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interesting, but for others, it can be in interminable bore. As it happens, the thing won't get off the ground for another half month at least. When that happens, and the first newsletter is put out, all parties who expressed an interest will be sent the first issue. If they wish to continue receiving it, they will have to pay some sort of subscription fee, which the members of the Commission won't have to pay. We'll cross that bridge when we come to it, of course.

THE OVERSTUFFED RECLINER

(...is the Editor's Column, which this issue is most of the reading matter of the issue. So read it or ignore it.)

NO GAME OPENINGS

None are open any longer, for whatever fee you may offer. (But keep trying!) In POLITICIAN the Youngstown game is still only a few heads short. Maps and rules provided if you send your \$2 fee and sub to POLITICIAN, which is 10/\$3.50. In the last issue of POLITICIAN, a new variant of mine was printed, Naval Diplomacy.

THE READING

This was a John Mayall album of 1969 vintage, which was for him a sort of turning point. Mayall has been, since 1945 (sic) and advocate of blues. His bands over the years have included the Very Best musicians, and the list looks like a Who's Who in British rock. Mayall has never had a real legitimate hit yet, but continued more for the sake of the art, and seemsto be having no bad financial problems...

1980 SALE

I'd like to get rid of some old back issues of my 'zines and some of the games that are just sitting around the house gathering dust. Of the three games, two of them I never took the time to learn how to play. The games are going for \$3 each, and SPI normally sells them in exactly the same condition for \$10 or \$12, so jump now, while you can. They are South Africa (Death or Deceit), the Siege of Jerusalem.

POSTAL DIPLOMACY RATING COMMISSION

Several people wrote in expressing interest in this project. I should warn all prospective readers that this 'zine wouldn't present the ratings themselves, but would merely discuss them, and would essentially be letters in and letters out on what makes games rateable, irregular, etc. For some it can be very

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1977KG -- Spring 1908 -- Draw Passes

(Ben Schilling also changed addresses for the holidays, but since it was only for 5 days he didn't tell me -- so it was really five JOA's for five players!)

Game 1977KG

"Line: The Pouch (to F02),
SWLABR (to S05),
EGGNOC

Gamesmaster: Gil Neiger (to F02),
Konrad Baumeister

Austria: Mike Lariton (drew S08)
 England: Paul Clement (drop S02),
Doug Hollingsworth (drew 08)
 France: Fred Winter (drop S03),
Phil Harding (out F04)
 Germany: David Wan (drop F02),
Raymond E. Heuer (drop S02)
Eric Verheiden (drew S08)
 Italy: Ben Schilling (drew S08)
 Russia: Tad Lawrence (drop W02),
Phil Cooper (drew S08)
 Turkey: Gregg Houghland (drop W01),
Ron Kelly (out F05)

This game was transferred from my orphanzine, SWLABR, to EGGNOC, because starting POLITICIAN while running both SWLABR and EGGNOC at the same time, in conjunction with my other hobby duties, would have been too much. I must thank many of the original players for sticking with the game through the transfer from The Pouch to SWLABR in the first place. Center Chart follows.

ADUSIA (Lariton): F Gre H, A Boh-Mun, A Tyl S A Boh-Mun, A Ukr-Mos, A Dev S A Ukr-Mos, A Rum-Ukr, A Gal-War, A Vier-Boh
ENGLAND (Hollingsworth): F Nwg H, F Nat & F Iri S GERMAN F Mid
ERIMAVI (Verheiden): F Mid H, F Pre S F Mid, A Bur-Mar, A Gas S A Bur-Mar, A Ruh S A Mun, A Mun & A Her S A Sil, A Pru & A Sil S RUSSIAN A Mar, F Nwy H
ITALY (Schilling): A Pie S F Mar, A Spa-Gas, A Ven H, F Aeg H, F Ion H, F Lvo-Spa(sc), F Mar H, F Naf & F Por S F Wes-Mid, F Wes-Mid
RUSSIA (Cooper): A War S GERMAN A Sil, A StP S A Mos, A Mos S A War

The five-way draw has passed unanimously, and the game thus ends. I want to thank all of the players for playing an interesting game (or the early part, at least...), and congratulate all of them on the draw vote.

THE WRAP-UP OF GAME 1977KG SUPPLY CENTER CHART

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	
Aug:	3	3	5	6	7	7	8	8	(drew S08)
Eng:	3	4	4	3	4	4	3	3	(drew S08)
Fra:	3	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	
Ger:	3	6	6	8	10	10	10	10	(drew S08)
Ita:	3	4	6	7	9	10	10	10	(drew S08)
Rus:	3	6*	6*	6	3	3	3	3	(drew S08)
Tur:	3	4	4	3	1	-	-	-	

over the years, its units were also all over the board, and could not hope to stop Italy and Austria singlehandedly. Had the I-A duo fallen apart at that time, Germany could have won, because he would have been surrounded by broken countries, most of which could have been Germanized. However, the A-I pair stuck together like glue, and so Germany (and the other two surviving countries) had only one choice, that being a stalemate line. That line was reached fairly early on, as most stalemated games go, and the rest of the game was devoted entirely to waiting for all members to either vote for the three way G-A-I draw or for the full five way draw. Since England and Russia were both necessary to keeping up that particular line (though Russia could have been omitted, and A-I still held off before StP, with slight loss of German ground), Germany and England insisted that the draw be five ways, and vetoed all else -- from then on it was a matter of time before the final vote took place. (Other statements, if any, next month)

CAT-TASTROPHE #9 Jan 7, 1980

This is a genuine CAT-TASTROPHE. Beware of imitations! Only a genuine CAT-TASTROPHE will carry 1979 (a catastrophe in, and of itself), edited press, Dear Crabby, plus various and sundry other garbage from the typewriter of one Dave White, 560 S. 11th St., Beaumont, TX 77701. If you have the wild urge to call me up to discuss the weather, the price of tea in China, the Iranian crisis, or maybe even burn in your moves, try (713) 895-2325 on Thursdays between 4pm and 10pm CST.

IT'S BETTER TO COLLABORATE WITH ENGLAND THAN TO SUFFER TOUSLE WITH ENGLAND ABOUT MOVING SOME PLACES WARMER LIKE SAY COLORADO!

On the Top of My Head--ed.'s column

(1) This month's Golden Flea Award goes to--ME! I mistakenly credited England with BEL when it actually belonged to Germany. Everybody noticed it, though, so the game will proceed apace.

(2) Surprise, surprise! I've finally got a couple of people interested in my postal Mastermind! I was about to scrap the whole project, but if I can get just a couple more people, I can get this thing off the ground. NO game fee--your only cost will be postcards to send your moves in. The winner will receive a free entry into the next game. The next game (providing I ever get this first game going) will be a sort of "diplomatic" Mastermind--I will publish the names and addresses of all playing. This will allow you to cooperate or/and coordinate your guesses. However, as in Dip, there will be nothing to bind you to tell the truth or uphold anything you say--could be quite hairy!

(3) I will be gone to Florida for the Patt-Fut convention and also to see my grandparents from about 1/20 to 2/3. Therefore, (a) it is NOT advisable to call in your moves for this next deadline and (b) this is why I will not answer your cards and letters come right away. I won't be in any one place long enough to receive mail there, so send stuff here and be patient.

THE ONLY THING WORSE THAN THE HIGH COST OF LIVING IS THE HIGH COST OF DYING WITH MY LUCK I WILL PROBABLY LIVE!!!

1979: FRANCE COURED OF SLEEPING SICKNESS, BUT AUSTRIA CATCHES IT! Autumn/Winter '02

AUSTRIA (Rubinstein/NPR) has home centers--GM removes F GRE, A RUM, A ALE OTB

ENGLAND (Dupont) has 6, not 7; builds A LPL

France (Telly) retreats F MAC-PCR, builds F BRE, A PAR

Germany (Kucott) has 8, not 7; builds F XIE, A BER

Telly (Coen) builds F MAP

Turkey (Elliott) still controls BUL, builds A CON, F SAX, A ANK

1980:

(1) A fleet, occasionally, is far superior to a cup of tea for my nerves.

(2) Balkanization of the lowlands bill, which had its 2nd reading... ((don't next month))

(3) ((new press))...debate raged over and under and about and underarms akimbo...

(4) I don't know what happened to Helena and Vic says that he wants to leave so,

sendby for Austria: Jan Luckenbill, 1101 W. 10th St, Phoenix, AZ 85006

sendby for England: Bob Kluge, 9521 Craigwood Park, St. Louis, MO 63126

The deadline for Spring '03 moves is February 2, 1980.

SOMETIMES IT'S BETTER TO BE BLIND THAN TO THINK OF A SNAPEY LINEAR PARATOR AND GET IT TO BE A MAN IN THE HOUSE

Dear Crabby--Advice to Dip players and other poor schmucks

DEAR CRABBY, I was in a game where someone has proposed a noble concession to a guy who isn't even playing in the game! We're supposed to vote next issue. What should I do? DON'T BELIEVE ME

DEAR DAN'S, I've seen that game. Go ahead and vote for the concession--the guy you're conceding to has played much better than anyone else in the game.

DEAR CRABBY, I'm playing a game as Russia. At one time or another I have been attacked by England, Austria, Turkey, and Germany. Gaining one center in '01, I was continually beat back until I was down to 3 units. It is now '09 and I am back to 5 units. Do you think I have a chance to win? LAZARUS

DEAR LAZARUS, have you got as good a chance to win as if Joe ever Pittsburgh in the Super Bowl?

How about if I were to print the last seasons of 1978IG, which has been wrapped up earlier this issue? So, here we go:

1978IG -- W/98 & S/99

AUSTRIA(Hyatt): Ild A Bud, A Vie, F Tri, A Lvn S A Jar-Pru/R Lvn/, A Ukr-Mos, A Mar-Pru, A Sil-Mun, A Boh & A Tyl S A Sil-Mun, A Pie-Mos, A Vie & A Bud & A Rom & A Apr H, F Nap S F Aeg-Ion, A Ank-Say, F Bul(sc)-Aeg/Asu/, F Gre I /unordered/, F Aeg-Ion, F Tri-Adr

ENGLAND(Zipper): A Pie R Mar, Bld A Edi, F Lon, F Tun S F Wes-Tyn, F Wes-Tyn, F Spa(sc)-Lyo, F Mid-Wes, A Mar-Pie, A Bur & A Ruh S A Mun, A Mun H, A Kie S F Pru-Ber, F Pru-Ber, A Den-Lvn, F Bal C & A StP S A Den-Lvn, A Edi-Den, F Nth C & Edi-Den, F Lon-Eng, F Nwy on R & R.

Fall 1909 and end of it all

AUSRIA(Hyatt): A Lvn R War, A War S A Mos, A Mos H, A Pru-Ber/a/, A Sil S A Boh-Mun, A Tyl S A Boh-Mun, A Boh-Mun, A Pie-Mar/R Ven/, A Vie-Tri, A Bud-Gas, A Rom-Tus, A Apr-Rom, F Nap S F Ion-Tyn, F Ion-Tyn, A Smy H, F Gre-Ion, F Adr S F Gre-Ion

ENGLAND(Zipper): A StP-Mos, A Lvn-Pru, F Bal S A Lvn-Pru, A Sen H, A Ruh & A Bur S A Mun, A Mun H, A Mar-Pie, F Lyo S A Mar-Pie, F Eng-Mid, F Wes-Tyn, F Tun S F Wes-Tyn, F Tyn-Tus

As for Supply Centers, I don't exactly feel like doing the whole center chart for the fun of it, because only one center passed from Austro-Hungarian to English control anyway -- Berlin. So England has 18 centers, while Ausgria has 16; John Zipper, having won a majority of the supply centers, therefore also wins the game, and congratulations go to all involved, including Fred, who put up an excellent fight. Having had a few "close calls" like that myself, I can appreciate to a certain extent the frustration he must feel. He also has game-end statement, printed next column.

FRED HYATT (Austria), (Over the phone). Congratulations, John! It was a fun game all the way. As I told you on the phone a few days ago, if Joy had not NMR'd it would have been you and me in a draw as you said you wanted, but I saw a chance to win, gambled, and lost. Cheers, Fred.

((That, folks, is pretty much the entirety of Fred's published articles outside of his variants and his 'zine! Enjoy!))

1976IH -- Fall 1909

ENGLAND(Lischett): F Lon-Eng, F Iri S F Lon-Eng, F Nat-Mid

GERMANY(Cooper): A Bur R Ruh, A Mos-Ukr/R Lvn, OTB/, F Eng-Bel, A Edi H, A Ruh & F Nth S F Eng-Bel, F Hel-Hol, A Par-Pie, A Mun S A Ruh/R Sil, Ber, Kie, OTB/

RUSSIA(Kelly): F Yor-Edi, A Nwy-StP, A Swe-Den, A War S A Sev-Mos, A Boh S TURKISH A Bur-Mun, A Gal-Ukr, F StP(sc)-Potm A Sev-Mos

TURKEY(Verheiden): F Pic S A Bre, A Fre S F Pic, F Mid-Eng, F Spa(sc)-Por, F Bal-Hol/a/, A Lur-Mun, A Tyl S A Bur-Mun, A Mar-Gas, F Wes-Naf, F Tyn-Wes, F Ion-Tyn, F Aeg-Ion, A Bul-Ser, A Con-Bul, A Tri-Ven

ANKARA: Not nice to attack faithful Turkish ally. The English embassy in Lisbon has been sacked.

Supply Center Chart: ENG: Lvn, Lon, ~~2~~, 2, Ren 1. GER: ~~1/2~~, Kie, Ber, Hol, ~~1/2~~, Edi, ~~1/2~~, Par, Bal, 6, Ren 2. RUB: StP, Sev, Ed, Vien, Swe, Nwy, Rum, War, Mos, Den, 10, Bld 3, only room for 1. TUR: Home, Bul, Gre, Ser, Nap, Mun, Rom, Ven, Tri, Spa, Mar, Bre, ~~1/2~~, Por, ~~1/2~~; 16, Bld 2, as one was annihilated.

There has been another proposal for a concession to Turkey, in which I have absolutely no part! All votes are due with orders. Winter 1909 and Spring 1910 are due February 7, 1930. Separation granted when any one person asks for it, due to the complexities this time around. Remember to vote! No vote = yes.

1979ID -- Spring 1902

AUSTRIA (Fuechs): F Tri-Adr, F Gre-
 Ag, A Vie-Tyl, A Bud-Tri, A Ser
 S A Bud-Tri

ENGLAND (Gemignani): F Nwg-Nwy, F
 Nth S F Nwg-Nwy, A Yor H

FRANCE (Collins): F Dre-Eng, F Por-
 Spa(sc), A Spa-Gas, A Par-Bur, A
 Pic-Bel

GERMANY (Sulsberger): A Ruh-Mun, A
 Ber S A Ruh-Mun, A Hpl-Ruh, F Den-
 Bel

ITALY (Kador): A Mun-Kie, A Ven-
 Tyl, A Rom-Ven, F Nap-Tyn, F Tun H

RUSSIA (Lee): F StP(nc)-Nwy, F Swe
 S F StP(nc)-Nwy, A Mos-War, A Sev-
 Arm, F Bla S A Sev-Arm, A Bul S A
 Rum, A Rum S A Bul

TURKEY (Boudon): A Smy-Arm, A Con
 H, F Ank S A Con

Change of Address: Kai-Fu Lee goes
 back to school, but to Room A, not
 the old Room B.

ENGLAND: England offers asylum
 to Serbia League, in North Lands.
 Makes statement territorialism is
 not a way of life, a New Serbia can
 be founded here. Tell Russia, leave
 Norway alone, we will leave Sweden
 alone. Challenges the Bernie Oaklyn
 Hate Society to submit hard proof
 that Bernia is Buddy. Assured the
 Serbians the Society will not be
 given Asylum in New Serbia.

BERLIN: German officials today
 vigorously denied Austrian reports
 that German rats has invaded Tyrolia.
 Said one vermin expert, "No
 self-respecting German rat would be
 caught dead eating Italian garbage."
 One official believed the rats were
 probably from Switzerland and that
 the Austrians made a natural mistake
 as the only difference between Swiss
 and German rats is the Swiss rats are
 smaller tipppers.

BUDAPEST (31 March 1902): In a
 joint statement with the Russian
 government, Hungarian officials an-
 nounced the completion of a joint
 military operations against the last
 pocket of Serbian forces near the
 Hungary-Romania border. The opera-
 tion completes the cooperative efforts
 against the Serbians who dress like

Russians, attacked a Hungarian
 militia unit on unarmed tactical
 maneuvers last December.

VIENNA (1 April 1902): The
 sanitation department reported
 that the Italians have failed to
 respond to our demands that they
 clean up their mess that was left
 by the Pope in Tyrolia. The
 Primerib Minister stated that
 official action will be taken in
 order to make "them pigs" pay
 for the cleanup.

ATHENS (17 April 1902): The
 admiral of the 1st Austrian fleet
 announced that all of the ships
 of the fleet will participate in
 the first annual 1st fleet Regg-
 ata to be held next month in the
 Aegean Sea. The Admirals Flag
 Ship is expected to be among the
 leaders at the end of the Race.

Fall 1902 orders due on February
7, 1930. Phone orders may be called
 in between 7 and 11 p.m. on the
 6th of February, if need be.

1979CU -- Winter 1902

AUSTRIA FORGETS GAME AS PRESS
 LOOKS ABOUT TO SLOW DOWN DRASTICALLY

AUSTRIA (White?): No Removals Re-
 ceived. A Tri & F Alb R OTB,
 Rem A Ser. Has A Gal, A Vie
 (See Rulebook on why A Ser was
 removed.)

ENGLAND (Counselman): Rem F Bar,
 Has F Nth, N Nwg, A Lon

FRANCE (Hollingsworth): Eld A Par.
 Also has A Bel, F Eng, A Ruh,
 A Bur, F Spa(sc)

GERMANY (Cooper): F Hel R Hol,
 Eld A Kie. Also has F Hol, A
 Den, A Mun, A Ber

ITALY (Pfohá): Eld F Nap. Also
 has A War, A Tri, A Hpl, F Adr,
 F Ion

RUSSIA (Harding): Eld A Mos. Al-
 so has F Bla, A Rum, A Bud, A
 StP, F Swe, F Nwy

TURKEY (Van Alkemade): Eld A Smy
 Also has F Gre, A Bul, A Ank,
 F Con

CONSTANTINOPLE TO BUDAPEST, 1902
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1979CU Propaganda Continued:

is obvious to you, no one else can see at all!

EGGNOG RIGHT BACK: Well, I've had a few years experience to go behind my predictions, too. Once you've played the screwy game for nine years, you begin to see things! And some things have to be credited to Lady Luck as well...

RUSSIA TO AUSTRIA:

There once was a guy named Dave White who thought he was very bright. My my, just look at his plight.

WORLD PRESS INTERNATIONAL: News Flash. The H.M.S. Crap sighted what appears to be a very huge battleship in the North Sea. The H.M.S. Crap was unable to wire any more information because it was flushed by heavy fire from the battleship.

UNITED LONDON PRESS: High Sea Lord Admiral Tudebury announced that the British Navy has sent large naval forces into the North Sea to find out what's there.

No standby will be called for Austria because A) Dave White probably won't drop out, and B) Nobody can possible do the position any good now, much less influence surrounding play any more. So Spring 1903 moves are due here February 7, 1980, with the usual day earlier for phone calls.

1979IL -- Fall 1901

- AUSTRIA (Garter): A Ser S F Alb-Gre
F Alb-Gre, A Vie-Gal
- ENGLAND (Martin): A Edi-Nwy, F Nth
C A Edi-Nwy, F Nwg-Bar
- FRANCE (Lee): A Bur-bel, F Eng S A
Bur-Bel, A Mar-Spa
- GERMANY (Elliott): F Den S FRENCH F
Eng-Nth/nso/, A Ruh-Hol, A Kie-Mun
- ITALY (Luckenbill): A Tyl-Mun, A Apu-
Tun, F Ion S A Apu-Tun
- RUSSIA (Aucott): F Bot-Swe, A War-Gal
A Ukr-Rum, F Sev-Bla
- TURKEY (Hurst): A Bul-Rum, A Arm-Sev,
F Ank-Bla

Supply Center Chart for 1901: AUS:
Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser, Tri: 5, Bld 2.
ENG: Lon, Lvp, Edi, Nwy: 4, Bld 1.
FR: Par, Mar, Bre, Bel, Spa: 5, Bld

- 2. GER: Mun, Kie, Fer, Hol, Dan:
5, Bld 2. ITA: Ven, Rom, Nap,
Tun: 4, Bld 1. RUS: Mos, War,
StP, Sev, Swe: 5, Bld 1. TUR:
Con, Smy, Ank, Eul: 4, Bld 1.

TORONTO TO ORLANDO: Wgo needs sun and 70° temperatures when you can have snow, sleet, ice, and hemorrhoids from sitting on cold car seats. Anyway, we only get whatever snow Buffalo doesn't want.

ISTANBUL: The Sultan Abed-A-Thomas today declared that Turkey joins with Austria-Hungary in her guarantee of the right to self-determination for the Rumanian people. He further stated that his personal bodyguard will be available to help Premier Gheorghierii repulse the Tsarist hordes now poised to invade his country.

-- Turksih News Troika (T.N.T.)

TURKEY TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

There once was a Tsar named Aucott, who plotted with allies a lot.

Sin's wages he'd earn,

When Turkey he burned,

But a JIHAD was all that he got.

SULTAN ABED-A-THOMAS TO HRH KING DICKIE XXIII:

Limericks are easy to do, few
Just have Mister White send you a /
Then practice and yearn,

For a subject to brun, blue
And t'will come like abolt from the/

BJD: All free men -- strike the Russian fiend! His words are dirt, his heart black, his hands drip blood. It's him or us. Unite against our common enemy!

To: Turkey Tom

From: Your Pal

You are undoubtedly the most despicable Diplomacy player ever hatched in a breed not exactly known for pedigrees. From your gobble which you call logic, to your turkey scratch which you call communication, you are 100% Turkey Tom. Fortunately, this is PBM so we won't have to endure that awful stench! I hope you are satisfied now that everyone trusts that incessant gobbling of yours. I really should give you the B.S. because you are undoubtedly the
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Sultan of it. There is one thing you forgot Turkey Tom. Turkeys are meant to be eaten, but you are not, Turkey Tom, you will be devoured if not by me at least with my unrelenting assistance!

To: England
From: REGGIE

It seems that French cooking is all the rage at Buckingham Palace.

To: Turkey
From: REGGIE

DEPARTO!!!!

To: Russia and Germany
From: REGGIE

Let's see who gets the Swedish meatball!

THE ADMIRALTY (LIES): King Richard XIII has soundly denied the existence of a French naval force in the English Channel. Thus, the English Navy is expected to complete its Norwegian recruiting sortie this Fall. Also, to assist the Russians in their "war to the knife" against the terrible Turks, one fleet has been dispatched to the Barents on a lend-lease arrangement. The czar has been reported as ecstatic over the prospect of not having to worry about St. Petes.

Spring 1902 due here February 7, 1980.
By phone, make that the 6th, 1980.

1979IK -- Winter 1901

AUSTRIA(Bassett): Bld A Tri, A Bud, A Via. Also has A War, A Ser, F Gre
ENGLAND(Luckenbill): B;d F Ivp, F Lon. Also has F Bel, A Nwy, F Nth
FRANCE(Pariseau?): No Removal Rec'd. GM Rem F Bre. Has A Pic, A Bur (Consult Rules on why F Bre.)
GERMANY(Palmer): Bld A Mun, A Kie. Also has F Hol, A Den, A Ruh
ITALY(Cifani): Bld A Ven, F Nap. Also has A Mar, A Pie, F Tun
RUSSIA(Russon?): No Removal Rec'd. GM Rem F Bot (See Rulebook on that one, too.) Has A Ukr, A Mos, F Sev
TURKEY(Brawner): Bld A Con, F Smy. Also has A Rum, F Bla, A Bul

While Nick didn't send in his removal, he did send in press and a resignation, as we see next column:

MOSCOW: Czar resigns! In a touching ceremony in the Imperial Palace this evening, Czar Nicholas III abdicated, due to health reasons. The Czar, well beloved by the people of Russia, had tears in his eyes as he made his final speech to the people around the Kremlin. Said his Imperial Majesty, "...it crushes my heart to leave my people in this time of trouble, but I believe that my successor will be a true War Leader to bring further glory to Russia and her allies." The succession is still in some doubt, but should be resolved within the next few months.

EGGNOG: So it is. Taking over the Russian position will be (drumroll, 'the envelope please')... Tom Hurst, 4158 Monona Drive, Madison, WI 58716. There will be no replacement assigned to France, as that position would seem to be pretty close to the end anyways. Besides, Pete probably won't drop. He's normally pretty reliable.

LONDON TO PARIS: All is forgiven. Your act of aggression notwithstanding we are prepared to accept your nation or parts of it, into the Commonwealth. We will be there shortly to finalise the plans for your conversion to British Common Law.

POTSDAM TO PARIS: The problem with presuming a bounce is that it does not always work. For example, you presumed that I would be a silly child and go to Bur. This would have left Bur free and given you Mar. However, the way to assure this way is Pic-Bur, A Mar-Bur. You couldn't take Bel anyway, so A Pic-Bel was a wasted move. Also, F Gas-Bre was QUITE stupid. Go F Gas-Spa(nc). At worst you break even, at best you gain a build, which turned out to be QUITE dearly needed. Tune in in 302 for your next tactics lesson.

PATSDAM TO LINZ: Now that WAS out. Did he throw you the center or what? Hint, a retreat to Sil or Pru would have unpleasant consequences. (Cont'd Page 10)

1979IK Propaganda Continued:

POTSDAM TO TRABIZOND: The Rumanian move was cute. Now all you have to figure out is which of the two promised stabs to execute.

POTSDAM TO RYZAN: I'll presume that you'll remove F Bot as the piece does you no good at all.

POTSDAM TO OSLO: In case you forget or our mail crosses, the move is A Nor-Swe, A Den S A Nor-Swe.

POTSDAM TO MARSEILLES: As you can see I deliver what I promise. Iberia is yours for the taking in 1902 presuming a removal of F Bre. If not it is still probably. Just think, how many 7 center Italys in 02 have you seen before?

MUNICH: Extra, extra - Bavarians invade Ruhr to loot. English occupy Antwerp.

Spring 1902 due February 7m 1980, except for the callers, for which is will be the 6th, 1980.

BITCOALETTERCOLUMN

Eric Verheiden: If you allow perpetual votes, why not perpetual orders?

I only allowed perpetual voted in that one case, because it was fairly simple to see what most everyone was going to say, anyway. In most cases, people like to change their votes and positions change, etc. and I can't go digging back to look for old votes. The question of perpetual orders is easier, and I may think about changing the NRs in the future. Well see.

Dennis Sulzberger: Another one of Joe Walsh's campaign promises is to make Cleveland the capital of the universe. (Glenn Frey and Don Henley are still the leaders of the Eagles, or The Long Run would have beared a closer resemblance to But Seriously Folks ((The last Walsh solo album)).

I must disagree. While the Eagles have been phenomenally successful, I believe that their style before they enlisted Walsh was going nowhere fast, and they needed the shot in the

arm that Walsh gave them. The Walsh touch was there on Hotel California ('76), and I believe it's just that Walsh is changing his own style, too, that makes The Long Run a little different. Although, of course, you're absolutely right in that Henley and Frey still control a lot of the band's creative output.

Dick Martin: I love it! More trivia! Being trivial myself, I should be an expert!

After seeing the final show of the recent Who tour, I couldn't help but be amazed. It was probably the finest concert I've ever been to, to energy level was just incredible. I probably sat down for perhaps 10minutes the whole time! Keith Moon's death hasn't hurt the group musically and the tragedy in Cincinnati has not affected them either. No wonder they've gone on for so long! They are tough! Tehir movie Quadrophenia is very interesting, but don't see it expecting another Tommy. Too bad...

The trivia. I don't have the time lately to put together quizzes anymore, so I don't know how long that will last. This issue there is no quiz because of that problem... I don't know yet about next time. Reader interest has always been pretty keen on those things, so maybe, just maybe...

On The Who, they came to Chicago, too, and I wanted to see them so badly...but Milwaukee found out a whole two days after the concert was first announced, and by that time it was already sold out!! Moon's loss is tragic to practical jokers worldwide (there are some great stores around), but musically he was no better than Kenny Jones, the new drummer, who used to be with the Faces in days of yore. The group itself has always been quite excellent, and still is. Even the new album (well not any more it's not new) is an excellent peice of work. Well, thanks for writing.

The Greenstuffed Recliner Cont'd.

Anophe, and Veracruz (Mexican-American War). All unboxed but in excellent condition, like I said, never been played before.

As for back issues, on hand I have SWLABR 3-5, 9. POLITICIAN 1-5. STRANGE BREW 10, 19-20, 23. EGGNOG 21-23, 29-30, 33-34, 38-40. The price for these back is 5 issues for 20¢ if you buy in lots of 5, except for the STRANGE BREW issues which are a mere 7¢ apiece, as long as you take 5 or more other issues off my shelves, too.

THE NINTH CIRCLE

Unfortunately for many of us, The Ninth Circle, Dave Bunke's solid and reliable old gamezine, has folded, as is announced in his last issue. I have offered to take over all of his regular games and, in turn to farm some of these out to other Gamesmasters willing to take or- phone. I have complete data on all of the games, and Dave will soon send me the money to go with the addresses. In the meantime, don't worry, as all of the games will be taken over shortly. (They will be run in a separate magazine from EGGNOG, possibly the new and revitalized SWLABR. But since SWLABR is already handling an outside interest, I'll have to dream something new up. We'll see.)

VOLKSWANDERING

This new 'zine has already been faked! At least two #5s have appeared out, and the first one to arrive looks suspicious, to say the least. One thing is that there is no trader code on my address label, which is never missing in the real thing. Next is the content, which is alternatingly hilarious and stupid. It turns out that Arnett, the publisher, allows impossible moves because a player has the mortgage on his house, he is cutting off all trades, nobody, not even a computer, could solve his enigma (a monthly feature), and so on! About a week after a real copy arrived, which was of course more sensible. But I should say

that the most incriminating and suspicious thing of all was that I happen to know where my traders live, and Bob Arnett, from 1500 Waterway Circle, Chesapeake, VA 23320 (may as well give his address, so interested parties can contact him) is not going to mail his zine from Van Nuys California, which is what the postmark would have led us to believe! Better luck next coup, faker!!

STANDBY LIST

So far, we have the following names on the standby roster: Bob Klige, Eric Verheiden, Phil Cooper, Ron Kelly, Larry Boudon, Ray Gifani, Bob Cheek, Peggy Gemignani, Chirs and Jan Luckenbill, Walt Auctott, Tom Hurst, and John Zipper. This list is going down slowly, but I'm at least not desperately in need of the good guys! Do we have anybody else out there that wants their names on or off of thislist? Sometimes you can get into some really decent positions by standing by (sometimes not...). And for at least half a year, unless you're in an orphan game, that's the only way you're going to get into an EGGNOG game!

THE GERMAN LANGUAGE GAME

We now have six people wanting to play in this one, since Dan Palter said he'd like to give it a shot. How about Inge Davis? (New count: one person withdrew. Damn. We have only 5 now.) So, in view of just-discovered fact, this game opening is cancelled. All game fees collected so far will be returned. Tell me if you do not get your due with this issue, and tell me what I owe you. (My bookkeeping when it comes to game fees is a mess.)

MORE LETTERCOLUMNS, I GUESS

Season's greetings! (Bob Douch) Well, I've contacted my annual winter's cold, thanks to the predictably unpredictable Chicago weather. Milwaukee's probably

Lettercolumn Continued:

much the same: 0° one day, 50° the next.

Hope the new game starts soon; I'm anxious to hear from some new people, being relatively new to the hobby myself. I've noticed that if a player doesn't know me he's automatically suspicious. So I'm trying to expose myself as soon as possible.

Maybe we'll get in the same game in Sergeant's tourney. That is, if you've entered. I haven't seen your name as a player in any games yet. And I've heard conflicting views concerning your playing philosophy. Anyway, I hope to represent myself respectably....

Weather is miserable ab here, too. But in Chicago, as the saying goes, if you don't like the weather, sit and wait a minute and it'll change. Not so here. It's been 0° or below now for a strait week, and we've got plenty of ice on the streets, and snow, too. First real snowfall was on the 4th, I believe. It looks, then, with temps in the 0-10 zone, with 30-45 mph winds, to me a fairly mild and seasonable winter for us hardened veterans... -- New game starts this issue. See next column. Good luck! -- I'm not playing in Sergeant's tourney, which will start as soon as he gets three more people (hint), but my youngest brother will. Good luck there, too! -- My playing style will be the topic of an article in the next issue of EGGNOG, so stay tuned.

EGGNOG #40

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Hurst, Luckenbill, Kluge
needed as standbys this
time (see P. 3 & P. 9).

FIRST CLASS MAIL

Once again, 12 pages!

For now, you may as well believe all the rotten stuff and chuck the kind, goodly stuff! You'll read about it next time. Thanks for writing.

NEW GAME STARTS (Assignments)

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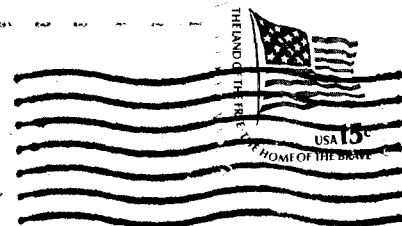
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All of you have Houserules, I believe. The two players from Illinois, as far as I know, have no prior knowlegde of each other's existence. Black Press is allowed and encouraged. Please refer to this game as EGGNOG #12 until we get a Boardman Number for it. And Spring 1901 moves are due February 7, 1980. The rules for phone orders have been printed often enough, but to reiterate, they are accepted only up until the day before the normal deadline; here it's 2/5/80.



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