

Truck Driver Who Blew \$64,000 Question Back To TV Quiz Wars; Sadder But Wiser

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New York—Al Einfrank, the Los Angeles truck driver who blew the \$64,000 question back to TV quiz wars this week—with his wife on his arm but ashes in his mouth.

Einfrank, a geography expert, lost his relatives, his friends and, he thought, his wife last January when he missed the top question on CBS-TV's "The \$64,000 Question." He even had to sell his Cadillac consolation prize to help pay off some debts.

This Sunday, Al came back to TV as a contestant on "The \$64,000 Challenge." His wife came back, too—on Saturday.

Time ran out before Einfrank got a question to answer Sunday night. He'll return next week to the challenge.

"I was the loneliest man in the world after I missed that question," said Al today. "But even though I lost the money, I lost a bunch of hungry relatives and

fair-weather friends. If I win anything now, my relatives can go to hell—I'd rather give the money to charity first."

Al, a 57-year-old truck driver, for Douglas Aircraft whose take home pay is \$45 a week, reached the \$32,000 level on "The \$64,000 Question" last Jan. 1 after knocking off a series of questions on geography. On Jan. 2, he decided to go for the big one.

"You should have seen all the relatives that turned up at that show," said Al. "all of them looking for a handout. People I hadn't seen in years. That last week, I didn't get any sleep. I couldn't eat, they wouldn't even let me go to the bathroom."

"They all kept hollering—'Quit now, Al. Quit while you got \$32,000. Don't be a fool. Al, can you spare me \$500?'"

"They kept stepping on my toes, poking me. I got sore, mad, disgusted and sick at heart. Five brothers were after me and 18 other in-laws. I think there were 63 relatives after me. Even if I won, it only would have meant \$1000 apiece."

When Al got into the isolation booth, he didn't care what hap-

pend. "I went in that booth disturbed and when I missed that question, I said to myself—I'm glad, I'm glad," said Al.

"My relatives all got mad at me and my wife wouldn't speak to me. But all I could think of was—now, nobody will get a dime."

Al sold the Cadillac for \$6000. He gave \$500 to his wife, \$500 to

the Hungarian freedom fighters and paid off \$2500 worth of debts. He bought a second hand Oldsmobile with the remainder. He drove home alone.

"People all across the country were wonderful to me," said Al. "but I got real sick in Tucson, Ariz., and had to be put in an oxygen tent in the county hospital. Hypertension, said the doctor. It was like a volcano had blown up in my heart."

"I left the hospital after six days and drove back to L.A. and got my old job back and the guys at Douglas were just great. But not one word from my relatives or my fair-weather friends. And for four months, not a word from my wife. I felt sick inside."

"But I had misconstrued about my wife. She was just taking care of our daughter and grandchildren and son-in-law outside of Washington. They were all sick."

"So when I got word last Thursday that I was going to be

on "Challenge," I called her up and said—'What goes? Who's more important after 23 and a half years of marriage—me or my son-in-law?'. She came into New York on Saturday."

Al doesn't care if he ever wins \$64,000 again. "Listen, if I win \$8,000 I'll be happy this time," he said. "All I want is a little house with a garden, a little dog and my wife. My daughter and grandchildren can come visit me anytime."

"But the rest of that fair-weather bunch. Well, they know what they can do."

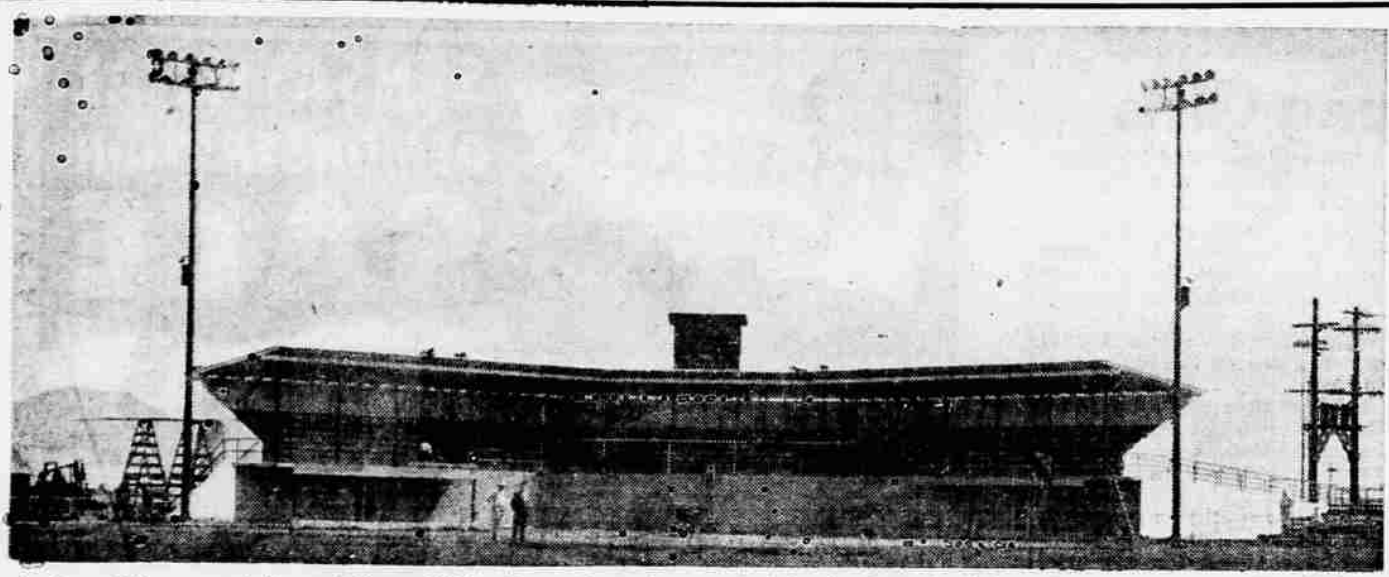
EXPERT DIES
Lausanne, Switzerland — Dr. Edgar Goldschmidt, an international expert on medical history, died Wednesday at the age of 75.

Frozen orange juice is appearing in a new form. Several companies have experimented with orange juice packed in a dehydrated crystal form.

Patience Pays Off—Mrs. Robert Hull, 87 (left), is kissed by her mother, Mrs. Cornelia Ropp, after being told that she is in good condition although her heart stopped for 2 1/2 hours during an operation May 12 in Los Angeles. She is alive today because the surgeon continued massaging her heart for long after most doctors would have given up.



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A view of the new stadium at Camp White shows the main grandstand, press box and part of the bleachers at either end of the structure. The stadium will seat 1,200. Modern dressing rooms and showers, as well as facilities for a concession, are housed in the stadium building, and a special ramp, visible

at right, has been built for wheelchair patients. The lighting system for the field has been installed at a cost of about \$25,000. Total cost of the ball park was \$117,500, which was available through the "post fund."

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