



# 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 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 issue is Thursday, April 4, 1985

## 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? Lynn Torkelson, Chris Hawkins, John Michalski, George Graessle, Robyn Finley and Sigourney Street are receiving this issue free for being a standby or for submitting standby orders. Sigourney Street has taken over Russia in 1983N.

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, Joe Stark, Dave Rice

## EPILOGUE?

I am a very funny person. Recently I attended a seminar in presentation techniques given by a man and woman team. Near the end of their three hour presentation, they were making a point about how much communication is nonverbal. They asked, "In our presentation today, how much of what we communicated to you was verbal?" The audience's responses started with 20% and since he seemed to be calling for more guesses, their guesses went up monotonically to 80%. Being essentially a clown, I guessed 18.7%. The male presenter looked at me and said, not bad, but actually it's about twice that, it's been shown to be about 35%. Never one to be wrong, I said, "Oh, you mean for both of you!" My daughter is even funnier. I manage her soccer team and being the organized person I am, we have a phone tree for rapidly informing everyone of game times, etc. Recently, I asked my 13 year old to call down some information. She said "I don't want to be the caller, I want to be the callee. No, what am I saying? I don't want to be a dog." See, bad jokes are genetic.

1982 AF

ITALY - - - John Michalski, RT 10 Box 526 Q, Moore, OK 73165  
 RUSSIA - - - Chris Hawkins, P O Box 45398, Seattle, WA 98145  
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1982 AF  
 ENDGAME STATEMENTS

Boardman Number: 1982 AF  
 Zeen: WINSOME-LOSESOME GM: Judy Winsome

THE PLAYERS

AUSTRIA Windy Windblad (Out F03)  
 ENGLAND Mark Duarte (Drop F08), Charlie Morris (Out F11)  
 FRANCE David Perlmutter (Out F05)  
 GERMANY Robyn Finley (Out F11)  
 ITALY John Michalski (Survived W11)  
 RUSSIA Larry McCloud (Drop F07), Chris Hawkins (Draw W11)  
 TURKEY Mark Keller (Draw W11)

SUPPLY CENTERS

	<u>01</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
A	4	3	0								
E	4	5	5	6	7	7	8	6	3	1	0
F	5	5	3	1	0						
G	5	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	4	2	0
I	4	4	6	6	5	3	2	2	1	1	1
R	7	6	8	8	9	10	10	11	14	15	17
T	4	5	6	7	7	9	9	10	12	15!	16+

+ played 2 short  
 ! played 3 short

ENDGAME COMMENTS

RUSSIA: Chris Hawkins  
 This was Larry McCloud's victory (along with Mark Keller), by the time I took over, all that was required was to keep the ties with Turkey strong. This was my first Postal Diplomacy game and the diplomacy level was low by the time I arrived. The most noticeable thing was the drastic effects of NMRs on the game. The NMR by England in 09 really finished that country off, although the moves that Charlie Morris made in taking over England were good. I am sorry to see Winsome-Losesome leaving the scene. I bypassed the opportunity for a win when Turkey NMRed. Since I had done little to create my advantageous position, I couldn't see stealing the win from Mark. This soft attitude will probably cost me in the future.

((That's right, Chris, you better watch that attitude! It will never make you friends in the Diplomacy clique. Actually, you'll probably do quite well with it. It was indeed too bad that Larry left the position. Larry had moved to Reno and I heard the move and change in jobs caused him to drop several excellent positions. Thanks for your expression of support for WL, and for being such a reliable standby. Maybe you'd like to rejoin the standby list?))

Germany (Robyn Finley) 1982 AF was my very first Diplomacy game. (Is it true that you never forget your first, Judy?) ((I'm still waiting to find out)) I should have been more aggressive in the beginning - I was too cautious and considerate. But I made up for that later on in the game with fickleness and last minute stabs. Thanks, guys, it was fun!

((It was a joy having you in the game Robyn.))

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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 DASHEEN. DASHEEN is GMd by Barry Hickey. Subscription is 3/\$2 and Gamefee is \$3. (signed up is Jerry Falkiner) (Feb 85)

THE GAMER'S 'ZINE, Earl Whiskeyman, 27 Mark Street, Milford, CT 06460. Game fee \$4 including a \$2 NMR fee. Subs are 12 for \$5.50, 6 for \$3.50 or 65¢ each. New game #12. Four players signed up. (2/16/85)

MAGUS, Steve Langley, 2296 Eden Roc Lane #1, Sacramento, CA 95825. Openings in one game of regular Diplomacy. \$10 fully refundable if you play your position out to the end game fee. Non-DIAS. Preference lists optional. Five signed up, including John Crow, Bob Slossar, Don Williams, and (possible) Steve Arnawoodian. (2/13/85)

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#### DIPLOMACY JOUST

Jim Bumpas, who publishes Liberterrean has announced a Diplomacy Joust. He is asking all the West Coast publishers to select a "champion" from among their players to represent their 'zines in a regular Diplomacy game to be played in Liberterrean. I think it is a great idea, and I would like suggestions from you who Winsome-Losesome's "champion" should be. If you would like to be my champion or want to suggest someone, please write. I will bear the cost, if any, for my "champion" to play. Who would like to do battle for fair Judy's 'zine? He or she must be of good character, incapable of NMRing, and wily and sneaky. That describes just about all of you.

1982 HV

AUSTRIA Charlie Morris, 14238 Sylvania Dr., Cypress, TX 77429  
 FRANCE George Graessle, 326 Park Place, Irvington, NJ 07111  
 GERMANY Jim McPhail, 104 Castleridge Dr NE, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T3J 1Y8  
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1982 HV

MORE ENDGAME STATEMENTS

Boardman Number: 1982 HV

Zeen: WINSOME LOSESOME GM: Judy Winsome

THE PLAYERS

AUSTRIA Charlie Morris (Draw A09)  
 ENGLAND James Wall (Out F04)  
 FRANCE Bart Riggs (Res F20), Roland Louie (Drop F07), George Graessle (Sur A09)  
 GERMANY Dan Stafford (Res F04), Jim McPhail (Sur A09)  
 ITALY Scott Lucas (Res F02), Bill Placek (Drop F04), Tim Allen (Drop S06), S  
 Civil Disorder (Out F07)  
 RUSSIA Bill Hawley (Draw A09)  
 TURKEY William Wood (Out F04)

SUPPLY CENTERS

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F	5	5	5	5	6	6	3	2	1
G	5	6	7	8	6	3	3	2	1
I	3	4	4	3	2	1	0		
R	6	7	8	9	10	12	14*	15+	15
T	4	3	2	0					

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

End Game Statement:

Russia (Bill Hawley) From the Russian standpoint, the game left relatively few options concerning the initial selection of allies. Both England and Turkey assumed what I considered to be anti-Russian postures, particularly Turkey. I therefore was required to ally with Germany and Austria, and luckily, prevailed. My original plan was to stab Austria (sorry, Charlie) but my suspicions concerning the overall reliability of Germany were aroused. These suspicions proved well-founded, and when Germany reniged on a promise concerning builds, the die was cast. I suspect that Austria had his doubts about Germany as well, hence we were able to form an alliance which ultimately won. France was too chewed up by Germany and Italy to play a real role in the outcome, which was soon a foregone conclusion.

Much has already been written about the closeness of Austria and Russia in the game, and it is true that Charlie and I share an interest in wargaming and wargame figures. The reason I never attempted to turn on him was not out of friendship, however, but out of commitment. Simply stated, I told Austria that if he chosed to help me against Germany, I would stick with him to the end. Having disposed of Germany, we could easaily have turned on each other in what would have been essentially a two-player game. Rather than end the game like

that, we opted to share the win. Whether that is good, bad or indifferent vis-a-vis "pure" Diplomacy is subjective, however, the point is that it was decision up to those involved. For me, it was the correct one.

Comment has also been made about Austria's failure to take the win after a Russian NMR. Let me add that my NMR was inadvertant, and I immediately advised Austria accordingly. Austria's failure to stab a longtime ally for the win is characterized as a rare show of loyalty, and the object of admiration, question of ridicule. For my part, I choose admiration, and commend Charlie wholeheartedly. If such an action is considered foolish, then I submit that the human race needs a lot more fools. Bravo, cowboy, it is good to know that honor, commitment, and loyalty are alive and well. The next game (if any) is an entirely different setting, and I feel absolutely no obligation to pay back Charlie for his loyalty in this game. Although we have both become friends, I doubt that our circumstances are different from many Diplomacy players who discover common interests through Diplomacy-related communications. Any "linkage" or cross-game cooperation is probably no different than that found in many Diplomacy games, and in my opinion, considerably less than the level of linkage likely among the "core" of the hobby who are in numerous games together, meet regularly at conventions, correspond, etc.

Finally, I wish to commend Judy for the job done in game mastering 82HV. It is unfortunate that apparently a decision has been made for WL to cease publication when the instant games have been concluded. Until next time. ((Well said. As I've stated before, all the hoopla about cross-gaming is merely more Diplomacy. As I see it, the game is about human predictability and once a person proves dependable, one element of the puzzle is resolved, or is it? There is always that question in a game where the breaking of promises is part of the game. Thanks for the endgame statement and the statement at the end of your statement.))

THIRD ANNUAL DAVE CARTER AWARD CONTEST

The time has come to make nominations for the third annual Dave Carter Award. This award is given to the most sexist person in the hobby. Scott Hanson won it in its inaugural year. Last year Steve Hutton was the proud recipient after a hard fought contest, narrowly beating, oops, defeating Daphne Langley. The deadline for nominations, according to tradition, is Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, 1985.

The answer to last issues puzzle was answered correctly first by Bob Stimmel of Sacramento again. He solved it directly, as follows:

$$\frac{1000}{252 - 248} = \frac{1,000,000}{63,504 - 61,504} = \frac{1,000,000}{2,000} = 500 (C)$$

The only other way I know of to solve it is to use the algebraic expression,  $A^2 - B^2 = (A-B)*(A+B)$  so if you don't have a calculator handy and don't like multiplying 3 digit figures, you get:

$$= \frac{1,000,000}{(252-248)*(252+248)} = \frac{1,000,000}{4 * 500} = \frac{1,000,000}{2,000} = 500$$

Another \$1 goes to you Bob. Congratulations.

1983 N

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- TURKEY - - - Tim Winger, P. O. Box 13043, Denver, CO 80201
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\* Sigourney Street takes over for Russia.

1983 N

AUTUMN 1908

- France (Brown) Army Belgium retreats to Picardy
- Germany (Michalski) Fleet Mid Atlantic Ocean retreats to Western Med

WINTER 1908

- England (Torkelson) Build Fleet London
- France (Brown) Remove Fleet Naples
- Germany (Michalski) Build Army Berlin
- Russia (Street) NRR! Remove Army Bohemia and Army Armenia (by flip)
- Turkey (Winger) Build Army Constantinople - plays 1 short

SPRING 1909

- England (Torkelson) F Lpl-IRI, F WAL S F Lpl-Iri, F Lon-ENG
- France (Brown) A Bur S A Pic-Bel disl ret Gas, Par, Otb,  
A PIC-Bel, F Iri C A Bre-Wal annih,  
F MAO C A Bre-Wal, A TYO-Mun, F POR S F Mao,  
A BRE-Wal, F Spa(sc)-LYO, A Pie-MAR
- Germany (Michalski) A BEL S A Mun-Bur, A RUH S A Mun-Bur,  
F NAO S English F Lpl-Iri, A Ber-PRU, F Hel-NTH,  
A Mun-BUR, A SIL-Mun, F Wes-TUN
- Russia (Street) A UKR S A War, A WAR S A Ukr
- Turkey (Winger) F Smy-AEG, F Alb-ION, A GAL-Ukr, A Vie-BOH,  
F Ank-ARM, A Mos-STP, F Bla-SEV, A BUD-Gal,  
A RUM S A Gal-Ukr, A Sev-MOS, A Con-BUL

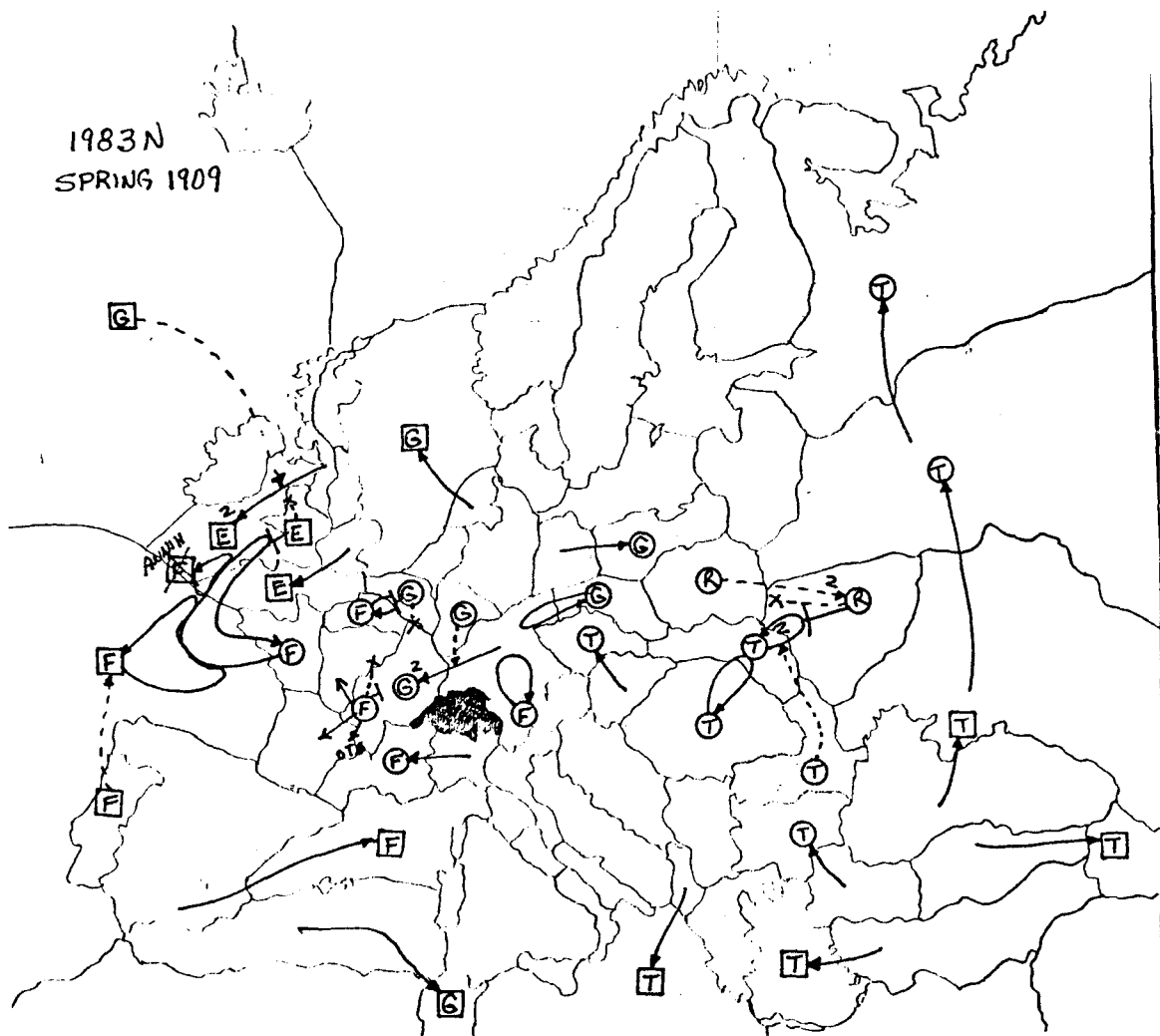
Deadline for Summer 1909 retreat and Fall 1909 moves is Thursday April 4, 1985. The FT and EGR draws fail. GT, EG and EGT draws have been proposed as has been a concession to Turkey. NVR means NO, if you NMR it's YES.

PRESS:-----

Germany-Judy: In 2 days they expect it will break above freezing here before sliding again. You've got it warm, until you fall into the Pacific.

Judy-Germany: The weather around here has been trying to copy your weather. It got down to the 40s! Hee hee hee hee. Thank God I know how to float.

Constantinople: The Sultan Win-Ger summoned his Royal Humerous Person who asked "What do George Washington and Abe Lincoln have in common? Well, they were the last white men with that name. The Sultan summoned his headsman (The one with the dirty knee pads) and bid him to lop off the head of the humerous one. It seems the Sultan's 2nd wife had named her 1st born Abe Lincoln Win-Ger. "Come to think of it," the Sultan reflected, "Lop off their heads too, they tan awful easy."



1983 N Press continued:=====

London: Admiral Lightarmour and General Blackbluster received a tumultuous welcome as the citizenry celebrated the end of a prolonged and bitter occupation. Refusing to speak ill of the vanquished French, Lightarmour noted that the joy shared now was gained with the assistance of right-thinking German patriots who had risked much to overthrow their rabid old leaders. "Now that our beloved land is free once more," he declared, "we must turn our efforts toward ensuring that a just peace is quickly secured and forever maintained!"

Russia: Though it seems clear enough at this point who Russia's friends, and who Russia's enemies are; the Czar has ordered a hold on all military maneuvers as an act of friendship. But be forewarned: this won't happen again.

Paris: President Pervert opened the sealed envelope containing the message from the English Ambassador. "Please scuttle your fleet in the Irish Sea," it read, "so that we may attack you more easily."

Pervert scratched his head in bewilderment. "I know I'm stupid, but do I really come across as that dumb!?" he said aloud to no one in particular.

1983 CK

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- FRANCE - - - James Wall, 1805 University Ave #5, Madison WI 53705
- \* ITALY - - - Robyn Finley, 1466 Bonair Rd. #71, Vista, CA 92022
- RUSSIA - - - Lynn Torkelson, 992 Rosedale Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30306
- TURKEY - - - Cathy Cuning, 1526 N. Lawler Ave., Chicago, IL 60651
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\* Robyn submitted orders so remains as Italy.

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1983 CK

AUTUMN 1906

England (Stark)	F Nwy retreats off the board
Italy (Finley)	F Spa(sc) retreats off the board
	(Only choice, she couldn't have retreated to Gascony since she was on the south coast of Spain)

WINTER 1906

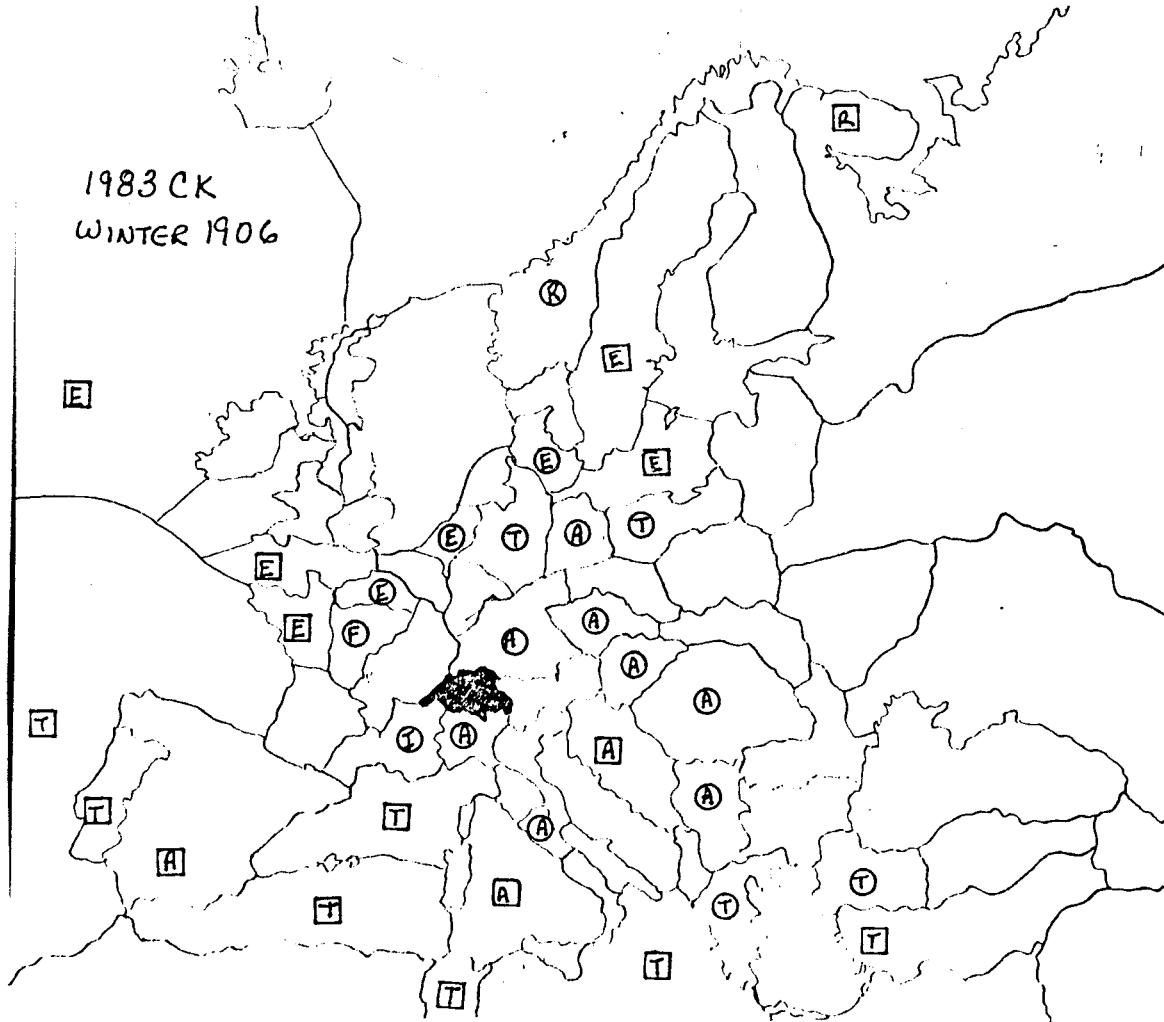
Austria (Mazzer)	Build Army Vienna, Army Budapest, Fleet Trieste
Turkey (Cuning)	Build Army Constantinople, Fleet Smyrna

At least two players have requested a separation of seasons, and therefore, it is granted. Deadline for Spring 1907 moves is Thursday, April 4, 1985. I have moves on file for A E I R. The seven way draw fails. A three way EAT draw and a 2 way AT draw are proposed. NVR means NO, if you NMR it's YES.

Press:-----

- Italy-Austria: Oblivion is my middle name!
- Italy-Judy: Stood up by a standby?
- Judy-Italy: That's better than some other positional configurations I can think of.
- Italia Press: CK: Adventures of a Secret Agent - Lynn drove the GM stark naked towards the Finnish border. His heart beat fast as he praised himself for his skill and cunning, robyn the Englishman's truck, and felt no shame at stealing his last shilling. Tomorrow he would be AWALL, but he didn't care. Escape is all that mazzers... (to be continued? Nah....)
- Judy-Italy: A great piece of writing if I may say so. I hope it's not the last.
- Austria-GM: The chili was superb, my compliments to the chef!
- Judy-Mike: Thanks for the compliment. Sorry about all the mistakes this last season. I enjoyed meeting you at DAFCON. Your put on of John Huestis was most memorable. Leslie and I enjoyed your daughter as well. Hope she survived her haircut!





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1983CK Press =====

BBC to all:(England) "And as they enter the home stretch: Germany has lost his horse; Italy has lost her jockey; England is starting to fade; Russia is still making a try; Austria and Turkey are neck to neck as they go for the wire - and bringing up the rear is France. What a race, folks - and the winner is..."

St. Petersburg: To commemorate her army's great victory over the redcoats in Norway, Tsarina Xherpes II commanded her royal engineers today to build a huge Troll bridge over the Gulf of Bothnia.

Ghost of Germany to 84H0 Germany (Mazzer): I'm sure that you've already seen the error of your ways. Did you get Bob's schedule of bribes yet? I had to cash in my mutual funds, but it was worth it.

Germany (Ghost thereof) to England: An 8 x 10 would be just fine.

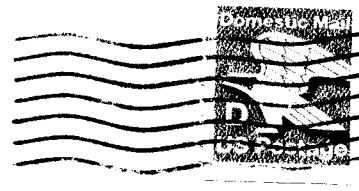
Ghost of Germany to Judy: The answer is 500. Did I win? As for Miss Ridgid Tool, do you know something about England that the rest of us don't?

Judy to Ghost: You go the right answer, but you were a little slow on the draw. I'm not sure the rest of you don't already know what I know about England. I can't answer your question unless you tell me what the rest of you know.

Ghost of Germany to Tsarina: Watch where you sit in the sauna. One hot nail could leave a lasting impression on you. Are you a member of the 300 degree club yet?

Judy to Cathy: OK, I'll tell you he isn't setting you up. What else do you want me to say?

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