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BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Opening Two No Trump Bid Needs Little Help in Dummy

An opening bid of two no trump is not forcing but it tells partner that he does not need to come up with much to make a game. Such an opening is made on a balanced hand with about 23 high card points —a little more with stodgy 4-3-3-3 distribution and poor intermediate cards, a little less with hands containing a good five card suit and/or good intermediate cards (10s and nines). Of course all suits should be stopped.

North dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH
Mr. Masters
♠ Q 9 4
♥ 7 5 3
♦ 7 3
♣ J 10 9 6 4

WEST
Mr. Abel
♠ K 10 7 5 3
♥ 8 6
♦ 9 6 5
♣ A 7 3

EAST
Mr. Muzzy
♠ 6 2
♥ A 10 9 4
♦ K 10 8 4 2
♣ 8 2

SOUTH
Mr. Champion
♠ A J 8
♥ K Q J 2
♦ A Q J
♣ K Q 5

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	All Pass		

In deciding whether a hand qualifies for a two no trump opening, here is a good practical test. Ask yourself if you are willing to play three no trump if your partner has a hand on which he would not respond to a bid of one in a suit—and yet which contains several scattered honor cards (about a king and a jack or the equivalent).

If you think you will have a good chance to make game with that little in the dummy, go ahead and open with two no trump. If you will need at least six high card points from partner to have a reasonable play for game, better open with one of a suit.

THREE NO TRUMP

In today's hand Mr. Masters would not have responded to a one heart or a one club bid from Mr. Champion. But after the two no trump opening he felt that he might have enough to give his partner a good play for three no trump.

Humanics entered into his decision. Playing with Mr. Muzzy he would have passed the two no trump bid. But he was playing against Mr. Muzzy. And with Mr. Champion as his partner, he knew the hand would be well-played. It was.

Mr. Abel opened the five of spades, the four went on from dummy. Mr. Muzzy played the deuce and Mr. Champion, after a little thought, went up with the ace. Undoubtedly Mr. Muzzy would have won this trick with the eight spot and chortled about his good luck. Also he undoubtedly would have gone set on the hand.

IMPORTANT ENTRY

Mr. Champion knew that if one of the defenders held the ace of clubs at least three long, he would hold it up until the third round to block entry to dummy's five-card suit. He therefore planned to give dummy's queen of spades every chance to furnish the important entry.

This foresight paid off. The clubs were started and Mr. Abel laid off until the third round as expected. He came out with the eight of hearts and Mr. Muzzy won with the ace and returned the suit. As you see, nothing could now prevent Mr. Champion from entering dummy in the spade suit to run the rest of the clubs and wrap up a total of 10 tricks.

U.S. PROMOTERS ISSUE STAMPS FOR PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT

PANAMA CITY (Reuters)—A stamp issue from which American promoters hope to make about $40,000,000 profit has gone on sale here. Each of the 12 values in the issue bears the likeness of one of the Pope Pius, ranging from Pope Pius I on the two-cent green to the present Pope Pius XII on the $2 purple.

This incursion of private enterprise into the stamp-issuing business has been under negotiation here for several years. The promoters, whose names have not been officially revealed, have had the stamps printed at their own expense in California. They presented the stamps to the Panamanian postal system on the basis of the Panama government retaining 60 per cent of the revenue and the promoters 40 per cent.

The government, which saves a sizable stamp—printing bill, will not be losing revenue on its postal services by getting only 60 per cent of the face value of the stamps as the vast majority of them are intended for direct sale to philatelists.

Although the issue is to be on sale for only six months, the printing is authorized to include 30,000,000 of the $2 Pope Pius XII stamp. This is probably as many $2 stamps as Panama's postal services would normally need in 25 years.

But the promoters hope that the combination of faith and philately will bring a world-wide demand for the pictures of the popes.

DEFTLY HANDLING the tools of her trade, Ruth Sakovich, a school marm by profession, works as a barber during the summer season at Hampton Beach, N. H. On the receiving end of a smooth shave is the resort's Chamber of Commerce president, John Dineen. During the school session, Ruth swaps her razor for a slide rule and teaches math at Bound Brook, New Jersey.

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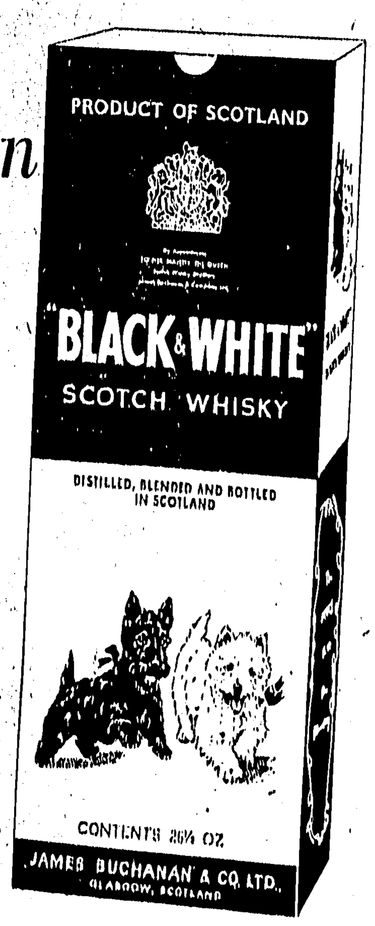

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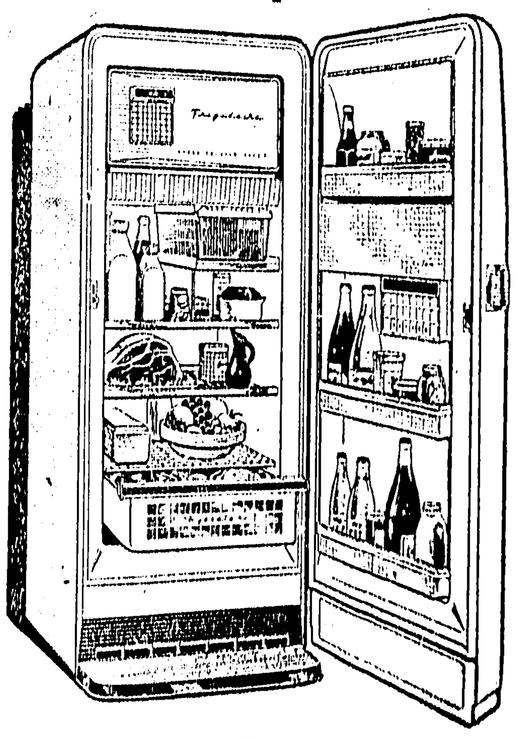

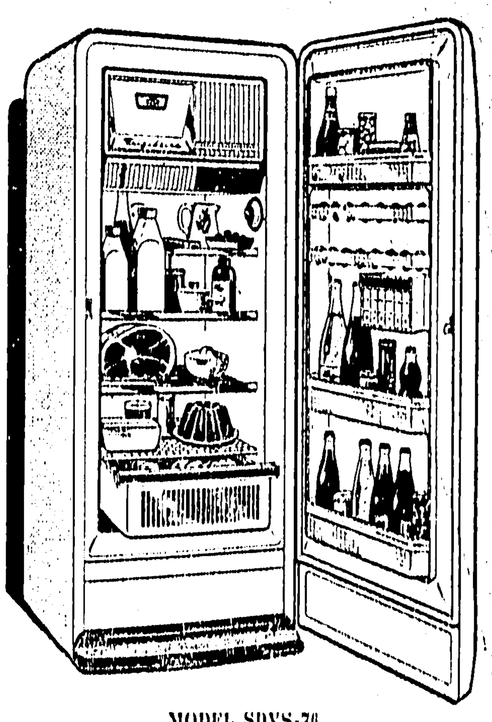

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