

Well, this issue isn't late, but it's leaner than it might be. Ready for the latest ~~excuse~~ reason? The visit of a 10-year-old niece for a week, occupying the spare bedroom, which also happens to be my office, with a bedtime of 8:30 p.m. Dammit, I'm going to get the rest of Colonial Winters printed. But not this week.

I've also been putting in a lot of overtime at work, preparing a publication called Statutes of Saskatchewan Judicially Considered. Really. Ah, the glamorous world of publishing!

-----

Game 1978AShe (Diadochi V), Winter 234: Results of the concession vote: 4 Yes, 1 failure to vote. The question is still open; would the missing player please include a vote with Spring orders. Meantime, others may, if they wish, change their vote.

Carthage stood pat; Egypt built F Charax; Macedonia built F Korinth and F Pella; Rome built F Neapolis (see below); Syria disbanded F Charax and A Ephesus in lieu of retreat, retreated F LevantineSea to IssusGulf, built F Sidon (see below).

Errors last issue: (1) Syria does not own Cyprus, has 14 centres, not 15. (2) Rome loaned a centre (Carthage) to Macedonia; Macedonia may have one more build, with Spring orders; other players may make Spring orders conditional on the extra build if desired. Honest of you to point it out, Pete; I think, though, that I have to disallow your second build as a result. Sorry.

Spring orders are due Monday, February 25.

-----

I expected this to be a three-page issue; then I decided to cut it to two pages; then Blair came by with two pages of 78L, so we end up at four. And we end up with....

Bob Albrecht letter (continued from p. 2): not "care to", i.e., desire to, transfer your game or any other. I did it out of necessity. Nor did I want to do so without consulting the players; but no other alternatives were open to me. But I'm going to stop beating this particular dead horse. Enough is plenty.

((I don't think I ever used the word "reprehensible" concerning your desire to play only in games whose GM lives close to you. I think I said "unworthy and unsporting". You are saying, in effect, that you refuse to play unless you have an advantage right at the start. I'm sure people will draw their own conclusions as to the applicability of those words to this stance. However, nobody can force you to play where you don't want to.))

-----

Note to Konrad Baumeister: I've misplaced the letter in which you told me which back issues you want. (Perhaps it's not lost, just buried in the pile somewhere. Perhaps I'll get my massive filing and letter-answering job done this week. More likely not...) My apologies for the delay...

Message to Walt Buchanan: You've been misinformed! As you can see, RUNESTONE has a ways to go to hit #300. Nice to hear from you, though, and to know that you still are taking an interest in the hobby.

New blood: Bruce Calder, 805 49th Ave., Lachine, P.Q. H8T 2T3.

Game 1978Chb, Spring 873: EAST ANGLES OUST DANES PROL. ESSEX, BUT NORFOLK AND MIDDLESEX FALL! SAVAGES TO OVERRUN ENGLAND?  
(Gesta Danorum)

East Angles (Trevor Baillie): A MiddleSaxons-EastSaxons, s by E SouthAngles;  
A Holland-Sarwudu; A NorthAngles-Holland (annihilated).  
Norse (Blair Cusack): F SouthSaxonShore-Haestingas; F Dumnonia-SouthBrit;  
A Somersaetan-Hamtun; A Wintanceaster-MiddleSaxons, s by  
A Suthrige; F EastSaxons-SouthernAngles; A Cirenceaster-Hwicce;  
F IsleOfMan & F SolwayFirth s PICTISH F Westmoringaland-MaerseMouth.  
Picts (Ken Wilkie): F Westmoringaland-MaerseMouth; F IrishSea s NORSE F  
Dumnonia-SouthBritishShore F TheWash-NorthernAngles, s by  
F AnglianShore; F HumbreMouth-TheWash; A Lindsey-Holland;  
A Steinnor & A Pecsaelan s A Lameceaster; A Deira-Elmet;  
A Lameceaster s A Pecsaelan.  
Welsh (Bill LaFosse): F SouthBritishShore-Dyfed; F MaerseMouth-Gwynedd;  
A Hwicce-UpperTemes; A Cilternsaetan-UpperTemes; A NorthMercians-  
Pecsaelan, s by A Westerns; A Wreoconsaelan s A Westerns;  
A MiddleAngles-Sarwudu; A SouthMercians-MiddleAngles.

Retreat: Norse F ESx to Can, TeM or disband.

A draw between the Picts and Norse is called for; please vote with your Fall orders, which are due Monday, Feb. 18.

-----  
Letters: From Robert Sacks: I migt apologize to you and all your players  
for any offense about my "as many U.S. players as possible" - it actually  
was an innocent request, taking into account postal difficulties which I  
thereby hope to minimize. ((This is the spirit in which I took your com-  
ment, and expect that others did as well.))

How do I join CDO? ((Move to Canada! Actually, at one time the CDO  
organizers of that era discussed extending CDO to people outside Canada,  
and decided not to. I don't know if it's worth reopening the question; in  
any event, at present only Canadian residents are members (and all Canadi-  
an GMs and players are de facto members.))

I have been a gamesmaster for a long time. I have high standards and I  
still feel for players. I find Albrecht's position outrageous. (My dead-  
lines, not subject to change, are the 3rd Tuesday of each month. ((Slight-  
ly shorter than RUNESTONE's, but not having the Calgary post office (worst  
in Canada!) to work through probably equalizes things.)) The reason I re-  
quested the newer games was because I like games from close to their start  
to the bitter end. I, the players and the game grow old together. I have  
GMed 75Dby through 18 game-years, since the very beginning 4+ years and  
2 zines ago.

From Bob Albrecht: In reference to #274, p. 2, I have reconsidered my posi-  
tion on transferring games. It is just a slight change, more in the reflec-  
tion of a "live and let live" policy than anything else. I do now state:  
"If you care to transfer games without asking the players in that game,  
fine. However, I would use caution in the future before entering a game  
run by yourself."

On this, unless you have anything more to say, I will end this matter.  
Except to say that it is not "reprehensible" to want to be reasonably close  
to a GM when you have an inefficient postal system. This is one reason I do  
not get into too many East Coast and Southern U.S. games.

((Re your first paragraph: How many times do I have to say that I did

announced at 11:00 AM

INFO of to

GM: Bill (Phone) 1620-42nd St., SW, Calgary, Alta. (T50 1Z5)

FALL 1992: MAJOR POWERS HAVE HELLOVA PLISSER IN ZURICH DURING FESTIVE SEASON---

\*\*\*\*\* EVEN SEE BOARD! AUSTRIAN STILL UNDER TABLE! \*

AUSTRIA (Malucci) NMR! Cause th'ain't no mo' units...

ENGLAND (Ashes) A Wales-Brest, F Eng. C A York.-Bre. /Imp/, F Nth.-Den., F Mid.-Port.,

A Belg. S A Holl., F Kiel S A Holl., A Holl. S F Kiel.

FRANCE (John D. Morgan) A Pic.-Bre., A Burg.-Gasc., A Ven.-Tri., F Rome-Nap., F Tyrr.

S F Rome-Nap.

GERMANY (Norman) Retreats, F Kiel-Ber.

F Kiel, S A Ruhr-Kiel /NSD/, A Ruhr-Kiel,

F Ber. uno/4/

ITALY (Albrecht) A Bud.-Serb., A Tri. S A Bud.-Serb., F Bas.-Aeg., F Wsd.-Tun.

RUSSIA (Lipcomb) A Ukr.-Run., F Sev. S A Ukr.-Run., F Balt-Ber., A Mun. S F Balt.-Ber.,

F Bla.-Cons./a/, A Gal.-Bud., A Mos.-Ukr.

TURKEY (Caldyn) F Bla. retreats to Ankara.

A Arm.-Dmy., A Cons.-Dmy., F Ank.-Bla., F Bulg(ec) S F Ank.-Bla.,

A Serb.-Tri., F Ion.-Tr.

-Russian F Bla. is annihilated. German retreat is immaterial.

-Thank you to Doug Beyerlein and Mike Carroll for unused standbys.

Centres; Austria: ~~NSD~~ (0) Out.

England: Home, Nwy., Belg., Holl., Den., Port., Kiel (9) Build two.

France: Home, Spa., Ven., Rome, Nap., ~~NSD~~ (7) Was two short; Build two.

Germany: ~~Kiel~~, ~~Mun~~ (0) Out.

Italy: Tun., Vie., Tri., Bud., ~~Nap~~ (4) Even.

Russia: Home, Swe., Ber., Run., Mun. (8) Had one annihilated; Build two.

Turkey: Home, Bulg., Gre., Serb., (6) Even.

-This game was delayed for good reason. By Jan. 11th, I had just started receiving mail from Sacramento, CA, that was postmarked Dec. 14th. Also, mail from Eastern Canada was coming in on Jan. 10th that was postmarked Dec. 28th. Pitiful service... so I delayed the zine until I was sure all orders were in... especially considering the room for improvement on the postal service.

-Also note that the standby request for Germany last season was uncalled for, just a small oversight on John's part.

Press-Atarakon: Paul Maud'Idb walked slowly along the sands of Arrakis, the Dune planet.

The vision of ronents before brought on by melange, the spice of the desert,

and the... ..

1970 L, Contracted...

But then Paul, moved by the pity for the deranged man, and Paul's relentless pursuit of Jihad and pilgrimage to Ankara, stepped on him in order to free him from his agony.

He walked on, still puzzled by the vision...

-from "The Humanity of Haud'Dib

by the Princess Irulan

Ankara-"I hear the Russians have developed a new secret weapon!"

"Oh! Yes! Their newest device has a therapy tip of the mouthparts, which resembles a stylus of surgical precision!"

"Surgical! Then how could you see it?"

"By using a scanning electron microscope!"

"We never had such a device!"

"Oh, it is quite new. We obtained it by torturing German scientists that we captured during party raids of their co-ed campuses!"

"What kind of torture did you use?"

"We put burning wax on their 26 extremities!"

"Twenty-six! Let's see now, there are ten toes and ten fingers! That is only twenty!"

"You forgot the nose ear and chin!"

"Oh yes! That totals only 24!"

"Well look at this picture of the human anatomy and...!"

"Yes, now I see. I suppose the Germans don't have female scientists!"

"No! They're not smart enough to conceive anything!"

"They conceive children, don't they?"

"No, even the men do that. The women are just receptacles for the act!"

"Tell me more about the Russian secret weapon."

"Certainly! This weapon actually alights on its victim, unsheathes that stylus and neatly slices skin tissue. When it pierces a capillary, two powerful pumps in its head draw blood. The weapons homing device is an acute sensory apparatus, even though its eyes are covered with hundreds of lenses."

"Why, that's the description of a mosquito!"

"Yes! What did you expect from Russians anyway...ingenuity?"

Helium-Somebody Nuke Ankara now, before it spreads...

-Two last points, thanks to Bob Normand and Vic Melucci for playing out those positions, and of course the next deadline John: Fri., Feb. 22.

CHIMO!