

RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT



CONTRACT BRIDGE
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You are the dealer, neither side vulnerable. What would you bid with each of the following five hands?

1. ♠AK64 ♣AKJ7 ♦8 ♣9853
2. ♠AJS ♣AQ6 ♣KJ84 ♠AQ4
3. ♠— ♣AK985 ♣K7 ♠AJ9752
4. ♠AQJS ♣85 ♠AQJS ♣K92
5. ♠65 ♣9 ♠98543 ♠AKQ84

1. One spade. This simply follows the general rule of first bidding the higher ranking of two touching suits of equal length. It is true that when distribution is 4-4-1-1, it is usual to open the bidding in the suit that lies just beneath the singleton. But where the suit below the singleton is not biddable because of its weakness, the general rule covering 4-4-1-1 distribution is not followed.

2. One diamond. Despite pronounced notrump features, the correct opening bid is a diamond. A two notrump opening would designate 22 to 24 points—this hand has only 21. It is best not to tamper with point count requirements in notrump bidding.

The power and shape of the hand can later be accurately identified by jumping to three notrump if partner responds with one heart or one spade.

3. One club. This is the initial step to identify the 6-5 distribution. The intention is to bid hearts next. Thus, suppose the bidding goes: 1♣, 1♠, 2♠, 2♣. At the point we bid two

hearts, partner probably assumed 5-4 distribution. But when we bid three hearts, showing rebidable hearts, partner learns of the five-card heart suit. He also learns at the same time that the clubs are of greater length because, if the distribution had been 5-5, the higher ranking suit, hearts, would have been chosen as the opening bid.

4. One spade. Usually, when there is one gap between two four-card suits, the lower ranking suit is bid first. But this is not an invariable rule. The problem of the rebid is first considered. If partner responds to one spade with two clubs, there is an easy two diamond rebid available. Or if partner responds with two hearts, a two notrump rebid would describe the size and shape of the hand correctly. But if the opening suit chosen were diamonds, a false distributional picture of the hand would have to be given if partner responded two clubs.

5. One diamond. It is advisable to open the bidding even though there are only 10 high card points. Distributional factors are often more important than high card values. If the hand were passed, it might become awkward, as well as dangerous, to try to compensate later by coming in at comparatively high levels. The six-card suit is shown first. Quantity, not quality, takes precedence.

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Racial Indictment Quashed By Court

PRETORIA, South Africa (CP) — A three-judge court has quashed an indictment against 61 defendants of three racial groups at South Africa's third mass treason trial.

The court ruled Monday the indictment against the colored (mixed blood), Indian and African defendants was defective because it lacked particulars of their alleged conspiracy in connection with the charge of "preparing for acts of violence."

The surprise ruling at the first day of trial left the 61 persons free to return home. A decision on their possible re-indictment is up to the government.

OTHER TRIAL POSTPONED

Meanwhile, a court announcement said a prosecution-defence agreement had resulted in the postponement of the treason trial of 39 other defendants to Aug. 3 from May 18. The intervening time will be used for the defence's appeal against the court's refusal to quash the 30-defendant indictment.

It charges them with "preparing for acts of violence and advocating the Marxist-Leninist doctrine of violence." This smaller group was on trial from Jan. 1 to March 2, when the refusal to quash the charge came and the court adjourned the case.

Monday's 61 defendants and the other 39 originally were indicted in 1958. Last October, the prosecution withdrew the first indictment after a court holding the first mass trial had quashed an alternative charge and ordered more details on the main one. The

Rapist Jumps From Bridge

VANCOUVER (CP) — Allan Cemm, 24, ignored the pleas of onlookers and plunged 200 feet to his death from the Lions Gate Bridge Wednesday.

His 20-year-old companion told police Cemm raped her twice before he drove to the bridge and leaped to his death.

Four men pleaded with Cemm to climb back to safety as he clung to a girder. "To hell with you," he shouted.

The woman told police Cemm raped her in his car after they had been drinking beer together. He forced her to stay in the car while he drove towards the bridge.

As they neared the bridge Cemm, who said he was "going for a swim," told her he wanted to will her his car. He asked her to write out the will for him to sign.

She said Cemm stopped the car in the centre of the span, walked to the west side and climbed over the rail.

She drove the car to the toll gate and warned tollkeeper Don Shekley, who telephoned police. For several minutes, as Cemm clung precariously to the girder, a tugboat patrolled below, playing searchlights on the water.

Then he released his grasp and plunged to the water, landing 50 feet from the tug.

PARIS ABATTOIRS

The first abattoirs, public slaughterhouses for meat, were built in Paris in 1844.

- 3:00—CBC News and T-C Matinee
4:00—String Orchestra
4:30—Music from Montreal
5:00—Maritime Fish Broadcast
5:30—Tempo
6:00—News and Weather
6:15—Regional Commentary
6:30—Tempo (Roving Reporter and Musical Interlude)
7:00—News
7:15—Tempo (music)
7:30—Tempo (Teen-Age Program and Music)
8:01—Tempo (Rawhide and a Musical Interlude)
8:25—Tempo
8:30—Festival In Sound
8:45—R.P.
9:00—Bluenose Ghosts
9:30—Now I Ask You
10:00—Songs of my People
10:30—Harrison Lancers
11:00—News Roundup and Talk
11:30—Anthology
12:00—Here's The Weather and Sign Off

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Courageous man
5. American humorist
9. Taste
10. Precious stones
12. Get up
13. Brazilian seaport
14. Not working
15. On land
16. Chinese measure
17. High priest
18. Fresh
19. Uncommonness
23. Units of weight
24. Solicits (colloq.)
28. Column support
30. One-spot card
33. Insane
34. Greek letter
35. Peevish
37. Chatters (colloq.)
39. Complete
40. Indian prince
41. Stage setting
42. Winglike
43. Blackens
44. Listen! DOWN
1. More robust
2. Wicked
3. Flower

4. Metallic rock
5. Made up of
6. Brightly colored fish
7. Maestro's wand
8. Sound loudly
9. Traveled on the sea
10. Killed
11. Full of watery snow
12. Devoured
13. Period of time
14. Deeds
15. Spring bulbs
16. Distress call
17. Guido's lowest note
18. Substance used for tanning
19. Full of watery snow
20. Devoured
21. Period of time
22. Deeds
23. Spring bulbs
24. A cheer

Yesterday's Answer
32. Row of cars
37. Festive
38. Partly open
40. A cheer

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER
32. Row of cars
37. Festive
38. Partly open
40. A cheer

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR
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 Question
QR AZRO XEC FLYCR UE UTT
FQZOR KZRIO XE IUX LRUAO—
IULCYUT.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: IT IS QUALITY RATHER THAN QUANTITY THAT MATTERS—SENECA.
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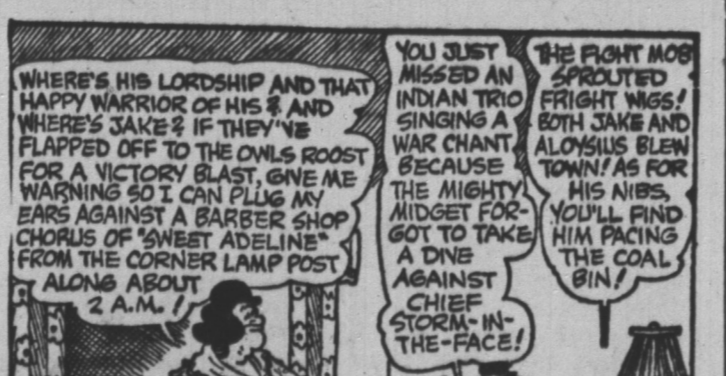
OUR BOARDING HOUSE MAJOR HOOPLE



PARIS ABATTOIRS



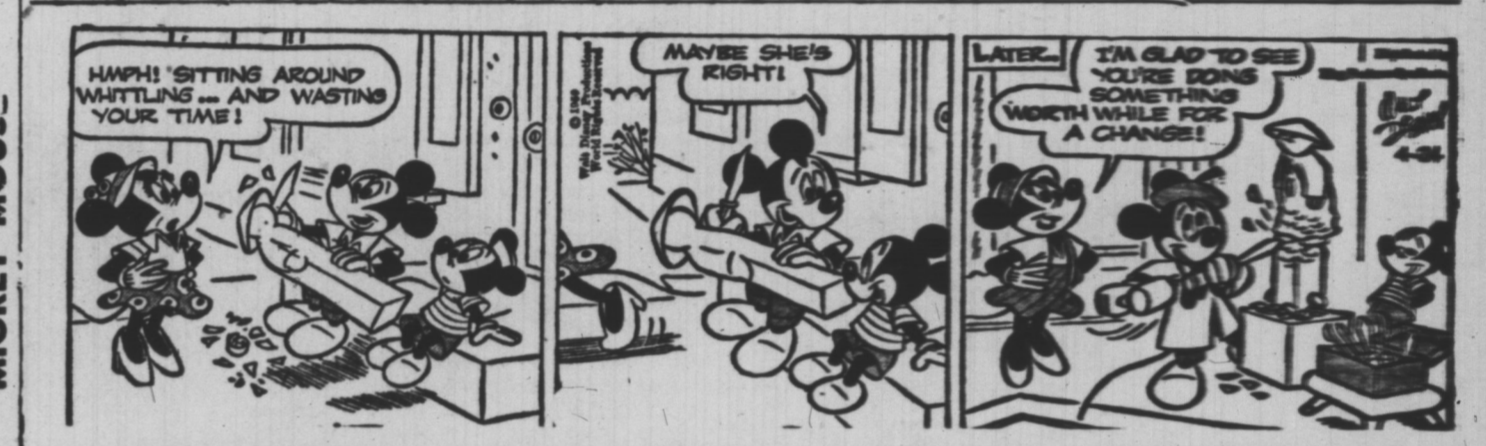
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