



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 devoted exclusively to Postal DIPLOMACY. WINSOME LOSESOME is published by me, Judy Winsome, at 3902 Lakemead Way, Redwood City, CA 94062. Subscriptions are 40¢ 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 use five week deadlines. The deadline for this issue is Thursday, April 5, 1984.

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STANDBYS

Standbys to WINSOME-LOSESOME get free subscriptions when they are called and for as long as they are playing a standby position. Any other standbys out there? Roland Louie, Terry Tallman, Mark Keller, Lynn Torkelson, Ken Peel and Chris Hawkins are receiving this issue free for being a standby or for being called as a standby. Chris Hawkins is taking over as Russia in 1982AF, and Ken Peel is taking over as France in 1982 CA. Thanks for joining the list John Michalski. It's an honor to have you playing in WL.

Standbys: Steve Knight, Scott Hanson, Joe Stark, Jack Jung, Terry Tallman, Charlie Morris, Jerry White(ns), Ken Gestiehr (ns), John Michalski

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SECOND ANNUAL DAVE CARTER AWARD CONTEST

The time has come to make nominations for the second annual Dave Carter Award. This award was inaugurated last year to give recognition to the most sexist person in the hobby. Last year it was won by Scott Hanson, pubber of IRKSOME, who not only portrayed a nude woman as a stick figure, but also wrote the following words: "What's the fun of having a woman if you can't exploit her." The deadline for nominations, according to tradition, is Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13, 1984. So please submit your nominations to me by that date.

There are some likely candidates for the award. Dave Carter is always a possibility. Even though the award is named after him, he has never won it. Another likely candidate is another Canadian with the same initials as the first winner. Steve Hutton, pubber of No Fixed Address made his bid in his 16th issue. Steve, like Dave, has an excellent sense of humor. On page 4 of that issue he discusses Canada's plans to change the definition of pornography and follows that with a new contest offer of five free issues for the best story/article/etc. that is "cruel, violent or degrading to women". To give you an example of his humor, his illustration of a story that is violent to women is "As Norma turned on the radio, the announcer said, "German troops have just crossed the Polish border". World War II had begun."

1982 AF

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ITALY - - - John Michalski, RT 10 Box 526 Q, Moore, OK 73165
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TURKEY - - - Mark Keller, 9536 Shumway Dr., Orangevale, CA 95662
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* Chris takes over as Russia.

1982 AF

AUTUMN 1907

Italy (Michalski) Retreat Army Piedmont off the board

WINTER 1907

England (Duarte) Build Fleet Liverpool
Russia (Hawkins) Build Fleet St Petersburg (NC)

SPRING 1908

England (Duarte) A PAR-Bur, F EDI-Nth, F NAO-Mao, F Lpl-IRI,
F Nth-SKA, F MAO-Wes, F SPA(SC) S F Mao-Wes,
F MAR-Lyo
Germany (Finley) F DEN-Nth, A SWE-Nwy, A HOL S A Ruh-Bel, A Ruh-BEL,
A Pic-BRE
Italy (Michalski) F Iri-WAL, F NAF S Turkish F Wes-Mao nso
Russia (Hawkins) F Stp(nc)-NWY, F BAR S F Stp-Nwy,
A Lvn-STP, A MOS S A Lvn-Stp, A Bur-GAS, A MUN-Bur,
A BOH-Mun, A KIE S A Boh-Mun, A BER S A Kie, A VIE H
Turkey (Keller) A PIE-Mar, F TYS-Lyo, F WES A F Tys-Lyo, F TUN S F Wes,
F ION-Tys, A TYO S Russian A Mun otm, A TRI S A Tyo,
A BUL unord, F AEG H

Deadline for Fall 1908 moves is Thursday, April 5, 1984. T/R draw fails.
Concession to England fails. T/R draw is repropoed. No Vote Received means NO
unless you NMR then it's YES.

PRESS:-----

Germany: So England wants a concession? How about a fish & chips stand!
Italian Connection-Germany: Thanks for the suggestion, I'll use it.
Michalski-Judy: I liked that John & Kathy story. John always did have trouble
wearing the pants in that, or any other family!

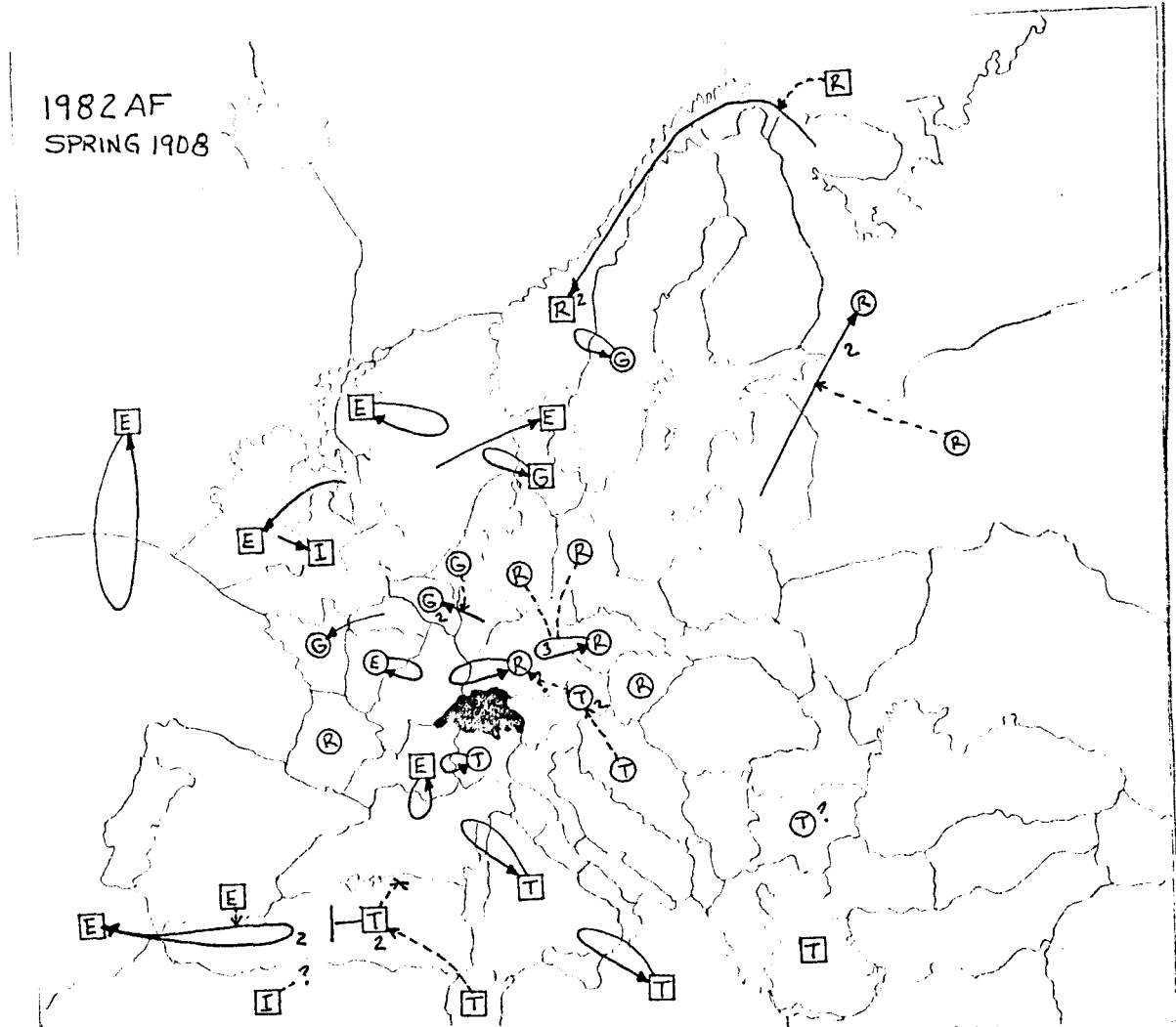
WANT TO BECOME FAMOUS WITH A FOUR YEAR OLD?

Try this one out. I overheard it on an airplane yesterday:

Do you know why the elephant stepped on the marshmellow?

So he wouldn't fall into the cocoa.

Makes sense to us four year olds.



PLUGGING OTHER PEOPLE'S OPENINGS

Although I announced some time ago that I will not be starting any more games, I still get requests to join the next game. The only way to play in WL is to join the standby list and get into an existing game. However, I trade with many other 'zines that have openings. So for those who want to join games, I will plug those other openings:

CATHY'S RAMBLINGS, Cathy Cunning, 5027 16th N.E., Seattle, Washington, 98108.

Cathy is trying to fill a regular Diplomacy game, "Wetlands". She four players signed up and needs three more as of 2/16/84. The players are Brian Edwards, Jerry Lucas, Ken Corbin and Robert Acheson. Cathy is playing as Turkey in 1983CK in Winsome-Losesome. Her 'zine has a strong connection to the British Diplomacy Scene. Game fee is \$2.00. Subs are 10 issues for \$6.00.

SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS, Dave Carter, 118 Horsham Ave, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada,

M2N 1Z9. Dave is known for upside-down raunchy, sexist and ethnic humor. He has two 5-week game openings, VITON and WUCKI both GMd by Dave himself. Both need 7 players, \$2.00 game fee. Subs are 3 issues for \$2.00.

1982 CA

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ITALY - Guy Hail, 1103 B Lorrain St., Austin, TX 78703
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* Ken Peel takes over as France.

1982 CA

AUTUMN 1906

Italy (Hail) Retreat Army Budapest off the board
Russia (Jung) Retreat Army Berlin to Silesia

WINTER 1096

England (Tallman) Build Army London
Russia (Jung) Build Army Sevastopol

SPRING 1907

Austria (Keller) A VIE S A Tri, A TRI S A Vie, A BUD S A Tri,
A Rum-GAL, F GRE S Russian F Aeg-Ion nso
England (Tallman) A Lon-HOL, F NTH C A Lon-Hol, A Den-KIE,
A BER S A Pru-Sil, A Pru-SIL, A Lvn-PRU,
A STP-Lvn, F BAR S A Fin-Stp, A FIN-Stp, F BAL S A Ber
France (Peel) F ION-Eas, F TUN-Ion, F TYS S F Tun-Ion, A Pie-MAR,
A Ruh-BUR, A Rom-APU, A TYO-Mun, A VEN-Tri, F WES-Tys
Italy (Hail) F ALB H
Russia (Jung) A WAR S A Mos-Lvn, A Mos-LVN, F Smy-EAS, A Sev-MOS
A MUN S A Sil-Ber, F AEG S F Smy-Eas,
A Sil-Ber dislodged, retreat BOH, OTB

Deadline for Summer 1907 retreat and Fall 1907 moves is Thursday, April 5, 1984.
The FEAR draw fails. An FE draw is proposed. A FEAR draw is repropoed. NVR
means NO unless you NMR then it's YES.

PRESS:-----

Trian-Paris: Hope you don't come back Larry. That way I'll get your position in
1982 IC.

England-France: Hello? Larry? You there?

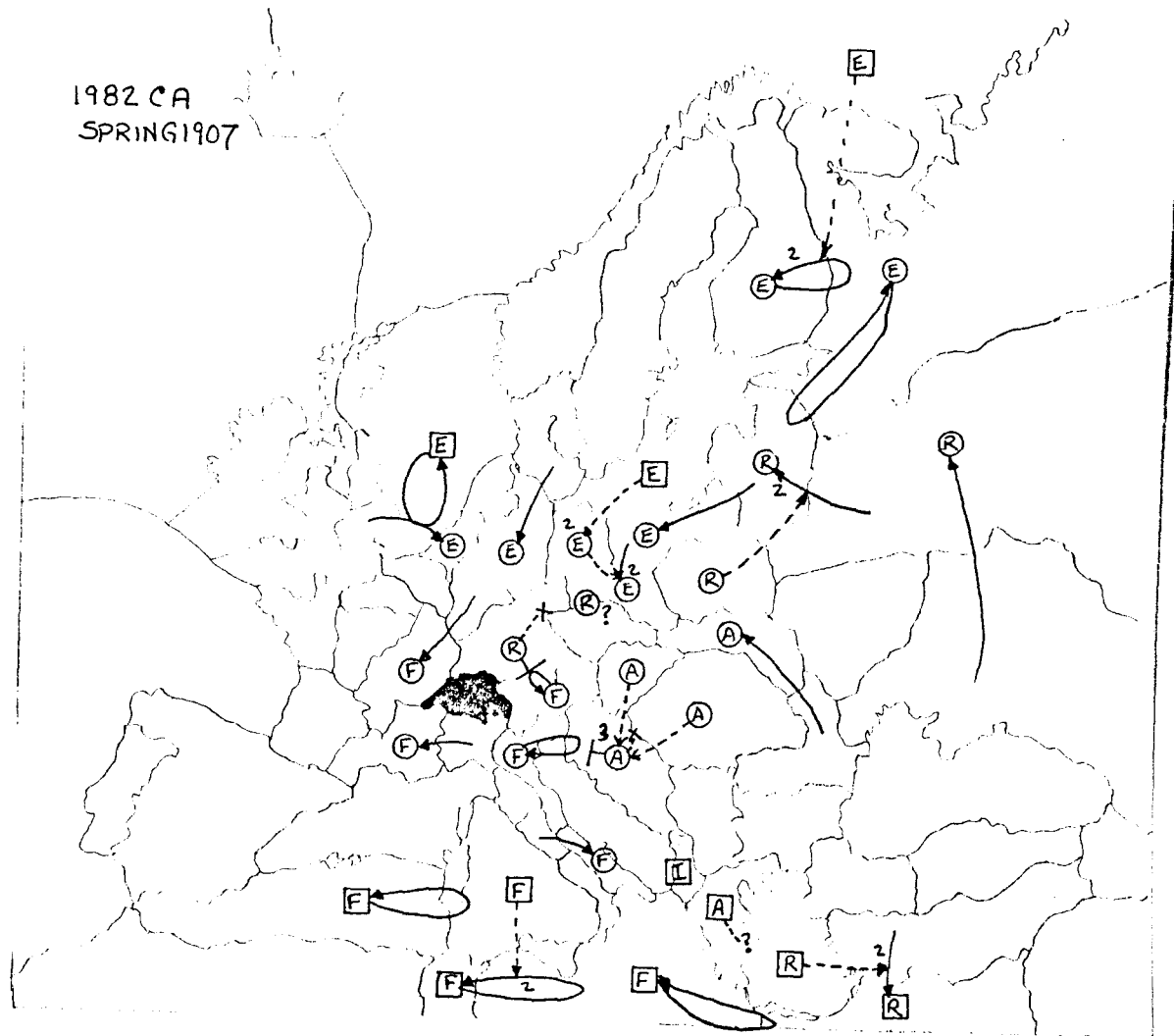
England-France: Whoever you are, I hope we are still allied. I would hope Larry
will be back but I think Ken would be a very acceptable replacement.

England-Austria: Even with the hairball frog, we're still more fun.

England-France: Your Russian ally seems convinced that a stalemate line is no
biggy and rather than firming one up is drinking around trying to penetrate
the frog.

England-France & Winsome: Missed you New Years!

Judy-England: Sorry I couldn't be there.



CHEAP ANSWERS

Steve Hutton - Loved your recent issue #16. I especially like the jokes about Schrodinger's cat. Thanks for the lesson in physics.

Jack Jung and Terry Tallman - Congratulations on your four way draw in 1982AK in ANDUIN.

PLUGGING MORE OPENINGS

LIFE OF MONTY published by Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339. He has an unusual game opening with three players already, Gary Coughlan and Dick Martin and somebody named Bjornsson. Don Del Grande is the GM. Don is attending the University of California (of course at Berkeley, that's the only University of California) and in the past made some mistakes GMing. As a result he had trouble filling his next game. I think he holds the record for the longest time to fill a game. He's a conscientious guy though, and corrects any mistakes that are pointed out to him. I think you would do well to give him a chance and sign up to play. It's been two years since he last GMd and the pressures at Cal are a little less in upper division (right Don?). There is no game fee. Subscriptions are 50 cents an issue.

1982 HV

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1982 HV

SUMMER 1906

Germany (McPhail) Retreat Army Ruhr to Belgium
Italy (Allen) NRR! Retreat Army Rome off the board
Retreat Fleet Tunis off the board

FALL 1906

Austria (Morris) F Tyn-LYO, F Tun-WES, A APU S A Ven-Rom, A Ven-ROM,
A Tri-VEN, A TYO S A Tri-Ven, A Vie-BOH, A MUN H,
A RUH S Russian F Kie-Hol, A Smy-NAP
France (Louie) F PIE S A Ven-Tus nsu, F Mao-SPA(NC), A Par-PIC,
F Rom H dislodged retreat TUS, TYS, OTB,
A BUR S F Pic-Bel, F Pic-BEL
Germany (McPhail) F LON S F Hel-Nth, F Hel-NTH, A EDI H, A Hol-Kie annih,
A Bel-Hol annih
Italy (Allen) NMR! Civil Disorder
Russia (Hawley) A DEN-Edi, F NWG S A Den-Edi,
F Nth C A Den-Edi dislodged retreat NWY, YOR, SKA, OTB,
F BAL C A Pru-Den, F Kie-HOL, A Ber-KIE, A Sil-BER,
A PRU-Den, F AEG C Austrian A Smy-Nap,
F ION C Austrian A Smy-Nap

Supply Center Chart:

AUSTRIA	Tri, Vie, Bud, Gre, Ser, Bul, Smy, Ven, Ank, Mun, ROM	11 build 1
FRANCE	Par, Bre, Mar, Por, Nap, Spa, BEL	7 build 1
GERMANY	Ber , Ber , Hol , Edi, Lon, Lpl	3 even
ITALY	Rom , Tun	1 civil disorder
RUSSIA	Stp, Mos, War, Sev, Rum, Swe, Nwy, Den, Con, Kie, BER, HOL	12 build 2

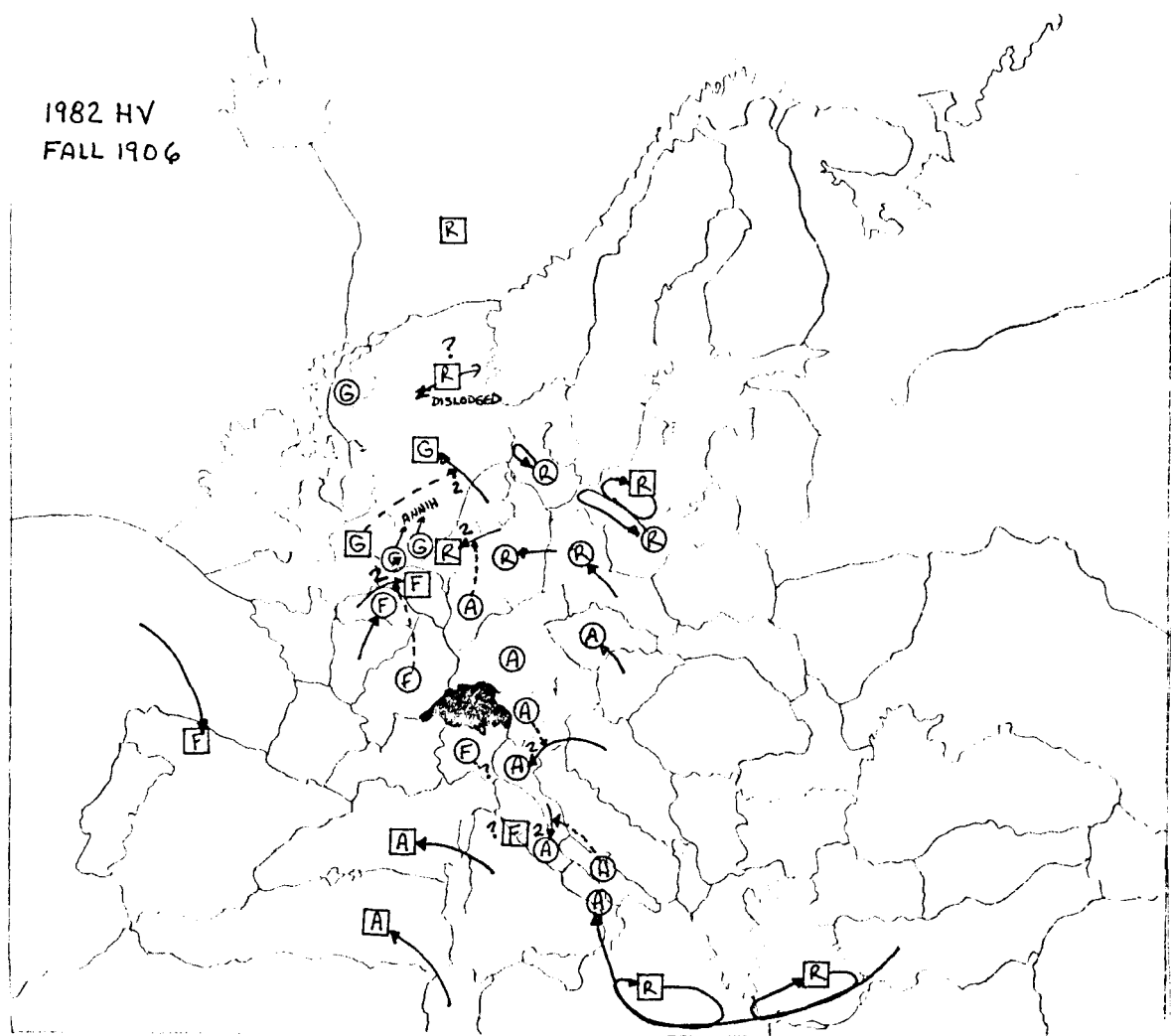
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PRESS:-----

G-It: Do we spring it on them yet? They don't even suspect!

G-F: Votre tour prochain, j'en suis sûr!

Charlie-Judy: Plano, Texas is just north of Dallas-Ft. Worth on I75. You'd best tell your "Valley Girls" to sharpen their fingernails and stop making withdrawals from Sperm Banks if they expect to beat some Texans. I'm su-u-ure. Still, soccer is about as satisfying as a Chinese dinner or kissing a girl through a screen door since it lacks strategy. Why don't you teach those girls something useful like how to cook or be a cheerleader?



More 1982HV Press:

Judy-Charlie: If I didn't know you loved me I'd think you were trying to get my goat. The Texas team did pretty well. After going undefeated and untied for two years, they came to Redwood City, got their first tie in the opening round and finally got beaten in the finals. However, it took 13 penalty kicks to do it after 30 minutes of play and 10 minutes of overtime. They were a well coached team, but soccer in Northern California is hot. They were beaten by a team from Sacramento called the San Juan Spirits. The team from Beverly Hills also made it to the finals, but lost to a team from Danville CA. Don't try kissing a girl through a screen door, Charlie, you might strain yourself. Cooking and cheerleading are not necessarily limited to girls. I'll bet you know how to cook a mean chili and you are one of Texas' best cheerleaders.

PLUGGING EVEN MORE OPENINGS

GIVE ME A WEAPON!! published by Konrad Baumeister, Box 6039 Herle Village, Washington DC 20057 has two openings for regular Diplomacy. Signed are Robert Sweeney, Jeff Gleason, Richard Delzer, Jim D'Amato, and Greg Doyle as of 2/18/84. \$4 game fee. Subscriptions are 10 for \$4.50. I've always liked Konrad's name. It sounds most like a GM's name ought to sound.

1983 N

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1983 N

SUMMER 1904

Russia (Tallman) Retreat Army Silesia off the board
Build Fleet St Petersburg(NC) impossible

FALL 1904

Austria (Edison) A Ven-APU, A Tri-VEN, A TYO S A Tri-Ven, A BUD H,
 A VIE S Turkish A Gal-Boh
 England (Torkelson) F Nth-HOL, F NWG-Edi
 France (Brown) A Gas-BUR, A PAR S A Gas-Bur, F LYO-Mar, A PIE-Mar,
 F Wes-TYS, F TUN S F Wes-Tys, A TUS-Rom, F CLY-Edi
 Germany (Hogue) F NWY-Stp, A Swe-FIN, F Den-SWE, A MUN-Tyo,
 A Sil-BER, A BEL S F Cly-Edi impossible
 Italy (Duarte) F TYS-Rom dislodged retreat NAP, OTB, A Bur-RUH
 Russia (Tallman) A MOS-Stp, A War-PRU, A Ukr-WAR, F Stp(nc)-Bar nsu
 Turkey (Winger) F Aeg-ION, F Bul(sc)-GRE, A Con-BUL, A Gal-BOH,
 A Rum-SER

Supply Center Chart:

AUSTRIA	Tri, Bud, Stp , Boh , Ven, VIE	4 remove 1
ENGLAND	Nth , NWG , HOL	1 remove 1
FRANCE	Par, Bre, Mar, Por, Lon, Spa, Lpl, Tun	8 even
GERMANY	Ber, Kie, Bel, Nth , Edi, Den, Mun, NWY, SWE	8 build 2
ITALY	Rom, Nap	2 even
RUSSIA	Stp, Mos, War, Sev	4 build 1
TURKEY	Con, Ank, Smy, Bul, Rum, Vie , GRE, SER	7 build 2
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Deadline for Autumn 1904 retreats, Winter 1904 builds and removals, and Spring 1905 moves is Thursday, April 5, 1984. Concession to Italy fails but is repropesed. NVR is NO unless you NMR then it's YES.

PRESS:-----

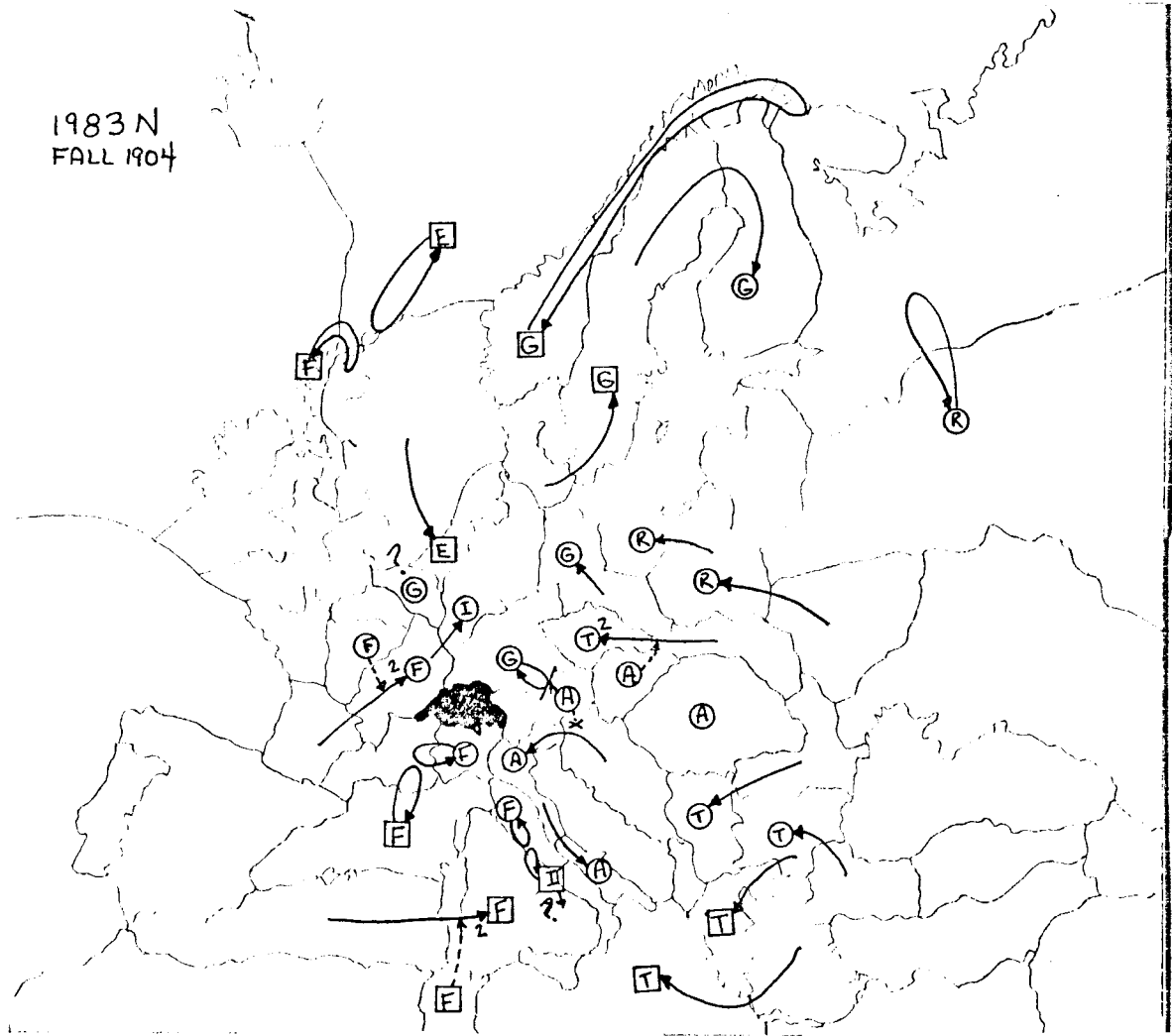
Atlanta-Judy: A woman who lives down the street from me was denied membership in a neighborhood key club recently because she "...doesn't have a key."

Nevertheless, she was immediately accepted at the nearest country club!

Judy-Atlanta: How does she feel about that? If I were in that situation I think I would work hard to avoid dwelling on it. There's too much else going on. Sounds like the country club might be more fun. What's the social significance of a key club in Atlanta?

Personal-Kiev: Look behind you.

Paris-Rome: It is obvious you can't be responsible for your own actions. A padded cell in Gascony awaits your Holiness where you will be nice and safe.



1983N Press-----

Amsterdam: Admiral Lightarmour and General Blackbluster reported light resistance from Schnitzel's garrisons as they landed to liberate a quiet, but friendly, populace. Then both officers joined the Dutch leadership to review reports of the other battles on the mainland.

"Popoff believes he has rallied the support needed to crush the German aggressors. When he learned that Planckton had fallen for the trap and left his southern forces unsupported, he was unflagging in his efforts to organize this critical campaign. We await word of his success with all confidence."

"Yes, I've learned this much about the Germans, sir," offered General Blackbluster: "Give them enough rope and they'll take a mile...but give them an inch and they'll hang themselves."

"Maybe so, maybe so," replied Lightarmour, "else we are in for a very rough go of it."

Norwegian Sea: The wizened old Admiral Winterbottom leads his officers in a toast to the liberation of Holland: "Mark well my words---We'll still be alive, in 1905!"

Turkey: Austria awake! Your foe is to the North and West not East. Write and remain alive.

More 1983N Press:=====

Russia-Winsome: Fluff came running into Michalski's one day all out of breath.

"John! John! I'm gonna patent apples!" John put down the AK-47 he was cleaning, "Why would you want to try to patent apples, Fluff?"

"These are special," he handed one to John, "try it!"

"Hey, this isn't bad. Tastes like grapes!"

"Turn it over, the other side is mellow."

He bit the other side and sure enough, it tasted like mellow.

Fluff, grinning like mad, handed him another. The first side tasted like bananas. He turned it over and the other side tasted like coconut.

"You know, Fluff, you really have something here."

"That's nothing," grinned Fluff, "this one tastes like pussy!" And he handed over the apple.

John smiled and took a big bite. He chewed for a second and then spit out the apple and screamed, "That tastes like shit!"

Fluff was quickly backing towards the door, "Turn it over! Turn it over!"

Winsome-Russia: And I thought John just took too big a bite.

Paris: President Pervért today announced that the administration offices of the Bureau of Regional Occupation (BRO) in London have temporarily moved to the English town of Dover and left London to the English. When asked about this, Pervért stated the presence of an English pirate fleet in the area would be a definite downer, but that it would not be an insurmountable difficulty.

Parisian Sewer Rat-Europe: There once was a Bear named Terry
Who Kaiser Mark thought was a fairy.
Until the Ukraine force
Was destroyed, of course,
Now the Kaiser says, "How dare he?"

Austria-World: All-out melee, anyone? That's what the board is looking like.
All for none and one for her/himself!

Trieste-Brest: No.

Vienna-Moscow: Maybe.

Budapest-Ankara: Definitely!

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Here's a story from Mark Hogue that asks a question that has probably occurred to all of us. He asked me to ask you for comments on his story. He is concerned about the fruits of Diplomacy playing - especially the affects of long mail games on continuing hobby relationships. I am very interested in your thoughts.

CONFESSIONS OF A DIPLOMATOID

Arnold Patrick Supplecener eyed the post card with loathing. It should have been some productive correspondence or at least something regarding a game that reflected values consistent with his philosophy.

He liked the strategy involved. That was an exercise worth his while, perhaps. He had enjoyed carrying out the negotiations, but now something was lost.

He was winning or close to it. Rather than feeling exhilaration, however, he felt a loss. He has lost the good will of those he stepped on. He had unwillingly broken their spines, but after all, they were no better than he.

But those are the rules! It's fair. Yes, It was fair. He hadn't hurt anyone physically. But he ached inside like the nothingness of his conquered lands.

Convictions, he knew, meant nothing without action. What philosophy then, was behind the action in this game? What he saw was a disbelief in integrity.

Playing this game had supported the players' subconscious wish that they did no have to face the justice of nature. Looking at the board, he saw that he and they had all been liars, thieves and murderers in simulation. And the conquered cities represented people producing for armies of terror, producing thoughtlessly, climbing the looters' ladders of "success".

Arnold order F SWE-MUN, sat back in his chair and read some Ayn Rand.

((my comments are on page 14))

1983 CK

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1983 CK

AUTUMN 1902

Russia (Louie) Retreat Fleet Sweden off the board

WINTER 1902

England (Stark) Build Army London
France (Wall) Remove Army Picardy
Germany (Schilling) Build Army Berlin
Russia (Louie) Build Army Moscow
Turkey (Cuning) Build Fleet Constantinople
Build Fleet Smyrna

SPRING 1903

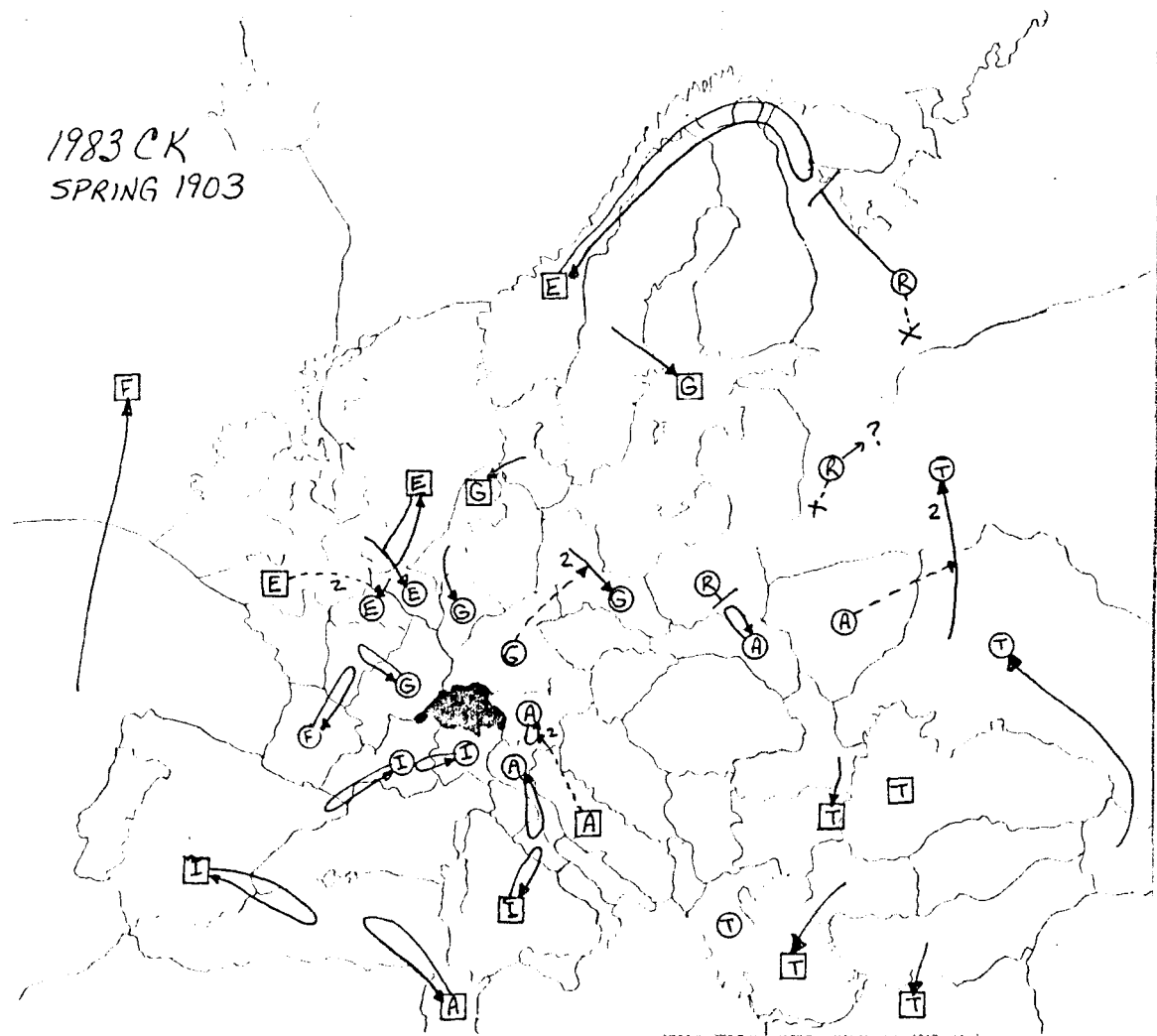
Austria (Mazzer) A GAL-War, A UKR S Turkish A Sev-Mos, F ADR S A Tyo-Ven,
A TYO-Ven, A VEN-Rom, F TUN-Wes
England (Stark) A Lon-BEL, A Bel-PIC, F ENG S A Bel-Pic, F NWY-Stp(nc),
F NTH C A Lon-Bel
France (Wall) F Mao-NAO, A GAS-Par
Germany (Schilling) A Ber-SIL, A BUR-Par, A MUN S A Ber-Sil,
A Hol-RUH, F Den-HEL, F Swe-BOT
Italy (Knight) F SPA(SC)-Wes, A MAR-Spa, A PIE-Mar, F TYS-Rom
Russia (Louie) A STP S A Mos, A MOS S A War disl retr LVN, OTB,
A WAR H
Turkey (Cuning) F Rum-BUL(EC), F BLA H, A Sev-MOS, A Arm-SEV, A GRE H,
F Con-AEG, F Smy-EAS

Deadline for Summer 1903 retreat and Fall 1903 moves is Thursday, April 5, 1984.

1983 CK Press: -----

Berlin-Judy: That portion of Cathy's skin that I saw last Summer (at Origins) didn't look THAT kinky to me. You'll have to ask someone else for a complete report...

Eng-France: Jim, I'm wondering why I didn't get invited to your New Year's Eve party?



1983 CK Press Continued -----

Judy-Berlin: I am trying to have my five week deadlines five weeks apart; not five weeks from mailing the issue. That puts me under a deadline of one week to mail the 'zine, and you under a four week or more turnaround time. If I am delayed more than the week, then I delay the deadline accordingly. Regarding skin, I like skin as much as the next woman. How about sending me a cheesecake picture of yourself to publish?

Berlin-(up against) the Wall: If I don't get an answer, I presume that you're not agreeable to my offers. The problem is in your sender, not my receiver.

Switzerland-Nat'l Enquirer: Careful - Carol Burnette just got a bunch of money from you for false reporting. Please make sure that the sunset comes quickly for France and Russia.

Vienna-Berlin: I don't know how tall Californians play Austria, but I do know that most of them are susceptible to unscrupulous females.

Vienna-The Wall: No, I think the Queen of Deceit supported me to Ukr so she could steal Rumania.

Vienna-Switzerland: I think she did.

Austria-Turkey: Contingency Press: If Cathy built fleets, then ... Onward the alliance forever, my goddess! All other cases ... Back into the mud, Scum Queen!

More 1983CK Press:

London-Berlin: Well, I thought it was only a game...until I opened the evening paper one night and read about some fanatical Turks invading Romania. Then on World News Tonight I heard Peter Jennings mention something about the city of Venice being overrun by some drunken Austrians throwing cupcakes all over city hall. Turning on the radio, I heard the DJ mention how Russia was rationing paper, pens and stamps. Somehow, all these reports sounded familiar. And to top all that off - I heard Jeanne Dixon predicting that one day England would again rule the seas and control the world. Should I believe any of this????

Eng-Italy: Looks like your guardian angel came through to take off some of the pressure.

Eng-Austria: Can this be considered the first official stab of this game?

Eng-Russia: What you propose sounds good to me. Let's try it and see.

Judy-England: Thanks for the wish for a green St. Patrick's Day. Same to you. Glad you're enjoying the game.

Paris: Yawn another year another removal.

Switzerland: The rumors that Cupcake is in the employ of Mazzer are untrue - repeat, untrue. Why he's really abandoning his homeland is anybody's guess.

The Wall-Queen of Deceit: I thought so, too bad Mazzer was so naive.

The Wall-Stark England: At 5-2 odds do you think you'll get anything out of me? It should be close.

Turkey-Eng, Germany & Italy: Stop beating up on the poor little Wall. It's not his fault that he comes from Madison, or that he looks like Elton John.

Cunning-Knight: I'm sorry sweet cheeks. You should have written to me you know. One letter from you would have taken me out of Mazzer's hands. But as it is I am his helpless puppet.

The Queen of Deceit-The Wall: Yeah and Mazzer said I should win the Nixon award. About Cupcake - you know what's worse than trusting Mazzer? Trusting me after him.

Con-Vie: But you, sweetie, can trust me!

Rome-Paris: Yea, I know, I owe you a letter. My schedule sucks right now.

Italy-England: No such luck. I guess I must have been trying to write down Mazzer's moves when I scribbled "F Ion-Tun". Mr. Wishful Thinker...

Rome-Judy: Thanks for being accomodating. Now if I can just figure out whether it was due to the chemicals or my usual incompetence.

Judy-Rome: Glad to oblige. I hope it's your usual incompetence. (What am I saying?) I mean I hope you're not abusing yourself.

C.U.P.C.A.K.E.: PASTRY REPORTS SUSPENDED WHILE NEW STAFF IS HIRED AND TRAINED FOLLOWING DEMISE OF REGULAR STAF DUE TO AUSTRIAN TREACHERY STOP NORMAL REPORTS WILL RESUME WHEN POSSIBLE STOP ARE SEEKING SAMPLES OF NEW PASTRY 'BABYCAKES' FROM WESTERN COUNTRIES STOP ASSISTANCE GREATLY APPRECIATED STOP

MARK BERCH DEPARTMENT

Sunny and warm. My soccer team has played twice and lost twice. We've been plagued with the flu. We won't lose them all though. Just have to get healthy. Watch, once we get healthy, we'll get a spat of wet weather and the games will get cancelled. Am I pessimistic? No. I can always go skiing.

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MY COMMENTS ON DIPLOMATOID CONFESSIONS

((Thanks Mark for the nice way of asking the question. I hope we get some comments. My reaction is that Arnold's choice was a good one. To me relationships are more important than winning. But I would come short of calling anyone playing this game a liar or a thief. Most people hear those epithets as being demeaning and are really only appropriate in a society where being a liar or a thief is antisocial. In Diplomacy, it is an accepted method of playing the game. In Diplomacy, if you catch someone in a lie, good for you, not bad for them. The satisfaction for me in this game is not in winning, but in testing my predictions of what other players will do and being right once in awhile. How about the rest of you?))

THE SCARLET LETTER

What better name for a letter column run by a tainted woman? And the honor of writing the first letter that gets printed goes to a new subscriber:

From Conrad Minshall of Austin TX: "You have the nicest maps I've seen yet (I've received 30-40 samples so far.) Good humor too! Keep it up.

Space is good if the material's new to you. Foundation's Edge is OK. Friday by Heinlein - the guy has changed his style, for the better I think. Gorky Park (the movie) was great; everyone says the book is even better. Read any good humor/SF recently? I've had to take to re-reading old Vonnegut & Harrison's "Stainless Steel Rat" stories.

Please start my sub w/ issue twenty if possible - I just have to find out what happened to Winsome River."

((You're the first guy who ever said I've got nice maps. Thanks for the nice comments about the maps and the humor. I think I'm the only one trying to show the dynamics of the game with the maps. One thing I love about receiving letters like yours is the leads they give toward new reading material. I still haven't read Space, but I have read Foundation's Edge and Gorky Park. The "Stainless Steel Rat" stories are new to me and go on my list of books to find. I just finished reading There Is No Darkness by Haldeman and Haldeman. I think it's a father and son team and the story has a delicious adolescent quality to it that makes me think the other Haldeman is in his teens. Just a guess, anyone reading this know for sure? I've liked Joe Haldeman since reading Forever War. Heinlein will always have a place in my heart, but Friday was a little too sexist for me. Most men have trouble writing about women, and I'm afraid Heinlein is one of them. Winsome River is in remission right now. When it rained last I was away skiing...yeah, yeah, yeah! Anyway, when we got back my neighbor across the street was installing a culvert under the road to his parking spot. That should stop the deflection of water over the crown of the road. We'll see. A free copy of issue #20 should have reached you before this does.))

From Kathy Byrne, Flushing NY: "John ((Caruso)) & I both loved your joke about us! I really got a charge out of it! And let me tell you that you better believe that I use my sex to assure that I wear the pants! I believe in MANipulation, the greatest word ever invented!"

((I agree, it's so easy to manipulate men that there's no challenge anymore. Have you read The Peter Pan Complex?))

Appended to the bottom of the card was this note in a different colored pen and different handwriting - from John Caruso?: "I love the term Ma-Nipul too!"

((What's so great about yo-nipul?))

DIPCON SURVEY

Larry Peery, publisher of Xenogogic, is surveying the Diplomacy community to determine where we feel the 1984 Diplomacy Convention should be held. If you are interested fill out the survey and send it to the address on the form:

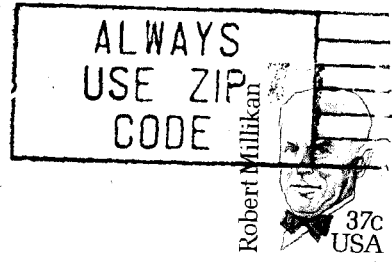
((The I refers to Larry Peery))

"1985 DIPCON Site Seletion Survey: 1984 DIPCON will be held in conjunction with ORIGINS in Dallas on 21-24 June. One of the things to be done there is pick a host site for the 1985 DIPCON. Among the possible west coast sites are: Seattle, the Bay Area, Los Angeles/Orange County, and San Diego. I would like to now what the feelings are of the members of the hobby on the west coast before I go to Dallas, so I am asking members of the hobby in this region to answer the following questions for informational purposes only. Nothing is binding. ((Yes, cheese is.)) No individual responses will be published."

1. What is your 1985 DIPCON Site preference?
 a) Seattle
 b) San Francisco/Bay Area
 c) Los Angeles/Orange County
 d) San Diego
 e) Other (identify) _____
2. Do you plan to attend DIPCON in 1985 regardless of where it is held?
 a) Yes
 b) Maybe
 c) No
 d) Only if held in my area _____
3. Do you prefer a separate DIPCON or one held in conjunction with another major gaming event such as PACIFICON, ORRCON or STRATEGICON?
 a) Separate
 b) Combined
 c) Doesn't matter
4. Do you prefer a one, two, or three day event? (list in order of preference, 1 - first, etc.)
 a) One day
 b) Two Day
 c) Three day
5. Do you prefer the month of June, July, August, or September?
 a) June
 b) July
 c) August
 d) September
6. Would you be willing to help with DIPCON 1985's work if it were held in your area?
 a) Yes
 b) No
If Yes which area? _____
7. Have you had any experience with hosting a Dippy or gaming con?
 a) Yes
 b) No
8. How do you feel about the idea of having the 1985 DIPCON on the west coast (in your own words)? Use the back of this page. ((or on a separate page))

Send replies to Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102 by 1 June 1984.
Check here _____ if you want a copy of the results.

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