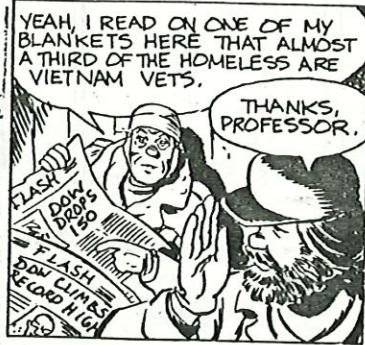
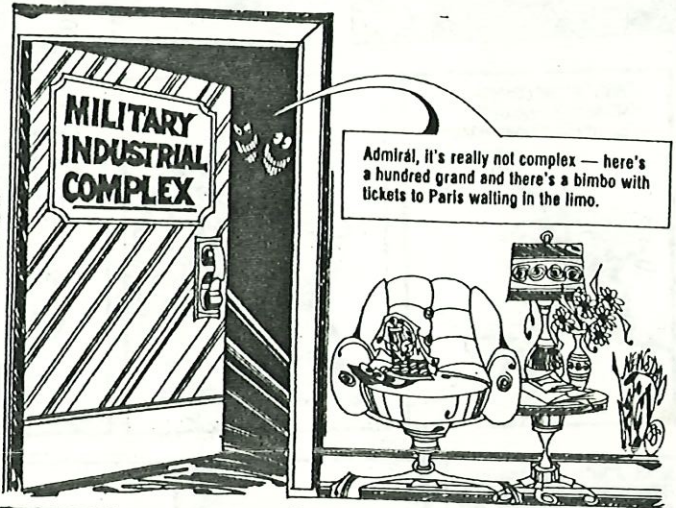


Author's Query

For a book on the fall of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam, I would appreciate hearing from civilian employees of the United States Government and private businesses who were in Indochina in the spring of 1975 and were evacuated by the American military.

LARRY ENGELMANN
5637 Strawflower Lane
San Jose, Calif. 95118



Jane's okay by him

Riverdale: Voicer John J. LaFalce says that "what Jane Fonda did was a slap across the face of every American who served in the Armed Forces." I am a Korean veteran who is of the opinion that more Jane Fondas are needed to keep the American military establishment honest. Too often we stick our nose in places where we don't belong. End result: Innocent American youth lose their lives.

Douglas D. Nesbitt

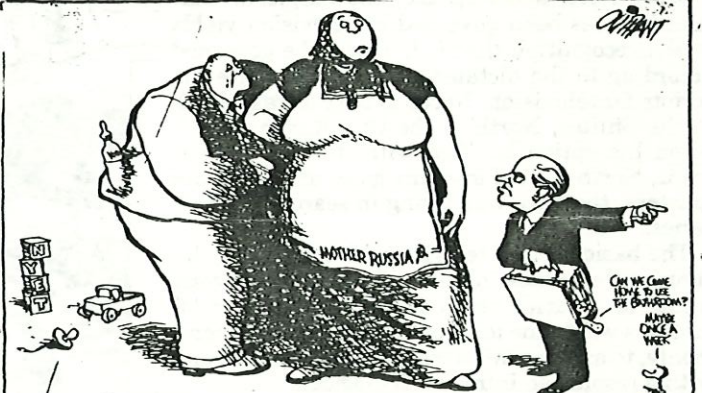
Jane Fonda Shouldn't Apologize

It seems the Daily News and Barbara Walters like the idea of Jane Fonda apologizing to the Vietnam vets. Well I don't!

I, the father of at least two Vietnam vets, think the vets owe Jane a thank you, a God bless you and a We Need You for President, for her efforts to end the war.

Barbara Walters should try to squeeze an apology from the multi-national corporations that caused the war that young people had to risk their lives and sanity to fight.

Hezekiah Nickelson
Philadelphia



PLEASE, POPPA GORBACHEV, I'M TOO YOUNG TO GO OUT ON MY OWN. YOU KNOW I DON'T HAVE ANY INITIATIVE, YOU'VE SAID SO YOURSELF. WHO'LL LOOK AFTER ME? I'LL STARVE, POPPA.

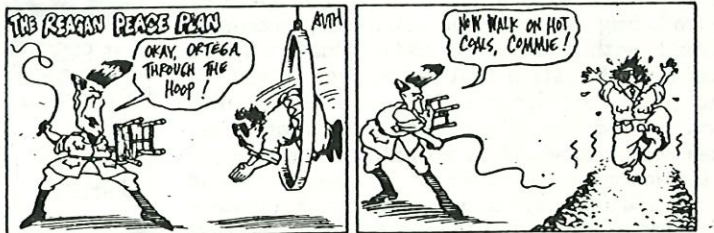
WHAT HAPPENED TO CHALLENGER HAS NO BEARING ON STAR WARS DEFENSES.

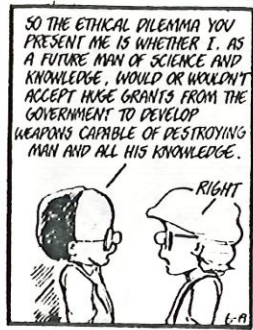
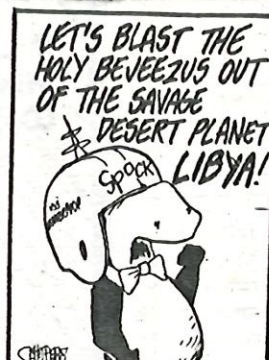
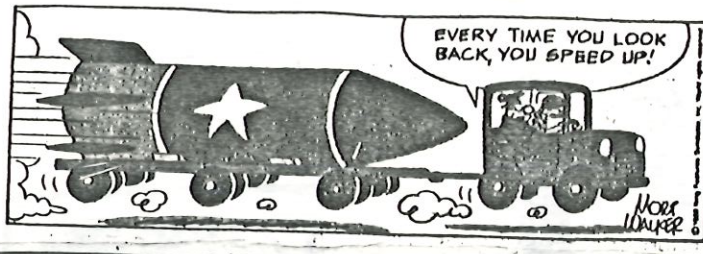


There were 24 successful SHUTTLE MISSIONS...



... AND WE ONLY NEED TO USE STAR WARS ONCE.





Oliver North's is a name that tolls like a bell echoing those of the personages who populate those engaging novels of William F. Buckley's and who conduct themselves with a circumspection commendably superior to the colonel's.

With North's emergence, the suspicion that America has been governed by television yields to the recognition that it is now to be governed according to the dictates of those who write the scripts for television. North to the contras, North to the Shiites, North to the Gun Runners, and, when his option is lifted with its 13th installment, North turned from the gates of his Ingrate Masters, the hero wandering in search of a new series.

The basic stuff of television is romance on the short order made necessary by a framework whose boundaries are commonly confined to 30 minutes with time for commercials and, less commonly, to an hour. Matters begin in crisis and end with a resolution infrequently logical.

Ronald Reagan's is a situation presidency, and it owes its previous durability to steadfast faith in the canons of a dramatic form that opens by introducing an insoluble problem, proceeds to wrestle with it inchoately and concludes with the hasty proclamation that it has been solved. To our prior good fortune, the president has until now limited himself pretty much to a family series, which it would be a want of respect to call situation comedy but which, if it cannot be said always to deal with happy problems, is solicitous with the pretense that there are no problems that are not at bottom happy ones.

But every art, however modest, has its fashion, and "Father Knows Best" most distressingly gives way to "Mission: Impossible." And, if there is one thing to be learned from the ungainly cancellation of the Oliver North Show, it is that missions identified as impossible usually turn out to be nothing else but.



Activists who've wandered in the wilderness for nearly a generation sense a moment to address unfinished business—the armies of the homeless, the expanding culture of poverty, the persistence of racism. But every time they try to clean up the '60s, and repackage them as the '80s with a human face, Abbie Hoffman pops up yipping at their heels. Which is precisely what happened at a reminiscence of the counterculture sponsored by the Museum of Broadcasting last month. No sooner had Todd Gitlin availed himself of the finely honed opinion that "the '60s was a failed reformation, and what we're living through is a failed counterreformation," when Abbie intruded, loose as an old shoe. "We were young, we were arrogant, we were irreverent, we were foolish," he grouched. "But we were right." We were also defeated.



On a campaign swing through the Midwest yesterday, Vice President George Bush strongly defended the captain's actions in the downing of a Iranian passenger plane by U.S. missiles and said the incident should not deter U.S. naval patrols in the Persian Gulf.

FRANCE WINS!

Following "Spring 1913" moves the German player sent in the retreat "F Nth-Hel". However, Helgoland was not vacant and so the unit was removed instead. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Chafetz): F Nrg-Nwy; F Cly-Liv; F Nth-Hel; A Swe S GERMAN A Den; F Yor-Lon.

FRANCE (Addison): A Ruh S F Hol; F Bal S A Kie; A Tri S A Bud; F Aeg S F Gre; A Kie, F Hol, A Ber, F Bel, F Eng, F Mid, A Bur, A Cal, A Vie, A Bud, F Alb, F Gre & A Tyr hold.

GERMANY (Skellie): No moves received. F Hel, A St.P, A Mos, F Den & A War hold.

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

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

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe. (5)

FRANCE: Bel, Ber, Bre, Bud, Gre, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mun, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (18)

GERMANY: Den, Mos, St.P, War. (4)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy. (7)

With these moves,

Bob Addison as

France gets his 10th supply center and thus wins the game. In the supply center to the right, an asterisk indicates a supply center for which, for some reason, a unit was not built.		<u>00</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
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F	3	5	5	6	6	6	8	9	10	11	14*	15	17	18	
G	3	6	8	8	10	10	12*	12	13	13	14	9	6	4	
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E - Lawrence Chafetz

F - Bob Addison (won F13)

G - Dennis Walker (res S05)

Scott Skellie

I - Scott Tendering (dro F03)

Larry Sims (out F11)

A - John Jordan (out F07)

R - James Goldman (out F03)

T - John Quarto (dro F09)

Phillip Spera

for some reason, a unit was not built.

Players and other readers are asked to send in reviews of this game, which will be printed in forthcoming issues of GRAUSTARK. They should also check the list below to see whether their subscriptions expire as a result of the end of 1985CT.

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New postal Diplomacy games are now open in GRAUSTARK. The game fee is \$25, which includes a subscription as long as the game lasts. Send in a preference list for countries.

NOW JUST WHO HAS TO APOLOGIZE HERE?

Jane Fonda may have been "Miss Army Recruiting" in 1962, but ever since the American invasion of Vietnam she has been famous as a person who believes that peace is preferable to war. Apparently there are millions of Americans who will never forgive her for this.

Recently the filming began of a new Fonda movie - "Stanley and Iris, the story of a working-class woman's climb up the social ladder." (New York Post, 15 July 1988) The film is being made in Waterbury, Connecticut, one of those industrial towns that has gone into a severe decline as the emphasis of U. S. industry has shifted from consumer goods to weapons. Numerous people in Waterbury are glad of the opportunity for bit parts in the film; a casting call for 500 roles for extras was answered by 3,000 people.

However, some veterans of the American campaign against Vietnam have protested her presence there. Of course, calling it an "American" invasion is not really correct. From beginning to end, American military activity in Vietnam did not have the slightest legal justification. Congress never voted a declaration of war, the interests of the United States were not involved, and by 1967 anti-war demonstrations were outdrawing pro-war demonstrations by hundredsfold. (So much for "majority rule.")

For reasons best known to herself, Fonda tried to defuse the criticism by apologizing to the veterans. We should not judge her too harshly for this, since we do not know what pressures she was under. Somewhere between 10 and 20 Americans were murdered for their opposition to the Vietnam war, nor did it cease when American troops were kicked out of that country. (A few years later, a California physicist who had opposed the war was murdered by a Vietnamese who fled to this country as a supporter of the invaders.) Fonda has been getting continuous death threats, and the pressure may at last have got to her. So in June she went on the Barbara Walters show to apologize for her opposition to the war.

As it turned out, she needn't have demeaned herself. The veterans of that filibustering expedition are refusing to forgive her. It seems that there are still thousands of Americans who think that the high point in their lives was when they went off to Vietnam in a lawless and useless attempt to force the Vietnamese to obey the dictates of some of the sleaziest and crookedest Presidents in our history. Fonda's thanks for warning them about committing war crimes, and in trying to save their own lives and those of millions of Asians, is to be regarded as insincere, and even a "traitor". Two veterans of this fiasco, Joseph Griggs and Ronald J. Young, have suggested that she would be regarded as sincere only if she donated large amounts of money to treat the victims of Agent Orange. (New York Daily News, 19 June 1988; Newsday, 4 July 1988) As we probably don't need to be told; Fonda didn't drop this dangerous defoliating agent on anyone - the government of the United States of America bears the responsibility and has yet even to admit it, let alone come up with anything like adequate compensation. Young even wants her to go pray at the Big Black Slab!

In July, the Veterans Coalition Forum in Connecticut unanimously demanded that Fonda be tried for "treason". (New York Post, 15 July 1988) Readers are invited to read the constitutional definition of treason and figure out for themselves how far from reality Vietnam veterans have got. Besides, after her 1972 trip to Hanoi, President Nixon's Department of Justice did investigate this possibility. They decided not to, though I do not know whether this was due to the fact that the charge would be laughed out of court, or because their own troubles were beginning to overwhelm them.

The filming of Stanley and Iris is going ahead on schedule, and feeble picket lines have not affected it. (New York Daily News, 31 July 1988) A few members of this gang have been arrested on their refusal to move to facilitate the filming. "I just wasn't gonna move again for that traitorous bitch," said one Guy Russo, thus indicating the typical attitude and manner of speech of people who believe that the invasion of Vietnam was a good idea.

In retrospect, it seems that Fonda acted unwisely in apologizing. Such an act only gives war-lovers an exaggerated impression of their own importance, and does no-

thing for the public esteem or for the self-esteem of the apologizer. On 28 July 1988 Newsday reported that Fonda's husband, Assemblyman Tom Hayden, walked out of a Seattle radio station after a Vietnam veteran named Richard Keaton refused to shake his hand. A better point would have been made if Hayden had refused to shake the murderer's hand.

Attempts to make civil peace with the veterans of the American expedition to Vietnam are futile. Aside from a couple of obviously atypical people quoted on p. 1, Vietnam veterans still seem to have the arrogance to believe that they have served humanity and their country well, and that they deserve the thanks of the people who were bled white by the war's taxes and inflation. Even a Hawk named Laura Palmer, who has a weekly New York Daily News column "about coming to terms with the Vietnam War", thinks the campaign against Fonda is stupid, and tries to divert attention to Robert McNamara and Ramsey Clark, who did a good deal more to get the US involved in Vietnam than did any "multimillionaire with a tight tummy".

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The implacability of Vietnam veterans has also been demonstrated by their thus far successful opposition to the construction of a memorial to the four students killed at Kent State University by U. S. troops on 4 May 1970. (John Hildebrand, Newsday, 7 July 1988) "None of the four students killed," he observes, "was known to be an activist. One, in fact, was the second-ranked in his ROTC class." Although the Kent State trustees approved a monument plan in 1986, "the plan was denounced by conservative groups including Ohio's American Legion." Meanwhile, the killers who got what they deserved have their Big Black Slab.

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Agent Orange (which was not orange in color) was a defoliant used by US troops in Vietnam to destroy local vegetation that the inhabitants of the country might use for cover. For many years it has become evident that this material is a severe carcinogenic, which not only causes tumors in people exposed to it, but also birth defects in their children. We have recently been subjected to a tear-jerking retrospective by Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, who ordered its use, and his son, who is one of the sufferers and whose children also feel the effects. (A Vietnam veteran I know told me recently that he had believed for years that the outcry against Agent Orange was contrived, but that the strength of the evidence for its harmful effects is now so great that he can no longer take this position.)

Zumwalt seems to suffer from a moral defect called "Schillinger's Dilemma". His continuing defense of the military necessity of Agent Orange reminds me of the case of Joseph Schillinger, who was a sergeant of guards at Auschwitz. One day he saw a beautiful woman among newly arrived prisoners, who seemed to be watching him intently. He hefted his pistol and strutted over to her. When he got close enough, she threw a handful of gravel in his eyes. He dropped the pistol. She picked it up and shot him four times in the stomach. As he lay there dying, Schillinger cried: "Oh, God, what have I done, that I must suffer so." He didn't know. The Zumwalts don't know.

Great as it has been, the suffering of Americans from Agent Orange is much less than the suffering of Vietnamese. In the New York Times of 28 January 1988, Lady Borden told us of a time when she was:

"...standing...in the specimen room of a hospital outside Ho Chih Minh City, formerly Saigon. It was 1983. The smell of formaldehyde tinged the air. In the dim light I could make out glass crocks lining each wall, row upon gray row.

"Each crock cradled a full-term baby. One infant had four arms, another a bowl in place of her cranium, a third a face on his abdomen, a fourth his navel protruding from his forehead. All the babies had been born in the early 1980s to women from provinces heavily sprayed with Agent Orange."

Now - you Hawks on the GRAUSTARK mailing list - let's hear that thrill of patriotic pride that courses through your veins as you read this passage! And do you eagerly anticipate using something even worse on the people of Iran or Nicaragua?

1988AW

SHIESTER UND SHNADER UND GALITZIANER*

"Spring 1901"

Steve Heinowski has assigned the Boardman Number "1988AW" to this most recently organized GRAUSTARK game. Players should use it in correspondence with one another and with the gamesmaster.

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

FRANCE (London): F Bre-Mid; A Par-Bur; A Mar S A Par-Bur.

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

ITALY (Austin): F Nap-Ion; A Rom-Apu; A Ven-Pie.

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

RUSSIA (Henry): A War-Gal; A Mos-Ukr; F Sev-Rum; F St.P(s.c.)-Bot.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 1988.

1986HI

PLAYING DOT POLO

"Fall 1908"

ENGLAND (Chang): F Eng-Bel; F Mkd-Bre; F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); A Swe-Den; F Hel S A Swe-Den; F Hol S F Eng-Bel.

GERMANY (Quirk): F Bal S RUSSIAN A Fin-Swe; A Den S RUSSIAN A Fin-Swe; A Bel S AUSTRIO-HUNGARIAN A Kie-Hol; A Pic S A Bel.

ITALY (Hollander): A Spa holds; F Tun-Wes; A Bur-Par; F Ion-Apu; F Nap-Rom; F A r-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rigley): A Rum-Bud; A Ser-Bud; A Tri-Alb; A Ven-Tri; A Pie-Ven; A Kie-Mun; A Ber-Mun.

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

TURKEY (M. Brennick): A Bul S RUSSIAN A Sev-Rum; F Tyr S ITALIAN F Nap-Rom; F Gre-Alb; F Con-Aeg; A Smy-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Rum-Ukr, and the German A Den is dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Nvy. (7)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ber, Bud, Kie, Mun, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie. (8)

GERMANY: Bel. (1)

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

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

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

Russia may build two new units and England, Italy, and Austria-Hungary may each build one. Austria-Hungary has a second build if the dislodged A Rum is removed. Germany must remove two units. The deadline for these "Winter 1908" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 1988. Michael Quirk is now playing Germany.

(continued on p. 11)

* - If you're stumped, ask a Jewish friend what this phrase means. Just make sure that he isn't a Galitzianer.

1986AV

"Spring 1910"

EAST MEETS WEST

ENGLAND (Rigley): F Spa(s.c.)-Wes; F Eng-Mid; F Lon-Eng; A Edi-Kie; F Nth & F Hel C A Edi-Kie; F Bal holds; A Mar-Pie; A Bre-Gas; A Liv-Wal; A Mun S TURKISH A Boh-Tyr; A Ruh-Bur; A Ber S A Mun.

FRANCE (Drakert): A Tyr-Rom.

ITALY (Ball): A Tyr-Ven; F Adr S A Tyr-Ven; F Nap-Rom; F Ion-Apu; F Tun-Tyr.

TURKEY (Hurley): A War-Liv; A Boh-Sil; A Con-Sev; F Bla C A Con-Sev; F Eas-Ion; F Gre S F Eas-Ion; F Tri-Adr; F Ven S F Tri-Adr; A Bul S F Gre; A Ser-Tri; A Bud-Vie; A Gal S A Bud-Vie; F Smy-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1910" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 1988.

ITALY to TURKEY: Since your stab eons ago you have finally gained Budapest and Trieste from an opponent falling apart in the West; very impressive. And congratulations on throwing away a game that was easily ours.

ENGLAND: My God I am running out of game and press!

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1987CD

"Winter 1906"

The German player never sent in a direction of retreat for the dislodged A Bur, so it is removed.

ENGLAND (D. Martin): Builds F Lon, F Liv.

FRANCE (Grasse): Removes F Wes, A Gas, A Par.

GERMANY (Grodewald): No builds received.

ITALY (Fader): Builds F Rom, F Nap.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Stewart): Builds A Vie.

The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 1988. Stand-by moves for Germany should be sent in by Rob Hetland, 14007 White Birch Dr., Minnetonka, Minn. 55343.

FRANCE (what's left of it) to ITALY: If you want Parisian culture to remain Latin and not Teutonic zoom into Gascony A.S.A.P. Good Luck and thank you for your support.

PARIS: "Suddenly and strangely on 'top' of all the excitement, the President of France, Felix Faure, died. The public sensed something unexplained and the truth in fact was too embarrassing to be told. Proud of his amatory prowess, President Paure died in the performance thereof in a ground-floor room of the Elysee. An aura of something hushed up was added to the atmosphere already charged with aggression and suspicion." - Barbara Tuchman, The Proud Tower

MATTHEW to WORLD: Just a little nostalgia for you history buffs out there besides being the way to go when your number's up.

ENGLAND to ITALY: You know, maybe we should talk...

ENGLAND to GERMANY: And that goes double for you.

1987IV

"Winter 1903"

ENGLAND (Ferder): Builds A Lon, A Edi.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thomas): Removes A Bud.

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

RUSSIA (Dickerson): Removes F Bal.

GERMANY (Taylor): No removal received. Gamesmaster removes A St.P.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 1988. Stand-by orders for Germany should be sent in by David V. A. A. Kohburn, whose address appears in the report of 1987AD on p. 11.

1986CW

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"Spring 1909"

TRAFFIC JAM IN NORTHERN WATERS

ENGLAND (Harkin): F Nth-Hol; F Bel S F Nth-Hol; A Par-Bur; F Eng-Nth; F Mid-Nat; F Edi-Nrg; F Den-Hel; F Bal-Kie; F Swe-Nwy.

GERMANY (Kandara): A Kie-Hol; A Ruh S A Kie-Hol; F Hel-Kie; F Ber S F Hel-Kie.

ITALY (Tucker): F Mar-Lyo; A Pie-Tyr; A Tri S A Pie-Tyr; F Adr S A Tri; A Alb-Gre; F Ion S A Alb-Gre; F Tyr & F Nap S F Ion.

RUSSIA (Sargent): A Rum-Ser; A Boh-Mun; A Vie-Tyr; F Gre-Alb; A War-Gal; A Mos-St.P; F St.P(n.c.)-Bar; F Nwy-Nrg.

TURKEY (Schenck): A Bud-Tri; A Bul S RUSSIAN A Rum-Ser; F Aeg-Gre; F Smy-Aeg; F Eas-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1909" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 1988. A vote on a draw has been proposed. Players are reminded that a draw is among all the players still in the game, and must be voted for by all of them. An abstention counts as a negative vote.

TURKEY to AUSTRIA: Hat's off to DRK! Sorry about last Fall, Steve, but the time had come to get you out of the way.

It would be dishonest for me to not say that at times I found your playing style to be frustrating, but on the whole I found your presence in the game to be highly positive. Diplomacy is much more than moving pieces around on a mapboard, and while your strategy and tactics could probably use some improvement, you were really able to get into the other, and in some ways more important, aspects of the game. You sent me almost as many letters as the rest of the players put together. Once I got over the initial shock of your stab in Fall 1901 (a process which I admit took more time than it should have), we were able to continue relations on a fairly even keel pretty much up to the end. One question is, though: Did either of us ever tell the truth to the other?? One thing I can promise you for this game at least is to kick the Italian's ass. Not as sweet as gaining revenge yourself, I suppose, but it will have to do.

Oh well, too bad things worked out the way they did. Maybe next time we'll be able to work together.

TURKEY to ITALY: That's right, you heard me, I said kick your ass!

TURKEY to ENGLAND: If I were Italy I would sure be nervous of your eight fleets. In fact even as Turkey they have me plenty nervous.

TURKEY to ITALY: Much as I would enjoy kicking your ass, we must both be concerned about England entering the Med. Pat is still the only player with a real shot at a win right now, but it would have to involve him stabbing you after he knocks out Germany/Stp. I want you and England to know that if it looks like Pat is getting ready to enter the Med I will stop attacking you so that you can counterattack against the English slime.

TURKEY to GERMANY: Keep a stiff upper lip, my good man! These are the times that try men's souls, and all that, Concentrate on survival. Sorry I haven't written for so long; expect a letter soon.

"CZAR" to KAISER: Just cruising through to take in the Oktoberfest; lush that I am, I'll be in the mood for some wine after all that beer.

PETROGRAD to ROME: Why not listen to your own Red Brigades; with eight squadrons the decadent English imperialist will be due for some Mediterranean cruising sooner or later.

PEOPLE'S MINISTRY OF NAVAL AFFAIRS to INFIDEL: You can count on the sailors of the Greek Red Banner Fleet to improve upon the recent miserable performance of the Czarist lackeys at Tsushima.

1987CX

"Fall 1905"

TURKS PUSH NORTHWARD

Following "Spring" moves France retreated F Bre-Mid.

ENGLAND (Mason): A Bre, F Nth & F Swe hold; F Eng S A Bre; F Iri-Mid.

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

GERMANY (Stone): A Bur-Mar; A Ruh-Bur; A Bel-Pic; A Rom-Ven; A Pie S A Rom-Ven; F Den holds; A War-Mos.

ITALY (Tucker): F Nap-Rom; F Tyr S F Nap-Rom; A Tri S TURKISH A Ser-Bud.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McKusick): No move received; A Bud dislodged and annihilated.

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

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

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Sev-Ukr and Germany retreats A Rom-Tus and A War-Liv, -Pru, or -Sil; the direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1905" orders, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe.

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tri, Tun. (4)

(6)

RUSSIA: Bud, Mos, St.P, Vie, War. (5)

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

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Ser, Sev,

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

Smy. (8)

Ven. (7)

England, Italy, and Turkey may each build one unit. In addition, Russia and Germany have one build for each dislodged unit that is removed rather than retreated. The deadline for these "Winter 1905" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 1988.

CONSTANTINOPLE to MOSCOW: Sorry, but peace just doesn't seem workable, as I push myself out of the back woods of Turkey and on into Germany.

RUSSIA to TURKEY: Sorry John but I haven't had time yet to consider the proposal. Maybe next season.

RUSSIA to GERMANY: Your destiny lies in the West.

LONDON to BERLIN: Welcome back, my friend.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

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Ever since I first read it, over 30 years ago, I have considered the late Fletcher Pratt's 1935 book Ordeal by Fire to be the best one-volume history of the Slaveholders' Rebellion. However, I have finally found one that is better. It is James M. McPherson's new book The Battle Cry of Freedom, and I warmly recommend it. Unlike Pratt, McPherson (who is not related to the general of the same name who fell in the Atlanta campaign) does not begin with the overt rebel attack on Fort Sumter, but begins in 1850, and shows us the sublimely unrealistic arrogance with which the slaveholders saw the world, and which made them eager to start and confident of winning their rebellion. In addition to giving a good coverage of the military campaigns, McPherson

goes into the all-important political side of the conflict - how for example, President Lincoln and the loyal population gradually came to the realization that the key to suppressing secession was the abolition of slavery. (For example, a member of General McClellan's staff confessed, after the Battle of Antietam, that the government reserves had not been thrown in to turn the victory into a rout, because he hoped that after a peace of exhaustion, slavery could be kept with reunion. Lincoln promptly cashiered him, and published the Emancipation Proclamation.)

In addition to being a good history of our greatest national crisis, this book is valuable as an example of what can happen when a whole people goes to war under the delusion that victory will be quick and easy, and with a totally unrealistic picture of human nature and the political and military situation.

1987HQ

"Spring 1905"

NEW CRUSADE PUSHES TURKS

ENGLAND (Snow): F Lon-Nth; F Liv-Cly; F Edi S F Liv-Cly.

FRANCE (D. Martin): A Pic-Bur; A Par-Gas; A Bur-Mar; F Eng-Lon; F Nat-Mid.

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

ITALY (A. Brooks): A Pie holds; F Wes-Spa(s.c.); F Nap-Ion; F Aeg-Bul(s.c.); F Gre & A Ser S F Aeg-Bul(s.c.); A Bud S RUSSIAN A Gal-Rum; A Tyr S A Vie; A Vie S A Tyr.

RUSSIA (Spera): A Cly-Edi; A War-Mos; A Gal-Rum; A Ukr S A Gal-Rum; F Nrg S A Cly-Edi.

TURKEY (Kohburn): A Sev-Rum; F Bla-Con; A Ank S F Bla-Con((sic; no such unit exists)); F Rum-Bul(a.c.); F Con-Aeg; F Smy S F Con-Aeg; A Arm not ordered, holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats F Rum-Bla and England retreats F Edi-Yor. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER 1980. Martin Snow is now playing England. For Anthony Brooks's new address see the report of 1984V on p. 11.

BERLIN: The High Command has ordered eastern maneuvers.

ROME JOURNAL: Italian agents intercepted correspondence from France to Turkey and Turkey to France. Both France and Turkey urged each other to attack Italy.

The Prime Minister is quoted as saying that "France is yelling 'stab' while planning to wage war against Italy. How ironic."

The President of Italy is quoted as saying that "on three occasions France was suppose to provide support to Italian troops, but when each battle began French support was no where to be found."

Captured Turkish documents promise a piece of the Med to everyone. The Italian Prime Minister states "Turkey can't deliver. No use supporting a sinking ship like Turkey. Turkey played with fire and got burnt!"

FRANCE to ENGLAND: Sorry, but number one priority is no longer saving England - it's saving France!

FRESH BLOOD

Requests for information about postal Diplomacy have come in from:

Eric Klien, B-10, 10 Sinai Circle, Chelmsford, Mass. 01824

Jeremy Singer, 100 Concord Ave., Glen Rock, N. J. 07452

Since the newest GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy game, 1988AW, was organized, three more entries have come in. As soon as four more arrive, country assignments will be mailed out to the players, and a deadline set for "Spring 1901" orders.

1904V

"Winter 1923-Spring 1924"

WINDING DOWN THE WAR

Following "Fall 1923" moves England built F Liv, F Edi, Germany built A Kie, A Ber, and Austria-Hungary removed A Tyr. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (A. Brooks): A Mos, F Tri, F Apu, F Mid, F Wes & F Tyr hold; A Ser S GERMAN A Gal-Bud; A Bul S A Ser; A Alb S F Tri; A Nap-Rom; F Tri-Wal; F Ank-Con; F Tys S GERMAN A Mar-Pie; F Nwy-Swe; A St.P S A Mos; F Edi-Nrg; F Liv-Nat.

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gibson): No moves received; A Pie & A Bud dislodged and annihilated.

The deadline for "Fall 1924" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 1988. If, as the gamesmaster suspects, the two surviving players intend to end this game with a 17-17 draw, they should say so when they send in their "Fall 1924" orders. If either or both say the game should continue, it will; if one of them should happen to end "Fall 1924" with 18 or more supply centers he will be the winner. Anthony Brooks's new address is 789 Forsythe Terrace, Severna Park, Md. 21146; 301-647-6851. Present and former players should check the list on p. 3 to determine when their subscriptions may expire.

TYROL TOOTLER: Our army here wanted to disband and make love to all the Tyrol sweeties it can charm into its arms. Mmm!

1986HI (continued from p. 6)

BUDAPEST: The Great King of Austria, part time Saint protector of Italy, overlord of the Balkins, Destroyer of Germany, the one and only Hogwash the first. Apond entering Berlin the Grand Austrian Army found the remains of the Kaiser. Still tied to a wooden post, and quite full of holes. In his pocket, where his heart use to be, papers were found. which clearly ppinted a finger at England & Italy as the coconspirators behind Russias change of heart. The Great Hogwash hopes that this is not true. As I will mean more, and a long war yet.

1986AM

"Winter 1909"

FRANCE (Barents): Removes F Lyo, F Adr. TURKEY (Skellie): No build received.

GERMANY (Austin): Builds A Kie, A Ber.

The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 1988. Stand-by moves for Turkey should be sent in by Baron M. Powell, C Company, Box 39, HHC, 3rd Infantry Division, APO New York, N. Y. 09036.

1907AD

"Winter 1907"

Our "experiment" last issue didn't work out, in four weeks nothing was ever heard from the Italian player. Germany retreated A Sil-Pru.

GERMANY (Lange): Builds A Ber, A Kie. TURKEY (Verheiden): Builds F Smy.

ITALY (Currie): No removal received; gamesmaster removes A Apu.

The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 1988. Stand-by orders for Italy should be sent in by David V. A. A. Kohburn, #4, 215 St. Johns St., Arden, N. C. 28704; 704-684-2954.

WILL YOU HAVE A NEW ADDRESS WHEN THE 1988-89 ACADEMIC YEAR BEGINS NEXT MONTH? THEN BE SURE THAT YOU SEND ME YOUR NEW ADDRESS (WITH PHONE NUMBER IF POSSIBLE) AS SOON AS YOU KNOW IT.

Following "Fall 1904" moves, Austria-Hungary has removed the dislodged A Rum and therefore has a build.

ENGLAND (Hollander): Removes F Ska.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brooker): Builds A Tri.

ITALY (Drakert): Builds F Rom, F Nap,
A Ven.

RUSSIA (H. Jordan): Builds F St.P(n.c.).

TURKEY (P. Martin): Removes F Rum.

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 1988.

PARIS to LONDON: I suggest removal of F Mid. It still puzzles - as to why you attacked knowing you would lose so much. Well, I see little chance of your survival but I wish you luck anyway. It can't hurt.

FRANCE to ITALY: Just what did you promise England which made him want to give up a guaranteed center in favor of attacking me. You're a shrewd one. But I will have you out of Marseilles.

BREST: Disappointment and anger reign supreme as the English fleet failed to make its scheduled appearance. One baker was heard to be muttering something about finding an English oven in which to stuff his French bread.

1988AA

"Winter 1901"

ENGLAND (Pagano): Builds F Lon, F Edi.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Schembari): Builds A Bud,
A Tri.

FRANCE (Hetland): Builds F Bre, A Par.

RUSSIA (Rosen): Builds A St.P, A Mos.

GERMANY (Rigley): Builds F Kie, A Mun.

TURKEY (Snow): Builds F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 1988. Stand-by moves for Italy should be sent in by Dave Mayo, whose address appeared in the last issue. If nothing is heard from the present player of Italy, Mayo's moves will be used and he will take over play of the country.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY to World: Somebody, HELP!

- () - You are needed as a stand-by in game _____. See page ____.
- () - You have just taken over a position in game _____. See page ____.
- () - You will be dropped from game _____ if you miss your next move.
- () - An IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL move is due from you in game _____ by 19 August.
See page _____.
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