

# Midlife crisis strikes In Madison

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## MOVING ON

THE PAPERS ARE SIGNED, and all that remains now is for me to sell my Milwaukee Abode. The funds accrued from that sale will be the down-payment for my purchase of that bar in Madison, WI that I have been talking about for so long. My "ginsack", or should I say my raison d'être, will be my extensive stock of imported beers, the number of which will be limited only by the availability of space to store them. During the day and early evening, one should be able to come to my place for conversation, a bit of lunch, and beer. At night, when I am, perforce, catering to a younger clientele (read that as 45,000 UW students), you can come to my place for good music and beer.

WHY DO I WANT TO BE AN INNKEEPER? Well, those of you who saw Midlife Crisis #1 will probably recall a few lines from my "thesesong", Ted Cogswell's Friggin' Falcons:

...And this I know because I've got a  
friggin' curious sign; for every time  
I wash my head, the water turns to  
wine! And I give it free to working  
blokes to brighten up their lives.  
So they don't kick no dogs around,  
or beat up on their wives.

'Cause there ain't no use in miracles  
like walkin' on the sea. They cruci-  
fied the son of God, but they don't  
fuck with me. I leave the friggin'  
blind alone, the dyin' and the dead.  
But every day at four o'clock, I wash  
my friggin' head!

Now, I can't give my booze away for nothing, because I lack that singular ability to get it for nothing in the first place. But I can provide a place where people can indulge themselves for a little while. I won't be performing works of Hegelian World-Historical-Significance, but if I can make people's lives a bit more livable—even on a small scale—I will be fulfilling a noble enough function in society. Perhaps I'll even make a little money.

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THAT MEANS I'LL BE ANOTHER MADLAD, joining the exalted ranks of Marc and Debi Peters, Dale Bakken, James Wall, (and soon) Matt Fleming. We should be able to provide the Diplomacy Hobby with a few ~~delicious~~ decent cons. Watch for my change of address, coming soon to a mailbox near you.

IN THE MEANTIME, THIS IS STILL Midlife Crisis, a modest effort brought to you by Paul G. Rauterberg, 4922 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee WI 53208-3C52. Phone 414-776-0750 and listen to it ring and ring and ring, 'cause I'm never home. Life's a bitch....

Steve - resub needed (10/18/85)

# Going Home Puts Old Words In The Ear Back

By LYDYL SIMS

Contrary to literary tradition, you can go home again — but what you hear there in everyday talk may sound unreal after years in other climes.

E. W. Kieckhefer, recently retired librarian of The Commercial Appeal, has returned to his home town of Milwaukee, land of the beer and the wurst, and even on his ears the old familiar phrases fall with a jangle that contrasts sharply with the sweet Southern sounds to which he had grown accustomed.

"You should watch your language in Milwaukee yet once," he advises me, indicating that he is doing his level best to return to forgotten ways.

THERE WAS THE case only the

other day when he heard two women conversing on a bus. One of them spoke to the other, but got no answer.

"Isn't that right, Edna?" she said after a pause.

"Oh," said the other, "I'm sorry, Martha. I heard you not say anything."

IT'S BEEN THAT way all over town.

At the public library, Kieckhefer said, the librarian was picking up books that had been piled on a table and putting them on a cart.

When only two volumes were left on the table, a girl working in the stacks turned and said: "Stay those there. They're mine."

At the golf course, a fellow having a hard time with his game

(That may refer to his golfing ability rather than the depth of the lake, but by now even Kieckhefer doesn't appear to be sure.)

And at the supermarket, a woman gave the checkout bagger directions that would provoke consternation in Memphis: "The ice cream and frozen in a freezer bag, please, when I got way out in West Allis to go yet."

SOME OF THE rest of the lingo is beginning to return to him as he relives the days of his misspent youth.

Baseball coach to indecisive base-runner:

"If you don't know where should you go, then stay where are you yet."

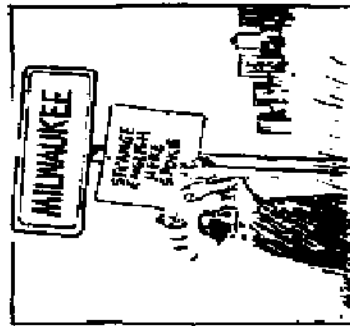
Girl to her boyfriend:

"Come by my house and holler me out so my Ma knows who I hang by."

I JUST DON'T understand how people in other parts of the country can speak so strangely. Years ago I was left in utter confusion by a report of a sign on a doorbell in Pennsylvania Dutch country: "Buttes don't bell. Bump."

Where I grew up, down in Louisiana — not to what some call Cajun country, but close enough to it — people said exactly what they meant. But even I might have trouble today if somebody down there told me: "Trow de cow over de fence a load of hay."

Going home again is great, but staying where you have learned to understand people may be even better. Sho-puff, you-all.



threatened to "jump in that lake over there and drown."

"Sir," said the caddy promptly, "you can't do that. You don't keep your head down long enough."

and a proper welcome to those of you out there in Middle  
Crisis land. You are reading VERTIGO, a subzine edited by Brad  
Wilson. This has been in publication since August 1982, and has been  
in COAT OF ARMS and THE END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS, and "independent"  
before joining MC. Let me say that I'm delighted to be in a truly  
fine zine, and I thank Paul muchly for the kindness of taking a  
homeless subzine in. Currently 3 games are running in V, 1983HH,  
1983IJ, and 1984AM. If I ran all three games in MC, I would have  
no room for chatter and stuff, so I will feature 1984AM here for  
your entertainment, surely a lively game. I might add that  
contributions are surely welcome--letters, cards, pictures, etc. My  
address is listed down below. I hope you enjoy VERTIGO--I enjoy  
putting it out. Now to business--

### 1984 AM REFLECTIONS FALL 1906

FRENCH GOVERNMENT FALLS AS R/G ROLL ON  
AUSTRIA (Courtemanche): F Ebe-Say, A Bul-Con, A Vie-Bud, A Tyo-Mun,  
A Boh S A Tyo-Mun, F Gre-Aeg  
FRANCE (Budway, resigns) NMR!! A Yrk, A Mar, A Tyo, F fus, F Tys, F  
ion, F Mid all hold, A Bel H,  
GERMANY (Baumeister): A Edi-Lvp, A Run-Bel, F Hol S A Run-Bel, A Bur-  
Par, A Mun H, F Swe-Ska, F Den-Nth  
ITALY (Neuger): F Nap-Tys, A Pie-Tyo, A Ven-Tri  
RUSSIA (Rauterberg): F Nwy S GERMAN F Den-Nth, F Nth-Eng, A Sil S  
GERMAN A Mun, A Bud-Ser, A Gal-Bud, A Rus S A Gal-Bud, A War-Gal, A  
Arm-Say, F Con S A Agr-Say

A little action, here, no? The French A Bel is dislodged and may  
retreat to Pic, Bur, or OTB. The Fall 1906 dot chart:

AUSTRIA: vie, (tri), gre, smy, (bud), bui	(4) REMOVE TWO
FRANCE: (par), mar, bre, spa, por, (bel), (con) (lvp), tun	(6) REMOVE 3x
GERMANY: home, edi, den, swe, hol, par, lvp, bel	(10) BUILD 3 (but
only room for two, will play one short)	
ITALY: home, tri	(4) BUILD ONE
RUSSIA: home, rus, ank, nwy, ser, con, gud	(10) BUILD ONE

Well, well. Let's have the retreat, Winter 1906, and Spring 1907 due  
September 10, 1985, to me, your faithful GM, Brad Wilson, at: (UNITL  
8/26) 302 Friendship Dr., Paoli, PA 19301, (215)-296-9474, from 9am-  
5pm (215)-647-3388. After that, it's back to school time, and I'll be  
at: Box 327, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL 60045, phone to be  
announced, but don't count on phoning your moves in! You may well  
not be able to, if you are desperate, call (312)-234-5480, which is  
our college radio station. Maybe I'll be there; but probably not.  
I should note that if France retreats OTB, it is only -2. And we  
need a new French player, as R.J. Budway has resigned as France,  
citing time concerns. I'm sad to see him go, and now, 84AM has one  
original left. Hello, Jim! The new French player will be Steve  
Arnaoodian, 602 Hemlock Circle, Lansdale, PA 19446. Other addresses  
to follow. Note the Neuger COA in the press. By the way, anyone out  
there who wants to be on V's standby list, you're very welcome. You  
get all results via flyer for free, and any completed positions will  
win you \$2 worth of sub credit to any zine you want. Please help  
out!

Should three people vote for a season separation, it will be  
granted. Before the press--addresses!

Steve Courtemanche, 300 Main St., Apt. #1, Woburn, MA 01801  
Steve Arnaoodian, 602 Hemlock Circle, Lansdale, PA 19446  
Konrad Baumeister, 11416 Parkview Ln., Males Corners, WI 53130  
Jim Neuger, (effective 9/1): c/o Staatl. Herzog-Wolfgang Gynastium,  
Wackenstr. 5-7, D-6660 Zweibrücken, WEST GERMANY  
(before 9/1): Hone Warte 50-54, A-1190, VIENNA, Austria  
Paul Rauterberg, 4922 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53208

SOMETHING TO SAY (the 84AM press)

BERLIN to AUSTRIA: Is this is a habitual thing with you, to suicide out against me when frustrated with a position? Or is it just a lack of experience? And then I found this very funny, but fear it was not so intended) you wonder, "Do you think Baumeister will carry a grudge?" Well, you're really going out of your way to make it tempting, aren't you?

ITALY-WORLD: You are all invited to a "Death in Venice" Ho ho ho!

PAULI: Not yet, I think. Besides, who is this game could play the part of the young boy? Maybe Konrad...

AUS-RUS: How would you like to win this game? ((Need you ask?))

Write to me so we can coordinate what's left of me with your country. Otherwise you'll have to reconquer Turkey.

NEUGER-COURTEMANCHE: You typical Habsburg! Solving problems by getting married! n.b. Italy would also make a fine suitor.

AUS-GER: As promised, I am going after some of your centers. It will probably fail ((yep)) but a big Russia will make you cower.

NEUGER-PAULI: James G. Neuger announces a provisional address (see above) Yes, I will be teaching English in West Germany next year. And, no, not in a gym.

AUS-ITA: No more pesky Frenchman in Tyrolia to bother you. Aren't you going to thank me?

PAULI: Oh, yes, he sure is. By accepting your generous gift of Tri...

NEUGER-PAULI: Did you go to that "Nicaragua for Africa" disgrace at JFK Stadium ((in Phila)) last week? If so, you're disowned.

PAULI: No, I missed Live Aid. At \$35 a pop, it was easy. Clapton, Hall & Oates, the 4 Tops, and the Pretenders did good sets, tho. Of course, the Pretenders' surprise set at the Chestnut Cabaret (capacity: 400) that I saw the night before was better. Chrissie Hynde is a rocker!

AUS-FRA: We could have done things for one another. Now I'm being ground down by a Russian heel and he's a cad, too!

AUS-GM: The lot of a standby iss generally to take his lumps gracefully. Me, I like to stir up a fuss.

PAULI: Yes, so I see. But maybe you're the one who's being fucked with this time, no?

That wraps up Reflections for now.

SUB-QUOTE(s) OF THE MONTH: "You are born alone, you live alone, and you die alone. Once you accept that reality, you accept any kind of friendship with great thankfulness." YUL BRYNNER

"More nukes, less kooks!" GRAFFITI SEEN ON A ITHACA, N.Y. GARAGE

Page 3 will have a contest, a visit from our alcohol consultant, Ted "Swizzle" Stick, and some other stuff.

Does anyone out there remember Chuck Barris and the Gong Show?

## CONTEST! WIN MC SUBS! ENTER NOW!

Since Paul described V as a music-oriented subzine--which is fairly accurate--our first contest will be on Music. The deadline for quiz entries is a week before Paul's next MC deadline. Use the address on V's first page. Winners get \$2 worth of MC sub credit, or, if you'd prefer, \$2 in some other zine's credit or \$2 worth of coupons that I clip from the paper. Have fun--here goes!

1) I'm doing this three days before seeing Bruce Springsteen for time #4. Incredible shows...the question: Who was the E Street Band's first drummer?

2) The fusion jazz group Return to Forever had many different personnel lineups, but the pianist/keyboardist was always who?

3) Who is the "Queen of Soul"?

4) In the 1970's, Genesis drummer Phil Collins played for a fusion jazz group, also. Name that band.

5) What is Chubby Checker's real name?

6) What's unusual about the suit worn by Talking Head David Byrne in the film "Stop Making Sense"?

7) Name one song by:

- Fenton Robinson
- Duke Ellington
- King Crimson
- Gary U.S. Bonds
- Richard Thompson

8) If you saw Billy Joel at Tom's Place, what city were you in?

9) What's the flip side of Springsteen's 1980-81 hit "Hungry Heart"?

ENGLAND GETS MARCHED

AUSTRIA (Mark Frush, 4729 Morganford, Apt 6, St Louis, MO 63116);  
F Alb-Ion, A Tyr-Ven, A Tri-S-A Tyr-Ven, A Ser-S-RUSS A Rum-BUL,  
A Bud-Hus.

ENGLAND (John Crosby, 1498 Washington Ln, West Chester, PA 19382);  
F MAO-S-F Lpl, F Lpl-S-F MAO (dis, retreat to Cly, oth), F Edi-Yrk,  
F Hgh-Den (dis, ret to Edi, Ska, oth).

FRANCE Brad Wilson, Box 327, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest IL 60045);  
F Mid-MAO, F Iri-Lpl, A Wal-S-F Iri-Lpl, F Eng-S-GER F Hol-Nth, A Lon H.

GERMANY (Uli Baumeister, 11416 Parkview Ln, Hales Corners, WI 53130);  
F Wth-r-Hol, F Hol-Nth, F Hel-S-F Hol-Nth, F Kis-Den, A Bel H, A Mun H,  
A Ber H.

ITALY (Bob Sweeney, Jr, 614 Custer, Ft. Leavenworth, KS 66027);  
F Gre-Aeg (dis, smth), F Ven-Tri (dis, ret to Apu, Atr, oth),  
F Ion-S-F Gre-Aeg.

RUSSIA (Marc Peters, 1814 Cameron Dr, Apt 3, Madison, WI 53711);  
F Nry-Neg, A Sss-Nry, A STP-Fin, A Nos-Ser, F Blk-Con, A Rum-BUL.

TURKEY (Richard Delzer, 2819 N. 77th St, Milwaukee, WI 53222);  
A Bul-Gre, F Aeg-A Bul-Gre, F Con-Bul sq, A Arm-Ser.

The Winter C3/Spring C4 deadline will be Saturday 12 October, 1985.

AUSTRIA:	Has	Vie,	Tri,	Bud,	Ser,	Stk,	Rum,	Ven.	(6).	Build	one.		
ENGLAND:	Has	Edi,	Kil,	Edi,	Mit.	(1).	Must	remove	three.				
FRANCE:	Has	Bro,	Par,	Mar,	Spa,	Por,	Lon,	Lpl.	(7).	May	build	two.	
GERMANY:	Has	Mun,	Bar,	Kis,	Hol,	Bel,	Den.	(6).	Even.				
ITALY:	Has	Wth,	Rom,	Nap,	Tun.	(3).	Build	one	due	to	annihilations.		
RUSSIA:	Has	STP,	Ser,	Nos,	War,	Sss,	Wth,	Nry,	Bul.	(7).	May	build	one.
TURKEY:	Has	Atk,	Con,	Ser,	Wth,	Gre.	(4).	Even.					

THE SORDID PRESS

MARK TO BOB: Just returning the favor— it really tears me up to think I couldn't repay you for all your kind words and thoughts.

FRANCE TO ENGLAND: Gee, it's a shame I can't ally with a dip player who just moved to my birthplace. Maybe next game....

MARK TO BRAD: How long will your wait before Puppy devours Swiney? Come to his aid now—take Tun, Nap, and maybe Rome too—the board would much appreciate it.

PARIS TO PETERS: Don't feel too bad about allying with Puppy. Choosing between him and Delzer as a potential ally is, uh, distasteful at best. I'd have attacked them both, but then again, maybe that type of strategy is why I screw up so much.

1 Q) Who wrote the following songs?

- a) "Sex Machine"
- b) "Talk to Me"
- c) "Ice Pick"
- d) "Little Red Rooster"
- e) "Surfin' USA"

That oughta give you something to think about, there. Oh, VERTIGO's alcohol consultant, Ted "Swizzle" Stick, has just stumbled in. Hello, Ted. Wellhello Bud how you be. Good, my man. What's new with you? Well you know Bud I wuz at dis bar downtown called uh, I forgets, but it wuz alldecorated in black. Black? Yeah, like in a funeral house or somethin'. Ok...anyways, dey had de house specialcalled "The Black Spider". Oh? Yeah. Youtakes 1 jigger of dark rum, 1 jiggerof crese de mint and pour them overice. Then fill the glass with Coca-Cola Classic, not the new crap. That actually sounds pretty good. Ted, Well yes I had 15 of these. Haha. Guess you liked them. Hey, Ted, you should meet a guy you'd appreciate named Dale Bak...oh, no, Ted, not on my new white rug.... URRRRP!...excuse

## CANADIANS ELIMINATE USA AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT

AUSTRALIA (Eric Ozog, 1526 N. Lawler, Chicago IL 60651);  
Builds F Wes Aus. Also has F Thai, F Sumatra, F Phil Sea, F West Pac,  
F Coral, F Celebes, A Borneo, F Phillipines.

BRAZIL (James Wall—COA—114 N. Franklin st, Apt 1, Madison, WI 53703);  
Builds F Bahia. Also has F Haiti, F Gulf of Mex, F Mouth of Ama,  
A Goias, F Bern Tri, F Cent Atl, A Porto, A Lapampa, F Mid Atl.

CANADA (Konrad Bausewister, 11416 Parkview Ln, Hales Corners, WI 53705);  
F Alaska-r-Brit Col. F NW Atl-r-North Atl. Has F Brit Col, F North Atl,  
A Ohio Valley, A Texas, F New Eng, F Iceland.

CHINA (Ed Wrobel, 3932 N. Forestdale Ave, Dale City, VA 22193);  
Has F Szech, A Kwang, A Vietnam.

ECM (Mark S. Keller, 2 Seaside Ct, Sacramento, CA 95831);  
Builds F UK, F France so, plays one build short. Also has F Greenland,  
F Spa so, F Morocco, F Tunisia, A Libya, A Mali.

INDIA (Richard Belzer, 2819 N. 77th St., Milwaukee, WI 53222);  
F Thai-r-otb. Removes A Turkmen. Has F Pakistan, A Pradesh,  
F Madras, F Bay of Bengal.

JAPAN (Dale Bakken, 1814 Cameron Dr, Apt 6, Madison WI 53711);  
Has F Honshu, F Kyushu.

PERU (Jim Burgess, 100 Holden St, Providence, RI 02908);  
Builds F Inca. Also has F Alaska, F South Indian, A Buenos Aires,  
F South Pacific, F Central Pac, F NW Atl, A Calif, A Mex, F Gulf of Cal.

U OF SA (Don Swartz, 155 Vernon Ave, #2, Louisville, KY 40206);  
Builds F Transvaal. Also has F Gulf of Guin, F Cameroon, A Central African,  
F Gabon, A Kerys, A Zaire, F Senal, A Sudan, F West Indian.

USSR (Marc Peters, 1814 Cameron Dr, Apt 6, Madison, WI 53711);  
Builds F Kamchat. Also has F Sakhalin, F Bering, F Hokkaido,  
F E China Sea, F Kattogat, A Georgia, A Kazak, A Bangla, A Kashmir,  
A Maharashtra, A Afghan.

WARSAW PACT (Mark Frush, 4729 Morganford, Apt 6, St Louis, MO 63116);  
Builds F Yugo. Also has A Pol, A Gre, F Kas Med, F Red Sea, F Ethiopia,  
A Egypt, A Saudi, A Iraq, A Iran.

WAF (Andy Lischett, 2402 Ridgeland Ave, Berwyn, IL 60402);  
F Gulf of Guin-r-otb. A Tunisia-r-Algeria. Removes F Maur, F Sahara.  
Has A Algeria, A Chad, A Nigeria.

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We welcome Andy Lischett as the new West African player. Richard Belzer of India should note that his unit in Pakistan is a Fleet, not an army as I mistakenly reported it last season. Canada's retreat to British Columbia eliminated USA from the game; farewell to Mike Quirk, and thanks for your good sportsmanship. If the following space is checked, I have moves on file for you for next season: \_\_\_\_\_.  
The deadline for Spring 2107 will be Saturday, 12 October, 1985.

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## THE FATTED PRESS

MARK TO JAMES: I hit my peak—I have no more lies to tell. Only a pocketful of stabs.

USSR TO JAPAN: Is that the best you can do: recycle old wall press? Pretty pathetic. Yeah, you'll die, alright, but not with any dignity—the word ain't in your dictionary. Nevertheless, here's a hari-kiri blade with which to spill your bowels all over your ratten mat. Or better yet—just fall on your own dick—it's about the same length and diameter as a small stiletto.

JAPAN TO RUSSIA: Oooh—low blow!

ROOKIE TO DOPE-DEALING LLAMA: Hi, there, buddy! Yeah, I know Alaska isn't the sort of place that either supplies or has much demand for drugs, but it was the best I could do.

1983 Y

MISSIONARY POSITION

Winter 1911

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## SEASONS SEPARATED BY REQUEST

AUSTRIA (Nelson Heintzman, 2255 Delaware Ave, #C-4, Buffalo, NY 14216);  
Removes A Ark. Has A Atn, F Con.

GERMANY (Dale Bakken, 1814 Cameron Dr, Apt 6, Madison WI 53711);  
Builds F Kie, A Bar. Plays 3 short. Also has F Swe, F Bal,  
F Eng, A Por, A Mar, A Tyr, A Rom, F GOL, A Tri, A Vis, A Gal, A Hun.

ITALY (Russ Rusnak, 16 West 536 Honeysuckle Rose, Apt 105, Hinsdale, IL 60521);  
Even. Has F Ion, F Say.

RUSSIA (Nancy Irwin, 4729 Morganford, Apt 6, St Louis, MO 63116);  
Builds F StPro. Also has F Tyn, F Wes, F Nth, A Yrk, A Bud, A War,  
A Lvn, A Ukr, F Sev, A Ser, A Rus, A Apu.

The deadline for Spring 1912 will be Saturday, 12 October, 1985. If you  
have a check here, I have moves on file for you: \_\_\_\_\_.

## MISSIONARY PRESS

AUSTRIA TO NANCY: "Godlessness" seems to be the common currency in this  
game, doesn't it, my dear?

AUSTRIA TO RUSS: Just because I'm not writing, doesn't mean I'm not listening.

AUSTRIA TO THE OTHER: Just because you're not writing, doesn't mean I'm  
not listening.

GERMANY TO WORLD: Could this be a first? Has anybody else stabbed for a  
win and not get it? ((Geez, times innumerable, Bakko.))

BAKKO TO GM: Nancy sure has improved, hasn't she? She must have been in  
a trance when she wrote out last season's orders. I've talked to her twice  
since then, and with the exception of Budapest, I got the feeling she didn't  
know where any of her units were located anymore. How is this?

UNK MO TO BAKKO: *Ask friend.* I'm sure she's just leading you on.

1984 IA

RIGEL II

Winter 1903

## SEASONS SEPARATED BY REQUEST

AUSTRIA (Bruce Linsey, 73 Ashuelot Ave, Apt 3, Dalton, MA 01226);  
No retreat received for A Vis, which goes otb. Austria builds A Bud.  
Also has A Ser and A Rus.

ENGLAND (Bob Sweeney, 614 Custer, Ft. Leavenworth, KS 66027);  
Removes A York. Has F Ska, F Nrg, F Bar.

FRANCE (Nelson Heintzman, 2255 Delaware Ave, #C-4, Buffalo, NY 14216);  
Even. Has A Bur, F Iri, F Eng, A Vis, A Par, A Pic.

GERMANY (Steve Knight, 11905 Winterthur Ln, Reston, VA 22091);  
Builds F Kie. Also has A Bal, A Hol, F Nth, A Rub, A Hun.

ITALY (Rich Reilley, 3067 Gustafson Cir, Idaho Falls, ID 83402);  
Builds F Ven. Also has F Adr, A Tri, A Alb, F Ion.

RUSSIA (Ty Hare, 1001 N. Weber, Colorado Springs, CO 80903);  
Builds A War, A Sev. Also has F Say, A Bul, F Blk, A Sch, F Swe, F Nwy,  
A Fin, A StP.

TURKEY (Dave Klaisan, 651 Fenster Ct, Indianapolis, IN 46234);  
Even. Has F Gre.

Spring 1904 moves will be due on Saturday (2) October, 1985. If checked,  
I have moves on file for you:       .

## RIGEL PRESS

EARTH TO ALBEDO: You're number one on my play list right now.

FRANCE TO R/I/T/F: And a piece for you, and a piece for you, and a piece  
for me!

FRANCE TO AUSTRIA: Thanks for hosting this gourmet banquet (smack, smack,  
slobber, drool).

1983 CQ SACRED COW Fall 1908

THE RUSSIANS CHANGE SIDES AGAIN  
AUSTRIANS HANG TOUGH

AUSTRIA (John Crosby, 1498 Washington Ln, West Chester, PA 19382);  
F Bulsc-r-Gre. F Alb-Ion, F Map-S-F Alb-Ion, A Pie-Tus (dis, ret to  
Tyr, Ven, otb), A Rom-Tus, F Aeg-Con, F Sky-S-F Aeg-Con, A Con-Bul,  
A Ser-S-A Con-Bul, F Gre-S-A Con-Bul, A Bud-Gal, A Vie-S-A Bud-Gal.

FRANCE (David Anderson, PO Box 3761, Pontiac, MI 48059);  
A Hol-Bel, F Tur-Ion, F Tyn-S-F Tur-Ion, F Spa no-Wag, A Mar-Pied,  
F GOL-S-A Mar-Pie, A Bur-Hun, A Gas-Bur.

GERMANY (Matt Fleming, 4290 Chateau De Ville, #C, St. Louis, MO 63129);  
A Bar-r-otb. A Ruh-Bel.

RUSSIA (Lu Henry, 6056 Waverly, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127-3227);  
A Yrk-Ion, A Ank-Con, F Blk-S-A Ank-Con, A Bul-Rum, A Sev-S-A Bul-Rum,  
A Sil-Hun, A Kie-S-A Sil-Hun, F Bar-S-A Kie, A Gal-Bch, F Hal-Hol,  
A War-Gal, A Ucr-S-A War-Gal, F Nth-S-GER A Ruh-Bel.

All draws were defeated, and proposed for next time shall be: a concession  
to Russia and a F/R draw. The Winter 1908/Spring 1909 deadline will be  
Saturday, 12 October 1983.

1983 CQ SUPPLY CHART Winter 1908

- AUSTRIA: Has Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser, Gre, Ven, Rom, Nap, Bul, Con, Sky.  
(11) Even.
- FRANCE: Has Par, Bre, Mar, Spa, Pcr, Tur, Hol, Hol. (7). Remove one.
- GERMANY: Has Hol, Hol, Bel. (1). Even after annihilation.
- RUSSIA: Has Sev, StP, Mos, War, Rus, Sov, Ny, Kdi, Ank, Den, Lon,  
Lpl, Kie, Bar, Mun. (15). May build two.

THE SACRED PRESS

RUSSIA TO FRANCE: To quote a famous diplomacy player, one Dave Anderson:  
"I'm taking these dots temporarily. I'll give them back shortly."

GERMANY TO R AND F: My goodness, how assured of ourselves we become when  
a single success comes our way! Here we have Dave "I've-gotta-go"  
Anderson, and Lu "Is-this-happening-to-me?" Henry pouncing on someone who  
doesn't live in their area code....

PARIS TO WALL IN FATTED CALF: OOPS! There's a 14-ton wight. BOOM! Me  
and Russia are in an alliance in this game, and have been since I don't  
know when. So, I can be trusted and I'm certainly not incompetent. We  
are going for a two-way, so pay attention and you may learn something.

UNK MO TO DAVE AND THE WALL: I somehow think that Wall knows how to take  
a knife in the back already, having played so often with The Puppy in the past.

RUSSIA TO GERMANY: It was your choice between survival and elimination. If  
the former, let's write some press about "good stabs;" if the latter, nice to  
have played in this one together.

GERMANY TO GM: Give me a while and I'll come up with another excuse for  
getting smashed....

PARIS TO BERLIN: I won't resign this game since it is nearly over, but  
Fatted Calf would last longer, and I'll be withdrawing from MC after this  
is over!

RUSSIA TO AUSTRIA: This is purely a guessing game, so I guess we'll see if  
creative moves do me in this season.



## GERMANY, AUSTRIA TAKE SOME LUMPS

AUSTRIA (J. Travis Laster, 125 Garden Ct, Winchester, VA 22601);  
A Vis-Tyr, A Tri-S-A Vis-Tyr, F Gre-S-TURK F Aeg-Ion (dis, annih).

ENGLAND (Michael Quirk, 3630 Chester, Glenview, IL 60025);  
F Nwg-Nth, A Edi H, F Lon-S-F Nwg-Nth.

FRANCE (Robert Achison, PO Box 4622, Station SE, Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA  
T6E 2A0); A Bur-Bel, F Eng-S-A Bur-Bel, F Pic-S-A Bur-Bel, A Par-Bur,  
A Gas-S-A Par-Bur.

GERMANY (Scott Burrell, 2309 Gene Ave, Albert Lea, MN 56007);  
A Hum-Bur, A Rub-S-A Bel, A Bel-S-A Hum-Bur (dis, annihilated), F Hol-Nth,  
F Nth-Edi (dis, ret to Yrk, Hal, Den, Ska, oth), A Kie-Hol, F Swe holds.

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

RUSSIA (Brad Wilson, Box 327, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest IL 60045);  
F Both H, F Ngy-S-GER F Nth (ots), A Fin-S-F Ngy, A Gal-Vis,  
A Bud-S-A Gal-Vis, F Rus waves to the Wall.

TURKEY (James Wall, COA-114 N. Franklin St, Apt 1, Madison WI 53703);  
F Aeg-Gre, A Ser-S-F Aeg-Gre, A Bul-S-F Aeg-Gre, F Con-Aeg.

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AUSTRIA: Has Yis, Tri, Edi, Edi. (1). Remove one (2 annihilated).  
ENGLAND: Has Edi, Lpl, Lon. (3). Even due to annihilation.  
FRANCE: Has Bre, Par, Mar, Par, Spa, Bel. (6). May build one.  
GERMANY: Has Mun, Kie, Bur, Hol, Wall, Den, Swe. Even or Build one if ret oth.  
ITALY: Has Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun. (4). Even.  
RUSSIA: Has StP, Sev, War, Mos, Rus, Bud, Vis, Ngy. (8). May build two.  
TURKEY: Has Con, Ank, Sky, Bul, Ser, Gre. (6). May build two.

## THE INDECENT PRESS

LASTER TO SWEENEY: I took a look 'round here—I doesn't fit me. Now that its happened things will have to be restarted. I'll take my arsees from my home and start fighting, fighting for all the things I might ever have wanted. It seems that pain and truth were things that really mattered, but I can't stay here with every hope that I ever had shattered. In a small country dreams abandon you, only one thing is left inside. Stay alive. Thanks for the support. I leave you to the R/T menace.

FROM WHOM IT DOESN'T CONCERN TO THE WALL: Don't expect any help. Earn your progress.

GERMANY TO WORLD: Is the world closing in? Who's my enemy? Oh my god, I'm going paranoid and getting claustrophobic. Please, someone, help me break through to the outside.

MOS-CON: Maybe not, hopefully. Let's go!

MOS-ANK: ...But you've a great and friendly ally to the north who is also hammering Quirkie-poo. What more could you ask for in a game (besides Tallman).

GHOST IN THE CLOSET: Will this be my last gasp of air?

TRAVIS TO BRAD AND JAMES: All else aside, thanks for a lesson learned.

UNDERGROUND ENGLAND TO WORLD: Help! We will pay handsomely in weapons and boats for the liberation of this slime hole we live in. Get us from this goon-king. Help!

STP TO LON: Ah, it's nice showing you the error of your mendacious, scurrilous, and sleazy ways. Perhaps you'll learn that you only need to be mendacious to win—like Frush.

SWITZERLAND: How stupid is Sweeney? He lives in Kansas, that settles that.

Today's beer is brought to you by Schlitz Malt Liquor. Compliments to James Wall and one of his roommates named Geo. It seems they left it here after a wild night of partying and cardplaying. Excuse me for a second while I make a quick taste test...hmm, at least it's cold. I guess it will pass. It says here on the can that it's brewed in Detroit, Lehigh Valley, PA, Longview, TX, Los Angeles, Winston-Salem, and Memphis. WHAT?! No Wisconsin? Oh, I see. It's an import beer.

How do you all like seeing me here in MC? I hope it's a marriage that lasts. This is BU No. 10 and it's brought to you by the seventh son of Orlow and Hazel Bakken-Dale Bakken. I live here at 1814 Cameron Dr. No. 3, Madison WI 53711. The phone no. here is (608)273-0983.

I forgot to mention the 1985 ALL-STAR Game last issue. You probably could guess I'm an American League fan so I was cheating for them to do well. I guess Marc got caught up in my enthusiasm as he offered to make a bet with me. I had to take the National League though, as I wouldn't give him the NL plus a run. Thanks for the six pack, buddy. The MVP was Lamar Hoyt, the starting pitcher. However, in this humble scribes opinion, I'd have given it to Nolan Ryan, the fastballer from the Astros. It was in the 4th, 5th and 6th innings he pitched and it was at the time that if the AL was gonna make a comeback, it was then. But Mr. Ryan struck a couple of 95 mph fastballs under the chinny-chin chin of the likes of Ricky Henderson and Dave Winfield. It was like he was saying to those guys-stick your nose in there if you dare. And folks, I don't think anybody wants to get plunked on the side of the head by those so he really loosened up the batters. They didn't dare dig in on him and thus lost their aggressiveness. Result: NL 6, AL 1. How many does that make in a row for them? Amazing.

Still on baseball, the strike has come and gone. I predicted it wouldn't last a week but I was a little surprised that it only lasted 2 days. Looks to me like the owners took it on the seat of their pants again. I wouldn't mind owning a big league club but I'm pretty sure that will never happen. For one thing, I'll never be that rich... or that greedy or that stupid. The owners have brought the inflated salaries upon themselves but now they want to stop it but they can't. They have paid the ballplayers so much money that most of them can afford to sit out a while without pay. I mean, after all, when the average salary is 365,000 dollars a year, I think I could live a long time on one month of what they make! I'd be partying like hell for sure. Uff da! The thought of all the beer and drugs that I could by kinda makes me fall funny all over.

Looks like my Brewers are sucking the bag again this year. Thank God for Cleveland. The Brewers really lack a home run threat. They are all a bunch of wimpy doubles and singles hitters. And it takes quite a few of those to get five or six runs nowadays. Course, I've heard that Seattle is weitching on Gorman Thomas' contract. That could make him a free agent in the off season. And Bambi and Gorman get along like father and son so don't be awful surprised to see it happen. Unless, of course, the Mariners come to their senses.

Football season is almost upon us again. NFL-wise, it looks like the Packers and Bears duking it out the Central Division. I really like Forrest Gregg and Mike Ditka as coaches and there will be some dandy games between those two before they're through. Naturally, I'm picking Green Bay. It will be a cold day in Madtown before I root for the Bears. By the way, the Bears have there training camp about a 120 miles down the road from here in a small town called Platteville, WI. I should go see them (next year) but I probably won't. Course, I am a Madman so you never know what I may do.

Speaking of something I did do, I went to see Tommy John pitch right here in Madison. You see he was cut by the California Angels and picked up by the Oakland A's. The A's have a class A minor league team called the Muskies (as in the fish). They sent John down to get his arm back in shape after a couple week layoff. He looked so-so to me in pitching 6 innings, giving up 4 hits, 2 runs and 3 or 4 walks. He didn't get any decision as the Muskies were behind 2-1 when they took him out but came back to win 4-2. Yes, I did get his autograph to prove I did see him. Wow! My first big-leaguer! Aren't you all so fucking thrilled!!!

Before I for get, I want to brag up local boy done good Andy North for winning the 1985 U.S. Open for the second time. Andy was born and raised here and went to college at Florida. Not to many players ever get to win one major tournament but Andy has. His previous Open victory was back in 1978 in Cherry Hills in Denver, CO.

Arlington Racetrack burned to the ground not too long ago. Arlington is in Chicago and hosts the Budweiser Million, a major attraction for horse racing elite.

Perhaps I should answer Paul's cute little comments at the end of my last BU about regarding Madcon. Yeah, I was feeling mighty low that Sunday. But listen, I was up partying since Wed. night waiting for Scott and Frauke to show up. The earliest I remember getting to bed was about 3a.m. I was not the first guy up in the morning but it wasn't long after that that I had popped my first beer of the day. Over the duration of the con, I bet I peed out more alcohol than any two guys drank! And that includes you, Mr. Roadworm, man of some 200 plus import beers tasted. Damn, I did have fun though. Next year, I'm leaving that sonuva-bitching wapatuli alone! Or else I insist that its made in something other than a couple of garbage bags inside a garbage pail! Somehow, that doesn't seem too sanitary to me.

Did any of any of you hear about that gay riot they had in LA a little time ago? Seems they were trying to find the last guy who got a piece of the Rock.....Oh boy, is that a bad one! But that's the way I like 'em. The sicker and more disgusting they are, the more often I tell 'em. Normally I give most of my jokes to Peters so he can use them in. So I Lied but every once in a while, Marc likes to pretend he has some class and doesn't print the really good/bad jokes.

Well, hells bells folks. It's almost that time to say goodbye again for another month. You can also look for Bottoms Up in the afore mentioned zine So I Lied. Marc always has something nasty to say about something, and there is also your favorite asshole James Wall subzine But I'm Happy. You can also catch Our favorite EndWellian Tom Swider and his Expletive Deleted. Last, but not least, is Debi's W Filler, written of course by Marc's wife Debi. It's a hodgepodge of stuff of what it's like to be a female in this here crazy town. (I'd tell you what I really think of it but I'm liable to get slapped silly).

Hey guys, don't forget...keep your bottoms up!!!

AND IF THAT ISN'T ENOUGH, WE HAVE A LETTER FROM DALE....

I read your article by Art Kumbalek with great interest and amusement. I can't say it any better than he did; he hit the nail right on the proverbial head.

Testing ballplayers for drug usage is a bunch of crap. They are being singled out from every other working professional just because of their special status as entertainers.

As someone who has been involved with sports (though no professionally quite obviously) since I was 14, and a freshman in High School, it makes little difference to me if someone I'm playing with is straight or not. All that matters is: can the dude play or not? Even in high school, our basketball team had people who would get beer somehow, and sneak it on the bus for "away" games, or just sit in back of the school before home games and drink. Since then, I have myself played basketball, softball, golf, and of course Diplomacy both drunk, stoned, and straight. ((When have you EVER played it straight??!!)) If the concentration is there, so is the performance. If the concentration is not there, I don't play so good.

If somehow Commissioner Peter Ueberoth gets this drug testing through, and the players comply, why not test other professional people for their "performance." Do office personnel work better with caffeine or without it? Do salesman sell more often after three martinis or less? Do people who test other people for drugs work better after a Marlboro? After a pack of Marlboros? Do factory workers work better after a doobie or less better? Its all irrelevant. Its all nobodies business. If you can perform your duties well, you'll stay. If you can't, you're liable to get the axe.

Like Art says, Play Ball.

((I myself tend to agree with the thrust of Dale and Art's comments. Policing people's personal habits is a deeply ingrained habit of human nature, only made worse when it is extended into governmental "legislation" or mandatory "work rules." The bottom line IS performance, but also common sense. If a factory worker goes out for lunch and gets mugged up on alcohol and/or dope, and then comes back to work to get his arsed mulched by a piece of heavy machinery, should he have the right to claim damages against his employer? Taking responsibility for one's own actions infers obligations as well as freedoms.

One additional note on the status of professional athletes as role-models. These guys are nothing better than mercenaries, selling their services and loyalties to the highest bidder. When a higher paycheck is offered, they drift away. Is this what we want to teach our children?))

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