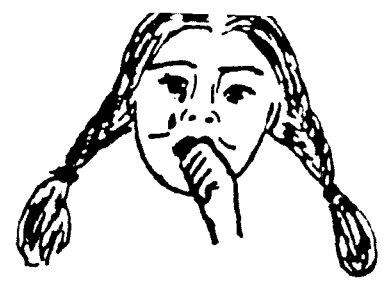




Winsome Losesome



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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 in either its "pure" or many variant forms and the gossip and general brouhaha that accompanies it. WINSOME LOSESOME is published by me, Judy Winsome, at 749 21st Ave., Apt #3, San Francisco, CA 94121. 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 a four week deadline.

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NOTABLE QUOTES

"Games people play, You take it or leave it
 Things that they say, Just don't make it right
 If I'm tellin' you the truth right now, do you believe it
 Games people play in the middle of the night"

from the song "Games People Play" by the Alan Parsons Project, written by Woolfson and Parsons. 50 cents credit and thanks to Mark Keller of Orangevale CA for this quote. One thing about DIP by mail is you can leave the middle of the night for other activities, ...like sleeping. "Sleeping instead of DIPPING?", you ask. "Horrors." I guess I'm trying to put Diplomacy into its proper perspective and become the Joe Henderson of Postal Diplomacy. Diplomacy, like running, is a matter of pace.

"Start slowly and then taper off."
 motto of the Dolphin South End Running Club

50 cents credit to David Perlmutter of Haverford PA for the following quote:

"It is when all play safe that we create a world of utmost insecurity."
 Dag Hammarskjold

I love to play against players who play safe. They are so predictable. It's the daring ones that surprise you. And speaking of daring ones, to Mark Lew goes \$1.00 credit for the following two quotes (the rest I'll use later, Mark):

"Diplomacy is to do and say the nastiest things in the nicest way."
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"You may have the universe, if I may have Italy." ((such a deal))
 from Giuseppe Verdi's Attila

And now from me "... it was extremely hard to survive as a meat eater in a world of meat eaters when you were wearing meat." Frank M. Machovec and Howard R. Smith "Fear makes the world go 'round" Management Review January 1982.

Remember, quotes submitted and used will be worth 50 cents in subscription credit, but must include the author of the quote if it is not original.

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GAME NO. WL-1 will hereafter be called by its Boardman Number 1982 AF

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1982 AF (formerly WL-1)
SPRING 1901

Austria (Windblad)	F Tri - ALB, <u>A VIE - Tri</u> , A Bud - SER
England (Duarte)	F Lon - ENG, <u>F Edi - NTH</u> , A Lpl - YOR
France (Perlmutter)	A Par - BUR, A MAR s A Par - Bur, F Bre - MAO
Germany (Finley)	<u>A MUN - Bur</u> , F Kie - DEN, A Ber - KIE
Italy (Michalski)	<u>A VEN - Tri</u> , <u>A ROM - Ven</u> , F Nap - ION
Russia (McCloud)	<u>F StP - BOT</u> , <u>A Mos - UKR</u> , <u>F SEV - Bla</u> , A War - GAL
Turkey (Keller)	<u>F ANK - Bla</u> , A Con - BUL, A Smy - CON

Deadline for Fall 1901: May 28, 1982

PRESS:-----

Finland: Leon Trotsky here. People of Europe unite! Workers throw off your chains! Stop German imperialism! Join the English-French-Russian Axis.

Germany to Italy: Beware of Tyrolian dwarves bearing high powered wrist rockets.

Philadelphia - Phrisco((via Moore)): How wonderful to have a woman in the game! A big hug to you, Windy!!

Versailles - St Peters: Dear John, so we meet once again! I hope you're not in Piedmont when you said you wouldn't. And yes, you can trust me this time, for I have truly seen the Light, the Truth, The Way! I converted to Islam last fall.

Nth Africa - Okie from Muskogee: May John Steinbeck move into your house, write a novel, and cause a dust bowl. May Phil Donahue steal your wife and children.

Kiev - Board: I call for a seven way draw, because this is the last season I'll have the lead.

Pennsylvania - California((via Oklahoma)): Let's see, there's beachbum players in England-and-Germany, Turkey-and-Russia. Gee, I wonder how the alliances will come out?

Switzerland: So these four Californians walk into a Diplomacy game. They all ally and destroy everyone else and draw. Ha, ha, ha, ha.

Ven - Tri: I always wanted to try opening this way.

GM - England: Congratulations on your new daughter, Rachel. I came from a family of two daughters.

Moore - Judy: I never thought I'd see the day Mark Lew was right, but here it is! A mystery zeen by a mystery woman, and now a fake game! You gave yourself away with "Windy Windblad" and "David Perlmutter". If they are real, Bruce Linsey can't spell "Howserule". C'mon, 'fess up. You're Rod Walker, right?

Judy - Moore: Ask Rod.

Munich - London: Three Argentinian guerilla bases just uncovered in France.

1982 AF Press continued---

Paris - Rome: So what old John "Crossgame" Michalski up to now? Glad to see you took some time off working for the Klan to play Diplomacy.

Rom - Par: If you try anything funny, No-Neck Bruce will visit you.

Paris - Rome: Sure I'll be your ally. I'll also grab my AK-47 and go down to Central America and join the Sandinistas. I'll also see the Chicago Cubs win the series three years back to back. I'll also give my first born male child to the Unification Church. Sure I'll be your ally.

Crimea - GM: I really didn't write this. Is that OK?

GM - Crimea: Sure, I didn't write this either.

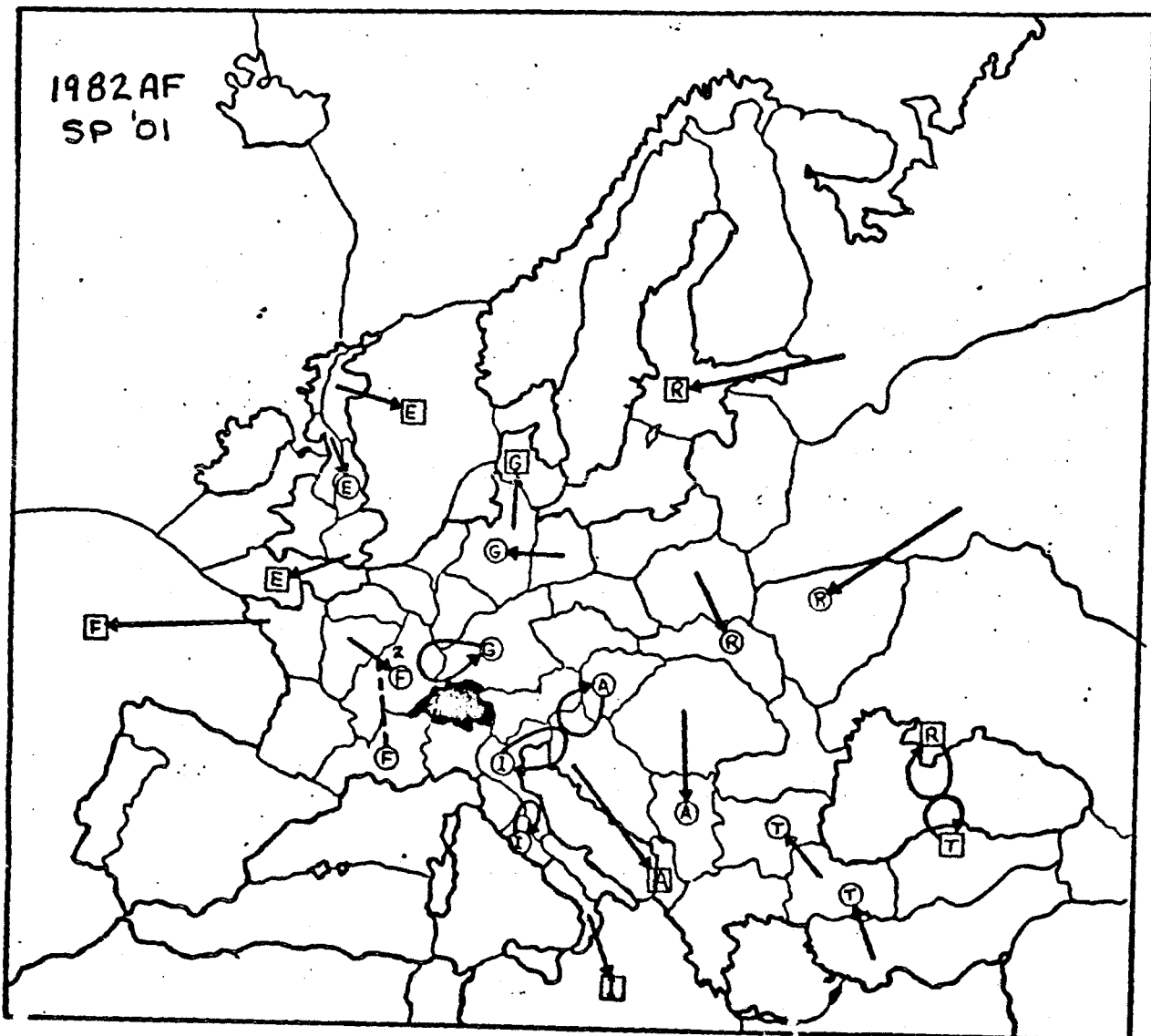
Europa Express - WL: You say you were "alert for sexist snubs" in a section you title "plugs and openings"? Ver-ry funny, ver-ry funny.

WL - BB: Have you ever had a sexist snub? You've got to keep an eye out for 'em.

Paris - Berlin: I exist. Sorry for these moves but you never wrote after your first letter.

Black Forest - GM: Sure you'll GM it straight, but what about them? And, straight to where?

GM - Black Forest: What about who? Straight as is properly, I hope. Needless to say your press strained my houserules. But I love a challenge. How did I do?



INQUIRIES

This is a forum for general inquiries or the solicitation of opinion on hobby related topics. These may be attributed to the "asker" or, like, Dear Abby, with names like "Unsure".

In my last issue, I asked what DIAS stood for. Several readers replied that it stands for Draws Include All Survivors which is in the Diplomacy rules but is often superceded by house rules. I think Jack Fleming of Seattle is pulling my leg with the following response:

'As for "DIAS" it means "Defense Is Always Safe" a rather obscure rule where a unit that stands and isn't ordered to move can't be dislodged regardless of the opposing force. I don't like it since it usually means a short game with a quick stalemate.'

That just goes to show you can't trust red heads. Are there any other red heads out there besides Allen Wells, Guy Hail, Jack Fleming, and Windy Windblad?

I think Larry McCloud of San Francisco answered the question best:

"DIAS stands for Draws Include All Survivors. It is a strict application of Section II of the Rulebook, which recognizes only this kind of draw. Mark Larzelere, a fine player and gamesmaster, is scrupulous in adhering to the rulebook in every way that is not inherently impossible for postal play. Most publishers feel that a rule such as your number VIII adequately protects the rights of small survivors."

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PLUGS AND OPENINGS

As to openings, I have only two players for my Terrorism II Variant (rn10/07). It was designated Terrorism II by Rod Walker because another Terrorism was designed by Will Haven in the UK in the 1970s. Are there any other takers? Submit preference lists with your request

Willing Terrorists: Mark Keller, and Tim Winger.

I now have five on my standby list. By the way, I don't think I've mentioned Standbys get free subscriptions for as long as they are playing a stand position.

Standbys: Larry McCloud, Mike Barno, Jim Finley, Terry Tallman, Mark Keller

I also have a second regular Diplomacy game opening. I have one subscribing player and three tentative players:

Regular Diplomacy: Terry Tallman, Paul Scroggie, Roland Louie, Guy Hail

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CONTEST

I got several answers to my question in the last issue, but no one got the one I was looking for. (Preposition lovers see Epilogue). The question was, "Why is Halloween exactly equal to Christmas?"

Some of the answers given were:

Both coincide (and some of the customs come from) old "pagan" holidays

Mark Keller, Steve Langley, Kathy Byrne

Both have nine letters ((close))

Mark Keller, Steve Langley

Both are commercialized

Mark Keller, Steven Langley

Both are largely children's holidays ((aren't they all))

Steve Langley

Because Steve Langley gets to dress up as Mr. Claus on both days, without getting wierd looks!

Kathy Bryne

However, none of those is the answer I was looking for. ((there it is again)) I gave you a clue to the answer before I gave you the question. I suggested that the first contest, the logo contest, appealed to your creative nature and that this contest had a different appeal. If you believe the split brain theory, the right side of the brain is used for artistic efforts, and the other side (the only other different appeal available), the computational or logical side, is being appealed to for this contest. The other clue was included in the question itself. The terms "exactly equal" imply some sort of mathematical equality. Certainly both holidays contain the same number of letters and that might satisfy some, but it is not the type of equality that mathematicians would term exact equality. So the answer lies somewhere else. Let us look at the dates of the two holidays. Halloween is October 31 and Christmas is December 25. The names of the months come from the Gregorian calendar and represent the eighth and tenth month respectively. ((Ah, now the dawn comes. I hope this frustrates you computer whizzes.)) If we were to express the date of December 25 or decimal 25 in octal representation, we would have octal 31 ($3 \times 8^1 + 3 \times 8^0$). Hence oct 31 is exactly equal to dec 25. I really liked the memories that Steve Langley's answer brought forth:

"Why is Halloween exactly equal to Christmas? So far as I know, it is not. there are some strong similarities, but equality requires more than strong similarities to be in effect. They each are spelled with nine letters; they each are holidays that have been institutionalized into commercial heydays. They each are based on, little understood, religious foundations; they each give us a chance to forget the mundane and live a bit in fantasy; they each offer us a chance to make an event for the celebration of children; they each are used as an excuse for parties and decorations. Somehow, I feel I must have missed the point. Halloween is in Scorpio, and is of the form of bribing the evil spirits to pass us by, while Christmas is in Aquarius and is in the form of giving out of love. In reality, the bribes are gifts, and the giving is often resented by the giver.

When I was a tad type child, Halloween was a night of pranks. We hit the neighbors for candy, and those who didn't come across got soaped windows or mud on their porch or a string of cans tied to the top of their tree. One of our annual regrets was that there were no more out houses to tip over. Christmas was a family time, with packages full of new warm winter clothes, and candies and toys.

Things have changed."

((Thanks Steve, if you weren't already a lifetime subscriber the \$2 was yours))

SOME CHEAP ANSWERS

Steve Langley - The game I was running in issues 1 and 2 folded. A couple of the players got involved in a big project at work and couldn't devote the time required for the game. So they all decided to give up the game since it hadn't gotten very far. I'll ask them if they wouldn't mind revealing the codes they used.

David Perlmutter - I had a real problem with duplication of the last issue. The machine broke down in the middle of duplicating reverse sides so we decided to just print on one side. If the machine works right, this should be printed on both sides. Yes I appear to have a stupid mailman. She can't seem to keep up with the comings and goings in this apartment complex.

Fred Davis - Print a photo of myself to prove I'm real? If someone has doubts that I'm real, a photo won't prove much since I could print anyone's picture. Maybe that will be my next contest - pick me out of a group picture. Personally I think you're Judy Winsome.

Ben Schilling - No, I'm not anti-lefty. I happen to love left-handed compliments and have handed out several in my time with both hands. I'm not prejudiced against lefties. Some of my best friends are left-handed.

Kathy Byrne - Did you meet Tim Winger yet? Do you think he is as gorgeous as he told you he was? I felt like pinching myself everytime I was with Tim, not to see if I was real, but to make sure I stayed awake . . . I want to see how my GMing goes before I want to take on orphans. I'm trying to come up with a format that is a little easier for non-participants to follow. What do you think of it?

Don Ditter - No, I've never played a postal game, but I've played a move-a-day game which is similar.

Windy Windblad - Yes I've tried and like steam pilsner - Anchor Steam Beer is a local product, but I'm not a big beer drinker. I really enjoy it after a workout, but sometimes cold orange juice is even better.

John Michalski - What's this with liquor recommendations from you and Windy? Amaretto and Cognac sounds interesting. I'll try it.

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PLUGS

Want to subscribe to a Siamese twin zine? Eric Kane is offering two zines, Anduin, pubbed by Eric, and Helcaraxe, pubbed by Brian Lorber, for \$6 for 10 issues (or \$11 for 20, \$20 for 45, \$100 for life). Eric Kane's address is 109 Hicks Lane, Great Neck, NY 11024. Anduin is in digest format and his sister Vicky Kane does the artwork. He runs games in regular Diplomacy, Kingmaker, and variants. Game fees are \$2 and the refundable NMR fee is \$3. There are openings for Anarchy (no game fee), 1885II and Middle-Earth.

ART NOTES

In place of the usual cartoon on page 8, the mail cover page, I am using a logo submitted by Mark Lew a la Scott King. I think it is an ingenious design. Thanks Mark. I don't recommend staring at that design after smoking pampas grass or what have you - you may never come back.

Have you seen the artwork in Sleepless Knights? Dave Carter is the publisher (118 Horsham Ave, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada, M2N 1Z9) and the artist is Dave Weatherhead. The cover pictures on issues 11 and 12 are great. Dave's subscription fee is 50 cents per issue and \$2 game fee. He has openings in games gm'd by Barry Hickey. His zine is humorous, even raunchy at times. I enjoy it.

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THE MARK BERCH DEPARTMENT

Sunshine and warm days for the last eight days finally. The mosquitoes are loving it. The mosquitoes are loving me. The plants are growing so fast you can hear the ground popping. Or is that my arthritis?

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EPILOGUE

Hope you had a nice Easter. Do you know why the Easter Bunny hides Easter eggs? He doesn't want anyone to know he messes around with chickens. ((Now don't start asking me what I've got against chickens.))

Do any of you believe that someone can read personality traits from body language or handwriting? It seems to me that an ability such as that would be very useful in face to face Diplomacy. Since I've started pubbing I've discovered a new method of discovering personality characteristics - - from the stamps people choose to use. The only problem with this technique is it is difficult to verify your suspicions. For example, why does Rod Walker use the Beavertail Cactus stamp in his letters to me? Why do I like the Love stamp, while Fred Davis seems to like the Fire Pumper? Kathy Byrne, true to her reputation as a complex personality used the Ralph Bunche stamp, no doubt as a statement to help her in a forthcoming Diplomacy move. John Caruso, or the fake John Caruso, on the other hand used the nondescript C stamp. Postal cards do nothing for me.

Speaking of personality, there's a distinct difference between the Western and Eastern American in terms of personality. I think this story tells it best. This Texan (or Coloradan or Arizonan) is admitted to Harvard. So after flying East and getting settled into his room, he decides to take a walk to check out the campus. After a few minutes, he begins to wonder what the library is like but can't seem to find it.

Stopping an Easterner on the street, the Texan asks, "Could you tell me where the library's at."

The Easterner replies, "Obviously you've never been told that sentences are not to be ended with prepositions."

"Excuse me, could you tell me where the library's at ... asshole!"

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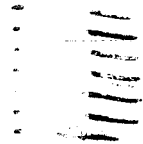
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