CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAY BECKER

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 5 4 2
♥ 10 5 2
♦ K Q J 2
♣ 4 3

WEST
♠ K Q J 9 6
♥ —
♦ 7 4 3
♣ 10 7 6 5 2

EAST
♠ 10
♥ K 9 8 7 6
♦ 10 9 6 5
♣ J 9 8

SOUTH
♠ 8 7 3
♥ A Q J 4 3
♦ A 8
♣ A K Q

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Redble			

Opening lead—king of spades.

There are players who look at every hand they're dealt through rose-colored glasses. Optimism has its place in bridge, of course, and it pays dividends many times over when there is a sound basis for it, but an ace is an ace, and a deuce is a deuce, regardless of who it is that views them.

The steady overbidder lives in a dream world all his own, imagining that the hand he is looking at has greater value than it actually has, or imagining that his partner will produce untold treasures which have been suppressed during the bidding.

The South who bid this hand to a slam was a full-fledged member of the Optimists Club. It cannot be denied that he had an excellent hand, as viewed by anybody, but it's plain to see that he regarded his three losing spades as no matter for concern, carrying this conviction even to the point of a redouble.

One thing that can be said for the perennial overbidder is that he is generally a pretty good dummy player. He has had so much experience trying to fulfill his optimistic contracts that he frequently manages to get the most out of a hand. Our South proved to be no exception.

Declarer took the opening spade in dummy and led a low heart to his jack, discovering the bad news when West showed out. Undaunted, South cashed the A-K-Q of clubs, discarding a spade from dummy.

Four rounds of diamonds, with East following to each, enabled declarer to dispose of his two losing spades. Nine tricks had been played and both East and South had four trumps left, dummy remaining with the 10-5 of hearts.

A spade was led from dummy. East trumped with the seven and South undertrumped with the three!

East was on lead and had to return a trump. Whichever one he led, declarer was bound to make the last three tricks and the contract.

It just goes to show you can't beat scientific bidding.

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5:30 p.m.—Circus Boy
6:00 p.m.—Open House
6:30 p.m.—CFCY Television News
6:40 p.m.—Weather
6:45 p.m.—CBC News
6:50 p.m.—Lone Guide Camp Hints
7:00 p.m.—TBA
7:30 p.m.—Disneyland
8:30 p.m.—Cross Canada Hit Parade
9:00 p.m.—Kraft Theatre
10:00 p.m.—TBA
10:01 p.m.—Here & There
10:31 p.m.—Federal Political Telecasts
10:41 p.m.—Federal Political Telecasts
11:00 p.m. CFCY Television News & Weather
11:05 p.m.—Wrestling
12:05 a.m.—Sign Off

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2:30 p.m.—Coffee Chatter
3:00 p.m.—At Home with Helen Crocker
4:00 p.m.—Uncle Jack at the Piano
4:15 p.m.—People and Places
4:30 p.m.—Howdy Doody
5:00 p.m.—Hidden Pages
5:30 p.m.—Circus Boy
6:00 p.m.—The Merrymakers
6:30 p.m.—Early Evening TV News
6:45 p.m.—Weather
6:50 p.m.—Sports
7:00 p.m.—Bunkhouse Boys
7:30 p.m.—Disneyland
8:30 p.m.—Cross Canada Hit Parade
9:00 p.m.—Kraft Theatre
10:00 p.m.—Here and There
10:30 p.m.—Political Telecast
11:00 p.m.—CBC TV News
11:10 p.m.—CKCW TV News and Weather
11:15 p.m.—[illegible]
11:20 p.m.—"Duffy of San Quentin".

No Tax Changes Are Made In Newfoundland Budget

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Finance Minister Spencer brought down Newfoundland's budget Wednesday calling for stepped-up expenditures and estimating a current surplus of $79,000 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1958. No tax changes were announced.

He reported a surplus of $161,000 for 1956-57 after turning back to the federal government a $500,000 overpayment under the tax-rental agreement.

In his budget address to the legislature Mr. Spencer said the picture for the coming year is clouded because a royal commission appointed under the terms of union with Canada has yet to make its recommendations on new financial arrangements with Ottawa.

The report would "almost certainly mean" there will be "a very considerable sum which the government of Canada . . . will pay into the treasury of this province."

NEW LOAN

The minister forecast a new loan to help meet a capital expenditures program of $18,456,000, up almost $3,000,000 from the previous year. He estimated revenue on capital account at $1,682,000. The province's debenture debt at March 31 stood at $50,100,000.

Biggest items in the predicted capital outlay are $5,000,000 for consolidated fund service, $4,600,000 on highways, $2,700,000 on fisheries and $2,500,000 on public works.

Mr. Spencer forecast his surplus on the basis of current revenues of $48,953,000 and expenditures of $48,874,000. Last year actual current revenue amounted to $44,600,000 and actual expenditure to just under $44,000,000.

He estimated the province will receive $32,827,000 from the federal government in 1957-58, including $19,575,000 under the new tax-rental agreement. The board of liquor control will be the second-biggest revenue source at $5,600,000.

MAJOR ITEMS

Major items of current expenditure are almost $20,000,000 for health and welfare, $10,000,000 for education and $4,400,000 for highways.

Mr. Spencer said the $5,000,000 increase between this year's estimated expenditure and last year's actual expenditure would be met by increased benefits under the new tax - rental scheme and increased yields from provincial taxation brought about by greater prosperity.

He said he would "introduce legislation seeking authority in the present session" to finance this year's capital account program.

Capital expenditures, however, would be reduced if money market conditions made floating a bond issue unwise. Much of the reduction would be in Trans - Canada Highway work, where in any event the federal government was building 30 miles in the new national park and paying 90 per cent of the cost of another 17-mile section.

CREDIT RESTRICTIONS

Last year's estimates called for capital expenditure of $13,632,300 to be met by a $14,000,000 bond issue. Because of credit restrictions, Mr. Spencer said, "we chose not to go on the market with our bonds."

The expenditure was financed by taking a short-term loan from the Bank of Montreal for $8,000,000 against an equivalent amount from a total of about $11,000,000 to Newfoundland's credit with the Bank of Canada.

The remaining $3,000,000 was drawn and an additional $4,000,000 found necessary for last year's capital projects was "arranged by the normal course of temporary use of various government funds to be replaced with proceeds of a small bond issue of $4,800,000 which we placed on the Canadian market in recent days."

He said another $2,000,000 was raised recently in the United States to give Newfoundland a foothold on the American financial market.

Red Organ Blasts U.S. Admiral

LONDON (Reuters) — The Soviet naval organ Sovietsky Flot Wednesday accused Admiral Jerauld Wright, commander of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet and NATO commander in the Atlantic, of slandering Russia and warmongering, Moscow Radio reported.

The radio quoted the newspaper as saying: "The repertoire of his public utterances is not distinguished by variety. Their aim is always the same: To stir up war psychosis and vilify the peaceful policy of the Soviet state.

"Wright circulates various slanderous rumors, mainly about Soviet submarines, which are alleged to have almost completely occupied the entire expanse of water along the American coast.

"Wright apparently belongs to high-ranking representatives of the American military caste who like to make stupid pronouncements about the Soviet Union.

"We have here a slanderer-admiral, a warmonger admiral."

First Month Of Fiscal Year Shows Deficit For A Change

OTTAWA (CP) — The government had a deficit of $48,000,000 in April, first month of the current fiscal year, compared to a surplus of $90,600,000 a year earlier.

However, Finance Minister Harris drew attention Friday in the regular monthly statement on the government's financial operations to the fact that last month's expenditures included the payment of $100,000,000 to the Canada Council and of $26,625,000 for the first monthly instalment to the provinces under federal-provincial tax-sharing arrangements.

Without these payments the government would have had a surplus of $78,625,000 in April.

Budgetary revenues in April came to $299,200,000 and expenditures to $347,200,000. For April last year revenues were $295,400,000 and expenditures $204,800,000.

Personal income taxes brought in $113700,000 last month compared to $97,100,000 in April, 1956, and corporation taxes yielded $78,200000 compared to $60,600,000.

Defence spending amounted to $63,900,000 compared to $55,300,000 in April last year. Family allowances cost the treasury $33,800,000 compared to $32,600,000.

GYPSUM SOURCE

Nova Scotia produced a record total of 4,000,000 tons of gypsum in 1956, about 84 per cent of Canada's total.

BEDTIME STORIES

Chippy Is Startled

A seeming error, pray attend.
May prove a triumph in the end.
—Old Mother Nature.

This really happens over and over again. People do things that to other folks seem a great mistake. And in the end it turns out to be just the reverse.

Why won't it happen here? Chippy wanted to know.

Little Mrs. Chippy the Chipping Sparrow had been in no hurry to choose a place for her nest and begin building. Chippy was a little impatient. He couldn't understand why she was so long in making up her mind. Other birds were busy building and Mrs. Chippy seemed quite content to watch them. She spent a lot of time near where Scrapper the Kingbird and Mrs. Scrapper had begun their nest in an apple tree near the edge of the Old Orchard. Then one day after Scrapper and Mrs. Scrapper had their nest well started, little Mrs. Chippy told Chippy she had decided where they would have their nest.

"Chip, chip, chip, chip! I'm glad to hear that, my dear. I'm glad to hear that. Where is it to be?" cried Chippy.

"Come with me and I'll show you," replied Mrs. Chippy.

Chippy followed her. She flew over to the tree in which Scrapper and Mrs. Scrapper were busy building their nest. She led the way out to the end of a spreading branch of thay very same tree. Chippy was startled. "My dear," he cried, "you don't think of building here, do you?"

"Why not?" asked little Mrs. Chippy.

"What do you think Scrapper and Mrs. Scrapper will do when they find you building here in the same tree?" cried Chippy.

"I don't think they'll do a thing," seaid Mrs. Chippy. "We are very very good friends. We won't bother them and they won't bother us."

"But there are plenty of other places just as good as this," cried Chippy.

Mrs. Chippy shook her head. "There are not plenty of places just as good as this. There is no other place in the Old Orchard just as good as this."

Chippy looked puzzled. He was puzzled. "I don't see what you mean," said he.

"This," said Mrs. Chippy, "is the best place in the Old Orchard for us because it is the safest place."

"I don't see how it is safer than a number of other places," said Chippy.

"Do you remember what I told you about seeing Sally Sly the Cowbird? Of course you know what she is sneaking around for. She would love to lay an egg in our nest and that is the last thing in the world that we want to have happen. It won't happen here," said Mrs. Chippy.

"Why won't it happen here?" Chippy wanted to know.

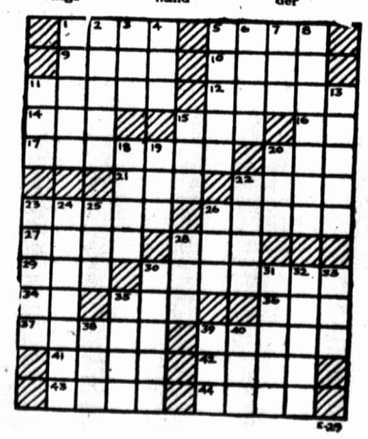
"Because she won't dare come so near the nest of Scrapper the Kingbird. She knows what would happen if Scrapper should see her anywhere in the neighborhood. He will be on guard all the time. Sammy Jay won't dare come as near as this to steal our eggs. And Blacky the Crow will keep away. As I said before, for us this is the safest place in all the Old Orchard in which to build a nest and raise a family," declared Mrs. Chippy and she was right.

DAILY CROSSWORD

Saturday's Answer

ACROSS
1. Girl's name
5. Exchange
9. Asian sea
10. Rod
11. Viscous
12. Buns
14. Hail!
15. Sheep disease
16. Pronoun
17. Throwing
20. One-spot card
21. Eskimo knife
22. First man
23. Slop
26. Circus animals
27. Blink
28. The heart (anat.)
29. Girl's name
30. Chalks
34. Nickel (sym.)
35. Insect
36. Spawn of fish
37. Capital (Bulg.)
39. Inheritors
41. Headlan
42. Spheres
43. Small tubers
44. Cheese (Fr.)

DOWN
1. A series of shots
2. Zodiac sign
3. Male sheep
4. Like ale
5. Twig
6. Lumber
7. Entire
8. Large-billed bird
12. Perched
13. Branches
15. Antelope (Afr.)
18. Become sullen
19. Sick
20. Fuss
22. Breezy
23. Water birds
24. Wings
25. Wayside hotel
26. African worm
28. Weep
30. Sort
31. Small antelope
32. Scandinavian
33. Compass point (abbr.)
35. Clenched hand
36. Lawyer's charge
39. Sprite
40. Blunder



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

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

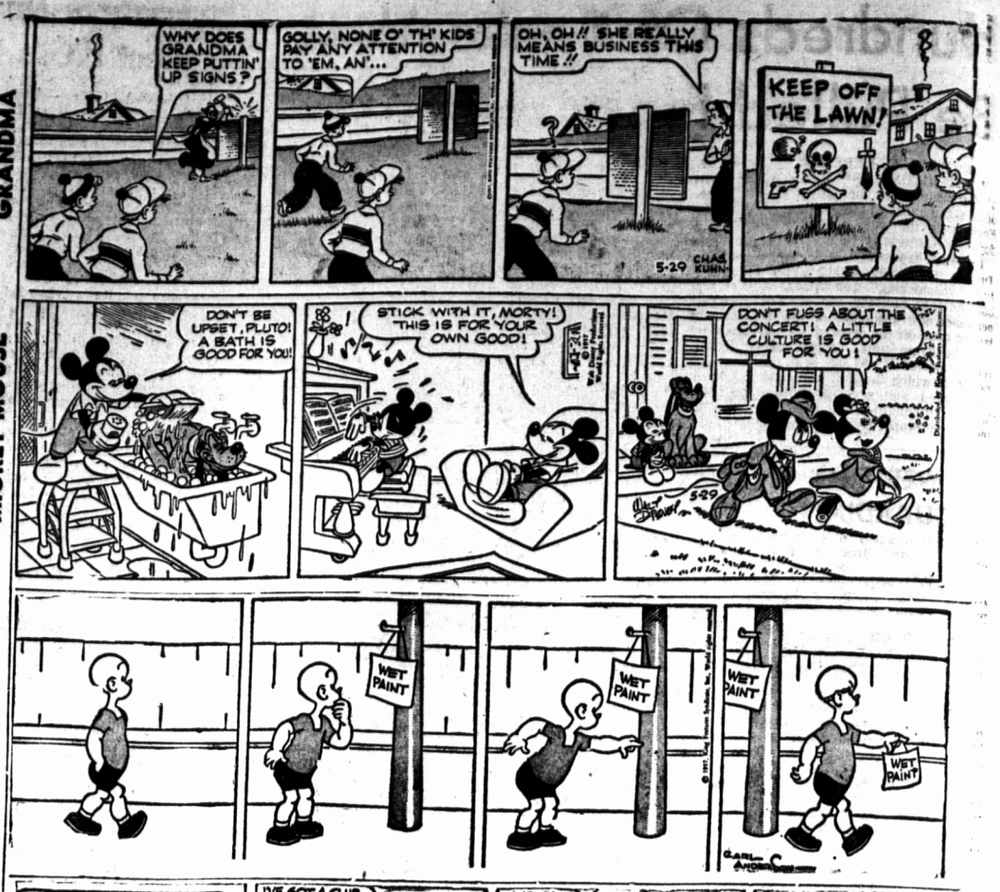
XPH RCHoHMX GUHMH.XPH IFXFCH KLX. PQG XLQKG PQG EWMXG.
EHCH WKK ILCVLX—GULXX.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THEY ARE GOOD FURNITURE PICTURES, UNWORTHY OF PRAISE, AND UNDESERVING OF BLAME—RUSKIN.

OUT OUR WAY — **BY J. R. WILLIAMS**

OUR BOARDING HOUSE — **MAJOR HOOPLE**

GRANDMA — **MICKEY MOUSE** — **HENRY**



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