

CONTRACT BRIDGE

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QUIZ

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been: North East South West 1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass 2♠ Pass 3♣ Pass 4♥ Pass 5♠ Pass 6♣ Pass 7♥ Pass 8♠ Pass 9♣ Pass 10♥ Pass 11♠ Pass 12♣ Pass

What do you now bid with each of the following four hands?

- 1. ♠AQ84 ♥KJ752 ♦J64 ♣84
2. ♠AJ93 ♥97652 ♦J ♣43
3. ♠AQ2 ♦KQ974 ♠86 ♣5
4. ♠KQ78 ♥AQ943 ♦Q ♣Q52

Five diamonds. This hand is on the verge of a slam. North's three diamond bid indicated a hand of at least 17 points, including almost surely at least a six card suit. The three notrump bid was a mild damper on proceedings, but was made without knowledge that a diamond fit existed.

The jump to five diamonds shows interest in continuing to a slam. The hand has been properly represented to North as containing five hearts, four spades, probably three diamonds and a club. There are just about enough high cards and suit control to invite a six diamond contract without actually bidding it.

Pass. Rather than attempt four hearts, which may or may not make, a three notrump should be chosen as the final resting place. It may be assumed that partner is likely to make six diamonds (possibly only five), but the deficiency should be easily made up with the other high cards he holds.

The main objection to a four heart bid is that any heart losers which may exist in that contract will have to be lost if that suit becomes trump. This danger is avoided by passing. North has had two opportunities to support hearts and had rejected both. He may have a singleton heart, possibly a doubleton honor. He can't very well have three hearts.

Five hearts. A slam must be invited without committing the

BEDTIME STORIES

Reddy Agrees With Peter

Though life in other ways be rough, Thrice blisest is he with food enough. Reddy Fox. Reddy Fox was around to visit the dear Old Briar-patch almost every day, or almost every night. There was no guessing when he would appear. Peter Rabbit sometimes wondered if Reddy ever slept. Mrs. Reddy was likely to show up at any time. The fact is, food was so scarce that they had to hunt night and day to get enough to keep alive.

"Then, why don't you eat like other folks?" demanded Peter. "I would if I could," said Reddy. "In summer I do eat other food and in the fall I like a little fruit. But what is there for a Fox now excepting meat when he can catch it? Do you think I hunt you so much just for fun?" "I have wondered," said Peter. "Don't wonder any longer," said Reddy. "If I could get plenty to eat anywhere else, I wouldn't come here to the dear Old Briar-patch. I agree with you Peter. These are hard times as I said before but for me, not for you."



He was glad when they turned and headed for the Green Forest.

"Peter," said Reddy, "if you were as hungry as I am you wouldn't miss any possible chance of getting a dinner. Wherever you are there is always a chance that you will do something foolish. When I come over here I don't expect to find you where I can catch you, but I know there is always a chance that I may find you outside the dear Old Briar-patch. These are hard times and I am afraid they are going to be harder."

"Some folks don't seem to think these are hard times, but I do," said Peter. "You don't know what hard times are. You really don't. You can always get something to eat. You may not like it much, but you can eat it. It is we meat eaters who cannot live on other kinds of food who really know what hard times are. It is many days since I have had a stomach full. Right now my stomach is wholly empty and it has been since day before yesterday. And then I had little more

SAYS SCOTS THRIFTY

EDINBURGH (Reuters) — The stories about the Scots being thrifty are true after all. Figures released Wednesday by the Scottish national savings committee showed the amount invested in savings here is double that deposited by English cities of similar size.

INVENT CANCER "EYE"

LONDON (AP) — Moscow Radio claimed Wednesday night that the Russians have invented a television "eye" that can diagnose cancer at its initial stage. The broadcast said the television eye operates with ultra violet rays in conjunction with a microscope.

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE

MAJOR HOOPLE OUT OUR WAY BY J. R. WILLIAMS. I STILL GO FOR THE OLD STUNTS, MAJOR! WE GET TOO MUCH LONG-PLAYING, HI-FI CULTURE FROM THE MISSUS EVERY DAY!

MAJOR HOOPLE OUT OUR WAY

BY J. R. WILLIAMS. I HAD TO STOVE A GUY TO COOK A POT O' BEANS FOR MAWNY! 'T' ROSE 'T'AT'DOO' I THOUGHT I'D TO AN OLD-FASHIONED BATH BY THE KITCHEN STOVE, AND WHEN I BENT OVER TO REACH FOR SOAP—WOW!



1956 Saw Two Congresses Of Labor Merge, Welfare

By JOHN LeBLANC Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA (CP) — Canadian labor has passed through one of its most historic years. Major event of 1956 was the merging of Canada's two largest labor congresses into a 1,000,000 member body. But a succession of other developments also made the year a big one.

Amalgamation of the Trades and Labor Congress and the Canadian Congress of Labor into the Canadian Labor Congress gave the country its biggest single labor group since workers in this country started organizing more than 70 years ago. POINTS TO AMITY It also pointed to a more peaceful future for unions, since the CLC will tend to discourage expensive and disrupting membership raids among those claiming the same organizing jurisdictions.

While several major labor bodies remained outside the orbit of the new congress at the year-end, there were signs of prospective affiliation from the 100,000 Canadian and Catholic Confederation of Labor. The Quebec-centred CCCL decided late in the year to continue affiliation talks with CLC leaders, and there was some prospect of a hookup by next summer.

But if there was a closing of ranks in these areas, there also was a lessening of labor's official and direct involvement in politics. For many years, the old Canadian Congress of Labor has espoused the CCF party as the "political arm of labor" and backed it with money and effort. The other congress had been neutral.

Also still outside the CLC are about 40,000 members of the railway running trades brotherhoods, traditionally independent but welcome should they care to join. A few Communist-influenced unions are barred. One aspect of the T-LC-CCL merger was that it brought to the top post in Canadian labor a French-Canadian, 42-year-old Claude Jodoin, who was elected president of the new congress. He had been head of the T-LC-BIG WELFARE SCHEME.

On the organization front, the total number of workers in unions stayed fairly static during the year at about 1,200,000 as the CLC and its unions put more emphasis for the moment on ironing out long-standing differences and getting unity established as a working practically among the existing groups. But heavy drives for membership were ahead for the coming year.

The plan, effective Jan. 1, 1956, was accompanied by a series of wage increases whose effective dates were staggered over more than a year. The package deal was granted by the railways under threat of a strike such as that which crippled the carriers in 1950.

Two trends that developed during the year were indications of closer ties between organized labor on the one hand and farm groups and education authorities on the other. A farmer-labor economic council has been in existence for several months on a temporary basis, headed by J. L. Phelps of Saskatchewan, an executive of the Inter-provincial Farm Union Council. Late in the year, leaders of the CLC and of the Council were getting together on plans to tie the tie-up on a permanent basis.

LABOR AND EDUCATION At the same time, the congress was preparing for a national conference on labor education in con-

junction with the Canadian Association for Adult Education and representatives of the universities. Union officials viewed this as the forerunner of closer co-operation between labor and education centres.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. administration is reported planning to name about 30 new ambassadors within the next six months as part of a big shakeup of overseas diplomatic posts. The reshuffle, already under way, will send new envoys to most of the major European, Asiatic and Latin American countries, including Britain, France, West Germany, Italy, Japan and India.

HOME BURNS CHRISTMAS COHASSET, Mass. (AP) — Thirteen persons gathered for a family Christmas dinner at a new home were driven out Tuesday by a fire which destroyed all their gifts. But the home itself was saved. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Berry was seated at the dinner table when the fire broke out near the Christmas tree in a basement playroom. The Berrys had moved in only a month ago.

LABOR DIPLOMATIC SHAKEUP

HOME BURNS CHRISTMAS

DAILY CROSSWORD grid with clues for Across and Down words.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it: AXZLBAAXR is LONG FELLOW. One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc.



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