

"The situation doesn't require victory. It only forbids surrender."
—Napoleon Buonaparte

"Sometimes there isn't a choice between good and evil. Sometimes there's only a choice between horrors." —Anon.

"If we can just keep the hippies, yippies, and 'Dykes on Bikes' and the other Mondale supporters at bay, then we'll be in good shape."
—Texas GOP Party Chairman
George Strake

Midlife Crisis *tries to remain optimistic*

NUMBER 16
AUGUST 1984

THIS IS INDEED MIDLIFE CRISIS, STILL alive and kicking by the auspices of Paul G. Rautenberg, 4922 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee WI. 53208. I now have new work hours, and thus new phone hours. I can now (maybe) be reached between the hours of 4 PM and 11:30 PM, at 414-778-0750. Call any later, and you will incur the wrath of Khan. Subs to this rag are still 10/\$5.00. There will be two game openings here, effective immediately. No gamefee, just keep up YOUR sub and send us a 10 dollar NMR fee. The fines are now doubled to the hefty sum of 5 dollars an NMR, since \$2.50 apparently hasn't deterred enough NMRers (sic). Be good, get your moves in on time, and I'll refund your money. Be naughty, and I'll drink your money at the nearest gin mill. Signed up thus far: Uli Baumstater, Brad Wilson, James Wall, Richard Delzer.

GAME OPENINGS! GAME OPENINGS!
(see above)



—Kerry Waghorn

"... We begin bombing in five minutes ..."

Can You Afford To Be Without This Man's Advice This Season?

DON'T BE FOOLED by all the hype, Mafia-thug types, and "Armchair Quarterbacks." It is possible to win, betting on College football. I've been doing it (betting, that is) for 3 years; I've been winning consistently over the past 18 months.

I suppose gambling is like a disease. I think about it constantly during the autumn months, and spend hours studying stat sheets and dialing the phone, trying to get through to my bookie. But hey—this can't be any worse than betting on the stock or commodities markets—I am in control of the situation, and I do make money.

For those of you not "in the know", the mechanics of the "game" are simple. First, you get a schedule, showing you what games are being played this weekend. Then, you look in most local newspapers (or in the USA Today) for the gambling "lines." These lines are actually points added (before the game even starts) to the "underdog's" score. The theory is to add enough points to the weaker team's score to make it impossible to guess who the "winner" will be (the real-life "winner" may not be a winner at all to gamblers). For example, in last year's Rose Bowl, Illinois was a 6 point favorite over UCLA. That means that UCLA started out the game with a six point lead before the opening kickoff, and it was up to the supposedly superior Illinois team to make up for this deficit with its superior prowess on the field. If Illinois had won that game by a score of 10-6, people betting on Illinois to win would have been crying over money lost; the "betting score" would have been 12-10 UCLA, after adding the 6 point spread.

So, if everything is supposed to be "evened out," how do you win? The Mob, even armed as they are these days with computers, are not infallible. They don't always take all the factors into account which will influence a score. For instance, they didn't take the history of the Rose Bowl into account when they gave those six points to the Big Ten team. The Pac Ten always wins the Rose Bowl. They didn't take style of play into account. UCLA was a great passing team; Illinois didn't take on any outstanding passing teams all year, wired in the mud of the ground-gaming Big Ten. UCLA's pass receivers and Quarterback were all seasoned seniors; Illinois' pass defenders were green sophomores. The Mob didn't allow for the Pac Ten "Home Court Advantage." The game was played in Pasadena—the U-CLANS were from L.A. These factors convinced me to put \$200 down on UCLA. They were getting six points, but I was certain that they would win the game outright. They did, 45-9.

My advice to anyone wanting to try their hand at this. Look at the schedule; is the favorite playing against the same type of ~~teams~~ that they've been used to playing all year? Look at past seasons: does one team appear to have a "hex" on the other (that sounds stupid, but it works!)? Is one team a ground-based "running-oriented" team, and the other a passing team? All things being equal, always bet on the passers vs. the runners. The quick points are scored from the air, and a good quarterback can never be counted out.

In my first game this season, I put \$50 on Miami (+2) vs. number one rated Auburn. My passing oriented team beat the chumps outright, by 2 points (by 4, when you add the two. This week, my money is on Brigham Young (+11) vs. Pittsburgh. Wish me luck—Pitt's pass defense is a bit on the inexperienced side, but BYU isn't used to this calibre of competition....

BAUMEISTER PUT IN HIS PLACE

Last Winter, I was humiliated by Konrad Baumeister at numerous games of Shutbox. It was proven, seemingly, that I could not win at that game and that I was a soft touch for free drinks accordingly. Well, the weasel challenged me again two weeks ago, and I defiantly accepted the challenge to a 2 out of 3 games match. I won the first two games, after spotting Konrad big leads in each and then shutting the box resoundingly to put him away. Ingrandiously, I offered to make it "3 out of 5." I won the third game by the shutout route, and Konrad started whining that all championships went "best of seven." I told him to shut up and buy me a beer.

THE READERS WRITE BACK

LAST MONTH, I wrote two editorials, one asking Terry Tallman to lighten up, and the other asking for definitions of "variants" and "irregular games." On the subject of Tallman writes Jim Burgess:

"I, too, would wish that the threat of lawsuits is misplaced in a hobby like ours. I hope I have made a contribution ((with his editorial to be published in an up-coming now two weeks late NSWG)). ((In that piece, Jim states that once one steps into the adversarial contexts of the law, friendships go by the wayside. I am not quoting directly here, so that I cannot be sued by Tallman for "copyright infringement."))

I haven't heard from Terry thus far; perhaps the contents of his next NSWG will speak for themselves. If he's still bearing down on heavy topics not at all relevant to the hobby at large, I'll know that my editorial of sorts was written in vain. If he lightens up, I'll give him credit for being a clever and entertaining guy. We all know he is capable of being such.

On the Variants vs. Irregulars issue, the first salvo is fired by Mark Berch:

"I read with considerable interest your editorial on page 2. I think you've gone right to the heart of the matter by calling for a positive definition of "variant." I have suggested the following:

A variant is a game with a significant departure from the rulebook. By rulebook is meant the seven player game, including the board to which it refers.

This definition has two main virtues. It is, I believe, the definition we've been using all along. That is,

A. Every game given a Miller number has met that definition
 B. Every unorthodox game which hasn't met that definition has been given a Boardman Number, not a Miller number. For Example, games where the GM was a player; where men were barred as original players; games where blood relatives were in a game (e.g., husband and wife, or brother) either as GM-player, or player-player; one or two players playing under pseudonyms; games with extremely short or extremely long deadlines; two or more players, or player-GM, at the same address; or games with floating deadlines (i.e., in the Reinsel games, the GM would adjudicate as soon as all sets of orders were in, even if the deadline had not passed, so you couldn't necessarily change your orders). None of these were considered to be significant departures from the Rulebook, and all of them got BN's.

The second virtue is that it's a fairly simple definition. The only word you have to deal with is "significant", and even there, there's plenty of hobby precedent to draw from.

By that definition, the Wordworks game, and you game ((the Anonymous Game)) is clearly not a variant. It is interesting to note that when this issue first arose in 1975, with a game basically the same as yours, the assistant BNC in Britain (they were British games) gave those 2 games a BN.

I have challenged those who call those games variants to come up with their own definition of a variant, such that 1) Wordworks is a variant and 2) the games listed under B are not variants. With one exception, no such definition has been presented. ((Which is that?)) From this, I conclude that to call Wordworks games a variant is tantamount to making it impossible to define a variant; to muddy the water. The one exception is along the lines of "A Variant is what the BNC and MNC call a variant." This presents a variety of problems. Suppose they disagree? It is of no predictive value, since, the BNC could change his mind, or the job could pass to someone with a different opinion. It is a totally subjective criterion, and thus is hardly a definition at all. It simply says that the BNC is right by definition. While such the-pope-is-infallible type arguments might be fine in matters of religion, I don't think it's legitimate in the hobby.

My challenge to provide an alternative definition (to the above) for "Variants" is still open. If someone cannot provide such a definition, my question is: why do you call it a variant, if you have no precise idea of what a variant is?"

Paul here. C'mon former BNC's Byrne, Ditter, Kendler, and Walker—what say you? Bill Quigg, the heir apparent to the BNC-ship, your opinion is solicited as well!

FINALLY, from Jim Makue: "The reason I voted you highly for GM is that, as you stated, we are notified by postcard if an error has occurred. Some GM's wait until the next adjudication and "I hope everyone caught the error." Also, the turnaround is very quick as opposed to other GM's I play under. Also, you kept going after your accident. Some would have delayed until they recovered.

1982 HQ

SLEAZE ONE

Fall 1909

DRAWS VETOED AS ENGLISH PIRATES ERADICATED

AUSTRIA (Mark Frueh, —COA—4729 Morgan Ford, Apt 6, St. Louis, Mo. 63116);
 A Ven-S-FREN F Tyr-Rome, F Ion-Nap, F Alb-Gre, F Blk H, A Mun-S-FREN A Ruh-Kie,
 A Sil-War, A War-Lvn (dis, annihilated), A Gal-S-A Sil-War, A Ukr-Mos, A Sev-S-
 A Ukr-Mos, A Rum-Ukr, A Arm H.

ENGLAND (David Pierce, 13521 Pleasant Lane, Burnsville, MN. 55337);
 F Mid-Eng, F Rom-Nap, (dis, may retreat to Tus, OTb.).

FRANCE (Derwood Bowen, 1643 Graniteway Lane, Columbus, OH. 43229);
 F Tyr-Rome, F Wes-Tun, F Spa sc-Mid, A Bre-Wal, F Eng-C-A Bre-Wal (dis, ret. to
 Wal, Iri, OTB), A Bel-Nwy, F Nth-C-A Bel-Nwy, A Bur-Bel, A Ruh-Kie,
 F Aeg-Ion, F Hol-S-A Ruhr-Hol ((sic)).

RUSSIA (Michael Quirk, 3830 Chester, Glenview, IL. 60025);
 A War-r-Pru, F Lpl H, F Lon-S- ENG F Mid-Eng, A Den-S-A Kie, A Kie-S-A Ber,
 A Ber-S-A Kie, A Mos-War, A Lvn-S-A Mos-War, A Pru-S-A Mos-War.

All draws and concessions were defeated; A/F is repropoed. The deadline for
 Winter C9/Spring 10 moves is Saturday 29 September, 1984. Note Frueh COA.

1982 HQ

SUPPLY CHART

Winter 1909

AUSTRIA: Has Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser, Rum, Gre, Ven, Smy, Bul, Ank, Sev, Mun, Mos.
 (13). May build two, due to one annihilation.

FRANCE: Has Bre, Par, Mar, Por, Spa, Rom, Nap, Epi, Len, Edi, Con, Hol, Bel,
 Nwy, Tun, (13). May build two.

ENGLAND: Has Len, Mos. (C). OUT.

RUSSIA: Has StP, Mos, War, Swe, Den, Nwy, Kie, Ber, Mos, Lpl, Lon.
 (8). Must remove one.

SLEAZY PRESS

UNK MO TO DAVID: Thanks for playing this out to the bitter end.

QUIRK TO ST. LOUIS: I hear that a sniveling little rat-faced geek is about to
 take up permanent residence in your fair city. I suggest that you show him the
 top of the Gateway Arch, and then show him the fastest way to get to the bottom.

FRANCE TO UNK MO: Well, did the "wimps" vote for the two-way?

UNK MO TO FRANCE: Yes, but somebody else didn't.

MARK TO DERWOOD: I can surely say that you're the most unusual dip player in
 the hobby...now for the love of Rome, take it, will ya?

FRANCE TO UNK MO AGAIN: Well, did these moves meet with your approval? I de-
 cided to try to outguess England, while taking one of his centers for sure. At
 worst, he will have one fleet left to run amok with. At best, he will have none.
 And the Russian in England will be isolated from the rest of his units, easily
 cut off and dealt with. He continues to decline, while France and Austria
 grow. The inevitable will happen. How about some nasty comments about Russia
 abandoning Scandinavia?

UNK MO TO FRANCE, AGAIN: Ah, but the big headline here is your second consecutive
 attempt to have F Hol support another of your units into Holland—clearly illegal
 in the eyes of the game's inventor. Quirk's quirks are pretty doctrinaire com-
 pared to yours.

FRANCE TO MARK: Press can only be entertaining if people, including you,
 write some. Here is my contribution.

MARK TO MICHAEL: What was the button I saw you wearing at Rusnak's? (Jondale '84
 ah boy? I'm glad to see you returning to the human race. I promise, if selected
 to be Sec. of State, my first objective will be to get the Russians to the
 bargaining table. To set up a mutually verifiable arms agreement—a reduction
 in tactical missiles in Europe. Open up avenues of dialogue between Palestinians

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ANONYMOUS GAME

Fall 1907

THE GERMANS OUTGUESS THEMSELVES

FRANCE (Casual Sutterby); F Mid-Nat, F Was-Spa ac, F Eng-Nth, F Bel-Hol, F Ros-Tyn, A Pic-Bur, A Bur-Ruhr, A Pic-Tyr, F Nap H, F Tum H, A Edi H (dis,ret to Cly, Lpl, Yrk, OTB), A Lon H.

GERMANY (Kowrad v. Kriegen); A War-Ukr, A Mos-S-A War-Ukr, A Tri-S-A Bud, A Vis-S-A Tri, A Gal-S-A Bud, A Bud-S-A Tri, A Stp-Nwy, F Kiel-Hol, F Den-Nth, F Nth-Edi, F Nwg-S-F Nth-Edi, A Mun-Ruh, A Ruh-Bal, A Tyr-Ven.

TURKEY (Rhusty Underwhere); F Ven-S-A Ser-Tri, A Alb-S-A Ser-Tri, A Ser-Tri, A Bul-Ser, F Gre-Ion, A Sev-Ukr, R Rum-S-A Sev-Ukr, F Blk-S-A Rum.

The deadline for Winter 1907/Spring 1908 moves will be Saturday, 29 September, 1984. F/G and F/C/T draws have been proposed; vote along with your moves. NVR=No.

SUPPLY CHART

WINTER 1907

FRANCE: Has Bre, Par, Mar, Spa, Por, Lon, Edf, Lpl, Tum, Ros, Nap, Hol, Bal. (12). Even.

GERMANY: Has Kle, Ber, Mun, Edf, Swa, Den, Nwy, Tri, Vis, Bud, War, Mos, StP., Yrk, Edi. (13). Must remove one.

TURKEY: Has Con, Ark, Say, Bul, Sev, Gre, Ser, Rum, Ven. (9). May build one.

ANONYMOUS PRESS

Rhusty to KvK: What was your last threat: help France and you'll do WHAT? Was that give me all your centers, or Casual?

BERLIN TO UNK STAN CORPSE: Sit up! Speak! Say "Boy, was I wrong! This is a genuine F/G war!" Say "Why did Caz throw away his 2-way?" (Maybe he hasn't. Maybe I'll get ground up between F/T. Maybe dogs have feathers. (Paul said I could do this). ((Do what?))

UNK STAN TO KvK: What am I? Chopped liver? ((No, you're dog meat.))

UNK STAN TO UNK MO: Arf, arf!

CAZ TO KvK: I'm sorry, I should have realized that letting you have 15 dots and 4 builds was better for our two-way. Come to think of it, if I hadn't been such an ozonehead, you'd probably be winning this now, huh?

CAZ TO RHUSTY: Venice is a good start. Keep up the pressure and Trieste can't be too far behind. Of course, what does an ozonehead like me know?

UNK STAN TO UNK MO: Can I still forward game letters to you for dispersal to the proper parties, and can they do the same in return...I don't have anything to say to them; I just wondered. ((It's your stamps....))

CAZ TO UNK STAN: What do you mean 15-11 is too strong for a two-way? KvK told me that I was an ozonehead for doing that very thing.

UNK STAN TO SHRINKING WORLD: Maybe I can't propose the draw, but you can. I'm getting impatient. Maybe I was wrong about an "allowed stab", but the sentiments were right on. Good going, Caz, watcha yer ass!

Sleazy Press, cont.

and Israelis. And lastly, establish international diplomacy toursays for world friendship and peace. If that doesn't work, then I'll have Derwood show me our missile command center in North Dakota. "Tell me, Derwood, what does this button do?" "Ges, Mark, I don't know...let's see...oh, that's the one that would nuke Havana. I hope Ambassador Quirk has finished his talks with Castro--look at the bright side. Two less sleazy Dip players in the world." Mark: "Yeah, every cloud does have a silver lining." ((Even mushroom clouds?)) "By the way, Derwood, where's Danny Boy Stafford right now?"

FRANCE TO AUSTRIA: You have surprised me with your loyalty. I am so very glad that I chose you over the Talltoad. Let's keep it that way.

QUIRK TO DEADHEAD DERWOOD: Frush doesn't know what a "2-way" means in Diplomacy. When you mention 2-ways to Frush, he thinks you are suggesting kinky sex.

1983 AR

PORCELAIN GOD

Fall 1986

RUSSIANS BUY THE FARM: CAN RUSNAK
AND BECKER BUY A MEDIATOR?

AUSTRIA (Carl Russell, 21 Morgan Rd., Binghamton, NY. 13903);
A Rum-Bul, ~~...~~ Tri-S-A Vie, F Gre-Aeg (dis, ret to Alb, OTB), A Ser-S-A Rum-Bul, A Vie-S-A Tri.

ENGLAND (Bob Achesson, C/O Echo Bay Mines, Lupin, NWT, CANADA XOE 1X0);
F Wal-Lpl, F Nth-Lon, A Nwy-Stp, F GOB-S-A Nwy-Stp.

FRANCE (Bill Becker, 810 Turwill, Kalamazoo, MI. 49007);
A Pie H, F Eng-Bre, F Mid-S-F Eng-Bre, F Wes-Tun.

GERMANY (Russ Rusnak, 16 West 536 Honeysuckle Rose, Bldg 6, Apt, 105, Hinsdale, IL. 60521); A Mun-Tyr, A Gal-War, A Sil-S-A Gal-War, F Den-Nth, A Bel H, F Bre H, A Par-S-F Bre.

ITALY (Jim Makuc, Box 111, Monterey, MA. 02145); F Tyn-Nap, F Spa sc-Wes, F GOL-Tyn, A Ven-S-A Tyr, A Tyr-S-AUS A Vie.

RUSSIA (Dale Bakken, who may be moving Sept 1st, and doesn't have an address yet, but who cares, eh?): A Stp-Fin, A War-H (dis, ret to Pru, Lvn, OTB).

TURKEY: (Chuck Kaplan, 742 Grouse Ct., Deerfield, IL. 60015);
A Mos-War, A Ukr-Gal, A Sev-Rus, F Blk-S-A Sev-Rus, A Bul-Ser, (dis, ret. to Con, OTB), F Ion-Gre, F Aeg-S-F Ion-Gre.

The deadline for Winter 86/Spring 87 moves is Saturday, 29 September, 1984.
Thanks to Dale Bakken for playing out the Russian position to the bitter end.

1983 AR

SUPPLY CHART

Winter 1986

AUSTRIA: Has Tri, Vie, Bud, Ser ~~...~~ Bul. (6) Even.

ENGLAND: Has Lon, Nwy, Swe, Edi, Lpl, Stp. (8). May build two.

FRANCE: Has Par, Mar, Por, Lpl, Tun. (4). Even.

GERMANY: Has Mun, Kie, Ber, War, Hol, Bel, Den, Bre. (8). May build one.

ITALY: Has Ven, Rom, Nap, Spa. (4). Must remove one.

RUSSIA: Has Stp, War. (C) OUT.

TURKEY: Has Con, Ark, Smy, Rum, Gre, Mos, Sev, Wdi, Tyn. (7). Even.

PORCELAIN PRESS

MARSEILLES: Leaders of the underground will not give up the fight. It is not hard to see that allies can be just as closed minded and obstinate as enemies.

RUSSIA: The cavalry is coming!! The cavalry is coming!! And they're gonna save me, right? ((Right. They're gonna save you for the vultures and maggots))

LONDON TO RUSSIA: Was this the help you were looking for? ((Snide.))

BAKKO: Say ya love me or say goodnight! ((Goodnight, Bakko, and don't forget your be dtine bear, with which to wet your toothbrush.))

SWITZERLAND TO VIENNA: If I didn't know any better, I'd say that it appears that you're quaking in fear of Rusnak. Or are his boots just naturally that shiney?

MADMAN TO UNK MO: Congrats on your Runestone GM Poll ranking! Darned if I know how you got to be 4th. There must be some awfully drunk people out there, don't you think?

UNK MO TO BAKKO: If that was the criterion for rating me so highly, you and Peters must have given me "10's".



1983 AI

PORNOGRAPHIC PRIESTESS

Winter C5

CONCESSION VETOED AND SEASONS SEPARATED, ALL
BY PLAYER REQUEST

AUSTRIA (John Kador, 505 Second Ave, Melbourne Beach, FL. 32961);
A Spy-r-OTB. Removes A Vis, A Bud (John listed another removal, made
unnecessary by his retreat OTB). Has F Alb, A Tyr, A Boh, F Gre.

ENGLAND: (David Pierce, 13521 Pleasant Lane, Burnsville, MN. 55337);
Builds F Edi, A Lon. Has F Edi, A Lon, F Nth, F Bel, F Hol, A Bro, F Eng,
F Mid, A Pic, F Tun.

FRANCE (Michael Quirk, 3830 Chester, Glenview IL., 60025); A Bro-r-Gas.
Has A Gas, F Nap, A Mar,

GERMANY (James Woodson? PO Box 18645, Corpus Christi, TX. 78418);
Nothing to do, but since James NVR'd in the other game, I'll call a
standby for this one just in case. No fine will be levied if James
returns; otherwise, he loses the whole 5 bucks. Has A Munich.

ITALY (Don Swartz, 156 Vernon Ave, #2, Louisville, KY. 40206);
Removes A Tus. Has F Ion, A Ven.

RUSSIA: (James Wall, —COA— 1805 University Ave, #5, Madison WI 53705);
Builds F Sev, A StP, A War. Has F Sev, A StP, A War, F Den, F Ber, F Bul sc,
A Spy, F Con, A Kie, A Gal, A Sil, A Ucr, A Mos, A Ser.

Will Konrad Baumelster, 11416 Parkview Ln, Hales Corners, WI. 53130 please
send in a standby order for Germany? Deadline Day is 29 September, 1984.
Please note the Wall COA. If there's an X here, you have moves on file—

PORNOGRAPHIC PRESS

PAUL TO BOARD: Ooops, I forgot to mention that the concession to R is repropoed.
Vote with your orders—NVR is NO, but if you don't update your present orders,
I'll have to count it as a YES vote.

QUIRK TO WALL: Yes, I'm throwing my centers to England; it serves you right.

GERALDINE FERRARO TO BOARD: This board is racially unbalanced; there are too
many white pieces. You are immediately ordered to increase the black pieces
and decrease the white pieces. If this affirmative action plan is not followed,
then Unk No must go to bed with me.

UNK NO TO GERRY: First you have to divorce your hubby, and make sure you get
a hefty share of his cash. Then we'll have plenty of common interest(s).

1983 Y

MISSIONARY POSITION

Winter 19C6

GERMANS GO EASY ON THE FRENCH:
SEASONS SEPARATED BY REQUEST

AUSTRIA (Nelson Heintzman, 2255 Delaware Ave, #C-4, Buffalo NY 14216);
Even. Has A Con, F Spy, A Ank, A Vis.

ENGLAND (Jim Makuc, Box 111, Montrose, MA. 01245); F Lon-r-OTB. Has F Cly.

FRANCE (Konrad Baumelster, 11416 Parkview Ln, Hales Corners, WI. 53130);
Even. Has F Nat, F Mid, A Bro, A Bur, A Gas.

GERMANY (Dale Bakken, 1116 Ann St, Apt. 12, Madison, WI. 53713);
A Bur-r-Mun. Builds F Kie. Has F Kie, A Mun, A Pru, A Sil, A Hol, A Boh, F Lon.

ITALY (Russ Rusnak, 16 West, 536 Honeysuckle Rose, Bldg 6, Apt. 105,
Hinsdale, IL. 60521); Builds A Ven. Has A Ven, A Tyr, A Tri, F Ion,
F Aeg, F Gre.

RUSSIA (Nancy Irwin, 4109 Magnolia Ave, 1 North, St. Louis, MO. 63110);
Builds A Mos. Has A Mos, F May, F Bllt, A Rum, A Ser, A Bud, A Gal, F Yrk,
A Edi, F Eng, F Bul sc.

If there is an X appearing here, you have moves on file for Spring 1907. Otherwise,
the deadline is 29 September, 1984.

MISSIONARY PRESS

A MUN TO PAR: Boy, I tell ya, Mars looked tempting but then. Munich probably
would have looked tempting to you. Still at peace and united, I hope.

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MISSIONARY PRESS, CONT.

GROUCH TO GHOST: Make room in the attic. I'm joining you soon. We'll haunt this game together. I don't think they have G-B-O-U-C-H-S-U-S-T-E-R-S yet.

TURKEY TO GERMANY: I'm busted, all right. My ally is going down to an ignominious defeat. If you think I'm going to stick around to watch...you're crazier than she is.

VIENNA TO GHOST: Deja Vu or what? Pretty soon your homeland will claim another victim and together we lost souls will roam the ruins of Troy and mingle with the bones of the Hittites. Also, congrats on becoming Luedi's press awards editor—you'll be hearing from me.

GHOST TO NELSON: I'm glad you're hanging in there. I wish I could share the cup with you. It was a real learning experience for me, too.

GERMANY TO RUSSIA: So you're a mense, huh? If you're so frickin' smart, you should know how to do a little negotiating!

AUSTRIAN REMNANTS TO RUSSIAN REMEMBRANCES: I guess my next by-line will be somewhere in Asia Minor, eh?

NELSON TO NANCE: Nice job you did on "my" Nipcon article.

BERLIN TO ROME: What color were those panties?

~~ROM-TRI~~ VIE-Rome: Yes, Master?

BAKKO TO GN: Last month's quote...was that Pink Floyd? ((Yup.))

1983 CQ

SACRED COW

Fall 1984

RAGGED AROUND THE EDGES

AUSTRIA (John Crosby, 830 Hunterhill Tr, Roswell, GA. 30075);
A Rom-Nap, F Adr-Ion, F Con-S-A Bul, A Bul-S-F Con, F Aeg-S-F Con, A Bud U,
A Vie-Boh, A Ven-Pie.

ENGLAND (Jim Keeney, 3124 N. St., Sacramento, CA. 95816);
F Nth-r-Hol, F Hol-S-F Eng-Sel, F Eng-Sel, F Ska-Den.

FRANCE (David Anderson, PO Box 3761, Pontiac, MI. 48059);
A Mar-Pie, A Bur-Sel, A Pic-Bre, F Tum H, F Iri-Lpl.

GERMANY (Matt Fleming, 429C Chateau de Ville, #C, St. Louis, MO. 63129);
F Hal-Kie, A Den-S-F Hal-Kie, F Nth-S-A Ruh-Sel, A Ruh-Sel, A Mun-Ruh,
A Boh-Hun.

ITALY (Paul Gardner, 1676 E. 24th St., Eugene, OR. 97403);
A Pie-Tyr, F Tyn-Nap.

RUSSIA (Lu Henry, 6056 Waverly, Dearborn Heights, MI. 48127);
F Nwg-Edi, A Nwy-S-A Swe, A Swe-S-A Nwy, A Ukr-Gal, A Rum-S-A Ukr-Gal,
F Sev-S-A Rum, A Arn-S-TURK A Smy (OTN).

TURKEY (Derwood Bowen, 1643 Graniteway Lane, Columbus, Ohio, 43229);
A Smy-Con, F Blk-S-A Smy-Con, F Ank-S-A Smy-Con.

The deadline for Winter 1984, Spring 1985 is Saturday 29 September, 1984. It only takes one request to get a separation of seasons in MC; please try not to do it for frivolous reasons (i.e. "just to be an asshole") though.

1983 CQ

SUPPLY CHART

Winter 1984

AUSTRIA: Has Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser, Gre, Van Rom Bul, Con. (9). May build one.
ENGLAND: Has Lon, Lpl, Edi, Hol. (2). Must remove one.
FRANCE: Has Par, Bre, Mar, Spa, Por, Tum, Lpl. (7). May build two.
GERMANY: Has Mun, Kie, Ber, Den, Bel, Hol. (5). Must remove one.
ITALY: Has Nap, Tyr. (1) Must remove one.
RUSSIA: Has StP, Sev, Mos, Mar, Rum, Swe, Nwy, Edi. (8). May build one.
TURKEY: Has Blk, Smy, Ank. (2). Must remove one.

SACRED PRESS

DERWOOD TO JOHN: There is no personal enmity in this, but since you were nasty to me, I see no reason not to make you pay as much as I have in my power to make you pay.

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SACRED PRESS, cont.

MOSCOW: Field Marshall Prichetti regrets that although he remained in headquarters the entire month, the amount of correspondence received from alleged friends in this game would not displace any angels dancing about on the heads of pins (i.e. the pinheads involved in this game).

ITALY TO RUSSIA: Please do some minor surgery on Austria for me. Kick the shit out of him. (Thanks!).

AUSTRIA TO RUSSIA: Pretty soon you'll have to choose an enemy. All that's left are your "friends." ((with friends like Russia, who needs enemies?))

MOSCOW TO VIENNA: You were not to be stabbed until you failed to respond to my letter of peace and friendship.

SEVASTOPOL TO ANKARA: We really are battling three for three in this game, as far as Turkish players who find it impossible to put ink to paper. Let's see, your excuse is that your printer broke down. That's computerization; would you like a surplus Russian pencil to write with?

WARSAW TO FRANCE AND GERMANY: At least you're guys write. Some are so full of b.s. that our falines buried the last ones in their litter box immediately after opening.

TURKEY TO AUSTRIA: I offered you a very logical, sensible alliance. You betrayed me. That is part of the game, of course. However, so is getting as much a measure of revenge as I am capable of. You shall see just how much (or how little) I am capable of.

TURKEY TO RUSSIA: Your offer was not as good as Austria's, but his word was no good, so what difference did his offer make. Silly me, I shall do whatever I can to make Red blocks retreat, and if that means giving dots to you, whatever. Did you take Seyrma, or did you bounce? ((He stuck.)) I don't really care.

ST. PÉTE TO LONDON: Are you going to go out in style as a pirate in the low countries, or just going to die slowly defending the home centers?

FRANCE TO ENGLAND: I don't know what you are doing but, if you write, then maybe as in the Beatles' song, "we can work it out."

LONDON TO RETROGRAD: What happened to the help you promised? ((What did he do, promise you that France wouldn't take Edi?))

LONDON TO BERLIN: I guess I really screwed up letting you take Wth Sea from me, but it is so much fun coming in from the rear.

MOSCOW TO ITALY: What can one say? Remember my paranoid warnings to you in pre '01.

TURKEY TO GERMANY: Keep working with the Russian and start beating on the Austrian. He should be easy. He has all his units in Italy and the Balkans. Hit him now while his back is turned.

TURKEY TO FRANCE: Hurry up and get Italy out of the way so that you can start on Austrian dots. You can wind up with a FRG 3-way. Let's say bye-bye to Austria.

Playlist # 16

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A Gabon-Cent African Rep, F Cent Atl-Sahara, A Algeria-Niger.

Please note the COA's for Wall and Frush. BRAD WILSON, Box 327, Lake Forest College,
Lake Forest IL. 60045, is asked to submit standby moves for EGYPT.
THE DEADLINE for Fall 2103 moves is SATURDAY, 29 Sept, 1984.

THE FATTED PRESS

PERU TO UNK NO: The "Army Panama" is a fleet. You know, that's twice now. I
rated you highly in the Rubestone (GM and Zips) because of your efforts elsewhere
(e.g. Missionary Position) but you may be assured that next year will be a
different story, if you don't shape up quickly. Consider yourself warned!

UNK NO TO PERU: Yeah, I called F Pan an army last season because you didn't
correct me when I originally made the mistake the issue before! Under most
lesser-rated GM's, you would now be stuck with the army.

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FATTED PRESS, cont.

PERU TO UNK NO: You know that the press is all that matters! Games are just an excuse to write press. Anybody who faithfully transcribes all of my scribblings ((you're too kind--chicken scratching is more accurate!)) rates at least an 8 in my book.

TASS: Requested from Peru--one small plot of fertile land suitable for the growing of your largest export. Will exchange plot of Russian land tenfold as large. Such a deal. (The soldiers are lagging!)

LLAMALAND TO USSR: How dare you accuse Quirk of being on drugs? You mean... that white powder...it was drugs? If this doesn't work out we'll have to go back to Colombia and try some...what is it called now?

PERU TO BOARD: Halloo? Anyone out there? Are you guys going to keep producing unprofessional white space or what? No wonder MC finished 25th! It's your fault! Makuc, Ozog, Wrobel, Kaplan...let's get with it! The rest of you, too. Otherwise, by next year, MC will be down to 50th!

TASS: Fifteen countries and press from only 4 last season. Must be time to start cranking.

QUIRK TO MADISON: Did you really run Frush out of town? That's what I call Toxic Waste Disposal.

JIMMY TO MARKIE: Hamaarkie, now that you are shackled up in St. Louis, who am I going to abuse?'

MARC TO JAMES: What in the winter press to Puppy have to do with the game? A dispute better discussed in private than aired in public, perhaps?

UNK NO TO MARC: I'm sure that it wasn't just because James was too cheap to... write directly to Mark. More likely, for lack of a zip code, Mark was hard to find.

CANADA: As is often the case in the real world, Canada races to protect the USA from its own folly. Sure, and then you'll impose trade sanctions against us, as usual, and demand our water and natural resources. It never ends, eh?

TASS: As the waters of the Baltic thaw out, the Russian fleet executes maneuvers to stay in shape. Friendly Poles have nothing to worry about.

PERU TO ARGENTINA: I'm coming, I'm coming. Sorry, though, I don't believe that my "help" is the kind that you had in mind. The die is cast.

JIM-BOB TO MR. QUIRK: That's better, but don't give up yet! Did I err?

MARC TO MARK: I predict an NMR from James Woodson. That should start the ball rolling. Go for it. ((what a psychic!))

CANADA TO USSR: Hey fella, ain't no way we're gonna mess with that powerful fleet you got there. Study the moves carefully. I think you'll see a method in my madness. As for target practice... that's Korean airlines you're supposed to shoot at!

PERU TO UNK NO: They do too write to me ((all lies!)). See, that's another one. Just what do you have against me?

JIM-BOB TO HOBBY: Conspiracy, conspiracy, the Brewtown gang of one is after me. They're vicious (Sid, that is). Luckily, they are doomed. Watch out for bathrooms bearing gifts. ((Is that why my toilet backed up this morning?))

NIGER: Chuckie vs. Jimmy--what a slugfest! May the best Madlad win!

CANADA TO USA: If I'm your only ally...Hell, man, I'm trying to make the best of a bad situation.

HONDURAS: We rejoin our jumping llamas suspended in mid-hop. They are trying to buy passage on the Tijuana Taxi (Ba da, ba ba, ba ba, Ba da, ba ba, or something like that) ((huh?)) to California but they're giving me a hard time with all this green paper. Don't worry, we've got grease to oil those wheels of government. It may take a while, but we'll get through. Count on it...I mean, "count on it."

PERU TO UNK NO: Does that fill up all the white space?

UNK NO: Close enough. I'd hate to have to start writing "Golden Age" filler just to give my zine a more "professional" look....

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