

Cat wipes out TV, all nine of its lives

MIDLIFE CRISIS 28

NOVEMBER 1985

COA! (mine)

YES, FOLKS, I'm finally moving to Madison (or a suburb thereof, anyway). As of December 1st, my address will be 4158 Monona Drive, Monona, WI. 53716. I don't know the phone number yet, although I will have one installed immediately upon my arrival there. If you need to call me, dial 608-555-1212 (Madison directory assistance) and ask for the number.

The bar should be opening right around December 1st. The address is 106 King Street—King Street is a street running at a northeast diagonal right off the state capital building. If anybody needs a map to either the bar or my house, feel free to request one and I'll try to oblige you.

GAME OPENING

There are still lots of openings in the new game that I mentioned last issue. It is open to anyone not currently playing in a regular Dip game in Midlife Crisis. No gamefee—just a \$10 NWR deposit.

My new house should be ideal for parties—Dip or otherwise. It is larger than Bob Olsen's mansion, and it even has a working fireplace where you can throw your used dip orders (or your enemy's unused dip orders?). Come and join the Madlads—in addition to myself, James Wall, Dale Bakken, Marc and Debi Peters, there are rumors that Matt Fleming and Brad Wilson will soon be moving to Mad City. Although there will still be more dippers, numerically, in Chicago, I do believe that the focus of Midwest Dip energy will lie in Madison, Wisconsin. Stay tuned!

There have recently been complaints, by Rex Martin of Avalon Hill's The General and others, that Dippines aren't running nearly enough Diplomacy related articles. Rex especially laments the paucity of tactics articles. Well, what better place to find advice and commentary on tactics than in ENDGAME STATEMENTS? A well-done endgame statement will contain any or all of the following: a summary of the game's events; an explanation of what the writer was trying to do with HIS moves; a surprise as to what other players were trying to accomplish with their own movements; commentary on what went right or wrong in the game; criticism or compliments on the play of others; last second jibes at opponents (or even GMs!) who were perceived to have played poorly, and so on ad infinitum.

There can be some very instructive reading in these all-too-often overlooked or unread pieces. I can only encourage players to 1) write good statements themselves and 2) to read and possibly even to feel free to analyze those written by others. These are gamers talking about the game, Rex. Perhaps one of our hobby archivists could attempt to put together a collection of some of the best of the genre; that would be far better than merely encouraging people to rewrite "general" tactics articles, which may be interesting but can ~~xxx~~ rarely be applied to individual games. Or, endgame statements could accompany tactics articles: first, one writes about Sev/Con shuffles, and then one provides a couple of endgame statements to illustrate the Sev/Con shuffle in action! Has anyone ever done this before?

VERTIGO 53

The Sycamore of Champs November 12, 1985 Vote GOP

This is VERTIGO #51, Paoli Publication #88. We have this time a short one, with game results, mostly. In fact, game result. Now, can I do this right for once?

1984AM REFLECTIONS SUMMER 1907

AUSTRIA: A Bul ret GRE
also, last time I omitted the German A Lup, which tried to move to Yrk, and failed. It, then, is still in Lup, probably jamming with McCartney and Lennon.

1984AM REFLECTIONS FALL 1907
CLEAN SWEEP FOR CZAR IN AUSTRIA

AUSTRIA(Courtemanche): F Smv thumbs nose at Moscow, F Agg-Ion , A Tyo-Pic , A Gre displays bottom to Moscow
FRANCE(Arnawoodian): A Bur-Par , A Mar-Gas, A Yrk-Lon , F Eng-Bre , F Iri-Lyo
GERMANY(Baumeister): A Pic-Bre , A Par S A Pic-Bre , A Mun-Ruh, A Ber-Mun, F Hol-Bel, F Nth-Eng , F Hel-Nth , F Ska-Nwy, A Lup H
ITALY(Neuger): A Pic-Tyo , F Nap-Ion , A Tri-Vie
RUSSIA(Rauterberg): F Lon-Eng , F Nwy-Nwy, A Gal-Vie, A Sev-Arm, A Bud-Tri, A Rum S F Bul(sc), F Bul(sc) S F Bla-Con, A Ser S A Bud-Tri, F Bla-Con, A Ank S F Bla-Con, A Boh S A Gal-Vie

OK, there... Underlined moves do not succeed. The Italian A Tri is dislodged and may retreat to Ven, Alb, or OTB. The 1907 SC Chart:

- AUSTRIA:(vie),gre,smv,(bul) (2) REMOVE 2
- FRANCE:mar,bre,spa,por,tun (3) EVEN
- GERMANY:home,edi,den,wee,hol,par,lvp,bel, nwy (11) BUILD 2
(was one short)
- ITALY:home,(tri) (3) EVEN
(was one short. Retreat OTB will allow 1 build)
- RUSSIA:home,rum,ank,(mar),ser,con,bud,lon, vie , iri , bel (13) BUILD #2

The press this time is a reflection on the difficulties of overseas dipping.
LAMENTATIO ITALIANO!

Anti-Italian sentiment is being stirred up by Zionists and international bankers!! What's worse, the World Court at Paoli/Lake Forest is part of the conspiracy! Herewith our terrible tale of woe!
August 5: Balthasar Wilson puts VERTIGO #46 to press; but striking pressmen delay printing and publication.
August 19: Balthasar crushes strike, establishes his illegitimate son Drambuie ((slander! His name's Cointreau)) as leader of the newspaper unions; but most importantly, VERTIGO #46 is mailed to the pious Neugerino's Viennese retreat.
August 20: Neugerino leaves aforesaid retreat for a 2-week fact-finding mission in Hungary and France. Meanwhile, the news that Italia has gained a supply center is stuck somewhere over the Atlantic.
September 18: Neugerino, settled in Zweibrucken in an effort to become Emperor Palatine, finally receives the good news--it was forwarded from his Vienna contacts. But--is it too late? ((yes))
((this sad tale did have a happy (somewhat) ending.))

ITALIA REINCARNATO!

Zweibrucken-Lake Forest : VERTIGO #49 arrived today; thankfully the land of Pops and Pizzas is still intact.

LEC : What a mess. Anyway....

ROME-PLANET :Shit! I'd rather be playing soccer in Brussels!

ROME-UNIVERSE :Aldo Moro never had it so bad!

ITALY-EUROPE : James G. Neuger, Italian master of ceremonies, announces a permanent address((alleuia!alleuia!)) (till June 1986) ((is this what is called temporarily permanent?)): Bitscherstr.29, D-6660 Zweibrucken, W. Germany. Note well the first three digits of the zip code, ho ho ho.

AUS-FRA : Shame on you for cross-gaming. I hope your new book bombs and costs you a bundle.

ITALY-BUDMAY : Nana, na na na na....

AUS-GER : Hey, Konrad, finish the job your partner started; kill off French Armenians. They are a menace to everyone's health.

ZWEIBRUCKEN-LAKE FOREST : This sucks! Please put me on the standby list. And are any new games starting? ((yes!see below))

NEUGER-WOODY : What is a "Hamster Art"? Do you eat the things or merely sodomize them?

LFC : Heh, heh, heh....

NEUGER-EM : Really loved the introductory paragraph of VERTIGO #49. That was Jam-packed action journalism at its best! Can't wait to read more about "V" and "MC".

LFC : Sarcasm can be hazardous to your position.

AUS-RUS : Still killing helpless Austrians, hmmm...? Is that how you get your jollies?

LFC : Methinks not.

NEUGER-DONEY : Hello, good looking.

AUS-ITA : Hey Neuger, get out of my way!

DUCE-HASSBURG : You win the Franz Ferdinand Commemorative Medal for longevity and ability to survive.

ROME-WORLD : Hey, this Rautenberg thing is getting out of hand.

LFC : A fine note to end this game. ((No pun intended there))

In 1984AM this year, we have a separation by request. Exciting...

1984AM

REFLECTIONS

WINTER 1907

ITALIANS TAKE TO THE SEA

AUSTRIA(Courtemanche): remove A Tyo, A Gre
FRANCE(Annawoodian?): NMR, but even
GERMANY(Baumeister): build A Kie, A Ger
ITALY(Neuger): A Tri ret OTB, Build F Ven.
RUSSIA(Rautenberg):build A Mos, F Sev

What gripping stuff, that. Press was submitted with Spring orders and will be published with Spring moves, as is my policy. Let's have Spring 1908 due December 7, 1985, at 10pm CST, to me, your faithful GM, Brad Wilson, at: Box 327, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL 60045, (312)-234-2380 anytime. The short deadline is to avoid getting entangled around my finals period and Christmas, which tend to slow me down and cause delays. Hope this is OK with all of you. The G/R draw was shot down in flames 3 yes, 1 no i NMR=yes. It is repropoed, so please vote, NMR or not voting=yes. Woody NMRed this time, and while there's no damage, let's have John Crosby, 1496 Washington Lane, West Chester, PA 19382 standby for France just in case. Orders on file from A, i.

Addresses:

Steve Courtemanche, 300 Main St., #1, Woburn, MA 01801
Steve Annawoodian, 402 Hemlock Circle, Lansdale, PA 19446
Konrad Baumeister, 11416 Parkview Ln., Hales Corners, WI 53130
Jim Neuger, Bitscherstr. 29, D-6640 Zweibrucken, WEST GERMANY
Paul Rautenberg, 4922 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53208

GAME OPENING!!!! : Yes, VERTIGO has an opening. Signed up! Neuger, Rautenberg, Laster, Crosby. Free! Hurry and get in! Pubbers please blog.
STANDBYS NEEDED! : I can always use these. You get my everlasting thanks for being a VERTIGO standby. And maybe a six of Blatz....

oh, oh... VERTIGO's Alcohol Consultant, Ted "Swizzle" Stick, is really a mess. uggghhh...errrrr... here Ted, have a beer....errrr, danks. Well I found a taste treat/dismoth nitchere at L. Fc. Oh? Yessit's a Shakebite. Take 2 oz Yukon Jack and a dash of Rose's Lime Juice. Shakeovercrushice and serve. Nice, smooth, strong. Brad where's de UUUURRRRRRRPPPP...hmm, the carpet needed cleaning anyway.

I wanted to attack the Boardman Number Custodian's position on local games, but I hear he's changed it, so that target has been taken down. There is some stuff 'round the hobby worth commenting on, though. First, there's the soon-to-be-vacant BNC spot itself. One hears varying names tossed about, and some are better than others. Don Del Grande seems to be interested, and he'd be fine, as would the publisher of MIDLIFE CRISIS, if he applies. There are other declared candidates that this writer would be very displeased with. If you've got an opinion on who would like to see BNC, write Bill Quinn with it. DIPLOMACY WORLD will survive, so says Larry Peery. One wonders about the future viability of OW, and whether the hobby that let it get in such a decrepit state really wants or needs it. I hope OW can become a true, vibrant, and exciting hobby journal. Finally, it looks like Ken Peery's sensible proposal to end the Great Feud is taking hold, and VERTIGO will adopt its idea that no feuding be mentioned. I hope all of you who publish will follow Ken's proposal.

BOB-QUOTE OF THE MONTH : "Sociologists are people who spend their whole life being perpetually amazed by the obvious."

Unknown, but a smart dude

PLAYLIST : STOP MAKING SENSE - Talking Heads ***
FLIP FLIP JIG - Husker Du ***S/D
THE CAT - Lee Morgan (jazz trumpet) ***-1 2

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THE FATTED CALF

Fall, 2107

ALLIES STICK TOGETHER, IN THEIR OWN WAY

AUSTRALIA (Eric Ozog, 1526 N. Lawler, Chicago, IL 60651);
 F Timor-Sumatra, A Borneo-S-F Phillipines, F Burma-Thailand, F Wes Pac-Phil Sea,
 F Thai-G of Siam, F Phillipines-S-F Phil Sea-East China Sea, F Coral-Wes Pac.
 F Taiwan-S-F Phil Sea-E China Sea, F Phil Sea-East China Sea.

BRAZIL (James Wall, 114 N. Franklin St, Apt 1, Madison, WI 53703);
 F Porto-SW Atl, F Haiti-Berm Tri, F G of Mex-Dixie, A Sahara-S-F CAO-Haur,
 F Cent Atl-Mauritania, F Mid Atl-Cent Atl, F Berm Tri-Mid Atl,
 A Mato-Goias, A LaPampa holds, F N of Ama-S-F Mid Atl-Cent Atl.

CANADA (Konrad Baumeister, 11416 Parview Ln, Hales Corners, WI 53705);
 A Texas-Dixie, A Ohio-S-A Tex-Dix, F Quebec ac-NW Atl, F Denmark Str-Iceland,
 F G of Alaska-Alaska, F North Atl-Spain cc.

CHINA (Ed Wrobel? 3932 N. Forestdale Ave, Dale City, VA 22193);
 NFR. F South China Sea, A Kwangstun, A Vietnam all hold.

ECM (Mark S. Keller, 2 Seaside Ct, Sacramento, CA 65831);
 F Morocco-S-F Wes-Mid Atl, F Spain ac-S-F Moroc, F Wes-Mid, F Tun-S-A Libya,
 A Libya-S-WAR PACT A Saudi-Sudan (NSO), F UK-France cc, F Green Sea-Greenland,
 A Mali-Mauritania.

INDIA (Richard Delzer, 2819 N. 77th St, Milwaukee, WI 53222);
 F Madras-Maharash, F Persian Gulf-S-F Madras-Maha, A Pradesh-S-F Madras-Maha,
 F Bay of Bengal-S-A Pradesh.

JAPAN (Dale Bakken, 1814 Cameron Dr, #3, Madison, WI 53711);
 F Kyushu-West Pacific, F Honshu-S-F Kyushu-Wes Pac.

PERU (Jim Burgess, 100 Holden St, Providence, RI 02908);
 F East Pac-South Pac, F G of Panama-G of Calif, F Alaska-Chukchi Sea,
F South Indian-SE Atl, A BA holds, F Drake-S-BRAZ F Porto-SW Atl,
F Central Pac-S-AUST F West Pac (OTM), F Lab Sea-Greenland, A Mexico-Texas,
 A Calif-S-A Mex-Tex, F NE Pac-S-CANADA F Gulf of Alaska-Alaska.

U OF SA (Don Swartz, 155 Vernon Ave, #2, Louisville, KY 40206);
 F Caseroon-S-F Gulf of Guinea, F G of Guinea-S-F SE Atl, F Moz Ch-Transvaal,
F SE Atl-S-F Moz Ch-Trans, F West Indian-Moz Ch, F Somal-West Ind,
 A Ethiopia-Somalia, A Sudan holds, A Cent Af-S-A Sudan, A Zaire-S-A Sudan.

USSR (Marc Peters, 1814 Cameron Dr, #3, Madison, WI 53711);
 F Hokkaido-Sea of Japan, F NW Pac-S-JAPAN F Kyushu-West Pac,
F Bering-NE Pac, F Sea of Japan-South Korea, F East China Sea-Kyushu,
A Maharash-Pradesh (dis, ret to Kashmir, oth), A Rajas-S-A Afgan-Pakistan,
 A Afghan-Pakis, A Iran-S-A Afghan-Pakis, A Russia-Byelorussia, F Nvy-Ihg.

WARSAW PACT (Mark Frueh, 4729 Morganford, Apt 6, St. Louis, MO 63116);
 A Saudi-S-A Egypt, A Egypt holds, F Red Sea-G of Aden, F Yemen-S-F Red-G of Aden,
 F Eas Med-Red Sea, A Czech holds, A Rum Holds, A Iraq holds,
A Pakistan holds (dis, ret to Kashmir, oth).

WEST AFRICAN FED (Andy Lischett, 2402 Ridgeland Ave, Berwyn, IL 60402);
A Niger-Mali, A Mauritania-S-A Niger-Mali (dis, ret to Guinea, Algeria, oth),
A Chad-Niger.

Will Matt Fleming, 4290 Chateau de Ville, #C, St. Louis, MO 63129) please
 standby for CHINA? The winter 2107/Spring 2108 deadline will be Saturday,
 21 December, 1985.

THE FATTED PRESS

JAPAN-PERU: Ya know, I might have some juicy gossip for you. Wall and
 Peters talk in front of me all the time. Its just like I'm not even in this
 game.

OVERHEARD MUTTERINGS FROM DEEP IN MOTHER RUSSIA: "Damn! Is that pesky
 puppy still following me? I just know sooner or later it's gonna chomp
 on my leg (or higher!) and give me rabies! Perhaps a bit of preventive
 maintenance? Take that, poison pup!"

DOPE-DOING RUSSKIE TO DOPE DEALING LLAMA: What's next? Take a look. If
 this isn't to your satisfaction, nothing ever will be. (By the way, got
 any good deals?

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SACRED COW

Spring 1909

HAPSBURGS HANG IN THERE

AUSTRIA (John Crosby, 1496 Washington Ln, West Chester, PA 19382);
 A Tyr-S-A Vie-Boh, A Vie-Boh, A Bud-S-A Ser-Rum, A ser-Rum, A Rom-Ven,
 A Bul-S-A Ser-Rum, F Nap-S-F Alb-Ion, F Alb-Ion, F Gre-Aeg, F Aeg-Con,
 F Smy-S-F Aeg-Con.

FRANCE (David Anderson, PO Box 3761, Pontiac, MI 48059);
 F Wes-Mid, F Tyn-Nap, F Tun-Ion, A Gas-Bur, A Bur-Pic, A Pie-Ven, A Hol-Bel.

GERMANY (Matt Fleming, 429C Chateau de Villa, #C, St. Louis, MO 63129);
A Bel-S-RUSSIAN A Mun-Bur.

RUSSIA (Lu Henry, 6056 Waverly, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127-3227);
 A Mos-Sev, A StP-Nwy, A Lon-Wal, F Blk-S-A Ark-Con, A Ark-Con, A Sev-Arm,
 A Rum-Gal, A Mun-Bur, A Kis-Ruhr, F Bar-Kis, A Boh-Tyr (dis, ret to Sil, oth),
 F Hel-Nth, F Nth-Eng, A Ukr-S-A Rum-Gal, A War-S-A Rum-Gal.

The deadline for Fall 1909 moves is Saturday, 21 December, 1985.

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SORDID BEHAVIOR

Spring 1904

GERMANS PLUNGE UP THE MIDDLE

AUSTRIA (Mark Frush, 4729 Morganford, Apt 6, St. Louis, MO 63116);
 A Vie-Tyr, A Ven-Tus, A Tri-Ven, F Alb-S-A Ser-Gre, A Ser-Gre,
 A Rum-S-RUSS A Bul.

ENGLAND (John Crosby, 1496 Washington Ln, West Chester, PA 19382);
F Yrk-Edi (dis, amih.).

FRANCE (Brad Wilson, Box 327, LFC, Lake Forest, IL 60045);
 F Mar-GOL, A Por-Gas, A Wal-Bre, F Eng-C-A Wal-Bre, A Lon-Yrk, F Lpl-Cly,
 F Mid-Wes.

GERMANY (Uli Baumstier, 11416 Parkview LN, Hales Corners, WI 53130);
 F Nth-S-FREN A Lon-Yrk, F Kis-Bal, F Hel-Den, A Mun-Sil, A Ber-Pru,
 A Bel-Ruhr.

ITALY (Bob Sweeney? 614 Custer, Ft. Leavenworth, KS 66027);
 A Rom-S-A Naples-Apu, A Nap-Apu, F Ion-Aeg.

RUSSIA (Marc Peters, 1814 Cameron Dr, #3, Madison, WI 53711);
A Nwy-Edi, F Nwg-C-A Nwy-Edi, F StP no-Bar, A Fin-StP, A Mos-Sev,
 F Blk-S-A Mos-Sev, A Bul-a-AUSTI A Ser-Gre.

TURKEY (Richard Delzer, 2819 N. 77th St. Milwaukee WI 53222);
A Gre-Bul (dis, amih), F Aeg-S-A Gre-Bul, A Arm-Sev, F Con-Ark.

Fall 1904 moves will be due on Saturday, 21 December, 1985. Although Bob Sweeney did not miss these moves because they were on file from last month, he did miss moves in his other games. So, just to be on the safe side, I'll call a standby for Italy—Jim Burgess, 100 Holden St, Providence, RI. 02908.

THE SORDID PRESS

RUSSIA TO DIPLOMACY GOD: Oh, please, let me make it through 1904. I know that baring yourself to a poison puppy's fangs deserves punishment, but please, save me anyway. (I've got a horse right here, his name is Paul Revere...").

UNK NO TO RUSSKIE: And while you're watching the Puppy, what about that Mad Dog nibbling at your crotch?

1983 Y	MISSIONARY POSITION	Fall 1912
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CENTER SWAPPING BECOMES FASHIONABLE

AUSTRIA (Nelson Heintzman, 2255 Delaware Ave. #C-4, Buffalo, NY 14216);
 A Sev-Rom, F Con-Aeg.

GERMANY (Dale Bakken, 1814 Cameron Dr, Apt 3, Madison, WI 53711);
 F Swe-Nwy, F Den-Nth, F Hol-Bel, A Bur-S-F Hol-Bel, F Eng-Mid, A Spa-Gas,
 F GOL-Spa sc, A Bud-Ser, A Tri-S-A Bud-Ser, A Sil-Gal, A Vie-S-A Sil-Gal,
 A Ber-Sil, A Rom Holdr (dis, ret to Tus, otb), A Ven-S-A Rom.

ITALY (Russ Rusnak, 15 West 536 Honeysuckle Rose, Apt 105, Hinsdale, IL 60521);
 F Nap-S-RUSSIAN F Tyn-Rom, F Aeg-Ion.

RUSSIA (Nancy Irwin, 4729 Morganford, Apt 6, St. Louis, MO 63116);
 A Bud-r-Rom, F StPnc-Nwy, F Tyn-Rom, F Wes-Mid, F Bel-Nth (dis, ret to
 Pic, otb), A Lon H, A Lvn-Pru, A Rum-Ser, A Gal-Boh, A War-S-A Lvn-Pru,
 A Ukr-Gal, F Blk-Con, A Apu-S-F Tyn-Rom, A Ser-Alb.

The draw was defeated. Concessions to Germany and Russia are proposed.
 The Winter 12/Spring 1913 deadline is Saturday, 21 December, 1985.

1983 Y	SUPPLY CHART	Winter 1912
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AUSTRIA: Has Sev, LoA, Ank, (2). Even.

GERMANY: Has Mun, Bar, Kie, Den, Hol, Bel, LoA, Tri, Par, Bre, Vie,
Spa, Ven, Koh, Mar, Por, Swe, Ser. (16). May build two.

ITALY: Has Nap, Sny. (2). Even.

RUSSIA: Has Mos, War, StP, LoA, Rum, Nwy, Con, Ser, Edi, Bud, Bul,
Gre, Lpl, Tun, Rom, Lon. (14). May build one.

BAJKO TO NANCY: I think I've got it. Oh—not this year, but soon. So,
 now that I've gotten off on my pseudo-sexual stab of you, I want you.
 For real. ((1))

1984 IU	INDECENT EXPOSURE	Fall 1904
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EAST ADVANCES UNIMPEDED

AUSTRIA (J. Travis Laster); A Pie-Mar.

ENGLAND (Michael Quirk, 3830 Chester, Glenview, IL 60025);
 A Edi H, F Nth-Hol, F Lon-Nth.

FRANCE (Bob Acheson, POB 4622, Station SE, Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA
 T6E 2AC); A Ruhr-Kiel, A Bel-S-ENG F Nth-Hol, F Bre-Mid, F Pic-Bre,
 A Bur-Mar, F Eng-S-ENG F Lon-Nth.

GERMANY (Scott Burrell, 2309 Gene Ave, Albert Lea, MN 56007);
 A Ruh-r-Mun, F Ska-S-F Hol-Nth, F Den-S-F Hol-Nth, F Hol-Nth, A Kie-Hol,
 A Tyr-Mun, A Mun-Kie.

ITALY (Bob Sweeney? 614 Custer, Ft. Leavenworth, KS, 66027);
 ISR. A Tri H (dis, amih), A Ven H, F Tyn H, F Ion H (dis, ret to Tun,
 Nap, Apu, otb).

RUSSIA (Brad Wilson, Box 327 LFC, Lake Forest, IL. 60045);
 F Both H, F Nwg-NAO, A Nwy H, F Bar-Nwg, F Rum H, A Vie-S-TURK A Ser-Tri,
 A Bud-S-TURK A Ser-Tri, A Gal-Boh.

TURKEY (James Wall, 114 N. Franklin St, Apt 1, Madison, WI 53703);
 F Eas-Ion, F Aeg-S-F Eas-Ion, F Gre-S-F Eas-Ion, F Alb-Adr, A Ser-Tri,
 A Bul-Ser.

Will David Pierce, 13521 Pleasant Ln, Burnsville, MN. 55337 please
 standby for Italy? Yeah, I know you're thrilled to death... The
 deadline for Winter 04/Spring 05 is Saturday, 21 December, 1985. The
 supply chart is on the next page.

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SUPPLY CHART

Winter 1904

AUSTRIA: Has Yfl. (C). OUT!
 ENGLAND: Has Edi, Lpl, Lon. (3). Even.
 FRANCE: Has Bre, Par, Mar, Spa, Por, Bel. (6). Even.
 GERMANY: Has Mun, Kie, Ber, Hol, Den, Swe. (8). Even.
 ITALY: Has Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun. (4). Even, may build one due to amih.
 RUSSIA: Has StP, Sev, Mos, War, Rum, Bud, Vie, Nwy. (8). Even.
 TURKEY: Has Con, Ank, Say, Bul, Ser, Gre, Tri. (7). May build one.

INDECENT PRESS

TURKEY TO ENGLAND: Quirk, I'm about as far from stalled as you are from winning, you observant toadstool, you.

SWITZERLAND II: Its okay, James, big brother will take care of you as long as you do as you're told. Listen, James, last season you didn't do as you were instructed. You will have to do better, you know.

AUSTRIAN MOBILE INFANTRY CORPS TO WORLD: It would appear that our whirlwind European tour is drawing to a close. After our disbandment, we will be settling down here in Italy permanently. Feel free to come and visit us, and meet our benefactor and grantor of asylum, King Sweeney the ever-generous. All countries are welcome ((and Turkey is on the way.)).

GOD TO SWEENEY: You called?

LASTER TO WORLD: Go ahead, abuse with acrid adjectives, venomous verbiage, desecrating descriptions. Merely remember, dead men need fear nothing.

THE WALL TO SWEENEY: IT'S CLOBBERIN' TIME!

THE GRAND DUKE OF AUSTRIA TO WORLD: I hereby leave all my former Austro-Hungarian possessions to the Czar and Sultan to divide as they wish. O, to be Prince of Possessions in the Gallery of Contempt....

PAUL TO TRAVIS: Thanks for sticking it out to the bitter end!

1984 IA

RIGEL II

Fall 1904

"THE WEAK GO TO THE WALL" —J. Boardman

AUSTRIA (Bruce Lindsey): A Bud-S-A Rum, A Rum-S-A Bud. (both dislodged and out).
 ENGLAND (Bob Sweeney? 614 Custer, Ft. Leavenworth, KS 66027);
 NER. F Ska H, F Nwg H, F Edi H (dis, ret to Cly, oth).
 FRANCE (Nelson Heintzman, 2255 Delaware Ave, #C-4, Buffalo, NY 14216);
 F Lpl H, F Eng H, A Bur H, A Pic-S-A Bur, A Par-S-A Bur, A Vie-Bud.
 GERMANY (Steve Knight, 2732 Grand Ave S. #302, Minneapolis, MN 55408);
 F Wth-Edi, A Yrk-S-F Wth-Edi, F Kie-Den, A Bel-Lon, A Ruh-Kie, A Mun-Sil.
 ITALY (Rich Reilly, 3067 Gustafson Circle, Idaho Falls, ID 83402);
 F Ion-Aeg, F Adr-Ion, A alb-Tri, A Ser-S-FREN A Vie-Bud, F Tri-Adr.
 RUSSIA (Ty Hare, 1001 N. Weber, Colorado Springs, CO 80903);
 F Nwy-Swe, F Swe-Balt, F Blk-S-A Con-Rum, F Aeg-S-ITAL A Alb-Gre (NSO, dis, ret to Eas, Con, Say, oth), A Bul-S-ITAL A Alb-Gre (NSO), A Sev-Rum, A War-Sil, A Bob-S-A War-Sil, A StP-Nwy, A Fin-S-A StP-Nwy.
 TURKEY (Dave Kleiman, 651 Fenster Ct, Indianapolis, IN 46234);
 F Gre-S-ITAL F Ion-Aeg.

Will that patron saint of lost causes, Konrad Baumister, 11416 Parkview Ln. Hales Corners, WI 53135, please standby for England? The deadline for winter 04/Spring 05 is Saturday, 21 December, 1985.

AUSTRIA: Has Edi, Edi, Edi. (0). OUT!
 ENGLAND: Has Lon, Lpl, Edi. (1). (1). Must remove two.
 FRANCE: Has Bre, Par, Mar, Spa, Por, Vie, Bud, Lpl. (8). May build two.
 ITALY: Has Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun, Tri, Ser. (6). May build one.
 GERMANY: Has Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Bel, Edi. (7). May build one.
 RUSSIA: Has StP, Sev, Mos, War, Swe, Con, Ank, Sny, Bul, Nwy, Rum. (11). B 1.
 TURKEY: Has Gre. (1). Even.

MELVIN MADDOCKS

Taking a very patient look at baseball

It is a truism that people now-days show less patience than they used to — and that wasn't any too much, was it?

It is further agreed that the all-time alitists of impatience — the hurry-hurry record breakers of this Age of Impatience — are Americans.

Well, if there's one thing that can make you lose your patience, it's unobsequant remarks like these.

No patience? Tell it to the baseball fans who have been following the national pastime from the last snows of April until the first snows of October.

Once upon a time, after a full season of 164 games, the World Series would be staged — and that was quite enough baseball, thank you, for a horse-and-buggy fan. But here we are, we jet-setters of the short attention span — or so it is alleged — dillydallying out the season to 162 games, and then inventing another delaying device known as the play-off.

At first the playoffs were best-of-5. But why rush things? So this show-down-before-the-showdown was stretched out, like a leisurely yawn, to best-of-7, the same as the World Series — which may go to best-of-12 any year now if somebody can coax Howard Cosell to come back and fill the empty airturn in.

The supposedly antsy Americans of 1985 are driving their second dynamic, 120 m.p.h. automobiles — inch by inch, bumper to bumper — toward the ball-

fields of Kansas City and St. Louis, then stacking up in all-night lines with carterans and sleeping bags, camping out for tickets.

And this is the high-velocity part of the story.

Once in the ballpark, a fan must really slow down, adopting the patient, plodding rhythm of a farmer plowing behind a very tired horse. For what else is the tempo of baseball?

A survey of a routine inning of baseball breaks down the so-called action like this: Pitches per half-inning: 15 — at 90 m.p.h. each, requiring maybe a total of 10 seconds. Thrown to first base to hold a base runner: 10, requiring maybe 30 seconds, allowing for theatrical legs. Chasing sides at the half-inning: 3 minutes.

Total time: 12 minutes, of which less than a minute is actually action. More than nine-tenths of baseball time is spent fidgeting — patiently fidgeting. The pitcher tugs at his cap, picks up the resin bag, scuffs the dirt on the mound, huddles with the catcher; studies the defensive formation of his

outfielders, removes an invisible speck of dust from his left eye, pounds his glove — does almost anything but pitch.

Meanwhile, the batter tugs at his cap, practices his swing, scuffs the dirt in the batter's box, studies the defensive formation of the third baseman, removes an invisible speck of dust from his right eye, pounds his bat — does almost anything but hit.

How can anybody playing this game or watching it be called impatient?

But that's baseball, you say. The rest of living a life '85 is burning rubber in the fast lane.

Oh, really? A lot of the speedsters in the fast lane get there in the morning via the slow lane, otherwise known as sun-ree jogging. The tortoises who are not jogging are weight lifting — an exercise so slow it practically stops.

Aid on the weekends, right at the top of the impatient American list of favorite recreational activities, is fishing. We're talking virtual still life boys. Fishing "bags peace and patience." Six-year-old Isaac Weikson said, declaring it "calm and "quiet" beyond all other activities — the waiting game as an oil painting.

Far from being impatient, modern Americans deliberately fill their days with trials that would drive job to screaming.

A Vermont couple has just completed a 10,000-mile row across the Pacific, from Peru to Australia. Six hours a day of sculling per rower, seven days a week, for 13 months. Can an age in which something like this happens be called the Age of Impatience?

It is, rather, an age of double rhythms, when we commute between patronizing fast-food restaurants and playing gourmet chef in our own kitchen — where we strap a bicycle to our sports car and vroom to the country for a slow spin. We buy a computer to be efficient, then endlessly back away night and day at tasks designed never to be completed. After that, we sand down the computer desk and refinish it as an 18th-century craftsman would.

Still, the ultimate example has to come from public life, and here the dual-speed citizen finds himself in a world where his fellow Americans can't wait to spend another urgent trillion dollars on the military — but are patiently prepared to let the deficit ride on forever, like a surfer who has found the perfect wave. You can't beat that for patience — not even at a baseball game, when everybody's interrupting all that gradualness to take a nice, slow seventh-inning stretch.

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