

Jacoby On Bridge

NORTH (D) 12			
▲ 106			
♥ 73			
♦ AKQJ87			
♣ K106			
WEST EAST			
▲ 92	▲ A53		
♥ 95	♥ AKQJ82		
♦ 10542	♦ 9		
♣ J9432	♣ Q85		
SOUTH			
▲ KQJ874			
♥ 1084			
♦ 63			
♣ A7			
Both vulnerable			
North	East	South	West
1	2	3	4
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥ 9			

Credit Due Defense

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Some partnership arguments seem funny to other bridge players. North felt that South had made a gross overbid when he jumped to four spades. North added that if South had made his proper rebid of three spades, he, North, would have gone to four spades anyway.

At this point, West broke in and remarked, "It seems to me that you are arguing about nothing. You reached a good four spade contract. The cards had to lie badly in order for you to be set and besides if my partner had not made a line defensive play you would have made the contract and all would be sweetness and light."

East's defensive play is one of those that looks easy when you see all the cards. He won the opening heart lead and shifted to a low trump. Once that play was made South could not make his contract and actually managed to go down two tricks.

South won the spade lead and tried to get a heart discard on dummy's diamonds. East ruffed the second diamond, cashed his ace of spades and two more hearts and chalked up 200 points on his side of the ledger.

It not only looked easy, but it should have been easy. The nine of hearts opening indicated either a singleton or doubleton. South was marked with the ace of clubs as part of his bidding strength. He also was marked with good spades and it was up to East to kill dummy's ruffing power while still retaining control of the trump suit.

♥-CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1	Pass	1	Pass
1	Pass	4	Pass
4	Pass	5	Pass
5	Pass	?	

You, South, hold: ♠AJ43 ♥A655 ♦KQ74 ♣82

What do you do now?

A—Bid six diamonds to show one king. Partner has taken control and you should answer him.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Instead of bidding one spade over your one diamond your partner bids two clubs. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow



CHRISTMAS TREE RANCHERS — Members of an enthusiastic crew who return yearly to help harvest and ship Christmas trees from the Ken-Del Ranch near Tennant are, from left, Betsy Klein, Sacramento, Marilyn Meglassen, Macdoel, and Bryan Decker, Crescent City. Harvesting 54,000 silvertip trees this season, the ranch is the largest Christmas tree operation of its kind in the country.

54,000 Choice Christmas Trees Cut On Giant Bishop Ranch

TENNANT — Christmas comes early at the Ken-Del ranch, 5,000 acres of mountainous ridges which make up the largest Christmas tree operation of its kind in the nation.

Here preparations for Christmas are concluded by about Dec. 10 when the last of 54,000 choice silvertip trees must be on the way to retail outlets in California.

This year the last of the Christmas tree harvest (all done above the 6,000 foot level) was completed in about three feet of snow.

Kenneth Bishop, who owns this unique ranch in partnership with his son, Ronald Bishop, states that snow depths up to three feet do not cancel tree cutting but that a snow laden tree is much harder to judge for business, symmetry, and color.

Choice trees are the Bishops' business, and their Christmas tree cutting crews have reason to meet the specifications. Payment is on the basis of quality, not quantity, and the crew bosses learn their net gain only after trees have been graded in the sorting yards at ranch headquarters.

Men and women on the Ken-Del staff find a special challenge in the seven or eight weeks of frantic activity that make up the cutting and shipping season at the Ken-Del ranch. Most of them live in Siskiyou County or Southern Oregon and return year after year to participate in the various jobs that must be accomplished.

Trees must be cut, hauled, graded, and cached according to shipping orders, then checked and loaded for shipping. Invoices must be made

out, billings made, and accounts kept up to date. Vehicles must be kept running as supplies must be delivered to coincide with the need for them. There are no shopping centers or supermarkets within miles and miles of this remote ranch.

Some of the crew of 70 live in trailers, some commute from as far as Weed or Klamath Falls, and some live at ranch headquarters where the breakfast bell rings at 5:30 a.m. and dinner is kept hot until the last crews are off the mountain.

Days run 12 to 16 working hours during the peak of the season when cutting crews leave ranch headquarters in early morning darkness to take full advantage of short daylight hours on the high ridges where the silvertips grow.

While Christmas tree contracts have shown a steady growth each year, the Bishops now find the demand for wreaths and door decorations has doubled each year for the past four years.

By the end of November, the Ken-Del ranch had shipped 6,000 framed wreaths and 6,000 wired door decorations, plus 20 tons of boughs to florists and decorators throughout California.

The basic wreaths and door decorations are converted into holiday dress in city warehouses—with Ken-Del produced additions.

Cones and glitters are also part of the Ken-Del operation. Sixty thousand cones were processed in the cone shed. Gathered on a commission basis by nearby residents during summer, the cones are cut in half, affixed with staples and wires,

painted, glittered, and sequined to meet holiday tastes.

The wreath operation at the ranch developed through the artistic bent of Flo Bishop, wife of Ken Bishop. She began experimenting with natural materials at the ranch and fashioned wreaths that caught the eyes of Christmas tree buyers.

Special orders for decorated wreaths are filled directly at the ranch. The wreath requirements of large banks, oil companies, and other commercial interests are filled as a personal accommodation, but Bishop says he is not able to handle the detailed work required for producing the finished wreaths in massive quantities. Shipping of the basic materials is much easier.

All of the Ken-Del trees leave the Tennant area by Southern Pacific truck lines. Bishop says shipping by truck reduces the number of times a tree must be handled and insures more rapid delivery to the retail outlet.

The Bishops have developed Christmas tree farming at the Ken-Del ranch by trial and error over the past 20 years. It is now a major industry in northern Siskiyou County and a real contribution to the area's economy.

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DEAR POLLY—I am hoping my hint will make someone's day less complicated. The recent hint for washing a lace tablecloth was really a smart one. Mine is now as good as new.

—Save the last bits of facial soap and dry them thoroughly. Grate them on your kitchen grater, fill a small pill vial and keep this in your purse. If you are ever stranded in a rest room with no soap with which to freshen up, you always have some in your purse. It seems I always pick a rest room that has run out of soap.—MARY

DEAR POLLY—I have devised a game for our four-year-old daughter that helps to teach her the alphabet. I wrote the alphabet and numbers on a piece of cardboard and on paper, too. I cut out the paper numbers and letters so each is in its own square. She matches these paper squares to the same numbers or letters on the cardboard. As she matches I tell her their names. She has already learned to identify many of them.—MRS. K. C. G.

DEAR POLLY—Large iron nuts from the hardware store make attractive candle holders. They are heavy enough to hold tall tapers and the threads inside the nuts hold the candles snugly in place. They can be

painted gold, silver or any desired color. Decorate after painting.—SARA

GIRLS—This would be a good idea for making extra holiday candle holders that might be decked with fireproof Christmas "glitter."—POLLY

DEAR POLLY—An idea my husband thought up has worked so successfully for five years that I thought others might like to use it. Our storm windows had round holes across the bottom of each wood frame but we always wished more provision had been made for ventilation. To remedy this, my husband cut a big oval across the bottom of each frame where the small round holes had been. He further improved the situation by nailing screening, on the outside, over this opening. Insects cannot get in as they used to before we would get the storm windows down and the screens up in the spring. We can leave them up longer without depriving ourselves of the outdoor air.—MRS. H. V. H.

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Red China Accuses Nikita Of Betraying Communism

TOKYO (UPI) — Communist China today accused Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev of betraying communism and of seeking Soviet-American domination of the world.

In a slashing indictment of the Kremlin, the official Red New China News Agency (NCNA) quoted two major Peking newspapers as warning Khrushchev of courting disaster by seeking cooperation with "U.S. imperialism."

The attack was Peking's apparent reply to an appeal from Khrushchev for an end to polemics in the bitter ideological dispute which has split the Communist camp.

An article in the Peking People's Daily and the magazine Red Flag said:

"The heart and soul of the general line of peaceful co-existence pursued by the leaders of the CPSU (Soviet Communist party) is Soviet-U.S. collaboration for the domination of the world."

It said the Kremlin leaders' "unceasing advocacy of peaceful co-existence . . . amounts to a

demand that all the socialist countries and the Communist parties must submit to their long-cherished dream of Soviet-U.S. collaboration."

But, Peking warned, "he who betrays the people of the socialist camp and the world and dreams of dominating the globe by collusion with U.S. imperialism is bound to end up badly."

"It is very mistaken and dangerous for the leaders of the CPSU to do so," the article said.

The Red Chinese said "since 1959 Khrushchev has become obsessed with summit meetings between the Soviet Union and the United States."

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