

GRAUSTARK

1965 Winter 1967 (1965A), 1966 (1965B), Winter 1968 (1965C) & October 1968

1965A

HEUBLE FOR CENTRAL OF GERMAN LOUIS

The "Winter 1967" moves in 1965A are:
 ENGLAND: Billie A. London.
 FRANCE: Barbara A. Tunis.
 GERMANY: Barbara A. Mont-Soleil.
 HUNGARY: Billie A. Newmarket.
 ITALY: Billie A. Toronto.
 The deadline for "Spring 1968" moves in 1965A is SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER 1968.

1965B

RESEARCHING CHARITIES FROM SCARBOROUGH BRIDGE

Youngstown
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 Diplomacy
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 Justice
 Association

ENGLAND: F. London.
 GERMANY: A. Kiel.
 ITALY: A. Mobile.
 JAPAN: F. Nagoya.

FRANCE: F. Nancy.
 A. Newmarket.
 AUSTRIA: HONOLULU.
 A. Toledo.
 RUSSIA: A. St. Louisberg.

The deadline for "Spring 1968" moves in 1965B is SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER 1968.

1965C

LET ANOTHER DIPLOMACY GAME BEGINS; BOARDMAN & GIBSON THE FORTRESS

Seven battles have come in for a new postal diplomacy game have come in, and the players are assigned countries as follows:

- ENGLAND: Robert Lutz, 66 Colonial Ave., Scarborough, Ontario
- FRANCE: Bob Wiles, 77 Kendall Drive, Hingham, N. J.
- GERMANY: John McCallum, "A" Quarters, H. E. St. Paulson, Alberta
- ITALY: John Smythe, 621 E. Prospect, Grand, Ohio
- AUSTRIA-HONOLULU: Sarah Nelson, 409 Timothy Court, Newmarket, Ontario
- HUNGARY: Charles Palmer, 130 8th Ave., Marion, Pennsylvania 16114
- JAPAN: Perry Park, 2323 N. N. Ave., Washington D. C. 20014

The deadline for "Spring 1968" moves in 1965C is SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER 1968.

1965D

KANGAROO CAPTIVITY

CANBERRA (Special Bulletin, Winter 1965). In a surprise development, Secretary-General Ward of the Kangaroo Post today announced that the Council of the Kangaroo Post had authorized him to seek surrender terms from the Tory Alliance. Fact of Secretary Ward's remarks follows:

"The fall of France, with heavy losses to our Commonwealth, has the war in fact. Already Australia is almost completely overrun. Our noble allies are falling in the hands of the enemy, with only heavy losses of life as might be expected. The likelihood another year or even two we are sure to see. That situation, surely it will, we can not ask of you have a chance. In adversity you have been magnificent in your magnificent. We are not to be seen. The British have demanded, and will receive unconditional surrender of our army. All units of the Kangaroo Military Post will be demobilized at this time. The Kangaroo Post must give up the province of France, Austria, and Great Britain may live and change in the hope of eventual liberty elsewhere. I ask you to join me in one last rendition of our national anthem. Thank you and good night."

Accordingly, the Scarborough team, consisting of Capt. Robert Lutz and Messrs. Bob Wiles and John Dwyer, is declared the winner over the San Diego Kangaroos (Capt. Robert Ward, Colonel Tom Mowbray, and Stephen Gray).

GRAUSTARK is published by John Boardman, 572 15th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218. Subscriptions are 10 issues for \$1.00. RUSSIA, another bulletin of postal diplomacy, is available from the same address for the same price.

Some other postal diplomacy bulletins have changed their addresses. Van Bruggen's "Wild 'n' Reedy" is now published from his new address Radio Station KTRH, Grand Canyon, Washington. The rate is the same 10 issues for \$1.00.

As of 16 October 1965, John Smythe's France and John Wiles's Japan will be

combined into a single publication. The new magazine, whose title has not yet been announced, will be published by both editors, each acting as Gamemaster of the game which has been running in his own zone. Subscriptions are 10 issues for \$1.00 from John Koning, 318 S. Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio 44509.

The Games Bureau of the National Fantasy Fan Federation has begun publication of a Diplomacy bulletin, in which two games are currently in progress. The bulletin is called Barad-Bar, and is 10 issues for \$1.00 from Jack L. Chalker, 5111 Liberty Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21207. Chalker and Ron Bouds are Gamemasters of the two games.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

JOHN KONING, 318 S. Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio 44509: This discussion of various schemes for rating Diplomacy players is very interesting, but I disagree with practically every suggestion for one reason: each one penalizes me quite heavily. I would ask those who keep assigning me negative points to consider that last year I tired of Diplomacy play, and terrific pressures at college made continuation of a hobby I found uninteresting unthinkable. I was at the time in two mail games, Crustark ((1964)) and Freonia ((1964)). I resigned from Freonia when Italy - my nation - had 5 pieces, and was in an excellent position, and I supplied my own replacement. I had also been acting as chief player for the YUC's playing of England in Crustark. When resigning, I merely turned complete control over to John Smythe, who had already been handling half the correspondence and working out all the moves with me. At this time England was the largest power on the board.

- This is
- G At
- F Great
- E Intervals
- R This
- A Appears
- F To
- I Inflame
- O Optio
- N Nervos

Why should I be penalized for my actions in either game? Moreover, since the game was going on in Freonia is completed, ((what's 1964)) I shall be penalized once again for resigning from my position as Russia - despite the fact that I resigned before Spring 1961 and once again supplied my own replacement. (Well, since that replacement was Paul Herley, perhaps I should be penalized after all.) What had happened was that Schultz, desperate for a 7th player so he could begin his game, phoned me and asked if I would take a position, at least until I could find someone who would play it. I agreed, and four days later turned control over to Herley.

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For that matter, are these system authors going to penalize those who, in Dan Branham's games, withdraw from tentative game lists before play begins?

No, I don't think the usual system has yet been suggested. Stay tuned for my rating system, one out in the near future.

HERB NELSON, 489 Timothy Court, Newmarket, Ontario: Most of the "Tactics" by Callahan seem rather obvious. I wonder where Killeak got his information on the lack of war toys (hand-made or otherwise) among the kids of countries ravaged in the II World War. No one I know who has been to Europe agrees with him. Besides, the whole silly argument seems to rest on the assumption that peace is Man's natural state. Since there has been fighting going on somewhere on Earth every day for the last million years I'd incline to dispute that view. And you never know, the kid with the toy gun today may grow up to be the Doctor of tomorrow. That should please you...

Tell your Canadian subs to send a US\$5, sold by either the banks or the post office. ((Government in competition with private business, eh? There used to be a satirical columnist in a liberal American weekly who claimed that, since Canada has a family allowance plan, a thriving socialist party, and more social legislation than the US, that the real danger to American capitalism came not from Moscow but from Ottawa.)) If they send Canadian cheques drawn in US dollars it'll cost them more in the long run (i. e., when the bloody things get back to Canada guys like myself want handle them keep the handling charges because they're a time-consuming nuisance). If drawn in Canadian dollars, you, of course, are the loser.