## BLACKWOOD on

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Mr. Abel's Bidding Better Than Play As Six Spade Contract Down One

After the opening spade bid, Mr. Champion knew the final contract would be in spades. There was no h danger, then, in making a jump takeout in a lowerranking suit that was not strictly biddable. When this action is necessary, it is best to make the jump bid in |||| the suit where your principal side strength lies.

When Mr. Champion later bid five spades. Mr. Abel correctly South dealer interpreted it to mean that he North-South vulnerable was not requested to bid six if he did not have two quick losers in the unbid suit, diamonds.

Twelve tricks at spades should have been made without difficulty, but unfortunately Mr. Abel's play was not as good as his bidding.

Mr. Dale led his fourth best & K 8 6 4 2 diamond, the four spot, and Mr. 3 9 5 3 Abel properly won with the ace over Mrs. Keen's jack. He was disappointed to note that dummy's club suit was only three long so that sufficient discards from the closed hand could not The bidding: be made.

The way he analyzed the sit- 1 A uation, there was one sure dia- 3 mond loser and a possible loser 6.4 in hearts, depending on the location of the queen of heart.

On this analysis it could be defenders.

and finessed dummy's jack. This the board. lost to the queen and the enemy promptly cashed a diamond for the setting trick.

the outstanding trumps, was to miles of inland waterways, navcash dummy's clubs, discarding igable all year round.

NORTH Mr. Champion A J 8 4 3 EAST Mrs. Keen ♥ Q 7 6 ♦ Q J 3 ··· 33742 SOUTH Mr. Abel ♠ X Q 10 7 ♥ A 10 5 2 ◆ A 10 9 North

Pass

Pass :

All Pass

a diamond from the closed hand. A diamond lead at this point would concede a trick to the op- 11 said that he was insisting on do-ponents at a most inopportune ing all the work himself and re- time for them. Whoever won the fusing to enlist the aid of the diamond would have to return a heart, which would take the After winning the first trick guess out of that suit; or one of he cashed two rounds of trumps. the other plain suits, which Then he cashed the ace of would let Mr. Abel ruff while dishearts, followed with a low heart carding the four of hearts from

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"TV is carrying a total of 21 had 15,492."

CHICAGO (A)—Television has! The Hawks, whose home at games on Saturday afternoons | The biggest crowd in the stands. | 132,824 12; Boston—137,730 11; given Chicago hockey a shot in tendance at Chicago Stadium this season and the Hawks are league thus far was 15,925. This The total attendance stood as Detroit—113,280 11; Montreal once was the envy of the league, appearing in 11 of them, seven in was twice reached at New York. a league mark until Montreal; 154,304 11; New York—148,455 Johnny Gottselig, public relatinave averaged better than 11,000 Chicago. Our attendance is not The Black Hawks' peak came Canadiens lured 504,653 in the 12; Toronto-154,358 12.

Hawks, credits Saturday after-this season compared to an vise at home, but it is reflected total of 500,681 paid to watch. The Hawks' gate appeal grad- Motorists are driving safer noon television of National average of 8,378 for last season. In our Sunday night turnouts. | Doug and Max Bentley score ually deteriorated until it reach- this year than last, the National Hockey League games and a bet- | "Television has helped greatly | "For instance, several weeks goals in 35 home contests. In one ect a low of 221,858 in 1954-55. | Safety Council says. In 1956, ter and more colorful. Hawk in renewing interest in hockey," ago we drew 7.983 for a Saturday game that season, 20,004 attend a tendance 40,000 persons died in auto acteam with a resurgence in inter-said Gottselig, former Hawk star. TV matinee: The next night we led a Hawks-Boston Bruins en-totals and number of home cidents. This year, the toll may | counter for a record that still games for the clubs: Chicago--| drop to 39,000,

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