

CALLING CARD...

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AND I'M SURPRISED THAT I'VE RGO TUP THE GUMPTION (TO SAY NO THING OF TIME) T@ TYPETHIS THING UP

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THE OVERSTUFFED RECLINER

(THE EDITOR'S COLUMN)

If it says it's the editor's column, then that's what it is, OK?

MUSICAL COMMENTARY FOR THIS MONTH

Calling Card was an album recorded back in 1976 by ace guitarist Rory Gallagher, about whom I am about to tell you.

Guitarist extraordinaire Rory Gallagher is one of the best-kept secrets of rock and roll today. Born and raised in Ireland, he picked up the guitar at the ripe old age of nine, and hasn't seen fit to put it down yet...which is all the better for his fans. A versatile musician from the outset, Gallagher paid his dues by performing as a teen in various rock, blues and show bands. In 1965 he formed the nucleus of Taste, with bassist Charles McManis and drummer John Wilson. By 1969 Taste was the big

power-trio on the horizon of the London music scene. Unfortunately, their success was never fully realized. By 1971, after moderate success, Taste folded and Gallagher went on to go a solo career.

As a guitarist-singer-songwriter, Gallagher has achieved tremendous success on the Continent, delivering a hard-nosed mixture of electric and Delta blues and good old rock and roll. His albums are always exceedingly well-played and his concert sets are without peer. Unfortunately stateside success has eluded the plucky Irishman for a number of reasons. After the fall of Taste, that band's U.S. distributor (Atlantic) was fit to release Gallagher's initial records with a great deal of apathy. A subsequent switch to Polydor U.S. assured Rory instant anonymity.

However, despite his lack of overt commercial success, Gallagher has proven himself to be an extraordinary "in-concert" draw across the United

States, especially in college towns. His 1975 jump to the Chrysalis label, both in the United Kingdom and the United States, has helped Rory's career along a bit.

This month's installment is jointly dedicated to Mike Mills (to whom Ireland comprises three quarters of the earth's surface) and Dietmar Pfohl (who played Gallagher's Blueprint for me in Germany and got me interested in R.G.). Next month being a special issue, we'll have a very special band spotlighted -- this one will be the band that generated the three greatest guitarists ever to hit rock and roll, and also one of the most innovative and daring groups of its time. That should give it away. Hold your breath.

LATENESS AND EGGNOG

This issue is slightly late, for reasons already brought up in POLITICIAN. Briefly, the problem is manifold: 1) I took a week off to drive up to Hurley to spend some time with two friends, one of whom will move to Arizona tomorrow. It had to be that week, the week of both EGGNOG and POLITICIAN deadlines; but for me, close friends come before Diplomacy. 2) While my friend's move to Arizona on the 17th saddens me, my girl's leaving for Idaho on the 18th for six weeks really depresses me. You are all exceedingly lucky that I happen to have some time this morning to do some typing. 3) My monthly visit to the Playboy Club in Lake Geneva was made last night, and I treated (and am now broke).

In any case, I consider all of the above to be more important to me at this time than Diplomacy, and so EGGNOG just had to wait a few days. Uli did gamesmaster all the games, which makes the load slightly easier on me. Which brings me to...

CREDIT BOX

Editor, Typist, Publisher, Money, & General Dirt: Konrad Baumeister

Assistant Editor, Games (this time around), Coffer, Assorted trash: Uli Baumeister

Labels: I'm not even sure this time around: possibly Uli

Collating, stapling, stamping, & last-day-organizational nightmare jobs: Konrad with help from Uli if he's lucky

SHORTNESS OF THIS ISSUE

For one, I can't have the time to take anything from my files and put it to master right now, and my primary concern is getting this issue out as quickly as possible. For that reason you'll have to do without anything special this issue. But cheer up: EGGNOG #50 will come out very shortly, and that will be sized anywhere from 20 to 34 pages (probably the former) and will only cost as much as a single issue, i.e. 35¢. There's a treat-- so in any case, whatever was kept out of this issue will go into the next.

Actually, there will also be a Cat-Tastrophe in this issue, plus my own B.S. I just decided now that #50 will come out in a few days time, so if this issue is short, that one will be longer.

WHITESTONIA

I'll cover this issue at more length (not much more, but...) in the next issue, but in any case I should say that I take back calling Carusa "unprincipled." For one thing, he's not entirely in the wrong on his handling of the issue. For another, just because his principles don't agree with mine 100% is no real reason to say that he has no principles. (Besides, I didn't want to say GM there, but Publisher instead.) Bruce Linsey has also retracted his criticism completely (which I will not do; a little yes, 100% never), but under conditions which I do not hold particularly fannish. Maybe sometime I'll elaborate, but I don't think so.

PHOTO CORNER

Will be skipped this month, due to reasons such as color of paper and that I forgot to buy masters.

CAT-TASTROPH~~E~~PHE

June 7, 1980
#14

This is a CAT-TASTROPEE. Below you will find the rantings and ravings of one Dave White, 2448 E. St. Vrain, Colorado Springs, CO 80909, (303) 473-0230. Whenever possible, they are contained within EGGNOG, which is the rantings and ravings of Konrad Baumeister. Below, you will find various and sundry garbage suitable for reading, lining bird cages, or use as auxillary toilet paper in emergencies.

YOU MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE NOTICED OR CARED THAT I AM USING A DIFFERENT TYPEWRITER THAN THE LAST TIME I PUT THIS OUT

CAT-TASTROPEE CAT PROBLEM SOLUTION Logic problem appeared in CAT #12, EGGNOG #45-6
By clue 5, Harvey is not missing anything, therefore, she must have the bent tail. By clue 2, Jeremiah is not grey striped, nor is Harvey by clue 5, nor Fred by clue 7, so Clawed must be the grey&black striped cat. By clue 2, Jeremiah is not black&white, and by clue 5, Harvey is not, therefore, Fred is the black&white cat. Since Harvey is not striped she must be black&orange spotted while Jeremiah is black&orange striped. By clue 2, Harvey is the 4th cat. By clues 6 and 7, neither Clawed or Fred is the first cat, so Jeremiah is. By clues 1 and 4, Fred is the 2nd cat and is missing her front paw, which makes Clawed the 3rd cat who is missing half his tail also by clues 1,4 and 3. So, by the process of elimination, Jeremiah must be missing a hind leg. So, the residents of the Colorado Springs Home for Handicapped Cats are in order:

1. Jeremiah, black and orange striped, missing hind leg
2. Fred, black and white, missing front paw
3. Clawed, gray and black striped, missing half tail
4. Harvey, black and orange spotted, bent tail

Clue 6 was kind of tricky; some people assumed that Clawed came second because the clue place him between Jeremiah and Harvey (the 1st and 4th cats), which is factually true except that Clawed can't be 2nd by clue 3, or rather, Fred couldn't be 3rd by clue 3. Unfortunately, Konrad was the winner, so I will have to make good on my promise to write another article for him.

COMING UP NEXT IS THE POSTAL GAME WHICH HAS BEEN ENESET BY MORE PROBLEMS THAN ANY OTHER GAME IN THE HOBBY!!!!!!!

- 1979) SLOW ACTION FOR EVERYBODY EXCEPT TURKEY Autumn/Winter '04
- England (Kluge) R F NTH-EDI, has F EDI, F ENG, F WMD
 - France (Kelly) NE Even, has F PIC, NAT.; A GAS, MAR, BUR
 - Germany (Bucott) Even, has F HOL, HXH, NRG, A BEL, RUH, MUN, SIL, DEN, NWY, MOS, StP
 - Italy (Hurst) Even, has F ION, TYN, A VEN, TRK, ALB
 - Turkey (Zilliott) Bulls A CON, A ANK, F SMY, has, F SMY, ANG, GRE; A VIE, BUD, SER, GAL, SEV, CON, ANK

I have received a proposal for a 2-way draw between Germany and Turkey. Your vote on this proposal along with your Spring '05 moves are due Thursday, July 3, 1980. Just a reminder on draw/concession votes: (1) The person calling for the draw/concession vote automatically votes in favor of it. (2) NMR's and abstentions are not figured into the results of any such proposal, so it is a good idea to vote because, (3) A unanimous affirmative vote by all players voting will carry the proposal, even if the only affirmative vote is from the player proposing the draw/concession! (4) 1 proposal per player per turn. (5) In the unlikely event that there are 2 different proposals which pass on the same game turn, BOTH will fail. I think that this should cover it, but I'll be happy to answer questions on it.

WABC. GARBAGE: I made it all the way back to Colorado on 3 tanks of gas. Amazing as it might seem, gas is CHEAPER in Colorado than it is in TEXAS! I have been gone from Colorado for 2 years. Now that I'm back, I can't figure out why I left in the first place! The air is dry and clean (albeit thin) and the mountains are beautiful. Now, if I could only find a job! Nobody seems to want to hire a broken-down 25-year old Furr-Furr messenger, though. My typewriter is inoperable again, so I'm using my sister's Selectric--I may give up on mine altogether! On the phone, call any time after 5PM MDT weekdays--I'm gone on weekends.

1978T -- Fall 1907

GM: Dave Bunke, 5512 Julmar Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45238

FRANCE(Kluge): A Tus-Ven, A Pie S
A Tus-Ven, A Mar-Tus, F Lyo C A
Mar-Tus, F Wes S F Naf-Tun, F Naf-
Tun, A Nwy S GER F Swe/nso/, F
Nth-Den

GERMANY(Phil Cooper): F Nwg S FRE
A Nwy, F Swe-Den, F Bel S F Swe-
Den, A Kie S F Swa-Den, A Ruh S
A Mun, A Mun S A Ber-Sil, A Ber-
Sil/a/

ITALY(Pagedes): F Smy H, A Tyl-Ven,
F Nap-Apu, F Rom S F Tyn, E Tun S
F Tyn, F Tyn S F Tun

RUSSIA(Uli Baumeister): A StP-Nwy,
F Den-Swe/R Hel, Ska, OTE/, A Fin
S F Den-Swe, A Sil-Ber, A Pru S A
Sil-Ber, A Boh-Mun, A Rum-Gal, F
Arm-Ank, A Con S ITALIAN F Smy

TURKEY(Kelly): F Eas S A Syr-Smy,
A Syr-Smy

Center Chart: FRA: Home, Spa, Por,
Lon, Lvp, Nwy, Ven: 9, Bld 1. GER:
~~Abx~~, Mun, Kie, Hol, Bel, Edi, Den,
Swe: Bld 1 (imp, stays on a short).
ITA: Rom, ~~Nap~~, Nap, Ser, Gre, Tri,
Tun, Smy: Bld 1. RUS: Home, Bud, Rum,
Vie, Bul, Con, Ank, Ber: 11, Bld 2.
TUR: ~~Abx~~, ~~Abx~~: 0, Out!

Winter 1907/Spring 1908 due to Dave
Bunke by July 12, 1980. Don't for-
get to vote. Press:

GERMANY TO FRANCE: Bob, Enough is
enough!

COPENHAGEN (G.R.E.A.T.): C'mon,
guys, let's get this game over with.
Even if you do break through Italy,
I'll fight down to the last unit. By
that time, France will have won this
game. So, if you want Bob to win
this game, Phil...

Player's Notes (from Dave): The
F-F-I-R draw proposal has once again
been defeated, and has also been re-
proposed. Votes are due with your
next set of builds, removals and or-
ders.

No separation of seasons will be
granted, so use your option of con-
ditional orders if need be.

And lastly, many thanks to Ron
Kelly for playing out the abomi-
nable Turkish position. Thanks, Ron!

1979CU -- Winter 1904

ENGLAND(Counselman): Bld A Yor
(impossible; plays one short).

Has A Bel, F Nth, F Nwy, F Eng
FRANCE(Hollingsworth): Even. Has
F Iri, F Mid, A Ruh, A Bur, A
Bre

GERMANY(Cooper): Bld A Kie. Al-
so has A Hol, A Mun, A Per, A
Den

ITALY(Pfohl): Bld A Ven, A Rom,
F Nap. Also has F Lyo, F Wes,
F Tun, A Ser, A Bud, A Vie, F
Gre, F Ion

RUSSIA(Ozog): Rem F Swe & F Boj.
Has A Fin, A Lvn, A Ukr

TURKEY(Ean Alkemade): A Bud R Gal,
Rem F Ank. Has F Bul(sc), A Sev,
F Ela, A Con, A Gal

Spring 1905 due July 16, 1980. I
have advance orders on file for
Turkey, subject to change. Press:
MOSCOW: The new Russian govern-
ment apologizes to all of Europe
for the last season's incompetence.
A new foreign policy will soon
take place which will be a model
for all future diplomacy players
to follow. The new policy shall
be called "Washing and Waiting,"
so France and Turkey, don't expect
any assistance! We shall delight-
fully watch while the Turkish
scoundrel is decimated and we shall
wait while France is crushed. All
I shall do is sit in my dark tow-
er and snarl.

EGGNOG: Orders on file for
Russia, also.

1979IJ -- Fall 1904

AUSTRIA(Buechs): A Ven H, A Tri
S A Ven, F Aeg-Ion, F Adr S F
Aeg-Ion, A Gre H, A Ser-Alb

ENGLAND(GD): F Lon H, E Nth H

FRANCE(Collins): A Pie S GERMAN
A Mun-Tyl, A Bur S GERMAN A Ruh-
Mun, A Bel-Hol, F Mid-Eng, F Nat-
Nwg, F Cly S F Nat-Nwg, A Lvp H

GERMANY(Sulzbarger): A Ruh-Mun,
A Mun-Tyl, A Kie S A Ruh-Mun, E
Den S AKie/R Hel, OTE/

ITALY(Kador): A Ven R Apu, A Apu-
Ven, A Rom S A Apu-Ven, F Ion

Adr/R Tyn, Tun, OTB/, F Nap-App
 RUSSIA(Lee): A War-Fru, F Swe-Den,
 F Bal S F Swe-Den, A Per-Kie, A
 Sil S A Pru-Ber, A Pru-Ber, F Nwy-
 Ska, A StP-Nwy, A Sev-Mos, A Arm-
 Sev, F Con-Smy

Center Chart: AUS: Home, Ser, Gre,
 Bul, Ven: 7, Hld 1. ENG: Lon, Edi:
 2, Even. FRA: Home, Spa, Por, Bel,
 Lvp, Hol: 8, Hld 1. GER: Kie, ~~Edi~~,
 Mun, ~~Edi~~: 2, Rem 2. ITA: Rom, ~~Nap~~,
 Nap, Tun: 3, Rem 1. RUS: Home, Swe,
 Rum, Con, Nwy, Ank, Smy, Ber, Den:
 12, Hld 1.

Winter 1904/Spring 1905 due July 16
 1980. If two or more request Winter
 only, then we'll do that, but I sug-
 gest being prepared! A concession to
 Russia has been proposed. Please do
 vote on that. Unanimity required.

VIENNA, AUSTRIA: In a shocking an-
 nouncement today the Prime Rib Minis-
 ter announced a formal declaration of
 war against Italy. "Peace negotia-
 tions have reached a complete impasse
 with no indication of settlement.
 We must therefore act."

Italian officials have not negotia-
 ted in earnest, but in contempt for
 Austrian intelligence. They, at
 times, treated us as if we were ex-
 tremely naive as to their intentions.

We regret having to take this ac-
 tion, but we appeal to all our coun-
 trymen and allies to support this re-
 luctant decision with courage and en-
 couragement."

The Prime Rib Minister then asked
 the people to not be alarmed that
 some troop withdrawals made be re-
 quired shortly in order to consol-
 idate strategic positions.

1979IK -- Fall 1903

AUSTRIA(Bassett): A Bud S A Tri,
 A Tri S A Bud, F ALBOGre
 ENGLAND(Luckenbill): A StP-Mos, F
 Bal-Den, F Edi-Nth, F Eng S F Edi-
 Nth, F Wex-Spa(ac), F Mid-Por, F
 Bre S GERMAN A Par-Gas
 GERMANY(Palter): A TyL-Ven, A Den-
 Lvg, F Bel H, A Pru-War, A Sil S
 A Pru-War, A Bur-Mar, A Par-Gas

ITALY(Cifani): F Adr-Ven, F Ion-
 Tun, F Tus-Pie, F Eyn-Lyo, A Mar-
 S F Tus-Pie, A Por S A Spa, A
 Spa S GERMAN A Bur-Gas/nso/
 RUSSIA(Hurst): A Mos S A War, A
 War S A Mog/R Lvn, Gal, Ukr, OTB/
 F Sev-Blu/R Arm, OTB/
 TURKEY(Brawner): F Aeg-Ion, A Bul-
 Gre, A Rum-Bud, A Ser S A Rum-
 Bud, A Con-Rum, F Bla C A Con-
 Rum

Center Chart: AUS: Home, ~~Edi~~: 3,
 Even. ENG: Home, Nwy, Bre, StP,
 Swe: 7, Even. GER: Home, Hol, Den,
 Bel, Par, War: 8, Hld 1. ITA: Home
 Tun, Mar, Spa, Por: 7, Even. RUS:
 Sev, Mos, ~~Edi~~: 3, Rem 1. TUR: Home
 Bul, Rum, Gre, Ser: 7, Hld 1.

Winter 1903/Spring 1904 (no spear-
 ations granted) due July 16, 1980.
 Here goes the press:

REYKJAVIK TO DAN-TWERP: Time
 for a taste of your own tasteless
 medicine. Italy has given you
 lesson one in tactics. Why order
 Bur-Mar when Bur S A Par-Gas would
 have been much superior? What
 chance did Bur-Mar have of succeed-
 ing?

EGGNOG TO TURKEY: About that
 girl you brought up whom I very
 indirectly know: tell me more!
 MOSCOW: The Rump Tsar was bus-
 ily stepping people on the street
 today and asking them if England
 trusted Germany enough to cut War-
 saw's support from Moskow. How-
 ever, since all the passers-by
 could speak was Russian, the Tsar,
 who could not because his school-
 ing did not include the training
 in such barbaric tongues, was left
 without an answer. He stated,
 however, that he would wait upon
 events.

TO EGGNOG: Fortunately, I do
 keep carbons, Konrad. However,
 since it would now serve no point
 and especially since you have in-
 stituted your new policy of not
 wanting irrelevant press in defer-
 ence to, for example, irrelevant
 lettercolumns, I respectfully de-
 cline your offer.--Tom. P.S. Half
 the fun of this game is the press.
 Since nobody really believes it

anyway, almost all of it could be classified as irrelevant: What do you really want?--THH

EGGNOG RIGHT BACK AGAIN: OK, I suppose I should explain myself. I happen to really like some of the press that this and the other games have generated. Yours has never been bad. Other people occasionally send in some pretty dull press items. I print them, but as you may have noticed, I also happen to run across a lot of other material which I like to publish. If I'm to stick to 10-12 pp. issues in the future, some stuff will have to take precedence. In POLITICIAN it's the press because I always get some really excellent stuff sent in. In EGGNOG I prefer to publish a little of everything. Go ahead and send in as much as you like -- I'll print it. But once I find that the rest of the material in EGGNOG suffers as a result, I am forced to do something. What do you suggest?

ROME TO BERLIN: Pertinent quote from Henry Kissinger (May 2, 1980--addressing the Cleveland Bar Association): ..."Nor do we mitigate risks by acting hesitantly or marginally. Indeed, the greatest danger of ultimate escalation is to move very gradually from one position to another. First, because it creates the impression you are pushable. Second, because it tempts your adversary to follow you, little step by little step..."

1979IL -- Fall 1903

AUSTRIA(Carter): A Gal S A Rum-Ukr
A Rum-Ukr, A Bud-Rum, A Bul S A
Bud-Rum, A Ser S A Bud-Rum, A Vie
S A Gal, F Aeg S TURKISH A Syr-Smy
/nso/

ENGLAND(Martin): F Nth-Edi, F Lon-
Nth/a/

FRANCE(Lee): A Gas-Mar, A Spa S A
Gas-Mar, F Mid-Wes, F Wal-Lon, A
Yor F Wal-Lon, F Eng-Nth

GERMANY(Elliott): A Bel-Dur, A Den-
Kis, A Swe-Nwy, F Ska S A Swe-Nwy
F Bal-Dot, A War-Mos, A Pra-War

ITALY(Luckenbill): A Syr-Smy, F
Eas S A Syr-Smy, F Tyn-Lyo, A
Mar H/R Ple, OTB/

RUSSIA(Aucott): F Nwy S FRENCH F
Eng-Nth, A StP S F Nwy, A Ukr-Mos
A Sev S A Ukr-Mos, F Blz S TUR-
KEY F Ank-Con

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

Center Chart: AUS: Home, Ser, Gre,
Rum; 7, Even. ENG: ~~Lya~~, Edi: 1, even
FRA: Home, Spa, Por, Lvo, Lon: 7,
Fld 1. GER: Home, Hal, Den, Bel,
Swe, War: 8, Bld 1. ITA: Home, Tun:
4, Even. RUS: Nwy, StP, Mos, ~~Mar~~,
Sev: 4, Rem 1. TUR: Home: 3, Even.

Winter 1903/Spring 1904 due on
July 16, 1930. COAs: Mark Elliott
to 212 Crawford St., Syracuse, NY
13224, and Walt Aucott to 614 Wes-
singer St., #3 West Columbia, S.C.
29169. Press follows:

ENGLAND TO EGGNOG: Expect Sue in
the next mail delivery. I never
thought it would be so easy to get
the French to NMR indefinitely!

EGGNOG TO ENGLAND: I waited im-
patiently for the next mail deliv-
ery, but all I got was a letter
from Sue, and a card later on. My,
the deal was Sue in the mail, guy!

SHANGRI-LA: Sultan Abed is per-
fectly aware that if the Austrian
Prince supports the Italian into
Smyrna that the game is up. He con-
siders that his country has been
living on borrowed time even since
before the first turn, when the
Tear wouldn't believe a single
thing he said. Maybe next time.
As it is, the Sultan has set up a
rotating defense, whereby the only
way to get one away to an "ally" first.
We shall at least see who trusts
whom. Western powers take note.
--T.N.T.

TURKEY TO AUSTRIA: Camel dung,
indeed! A blank cheque can only
be written on once. Why did you
not take Con when you had the chance?
Now you have to trust someone be-
sides me.--ABED

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DEUTSCHE SPIEL

1980I -- Winter 1901

AUSTRIA (Halbmeier): Baut A Vie & A Bud. Hat auch F Gre, A Ser, A Tri
 ENGLAND (Palter): Baut F Lon. Hat auch A Nwy, F Nwg, F Nth
 FRANCE (Davis): (Hat A Spa, nicht A Mar wie angegeben, und bekommt deswegen zwei aufbauten): Baut F Bre & F Mar. Hat auch F Por, A Spa, A Pic
 GERMANY (Sommer): Baut F Kie, F Ber, A Mun. Hat auch A Den, A Bel, F Hol
 ITALY (Gautron): Baut F Nap. Hat auch A Ven A Tun F Ion
 RUSSIA (Pfohl): Baut F StP(nc) & A Mos. Hat auch F Swe, A Ukr, A Rum, F Rla
 TURKEY (Van Alkemade): Baut F Smy. Hat auch A Bul, A Ank, F Con

Zugabgebetermin für Spring 1902 ist
~~18 Juli 1980~~ 13 August 1980.

 And now, an unexpected special bit:

THIRD EGGNOG DEMONSTRATION GAME

1980J Commentary -- Spring 1902

By Eric Verheiden

Konrad has asked me to comment on 1980J, something about "earning my keep," I believe. In any event, it has been a lively game thus far.

The Spring 1901 moves were all highly conventional, with the exception of the German opening (F Kie-Hol, A Mun-Ruh, A Ber-Mun) and to a lesser extent, the Italian opening (F Nap-Tyn, A Ven-Pie, A Rom H). The German opening indicates an all-out attack on France. It only really makes sense when followed up by what really was ordered in Fall 1901 (F Hol-Bel, A Mun-Bur, A Ruh S A Mun-Bur). Germany should have obtained an English commitment to move F Lon-Eng in Spring 1901 before trying such a thing; having failed to get such a move, Germany should have pulled back for two builds in Fall 1901 rather than going ahead. The reason is that Germany is giving up

one or two builds plus position against Denmark in exchange for a one or two season jump on France. With France virtually guaranteed one or two builds no matter what, it really just isn't worth it; better to wait and blast in with three armies in Bel, Ruh and Mun. It certainly isn't worth it unless England and hopefully Italy are also pressing ahead vs. France. Germany, to do well, must usually take two and more likely three centers in 1901. To willingly accept only a single build is to accept a tremendous disadvantage, which must be compensated by comparable prospective gain. As it now looks, of course, England, France, and probably Italy will all be taking bites out of the German pie in very short order.

Italy played something initially that looked anti-French, switched to something looking vaguely anti-Austrian in Fall 1901 (A Pie-Tyl, A Rom-Ven, F Tyn-Tun) and now appears to be intent on Munich (A Ven-Tyl, A Tyl-Boh, etc). A bit wishy-washy, however Italy now stands to hold up the Russo-Turks at a minimum, perhaps be handed some pieces of Austria if it goes under and in the meantime can interfere in Germany with near impunity. Italy's longer term prospects look less bright with R/F in the west and R/T in the east. Italy must really break up both allies to do well.

The Anglo-French alliance appears to have outmaneuvered Germany completely, a timely stab by England being particularly effective as mentioned above. There is definitely a reason why Germany traditionally at least covers Denmark in Fall 1901. Longer term prospects are less certain. Russia can be a diversion to England in the north end, having built so many fleets, it is hard to see how a conflict with France can be postponed indefinitely. A good follow-up would be England swinging north against Russia, France swing-

ing south against Italy while still cleaning up an outflanked Germany.

Russia and Turkey can expect slow progress against Austria, barring an Italian stab or French distraction against Italy. In the not-too-likely latter event, Turkey should do better than Russia in the long run, with England pushing back Russia from the north while France weakens Turkey's enemies from the west. A near term conflict between England and France would tend to swing the balance to Russia, with an increased possibility of a Russian stab against Turkey if the latter country becomes overextended against Italy.

((So now let's see how close Eric is coming.))

1980J -- Fall 1902

AUSTRIA (Rodriguez): F Gre R Alb. A Vie-Gal, A Tri-Vie, A Ser & F Alb S ITALIAN F Ion-Gre, A Bud S A Vie-Gal

ENGLAND (Hurst): F Nth S F Hel-Hol, F Ska-Swe, A Den S F Ska-Swe, F Nwg-Nwy.

FRANCE (Counselman): F Mid H, A Bur-Bel, F Pic S A Bur-Bel, A Gas-Bur A Mar-Spa

GERMANY (Boudon): A Mun-Kie, A Ruh S A Bel, A Bel S F Hol, F Hol S A Mun-Kie/a/

ITALY (Osuch): A Boh S AUSTRIAN A Vie-Gal, A Tyl-Pis, F Ion-Gre, F Tyn-Ion

RUSSIA (Parker): A Rum-Ser, A Gal-Rum

it earlier in the 'zine, yes? And no time for more than 8 pages. Next time.

/L/Sil, Ukr, OTR/, F Ser S & Gal-Rum, A War-Gal, F Swa H/R Bal, Bot, Fin, OTR/, A Nwy S F Swa
TURKEY (Wakefield): A Gre S A Con-Bul/a/, A Con-Bul, F Aeg S A Gre, F Eas-Ion

Center Chart: AUS: Home, Ser, ~~4/4~~: 4, Rem 1. ENG: Home, Den, Swe, Hol, ~~4/4~~: 6, Eld 1. FRA: Home, Spa, Por: 5, Even. GER: Home, ~~4/4~~, Bel: 4, Eld 1. ITA: Home, Tun, Gre: 5, Eld 1. RUS: Home, ~~4/4~~, Nwy, Rum: 6, Even. TUR: Home, Bul: 4, Eld 1.

Deadline for Winter 1902/Spring 1903 is July 16, 1980. Vern Parker is forced to resign due to time pressures. Taking over for him will be Ben Schilling, Apt. 315, 24730 Roosevelt Court, Farmington Hills, MI 48018. Other players are: Al Rodriguez, 2613 South Eye, Bakersfield, CA 93304; Tom Hurst, 4158 Monona Dr., Madison, WI 58716; Ken Counselman, 52 Avalon Ave., Bedford, OH 44146; Larry Boudon, 206 Elm Street, Port Allegany, PA 16743; Bob Osuch, 3417 S. Paulina, Chicago, IL 60603; and Scott Wakefield, Rt. 2, Box 127, Plano, IL 60545. Good luck to you, Ben. Press (some of it):

MR. ARARAT: There once was a Roman Commander / whose lyrics were lacking in candor / His rhythm was terse / His verse was far worse / And his poetry bordered on slander.

EGGNOG: No room for more. It will all be printed in EGGNOG #50. Very sorry, Tom, but I was talking about

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