

THE FABLE: The United States of America, strong, free, and vigilant against its enemies.

THE REALITY: Skin-divers bringing dead babies up from the bottom of the Persian Gulf... and a President who says: "We regard this matter as closed."

GRAUSTARK

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1987AD

"Fall 1907"

HANGING IN THERE

ENGLAND (Gaughan): F Naf-Tun; F Mid-Wes; F Spa(s.c.) S F Mid-Wes; F Iri-Mid; F Por S F Iri-Mid; F Lyo-Tyr; A Liv S RUSSIAN A War; F St.P(n.c.) holds.

FRANCE (Sims): A Pie-Ven; F Tun S TURKISH F Wes-Tyr.

GERMANY (Lange): A Gas-Mar; A Bur S A Gas-Mar; A Ber-Mun; A Ruh S A Ber-Mun; A Hol & F Bal hold; A Sil not ordered, attacked and dislodged.

ITALY (Currie): A Rom S F Nap; F Nap S A Rom.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gibson): F Gre holds; A Ven-Rom; A Tys S A Ven-Rom; A Tri S FRENCH A Pie-Ven; A Bph-Sil; A Gal S A Boh-Sil; A Tyr-Pie; A Vie-Boh.

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

TURKEY (Verheiden): F Wes-Tyr; F Ion-Nap; A Sev & F Aeg hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish F Wes is dislodged and annihilated; Italy retreats A Rom-Apu, and Germany must retreat A Sil-Pru or -Ber. The direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1907" orders, which may be made conditional upon them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Por, St.P, Spa. (8)

FRANCE: Ven, Tun. (2)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mun, Par, Swe. (9)

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1987CD

"Fall 1906"

"...AND HERE'S TO THE NEXT MAN WHO GOES!"

ENGLAND (D. Martin): F Nwy-Swe; A Fin S F Nwy-Swe; F St.P(n.c.) holds; F Eng-Nth.

FRANCE (Grasse): A Ruh-Bur; A Par S A Ruh-Bur; A Gas S A Par; F Wes-Tun.

GERMANY (Grodewald): A Swe-Den; A Sil-Pru; A Bel-Hol; A Pic-Bre; A Bur-Par; A Mun & F Kie hold.

ITALY (Fader): F Spa(s.c.)-Por; F Lyo-Spa(s.c.); A Mar S F Lyo-Spa(s.c.); A Nap-Apu; A Ven holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Stewart): F Con-Ank; A Smy S F Con-Ank; A Mos-Liv; A Liv-Pru; A War S A Liv-Pru; F Tyr-Tun; A Rum-Sev; A Gal-Boh; A Tyr S A Gal-Boh; A Bud-Gal; A Tri S A Tyr.

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

TURKEY (Meldrum): A Ank-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats A Ank-Arm, and Germany must retreat A Bur-Bel or -Pic; the direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1906" orders, which may be made conditional upon them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (6)

FRANCE: Par. (1)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (7)

ITALY: Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven. (7)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, BuL, Gre, Mos, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Vie, War. (12)

RUSSIA: Con. (1)

England and Italy may each build two new

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1987CX

"Spring 1905"

ENGLISH, FRENCH EXCHANGE VICTORIES

ENGLAND (Mason): F Liv-Tri; A Pic-Bre; F Eng S A Pic-Bre; F Por-Mid; F Nwy-Swe; F Nth S F Eng.

FRANCE (Stewart): F Mid-Por; A Spa S F Mid-Por; F Bre-Eng; A Bur-Par.

GERMANY (Stone): A Mun-Bur; A Ruh S A Mun-Bur; A Bel & F Den hold; A Tyr-Pie; A Rom-Ven; A Sil-War.

ITALY (Tucker): F Tun-Tyr; F Nap-Rom; A Tri S TURKISH A Apu-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McKusick): No move received; A Bud holds.

RUSSIA (Grasse): A Ukr-Rum; A Gal & A Sev S A Ukr-Rum; A Mos S A Sev; A Vie-Tri.

TURKEY (Rigley): A Rum holds; F Bla & A Ser S A Rum; F Ion-Adr; A Apu-Ven; A Con-Bul; A Ank-Arm.

Underlined moves are not possible. The English F Por is dislodged and annihilated and the French F Bre must retreat to mid or Gas. The direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Fall 1905" moves, which may be made conditional upon it. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 5 AUGUST 1988. Stand-by moves for Austria-Hungary should be sent in by Terry Tallman, 3605 Oakes Ave., Everett, Wash. 98201; 206-259-5949.

LONDON to World: I regret that Mr. Stewart seeks to extend our conflict into the press. I believe these personal disagreements are best resolved on the field of honor.

MOSCOW to NAPLES and BUDAPEST: Try and remember fellas that you CAN make a difference.

1986HI

"Winter 1907-Spring 1908"

SCHNELL FLIEGEN DIE GEIER

Following "Fall 1907" moves Austria-Hungary retreated A Nap-Apu and England retreated F Den-Hel. In "Winter 1907" Austria-Hungary built A Bud and England removed F Wes. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Chang): F Nwy S A Swe; A Swe S F Nwy; F Nth-Hol; F Hel S F Nth-Hol; F Eng-Del; F Bre-Mid.

GERMANY (Ruffing): No moves received. F Bal, A Den, A Bel & A Pic hold; F Hol dislodged and annihilated.

ITALY (Hollander): A Por-Spa; F Alb-Adr; F Nap holds; F Aeg-Ion; A Gas-Bur; F Naf-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rigley): A Mun-Kie; A Sil-Ber; A Ven-Pie; A Apu-Ven; A Bud-Ser; A Tri S A Bud-Ser; A Bul S A Bud-Ser; A Rum S A Bul.

RUSSIA (Kwiatkowski): A Fin-Swe; A St.P-Nwy; A Sev-Rum; A War-Gal.

TURKEY (M. Brennick): A Gre-Bul; F Con S A Gre-Bul; A Smy S F Con; F Ion-Gre; F Rom-Tyr.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian A Bul is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 5 AUGUST 1988. Stand-by orders for Germany should be sent in by Michael Quirk, 3830 Chester Dr., Glenview, Ill. 60025; 312-498-1377.

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NOT FOR ALL THE 'TOONS IN TUNIS:

ENGLAND (Pagano): F Nrg-Nwy; A Yor-Bel; F Nth C A Yor-Bel.

FRANCE (Hetland): F Mid-Por; A Spa holds; A Bur-Mar.

GERMANY (Rigley): A Kie-Den; F Den-Ska; A Ruh-Hol.

ITALY (Butler): No moves received. F Ion, A Pie & A Tus hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Schembari): F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre; A Vie holds.

RUSSIA (Rosen): A War-Gal; A Ukr-Rum; F Bot-Swe; F Bla S A Ukr-Rum.

TURKEY (Snow): A Ank-Con; A Bul-Con; F Con-Aeg.

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

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (5) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie.

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5) (5)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5) RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (6)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Ven. (3) TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

England, France, Germany, Russia, and Austria-Hungary may each build two new units, and Turkey may build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" builds is NOON, FRIDAY 5 AUGUST 1988. The "Spring 1902" deadline will be NOON, FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 1988. Stand-by "Spring 1902" moves for Italy should be sent in by Dave Mayo, HCR Box #15, Urbana, Va. 23175; 804-758-3784. Paul Schembari writes that his home phone number is 315-423-1505, and his office phone number is 315-423-4279.

TURKEY to World: Let it be known that henceforth the Turkish capital will be located in the ancient city of Constantinople. In honor of this momentous occasion, there will be an artillery barrage on the suburbs at NOON, FRIDAY the 8th.

CONSTANTINOPLE to MOSCOW: The Tsar's greetings are returned to him in kind. The actions of his fleet this fall will indicate the veracity of his words.

BERLIN to World: The Power that is Germany (me) wishes to say HI. And to maintain world peace. The Power of Germany (me) recognizes everyone, and know one.

AUSTRIA to ITALY: Hello, is anybody in there?

WHY MOVES ARE LATE

In 1987AD, Stuart Lange's "Spring 1907" moves did not arrive on time. They limped in several days late, in a badly battered envelope enclosed in one of the U. S. Postal "Service's" plastic wrappers which ought to say, but does not, "We blew it, gang!" Apparently the letter had got lost in Atlanta, which does not surprise me; **it seems** that the entire Democratic Party is fixing to do the same thing.

In the same issue, David Stone's build in 1987CX was 5 days late, having been in transit by surface mail from Trinidad for 20 days. It appears that he neglected to specify that his postcard should travel by "Air Mail".

Game 1987CX has been particularly plagued by missed moves; one player vanished without a trace in "Fall 1901" and another in "Spring 1902", and apparently the third Austro-Hungarian player is about to disappear. However, Stephen Katsurinis, who sent in one year's worth of moves for Russia before silence overwhelmed him, has surfaced with an endorsement of Brux Linsey's blast against me. If, as I suspect, Brux's supporters are distressed by my preference for peace over war, they should know that, in his one positive contribution to the hobby, Brux helped drive out a raving hawk named Bill Highfield. Highfield, who spewed bloodlust in every issue of his now defunct 'zine, apparently also had a promising Navy career destroyed by postal Diplomacy's reaction against him. Brux, among whose quirks militarism seems to have no place, can explain this to his new pro-war friends.

1906AM

"Fall 1909"

VORWÄRTS IM WESTEN, RÜCKWÄRTS IM OSTEN

Following "Spring 1909" orders Germany retreated A Boh-Mun, A Gal-Ukr.

FRANCE (Barents): F Liv-Wal; A Lon-Pic; A Mar-Tus; F Mid-Wes; F Eng C A Lon-Pic; F Lyo C A Mar-Tus; F Nap-Ion; F Apu & F Tun S F Nap-Ion; A Ven-Tri; F Adr S A Ven-Tri; F Ion-Alb.

GERMANY (Austin): A Sil-War; A Sev-Rum; A Ukr S A Sev-Rum; A Mos S A Ukr; A Tyr-Mun; A Mun-Bur; F Edi-Cly; A Den-Lon; F Nth C A Den-Lon; A Yor! S A Den-Lon; F Hol-Bel; F Hel-Hol.

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

TURKEY (Skellie): A Arm-Sev; F Bla S A Arm-Sev; F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Eas-Ion; A Gre-Alb; F Tri S GERMAN A Tyr-Ven.

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

FRANCE: Bre, Liv, Mar, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven. (10)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Lon, Mos, Mun, Nwy, St.P, Swe, War. (13)

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

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

Germany may build two new units and Turkey may build one. France must remove two units. The deadline for these "Winter 1909" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 5 AUGUST 1988.

PARIS: The Flying Dutchie Boy Annouced that Harem Scarem was playing rather Nicely these days. "There seems to be a Lot of hArem girls that Need to be Scared." sAys the Dutchie Boy. "It is Also A good way to work on Foreign Affairs As well."

1937IY

"Fall 1903"

WESTERN ALLIES PUSH FORWARD

Following "Spring 1903" moves Germany retreated A Mun-Tyr. All players were informed. John Fader writes "that His Majesty's Government is vacationing from 27 July-3 August but will be tanned and fit for Diplomacizing."

ENGLAND (Ferder): A Kie-Ber; A Hol-Kie; A Nwy S F Swe; F Nrg-Bar; F Hel-Den; F Nth S F Hel-Den; F Swe S F Hel-Den.

FRANCE (Wilson): F Tyr S TURKISH F Eas-Ion; F Naf-Tun; F Wes S F Naf-Tun; A Mun S ENGLISH A Kie-Ber; A Ruh-Bur; A Tus S GERMAN A Tyr-Ven.

GERMANY (Taylor): A Tyr-Vie; A St.P-Mos.

ITALY (Gabel): A Tun holds; A Rom holds; F Ion-Tyr; F Nap S F Ion-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thomas): A Ven-Tri; A Gal-Vie; A Bud S RUSSIAN A Ukr-Rum; A Ser-Bul; F Alb-Ion; F Gre S F Alb-Ion.

RUSSIA (Dickerson): F Bla-Ank; A Ukr-Rum; A Liv-Swe; F Bal C A Liv-Swe; A Mos-Liv.

TURKEY (Quirk): A Rum S A Bul; F Aeg S A Bul; A Bul S A Rum; F Eas-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats A Rum-Sev and France retreats F Tyr-Lyo; the Italian A Tun is dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv,
Lon, Nwy, Swe. (9)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Mun, Par, Por,
Spa, Tun. (8)

GERMANY: St.P. (1)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie.
(5)

RUSSIA: Ank, Mos, Rum, War. (4)

TURKEY: Bul, Con, Sev, Smy. (4)

England and France may each build two new units; France has a third build if the dislodged F Tyr is removed. Turkey may also build a unit if the dislodged A Rum is removed. Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Russia must each remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 5 AUGUST 1988.

VIENNA PRESS: Gen Karl Bulinor returns his tired army for a lot of R & R.

EMP. ARTE to the BIG G UY: I hope I don't have to start selling costume jewelry at the Bazaar again.

BUDAPEST TIMES: France Nah! Nah!

EMP to TEAR: Charge!

EMP to SULTAN: Ouch! I hope.

EMP to ITALY: Lets do it.

TRIESTE DIGEST: Emp sends P. M. gypsy fortune teller. Says "Paris or Bust soon."

ITALY to WORLD: Does anyone really feel like fighting England or France? Apparently not.

1987HR

"Fall 1904"

OFFSHORE LAND RUSH BEGINS

ENGLAND (Hollander): F Mid-Gas; F Ska-Swe; F Nth-Nrg.

FRANCE (Lilleleht): F Por-Spa(s.c.); A Mar holds; A Gas S A Mar; A Par-Bur; A Pic-Par.

GERMANY (Chafetz): A Den-Swe; A Kie-Den; A Ruh-Hol; A Sil-Gal; A Boh-Tyr; F Bel-Eng.

ITALY (Drakert): F Aeg-Con; A Smy S F Aeg-Con; F Eas S A Smy; A Pie-Mar; F Lyo S A Pie-Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brooker): A Sev holds; A Rum S A Sev; A Gal S A Rum; A Vie S A Gal; A Tri-Ser; F Gre-Bul(s.c.).

RUSSIA (H. Jordan): F Nrg-Edi; F Bar-Nwy; A St.P-Mos; A War-Gal; A Ukr S TURKISH A Arm-Sev.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The French A Mar and the Austro-Hungarian A Sev are dislodged and annihilated, and Austria-Hungary retreats A Rum-Bud. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Liv, Lon. (2)

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

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

(5)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (6)

RUSSIA: Edi, Mos, Nwy, St.P, Swe, War. (6)

ITALY: Con, Gre, Mar, Nap, Rom, Smy,

TURKEY: Ank, Rum, Sev. (3)

Tun, Ven. (8)

Italy may build three new units and Russia may build one; Austria-Hungary also has a build if the dislodged A Rum is removed. England and Turkey must each remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 5 AUGUST 1988.

PARIS to LONDON: Communication from you has been lacking but, regardless, I've done as I said I would. I hope this agreement and show of trust will bear fruit.

PARIS to ROME: I should have expected as much. Well, now you must face me, and I won't relent until one of us is eliminated.

PARIS to BERLIN: At last a steady flow of communiqués exists between us two great continental powers. I welcome you at last to the family of powers.

FIELD MARSHALL ROTHCCHILD of the Southern Battlegroup (AFP): At last the army is united and the rebels have been quelled as the glorious French legions march off to do battle with the (spit!) Italians.

REPORT from BREST: Hordes of people line the docks in anticipation of the English Navy, arriving this time in peace to replenish their stores.

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units, and Austria-Hungary may build one. Germany also has a build if the dislodged A Bur is removed. France must remove 3 units, and the last Turkish unit is also removed. The deadline for "Winter 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 5 AUGUST 1988.

SEVASTOPOL: Frogs and Bears have different definitions of "right".

PARIS: Zzzzz...

PARIS: C'mon ya PANZIES!! Afraid to take on a man with no arms and legs? I assure you its merely a flesh wound. Wait, hold on, don't run away, come back and fight.

FRANCE to SEV and ANKARA: Enough fooling around! You guys ready to get serious? Alright now, we've got a lot of cleaning up to do.

ANKARA to Russian Fleet: You can't say I didn't make an offer. Well, in a couple turns I'll say "I told you so."

1985CT

"Spring 1913"

FORWARD TO THE BITTER END!

ENGLAND (Chafetz): F Liv-Cly; F Eng-Nth; F Yor S F Eng-Nth; F Nrg-Nwy; A Swe S F Nrg-Nwy.

FRANCE (Addison): F Bre-Eng; F Wes-Mid; A Par-Bur; A Ruh S F Hol; F Bal S A Kie; A Ber-Sil; A Tyr-Tri; A Pie-Tyr; A Bud-Ser; A Vie-Bud; A Gal S A Vie-Bud; F Bel, F Aeg, F Gre, F Alb, F Hol & A Kie hold.

GERMANY (Skellie): F Nth-Nwy; F Den-Kie; F Hel S F Den-Kie; A War-Sil; A Mos-War; A St.P S F Nth-Nwy.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany must retreat F Nth-Lon, -Edi, -Ska, or remove the unit; the direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by FRIDAY 22 JULY 1988. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1913" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 5 AUGUST 1988. The vote for a concession to France fails of unanimity and for fairly obvious reasons will not be submitted to the players again. The subscriptions of Bob Addison, John Quarto, Scott Tendering, and Dennis Walker will end as a result of the end of this game.

ANKARA: Forces freeze as coup ousts the usurper of Turkey. Civil Disorder! The last vistages of this self-ordained sultan were seen fleeing to Armenia, but the Sultan's vow that he would return is now sparking a Civil War throughout the Ottoman Empire. General El Amir, who led the coup has now taken full command of the military and is sending representatives to Germany and France to negotiate a cease-fire, thereby freeing El Amir's loyal troops at the front to track down the Sultan who is reportedly rallying the Armenians to his cause. General El Amir reported that he would annihilate any people who help the usurper.

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BUDAPEST: Today are Great King (his lord Hogwash) took to the air waves today, to tell his people of his great and powerful Austria. That the war was far from over. The misbegotten Turks, were far from beaten. And that he the great King Hogwash was not sure what the future would hold.

But that as long as Russia stayed True. This great war of war's could end soon.

FRESH BLOOD

The following people have written in asking about the postal play of Diplomacy or other war-games. Honest game-masters with game openings should get in touch with them.

Riley A. Hamilton III, 7811 Harwood Pl., Springfield, Va. 22152
 Karl Hoffman, Box 1613, Seegers Union, Muhlenberg, Penn. 18104
 Brian Hogan, P. O. Box 41, Kykotsmovi, Ariz. 86039
 Gilbert Neiger, 412 N. Cayuga St., Ithaca, N. Y. 14850
 D. J. Niechwiadowicz, 136 Lyon St., Newtown, Southampton SO2 0LZ, England
 PFC James Norton, A Battery, 2/59 ADA, P. O. Box 198, APO New York, N. Y. 09142
 Bruce Reiff, 36 S. Main St., Rittman, Ohio 44270
 Michael Tsuk, 145 Robbins Rd., Arlington, Mass. 02174
 Michael Turner, 412 Moser Rd., Louisville, Ky. 40223

PLEASE STAND BY

The following people have volunteered as stand-bys in postal Diplomacy games in GRAUSTARK. If a player misses his moves, one of the people on this list will be asked to send in the next moves for that position. If the present player misses moves again, the stand-by's moves will be used and he or she will take over play of that position. Present stand-bys are listed below, an asterisk indicates one who is already playing in that capacity in a GRAUSTARK game:

Ben Austin*	Stephen Kwiatkowski*	John Rigley*
Anthony Brooks*	Dick Martin*	David E. Schwartz*
Lawrence Chafetz*	Peter R. Martin*	Larry Sims*
Steven Currie*	David Mayo	Scott Skellie*
Peter Gaughan*	Ken McKusick*	Martin Snow
Curtis L. Gibson*	Ronald Meldrum*	Alan Stewart*
Matthew Grasse*	Baron M. Powell	Terry Tallman
David Hollander*	Michael Quirk	Richard Tucker*
		Eric Verheiden*

A player who is dropped from a game for missing moves will be dropped from the stand-by list. If you would like your name added to or removed from this list, please let me know.

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ITALY: Nap. (1)

RUSSIA: Mos, War. (2)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Rom,
 Rum, Ser, Tri, Vie. (8)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Sev, Smy. (4)

Germany may build two new units and Turkey may build one. Italy must remove one unit. A bit of an experiment will be tried here. If the players can get these orders in by the IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL deadline of FRIDAY 22 JULY 1988, they will be sent out to all players, and a "Spring 1908" deadline of NOON, FRIDAY 5 AUGUST 1988 will be set. If this does not happen, then the "Winter 1907" moves will be published in 6 August, and the deadline for "Spring 1908" will be on FRIDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 1988.

LANGE to McCARTHY: Now that you have a little more free time, perhaps you can learn a language to communicate in before you impose yourself on any further games.

ITALY to AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: We surrender!

ITALY to ENGLAND: Wink!

ITALY to GERMANY: Wink! (and smile...)

BUDA: Ms. Mullarkey, go to Moscow - Baby M has news for you.

PEST: Seer sees a future 'Runestone Poll' in USA, its final folly riding an AIDef Syndromedary!

1984V

"Fall 1923"

AUSTRIAN DEFENSE BROKEN AT LAST

Following "Spring 1923" moves England retreated A Ser-Gre. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (A. Brooks): A Ukr-Mos; A Gre-Ser; A Bul S A Gre-Ser; F Adr-Tri; A Alb S F Adr-Tri; F Apu-Ven; A Liv-Nap; F Tri, F Mid, F Wes & F Tyr C A Liv-Nap; F Con-Ank; F Rom-Tus; F Nwy & A St.P hold.

GERMANY (Gaughan): A War S A Gal; A Rum-Bud; A Boh-Vie; A Gal S A Boh-Vie; A Sil-Boh; A Ber-Sil; F Den-Bal; A Mun-Tyr; A Mar-Pie; A Ruh & A Spa hold; A Por S A Spa.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gibson): A Pie-Ven; A Tyr & A Tri S A Pie-Ven; A Bud-Rum; A Vie-Gal; A Ser-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian A Ser, A Tri and A Vie are dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Ank, Bul, Con, Edi, Gre, Liv, Lon, Mos, Nap, Nwy, Rom, St.P, Ser, Smy, Swe, Tri, Tun. (17)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Rum, Spa, Sev, Vie, War. (15)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Ven. (2)

Germany and England may each build two new units; Germany would have a third build but no home supply center is available for it. Austria-Hungary must remove one unit.

These "Winter 1923" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 22 JULY 1988. The deadline for "Spring 1924" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 5 AUGUST 1988.

BUDA NEWS: Recent Arch-duke last seen hopped a camel for Samarkand, tak crown jewels. New govt. declares Intellectual Meritocracy, & Pres. elected by Past Congress, Green Mt. Boy Gibson. Says he's 73, arrived by UFO time travel from 1988, just before US Republic collapse!

1986AV

"Winter 1909"

ENGLAND (Rigley): Builds A Liv, A Edi, F Lon. ITALY (Ball): Removes A Vie, F Por, F Alb.

TURKEY (Hurley): Builds A Con, F Smy.

FRANCE (Drakert): Removes A Gas.

The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 5 AUGUST 1988.

CONSTANTINOPLE: Fatima wants rigatoni for breakfast.

1987HQ

"Winter 1904"

Following "Fall 1904" moves Turkey removes the dislodged A Sil and therefore has two rather than one builds.

FRANCE (D. Martin): Removes A Boh.

ITALY (A. Brooks): Builds F Nap.

GERMANY (Chafetz): Builds F Kie.

TURKEY (Kohburn): Builds F Con, F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 5 AUGUST 1988. Stand-by moves for England should be sent in by Martin Snow, whose address appeared in the last issue.

FRANCE to ITALY: Nice stab! That makes what, three already this game? Very impressive. Who did you have in mind for number four?

1986CW

"Winter 1908"

Following "Fall 1908" moves Austria-Hungary retreated A Vie-Tyr and Germany retreated A Bel-Ruh, F Den-Hel. Then England built F Edi, Germany removed A Bur, Russia built A Mos, A War, and Turkey built F Smy. The last Austro-Hungarian units were removed. The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 5 AUGUST 1988.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

On the weekend of 24-27 June my wife and I were visiting our older daughter and her husband in Frederick, Maryland. Since Dean Wright, my son-in-law, is also an enthusiastic gamer, we of course took in CloneCon at the home of Dick and Julie Martin in nearby Rockville. (There must be something in the region that promotes gaming. Maryland has always been represented far beyond its expected numbers on the mailing list of GRAUSTARK, and Rockville is the home of Dave Lebling, many years ago a GRAUSTARK player and now a computer game designer of major accomplishments for Infocom.)

While our wives shopped the malls, and saw Big and Who Framed Roger Rabbit?, Dean and I joined the 20 or so other gamers and played not only Diplomacy but also 1830, Civilization, and Shanghai Trader. I've already reported on the other games in EMPIRE; I played Turkey in the Diplomacy game, and got England to go along with the offer that can't be refused - say to Russia, "Ally with us or we'll both jump you." This led to the annihilation or serious mutilation of Austria-Hungary, Germany, and Italy - but every three-player alliance eventually becomes a two-player alliance, and I was on the losing end of it.

The other participants informed me that Brux Linsey is still under the delusion that people want to receive mail from him, and regaled me with tales of "Open Letters" that he is allegedly sending out to the entire hobby. I also heard about other Brux-letters, many of them unintentionally humorous, some of them maudlin, none of them welcome. Apparently I have been getting off rather easy, compared to the volume of Bruxletters that other Diplomacy players have been getting.

When I got home, I received a letter from Rod Walker informing me that Robert Sacks is also sending out letters whining about what an evil influence I am. However, there is one point of difference from Brux. Linsey compliments me for being in the hobby for so long. Sacks condemns me for being in the hobby for so long.

With any luck, Linsey and Sacks will argue out this difference of opinion at great length in print. The pages of GRAUSTARK will not be made available to them for this or any other purpose.

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More recent readers may wonder why I take such a strong opposition to war. There are numerous reasons. As a physicist, I am a bit better acquainted than most people with what a nuclear war will mean. The people who, in this 43rd year of the atomic age, can frame arguments that war might in some conditions be desirable are outside the pale of normal discussion. The word "Psychopath" comes to mind.

Then there are the specifics. In December of 1964, it was reported that American troops in Vietnam had fed candy bars to a boy until he revealed where his father was hiding. They then burned out the guerrilla base, killing the boy's father and several others. Well, I had heard various European dictatorships blamed for this same thing, and I disliked seeing it become a part of U. S. policy. So I faced down a local Hawk, the science-fiction writer Richard Lupoff, with this event. He replied that he found nothing wrong with it, and that the boy had at least got a few candy bars out of the business. The growth in this country of such a callous attitude as that convinced me that the American war against Vietnam, and its supporters, were morally rotten.

A few months later, a man I know named Robert Rodriguez was participating in an anti-war parade in Baltimore; he was a student at Johns Hopkins at the time. (He now teaches at a private high school in Manhattan.) Four patriots jumped him and beat him up. To be fair, however, Bob was not entirely defenseless against this attack - he did have a white stick and a dog.

(How about that, Rod Walker, Stuart Lange, Stephen Kwiatkowski, and you other war-lovers on the GRAUSTARK mailing list? Does that one make your hearts beat faster with patriotic pride? Or do you regret that you weren't there to join in the attack?)

Not long after this, a man named Edward Waniolek walked into the office of an anti-war group in Detroit and shot dead a Pacifist named Leo Barnard. Waniolek never stood trial for this murder. Since then, over a dozen other people were murdered in this country, some of them by U. S. troops, because they opposed the war against Viet-

nam. Except for Dr. King, and two students in Mississippi, none of these have ever had memorials established in their honor. In particular, 18 years after U. S. troops killed four college students in Kent, Ohio, no memorial marks their martyrdom. And yet the names of 58,000 hired killers who got what they deserved are carved in granite in our capital, and regarded with honor by other fools whose folly has not yet caught up with them.

No, there can be no compromise. Our species has only two choices before it. Either military men will come to be regarded with scathing contempt, or else humanity will become extinct. In an age of nuclear warfare there can be no third way.

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GRAUSTARK, the first bulletin for the postal play of Diplomacy, is published every fourth Saturday by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226-5302. Postal Diplomacy games are available at an entry fee of \$25, which includes a subscription as long as the game lasts. With your entry fee, send a list of the countries you'd like to play in your order of preference, and I'll try to put you as close to the top of that list as I can. The postal rules for Diplomacy were last published in #525; ask for a copy if you don't already have one. Subscriptions for non-players are 12 issues for \$10. Back issues from the beginning of 1987 are 10 for \$3.

Postal games of Pax Britannica are now available in EMPIRE for a game fee of \$30.

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"Mr. Emerson...says that the American military has grown cumbersome and unwieldy - more like the redcoats who marched with heavy packs into Lexington and Concord in 1775, than the minutemen who picked them off with long-barrelled squirrel guns from behind trees and stone walls. The comparison is apt, but not because the British were equipped for the wrong war. The British failure had a deeper cause; they were far from home, trying to assert imperial rights that meant nothing to them against aroused local citizens who made up in passion whatever they lacked in military expertise." - Thomas Powers, review of Steven Emerson's Secret Warriors: Inside the Covert Military Operations of the Reagan Era, New York Times Book Review, 26 June 1988

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I would like to thank Dave Wilson for sending me the Avalon-Hill computer Diplomacy program. I tried it out on an IBM PC at Brooklyn College, and played through a few moves. The graphics are excellent, though the program uses different abbreviations from the ones I use in GRAUSTARK. A quick run-through indicates that the program adjudicates accurately, though I haven't yet tried anything like Pandin's Paradox on it. The computer will play some of the countries if there aren't enough players, but the computer's play is quite uninspired. I will report in greater detail as I become better acquainted with the program.

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In the early 1970s, a number of boys from a nearby high school dropped around to SPI on Friday evenings to help play-test new games. Several of them were also enthusiastic Diplomacy players, and would gather here on Saturdays to help collate GRAUSTARK. (Until early 1973, believe it or not, games in GRAUSTARK had deadlines only 2 weeks apart, and postage was 8¢ an ounce.)

One of these collaters dropped me a line a few weeks ago. Gilbert Neiger is closing in on a graduate degree at Cornell, a Ph. D. in computer science. He has also participated in volunteer work in Nicaragua, one of some 60,000 Americans to do so. (This will be the hard core of opposition to the war, if the U. S. government should be so foolish as to invade Central America.) It is good to have him back on the GRAUSTARK mailing list.

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Madame Tussaud's Waxworks, in London, is nearly two centuries old. It is most famous for its "Chamber of Horrors", which it promotes with an annual poll of the visitors on "the most hated persons in history." On 15 May 1988, the New York Daily News printed the 1979, 1983, 1986, and 1987 "Top Five" in this poll. Adolf Hitler has been the consistent winner, although in 1979 he briefly fell to third place be-

hind the Ayatollah Khomeini and Idi Amin. (Well, Al Nofi once remarked that "the Third World War will be between the Moslems and everybody else.") Khomeini was absent from the 1983 and 1986 Top Five, but came in fourth in 1987, right behind Moammar Khadafy.

Over the years covered, two of the most reliable Top Five members have been Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher. They were respectively 2nd and 4th in 1983, 3rd and 4th in 1986, and 2nd and 5th in 1987.

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Several of the GRAUSTARK readers who have objected to my anti-war views protest that the U. S. must be prepared to fight a defensive war. The strength of this argument is completely dissipated by a look at what, in recent years, has been called a "defensive war". People have maintained, and been regarded as sane enough to walk the streets freely, that the U. S. was fighting a "defensive war" in Vietnam. In fact, the last person to raise this point with me was asked what part of the United States of America was under attack during the American invasion of Vietnam. Without hesitation he replied, "Japan". Obviously we are not here dealing with people whose grasp of world affairs is worthy of respect.

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The belief that the U. S. was "defending" itself in Vietnam was thrown into perspective recently in a remark by Seisuke Okuno, a member of the Japanese Cabinet until he started shooting off his mouth. "Japan fought the war in order to secure its safety," he told a news conference at the Yasukuni Shrine, Japan's equivalent to the Big Black Slab in Washington. "The white race had turned Asia into a colony. Japan was by no means the aggressor nation." Earlier, in 1985, another cabinet member had been dismissed for saying, at this same shrine, that "it is not murder under international law to kill in war." Nevertheless, such sentiments are applauded among the remnants of the militaristic caste that once led Japan into war. (New York Times, 27 April)

And against what is the United States supposed to be "defending" itself? If you take this up with people who believe that war is an alternative worthy of consideration, you will inevitably be given tales about vast, sinister, secretive, international conspiracies who are Out To Get Us. There is an obvious problem in getting people to believe such a thing, and Dame Rebecca West tried her best in her book The New Meaning of Treason. Writing in 1964, she said this about the conspiracy in which she believed:

"Fiction ran away with the idea and seemed to take it for its own, simply because a secret society which is real has to be kept, so far as possible, secret. There are myriads of secret societies...but they seemed tentative and unimpressive compared with the majestic machines which, omnipotent and omnipresent and unnamed, controlled the nations in the works of Eugene Sue, and he had imitators in every language...The huge international conspiracy was part of the bag of tricks used by most writers of that nineteenth-century invention, the detective story. Thus it happened that international conspiracy was established in the common mind as a feature of a vulgar district in the world of fancy, and it seemed quite ridiculous to think of it as a real threat."

It might have been better for her reputation if Dame Rebecca had thought over this passage before committing it to print. For it appears that "the common mind" is indeed correct. The "conspiracy so immense", to quote the unlamented Joseph McCarthy, is at best a literary device. And there is a name for the person who believes that millions of lurking secret enemies are out to get him. That name is not a political label.

Have you unthinkingly accepted this fallacy about "defensive war" and "international conspiracy"? Then it might be a good idea to examine closely the evidence on which you believe these claims to be based.

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"Well, we can't have it said that we had a murderer in our ranks, can we?" the Colonel asked.

"Certainly not!" I found the courage to say. 'Not after you've killed so many people.'" - John Mortimer, Rumpole's Last Case

NEW GAME BEGINS

The following people have signed up for a new postal Diplomacy game:

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These country assignments will be mailed out on 1 July, with the "Spring 1901" deadline set for NOON, FRIDAY 5 AUGUST 1988, so that players will have additional time in which to become acquainted with one another and make their initial negotiations. A Boardman Number will be assigned by Steve Heinowski; until then, just refer to this as "the New Game".

In every new game one country - a different one each time - seems to get avoided, and is assigned to someone who had it no higher than 3rd choice. This time it was Russia, but everyone else got first choice.

Aside from the above entries, two more have already come in for yet another new game. See p. 10 for information on how to join a postal Diplomacy game.

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- () - You will be dropped from _____ if you miss your next move.
- () - You have just taken over a position in game _____.
- () - An IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL move is due from you in _____ by 22 July.
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