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WAR GAMES AND THE GAME OF WAR

III. The Symbol and the Fealty

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"There is nothing wrong with chess; it has to do with war." - Khalif Omar (d. 644)

A certain school of psychology apparently is governed by the rule that nobody does anything for the reasons that he believes to be valid. This school of thought comes to particularly ludicrous conclusions when it attempts to analyze games and hobbies. Its practitioners seem unwilling to believe that anyone does anything for the sheer enjoyment of it, or plays games for the intellectual challenge or the joy of competition. Thus, stamp collectors are engaged in a vicarious conquest of the world by enclosing its stamps in their albums, auto racers are proving their masculinity with interbal-combustion phallos, and what Freudians make out of speleology I'll leave to your own imagination.

And, of course, the chessplayer or war gamer cannot be left in peace over his game board. Reuben Fine, in his famous article on the psychology of chess players, points out that a boy first learns chess from his father, and thus engages in Oedipal competition. The powerful queen and the weak, dependent king are also exploited to find Freudian imagery, and much is made out of the fact that the psychotic Alyokhin first learned chess from his mother rather than from his father.

To the best of my knowledge, war games have escaped, except from the misguided concern of the opponents of war toys. These people are quite correct in protesting the soldier-dolls, or such openly propagandistic board games as "Victory over Communism" and "Conflict". But it would be fatuous to argue that the devotee of "Tactics II" or "Gettysburg" or "Diplomacy" would really be happier if he had millions of real soldiers at his disposal in an actual war.

The concern of these psychologists would be better directed towards the man who deal with real soldiers (and civilians) as if they were playing a game.

But, if we war gamers are not sublimated generals, neither are we completely divorced from the world in which real wars occur. Diplomacy, for example, is based on World War I - that squalid, futile, and least necessary of modern wars. Stripped of all rhetoric, that war was an attempt by Germany to replace Great Britain as the world's leading commercial power. As usual in such cases, a third party - here, the United States of America - walked off with that dubious honor.

Since war games are rooted in the real world, it cannot be kept out of war game journals. Several of the causes of World War I (or of the Napoleonic wars, or World War II) are still operative today; in fact, the Vietnam War already has its own war game, published by Gamescience. War gamers cannot play one of these games, and at the same time ignore the operation of these factors in the world today. In fact, many war games are advertised as making it possible for players to understand better the world conditions and conflicts of our own time.

Thus, by one means or another, the "cold war" and the war in Vietnam (and Yemen, Sinai, etc., etc.) are already in the war game bulletins. Either they come in covertly, as in the Diplomacy press releases which are actually commentary on Vietnam, or they come in openly, in the form of comments on war and comparisons with war games in letter col-

umns, articles, editorials, or even poems.

There was a comparable situation in the early days of science-fiction fandom a third of a century ago. Originally, science-fiction fandom thought of itself as a science fandom (the so-called "Gernsback delusion") or as a literary society. But both science and literature must exist in the real world, and it is the society in which we live which determines to what ends science and technology are to be used, and what sort of literature is "undesirable" and must be censored. So s-f fan magazines quickly branched out into social and political commentary, and most of them remain such to this day. A similar development in war game bulletins is inevitable.

1985CA - GAME REVIEW

ERIC VERHEIDEN (England): One interesting thing about the game was the even balance between the two alliances (G/I/R and E/F/A-H) for three years. During 1904-06 the fighting was fierce but few centers changed hands. When our breakthrough came in 1904, one factor, I think, was my two rear-area railcars - F Swe and A Gal. From these positions, the two units mercilessly slashed Russian, German, and Italian supports. This gradually weakened the enemy positions, finally enabling Austria to bring its superior forces to bear in the south.

Earlier, in 1904, G/I/R might have secured a commanding advantage if Germany had concentrated on eliminating France instead of regaining Belgium and Holland from me. These two centers could have been won back at any time later and I had no armies in or near them as onward threats against other German centers. But 1904-05 were the only chance to eliminate France - it could have been done easily then with Italian help.

My early choice of Germany instead of France as ally was obviously mistaken. Fortunately, Germany advertised his intention to stab so clearly that the stab had no surprise effect when it finally came. It was of course nullified by my own attacking move. Mike Petty as France then turned to be an effective and cooperative partner. It was satisfying to help him eliminate the two players who had been prematurely swaggering over a near-prostrate France.

Another reason for helping France was to pave the way for a three-way draw (F/E/A-H) after other countries had exited. Austria and I could have gone for a two-way, but I never try this option because of the risks involved. One player or another may succumb to the strong temptation to try for 18 instead of 17 centers.

Best regards to my two allies, especially Larry Foster, who was just about an ideal ally during the grim trench warfare of 1904-06. I had to start defending against you after that, Larry - otherwise, you had good chances of winning since you were by far the strongest country and several more centers were ripe for the plucking.

EARLY PRESS RELEASES

1986AV

CONSTANTINOPLE to World: The Supreme Protectoress Fatima welcomes the new players to the game. For an up-to-the-minute report on the latest Italian war atrocities and a free, full-color brochure on the art of boudoir photography, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Fatima of the Inexpressible Joys, Istanbul.

ANKARA to LONDON: By the time this press is printed, it will all be over in the NFC. "Oh Lord, unstring the knees of the Vikings and Redskins. Make them weak, addled, and wimpy. Grease the ball when they carry it, and make the umps blinder than rocks."

If the Miners don't blast their way through, my money goes on the Broncos to take the Big One.

1986AZ

VIENNA: The Austrian Chief of Staff, after a meeting with his senior commanders, addressed the issue of war with England today in an emergency session of the government. Pointing out the failure of the diplomatic corps to obtain any firm proposals or com-

commitments from the English on the structure of the new order in Europe, the Chief of Staff declared that the army and navy were prepared to do what must be done to "tame the English lion". The following statements were excerpted from the Chief of Staff's address to the heads of state:

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"If we do not act swiftly and decisively we face the prospect of losing all that we have labored so hard for these last six years. Imagine English warships sailing at will right into Trieste. Given England's powerful naval forces and great industrial capacity, this could come to pass. We have little hope of defeating the English in a protracted war. Our struggle against the Ottoman Empire has drained our resources and brought us to the brink of bankruptcy. If we were to strike now, however, while the forces of our opponent are engaged elsewhere and the masses are flushed with victory over the Turks, we might succeed in strengthening our position on the continent to such an extent that a war of aggression against us would be futile. Speed and surprise will be the cornerstones of our plans. Earlier this day, with the approval of our Kaiser, I set in motion all the forces of the Monarchy. If all goes as I think it will, we will force the English lion to come to the negotiation table with its tail between its legs."

Upon hearing these announcements, the listeners broke into cheers. The spirit of celebration and optimism quickly spread throughout the capital as everyone came to anticipate the final victory that would at last bring an end to the years of fighting.

1987CP

RUSSIA to TURKEY: I was given one of those offers that can't be refused. Know what I mean?

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK, the first bulletin for the postal play of Diplomacy, is published every fourth Saturday by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11226-5302. Diplomacy was designed by Allan B. Calhmer and is published by Avalon-Hill. Games are open in GRAUSTARK for a game fee of \$25, which includes a subscription for as long as the game lasts. With your entry fee send in a list of the countries you'd like to play, in your order of preference. The rules for postal Diplomacy were last published in #525; if you do not already have them, ask for a copy when you send in your entry fee. Subscriptions for non-players are 12 issues for \$10. The usual deadline for games is 4 weeks, but for people who find this too fast a game with an eight-week deadline is now being organized at the same fee.

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Of the five players who missed moves in the last issue, none had moves come in which were delayed in the mail. This confirms my experience that the principal cause of missed moves is player neglect, not delays in the mail. One player whose moves were phoned in had a letter arrive on the day after the deadline; it was postmarked in "Suburban IL" on the 17th and arrived on the 23rd.

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If you have watched Morton Downey Jr. on television, or read the newspaper columns of Patrick Buchanan or R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr., you know what style of rhetoric is in vogue among war-lovers these days. Those of us who prefer peace to war are able to outdo them in this, however. If the style that was in vogue during the heyday of the "underground press" isn't sufficient, we are perfectly justified in calling them murderers, arsonists, and baby-killers - all of which stand on the record of war-lovers in this country, and of which they have the insolence to be proud.

Granted, there is a school of thought which approaches this matter differently. Some people, among whom a few readers of GRAUSTARK must be numbered, seem to believe

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1986AF

"Fall 1988"

AUSTRIAE EST IMPERARE ORBIS UNIVERSO

ENGLAND (La Rocco): No moves received.
 F Tyr, F Lyo, F Spa(s.c.), A Pic, F
 Bel, A Den, F Nwy, F Swe & A Fin hold.

FRANCE (Hoffman): A Bur-Par.

GERMANY (Stewart): A Kie-Ber; A Ruh-Kie;
 F Bot S ENGLISH A Fin-St.P.

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (J. Brennick): A St.P, A War & A Pru hold; A Mos S A St.P; A Mun-Kie;
 A Ber S A Mun-Kie; A Boh-Mun; A Tyr & A Sil S A Boh-Mun; A Pie-Mar; A Ven-Rom;
 F Ion-Nap; A Apu S F Ion-Nap; F Tun-Wes; F Adr-Oom.

1986AF - John Boardman, GRAUSTARK
 E - Peter J. La Rocco
 F - Nunzio Paul Schembari (res S04)
 Jeffrey L. Hoffman
 G - Marc Hurwitz (res F07)
 Alan Stewart
 I - Jerry Rosen
 A - John Brennick (won F08)
 R - Jim McCarthy (out F05)
 T - Bob Bragdon (out F04)

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian F Nap is annihilated, and Germany retreats A Kie-Hol. With these moves, John Brennick as Austria-Hungary gets a majority of the supply centers, and wins his first GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy game. This is also the first of the six GRAUSTARK games begun in 1986 to be finished. In the supply center chart, an asterisk indicates a supply center for which a unit was not built. Players and other readers are invited to send in reviews of 1986AF, which will be published in a future issue. Check the list below to see whether your subscription expires as a result of the end of 1986AF.

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F	3	6	5	4	3	1	1	1	1
G	3	4	6	5	6	7	5	4	1
I	3	4	5	6	7	4	4	3	2
A	3	6	7	9	10	14*	14	17**	20
R	4	3	2	2	1				
T	3	5	3	1					

WHEN DO YOU EXPIRE?

The subscriptions of the following readers expire with the indicated issue.

546 - John Brennick	548 - Peter J. La Rocco	556 - Jeffrey L. Hoffman
Nunzio Paul Schembari	549 - John Barnes	558 - Bob Bragdon
Eric Verheiden	Palph L. Morton	563 - Gerry Thompson
547 - John Weswig	Kenneth Peel	Ted London
548 - Stephen Kwiatkowski	550 - Chris Carrier	

In addition, I am with this issue ending a few trades and complimentary copies which I had been sending out, to people whose trade 'zines have apparently () ceased publication or in which I have lost interest, or with whom I have fallen out of touch. If the space to the right is checked, this is the last issue you will get as a trade or complimentary copy.

DIPCON XXI

Pete Gaughan, whose new address appears on p. 10 with the report of 1984V, has sent a flier announcing the North American Diplomacy Championship, to be held on 1-4 July 1988 in San Antonio. In addition to a tournament, there will be a seminar on "The Basics of the Game", a Diplomacy variants competition, and also tournaments of Titan and of Empire Builder. Registration is \$10, and hotel reservations will be \$40 a night until rates increase on 15 June. For further information write to Gaughan. Checks are payable to Diplomats of Texas Society ("D. O. T. S."), 700 Rio Grande, Austin, Texas 78710

1987CD

"Fall 1904"

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ENGLAND (D. Martin): F NAT-Nrg; F Nth S A Nwy; A Nwy S GERMAN A Swe-Fin; F Eng not ordered, holds.

FRANCE (Grasse): A Naf holds; F Mid-Wes; F Pic-Bre; A Bur-Mar; A Spa & A Gas S A Bur-Mar.

GERMANY (Grodewald): A Mun, A Ber, A Swe & A Bel hold; F Bal-Den; A Hol S A Bel.

ITALY (Fader): A Mar holds; A Pie & F Lyo S A Mar; F Wes-Mid.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Carli): A Fin-Nwy; A St.P S A Fin-Nwy; A Gal-War; A Vie-Tyr; A Rum S A Bul((sic)); A Bul-Con; A Ukr S RUSSIAN F Sev-Bla((sic)); F Gre-Ion; F Smy S A Bul-Con.

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

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

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats A Con-Ank. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (4)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Con, Gre, Mos, Rum, St.P, Ser, Smy, Tri, Vie, War. (11)
FRANCE: Bre, Par, Por, Spa. (4)	RUSSIA: Sev. (1)
GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Swe. (7)	TURKEY: Ank, Bul. (2)

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

Austria-Hungary may build two new units, and Germany and Italy may each build one. Turkey must remove one unit, and France must remove two. Dick Martin is now playing England. The deadline for "Winter 1904" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MARCH 1988. Press releases have been postponed to the next issue.

1987AD

"Fall 1905"

FULL OF POSSIBILITIES

Following "Spring 1905" moves Turkey retreated F Aeg-Smy.

ENGLAND (Gaughan): F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Gas S F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Eng-Mid; F Bre S F Eng-Mid; A St.P-Liv; F Bar-St.P(n.c.).

FRANCE (McCarthy): No moves received. A Mar, A Por, F Wes & F Tyr hold; A Par dislodged and annihilated.

GERMANY (Lange): A Bur-Par³; A Pic S A Bur-Par; A Mun-Bur; A Kie-Mun; A Hol, A Den & F Ska hold.

ITALY (Currie): F Nap-Tyr; F Ion S F Nap-Tyr; A Rom holds; F Aeg S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ser-Bul.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gibson): F Gre S TURKISH F Eas-Ion; A Tyr-Pie; A Tri-Tyr; A Bud-Vie; A Ser-Bul; A Rum-Bul.

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

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

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats F Aeg-Eas, and F Ion-Alb, -Adr, -Apu, or -Tun. The direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1905"

orders, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (7)	ITALY: Nap, Rom, Ven. (3)
FRANCE: Mar, Por, Tun. (3)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser, Tri, Vie. (7)
GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Par, Swe. (8)	RUSSIA: Mos, War. (2)
	TURKEY: Ank, Con, Sev, Smy. (4)

England, Germany, and Austria-Hungary may each build one unit, and France and Italy must each remove one. However, if Italy retreats F Ion-Tun then Tunis is an Italian rather than a French supply center, and Italy will have no removals while France will have two. The deadline for these "Winter 1905" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MARCH 1988. Stand-by orders for France should be sent in by Michael Quirk, 3830 Chester Dr., Glenview, Ill. 60025; 312-498-1377. Press releases are postponed to the next issue.

1987CX

"Fall 1903"

BALKANS RE-PARTITIONED

ENGLAND (Mason): F Iri-Mid; F Eng S F Iri-Mid; F Nth holds; A Fin-Swe; F Nwy S A Fin-Swe ((sic; no such unit exists)); F St.P(n.c.) not ordered, holds.

FRANCE (Stewart): F Wes-Mid; F Mid-Bre; A Gas-Bur; A Par & A Mar S A Gas-Bur.

GERMANY (Stone): A Tyr-Ven; A Bur-Mar; F Den S ENGLISH A Fin-Swe; A Ber-Sil; A Bel S A Hol; A Hol S A Bel.

ITALY (Tucker): F Eas & F Ion C TURKISH A Smy-Gre; A Alb S TURKISH A Smy-Gre.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Carli): No moves received. A Bud & A Tri hold; F Gre & A Ser dislodged and annihilated.

RUSSIA (Grasse): F Swe-Nwy; A Gal-Vie; A Ukr-Mos; A Rum S TURKISH A Bul-Ser.

TURKEY (Rigley): A Smy-Gre; A Bul-Ser; A Con-Bul; A Ank-Con; F Bla S RUSSIAN A Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany conditionally retreats A Bur-Mun. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

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

Russia may build two new units, and Germany and Turkey may each build one. Italy must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MARCH 1988. Press releases are postponed to the next issue. Ken McKusick, 221 Northway, Baltimore, Md. 21218; 301-243-8961 should prepare to send in stand-by "Spring 1904" orders for Austria-Hungary.

1986AM

"Winter 1907"

Following "Fall 1907" moves Austria-Hungary retreated A Vie-Bud, Turkey retreated F Ion-Eas, and England retreated F Den-Bal.

ENGLAND (Verheiden): Removes A Wal, F Nrg. GERMANY (Austin): Builds A Mun, F Kie.

FRANCE (Parents): Builds F Mar, F Bre.

The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MARCH 1988.

PARIS: The Flying Dutchie Boy today announced a New Forgien Affair. It will be call "Harem Scarem". The Dutchie Boy will be blooming with his two lips.

1986CW

"Spring 1907"

KINETIC ENERGY HIGH; LUMINOUS ENERGY LOW

ENGLAND (Harkin): F Naf-Mid; F Por S F Naf-Mid; F Eng-Nth; F Mid-Eng; F Nth-Ska; F Den-Bal; F Swe S F Den-Bal; A Bre-Par.

FRANCE (Pribe): A Par holds.

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

ITALY (Tucker): A Mar-Gas; F Spa(s.c.) & A Tri hold; F Wes-Tun; F Rom-Tyr; F Nap-Ion; F Gre S F Nap-Ion; A Ser S F Gre; F Ven-Adr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Currie): A Vie S A Gal; A Gal S A Vie.

RUSSIA (Sargent): A St.P(s.c.)-Bot; A Mos-Ukr; A War S A Mos-Ukr; A Sev-Rum; F Aeg S TURKISH F Ion.

TURKEY (Schenck): A Rum-Bul; A Con S A Rum-Bul; F Ion holds; F Smy-Eas.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany must retreat F Bal-Liv, -Pru, or -Ber. The direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by FRIDAY 4 MARCH; it will be sent on to the English and Russian players. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MARCH 1988. Press releases must be postponed to the next issue.

1986HI

"Fall 1905"

ITALY STABBED!

ENGLAND (Chang): F Naf-Mid; F Hel-Kie; F Nth-Den; A Swe S F Nth-Den; F Eng-Nth; F Bre-Pic; F Mid-Naf.

FRANCE (Dolan): No move received; A Par dislodged and annihilated.

GERMANY (Ruffing): A Kie-Den; F Bal S A Kie-Den; F Hol-Hel; A Ruh S A Bel; A Bel not ordered, holds.

ITALY (Hollander): A Pic-Par; A Gas S A Pic-Par; A Por holds; F Spa(s.c.)-Wes; F Tun-Naf; F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre; F Eas-Aeg.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rigley): A Tri-Ven; A Bud-Tri; A Rum S TURKISH A Sev-Ukr.

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

TURKEY (M. Brennick): A Sev S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Rum; A Arm-Smy; F Bla S A Sev; A Bul S A Gre; A Gre S A Bul; F Ion-Nap; F Aeg-Ion.

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

ENGLAND: Bre, Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe. (7)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5)

ITALY: Mar, Par, Por, Rom, Ser, Spa, Tun. (7)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Rum, Tri, Ven, Vie. (5)

RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, War. (3)

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

Austria-Hungary may build two units, and Italy must remove one. These "Winter 1905" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 4 MARCH 1988. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MARCH 1988. For Scott Ruffing's new address see the report of 1984V on p. 10. Jim Goldman has sent in a statement on his resignation as Italy, which will be printed in the next issue, as will some postponed press releases.

"Spring 1903"

1987HQ

JUTLAND REVISITED

ENGLAND (McKusick): F Lon-Wal; F Nth-Hol; A Bel S FRENCH A Bur-Ruh; F Nrg-Cly.

FRANCE (D. Martin): A Gas-Bur; A Vie S ITALIAN A Tri-Vie((sic)); A Bur-Ruh; (A Pic, S A Gas-Bur; F Eng-S ENGLISH A Bel; F Mid S F Eng.

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

ITALY (A. Brooks): A Tri-Bud; A Gre-Alb; F Ion-Adr; F Nap-Apu; A Ser S A Tri-Bud; A Rom S F Nap-Apu.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Moats): A Ven-Tri; A Bud S A Ven-Tri.

RUSSIA (Spera): F Nwy S GERMAN F Den-Nth; F Sev holds; A Ukr & A Mos S F Sev; A War-Gal; A St.P S F Nwy.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian A Bud and the German A Ruh are dislodged and annihilated. England must retreat F Nth-Nrg, -Edi, -Yor, -Lon, -Ska, or -Bel. The direction of this retr at should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by FRIDAY 4 MARCH 1988. The Russian, German, and French players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1903" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MARCH 1987.

1985HF

"Fall 1911"

ALLIED DRIVE CONTINUES

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

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

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

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

ENGLAND: Lon. (1)	TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Ccn, Edi, Gre, Liv,
RUSSIA: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Hol, Kie, Mar,	Nap, Por, Rom, Ser, Sny, Spa, Tri, Tun,
Mos, Mun, Nwy, Par, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe,	Ven. (16)
Vie, War. (17)	

Russia and Turkey may each build two units, and England must remove two. These "Winter 1911" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 4 MARCH 1988. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1912" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MARCH 1988.

1987HR

"Winter 1902"

Following "Fall 1902" moves Italy retreated A Mar-Pie.

ENGLAND (Hollander): Builds F Lon.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brooker): Builds A Vie.

FRANCE (Lilleleht): Builds A Par.

TURKEY (P. Martin): Builds F Smy.

GERMANY (Chafetz): Builds A Mun, A Ber.

The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MARCH 1988. Press releases have been postponed to the next issue.

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"Fall 1911"

NOT MUCH CHANGE

ENGLAND (MacNiallais): F Tun-Wes; F Naf S F Tun-Wes; A Spa-Cas; F Mar-Lyo; F Mid-Spa (s.c.); F Eng-Bre; A Pic-Par; F Bar S GERMAN A Nwy-St.P; F Adr-Ion.

GERMANY (Schenck): A Nwy-St.P; A Fin S F Nwy-St.P; F Bal-Liv; A Ber-Sil; A Mun-Boh; A Ven-Tyr; A Bur S ENGLISH A Pic-Par.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thornsen): A Par holds; A Tyr-Mun; A Sil-Ber; A Pru S A Sil-Ber; A Gal-Boh; A Pie-Ven; A Tri S A Pie-Ven; F Apu-Adr.

TURKEY (Drakert): F Lyo-Mar; F Wes-Naf; F Ion-Tun; F Tyr S F Ion-Tun; A Nap-Rom; A Los S A St.P; A Liv S A St.P; F Gre-Ion; A Bul-Gre; A St.P S A Liv.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Ber-Kie, A Ven-Tus, and Turkey retreats F Wes-Mid. The Austro-Hungarian A Par and the Turkish A St.P are dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

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

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

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

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

Austria-Hungary and Turkey may each build one new unit; Turkey has a second build if the dislodged F Wes is removed. These "Winter 1911" builds should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 4 MARCH 1988; all players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1912" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MARCH 1988. The vote for a draw fails of unanimity, and is again submitted to the players.

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FRENCH PUSH ON EASTWARD

In the report of the "Spring 1911" moves in GRAUCTARK #545 the two German moves "A Ruh-Hol; A Kie S A Ruh-Hol" should have been underlined as impossible. This means that the French F Hol holds its position, but that the German A Ruh is dislodged and annihilated. In that same season the French units A Mar & F Eng were not ordered, and hold their positions. The vote on a draw failed of unanimity, and is again submitted to the players.

ENGLAND (Chafetz): A Nwy S GERMAN A St.P-Fin; F Nth S A Nwy; F Lon S A Nwy((sic)); A War S TURKISH A Sev-War((sic)).

FRANCE (Addison): F Aeg S F Gre; F Gre holds; A Ven-Tri; F Mid-Wes; F Eng-Bel; A Bel-Hol; F Hol-Kie; A Ruh & A Mun S F Hol-Kie; F Alb S A Ven-Tri; A Bur S F Eng-Bel; A Mar-Pie; A Gal-Rum.

GERMANY (Skellie): A Vie S A Bud; A Ser S A Bud; A Bud S A Ser; A Ukr-War; A St.P S A Mos; F Bal-Den; A Kie-Hol; F Hel S A Kie-Hol; F Ska S F Bal-Den; A Mos S A Ukr-War.

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

TURKEY (Spera): F Bla S A Sev; A Sev S FRENCH A Gal-Rum; A Rum-Ser; A Bul S A Rum-Ser.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Kie-Ber and Italy retreats A Tri-Tyr. England must retreat A War-Liv, -Pru, or -Sil; the direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1911" orders, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

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

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Gre, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mun, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven. (15)

GERMANY: Ber, Bud, Den, Mos, St.P, Ser, Swe, Vie, War. (9)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Rum, Sev, Smy. (6)

France and Turkey may each build two units; England also has a build if the dislodged A War is removed. Germany must remove one unit, and the last Italian unit is also removed. The deadline for "Winter 1911" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MARCH 1988.

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CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR

ENGLAND (M. Thompson): F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); F Cly-Nrg; F Nth-Den; F Kie S F Ber; A Bre-Gas; F Eng-Sre; A Pic-Par; F Mid-NAf; F Iri-Mid; A Bur-Mun; F Spa(s.c.)-Mar; F Wes S F Tun; F Bar, F Tun & F Bel hold.

GERMANY (Chafetz): A Par-Bur; A Mar S A Par-Bur.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Powell): A Arm-Sev; A Smy-Ank; A Con S A Smy-Ank; A Mos-St.P; A Sil-Pru; A Gal-Sil; A Rum-Ukr A Bul-Rum; F Nap S F Tyr; F Tyr A F Ion-Tun; F Ion-Tun; A Tus S A Pie; A Tyr S A Mun; A Pie & A Mun hold.

TURKEY (Reebel): No move received; F Ank dislodged and annihilated.

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

ENGLAND: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Por, St.P, Spa, Swe, Tun.

GERMANY: Mar, Par. (2) (15)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank; Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Mun, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (17)

Austria-Hungary may build two new units. These units should come in with the "Spring 1908" orders, which may be made conditional upon them. The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MARCH 1988. With these orders players should send in their votes on a proposal for a draw, and on a separate proposal for a concession to Austria-Hungary.

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ENGLISH SNEAK IN

ENGLAND (A. Brooks): A Mos-Sev; F Rom S F Nap; F Nap S F Rom; F Nwy-Nth; A St.P-Mos; F Atr-Tri; A Tun-Smy; F Ion & F Aeg C A Tun-Smy; A NAF-Tun; F Eng-Mid; F Mid-Wes.

GERMANY (Gaughan): A Mar-Pie; A Pic-Bel; A Ruh-Mun; A Bur S A Ruh-Mun; A Mun-Boh; A Ukr-Gal; A Sil S A Ukr-Gal; A War-Ukr; A Pru-War.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Ruffing): A Gal-Ukr; A Rum S A Gal-Ukr; A Sev-Mos; A Bud-Gal; A Boh S A Bud-Gal; A Vie & A Tyr S A Boh; A Tri-Ven; A Pie S A Tri-Ven; A Apu-Nap; F Gre-Ion; A Bul-Con.

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

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Mos, Nap, Nwy, Por, Rom, St.P, Smy, Spa, Swe, Tri, Tun. (14)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mun, Par, War. (10)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Ser, Sev, Ven, Vie. (10)

England may build two new units and Germany may build one; Austria-Hungary must remove two units. These "Winter 1921" orders should come in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by FRIDAY 4 MARCH 1988. The deadline for "Spring 1922" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MARCH 1988. The vote for a draw fails of unanimity and is again submitted to the players. Players should note the following changes of address:

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"Spring 1908"

NEW LEPANTO SET UP

ENGLAND (Rigley): A St.P-Nwy; A Swe-Den; F Bel-Hol; F Den-Bal; F Nth-Hel; F Edi-Nth;
A Lon-Pic; F Eng C A Lon-Pic.

FRANCE (Drakert): A Par-Gas; F Bre-Mid.

GERMANY (Campbell): F Hol-Kie; A Mun S F Hol-Kie.

ITALY (Ball): F Mid-Gas; F Lyo-Tyr; F Tyr-Tun; F Nap-Ion; F Ion-Alb; F Adr S F Ion-Alb;
A Tri S F Ion-Alb; A Vie-Bud; A Tyr S A Tri.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Meldrum): A War holds.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): A Ruh-Mun; A Kie S A Ruh-Mun.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish A Alb is dislodged and annihilated, and Austria-Hungary may retreat A War-:iv, -Pru, -Sil, or -Ukr, or remove the unit. This retreat should come in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by FRIDAY 4 MARCH 1988. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MARCH 1988. Press releases are postponed to the next issue.

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"Fall 1901"

HOW TO VIOLATE NEUTRALITY

ENGLAND (Ferder): A Edi-Hol; F Nth C A Edi-Hol; F Nrg-Nwy.

FRANCE (Wilson): A Spa-Por; A Bur-Bel; F Mid-Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Taylor): A Sil-Gal; F Den-Swe; A Ber-Pru.

ITALY (Gobel): A Ven-Apu; A Apu-Tun; F Ion C A Apu-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thomas): A Ser S F Alb-Gre; F Alb-Gre; A Gal S GERMAN A Sil-War.

RUSSIA (Dickerson): F Rum & A War hold; F Bpt-Swe; A St.P-Mos.

TURKEY (Quirk): A Bul S RUSSIAN F Rum; F Con-Aeg; A Ank-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. If a last-minute move eliminates the incompatibility of the above Austro-Hungarian and German moves, you will find it on p. 4. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

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

France may build 3 new units, Austria-Hungary, Russia, and England may each build 2, and Germany, Italy, and Turkey may each build 1. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" builds is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MARCH 1988. Press releases are postponed to the next issue. Dave Wilson informs us that he works evenings, and from 3 to 11 PM can be reached at 718-522-4169.

WARSAW to World: Heeelllllppp!!!!

RUSSIA to FRANCE: I know you're over these somehwere....I think.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY (continued from p. 3)

that we can avoid a nuclear war if only we are sufficiently polite to war-lovers. I am not in accord with this belief. THESE PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO GET US ALL KILLED! How polite do you want to be with them?

Two choices face us. Either military men must come to be regarded with scathing contempt, or else the human race will be exterminated. If you doubt this, simply read over the studies on nuclear winter that have been published over the past four years, beginning with the 1983 report by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. Then come to your own conclusion as to whether members of armed forces of any country can be regarded as anything but contemptible.

In line with this, here is the answer to the riddle I posed in the reports on 1986AV in the last issue: "What drinks red, breathes orange, turns yellow, and wants green?" The answer is "A Vietnam veteran."

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ALLIES SLOG THROUGH BALKANS

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

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

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

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

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats A Ser-Bul. The High Combatant Powers hold the same supply centers as they did after "1910" except that Turkey has lost Naples to France and Serbia to Germany. Germany may build two new units, France may build one, and Turkey must remove two. These "Winter 1911" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 4 MARCH 1988. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1912" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MARCH 1988. The vote on a draw fails of unanimity and is again submitted to the players.

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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 your next move.

() - An IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL move is due from you in ____ by 4 March.

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