): F Aeg-Smy; A Ser-Bul; F Gre & A Rum S A Ser-Bul; A St.P-Fin;
A Mos-St.P; A Bud-Gal; A Vie holds; A Ukr S A Rum.

RUSSIA (P. Martin): F Sev-Bla.

TURKEY (Meldrum): No moves received. F Bla, A Con & A Arm hold; A Bul dislodged and
annihilated.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats F Bel-Pic, A Mar-Gas. The
deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1988. The following people
should send in stand-by moves:

ENGLAND: Dick Martin, 17601 Lisa Dr., Rockville, Md. 20855-1319; 301-948-3146

TURKEY: Jim McCarthy, Box 4905, Station E, Ottawa, Ontario K1S 5J1

1985CY

"Winter 1910-Spring 1911"

FORTRESS OTTOMANIA

Following "Fall 1910" moves, England builds A Di, while Germany builds A Mun and
defers one build. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Ulman): A Edi, F Mid & F Bal hold; A Bel-Nwy; F Nth C A Bel-Nwy; A St.P-Liv;
A Mos-Sev; A Ukr-Rum; A War-Ukr.

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

GERMANY (Scensny): A Tri-Alb; A Tyr-Tri; A Vie S A Tyr-Tri; A Mun-Tyr; A Boh S A Mun-
Tyr; A Bud-Rum; A Gal S A Bud-Rum.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1911" moves is NOON,
FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1988. A vote on a draw has been proposed, and players should send
in their votes with these moves.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

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1985CT

"Spring 1911"

FRANCO-GERMAN WAR INTENSIFIES

ENGLAND (Chafetz): A Mos-War; A Yor-Nwy; F Nth C A Yor-Nwy; F Lon S F Nth.

FRANCE (Addison): F Bre-Mid; A Bel-Ruh; ABur S A Bel-Ruh; A Pic-Bel; F Hol-Kie; A Mun-Kie; F Alb-Tri; A Bud S F Alb-Tri; A Tyr-Ven; F Aeg S F Gre; F Gre S TURKISH A Con-Bul.

GERMANY (Skellie): A Boh-Vie; A Sev-Mos; A Ukr S A Sev-Mos; A Rum-Bud; A Ser S A Rum-Bud; A Nwy-St.P; F Ska-Nth; F Ruh-Hol; A Kie S A Ruh-Hol; F Den-Hel; F Ber-Bal.

ITALY (Sims): A Tri S GERMAN A Boh-Vie.

TURKEY (Spera): A Con-Rum; F Bla C A Con-Rum; A Bul S A Con-Rum; A Arm-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French F Hol is dislodged and annihilated, and France retreats A Bud-Gal. The deadline for "Fall 1911" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1988. The vote for a draw fails of unanimity and is again submitted.

GERMANY to FRANCE: You can't win without my help and I ain't helping. Agree to the draw.

1986AM

"Fall 1907"

...AND THE RICH GET RICHER

Following "Spring 1907" moves England retreated F Nth-Den.

ENGLAND (Verheiden): F Den-Kie; A Wal-Lon; F Nrg-Edi.

FRANCE (Barents): A Lon & F Liverpool hold; F Eng S A Lon; F Tun-Ion; F Apu & F Nap S F Tun-Ion; A Bre-Gas; A Rom-Ven; A Ven-Tri; F Lyo-Tyr.

GERMANY (Austan): A Nwy holds; F Nth-Edi; A Swe-Den; F Hel S A Swe-Den; F Hol-Kie; A Sev holds; A Mos S A Sev, A Sil-Gal; A Tyr-Vie; A Boh S A Tyr-Vie.

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

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

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Vie-Bud. England may retreat F Den-Ska or -Bal, and Turkey may retreat F Ion-Alb, -Gre, or -Eas; the directions of these retreats should be sent in with the "Winter 1907" orders, which may be made conditional upon them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi. (1)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Liv, Lon, Mar, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven. (12)

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

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

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

Germany and France may each build two new units, and England must remove two. Turkey also has a build if the dislodged F Ion is removed. The deadline for these "Winter 1906" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1988.

PARIS: The Flying Dutchie Boy today announced that the English Affair was coming to the end. This means that he will have to start looking other places. "I hear than the Turkish Harems would take a Lot of My Time," said the F.D.B.

Knowing that there are 100-200 girls that should Take him 2 weeks for this affair.

TURKEY to GERMANY/FRANCE: Blow it out your shorts!

TURKEY to AUSTRIA: These clowns aren't going anywhere.

1986AF

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"Spring 1908"

NOW WHERE IS THAT UNIT?

ENGLAND (La Rocco): A Liv-St.P((sic; no such unit exists)); F Nor S A Liv-St.P((sic; the unit is in Norway)); F Swe-Fin; F Nth-Bel; A Pic-Par; F Wes-Tyr; F Lyo S F Wes-Tyr; F Spa's.c.)-Wes; A Fin not ordered, holds; A Den not ordered, holds.

FRANCE (Hoffman): A Bur-Par.

GERMANY (Stewart): A Kie & A Ruh S A Mun; F Bal-Ber((sic; no such unit exists)); A Mun S F Bal-Ber((sic)); F Bot not ordered, holds.

ITALY (Rosen): A Mar holds; F Rom S F Nap; F Nap S F Rom.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (J. Brennick): A St.P holds; A Mos S A St.P; A Boh-Mun; A Sil, A Ber & A Tyr S A Boh-Mun; A Prù S A Ber; A War holds; A Vie-Boh; A Tri-Ven; A Apu-Nap; F Ion-Tyr; F Tun S F Ion-Tyr; F Adr-Ion; A Pie-Mar.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German A Mun is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1988. Players are reminded that as a result of the end of this game the subscriptions of Bob Bragdon, John Brennick, Peter La Rocco, Jerry Rosen, and Nunzio Paul Schembari will expire.

1986HI

CRUSADE MARCHES ON

"Spring 1905"

ENGLAND (Chang): F NAT-Mid; F Den-Hel; A Swe-Den; F Nth S F Den-Hel; F Eng S F NAT-Mis; F Bre-Gas; F Mid-Wes.

FRANCE (Dolan): No move received; A Par holds.

GERMANY (Ruffing): A Kie-Den; F Ber-Bal; F Hel-Nth; A Bel holds; A Ruh S A Bel.

ITALY (Goldman): F NAT-Tun; F Spa(s.c.)-Wes; A Por holds; F Adr-Alb; A Tri-Ser; F Ion-Eas; A Fic-Par; A Gas S A Pic-Par.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rigley): A Rum S RUSSIAN A Mos-Sev; A Bud S ITALIAN A Tri-Ser; A Vie-Tri.

RUSSIA (Kwiatkowski): A Gal S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Rum; A Mos-Sev; A Ukr S A Mos-Sev.

TURKEY (M. Brennick): A Ser-Tri; A Con-Bul; A Sev S RUSSIAN A Gal-Ukr; A Arm & F Bla S A Sev; F Gre-Ion; F Aeg S F Gre-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats A Ser-Gre and Germany retreats F Hel-Hol. With these moves Jim Goldman resigns as Italy and is succeeded by David Hollander, whose address may be found in the report of 1987HR on p. 9. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1988.

TRIESTE (June 2): As Austrian Armys rntered trieste, people through out the empire, lined the streets in joyfull celebration.

TRIESTE (July 4): Mobs of mad citizens roam the Streets of trieste, apond hearing of the army's pulling out so that Italy could have a base!

TRIESTE (July 15): Marshal law was declared, by the Grand Duke today. As mass rioting; and mad mobs roam the cities of the Empire.

VIENNA (August 23): Today General Hogwash, declared a successful miliary coup. And reported that the Grand Duke fell to his death, when he was thrown. I mean fell from the Battelments, by rioting mobs.

VIENNA (September 30): The new king of Austria, has sent his armys, to reclaim all lost Austrian lands no matter where they be.

VIENNA: Long live the High King Hogwash.

1937CX

"Spring 1903"

ITALIAN TOURIST SEASON LOOKS PROMISING

ENGLAND (Mason): F Liv-Iri; F Lon-Eng; F Nth F S Lon-Eng; F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; A Nwy-Fin.
 FRANCE (Stewart): A Bre-Par; A Gas-Mar; F Eng-Mid; A Par-Gas; F Mid-Wes.
 GERMANY (Stone): F Den S ENGLISH A Nwy-St.P; A Mun-Tyr; A Ruh-Bur; A Bel S A Ruh-Bur;
 A Hol & A Ber hold.
 ITALY (Tucker): A Syr-Alb; F Eas & F Ion C A Syr-Alb; A Gre S A Syr-Alb.
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Carli): F Aeg-Gre; A Ser S F Aeg-Gre; A Bud-Tri; A Gal holds.
 RUSSIA (Grasse): F Swe-Nwy; A Sev-Rum; A War-Gal; A Ukr S A War-Gal.
 TURKEY (Rigley): A Rum-Bul; A Con & F Bla S A Rum-Bul; A Ank S A Smy; A Smy S A Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. Jack Carli is now playing Austria-Hungary. (This is the third player in this game that had dropped out of sight and been replaced, and 1903 isn't over yet.) The Italian A Gre is dislodged and annihilated, and Austria-Hungary has made the conditional retreat A Gal-Bud.

PARIS: The President of France intends to stick to his foreign policy, it was revealed today. "French armies will continue to shuffle aimlessly around their own country," he announced. "It's better than war."

RUSSIA to ENGLAND: Thank you for the dispatch, but I think I'll just stay where I am for now. Please don't take any offense on the "Norwegian Affair". Just trying to defend myself and keep things honest. Good Luck.

RUSSIA to GERMANY: I trust we can respect each others national frontiers. Looking forward to hearing from you in the future.

FROM THE SOUTHERN RUSSIAN AMPIRE'S CAPITOL IN MOSCOW TO THE DECADENT AUSTRIAN MONARCH WITH THE NERVOUS CONDITION: You nearly had me on the verge of death until your grip slipped. Unfortunately for you We Russians have a memory as vast as our historic empire. Now Dearest Frans, you die!

RUSSIA to TURKEY: Looking forward to shaking hands with you across the Trieste-Vienna border. Long live the Sultan and may the number of his concubines grow with each new stunning victory.

THE DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1903" MOVES IS NOON, FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1988.

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1937AD

"Winter 1904 Spring 1905"

HEADING SOUTH

Following "Fall 1904" moves, Austria-Hungary built A Vie and A Tri, Germany built A Mun, and Italy built F Nap. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Gaughan): F Nrg-Bar; A Nwy-St.P; F Eng-Mid; F Pic-Eng; F Mid-Gas; F Bre S F Mid-Gas.
 FRANCE (McCarthy): A Spa-Por; A Gas-Mar; A Par-Bre; F Tun-Wes; F Tyr-Rom.
 GERMANY (Lange): A Bel-Pic; A Bur-Par; A Mun-Tyr; A Ruh-Kie; A Hol, A Den & F Ska hold.
 ITALY (Currie): A Rom S F Nap; F Nap S F Ion; F Gre-Aeg; F Ion S F Gre-Aeg.
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gibson): A Vie-Tyr; A Tri S A Vie-Tyr; F Bul(s.c.)-Gre; A Ser S F Bul(s.c.)-Gre; A Rum holds; A Bud S A Rum.

RUSSIA (Schwartz): A Mos S A War; A War S A Mos.

TURKEY (Verheiden): F Aeg-Ion; F Bla-Con; F Eas & A Sev hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey must retreat F Aeg-Bul(s.c.) or -Smy; the direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Fall 1905" orders, which may be made conditional upon it. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1988.

KING CURRIE to SPEACHLESS FROGGIE: Fooled you didn't I? Suprise, suprise, suprise.

KING STEVE to KAISER GIBBY: Did you know Napoleon conquered Europe as over-compensation for being short? As Joan of Arc told the French knights under her command: "You have spurs, so use them!"

KAISER STEVE to KAISER STAURT: You don't win a war by dieing for your country, you win a war by making the other guy die for his country!

BROOKLYN (URRP): An impressive idea in principle, but does it apply to Palestinians?

KING STEVE to WORLD: Again! All hail Kaiser Gibby!

VIENNA (Danube Bas Assoc. Press): The Intelmerito Congress' site is set at Buda, & this session includes delegatns from Serbia, Croatia, Rumania & Bulgaria, Galicia, Bohemia, & the Tyrol.

Our president Gibby is a mystery. Born in U.S.A 1915, he claims! Calls the present Euro-conflict the Baby M Case, as parallel to a baby custody case in USA in 1986-8! Says out Intelmery is Mama Whitehead, & Ger. Papa Whitehead, & Moscowland is Baby M. Says Eng-Plachta regime was the bad New Jersey judge Sorkan, & the Ital. Thompson govt. the selfish mama Stern, & the bad Sultan Jordan was papa Stern. But France is ultimate judge, of N. J. Supreme Ct., and we shd treat nicely. Pa Whitehead's policy is aggressive pressure instead, & counterproductive.

Now Pa & Ma Whitehead are bettg a divorce, naturally. Our congress voted 390/9 to refuse Ger. army passage thru Tyrol to hit French back door. And we warned Eng. to desist, or be wingclipt.

1984V

"Winter 1920-Spring 1921"

ENGLISH TAKE ROME

Following "Fall 1902" moves, Austria-Hungary built A Bud & A Vie, and England built A Lon. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (A. Brooks): A Mos-Sev; F Tus-Tom; F Nap S F Tus-Rom; F Swe-Nwy; A St.P holds; F Adr-Ven; F Ion-Aeg; A Lon-NAf; F Eng & F Mid C A Lon-NAf; A NAF-Tun; F Tyr-Ion.

GERMANY (Gaughan): A Ukr S ENGLISH A Mos-Sev; A War S A Ukr; A Pru S A Sil; A Sil S A Mun-Boh; A Mun-Boh; A Ruh-Mun; A Bur S A Ruh-Mun; A Mar-Pie; A Bre-Pic.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Ruffing): A Gal-Ukr; A Sev S A Gal-Ukr; A Rum S A Gal-Ukr; A Vie-Gal; A Boh & A Bud S A Vie-Gal; A Tyr S A Boh; F Alb-Gre; A Bul S F Alb-Gre; A Ven-Apu; A Rom-Tus; A Pie S A Rom-Tus; A Tri-Ven.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian A Rom is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1921" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1988.

1987HQ

"Winter 1902"

ITALY (A. Brooks): Builds A Rom.

RUSSIA (Sperza): Builds A War.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Moats): No removals

TURKEY (Kohburn): Builds A Con.

received. Gamesmaster removes

F Alb, A Rum.

The deadline for "Spring 1903" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1988. Standby Austro-Hungarian moves are due from Curtis L. Gibson, Apt. 9, 622 E. 11th St., NYC, NY 10009.

TRAFFIC BACKED UP ALL THE WAY TO THE DARDANELLES

The Turkish "Winter 1910" order "Builds A Con" is invalid because there is already a fleet in Constantinople. No new Turkish unit was therefore built. The vote for a draw fails of the necessary unanimity.

ENGLAND (MacNiallais): F Hel-Nth; F Ska S F Hel-Nth; F Eng-Lon.

RUSSIA (Austin): F Bal-Den; A Swe & A Kie S F Bal-Den; F Nrg-Edi; A Ruh-Bur; A St.P, A Ruh, A Vie, A Mun, A Mar, A Hol, A Bre, A Par, A Pic & A Nwy hold.

TURKEY (Rosen): A Liv-Edi; F Iri-Liv; F Mid-Iri; F Wes-Mid; F Tyr-Wes; F Ion-Tyr; F Aeg-Ion; F Con-Aeg; F Por, F Spa(s.c.), F Lyo, A Alb F Naf & A Pie hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1911" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1988.

1987HR

"Fall 1902"

WIN A FEW, LOSE A FEW

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

FRANCE (Lilleleht): F Mid-Por; A Bur-Mar; A Spa S A Bur-Mar.

GERMANY (Chafetz): F Hol S A Bel; A Bel S F Hol; A Mun-Sil; A Den holds.

ITALY (Drakert): A Mar holds; A Tun holds; F Ion-Gre; F Eas-Smy; F Tyr-Ion.

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

RUSSIA (H. Jordan): F Swe-Nwy; A Fin & A St.P S F Swe-Nwy; F Sev-Rum; A Ukr S F Sev-Rum.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian F Sev and the English A Nwy are dislodged and annihilated, and Italy must retreat A Mar-Pie or -Gas. The direction of this retreat should come in with the "Winter 1902" orders, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Ser, Tri, Vie,

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

War. (6)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun.

RUSSIA: Mos, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (4)

(6)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Rum, Sev, Smy. (5)

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

Germany may build two new units, and England, France, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey may each build one. Italy also has a build if the dislodged A Mar is removed. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1988. David Hollander writes that his new address is 206 Clarke's Ridge Court, Bel Air, Md. 21014.

BERLIN: The Kaiser hopes that he can peacefully build his industrial base.

LONDON: The Minister of Propaganda wishes to apologize for the deafening silence from our humble nation's Foreign Relations Department. The staff has been occupied with the task of moving into spacious new offices in a top-secret location. Communications should be back to normal shortly.

PARIS to LONDON: Splutter! What's the deal. I say I'll do something and I will. You've probably taken Brest. If so, well, but if not I hope we can continue to work together.

1905HL

VENICE FALLS AGAIN

"Winter 1910-Spring 1911"

In the last issue, the Turkish move "F Aeg-Ion" should have been underlined as failing. The Turkish unit that moved from Apulia to Naples was an army, not a fleet. In "Winter 1910" England built F Lon, Germany built A Kie, Austria-Hungary built A Vie, and Turkey removed A Arm and F Aeg.

ENGLAND (MacNiallais): F Lon-Eng; F Eng-Mid; A Spa S F Mar; F Mar S A Spa; A Pic-Par; F Wes-Tun; F Naf S F Wes-Tun; F Adr S GERMAN A Tyr-Ven; F Bar S GERMAN A Swe-Nwy.

GERMANY (Schenk): A Swe-Nwy; A Fin S A Swe-Nwy; F Ber-Bal; A Kie-Ber; A Mun S A Kie-Ber; A Tyr-Ven; A Bur S ENGLISH F Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thornsen): A War-Pru; A Sil-Mun; A Rum-Gal; A Ser-Tri; F Ven S A Ser-Tri; A Vie-Tyr; A Pie S A Vie-Tyr; A Par holds.

TURKEY (Drakert): F Lyo-Wes; F Tyr S F Lyo-Wes; F Ion-Tun; A Nap & A St.P hold; F Tus-Lyo; A Bul S F Gre; F Gre S A Bul; A Liv & A Mos S A St.P.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats F Ven-Apu. The vote on a draw fails of unanimity and is again submitted to the players. The deadline for "Fall 1911" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1988.

1986AZ

DOUBLE EAGLE SEIZES SINGLE TURKEY

"Spring 1907"

ENGLAND (M. Thompson): F Mid-Wes; A Wal-Pic; F Eng C A Wal-Pic; A Bre S A Wal-Pic; F Liv-Iri; F Spa(s.c.)-Mar; F Nat-Mid; A Bel-Bur; F Hol-Bel; F Nth-Nwy; F Lon-Nth; F Edi-Cly; F Tun, F Ber & F Kie hold.

GERMANY (Chafetz): A Mar-Spa; A Par-Bre.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Powell): F Ion-Tyr; F Nap S F Ion-Tyr; A Sev-Mos; A Rom-Tus; A Ven-Pie; A Mun-Sil; A Tyr-Mun; A Tri-Tyr; A Bud-Gal; A Ser-Rum; A Bul S A Smy-Con; A Smy-Con; A Arm-Ank; A Syr-Smy; F Gre-Ion.

TURKEY (Reebel): A Con S F Ank; F Ank S A Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish A Con is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1907" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1988.

BUDAPEST: After much long and bitter fighting, Austrian soldiers breached the last of the Turkish defenses around Constantinople and entered the city, ending 454 years of Ottoman rule. Throughout the former possessions of the Ottoman Empire, there was great rejoicing among the Christian subjects over the downfall of their hated Turkish overlords. At the invitation of the Kaiser, both the Pope in Rome and the Patriarch of the Orthodox Church in Moscow announced their intentions to visit Constantinople in the Fall and take part in the rededication of the great church of Hagia Sophia. It is believed by many that this signals the end of the schism which has existed for centuries between the eastern and western faiths. Rumors persisted that Constantinople would be restored to its former glory and become the capital city of the reborn Holy Roman Empire.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

In the last GRAUSTARK, eight people missed moves. Only two of these came in late, both on the following Monday. One was dated in Anchorage on the 16th and postmarked on the 18th, while the other was undated, postmarked on the 23rd, and was from 'MI 481'. The deadline had been the 26th. When I phone for moves, the most common response is not "Didn't you get them yet?" but "Is today the deadline?"

I'LL SEE YOU IN THE FUNNY PAPERS

XLIX. Nakazawa's Apologia

The last installment of this series on comic art reviewed Barefoot Gen, the creation of the Japanese comic art genius Keiji Nakazawa. This English translation has just been released in this country, and will be followed, later this year, by a feature length, animated film version.

I have just run down a copy of Nakazawa's 1982 comic-art format magazine I Saw It: The Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima, a Survivor's True Story. This book is Nakazawa's apologia, in the original sense of that much-abused word. In it, he explains how the horrors of the bombing of Hiroshima combined with a long family tradition of commercial art to make him an artist with an uncompromising hostility towards militarism.

Barefoot Gen ends with the bombing of Hiroshima, as Nakazawa's father, sister, and little brother die, and his mother gives birth amidst the horrors of the world's first nuclear warfare. But in I Saw It most of the narrative deals with the aftermath of the bombing. In Barefoot Gen the birth of little Tomoko is made the symbol of hope and rebirth amidst disaster. Real life was not so dramatic; four months later the baby died of malnutrition. The harshness of their postwar poverty dominates most of I Saw It, until at last Nakazawa began to make a living from his art by the late 1960s. It was just after this that, worn out by her hard life and the effects of the bombing, Mrs. Nakazawa died.

(I Saw It is \$2 from Educomics, Box 40246, San Francisco, Calif. 94140. I bought it at St. Mark's Comics, 11 St. Mark's Place, New York, N. Y. 10003.)

Nakazawa pulls no punches. For him the villains are not the Americans, whom he regards as fellow-victims of war. They are the militarists with imperial dreams, who took Japan into the war. His drawings show us all what he saw on 6 August 1945: people reeling around the streets with their flesh dripping from their bones, himself as a boy tripping over loose limbs detached from their bodies, people stuck with hundreds of splinters of glass, and thousands and thousands of corpses. In one passage, Keiji and his older brother Yasuto, a shipyard worker who thus escaped the blast, go to the ruins of their home and remove the bones of their father, sister, and brother for cremation.

Even those of us who know what nuclear war will bring, in an intellectual sense, cannot match the passion of Nakazawa's work. But we can read and understand it. And, understanding it, we know there can be no compromise, and not even dialog, with the people who believe that circumstances could possibly exist in which the use of nuclear weapons would be desirable. These people, whatever their nationality, and not some abstraction of a menace said to exist in Moscow, Tehran, or Managua, are the enemy. These are the people who are plotting our deaths. Against them, self-defense may be legitimately used.

Nor is there safety in the so-called "Star Wars" program, which will assure not the safety of the United States but the prosperity of aerospace and electronics firms amidst the developing economic depression. Not even its advocates now claim that it will protect against every nuclear weapon without exception which is aimed at us. And even if it does, it will merely tempt the war-masters of Washington to attack some other nation with nuclear weapons, secure in the belief that retaliation is impossible.

"Peace at any price"? Compared to the price of war, the price of peace is negligible. Fantasy-mongers with tales about sinister international conspiracies belong in old pulp fantasy novels, not in 1988 planning sessions.

Keiji Nakazawa is offering us a way out. We should grab it with the same speed and urgency that a drowning man grabs a rope.

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1986AV

"Winter 1907"

ENGLAND (Rigley): Builds F Edi, A Lon. RUSSIA (Chafetz): "F Bla removed"; sic,
 ITALY (Ball): Removes A Pie. no such unit exists. Gamesmaster re-
 TURKEY (Hurley): Builds A Con. moves F Bual.
 The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1988.

CONSTANTINOPLE: The latest draft has culled the cream of Islamic youth. All able-bodied males over the age of 12 have volunteered to defend Turkey's honor to the death. "War as usual," observes Fatima.

LONDON: The Lord Admiral is pleased to announce that, operation Nut Cracker, was a total success. And a master piece of planing. Germany has been pacify. Long Live are Queen.

BELGIUM: As fortold the Grand fleets reenter Belligum only to find. That know one was their! It seam's the Kaisers Crack troops had all disappear.

LONDON: The Lord Admiral has proposed 3 plans to the Queen, plan Yellow, Plan Green and Royal Blue. The Queen is said to favor plan yellow, what ever that is. Let us hope that it is for are best.

BROOKLYN (URRP): What drinks red, breathes orange, turns yellow, and wants green? (Answer in the next issue.)

1986CW

"Winter 1906"

Following "Fall 1906" moves, Austria-Hungary has retreated the dislodged A Sev off the board and accordingly has a build.

ENGLAND (Harkin): Removes A Nwy. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Currie): Builds A Vie.
 ITALY (Tucker): Builds F Rom, F Nap, F Ven. RUSSIA (Sargent): Removes F Aeg.
 TURKEY (Schenck): Builds F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1988. Mike Sargent continues to play Russia.

VIENNA: Kaiser Steve, still disbelieving that the end is near, works furiously to save his beloved Vienna. Soldiers are everywhere, and barrcades are being erected in the streets. Hospitals cry out for medical supplies for the wounded, children cry out for food. No one is safe, there is no where to hide. "He who defends all, defends nothing," thought Kaiser Steve, "Vienna is where I make my stand."

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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.

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