

Sure wish I had an electric typewriter for making those dividers... Oh well, here's RUNESTONE in the eighties. Let's start the decade with a:

Financial Statement for 1979:

Income:

subscriptions ¹	\$438.12
gamefees	45.00
sample issues ²	35
total	\$533.47

Expenditures:

postage	\$402.55
supplies	161.10
equipment repairs	53.79
transfers to	51.50
replacement GMs	
subscription refunds	8.56
NSP cheque	3.50
Boardman Numbers	3.00
total:	\$684.00

¹including sub credit traded from other zines.

²i.e., cash included in requests for sample issues.

Total expenditures:	\$684.00	Debts (total of unused sub credit):	\$277.15
Total income:	533.47	Outward cash flow:	150.53
Total cash flow:	-\$150.53	The Bottom Line:	-\$427.68

Last year's total cash flow was +\$164.23. Last year's bottom line was -\$232.88. In 1977 they were +\$164.24 and -\$186.02 respectively.

Certain hobbyists will be happy to see that RUNESTONE/BATOCHÉ has once more returned to respectable "fannishness", i.e., a money-losing situation. Let them take as they will. For my part, I view Diplomacy as a hobby, not a financial proposition. Even with figures such as those for 1979, it's still a pretty inexpensive hobby compared to most. And notice that if the extraordinary expenses (equipment repair and GM transfers) were removed, the outward cash flow would be only \$45.24.

I have no plans to increase my prices.

A game just ended in BATOCHÉ; here for the benefit of those who keep an eye on such things, are the stats:

Game 1977AS. Zine: BATOCHÉ. GM: John Leeder. Players: AUS: Patrice Ville-neuve (out W04); ENG: Julian Presber (drew W12); FRA: Luc Séguin (dro W05), Steve Hueston (res S09), Raymond Couture (out W09); GER: Claude Gautron (drew W12); ITA: Louis Lussier (dro S01), John Gross (out W12); RUS: François Guerrier (out W06); TUR: Pierre LaBrèche (Michel Bastien was a temp. sub. S06).

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	
Aus:	5	4	2	-									
Eng:	4	5	6	7*	7	8	7	8	9	11*	11	13	drew
Fra:	4*	4	4	4	2	1	1	1	-				
Ger:	5	5	5	6	7	7	8*	7	8	8	9	10	drew
Ita:	4	4	5	7	7	7	7*	5	4	2	2	-	
Rus:	6	6	5	1	1	-							
Tur:	4	5	7	9	10*	11	11	13	13	13	12	11	

began: Sept. 21, 1977
ended: Jan. 5, 1980
voted 2-way draw

Comments: first all-N.A. French-language game (almost all-Canadian - one U.S. player at one stage).

Game 1978I, Spring 1906: ENEMIES SWARM AROUND DORLANT FRANCE! GERMAN-
AUSTRIAN FRONT STALEMATED! EAST QUIESCENT!

Dave Pengelly resigned and requested that Horst John resume play of Germany, with he (Dave) being considered as a temporary substitute. So be it. Players were informed by carbon, and the deadline was extended to give Horst full negotiation opportunity.

COAs: Frej Wasastjerna, c/o Kyllästinen, Merivirta 9-C-41, SF-02320 Espoo 32, Finland. Dave Hurd (see #271, p. 4).
Walter F. Compton, Apartado 2940, Caracas 101, Venezuela.
Fred C. Winter, 6465 Yadkin Rd. #1, Fayetteville, NC 28303, USA.

Austria (Hugh Polley): a sil-mun, s by a tyo & a boh; a rum-sev; f bulsc h; a tri s a tyo; a war-sil.

England (Frej Wasastjerna): f sve h; f nwy-nrg; f stpnc h; a yor-lpl; f nth-eng.

France (Dave Hurd): NLR! a mar dislodged, NRR, disbands; a gas, f nat, a lon & f eng all hold unordered.

Germany (Horst John): a bel-bur; f den-bal; a mun h, s by a ber & a kie; a pru-war.

Italy (Tom Butcher): a van-pie; a pie-mar, s by f lyo; f por-mid; f tyr-wes; f nap-ian.

Russia (Walter Compton): f fin-swe; a sev h.

Turkey (Fred Winter): NLR! f con, f smy & a ank all hold unordered.

Could it be that Fred Winter's mail wasn't forwarded from Chicago? Also, Walter Compton's orders said simply: "No change - except in address". This could mean that earlier orders went astray, but possibly that he wanted his orders of Fall 1905 used; in any event, I had to use the latter alternative.

Standbys: Bob Albrecht for France, Bernie Oaklyn for Turkey; addresses in #265, #271 (p. 4) and above. Monday, Feb. 18 is the deadline for Fall (including retreats and builds/removals).

Vienna: Once again commander Pengelly has entered a war not of his making. The previous commander of the German forces foolishly attacked Austria-Hungary; now, you must lose your throne because of this.

Moose Factory: The foregoing seems to have been overtaken by events...

Game 1977AChf (Triumvirate), Winter 48 B.C.: The Senate did retreat to Pella, gaining that centre for a total of 5; Pompey thus has 24 centres. Caesar builds A Lug, A ECe (2 short); Egypt builds F Cyr, A Pto (1 short); Pompey builds F Kor, F Lar(wc); Senate retreated A Ill-Pel, removed F Lig, F Afr.

A concession to Pompey is proposed; please vote with your Spring orders, which are due Monday, Feb. 11.

New Blood: Gary L. Coughlan, 4614 Martha Cole Lane, Memphis, TN 38118, USA
Ronald James Brown, 424 rue Guérette, Maniwaki, P.Q. J9E 1N5

Game 1978Bip, Spring 1987: INDIA REACHES EAST COAST? OPERATION SEA LION
(Youngstown VIII) THROWN BACK! HIGH GET HIGH, POOR GET POORER!

It is proposed that the game be played on 5-week deadlines (the normal length, barring delays, being 6 weeks) since "major alliances are set and mail service is not that bad". My feeling is that the overseas people need six weeks, as do those corresponding with them; even if major alliances are set, stabs are always possible, but can't take place without proper negotiation time. Any comments? I wouldn't shorten the deadlines without unanimous "Yesses" from everyone.

See p. 2 for Fred Winter's newest address.

- Austria (Philip Jurgens): a gre-ser; a ser-bud, s by a tri; f eas-aer
(a ser ret. rum).
- England (Blair Cusack): F CelebesSea-MalayanSea; A Hausa s TRA A Taureg;
A Chad s TRA A Sud-Cyr; F Johore un; A Ipl-Wal; F Nrg-Nth, s by
F Edi & F Yor; F Lon & F Iri s TRA F Wal-Eng; F Senegal-Irarza.
- France (Dan MacLellan): F Mid-Spasc, s by F Por (F Mid ret. Gas, Eng,
Nat, all occupied, disbands).
- Germany (Tom Butcher): A Bre-Gas; F Den, F Hol, F Bel & F Eng s F Nth
(F Eng ret. Bre); A Kie-Ber; F Nth s F Eng; A Par h; A Mun h.
- India (Robert Fisher): F GulfAden-Ethiopia; A Hangkow-Canton; F Yemen h;
A Thailand h, s by F AndamanSea; A Sind h; plus one illegible
order for a non-existent unit.
- Italy (Dave Hurd): F Wes-Spasc, s by F Lyo; F Tyr-Wes; F Libya-Ion;
A Tun-Libya, s by A Sahara & A Cyrene (latter ann.);
A Lauretania-Casablance; F Mogadiscio un.
- Japan (Ken Wilkie): F Nat-Nrg; F NorthracificOBB-LidAtlantic, s by F
Canaries & F CapeBarbas; F EastIndianOcean-Ceylon;
F SouthPacificOBB-EastIndianOcean; F Southracific-SouthPacOBB;
F Cambodia-Thailand(sc), s by A Laos; F SeaJapan-EastChinaSea;
A InnerMongolia-Sinkiang, s by A Siberia; F NorthPacific s
A Siberia; A Manchuria-OuterMongolia.
- Russia (Fred Winter): F Stpnc-Nwy, s by F Bar & A Fin; A Nwy-Swe; F Smy h;
A Vie-Tri; A Bul-Ser, s by A Bud; F Con-Bulec; F Sev-Bla;
A mos-Sev; A Turkestan-Siberia, s by A Omsk; A Iran-Baghdad.
- Transvaal (Bob Normand): A Sudan-Cyrene; A Uganda-Sudan; F Wal-Eng;
A Kenya-Mogadiscio, s by A Ethiopia; F CapeFria-SouthAtlantic,
s by F CapeVerde; F MidIndianOcean-Madras; A Niger-Libya;
F Madagascar-MidIndianOcean, s by F SomaliSea; A Taureg h;
A Namibia-Angola; F CapeGoodHope-AntarcticOcean.
- Turkey (Trevor Baillie): A Jordan-Egypt.

Fall orders, with retreats and Winter builds/removals, are due Mon., Feb. 18.

I'm finally getting down to filing all the zines I've received since last May, and lots of goodies are coming to light. Frinstance, Scott Marley's address is 12682 Swidler Place, Santa Ana, CA 92705, USA. In May he published issue #1 of UTOPIA, LTD., a news and gossip zine doubling as an archives listing. Must see if it's still extant...

Will -- or will not -- Flintlock II be on page 4? Stay tuned...

Bagoosh, it is! Steve Norris and Robert Fisher both responded very promptly with acceptance of a joint victory, so Flintlock ends....

Game 1978Fha (Flintlock II). Zine: RUNESTONE. GM: John Leeder. Players: Algonkians: Don Berry (dro F1653), Steve Norris (won S1656); English colonies: Robert Fisher (won S1656); French colonies: Norma Dunbar (res S1652), Raynald Provost (out F1652); Iroquois: Victor Melucci; Ohio tribes: Robert Paquin (dro F1654), Steve Cartier; Wendat: Doug Hayward (dro S1654), Robert Cheek.

	1650	1651	1652	1653	1654	1655	1656 (Fall 1656 was not played)
Alg	8	9	13**	15*	17**	19***	joint victory
Eng	7	9	12	14	16**	14*	joint victory
Fre	6***	4**	-	-	-	-	began: Apr. 17, 1978.
Iro	6	8*	6	3*	1*	1*	ended: Jan. 7, 1980.
OhT	5	9	12	14*	14**	17***	
Wen	5	4	4	4	3	1	

Note that a joint victory is not the same as a two-way draw. For example, in VARIODDMOD (if it were still extant) each winner would be treated as though he had defeated five other players. Note also the fact that the Iroquois played three seasons with no units and still survived! (Who wants Lake Placid anyway?)

Odds & Ends:

1. I changed the wick on my duplicator for this issue and have been having hassles with it ever since. Some issues may be substandard as to printing quality this time (but, I hope, legible).
2. Variant enthusiasts, don't overlook the possible extension of Imperator as Imperator II. See #276, p. 3 - there could be a place for you!
3. I've owed a mention for way too long to a Canadian zine devoted to variants, published by John Lipscomb, 1201 Osler St., Saskatoon, Sask., Canada S7N 0T8. Game openings in regular Dip and variants (which ones were as yet undecided as of issue #2, Aug. 12 - see how far behind I've gotten?!) Gamefee \$1 for Dip, variants free; \$1 refundable deposit; subscription 5/31 to N.A., 12/31 surface or 7/31 airmail to Britain; British gamefee 50p. John recently became custodian of the Canadian branch of the North American Variants Bank, so his interest in variants is certainly manifest.
4. Another new Canadian publisher is Hugh Polley, whose zine RAM (carrying 77AR, transferred from RUNESTONE) has so far come out in a dinky computer-printout form (a far cry from the reams of floppy paper computers used to disgorge!); not especially readable but certainly a unique format in the world of Dipzines. RAM is soon to appear as a genuine zine as soon as the bugs get worked out; Hugh has big plans! He's starting another game, too; write him at 8801 93rd St., Edmonton, Alta. T6C 3T2.
5. Rumour has it that CDO elections are upcoming, and that I'll act as Returning Officer...
6. In response to multifarious queries, I have no intention of abandoning the North American Zine Poll; I'll be running it come March as usual...