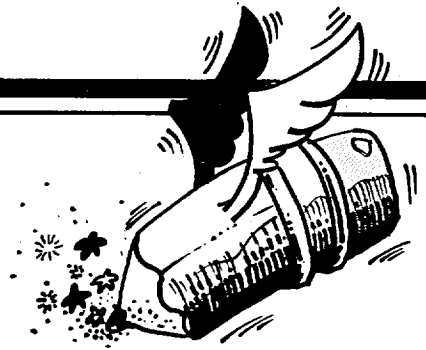


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Dear Madam:

In regard to the passage in Valery Judd's article concerning the FS wife at the cocktail party: Since *Liaison* provides a forum in which members of the Foreign Service community can express their views, I would like to know how your readers feel about the practice of extending invitations to dinners or receptions for men only.

My husband and I are posted to a country with a strong Muslim tradition, and I do not know if this is the reason, but it seems that wives are not invited out some evenings, even to functions staged by some foreign communities.

Is it because there are more single men, or because some women have not followed their husband to his post? Must the few women in such places be excluded from these outings which, even if they are nothing spectacular, are still better than staying at home alone?

I have nothing against business functions, but I would like to know what the rule is at the other posts. I do not have much experience, because nothing like this ever happened in Paris, where we were posted before.

I would like to know what you, and other women, think of this situation.

Please allow me to congratulate you on the work you are doing □

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On this particular occasion I gave a short talk on the Canadian police services to a group of junior detectives in Glasgow. At the conclusion questions were solicited from the audience.

One young detective from northern Scotland asked a question which I could not discern because of the brogue. Finally I said, "I am sorry but I'm really having difficulty with your accent".

The reply was "Ach, tis you that has the accent lad!"

Needless to say I never made that mistake again □

Bob-Paradis

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