



Winsome Losesome



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INTRODUCTION

WINSOME LOSESOME is a gaming publication dedicated to the play of Postal DIPLOMACY. DIPLOMACY is a multi-player political conflict game invented by Allan Calhamer and currently owned by the Avalon Hill Game Co. This 'zine is currently devoted exclusively to Postal DIPLOMACY. WINSOME LOSESOME is published by me, Judy Winsome, otherwise known as Occupant, at 1993 Plymouth Dr. #11, Mountain View, CA 94043. Telephone (914) 976-2727. Subscriptions are 40 cents an issue. I suggest you send a check for \$5.00 and I will credit your account accordingly. There are no game fees, you can play as long as you maintain a subscription. I plan to publish with five week deadlines.

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I'M SORRY

I am alive and well, but a somewhat more humble Gamesperson. Who said 13 wasn't unlucky? I was just beginning to pride myself on how well the games were running when I ran afoul of the Postal Service. After moving last Fall, I never got around to putting my name on the apartment mail box. Procrastination would be one of my better virtues if I could ever get around to practicing it. Anyway, our route was given to a new postman who stopped delivering anything not addressed to a name on the box. This happened the day before the deadline printed in issue #11. In issue #12, two players allegedly NMR'd. They were Mark Duarte in 1982AF and Joe Lammers in 82CA. Well, they really didn't NMR. Their moves got returned as undeliverable. After several days, and many calls to the Postmaster, we got things straightened out. I sent letters explaining what had happened and self-addressed stamped envelopes to every player I didn't have recent moves for. At that time I didn't know that Mark and Joe had a problem.

Mark resubmitted his orders in the original unopened envelope (Thanks Larry McCloud for forwarding them on). I have decided to allow his orders, rework 82AF for the Spring 04, delay Fall 04 until the next issue, and am sending all 6 players first class stamps (five to send letters to each of the other 5 players, and one to submit moves to me).

Joe has a different problem. I didn't learn his orders were returned until he sent in his Fall '03 moves. Unlike Mark, Joe did not request that I allow his Spring '03 moves. I hope he will not be offended that I decided not to delay the game. Sorry, Joe, maybe this will bring some sympathy from the other players in 1982CA and help you in the long run.

I apologize to everyone for this. I know it has cost some of you extra postage. I have tried to compensate, with stamps, those who obviously went to great lengths to try to communicate with me - Mark Duarte, Dan Stafford and Larry McCloud.

Dan tried so hard to break through that he sent four letters to my current address (one addressed to "Occupant"), and one to my former address that was forwarded to me. Sorry, Dan.

Sorry, everyone. Please accept my apology and know that Mark Duarte and Joe Lammers did NOT NMR through their own actions. It was my fault.

1982 AF

ENGLAND - - - Mark Duarte, 4738 E. McKenzie, Fresno, CA 93702
 FRANCE - - - David Perlmutter, 773 Millbrook Ln, Haverford, PA 19041
 GERMANY - - - Robyn Finley, 1913 West Dr. #5, Vista, CA 92083
 ITALY - - - John Michalski, RT 10 Box 526 Q, Moore, OK 73165
 RUSSIA - - - Larry McCloud, 520 Geary, San Francisco, CA 94102
 TURKEY - - - Mark Keller, 9536 Shumway Dr., Orangevale, CA 95662
 GAMES PERSON Judy Winsome, 1993 Plymouth Dr. #11, Mountain View, CA 94043

1982 AF

GM ERROR - WE REPEAT A SEASON

Because of my problems with the Postal Service, I have decided to repeat the Spring 1904 season and include Mark Duarte's orders. Mark's moves were postmarked on Feb 8 and would have reached me by the Feb 10th deadline. Common sense tells me I should allow the moves and rework the Spring '04 results. All players will be given 6 first class stamps to mail letters to each player and submit moves to me if they wish to change what they have already submitted for Fall '04. This issue is free to all players. I have tried to take into consideration everything I could think of to make everyone whole! I sincerely regret this happened. Mark Duarte was definitely not a fault and did NOT NMR! He is a very reliable subscriber and I am sorry I caused this to happen. I apologize Mark. You must have felt awful.

SPRING 1904

England (Duarte)	F Nao-NWG, F Por-MAQ, F Lpl-IRI, A Bel-PIC, F Lon-ENG
France (Perlmutter)	F Cly-EDI, A Gas-MAR, F Eng-NTH
Germany (Finley)	A Hol-RUH, A MUN S A Ber, A StP-FIN, A BER S A Mun, F BAL-Den, F BOT S A StP-Fin
Italy (Michalski)	A TYO-Vie, F SPA(SC) H, F Nap-ION, F Ion-ADR, A Ven-PIE, A Tri S A Tyo-Vie dislodged (retreat Ven or OTB)
Russia (McCloud)	A Mos-STP, F Nwy S A Mos-Stp, A SWE-Den, A Sil-BOH, A War-PRU, A GAL-Vie, A VIE-Tyo, A BUD S TURKISH A Alb-Tri
Turkey (Keller)	A Alb-TRI, A SER S A Alb-Tri, A BUL S A Ser, F Con-AEG, F GRE S F Con-Aeg, F Smy-EAS

Deadline for Summer 1904 retreats and Fall 1904 is Thursday, April 28, 1983. I have orders from Germany, Italy, Russia and Turkey. Thanks, Steve Knight for submitting standby orders.

PRESS:-----

Paris-Berlin/London: Congratulations, lady and sir on a well played coup de grace. I apologize, but French honor insists I make life as difficult for you as is in my power.

Paris-Elba: Look out, here I come.

Paris-Judy: The 'Miracle on the Marne' refers to an incident in the opening stages of WW I. The French army, after being thrown back headlong by the initial German advance, recovered, and stood like a rock by the Marne. German hopes of a swift war were dashed. Needless to say, in 1982 AF, history will not repeat itself.

More 1982AF Press: ---

Judy-Paris: Thanks for the history lesson. Perhaps you'll be able to reshape history in 1982 AF.

Berlin-Paris: My miracle was 10 days late.

Judy-Berlin: Congratulations on your new daughter - just in time for income tax deductions! I too am glad that I don't have two week deadlines!!!

Paris-Uncle John: Thus spake Zatharusta.

Con-Rom: F ION-AEG? Not very nice.

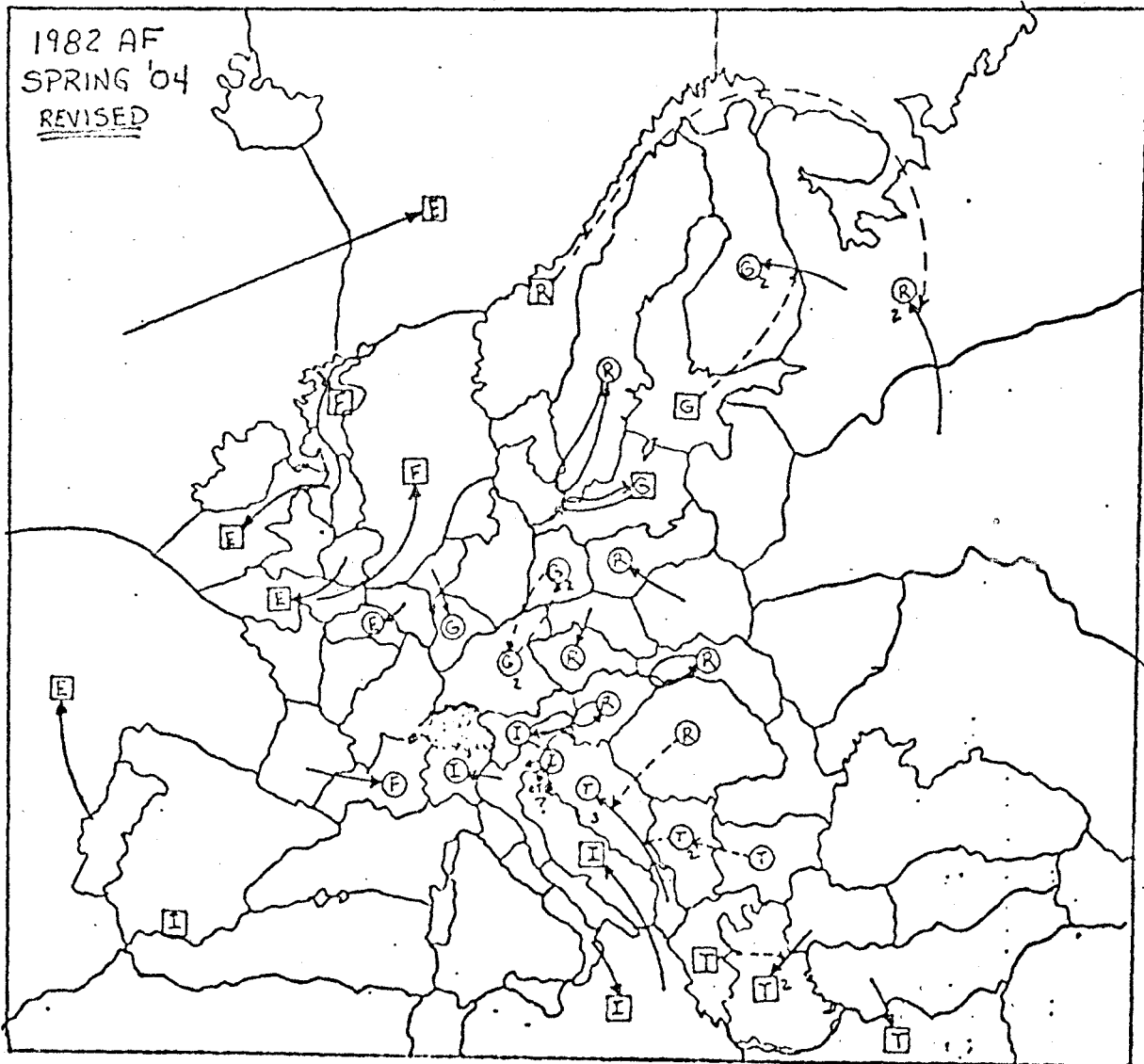
Rom-Con: The last Aegean bounce was just for security.

Rom-World: Pardon my slighting correspondence, but I'm out of work again and can't afford a lot of this chatter.

Judy-Rom: Sorry to hear it. Hope something comes up soon.

Wales-Paris: Thank you Dave. I believe you are being too generous. The only work we have is in the present. The only reality which matters is the one we are in now. I'm sorry for not writing sooner. Shalom.

Wales-Kiel: CONGRATULATIONS KID! Robyn, seems that you do everything well.



1982 CA

- AUSTRIA - Joe Lammers, P. O. Box 581, Helen, GA 30545
- ENGLAND - Terry Tallman, 820 Armour St, Seattle WA 98119
- FRANCE - Larry McCloud, 520 Geary, San Francisco CA, 94102
- * GERMANY - Jay Neuharth, Box 6156, USAFA, CO 80841
- ITALY - Guy Hail, 1103 B Lorrain St., Austin, TX 78703
- RUSSIA - Jack Jung, 402 Cole Road, Guelph, Ontario, CANADA N1G 3J8
- TURKEY - Roland Louie, 322 Larkspur Plaza, Larkspur, CA 94939
- GAMES PERSON Judy Winsome, 1993 Plymouth Dr. #11, Mountain View, CA 94043

* Standby orders have been called for Germany. The standby is Tim Winger, PO Box 13043, Denver, CO 80201.

1982 CA

Joe Lammers had not NMR'd last season, but had gotten tangled up in my postal problems. He did not request I consider allowing his moves, so the game goes on, and he remains as Austria. Thank you Jim Finley for submitting standby orders.

FALL 1903

- Austria (Lammers) A BOH-Mun, A VIE-Tyr, A BUL-Con, F GRE-Aeg,
A Ser-TRI
- England (Tallman) F Nwg-BAR, F Lon-NTH, A HOL S French A Run-Kie nso,
F Ska-SWE, F NWY S F Ska-Swe, A STP-Mos
- France (McCloud) A BEL H, A RUH-Mun, A BUR S A Ruh-Mun, A Pie-VEN,
F Naf-TUN, F WES S F Naf-Tun
- Germany (Neuharth) NMR! Has A SIL, A KIE
- Italy (Hail) A Syr-ARM, F EAS-Smy, F ION-Aeg, A MUN-Bur,
A TYR unordered
- Russia (Jung) F Swe-DEN, A BER S Austrian A Boh-Mun, A Ukr-WAR,
F Arm-ANK, A SEV-Mos, F BLA S F Arm-Ank
- Turkey (Louie) F SMY H, A CON S F Ank, F Ank H annihilated

Supply Center Chart

AUSTRIA	Tri, Vie, Bud, Gre, Ser, Bul	6	builds 1
ENGLAND	Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nwy, Stp, Hol, SWE	7	builds 1
FRANCE	Mar, Par, Bre, Bel, Por, Spa, VEN, TUN	8	builds 2
GERMANY	Kie, Den	1	removes 1
ITALY	Rom, Nap, Yeh, Tyh , Mun	3	removes 2
RUSSIA	Mos, Sev, War, Rum, Swe , Ber, DEN, ANK	7	builds 1
TURKEY	Con, Ank , Smy	2	even
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Deadline for Winter 1903 and Spring 1904 is Thursday, April 28, 1983.

PRESS-----

England-Moscow: We, the correct thinking English people, come to free you from the oppressive yoke of a czar who seems to be unable to decide where his true interests lie. So throw down your borscht and grab a knockwurst.
 England-Frisco: Pretend that I'm dyslexic and that I'm really writing wonderful orders, they just might not read so wonderfully.
 Don't call it Frisco-England: I must be dyslexic too. What's supposed to be wrong with them?

More 1982 CA Press -----

England-Finland: We make swell neighbors.

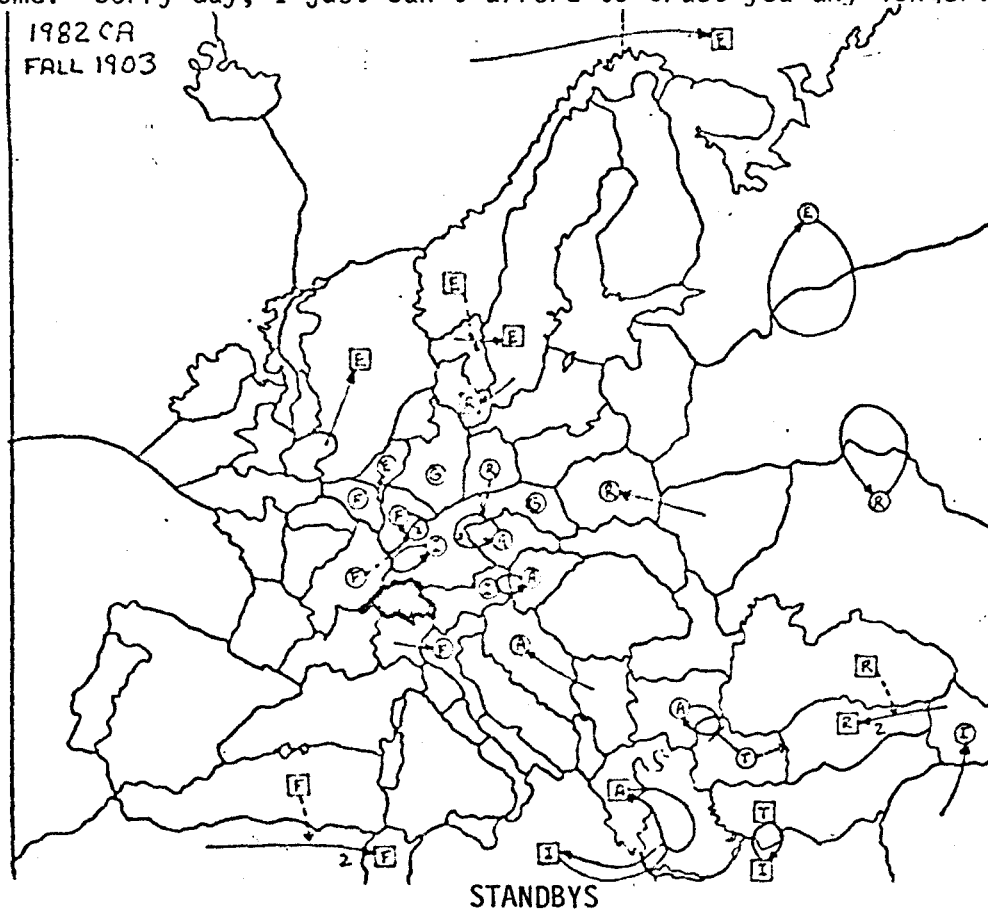
England-Turkey: 5 fleets & 5 armies? How long can Russia & Italy afford to give up centers elsewhere?

England-Frisco again: Would you object terribly if I put Dan Stafford's Regae Secret Police on the job of getting a picture of you? It might (?) be an ugly job but someone has to do it. He has several agents in the Fairfield-Vallejo area who need the work.

Don't call it Frisco again-England: Please respect the wishes of my roommate. You don't really need a picture of me.

Vienna-World: Sorry about the NMR last turn. I mailed in a set of moves, but the post office sent them back as undeliverable.

Vienna-Rome: Sorry Guy, I just can't afford to trust you any longer.



Standbys to WINSOME-LOSESOME get free subscriptions for as long as they are playing a standby position. Any other standbys out there? Larry McCloud, Tim Winger, Bill Placek, Joe Stark, Jim Finley, and Steve Knight are getting this free for being a standby or for being called as a standby. I called for Tim Winger to standby for Germany in 1982CA and Bill Placek to standby for Italy in 1982HV. Joe Stark, Jim Finley, and Steve Knight all submitted standby orders for this issue that weren't used, but who get this issue free anyway. Thanks Jack Jung for asking to be placed on the standby list.

Standbys: Mike Barno, Terry Tallman, Mark Keller, Steve Knight, James Wall, Scott Hanson, Mark Duarte, Bill Placek, Roland Louie, Jim Finley, Joe Stark, Jack Jung

Openings: I have four players for the last game. James Wall, Mike Mazzer, Roland Louie and Joe Stark. Any takers?

1982 HV

AUSTRIA Charlie Morris, 2121 Tannehill #2161, Houston TX 77008
 ENGLAND James Wall, 308 High Tripp Hall, Madison WI 53706
 FRANCE Bart Riggs, 4409 H St., Sacramento CA 95819
 GERMANY Daniel P. Stafford, 215 Delhi Apt. D, Columbus OH 43202
 * ITALY Scott Lucas, 1725 N. Lee St., Simi Valley CA 93065
 RUSSIA Bill Hawley, 227 S. Canal St., Newton Falls OH 44444
 TURKEY William Wood, Box 52126 Oil Center Station, Lafayette LA 70505
 GAMES PERSON Judy Winsome, 1993 Plymouth Dr. #11, Mountain View, CA 94043

* Standby orders are being called for Italy. The standby is Bill Placek,
 2157 Gilbride Rd, Martinsville, NJ 08836

1982 HV
 SUMMER 1902

Turkey (Wood) Retreat Army Bulgaria to Constantinople

FALL 1902
 REQUEST RECEIVED FOR SEPARATION OF SEASONS

Austria (Morris) F Alb-GRE, A BUL-Con, F AEG S A Bul-Con,
 A SER-Bul, A TRI H
 England (Wall) F ENG-Mao, F NAO S F Eng-Mao, F Nwg-EDI
 France (Riggs) F Lyo-SPA(SC), F MAO-Eng, A GAS-Bur,
 F BRE S F Mao-Eng, A PAR-Pic
 Germany (Stafford) A BEL-Pic, A RUH-Bur, A Den-YOR, F Bal-DEN,
 F NTH C A Den-Yor
 Italy (Lucas) NMR! Has A APU, F ION, A TUN
 Russia (Hawley) A NWY S F Swe, F SWE S A Nwy, F StP(nc)-BAR,
 A MOS-Sev, A RUM S A Mos-Sev, F SEV-Arm
 Turkey (Wood) A CON S A Arm-Smy, F ANK S A Con, A Arm-SMY,
 F BLA-Arm

Supply Center Chart:

AUSTRIA	Tri, Vie, Bud, Gre, Ser, BUL	6 Builds 1
ENGLAND	Lon, Edi, Lpl, NWY	3 Even
FRANCE	Par, Bre, Mar, Por, Spa	5 Even
GERMANY	Mun, Ber, Kie, Bel, Hol, DEN	6 Builds 1
ITALY	Ven, Rom, Nap, TUN	4 Builds 1
RUSSIA	Stp, Mos, War, Sev, Rum, Swe, NWY	7 Builds 1
TURKEY	Con, Ank, Smy, BLA	3 Removes 1
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Deadline for Winter 1902 and Spring 1903 is Thursday, April 28, 1983.
 I have received a request to separate Winter '02 from Spring '03. Please vote
 your preference. At least two players must vote for a separation for it to
 happen.

PRESS:-----

Switzerland-All: I wouldn't trust Germany if I were you!
 Judy-England: The balance on the address label includes credits. So the 20 cent
 credit was included in the total balance. If I've made a mistake, I'll gladly
 change it.

More 1982 HV Press -----

Austria-England: The only huge, vast, openness to my North that I know of is the distance between your ears. I don't care where you'd go, but I know where you're going and that's going, going, gone.

Charlie-Judy: That Texas Ranger was Jack Hayes. He's also known for fighting and winning a duel with a Mexican officer during the siege of Mexico City in the War of 1848. Do you think the losses of Reggie Smith, Joe Morgan, and Al Holland will hurt the Giants?

Judy-Charlie: No. I think they are better off. After all, they weren't hurt when they lost Orlando Cepeda, Willie McCovey, Willie Mays, Felipe Alou, Bobby Bonds, George Foster and others. Hah!

Vienna: All businesses (except breweries) were closed to commemorate the 147th anniversary of the Fall of the Alamo on March 6th. The city was draped in black and four streets were renamed Alamo Avenue, Crockett Corners, Bowie Boulevard, and Travis Thoroughfare.

Judy-Vienna: Do you know why there are TWO X's on a bottle of Dos Equis? They needed a cosigner.

England-Judy: The "for not writing and lying to me" press was castigating Bart for not even wasting 20 cents on me. He did not lie to me last turn. Luv & Kisses.

Judy-England: Thanks, kisses back.

England-Russia: Hopefully my set of orders satisfied you. You were the only person to take the time to write so I did basically what you asked. Good luck.

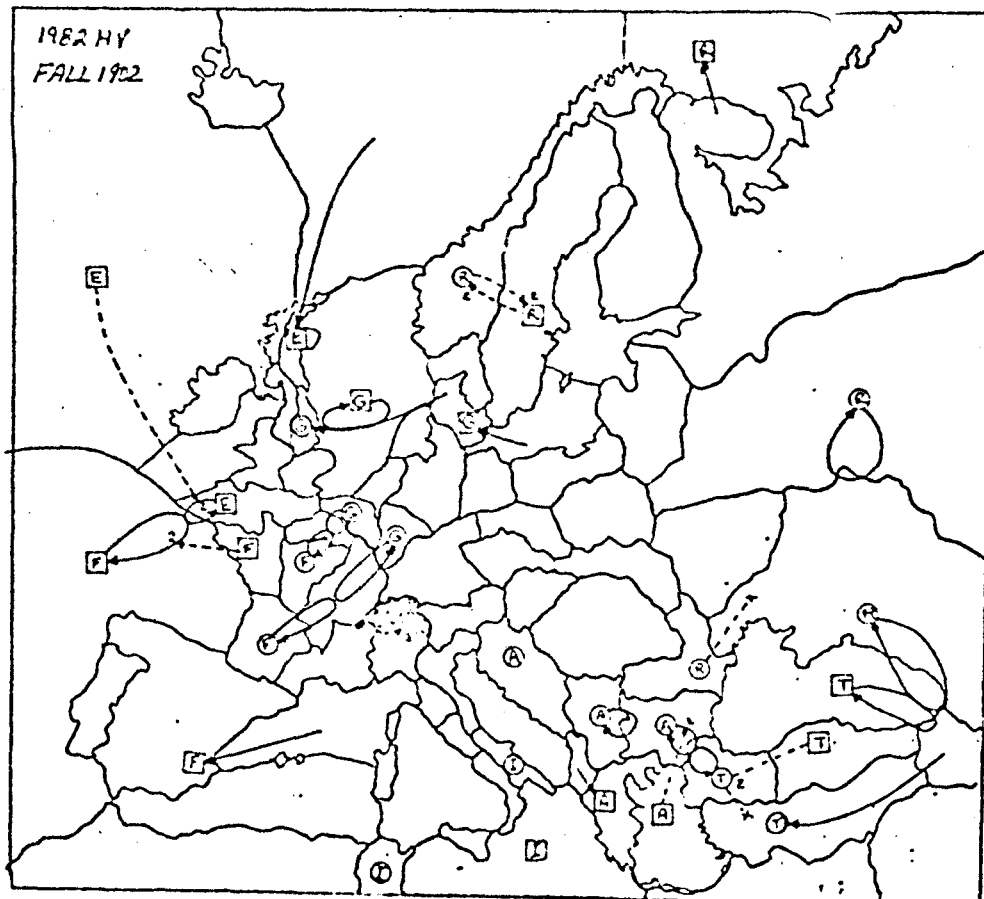
England-Germany: You did not get back to me concerning the support order so I went home.

England-France: Are you going to give the slease another solo? Write me or I'll die making you miserable.

England-Russia: Good Bye.

Russia-England: Just be thankful I don't know any Wisconsin jokes.

Russia-Austria: At least I've got em, buckaroo. Keep up the good work.



WL-4 No Boardman Number yet. I suspect Don Ditter's assignment went the way of a lot of my correspondence last month. You'll have one by next issue.

- AUSTRIA Richard Edison, 1365 Cedar St, Berkeley, CA 94702
- ENGLAND Steve Birch, PO Box 105, West Point, NY 10997
- FRANCE Ron Brown, 1528 El Sereno Pl, Bakersfield, CA 93304
- GERMANY Mark Hogue, 8 Eucalyptus Ave, Charleston Heights, SC 29405
- * ITALY Mark Duarte, 4738 E. McKenzie, Fresno, CA 93702
- RUSSIA Susie Tarkelson, P O Box 428, Weyauwega, WI 54983
- TURKEY Tim Winger, P O Box 13043, Denver, CO 80201
- GAMES PERSON Judy Winsome, 1993 Plymouth Dr #11, Mountain View, CA 94043
- * Mark Duarte submitted moves. His alledged NMR in 1982 AF was my fault. Thanks Joe Stark for submitting standby orders. You are in WL-5 when it starts.

WL-4
SPRING 1901

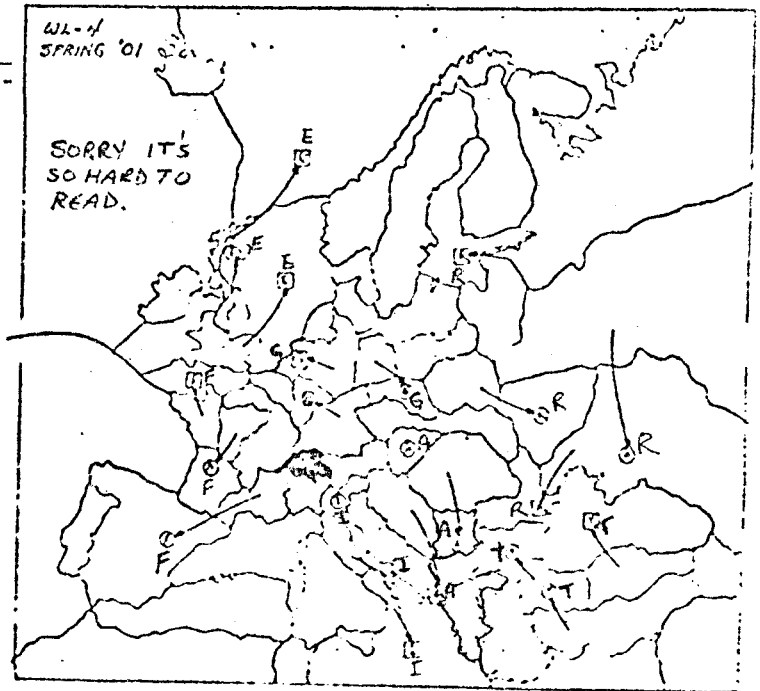
- AUSTRIA (Edison) A Bud-SER, F Tri-ALB, A VIE H
- ENGLAND (Birch) F Edi-NWG, F Lon-NTH, A Liv-EDI
- FRANCE (Brown) F Bre-ENG, A Par-GAS, A Mar-SPA
- GERMANY (Hogue) F Kie-HOL, A Mun-RUH, A Ber-SIL
- ITALY (Duarte) F Nap-ION, A Rom-APU, A VEN H
- RUSSIA (Tarkelson) F Stp-BOT, A Mos-SEV, F Sev-RUM, A War-UKR
- TURKEY (Winger) F Ank-BLA, A Con-BUL, A Smy-CON

Deadline for Fall 1901 is Thursday, April 28,
PRESS:-----

Vienna: What's all this brouhaha?
 Germany: Troops to Silesia
 To Rescue the Tsar
 From any wicked brooding
 Of Anti-German war.
 To the reticent master
 The Kaiser will grin
 For any excuse
 Of not writing to him,
 "Peace to Tsar Susie
 No need for pleading
 Your friend offers you
 A clear sail to Sweden"

Ankara: The great and omnipotent ruler of Turkey, conqueror of Bulgaria, sovereign over Syria and Armenia, and protector of the Black and Aegean Seas, the most revered Sultan Win-Ger, ruler of the crescent moon, bids greeting to his sovereign neighbors to the North and West and the other great powers of Europe. The Sultan extends his right hand in alliance to any who wish to take it. The reputation of his people as skilled and vicious warriors is not without basis in fact but the Sultan assures the world leaders that he has his hoards well under control unless transgressed upon.

Paris Times: NEW REVOLUTIONARY GOV'T IN CONTROL
 (AP) PARIS - The new revolutionary government of Jacque Pervert has seated itself in control of Paris after a bloody civil war. The new Leader, a descendant of the French hero of the Napoleonic era, Gen. Pervert, has ordered the French Fleet to sail for the English Channel in search of glory for France.



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CHEAP ANSWERS

Larry Peery - Better be more specific on your challenge for a soccer match. Does your local team have a specific age bracket and sex in mind? (Better rephrase that!) I think I can field teams from 11 years old to over 30 of either or both sexes. How would you like to try a young girl's team? Stop fantasizing! Travel would be a problem for my team since almost all of us work. Thanks for the invitation anyway.

Steve Langley - Congratulations on the Freshman poll results. I love MAGUS, especially #22 and your comments about bad feelings. You know I'm with you on that. Also enjoyed meeting you and Daf through the pictures Mark Keller published in Hai! Jikai! Mark is off to an excellent start, as are you.

Fred Davis - Thanks for the compliment that my identity is the best secret Diplomacy ploy in the history of the postal hobby. The common suspicion is that I'm Edi Birsan. I'm really me.

Steve Knight - Thanks a million for the letter, and thanks again for submitting standby orders in 1982 AF. I'm afraid my screw up with the post office caused Mark Duarte a lot of discomfort. I was tempted to print your letter, but did not feel comfortable doing so, so didn't and won't. I thought of printing it because I think another Steve would identify very closely with what you are feeling about your decision to forego music for computer science. With me it was art - I wanted to be a painter, and settled for business. I went into ADP for a time because I had a facility for it (I could type) and it was easier for a woman to advance in ADP than in sales. But I liked programming because of it's creative content, not for love of machinery. I like to create and found I got similar satisfactions from programming that I got from art. I think the implication that being interested in computer science means asocial behavior is unfortunate. You write very well. Your ability to communicate belies the common stereotype regarding computer science professionals. Thanks for being willing to help me with a series on defining requirements for a Diplomacy Adjudication Program. I'll show you a picture of one of my paintings if you'll send me a tape of your music. (Now I'll worry about what to paint ...)

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CONTEST

Been thinking of holding a contest of my own patterned after Ron Brown's "Nixon Award" or Bruce Linsey's "Doomie of the Year". I think I'll reward the most sexist (not sexiest) person in the hobby. The name I'm thinking of using is the Carter Award (Dave, not Jimmy). The only reason I'm picking on Dave Carter is I asked him to have his excellent artist, Dave Weatherhead, draw something for his cover that would appeal to the few women subscribers in the hobby. Dave C. said that Dave W. won't draw nude males, so it's not Dave C's fault and I respect artistic preference, but Dave C could have used a few male cutouts to adorn his Sleepless Knights. So, underserving as you are, Dave C., I'll name the award after you. So if you readers want to be considered for the first annual Carter Award, and think you can beat Dave Carter, or know of someone's exploits that you think would win, I'll accept nominations or self-nominations until Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day.

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Just finished reading Bio-Feedback and How to Stop It and Optional Body Functions.

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MORE CHEAP ANSWERS

Charlie Morris - Thanks for the note, maybe I can help you find other GMs to play under. Since I don't play PBM I can't recommend any from my own knowledge. I can only judge from personalities, and based on that alone I'd recommend, MAGUS, by Steve Langley, 2154 Fairfield Dr., Sacramento CA 95815, or MURD'RING MINISTERS by Ron Brown, 1528 El Sereno Pl, Bakersfield, CA 93304, or NO FIXED ADDRESS by Steve Hutton, 11 Nealon Ave, Toronto ONT, M4K 1Y8 Canada. Another good guide is the most recent poll of GMs. The most recent Leeder Poll is shown below (addresses are from the 82 'Zine Directory and may not be current):

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|--------------------|---|
| 1 Doug Beyerlein | <u>ERGIART</u> 640 College Ave, Menlo Park CA 94025
Orphaned games only, subscriptions are not offered |
| 2 John Daly | <u>THE DOGS OF WAR</u> Rt2 Box 136-M5, Rockwell NC 28138
Sf 10/\$4.50 Gf \$3 NMRf \$2 |
| 3 Steve Heinowski | <u>TER-RAN</u> 12034 Pyle, Oberlin OH 44074 |
| 4 Andy Lischett | <u>CHEESECAKE</u> 3025 N. Davlin Ct., Chicago, Ill 60615
Sf none Gf none |
| 5 Bob Osuch | <u>MASS MURDERS</u> 1359 E 2nd Ave, Mesa AZ 85204 |
| 6 Bob Sergeant | <u>St GEORGE AND THE DRAGON</u> 3242 Lupine Dr., Indianapolis
IN 46224 Sf 10/\$5.50 Gf \$4 |
| 7 Lee Kendter, Sr. | <u>WHY ME?</u> 4347 Benner St. Philadelphia PA 19135
Sf 10/\$4 Gf na |
| 8 Ron Brown | <u>SNAFU</u> 1200 Sommerville Ave, Ottawa Ontario K1Z 8G4
Canada Sf 8/\$10 Gf \$4 |
| tie | |
| 8 Ron Brown | <u>MURD'RING MINISTERS</u> 1538 El Sereno Pl, Bakersfield CA
93304 Sf 12/\$5.50 Gf \$6 NMRf \$3 |
| 10 Gary Coughlan | <u>EUROPA EXPRESS</u> 4614 Martha Cole, Memphis TN 38118
Sf 10/\$6 Gf \$4 |

Another place to try are some of the new 'zines whose pubbers' zeal more than make up for any fears you may have concerning their untested abilities as GMs. For example, Hai! Jikai! by Mark Keller, 9536 Shumway Dr., Orangevale CA 95662.

I don't mind the anti-California or the Texas crap. I like people who try to stir things up a bit. By the way, have you seen "Best Little Whore House?" We have a similar establishment across the state line in Nevada, the Mustang Ranch. I hear it's closed now. There's a sign in front that says "Closed BEAT IT!"

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MARK BERCH DEPARTMENT

After six straight weeks of rain-outs, my soccer team finally played a league game last Saturday. We lost 0-4, but were in the game more than the score shows. (You've heard that before, right?) We had a lot of practices rained out too, and our defense showed it. We left opponents unmarked in the penalty area and didn't rotate well when the sweeper picked up an attacker. Also, our sweeper passed out on the field from pushing herself too hard. And you guys think you're tough. How long has it been since you've pushed yourself past the anaerobic threshold? I don't recommend it, it scared me to see her lying flat on her face. But I must admit to feeling a sense of pride she was willing to work that hard for the team.

Our sense of team has reached a new height. This is our third year. We only had a turnover of 3 players. We've changed our jerseys and look more like a soccer team than a walking advertisement for a local hairdresser. We've even got sweatsuits. Macho! We're playing together much better with wall passes, overlaps, and moving off the ball.

Our offense is suffering from a lack of finishing punch. We lost our top center forward and without practices haven't developed a replacement yet. But we will. Win or lose - it's one of the most exciting team experiences I've ever had and it keeps building. Maybe we'll win this Saturday if the weather holds.

EPILOGUE

All this rain and the postal screwup have me really depressed. I worry a lot about offending people, so this has been a particularly stressful time. To top it all off, I was the victim of an exhibitionist, a flasher! I was out with a couple of girl friends when this guy stops in front of us, opens his rain coat (would you believe it?) and exposes himself. Both of my friends had a stroke. I wouldn't touch it. Which reminds me, do you know why more women have crowsfeet at the sides of their eyes than men? From squinting while saying, "You want me to suck WHAAAATTTT?" Bad, Judy, bad.

All these rains have really caused flooding problems, especially in Alviso in the South Bay. One guy climbed on his roof when the water started flowing down the street. It wasn't too long before it was up to the windows and someone came by with a boat to rescue him. But the guy on the roof was a devout person and insisted he didn't need help because God would save him. Later, the water rose to the eaves of the roof and a helicopter came by to pick him off the roof. Again, he insisted he was alright and God would save him. Well, the water kept rising and he drowned. Being so devout, he was admitted to heaven and insisted on seeing God and asking why he was abandoned. God ticked off the points on His fingers as He replied, "Look, We sent you a boat....We sent you a helicopter..."

There is a story about three prisoners who were each sentenced to 20 years without parole. Their crimes were so bad that their cell doors weren't going to be opened for the 20 years they were put in there for (Love to end 'em that way). The warden, feeling a little softhearted at the harshness of the penalty, took pity and granted each of them a final wish before they were locked up. The first prisoner asked for a woman to be locked up with him, and his wish was granted. The second asked for a telephone in his cell, and got it. The third, being a chain smoker, asked for 10,000 cases of cigarettes, and they were delivered. After 20 years, the cells were opened and the first prisoner exited followed by the woman and twenty children (Real funny), the second had bags of money from deals he made over the phone (How'd he get it in there if the door wasn't opened), and the third asked, "Anyone got a match?"

SOME REVIEWS

An Officer and a Gentleman - I was disappointed. For some reason, maybe because the title reminded me of "French Lieutenant's Woman", I expected a sensitive movie on the order of "On Golden Pond" and what I got was "Rocky IV". If I'd different expectations I wouldn't have been disappointed. Some of the ending scenes were trite and not credible. However, in my varied past, I knew many Midshipmen and the movie was accurate in its portrayal of their immaturity.

Different Seasons by Steven King. I'm a big fan of Steven King and thoroughly enjoyed this collection of four novellas. The second one, An Apt Student, was excellent. It was a horror story without having to rely on the supernatural. The last one, The Breathing Method, was the most appealing to me because I identified with the character Sandra Stansfield.

Friday by Robert Heinlein. I was a big fan of Heinlein when as a kid I would sit all day in the chair in the front room reading "Red Planet" and other novels of his. Unfortunately, I found he doesn't wear well. Although the protagonist was a woman I couldn't identify with her. The story seemed to have little direction, and the relationships, except for the one between Friday and her father figure, Hartley Baldwin, were weak.

Coming soon (as soon as I can reserve them from the library) 2010 Odyssey Two by Clarke, Foundation's Edge by Asimov, Floating Dragon by Straub, The Little Drummer Girl by Le Carré, Space by Michener.

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