

### RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT

**THE BAPTISMAL FONT WAS THE ONLY OBJECT LEFT UNDAUNAGED WHEN FIRE SWIFTLY CONSUMED THE CHURCH OF SPEDONHURST-ENGLAND - YET THE FONT WAS MADE OF IRON AND HAD BEEN OVERTURNED BY THE FLAMES.**

**THE EMPEROR WHO REFUSED TO ACCEPT HIS WIFE'S WARNING BY SIGNALS RELIED BY HIS LIGHTHOUSES THAT THE SARACENS HAD INVADED HIS COUNTRY - WAS SO INCENSED BY THE NEWS THAT HE ORDERED THE LIGHTHOUSES DESTROYED!**

**THE MASTERS OF SHIPS COMMANDED BY ADMIRAL NELSON - WHO BELIEVED THEY WOULD BRING HIM LUCK**

### CONTRACT BRIDGE

By R. JAY BECKER

By and large, the American system of bidding is a natural one. When we bid a suit, generally speaking, we have that suit; but in many systems used abroad, the mention of a suit need not represent its length at all, but may be merely an artificial bid used to identify the general strength or shape of the hand.

Each month, in the (British) Bridge Magazine, edited by Ewart Kempton, there appears a column conducted by Mrs. A. L. Fleming in which she propounds and discusses a bidding problem previously posed to a group of top-ranking pairs.

Recently, Mrs. Fleming presented the following hand to some leading experts:

West dealer; both sides vulnerable; match point scoring.

West	East
♠ AK10742	♠ J9
♥ KJ9	♥ KJ9
♦ AKJ4	♦ Q853
♣ K82	♣ Q74

Of 11 pairs polled, 4 reached four spades, 6 arrived at the best contract of six diamonds, and one pair bid seven diamonds.

Thus, Anulf and Lilliehook, Swedish stars, bid as follows: 1♠ - 2♠ - 3♠ - 3NT - 4♠ - 4♠ - 4♠.

Bacherich and Ghestem, members of the French 1955 world championship team, bid:

1♠	1♥
2♠	2NT
3♠	3♣
3♠	4♣
4♠	4NT
5♠	6♣

The club bid is artificial. It indicates one of three types of hands: a balanced hand with 22 to 26 points; a balanced hand with 21 to 25 points; or a game-forcing unbalanced hand. The diamond response was conventional and denoted positive values. The two diamond bids identified an unbalanced hand and asked partner to disclose how many diamonds he had.

Three hearts, by a system of steps, announced four or five diamonds headed by the ace, king, or queen. Three spades requested the number of spades held by East. Four clubs showed two or three spades. Five clubs asked for none. Five diamonds showed none.

Bridge is an easy game.

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### Mikoyan Tried To Be Friendly Even Under Stalin

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"One of the items, however, which we do not intend to export to America is—revolution."

The grinning speaker was Anastas Ivanovich Mikoyan. The year was 1946. The listeners were a committee of the U.S. Congress visiting Moscow.

The chuckles that greeted the wisecrack were not so much a tribute to its humor as a polite sign of appreciation that at least one Russian official was trying to be affable. This was a bold step in the days of Joseph Stalin in a country where there was nothing to smile about.

I was there as a translator. Mikoyan, a dapper little Armenian, sat behind his broad desk in his ornate office in the old ministry of foreign trade building across Dzerzhinsky Square from the dread police headquarters—the infamous Lubyanka.

**GREAT ENERGY**

His mannerisms told much about him. He was quick and deft in his movements. There was an air of great nervous energy about him. He seemed to have a great deal of self-confidence. He answered questions quickly and sometimes retorted sharply. He seemed to understand quite a bit of English.

There is much to be said about Anastas Mikoyan, but some characteristics stand out with particular vividness.

He is tough. At the age of 20, after he had graduated from a seminary for priests of the Armenian Church he joined the Bolshevik underground in his

native Trans-Caucasus. This was in 1915. He was sent to rough and tumble Baku, oil capital on the Caspian Sea where he helped organize strikes, fought the barricades during revolution and civil war. He still has a crooked nose from a blow received during street fighting.

**UNPOPULAR BREED**

He is a cynic. He grew up and was educated in Georgia where there is contempt and hostility for Armenians. He has made his career among Russians who also have prejudices against Armenians.

A convinced Communist, he has had to deal with widely different types of capitalists as Nazis, British socialists and Americans. An intimate for years of Joseph Stalin, he watched while Stalin killed off friends and enemies, and at the last, just before Stalin's death, felt the cold breath of fate on his own neck.

He is a hard bargainer. On occasions he has skinned the shirts off Western businessmen who fancied themselves the best horse-traders in the world.

**POLITICAL SKILL**

He is adroit. The fact that today he is alive and in a position of influence and power bears witness to his skill at political and physical survival. Alone among Stalin's cronies and drinking companions, he plays a vital role in Soviet policy formation today. Alone among the many non-Stalins including Georgians, Jews and others who helped lead the revolution, he continues to be among the leaders today, 41 years later.

Mikoyan is the only important Soviet leader to have visited the United States. He did that in August, 1936, and stayed several weeks touring various sections of the country.

He is accustomed to dealing with Westerners. During the periods when Mikoyan was supervising Soviet foreign trade he personally conducted many of the most important negotiations.

### Agent Named For Dalhousie

MONCTON — Appointment of Edward Joseph McGuire as Canadian National express agent at Dalhousie, N.B., has been announced by Neil McLellan, superintendent of express for the Atlantic region of the company.

He succeeds C. Roderick MacDonald, recently transferred to Pictou, N.S., as express agent.

### DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1. Furlish; 6. Species of paper; 11. Many (comb. form); 12. Moslem; 13. Honey makers; 14. Salt solutions; 15. Siberian gulf; 16. Music group; 17. Nova Scotia (abbr.); 18. Part of an ocean resort; 21. Twofold (prefix); 22. Protective barrier; 23. Employ; 24. Queer old fellows (slang); 27. Fuss; 29. Rubs out; 32. Of a plastron; 35. Part of "to be"; 36. Fashion; 37. Chinese river; 38. Previously; 40. Spoke; 42. Goddess of peace; 43. River embankment; 44. Eye inflammations; 45. Frontiers.

DOWN: 1. Embellish; 2. Canadian province; 3. Mexican rubber tree; 4. It is (contr.); 5. A ratio; 6. Engraver's tool; 7. English writer; 8. Number; 9. Corrects; 10. TV dog; 14. It followed the Stone Age; 15. Woody perennial; 16. Constellation; 19. Charge for services; 20. Russia; 21. Gaelic; 22. Rodent; 23. Excuses; 24. Forsake; 25. Not so difficult; 26. Silps; 27. Inclined; 33. Roman house gods; 34. Chinese measure; 38. Yap stone money; 40. Dry, as wine; 41. Hail!

Yesterday's Answer: 28. Tap stone money; 40. Dry, as wine; 41. Hail!

### DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXE 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, apostrophies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

S XNL N LQJSFEUI AUUJ QONG  
PUYQ QOU OQJA PBIT LSIFU-  
FEXDUJ.

Yesterday's Cryptquote: NOTHING IS LITTLE TO HIM THAT FEELS IT WITH GREAT SENSIBILITY.—JOHNSON.

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### ETTA KETT

OH, WINGEY! I'M SO EXCITED ABOUT LEARNING TO DRIVE!

HOP IN! I'LL GIVE YOU A LESSON!

LOOK OUT! TURN THE WHEEL TO THE LEFT!

WINGEY! WHAT'S THAT TRUCK FOLLOWING US FOR? HE MAKES ME NERVOUS!

DON'T MIND HIM!

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD, IT'S ONLY A TOW CAR CREEPING AROUND FOR BUSINESS!

### MUGGS & SKETER

COME INSIDE, JUNIOR!

I'M ALONE IN THE HOUSE AND THE PHONE IS RINGING!

HURRY! IF THE DOOR BLOWS SHUT WE'LL BOTH BE LOCKED OUT!

ALL RIGHT THEN... I'M GOING TO LOCK YOU UP!

WELL, SOMEBODY GOT LOCKED OUT!

### OUR BOARDING HOUSE MAJOR HOOPLE

YOUR UNCLE MIGHT'VE BEEN A GREAT SKATER WHEN HE WAS A KID ALVIN, BUT HE'S SURE FORGOTTEN A LOT!

HE WASN'T DOIN' SO BAD 'TILL HE TRIED TO SKATE BACKWARDS! AS SOON AS HE TURNED—WHAM!

THANK YOU FOR AWARDING ME THE NOBEL PRIZE, GENTLEMEN! I HARDLY THINK I AM WORTHY OF THE HONOR!

NO, THAT WAS NOT A TRUCK, IT WAS A STEAM ROLLER!

### GRANDMA

AR, YOU'VE BEEN EATIN' OUT AGAIN, EH, GRANDMA?

I EXPECT YA DO GET TIRED O' YOUR OWN COOKIN' AT TIMES!

NO! I NEVER GET TIRED O' MY COOKIN'!

IT'S TH' WARSHIN' O' DIRTY DISHES THAT TIRES ME!

### TILLY THE TOILER

CAN'T FIND MY CAR KEYS!

MAYBE YOU LEFT THEM IN YOUR CAR!

I'LL GO SEE!

WHERE WERE THEY IN THE IGNITION?

YES!

I WANT TO REPORT A STOLEN CAR!

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### HENRY

THIS IS YOUR BIRTHDAY PRESENT!

WACK!

WELL, I'VE GOT TO GO TO WORK!

IF THERE'S ONE THING I CAN'T STAND... IT'S A SHOWOFF!

### MICKY MOUSE

MOCKY... CUT IT OUT!

IF THERE'S ONE THING I CAN'T STAND... IT'S A SHOWOFF!

### SECRET AGENT X-9

THE PEOPLE ASSIGNED TO OPERATION PEGASUS HAVE ALL CHECKED IN! WE'LL MAKE A POINT OF SEEING EACH ONE TONIGHT!

—AND WHERE? THROUGH THE CASINO TO SEE IF ANY OF THEM ARE HEAVY SPENDERS!

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GRAY... YOU'VE GOT TO LIVE IT UP!

Meanwhile... in the desert, several miles from the city...

OH!... OH!... WHAT HAPPENED TO ME? PAIN IN MY BACK... WHITE ALL OVER...

### THE LONE RANGER

YOU KNOW A LOT, MISTER!

YES! I WAS ON HAND WHEN YOUR SAFE WAS BLOWN—

AND I WAS WITH THE MAN YOU MARRIED TO BLOW IT— WHEN HE DIED.

YOU CAN'T PROVE I MARRIED A MAN TO BLOW THE BANK SAFE!

THAT'S WHERE YOUR MISTAKE LIES, JONES!

### JANUARY SALE

NOW ON S. A. McDONALD

### JOE PALOOKA

YEAH, YEAH... YOU PORE THINK... SOMEONE WRECKED YOU AN' YOU COME T' ME WELL... I'LL TAKE YOU ALONG?

HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOIN' NOW, PRINCESS?

OH, MY GOODNESS! SHE'S CIRCLING OVER YONDER— THAT ALWAYS MEANS SOME POOR SOUL'S B-SOONED!

### LIL' ABNER

IF YOU'LL LEAVE ABNER AND MARRY ME—I'LL MAKE THE ABNER-LIKE CHARACTER IN "FOSDICK" LOVABLE!!

—THEN THE REAL ABNER WILL RECOVER HIS WILL TO LIVE!!

WHY—IF AH STICKS WIF L'L ABNER, HE DIES— BUT IF AH LEAVES HIM— HE LIVES!!

WELL?

OH, WHUT'LL AH DO?