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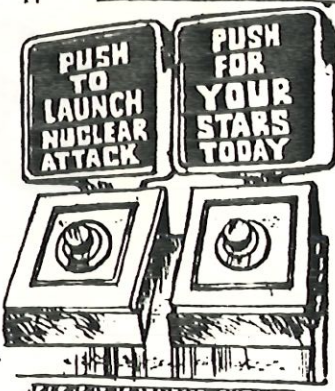
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HOW TO GET A
VICTORIA CROSS



'Sell the stock, get the kids into the bomb shelter, and turn on Reagan's press conference — Mars is aligning with Jupiter!'



Your Stars for the 80's

The Age of Aquarius Isn't Over Yet

These bold initiatives will etch a unique record in history's memory bank. Now for some pitfalls to avoid.

For those born under the sign of Aquarius, here's an amazing prediction — one of you is going to be President.

When you get to the White House, keep a close eye on your most trusted subordinates. One, with a name not unlike Donald Regan, may someday write a book disclosing that your wife uses astrology to time your speeches and travel. If that gets about, think what insights and sport your enemies would gain by reading the same horoscope column you do.

Used discreetly, of course, astrology will offer excellent advice on the vexing policy choices that reach you in the Oval Office. Don't be misled by the so-called experts. What do they know about predicting the future? Let the stars be your guide.

Your economists will call it voodoo, but you will cut taxes, double military spending and balance the budget.

Your diplomats will wring their hands, but you will call the Evil Empire by its name and demand it change its nature.

Your scientists and engineers will swear it's impossible, but you will order a miraculous shield built in the skies over America to fend off all alien missiles.

Your senior Cabinet members will insist it's folly, but you will rescue American hostages by trading arms with the Ayatollah.

★ You will go on an important journey and meet a powerful stranger with a port-wine birthmark. If this should happen in Iceland, be sure you offer to scrap all the West's nuclear defenses or he may come out looking the peacemaker. The allies can be told later why you had to do it.

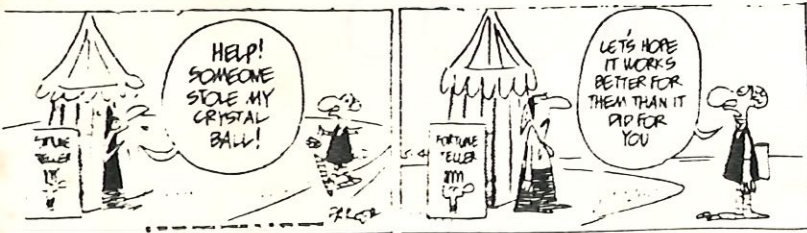
★ A terrible plague in these years will start ravaging America. Be sure you never utter its name and it will go away.

★ Don't be tight-fisted or officious with the Pentagon. Left alone, it will build weapons that don't work against threats that don't exist, a daunting task for which it needs every dollar it can get. Your job is to stand aside and declare America strong again.

★ Push forward vigorously with the manned conquest of space. Don't let the Russians hold endurance records in space. A large, luxurious space station will help American astronauts prove they can endure tedium longer.

You will not be the first world leader to read his fortunes in the stars. Nehru believed in astrology, so did Hitler. As a guide to action in the modern world, the ancient wisdom of the Zodiac is always worth heeding, for as long as the Earth stays flat.

NICHOLAS WADE



PRESIDENT BUSH SUDON IN AS THOUSANDS COMBAT SUICIDE FILM AT ELEVEN



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IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL AND OTHER THINGS

In GRAUSTARK #550, two weeks ago, Immediate Return Mail orders were called for in some games. These, and other items which are being sent out to all GRAUSTARK readers in this issue, follow. The deadline for the next moves in all games is NOON, FRIDAY 10 JUNE 1988.

1985CT

TURKEY to himself: Is this a game of Gunboat?

1986HI

The Italian unit in Spain, listed as a fleet in the last issue, is actually an army.

1986AV

ITALY to TURKEY: There's not much you can do to help anyone except yourself. That's why the only reason you're even in the game is due to others.

1986CW

VIENNA to WORLD: Der Rote Kriegsspieler has indeed returned, organizes Army Group Heugabel (Pitchfork) and marched out of Budapest. What a grand and glorious army they made, 340,000 half trained old men and boys, full of fight and ignorance, and led by Our Hero, the only man who could save Austria if it could be saved at all! Kaiser Steve led the defenses in Vienna, enlisting every person able to carry a weapon, stocking provisions, and last but not least, setting up a Republic. Yes, Austria would have a Republic, if it survives. As these events unfolded, what do you think? Will Der Rote Kriegsspieler be able to stop the destruction of his nation? Will Kaiser Steve still have a nation to lead when all this is over? Well...

1987AD

England builds F Liv, Austria-Hungary builds A Vie, and Italy removes F Tun and A Ven, as "Winter 1906" orders.

ENGLAND to ITALY: So sorry. I played too conservatively, against France and lost you precious time. Here's what help I can give, anyway.

ENGLAND to TURKEY: So sorry to see you so much in Austria's thrall.

ITALY to GERMANY/ENGLAND: Help! Hurry, hurry, hurry!

ITALY to AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: When you are about to destroy me, send a peace proposal and I will surrender.

ITALY to FRANCE: Any ideas? Its almost over anyway!

1987CD

In "Winter 1905", Austria-Hungary builds A Bud and A Tri, and Turkey removes F Bla. Italy retreats A Mar-Pie.

1987HQ

Following "Spring 1904" moves, Turkey retreats A Gal-Sil.

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TRUCE TALKS FINALLY SUCCEED

In "Winter 1912" Austria-Hungary built A Vie and A Bud, and Turkey built F Con and F Smy. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (MacNiallais): F Cly, A Bur, A Mar, F Lyo, F Spa(s.c.), F Wes, F NAF & F Adr hold; F Tun holds.

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

1985HL - John Boardman, GRAUSTARK
E - Tarlach MacNiallais (drew S13)
F - Lawrence Chafetz (out F06)
G - Ben Austin (res S08)
Garrett Schenck. (drew S13)
I - Daniel S. Palter. (out F07)
A - Thomas Thornsens (drew S13)
R - Vincent J. Manna (out F04)
T - William Drakert (drew S13)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thornsens): A Tyr-Mun; A Boh & A Sil S A Tyr-Mun; A Ber S A Tyr-Mun; A Vie-Tyr; A Tri-Ven; A Bud-Tri; F Ven-Apu.

TURKEY (Drakert): A Livonia holds; A Mos S A Liv; F Tyr-Tun; F Ion S F Tyr-Tun; F Aeg-Gre; F Con-Aeg; F Smy-Eas; F Liv-Wal; A Tus S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tri-Ven; A Alb S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Bud-Tri.

Underlined moves are not possible. With these orders the four surviving players have agreed on a truce, though for the record it should be recorded that the English F Tun and the German A Mun were dislodged and annihilated, while Austria-Hungary retreats A Ber-Pru.

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In the supply center chart to the right, an asterisk indicates a center for which, for some reason, a unit was not built.	E	3	3	4	5	7*	6	8	7	9	9	9	9	9
	F	3	6	5	4	2	1							
	G	3	4	5	6	6	8*	8*	11**	6*	6	7	7	7
	I	3	4	4	4	4	3	2						
	A	3	3	3	4	5	4	5	5	6	7	8	8	8
	R	4	4	3	2									
	T	3	5	8	9	10	12	11	11	13	12	10	10	10

After the German debacle in 1908, the draw became fairly obvious. It was delayed for so long because pressures from his mundane existence caused one of the players to neglect sending in votes on the proposal. It is worthy of note that, at some time in the game, each of the players experienced a drop in the number of their supply centers.

This game was the 18th of the 20 GRAUSTARK games in which Bill Drakert has played. The first was 197LEB, making him the senior active player in GRAUSTARK and, for all I know, in all of postal Diplomacy. Despite this long record, I regret to report that he has never won a GRAUSTARK game, though he has participated in 5 draws. This is a unique record of perseverance in the face of Diplomatic adversity.

WHEN DO YOU EXPIRE?

The subscriptions of the following people expire with the indicated issues:

551 - Tarlach MacNiallais	558 - Bob. Bragdon	570 - Eric Verheiden
Thomas Thornsens	John Brennick	573 - Jacques Belanger
556 - Scott Cameron	Stephen Kwiatkowski	Ralph L Morton
Jeffrey L. Hoffman	563 - Ted London	575 - Gerry Thompson
557 - J. Eric Brosius	564 - Daniel S. Palter	

These listings are up to date as of 19 May 1988. In addition, the subscriptions of Bob Addison, John Quarto, Scott Tendering, and Dennis Walker will expire when 1985CT ends, and those of Alan Bargender, Larry Botimer, Len Scensny, Ray Ullman, and John Van De Graaf when 1985CY ends. (Game end votes are due in both games for 10 June.)

THE BATTLE OF STONY BROOK

One of the more popular regional science-fiction conventions is I-Con, a relatively new venture which is held on the campus of the State University of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook, out on the north shore of Long Island. (Like many residents of New York City, I have only a vague impression of the geography east of the subway system railheads.) The 1988 I-Con was held on the weekend of 15-17 April, and I was asked to referee the Diplomacy tournament.

Accommodations are likely to be rather tight during term time on a small-town college campus, so I decided to take the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) out there on Sunday morning, missing the biggest part of the con. This was not a hardship for me, since this year I-Con's guest of honor was Poul Anderson, one of the most dedicated war-hawks in science fiction. (Just to give you an idea, he has written several books about one Dominic Flandry, dedicated agent of a decaying galactic empire. To get an idea of the Dominic Flandry books, imagine Star Wars with Darth Vader as the hero!) It was Poul Anderson, with his wife Karen, who was responsible for the notorious ad in the June 1968 Galaxy, defending the U. S. invasion of Vietnam against another ad in the same issue, opposing it. The anti-war signers outnumbered the pro-war signers by about 4 to 3, and the pro-war ad was filled with a lot of people alleged to be s-f writers but whom fans here could not recognize.* Marion Zimmer Bradley fans are left speechless when you inform them that she signed the pro-war ad.

By the time I made my way out to Stony Brook on the L RR, with two changes and some intolerable delays, I vowed that I would never again criticize the New York City subway system. Things didn't improve much when I got off the train at a station on the rim of the Stony Brook campus. I first had to go to the Javits Lecture Center to pick up my badge - and I had to ask four people before I found one who had even heard of it! This was my first visit to the Stony Brook campus, but I could easily understand why some call it "Stoned Brook".

Most of the gaming tournaments were across campus at the student center, so after I got my badge I spent the rest of the day there. The Diplomacy "tournament" turned out to consist of a mere seven players. These were:

ENGLAND: William Harold Butler, 941 Humphrey St., Swampscott, Mass. 01907

FRANCE: Michael Klotz, 4556 Henry Hudson Parkway, Bronx, N. Y. 10471

GERMANY: Ron Schulhoff, 537 Blue Ridge Dr., Medford, N. Y. 11763

ITALY: Joseph Grote, 520 W. 56th St., New York, N. Y. 10019

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RUSSIA: Anthony Matranga, 8 Martin Rd., Ossining, N. Y. 10562

TURKEY: Maureen Egan, 263 Main St., Winthrop, Mass. 02152

My supply center chart seems to have disappeared, but six players were still active when the game was ended by mutual consent after about 4 or 5 game years. Two players had 9 supply centers each, and each of the other four had four. Since one of the two leaders was on the staff of I-Con, he was ineligible for a prize, so it was awarded to the other. The play was rather undistinguished, and the Turkish player seemed mainly concerned that someone would see her as assertive and original. (For the first time I got a dim intimation of what people mean when they refer to the present era as "post-Feminist".)

The I-Con management had prevailed upon a deli in the student center to remain open for the convention, though it was usually closed on Sunday. This is one of several good points that can be credited to the I-Con management, which proved to be ef-

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* - One of the obscure writers who I did recognize was Rena Vale, author of the anti-Semitic s-f novel Red Court. Poul Anderson, Dick Eney, Sam Moskowitz, and the other signers apparently had no trouble with this.

THE GRAUSTARK ROSTER

It has been rather too long since I have published the GRAUSTARK mailing list, and a number of new people have come into the hobby since then. To facilitate their getting in touch with people in their area who are interested in Diplomacy, I am printing this list not alphabetically but geographically, in order of ZIP code. Around the beginning of October I will publish another list, that one geographical, and reflecting changes of address that have taken place as a result of the beginning of the 1988-89 academic year.

After the name of each player who gets GRAUSTARK for enrolling in a postal Diplomacy game is the Boardman Number of that game, or "N" if it has not yet been assigned a Boardman Number. The player's subscription runs to the end of this game. A paying subscriber is indicated by the number of the issue with which his subscription ends. "T" means a trade, and "C" indicates a complimentary subscription. A player who has additional issues coming after the game(s) are over has the number of such issues indicated with a plus ("/") sign.

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IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL (continued from p. 3)

1987IY

In "Winter 1902", England builds F Edi and A Lon, Austria-Hungary builds A Tri, and Russia builds A Sev.
 German forces seek armistice.

1988AA

Steve Heinowski has assigned the Boardman Number "1988AA" to the new postal Diplomacy game announced on p. 13 of GRAUSTARK #550. Players should use this number in communications with one another and with the Gamesmaster.

THE BATTLE OF STONE BROOK (continued from p. 5)

ficient and effective to deal with. The deli in the student center even stocked beer, which marks a substantial change from my student days. (Unfortunately, it was Rocky Mountain Fascist Lager, so I got Pepsi instead.)

After the Diplomacy game I got into a game of Galactic Trader, Isaac Asimov's new s-f board game. It is fun to play, and I plan to get a set; unfortunately, it does not lend itself to postal play.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK, the first bulletin for the postal play of Allan B. Calhmer's board game Diplomacy, is published every fourth Saturday by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11226-5302. (This issue is two weeks after the last one, so some "Immediate Return Mail" moves can go out to players.) Postal Diplomacy game openings are available for a game fee of \$25, which includes a subscription 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, and I'll try to place you as high on it as I can. The rules of postal Diplomacy were last published in #525; if you don't already have a copy, let me know when you send in your game fee and I'll send you one. Subscriptions for non-players are 12 issues for \$10. Back issues from the beginning of 1987 are 10 for \$3.

Also, EMPIRE is published here for the postal play of games other than Avalon-Hill's Diplomacy. Currently it is running Victory's Pax Britannica and a campaign of GDI's En Garde. Openings are available in both. Pax Britannica entry is \$30 and, as with Diplomacy, includes a subscription as long as the game lasts. Send in with your entry a list of the countries you'd like to play in your order of preference. The postal rules for Pax Britannica were published in EMPIRE #234, and those for En Garde in #259; En Garde is \$20 a year, and players can enter or leave the campaign at any time. Subscriptions and back issues for EMPIRE are at the same rate as for GRAUSTARK.

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I would like to thank Mark Blackman for the cover on this issue of GRAUSTARK. It commemorates the publication of GRAUSTARK #1 in May 1963.

The collage on p. 2 is my own assemblage, and marks the new depths to which the American presidency has descended. It was widely known in 1980 that Ronald Reagan believed in ass trolgy; he admitted as much to an interviewer in that year. It should therefore come as no surprise that his schedule, and possibly also his policies, have been directed by this ancient superstition. Moreover, opposition to ass trolgy is one of the few points where science and Christianity are in agreement - and President Reagan has professed fervent adherence to Christianity, so much so that he is on record as wondering whether the great final "Battle of Armageddon" might not be coming up Real Soon Now. How he will explain matters now to his "born-again" supporters I do not know, or care. But his attitude on the funding of scientific research, and on the free exchange of and access to scientific information, have long indicated that he does not care about the opinions of scientists.

And, for the benefit of 21st-century historians, it may be rather hard to sort out his motives. President Reagan came into office snorting fire and smoke about the "Evil Empire", that same "focus of evil in the modern world" with which he is now sitting down to talk disarmament and peace. He was once surrounded by advisers and spokesmen who talked about how a nuclear war could be "winnable". These have all gone, to be replaced with advisers who can be described, by the dirtiest word in the Republican lexicon - as "pragmatists". Does President Reagan now want peace for "pragmatic" reasons, namely, a disinclination to get blown up in a nuclear war? Or has Nancy's ass trolger looked at the stars and concluded that his present conference with Gorbachov is dictated by the alignment of the planets and the retrograde aspect of Mars in the House of Faex Tauri? If so, it may be the only good that has ever come out of ass trolgy.

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It is recorded that one day President Lincoln saw an acquaintance who was in a high state of intoxication. This person greeted the President by more or less singing the first line of a popular sentimental song of the time: "Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?" President Lincoln fixed him with a glare and said, "My dear sir, I see no reason whatsoever."

I was reminded of this story a few days ago when I got a postcard from Bruce Linsey, whose dishonestly counted "Runestone Poll" is currently making another of its many unwanted appearances. (Who says Linsey doesn't count this "poll" honestly? Linsey does!) Although he is not on the GRAUSTARK mailing list, Linsey gets it regularly through the aid of someone whom he is unwilling to identify, and in whose identity I am uninterested. When this happens, he apparently kicks in with another delusion - the belief that people want to get mail from him. Hence, the postcard.

And what was Linsey complaining about this time? Well, he demanded to know why I hadn't also mentioned a scurrilous letter he once wrote to Kathy Byrne's daughter, a girl then some 11 or 12 years old. As nearly as I can make out from Linsey's never definite syntax, he is apparently proud of having written this letter, and wants everyone to know about it. I suppose I shouldn't be, but I am continually amazed by the things that some people will find to be proud about.

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Tarlach MacNiallais, who has played in the recently concluded games 1985HF and 1985HL, has informed me that he is shortly going to return to his native Ireland. We have been glad to have him with us in these games, and hopes that he finds the same opportunities for postal and over-the-board play to alleviate the strains of life in the British Occupation Zone.

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John Brennick, whose address appears under the ZIP code "02150" on p. 6, is looking for a copy of GRAUSTARK #523 (9 August 1986). I don't have back issues from that far back, but perhaps someone can oblige him either with a copy of #523 or with a photostat of it.

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Bruce Linsey is not the only blast from the past to appear here recently. I got a letter from Rod Walker, who seems to think that I would be distressed that he has not yet succumbed to "the Big A". On the contrary, I rejoice at it. I always knew that no virus could have an immune system that could resist Walker. Moreover, I am not concerned about whom he wants to sleep with, but only with whom he wants to kill.

Rod Walker was one of the most dedicated and sarcastic defender of the American invasion of Vietnam, back in the days when it was a major issue. The style with which he defended his beloved institution of war anticipated that of present-day militarists such as Morton Downey Jr., Pat Buchanan, and R. Emmett Tyrell.

And now, he tells me, he is working in the Jackson-for-President campaign. The moral dilemma that this must have produced in him is hard to imagine. On the one hand, Jesse Jackson is almost the only presidential candidate who even acknowledges that gays constitute an interest group within our society. On the other hand, Jackson's announced view on military and foreign policy must make Walker's skin crawl. You can imagine my glee at seeing him hung up on this dilemma.

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The New York Post of 4 and 6 May 1988 reported that the Big Black Slab "has been defaced with scratches including one resembling a swastika", but that WNSR-FM (New York) has started a fund-raising effort to raise the \$10,000 necessary to renovate this 150-meter granite obscenity. "We wanted to ensure that the memorial remains unscarred," the station's promotion director said. If he really feels this way, WNSR-FM ought to mount a campaign to ensure that U. S. troops never again go overseas to dictate policy at bayonet-point in a foreign nation.

This comes against the background of an apparent determination by the U. S. government to overthrow the commander of the Panamanian armed forces, a narcomilitary dictator named Manuel Noriega. Almost daily, anonymous "spokesmen" for the U. S. government assert that military methods of ejecting General Noriega "have not been ruled out". It is quite obvious that the American people are simply not going to stand for a U. S. invasion of Nicaragua, and leaning half-way around the world to fight Iran presents more

than a few logistic problems. However, if the American people are really as infuriated about narcotics as President Reagan thinks they are, they ought to love a U. S. invasion of Panama, wouldn't they? Wouldn't they?

Well, maybe not. The last time the U. S. Army was exposed to narcotics, in Vietnam, much of it found room in their backpacks for a monkey. The song "Talkin' Vietnam Pot Luck Blues" said it all. The veterans of the next "incursion" may very well come up with summaries like this:

"My great-great-grandfather was the third man up San Juan Hill. My great-grandfather destroyed a German machine-gun nest at Chateau Thierry. My grandfather was the first American over the Rhine. My father flew 84 missions over Hanoi. And after being taken prisoner at the Battle of Medellin, I got 'turned' and am now in charge of crack distribution in six states!"

The Big Black Slab will be a natural focus for demonstrations after U. S. troops go into Panama or Iran or Nicaragua. Those "scratches" could well be the first signs of the Handwriting on the Wall.

In the last GRAUSTARK I mentioned drives to expand the monument to the not particularly glorious American invasion of Vietnam, and the baby-killers and rapists without whom it would have been impossible. An Army nurse is apparently going to be added to the figures of the three infantrymen (one White, one Black, and one Hispanic, of course) already there. American Indians want one of theirs memorialized, though his tribe has not been specified. (I would suggest against including a Karankawa. They were cannibals, and that is virtually the only thing that the powerful can do to the weak that was not done by U. S. troops in Vietnam.) And, it appears, there is also a lobby that wants to add the figure of a dog.

Yes, a dog - presumably a trained fighting dog, such as the "K-9 Corps" used in World War II. The U. S. Army did ship war dogs to Vietnam, though the results were sometimes ludicrous, since dogs are regarded as table fare in Vietnam, and some members of the K-9 Corps wound up in cookpots. (This worked to the advantage of the Vietnamese who collaborated with the foreign army of occupation and whom we therefore had to take in here after the U. S. Army deservedly got its ass whipped. To imagine how these Vietnamese immigrants felt, how would you like to live in a country where live hamburgers were running around in the streets?)

So, if the animal lovers' lobby is as successful as the AFL-CIO, the three soldiers and the nurse may eventually be joined by a bronze dog. This would in my opinion be a mistake. A proper appreciation of that monument could better be expressed by a live dog than by a bronze one.

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In my review of Dunnigan's and Martel's How to Stop a War, in GRAUSTARK #550, I cited "the fatuous notions of Michael Dukakis about a phantom Soviet invasion of western Europe, that he would as President use nuclear weapons to repel!" Some readers, to whom Dukakis has been represented in the media as a Pacifist, have wondered what I meant. The answers may be found in a statement released by Governor Dukakis during an interview by New York Daily News reporters on 12 April 1988. According to Richard Reeves in the Daily News on 18 April, Dukakis "frankly, but casually, said he would use nuclear weapons first in Europe because he believes NATO conventional forces are too weak to stop a Soviet invasion." (Dukakis did not go on to tell us why he believed that such an invasion was likely. Neither has any other American political figure of the past four decades.)

So, the great apostle of peace and understanding turns out to be just another trigger-happy cold-war liberal, in the grand tradition of Harry Truman, John Kennedy, and Lyndon Johnson.

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What is the difference between "military" and "humanitarian" aid? The New York Post told us on 2 April 1988, in a story describing which requests by the Nicaraguan

counterrevolutionaries were approved by the U. S. government as "humanitarian", and which were rejected. Selected items from both lists are:

APPROVED:

Deodorant, \$5,760.53
 Volleyball equipment, \$1,071
 Two living room sets, \$1,283.63
 One dining room set, \$654.94
 Domino sets, \$132.18

REJECTED:

16 bottles of whiskey, \$120
 32 lbs. of dog meat, \$8
 Christmas decorations, \$369.82
 25 lbs. of jumbo shrimp, \$335
 Guitar strings, \$226

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One of the most dramatic events of the years leading up to World War I was the mutiny on the imperial Russian warship Knyaz Potyomkin Tavrlichevsky, more commonly known as the "Potemkin". The class of this ship seems to be in doubt. English sources refer to it as a "battleship" of a pre-Dreadnought variety, but the Russian word is brononosets, "armor-clad", and German accounts call it a Panzerkreuzer, "armored cruiser".

On 28 October 1987 the New York Times reported the death of the last survivor of the mutineers, a member of the engine crew, Ivan Beshoff, 102. Like many of the other mutineers, Beshoff fled by way of Turkey. After meeting Lenin in London, he settled in Ireland in 1913, and at the time of his death he and his sons owned a thriving chain of fish and chip shops in Dublin.

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LONDON to ANKARA: You seem to have made an error, sultan. How, in good conscience, could you accuse me of being a "dot-hungry stabber"? Two countries, of whom I took centers, were given back their property when I saw my error. Perhaps I am just a bad judge of character. At the start of the game I thought I was allied with Germany. Acting on this, I attacked France immediately and later Russia. If England is allied with Germany, aren't these normally the two victims? When I saw that Germany had other ideas, I tried to make up with Russia (you see where that got me) and joined Italy in removing France (whom I should have allied with to start). After being stabbed by Italy, I offered you and Russia a deal to eliminate the center powers but the silent bear would not bother to answer. Italy and I made up and it appears the die has been cast - R/T vs. I/E (with G/A caught in the middle). As you can see, I am moving away from Italy. If there is any stabbing to go on, it won't come from me. Have I cleared up your error?

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