

Yes, this is still RUNESTONE, and things are still somewhat unsettled. Most of my Diplomacy supplies are moved, but some remain to be transferred (unexpected physical problems having deferred some of the moving process) with the result that organization is still lacking at this end. However, we'll forge ahead and catch up at least some of the arrears....

Game 1977AN: This gets complicateder and complicateder. I have received a protest on my handling of the recent replay situation. I don't feel that I have erred, so I'm going to submit the matter to Ombudsman arbitration. As CDO Ombudsman I obviously can't act myself, so I'm going to ask Fred Davis, Ombudsman of IDA-NA, to look the matter over and advise us. Whether or not Fred can act in an official capacity, I would be prepared to accept his advice in an unofficial one; if the protesting player is not prepared to do so, please advise Fred and/or me, I will send copies of all the material I have on hand; please feel free to approach Fred directly: Fred C. Davis, Jr., 1427 Clairidge Rd., Baltimore, MD 21207, USA.

The game is delayed pending Fred's ruling.

Game 1978Hid: Only one player has submitted orders (two weeks after the deadline). Raymond Couture resigned and named Alain Lafond as his replacement; however, Alain's orders haven't been forthcoming. Robert Paquin tentatively indicated a desire to ~~oppose~~ to the Ontario team, and didn't send orders. Raynald Provost ordered his units, but is hesitant to continue because of a summer move out of town. The position and the lack of heart of the Montrealais would indicate that a concession would be in order; however, I hate to give the win to a team, none of whom sent orders. I am therefore declaring this game "no contest".

I will return the gamefees of all original players who are still in the game. I will also, if the remaining players wish to find a new GM, turn over records, etc., to anyone who takes it on; however, I won't take an active part in the search, as I honestly don't believe the game is worth continuing. (Just remembered - I didn't charge a gamefee! Forget it....)

Game 1977AP, Fall 1908: ITALY GRABS FRENCH CENTRES; ARM/SPICE UNLIKELY....

A four-way draw is proposed; please vote with your next orders.

Austria (Harry Drews): a mos-stp, s by a lva; a ukr-mos; a sev h; a tri h; a ber h, s by a pru; f alb h; a bul h; a gre h; a sil un.

England (Dave Ditter): f bel-pic, s by f eng (f bel ann.); f nth s f eng; f nat-mid; f den s Aus a ber-kie (nso); a nwy s a stp; a stp s Aus a mos.

France (Heiki Walk): (Retreated a bel-ruh); a ruh-bel, s by a bur & f pic; f bre-eng; a par s f pic.

Italy (Ken Wilkie): f tun-wes; f con h; a mun h; a kie-den; a ven-pic; a hol s Fre f pic-bel (nso); f spase-por; f wes-spase; f naf s f mid; f mid s Fre f bre-eng; f lya-mar.

Centres: Austria: home, ser, gre, bul, rum, sev, war, mos, ber (11) No change.  
 England: home, nwy, swe, den, stp (7) Build 1.  
 France: ~~par~~, bre, par, bel, ~~por~~ (3) Remove 2.  
 Italy: home, tun, ~~may~~, con, ank, mun, kie, hol, spa, ~~por~~, ~~mar~~  
 (13) Build 2.

My new address is 121 19th Ave. NE, Calgary, Alta., Canada T2E 1N6. Winter orders are due Monday, July 9.

Game 1978J, Winter 1903: Orders arrived late for both Villeneuve and Queso nelle last time; this time, however, even with an extra week due to my move, they're still missing, so new players take over France and Italy.

Austria stood pat; England built a lon, f lpl; France retreated a bur to gas; Germany built a kie; Italy (Norm Dunbar) dis- (Trevor Baillie) banded a ven in lieu of retreat; Russia retreated a sev to mos; Turkey built f smy.

My new address is 121 19th Ave, NE, Calgary, Alta. T2E 1N6. Spring orders are due there, Monday, June 25.

Game 1978Gid, Winter 1904: Dave Pengelly has declined the French position; any Ontarian who wants it should contact Doug Hayward and/or Randolph Smyth (addresses in #252). My COA: 121 19th Ave, NE, Calgary, Alta. T2E 1N6.

England built f lon; France NMR, f wes disbanded; Germany retreated a swe-fin, f den-hol, disbanded a fin, f hol; Italy removed f tyr; Russia stood pat (1 short); Turkey NBR, 6 short!

Spring orders are due to the new address, Monday, June 25.

Odds & Ends:

1. The new Sacred Rhino and Emperor games have been delayed due to problems in obtaining anonymous neutral orders for the missing players. They may or may not appear in this issue, depending on progress in that area.
2. My Jihad board is at my old apartment, so Jihad becomes the last (I hope) game to be delayed because of my move.
3. In case you're wondering, I'm still picking up mail at the old address, and will do so until the end of June, so none of the NMRs were caused by any delays due to forwarding. Some were likely caused by reliance on the telephone; since I've been almost never at the old place to answer the phone, those people have had to be disappointed. Somehow, I can't work up too much sympathy, as I've cautioned time and time again against trying to reach me by phone.
4. Would you believe that certain traders, people who get RUNESTONE regularly, are still sending mail to 1211 5th St., a place where I haven't lived for over 9 months? True....
5. New Blood: David Brockington, 19041 Dewdney Trunk Rd., Pitt Meadows, B.C. V0M 1P0.  
Ben Schilling, Apt. 315, 24730 Roosevelt Ct., Farmington Hills, MI 48018, USA  
Also, someone named Bruce Linsey asked for a sample but neglected to give me his address. Anyone know it?
6. In case any players are wondering what happened last issue, in the confusion of moving I left my duplicator paper behind, not realizing that I had an extra page to print up. Then, I erroneously printed page 5 on the back of page 4; when it came time to print up page 3, the only thing on hand was leftover Rocky Mountain Folk Club flyers. So, players whose games fell due last week got a unique bonus. Others will have to be content with mere out-of-order pages.