

## BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

### Right Play at Right Time Has Devastating Results on Opponents

The element of time is the very essence of bridge. Time determines the beautiful balance of the game as between the offensive and defensive sides. It is not enough, usually, to execute the right play. But if the right play is executed at the right time—the result is devastating to the opposition.

In today's hand Mr. Dale led the six of spades. Dummy's queen was put up and it held, Mr. Abel playing the deuce. Considering the importance of the time factor, what would you lead at trick two?

Mr. Muzzy led a small club to his ace, returned a club and finessed dummy's jack. Mr. Abel won with the queen and led back the eight of spades. This was ducked around to the king and another spade lead by Mr. Dale cleared the suit.

Since Mr. Muzzy now had to get at least two heart tricks for his contract, he had to let Mr. Dale in once more and the cashing in the good spades brought the total of the defenders' tricks to five.

Mr. Muzzy led club at trick two because he had more clubs than anything else. But that was of practically no importance here. The important thing was to try to make sure the lead was surrendered to the right opponent—the opponent who could not lead another spade without giving Mr. Muzzy a trick with the jack of that suit.

True, if the club finesse

**South dealer**  
East-West vulnerable  
**NORTH**  
Mr. Champion  
♦ A 9 7 6 4 ♦ 8 3 3  
♥ K 3 ♥ Q 6 5 4  
♦ Q J 4 2 ♦ 10 8 3  
♦ 9 2 ♦ Q 10 4  
**SOUTH**  
Mr. Muzzy  
♦ A J 10  
♥ A J 8  
♦ K 9 5  
♦ A 8 7 6

**The bidding:**  
South West North East  
1 N.T. Pass 3 N.T. All Pass

worked, nine tricks could be garnered without losing the lead at all. But there was no hurry about cashing out the clubs. If the queen were right, the finesse would work later in the hand just as well as at trick three.

The resolution also requested

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—Communist Hungary finally has given Dag Hammarskjold a clear cut invitation to visit ravaged Budapest, but the UN secretary-general is not expected to make use of the bid.

Hammarskjold made strong gestures for such an invitation last November after Soviet tanks smashed Hungary's anti-Communist rebellion. He was repeatedly put off by Hungary's Red authorities.

Observers said at this late date, the invitation would do little to achieve Hammarskjold's original purpose—determine just what role Soviet arms played in putting down the revolution.

Hungarian delegate Peter Mod visited Hammarskjold here Friday. Afterward Mod's delegation issued a statement saying Mr. Mod "informed the secretary general that the Hungarian government welcomes him to Budapest at any time convenient for him."

A spokesman in Hammarskjold's office said: "We don't think the statement calls for any comment."

Asked whether Hammarskjold planned to visit Budapest, he replied only, "His plans have been fixed for some time."

#### Postponed Visit

Last Nov. 4, while Soviet forces were putting down the revolution, the General Assembly called on the Soviet Union to stop armed intervention in the internal affairs of Hungary.

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#### CHURCH SLIPPING

FINEDON, England (UPI)—The parish church in this Northamptonshire community is slipping downhill. Architects say the building must have started sliding soon after it was built. The chancel windows now are 10 inches out of the true line.

#### AVOID CARRIERS

Keeping away from the person with a cold is the best known way to avoid catching one.

Hungary and the Soviet Union to admit UN observers to Hungary for an investigation intended to lead to suggestions from Hammarskjold on "methods to bring an end to the existing situation."

Hungary refused to let any observers in. On Nov. 21, Hammarskjold offered to go to Budapest himself.

Two weeks later, Foreign Minister Imre Horvath told the assembly he was ready to discuss a date and arrangements for such a visit. But when Hammarskjold said he could get to Budapest Dec. 16, Budapest Radio de-

cided this date would not be convenient for Hungary.

In Budapest, meanwhile, a high official said Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev has promised Russian troops will remain in Hungary until the Red regime

there is "strong enough to send a division to Vladivostok to help defend us against the American imperialists."

## PROP WASH

By GLADYS BALDWIN

If you happen to notice some old men with long grey beards and harried expressions around town, it's just the out-landers wondering if they'll be ready in time for the Boat Show. Don't forget to hold April 16 and 17 open. You never know—you might want to see it twice.

Dr. W. S. Kergin reports the Prince Rupert Yacht Club is going full steam ahead on the plan to sell bonds to raise money for new floats, clubhouse and grid. At a recent meeting a canvassing committee was formed and they plan an intensive nine-day campaign among members to sell the bonds.

Also the Yacht Club has almost reached the saturation point, as far as new members are concerned, with its present facilities. Some thought is being given to starting a waiting list.

Earl Mah is sporting a new Spencercraft. She's an 18-foot cruiser powered with a 35 hp Evinrude. Mr. Mah has tried her out in the harbour and is looking forward to a real trip.

Montague Harbour has been chosen as the destination of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club's Easter sailing cruise, and I understand the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club is planning a cruise to Pitt Lake. I don't know about Montague Harbour, but a cruise to Pitt Lake would seem like "Old Home Week."

The sun setting on the Golden Ears is something to see.

Pitt Lake, within 40 miles of Vancouver, is a tidal freshwater lake only one foot above sea level. Almost surrounded by high snow-capped mountains of the coast range, the lake is 20 miles long and very deep—some say bottomless. It is accessible only by boat or seaplane and has a tricky, narrow entrance, but once into the lake it is a bontman's paradise—fisherman's too!

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