

GRAUSTARK

The first 'zine for the postal play of Diplomacy, a game of negotiation and conflict designed by Allan B. Calhamer and published by Hasbro

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JOB APPROVAL DOWN TO 34%?



TIME TO START ANOTHER WAR.

George W. Bush is hellbent on being our first Three-War President.

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NEW GAME BEGINS

We have a full board for the next postal Diplomacy game in Graustark. The players and country assignments are:

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This information has already been sent to the players. Any player who does not have a copy of the postal rules should let me know, and I will send one. The deadline date for the "Spring 1901" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 28 APRIL 2006.

Five players got their first choices this time. No one selected England or Turkey as a first choice, so their players got respectively their second and third choices. If we count a first choice as six points, a second choice as five points, and so on, preferences are France 35, Italy 24, England 24, Russia 22, Germany 20, Austria-Hungary 14, Turkey 7.

Since I have not needed a Boardman Number for a new game for almost two years, I am not certain who is currently assigning them. Please refer to this as "the New Game" until I publish its Boardman Number in Graustark.

2002D

"Fall 1910"

FRENCH REDEPLOYMENT THREATENS EASTERN BLOC

ENGLAND (Wiedemeyer): A Mos-Ukr; A St.P-Mos; F Bar, F Nwy, F Nrg, and F Lon hold.

FRANCE (Lischett): A Tyr-Vie; A Ven-Tus; F Apu-Ven; A Pie S A Apu-Ven; F Nap-Apu; A Rom S F Nap-Apu; F Tyr-Nap; F Lyo-Tyr; F Tun S F Lyo-Tyr; A Par holds.

GERMANY (Quirk): A Liv-Ber; F Bal C A Liv-Ber; F Bot S F Bal; A Boh-Mun; A Pru-Sil;
A Gal S A Pru-Sil; A War S A Pru-Sil.

ITALY (Verheiden): F Adr & F Gre S RUSSIAN F Ion; A Tri & A Bud S RUSSIAN A Vie.

RUSSIA (Neal): A Rum-Gal; A Sev-Mos; F Ion holds; F Aeg S F Ion; A Sil-Boh;
A Vie S A Sil-Boh; A Alb S ITALIAN A Tri.

Underlined moves are not possible. No supply centers have changed hands in this game year, and so the list published in Graustark #772 is still valid. No builds or removals take place. The deadline for "Spring 1911" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 28 APRIL 2006. The votes for a draw, and for a concession to France, both fail of the necessary unanimity. These votes are again submitted to the players, and should come in with the "Spring 1911" orders. As always, an abstention will be counted as a negative vote.

WHEN DO YOU EXPIRE?

The subscriptions of the following readers expire with the indicated issue of Graustark. This information is valid to the date of 1 April 2006. See p. 6 for information about extending your subscription or joining a new game.

777 - W. Andrew York	779 - Jim Dapkus	780 - Michael Neal
777 - Eric Verheiden	780 - Mike Fisher	799 - Brenton Verploeg

SHOWDOWN LOOMS FOR CONTROL OF MEDITERRANEAN

Following "Spring 1906" moves, France had to retreat or remove the dislodged F Tyr. I asked for this retreat by immediate return mail, but the French player was not at home to receive this request. He eventually retreated F Tyr-Lyo. I could not pass this information on to the other players, but apparently this did not matter to them, because they all sent in their "Fall 1906" moves anyhow.

ENGLAND (Koch): F Iri-Liv.

FRANCE (Wiedemeyer): A Wal-Lon; A Pic-Bur; A Spa-Tus; F Lyo C A Spa-Tus; A Pie S A Spa-Tus; F Mid-Wes; F Naf S F Mid-Wes.

GERMANY (Mathias): A Liverpool holds; A Liv-Mos; A St.P S A Liv-Mos; F Nth-Eng; A Tyr-Vie; A Boh S A Tyr-Vie; A Sil-War; A Mun-Tyr; A Kie-Ruh.

ITALY (Mooney): A Vie & A Ven S FRENCH A Pie-Tyr[sic]; A Bud S A Vie; F Tyr S F Tun; F Tun S F Tyr; F Rom-Tus; F Ion-Gre; A Tri S A Ven.

RUSSIA (Biehl): A Rum-Gal; A Mos holds; A Ukr S A Mos; A War-Sil.

TURKEY (Bruce): A Bul-Rum; A Ser S A Bul-Rum; A Arm-Sev; F Bla S A Arm-Sev; A Gre-Bul[sic; no such unit exists]; F Aeg not ordered, holds.

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

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Lon, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (7)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Mun, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (10)

ITALY: Bud, Nap, Rom, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (7)

RUSSIA: Mos, War. (2)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy. (8)

The last English unit is removed, and England is out of the game. Turkey may build three new units, and Germany may build one. Italy must remove one unit, and Russia must remove two. The deadline for these "Winter 1906" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 28 APRIL 2006.

BERLIN: "What do you mean there are no troops in Berlin? Am I, the Kaiser, unprotected? Get those troops on the move! I want to attend Oktoberfest in safety!" "Maybe they have decent desserts there."

PLEASE STAND BY

I am willing to take over games that have been abandoned by their gamesmasters. So if you are a postal gamesmaster who is no longer able to publish, or if you are a player in a postal game of regular Diplomacy that has gone for two or three months without a move being published, please get in touch with me and with the Orphan Games Director, Michael Lowrey. (See p. 11 for his address.) If the game is to continue in Graustark, I would need the addresses of all active players, the current position, and a list of who owns which supply centers. If subscription money can be passed along to me, fine. Otherwise I will ask players to join a new game in Graustark, or to subscribe to Graustark if they do not already do so. Players who resign or drop out can be replaced by Graustark stand-by players.

It is best if this is done quickly, should it be necessary. If a game is abandoned for too long, some players may lose interest, and may not continue to play when it resumes under another gamesmaster.

Stand-by players are always needed for postal Diplomacy games in Graustark. If you volunteer as a stand-by, you may be called upon whenever a current player misses a move. If you send in moves for that country for the next turn, and the present player does not, you will take over play of that position. No game fee will be asked, though you should keep your subscription current, or enroll in a new Graustark game. No stand-

PATRIOTISM - XLVIII

PATRIOTISM is the principal cause of war.

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PATRIOTISM is making moral decisions on the basis of geography, so that something that is morally right, east of the Rhine, is morally wrong, west of the Rhine.

PATRIOTISM is the apparent belief that Al-Qaeda controls the U. S. Coast Guard. I am *not* making this up. Management of several U. S. ports has just been sold by a British firm to one in the United Arab Emirates, an ally of the U. S. This has elicited panic-stricken claims from politicians of both parties that Arab-terrorists (which they think is all one word) will now control security at these ports. Since security at U. S. ports is actually handled by the U. S. Coast Guard - well, you do the math.

PATRIOTISM is respecting the laws of America's allies, such as the Sa'udi Arabian law that anyone who converts to Christianity must be put to death.

PATRIOTISM is the breathless revelation by Bush the Son, that in 2001 Osama bin Laden planned to bomb the "Liberty Tower" in Los Angeles. Actually, no such building exists. If he meant the Library Tower, its name has since been changed, and the Mayor of Los Angeles was never notified of any such plot. (*New York Daily News*, 10 February 2006)

PATRIOTISM is deporting Waheed Salah, an Israeli Arab livery driver in New York City, because he complained about being harassed by a policeman. (*New York Daily News*, 10 February 2006)

PATRIOTISM is arresting in Philadelphia a an undocumented immigrant couple from China, and rushing the pregnant wife to JFK airport without telling her husband, so her twins would not be born in this country and thus become citizens. Her pleas for medical aid were not heeded, and she lost the twins. (*New York Post*, 10 February 2006)

PATRIOTISM is the arrest of seven Tibetan monks by police in full riot gear after their sponsors revoked their support because the monks would not acknowledge their leader as the reincarnation of Buddha and Jesus. (*New York Times*, 10 February 2006)

PATRIOTISM is insisting that a second-grader be deported to Canada because of an alleged error in his visa. (*Ibid.*)

PATRIOTISM is arresting an Irish professor who had been invited to lecture at Philadelphia, trying to shake him down for a \$265 bribe, and then strip-searching and jailing him, and deporting him the next day. (*Ibid.*)

PATRIOTISM is immigration officials impersonating occupational safety officials in order to catch undocumented immigrants who complain about safety conditions at work. (*New York Times*, 11 February 2006)

PATRIOTISM is evacuating 200 people, including several senators, from a Senate Office Building, on suspicion of terrorist activity because "an air-monitoring sensor indicated a suspicious substance in the attic", which proved not to exist. (*New York Times*, 9 February 2006)

PATRIOTISM is allowing Attorney General Alberto Gonzales to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee on federal eavesdropping *without taking an oath*.

PATRIOTISM is LaGuardia Airport *actually paying attention* to a teen-aged girl who claimed that there was a bomb aboard a plane, because she had been delayed and feared she could not catch that plane to Georgia so she could talk down a jealous boyfriend. (*New York Post*, 8 February 2006)

PATRIOTISM is pulling over a motorist because of "suspicious" radiation from her car, and eventually discovering that she had just received medical treatment involving a radioactive substance.

PATRIOTISM is the belief that an era of civil liberties ended on 11 September 2001, and has been permanently replaced by an era of "homeland security".

PATRIOTISM is holding over 1,200 refugees in American prisons, not for any crimes but solely because they will not be accepted by the countries to which the government wishes to deport them, or would be tortured or killed there. (*New York Times*, 1 June 2006)

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THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Today's Terrorism Alert Color Code is the pale white of utter panic, as displayed in the Pentagon following calls by several generals for the resignation of the Secretary of what is laughably called "Defense".

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Graustark is the Very First bulletin for the postal play of Diplomacy. It is published every fourth Saturday by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11226-5302. Diplomacy is a board game of negotiation and conflict for the period of World War I. It was designed by Allan B. Calhamer and is now published by Hasbro. Another new postal Diplomacy game is now being organized in Graustark, at a game fee of \$35. (For Canadian and Mexican addresses the game fee is \$50, and for other foreign addresses it is \$100, or 85 euros in cash.) This game fee includes a subscription to Graustark for as long as the game lasts, whether or not you are eliminated. With your game fee send in 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. If you do not already have the postal rules for Diplomacy, which were last published in Graustark #749, let me know when you send in your game fee, and I'll send you a copy.

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O At
P Great
E Intervals
R This
A Appears
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Graustark subscriptions for non-players are 10 issues for \$15 for U. S. addresses, and \$40 or 35 euros for others. Back issues as available are 10 issues for \$5 for U. S. addresses. To foreign addresses, back issues have the same price as for foreign subscriptions. # 2124

Players who phone in their moves should call me at 718-693-1579. (The other phone number, which I have printed in previous issues, is no longer valid.) My answering machine has been fixed, so moves can once more be left on it if no one is home.

I want to again remind players that the U. S. Postal "Service" is not capable of reliably getting mail here in less than a week. Please take this into account in sending in your moves. If, a few times, your moves have arrived here by mail in less than a week, do not assume that this will always be the case.

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Graustark readers who are interested in postal games which don't run here, are invited to write to the publishers of 'zines with which I trade, and ask what game openings they have. For their addresses, see all the readers indicated by "(T)" for "trade" in the Graustark Directory on pp. 8-9. Several of these publishers run a wide variety of postal games.

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The United States Postal "Service" has finally broken down and released to the general public a full list of the new postal rates. I actually got one from a postal clerk, but I won't say where, as I don't want to get her into trouble for unwittingly giving information to a mere patron. Later, I was sent a list by Don Del Grande, sometime publisher of the gaming 'zine Lemon Curry.

Here are the rates in cents, by ounce. All domestic mail between 13 and 16 ounces in weight must go at the priority male rate of \$4.05. The foreign rates are for air mail; lower surface rates apply only to weights of greater than one pound. Special temporary rates for Micronesia and the Marshall Islands are not included.

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U. S. A.	39	63	87	111	135	159	183	207	231	255	279	303	327	PRIORITY MAIL		
Canada	63	90	115	140	170	195	220	250	325	325	325	325	395	395	395	395
Mexico	63	90	130	175	215	260	300	345	420	420	420	420	545	545	545	545
W. Europe	84	170	255	335	420	505	590	675	795	795	795	795	915	915	915	915
JANZ	84	180	275	370	465	560	655	750	885	885	885	885	1020	1020	1020	1020
others	84	165	240	320	400	480	560	640	805	805	805	805	975	975	975	975

Postcards are 24c within the U. S. A., 55c to Canada and Mexico, and 75c anywhere else. (The card itself costs another 2c.) Aerogrammes are 75c to all countries.

If the postal definition of "western Europe" hasn't changed since the last postal

rate increases in 2002, it includes Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, and all European nations west of them, and, by a new exception, Israel. "JANZ" stands for Japan, Australia, and New Zealand. Other rates may be obtained from

For other rates, see the following USP"S" publications and web sites: "Notice 123, Ratefold", "Pub. 41, International Postal Rates and Fees", "DMM 100, A Customer's Guide to Mailing", <www.usps.com>, and <pe.usps.com>.

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Jim Burgess has informed me that Tom Howell is still the Boardman Number custodian. Expect the Boardman number of the new game on p. 3 to be published in the next Graustark.

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Readers have probably noticed that I am accepting game fees and subscriptions from overseas in euros, provided that payment is in euro currency notes. Recently this most solid of currencies got another boost, thanks to the Arabophobes who run American foreign and economic policy. The successful attempt to prevent a Dubai company in the United Arab Emirates from buying the firm which administers five American ports has naturally been resented in Dubai, whose rulers had thought that they were one of America's few Arab allies. So Dubia is now accepting payment for oil only in euros rather than in dollars. This change has sent the value of the euro upwards with respect to the dollar.

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I am trying to check out a twentieth-century rumor about military training in nations which anticipate that they might have to fight American troops. Sometimes this rumor is attached to Germany and sometimes to Russia. Allegedly their military academies teach American football to officer candidates. It is claimed that they believe American officers model their tactics after football, and so teaching this game to their own officers will enable them to understand how American officers formulate field tactics.

This hypothesis is superficially attractive. Opposing teams form lines against each other, and offensives originate from behind these lines, in attempts to break through, evade, or go over them. But it strikes me as being rather too facile. Can any reader throw light on this rumor?

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You really have to be an expert in Washington trivia to be familiar with the accomplishments of Representative Marion Zioncheck (D-WA), the "Mad Congressman". He flourished briefly, some seventy years ago, and at this late date I am not sure how he manifested his alleged madness. But it seems to have made a terrific impact at the time, and was the subject of many bad jokes. There was even a card game named for him, a free-swinging variant of Rummy which my wife's family played under its alternative name "Crummy Rummy".

But now Representative Zioncheck's title has been challenged by a new contender. He is Representative Charles Rangel (D-NY), and the particular bee in his bonnet is a revival of the military draft. Nor should we regard the bill which he has introduced in Congress as a mere revival of the military draft as it existed during the war with Vietnam, or even in World War II. He wants women as well as men to be drafted, and the age of eligibility would be from 18 to 42! (*Our Town*, 30 March 2006)

Of course, there is always the possibility that Rangel is against the American attempt to conquer and annex Iraq, and indeed he has voted against his own draft bill. Although his real motivation is thoroughly opaque, and probably not the product of a sane and rational mind, a draft would turn campus opinion on war from mild annoyance to loud, full-scale resistance.

Or maybe it has finally been realized in Washington that the announced plans of Bush the Son for the Muddle East cannot be accomplished with an all-volunteer army, particularly if those plans include the conquest, occupation, and annexation of Iran. (They're supposed to have "weapons of mass destruction", too, just as Iraq did. And we all know how *that* worked out.) And even if Rangel has taken leave of his senses, his plan for such an extensive military draft will fit the agenda of Bush the Son and his handlers.

THE GRAUSTARK DIRECTORY

Players in a current postal Diplomacy games are indicated by its Boardman Number, with the initial of the country being played, and with "S" indicating an active stand-by player. (E. g., "2002C-R" or "2002D-FS".) Paying subscribers will be indicated by the number of the issue with which the subscription expires. Other designations are:

N: entrant in the new postal Diplomacy game announced on p.3.

T: trade copy

C: complimentary copy for a gamer

R: complimentary copy for a non-gamer interested in the mystery novel reviews

U: uncomplimentary copy

This directory is accurate to the date of 1 April 2006. Please let me know of any corrections or additions that need to be made, particularly if you want your nine-digit ZIP code, phone number, fax number, or e-mail address added to your listing. This is particularly important for electronic addresses, which seem to change more frequently than do postal addresses.

If you are already a Graustark subscriber when you decide to send in a game fee, then when the game begins, the number of issues you had coming when you joined will be added to your subscription once the game ends. After your name in the Directory will appear some such notation as "2004C-T+6".

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by will be called upon in a game in which he or she has already played.

Stand-by volunteers who are willing to take on additional games of postal Diplomacy are listed below. A stand-by player who is already playing in a Graustark game is indicated by "*". If you wish your name added to or removed from this list, please let me know. These data are accurate to the date of 31 March 2006.

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THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY (continued from p. 7)

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Seymour Hersch has done it again. The best investigative reporter now working has

reported, in a recent issue of the *New Yorker*, that the Pentagon is working up contingency plans for an American attack on Iran.

This, you may say, is scarcely a surprise. Iran is, after all, one of the members of the "Axis of Evil", as described by Bush the Son on the promptings of an adviser who has since prudently bailed out of this doomed administration. But Hersch has discovered that the Pentagon's contingency plans include an American *nuclear* attack on Iran.

Are all the little Patriots out there willing to cheer for this?

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