

# CONTRACT BRIDGE

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South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 5 5 3  
♥ A 10 8 3  
♦ A 9 7  
♣ K Q 5

**EAST**  
♠ Q 8 7  
♥ K 7 2  
♦ Q J 10 8  
♣ A 7 4

**WEST**  
♠ 1 9 6 5 4  
♥ 1 3  
♦ A K J 9 6 2  
♣ A K J 10 9 2

**EAST**  
♠ Q 8 7  
♥ K 7 2  
♦ Q J 10 8  
♣ A 7 4

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♣ Pass 2NT Pass  
3♣ Pass 4♣  
Opening lead—Jack of clubs.  
The facts were these. The Jack

of clubs was covered with the queen. East won and returned a club. Declarer played a trump to the ace. Then, after considerable reflection, he played the king of spades, giving up on the idea of going in dummy for a possible trump finesse.

Ultimately, South lost two diamonds and a trump for a one trick set. North contended vigorously the spade should have been finessed, claiming that even if the finesse lost the contract was safe.

First we agree with North's contention that if dummy is entered for the purpose of leading another spade, the finesse is in order because it assures the contract, win or lose. If the finesse wins there is no spade loser; if it loses there can be only one diamond loser because the fourth diamond can be ruffed in dummy.

However, the suggested line of play is incorrect. While it works on this hand, it is not successful if it turns out that West has East's spade and diamond holding.

The proper method of play, after the ace of spades, is to abandon trumps and play diamonds. This method is bound to succeed, come what may.

Let's examine this actual hand and see what happens. The ace and king of diamonds are cashed and a third diamond led. East wins but cannot prevent South from ruffing his fourth diamond. Declarer makes ten tricks even if he misguesses the trump situation.

Let's suppose, however, that either defender ruffs the ace or the king of diamonds. Is this fatal? No. Because there would then be only one trump outstanding which could be easily picked up, and again declarer's fourth diamond is trumped in dummy.

The total trick loser, if this happens, are a club and two diamonds. In other words, regardless of any distribution whatever of the diamond suit, defeat of the contract becomes impossible if only one round of trumps is taken. Either a diamond and a spade will be lost, or two diamonds and no spades.

**DANISH CHURCH**  
The Lutheran church is the national church of Denmark, supported by the state.

**BEDTIME STORIES**  
**The Loveless Cousins**  
With grim starvation face to face, Reddy Fox was hunting over the Green Meadows. He had hunted thoroughly over the snow covered Green Meadows. He had had no luck. It had been the same way up in the Old Pasture. The snow was too deep to catch mice. They had little tunnels under the snow all about in the Green Meadows. Time and again Reddy had known when one was running along a tunnel under him, but he couldn't see the mouse. Though he had pounced on through the snow with his fore-paws he hadn't been able to catch one. He had come over to the Green Forest hoping to catch one of the Grouse who lived over there. A Mouse at best was only a bite, but a Grouse would be a good dinner.

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# Want Industrial Pensions To Supplement Old Age Aid

OTTAWA (CP)—Attainment of a comprehensive national health insurance plan will be the top objective of the Canadian Labor Congress' 1957 legislative program, President Claude Jodoin said today in his new year message.

The head of the newly-formed organization of 1,000,000 members expressed disappointment that 1956 passed "without concrete results."

"Too many Canadians are suffering ill - health simply because there has been delay after delay on the part of governments," President Jodoin said in his first year message since he became head of the CLC on its formation last summer.

"The health of the Canadian people is something that should not be used as a political football, and the Canadian Labor Congress will exert every effort at its disposal to obtain action in 1957."

## INDUSTRIAL PENSIONS

He also said steps should be taken towards the formation of an industrial pension plan with government participation.

"With the high level of employment," he said, "There is an opportunity to introduce an industrial pension plan. Many workers now are contributing in one form or another to plans which will supplement the entirely inadequate old age pensions when they reach retirement."

An urgent necessity, Mr. Jodoin said, is the co-operation of all levels of government in meeting the problems of education.

He reiterated the CLC's call for a federal-provincial conference on the question and added the hope that 1957 will bring "a concerted and orderly effort to meet our country's educational needs."

During the year, he said, organized labor will continue to press for improved conditions, despite attempts in many quarters to blame it for inflationary trends.

## LOOKS TO FUTURE

"We are convinced that such efforts are essential to an expanding economy," he said, "and surely no one will suggest that Canada has reached the limit of her possibilities of economic expansion."

"Labor realizes the responsibilities of its position, both in relation to its membership and to the coun-

try as a whole. Our unions see no reason to cease efforts to obtain justifiable improvements.

"In fact, in the face of radical technological changes and in the extension of automation, it is essential that a high level of purchasing power be maintained in Canada if there is to be a market for the goods which now can be produced in increasing quantities.

In international affairs, Mr. Jodoin commended the Canadian government's action in "taking the

lead to restore the authority of the United Nations" in the Middle East crisis and to have a UN police force established.

"But the best hope or peace," he added, "lies not in settling disputes but in preventing them. If we are to have peace, we must help the hungry people. During 1956, the Canadian government increased its aid to underdeveloped countries, but it must be increased still more."

# Shaw's Alphabet-Reforming Will Be Tested In Court

LONDON (Reuters)—The will of George Bernard Shaw, which left money to finance a streamlined alphabet, will be tested in the courts early in the new year.

Shaw died in 1950, aged 94, leaving about £160,000 (\$1,680,000). After payment of death duties and special bequests, well over £100,000 will be left for disposal under terms of Shaw's will.

This will is, in every sense, a typically Shavian document. When it was first published in 1951, like many of his works, it started, shocked and exasperated people because it proposed a scheme—progressive or outrageous, according to taste—for remoulding the alphabet.

Shaw left the residue of his estate in trust to initiate and finance inquiries into the possibilities of a phonetic alphabet embodying 40 letters, instead of the conventional 26.

Any money left after providing for the alphabet scheme was to be divided equally among the B-I-tish Museum, where Shaw often read and worked, the national gallery of his native Ireland, and the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art.

If for any reason the alphabet scheme fell through, all the money was to go to the three institutions.

He did not specify in his will who was to carry out his alphabet inquiry, although one passage in the 8,000-word testament suggested that the ministry of education might be well equipped for the task.

Just what the task involves was methodically listed by Shaw. The first thing to be ascertained is the number of people who speak the English language and write it by the established and official 26-letter alphabet.

Then must be reckoned the amount of time which would be saved "per individual scribe" by the substitution of "an alphabet containing at least 40 letters providing one symbol for each sound."

Next, the researcher has to discover "how many of these persons are engaged in writing or printing English at any and every moment in the world." Then, on the basis of all this information, must be estimated the "time and labor wasted by our lack of at least 14 unequivocal single symbols."

The playwright's 40-letter alphabet would be based on the existing ABC with additional symbols to mark phonetic sounds which normally need a combination of two or more such letters. Shaw left the exact form of the new alphabet to be determined and designed by others.

The public trustee, who manages Shaw's estate, has asked the high court to give a ruling on the will's validity.

Shaw always regarded the accepted English alphabet as "a relic of the phoenicians."

He also was impressed by the fact that in the Russian alphabet, which contains 33 letters, his own name could be spelled phonetically in two letters, instead of four.

## DAILY CROSSWORD

1. Heathen	2. Beetle	24. One to whom property is transferred
6. President (Czech)	3. Street urchin	25. Edge of a wound
11. Insect stage	4. Mature day	26. Cougar
12. Fruit (It.)	5. Nay	29. Literary scraps
13. Entitle	6. Footwear	31. Priest (Span.)
14. Placard	7. Otherwise	32. Become liable to
15. Town (Ind.)	8. Egg of a louse	33. Human trunk
16. Fence opening	9. Close of a bolt	34. Warhorse
17. Nickel	10. Solemn day	
18. Not such thing	11. Wan slippers	
19. Abbot's slippers	12. Pudding	
20. Relating to life (comb. form)	13. Stiff flour	
21. Employ	14. Pie	
22. Bill of fare	15. Deep valleys	
23. Young of a cow		
24. Ova		
27. Arabic letter		
28. Shallow vessel		
30. Pinch		
31. Learned teachers (India)		
35. The (Old Eng.)		
36. Tibetan priest		
37. Particle of negation		
38. American Indian		
40. Measure of land		
41. Not ever		
42. Entertain		
43. River (Paris)		
44. A king of Judaea (Bib.)		

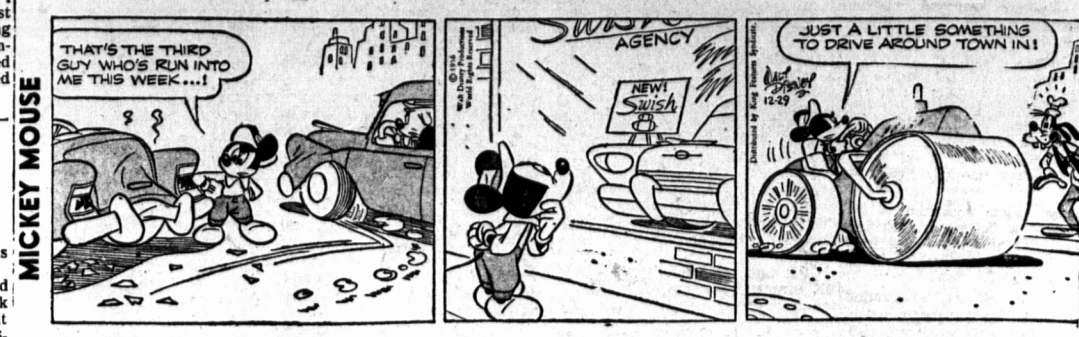
**DOWN**  
1. Pineapples (So. Am.)

**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:**  
A X Y D L B A A X R  
is LONG FELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

**A Cryptogram Quotation**  
B T M H T M W W R T U F R T F Y V F V F T  
M F V Y K T H. T J T H N E V O W V G O E V F  
T M H Y K — E R M B.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: IN VAIN WE BUILD THE WORLD, UNLESS THE BUILDER ALSO GROWS—EDWIN MARKHAM.



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3:15—Test Pattern  
3:58—Sign On  
4:00—Texas Ranger  
5:00—Count of Monte Cristo  
5:30—Wild Bill Hickock  
6:00—Oh Susannah  
6:30—News & Weather  
6:45—Mr. Fixit  
7:00—Lolly Too Dum  
7:30—Holiday Ranch  
8:00—Perry Como  
9:00—Bishop Sheen  
9:30—Texas Rassin  
10:30—Wayne & Shuster  
11:00—News & Weather  
11:10—Juliette  
11:30—Mouvie-tie: "The Man In The Iron Mask"

**SUNDAY**  
11:30 a.m.—Test Pattern  
12:00 a.m.—News Magazine  
12:30 p.m.—This Is The Life  
1:00 p.m.—Here and There  
1:30 p.m.—Country Calendar  
2:00 p.m.—Junior Magazine  
3:00 p.m.—Citizens Forum  
3:30 p.m.—Walter Winchell  
4:00 p.m.—You Are There  
4:30 p.m.—Lassie  
5:00 p.m.—Viewing the News  
5:15 p.m.—Children's Corner  
5:30 p.m.—Perspective  
6:00 p.m.—Burns and Allen  
6:30 p.m.—Father Knows Best  
7:00 p.m.—December Bride  
7:30 p.m.—Butternut All Star Theatre  
8:00 p.m.—Ed Sullivan Show  
9:00 p.m.—All Star Theatre  
9:30 p.m.—CGE Showtime  
10:00 p.m.—Year End Review  
11:00 p.m.—Eleventh Hour News  
11:15 p.m.—Reviewing the News  
11:30 p.m.—Bedtime Story

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3:00 p.m.—Test Pattern  
4:00 p.m.—Western Theatre  
5:00 p.m.—Count of Monte Cristo  
5:30 p.m.—Wild Bill Hickock  
6:00 p.m.—Oh Susannah  
6:30 p.m.—Early Evening TV News  
6:45 p.m.—Weather  
6:50 p.m.—Sports  
7:00 p.m.—Lolly Too Dum  
7:30 p.m.—Holiday Ranch  
8:00 p.m.—Perry Como Show  
9:00 p.m.—Smart Women  
10:30 p.m.—Wayne & Shuster  
11:00 p.m.—CBC TV News  
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11:15 p.m.—Juliette  
11:35 p.m.—Hired Wife

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3:00—Citizens' Forum  
3:30—Walter Winchell  
4:00—You Are There  
4:30—Lassie  
5:00—Fighting Words  
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7:00—December Bride  
7:30—Johnny On The Spot  
8:00—All Star Theatre  
9:30—CGE Showtime  
10:00—Year End Review  
11:00—News & Weather  
11:16—Faith For Today  
11:46—Sign On

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