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The SCORE PAD

By Jim Gray

(Score and nonsense at the bridge table. Other articles follow.)

One of the occupational hazards of bridge "expertise" is the ever present possibility of making a fool of yourself. Even the most expert of experts are beset by this bugaboo.

A short time ago Albert Moorehead, writing in the New York Times, devoted his entire column to an analysis of a particularly deal. Space limitations prevent me from describing the deal, but the point is this: Moorehead reasoned, from what appeared to be sound premises, that the declarer's contract could have been defeated by the lead of a specific card by one of the defenders.

In a letter to me subsequently, he admitted that his reasoning had not gone far enough—that the recommended lead, far from damaging the declarer's chances, would have given him an overtrick. All this brings us to the six spade contract of two weeks ago. Remember it?

NORTH
S-A 4 3 2
H-K Q 4 3 2
D-Q J 10 3 2
S-None

WEST
S-10 5
H-10 8 7
D-9 8 7
C-Q 10 9 8 5 4

EAST
S-Q 7 6
H-K 5 4
D-K 5 4
C-A 3 2

SOUTH
S-A 9 8 7 3
H-A 9
D-A 6
C-K J 7 6

This board was played by eight different teams. Six south players struggled to make a six spade contract—and six south players went down one trick. This result alone should have aroused suspicion that there was something

offactorily objectionable about the contract. But six north players impugned their partners' playing ability and six south players were duly apologetic.

Ernest Guy generously agreed to act as spokesman for the six dummies. (No pun intended) in the write-up of two weeks ago.

His analysis, in brief, was as follows: Dummy to hold the opening diamond lead with the queen when East ducks. Then lead to the diamond ace; lead to the spade ace; ruff diamond, establishing the suit; lose a trump trick to East.

That would leave this situation, with East on lead:

NORTH
S-4
H-K Q 4 3 2
D-J 10

WEST
H-10 8
C-Q 10 9 8 5 4

EAST
S-9
H-7 6 5
C-A 3 2

SOUTH
S-K 9
H-A 8 7 6
C-K J 7 6

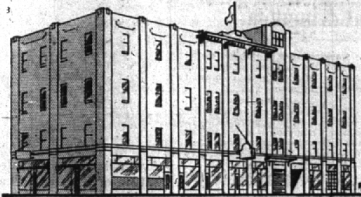
It was then stated that South could capture any lead East might make, draw the last trump, and discard the club losers on the good diamonds and hearts in dummy.

Taint so. Look at it. If East leads a club, South can make. But who, sitting east, would? If East leads a heart or a trump, South must lose a club or a heart in the end. The six spade contract is impossible.

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To the Qualified Electors of the City of Birmingham, County of Oakland, State of Michigan

To vote at this election all persons must be registered in the City by Wednesday, October 13, 1948, at 8 P.M. Eastern Standard Time.

Citizens of the United States, 21 years old, who have resided in the State of Michigan six months and in the City of Birmingham twenty days at the time of voting are eligible.

TO REGISTER, call at the City Clerk's office in the Municipal Building on or before Wednesday, October 13, 1948.

TO TRANSFER a registration from one address to another address within the city of Birmingham, any registered elector may call at the city clerk's office, or mail to the clerk, a signed request stating his present address, the date he moved thereto, and the address from which he was last registered, such transfer to be made not later than October 13, 1948.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ACT NO. 5, P.A. of the first special legislative session of 1948, and Miscellaneous Resolution Number 2415, adopted by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors on June 28, 1948, THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS ON PRIMARY AND ELECTION DAYS SHALL BE DISCONTINUED IN OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SAID ACT.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE UNABLE TO REGISTER DURING DAY-TIME BUSINESS HOURS, the clerk's office is open each Monday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. and will be open on Wednesday, October 13, 1948, continuously from 8 A.M. until 8 P.M. Eastern Standard Time.

Irene E. Hanley, City Clerk

September 30, 1948.

Dr. Glen Harris Reports To His Congregation on 2-Month European Trip

Russia's leaders are not afraid of a Christian nation that not only pays lip service to Christianity, Dr. W. Glen Harris warned his First Presbyterian church congregation Sunday morning.

In his first Sunday sermon since his return from spending more than two months in Europe, Dr. Harris, who was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Harris, and two children, returned to his home in Birmingham, Ala., after a tour of Europe, including England, Scotland, Italy, France, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland and Holland.

He was a delegate to the general council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches held in Geneva from August 1 to 12. He also attended the World Council of Churches conference held in Amsterdam.

Thursday noon Dr. Harris also spoke about his trip to members of the Birmingham Exchange club. He returned to Birmingham last weekend.

His Sunday sermon, Rev. Harris remarked, "But not so see not just all things put under him. But we see Jesus, Dr. Harris said, quoting from the Bible. 'The world reflects the feeling of those who attended the first meeting of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam. The church is still a minority group. Christians are frustrated, remembering, with horror, two wars, and living under the threat of a third.'

He went on to say, "Let me ask you to keep three notable facts in mind as I speak; America is the most content nation in the world; a third world war is imminent; the Gospel of Jesus Christ is our one great hope."

"Let me also say that both of the conferences that I attended in Europe were all that I had hoped for, although not all that I could have wished them to be. The World Alliance of Reformed Churches at Geneva was a family gathering. The Presbyterians from different nations examined their program, their relation to each other and solidified their plans for the future. At Amsterdam the Protestants of the world sat in conference for two weeks. They acknowledged their differences and strengthened their agreements."

"The last address in English was made by Dr. Ralph Sockman of New York and he said 'More significant than the actions taken is the spirit in which they have been taken. Our systems of doctrine are bulwarks of knowledge surrounded by a great sea of mystery.'"

Dr. Harris continued, "The very fact that 147 churches from 44 countries out of a potential of 165 churches in 46 countries, met and unobtrusively discussed the problems of world evangelism is in itself the accomplishment of a millennium."

"The Christian church must not only function in an unchristian world but the Christian church must function in an unchristian world that is on the move. There are still fourteen million homeless, displaced refugees in Europe. There are still thousands of war prisoners held for labor and some for trial as criminals. There are still unknown numbers of men, women and children without a roof over their heads and without the necessities of life. All these people are on the move."

In our own country a large percentage of our population is living in a different place than before the war. The question arises and the honest Christian must face it honestly; what is the church doing for this mobile world?"

Moving Humanity "How effectively is the church ministering to the current moving mass of humanity? Much was made at Amsterdam of the undaunted progress of Communism. The nations who have embraced Communism, in my estimation, have not done so because of a conviction for the principles of Communism. They have been induced to Communism by the promises of men who met them on the common ground of human need. Communism has capitalized on the hunger, poverty and helplessness of men and has succeeded because it has met men where men need help."

Communism has attacked Christianity very cleverly and obviously enough where an insipid, lifeless, Christianity wants to be attacked because it has met men where men need help."

"Many church members have come to believe that they are good Christians if they pay their pledge and go to church occasionally. No atheist government fears a Christianity like that."

"Joseph Stalin is perfectly willing for Christians to assemble and sing and preach and pray to their heart's content. As long as they do not want to let their Christianity stop with praying and singing but who want to win others to Christ, it is a different matter. Christianity becomes mobile, when Christians are concerned to win men for Christ, that Christianity becomes a threat to Communism."

A Message Approved "At the close of the Assembly in Amsterdam the Council approved a message to 'all men who believe in Christ'. One sentence of it is especially appropriate here. 'Our coming together to form a World Council will be vain unless the Christians and Christian congregations everywhere commit themselves to the Lord of the Church in a sincere effort to seek together, where they live, to be His witnesses and servants among their neighbors.'"

Continuing, Dr. Harris said,

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