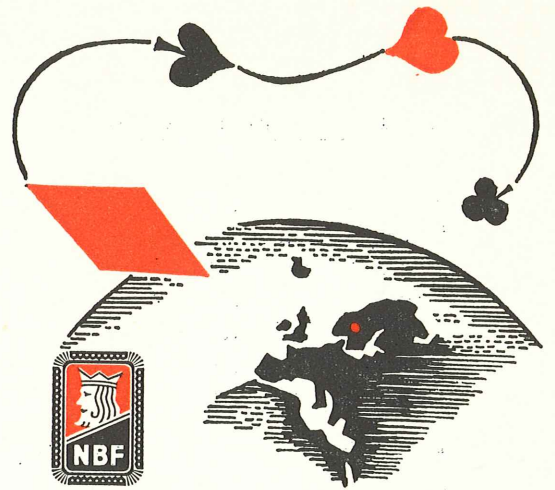


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RESULTS

<u>Open Series - Round 15</u>	<u>Half-time IMP</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>V. P.</u>
Netherlands - Israel	27 - 61	66 - 109	0 - 8
Hungary - Norway	14 - 90	73 - 142	0 - 8
Belgium - Turkey	21 - 42	40 - 86	0 - 8
Italy - Ireland	33 - 30	47 - 72	1 - 7
Portugal - Austria	26 - 54	38 - 80	0 - 8
Greece - Poland	14 - 57	33 - 95	0 - 8
Iceland - Spain	27 - 46	69 - 80	3 - 5
Sweden - Finland	64 - 32	118 - 39	8 - 0
Germany - Denmark	45 - 11	80 - 40	8 - 0
Gt. Britain - France	39 - 28	90 - 55	8 - 0
Switzerland - bye			5

Open Series - Round 16

Hungary - Netherlands	18 - 22	64 - 45	6 - 2
Turkey - Israel	14 - 34	50 - 63	2 - 6
Ireland - Belgium	40 - 34	67 - 43	7 - 1
Switzerland - Portugal	71 - 13	89 - 53	8 - 0
Poland - Italy	4 - 48	34 - 95	0 - 8
Austria - Iceland	62 - 35	101 - 64	8 - 0
Finland - Greece	49 - 36	88 - 68	6 - 2
Spain - Germany	36 - 41	56 - 57	4 - 4
France - Sweden	23 - 14	75 - 37	8 - 0
Denmark - Gt. Britain	39 - 21	96 - 47	8 - 0
Norway - bye			5

Ladies' Series Results on p. 2.

ON RAMA, Thursday, July 3rd at 19.30 hours - France v. Italy.

Members of the Executive Committee on duty, Thursday, 3rd July:

11.00 hrs. Monsieur A. Littman Lemaitre

19.00 hrs. Count C. de Hemricourt.

RESULTS

Ladies' Series: Round 10:

	<u>Half-time IMPs</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>V. P.</u>
France - Sweden	41 - 9	98 - 34	8 - 0
UAR/Egypt - Italy	31 - 65	57 - 103	0 - 8
Netherlands - Spain	59 - 27	102 - 45	8 - 0
Finland - Norway	17 - 51	43 - 99	0 - 8
Greece - Poland	22 - 36	64 - 65	4 - 4
Ireland - Denmark	40 - 25	81 - 38	8 - 0
Gt. Britain - bye			5

Ladies Series: Round 11:

Italy - Gt. Britain	38 - 29	73 - 66	5 - 3
Sweden - Netherlands	17 - 46	60 - 72	3 - 5
Norway - UAR/Egypt	51 - 42	69 - 71	4 - 4
Spain - Greece	70 - 17	87 - 61	7 - 1
Denmark - Finland	59 - 6	115 - 36	8 - 0
Poland - Ireland	35 - 68	75 - 83	3 - 5
France - bye			5

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VICTORY POINTS

<u>Open Series</u>		<u>Ladies Series</u>	
x Italy	104	x Great Britain	72
x Austria	90	x France	69
x Sweden	87	Italy	65
x Switzerland	84	x Norway	53
x Poland	81	Netherlands	49
x Norway	79	x Sweden	48
x France	78	x Ireland	44
x Great Britain	73	x Spain	43
Germany	66	x Greece	34
x Israel	66	x Poland	33
x Ireland	62	x UAR/Egypt	30
x Denmark	60	x Denmark	29
x Turkey	59	x Finland	14
x Belgium	58		
Iceland	53		
x Spain	52		
Hungary	50		
Portugal	46		
x Finland	43		
Netherlands	38		
x Greece	31		

x = Had their bye - 5 V. P.

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INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION:

Annual General Meeting at 11.00 hours in the Ladies' Closed Room to-day, July 3rd, followed by lunch at the invitation of Norsk Bridgeforbund.

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KJEMPE DO-RULL:

You can't take it with you! (As anyone who has spent a penny in Oslo will know.)

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO-DAY at 11.00 hrs., at which Mr. Roman Skoroupo will present the proposed new scale of V. Ps. for future Championships. We hope to publish this in to-morrow's bulletin.

THE REVOKE.....

The Appeal Committee noted the reference in the Bulletin to the double revoke made by the Polish declarer in the Sweden-Poland match.

The Committee draws attention to Law 12(a) of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge which states:-

"The Director may assign an adjusted score when, in the Director's opinion, these Laws provide no penalty which will fully indemnify a non-offending contestant for an opponent's violation of the Law."

The Appeal Committee rules that not only should the interpretation of the Law be may assign, but should assign an adjusted score. The score is to be adjusted in the match.

Geoffrey L. Butler
Chairman of Appeals Committee

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AT HALF-MAST?.....

An ardent British supporter, I nearly discarded my Union Jack when I noted the following opportunity going abegging in one of Britain's earlier matches:-

Dlr: E.	♠ K J 10 2	E.	S.	W.	N.
Vul: None	♥ 10 6	1♣	2♥	-	4♥
	♦ K J 10 6	-	-	-	
	♣ A 9 4				

♠ 9 8 5	♠ A Q 6 4
♥ 7 3 2	♥ A 5
♦ 8 7 2	♦ 9 5 3
♣ K J 6 5	♣ Q 8 7 3
	♠ 7 3
	♥ K Q J 9 8 4
	♦ A Q 4
	♣ 10 2

In one room West led the ♣5 and declarer was able to duck the first trick to East, in due course making his contract with the loss of ♥A, ♠A and ♣Q.

In the other room the British defenders found the bright lead of ♣K. Unfortunately, however, the British East dropped the ♣3 on this trick and West, therefore, switched to a diamond,

handing declarer his contract. East was asleep as, of course, he should have dropped the ♣8 calling for a spade.

Unfortunately there was no swing on the board.

A. Mulcahy.

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A LITTLE TROUBLE WITH THE FINNS

Gt. Britain were much below their best in their fourteenth round match against Finland, and once again slam bidding proved to be a British weakness. Silverstone and Coyle got their wires crossed on this one, due to a misunderstanding of "old-fashioned Acol" methods:-

♠ 5 2	Partner opens Two Clubs and you respond Two Hearts
♥ K Q 9 7 2	on this hand. Partner now bids Three Spades which,
♦ K J 10 9 7	by common consent, fixes spades and shows interest
♣ Q	in controls. What would you bid next?

Answer on p. 5

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

FAIR COMMENT

The Rama commentator has been in trouble for some of his comments. It's not the first time, and it won't be the last, that players - on or off Rama - are criticised for the line they take. It's one of the penalties of greatness. The Rama commentator is, after all, only trying to make it interesting for the audience.

SWITZERLAND v. NORWAY - Round 13, Open Series

At last the Bulletin staff has had a chance to watch a full half-match! The play was fast and was over in less than two hours. Thank you!

Before starting, our sleuth noticed that non-playing captain, Mr. Kunin, dealt the first board for Mr. Trad, which is supposed to work as a lucky charm. Alas, he can't have done it properly as Norway won the match 95 - 34 (8 - 0).

Knowing that two boards must already be profitable for Norway, Mr. Trad and Mr. Fenwick bid boldly to Six Hearts, whilst the Norwegians stopped in Four Hearts on the following board:

Dlr: South	♠ K Q 8 7 5 2					Closed Room
Vul: All	♥ A K 5		N.	E.	S.	W.
	♦ 10 6 2		Trad	Jensen	Fenwick	Varnås
	♣ A				-	-
♠ J 10 9		♠ A 6 4 3	1♠	-	2♥	-
♥ Q		♥ J 10 4	4♥	-	5♥	-
♦ Q 8 5		♦ K J 4	6♥	-	-	-
♣ Q 7 6 5 4 2		♣ 9 8 3				

After the lead of ♠J, Mr. Fenwick had no difficulty in making the contract.

At the end of the half the players, when asked, didn't expect much of a swing either way, but half-round results showed a 31 lead to Norway.

Having seen the Swiss players in action, our sleuth sought an interview with Mr. R. Kunin, the n. p. c., commenting that they were fast-playing boys.

"Yes, indeed, they are," said Mr. Kunin. "One of our players, Mr. Trad, is using speed as a weapon. To show you what a dangerous player he is, I should like to give you this board":

Board 27, Switzerland - Hungary:

Dlr: South	♠ Q 5 3					Open Room
Vul: None	♥ -		Trad	E.	Fenwick	W.
	♦ J 7 5 2				1♠	-
	♠ A K 10 9 4 2				2♠	3♠
♠ 10 9		♠ J 6	4♠	-	4♠	-
♥ K 9 8 7 2		♥ Q 10 6 4 3	6♠	-	-	-
♦ A Q 10		♦ K 9 8 3				
♣ J 8 6		♣ 7 3				
	♠ A K 8 7 4 2					
	♥ A J 5					
	♦ 6 4					
	♣ Q 5					

Please note that Mr. Trad's 4♠ bid is a Cue-bid in order to inhibit a diamond lead!!!

Mr. Kunin went on to say that the Swiss Federation is a small one, and to encourage interest is their most important task. If you use new players now and then to represent a country abroad, this always encourages interest.

The Swiss team in Oslo consists of four experienced and two inexperienced players. It's always better, of course, if all are experienced, but the six

Swiss players are all good friends, which compensates for a lot of things.

Friday will be D-day when the Swiss will fight for second place - they are confident that they'll make it. On Friday they hope to win their matches versus Sweden and Great Britain, and if this isn't enough, they feel confident that Norway will kill Sweden for them on Saturday.



ANSWER TO BIDDING PROBLEM, p. 3

Your reporter's long understanding of this situation is that, following a Two Club bid, it is proper to show second round controls. In pursuance of this understanding, Four Clubs must be the cue bid which would leave most room to manoeuvre. Apparently the young Scottish pair view the situation otherwise and prefer to show only first round controls.

Since Silverstone with the North hand was too powerful not to take positive action, he chose instead to bid a conventional 4N.T. His partner, conscious of the limitations of his high-card strength for an opening Two Club bid, (see diagram below) decided it was more prudent to show two aces rather than two aces and a void, for which the machinery existed. As far as North was concerned, this meant that they were missing two aces, and understandably he passed Five Spades.

The Finnish pair, uninhibited by so many helpful conventions, bid naturally as follows:

Dir: East	♠ 5 2								
Vul: All	♥ K Q 9 7 2								
	♦ K J 10 9 7								
	♣ Q								
	♠ 7 6	♠ 9 8							
	♥ J 10 6 5 3	♥ 4							
	♦ Q 6 3 2	♦ A 8 5 4							
	♣ 7 6	♣ A 10 8 5 3 2							
	♠ A K Q J 10 4 3								
	♥ A 8								
	♦ -								
	♣ K J 9 4								

			Open Room				
	N.		E.	S.	W.		
	Syrjala		Goldberg	Sulin	Leckie		
		1♥	-	1♣	-		
		3♥	-	2♣	-		
		4♦	-	3♣	-		
		5♣	D	4♣	-		
		-	-	6♣	-		

			Closed Room				
	N.		E.	S.	W.		
	Silverstone		K. Runeberg	Coyle	Runeberg		
		2♥	-	2♣	-		
		4NT	-	3♣	-		
		-	-	5♣	-		

CANARIES SOMETIMES SING.....

Dir: West	♠ A J 10 4								
Vul: N/S	♥ 4 2								
	♦ A 9 2								
	♣ K 10 5 2								
	♠ 3	♠ K 7 5 2							
	♥ J 10 9 8 6 3	♥ A 7							
	♦ K Q 10 8 7	♦ 6 3							
	♣ Q	♣ A 8 6 4 3							

			Bidding:				
	N.		E.	S.	W.		
		1♣	-	2♣	3♥		
		-	4♥	D	-		
		-	-	-	-		

North led the Two of Clubs instead of an Ace and now came the Lieder but not ohne Worte.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

A fine opportunist double by dapper Norwegian-shirt-wearing English Stock Broker Claude Rodrigue earned Britain the whole of their half-time lead against France in their fifteenth round match yesterday.

Dlr: S.	♠ A Q 6 4	N.	E.	S.	W.
Vul:N/S	♥ 10 8 5 3	Tarlo	Svarc	Rodrigue	Boulenger
	♦ 8				1♣
	♣ J 9 8 2		1♦		1♣
♠ K J 10 5	♠ 7 2		1NT		2NT
♥ K Q	♥ 9 6 4 2		3NT	D	RD
♦ K J	♦ Q 6 5 4 2				
♣ A 10 7 6 3	♣ K Q				
	♠ 9 8 3				
	♥ A J 7				
	♦ A 10 9 7 3				
	♣ 5 4				

Henri Svarc's final bid of 3 N.T. was somewhat optimistic and, sensing that the cards lay badly for declarer, Rodrigue was quick to double. Realising that the double would have been based on a good diamond holding, Boulenger decided it

was a good moment for a redouble, a decision he was to regret by the end of the hand.

Rodrigue led the ♦7 which declarer won with dummy's ♦J and, in an attempt to camouflage his precarious position, switched to the ♥K. Rodrigue ducked this trick, but won the continuation of the ♥Q, cashed the ♦A and continued with the ♦9. Declarer won with the ♦Q and took his two club tricks, and then led a small spade to dummy's ♠10. The defence won the next six tricks and in the end declarer found himself in the unenviable position of having to decide whether to discard the ♠K or the ♣A from dummy to hold his loss to 1,000 points. Fortunately for France he chose correctly.

In the other room the British pair lost 50 points in 1 N.T., for a swing of 14 IMPs, at which point I hoisted my Union Jack again. (See p. 3.)
A. Mulcahy.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

AUSTRIA v. SPAIN

In their Round 9 match, Austria v. Spain both reached the Grand Slam on Board 16:

Dlr: West	♠ 9 7 3	Open Room	N.	E.	S.	W.
Vul: E/W	♥ 9 5 2					2NT
	♦ J 5			3♣		4♣
	♣ 9 8 7 4 2			4NT		5♥
♠ A K 10 4	♠ Q J 6 5 2			5NT		7♣
♥ K J 3	♥ A 4					
♦ A K Q 9	♦ 6 4 3					
♣ J 3	♣ A 10 5	Closed Room	N.	E.	S.	W.
	♠ 8					1♣
	♥ Q 10 8 7 6			3♣		4NT
	♦ 10 8 7 2			5♥	D	5NT
	♣ K Q 6			6♥		7♣

In the Closed Room the Austrian West got the lead of the ♥Q after which he was relieved of the nerve-racking heart finesse.

In the Open Room, played by the East hand because of West's different choice of opening bid, the lead was the ♠Q. East drew three rounds of trumps took the heart finesse with his fingers crossed and discarded a club on the ♥K. He then cashed the ♦A-K, noting the fall of the ♦J from North. If this is true - but is it true? - the rest is easy. Risking as little as possible, East ran the spades and South had to surrender.

THE LIFFEY MUST HAVE BEEN ON FIRE last night, even on cokes, beer and milk, when Ireland completed their successful giant-killing expedition against Italy (our inspired tipster being quite unable to contain himself with glee!) The final score, which will doubtless go down in Irish history, was 72-47 (7-1 V.P. to Ireland).

Board 27 produced a 6 IMP swing to Ireland. History, though not the official record sheet, relates that the bidding in the Closed Room was:-

Dlr. South ♠ A 10 7 6
 Vul: None ♥ A Q 8 6 3
 ♦ 10
 ♣ 10 6 3

 ♠ 9 8 3 2 ♠ Q 4
 ♥ 7 ♥ K J 10 9 5
 ♦ Q J 4 3 ♦ 9 8 5
 ♣ K 9 8 5 ♣ A Q 2

 ♠ K J 5
 ♥ 4 2
 ♦ A K 7 6 2
 ♣ J 7 4

	S.	N.
	Seligman	Fitzgerald
	1NT	2♣
	2♦	3♥
	3NT	-

However this may be, Fitzgerald and Seligman, perhaps judging that this was the only way to beat the Italian juggernaut, reached 3 N. T. on a combined 22-count, whilst the Italians were content to play in Two Spades

making nine tricks.

Against his 3 N. T. contract Seligman got the lead of the ♦3, dummy's ♦10 holding, and declarer was careful to drop the ♦6. A finesse of the ♣J held and then a small heart to dummy's queen fell to East's king. East returned another diamond and South continued the deception with the ♦7. West won and, not unreasonably failing to find the club switch, led another diamond and the rest is silence.

The Irish players were heartily congratulated by the Italians on their win - Mr. Seligman tells us that they are the most courteous opponents possible, polite, charming and encouraging, which only bears out what we have been told by their other less fortunate opponents.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

POLAND v. ITALY - Round 16:

Dlr: E. ♠ K Q 9 5
 Vul: All ♥ K 10 9 8 6 4
 ♦ -
 ♣ Q 6 5

 ♠ A J 3 ♠ 8 6
 ♥ A Q 5 ♥ -
 ♦ K 9 4 3 ♦ A 10 7 5 2
 ♣ J 4 3 ♣ A K 9 8 7 2

 ♠ 10 7 4 2
 ♥ J 7 3 2
 ♦ Q J 8 6
 ♣ 10

Open Room

N.	E.	S.	W.
	Belladonna		Garozzo
	2♣	-	2♦
2♥	3♦	3♥	4♥
-	5♣	-	6♦ All pass.

Against Garozzo's Six Diamond contract the Polish North led the ♠Q taken by declarer's ace. The ♥A was cashed, dummy's second spade being discarded. Garozzo then led a small diamond and, when North showed out, put in dummy's ♦10, allowing one of South's honours to win. South returned

a spade, ruffed on the table. Seeing that he needed better than a 4-0 club break for success, he then cashed the ♠A and, when both defenders followed, he cashed the ♦A and led a small diamond, finessing South's ♠Q. The inferences of the bidding had given him the clue as to the club situation, in addition to which he took the best mathematical odds. He led the ♣J and when North failed to cover, let it run, dutifully making twelve tricks for a score of 1370. It was a win of 12 IMPs on the board as, in the other room, the Poles played in a quiet 3 N. T. making eleven tricks on the lead of the ♥10.

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Throughout the tournament Harold Franklin and Joseph Van den Borre have been the Chief Tournament Directors, ably assisted by an excellent staff of Norwegian Directors.

DRAW - Thursday July 3rd

Open Series:

11.00 hours - Round 17:

Netherlands - Turkey	2
Israel - Ireland	x
Portugal Norway	2
Belgium - Poland	2
Iceland - Switzerland	2
Italy - Finland	1
Germany - Austria	2
Greece - France	2
Gt. Britain - Spain	1
Sweden - Denmark	1
Hungary - bye	

Open Series:

19.30 hours - Round 18.

Ireland - Turkey	x
Hungary - Portugal	x
Poland - Israel	1
Norway - Iceland	1
Finland - Belgium	2
Switzerland - Germany	1
France - Italy	2
Austria - Gt. Britain	x
Denmark - Greece	1
Spain - Sweden	2
Netherlands - bye	

Ladies' Series

19.30 hours - Round 12

Netherlands - France	2
Gt. Britain - Norway	1
Greece - Sweden	2
UAR/Egypt - Denmark	x
Ireland - Spain	x
Finland - Poland	2
Italy - bye	



THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME?

Your inspired tipster, after a light day's work with his crystal ball, was seen on Tuesday evening to be trying his skill at predicting the trotting races. We are pleased to report that had his forecasts for the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, and 8th races been only slightly different, he would have made a small profit. Unshaken by this nasty setback, however, he is supremely confident on the correctness of his views on to-day's matches.

Open Series - Round 17: This will be a round of few surprises. Elated by their sensational Tuesday win over Gt. Britain, Finland will have another chance for a giant killing against Italy. However, it would surely be too much to predict anything but a win for Italy. Germany-Austria will be a well-fought local Derby, but it seems that the away team will have the edge.

Open Series - Round 18: There are two matches to watch here, France-Italy and Austria-Gt. Britain. Italy should take their French opponents in their stride. With only four rounds to go Gt. Britain must do better than the draw we predict if they are to be involved in the finishing places.

Ladies' Series - Round 12: After their last night's Italian lapse, the British girls will be clamouring for full points from their Norwegian hosts, in an endeavour to widen the gap at the head of the table.

The British ladies' n. p. c., cigar-smoking green-suited enigmatic but rapidly-greying Londoner, Alan Hiron says:-

"Rixi's had one birthday while we've been here, but I feel as if I had had ten."

The Italy-Gt. Britain ladies' match proved a real hum-dinger of kibitzing value. Only shortage of space prevents us from publishing the entire proceedings in the Open Room in the second half. However, those of you who were at the back of the crowded gallery can rest assured that some choice morsels from this cliff-hanger will be presented before your very eyes in future editions of the Bulletin.

