

# 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

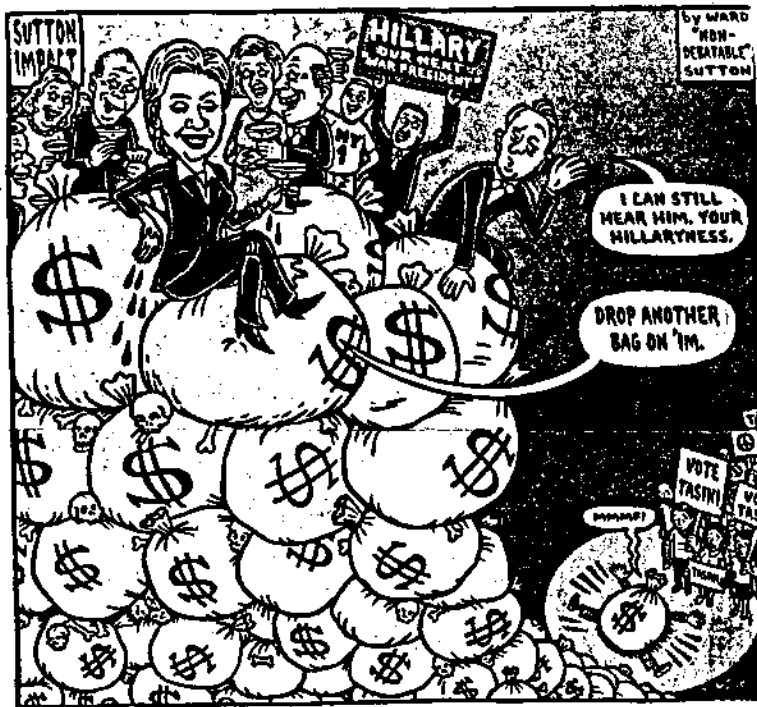
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## SUTTON IMPACT By Ward Sutton



Special cover honoring Killery Clinton, whose votes in the Senate prove her to be a dedicated foe of peace and civil liberties.

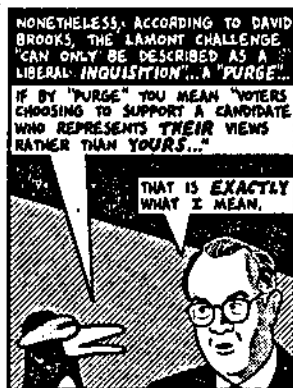
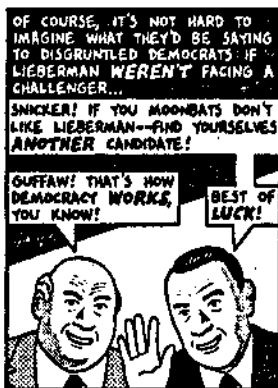
"GO OUT AND BUY ME SOME PUBLIC OPINION"



By the time you read this, you will know who won New York's Democratic primary election of Tuesday 12 September. (There is a Republican primary on the same date, but in this very blue state the Republican administration and Congress have alienated so many people that Republicans are reduced to mud-slinging campaigns between unelectable candidates.) And of course the most attention will be paid to Senator Killery Clinton's obviously successful campaign for renomination. In addition to her advantage in name recognition, she is out-spending her anti-war opponent Jonathan Tashni by more than two hundred to one. And of course she has refused to debate him. This is, unfortunately, not going to be a repeat of last month's Connecticut Democratic primary, in which the pro-war Senator Lieberman was defeated by Ned Lamont, an anti-war candidate.

Bush the Son has no more dedicated supporter in the Senate than Killery. She not only supports his private and personal war against Iraq, but had also demanded that several thousand more American troops should be shoveled into the furnace. Naturally she has been endorsed by the *New York Times*, whose pro-war views are identical to hers. And she voted for the infamous "USA PATRIOT Act", which takes the view that the Bill of Rights is disposable paper if its provisions get in the way of a war, lawful or unlawful.

So you should not be surprised to learn that Killery will be renominated in a landslide, or that Bush the Son will point to her renomination as evidence that his war has the support of members of both parties. Bush will, of course,



completely overlook the primary election in this congressional district (the 11th) in which four strongly anti-war candidates are competing for the seat of an equally strong anti-war incumbent who is not running for re-election.

So in November I will vote for some independent anti-war candidate for Senator, and let Killery Clinton make her own way towards her eventual destination - the dock of the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

**EYE-OF-THE-BEHOLDER DEPARTMENT!** A bountifully bosomed bust of Hillary Clinton will be unveiled Aug. 9 at the Museum of Sex in Manhattan. No one expected her to get there before Bill.

And, of course, the propaganda generated by the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 2001 is not exactly going to contribute to a rational and dispassionate approach towards this year's elections.

The media seem to be full of indications that the Democrats might take control of the House of Representatives for the first time in 12 years. There are even hints that they might take control of the Senate. However, anyone who thinks that this is going to make a major change in American military or foreign policy may be seriously mistaken. If the 110th Congress is controlled by War Democrats such as Killery, what will have changed?

And if it seems that a Democratic Congress will initiate investigations of Bush's war propaganda, or of voting irregularities in Florida or Ohio, things could get even worse. The President has already made it clear that he believes his power to conduct a war overrules our civil liberties and other provisions of the Constitution. If he thinks that a hostile Congress will hamper the conduct of his war, he could for this same reason simply prevent the 110th Congress from taking office. A serious and heartfelt presidential speech about the dangers of "Terrorism" could be made to justify such a step.

The dismissal of Congress would find defenders. Already, numerous media editors have proclaimed that military success is more important than civil liberties or other provisions of the Constitution. In 1982 the conservative columnist R. Emmett Tyrrell recommended that President Reagan should deal with congressional opposition to his budget by calling out the armed forces, dismissing Congress, and writing his own budget. Tyrrell received no criticism at all for this proposal.

Moreover, there is precedent for such a step in the Anglo-American political tradition. In January 1642, King Charles I led several hundred armed men into Parliament with the intention of arresting five or six of its more troublesome members. Unfortunately for his plans, Parliament had been tipped off, and the men were nowhere to be found. However, the principle of his actions was what was really important. And we know from his statements that Bush the Son acts on principles which he has often clearly stated.



#### 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 8 September 2006. See p. 6 for information about extending your subscription or joining a new game.

779 - Jim Dapkus  
780 - Mike Fisher

780 - Michael Neal  
787 - Eric Verheiden

797 - W. Andrew York  
799 - Brenton Verploeg

## DUNGEONS &amp; CHRISTIANS - CXCI

"Every Halloween, Evangelical churches across America stage haunted houses that replace the traditional ghosts and ghouls with real depictions of evil: high school cheer leaders getting abortions, gay men dying of AIDS, and children reading Harry Potter."

Hallowe'en again approaches, and we can anticipate that "Hell Houses" will once more be set up by churches to take advantage of it. But the above description does not come from some Evangelical church out in the Flyover, but from St. Ann's, an Episcopal church in Brooklyn Heights. Like most Episcopal churches, St. Ann's is not fanatically partisan about their Christianity. In fact, they maintain a private school of good repute, which has so many Jewish students that it is sometimes called "St. Ann's of Israel".

However, this year St. Ann's is presenting, throughout October, a *Hell House* from whose advance publicity the above quotation is taken. Les Freres Corbusier has transformed St. Ann's Warehouse, the church's playhouse, into "an authentic, multi-chambered Hell House of Horrors". But we can wonder at how seriously they take this presentation. We are told that "for the first time ever, this cultural phenomenon comes to New York City - with the Church's own script fully intact." Yet the attractions include not only a suicide, a school shooting, and an AIDS ward, but also a game of "Pin the Sin on Jesus" and a "Christian hoedown" with music in the "Christian rock tradition".

Meanwhile, more seriously intended "Hell Houses" will probably be running in other parts of the country. I would appreciate it if readers could let me know what sort of reports they are getting from "Hell House" performances in their regions, or any attempts to suppress more conventional Halloween observances. And, if I don't decide it is a waste of \$25, I will see what St. Ann's is up to and report on it in this column.

Their version of *Hell House* is the first of several 2006-2007 performances at St. Ann's Warehouse which are announced in a brochure. Others are Shakespeare's *Hamlet* and Georg Büchner's anti-war play *Woyzeck*. Since Shakespeare's works were burned, along with those of Tolkien and Rowling, in Rev. Jack Brock's famous Christmas bonfire in 2001, and most Evangelicals give total support to Bush War II, my guess would be that, in presenting this version of *Hell House*, St. Ann's is having a big laugh at the expense of Evangelicals.

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Christians have taken so many defeats in their attempts to force the teaching of creationism in the public schools that they may soon revert to attacking Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) and other role-playing games (RPGs) instead. In Kansas, two of the four creationists on the state's board of elections were voted out of office, leaving the defenders of evolution with a 6-4 majority. (See Graustark #777.) Every attempt to force the teaching of creationism in public schools has been defeated either at the polls or in court cases.

However, this may not be the end of it. The declaration of the International Astronomical Union, that Pluto is too small to be considered a planet, is meeting with considerable objection from people who apparently believe that what they were taught as children in school is immutably correct. We may yet see an attempt, somewhere in this country, to require public schools to teach that Pluto is too a planet.

However, this whole business was settled about 200 years ago, when Ceres was discovered. For a while, it was considered to be a planet, despite the fact that like Pluto it is smaller than Earth's Moon. But it was eventually demoted to being the largest of several thousand objects in the Asteroid Belt. Similarly, Pluto and other more recently discovered objects now appear to be members of the Kuiper Belt, a collection of small low-density objects orbiting the Sun at distances greater than that of Neptune.

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"Dungeons & Christians" has been running in my gaming 'zines since 1984, when it began by reporting John Sapienza's demolition of Pat Pulling's campaign against D&D. It has since chronicled the continuing campaign by Christian fanatics to ban D&D, other

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## PATRIOTISM - LII

PATRIOTISM is the principal cause of war.

PATRIOTISM is the unprincipled cause of war.

PATRIOTISM is "Combustible rubbish ready to the torch of any one ambitious to illuminate his name. In Dr. Johnson's famous dictionary patriotism is defined as the last resort of a scoundrel. With all due respect to an enlightened but inferior lexicographer I beg to submit that it is the first." Moreover, "at the point of contact of two patriotisms lead is precipitated on great quantities." (Ambrose Bierce, *The Devil's Dictionary* [1911])

PATRIOTISM is the steadily rising figure for the death toll in the Haditha Massacre of 19 November 2005, which began at 15, is now 24, and apparently has no end in sight.

PATRIOTISM is supporters of war trying to figure out whether the Haditha Massacre happened and should have happened, or never happened.

PATRIOTISM is the attempt to make both these claims at the same time.

PATRIOTISM is the media completely ignoring the Fallujah Massacre of November 2004, which had a much larger death toll than the Haditha Massacre.

PATRIOTISM is the erroneous but widely held belief that American troops can kill Iraqis more efficiently than Iraqis can kill one another.

PATRIOTISM is the belief that, if Kurdistan secedes from Iraq, it is something about which Americans have to concern themselves.

PATRIOTISM is *Warlord*, the appropriately titled book by Lieutenant Ilario Pantano, proudly and in gutter language attempting to justify his action in shooting two unarmed Iraqi prisoners in the back, an act for which he was absolved in a military hearing. (The boys take care of the boys.)

PATRIOTISM is Pantano's defense of other soldiers who are also accused of committing atrocities against Iraqis.

PATRIOTISM is Bush the Son excusing the Central Intelligence Agency from obeying the restrictions on the treatment of prisoners, including a ban on torture, which are now recognized as being required of the armed forces by terms of the Geneva Convention (1949).

PATRIOTISM is referring to mercenary soldiers and prison guards as civilian "contractors", and getting very indignant when any of them become casualties.

PATRIOTISM is the Bush Regime's insistence that Saddam Hussein cooperated with Al Qaeda in the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001, despite the complete absence of any evidence that anything of the sort actually happened.

PATRIOTISM is the popular belief that, nevertheless, such cooperation took place.

PATRIOTISM is the belief of Vincent Cannistraro, a former director of the CIA's Counterterrorist center, that sinister scientists are trying to save Earth's environment by promoting policies that will lead to the extinction of humanity.

PATRIOTISM is a proclamation in the spirit of the present Bush Administration, that "Restrictions on personal liberty, on the right of free expression of opinion, including freedom of the press; on the rights of assembly and association; and violations of the privacy of postal, telegraphic and telephonic communications and warrants for house searches, orders for confiscations as well as restrictions on property, are also permissible beyond the legal limits otherwise prescribed." This decree was obtained by Chancellor Adolf Hitler, and signed by President Hindenburg, after the Reichstag fire in 1933.

PATRIOTISM is the belief that the civil liberties guaranteed to Americans by our Constitution are things that can be dispensed with if the President thinks they get in the way of things which he considers more important.

PATRIOTISM is the "Aha! Now I've gotcha!" tone in which a politician announces that his opponent is a defender of our civil liberties.

PATRIOTISM is the conservative demand for the repeal of the Constitution of the United States. Mind you, this hasn't happened yet, but it can only be a question of time when they discover that court decisions against their restrictions on civil liberties cite the Constitution. After all, wasn't it written by a pack of revolutionaries?

PATRIOTISM is the principal cause of war.

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Today's Terrorism Alert Color Code is Judicial Black, symbolizing the attempt by the Bush Regime to stigmatize as allies of "Terrorists" the black-robed judges whose decisions have called the nation's attention to the provisions of the Constitution which the Bushites are trying to ignore.

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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. Calhmer 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 80 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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P Great  
E Intervals  
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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. Players who phone in their moves should call me at 718-693-1579. An answering machine is attached to this phone.

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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. 10-11. Several of these publishers run a wide variety of postal games.

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For Michael Neal's new address see p. 11. Apparently Graustark had not been reaching him regularly at his former address.

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I want to thank Colin Bruce for sending me a taped copy of a BBC interview with Lindsey Davis, author of 16 detective adventures of Marcus Didius Falco in first-century Rome. These novels, all of which have been reviewed in Graustark, are set in the reign of Emperor Vespasianus from 70 to 76 CE. The first was *The Silver Pigs* (1989, Crown), reviewed in #606, and the most recent was *Scandal Takes a Holiday* (2004, Mysterious Press), reviewed in #763.

Owing to several calls on my time, I have not been able to read and review crime novels with historical settings for recent issues of Graustark. I am making an effort to resume these reviews in future issues.

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As if there weren't enough of these calls on my time, I have been called up for jury duty. It's nothing exciting, just a deadly dull civil case about who is liable, and to what extent, for an accidental injury to a bicycle messenger.

So, if the retreats, moves, builds, and removals called for in this issue do not come in by their deadlines, I will telephone the players and get this information.

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The forger of the self-styled "Graustark #773a" has claimed that he is not responsible for this mean-spirited attack on me. This act of denial overlooks the plain evidence provided by the postmarks on this forgery. Moreover, he claims that he has never received a copy of it. This claim is quite disingenuous, since the forgery

appears to have been sent to every address on my mailing list.

The best comment I have seen on it was provided by Conrad von Metzke in his letter to Graustark #776. And the forger's continuing denial indicates that he has a real problem on his hands. I am not revealing his name, in the continuing hope that he will realize that he needs help, and will try to get it. I only fear that some day we may hear his name on the 11 o'clock news.

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Several media commentators have recently addressed the currently fashionable attacks on members of university faculties. Readers of Timothy Haffey's postal gaming 'zine *Who Do You Trust* may recall that in its 7th issue he attacked me as an "Ivory tower" type out of touch with the real world. Such attacks have been coming with great intensity from David Horowitz, who believes that "Leftists dominate American university faculties [and] use tenure and control over the classroom to propagate anti-American extremism." (Alan Wolfe, *New York Times Book Review*, 10 September 2006) Wolfe there reviews Michael Bérubé's new book *What's Liberal about the Liberal Arts?*, which examines Horowitz's accusations. Horowitz is seen as "intent on replacing left-wing thought police with their right-wing equivalent", although Wolfe rejects the notion that "left-wing thought police" dominate American campuses.

Instead, Bérubé writes that "conservatives are not discriminated against in hiring ...because there are so few of them to hire." You might as well claim that there is systematic academic discrimination against flat-earthers because round-earth "thought police" hire none of them to teach geography or astronomy. And Bérubé explains "why conservatives spend so much time attacking the academic left" in a nation where they "control all three branches of government and have their own newspapers and television stations." Wolfe explains that "Conservatism's political victories...may not be as impressive as they first seem, not in a culture in which gay people kiss on multiplex screens and young people share few of the moral certainties of their elders. Without the university, and its ability to influence the minds of young adults, conservative success is transient, and conservatives know it."

Bérubé notes "that some of America's leading conservatives (he names names) would never think of sending their own kids to Pepperdine or Hillsdale if they can get into Wesleyan or Harvard instead. Just as conservatives want to abolish Social Security because it proves that government can work, they attack universities because they prove that the liberal idea of open-minded inquiry can be so powerful."

#### DUNGEONS & CHRISTIANS - CXCI (continued from p. 4)

RPGs, live-action RPGs (LARPs), and collectible card games including *Magic: The Gathering*, *Vampire: The Masquerade*, *Werewolf: The Apocalypse*, and others.

Important sources of information about game-bashers are the Game Manufacturers Association (GAMA) and the Committee for the Advancement of Role-Playing Games (CAR-PGa), "an international network of researchers into all aspects of role-playing games". This column relies heavily on reports from both of these organizations. CAR-PGa Newsletter is published monthly by Paul Cardwell Jr., 1127 Cedar, Bonham, TX 75418 at \$12.00 a year for domestic, and \$13.50 a year for foreign, addresses. It keeps us posted on attacks on D&D and other RPGs, and provides us with arguments and strategies to be used against attempts to censor or ban games. It also lists upcoming gaming conventions.

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In the August 2006 issue of CAR-PGa Newsletter Carsten Obst reports from Germany on the success of the German science-fictional RPG *Space Gothic*, which owes its success to the fact that it is "an excellent combination of all science fiction topics. Exploration, colonization, military campaigns, commando raids, espionage, cyberpunk, trade, police, organized crime, rebellion, terrorism, piracy, post-holocaust, corporation warfare, politics, and horror are all part of its background." The villains include evil corporations and religious fanatics. The game seems to be presently available only in German, but the speed with which *Das Schwarze Auge* and *Die Siedler von Catan* were translated indicates that an English edition cannot be far behind.

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## EXCHANGE OF PAWNS

In the report of the "Spring 1912" moves the German A Mun-Boh should have been underlined as impossible. The players caught this error.

ENGLAND (Wiedemeyer): A Mos S GERMAN A War-Ukr[sic]; A St.P S A Mos; F Bar, F Nwy, F Nrg, & F Lon hold.

FRANCE (Lischett): F Ion-Alb; A Tri S F Ion-Alb; F Adr S A Tri; A Tyr S GERMAN A Boh-Vie; F Nap-Ion; F Tyr & F Apu S F Nap-Ion; A Pie S A Tyr; A Rom-Nap; A Par holds.

GERMANY (Quirk): A War holds; A Sil S A War; F Bal S F Bot; F Bot S F Bal; A Boh-Vie; A Gal-Bud; A Mun-Boh.

ITALY (Verheiden): F Bul(s.c.)-Aeg; A Bud & A Alb S RUSSIAN A Vie; F Gre S RUSSIAN F Aeg-Ion.

RUSSIA (Jordan): A Vie-Tri; A Ser S A Vie-Tri; A Rum-Gal; A Ukr S A Rum-Gal; A Sev-Mos; F Aeg-Ion; F Eas S F Aeg-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian A Vie and the German A Gal are dislodged and annihilated. (France retreats F Ion-Tun or removes the unit) ("Winter 1912" orders may be made conditional on this decision.) The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

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

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven. (11)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Swe, Vie, War. (8)

ITALY: Bud, Bul, Gre. (3)

RUSSIA: Ank, Con, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy. (6)

German may build two units and France may build one, or two if the dislodged F Ion is removed. Italy must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1912" moves is NOON, FRIDAY, <sup>13</sup> OCTOBER 2006.

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"Spring 1902"

## SCRAMBLED BALKANS ON THE MENU

Karl Schmit writes that he prepared "Winter 1901" orders for this game, but neglected to mail them. He continues playing France in this game.

ENGLAND (Wiedemeyer): A Bel-Pic; F Eng-Mid; F Nth-Nwy; F Liv-Iri.

FRANCE (Schmit): F Por-Mid; A Pic-Bre; A Spa-Gas.

GERMANY (Jordan): F Den-Swe; A Ruh-Bur; A Mun S A Ruh-Bur; A Kie-Hol.

ITALY (Burgess): A Tyr-Boh; A Tun holds; F Ion S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Gre-Aeg; F Nap-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Williams): A Vie-Gal; A Bud S A Vie-Gal; F Gre-Aeg; A Ser-Bul; F Tri-Alb.

RUSSIA (Biehl): F Swe S F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; A Rum S TURKISH A Bul-Ser; F Bla S A Rum; A War-Gal; F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; A Sev-Ukr.

TURKEY (Quirk): A Bul-Ser; A Con-Bul; F Aeg S A Con-Bul; F Smy-Eas.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary may retreat A Ser-Tri or -Gre, and Turkey may retreat F Aeg-Con or -Smy; either dislodged unit may instead be removed.

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## MEDITERRANEAN MUDDLE

There was an error in the adjudication of the complicated Mediterranean situation in the last issue. The corrected "Fall 1907" moves are:

FRANCE (Wiedemeyer): A Lon & A Bur hold; A Tus-Ven; A Pie S A Tus-Ven; F Lyo-Tyr;  
F Tun S F Lyo-Tyr; F Wes S F Tun.

GERMANY (Mathias): A Yor-Lon; A Sil-War; A Mos S A Sil-War; A Pru S A Sil-War; A Liv S  
A Mos; F Mid-Bre; A Tyr-Vie; A Boh S A Tyr-Vie; A Mun-Sil; A Ruh-Bel.

ITALY (Mooney): A Vie S TURKISH A Rum-Gal; F Rom-Tus; A Ven S F Rom-Tus; A Bud S A Vie;  
F Tyr-Tun; F Ion S F Tyr-Tun; A Tri S A Ven.

RUSSIA (Biehl): A War-Mos.

TURKEY (Bruce): A Rum-Gal; A Ser-Rum; A Ukr & A Sev S RUSSIAN A War-Mos; F Eas-Aeg;  
F Bla holds; F Gre-Alb.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Mos-St.P. The French A Tus is dislodged and annihilated. The French F Tun does not retreat, since it is supported by the French F Wes. Since it is not dislodged, it can support the French move F Lyo-Tyr, which therefore dislodged the Italian F Tyr. This F Tyr may retreat to Rome or Naples, or be removed. Tunis is a French supply center. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Lon, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Tun. (6)

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

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

RUSSIA: Mos. (1)

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

Following these moves, Italy retreats F Tyr-Rom, and Germany builds A Mun, F Kie, and F Ber. The deadline for "Spring 1908" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER 2006.

## PLEASE STAND BY

I am willing to take over games that have been abandoned by their game masters. So if you are a postal game master 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 game master.

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-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.

Hank Alme  
John R. Biehl

Harley Jordan\*  
Michael Quirk\*

Eric Verheiden\*  
Fred Wiedemeyer\*

## 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 a substitute player. (E. g., "2006A-R" or "2002D-FS".) Paying subscribers will be indicated by the number of the issue with which the subscription expires. Other designations are:

C: complimentary copy for a gamer

N: entrant in the next Graustark postal Diplomacy game

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

T: trade copy

U: uncomplimentary copy

This directory is accurate to the date of 5 September 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".

- Stephen Agar (T), 4 Cedar Gardens, Brighton BN1 6YD, ENGLAND; 01273-562430;  
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- Thom Anderson (R), #5-D, 10 Park Terrace East, New York, NY 10034
- Ruth Berman (R), 2809 Drew Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55416-4209
- John R. Biehl (2004C-R, 2006A-R), #8, 11530 84th Avenue, Delta, BC V4C 2M1, CANADA;  
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- Mark Blackman (C), Apt. 4A, 1745 E. 18th St., Brooklyn, NY 11229
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- Colin Bruce (2004C-T+6), 22 Alliance Court, Hills Avenue, Cambridge CB1 7XE, ENGLAND
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<burgess@world.std.com>; web page <<http://devel.diplom.org/DipPouch/Postal/Zines/TAP/index.html>>
- Allan B. Calhmer (C), 501 N. Stone, La Grange Park, IL 60525-5523
- Paul Cardwell Jr. (C), 1127 Cedar, Bonham, TX 75418-2913; 903-583-9296
- Columbia Games Inc. (C), P. O. Box 3457, Blaine, WA 98231
- Jim Dapkus (779), W6575 Dakota Ave., Westfield, WI 53964
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WOGASTISBURGER-NEUSTADT (1 April 1902, URRP): Adam Weishumpf, a Landnacht member of the Libertarian Socialist Party, protested a newsman's description of the "scrambled Balkans". "When I was last in England," he objected, "I had for breakfast Balkans and scrambled eggs."

Weishumpf's knowledge of English was challenged by his colleague Fastolph Bardolph of the Radical Centrist Party. Bardolph, like many citizens of the Grand Duchy of Wogastisburg-Schlampenbüttel, is descended from English mercenaries who, under the command of Sir Orson Falstaff, took refuge here in the Middle Ages. "The correct English term," he told the Landnacht, "is bacon and scrambled eggs." He then repeated what he claimed is an English nursery rhyme:

"Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.  
 Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.  
 All the king's rabble and all the king's dregs  
 For supper that night had scrambled eggs."

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The September 2006 issue of CAR-PGA Newsletter leads off with a long report on Origins 2006 from David Millians. He emphasizes the promotion of RPGs and other games to teachers as teaching devices, including how to persuade school administrators to use them. This is an important point, because some game-bashers have tried to object to the use of games in the classroom. In particular, Looney Labs, whose games I have praised in many past reports of gaming conventions, has a web page on educational games at <www.looneylabs.com/OurGames/EducationalIdeas/index.html>. Other web pages for educational games are also cited in Millians' article.

While some people *still* try to maintain that RPGs are harmful, Paul Cardwell cites a study by Martin E. Gutride and Arnold P. Goldstein in *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology* (1973, 40, #3, 408-415). This professionally published paper studies the "Use of modeling and role playing to increase social interaction among asocial psychiatric patients."

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