

# Various, The Russian And Molokov Where I Wa

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ARBITER:

I've a duty as the referee  
At the start of the match  
On behalf of all our sponsors  
I must welcome you  
Which I do -- there's a catch  
I don't care if you're a champion  
No one messes with me  
I am ruthless in upholding  
What I know is right  
Black or white -- as you'll see  
I'm on the case  
Can't be fooled  
Any objection  
Is overruled  
Yes I'm the Arbiter and I know best

CHORUS:

He's impartial, don't push him, he's unimpressed

ARBITER:

You got your tricks  
Good for you  
But there's no gambit I don't see through  
Oh I'm the Arbiter I know the score

CHORUS:

From square one he'll be watching all 64

ARBITER:

If you're thinking of the kind of thing  
That we've seen in the past  
Chanting gurus, walkie-talkies,  
Walkouts, hypnotists,  
Tempers, fists -- not so fast  
This is not the start of World War Three  
No political ploys  
I think both your constitutions are terrific so  
Now you know -- be good boys  
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DIPLOMATS:

No one can deny that these are difficult times...  
It's the U.S. versus U.S.S.R.  
Yet we more or less are --  
No one can deny that these are difficult times...  
-- to our credit putting all that aside  
We have swallowed our pride  
These are dangerous and difficult times...  
It really doesn't matter who comes out  
on top, who gets the chop

No one's way of life is threatened by a flop --  
But we're gonna smash their bastard  
Make him wanna change his name  
Take him to the cleaners and devastate him  
Wipe him out, humiliate him  
We don't want the whole world saying  
They can't even win a game  
We have never reckoned  
On coming second  
There's no use in losing  
It's the U.S. versus U.S.S.R.  
Yet we more or less are --  
No one can deny that these are difficult times  
-- to our credit putting all that aside  
We have swallowed our pride  
These are very difficult and dangerous times...  
The value of events like this need not be stressed  
When East and West  
Can meet as comrades, ease the tension over drinks  
Through sporting links  
As long as their man sinks  
MERCHANDISERS:  
Whether you are pro or anti  
Or could not care less  
We are here to tell you  
We are here to sell you chess  
Not a chance of you escaping from our wiles  
We've locked the doors, we've blocked the aisles  
We've a franchise worth exploiting  
And we will -- yes we will!  
When it comes to merchandising  
We could kill  
When you get up --  
When you get up in the morning  
Till you crash at night  
You will have to live your life  
With bishop, rook and knight  
Clean your teeth with chequered toothpaste  
Wear our vests  
Our kings and queens on bouncing breasts  
You could even buy a set  
And learn to play  
We don't mind we'll sell you something  
Anyway  
We've done all our market research  
And our findings show  
That this game of chess could be around  
A month or so  
Maybe it's a bit confusing  
For a game  
But Rubik's Cubes were much the same  
In the end the whole world bought one  
All were gone  
By which time we merchandisers  
Had moved on  
By which time we had moved on!  
ARBITER:  
I'm on the case, can't be fooled  
Any objection is overruled  
Don't try to tempt me -- you've no hope  
I don't like women, I don't take dope  
I'm the Arbiter I know the score  
CHORUS:  
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ARBITER:  
I'm the Arbiter my word is law  
CHORUS:  
From square one he'll be watching you...  
EVERYONE (except the players and seconds):  
Don't you find it rather touching to behold  
The game that came in from the cold  
Seen for what it is -- religion plus finesse  
Countries, classes, creeds, as one in  
Love of chess