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## BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

**A Bad Start Ends Well in Mr. Muzzy's Contract**  
Mr. Champion frequently complains about Mr. Muzzy's bad play and good luck. This deal gave him further reason for complaint.

The opening lead was the four of spades which was won by dummy's king. A quick survey of the hand made it clear - even to Mr. Muzzy - that there were no losers in spades or hearts. It was equally clear, however, that there was one sure loser in clubs and a possible loser in diamonds.

At trick two Mr. Muzzy led the four of diamonds from the board. When the trick fell on his right he went into a study. Usually he guesses in a situation of this kind. He loves to finesse. But here, for some reason, he decided to go up with the ace.

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
Mr. Meek  
▲ A K  
♦ 9 8 3  
♥ J 8 6 4  
♣ 8 7 5 3

**WEST**  
Mr. Champion  
▲ Q 10 8 4 3  
♥ 7 5 2  
♦ Q 5 2  
♣ 10 4

**EAST**  
Mrs. Kern  
▲ J 9 6 2  
♥ J 10 6 4  
♦ 3  
♣ Q J 9 6

**SOUTH**  
Mr. Muzzy  
▲ 7 5  
♥ A K Q  
♦ A K 10 9 7  
♣ A K 2

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2 ♦ Pass 3 ♦ Pass  
4 NT Pass 5 ♦ Pass  
5 NT Pass 6 ♦ All Pass

Then he entered dummy with the ace of spades and led another diamond. "If I guess this right," he remarked, "we'll make it."

**NO GUESS**  
But of course there was no guess to make concerning the queen of diamonds because Mrs. Kern showed out of the suit, discarding a small spade. So Mr. Muzzy was automatically guided into the right play of going up with his king.

At this point he went into another huddle. The reason was that he didn't know what to do next. Finally, believing he was going set anyway, he elected to defer the awful moment as long as possible by cashing out his high cards. He played his three high hearts, then the ace and king of clubs.

Without realizing it and without intent to do so, he had now stripped Mr. Champion's hand of those suits.

**RIGHT MOVE**  
For his next play he started fingering the deuce of clubs while Mr. Meek sat across the table dying a thousand deaths. But luckily he changed his mind at the last moment and threw a diamond out on the table, stating that he guessed it didn't make any difference.

Mr. Champion had to win this trick and return a spade. Tortuously, Mr. Muzzy figured out that his play was to ruff in dummy and discard the deuce of clubs from his hand.

Mr. Champion shook his head resignedly. "I don't mind your making a good play like that against me, Muzzy," he lied, "but it would be so much easier to take if you knew what you were doing."



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## UN Adamant On Withdrawal Of Forces

By WARREN ROGERS JR.  
WASHINGTON (AP) - Diplomatic officials indicated today Israel has little chance of getting United States arms without first accepting United Nations proposals to end Middle East border strife.

These officials said support of the proposals, offered by the UN truce chief, Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns of Canada, is basic to the "sympathetic consideration" promised Israel's plea for U.S. weapons.

The Burns plan calls for Israel and Egypt to withdraw their troops from the disputed El Ouja border zone, to submit to UN inspection and try to work out a fixed boundary line.

So far Israeli officials, have announced full support provided Egypt goes along and Israel does not have to give up any of its rights or positions in the embattled area. Egypt has said nothing in reaction.

The U.S. state department called a week ago on both countries to state their intentions. A formal reply from them has not yet arrived.

A spokesman described the Burns proposals as the short-range U.S. policy "to put out the fire."

For the long haul, he said, American policy is summed up in State Secretary Dulles' Aug. 25 offer of economic aid to resettle refugees, help to negotiate firm boundary lines, and military support to guarantee the security of both sides within those boundaries.

It was emphasized no decision has yet been reached here on whether to sell Israel weapons. The Israelis want them, they say, to offset Soviet bloc shipments of jet planes, tanks, submarines and other arms to Egypt.

Israel is reported to have sounded out Canada. The suggestion has been raised in some quarters here that the U.S. could ease its diplomatic troubles by letting Canada supply the weapons to Israel.

Comedian or tragedian as befits the moment, the talented Christmas brings years of stage, radio and television experience to Prince Rupert audiences while Miss Reiser has been hailed by eastern critics as one of the brightest stars among current TV actresses.

During the last seven years, Eric Christmas has performed in more than 1,000 Canadian Broadcasting Corporation network radio and TV productions. His voice is known to millions as "Madame Hooperdink," girl jack-of-all-trades on the Wayne and Shuster Show.

Miss Reiser has recently returned from Europe to reach new heights of stardom in Canadian video performances of "The Leonardi Code," and "Drought," in which she caught the imagination of TV audiences and won the acclaim of Toronto critics.

"Two For Company" combines the talents of the two stars into an evening of comedy and drama in a program similar to that which Ruth Draper and Charles Laughton made famous all over the world.

## Foreign Ministers Seek Agreement on Statement

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
GENEVA (AP) - The foreign ministers of Russia and the United States dropped their bitter debate over arms reduction and controls today and began trying to patch up some kind of agreement on a final Four disarmament declaration.

The newly conciliatory tone in today's Big Four session was in stark contrast to the acid argument of two previous sessions, in the course of which State Secretary Dulles and Foreign Minister Molotov accused each other, either directly or by implication, of practising bad faith in negotiations and of trying to deceive the world about their disarmament policies.

Today Dulles suggested that work be started on "a common statement" reflecting the debate which he said had been "useful and informative." He remarked that he would not be so optimistic as to say that either side had affected the thinking of the other, but he thought there was a better understanding of differing points of view.

**SOME CONFIDENCE**  
Dulles said he felt confident that "even though we do not reach a large measure of formal agreement, certainly the exchange of viewpoints which has occurred here will be instructive and will help representatives in the United Nations sub-committee on disarmament."

Molotov began his comments on the achievements of the badly split disarmament debate with what appeared to be a nodding reference to his efforts to get Western agreement to some kind of generalized renunciation of atomic arms. In his words, he had hoped to get an agreement here "to end the arms race."

They recognized the need to continue to seek agreement on a comprehensive program for disarmament which could promote international peace and security.

The Western allies and Molotov have agreed that some day the burden of armaments and fear of atomic war ought to be reduced, if not abolished. State Secretary Dulles, Foreign Secretary Macmillan and Foreign Minister Pliny indicated Friday night that they expect to come up with a new set of proposals in a few months.

Their arguments with Molotov disclosed several fundamental ideas to be incorporated in the new Western approach.

These include:

- Agreement should be reached on ways to retain a big-power monopoly of atomic weapons. This will become an increasingly acute problem as techniques of manufacturing atomic explosives develop. Dulles said an answer may be found in controls on production and circulation.
- The problem of preventing use of existing atomic weapons may be solved in part by poling the means of their delivery against a target, and by watching for evidence of mobilization necessary if a great power intended to start an atomic war.
- The problem of eliminating existing atomic weapons is at present insoluble, but devices for detection may be developed, and it is essential to continue to search for them.
- The size of standing armoured forces, navies and air forces can be reduced, cutting military costs, lessening fear of war and increasing international confidence.

Otherwise, Molotov said, he

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## Winnipeg Fire Out of Control

WINNIPEG (AP) - A fire was burning out of control early today in six business buildings on Winnipeg's Portage Avenue in the downtown area. Early estimates placed damage at more than \$1,000,000.

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