BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

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Mr. Muzzy's Hallucination Puts Contract Down Two

"We missed a slam," said Mr. Muzzy, disgustedly, after he got a look at the dummy hand in today's deal. Of course he was thinking about six diamonds but his statement still seemed pretty silly when he proceeded to do down two tricks at a contract of only three-odd.

This result was not easy to accomplish and requires a bit of explanation. Miss Brash opened her fourth best heart, the seven, and Mr. Muzzy quite properly went up with dummy's queen which held the trick.

From here on, however, he went completely off the beam. It was clear, even to him, that it was necessary to bring in at least four diamond tricks to make his bid.

A HUDDLE

At trick two, then, he led the queen of diamonds from the board and went into a long huddle after Mr. Dale promptly followed suit with the four.

What were the odds on dropping the king with only two cards of a suit outstanding? Mr. Muzzy couldn't remember. He knew this much. He knew he would be kidded unmercifully if he finessed and lost to a singleton king.

He frowned, stared at the ceiling, pulled his lower lip out of shape. He looked suspiciously at Miss Brash and found out exactly nothing.

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
Mr. Abel
♠ K 8 7
♥ Q 6
♦ Q J 8 6 3
♣ A 8 7

WEST
Miss Brash
♠ Q J 5
♥ A J 8 7 5 3
♦ none
♣ Q 6 5 3

EAST
Mr. Dale
♠ 10 9 4 3 2
♥ 10 2
♦ K 4
♣ J 10 4 2

SOUTH
Mr. Muzzy
♠ A 6
♥ K 9 4
♦ A 10 9 7 5 2
♣ K 9

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	1 ♥	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	All Pass		

He thought about his problem so long that he finally developed the hallucination that if Miss Brash got the lead she could run the rest of her heart suit against him. He had to guess the diamond situation correctly . . . So he went up with the ace.

"Drop it," he roared.

Miss Brash dropped it. But "it" turned out to be the lowly trey of clubs. Thus Mr. Dale was able to gain the lead and fire a heart through Mr. Muzzy's king. Miss Brash rattled off five heart tricks to put the contract down two.

Of course there was really no problem about the diamond suit and the finesse was automatic. If it lost, Mr. Muzzy still had the hearts stopped and he only needed four diamond tricks anyway.

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FOR CAT NAPS — Snug as a bug in a rug, that's Susan Campbell, 3, who's all set to catch forty winks with her doll at the National Toy Show in New York. She takes her ease in a "jungle rug," which actually is a leopard skin sleeping bag with the animal's head serving as a pillow.

Electric Mail Inspection Machine Added to Vancouver Roof Heliport

VANCOUVER (CP) — Canada's first rooftop heliport is now under construction at the new multi-million dollar post office here—and designers have added another first, an electronic mail inspection system.

The building, under construction since 1954 and scheduled for completion next year, has a half mile long underground tunnel to the Canadian Pacific Railway station, the longest in any Canadian post office.

The tunnel will carry mail by means of a long conveyer belt to the sorting area, located in a below-ground storey of the $10,000,000 structure.

DISCARDED TV IDEA

A television system was first thought to be the best way of supervising and inspecting the mail flowing through the tunnel, but officials discarded the idea and planned an electronic system.

A large control panel of lights and switches is the heart of the set-up. If the belt is overloaded or the lateral movement becomes too great, the "brain" automatically stops the belt and a crew of men is dispatched.

An inter-communication system will also be installed in the 10-foot high tube.

Officials say the new system will be less costly than the television circuit and will be the first used in a Canadian post office.

To speed up mail, officials decided upon a helicopter service. Helicopters will fly to the airport, 12 miles away, unload outgoing mail, load incoming mail and touch down on the 160 foot landing field atop the post office roof.

MAY EXTEND SERVICE

If the service proves successful, officials say it may be extended to other nearby points in the province.

Krushchev Secret Report on Stalin Made Public Criticism "Milk, Water"

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Times says Nikita Khrushchev gave the recent Soviet Communist party congress a secret explanation of the desanctifying of Joseph Stalin that made public criticisms of the late dictator during the congress sound "like milk and water."

The Times report was written by the paper's former Moscow correspondent, Harrison Salisbury, who says his information came from diplomatic reports reaching the United States from Moscow. He says the Moscow censorship prevented correspondents there from cabling rumors about the Khrushchev speech circulating in the Soviet capital.

According to Salisbury:

Khrushchev, the Soviet Communist party's first secretary, made his sensational speech at a closed congress session on Feb. 24 from which delegates from foreign Communist parties were barred. The "comprehensive and forthright" address touched on events surrounding Lenin's death in 1924, the great purges of the 1930s, and Stalin's last years.

The party's present chief pictured his predecessor as "not himself" in his latter years. Stalin, he said, through much of his career was subject to phobias about the supposed treachery of his associates.

Khrushchev described Moscow in the late Stalin years as a capital "ridden by plots, counterplots and intrigue, in which no one knew who might be the next victim . . . Many of Stalin's closest associates were unaware of the fate of intimate friends and collaborators . . . Even the members of Stalin's politburo (the top party command) were often kept in ignorance of what was happening."

Khrushchev asserted that the treason charges on which Marshal Mikhail Tukhachevsky and seven other top Red army leaders were executed in 1937 were fabricated and a "terrible mistake" because this deprived Russia of its top military leadership, Khrushchev said. The Red army was almost overwhelmed by Germany's invasion in 1941.

Tom Whitney, former Associated Press correspondent in Moscow, reported earlier this week that Khrushchev and Premier Bulganin had told a high-ranking foreign dignitary some months ago that Tukhachevsky and his associates were innocent.

Although the treason charges against the army leaders were never explained officially, it was widely rumored and generally believed in the West that they had plotted with Germany and Japan to overthrow Stalin.

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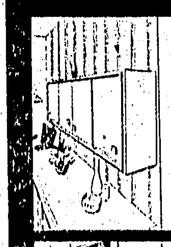
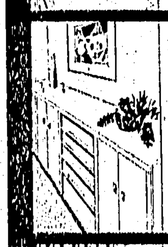


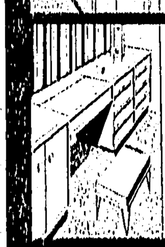
Cabinets & Shelving
Plan No. 120. A neat system of shelving—open or with doors—for living room walls, children's room or anywhere in the home.

Dining-Living Room Divider
Plan No. 125. Storage buffet with pass-through space and open shelving over, designed specially for open plan dining-living room division.

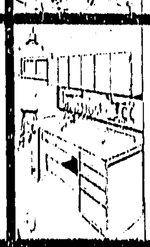


Counter Height Built-in Cabinets
Plan No. 121. Modern design with cupboards and drawers for dining buffet, den, or any room where counter height storage is needed.

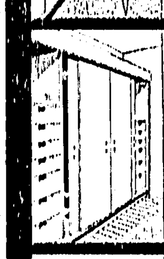
Panelling and Extra Rooms
Folder No. 126. How to build attic or basement rooms with panelling ideas for all through the home.



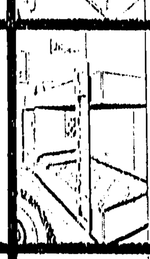
Wall to Wall Vanity
Plan No. 122. Another popular "built-in" easily made in units and installed. Banks of drawers and cupboards flank neat fold-away vanity.



Work Bench & Cabinets
Plan No. 127. A sturdy work center for the home carpenter, so well designed you will want to paint it and make it a recreation room feature.



Master-Bedroom Storage Wall
Plan No. 123. One end of the bedroom becomes a generous Mr. and Mrs. wardrobe with sliding doors and lots of drawers.



Bunk Beds
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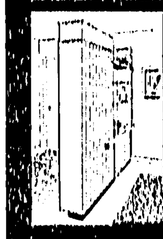
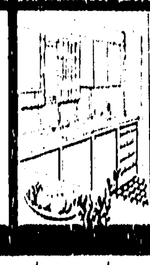


Living Room Entry Divider
Plan No. 124. This unit takes up only a 12 inch strip of floor space—has closet on entry side, shelving and storage on living room side.



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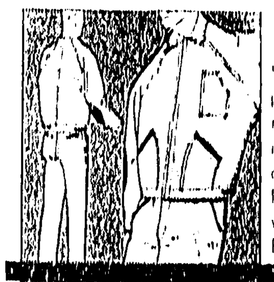

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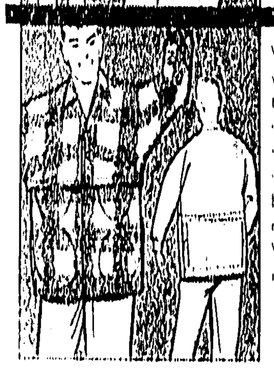

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