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Partner Needs Help In Stopping End-Play

"I get so lonesome sometimes, defending these hands all alone," remarked Mr. Champion plaintively. "I'd like to take up some kind of partnership game... something other than bridge where, of course, it's every man for himself."

This heavy sarcasm was not lost on Mr. Muzzy. "What do you expect me to do... see through the backs of the cards?" he asked hotly.

"Of course not," Mr. Champion replied. "You've been playing for 20 years and the fronts of the cards still baffle you."

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

This discussion resulted from the fact that on two separate occasions during the play of this hand, Mr. Muzzy had overlooked golden opportunities to take his partner off an end-play.

The king of hearts was opened and Mr. Champion carefully played the deuce. If Mr. Muzzy had shifted to the jack of diamonds at trick two the contract would have been doomed. However, he stubbornly con-

South dealer
Neither side vulnerable
North (Mr. Abel)
S-Q 7 6 4
H-8 6 5
D-K 9 8 2
C-A 4

West (Mr. Muzzy) S-3 3 East (Mr. Champion) S-9 2
H-A K 10 9 4 H-Q J 3 2
D-J 5 3 D-A Q 10
C-J 10 9 C-9 8 6 5

South (Mrs. Keen) S-A K J 10 8
H-7
D-7 6 4
C-K Q 7 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 S 2 H 2 S 3 H
4 S All Pass

tinued with the ace of hearts. Mrs. Keen ruffed and took two rounds of trumps. She then cashed the ace, king and queen of clubs, sluffing a diamond from dummy.

SAVES JACK

Next she ruffed her last club, Mr. Muzzy discarding a small heart. The closed hand was re-entered by ruffing dummy's last heart.

Her preparation completed, Mrs. Keen now led a diamond toward dummy's king. This was Mr. Muzzy's second opportunity to save the day. The only thing he saved was the jack of diamonds. He played the trey, the eight went on from dummy and Mr. Champion was in with the ten.

NO X-RAY EYES

A heart return would let Mrs. Keen discard a losing diamond while ruffing on the board. A diamond return would enable her to win a trick with dummy's king. Mr. Champion gave up.

Actually, Mr. Muzzy needed no X-ray eyes to know that he should have played the jack on the first diamond lead. His side needed three more tricks. Obviously there were no more tricks in diamonds. Mr. Champion would have to hold the ace, queen and ten. As his only hope, Mr. Muzzy should have played his partner for that holding.

Mrs. Churchill Urges Husband To Quit Post

LONDON (Reuters)—Friends of Sir Winston Churchill said today he is being strongly pressed to give up as prime minister by the one person who has any real control over him, his wife, Clementine.

They said Lady Churchill, more than anyone else, is likely to influence the decision, when the 79-year-old statesman shows no personal inclination to make. No one takes greater pride than she in his ability, at his age, to continue grappling with all the complexities of his job. But she naturally wants her husband to resign while he still has the prospect of being able to enjoy retirement, unhampered by bad health.

Throughout the prime minister's career she has played a self-effacing role, recognizing that a wife has always to take second place to the demands of a politician's work. But there is no doubt that his illness last summer frightened her, as it worried his doctors.

In recent months Churchill appears to have recaptured all his old mental sparkle though he has slowed up, physically in the past year or so.

Status of East Germany Raised to Sovereignty

BERLIN —Communist propaganda drums beat today to announce that the Soviet Union has raised East Germany to the status of a sovereign state, but the West promptly branded the Russian move a sham.

The Russians said they hereafter will assume the same relations with the Communist East German government as "with other sovereign states," but will continue to keep their occupation army in the east zone to "safeguard security."

Many Western observers regard this as the latest in a series of Soviet manoeuvres to force official western recognition of the east-zone satellite, a campaign continually rejected by the Western allies and the West German government on the grounds "the eastern regime does not represent the people."

As soon as the East German official news agency ADN distributed the Soviet announcement Thursday night, newspapers in the Soviet zone came out with banner headlines proclaiming the new "sovereignty."

Moscow's newspapers were three hours late in hitting the streets with their front-page account of the new move.

But the United States state department in Washington recalled the widespread workers'

revolts last June in East Germany and declared the "entire puppet regime would collapse under the weight of hatred and hostility of the populace" if Soviet troops were withdrawn.

SAYS PROPAGANDA

West Germany's acting chancellor, Franz Blucher, heading the Bonn government, while Chancellor Konrad Adenauer is on a state visit to Turkey, termed the announcement "just a phase of the propaganda battle of the East against the West."

The Soviet announcement said

the East German republic will be "free to decide... its own internal and external affairs, including the question of relations with west Germany."

But it immediately added that the "Soviet Union retains in the east German democratic republic those functions which are connected with international security and which remain obligations arising from the S.R. from four-power agreements."

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