

The circumstances that conspired against us this week were: (1) the fact that Monday was a holiday, with no mail delivery; (2) the fact that Tuesday was Election Day, and there was no way I was going to refrain from watching the returns; (3) the fact that, by sheerest coincidence, an inordinate number of games fell due on the same date, beyond the power of mortal man to GM in a single night; and (4) the fact that I'm in a wierd sort of limbo, living at one place but with most of my personal effects, including all my Diplomacy stuff, at another. Thus, the issue is late - understandable, I feel....

Situation (4) will be gradually alleviated; I'm fed up with moving so often, so I'm spacing my move over the period between now and the end of June. The current address is good until the end of June, although I'm picking up mail only a couple of times a week. But what the hell - you might as well start using the new one, which is: 121 19th Ave. NE, Calgary, Alta., Canada T2E 1N6.

Enough chat; gamesward ho!

(Anyone notice how much Joe Clark looks like Richard Nixon?....)

Game 1977AM, Spring 1907: RON KELLY DROPS OUT! NEW KAISER AIDS TSAR!

- England (Dave Pengelly): f lpl-iri; f den-bel, s by f kie (NRR, f kie dis.); a stp-lva; a NWV-stp; f bar un; f nth h; a swe h.
- France (Tom Butcher): f hol-bel; f mar-lyo; f wes-mid; a mun-sil; a bur-mun, s by a ruh; a spa h; a tyr-vis (retreat to boh).
- Germany (Fref Wasastjerna): a ber s Rus f bal-kie.
- Italy (Hartmut Halfmeier): a van s Rus a tri-tyr; f lyo-wes; f nap-tyr.
- Russia (Horst John): f gre-ion; a sev-rum; a ser-tri; a mos-stp; a war-sil; a tri-tyr, s by a vie; f bal-kie.
- Turkey (Dave Hurd): f naf s Ita f lyo-wes; a con-tun, c by f aeg & f ion; a bul-gre.

Fall/Winter orders are due Mon., July 9. See above for my COA. No press - on!

Game 1979R, Winter 1901: Austria built a tri, a vie; England built f ion; France built a par; Germany (Bob Albrecht) built a kie, a mun & a ber; Italy built f nap; Russia built a mos, f stpnc; Turkey built a con.

See my new address above; see #252 for Fred Winter's COA (but Fred advises that the correct spelling of the town name is ΑΓΚΑΔΑΣ.)

I really hated to NMR Julian, knowing that his miss was caused by his move to Germany, but my houserules are pretty explicit on the subject.

We're now on the prophetic system. Spring orders and retreats are due Monday, July 9.

Edinburgh: Razed at the foul attempt at sacking Holland, the English have mended their ways and said, "Let bygones be bygones!" "Where to now, though?" muttered a grey-haired old man while chewing on his musty old cigar. "I dunno. Brest, maybe. Munich, maybe. St. Petersburg, maybe. I just don't know...."

Moose Factory to London: Please reread the houserules section on General Orders, Bernie.

Germany to France: ((a late release from the previous Kaiser)) Perhaps now we can start with our plan.

Germany to England: ((ditto)) Perhaps now we can start with our plans.

Germany to France and England: ((ditto)) Perhaps now we can start with our

plans. Please send concrete proposals for 1902.

Moscow: RUSSIAN CAT IN AUSTRIAN TRAP, Runestone's editor misprinted PIGEONS for TRAP; sorry.

Game 1977AO, Fall 1907: LINES DOWN BETWEEN MOSCOW AND VIENNA, ALSO BETWEEN KIEL AND GERMAN FIELD COMMANDERS!

- Austria (Doug Hayward): a tus-rom; f tyr-tus, s by a pie; a ven s a pie; f tun s Rus f ion-tyr (nso); a nap h; f adr-ion; a mun-kie; a tyr-mun, s by a boh & a sil.
- England (Gord Bartman): f mid-eng; f lyo-wes, s by f naf; f eng-wal; f nth-lon, s by a yor.
- Germany (John Morgan): NMR! f nwy disbands in lieu of retreat; a kie dislodged; f fin, f bot, a bel, a bur & a mar all hold unordered.
- Russia (Eric Kirchner): "a sil-mun" (nsu); a pru un; f lon h (ann.); a nwy h; a ber s Aus a mun-kie; a stp h, s by f bar; f nrg-edi; f ion s Aus a nap-tun (nso).

Retreat: German a kie to hol, ruh or disband.

- Centres: Austria: home, ser, bul, gre, con, ven, rom, nap, tun, mun, kie (13) Build 2.
- England: sil, lon, lpl, bre, por, spa (5) Remove 1.
- Germany: ~~mun, kie~~, bel, hol, par, mar, den, swe, ~~ny~~ (6) If a kie disbands, build 1; otherwise, no change.
- Russia: home, rum, ank, smy, ber, nwy, edi (10) Build 3.

See page 1 for my COA. German standby orders are requested from Blair Cusack. All addresses in #252. Winter orders are due Tues., July 3.

Moscow to German Government-in-Exile: Let's see... you're a captain, I'm a second lieutenant... I'm 23, you're younger... Where do I sign up?

Game 1977AR, Fall 1908: ENGLISH FLEETS MENACE DOZING FRENCH!

- Austria (Blair Cusack): f eas-ion; f bla-con; a tyr-boh, s by a gal & a vie; a gre-alb, s by a tri; a rum s a gal; a ukr h.
- England (Dan McLellan): a war h, s by a mos; a stp s a mos; f den-hel; f iri-eng, s by f nth; f nat-mid; f bal h; a kie h.
- France (Dave Head): NMR! a boh ann; a pru, a sil, a mun, f bel, a bur, a mar, a pie, a rom, f apu, f tyr & f ion all hold unordered.
- Italy (Eric Roberge): NMR! a ven h un.
- Russia (Bob Normand): a sev s AUS a ukr.
- Turkey (John Lipscomb): f aeg-gre.

- Centres: Austria: home, ser, ~~kie~~, bul, rum, ank, con, smy (9) No change.
- England: home, nwy, swe, den, kie, stp, mos, war (10) Build 1.
- France: home, spa, por, bel, hol, mun, ber, tun, rom, nap (12) Build 1.
- Italy: ven (1) No change. (deadline, etc., on page 3)
- Russia: sev (1) No change.
- Turkey: ~~sil~~, gre (1) No change.

tures by the new Indian administration and regrets any possible misunderstanding over Yemen. The Italian government is giving serious consideration to India's request for support in the East.

Game 1978Fha, Fall 1653: ENGLISH ONLY AGGRESSIVE POWER AS OTHERS SNOOZE,
(Flintlock II) CRINGE OR BOBBLE!

Algonkians (Steve Norris): NLR! RivN, Québ, 3Riv, Mont, Fron, Musk, Nipp, Miss, LHur, Mich & Detr all hold unordered.
English (Robert Fisher): A Chaudiere h, b.f.; F BayFundy-Louisbourg; A NewEngland-Maine; DA Champlain s A Chau; A Catskill-Oneida, s by DA Mohawk & A Pennsylvania; A Philadelphia s A Penn.
Iroquois (Vic Melucci): (Disbanded Fron, retreated Onon-Lont); LakeOntario-Onondaga; "Cayuga s Lont-Onon"; "Cayuga s Adir"; (two contradictory orders, neither is followed); Oneida un., ann.; Adirondag s Cayuga (impossible); F GoffeStLaurent h.
Ohio Tribes (Robert Paquin): NLR! Ches, Dela, FtPt, Sena, Onon, LEri, Erie, Miam, Ohio, Ming, Kain & Shaw all hold unordered.
Wendat (Doug Hayward): Huron s ALG Fron; Petun & Neutrals s Niagara; Niagara s Neutrals.

Note that Chau is now a European centre and contains a fort. Note also that the units in GSTL, LOnt and LHur are removed without replacement.

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Centres: Alg: Miss, Nipp, Algo, Sagu, RivN, Mack, Pett, Mgan, Detr, Musk, Fron, Outa, Lont, 3Riv, Queb (15) Build 4, 1 short.
Eng: Phil, NYrk, Bost, NEng, Main, Lont, Chau, Cham, Moha, Onei, Huds, Cats, Penn + 2 offboard (14) Build 4.
Iro: Cayu, ~~Adir~~, ~~Penn~~, ~~Adir~~, Adir, Gasp (3) No change, 1 short due to drowned units.
Ohi: Miam, Ohio, Shaw, Erie, Ming, Sena, Onon, FtPt, Dela, Kain, Appa, Alle, Virg, Ches (14) Build 2, 1 short.
Wen: Muro, Petu, Neut, Niag (4) No change.

Winter/Spring orders are due Tues., July 3. Standbys: for Algonkians, Steve Payne; for Ohio, Steve Cartier. Lots of Steves....

It appears that a wave of apathy in the variant players is coinciding with a depletion of variant standbys, so it looks like some players will be called for more than one position in the same issue.

Help! We need more variant stanbys!

Game 1977AId, Winter 1906: By request, we play Winter only. Germany disbanded 2 den in lieu of retreat, removed f nth. Italy built f nap, a rom & a ven. France no change. Russia NRR, a nun disbanded in lieu of retreat. The draw vote results: 1 No, 2 Yes, 1 No vote; defeated. (Er, actually, Winter only was scheduled, anyway....)

Spring orders are due Monday, June 25. Would Bob Albrecht please stand-by for Russia? All addresses in #252, position, etc. in #249.

Paris to Russia and Italy: I am going to fight to the last centre unless in-

cluded in the draw.

Paris to Italy: I am considering your proposal for a 1st, 2nd finish, if your Winter builds are what you said they would be.

Paris to Russia: I can't believe you really trusted such an unscrupulous fellow.

Game 1977AShe, Spring 237 B.C.: CARTHAGINIAN COMMANDERS TAKE OWN INITIATIVE!
(Diadochi V) CROSSED WIRES IN EGYPT AND IN ROM-LAG-AXIS!

By popular demand, I am returning this game to the "American" system; i.e., non-prophetics.

Carthage (Steve Payne): NMR! General Orders used; A Iberia s A Saguntum;
A Saguntum s A Iberia; F NorthTyrrhenian s F LigurianSea;
F Carthage & F LigurianSea s F IberianSea; F IberianSea s F Carthage;
A Leptis h.

Egypt (Bob Fisher): A Jerusalem s A Philadelphia; A Philadelphia s A Jerusalem;
F AfricanSea-SyrtisGulf, s by F BarcaSea; F Crete-EgyptianSea;
F IonianSea-Pella (impossible), s by F Larissa(wc) (latter annih.);
F AegeanSea-PamphylianSea; A Alexandria s A Jerusalem.

Macedonia (Steve Cartier): F Korinth s ROM F SouthAdriatic-IonianSea (nso);
A Athens-Larissa, s by F Epirus; A Illyria-Pella, s by A Moesia;
A Nicomedia-Paphlagonia, s by F EuxineSea; A Scythia-Colchis;
A Thrace-Pergamum.

Rome (Pete Reese): A Aquitania h, s by A Lugdunensis & A WestCeltica;
A CisalpineGaul s F Massilia; F Sardinia-LigurianSea, s by F Mas;
A Venetia-Ravenna; F Ravenna-Brundisium; F Brundisium-MelitaSea;
F Palermo-AfricanSea, s by F MelitaSea; F Neapolis-SouthTyrrhenian;
F AiolianSea-IberianSea; F Rome-NorthTyrrhenian; A Syracuse h;
F SouthAdriatic s MAC F Korinth-IonianSea (nso); A Belgica h.

Syria (Konrad Baumeister): F Pergamum-Thrace; A Pontus-Paphlagonia;
A Galatia-Nicomedia, s by A Phrygia; A Armenia-Cappadocia;
A Arbela-Armenia; F Antioch-IssusGulf; A Palmyra-Antioch;
A Sidon-Tyre; A Tyre-Philadelphia, s by A Dura; F LevantineSea-
Jerusalem; F EgyptianSea-Cyrene.

Retreats: Carthaginian F Lig to NCa or disband; Egyptian A Phi to Nab or dis.

Fall orders are due Tues., July 3. See p. 1 for my COA. Carthaginian stand-by orders are requested from Trevor Baillie. All addresses are in #252.

Larissa: Get those ~~g&*w~~ Nile Barges the ~~g&*w~~ out of here! We have enough queer sailors of our own without the whole ~~g&*w~~ Egyptian Navy!

Moose Factory: True, the Greeks were noted for that sort of things... which had no bearing whatever on my choice of replacement for Macedonia....

I have decided to move all my Diplomacy stuff now. Thus, any games still undone are delayed a bit. I feel any short-term delays will be offset by the benefit of lack of confusion in the long run. Accordingly....

CHIMO!

1977Ad continued: See page 1 for my COA. Also, Dave Hurd is back in Huntsville: Box 1231, Huntsville, Ont. 10A 100. Standby for Franco: Mike Carroll; for Italy, Doug James. All addresses in #252. Winter/Spring orders are due Mon., June 25.

Game 1978Bip, Spring 1984: BRITISH FREE AFRICA! CHINA BECOMES PAPER TIGER!
(Youngstown VIII) ITALIANS EYE WEST AFRICA, INDIANS EAST!

The usual quota of hassles, changes, etc.:

Blair informs me that the adjudication around Gas is wrong. Yes, to the extent that the English "F SA Atlantic OBB-NAT" should have been underlined. This move cuts the French support delivered by F Lid and thus the French "A Gas-Sp" and the Italian "F Lyo-Spasc" stand off.

The Italian build of F Sud fails as Sudan isn't an Italian build centre. Italy plays one short.

Dave Hurd's postal code is still "7700". Don't use "2700", as there's a Claremont in that zone as well.

See p. 1 and #252 for Fred Winters' COA.

Both new players NRKed. Let's hope for reliability this time. France will be played by Dan McLellan (address in #252). I won't assign a Chinese player until we see if China survives. Standby for Austria is Bob Fisher.

Austria (Philip Jurgens): NRK; F Ton, F Red, A Smy, A Gre, F Aeg, A Alb, A Bul & F Tri all hold unordered.

China (Bill Lafosse): NRK; A Sihak dislodged, NRK, disbands.

England (Blair Cusack): F SA Atlantic OBB-NAT; F GulfGuinea-CapeVerde; F Eng-Lon; F MD h, s by F Hrg; F Java-CelebesSea; F Bar-Stpnc; F Johore s NRK; F GulfSian-Thailand(cc) (nso); A Zouonga s TRA; A Bas-Sud (nso) (retreats to Chad).

France (Art Love, but see above): NRK; A Bel dislodged, NRK, disbands; F Gas, F Alg, A Tun, F GSI; F Bor, F Can, A Par & F Lid all hold unordered.

Germany (Tom Butcher): A Bel-Lic; F Hel-Bel; A Gas-Lar; F Spa-Den; F Nth s RUS; F Yor-Del; F Hel s F Nth; A Lun-Dur.

India (Steve Payne): F ArabianSea-GulfAden, s by F Yemen; F EastIndian-Andam; F Burma-AndamanSea; F Ladrac-ArabianSea; A Thailand-Burma; A OuterMongolia-Sinkiang; A Sinkiang-Kanshu; A Delhi-Sind.

Italy (Dave Hurd): A Pic-Wy; "F Lyo c A Pic-Spa" (A Pic nonexistent); F GulAden h (retreats to SomaliSea); A Cyrenaica-Sudan; F Ven-Aous; A Mar s GER; A Mun-Mur; F Tyr-Wes, s by F Tun; A Sahara-Lauretania; A Niger-Tauceg.

Japan (Ken Walkie): F Vietnam-Annam; A Osaka-Siang, c by F SouthChinaSea & F NorthChinaSea, s by A Canton; F SeaJapan-NorthPacific; F Tokyo-SouthPacific; A Kyoto-Honshu; F Manchuria-Korea; F Peking-YellowSea; F MalayanSea s ENG; F Java-CelebesSea.

Russia (Fred Winter): F Yor-Eui; A StP-Wy, s by A Fin; F Omsk(nc)-Stpnc; A Los-Sev, s by F Dia; A War-Ukr; F Ank-Con; A Iran-Baghdad (retreats to Turkestan).

Transvaal (Bob Normand): A Agoni-antsaga; F Madagascar-Indian; F Lpl-Wal; A Lunda-Kinshasa; A Kotsa-Geton; A Ikela-Momongo, s by A Basoko; s CapeFria-GulfGuinea; F Durban-MozambiqueChannel; A Pretoria-Thonga; F Capetown-CapeGoodhope.

Turkey (Trevor Baillie): A Sov-Iran, s by A Baghdad.

Fall/Winter orders are due Mon., July 9. See page 1 for my new address.

gone to Delhi: The Italian government welcomes the recent diplomatic over-

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