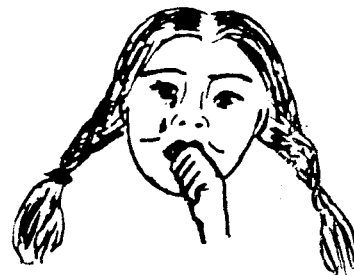




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INTRODUCTION

WINSOME LOSESOME is a gaming publication dedicated to the play of Postal DIPLOMACY. DIPLOMACY is a multi-player political conflict game invented by Allan Calhmer and currently owned by the Avalon Hill Game Co. This 'zine is devoted exclusively to Postal DIPLOMACY. WINSOME LOSESOME is published by the fourteenth most notable GM in the hobby, 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. Your address label contains the total (TL) balance in your account which includes the credit (CR) you may have earned for standing by or submitting articles. The number in parentheses is for my use in retrieving your account from my computer file. I use five week deadlines. The deadline for this issued is Thursday, November 29, 1984.

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? Terry Tallman, Mark Keller, Lynn Torkelson, Ken Peel, Chris Hawkins, Charlie Morris, John Michalski, Jim McPhail, George Graessle, Robyn Finley, and Joe Stark are receiving this issue free for being a standby or for submitting standby orders. Joe Stark has been called to standby for Turkey in 1982 AF and Robyn Finley as Italy in 1983 CK.

Standbys: Steve Knight, Jack Jung, Terry Tallman, Jerry White(ns), Ron Galicia(ns), Jim Stevens(ns), Sheldon Fugate(ns), Charles Fargo(ns), Charlie Morris, Robyn Finley.

THE BRICK

Some of you may wonder how you got so deeply involved with this hobby. What started out as a mild interest in playing in one game expanded to where you are today. Maybe this story that I just heard will give you some perspective on the phenomenon. I was talking to an older friend of mine who had just bought a large house. It was much larger than he and his wife needed. His kids were grown and gone and he was near retirement. He had lived in his previous house so long that it was paid for. I asked him why he bought the house. He said, "You see, there was this brick. The wind used to blow our front door closed in our old house, so my wife bought a brick to hold it open. She didn't like the looks of the brick on the rug, so she decided to cover it with some fabric that went well with the furniture and the rug. She went to the fabric store, and in the process of looking for a suitable fabric, found some upholstery material that she felt would look good on the dining room furniture. When she got back, she discovered that the wood in the dining room furniture was too dark to go with the fabric. Well, we needed new dining room furniture anyway, so we traveled to South Carolina and picked out a new set. When it was delivered a couple months later we discovered it was too large for the dining room, so ... we had to buy a new house."

1982 AF

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GERMANY - - - Robyn Finley, 1466 Bonair Rd., #71, Vista, CA 92083
ITALY - - - John Michalski, RT 10 Box 526 Q, Moore, OK 73165
RUSSIA - - - Chris Hawkins, P O Box 45398, Seattle, WA 98145
* TURKEY - - - Mark Keller, 9536 Shumway Dr., Orangevale, CA 95662
GAMES PERSON Judy Winsome, 3902 Lakemead Way, Redwood City, CA 94062

* Will Joe Stark, 15925 Quarry Road, Oberlin, OH 44074 please submit standby orders for Turkey? Mark has been in this game from the beginning and I believe he will return, but Joe's standby orders are necessary insurance.

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1982 AF

AUTUMN 1910

England (Morris) Fleet North Sea retreats off the board
Germany (Finley) Fleet Denmark retreats off the board

WINTER 1910

England (Morris) Remove Fleet Clyde
Russia (Hawkins) Build Fleet Sevastopol
Turkey (Keller) NBR! Plays 3 short

SPRING 1911

England (Morris) F LON S Russian F Nth-Eng
Germany (Finley) A Kie S A Ruh annihilated, A RUH S A Kie
Italy (Michalski) F LPL S Turkish F Mao-Nao nso
Russia (Hawkins) F Sev-BLA, A RUM S A Bud, A MUN S A Den-Kie,
A War-GAL, F Bal-BER, A Pic-BEL, A PAR H,
A BUD S A Rum, A Swe-NWY, A Den-KIE,
A HOL S F Den-Kie, A BUR S A Par, F Edi-YOR,
F NTH S F Edi-Yor, F Nwg-CLY
Turkey (Keller) NMR! A BRE H, F MAO H, F POR H, F TYS H, F ENG H,
A GAS H, A SER H, A ROM H, F WES H, A BUL H,
F AEG H, A GRE H

Deadline for Fall 1911 moves is Thursday, November 29, 1984. T/R draw fails and is reproposed. NVR means NO, in you NMR it's YES.

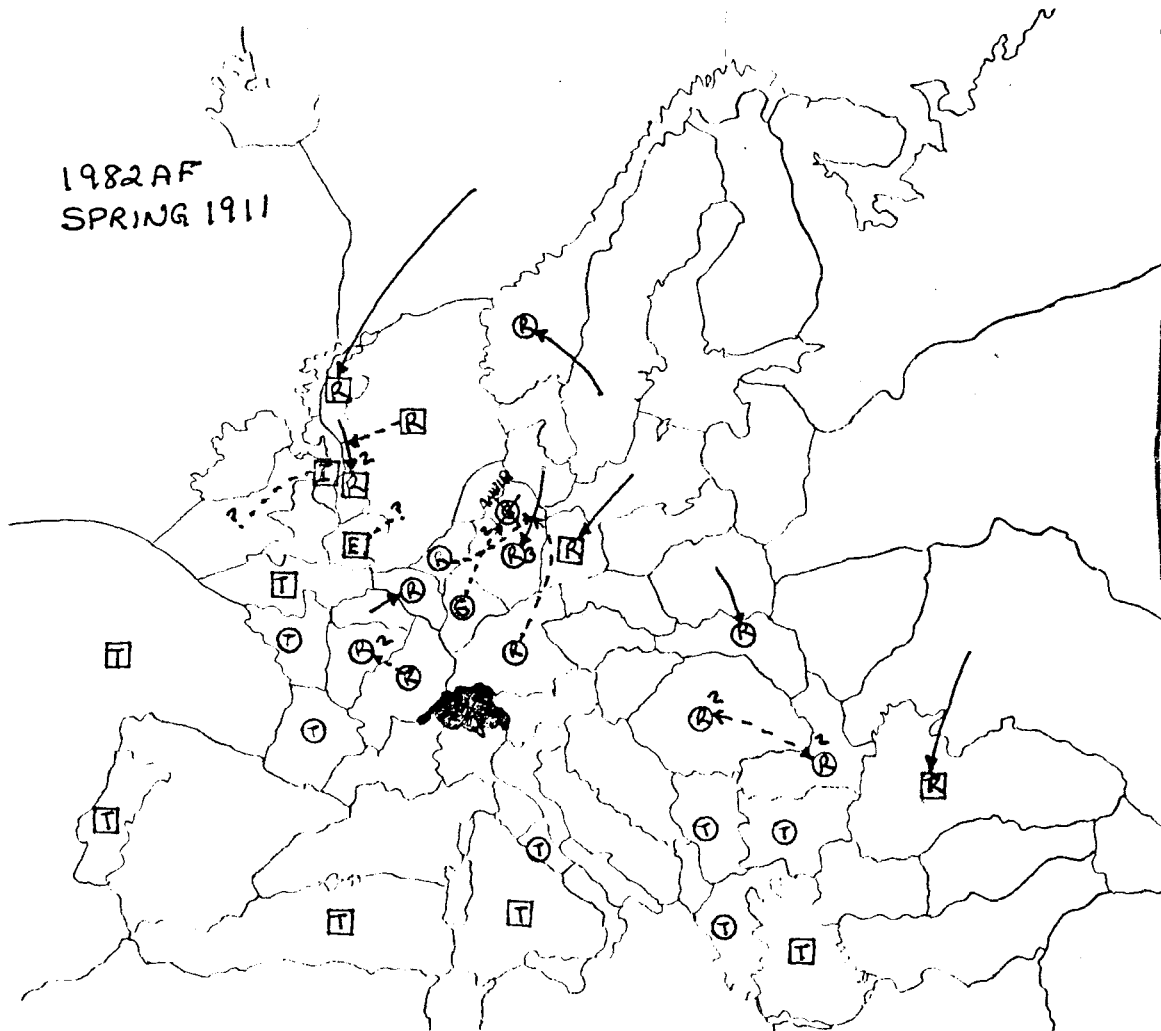
PRESS:-----

Germany-World: It's true. I am about to Kiel over.
Judy-Germany: That's Kute.

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PLUGGING OTHER PEOPLE'S OPENINGS

SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS by Dave Carter, 118 Horsham Ave, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada,
M2N 1Z9 has openings in two games. AWBRI GMd by Carter has Evans Givan, Grant Fraser, St Marseilles, and Steve Piper signed up. \$3 game fee. 5 week game. BILBURG GMd by Carter is a 2 1/2 week game, \$3 game fee, 35¢ for fliers between issues - Barry Hickey signed up. (9/23/84)



PLUGGING OTHER PEOPLE'S OPENINGS

SUBMARINE WARFARE, a subzine of Life of Monty has an opening in it's second regular dip game. Derwood Bowen, 1643 Graniteway Lane, Columbus, Ohio 43229 is the editor and Gamesmaster. Two are signed up for sure, Bob Olsen and Greg Doyle. John Caruso has expressed an interest to play in a game with Bob, but Derwood hasn't received that in writing yet. Bob is an excellent letter writer. No game fee. \$5 NMR deposit. (10/5/84)

MIDLIFE CRISIS has two game openings. Published by Paul G. Rauterberg, 4922 S. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53208. Subs are 10/\$5.00. No gamefee, just keep up your sub and send a \$10 NMR fee. There is a charge of \$5.00 an NMR. Signed up so far, Uli Baumeister, Brad Wilson, James Wall, Richard Delzer. (9/10/84)

FIAT BELLUM, Don Williams, 217-B Craig Ct., Redlands, CA 92374 is taking names for his next regular Dip game which will start when two of the games currently running end. \$3 game fee, \$4 NMR deposit, refundable. Preference lists are accepted. FB is normally a subzine of MAGUS. (10/5/84)

1982 CA

AUSTRIA - - - Mark Keller, 9536 Shumway Dr., Orangevale, CA 95662
 ENGLAND - - - Terry Tallman, 820 Armour St., Seattle WA 98119
 FRANCE - - - Ken Peel, 8708 First Ave #T-2, Silver Springs, MD 20910
 RUSSIA - - - Jack Jung, 1139 Chimney Hill Way, Gloucester, Ontario,
 CANADA K1J 8X9
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1982 CA

GAME ENDS IN ANGLO-FRANCO-DRAWO !!!!

I received three votes for the English/French draw and Austria NMRd. Therefore, the game is over and congratulations go to Ken Peel and Terry Tallman for their win. This game was the second game to start in WINSOME-LOSESOME and the first one to finish. The game started on June 3, 1982. Players please submit end game comments by Thursday, November 29, 1984. Here is the game chart:

Boardman Number: 1982 CA
 Zeen: WINSOME LOSESOME GM: Judy Winsome

THE PLAYERS

AUSTRIA Joe Lammers (Drop F04), Mark Keller (Survived A09)
 ENGLAND Terry Tallman (Draw A09)
 FRANCE John Rutherford (Drop S01), Larry McCloud (Drop F06), Ken Peel (Draw A09)
 GERMANY Jay Neuharth (Drop F03), Tim Winger (Out F04)
 ITALY Guy Hail (Out F07)
 RUSSIA Jack Jung (Survived A09)
 TURKEY Roland Louie (Drop F04), Civil Disorder (Out F06)

SUPPLY CENTERS

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
A	5	6*	6	6	5	7+	7	7*	6
E	4	6	7	7	9	10	10	10	11
F	6	6	8	10	10*	9	11	11	12
G	4	2	1	0					
I	4	5	3	2	3*	1	0		
R	6	6	7	8	6	7	6	6*	5
T	4	3	2	1	1	0			

Notes: * means played one short
 + means played two short

PLUGGING OTHER PEOPLE'S OPENINGS

HAI! JIKAI!, Mark Keller, 9536 Shumway Drive, Orangevale, CA 95662-5439. Mark is opening one game. \$3 game fee. Subs are 30¢ an issue. (9/4/84)
XENOGOGIC, Larry Peery, P O Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102. Larry has some openings in his third and final regular Dip game until one of the current one ends. There is no game fee, but a game long sub to XENO is required (\$15 for the duration of the game, unless you NMR out), a \$5 NMR deposit, and a voluntary \$1 DIPTAX which is donated to a hobby custodian or worthwhile hobby project. Several Californians are signed up. (October 1984)

SOCCER

Two GMS are starting to run or have already begun games of postal soccer. As an avid soccer fan I would be remiss if I didn't heartily plug these two activities:

UNITED is run by Bill Becker, 810 Turwill, Kalamazoo, Mich, 49007, (616) 349-6937 7-11 pm. Game fee for a season (10 issues 27-36 games) is \$6. 3 week turnaround time.

FEDERAZIONE INTERNAZIONALE DI LEGA DI FOOTBALL run by Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Dr, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339. \$4 game fee with some part of it going to a prize fund. One Londoner signed up. (10/5/84)

The rules for these two games are quite different, but both involve establishing team rosters, setting positions, levels of hardness of play, etc. Have fun.

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THE RIGHT STUFF - THE BOOK HAS IT, THE MOVIE DOESN'T

Just finished reading The Right Stuff by Tom Wolfe and watching the movie of the same name. The book has it, the movie doesn't. I can't believe the director and producer of the movie did what they did and that this movie was nominated for Academy Awards. The book is very good. Tom Wolfe makes some very interesting contrasts between the background and talents of the astronauts, the job they had to do, the image the American public fostered, and the perspective of their wives and others around them. A very intriguing book for someone who lived through that era and saw primarily what the media showed us. From this sound story, the makers of the movie screwed up royally. The acting was superb, can't fault the actors. The movie was terrible. My expectations color my thinking of course. I expected the movie's message to be the same or similar to the book's. I don't know what the movie was supposed to say. It said some very silly things. There are at least three things in the movie that I hated. In one scene, supposedly of a high level government meeting to discuss who should be sent up in the Mercury capsules, the movie has two stooges going through a comedy routine of showing surfers, a high wire act, a couple being shot from a cannon, race car drivers, etc. It was a dumb and unbelievable scene. The use of parody was out of place following what seemed to be an honest attempt to portray the heroic character of Chuck Yeager. The second dumb scene shows aboriginies chanting beside a huge fire which is casting sparks into the air as John Glenn passes over and observes seeing a "firefly" phenomenon moving with the capsule. The insinuation is insulting. Finally, the book paints a great and relevant description of the formality of how wives are informed that their test pilot husband have just died in a crash. The movie tries to make the same statement with a scene with a gaunt, tall undertaker-looking gentleman coming to the door. What goes wrong is that same person keeps showing up, even 14 years or so later at the first Mercury launch site. That's a ridiculous use of a poetic image. About the only thing that the movie had going for it was good special effects, acting, and an excellent characterization of Chuck Yeager.

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JOKE

Two regulars walk into their bar near closing time. The only ones in the bar are the bartender and this guy on one of the barstools who has his head laying on the bar and his wallet in front of him. The bartender serves them, reminds them it's almost closing time, and asks them if they would take this guy home when they leave. The bartender had checked the wallet and discovered the guy lived on their way home. They agree. After finishing their drinks, they try to stand this guy up but he falls flat over on his face. They carry him out to their car and try to lean him against the car while they open the door, and he falls flat on his face. When they get to his house, they try to stand him up while they ring the doorbell, and he falls flat on his face. Finally, a woman answers the door. They ask, "Lady, is this your husband?" She says, "Yes it is, but where is his wheel chair?"

1982 HV

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 FRANCE George Graessle, 326 Park Place, Irvington, NJ 07111
 GERMANY Jim McPhail, 104 Castleridge Dr NE, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T3J 1Y8
 * RUSSIA Bill Hawley, 227 S. Canal St., Newton Falls, OH 44444
 GAMES PERSON Judy Winsome, 3902 Lakemead Way, Redwood City, CA 94062

* Bill Hawley submitted orders, thank you Robyn for submitting standby orders.

1982 HV

SUMMER 1909

France (Graessle) Army Brest retreats to Picardy
 Russia (Hawley) Fleet North Sea retreats to Skagerrak

FALL 1909

Austria (Morris) F Spa(sc)-POR, F Por-SPA(NC), A TUS H, A PIE H,
 A MAR H, A Gas-BUR, A PAR S A Bur-Pic,
 A BRE S A Bur-Pic, A RUH H, A NAP H, F WES H,
 A TYO H, A Bur-PIC, F TYS H, A MUN H
 France (Graessle) F Iri-LPL, A Pic S Austrian A Ruh-Bel annihilated
 Germany (McPhail) F Nth-Eng disl ret Hel, Otb, F Yor-LON
 Russia (Hawley) A Edi-YOR, F ENG S F Mao-Iri, F Den-NTH,
 F BEL S F Den-Nth, A HOL S F Bel, A Kie-DEN,
 A Ber-KIE, F Naf-MAO, F Mao-IRI, F NWG C A Nwy-Cly,
 A Nwy-CLY, A Stp-NWY, F SKA S F Den-Nth,
A Pru-Ber nsu

Supply Center Chart:

AUSTRIA	Tri, Vie, Bud, Gre, Ser, Bul, Smy, Ven, Ank, Mun, Rom, Spa, Nap, Mar, Par, POR, BRE	17	Build 2
FRANCE	Bre, Por , LPL	1	Even
GERMANY	Lon, KPI	1	Remove 1
RUSSIA	Stp, Mos, War, Sev, Rum, Swe, Nwy, Den, Con, Kie, Ber, Hol, Bel, Tun, Edi	15	Build 2

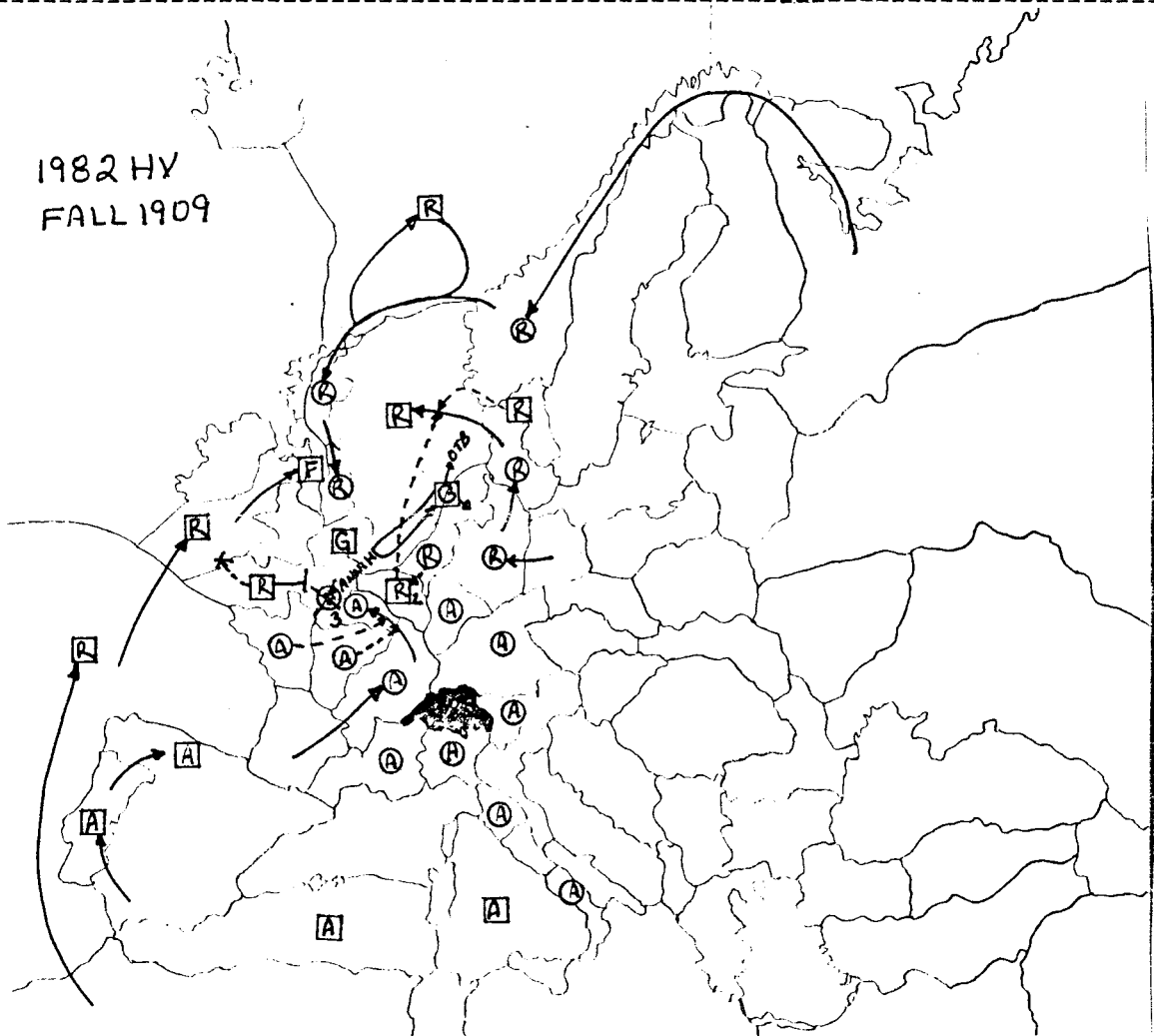
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Deadline for Autumn 1909 retreat, Winter 1909 builds and removal, and Spring 1910 moves is Thursday, November 29, 1984. R/G draw fails. An R/A draw has been proposed. NVR means NO unless you NMR then it's YES.

PRESS:-----

Austria-Germany: You must be feeling pretty confident to propose an R/G draw. Unless you know something I don't or have some V-2 rockets tucked away somewhere, the old cave roof is about to come down on your head.

Charlie-Judy: Tact is not my strong point. Did you hear about why the Mexican Olympic Swim Team did so badly? Every Mexican who was a good swimmer was already in the United States. Gee, that's funny but isn't California having a good lettuce crop this year? Think about it.



1982 HV Press continued:=====

Judy-Charlie: Charlie, Charlie, Charlie. Please forgive my tactless comment. I was just trying to be entertaining. I enjoy your press and the spirit you add to the game. I don't insist that everyone be perfect like me. As for the lettuce crop, I don't know whether it's been good or bad. My favorite is Red Leaf, how about you? Actually, I would imagine a good lettuce crop would require a lot of rain and I'm beginning to hear talk about a drought.

Russia to all: Sorry folks. Radical elements siezed control of the government. All have been executed, and the Czar is again secure. What in the world is a "communist"?

Germany-Austria: I agree, but sorry you feel picked on in this one.

Germany-Russia: Thanks, partner. But the NMR was a little obvious to A.

Jim-Judy: No vampire bats this far North, Judy. The strangest animals I've met inside a cave were some stoned gents using candles for markers and a party of 12, including dog, with only a gas lamp for light.

Judy-Jim: While you're crawling around in caves, don't you ever suspect you'll come across Gollum (probably not spelled right, from Lord of the Rings) or some other such netherworld creature? My imagination would run rampant if I were to go caving. Still, it sounds exciting.

George-Charlie: Austria can use every win it can possibly get. I hope you thought of the Austrian people and took Tunis thereby having your 18 centers. Anyway this looks like the end of the road for me, I'd like to say it was fun, but?!?!?! It was that higher form of motivation called duty that made me get my moves in. Good luck. And may we meet again someday.

George-Judy: Merci, beau-coup.

Judy-George: Doi tashi mashita.

1983 N

AUSTRIA - - - Richard Edison, 1535 B-1 Gatehouse Circle, Colorado Springs,
CO 80904

ENGLAND - - - Lynn Torkelson, 992 Rosedale Road NE, Atlanta GA 30306

FRANCE - - - Ron Brown, 1528 El Sereno Pl, Bakersfield, CA 93304

GERMANY - - - John Michalski, RT 10 Box 526Q, Moore, OK 73165

RUSSIA - - - Terry Tallman, 820 Armour St., Seattle, WA 98119

TURKEY - - - Tim Winger, P. O. Box 13043, Denver, CO 80201

GAMES PERSON - - - Judy Winsome, 3902 Lakemead Way, Redwood City, CA 94062

1983 N

SUMMER 1907

Russia (Tallman) Army Rumania retreats to Ukraina

FALL 1907

Austria (Edison) A Mun-Ber dislodged retreat Sil, Otb

England (Torkelson) F CLY S German F Nwg-Nao, F Lon-WAL

France (Brown) A BUR S A Bel, A BEL S A Bur, F Mao-IRI, F Tun-NAF,
A TYO-Boh, F NAP H, F Naf-MAO, A Ven-PIE,
A PIC-Bre, F SPA(SC) S F Naf-Mao, F Nao-LPL

Germany (Michalski) A HOL S A Ruh, A RUH S A Ber-Mun, F Nwg-NAO,
F ENG-Bre, F Den-KIE, A Ber-MUN

Russia (Tallman) A ARM-Sev, A BOH S A Gal-Vie, F Bar-NWG,
A Gal-Vie dist ret War, Otb, A UKR S A Arm-Sev

Turkey (Winger) F Ion-AEG, F ALB H, A Bud-GAL, A VIE S A Bud-Gal,
F Aeg-CON, A RUM-Sev, F BLA S A Rum-Sev, A SER-Rum,
A BUL S A Ser-Rum

Supply Center Chart:

AUSTRIA	Mun	0	Out
ENGLAND	Lon, Edi	2	Even
FRANCE	Par, Bre, Mar, Por, Spa, Lpl, Tun, Ven, Rom, Bel, Nap	11	Even
GERMANY	Kie, Den, Nwy, Swe, Hol, MUN	6	Even
RUSSIA	Stp, Mos, War, Sev, Ber, Rum	5	Even, Build 1 if retr OTB
TURKEY	Con, Ank, Smy, Bul, Gre, Ser, Bud, Vie, Tri, RUM	10	Build 1

Deadline for Autumn 1907 retreat, Winter 1907 builds and Spring 1908 moves is Thursday, November 29, 1984. FGT, an EFGT and an FGTR draw all fail. A GRAFT and an FT draw have been proposed. NVR means NO, if you NMR then it's YES.

PRESS:-----

Richard-Judy: Thanks for the offer, but no thanks. I'm in too many games as it is.

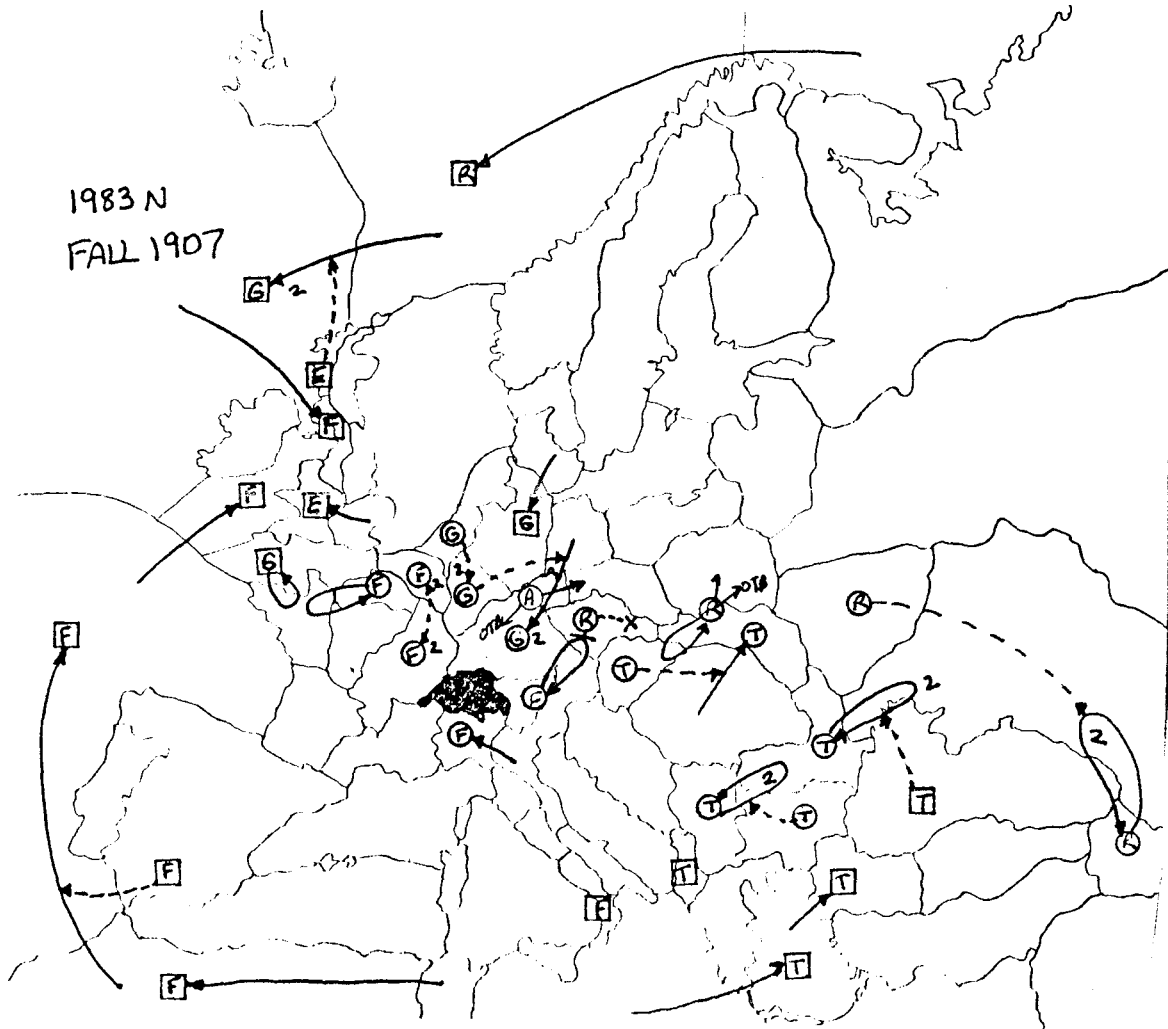
Judy-Richard: You're welcome.

Clyde: Lina Ladder, the popular songstress, was among the thousands of cheering, bare-breasted women in the traditional greeting of the fleet. Later, after an impromptu concert for the men, she was toasted by old Admiral Winterbottom:

"We've heard singing from heaven, in 1907!"

Russia-Germany: Don't let your strings show!

Russia-Turkey: Look at the west. If we were to head that way...



1983 N Press continued:=====

Wales: Admiral Lightarmour met with Blackbluster today to plan the liberation of the General's home province. Remarked Blackbluster after the meeting, "My hungry men want their pool of liver right away!"

Germany-England: Don't mention it.

Germany-England: P.S. You're the only one I said I'd puppet for in this game, aren't you? Who else is playing?

Sultan Win-Ger - Czar Tallman: Caught you, you Red cur. I knew that you would not believe my lies and, although you are at least as big a liar, I was ready for you. My good German neighbor and I are about to carve you like a Turkey, whoops...I mean like a Russian Bear. Beach Property in the south, indeed.

Tim-Judy: I believe in putting a woman on a pedestal, high enough so that you can look up her dress.

Judy-Tim: You haven't changed. Now you know why I always wore pants when we went out.

Judy-Tim again: So you lost in Trivial Pursuit to the undefeated Sumner Steinfeldt. You owe me \$2. I'll take it out in trade. An article for the elimination of the debt. Wanna bet again?

1983 CK

- AUSTRIA - - - Mike Mazzer, 1900 Kelton Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90025
- ENGLAND - - - Joe Stark, 15925 Quarry Rd., Oberlin, OH 44074
- FRANCE - - - James Wall, 1805 University Ave #5, Madison WI 53705
- GERMANY - - - Ben Schilling, 24730 Roosevelt Ct APT 315, Farmington Hills, MI 48018
- * ITALY - - - Steve Knight, 11905 Winterthur Lane, Apt 103, Reston, VA 22091
- RUSSIA - - - Lynn Torkelson, 992 Rosedale Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30306
- TURKEY - - - Cathy Cuning, 1526 N. Lawler Ave., Chicago, IL 60651
- GAMES PERSON Judy Winsome, 3902 Lakemead Way, Redwood City, CA 94062
- * Will Robyn Finley, 1466 Bonair Rd, #71, Vista, CA 92022 please submit standby orders for Italy?

1983 CK

FALL 1905

Austria (Mazzer)	A SIL H, A TRI H, F Adr-APU, A Tus-PIE, A Rom-VEN, A BOH H, A Bud-GAL, F WES S Turkish F Naf-Mao
England (Stark)	A HOL S F Bal-Kie, F ENG C A Wal-Bel, F Bal-KIE, F Mao-Por dis ret Spa(nc or sc), Gas, Iri, Nao, Otb, F NTH-Nwy, F SWE S F Nth-Nwy, A Wal-BEL, A DEN S F Bal-Kie
France (Wall)	A PAR S German A Bre
Germany (Schilling)	F SKA-Swe, A BER S A Kie, A BRE S French A Par, A Kie S A Ber disl ret Ruh, Mun, Otb
Italy (Knight)	NMR! F POR H, A MAR H
Russia (Torkelson)	A NWY S German F Ska-Swe
Turkey (Cuning)	F Ion-TYS, F Aeg-ION, A PRU S German A Ber, A Mos-UKR, A GRE H unordered, F Tun-NAF, F Naf-MAO, F Con-AEG, F EAS S F Aeg-Ion

Deadline for Autumn 1905 retreats is Thursday, November 8, 1984, I will send out supply charts at that time and the deadline for Winter 1905 builds and removals and Spring 1906 moves will be Thursday, November 29, 1984.

Press:-----

Fin: Tsarina Xherpes II announces a Lapp sitting contest in the royal sauna rooms next Saturday at 11 p.m. According to the customs of the court, all comers are welcome.

Berlin-London: You're right, you are missing point of the game. I also know why Italy stopped writing. It's simple.

Berlin-London: I thought that the idea was to try to win the game. If, as you say, you're not trying to do so, why bother?

Paris: Hah! I won't be last one out.

Paris-London: Too bad Joe. Guess you won't be in this draw. Oh well.

Berlin-Constantinople: Sorry to miss your birthday on the 5th, but you missed mine (today even).

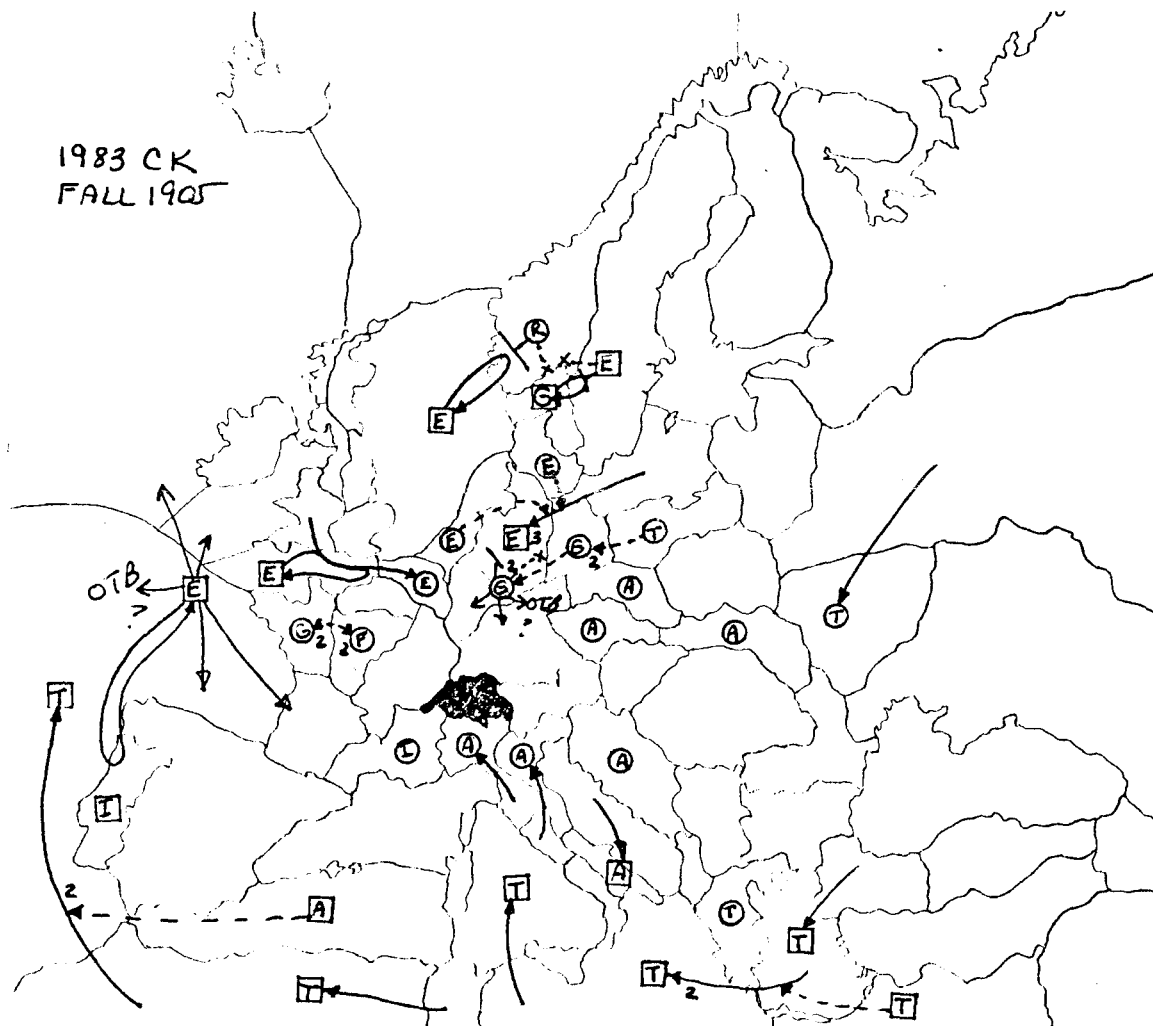
Judy-Berlin: Happy birthday.

Turkey-England: Actually, I wanted some French wine and then maybe some English wool. It's cold in Russia for us hot blooded Turks!

Turkey-Russia: St Pete is yours now build a fleet! Please, oh please!

Eng-All: All right, all you guys, come and get me.

London-All: Have a nice Thanksgiving - and hope all get enough Turkey!



A fellow coach was trying to reschedule a soccer game to October 6th and asked his players if any of them observed Yom Kippur. One replied that he had seen him play once.

A duck walked into a drug store and ordered some linament. The druggist asked how he wanted to pay for it to which the duck replied, "Just put it on my bill."

A man rushed into his psychiatrist's office yelling, "Doc, you've got to help me, I can't make up my mind whether I'm a wigwam or a teepee!". The psychiatrist said, "Calm down, calm down, you're two tents."

RED LETTERS

More from Don Del Grande, publisher of Life of Monty:

"What's the latest count on people starting letters with "Judy, Judy, Judy"? (It's hard to believe that WL is up to 26 already - then again, it's even harder to believe that LOM is up to 46....)"

((I agree - and the Judy, Judy, Judy's has died down somewhat but is up to at least 12 in the past two years, but who's counting?))

MORE RED LETTERS

"ABC didn't give soccer scores? Maybe you just missed them or something - remember that preliminary rounds had one game per day at Annapolis, one at Stanford, one somewhere else out east, and one or two at the Rose Bowl, so scores were not as close to Los Angeles as those of other events. (Still, with the modern age of electronics - the boxing clocks that wouldn't work, the gymnastics scoring devices that take any number of technicians to explain to a judge how to enter a "10", only to be wrong - you'd think that scores from the east were readily available.)"

((The scores were given by the public address announcer at the games at Stanford, so they were available. The other venue was Harvard, I believe, and there was only one game daily at the Rose Bowl until the day the final and consolation match were played. If the scores were given on the air, I sure missed them although I was listening for them. Often I had to wait for the regular late night regular news broadcast. I was listening for the Rose Bowl game scores which ended about the same time the Stanford games ended and the public address announcer didn't have those.))

"As for NBC's coverage of the World Cup preliminary (and I for one am mad that this country isn't hosting the tournament - probably because they don't want a bad team to get the automatic berth for hosting the finals), the slot from 4:30 to 6:00 pm EDT is contracted to the NCAA on CBS and the "CFA" *College Football Association) on ABC. (Speaking of which....despite the fact that the CFA thinks it can call the shots - they won't allow CBS to show games between Pac-10 and Big-10 teams and CFA teams - there's no doubt that the true national champions will be the two Rose Bowl teams, which each get \$5,500,000 (and get to keep at least half of it) for appearing.) But how can NBC show a full match in a 90 minute slot, which means at least 18 minutes of commercials? Including the pre-match rambling and post-match talking, that leaves little time for showing action."

((I hope they do a good job. They will probably cut some the action like PBS does in their 1 hour showing of 90 minutes of soccer. I can't really blame FIFA for not giving us the World Cup finals and I don't think the decision had anything to do with the quality of the host team. It had more to do with lack of cooperation between the USSF, and the professional leagues. Now that we have elected Werner Fricker as President of USSF, we might have a better chance next time.))

"When I said "soccer is a great game in places where it's called football", I didn't mean that it was popular only in those areas - I meant that in areas where it's called soccer (among other things), don't expect "top-caliber" teams to get out there and act as if they know what they're doing."

((I really think we'll start seeing Asian and African teams beginning to make excellent showings. Especially Asian teams from China and Korea when you consider the population they have to draw upon compared to European and South American countries.))

"Back to the Olympics for a moment....it's almost time for everybody and their sisters, whatever that means, to pick their Sportsman of the Year. Sports Illustrated might not be thinking about what has to be the fairly obvious choice - Carl Lewis - for two reasons: (a) he got it last year, and (b) when somebody complained that Marylou Retton was getting too much press for winning the all-around when Rumania's Ecaterina Szabo won three individual gymnastics golds (and would have won the all-around except for a fall off the uneven bars in the preliminaries), SI replied that "the all-around is more important than any number of individual events"; using that reasoning, Carl Lewis places second to Daley

RED LETTERS CONTINUED

Thompson! Personally, my choice is a toss-up: (a) if Martina Navratilova can win the Australian Open, she'll be the first "true" Grand Slam winner in a while ("true" - winning the four major tournaments in the same year), or (b) (no, not the US men's gymnastics team, even though they pulled off a bigger upset than Lake Placid) if it's "sportsmen" you're talking about, let's look at some facts: Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and recently Poland know how it feels to try to resist the Soviet Union's "domination". The Americans, along with umpteen other nations, boycott the 1980 Olympics, which aren't supposed to be political. (Personally, I feel that if you get rid of the politics, you'll have to get rid of all team sports, since there's no doubt that most, if not all, of the teams formed in an "individual" Olympics will have all of its members from the same country anyway.) Now, in 1984, the Soviet Union doesn't exactly boycott, but they aren't coming anyway. East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Cuba - even the more-conservative Bulgaria - decide to stay home. Rumania goes to Los Angeles. There's no doubt that Rumania's Olympic team represents what "sportsmen" (and women) are supposed to be. (So what if Rumanian gymnastics judges weren't exactly ranking American gymnasts high? Our judges were returning the "compliment" - what luck that, in the all-around, Retton's last event, the vault, didn't have a Rumanian judge! (Actually, even with a Rumanian judge, the score couldn't have been lower than 9.95, which would have tied for the gold.) Meanwhile, people conveniently "don't know" that the top two female gymnasts in the world happen to be in the boycott...)"

((I second your nomination for the Rumanian team. Before I read your eloquent proposal I would have chosen John Henry, a nine year old horse that has surpassed all others in money won and is about to in races won.))

"With luck, this might get to you before the Australian Rules Football title game on Friday night (9:15, ESPN, live from Melbourne Cricket Ground). Why can't the F.A. Cup final be played at a time other than 4:00 in the morning our time?"

((Thank God for VCR's - but I wish I could afford cable.))

"I think it's safe to tell you what the NFA quote is:

"Oh, being a woman is so interesting, don't you find it? What are we, ladies, what are we? We are waitresses at the banquet of life." "

((Thanks, I have no luck with Steve Hutton's puzzles (in No Fixed Address).))

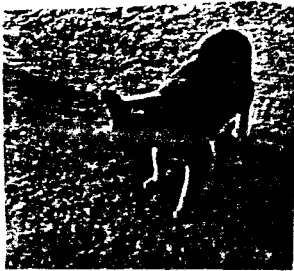
"There's one good thing about Mexico getting the World Cup finals: the tournament will be on SIN, which means (a) it'll be on TV without cuts and commercials, and (b) the broadcasters know what they're doing. (At least now one of the announcers speaks English every now and then.) Of course, it won't be a true World Cup without the Soviets cutting away from live action to prevent the showing of a SOLIDARNOSC banner or teams fixing a game to keep teams outside of Europe and South America from the semi-finals...."

((and (c) the games will be played at times nearer to our time zones. That might create problems for people who work during those times, but SIN usually rebroadcasts games in the late evening. I find if the Spanish bugs me, I can turn off the sound and still enjoy the game just as much. Soccer doesn't require announcers to tell you what's going on. It's better to watch with a friend and trade comments. Thanks for the great letter. It's a lot of fun talking to someone as interested in sports and as knowledgable as you are.))

PUDGE CON REPORT

Ben Schillings sent in the following Pudge Con report and some great pictures. "I'm not going to be able to write a reasonable PudgeCon report. I'll tell you that there were twenty-one people there at various times and that they were: Mike Mazzer, John Michalski, Russ Rusnak, Paul Rauterburg, Mike Barno, James Wall, Ty Hare, Eric Ozog, Cathy Cunning, Dan Stafford, Derwood Bowen, Dick Martin, Julie Martin, Kathy Byrne, Steve Arnawoodian (Woody), John Caruso, Mark Luedi, Nancy Irwin, Mark Frueh, our host, Bob Olsen, and me. I had an excellent time myself and wish that I'd managed to get there a couple of years ago. A couple of comments are that we seemed to have an over reaction to last year's lack of beer as shown in the one picture. There was still about a case and a half left on Monday afternoon when I left. John Michalski is quite a storyteller and one of the most interesting people that I've met in the hobby. For your information, John, I'm OLDER than you report in your Origins report. Bob Olsen actually WON a game of Junta during the con, so don't believe him when he says he never wins at anything. For those of you who care, there were about five Diplomacy games at PudgeCon, but I don't think that any of them were actually completed. It's much more interesting to just sit and talk at one of these affairs. Let me say that I really appreciated Bob's hospitality. The only problem is that if PudgeCon grows much larger, there won't be room for everyone and that's a real shame."

((Thanks for the report, Ben, and the great pictures. I know from personal experience you have to be careful with Bob Olsen. A great host, I agree. Looks like a lot of fun. Thanks again)).



Olga, Bob Olsen's cat.



It looks like Ty Hare has a real load. That's Kathy Byrne and Nancy Irwin running their fingers through his hair. (have?)



Bob Olsen and Mike Mazzer



Derwood Bowen and Mark Luedi talking- Woody listening in?



Pudge's Fridge - disgusting so much food!

Soccer Officials Arrested For Putting Hex on Goalie

Nairobi, Kenya

Police arrested two officials of the Mwangeka soccer team for using bird feathers and other "witchcraft paraphernalia" to put a curse on the opposition goalkeeper, the Kenyan News Agency said yesterday.

The incident took place during a district league game in the village of Wundanyi in western Kenya.

The report said early in the game two unidentified officials

threw ash mixed with soil and bird feathers near the goal of the opposing club, Civil Servants of Wundanyi.

A league official warned them against the practice but when the second half began the officials did the same thing at the opposite end of the field. They were apprehended by police and jailed.

Mwangeka won, 4-3, on penalty kicks, but the result was nullified by the Kenya Football Federation, which ordered the game replayed.

Rugby player bites ear lobe off opponent

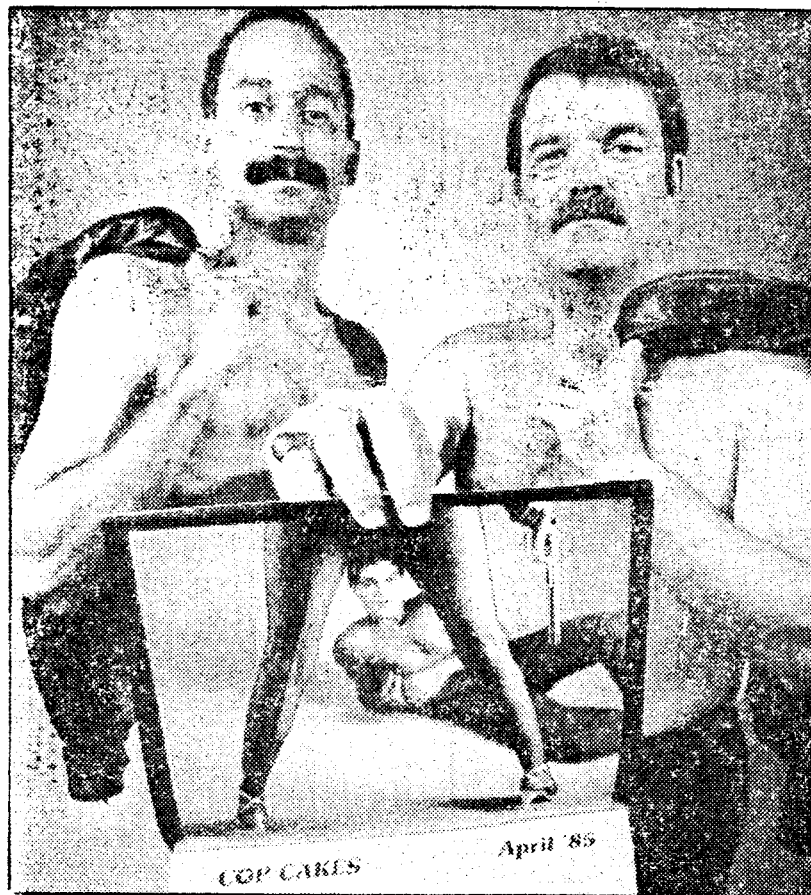
SINGAPORE (UPI) — A national-team rugby player bit off part of a rival's ear during a scrum and faces an inquiry by the Singapore Rugby Union.

David Quek, who was playing for the Reservists in a match against the Bucks, said the action was unintentional. Quek said he did not know who the player was, and officials withheld his name.

Rugby sources said Quek was harassed throughout the game and had warned the Bucks player to stop poking at his nose.

"In a moment of fury, I lost my temper and bit him," Quek said. "I never realized that the piece of flesh was part of his ear."

Some Soccer Stuff



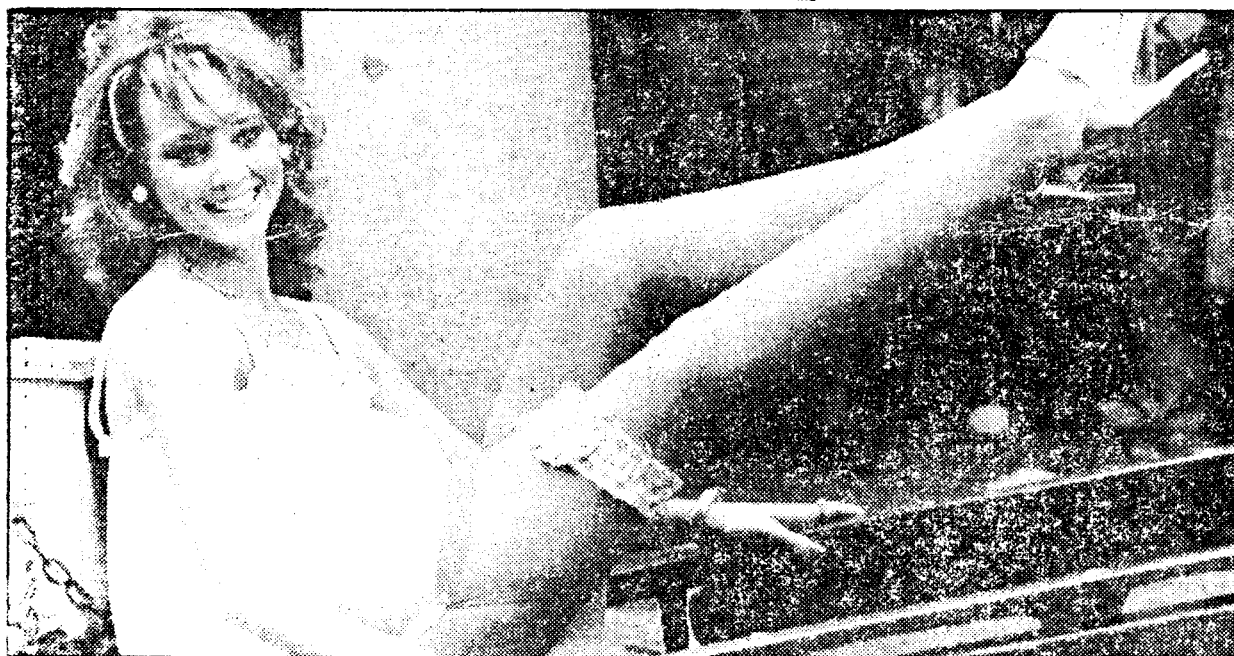
Win some, lose some

We're always being accused of prudishness but we're not the least bit finicky about showing human skin.

At left, for instance, are the hides of Jorge Garcia, left, and Ed Haton, the two Ft. Worth, Texas, police officers who invented the Cop Cakes calendar, an example of which they're showing us.

The national attention this publication attracted so affected their supervisors, one of whom now suffers a permanently arched eyebrow, that Garcia and Haton, as of this week, are former Ft. Worth police officers.

Meanwhile, we're happy to report from London that Anna Dinning, below, did not lose her job as dancing teacher this week after winning the title of Miss Lovely Legs. She defeated 20 other contestants. Walked all over them, in fact.



Something for Dave Carter and others.