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Dedicated to GRAUSTARK, and its 300th Issue, & to the de-criminalization of John Boardman.

This issue, marking the grand ending of game 1971EH (The Winner's Game), is the first to be sent to my former mailing list, though it may take me a little time to get around to all that. I am one harried individual, and former subscribers may be a bit surprised to note that I have been late with both issues since I have been in Miami. This issue is late—by one week—because I delayed mailing Mike Rocamora's copy of the magazine simply through an error. Hence, a one week extension. His moves came in Thursday, but I have NO time availiable these days except on the weekends.

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WALTER BUCHANAN VICTORIOUS IN 1971EH--THE WINNER'S GAME ENGLAND GARNERS ANOTHER WIN; RUS & AUS 2D

CENTER CHART:

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AUSTRIA	5	7	8	7	6	9**	11+	11*	77		
ENGLAND	5	7	8	9	10	14*	15	15	11,	9 17**	- 6
FRANCE	5	3	1	_		#-4	1,5	15	15	1/	18
GERMANY	5	5	4	4	5	2	_				
ITALY	4	4	6	8	8	5	3	3	2	2	4
RUSSIA	7	6	5	5	4	4	5	5	5	ے	4
TURKEY	4	2	2	ĭ	ī		J	J	5	5	6

AUS: Bob Ward (Tie for 2d)

ENG: Walt Buchanan (1st, 1911) Walt's sixth! In a row!

FRA: Greg Warden (Out, F:04) GER: Edi Birsan (Out, F:07)

ITA: Conrad von Metzke (res F'02); Arn Vagts

RUS: Randy Bytwerk (Tie for 2d)

TUR: Buddy Tretick (Out, F'06)

I am happy to announce, as is apparent from the center chart, that 1971EH had no players drop from the game. The orderly transition from Conrad to Arn was without event, and certainly changed the character of the game. Walt has not sent in a statement, because he is quite busy with his own affairs. He has, however, authorized me to relate the story of the end game, which he explained to me when I visited those hallowed Indiana halls where GRAUSTARK #1 and Birch Bayh hold honored positions.

Those comments relate mainly to the play of the end game. Stated succinctly, the events which led up to it were these: the 1906 attack of Ward upon Vagts, coupled with the English sTab of Germany, was to lead to a three-way draw between England, Austria, and Russia. Arn, however, wasn't very keen about being the last eliminated before the other three took their glory, and Walt wasn't really too happy about the draw either,

although he was reconciled to it at one time—he wrote along with his Winter orders in 1906 that he was willing to go for the draw. The two pressures, however, tore too much at cross—purposes, and Vagts managed to play the natural lay of the game into a deal that ran him into seconf behind Walt. Their deal, however, seemed premature—the Eastern powers seemed guaranteed of a stalemate position, and a four—way draw was in the offing unless Walt again attacked Italy. Bob Ward's retreat in the Autumn of 1908, however, changed the tables for the final time, and the English/Italian alliance was thereafter guaranteed of the opportunity to follow through with their deal.

Walt, though, was in somewhat of a moral dilemma, as he explained to me in Indiana. The agreement with Vagts was morally binding, and its always nice to end a game on a moral note. Just the same, the Eastern powers had played well, and his former agreement was with them. The door started knocking with opportunity in the Spring of 1911, when Walt seized Berlin from Bob, giving him his 18th center—sufficient for a victory under the 71 rules even without 18 units. Arn then wrote Walt a letter suggesting moves which would not result in Walt's being divested of the 18th center, and Walt decided to take advantage of this oversight as a way out. He wrote back to Arn telling him that his moves were fine, and that he would do as requested. He also told me that if Arn had caught the error, he would have corrected his moves to allow Arn second place. Maybe. At any rate, the results are manifest, and 1971EH is at an end.

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BRE	F	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
MAR	F	G	I	I	I	E	E	E	E	E	E
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1972BT

RUSSIA TRIES HARD TO OPEN ST PETE, BUT NO BUILD FALL 1909 OSMANSON DEFENDS LIGHTLY; LOSES TWO TO FRA HOW MUCH LONGER TO RUN HERE?

AUSTRIA (Vagts): F Adr S RUS F Ion; F Gre S RUS F Aeg-Ion [NSO]; A Ruh S RUS F Ber-Kie; A Mun S A Ruh; A's Ruh, Tyr, Pie, Ven, Tus all H.

ENGLAND (Osmanson): F Swe S F Nwy; F Bar-StP(NC); F Nwy S F Bar-StP; F Kie H; F Bal S F Kie; F Den S F Kie; F Hel-Nth.

(Rocamora): F Wal-Liv; F Eng-Lon; A Hol S RUS F Ber-Kie; A Pic FRANCE S A Bur; A Bur S A Pic; A Mar H; F Tyr H; F Tun S F Tyr; F Wes-Mid.

(Lipson): F Ber-Kie; A Pru-Ber; A Sil S A Pru-Ber; A Mos-StP; RUSSIA A Liv S A Mos-StP; F Bot-StP(SC); A Fin S F Bot-StP; F Apu-Nap; F Ion S F Apu-Nap; F Aeg S F Ion.

CENTER CHART -- END OF FALL 1909

Home, Ser, Bul, Mun, Gre, Ven = 8, Even. AUS:

Liv, Lør, Edi, Nwy, Møl, Den, Swe, Kie = 5, remove two. ENG:

Home, Por, Spa, Bel, Tun, Rom, Map, Hol, Liv, Lon = 11, build two. FRA: Home, Rum, Con, Ber, Smy, Ank, Kie, Nap = 10, Even. RUS:

The Winter 1909 builds are due SUNDAY NOON, DECEMBER 23RD, 1973. The only real issue are the English removals, because the French builds are almost guaranteed. I therefore request, in order to speed up the game, that SPRING 1910 orders also be submitted, conditional on the English removals. As I see it, this will inconvenience only Russia, and the state of this game is not so crucial that I think it makes much of a difference.

There is, as usual, no press. Sigh.

1972AR REPOSITIONING CONTINUES AS WINTER REJOINS GAME!!! WINTER 1909

AUSTRIA (O'Regan): No change required.

FRANCE (Winter): Build Army Paris, Fleet Brest.

GERMANY (Hall): A Sil R to Munich. NO change required.

RUSSIA (Rocamora): Remove Army Sweden.

(T.S. Williams): No change required. TURKEY

Positions for start of Spring, 1910:

AUS: F Gre (1).

A's Nwy, Den, Ruh, Par, Tyr, Tri, Ven; F's Bar, Nrg, Hel, Bre, FRA: Wes, Apu, Ion, Eas (15).

GER:

A's Mun, Boh, Vie, Alb; F's Ska, Pru (6). A's Fin, Ukr, War, Sil, Gal, Bud, Ser, Con; F's Bla, StP(NC) (10) RUS:

A Smy; F Ank (2). TUR:

Spring 1910 moves are due SUNDAY NOON, DECEMBER 23D, 1973. Fred Winter has responded to my requests for his continuance in this game, in spite of the fact that he has resigned from others and considered it his duty to do so from this one too. I appreciate it, and apologize to Fred for not managing to find time to write the promised lettter (thats better than a mere letter). This game, at any rate, will continue until a victory criterion is reached. At the end of the game, there will be a summary, winner's statement, editor's comment, and the like.

-- coitus interruptus --

I plan a much more extensive commentary on 1971EH, probably due out with the commentary on whatever game ends next.