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THE ADVENTURES OF
TEAM USA (and
Canada,
too)
AT WORLD DIP CON III

JANUARY 24: Arrive at Sydney Airport after an hour bus ride to San Francisco Airport, an hour in the terminal, an hour flight to Los Angeles, two hours going through customs formalities and more waiting, and fourteen hours in the air from Los Angeles to Sydney. For some reason, United Airlines has a separate audio channel with its movies dubbed in Spanish, French, German, or Japanese (depending on the destination), but Chinese is put in subtitles, so I sat through an English-subtitled-in-Chinese version of *The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell Of Fear*. For some reason, it's called something completely different in French - something to do with the President.

Anyway, TEAM USA (that is, ME, as nobody else could afford the \$1600 plane fare - WHAT recession?) is greeted to a reception worthy of its talent - I had to call a taxi to take me to Clive Lane's house in the Sydney suburbs, where we broke up into cars for the five-hour drive, complete with stop at McDonald's. The only real difference I saw was the "McFeast" - what they call the McDLT.

The University of Australia dormitories are just like your typical American ones (like the ones at UNC for WDC II) - a bed, a desk, a lamp, and some closet space, but no air conditioning.

JANUARY 25: The preliminaries are scheduled to begin at 9 AM. The site of the tournament opens at about 9:20. The Returned Services League (RSL), which is best described as Australia's answer to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, runs the club where the tournament takes place. One thing makes an RSL club different

from other clubs: at 6 PM each night, all patrons stand while a voice reads a poem that begins something like "They shall not grow old as we who remain grow old" and ends "We shall remember - Lest we forget".

10 AM - Round 1 begins. The board announcements are made; I am on Board 1, called "Genesis". (All boards in Australian tournaments are named; WDC III used Bible books.) I reach into the box for my country - Austria. Well, so much for 1992. Just for the record, the other players were: E-Michael Hopton, F-Clive Lane, G-Luke Clutterbuck, I-Darryl Winder, R-Grant Schmarr, T-Richard Kleinbergs.

All games use the same time deadlines (that is, everybody's Spring 1901 deadline is at the same time, as is Fall 1901, Spring 1902, and so on), and all orders must be put into the appropriate folder at one end of the room. Also, DIAS was enforced, and players couldn't give SCs to other players in order to get a draw without actually playing out the seasons (and the time limits could not be changed for individual tables, but everybody's deadline could be changed if a majority of the players agreed).

Fall 1901 - until now, I never saw a game in which Austria didn't get Greece and Italy didn't take Tunis. Needless to say, I was out by 1904. The game turned into EF vs IT (with help from R) and ended in a five-way draw.

Australian tournaments use a unique scoring system, divided into two parts. First, beginning with 1902, the player with the most SCs received 7 points, second-most got 6, and so on down to 1 for the least. Ties split the points, except that anyone with zero SCs got 1 point. At the end of the game, each player received the average of his/her "place points" plus bonus points based on his/her finish: in a draw, the players divided 18 points proportionally based on final SCs (that is, assuming all 34 SCs had been taken, 18/34 points per SC); a sole win was worth 23, and the other players in a sole win divided 5 points among themselves proportionally based on their SCs. This sum is divided by 3, so the game score ranged from 1/3 (1 place point for always being in last and 0 finish points for elimination, divided by 3) to 10 (7 place points for always being in first plus 23 for a win, again divided by 3). A 17-center draw was worth as much as $5 \frac{1}{3}$ points - 7 place points plus $17 \times 18 / 34 = 9$ finish points equals 16, divided by 3 = $5 \frac{1}{3}$.

Unfortunately, I received the minimum 1/3 point and, as a result, ended day 1 in a tie for last place. At least the barbecue was good (no shrimp - sausages and lamb), even if we did have to cook our food ourselves.

JANUARY 26: On the way to the club (which, by the way, nobody bothered to show me its location), I meet Jill Mentiplay, who is listed in at least one newspaper article as "Australia's highest-rated female player". She reminds me of Cathy Ozog - short, young, and reddish hair. Well, Jill's younger (and I think shorter) and her hair isn't exactly "red", but you get the idea. (Speaking of women, I discover for the first time that Marion Ashworth is a woman; her 26th-place IDTR finish in 1990 is, far and away, the highest by any woman, unless there's another surprise out there.)

Naturally, I draw the same board as Jill, my France to her Austria, with E-Paul Appleyard, G-Neil Ashworth, I-Shane Beck, R-Michael Gobson, and T-Frank Meerbach. However, Paul Appleyard and his brother were late, so Luke Clutterbuck played England in 1901. It sounds like an AI is forming until the Spring 1901 orders are read: "Army Venice to Trieste". Jill's displeasure is not exactly kept a secret - and "displeasure" is putting it lightly. After a few choice words, she heads off to cower against a nearby wall. Typical young player's reaction? Case of World Dip Con nerves? Bit of "Jill Mental-Play"? Do I LOOK THAT STUPID? I spend most of the Fall 1901 period trying to convince Germany that it's an act. I also realize that I made a SLIGHT mistake in judgment. Jill is not Cathy Ozog. I had come across the **AUSTRALIAN KATHY CARUSO - and ENDED UP TOP PLAYER ON THE BOARD.** (That's the first time that's happened in 12 YEARS.) While IT tried to take out A (helped by G and a little by R), FG worked on E; eventually, once I and E were out, GT reduced A from 4 to 1, and the game ended in 1909 with a AFGRT draw, F and G each with 11, but as I had the lead for more years, my score was slightly higher than Neil's. I didn't get two stab wounds from Kathy Caruso without learning *something*.

One thing I got tired of: sitting in the downstairs bar and listening to everyone comment on "how the American understands the cricket (on television)".

One thing that really teed me off: being mentioned in one of the press releases as being from San Diego and being quoted as saying something about having the WDC Cup join the America's Cup. Please note that (a) Greenbrae is 15 miles north of San Francisco, and (b) when I'm quoted, I like to see things that I actually *said*.

JANUARY 27: The way I see it, if I get a win, I can still win the tournament. The country draw (please, let it be Turkey, which, with France, are my best countries) - Germany. Well, that's a "maybe" country. The others: A-Gareth Collins, E-Terry Tolhurst,

F-Andrew England, I-Mark Pollinger, R-Helen Kleinbergs, T-Albert Chen. From the start, EF forms an alliance, as does AI. As usual, when I play Germany against a solid EF, it's a fast start, followed by bashing my head against the brick Western Wall, followed by a slow death - in this case, in 1905, after which the remaining players (EF, AI, and a 2-center R) agree to a draw. As for Turkey, after being reduced to 2 in 1902, he hears that one of the TV networks is doing a story for the 5:00 National News - and leaves the room for the day. Nobody is sure why; he says he "didn't want to be seen on TV".

THE RESULTS

NOTE: All scores listed here are multiplied by 3 (the range is now 1-30 for single games) and tournament totals are listed as the sum of three rounds (3-90) rather than the per-game average

GOOD SPORT (ignominious stab victim)

Bob Howard

MOST OFFENSIVE ACT

Craig Brown's negotiations with someone in the toilet

BREATHTAKING INFAMY AWARD

Darryl Winder, for writing two sets of orders in his book (one in front and one in back), selecting the "appropriate" ones when it was his turn to read the orders

BEST COUNTRY

A - Bruno-Andre Graudon, 14.004

E - Mat Gibson, 13.281

F - Eric Roche, 12.609

G - Shawn Derrick, 12.537

I - Trevor Costello, 10.602

R - Luke Clutterbuck, 12.606

T - Steven Bagshaw, 12.270

BEST UNDER-21 PLAYER

Miguel Taliana

PLAYER'S CHOICE (each player in each game selects someone in that game as Best Player)

Mat Gibson

Note that there were plaques with daggers for "Master Diplomacy Knife of Victory" to be given to games that had sole winners, but none of the games (over 30) had wins, so the two awards went to 18-center wins in 1991 Australian tournaments.

Also, while most Best Country awards were engraved "Best (country name)", the Turkey award said "Best Sultan of Turkey", presumably for the obvious reason.

THE TOP 8 (note that one SC = 0.529 points and each place difference in a single season is worth anything from 0.1 for a game that ended in 1910 to 0.2 for a game ending in 1905)

Eighth - Mat Gibson, 30.022

Seventh - Harry Kolotas, 30.060

Sixth - Andrew England, 30.726

Fifth - Craig Sedgwick, 31.059

Fourth - Miguel Taliana, 31.473

Third - Bruno-Andre Giraudon (France), 32.085

Second - Eric Roche, 33.156

**1992 WORLD DIPLOMACY
CHAMPION - 34.173 POINTS
STEVE GOULD**

Congratulations to Steve, who was one of the favorites as listed by John Cain of *Victoriana* before the event.

IDTR points will be calculated when the complete final results are received, but even the 100 points Steve receives are secondary to that fact that, for the next 2 1/2 years, he is *THE WORLD DIPLOMACY CHAMPION*. Just got them - see *Top Knife*.

Speaking of 2 1/2 years, there is already a date and site for **WORLD DIP CON IV - July 21-26, 1994, in Birmingham, England**. The Manorcon committee promises **FOUR HUNDRED PLAYERS**, although I doubt that all of them will be Diplomacy players. Two hundred Dip players is not out of the question. As for WDC V, the French players expressed interest in hosting in 1995; North America will be hosting in 1996, but the site won't be determined (under the current selection system) until 1995.

One additional note - the Australian players voted to keep the National Diplomacy Championship separate from the major gaming convention. Apparently, this is becoming a global trend.

Anyway, thanks to Luke, John, and everybody else involved in running the event, even if you do need to work on the massed version of *Advance Australia Fair*. Sorry that I couldn't get any other North Americans to join me, but I'm not the person that decided to wait until after the con before reducing the air fares by US\$500. (Besides, most Americans only get two weeks of vacation per year, which isn't enough time to justify such a trip.) Only 29 months before **WORLD DIP CON IV**.

I may have finished 54th out of 76, but at least I was there

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS ON THE "TEAM USA TOUR" OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

I didn't see one toilet with a handle. Most of them had buttons along the top that you pushed. In Melbourne, the one in my hotel had a button that you pulled for a "half flush" (water-saving) or pushed for a full-sized flush.

USA is slowly taking over. Besides the familiar gas station names (although Texaco is called "Cal-Tex"), I saw McDonald's, Burger King (called "Hungry Jack's"), Kentucky Fried Chicken, Tony Roma's Ribs, and Target stores. I even met someone who uses "The Club" in her car. However, Hungry Jack's sold an "Aussieburger" - with egg, Canadian bacon, and beetroot!

"The Lodge", the Prime Minister's residence, is not exactly in a conspicuous place like 10 Downing Street or 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue; I came across it by accident. Unfortunately, it's located somewhere behind a large wall and a grove of trees, so nobody can see it from the outside. At least with 10 Downing Street, you can see it from the end of the road.

Australian TV shows have ratings like our movies, and the rating is displayed at the start and after each commercial break. The main ratings are C (meant for children), G (general viewing), PGR (parental guidance recommended), and AO (adults only). New Zealand ratings are similar.

The trams in Melbourne (like buses, only they run on tracks and are powered by overhead electric lines) have signs saying that student pass holders are not allowed to sit while there are adult passengers standing. You get what you pay for . . .

As there are only five TV stations in Australia and three in New Zealand, there isn't much room for those commercials featuring "genuine quarter-point diamond rings with ruby-red crystals"; instead, every now and then when you're walking down a downtown street, you'll hear someone with a microphone inside a store talking to the passers-by about whatever it is they're trying to sell that day - "shoes normally \$200 for \$120 while they last", "fifty percent off our T-shirts today only", "big savings on watches" - you get the idea.

Would you believe that one of my hotel rooms had a window that was covered by a shade that couldn't be opened, and the air conditioning had two settings - "off" and "arctic"? Meanwhile, my New Zealand hotel lacked a few things - for example, air conditioning and front doorknobs. (That's right, no knobs on the front door; the only way in is to unlock the door with the key and push, and the only out is to grab the small knob on the lock.)

All of the hotels had mini-refrigerators (usually for the honor bar, but you can put things in them without paying anything), but none had ice machines, which appears to be a North American innovation. You can always ask for ice from the hotel bar. (And unlike the ones I've seen in England, you don't have to pay for the ice here.)

**GAME PRICES IN AUSTRALIA (converted to American dollars):
Diplomacy \$22, Kingmaker \$38, Civilization \$54**

Australian Diplomacy sets use plastic pieces, but not stars and anchors; instead, they use gun shells for armies and ships for fleets, like traditional British sets. However, the colors are American colors, as the map is the same right down to the dark blue border. (The only difference: the Australia map says that it is produced by Australian game company Jedko.)

The Melbourne Sports Gallery has an exhibit on "Myths about Women in Sports". Originally, there were four "myths", number four being "Women are weaker than men of the same size and weight". However, this myth has been covered and there are now only three (one of them being "Women are incapable of running great distances"; there was a time when the Olympics had no female running event longer than 400m) - probably because this "myth" is, in fact, *true*; men happen to have more muscle than women (something like 20% of body weight to 15%, I think).

The Auckland Museum includes a space exhibit which includes a statement on the planet Mercury: "Mercury keeps one side facing the sun at all times". I didn't know Dan Quayle was in New Zealand . . . (In fact, Mercury takes 88 days to go around the Sun, but only 59 days to make a complete rotation on its axis - and for those of you who missed the joke, Quayle once said that "Mars and Earth are essentially in the same orbit".)

Speaking of Auckland, I'm still trying to figure out how much it's supposed to take a bus from my hotel to downtown - some drivers said \$1, others \$2.

From the one American who knows better than to cut food with the fork in the left hand and then eat it with the fork in the right comes this 120th issue of *Lemon Curry* (well, the first 90 or so were called *Life of Monty* and then there were about a dozen called *A Sharp Mind And A Straight Knife*) from Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339, USA, phone (1)(415)461-2692, but only 6 PM to 11 PM Pacific time (that's GMT-8 until early April).

MONTY'S NEWS AND COMMENT is brought to you by **NIKE AIR TRAINER E - official shoe of WDC TEAM USA - Bo doesn't know Austria**

Did anyone notice that, at the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympics, the large flame lit up before the torch flame reached it? And speaking of the Winter Olympics...

OOPS! Now that "The Bay Area's Own" Kristi Yamaguchi won the gold medal in figure skating, I think it's only right that I make a slight correction in issue 119 concerning how various jumps are performed. Apparently, the Lutz is *not* clockwise; the difference between a Lutz and a Flip is that a Lutz is done from the "outside edge" (i.e. the right edge of the left foot) while the Flip is done from the "inside" edge. (The same correction goes for a Toe Walley, but I don't think I saw one performed.)

While I'm at it, here's a quick lesson in just how strange the scoring system is: call the judges A, B, C,...,H, I, and have A through E have skater X in first place and skater Y second while F through I have Y first and X second. As X is in first by a majority of the judges, X is in first place at this point. Now suppose the final skater, Z, is rated first by E, second (behind Y) by H and I, and third by the others. This means four judges (A,B,C,D) have X first and four (F,G,H,I) have Y first. Since nobody has a majority of the first place votes, first and second place votes are combined; seven judges (all but H and I) have X first or second, but eight (all but E) have Y first or second, so Y is now ahead of X - *despite* the fact that five judges have X ahead of Y. (In at least one case, two skaters did switch places because of the placings of a subsequent skater.)

Remember, the World Championships are in March (in Oakland), and it's only two years until the next Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway. And now that everybody is sick of winter sports, remember that it's only about five months until the *Summer* Olympics in Barcelona, which is more important as the USA is likely to win more than 11 medals, and since NBC is pretty much paying for the Olympics, we like to think we're in charge . . .

TOP KNIFE #51

This is the 51st edition of *Top Knife* (known in its early days as *Meeting of Minds*), the forum for International Diplomacy Tournament Ratings (IDTR)

THE NEW AND IMPROVED 1992 LIST OF SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS (so far)

While I was at WORLD DIP CON, I met with members of the French contingent concerning sanctioning tournaments in the French area. This brings to 20 the number of IDTR sanctioned tournaments; however, not all of these tournaments send in their results or will necessarily meet the sanctioning conditions (21 participants, all players (including defending champions) treated equally, and no "single elimination" rounds). **Remember, if nobody bothers to send in results, the tournament isn't rated.**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA & CANADA

DIXIECON - late May, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina

DIPCON - early July, in Kansas City

ATLANTICON - July, in Baltimore

AVALONCON - August(?), site to be determined

*CANCON - August(?) in Toronto

PACIFICON - September, in San Mateo, California

*GATEWAY - September, in Los Angeles

GREAT BRITAIN

1991 MIDCON - *already held*

MANORCON - July, in Birmingham

EUROPE (French) - **Dates to be announced**

*FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP

*COUPE DE FRANCE

*ILE DE FRANCE TOURNAMENT

*SWISS CHAMPIONSHIP

*WALLONIAN (Belgium) CHAMPIONSHIP

SCANDINAVIA

*LINCON - early June, in Sweden

*ARCON - late June, in Norway

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

WORLD DIP CON - *already held*

VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIP - Easter weekend near Melbourne

DIPLOMACY EXPO - late May in(?) Sydney

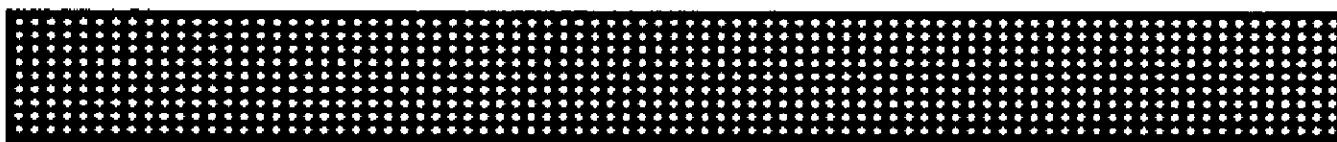
*NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP - to be determined

OTHER COUNTRIES - National Championships are automatically sanctioned; contact IDTR about others

Note some tournaments have asterisks before their names. This indicates that the tournament is new to the list or has a habit of not sending in its results and runs the risk of not being rated. If you're at one of these tournaments and not sure if the GMs will be sending in the final results, feel free to send in the results yourself! Even a partial result is better than none at all, although IDTR cannot guarantee that a partial result will be accepted.

Some people ask why North America has so many tournaments. Check the locations; the two California tournaments are over 2000 km from Kansas City, which is 1500 km from Chapel Hill, Baltimore, and Toronto (each separated by 4-500 km). Even considering that Avaloncon will probably be held somewhere between Washington and New York, it would take a major effort to attend more than three of these events.

**REMEMBER -
NO RESULTS MEANS NO RATING**



**GAME
OPENINGS**

DIPLOMACY - Hughes, Wilson signed up; need 5 more. This is NOT AREA-rated and is open to everybody.

TRIVIAL PURSUIT - Ongoing campaign - see this turn's results for instructions on entering. The "winner" is the person who misses the fewest questions, not the one who finishes first.

UNITED - Game of soccer management. \$8 game fee includes sub to the separate United 'zine. Write for rules. Hurry - first season begins soon.

DIPLOMACY SPECIAL - I have received a game from the Orphan Service; as of right now, only two of the seven players have expressed interest in continuing, although three positions have fewer than 3 SCs. If you are interested in playing on e of the positions, let me know and I will send you details

STANDBYS still wanted for Diplomacy, Kingmaker, and 1830. Sub credit (good for *any* 'zine) of 50 cents for each of your first two seasons and \$1 for finishing a position.

WORLD DIP CON III - FINAL RESULTS

See page 2 for a description of the scoring system; note that the scores listed here are the actual scores multiplied by nine (each game score is multiplied by 3, so the range is 1-30, and the three game scores are summed here rather than averaged)

IDTR points in parentheses

1. (100) Steve Gould, 34.173
2. (87) Eric Roche, 33.156
3. (75) Bruno Giraudon, 32.085
4. (64) Miguel Taliana, 31.473
5. (54) Craig Sedgwick, 31.059
6. (45) Andrew England, 30.726
7. (36) Harry Kolotas, 30.060
8. (29) Mat Gibson, 30.022
9. (22) Adrian Appleyard, 29.637
10. (16) Bill Brown, 28.305
11. (11) Robert Wessels, 28.224
12. (7) Lei Saarlanen, 27.234
13. (4) Darryl Winder, 27.045
14. (2) Richard Kleinbergs, 26.631
15. Michael Hopton, 26.388
16. Shaun Derrick, 26.199
17. Clive Lane, 25.722
18. Jim Venn, 25.506
19. Mark Pollinger, 25.344
20. Terry Tolhurst, 25.218
21. Charles Woodroffe, 24.741
22. Greg Long, 24.705
23. David Gould, 24.345
24. Michael Chau, 24.147
25. Trevor Gostelow, 24.111
26. Tony Fahd, 24.012
27. John Cain, 23.778
28. Gordon Oldfield, 23.571
29. Greg Jackson, 22.815
30. Jill Mentiplay, 22.510
31. Andrew Geraghty, 22.041
32. Bret Scovell, 21.987
33. Craig Brown, 21.942
34. Brett Chatterton, 21.087
35. Ian Whitchurch, 19.98
36. Steven Bagshaw, 19.827
37. Ken Sproat, 19.782
38. Andrew Coutts, 19.692
39. Nick Kabilafkas, 19.494
40. Gareth Collins, 19.341
- (tie) Glenn Northey, 19.341
42. Kellie Massey, 19.278
43. Daniel Harrison, 18.000
44. Michael Gibson, 17.208
45. Bob Howard, 17.172
46. Anthony Swinnerton, 17.163
47. Donald Shaw, 16.929
48. Scott Chatterton, 16.551
49. Frank Meerbach, 16.308
50. Paul Johnson, 15.732
51. Rohan Flavelle, 15.687
52. Dane Maslen, 15.192
53. Guy Tate, 15.183
54. Don Del Grande, 15.147
55. Neil Ashworth, 14.184
56. Albert Chen, 13.977
57. Brendan Whyte, 13.554
58. David Charlton, 13.419
59. Helen Kleinbergs, 13.257
60. John Dods, 12.285
61. Matt Hastings, 10.962
62. Adrian Fegan, 10.917
63. Cody Guimelli, 10.836
64. Shane Beck, 10.782
65. Eric Tse, 10.359
66. Andrew Hoy, 9.513
67. Graham Gerard, 9.108
68. Darryl Davies, 8.775
69. Terry van der Linden, 8.370
70. Saqib Razaq, 7.569
71. Paul Appleyard, 7.560
72. Jamie Liptak, 6.984
73. Geoffrey Kerr, 6.822
74. Grant Schmar, 5.985
75. Hugh Ford, 4.833
76. Doug Rowling, 2.358

1 SC = 0.5294; each place in a yearly count = 0.1 to 0.2 depending on game length

TRIVIAL PURSUIT "CARRIE" - Back to old times; six questions for Hood

ISSUE 119 ANSWERS (Asterisks indicate misses)

DAVE ANDERSON

The term for skewered food grilled or broiled? *Shish Kebab*

What Reagan meant by "Don't bolt that cup down too tightly"?

**The America's Cup*

The comic and author of *I Love Her, That's Why*? *George Burns*

THOMASINE BOWEN

"The biggest nothing of all time" according to Warhol? *Sex*

The *Gunsmoke* character with last name Haggen? *Festus*

The first name of TV detectives August and Raven? *Dan*

SCOTT CAMERON

The miniseries centering on a White House maid, butler, and hairdresser? *Backstairs at the White House*

The J.R. in J.R. Ewing means what? **John Ross*

The Boston Casualty Company's star insurance investigator?
Banacek

Harry Truman's favorite card game? *Poker*

STEPHEN DORNEMAN

Whose campaign for governor ended his hosting of *Death Valley Days*? *Ronald Reagan*

The President that said "This is a great day for France" at Pompidou's funeral? *Richard Nixon*

The book about Joseph Valachi titled *The Canary That Sang in England*? *The Valachi Papers*

PETE GAUGHAN

The state that ranks first among honeymooners? **New York* (that's where Niagara Falls is)

The average width of Venice's canals in dozens of feet? **One*

The Ed Begley Jr. TV series based on a Steve Martin movie?
**Parenthood*

The actor that wanted *Barney Miller* called *Fish and Barney*? *Abe Vigoda*

MELINDA ANN HOLLEY

The person Dick Van Dyke replaced on *The Carol Burnett Show*?
Harvey Korman

The New York City borough that means "a place where we all got drunk" in Delaware Indian language? **Manhattan*

DAVID HOOD

The golfer who said, "There are no rich Mexicans - they get some money, they start calling themselves Spanish"? **Lee Trevino*

Marathoner Rosa Motta's home country? *Portugal*

The country you would be in if you were wearing a turban in Durban? *South Africa*

By the way - some of the questions that appear in the answers have been shortened for space; of course, the players are always asked the complete questions

THE NEW QUESTIONS including the newest player, Brad Wilson (W. Andrew York also wanted to begin, but his category list mixed the colors up)

From now on, "roll again" spaces will not be listed, but the die rolls will be listed; for example, Dave Anderson's first question, he rolled a 1 (Roll Again), 4 (Roll Again), and 1 (one space clockwise from the orange wedge)

DAVE ANDERSON (OR, YE, GR wedges / 1 miss)

1. (4 - GR4 - PKTV) What Walter Brennan sitcom paved the way for *The Andy Griffith Show* and *The Beverly Hillbillies*?
2. (1,4, 1 - OR1 - GRTV) Which 1990-91 CBS sitcom was hyped: "He's rude - He's crude - He's family"?
3. (1 - BL - G2) What state has "Famous Potatoes" as a license plate slogan?

THOMASINE BOWEN (PK, YE wedges / 0 misses)

1. (2,2 - OR3 - PKTV) Which of *My Three Sons* was the father of triplets (on the show)?
2. (2,4 - OR1 - GRTV) What *Harry O* actor's big ears lked an Istanbul paper to call him Clark Gable's illegitimate son?
3. (6,4,6 - GR6 - YETV) What character attempted suicide in the 1981-82 season finale of *Dallas*?
4. (2 - YE1 - YETV) What PBS anthology series has been hosted by Vincent Price and Diana Rigg?
5. (3,2 - BR - G2) Which is a higher honor - "magna cum laude" or "summa cum laude"?

SCOTT CAMERON (OR wedge / 1 miss)

1. (1 - OR1 - GR80) Who scored 378 goals in 68 hockey games as a 10-year-old?
2. (1,5 - YE - TV) What late singer's 1989 TV biography say Cynthia Gibb lip-sync "Close To You"?

STEPHEN DORNEMAN (BR, GR wedges / 0 misses)

1. (3 - BR3 - OR80) What former "yippie's" answer to the drug crisis was the book *Steal This Urine Test*?
2. (3 - BR6 - PKTV) What appallingly-run hotel was run by the aptly-named Basil Fawlty?
3. (4,5 - BL - TV) Who first anchored CBS news coverage of the 1952 political conventions?

PETE GAUGHAN (PK, YE, GR wedges / 4 misses)

1. (5,4,5 - BR - G2) What writing instruments did Henry David Thoreau make before heading for his idyllic retreat?

MELINDA ANN HOLLEY (OR wedge / 5 misses)

1. (1 - BR6 - PK80) What daytime soap celebrated its 25th anniversary in 1988 at the Coconut Grove?
2. (2 - BR4 - GRTV) What network news anchorman is the son of a Texas pipeline laborer and a waitress?
3. (1,1 - BR4 - GRTV) Which *Maverick* did Roger Moore portray before becoming *The Saint*?
4. (2,6 - GR3 - BLG2) Which is further west - Minneapolis or St. Paul?
5. (5,1 - PK4 - YEG2) How many stars are in the insignia of a U.S. Army's brigadier general?
6. (3 - GR - TV) Who was the first black to have the lead role in a #1-rated TV series?

DAVID HOOD (BL, BR wedges / 8 misses)

1. (5,4,6 - BL3 - YEG2) How many ponies (as opposed to horses) did the Pony Express use?
2. (5 - OR1 - GR80) Which Sony Walkman was a 1988 *Fortune* Product of the Year?
3. (2 - BL6 - GR80) Which sports stadium sold buttons saying, "And God said, 'Let There Be Light' . . . August 8, 1988"?
4. (5 - OR4 - BLG2) What two colors are on Poland's flag?
5. (2,4,6 - OR4 - BLG2) If you order a "doke" or "dope" in the Deep South, what beverage do you get?
6. (1,5 - OR - G2) What is the term for the time the action starts at a racetrack?

BRAD WILSON (new player)

1. (3 - YE3s - GR80) What New York Giants footballer made more on the Pro-Am tour in 1987 than Larry Mize made on the PGA tour?
2. (1 - YE2s - PKTV) What *Taxi* character dreamed of being an art dealer?
3. (6,4,6 - OR3 - PKTV) How many words does each Daryl say in the entire run of *Newhart*?
4. (4 - YE - G2) What army was first known as the Christian Mission?

Note to Brad: could you list your six categories in order of your preference, as this is one of the things I use to determine where to move your piece after each die roll?

W. ANDREW YORK - Each color has a specific category in each set; you need to select one category for each color from the categories of that color. (Also, once you select your categories, list them in your preference order; the ones highest on the list will be the ones most likely to be asked.)

COLOR	GENUS II	1980s	TELEVISION
Blue	Geography	Personalities	Classics
Pink	Entertainment	Entertainment	Sitcoms
Yellow	History	In The News	Drama
Brown	Art & Literature	That's Life	Kids & Games
Green	Science & Nature	Sports & Leisure	Stars
Orange	Sports & Leisure	Wild Card	Wild Card

To enter: select one category from each color (for example, for Blue, you can select Geography (Genus II), Personalities (1980s), or Classics (TV). North American players must select at least one category from each of the three columns; overseas players can ignore any one column, but cannot have more than four categories from the same column. (This is because while most categories are geared toward Americans, this especially applies to TV questions.) You can select both Sports & Leisure categories, as they are different colors. Once you select your categories, *list them in preference order*; the categories you list highest will be the ones in which you will most likely be asked questions. (Your first question in your first turn will be in your highest-preference category regardless of the first die roll, as the board is designed such that each category has a space 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 spaces from the center.)

DEADLINE for answers is MARCH 28 - PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT PUT ORDERS FOR MORE THAN ONE GAME ON ANY SINGLE PIECE OF PAPER!

Still time to send in nominations for the **1992 HOBBY AWARDS**, but you have to hurry as the deadline is March 15. Nominations are being taken for the Don Miller Memorial (hobby service), Rod Walker (literary excellence), John Koning (outstanding Diplomacy play), and Melinda Ann Holley (quantity participation) awards. Include the reason you are nominating the person; for the Walker award, include a copy of the article.

Send nominations to **RON CAMERON, 14790 AMOROSE, LAKE ELSINORE, CA 92530, by MARCH 15**. While you're at it, why not include a contribution (check payable to Ron Cameron or Fred Davis Jr.) to help pay for the awards?

The final nominees will be published in a future issue (hopefully, next issue) and the winners will be announced at **DIPCON XXV** in Kansas City.

1830 "42nd STREET", OPERATING ROUND 2.1 & STOCK ROUND 3 - PRR loves those trains

TYP0: M&H is worth 20, not 10; Dick was credited with 20 in his total

OPERATING ROUND 2.1

NYNH: play tile 57 in E19(nw)

Run "2" E18-F19 (30)

Pay dividends: JC 15, DH 6, SC 6, DB 3

NYNH stock rises to D82

Buy "2" train for 80

Note to John Cain: when counting cities in a run, the small (black dot/line) cities count as well as the large circles, and both ends of the run count as one city each

C&O: play tile 7 in G5(nw)

No train - *C&O stock falls to E67*

Buy 2 "2" trains for 160

PRR: play tile 9 in H14(e)

No train - *PRR stock falls to G63*

Buy 2 "2" trains and "3" train for 340

Buy M&H from DM for 220

STOCK ROUND 3

Scott Cameron (52) sells 20% C&O for 134, sells 20% NYNH for 164, and buys president's share of B&M (par 67) for 134

C&O drops to G63; NYNH drops to F71

Derwood Bowen (100) buys 10% PRR from pool for 63

Dick Martin (277) buys 10% C&O from pool for 63

Mark Frueh (29) sells 10% PRR for 63 and buys 10% C&O for 76

PRR drops to H60

John Cain (70) buys 10% C&O from pool for 63

David Hood (78) buys 10% C&O for 76

SC (216) buys 10% B&M for 67

DB (37) passes

DM (151) buys 10% C&O from pool for 63

MF (16), JC (7), DH (2) pass

SC (149) buys 10% B&M for 67

DB passes

DM (151) buys 10% PRR from pool for 60

MF, JC, DH pass

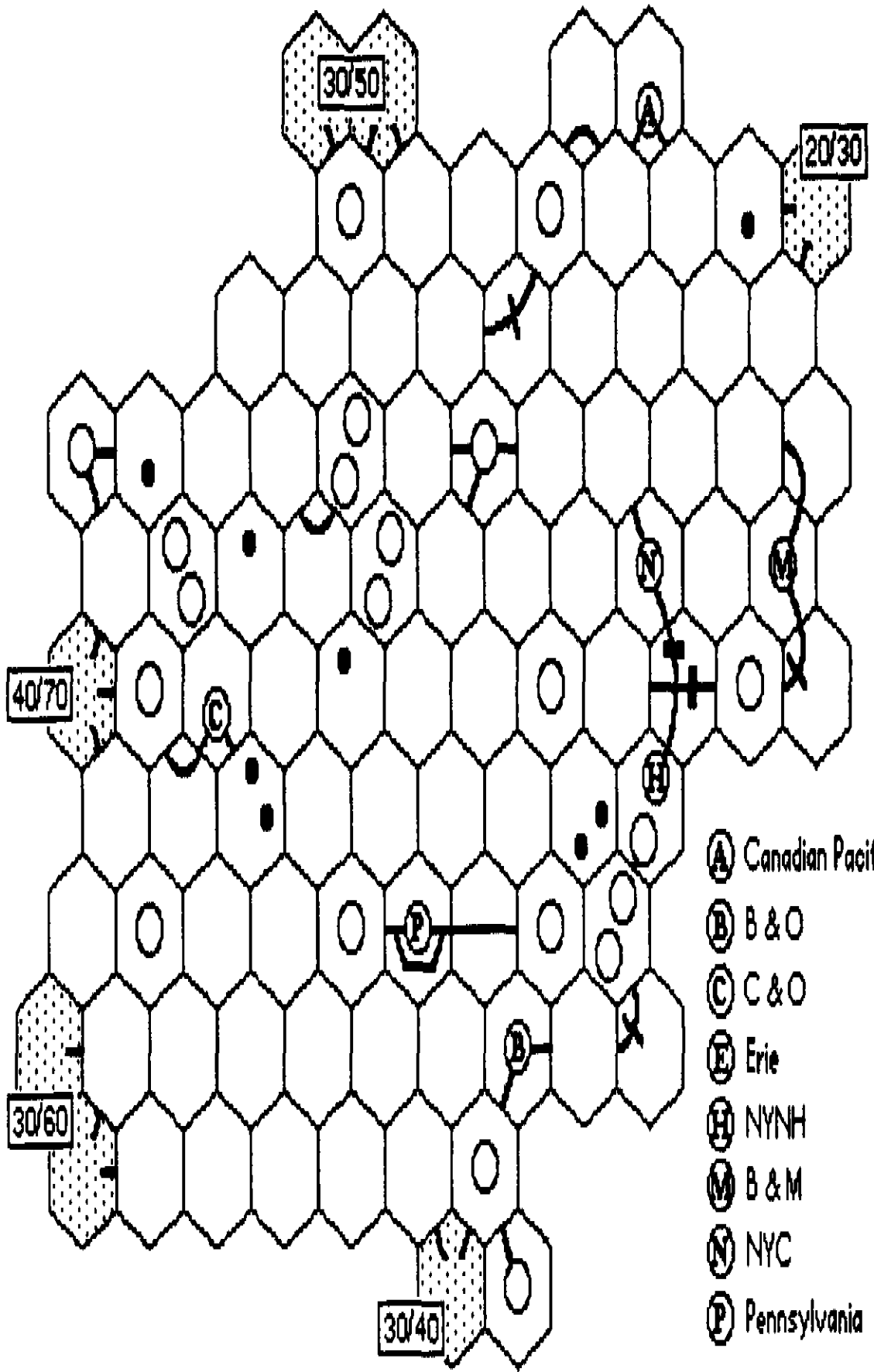
SC (82) buys 10% B&M for 67

DB passes

DM (91) buys 10% NYNH from pool for 71

All pass - *Mark Frueh has priority deal for Stock Round 4*

42nd STREET



- Ⓐ Canadian Pacific
- Ⓑ B & O
- Ⓒ C & O
- Ⓔ Erie
- Ⓕ NYNH
- Ⓜ B & M
- Ⓝ NYC
- Ⓟ Pennsylvania

C&O rises to F65 for being 100% in player hands

**OR 3.1 MINOR COMPANIES: SV - JC 5; C&SL - SC 10;
D&H - DH 15; M&H - PRR 20; C&A - SC 25; B&O - DB 30**

PLAYER STANDINGS (underline indicates president)

Scott Cameron: \$50, 50% B&M, C&SL, C&A

Derwood Bowen: \$67, 20% B&O, 10% C&O, 10% NYNH,
10% PRR, B&O(pvt)

Dick Martin: \$20, 50% PRR, 20% C&O, 10% NYNH

Mark Frueh: \$16, 50% C&O

John Cain: \$12, 50% NYNH, 10% C&O, SV

David Hood: \$17, 20% NYNH, 20% PRR, 10% C&O

Bank Pool: 10% NYNH

CORPORATION STANDINGS

B&M: Par 67, stock F67 - SC 50%

B&O: Par 82, stock C82 - DB 20%

C&O: Stock G65, treasury 600, 2 "2" trains

ME 50%, DM 20%, DB 10%, JC 10%, DH 10%

NYNH: Par 71, stock F71, treasury 510, 2 "2" trains

IC 50%, DH 20%, DB 10%, DM 10%, pool 10%

PRR: Par 67, stock H60, treasury 130, 2 "2" and 1 "3" trains, M&H

DM 50%, DH 20%, DB 10%

As a "3" train has been bought, green tiles are now in play, and there are now 2 ORs between Stock Rounds - under my HRs, turns in this phase usually play 2 ORs and the next SR together, so write orders for TWO OPERATING ROUNDS FOLLOWED BY A STOCK ROUND

DEADLINE for OR 3.1, OR 3.2, and SR 4 is MARCH 31 (try to put different games' orders on different sheets, if applicable)

PRESS (author's initials in parentheses)

HIX (SC): I was going to sit tight in this game for a few turns, but now that I've got the Priority Deal card I may as well do something with it. Does anyone smell beans baking?

PA (DM)-CO: Aw, don't go in for that D&H scam. Go to New York the old fashioned way: through Philly with me!

PA-BO: Better get going soon or BO could be DOA.

PA-ALL: Unlike the NYNH, we would like to assure our shareholders that we plan to be "interesting" for most of the game. Hopefully we'll end up outside the yellow zone by the game's end!

DM-GM: Off adventuring, were you?

GM: I may have been 54th out of 76, but *I was there.*

KINGMAKER "ME AND MY GAL", TURN 22 - Surprise party at Farnham

WHITE DUCHESS II (C. Ozog?)
CLIFFORD and NEVILLE remain at York(g)
PLANTAGENET YORK remains at h23

KNIGHTS OF THE HIGH SIERRA (Weseman)
BERKELEY, CROMWELL, HOWARD, *POLE, and STANLEY remain at Farnham*
FITZALAN and HOLLAND remain at Dublin(g)
HERBERT and Le MICHAEL remain at Douglas
GREYSTOKE remains at h10
Le GEORGE and Le TRINITY remain at Chichester*

KING'S COURT (Anderson)
BEAUFORT, ROOS, STAFFORD, and BOURCHIER (Rye)-h47-Blackheath-h40-Farnham(g)
PLANTAGENET LANCASTER (h50)-h43-h38-h39-Farnham(g)
Le LUCAS remains at Rye

INDIGNANT ORDER OF CLOISTERED QUEENS (Mercer)
PERCY and HASTINGS remain at Bristol(g)
Le CHRISTOPHER remains at Preston
Le ROSE remains at Pevensey

COMBAT: Just before combat, Stafford becomes Constable of the Tower of London. King's Court sieges Farnham (510-410) and succeeds (EMBASSY RYE (2-1)); Berkeley, Cromwell, Howard, Pole, and Stanley are taken prisoner as Beaufort, Roos, Bourchier, and P-Lancaster enter Farnham. Lancaster Town belongs to the King's Court faction; Dave Anderson must (a) distribute Le Michael and Bishop of Norwich among the besieging nobles and (b) decide which prisoners are released and which ones are executed. If Berkeley is killed, KHS loses Le George and Le Trinity.

CROWN CARD: The only one (Le Nicholas, discarded last turn) goes to Anderson as Ozog and Weseman NMRed.
TURN 22 EVENTS: EMBASSY ROCHESTER (no effect); PLAGUE COLCHESTER (no effect); FRENCH RAID (Bourchier to Pleshey, Pole to Compton, Hastings & 2 ships to Caister); SCOTS RAID (Neville to Bamburgh)

DEADLINE for TURN 22 is APRIL 1

DIPLOMACY "LES MISERABLES", AUTUMN/WINTER 1911 - Seasons separated

AUTUMN 1911: Turkey retreats A Rum to BUL

WINTER 1911

FRANCE (Goode) builds F BRE; has F BRE, F LVP, F ENG, A TUS, A PIE, F MAO, F TUN, FTYH

GERMANY (Mercer) builds A BER; has A BER, A GAL, A MUN, A RUM, F DEN, F BAL, A BOH, F NWG, A TYO, F NTH, A WAR, A MOS, and A UKR

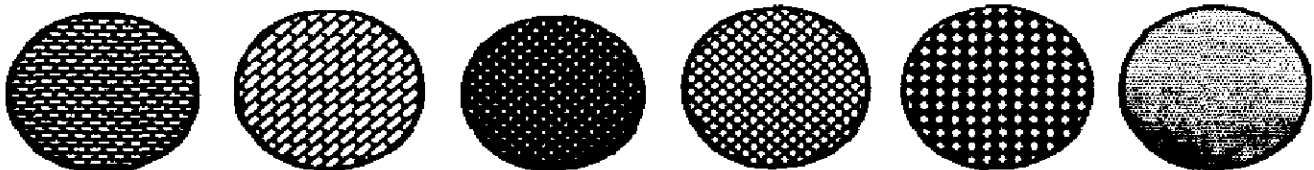
ITALY (Anderson) builds A ROM; has A ROM, A VEN, and F NAP

RUSSIA (C. Ozog) is even; has A SEV

TURKEY (Dorneman) removes A Ank; has F AEG, F ION, A TRI, A BUD, A APU, A BUL, F ALB, F ADR, and F GRE

GT, FGT, and FGIT draws are proposed; vote with Spring 1912 orders. As usual, no vote means NO as they're not DIAS.

DEADLINE for SPRING 1912 is APRIL 2



ATTENTION SUBBERS: My computer's sub list decided to go crazy last month and toss out a bunch of names. As a result, I have no sub balance information for the following people: **Charles Mercer, Cathy Ozog, Rick Pierce, Keith Schneider, Tom Slaughter, and Mark Weseman.** All of these people were mailed issue 119 and will receive issue 120, but please let me know approximately what your sub balance should be or I will use my discretion, which may include terminating subs that I think have expired.

Well, with all of the WORLD DIP CON excitement this time, there will be a delay in the next DIP WARZ installment-

"I told you there would be no DIP WARZ" comments Princess Luscious to Oboe-1 Caruso. "That means the Straya planet in the Worldip system gives 2 electors to Lord Sacks Fifthavenue."

"No DIP WARZ? What do you call this?" Looks like Rod Seaparter has a point. However, the DEATH STAR AND ANCHOR is pointed at the election committee, so that appeal is going to fall on deaf ears - more next time (if there's room...)