

At 9:45 yesterday morning my daughter Deirdre Perez and her husband Christopher became the parents of a 3½-kilogram boy, who has been named Michael. He is their second child, and our third grandchild. Our other daughter, Karina, is expecting her and her husband's second child next month. Everyone is doing well.

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1986AM "Spring 1908"

THE DUAL EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

ENGLAND (Verheiden): F Bal-Ber.

FRANCE (Barents): A Lon-Yor; A Gas-Mar; F Liv-Cly; F Eng-Lon; F Ion-Alb; F Apu-Adr; F Nap-Apu; A Rom-Ven; A Ven-Tri; F Lyo-Tyr; F Mar-Lyo; F Bre-Mid.

GERMANY (Austin): A Sev holds; A Mos S A Sev; A Mun-Ber; F Kie S A Mun-Ber; A Den-Swe; A Nwy S A Den-Swe; F Hel-Den; F Hol-Nth; F Nth-Edi; A Sil-Gal; A Tyr-Ven((sic; no such unit exists)); A Boh S A Tyr-Ven ((sic)); A Vie not ordered, attacked and dislodged.

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

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The German A Vie is dislodged and annihilated, and France retreats F Ion-Tun. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 15 APRIL 1988.

1987AD "Winter 1905"

Following "Fall 1905" moves, Italy removed the dislodged F Aeg and retreated F Ion-Tun, making Tunis an Italian rather than a French supply center. ENGLAND (Gaughan): Builds F Lon. FRANCE (McCarthy): Removes A Por, F Tyr. GERMANY (Lange): Builds A Ber. ITALY (Currie): Builds A Ven. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gibson): Builds A Tri. The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 15 APRIL 1988. An Italian press release appears elsewhere in this issue, on p. 10.

1986CW "Fall 1907"

STAB: STAB!

Following "Spring 1907" moves Germany retreated F Bal-Ber.

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

FRANCE (Pribe): A Far holds.

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

ITALY (Tucker): A Gas S ENGLISH A Bre-Par; F Spa(s.c.)-Mar; F Tun-Ion; F Tyr, F Nap & F Adr S F Tun-Ion; F Gre-Bul (s.c.); A Ser S F Gre-Bul(s.c.); A Tri S A Ser.

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

RUSSIA (Sargent): A War-Gal; A Ukr S A War-Gal; F Bot-Swe; A Rum-Ser; F Aeg S TURKISH A Bul-Gre.

TURKEY (Schenck): A Bul-Gre; A Con-Bul; F Ion-Alb; F Eas-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats F Den-Hel and France retreats A Par-Pic; the Italian F Gre is dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Par, Por. (8)

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

ITALY: Mar, Nap, Rom, Ser, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven. (8)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Vie. (2)

RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (6)

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

Russia and Turkey may each build one new

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THERE HE GOES AGAIN

Ever since he began campaigning for the presidency, it has been obvious that Ronald Reagan wants to start a war. Ever since he abandoned "B" movies for the political trail, he has been drivelling about a sinister international conspiracy that is out to take over the known universe, and how vitally important it is for us to have lots and lots of expensive armaments to forfend this alleged danger. Well, we all know where this delusion led Germany a half-century ago, and we are not inclined to repeat that experience. However, in 1980 Ronald Reagan told the Wall Street Journal that "The Soviet Union underlies all the unrest that is going on. If they weren't engaged in this game of dominoes, there wouldn't be any hot spots in this world."

(Even Reagan's closest allies aren't buying this one. The Israeli government is doing some pretty stupid things in the "Occupied Territories", but at least it isn't running around the Gaza Strip looking for the Soviet agents without whom the Arab population would be quiet and happy.)

In pursuit of this alleged International Conspiracy, President Reagan reacted in characteristic fashion to a major legal event that took place three days ago. A special prosecutor indicted Admiral Poing-Dexter, General Secord, Lieutenant Criminal Worth, and another member of that slimy gang of war-lovers who sold weapons to Iran and then used what profits didn't stick to their fingers for funding a pack of child-murdering maniacs that the president calls "Nicaraguan Freedom Fighters". Less than twelve hours later, President Reagan announced that 3200 combat troops would be sent to Central America to repel an alleged invasion of Honduras by a body that everyone else calls the Nicaraguan Army, but whom the president merely names "Sandinistas" - after a Nicaraguan killed by U. S. orders and connivance about 60 years ago.

This is a little more than just following advice given by one of Shakespeare's kings to "busy giddy minds with foreign quarrels." President Reagan wants to make sure that by the time this gang comes to trial, U. S. troops will be engaged in combat against the same enemy whom the defendants were trying to overthrow. A guilty verdict would therefore be stabbing "our brave boys" in the back. And, if one is still rendered, then sometime between Election Day and Inauguration Day the defendants will simply be pardoned.

To this unlawful invasion of Central America have come President Reagan's high hopes of a major and preferably nuclear war. Early in his administration, no such miniscule nation as Nicaragua, Libya, or Syria was being considered a potential "enemy". One Richard Pipes, then the president's principal spokesman on eastern European policy, went on record as saying that the Soviet Union will either have to adopt our system or fight us. Robert Scheer, in With Enough Shovels, David Smith and Melinda Gebbie in Reagan for Beginners, and Mark Green and Gail MacColl in Ronald Reagan's Reign of Error, quoted horrendous statements from President Reagan and his principal spokespersons and advisers about how a nuclear war was inevitable, winnable, and possibly even desirable. Scheer quotes Eugene V. D. Rostow, then in charge of "disarmament" negotiations for the US, as saying that we are now in a pre-war rather than a post-war situation. What constitutes "winning" a nuclear war was then seriously being discussed in Washington. Massive anti-war rallies across the country in 1981 and 1982 put an end to these notions; over 700,000 came out in New York alone. Since then remarkably little about fighting nuclear wars has been heard from President Reagan and his appointees.

Ever since then, the President's bloodlust has been palliated with one-day jumps into Lebanon, Granada, or Libya - all of them showing bad planning and a massive disregard for the safety of even the US troops involved, let alone local civilians or this nation's reputation. Now the same thing is being tried in Central America, on the allegation that Nicaragua has invaded Honduras.

Mind you, nobody knows whether any such thing has actually taken place - or why, if it has, the matter should be of any concern in this country. But we have been lied

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THE COILS TIGHTEN

Following "Fall 1921" moves, England built F Lon and F Liv, and Germany built F Kie. No removals came from the Austro-Hungarian player, so the gamesmaster removed A Con and F Gre. The Austro-Hungarian player also missed these moves, and so stand-by "Fall 1922" moves should be sent in by Larry Sims, 13143 Avenue M, Chicago, Ill. 60633; 312-646-2143.

ENGLAND (A. Brooks): A Mos-Sev; F Rom S F Nap; F Nap S F Rom; F Nth-Hel; A St.P holds; F Tri-Ven; A Smy-Bul; F Aeg C A Smy-Bul; A Tun-Alb; F Ion C A Tun-Alb; F Mid-Wes; F Wes-Tr; F Liv-Iri; F Lon-Eng.

GERMANY (Gaughan): F Kie-Hel; A Bel-Bur; A Sil-Gal; A Pru-Sil; A Ruh S A Mun; A Bur-Mar; A Mar-Spa; A Mun S A Pru-Sil; A War & A Ukr S A Sil-Gal.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Ruffing): No moves received. A Pie, A Ven, A Apu, A Tyr, A Boh, A Vie, A Bud, A Rum & A Sev hold; A Gal dislodged and annihilated.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1922" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 15 APRIL 1988. The proposal for a draw once again fails of unanimity, and will not be re-submitted; this game will be allowed to proceed to its own destiny.

ENGLAND to AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Trieste is such a lousy port that I think I'll vacation in Venice.

ENGLAND to GERMANY: Don't leave Kiel. It is such a beautiful sea port.

1985CY

"Spring 1912"

FRANCE TURNS DOWN TURKEY DINNER

France built F Bre in "Winter 1911". No German builds or Turkish removals ever arrived, so the gamesmaster removed the Turkish F Adr, F Gre. The vote for a draw failed of the necessary unanimity, and the gamesmaster sees little point in submitting it to the players again. Stand-by "Fall 1912" orders for France should be sent in by Michael Quirk, 3830 Chester Dr., Glenview, Ill. 60025; 312-498-1377.

ENGLAND (Ulman): A Ukr-Rum; A Mos-Sev; A War-Ukr; A St.P-Mos; F Mid-Eng; F Nth S F Mid-Eng; A Nwy, A Livonia & F Bal hold.

FRANCE (Van De Graaf): No moves received. F Bre, F Wes, F Tyr, F Tun, A Ven, A Tus, A Rom, F Nap & F Apu hold.

GERMANY (Scensny): A Alb-Gre; A Ser-Bul; A Bud & A Gal S ENGLISH A Ukr-Rum; A Tri-Alb; A Vie & A Tyr hold.

TURKEY (H. Jordan): F Ion-Alb; F Aeg S F Gre ((sic)); F Bla S A Rum; A Bul & A Sev S A Rum; A Rum S ENGLISH A Ukr-Gal; A Arm S A Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish A Rum is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1912" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 15 APRIL 1988.

1987CD

"Winter 1904"

FRANCE (Grasse): Removes F Bre, A Naf. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Carli): No builds received.
GERMANY (Grodewald): Builds A Kie. TURKEY (Meldrum): Removes F Arm.
ITALY (Fader): Builds A Rom.

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 15 APRIL 1988. Press releases are printed on p. 10. Stand-by moves for Austria-Hungary should be sent in by Alan Stewart, 702-25 St. Mary St., Toronto, Ontario M4Y 1R2; 416-961-8095.

1985HF

ONE UNIT ACTUALLY MOVES

"Spring 1912"

In "Winter 1911" Turkey built F Con & A Smy. No Russian builds or English removals arrived; the gamesmaster removed the English F Ska & F Nth.

ENGLAND (MacNiallais): F Lon holds.

RUSSIA (Austin): F Bal-Den((sic; no such unit exists)); F Nrg-Nth; A Ruh-Bur; A St.P, A Nwy, F Swe, A Hol, A Kie, A Bel, A Mun, A Bur, A Pic, A Par, A Bre, A Mar & A Ven hold.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1912" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 15 APRIL 1988. Stand-by Turkish moves should be sent in by Curtis L. Gibson, Apt. 9, 622 E. 11th St., New York, N. Y. 10009.

1986AV

THE WEAK GO TO THE WALL

"Fall 1908"

Following "Spring 1908" moves Austria-Hungary retreated A War-Ukr.

ENGLAND (Rigley): A Nwy-Hol; F Nth C A Nwy-Hol; F Bel S A Nwy-Hol; A Den-Kie; F Hel & F Bal S A Den-Kie; A Pic-Bur; F Eng S FRENCH F Bre-Mid.

FRANCE (Drakert): F Bre-Mid; A Par S ENGLISH A Pic-Bur.

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

ITALY (Ball): F Alb-Ion; F Tyr, F Nap & F Tun S F Alb-Ion; A Tri-Alb; F Adr S A Tri-Alb; A Tyr-Tri; A Vie S A Tyr-Tri; F Mid-Bre.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Meldrum): No move received; A Ukr dislodged and annihilated.

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

TURKEY (Hurley): A Mos-Ukr; A War S A Mos-Ukr; A Bud-Vie; A Ser-Tri; F Ion-Tun; F Gre-Alb; F Eas-Aeg; F Bla-Sev; A Rum holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German F Hol is dislodged and annihilated. Turkey must retreat F Ion-Apu or -Eas, and Italy must retreat F Mid-Nat, -Iri, -Gas, -Por, -Spa(n.c.), -Spa(s.c.), -Naf, or -Wes. The directions of these retreats should be sent in with the "Winter 1908" moves, which may be made conditional upon them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv,

RUSSIA: Mun. (1)

Lon, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (10)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, War. (11)

FRANCE: Bre, Par. (2)

GERMANY: Ber. (1)

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

Turkey and England may each build two new units; Turkey has a third build if the dislodged F Ion is removed. Italy may build a new unit if the dislodged F Mid is removed. Russia must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1908" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 15 APRIL 1988. To the best of my recollection, this is the first game in the 25-year history of GRAUSTARK in which all seven powers have been on the board through eight game years, and I submit it as a record for the postal hobby as a whole.

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1986HI

"Spring 1906"

LEPANTO IN REVERSE

Following "Fall 1905" moves Austria-Hungary built A Bud and A Vie, while Italy removed A Par.

ENGLAND (Chang): F Mid-Wes; F Eng-Nth; F Pic-Bre; F Nat-Nrg; F Nth-Nwy; F Hel-Den; A Swe S F HelpDen.

GERMANY (Ruffing): No moves received. F Bal, A Kie, F Hol, A Bel & A Ruh hold.

ITALY (Hollander): A Gas-Spa; A Por-Spa; F Wes-NAf; F Tun-Tyr; A Ser-Gre; F Aeg S A Ser-Gre; F Alb-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rigley): A Ven-Rom; A Tri & A Bud S TURKISH A Gre-Ser; A Vie-Gal; A Rum S A Vie-Gal.

RUSSIA (Kwiatkowski): A Gal-Vie; A Mos-War; A St.P-Mos.

TURKEY (M. Brennick): A Gre-Ser; A Bul S A Gre-Ser; A Sev-Mos; F Bla-Con; A Smy S F Bla-Con; F Ion-Alb; F Nap-Tyr.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian A Ser is dislodged and annihilated, and by pre-condition Russia retreats A Gal-Ukr. David Hollander writes that his correct address is 206-A Clarke's Ridge Court, Bel Air, Md. 21014. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 15 APRIL 1988. Stand-by moves for Germany should be sent in by Ksn McKusick, 221 Northway, Baltimore, Md. 21218; 301-243-8961.

VIENNA: All Hail the Great King Hogwash! As he lead his all powerfull armys into Italy, and recleamed lost Austrian pride.

TUNIS: The New Italian Tyrant wishes to reopen diplomatic with England, France, & Germany. Please advise.

1907HQ

"Fall 1903"

LATIN ALLIANCE MARCHES ON

Following "Spring 1903" moves no English retreat was received, and the dislodged F Nth was removed.

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

FRANCE (D. Martin): A Vie S TURKISH A Rum-Gal; A Pic-Bel; A Ruh S A Pic-Bel; A Bur S A Pic-Bel; F Mid-Nat; F Eng-Lon.

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

ITALY (A. Brooks): A Bud S TURKISH A Rum-Gal; A Alb-Tri; F Adr S A Alb-Tri; A Rom-Ven; F Apu S A Rom-Ven; A Ser S A Bud.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Moats): No move received. A Tri dislodged and annihilated.

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

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The French A Ruh is dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon. (4) ITALY: Bud, Gre, Nap, Rom, Ser, Tri, Tun,
 FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Vie.(6) Ven. (8)
 GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5) RUSSIA: Mos, Nwy, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (6)
 TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Rum, Smy. (5)

Italy may build two new units, and Germany, France, and England may each build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 15 APRIL 1988. Press releases are printed on p. 10.

1987HR

"Spring 1903"

ITALIAN TROOPS LAND IN SYRIA

ENGLAND (Hollander): F Bre-Mid; F Lon-Eng; F Nrg-Nor((sic)); F Nth S F Nrg-Nor((sic)).
 FRANCE (Lilleleht): No moves received. A Par, A Mar, F Por & A Spa hold.
 GERMANY (Chafetz): A Den holds; A Ber-Sil; A Sil-Boh; A Mun-Tyr; F Hol-Bel; A Bel-Ruh.
 ITALY (Drakert): A Tun-Syr; F Ion & F Eas C A Tun-Syr; F Gre-Aeg; A Pie holds.
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brooker): A Bud-Rum; A Ser & A Gal S A Bud-Rum; F Bul(s.c.) S A Bud-Rum((sic)); A Vie-Tyr; A War holds.
 RUSSIA (H. Jordan): F Nwy S GERMAN F Hol-Nth; A Fin S F Nwy; A St.P-Liv; A Ukr-Mos.
 TURKEY (P. Martin): A Rum-Bul; F Bla & F Con S A Rum-Bul; F Smy holds; A Sev-Arm.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats F Bul(s.c.)-Gre. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 15 APRIL 1988. Stand-by moves for France should be sent in by Curtis J. Gibson, Apt. 9, 622 E. 11th St., New York, N. Y. 10009.

1987IY

"Winter 1901"

ENGLAND (Farder): Builds F Lon, A Edi. ITALY (Gabel): Builds F Nap.
 FRANCE (Wilson): No builds received. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thomas): Builds A Bud, F Tri.
 GERMANY (Taylor): Builds A Mun, A Kie. TURKEY (Quirk): Builds F Smy.

As was announced in the last issue, the German "Fall 1901" move printed as "A Sil-Gal" was actually "A Sil-War". This meant that the Austro-Hungarian "A Gal S GERMAN A Sil-War" also succeeded, making Warsaw a German rather than a Russian supply center, and giving Germany a second build. The German "F Den-Swe" and the Russian "F Bot-Swe" stood each other off, so that no one yet owns Sweden, and Russia had no builds. The deadline for "Spring 1902" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 15 APRIL 1988. Stand-by moves for France should be sent in by Larry Sims, 13143 Avenue M, Chicago, Ill. 60633; 312-646-2143.

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to rather too often on such matters, from the "Gulf of Tonkin incident" to a similar allegation two years ago, at which time the President of Honduras asked for help from the U. S. government. It later turned out that the U. S. government advised him, in terms not to be distinguished from a direct order, to make that request for help.

Nicaragua has no ambition to conquer Honduras, annex its territory, or overthrow its government. The US troops that have been sent there have been sent without the slightest coloration of legality. There has been no declaration of war by Congress, and in fact in recent weeks Congress has twice refused to send any sort of aid to the insurgents who are in arms against a Nicaraguan government which the US recognizes and has diplomatic relations with. In short, these troops and any others which have been

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HOW TO CORRECT A MISTAKE

After the publication of the "Fall 1904" moves in 1986HI in GRAUSTARK #542 on 31 October 1987, I asked for "Winter" orders by immediate return mail. Unfortunately, I made a mistake in informing players of one of the builds, which meant that Fred Chang, playing England, was misinformed about the situation that existed when he was writing his "Spring 1905" moves.

When this fact became evident, after the publication of #543 on 28 November, I did what Postal Rule 10 sets as GRAUSTARK policy:

"The gamesmaster shall be responsible for his own failings, but not for those of the players or of the United States Postal 'Service'."

In #544 I noted this error and informed players that I was setting the clock back to the "Winter 1904" orders and resuming play from there. This is the same thing that I had done the only other time this sort of thing took place, sometime around 1970. It was not, of course, an ideal solution, since "Spring 1905" moves had already been published in #543. However, because of this there were no perfect solutions, and the only thing that could be done was to find the best of a number of unsatisfactory solutions. This I feel that I did.

Jim Goldman, playing Italy, responded by resigning. He sent in the following "Open Letter to the Players of 1986HI":

"As you now know, I have resigned from 1986HI. In the interests of fairness, I feel the players are owed some sort of explanation.

"At the outset, may I say that I have been associated with John Boardman and Postal Diplomacy from the earliest game - some 25 years. I love the game (I write naval policy on the side) and have consistently tried (with varying success) to minimize the effects of those silly Ego Wars that erupt from time to time between 'zine publishers, and which at one time seemed to threaten the game's general viability. This history makes the resignation especially painful to me.

"It seems to me there is a question of principle involved, a question of equity to all players. Specifically, why should all the burden resulting from a gamesmaster's mistake be dumped on one player? Why should it be a part of John Boardman's ethic that my game should be crippled in order to avoid even the remotest possibility that other players might suffer some inconvenience? I am not looking for a 'faultless' gamesmaster, as John said in his response to my letter of resignation. I am looking for one who will attempt to see that the extraneous burdens resulting from mistakes are shared as equitably as possible among the players. That doesn't seem too much.

"It was simply unnecessary to force all the moves to be replayed in order to address the problem of the misprinted build. England could have been allowed to replay the move of Army Sweden (his major grievance), and perhaps one or two nearby units; in this way most of England's potential problems would have been resolved, and disruption to the overall game would have been minimized.

"John write, 'I cannot assume that what goes on in one part of the board is unconnected with what goes on in another part; I have seen "traffic jams" backed up clear across Europe.'" Having played Diplomacy for 25 years, I have seen such situations too, and it is pretty clear that 1986HI was not one of them. If anything, the game was highly compartmentalized North and South, with minimal interconnections.

"But to avoid the possibility that England's campaign in the South might have been influenced by the build misprint, all the moves had to be replayed. The likelihood that Turkey's campaign in the Mediterranean was influenced by a build in Berlin is pretty remote, but to avoid the remote possibility of inconvenience (not demonstrable inconvenience, just that remote possibility), it was absolutely essential to him that my game be crippled (not inconvenienced, crippled).

"No one would seriously content that France NMR's this Spring because of the German build; where there is demonstrably no cause-and-effect relationship, there can be no grievance. Yet with no possibility at all that the mistake had influenced France,

even this set of moves had to be replayed and my game crippled - to avoid no possibility at all. It sounds absurd to me.

"Putting the units back to the Winter position was unacceptable to me because my policy was dependent on a stab that had taken several weeks to prepare. With the surprise lost, the whole thing went into the garbage can. A policy that avoids an inequity to one innocent party by dumping the whole burden on another innocent party is by definition unfair and inequitable, the exact antithesis of impartiality. I am very sorry to have to make this point, because John is easily the most significant figure in Diplomacy after Calhamer himself.

"In closing, I would like to thank all the players, especially my allies, for an exciting and creative game. I sincerely regret any inconvenience my resignation may have caused."

I have to stand by my original decision in this matter. To have done anything else would have led to such questions as: "Why do you allow him to replay his moves for this season when you won't allow me to replay mine?" The only way out of this bad situation was to deal in the same way with all players. This I feel I have done as much as was possible once I had made the original mistake.

1986AF - GAME REVIEW

JOHN BRENNICK (Austria-Hungary): 1986AF Statistics:

Area occupied by more powers than any other: Ankara (Tur, Rus, Ita & Aus)

Areas never entered or disputed: Bar, Cly; Hel, Naf, Ska, Wal, Yor.

Austria-Hungary was the only power which had units adjacent to units of every other power.

Best-travelled unit: The Austro-Hungarian army built in Budapest in Winter 1901: SO2: moved to Rum; FO2: moved to Ukr annihilating a Russian army. SO3: supported A Gal-War. FO3: supported A War-Mos. SO4: moved to Sev annihilating the Russian fleet. FO4: held to seize the supply center. SO5: to Arm. FO5: to Smy to seize this center. SO6: to Con. FO6: to Bul. SO7: to Ser. FO7: to Tri. SO8: to Ven. FO8: bumped Italian F Rom to make possible the seizing of Naples.

This illustrious army occupied no fewer than eleven areas, directly seized two supply centers (Sev & Smy), and was instrumental in the taking of three more (War, Mos & Nap)! It was also directly responsible for the annihilation of two enemy units.

7 were units destroyed by Austro-Hungarian forces:

TUR A Bul (SO2); RUS A Ukr (FO2); RUS F Sev (SO4); GER A Pru (FO4); GER A Sil (FO5); GER A Boh (SO6); GER A Mun (SO8). (In FO8 the Italian F Nap could actually have retreated to Tyr, since the English F Wes was incorrectly reported to have been in Tyr.)

Only England, Italy, and Austria-Hungary did not suffer the annihilation of any units. However, every power suffered a dislodgement or annihilation at least once. Only Austria-Hungary never had a removal in a winter season, and only Austria-Hungary built in every winter season.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

New postal Diplomacy games are available in GRAUSTARK. The game fee is \$25, which included a subscription 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 will try to put you as close to the top of the list as I can. The postal rules for Diplomacy were last published in GRAUSTARK #525; if you do not already have a copy, write for one when you send in your entry fee.

Subscriptions for non-players are 12 issues for \$10. Back issues from the beginning of 1987 are 10 issues for \$3. Diplomacy was designed by Allan B. Calhamer under circumstances which will be described in my 25th Anniversary Issue in May, and is published by Avalon-Hill Inc. of Baltimore.

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ordered into Central America are a private expedition by the president and other Rambos, not involving America's interests or wishes. "We" are not invading Central America. This military action is on land what piracy is at sea. The Nicaraguan government would be totally justified in hanging these men like the bandits they are.

Nor is it an excuse that President Reagan is, as the Constitution says, "Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces"! That same Constitution carefully restricts the circumstances under which he may exercise this authority, and they do not now exist. Nor, in the present temper of the country, are they likely to exist. Congress has refused to take any steps leading to an American war against Nicaragua. The public obviously supports Congress in this position. As Alexander Cockburn put it in the Philadelphia City Paper of 19 February 1988:

"...the solidarity movement with Nicaragua is one of the broadest in the history of the country. This may not be known by the mainstream media, but it is certainly apparent to the managers of the Democratic candidates for the presidential nomination. When Mike Dukakis starts denouncing the CIA's secret wars and the U. S.'s bloodstained record in Central America, you may be sure it is not just because someone else gave him a book by Noam Chomsky."

Since then, Dukakis has become the clear front-runner, followed closely by Jesse Jackson, who is even more strongly opposed to militaristic adventurism. Albert Gore, the only Vietnam veteran running for president, came in a poor third to these men in his own region, the south, and his campaign is practically dead elsewhere. You will search the ballot in vain for any candidate who even wants an increase in US aid to the "contras", let alone one who promises to declare war on Nicaragua.

What the country really feels about this latest criminal conspiracy on the president's part was shown yesterday, in suddenly called but massively attended anti-war rallies throughout the country. This time, unlike 1965, some of these demonstrations were endorsed by the mayors of the cities in which they took place. A large U. S. flag was even burned in Minneapolis. (After a flag gets irretrievably soiled, as by someone wrapping a war in it, what does the U. S. Flag Code say must be done with it?)

If the war-masters of Washington want a return to the conditions of 1968, they are going about it in the right way. They have already lost one generation of Americans, and now they are setting up to lose another. And this time it will happen a lot faster. The first minor opposition to the U. S. invasion of Vietnam began to show itself in middle 1964, with protests about the "Gulf of Tonkin Resolution". By 1968, there were large parts of American cities where no pro-war politician dared to go. It will not take four years to build up to that state of affairs this time. If the Reagan Administration wants to know to what extremes the American people will go in opposing its war in Central America, it has only to pursue the matter.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

In putting the 1986AZ announcement in #547, the gamesmaster failed to note that the Austro-Hungarian player had until today to get his builds in. This he did, and the two new units are on the board and ordered, in the moves published on p. 12.

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One player has asked if a unit may voluntarily be removed at the end of a "Fall" move in order to build another. This is forbidden unless the removed unit has been dislodged in that "Fall" season. See Rules XI.2 and XIII.2.

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Despite dissatisfaction over four-week deadlines, only one person has taken me up on the plan for a "Leisurely Game" with eight-week deadlines, no immediate return mail, and no players dropped for missing moves. I am, therefore withdrawing the offer.

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unit; Germany also has a build if the dislodged F Den is removed. The last French unit is removed. The deadline for "Winter 1907" builds is NOON, FRIDAY 15 APRIL 1988.

KAISER STEVE to World: Many long silent months have passed. No longer is Austria influential in European politics, especially in Eastern Europe. My people can no longer defend their homes against the superior force of our enemies. Wars are not won on the battlefield alone, however. They may take our cities our homes and our daughters, but we will fight on. Long after our armies have been destroyed the common-folk of our beautiful land will wage a guerilla war with the invaders.

1987AD - PRESS RELEASES

KING STEVE to KAISER GIBBY: Dear great Kaiser and Ally, in no place in your last letter (or in Sultan Eric's letter) did I see the fact that I am your ally. I have been your steadfast ally since I became King of Italy, but you seem willing to bully me and flaunt your new alliance with the new Sultan of Turkey. I am your Ally not your Pawn to be pushed here or there at will! I expect an apology. If I do not get one soon, there will be war!

VIENNA (Alt News Den Postburg): Pres. Gibby admits he is Strange, minus thou million \$ golf incomes.

Says the Aztecs that Cortez was so strange, to come 7000 mi. to save Mexico from their brutal ravages. But he did it, against terrific odds. So we come! Irisher Brit go home, for the love of Pete!

1987CD - PRESS RELEASES

ENGLAND to GERMANY & AUSTRIA: Write me?

FRANCE to RUSSIA: No Deal with the Devil could be that good. Leave Turkey Alone. He has enough enemies.

SOPIA (AFP): That old Bulgarian trick of opening both entrance and exit doors to an oncoming invader still works like a charm. The Queen of Bulgaria awaits the return of some more of Austria's finest in order to practice her art of duping them.

PARIS to VIENNA: Coming West young man? I'll be waiting for you.

FRANCE to World: Has anyone heard from the German in the past 5 or 6 seasons? If so, please remind him that the hibernating season is over.

1986AV - PRESS RELEASES

LONDON: The Queen gave her official OK. to operation Royal Blue, which should be on its way to reaching its greater Goal, of English Rule.

TURKEY to AUSTRIA: The Divine Fatima expresses her disappointment at the Austrian NMR in Fall '07. "The Sultan needs reliable allies in this, Turkey's hour of need. Auf Wiedersehn."

TURKEY to ITALY: Getting a bit crowded down in the lower Med. How do you keep all those boats from bumping into each other?

1987HQ - PRESS RELEASES

FRANCE to ENGLAND: I got tired of waiting for you to climb off your fence.

FRANCE to GERMANY: And you weren't without your opportunities as well....

BERLIN: The Kaiser orders all forces south at all costs.

FRANCE to ENGLAND: Where did you go?

FRANCE to TURKEY: Merry Christmas.

1985HL

"Winter 1911-Spring 1912"

TURKS CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Following "Fall 1911" moves Austria-Hungary built A Vie and Turkey built F Smy. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (MacNiallais): F Bar-Nrg; F Bre-Mid; A Par-Bur; A Gas-Mar; F Mar-Lyo; F Spa (s.c.) S F Mar-Lyo; F Wes-Tun; F NAF S F Wes-Tun; F Adr-Ion.

GERMANY (Schenck): A St.P holds; A Fin S A St.P; A Mun-Ber; A Kie & F Bal S A Mun-Ber; A Bur-Ruh; A Tus-Pie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thornsen): A Ven S TURKISH A Rom-Tus; F Apu S TURKISH F Gre-Ion; A Tri S A Ven; A Tyr-Ven; A Ber S A Tyr-Mun; A Pru S A Ber; A Gal-Sil; A Vie-Boh.

TURKEY (Drakert): F Mid-Iri; F Lyo-Wes; F Tyr S F Lyo-Wes; F Tun S F Lyo-Wes; A Rom-Tus; A Liv S A Mos; A Mos S A Liv; A Bul-Gre; F Smy-Aeg; F Gre-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish F Tun and the Austro-Hungarian A Ber are dislodged and annihilated. The proposal for a draw once more fails of the necessary unanimity, and despite the misgivings of the gamesmaster is once more, at the suggestion of one of the players, submitted to a vote. The deadline for "Fall 1912" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 15 APRIL 1988.

1987CX

"Winter 1903"

GERMANY (Stone): Builds A Ber. RUSSIA (Grasse): Builds A War, A Sev.

ITALY (Tucker): Removes F Eas. TURKEY (Rigley): Builds F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 15 APRIL 1988. Ken McKusick, whose address appeared in GRAUSTARK #546, should send in stand-by "Spring" moves for Austria-Hungary. Norway is a Russian supply center; Sweden is English.

CONSTANTINOPLE: The Great Sultan send's his regards to all the little people out their, that I a'm about to step on. And to you that I have stepped on, give me back my shoes. This is.

MOSCOW to the Sultan of the Great Turkish Empire: In response to your request regarding your Concubines. Take your pick, my freind. You may have as many English Wenches as you like. But my advisors are not too sure if they'll be worthy of your Imperial Concubines. Perhaps they'll be more useful cleaning the Imperial Latrines.

O At
P Great
E Intervals
R This
A Appears
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I Inflame
O Optic
N Nerves

MOSCOW: A Crack Russian espionage team led by the ubiquitous Mar. shall Vladimir Nodoff intercepted a message last night transmitted to Berlin via London. The British Gov't stated that they were depressingly sorry to report the idiotic bumbling of the highest officers in their once proud and pompous British Naval Office. It appears that contact had been broken with the Northern fleet some time ago after a series of events that tragically led to a most successful mutiny. Now it appears that the hopes of the Alliance to get into the heart of Russia has dimmed somewhat, due to the loss of the Norweigian province. In addition, the British Minister of War stated that the nation should prepare for an invasion since he personally feared the worst would come - from the possible "behind the lines" struggle with that raiding Russian fleet, thinking that it would team up with the "Free France from Swine" campaign.

The above was furnished with the kind and humanistic approval of everyones favorite monarch.

Tzar Slipski the Great.

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Sevastopol was omitted from the summary of supply centers in GRAUSTARK #546. It belongs to Russia.

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"ICH BIN EIN BERLINER"

"Winter 1907-Spring 1908"

The "Winter 1907" builds for Austria-Hungary are A Vie, ArTri. It seems that the Austro-Hungarian player's letter took 8 days to get here.

ENGLAND (M. Thompson): F Naf S F Tun; F Wes-Lyo; F Mid-Wes; A Pic-Par; A Gas S A Pic-Par; A Bur-Mun; F Kie S F Ber; F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); F Nrg-Bar; F Den-Bal; F Tun, F Spa(s.c.), F Bel & F Bre hold; F Ber holds,

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Powell): F Ion-Tun; F Tyr S F Ion-Tun; F Nap S F Tyr; A Mun-Ber; A Sil & A Pru S A Mun-Ber; A Tyr-Mun; A Mos-Liv; A Ukr-Mos; A Rum-Ukr; A Con-Bul; A Ank-Con; A Pie S A Tus; A Tus S A Pie; A Sev holds; A Vie-Boh; A Tri-Vie.

Underlined moves are not possible. The English F Ber and the German A Par are dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 15 APRIL 1988. Players are reminded that with the end of this game, the subscriptions of Alan Blaine, Robert P. Cook, Baron M. Powell, John Reebel, and Mark Thompson will end.

1985CT

"Winter 1911"

Following "Fall 1911" moves, Germany retreated A Kie-Ber, Italy retreated A Tri-Tyr, and England removed rather than retreat the dislodged A War.

ENGLAND (Chafetz): Builds F Edi.

FRANCE (Addison): Builds A Mar, F Bre.

GERMANY (Skellie): Removes A Ber.

TURKEY (Spera): Builds A Ank, A Con.

The deadline for "Spring 1912" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 15 APRIL 1988. The vote for a draw again fails of the necessary unanimity, and the gamesmaster will let the game proceed towards its appointed destiny without any further such formalities. Players should note that Rumania is a Turkish rather than a French supply center, since the French move "A GalaBnd" should have been underlined as impossible. The Turkish A Sev's support to that move was invalid, since it would have helped to dislodge a Turkish unit - the one that could not go to Serbia since the German A Ser was supported in place.

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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 1 April.

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