

"I never could learn to drink that blood and call it wine."
—Bob Dylan

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Midlife crisis

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Subs to this rag are still cheap at 50 cents an issue.

A CHANGING OF THE SUBZINES

BENZINE has issued its declaration of independence at long last, and is now a full-fledged zine. Mark Lew is a fellow with a lot to say, and he says it in a most entertaining fashion. Write to him at 1327 W. 27th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99503 and keep up with all the fun!

Replacing BENZINE will be two smaller subzines.

One will be VERTIGO, by Brad Wilson, a music-oriented three pager. Brad's former homes, RETALIATION and GIVE ME A WEAPON, have folded, leaving him without a home for lo, these many months. He should fit in well here.

Another subzine will be Dale Bakken's BOTTOMS UP, primarily concerned with Sports. Dale writes with an uncompromising style all his own, and he should provide us all with more than a few chuckles in upcoming months.

GENCON AND FTF IN MILWAUKEE!

As many of you avid wargamers probably know by now, Gencon will be held here in Milwaukee, August 23, 24, 25. As far as I can tell, however, there will be no DIPLOMACY played at that convention. Well what the hell—I will host ongoing Diplomacy games at my house during those three days. Stop in for a few beers, and meet the Midwest Mob, or renew old acquaintances. I will personally supply at least a half-barrel of beer, and there will be plenty of floor space for out-of-towners to crash on. Ask Ed-Medlads—they'll tell you how congenial a floormate my Dob-shen, Molina, can be!

Um, yes, this is concurrent with the dates of DIPCON in Seattle. If you can't make it to one, perhaps you can make it to the other.

CONCERTS

This has been a pretty good year for ol' PGR at concerts. I've sat in the 2nd row, center, for Eric Clapton; 3rd row center for Dire Straits (I had first row seats off to the side, but gave them to Marc and Debi Peters); and will be seeing REI this week, again with 3rd-row center seating. Now if only Springsteen wouldn't be selling out and doing only stadium shows, I'm sure I'd have great seats for him, too.

Time to resub!

o... update

INFORMATION: ART KUMBALEK

Here's an informational subject. Let me tell you what I think about this mandatory drug testing for professional ballplayers. One thing's for sure, that's one test a lot of ballplayers are already cramming for. In the case of a team like our Brewers, a mandatory hitting test would be a lot better idea. I look at their statistics, and I don't know if I'm looking at batting averages or the amount of folic acid in a one-a-day multiple vitamin.

The sharp point everybody's missing sitting on here, is not whether a players on the drugs or not, but how does the player play when he's playing on drugs. This is America after all, don't forget. What we care about is performance. Those concerned goody-goody spiked shoes upset in arms about ballplayers with drugs seem to think that the drugs must make them play worse. And how the hell would those people know when the only thing they play is the radio and the only drugs they take are safety-sealed aspirin for their hangover headaches. I circumcise that some players do, in the fact, play better when they're higher than a helium balloon above Sky Lab in zero gravity.

Take music Musicians always play better when they have drugs. It's part of the job. Your musicians couldn't even play 'Twinkle Twinkle' without a toot before they toot, but I don't hear our saintly public outcrying for musician drug tests. They would say you can't compare musicians and ballplayers. Bullroar crap. They would say the ballplaying is more physically demeaning than the music-playing. Again, bullroar crap. Just try to tell a musician that standing in a field fooling with your jock cup and keeping the sun out of your eyes and bugs out of your nose is more physical than blowing out some allegro scherzoso in C# for six sets a night.

Ballplayers and musicplayers are both in the entertainment racket. They both play their trade in front of loud drunks. They both change into stupid outfits to play. And where do you think Michael Jackson got the idea to wear one glove from? Ballplayers and musicplayers both eat penicillin like candy for the social diseases they sprout from groping groupies they meet in hotel fern bars on the road. They talk to reporters. They make too much money. They play in groups and teams with stupid names. What's a 'Meat Puppet?' What's an 'Expo?'

And what kind of drug tests are they talking about? Written? Oral? Nasal? What kind of questions would they have? Multiple choice? "Cocaine is: (a) Good (b) Expensive (c) White (d) Popular." They wouldn't ask ballplayers an essay question, except maybe, "How many bases are awarded for a free base hit?", because the only thing ballplayers can write is their names on the backs of their king-sized paychecks, and the only bluebook they ever use is the one that tells them how much their Mercedes is worth after they crack it up. Maybe ballplayers would get a story problem question like from high school algebra: "You're playing in a ballpark where the foul pole in left field is 332 feet from home plate. If the foul line measuring that distance is four inches wide, and composed of 98% pure top drawer Colombian coke, how many minutes would it take the Pittsburgh Pirate bullpen to inhale the entire foul line through their left nostrils? Their right nostrils? Which planet would they think they were on?"

Like I said, some players are better on drugs, so the only fair test would be to give all the players drugs before their next game. Those that play well, or better than before, would have to always have drugs to play. Those that don't play so well go cold turkey. I think this is the only way to go to insure the integrity of the game, the players' rights, and the right of the fan to get the best product for his fan dollar. Play ball.



City is urged to isolate sin

MILWAUKEE (UPI) — Alderman Michael McGee wants the city to establish a special district where all wickedness and sin could be concentrated.

"Everything from burlesque houses and strip joints to porno places would be there, and prostitutes would hang around there, too," he said in an interview with the Milwaukee Journal.

McGee made his comments more than a week after an 18-year-old female dancer claimed she was sexually assaulted by two Green Bay Packer football players. The incident took place in a tavern in McGee's aldermanic district.

McGee suggested the special district could be set up in a nonresidential area near Jones Island, where the city's sewage treatment plant is located.

VERTIGO⁴⁴

The Subzine of Champy

July 7, 1985

Vote GOP

It's a steaming hot July night here in Philadelphia, and your GM is re-learning how to use his Sharp memorywriter. A new security setup at the office prevents me from staying late and typing there.

so I'm forced into using this, which is no big deal, until the batteries give out, which should be soon. Then I'll just run to Wawa and get some more. Of course, this has an AC adaptor but I can't find it. So it goes....lots to talk about this issue too, not just game stuff. But, as always, we'll do the game stuff first.

1984AM REFLECTIONS SPRING 1906

(maybe I'll figure this thing out yet)

NEW EMPEROR IN VIENNA: KRAUTS NEED KILTS

AUSTRIA (Courtesancho): F Say-Eae, A Bul S F Gre, F Gre S A Bul, A Bud-Vie, A Boh S A Tri-Tyo, A Tri-Tyo
FRANCE (Budway): A Bel M, A Lon-Yrk, F Eng-Nth, A Mar-Pie, A Tyo S A Mar-Pie, F Tys-Tys, F Wan-Tys, F Tuh-Ion, F Bre-Mid
GERMANY (Baumeister): A Hol-Edi, F Hel-Hol, A Kie-Ruh, A Mun-Bur, A Ber-Mun, F Swe H, F Den-Nth
ITALY (Neuger): A Pie S A Ven-Tyo, A Ven-Tyo, F Ion-Nap
RUSSIA (Rauterberg): F StP(nc)-Nwy, A War S A Sil-Gal, A Pru-Sil, A Sil-Gal, A Ser-Bud, A Rum S A Ser-Bud, F Con-Bul(amb), A Sak-Ara, F Nth C GERMAN A Hol-Edi

Underlined moves do not succeed. The French A Tyo is dislodged and is annihilated. The Russian order for F Con fails because, of course, no coast is specified. Fall 1906 will be dur August 5, 1985, at 10pm EDT to me, your faithful GM, Brad Wilton, at 302 Friendship Dr., Paoli, PA 19301, (215)-296-9474 not after 11:15pm please. From 9am-5pm call (215)-647-3388. Note Steve Courtesancho is now the Austrian player. Jim and RJ are the last two original players left here. The VERTIGO standby list has really come through in this game. By the way, the batteries went but I found the adaptor. Great. We do have two COAs:

Steve Courtesancho, 300 Main St., Apt. #1, Woburn, MA 01801

James "Expatriate" Neuger, Hohe Warte 50-54, A-1190 Vienna, AUSTRIA

By the way, congrats are due to Steve for his upcoming wedding on July 20. Many years of bliss, Steve. Congrats also to Jim Neuger on his graduation from Princeton, which was more than your GM could manage. Jim now has a AB in Comparative Literature. And no, I don't know what you do with that degree either.

Other addresses:

R.J. Budway, 20751 Arbor Ave., Euclid, OH 44123

Konrad Baumeister, 11416 Parkview Ln., Hales Corners, WI 53130

Paul Rauterberg, 4922 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53208

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AUS-FRA: Yes, Italy is a real nice country, it makes a good buffer zone.

AUS-RUS: F Bia OTB gives me hope that we can work this out. If you are in league with Ger and Fra, then this position is not worth having. ((fee on you, Cechise!)) I am very busy so please write with some suggestions.

AUS-ITA: Good luck! ((he'll need it!)) How about some defense?

AUS-GER: You again! It should be interesting trying to frustrate your two-way draw.

AUS_GM: Do you think Baumeister will carry a grudge?

PAOLI: I think not, but it looks like that really won't matter.

LETTER COLUMN

from JIM NEUGER:

...also, how's the Tribe doing?

((uh, well, as of today they were 24-53, 22 games behind Toronto, in the cellar, having lost 40 of 54. Their pitching is Triple A level and the hitting pretty much nonexistent. Andre Thornton has hit four home runs. To say that Cleveland is the worst team in baseball is probably to understate the case. The Phillies are finally starting to play better, with good pitching and some solid hitting from Schaldt, Ozzie Virgil, Garry Maddox, and Glenn Wilson. It's probably too late for the Phils to get really into the race, but I think they'll be very competitive the rest of the way. At least the error-filled anemic hitting period is finally over. One man's All-Star teams:

NATIONAL

c. Tony Pena, Pittsburgh
 lb. Keith Hernandez, New York
 2b. Tommy Herr, St. Louis
 ss. Ozzie Smith, St. Louis
 3b. Tim Lincecum, Montreal
 of. Dave Parker, Cincinnati
 of. Dale Murphy, Atlanta
 of. Willie McGee, St. Louis
 p. Andy Hawkins, San Diego
 p. Dwight Gooden, New York
 p. Joaquin Andujar, St. Louis
 p. Orel Hershiser, Los Angeles
 rp. Jeff Reardon, Montreal
 rp. Don Carman, Philadelphia
 mang. Whitey Herzog, St. Louis

AMERICAN

Carlton Fisk, Chicago
 Eddie Murray, Baltimore
 Lou Whitaker, Detroit
 Cal Ripken Jr., Baltimore
 Wade Boggs, Boston
 Kirk Gibson, Detroit
 Rickey Henderson, New York
 Fred Lynn, Baltimore
 Jack Morris, Detroit
 Ron Guidry, New York
 Walt Terrell, Detroit
 Dave Stieb, Toronto
 Bob James, Chicago
 Jay Howell, Oakland
 Gene Mauch, California

Responses are very welcome.))

BIRTHDAY PARTY IN PHILADELPHIA

The city usually puts on a fairly good 4th of July celebration, so this year my mother and I went downtown to check out the free concert at the Art Museum. This featured, well, it was hard to tell. When the show had first been announced, Eric Clapton, Charlie Daniels, The Gap Band, and others were supposed to appear along with the main act, the Beach Boys. By July 1 only the Beach Boys of that group were left, although Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, the Oak Ridge Boys, Joe Ely, and the Bellamy brothers had been added. There were rumors that Jimmy Page would appear, but no one could confirm that. Then on the 3rd the city announced unless somebody paid for \$100,000 in police overtime, fire protection, etc., the show was off. After a flurry of arguments, the city traded those costs for a bigger cut of the concessions, and the show was on.

We arrived on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway at about 1:30, for a 4:00 start, found a place where we could kind of see, but could hear fine. The crowd was huge (750,000 to a million) but well-behaved. We settled down with our soda and munchies in 90 degree heat to wait. At 2:30 a DJ from the local rock station came out and announced the start of the show. Well, that was fine--glad we came early. There were plenty of pissed-off people who arrived at 4, though. Philadelphia rock singer Robert Hazard came out to open the show. No one had ever mentioned him on the bill, but that was OK by us, as I really like him. He did a sprightly show that kind of got overwhelmed in such an immense crowd. Then Joan Jett came out, wearing a red and white body suit, with a blue jacket fastened with white stars. She looked like a flag that Andy Warhol might have designed. Joan had no trouble with the acoustics--she just cranked up the volume to **LOUD** levels. In doing so, her show was the best heard of the day. She was great, as she opened with "Bad Reputation" and promptly proved that she doesn't care about her bad reputation with this line, "And I don't give a shit about my bad reputation." That drew a chuckle from my mother, and a half-gasp from the crowd. Her anthem "I love rock'n'roll" was received with tremendous enthusiasm, and all in all her performance was outstanding! Highly recommended. After a while the Oak Ridge Boys appeared, and while I don't much like country music they were OK. Certainly they were excited to be there, and their show was lively. By now it was 4:45 and the crowd wanted Beach Boys, Beach Boys.

Certainly it is difficult to imagine a more appropriate band to celebrate Independence Day with. The Beach Boys' blend of surf/party/happy feelings/naivete/endless youth are uniquely American. True, their repertory is mostly 20 years old now, and true, Mike Love's voice suffers a bit from time's ravages, but they are quite simply the most pure fun in rock music. (compare pompous, depressing stuff like the Police and U2). They arrived on stage to "California Girls"

"IT'S NOT OVER 'TIL IT'S OVER"—Yerl Barra

AUSTRIA (No Leon Heintzman, 2255 Delaware Ave, #C-4, Buffalo, NY 14216);
A Ark holds, A Ark-S-A Ark, F Cog-S-ITAL F Aeg (OTM).

FRANCE (Konrad Baumeister): A Mar-T-Pie, A Pie-S-GERMAN A Rom-Ven (NSO).

GERMANY (Dale Bakken, 1814 Cameron Dr, Apt 6, Madison, WI 53711);
F Den-Swe, F Balt-S-F Den-Swe, A Gal-Bud, A Vie-S-A Gal-Bud, A Tri-S-A Gal-Bud,
A Tyr-S-A Tri, A Mar h, A Por h, F Mid-Eng, A Sum-dum, F GOL h,
A Rom-S-RUSSIAN F Tyn-Map (NSO).

ITALY (Russ Rusnak, 16 West 536 Honeysuckle Rose, Apt 105, Hinsdale, IL 60521);
F Aeg-Say, F Ion-C-RUSSIAN A Gro-Apu.

RUSSIA (Nancy Irwin, 4729 Morganford, Apt 6, St. Louis, MO 63116);
F Tyn-S-F Tim-Wes, F Tun-Wes, F Hwy-Nth, A Imp Lpl-Yrk, A Bud-Gal,
A War-S-A Bud-Gal, A Hon-Lvn, A Sev-Ukr, F Blk-Sev, A Ser-Tri, A Dul-Rup,
A Gro-Apu.

Farewell to Konrad, and thanks for playing out the French position.
The deadline for Winter 1911/Spring 1912 is Saturday, 7 September, 1985.

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SUPPLY CHART

Winter 1911

AUSTRIA: Has Con, Ark, ~~Stf~~ (2). Remove one.

FRANCE: Has Mar, ~~Por~~ (0). OUT!

germany: Has Hun, Bar, Kis, Den, Hol, Bel, Lon, Tri, Par, Bro, Vie, Spa,
Ven, Rom, Mar, Por, Swe (17). May build five, room for two.

ITALY: Has ~~Map, Say~~ (2). Even.

RUSSIA: Has Mos, War, ~~StP~~, Sev, Rum, Hwy, ~~Stf~~, Ser, Edi, Bud, Bul, Gre,
R Lpl, Tun. (13). May build one.

RUSSIA TO GERMANY: Hah!! No picture on the cover of Wildlife Crisis for
you, you greedy blarkety-blark!

GHOSTLY TURKISH MUSINGS: Oh, I just love a good denouncement!

BOOB TO P.P. Jr: Just another night...fressin' in this SICO hotel room...
don't you be so cruel....

RUSSIA TO NELSON: Oh Mighty Gurul! Forgive me the error of my ways! Save
me, oh enlightened One, from the fearsome Godless BAKKEN!

UNK MD TO BOARD: Oh yeah, an R/I/A/G draw has been proposed. Votes are
due along with the orders.

VERTIGO concluded.

and then an odd thing happened. As they segued into "Catch A Wave",
the sound system, or at least the part of it carrying their voices,
died. No one on stage seemed to notice, and finally, before "I Got
Around", somebody fixed the sound. The Oak Ridge Boys came out to
sing a 50s oldie with the Boys, and then Mike Love brought Jasey Page
out. The crowd went nuts, and Page was jassing. Indeed, after his
arrival, the show heated up to tremendous intensity. Page fired thru
"Surfin' Safari" like he'd been playing it all his life. "Help Me,
Rhonda" was electric, as was "Surfin' USA". Then Love brought out
Mr. T--yes, Mr. T--and the crowd chanted "Rocky, Rocky". Mr. T was there
to play drums, and he wasn't bad--a little heavy-handed, but that was
probably to be expected. "Fun, Fun, Fun" ended the set, in fine
fashion. The odd combo of Page/Beach Boys worked perfectly: it was a
real treat to be able to watch them.

At this point we left for dinner in Chinatown, and got back in
time to watch an awesome fireworks display to "Born in the USA". In
short, a powerful, inspiring, and delightful 4th. May this great
country have 209 more years of Adams' "great experiment" and may the
city it all started in continue to be a truly great world city.

That's all!

PAYLIST: TURNSTILES, Bill, Joel *****
CONQUISTADOR, Majord Ferguson *****
BAD AXE, Son Seals *****

PROGRES IN LONDON TOWN

AUSTRIA (Mark Frush, 4729 Normandy, Apt 6, St Louis, MO 63116);
 F Gre-Alb, A Ser-S-F Gre-Alb, A Tri-S-F Gre-Alb, A Bud-S-A Tri,
 A Boh-Tyr.

ENGLAND (John Crosby, COA-1496 Washington Ln, West Chester PA, 19382);
 F MAG-Lpl, F ~~Mag-MAG~~, F Edi-S-F Lon-Nth, F Lon-Nth.

FRANCE (Brad Wilson, Box 327, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL 60045);
 F Spa sc-Mid, F Eng-C-A Pic-Lon, A Pic-Lon, A Val-S-A Pic-Lon, F Mid-Iri.

GERMANY (Ulf Baumeister, 11416 Parkview Ln, Hales Corners, WI 53130);
 A Bel-Yrk, F Nth-C-A Bel-Yrk (dis, ret to Mag, Hol, Den, Sla, oth),
 F Kie-Hel, F Ber-Kie, A Sil-Ber, A Hun holds.

ITALY (Bob Sweeney, 614 Custer, Ft. Leavenworth, KS. 66027);
 A Alb-S-F Ion-Gre, F Ion-Gre, F Ven-Tri, F Tyr-Ion.

RUSSIA (Marc Peters, 1814 Cameron Dr, Apt 3, Madison, WI 53711);
 F Swe-Hwy, A StP-S-F Swe-Hwy, A Fin-Swe, A Nos unordared, holds,
 A Rum-Bul, F Blk-S-A Rum-Bul.

TURKEY (Richard Delzer, 2919 N. 77th St, Milwaukee, WI 53222);
 A Bul-S-ITAL A Alb-Gre, F Aeg-S-A Bul, F Con-S-A Bul, A Ark-Ara.

Please note Wilson and Crosby COA's. The deadline for Fall 1963 will be Saturday 7 September, 1965.

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RIGEL II

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HAPSBURGS RESET BY MASSIVE ALLIANCE

AUSTRIA (Bruce Lindsey, 73 Ashuelot Ave, Apt 3, Dalton, MA 01226);
 A Vie-S-F Tri (dis, ret to Bud, Gal, oth), F Tri-S-A Ser-Alb (dis, annih),
 A Bud-Rum, A Ser-Alb, A Bul-S-F Gre (dis, annih), F Gre-S-A Ser-Alb (dis,
 annihilated).

ENGLAND (Bob Sweeney, 614 Custer, Ft. Leavenworth, KS 66027);
 F Bar-Hwy, F ~~Mag-Nth~~, A Yrk-Lon, F Ska-S-F Bar-Hwy.

FRANCE (Nelson Heintzman, 2255 Delaware Ave, SC-4, Buffalo, NY 14216);
 A Bur holds, A Par-S-A Bur, A Pic-S-A Bur, F Mid-Iri, F Eng-Lon, A Tyr-Vie.
 ((Ops-note that A Bel retreated to Pic in Autumn, 1963)).

GERMANY (Steve Knight, 11908 Winterthur Ln, Apt 103, Reston, VA 22091);
 F Nth-C A Bel-Yrk, A Bel-Yrk, A Kie-Hol, A Ruh-S-A Hun, A Rum-S-RUSSIAN
 A Boh-Tyr (MSO).

ITALY (Rich Railley, 3067 Gustafson Circle, Idaho Falls, ID 83402);
 F Ion-S-TURK F Aeg-Gre, A Ven-Tri, F Aeg-S-A Ven-Tri, A Alb-Ser.

RUSSIA (Ty Hare, 1001 N. Weber, Colorado Springs, CO 80903);
 F Sny holds, A Con-Bul, F Blk-S-A Con-Bul, A Boh-S-FRENCH A Tyr-Vie,
 F Balt-Swe, F Hwy-S-F Bal-Swe, A Fin-S-F Hwy, A StP-S-F Hwy.

TURKEY (Dave Kleiman, 651 Fenster Ct, Indianapolis, IN 46234);
 F Aeg-Gre.

The deadline for Winter 1963/Spring 1964 moves will be Saturday, 7 Sept, 1966.

1964 IA

SUPPLY CHART

Winter 1963

AUSTRIA: Has ~~Vie~~, ~~Tri~~, Bud, Ser, ~~StP~~, ~~Edi~~, Rum. (3). Even after annihilations.

ENGLAND: Has Lon, Lpl, Edi, ~~Mag~~. (3). Must remove one.

FRANCE: Has Bre, Par, Mar, Spa, Por, ~~Mid~~, Vie. (6). Even.

GERMANY: has Ber, Kie, Hun, Den, Hol, Bel. (6). May build one.

ITALY: Has Ven, Rom, Mag, Tur, Tri. (5). May build one.

RUSSIA: Has StP, Sev, Nos, War, Swe, ~~Blk~~, Con, Ark, Sny, Bul, ~~Hwy~~.
 (10). May build two.

TURKEY: Has Aeg, ~~StP~~. (1). Even.

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PORCELAIN GOD

Fall 1911

RUSTIAK KICKS ASS

GERMANY (Russ Ruznak): F Tun h, F Wes-S-F Tun, F Spa ac-GOL, F Eng-Mid, A Wry-Stp, F Bar-S-A Wry-Stp, A Pru-Lar, A Bar-Sil, A Gal-Hun, A Hun-Boh, A Tyr-Tri, A Pie-Ven, A Har-Pie.

ITALY (David Pierce): A Ven-S-F Tri, F Tri-S-A Ven (dislodged), A Rom-S-A Ven, F Tyr-S-F Har, F Har-S-F Tyr.

TURKEY (BRAD Wilson): F Ion-S-ITAL F Tyr-Tun (NSO), F Gre-Mid, F Aeg-Gre, F Eas-100, A Vis-S-A Bud-Tri, A Bud-Tri, A Bud-Ser, A Har-War, A Sev-Ion, A Stp-Har (dislodged), F Bul-Con.

1983 AR

FINAL SUPPLY CHART

Winter 1911

GERMANY: Has Hun, Ser, Kie, Har, Hol, Bel, Den, Bra, Per, Sue, Lon, Har, Har, Edi, Por, Spa, Lpl, Hun, Stp, Tun. (20). WEUS.

ITALY: Has Ven, Rom, Har, Tri, ~~ITA~~. (3).

TURKEY: Has Con, Ari, Smy, Bul, ~~Kia~~, Gre, Mos, Sev, Ser, ~~Har~~, Bud, Vis, Tri. (11).

Congratulations to Russ on a very well-played game. It seems only fitting that the only player never to HR should win this one, plus he is the only starter to finish the game. Even after Germany had jumped upon England, Russia, and France, no real opposition ever coalesced against him. His timing was on the mark, and his opponents were evidently too disheartened (or disinterested) to attempt vengeance.

ENDGAME STATEMENTS are due on Saturday 7 September, 1985.

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VITAL STATISTICS

ZINE: Midlife Crisis

G1: Paul G. Rautenberg

PLAYERS: Austria: David Blaylock (res Spr C5); Carl Russell

England: Robert Achesson

France: Bill Becker

Germany: Russ Ruznak

Italy: Jim Haine (dro Fall 1910); David Pierce

Russia: Dale Baldwin

Turkey: Dan Stafford (res Fall C2); Chuck Kaplan (dro Fall 11); Brad Wilson

	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	10	11
A	5	5	5	5	5	5	2	2	2	-	-
E	3	3	3	4	4	6	3	-	-	-	-
F	4	5	5	5	3	4	3	5	-	-	-
G	6	6	7	6	8	9	11	11	15	17	20
I	4	5	5	6	5	4	6	6	6	5	3
R	5	4	4	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
T	4	5	5	6	7	7	9	10	11	12	11

RIGEL PRESS

EARTH TO ALBEDO: Yes, I am, and watching with great interest.

ROME TO VIENNA: Just because you're going for the green doesn't mean you're going to get rich.

BUDAPEST: Ho, ho, ho for a barrel of Rum! ((He'll settle for the Bull!))

LONDON TO PARIS: Write a little more often, and I'll consider letting you live.

MOVEMENT IN THE EAST AS
CENTRAL POWERS STALL

AUSTRIA (J. Travis Laster, 125 Garden Ct, Winchester VA. 22301);
ICR. A Rum-r-ottb. A Tri holds, A Vie holds, F Greece holds.

ENGLAND (Michael Quirk, 3830 Chester, Glenview, IL 60025);
A Hwy-S-RUSSIAN A Fin-Swe (dis, amth), F Bar-Ita, A Edi-Yrk, F Lon-Yrk.

FRANCE (Robert Acheson, PO Box 4622, Station SE, Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA
T6E 2A0); A Bur-S-F Bre-Pic, F Bre-Pic, A Cas-C-A Bur, A Par-S-A Bur,
F Mid-Eur.

GERMANY (Scott Durrell, 2309 Gene Ave, Albert Lea, MN 56007);
A Bur-r-Ruhr. Builds A Rum. F Hol-Bel, A Ruhr-S-F Hol-Bel, A Bel-Yrk,
A Mun-Bur, F Hth-C-A Bel-Yrk, A Den-Kis, F Swa-S-RUSS A Fin-Ita (100).

ITALY (Bob Sweeney, Jr. 614 Custer, Ft. Leavenworth, KS 66027);
F Kap-Tyn, F Ion-C-A Tun-Apu, A Tun-Apu, A Ven-S-AUST A Tri.

RUSSIA (Brad Wilson, COA--Box 327, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL
60045); F StPnc-Ita, A Fin-S-F StPnc-Ita, F Both-Swa, A Gal-S-A Sud,
A Sud-S-TURK A Bul-Ser, F Rum holds.

TURKEY (James Wall, 1805 University Ave, #5, Madison, WI 53705);
A Bul-Ser, A Con-Bul, F Say-Aeg, F Blk-Con.

Please note Wilson COA, effective 15 August. Will Matt Fleming,
4290 Chateau de Ville, #C, St. Louis, MO 63129) please standby for Austria?
The deadline for FALL 1903 will be Saturday, 7 September, 1905.

INDECENT PRESS

ANKARA: What a totally awesome game! A doofus as Italy who is incapable
of communication, and an Austria who never even gives you a chance. Wouldn't
be so bad if I didn't have to deal with the Quirk Factor. At least he's up
north, learning the folly of his ways.

LENIN TO TRIESTE: Sorry, I'm happy with the current Russian government,
as it is bent on destroying Emperor ~~Robert~~ Laster. Right now, I'm vacationing
at Brighton with my good friend Quirky.

PARIS TO MOSCOW: The situation calls for some extraordinary cooperation.

MOS TO CON: Patience is a great virtue. Unfortunately, methinks you're
running out of it.

THE WALL TO WHOM IT DOESN'T CONCERN: Well, here's going for broke. I'm
reverting to 3rd grade in trying to outthink Sweeney. Help.

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ROOSKIE TO GE: Hum. I thought--oh, never mind. That was my first mistake.

GE TO ROOSKIE: Don't think too much--you might hurt yourself.

ROOSKIE TO ALL: Watch out for Puppy--that bad, awesome dude nabbed a win
in about seven years to win the Best Madcon Player award this year. So
who does this chump ally with?

PARIS TO UZI: NO: Are you serious about the "Poltava Opening?" ((No, but
Peery is--ask K. Baumeister!)) Sounds like typical Peery strangeness.

MARC TO BOB: Sorry that I offended you--but life goes on. I hope I won't
have to fight you totally, but I will if you moved to Adr Sea. Tell me--
did I ever give you some trick-or-treat candy with a razor in it? If so,
it was meant for Michael Quirk.

ROOSKIE TO ITALY: Sorry if I lost my cool last press, but you deserved
it. Why not jump on the winning side? ((You mean, he should ally with
DELZER? Gasp!))

MARC TO PAUL: Just a press item to see if Quirkie reads press. I forgot...
his momma reads it to him. That should get him going.

PARIS TO MARC: Well, if he deserves a kick, why not give him one? Then,
the yelping would be great.

WANTED: Large rolled-up newspaper collection to sweat disobedient "puppy"
with.

CONCESSION TO RUSSIA MISSES AT OUR ASSISTANCE

ARMENIA (John Crosby, 301—1405 Washington Ln, West Chester, OH 43081);
 A Sic-Sub, A Rom-Sub, F Tri-Sub, F Nap-Sub, A Sev-Sub, A Sic-Sub,
 A Sub-Sub, A Sev-Sub, A Sev-Sub, F Sub-Sub-Sub Sev-Sub (dis, not to Sev, etc),
 A Sev-Sub, F Sev-Sub.

BERNARD (David Anderson, PO Box 3701, Monticello, VA 22050);
 F Sev-Sub, F Sev-Sub Sev-Sub, A Sev-Sub, A Sev-Sub, A Sev-Sub, A Sev-Sub,
 F Sev-Sub, F Sev-Sub.

BERLIN (Walter Fleming, 4820 Chateau de Ville, St. Louis, MO 63121);
 Removes F Baltic. A Sev-Sub, A Sev-Sub (dis, not to Prussia, etc).

BERNARD (Lu Lavery, 3056 Laverly, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127);
 A Sev-Sub, A Sev-Sub, F Sev-Sub Sev-Sub, A Sev-Sub, A Sev-Sub,
 A Sev-Sub Sev-Sub, A Sev-Sub Sev-Sub, A Sev-Sub Sev-Sub, F Sev-Sub, A Sev-Sub,
 A Sev-Sub, A Sev-Sub, F Sev-Sub Sev-Sub, F Sev-Sub.

All 1992 moves will be due on 7 September, 1995. Note Crosby 001.

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TO PLAYERS: Oh yes, I forgot: proposed for next season: Concession to Russia, F/M/R, and M/R. Please vote along with your Fall orders.

MOSCOW TO VIENNA: I understand that the price France will have to pay to obtain the Italian centers that he covets is to attack me. Can I also understand that you will give me those Italian centers if I attack France? By the way, proposing a concession to me was a nice play; too bad you're not required to vote in favor of it.

BERLIN TO PARIS: If you are overcommitted, why didn't you resist this one?

MOSCOW TO PARIS: To think Germany got himself into this mess just because he didn't like my Patton's Panderings Press of stale vintage.

ELBA TO WORLD: Watch Anderson's house of cards collapse in the Fall, then we can all laugh!

MOSCOW TO GERMANY: I hope you decided upon the Teutonic pirate play. Defending against F Bal-C-A Sev-Sub and A Sev-Sub will make the game more sporting. ((Czechov, I don't think that you are perceived as the true and only, anymore.))

BERNARD TO ME: It was Sesler who started this disaster, wasn't it? ((Yes.))

MOSCOW TO VIENNA: Flanking you in Armenia would be boring. This seems a more interesting move.

MOSCOW TO PARIS: Since Matt never liked Patton Press, maybe you should adopt Sherman's Singparings—like "Hunich is ours, and fairly won."

MOSCOW TO GERMANY: I understand the frustration, Matt, of seeing other players get the oysters while you only get the shells. Maybe to add insult to injury, I'll let you keep a dot for another game year. After all, if you sent MEH to SE,CC when Manifest Desstitution folded, you'll have to remain to finish out this wonderful position. No, Matt, I wouldn't be that poltroonish.

MEH GO TO RUSSIA AND MATT: It is too late—Matt's sub C issues are, and I'm still waiting for his resub money.

MOSCOW TO PARIS: To think the game developed this way because a letter was passed by somebody back in '01. It was, as I recall, A/C/I vs. I vs. I, and I/C vs. I. Long memories are what make this game so frustrating, or so sweet. All depends on what one remembers, and when.

MOSCOW TO GERMANY: I know its frustration—after investing two years into a game to get out of it only what we clean out of the 2 little box every morning. Really, Matt, I am apologetic.

MOSCOW TO PARIS: ~~Secret~~ Our troops have been issued "Proton" lines as well as "Trust" lines. If "Ostrich-Hungary" gives ground to me, appropriate goods will be transferred to you until 17-17 is achieved.

SOUTHERN ASIA CONTINUES AS INDIA, CANADA, USA
ARE REDUCED TO MINOR POWER STATUS

Australia (Eric Ozer, 1526 N. Lawler, Chicago, IL 60651);
F Gulf of Siam-Thailand, F Sumatra-S-F G of Siam-Thai, F Phil Sea-Kyushu,
F West Pac-S-F Phil Sea-Kyushu, F Copal-S-F West Pac, F Celebes-Phil Sea,
A Philippines-Borneo, F South China Sea-Philippines.

BRAZIL (James Hall, 1805 University ave #5, Madison, WI 53705);
F Bahia-Central Atl, F N of Amazon-S-F Bahia-Central Atl, F Haiti holds,
F Cuba-Gulf of Mex, F Bern Tri-S-PERU F Dixie-W Atl, A Mato-Goias,
A Uruguay-Porto, A LaPampa holds, F Mid Atl-S-PERU F Dix-W Atl.

CANADA (Konrad Baumeister, 11416 Parkview Ln, Hales Corners, WI 53130);
F NE Pac-r-Alaska, F Dixie-r-New Eng, A Texas-r-Ohio VALLEY,
A Ohio-S-A Dakota-Texas, A Dakota-Tex, F New Eng-W Atl,
F Iceland-S-F New Eng-W Atl, F Alaska-NE Pac (dis, ret to Gulf of Alaska,
British Col, Chutchi, oth), F W Atl-Mid Atl (dis, ret to Quebec sc, Lab Sea,
North Atl, oth), A Calif-Mexico (dis, annihilated).

CHINA (Ed Brobel, 3932 N. Forestdale Ave, Dale City, VA 22103);
F Honan-Szech, A Burma-Viet, A Kwangstun-S-A Burma-Viet.

CON (Mark S. Keller, 2 Seaside Ct, Sacramento, CA 95831);
F Green Sea-Greenland, F Spain sc-S-Fleet Maroc, F Maroc-S-A Algeria,
F Wes Med-Tunisia, A Libya-S-F Wes-Tun, A Algeria-Gali.

INDIA (Richard Delzer, 2519 N. 77th St, Milwaukee, WI 53222); A Iran-r-Turkmen.
A Turkmen-Afghan, A Pradesh-S-F Madras-Maharash, F Thai-Sumat (dis, ret to
Burma, oth), F Madras-Maharash, F Bay of Bengal-S-A Pradesh, A Pakis-Rajes.

JAPAN (Dale Bakken, 1814 Cameron Dr, Apt 6, Madison, WI 53711);
A Hokkaido-S-F Honshu (dis, amih), F Honshu-S-A Hokkaido, F Kyushu-E China.

PERU (Jim Burgess, 100 Holden St, Providence, RI 02908);
F NE Pac-Alaska, F Drake-South Indian, A BA holds, F S.Pac-Central Pac,
F Central Pac-West Pac, F Dixie-W Atl, A Texas-Calif,
A Mexico-S-A Tex-Calif, F Gulf of Calif-S-A Texas-Calif.

U of SA (Don Swartz, 155 Vernon Ave, #2, Louisville, KY 40206);
F SE Atl-Gulf of Guinea, F Cameroon-S-F SE Atl-G of Guin, A Cent Af-S-F Camer,
F Gabon-S-F Cameroon, A Tanzania-Kenya, A Zaire-S-A sudan, F Somal-Ethiopia,
A Sudan-S-F Somal-Ethiopia, F West Indian-Somalia.

USA (Michael Quirk, 2830 Chester, Glenview, IL 60025);
A Oregon-calif.

USSR (Marc Peters, 1814 Cameron Dr, Apt 6, Madison, WI 53711);
A Pradesh-r-Maharash, F Baltic-Natlet-at, A Georgia-Iran, A Sirkiano-Kazak,
A Afghan-S-WAR PACT A Iran-Pakistan, A Kashmir-Rajes, A Maharash-Pradesh,
F W Pac-Hokkaido, F Sakhalin-S-F W Pac-Hokkaido, F Bangla-S-A Maha-Pradesh,
F E China Sea-Honshu, F Dering Sea-S-PERU F NE Pac-Alaska.

WARSAW PACT (Mark Frueh, 4729 Morganford, Apt 6, St Louis, MO 63116);
F East Med-S-ECR A Libya, A Yugo-Greece, A Czech-Poland, A Iran-Pakistan,
A Iraq-S-RUSSIAN A Georgia-Iran, A Saudi-Sudan, F Red Sea-C-A Saudi-Sudan,
F Ethiopia-S-A Saudi-Sudan, A Egypt-S-A Saudi-Sudan.

WEST AFRICAN FEDERATION (Chuck Kaplan? 742 Grouse Ct, Deerfield, IL 60015);
CON. A Cameroon-r-oth. A Tunisia hold (dis, ret to Alg, oth),
A Chad holds, F Gulf of Guinea holds (dis, ret to Guinea, Ghana, oth),
F Mauritania holds, F Sahara holds, A Nigeria holds.

Bill Andy Lischett, 2402 Ridgeland Ave, Berwyn, IL 60402 please standby for
the West African Fed? The deadline for Winter 2106/Spring 2107 moves is
Saturday, 7 September, 1985. One request is sufficient to separate seasons.

SUPPLY CHART AND PRESS ON NEXT PAGE....

AUSTRALIA: Has Aus, NZ, Terr, US Wales, N.Zea, Java, Borneo, Phil, Papua, Thai. (9). May build one.

BRAZIL: Has Mato, Belem, Bahia, Surinam, Venez, Bolivia, LaPampa, Uru, Cuba, Haiti. (10). May build one.

CANADA: Has Alaska, Quebec, Ontario, British, Binde, California, Texas, Iceland. (5). Must remove one (one annihilated).

CHINA: Has Honan, Szech, Vietnam, Formosa. (3). Even.

EGYPT: Has Spa, UK, Fra, Wey, Island, Libya, Hali, Green, Tunisia, Morocco. (9). May build three.

INDIA: Has Pradesh, Madras, Rajas, Pakis, Iran, Viet, Thai. (4). Remove 2.

JAPAN: Has Kyushu, Honshu, Kokaido. (2). Even (one annihilation).

PERU: Has Ecu, Inca, Wapo, Col, Pan, Hon, SC, SA, Falk, Calif, Alaska. (11). May build two.

U OF SA: Has Moz, Trans, Malay, Angola, Zambia, Kenya, Gabon, Somal, Sudan, Cameroon. (10). May build one.

USA: Has Brit Columbia. (1). Even.

USSR: Has Russia, Georgia, Kazak, Sib, Kamchat, Mongol, Sweden, SK, Tsing, Sakhalin, Prussia, Banala, Hokkaido. (12). May build one.

MARSAL PACT: Has Yugo, Hung, Pol, Gre, Aust, Rum, Egypt, Saudi, Syria, Iran. (10). May build one.

CAF: Has Guinea, Libi, Nigeria, Chad, Mauritania, Tunisia, Algeria. (3). Must remove 3 (one annihilation).

THE FATTED PRESS

MARK TO GORBI: Comrades forever! MARK TO MARGI: Tea buddies forever!

WORLD TO BRAZIL: Consider this press directed directly at you. Yes, Paul does sometimes arrange the press oddly. Now stop whining.

JAPAN TO BRAZIL: I predict Peru will stab you for the win...unless, of course, you stab him. But, we all know what a wimp you are and how it is against your personal code of conduct not to stab a faithful ally.

USSR TO CANADA: Nothing personal, Konrad; just one of the dangers of being a third-hand country.

MUSICAL LLAMA: ...feels lazy this month, but try Green on Red, too. Plasticland is local, right?

MARK TO LLAMA: Plasticland is local to Milwaukee, but they record out of Paris, France. Send some money for a tape, and I'll record them for you. I've already made a believer out of K. Hausmeister. Green on Red's vocalist displays a certain confusion as to whether he wants to sound like Lou Reed or Mick Jagger. I've seen this band live—they need work.

USSR TO JAPAN: Hey, roomie, life must be ...hard, because you are about to get fucked.

JAPAN TO RUSSIA: Japan will never surrender. Perhaps life is preferable to death, but death the Japanese way is more honorable than boot-licking. So, eat the corn out of my shit, buddy.

INDIA TO ALL: What a spot to be a standby. With any luck, perhaps I can write it off my taxes.

PERU TO SOUTH AFRICA: End Apartheid, now! It should have ended over 100 years ago. Failing that, the least you could do would be to write to me!

PERU TO USSR: Why, thank you! I'm shocked!

PERU TO THE BLACK-HEARTED ONE: You had better drop me a line, too. There is entirely too much silence around here.

COMMON MARKET TO WORLD: Although we realize we are a favored tourist spot, please note that we are ~~now~~ closed to all visitors until further notice!

ANTANA: Sorry, guys, I'd love to write but I'm in Europe on vacation for two weeks. I'll write next month—so far, so neutral. ~~EEK~~

THE WALL TO THE WORLD: DAMN! Anderson resigns from every circle case I'm about to give him a Dip lesson in. What a WIMP!

THE WALL TO ANDERSON: The reason you look like a liar when you tell what I said to others is that, quite simply put, you are completely incompetent and you wouldn't know a reasonable offer if it dropped a 14 ton weight on you.

Welcome to another issue of Bottoms Up, brought to you by a resident of 1814 Cameron Drive, #3, Madison Wis 53711. I don't know why I'm including my address. Nobody writes me anyways. My phone number is 608-273-0988. I know why I'm including my phone number. I'm getting 50¢ a call and if you call me at this number, you can get live sex over the phone.

I'm in an interesting baseball pool this year. Pick your own baseball team from the current players. Some basic rules are that you have to have 15 hitters and 10 pitchers. You have to have at least one player at his regular infield position, a minimum of 5 outfielders, minimum 5 infielders, 2 catchers and 4-7 starting pitchers. At the end of the season, we tall up our "teams" statistics, using four categories and four pitching categories. For example, the batting stats we use are home runs, RBI's, batting average and stolen bases. For pitchers, we use wins, ERA, saves and hits plus walks divided by innings pitched. They are really all-star teams, since we decided to allow players to be selected from either the American or National leagues. How would you like to field a team like Leon Durhan at 1st, Darago Garcia at 2nd, Ripkin at SS, and Schmidt at 3rd? How about an outfield like Ricky Hatcher, Jack Clark, and Dave Parker, and Pitchers like Rick Sutcliffe, Fernando Valenzuela, throwing to Lance Parrish. Do you want relief pitchers? How about Sutter and Quisenberry? Well, that's my team (or half of it) but it may not end up being the best for the categories we've selected as point-winners. Points are decided as the team with the most (or best) gets 5 points, 2nd best gets four, etc.

We really get the feel of what its like to be an owner, because we all started out with \$10 million quite imaginary dollars. We then bided for players like in an auction, or free-agent type draft. The most expensive player was Bruce Sutter, who went for \$1,025,000. Yes, folks, I was the sucker who spent one tenth of his money for him. But Dwight Gooden went for a million even, and Gary Carter for \$900,000, as those were the top bid players. Minimum salary was \$100,000, so you can envision how 5 guys sat around a smoke filled room, at a beer soaked table, each guarding his list of prospects like it was the key to Fort Knox. By all means, it was a hellava good time with lots of screaming, sarcastic remarks and yuk-yuks. A most memorable moment was when I bid \$100,000 for Don Hase as a possible relief pitcher for me. James Wall overbid at \$105,000 and when I saw no one else thought enough of the guy to go over \$105,000, I let James have him. As it turned out, James had to cut him as he was over the 25 man roster! Ah, yes. There IS a sucker born every minute.!

Does anybody want to Spend a Buck? Spend a Buck is a horse—make that a RICH horse. He just won the Jersey Stakes, taking the state of New Jersey's Triple Crown. His rounded off collection was 2.6 million dollars. Spend a Buck, as some of you might recall, won the 1985 Kentucky Derby and then skipped the Preakness (and a chance for the REAL triple Crown) for a chance at that prize money. Not a bad choice, as it turned out. I can't say I'm a race horse expert but that's mainly because there aren't any horse races in Wisconsin. The closest track I know of is Arlington down in Chicago, but I've never been there either. Perhaps its a good thing. I've got enough vices that cost me money. I don't need to start betting on horses. I'd probably end up looking and acting like the south end of a north bound horse with road apples stuck to my shoes.

Well, I guess I'm about ready to boogie. Hope you've got enough material here, Paul. I should mention that Marc Peters is the one who should be nicknamed the "Madman." He's been running around hoopin and hollerin—softball, bowling, card games, Brewers games, and then its the Weekend! Party time! In other words, the man has other interests beside Diplomacy. That's why So I Lied was so irregular at first, although it certainly has improved lately.

Welcome to Midlife Crisis, Dale! You sure were "bottoms up" at Madison—scientific drinks had you worshipping the Porcelain God Sunday mornin', and you weren't even around to say good bye to us when we departed. You're slipping....

But hey—the Madcon crew drank up 10 cases of beer in a four day period, plus a carbare can full of Kapitul to boot. It is a wonder that more of us didn't get sick. I had a great time, and my car actually survived the trip both ways! This time, it was Mark Frush's turn to have automotive disaster strike....