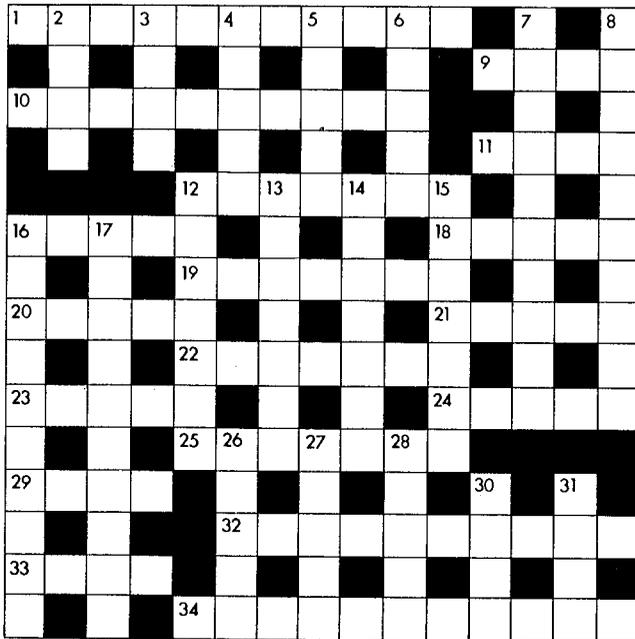


The Political Puzzle

by John Barclay



Across

1. Congress' action, but not with lewd Presidential proposal. (7, 4)
9. Respectable attire in Southern France. (4)
10. Coal today? (5, 5)
11. Georgia Carnegie follower. (4)
12. What cop does on rear streets. (7)
16. Give him and her it. (5)
18. No action as yet but it should come. (5)
19. Vindicates Mitchell off the avenue. (7)
20. Cat has more than Elvis. (5)
21. Effective way to get at nut. (5)
22. Hard look at Livy with ease. (4, 3)
23. Super ad follower. (5)
24. Cover the ears by mistake? (5)

25. Me write essays? Why not? (4, 3)
29. Pres. as ton follower. (4)
32. Italy relic found in backward areas. (10)
33. It droops at the end. Sorry! (4)
34. No cool saint is satisfied with some reward. (11)

Down

2. White Tammany follower. (4)
3. Hard thumb follower. (4)
4. He will repel us back again. (5)
5. So we'd try again to find water. (5)
6. What pessimist sees in new or strange events. (5)
7. You can detect him if face numb. (6, 4)
8. Cheats stir revenue-sharing proposals. (4, 6)
12. Early birds see new eras, sir. (7)
13. Moscow or Peking, for example. (3, 4)
14. High Fabian follower. (7)
15. Bring order to messy street. (7)
16. No evil ties for this medium. (10)
17. Saver posed First Amendment problems. (10)
26. Autopsy on Naomi confirms acid use. (5)
27. Lists water pollution causes. (5)
28. Praise a newly-converted freeway? (5)
30. Dixie auto follower. (4)
31. Choice opposite we were told. (4)

The numbers indicate the number of letters and words, e.g., (2, 3) means a two-letter word followed by a three-letter word. Groups of letters, e.g., USA, are treated as one word. Answers to last month's puzzle are on page 6.

Israel: Yesterday's Hero

by Georgie Anne Geyer

When a survey was taken of Israelis asking what people would be the most happy in the future, the majority answered that it would be the Americans and only 11 per cent answered that it would be the Israelis. Many Israelis were questioning the ultimate compatibility of the "hard line" against the Arabs and the preservation of Jewish humanistic values. Or, as one put it, "Can Israel maintain the martial posture of Sparta and the civic virtues of Athens?" And the young Israeli boys who faced three years of active duty in the army and then reserve duty until age 55 talked drearily about "the desert view" or "Bedouinism"—Israeli terms for the drying up of the mind and soul that comes from too much desert military duty.

Outside, it looked as if Israel were

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the winner; but inside, it did not feel that way. People were scared and, more, they were often traumatized. Everything—every reference, every question, every anger and yearning—revolved around the Arabs. This was natural; they were a tiny Jewish vessel being tossed on a turbulent Arab sea.

One American diplomat characterized the new mood and the dilemma in these words: "We have a simultaneous hardening and softening. There is a hardening on a governmental level and underneath an intensification of worry. Casualties are mounting. There are incidents with the Israeli Arabs. There is a feeling of hopelessness, that it will never end."

Or, as one Israeli diplomat told me, "It looks like we're losing just a few men on Suez, but the fact is we can't even bear the loss of that small number. We're too small a country. Every loss is like the loss of a family member. That's why we've got to strike harder and harder."

The first day I paid my respects to