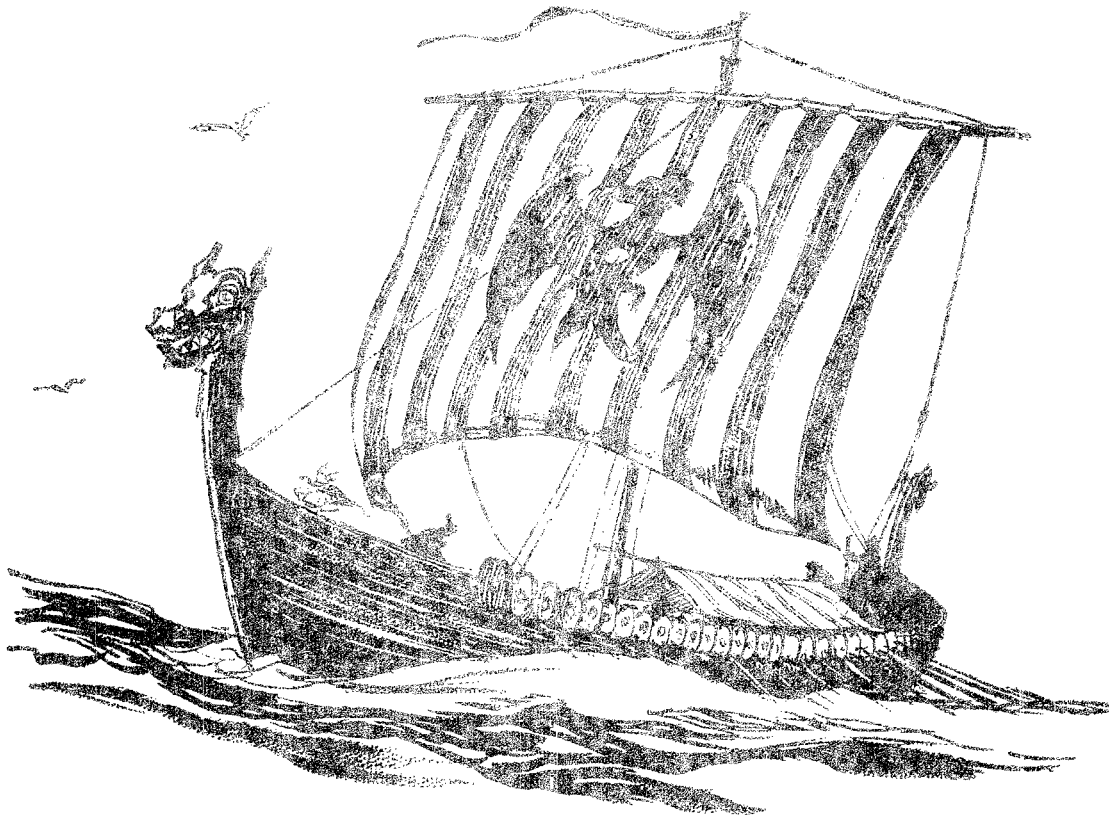


ARRAKIS

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Weather: Snow rain and lightning! A real mixed bag of weather. The Gestetner machine has been away to the shop so the new deadline is March 27, 1976. sorry for the delay. D.H. Arrakis # 54 February 27, 1976

Arrakis is a zine of postal diplomacy and other goodies that happen to come along. Subs to Arrakis are 1¢/page plus postage. Game openings exist in regular diplomancy, Albano, Smith, and Mueth are in that game, Johnston is the gm for that one. There is also a game of Antgoni Isles waiting to be filled. Leeder, Fisher and Ronald are signed up for that game. If you are interested right? for maps and rules. All game fees are \$2.00 plus a sub to Arrakis. Please send all money to David Head, as he ~~pppkk~~ looks after the books.

Well for a switch lets do the games first.

But first, we are:

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We are members of the CDGO (in case DH and BJ pack up and leave town) and the HDA, which serves no good purpose at all except to make other publishers wonder what the hell it is and to ^{be} used by Dave to fill the front page with news of. (Eg. Bill 1- We resolve to meet again, passed).

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Games Research Inc., which manufactures Diplomacy, has ~~with~~ the game of Avalon Hill, another war games company. our sources for this announcement came from the pocket armenian and predawn leftist in that Kitching (Rick) is now not associated in any way, shape, or form. ^{with Arrakis.} We have been less than pleased with his performance in GMing, adjudicating on time, and general lack of interest. Those players in 1974HB and 1974OW will now send their orders to Brian Johnston. Could those subscribers who send their zines to Rick now send them to Brian Johnston.

Like we said, the games!! (notice that we are so organized we will put them in alphabetical order).

GM: Johnston

Game: 1974AT

Season: Fall 1907 ENGLISH, ITALIAN HOPES SOAR!! AUSTRIAN ARMIES LETHARGIC IN BATTLE!! NMRING FRENCH STILL GET A BUILD!!

Austria (Kovalcik): Retreats a gre-alb, a sil s a gal, a boh s a gal, a bud s a ser, a gal s a bud, a alb s a ser, a ser s a alb, f eas-smy, s by f aeg.

England (Renson): f nth-lon, f bar-nwy, f edi-nth.

France (Cusack): NMR!! f eng, f lyc, f wned, a bur, a pic aber, a ruh all hold.

Germany (CD): a hol hold.

Italy (Correll): f ion-nap.

Russia (Klein): a rum-ser, a gre s a rum-ser, a bul s a rum-ser, f bla-rum, s by e ukr, a war-gal, f smy hold, s by a con, f stpnc-bar, f wy-stpnc, f sja-den, a den-swe.

Vote for Austrian-Russian draw defeated. New draw proposed between A-F-R. Will EVERYONE please vote on it.

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1974AT (cont'd)

CENTERS

Austria: (6) home, ser, ~~gre~~, ven, rom, ~~nzy~~. Remove 2.England: (4) home, nwy. Build 1.France: (9) home, spa, por, mun, bel, kie, ber. Build one.

Germany: (1) hol. Even.

Italy: (2) tun, nap. Even. (No place to build).Russia: (12) home, con, smy, ank, ~~ber~~, swe, ~~nyy~~, den, bul, rum, gre. Even.

Winter 1907 & Spring 1908 are due on March 20, 1976.

I'm sure Blair won't miss again so no standby will be called

BEFORETHELAWOFGRAVITYWASPASSEDDWAYBACKWHENEVERYTHINGWASPRETTYMUCHUPINTHEAIR!

GM: Johnston

Game: 1974CW

Season: Spring 1908 GERMAN FRONT CRUMBLES UNDER ENGLISH ATTACK! AUSTRIAN MISS LETS FRANCE GET INTO POSITION!! TURKEY THROWS IN WITH THE QUADRUPLE ALLIANCE!!! RUSSIANS RECAPTURE THE CAPITAL!!

Austria (Smyth)NMR! a vie; a sev; a rum; f bul sc; a gre; a tri; f adr all hold and a ser h.

England (Cusack) f lon-eng; a bel-hol; a ruh-kie; a bur-mun; f wme s FRE f lyo-tyr; f ion-eme; f eng-mid; f nth s a bel-hol; f den s a ruh-kie; f stpsc h.

France (Head) a mar-pie; a tus-ven; a rom s a tus-ven; f lyo-tyr; f tun h.

Germany (Kelly) a ber s a mun; a hol-ruh; f kie-den; a mun s a hol-ruh.Italy (Ronson) f nap-rom.

Russia (Gross) a lvn-stp; a mos s a lvn-stp.

Turkey (White) f aeg-ion; f alb s f aeg-ion; f con h.

Retreats: English f stpsc to fin, bot or OTB. German f kie to hel, bal or OTB.

Fall 1908 moves are due March 20, 1976 and can be made conditional on the retreats. I don't think Randolph will miss again.

THEOLDFUNDRAWOLFCAMEUPTOTHEWEATHERBEATENDOOROFTHEOLDFURTRAPPER'SSHANTYBACK

GM: Johnston

Game: 1974HB

Season: Fall 1906 RUSSIAN LEADER BROUGHT BACK FROM EXILE AFTER OUTCRY!
ITALO*RUSSIAN GRIP BECOMES TIGHTER AND TIGHTER!!

England (Smyth)NMR! f den; f nwy; f nrg all hold.

France (Solomon) f por s f spasc; f spasc s f wme-lyo; f wme-lyo; f eng-bre; a gas-par; a bel-ruh; a bur s a kie-mun; a kie-mun.Italy (Ball) retreats f spasc-lyo. f cons RUS a arm-ank; f aeg-ion; a boh-mun; a ven-tyr; a mar-bur; a ruh s a mar-bur; a pie-mar; f lyo s a pie-mar; f tyr s f lyo; f mid-gas; a pic-bre; f naf-mid.Russia (Gillespie) see below f stpnc-nwy; f bar s f stpnc-nwy; a fin s f stpnc-nwy; f swe-den; a mos-stp; a arm-ank; a bul-rum; a sev-rum; a run-gal; a pru-ber.

Turkey (Klein) f bla h.

Retreats: English f nwy to nth, ska or OTB.

Centres:

England: (3 centres) den, lon, edi. Even.

France: (8) lpl, kie, ~~ber~~, par, por, bre, bel, hol, spa. Even.Italy: (11) home, ~~spa~~, tun, mar, vie, tri, gre, con, smy, mun. Remove 1.Russia: (12) home, bul, rum, swe, nwy, bud, ser, ank, ber. Build 2.Turkey: (0) ~~ank~~. OUT!!

PAGE III

HB (cont'd) Laurence Gillespie has been given back the Russian position as he is sure he sent orders, but we didn't receive them. No standby will be called for Smyth, hopefully he won't miss again. Deadline is on page II. Concerning what Dave said about HB in last issue ("HB has not been all that hot"), Steve Ball says, "I've seen a lot of Dip games, and this one certainly isn't a loser. Diplomatically, there's a lot going on behind the scene's in this one." Dave wishes to clarify himself by saying he wasn't referring to players and such but the GMing has been less than spectacular. The game has been delayed quite a few times.

INTHEWILDWILDERNESSOFTHENORTHERNTUNDRAWITHASUDDENJERKTHEDOORSWUNGOPENAND

GM: Head

Game: 1974HP

Season: Fall 1905 YAWN!!

Germany retreated f bal OTB

England (Klein) a mos-ukr; a stp-mos; a nwy-stp; f lvn-bot; f swe-ska; f bal-den; f nth h.

France (Cornell) a mar-spa; a tyr-tri; a ven s a tyr-tri; a pie-tyr; f tyr s ITA f ion; f wes s f tyr.

Germany (Johnston) a kie-hol; a ukr-gal; a war s a ukr-gal; a mun-boh; a sil s a mun-boh.

Italy (Stewart) f adr s PRE a tyr-tri; f ion s f adr; f tun s fion.

Russia (Berggren)NMR a sev h; a gal h; a boh h; a vie h.

Turkey (Anschuetz) f Bla s RUS a sev; f eme-ion; f aeg s f eme-ion; f alb s a tri; a gre s f alb; a ser s a tri; a tri h.

Retreats: Russian a gal to bud, rum or OTB. A boh in wiped out.

Centres: Everyone likes the centres they got and refuse to swap

England (8 centres) home, nwy, den, swe, stp, mos build one (short one last season)

France (6 centres) home, spa, por, ven, even.

Germany (6 centres) home, hol, bel, war, build one (one ann.)

Italy (3 centres) tun, nap, tun, even.

Russia (4 centres) sev, rum, bud, vie, build 1 or 2 depending on retreats, but no room to build so will play 1 or 2 short.

Turkey (7 centres) home, bul, gre, tri, ser, even.

Winter 1905 and Spring 1906 are due March 20, 1976.

The E/F/G draw was defeated and another draw E/F/G/T has been proposed.

Press: "It's the men, sir; they're getting restless. As you can imagine, sir, being taken away from Marseilles then moored within sight of the flesh-pots of Rome and Naples for these many years. When, sir when?"

I won't call for a standby for Russia as I'm sure Peter won't miss again.

THEBARRELOFASHOTGUNFACEDTHETUNDRAWOLFRIGHTBETWEENTHEEYESTHISCOULDBESTICKY

GM: Head

Game: 1975EG

Season: Fall 1903 AUSTRIAN WAR=MACHINE SLOWED DOWN GERMANY TAKES TO THE NORTH ITALIANS SAIL INTO TURKISH WATERS

Austria (Case) a ukr-sev; a rums a ukr-sev; a vie s a gal; a gal-war; f gre h; a ser s f gre; a bul-con.

England (Smyth)NMR f eng h; f ska h; f nth h.
 France (Anschuetz) f wal s f mid-eng; f mid-eng; f spasc-mid; a bel h;
 a pic s a bel; a bre h; a gas h. (bal-)
 Germany (Johnston) a sil s RUS a war; a hol-kie; f nwy s f swe; f bal-swe;
 f den s f bal-swe.
 Italy (White) a apu h; a tun h; f aeg-eme; f ion s f aeg-eme
 Russia (Leeder) a mos s f sev; f sev h; a war s GER a sil; f bot s a swe
 a swe h.
 Turkey (Ronson) a smy s f con; f con s AUS f gre-aeg NSO; f eme-ion.

Retreats: English f eng to lon or OTB, Russian a swe to fin or OTB,
 Turkish f eme to syr or OTB.

Centres:

Austria: (7 centres) home, ser, gre, bul, rum. even.
 England: (2 centres) lon, edi, ~~nwy~~. remove 1 or even depending on retreat.
 France: (7 centres) home, por, bel, spa, liv. even.
 Germany: (7 centres) home, den, hol, nwy, swe. build 2
 Italy: (4 centres) home, tun even.
 Russia: (4 centres) home, swe, remove 1 or even depending on retreat.
 Turkey: (3 centres) home. even or build one depending on retreat.

Winter 1903 and Spring 1904 are due march 20, 1976.

If Smyth misses again England will go into CD unless someone wants to
 standby.

THOUGHTTHEOLDBEASTTOHIMSELFTHATGUYISANUTANDAKNOWNWOLFHATERTHISCOULDBEVERY

GM: Head

Game: 1975EX

Season: Fall 1902 AUSTRIA MARCHES ALL OVER ITALY!! ENGLAND DECLARES WAR
 ON GERMANY FRANCE SHUFFLES HER UNITS AROUND ITALY SLEEPS!

Austria (Stiege): Retreated a bud-tri. a tyr-vie, a ser-bud, s by a tri,
 a ven-non, f alb-adr.
 England (Warner): a yor-den, c by f nth & s by f swe, f ska s f swe.
 France (Gemignani): f mid-bre, a bur-mar, a gas-bur, a parh, a pic h.
 Germany (Callahan): f den h, (retreat to kie, hel or OTB) a ber-lvn, c by
 f bal, a hol s a bel, a sil-war (retreat to pru, ber, mun, boh or OTB), a
 bel. s a hol.
 Italy (McCormick): NMR! f nap, fion, a tun hold. A ven disbanded (no-retret).
 Russia (Thompson): a gal-sil, s by a war, f stpsc hold, a sev-rum, a bud-ser.
 Turkey (Doble): a con hold, a bul s Russian a bud-ser, f emed-ion, s by f gre.

Could Tony Albano, 391 Sugarloaf St., Port Colborne, Ont, L3K 2P6 please
 standby? IF everyone agrees, Winter 1902 and Spring 1903 due March 20, 1976.

Centers

Austria: vie, tri, ~~bud~~, ser, ~~gre~~, rum. Remove 1. (4)
 England: home, nwy, den, swe. Build 2. (6)
 France: home, spa, por. Even. (5)
 Germany: home, bel, hol, ~~den~~. Remove 1 or even depending on retreat. (5)
 Italy: ven, nap, ~~den~~, tun. Even. (3)
 Russia: home, rum, bud. Build 1. (6)
 Turkey: home, bul, gre. Build 1. (5)

Press on next page.

Page V
Press (1975EX):

Vienna: The Viennese Chancellor today announced the formation of the axis alliance. This alliance is dedicated to the elimination of barbarians, untrustworthy bandits, and more specifically, Russians.

Furthermore it was stated that any temporary Russian advances will be quickly routed as the peasants have now strategically overextended themselves and face several tight fronts of various nations.

The Chancellor assures the populace if a peaceful solution is possible it will be researched.

London-Berlin: The British involvement in Denmark is only for the sole purpose of nationalism; uniting the Scandinavian countries under British monarchy. (Just as we intend to do with the rest of Germany).

Paris: Would the friend of the family please write and tell me what they want done, it has been a long time between drinks.

GM: Head

Game: 1975HA

Season: Winter 1901 EVERYBODY HALF ASLEEP AS NEW ENGLISH LEADER TAKES OVER! ENGLAND , FRANCE PREPARE FOR SOMETHING!!

Austria (Gillespie): Build a bud, has a bud, a rum, f tri, a vie.

England (Kelly): Build f lpl, has f lpl, f nrg, f nth, a nwy.

France (Callahan): Build a par, f bre, has a par, f bre, a spa, f mid, a bur.

Germany (Grabar): Build a mun, a kie, has a mun, a kie, a hol, a ruh, fden.

Italy (Zaccalini): NBR! A.N. built f nap. Has f nap, a tyr, a ven, f tun.

Russia(Spiegel): Even. Has f bot, a ukr, a war.

Turkey (Shea): Built f smy, a con. Has a con, f smy, a bul, f bla, a sev.

Could Bryan Ronald, 550 Warminster Dr., Oakville, Ont. please stand by for the Italian position. Deadline for Spring 1902 is March 20, 1976.

Addresses can be found in Arrakis #50. Spring on file from A/E/G

1975HA — Press:

The Swanky Section of Vienna: Arch-Duke Laurence the First expressed condolences of the Austrian-Hungarian peoples upon learning of the untimely death of the Italian Foreign Minister-Fredirico Diplimatico. Apparently the Foreign Minister accidentally shot himself fifty-four times while cleaning his machine gun at the bottom of the Tiber River. The Arch-Duke also expressed his surprise at the Foreign Minister's choosing to do that sort of thing in such a weird place, especially with his feet encased in cement blocks! Diplimatico will have a small funeral, with only two pall-bearers, as a garbage can only has two handles.

Personal matters aside, the Arch Duke warned the Italian "Army" not to be overly restless for an Austrian feast, as the wops will have to eat crow first! In fact, the Italians will likely be reduced to boiling the sole of "The Boot" if they expect to live off the pickings from Austria. The Arch-Duke also reiterated that despite all rumours to the contrary, Austria was definitely not Hungary at the moment. He did offer to make goulash out of anything the Italians sent into Tyrolia though.

In the east, the Field Marshall of the 2nd Army reported that the Tsar also declined the invitation to the Austrian feast. Apparently he is suffering from a hangover from too much Rum, or perhaps not enough of it! And it seems that Tony the Rock stoned as well! ((this guy should get stoned!))

In the west, the Field Marshall of the 1st Army admitted that the Italian claims of sleaziness in the Austrian army were not entirely without basis. He had to agree that there was a large number of officers who planned to steal the Venetians blind when they move into eastern Italy in 1903. But then time will tell what will happen to the Italians, though if they look to the Russians as a model.....

This That and The Other:

1. ((From Bryan Ronald)) I can't find issue #51, but whenever my landlady runs out of toilet paper something disappears from my room. And she complained while looking at issue #53 over my shoulder of the rough texture of the paper you used.....Hm, what does she mean, feels alright to me. Something just bubbled out of the toilet and crawled down the hall. Ah! ha! my long lost issue #51 (I think?)
2. There's a lot of shit flying about over last years Dipcon and Gordon Anderson's running of the event. It seems some of the cheques for the prizes were highly elasticized and bounced. To get the whole story on this affair I suggest getting Impassable #61 from John Boyer 117 Garland Dr. Carlisle, PA 17013, if you do not already subscribe this zine is one of the best for hobby news. The IDA is staying clear of Citex this year and will be meeting at Origins II in Baltimore MD on July 23-25.
3. Gordon Anderson must be a fruitcake! I just got his news-letter the other day. Most mainstream fans will already know about it likely, but in it he took cheap shots at just about everyone he didn't like. Titles in his letter included "The IDA has another crooked election" "GRI's rape of the Diplomacy hobby". I strongly urge all newcomers of the hobby to steer clear of this guy.
4. The flash on the front page that GRI had sold dippy to AH came from the Pocket Armenian, but I just got the Predawn Leftist, and according to it the whole company GRI has sold out to AH. No matter which way you look at it Avalon Hill now has Diplomacy.
5. ((From Laurence Gillespie In reference to last issue's cover)) How dare you mock Nova Scotia's noble dramatic tradition! I'll see you get a Zeppelin award for that insult! Seriously, I was planning to use that picture in an upcoming issue of Zeppelin myself, so it is an interesting coincidence. ((We'll grant you permission to use it if you like!))
6. I've read about anonymous games of diplomacy lately and the idea appeals to me. If anyone is interested in trying this sort of thing write to me (DH) and I'll see if I can get enough bodies for the game. If you are not familiar with this type of game all of the players identities are known only to them and all negotiations etc have to be conducted via press. Looks like I left out the 'it' in identities.
7. A note to all players in 1974CW and 1974HB please send your orders from now on to Brian Johnston only (see front page) if you send them to Kitching there is no guarantee that they will reach Brian who is now your GM. And could all traders who have been sending their zines to Kitching please send them to Brian.
8. Lets get more press into Arrakis!! How about $\frac{1}{2}$ a page of press from each player. Press is one of the things that makes a game interesting so get out your typewriters or pens and write write write!!!!
9. Our plea for standbys last issue has produced some results. This is the list as it now stands (in order) Doble, Kelly, Cusack, Thompson, Johnston, Albano and Ronald. We could still use some more so feel free to write us a letter.
10. We'll end it here at the bottom of the page.

11. Forgot one thing, Larry Norton and Mitch McCormick go on the blacklist.

What Really Happened on the Soyuz-Apollo Mission, as told to us by
Comrade Alexei Leonov by Steve McLaughlin

0730 Washington time, Tuesday, July 15

I pour myself a liberal shot of vodka to calm my nerves, and cool the heat of the Asian desert, the temperature in the high 30's, the torture enhanced by the lack of air-conditioning in the g.d. building, (these units having been salvaged for Soyuz parts).

Valeri and I don our suits, tight fitting and bulky, heading out into the world, the blazing yellow sun demon sneering at our backs. (Valeri tells me that I have a yellow streak in me when I use such phrases), holding our helmets in our sweaty palms, a bevy of photographers and officials following, milling around, pushing, shoving, kicking, biting and scratching, exhibiting traditional Soviet respect to others, while at the same time jockeying for the best picture position.

0805

We enter Soyuz. My first time in this one. (After all, you can't let just anybody know about these kind of things). I see why they weren't allowing any pictures before this. What a mess! With all these switches and other funny looking gadgets around, the viewing audience would likely puke! Worse yet, prospective cosmonauts might decide that the fame and the glory just aren't worth the risk, and take up a safer occupation like fighting Chinese (it is my opinion that you have to be more than a little bonkers to want to fly one of these Soyuz machines anyway). Having made these profound observations, I realized that I had omitted one crucial thing I should have done before I left.

0820

A perfect lift-off! (Valeri tells me it was quite fun, though I gave my head a helluva crack on the ceiling, and was out for most of it). At about 0930, we are contacted by the numero uno in Moscow, Leonid Brezhnev. "Comrades". He tells us. "It is imperative that you sabotage the Soyuz tv camera." "If our people see the Apollo close-up, and start comparing, we shall be in very hot water!" Moving with swift, unhesitating devotion to his country, Valeri picks up a spanner, swings at the tv camera, misses and cracks his thumb instead. (The Amerikanskis expect their people to believe that the bandage was for the television camera, of all things).

Nothing to do 'til link-up. Kill time playing Soviet version of Monopoly, whereby the person winding up with the most money is shipped off to Siberia. Valeri wins. Says he won't go to Siberia because his mother-in-law lives there. Spend rest of time playing Chinese checkers.

1215 Thursday

Damn Yankees try to knock us out of orbit. Tell Stafford that Soyuz and 'pollo have already shaken hands, so let's forget about the rest of it. Stafford pretends not to understand English, and babbles away at me in Russian.

Turn to the next page.....

1517

I start into the docking module. Reluctant to go all the way because the smell in the tunnel is something awful. I hurry when Stafford says the one closest to the exit has to go for beer. Shake hands and tell Stafford that he has to go for beer. Stafford replies "Screw you, I only drink vodka"; grabs his drinking buddy Slayton, and dives through the hatch into Soyuz. Exchange made in Japan souvenirs.

1000 Friday

Breakfast. Hot dog concentrate (the different labels are designed to convince the audience that we are eating steak, etc.) Yankees very boring. Play hide-and-go-seek with us between Apollo and Soyuz. Try to get them interested in a game of Chinese checkers, but they want to play Russian roulette.

1126 Saturday

Finally manage to un-dock from Apollo. Slayton gives us a variation of the OK sign, and says that he hopes we run into the Salyut space station on the way back. Stafford and Brand start into their "Nyet, nyet Soviet" routine. We wish them a happy splash-down on the ocean floor.

2211 Sunday

Have spent most of day sleeping and drinking vodka. Valeri wants to play Chinese checkers. I want to check him out through the window.

0455 Monday

High above the Adriatic. I have this sudden urge to go for a swim, but we left our suits in Moscow. Approximately 0630. We are over the Kazakhstan Plains. We start to descend. (The way I heard it, we were supposed to land in the Pacific).

0651

We land with a hard thud, and a heavy cloud of dust. (We can't go to the moon, but we can sure get the effects). We bail out of Soyuz, and are immediately swamped by the onrushing crowd. Next trip I must remember to bring more vodka and caviar. The helicopters lift us, and we roar off into the billowing dust, the people becoming as ants that are gathered around an anthill that is Soyuz.

DICEYHETHOUGHTBUTOUTFROMTHEWILDERNESSCAMETHEMANFROMTHENWTHUMANESOCIETYHE

A butcher asked one of his customers, a swami if he would predict his future. In return he would give the swami a discount on his meat. The swami agreed and cast a prediction for the butcher, most of which was bad.

The butcher was upset about this and was determined to get revenge. He told his clerk to put his thumb on the scale when the man came in for his regular order of liver, in order to cheat on him.

The next day when he came to the store for his order the butcher whispered to his clerk, "Remember to weigh down on the Swami's liver!"

CLOBBEREDTHETRAPPERANDSAVEDTHEGOODOLDTUNDRAWOLFSOHECOULDROAMTHEPLAINSAgain

