

RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT



CONTRACT BRIDGE

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West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 7 6 2
♥ Q 9 5 3 2
♦ K 8 6
♣ 6 4

EAST
♠ A K J 10
♥ 7 9 2
♦ J 8 2
♣ K Q 10

WEST
♠ 8
♥ 8 4
♦ Q 7 5 4
♣ A 9 7 5 3

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 10 9 5
♥ 7
♦ A 10 3
♣ K Q 10

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 1♥ 4♠

Opening lead—eight of hearts.
To run the deliberate risk of losing two tricks in a suit where only one loser exists may sound like a losing proposition, but is by no means an uncommon occurrence.

Declarer found himself in four spades by his own choosing when he decided to contract for game directly. With no way of knowing whether the contract would prove satisfactory, it nevertheless seemed to be a good tactical maneuver, especially considering the vulnerability.

With a lead a heart, which East won with the ten, and returned a heart, which declarer ruffed.

South had a loser in each suit, counting the fact that he could ruff a third round of clubs in

dummy. Since the loss of four tricks also meant the loss of the contract, declarer had to try to arrange his play to avoid one loser.

Only one practical possibility presented itself. So declarer led the king of clubs, which West took with the ace. West shifted to a low diamond, won in dummy with the king.

Declarer next led a club from dummy and finessed the ten. When the ten held, the queen of clubs was cashed and a diamond was discarded from dummy.

South was then able to trump a diamond in dummy, thus avoiding one loser, and the four spade contract was made.

Of course, South was lucky to find East with the jack of clubs. But the extra club trick he risked losing by finessing the ten — a card he could have safely ruffed in dummy — was hardly a risk at all.

Even if the finesse had lost, there would have been no damage.

In exchange for the club unnecessarily lost, declarer would have gained a diamond trick as compensation, since the club queen would have remained available to pull a losing diamond from dummy.

This type of situation is one all declarers look for. There was nothing to be lost by taking the finesse. If it worked, the play would show a decided gain; if it failed, the play would break even.

4,500 Acres Sunflowers As S. Alberta Tries New Crop

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. (CP)—Sunflower is being grown on a commercial scale for the first time in southern Alberta. More than 4,500 acres were sown this year.

The sunflower is under contract to Western Canada Seed Processors, Ltd., which last week took out its initial \$15,000 building permit for what will eventually be a oil seed processing plant at Lethbridge with a value of \$2,000,000.

While harvesting of the sunflower is more than two months away, southern Alberta farmers are optimistic about the future of this oil seed-bearing crop in the agricultural economy of the province.

The crop, between five and six feet tall, looks better than the most optimistic farmers had dared hope for at the beginning of the season.

Research scientists for years have felt the growing season in southern Alberta is too short for the successful production of sunflower seed.

VALUABLE EXPERIENCE
While officials of Western Canada admit 1958 has been an exceptionally good year for sun-

flower growing, they point out that experience gained by the farmers will aid them considerably when growing conditions are not so ideal.

Of the total acreage contracted by Western Canada this year, about 2,500 acres are of the oil seed-bearing variety and about 2,000 acres are aimed at the confectionery trade.

So far about 150 acres have been lost to insect and hail damage and another 150 acres is from 10 to 30 per cent damaged by insects and hail. Some loss is also attributed to poorly prepared land.

Hugh Michael, vice-president of Western Canada, said the seed is filling out well and most heads should be well filled by the end of August. After the heads are filled, frost will hasten maturity rather than damage the crop.

Southern Alberta usually gets its first frosts the first week in September.

The crop is contracted at five cents a pound. Estimates of average yields for individual fields vary from 700 to 2,000 pounds, with most farmers expecting a return of about 1,000 pounds of seed an acre—or about \$50.

Social Credit Party Puts Down New Roots In Quebec

QUEBEC (CP)—Social Credit, a flop in the active provincial political scene until now, is pushing new roots.

Social Credit supporters, divided into half a dozen groups since 1939, are planning to fuse their forces into a single political action and education movement. It would work in conjunction with the Social Credit Association of Canada and the federal scene and autonomously in the Quebec provincial field.

A provincial convention to choose a Quebec leader, set a program and decide on the future course of Social Credit supporters is to be held in Montreal Aug. 30-31. Some 700 delegates are expected from all parts of the province.

Work toward a Social Credit fusion has already begun. At a meeting here May 4 leaders of various factions decided to group themselves under one organization and to prepare the ground for co-operation with the national party.

TEMPORARY NAME
The new organization calls itself, temporarily, Le Ralliement des Creditistes de la Province de Quebec—the Quebec Social Credit Rally. The convention will decide on a permanent name.

Gilles Gregoire, information officer of the organization, said the movement has not yet decided whether Social Credit candidates will run in the next provincial

election, probably two years from now.

He said the movement is sympathetic to the Civic Action League led by Jean Drapeau, former Montreal mayor, and a decision to run candidates might depend on whether Mr. Drapeau plans to set up a provincial party of his own.

The possibility that Social Credit partisans would support the Liberal party was not ruled out, Mr. Gregoire said. The Montreal convention would decide on this and other related questions.

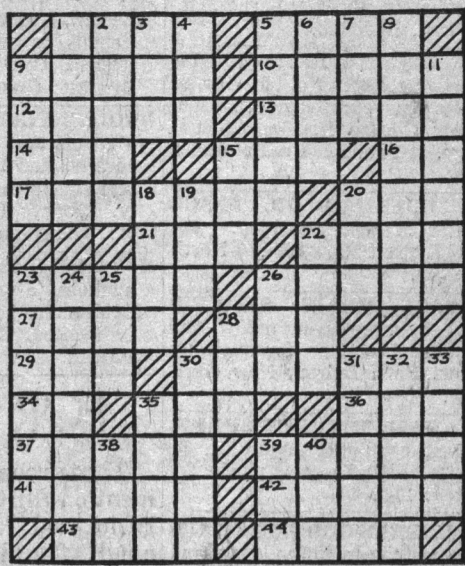
Provisional leader of the new Social Credit group is Real Caouette, 40-year-old automobile dealer in the northwestern mining district of Rouyn-Noranda.

If the various Social Credit groups are able to confirm their temporary alliance it will be the first time in 20 years they could present virtually a united front in this province.

LOSE UNION CARDS
WOLVERHAMPTON, England (Reuters)—Three dance band leaders were expelled from the musicians' union Monday for playing at a ballroom here which allows only whites to attend its dances. The three musicians accepted engagements at the Scala ballroom, blacklisted by the union when the management adopted their "all whites" policy in June.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1. Festive
5. Terror
9. Firm
10. Terrible
12. Levered
13. Bind again
14. Ripen
15. Thrice (mus.)
16. North Dakota (abbr.)
17. Thin
20. Fruit
21. Chatter (colloq.)
22. Miss Haver
23. Approach, as game
26. Air Force insignia
27. Neat
28. Monetary unit (Bulg.)
29. Type measures
30. Football pass
34. Jewish month
35. Moisture
36. Climbing plant
37. Reverie
39. Vacillate
41. Old Tokyo
42. Girl's name
43. Thin
44. Guns (slang)
- DOWN
1. Eat greedily
2. Foreign
3. Falsehood
4. Attach
5. Price of passage (pl.)
6. Pitcher
7. Astern (naut.)
8. Damp
9. Young oyster
11. Shelves
15. Vat
18. Hideous
19. "The Charter"
20. Merriment
22. Ling of swing musicians
23. Approach, as game
26. Air Force insignia
27. Neat
28. Monetary unit (Bulg.)
29. Type measures
30. Football pass
34. Jewish month
35. Moisture
36. Climbing plant
37. Reverie
39. Vacillate
41. Old Tokyo
42. Girl's name
43. Thin
44. Guns (slang)
23. Stable
24. Small hand drum
25. Sale notices
26. Damp
28. Ordinance
30. Citrus fruit
31. Fasten firmly
32. Herb
33. Stringed instrument
35. Baby's first word
38. Netherlands commune
39. Peruke
40. Constellation



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR
IS LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation
HZUIR OZRI ITF RFEZH YW
CREFC EHL ITF UFTER UZWR YW
CDTTE — ITHDTQ.

Yesterday's Cryptquote: IF YOU HAVE A FRIEND WORTH LOVING, LOVE HIM. YES, AND LET HIM KNOW—HOYT.

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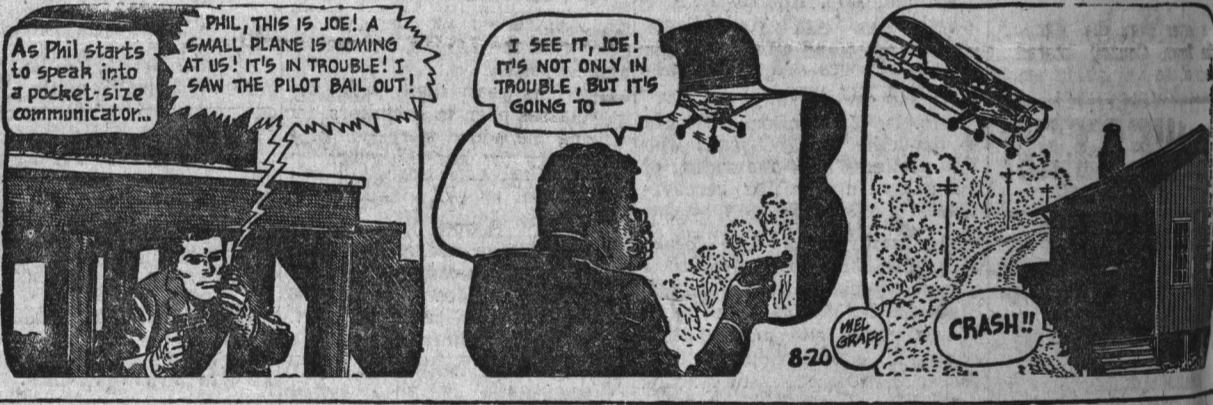
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