

# CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAV BECKER

## QUIZ

You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has been:

West North East South  
1 ♠ Dbie. 1 ♠ ?

What do you now bid with each of the following four hands?

- ♠A83 ♥Q6 ♦QJ84 ♣K1092
- ♠K985 ♥KJ872 ♦6 ♣A74
- ♠QJ9643 ♥9 ♦A82 ♣QJ5
- ♠97543 ♥5 ♦J86 ♣AQ98

1. Two notrump. The information double by partner, generally speaking, represents that he also has an opening bid. In replying to the double therefore, the responder makes weak or strong bids in much the same way as if his partner had opened the bidding.

East's heart bid relieves South of the obligation to bid, and, with a poor hand, the responder simply passes. Any bid made voluntarily over one heart, shows strength, and the degree of strength may be shown by skipping one level.

The jump to two notrump indicates to North there is a good

prospect of a notrump game. The 12 high card points facing North's presumable 14 minimum require vigorous identification. The lack of a heart stopper should not stand in the way. It must be inferred North has heart strength as part of his double.

2. Double. Something is rotten in the state of Denmark. East's heart bid is subject to suspicion. The best way to show up the psychology, if that's what it is, is to make a business double. If, as is probable, the bidding takes a new turn, the spades will later be shown. Partner will then know of the heart and spade length as well as the high card values necessary for such a sequence.

3. Two spades. It should be assumed, after North's informal

story double, that this is a game-going hand. Such a view would probably have to be taken if partner had opened the bidding, and it is not less sound merely because West started the ball rolling.

There is a strong implication that North's hand carries spade support, even if only moderately, and this being the case, it is not to be expected there will be four losers.

Evaluating the hand on a point count basis, South has 10 points in high cards plus the distributional values which are worth 3 or 4 points more, since there is an added feature in the form of control in every suit. There is, therefore, if that's what it is, to make a business double. If, as is probable, the bidding takes a new turn, the spades will later be shown. Partner will then know of the heart and spade length as well as the high card values necessary for such a sequence.

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# "Ghana", Former Gold Coast, Commonwealth On March 6th

By SEAGHAN MAYNES

LONDON (Reuters) — A new chapter in African history opens March 6 when nearly 5,000,000 Negroes in Britain's West African colony of the Gold Coast become citizens of an independent African nation, renamed Ghana, within the Commonwealth.

The emergence from colonial to sovereign status of this rich territory, which is the world's largest cocoa producer, is seen by its leaders as an inspiration to all Africans in the continent's colonies who are looking to the day of their own home rule.

Ghana's transition was accomplished in partnership with the British government and there was little of the violence which has marked the nationalist aspirations of Negroes in other parts of Africa.

**FIN'S TRIUMPH**

The birth of the new nation, hailed as a symbol of the new Africa, is a personal triumph for its prime minister, Kwame Nkrumah. He returned to the Gold Coast after 10 years spent studying political organizations in the United States and Britain and started a new and virile political party, which in 1949 launched a nationwide campaign for "self-government now."

Within two years—in the 1951 general elections—the party had captured a majority in the legislature at a time when Nkrumah and other party leaders were in prison on sedition charges.

He was released by governor Sir Charles Arden-Clarke, and at his invitation formed a government. For the first time, an African majority was granted a considerable measure of responsibility.

Three years later Nkrumah's people's party increased its representation in the 1954 general election and a new constitution was adopted making the Gold Coast virtually self-governing.

**MINORITY HAD FEARS**

Storm clouds gathered in the country's Northern Territories province and in Ashanti, where the official opposition eyed with alarm the growing power of the Nkrumah forces in the central parliament and feared that the area's minority rights would be disregarded.

When it appeared that the internal dissension would straiten the whole program, Colonial Secretary Alan Lennox-Boyd hurried to the Gold Coast and succeeded in easing the tension in a series of talks with the government and opposition leaders.

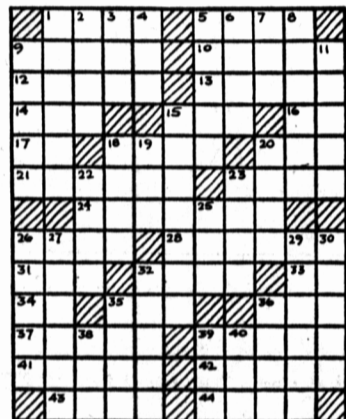
From them emerged a new constitution aimed at safeguarding minority interests by giving considerable powers to the regions and entrenching them against interference by the central government.

## MORE PLAYERS

Canadian manufacturers shipped 225,000 golf clubs in 1955, a gain of 18,000 over the preceding year.

## DAILY CROSSWORD

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>              | 1. Bleat                   | 22. Jewish month      |
| 2. Substance               | 3. In a distance           | 23. Forehead          |
| 4. Scotch hero             | 5. Twin crystal            | 24. Head              |
| 6. Sheltered side          | 6. Confederate             | 25. Eye               |
| 7. Wide-awake              | 7. Sheltered side          | 26. Deeds             |
| 8. Journey                 | 8. Journey                 | 27. Lasso             |
| 9. South                   | 9. South                   | 28. Glories           |
| 10. Lucid                  | 10. Lucid                  | 29. Short, simple air |
| 11. Banal                  | 11. Banal                  | 30. Parts of shoes    |
| 12. Like ale               | 12. Like ale               | 31. Fresh water fish  |
| 13. Girl's nickname        | 13. Girl's nickname        | 32. Haul              |
| 14. International language | 14. International language | 33. Owl               |
| 15. Location               | 15. Location               | 34. Girl's name       |
| 16. Encounter              | 16. Encounter              | 35. Excavate          |
| 17. Grab                   | 17. Grab                   |                       |
| 18. Large bundle           | 18. Large bundle           |                       |
| 19. Traders                | 19. Traders                |                       |
| 20. Level                  | 20. Level                  |                       |
| 21. Caid forth             | 21. Caid forth             |                       |
| 22. Caid forth             | 22. Caid forth             |                       |
| 23. Bull slowly            | 23. Bull slowly            |                       |
| 24. Greek letter           | 24. Greek letter           |                       |
| 25. Land measure           | 25. Land measure           |                       |
| 26. Female deer            | 26. Female deer            |                       |
| 27. Feline                 | 27. Feline                 |                       |
| 28. Kind of wave           | 28. Kind of wave           |                       |
| 29. Mature person          | 29. Mature person          |                       |
| 30. Stewed fruit           | 30. Stewed fruit           |                       |
| 31. Solved                 | 31. Solved                 |                       |
| 32. Golf mounds            | 32. Golf mounds            |                       |
| 33. Grows old              | 33. Grows old              |                       |
| 34. Englishman             | 34. Englishman             |                       |
| 35. Louisiana (dim.)       | 35. Louisiana (dim.)       |                       |
| 36. One-spot card          | 36. One-spot card          |                       |



## DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

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, length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

**A Cryptogram Quotation**

WKT LSUTHLMY TPELAF ... EKVFT  
YIPT M STWTVH, EWHTMSLFA W V  
WKT BLFR—SLYWVF.

Yesterday's Cryptquote: THAT MAN IS THE RICHEST WHOSE PLEASURES ARE THE CHEAPEST — THOREAU.

## OUR BOARDING HOUSE MAJOR HOOPLE



## OUT OUR WAY BY J. R. WILLIAMS



## BEDTIME STORIES

### Truly The First Babies

Boast not at all. It doesn't pay. Chagrin is all you get that way.

—Reddy Fox.

Reddy knows whereof he speaks. Reddy is smart. In all the Green Forest there is no one in a fur coat who is smarter than Reddy Fox. What Reddy says you may be very sure is so.

From a safe distance, though you might not have thought it safe had you been in his place, Reddy was watching Mrs. Buster Bear as she sat beside a great white mound in the most lonesome part of the Green Forest. That mound was a now covered pile of brush, and old windfall, from beneath which she had just crawled. Now she was blinking her rather small eyes somewhat stupidly.



"Have you had a pleasant winter," asked Reddy in his most polite manner.

Reddy was grinning. Near as he was he really was safe and he knew it. In the first place he knew that Mrs. Bear has just wakened from a long sleep and probably he knew, too, that she must be too stiff to move quickly if she wanted to, and probably she didn't want to.

"Have you had a pleasant winter," asked Reddy in his most polite manner.

"I don't know anything about winter, I have been asleep," said Mrs. Bear in a deep, grumbly voice that seemed to come from way down in her throat. He looked all about her. Everything was covered with snow. "It looks to me as if winter is still here," she growled.

"It is. Don't you like it?" replied Reddy.

"No, I don't like it," grumbled Mrs. Bear. "I woke up and though Mistress Spring was here. That is why I got up and came out. I wish I hadn't. I don't like winter."

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There's nothing to do and nothing to eat."

"You said it," declared Reddy. "It is so long since I have had a really good dinner, all I could eat, that I can't remember when the last time was. How are the babies?"

Mrs. Bear turned her head and there was an ugly sound in that eyes. "Don't you dare touch these babies. Don't you go near them, Reddy Fox," she growled and there was an ugly sound in that growl. Reddy hastily backed a little. "I wouldn't think of touching them. You know I wouldn't," he protested. "I wouldn't dream of such a thing." This was true. Anyway it was true while Mother Bear was anywhere near.

"How did you know I have babies?" Mrs. Bear wanted to know.

"I heard them crying. I was up on that big pile of brush and the sound came up through a small hole in the snow. Then I smelled the Bear smell there," replied Reddy. "This was quite true. That little hole in the snow had been made by the warm breath of Mrs. Bear rising and melting the snow very slowly.

"How long have you had those babies?" continued Reddy.

"Quite a while," growled Mrs. Bear. The truth was they were a month old.

"So that makes them the very first babies of the year in all the Green Forest," declared Reddy. He looked up and grinned at Hooty the Owl and Mrs. Hooty at their nest high in a tree close by. Mrs. Hooty had often boasted that they always had the first babies of the year.

"I wouldn't know," grumbled Mrs. Bear without interest.

## Arab Leaders Chart Course

CAIRO (Reuters)—The leaders of four Arab countries pledged Wednesday night to work for an "immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Israel" from the Gulf of Aqaba and the Gaza Strip.

King Saud of Saudi Arabia, King Hussein of Jordan, President Nasser of Egypt and President Shukri El Kuwaly of Syria chartered a joint course of Arab action in three days of conferences.

They promised to support:

1. "Immediate and unconditional withdrawal" of Israel behind the 1949 armistice lines;
2. Full rights of Palestine Arabs displaced by Israel;
3. Compensation by "aggressive states" for losses caused by the October-November Israeli invasion and Anglo-French landing at Port Said, at the northern end of the Suez Canal;
4. Rejection of all attempts to reduce Egypt's "sovereignty and rights over the Suez Canal;"
5. Condemnation of "British aggression" against the territories of Yemen;
6. Rights of Arabs in Algeria to "freedom and independence."

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7:45 p.m.—Ches Cooper Time  
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