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STOP PRESS!

Wednesday, 25th June.

Just when we thought we had ironed out some of our teething troubles, and had acquired some desperately needed extra help in the Bulletin Office, calamity struck. It was indeed "Stop Press" for, with eight stencils cut for your delight, the duplicating machine broke down.

All efforts to revive it failed and, round about 2 a.m., expert help was totally impossible to obtain. A chance 'phone call from Harold Franklin brought what we hoped was to be our salvation - "Ring Jo vanden Borre - he knows everything." Alas for poor Jo, dragged from his hardearned slumbers. He didn't know and nor did he know anyone who might know.

We offer you, therefore, no apology for the absence of your Bulletin with your breakfast, but hope we have your sympathy for the state we were in by 3.30 a.m., when all hope of producing the Bulletin had faded. We also hope we have your gratitude for getting it out at all.

It is for the next issue that we may have to crave your indulgence as this calamity has meant a sleepless night and an early start for all of us. We managed to get the duplicator repaired by 10 a.m., and then had to start the running-off which should have been finished before we left the office last night.

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RESULTS.

Draw	Half Time IMP	Result	V.P.
Open Series - Round 2			
Finland - Netherlands Germany - Iceland Poland - France Great Britain - Portugal Ireland - Denmark Turkey - Spain Greece - Hungary Israel - Austria Italy - Norway Belgium - Switzerland Sweden - bye	10 - 49 38 - 52 47 - 10 19 - 17 51 - 19 29 - 29 43 - 35 26 - 19 54 - 12 65 - 15	74 - 60 62 - 91 73 - 26 40 - 56 86 - 60 77 - 50 70 - 78 26 - 51 89 - 35 113 - 51	6 - 2 1 - 7 8 - 0 2 - 6 7 - 1 7 - 1 3 - 5 1 - 7 8 - 0 8 - 0
Open Series - Round 3 Netherlands - Germany France - Finland Iceland - Great Britain Denmark - Poland Portugal - Sweden Spain - Ireland Austria - Turkey Hungary - Italy Switzerland - Israel Norway - Belgium Greece - bye	33 - 34 80 - 20 24 " 34 26 - 42 22 - 52 31 - 26 9 - 36 25 - 29 44 - 21 12 - 19	71 - 67 112 - 65 45 - 104 47 - 77 46 - 127 43 - 61 21 - 82 37 - 58 70 - 40 51 - 42	5 - 3 8 - 0 0 - 8 1 - 7 0 - 8 2 - 6 0 - 8 2 - 6 7 - 1 5 - 3
Ladies' Series - Round 2			
Denmark - Norway Netherlands - Ireland Poland - Italy France - Finland Spain - Great Britain Sweden - UAR/Egypt Greece - bye	45 - 67 21 - 33 20 - 25 59 - 16 25 - 39 33 - 19	69 - 111 54 - 67 32 - 77 99 - 36 56 - 76 64 - 65	0 - 3 2 - 6 0 - 3 3 - 0 2 - 6 4 - 4 5
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VICTORY POINTS

Open Series			Ladies' Series	
Poland	2.3		France	16
Italy	20		Great Britain	14
Turkey	17		Norway	13
Sweden	16		Italy	13
France	16		Sweden	12
Belgium	16		Greece	11
Iceland	15		UAR/Egypt	9
Great Britain	15		Ireland	6
Greece	13		Spain	5
Ireland	13		Netherlands	4
Hungary	12		Denmark	3
Portugal	12		Finland	0
Austria	10		Poland	0
Spain	9			
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Denmark	8			
Norway	3	The same and the same		
Netherlands	7			
Finland	6			
Germany	6			
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF LINE-UPS:

TO ALL TEAM CAPTAINS

PLEASE HAND TO THE INFORMATION DESK YOUR LINE-UP FOR THE MATCH, THE VISITING TEAM BY 00.30 FOR THE MORNING MATCHES AND BY 16.00 FOR THE EVENING MATCHES.

HOME TEAM LINE-UP SHOULD BE HANDED IN NOT MORE THAN 15 MINUTES LATER.

After 16 boards, that is, at the half-way stage, home captains are requested to extend the courtesy they would wish to receive by announcing their second-half line-up to the opposing captain as soon as possible after the scores have been agreed.

OSLO BY NIGHT:

There is surely no more perfect way for the visitor to see Oslo Fiord than from the deck of a chartered ship, decorated in traditional Scandinavian fashion with boughs of silver birch, on a fine warm St. John's Eve. Whatever the beauties of one's own country, there is no denying the beauty of the setting of Oslo, the capital city of Norway.

As we wended our way from the harbour, past the red reefs and out amongst the innumerable islands of the fiord, the water was alive with craft of every shape and size, from the smallest rowing boots, speedboats and yachte to Norwegian fishing boats, all carrying their full quota of merrymakers. The shores of the mainland and islands were rimmed with bonfires, the sky to the West was red with a glorious sunset and to the Tast, only moments later, it was delicately coloured with the first streaks of the coming dawn.

Fireworks vied with the moon in the magical twilight which is the nearest approach to darkness in this part of the world at mid-summer.

A lively band provided music for dancing on deck, some notable performances being in evidence. The mighty Belladonna is hardly less mighty on his feet than at the green baize and Jane and Tony Priday made a striking Mixed Pair.

All those who took part in this memorable trip may like to know that they owe it to the inspiration of Miss Ambjorg Amundsen to whom grateful thanks are due, as also to the Norwegian Bridge Federation who provided the funds and made the arrangements.

PROTEST, SWITZERLAND v. ITALY, OPEN SERIES

Following a protest on Board 24, the ruling of the Tournament Directors, accepted by both teams was that the result on the board should be cancelled, no additional board should be played, and the match result would be amended to 76-60 IMP., a 6-2 V.P. win for Italy instead of 7-1.

The particular attention of all players is drawn to Law 7 of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, which makes it the responsibility of all players to count their cards when taking them out of the board and again before replacing them in the board at the end of the hand. In this case it would appear that players on both teams were at fault.

The reason for the protest on this board was that when it was played for the first time, in the Open Room, Switzerland bid it to 3 N. T. making ten tricks for a score of 430. It then went to the Closed Room where Italy climbed to Six Hearts, making all thirteen tricks for 1010. Unfortunately this successful contract was achieved with twelve cards in South's hand and fourteen in West's, which is how it was actually recorded.

Dlr: West			C1	osed R	oom
Vul: None		N.	E.	S.	W.
	♦ A Q 10				_
	& A J 6 4 2	1&	-	10	-
Q 8 7 3 2	Q J 9 6 5	INT		4NT	-
♡ J 9 7	♡ 10 6	50	-	60	
♦ K J 8 7	♦ 6 4 3 2				
유 Q 10 3	₽ K 5		O	pen Ro	
	A A	N.	E.	S.	W.
	V A K Q 5 3 2				-
	♦ 9 5	10	~	20	
	\$ 9 7 3	2NT	-	3NT	

In fact the Q2 should have been with South, which would materially have affected the issue!

KEEPING TO THE RULES - ITALIAN STYLE:

Belladonna: "Three Spades - STOP! Continue."

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VISITING THE CHAMPIONSHIPS TO-DAY will be Harold Ogust and Abe Mitchell Barnes, who sailed into Oslo yesterday on S.S. Argentina on a Bridge Cruise. Al Sobel is already here, having flown in. If you think you've seen a ghost too, don't disbelieve your eyes - it really will be Charles Goren who is also on board and who will be coming along too if he can make it.

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FINLAND V. POLAND.

A bidding sequence which greatly contributed to Poland's blitz win against Finland in Round 1, was on board 23.

Dir: South 9363			Onon	Danie	
771. All . M.E. A.			Open		
Vul: All ♥54		\mathbf{N}	E	S	W
♦ 195	5 3 2			3 07	
			100	J V	
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ф J 10 9 7 2	QAKQ4	mm -	4 NT		58
V Q 9 8	♡ A 3	_	7 ^		2
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\rightarrow	OR OLV	COU			
& A Q 6 3 2	& K J 3 4				
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			Close	ed Room	
♥ K J 10	762	N		S .	W
♦ A 10 3		**	J1 .		
	* X			20	2.0
 		_	50	**	-
			20 8		

The Polish player, J. Polec, had no difficulties in taking 13 tricks giving Poland 14 IMPs.

Mr Achmatowicz, the Polish team captain, demanded a large supply of copies of the Bulletin showing Poland's proud position at the top of the V.P. table in case this didn't happen again, happy that it had happened at least once.

ITALY V. NORWAY.

In the Italy v. Norway match, Board No 4 started Italy's climb.

Dir: West Vul: All	Q J 10 3 6 3 ∇ K 9 4 3 Q 9 7	N	Closed E	Room S	W.
	& A 4	604	1 &		2 &
A 5		ditt.	3 A	***	ecs (2
V 752	VA3	***	8		
♦ J 10 5 ♦ Q 8 6 5 3	Ο K Q 5 4 Φ K 10 9 7 2		Ope	n Room	
	QK974	M	E	S	W
	♥ Q J 10 5				
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	& J	3 ♦	***	3 🗘	***
		4 0	***	1000	

Garozzo, of course, had no difficulty in finding the position of the QA, producing a net score of 13 IMPs to Italy. After this board the position was 20 - 1. A flying start.

W.O. AND BYE:

It seems that the use of the word "bye" in place of "walk-over" has been puzzling many readers not familiar with the English terms. For those who want to know, the two expressions have different meanings.

A match is said to be a Walk-over for a team when their scheduled opponents fail to turn up to play the match. A bye is when there are no opponents available for a particular team on a particular round.

APOLOGIES..... to Iceland and Netherlands who somehow lost their place in the Results Table for Round 1. Netherlands, in fact, lost the match as well, the score being 97 - 51 in favour of Iceland, an 3 - 0 blitz.

INTERVIEW with the Polish team captain, Mr. Selim Achmatowicz.

The Polish team has had a flying start, taking maximum points from Finland in Round I and, believe it or not, maximum again from France in Round 2, and we should like to introduce the victorious team.

They are not as inexperienced as perhaps might be thought. Mr. Bitner is playing his fifth Championship, the others their first or second. We should add that they have played many tournaments, amongst which is Mr. Wilkes Win in a teams event in Juan Les Pins. He also came fourth in the pairs tournament. Mr. Wilkosz is regarded as the most distinguished player on the Polish team, and we look forward to seeing him in action.

The name of one of the players is Polec. Without the accent above the "z", the word means to lose or to be beaten. So Mr. Polec has added the accent, which may account for their success in the first rounds!

The Poles are playing artificial systems, but a tendency towards more natural bidding is growing. In Poland competition is becoming keener and keener. The Polish Bridge Association has at present 6000 members. This year, however, 12000 pairs took part in the Championship. Mr. Achmatowicz thinks the Poles will improve rapidly, being more ambitious about their bridge prowess than a career, whereas in his opinion the young people in the West are too busy thinking about their careers. In spite of this, one of the nominated players, Lebioda, couldn't come to this tournament, allowing his work to take precedence. The team will miss him even though his place has been taken by the very competent Mr. M. Kasprzak.

Mr. Achmatowitz is himself a very experienced player. I don't think many teams could afford to have him as a non-playing captain. He has won the Polish Teams Championship five times.

An interesting piece of information is that this spring he started in the Russian Championship in Vilna. His team were playing as guests, ineligible to win. They won. He was not too impressed by the Russian standard, but he did like the atmosphere and the interest of the young people.

" And your forecasts for your team, Mr. Achmatowicz?"

"We would be celebrated as heroes if we return to Poland ending 6!" The writer's forecast: No 3!

Generously conceding that they won on "chucks", our slouth prised Board 13 (unlucky for some), out of the Polish captain. Perhaps France were particularly unlucky but this was the biggest swing of the match.

Dir: North	Q 10 8 3 2			Open Room	
Vul: All	♡ A 10 9 2	Wilkosz	Stoppa	Kasprzak	Roudinesco
	♦ A K	N	Ē	S	W
	& A K Z	INT		28	-
A KQJ4	Q 7 6	20	-	-	20
V Q 4 3	♥J76	D	-	-	-
♦ 5 3	♦ 10 9 4	On a Diam	nond lead,	declarer m	ade four tricks,
QQJ4	<pre>\$ 10 9 7 5 3</pre>	1100 to Po	oland.		
	♀95		Clo	sed Room	
	♡ K 8 5	Meillaud	Polec .	Poubeau	Bitner
	Q Q J 8 7 6 2	N	E	S	, W
	\$ 8 6	10		INT	
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On the QA lead, 11 tricks made on a squeeze, 150 to France.

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IRELAND v. DENMARK ROUND 3:

Ireland's Peter Fitzgerald listened carefully to the bidding and was able to deduce the correct defence on the very first board of the Second Round Match Ireland - Denmark, which resulted in a 7 - 1 (36 - 50) win for the GAELS.

Dir: North Vul: None	♠ A J 5♥ K J 6 3♦ 9 8 7 3♠ K 7
\$ 3 	\$ 10 9 7 4 \$ 10 0 0 0 0
∇Ω 754 ◊AQJ54	♡ 10 9 3 2 ◊ 2
& A 3 5	\$ 10 6 4 3
	Φ K Q 8 6 2
	♦ K 10 6
	\$ Q J 9 2

North elected to begin with a bid of one diamond and it went:

South
20
3NT

Holding the West hand Fitzgerald deduced that South had a fit of some sort in diamonds; he therefore led the ace of the suit and, on seeing dummy, knew partner's two was a singleton. The \$\partial 4\$ followed, then a club to the ace and another diamond, for one down.

The Irish sequence was different in the Open Room. MacHale opened IN.T., on the Acol system, South bid 30 and was raised to four. On a heart lead only two diamonds and one club had to be conceded.

Jack Kelly.

APPEAL, NORWAY v. BELGIUM - Board 11:

In competitive bidding the Belgian West reached Four Spades. The Norwegian North player paused for a considerable length of time before passing. His partner took out into Five Clubs, which was doubled and made with an overtrick.

The Belgian players protested against South's bid of Five Clubs.

The Tournament Director ruled that South's bid was in order in spite of North's long pause and rejected the protest.

The Belgians appealed against this ruling. RESULT: The Appeal Committee upheld the Tournament Director and ruled that the result should stand.

Geoffrey L. Butler Chairman - Appeal Committee.

THE HAND in question was as follows:

Dlr: South	764			Closed R	.oom
Vul: None	7 4	N	E	s W	
	A K J 3			- 10	
	A K Q 10 6	D	20	- 30	
QAKQ108		44	40	5유 -	
VA92	♡KQJ10	***	D		
♦ Q 3 2	♦ 9 6 4	-			
& 3	& 9 3			Open Ro	oom
	-	N	E	SW	
	8 7 6 5 3			- 10	
	10 7 5	28	20	- 40	
	J 7 5 4 2	_	500	50 D	
		_	***		

In the open room South's tactical pass of East's Two Spades left North somewhat in the dark and he surely had something to think about when the auction got round to him again. His ultimate pass is completely understandable and the Appeal Committee refused to fault South's subsequent raise to Five Clubs.

Five Clubs doubled was, of course, made at both tables for a flat board.

NORWEGIAN LADIES TEAM:

One of the Norwegian players, Miss Reidun Dillerud, has suddenly been taken to hospital.

According to Rule No. 1. Norway, before the commencement of play, has nominated the following team:

N.P.C.: Mr. Leif Nielsen
Ingrid Farup
Randi Herseth
Sigrid Huun
Monica Jensen
Aaslaug Ramn Johansen
Inger Kjellerød

Mrs. Monica Jensen, who has taken Miss Dillerud's place, has a baby only three weeks old. Her husband is one of Norway's team in the Open Series.

THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME?

Open Series - Round 4

The Bulletin's tipster can hardly be held responsible for some of yester-day's results, the surprise turn-up being Poland's blitz of France. Never-theless we still give France to beat the weakened Netherlands team. Great Britain should collect points from Germany and Finland is, perhaps, too young to conquer Denmark. The Icemen may take another setback against Sweden who seem to have hit form. Poland have the bit well between their teeth and are likely winners against Spain while Greece v. Portugal as well as Ireland v. Austria are our hankerk for draws.

Switzerland disappointed at the start, but Turkey has done surprisingly well, which makes it difficult to hazard a guess on this match. Belgium should take points from Hungary, and Norway will have to work hard to hold Israel.

Open Series - Round 5

Great Britain should be able to cope with Netherlands and it will be another surprise if France goes down to Denmark. Sweden's star is in the ascendant and they should gain points from Germany. Spain v. Finland seems a possible draw and Iceland is surely a stronger team than Greece. Poland, in present form, are the nearest thing to a cert to crush Austria. Portugal v. Italy are bankers for an away win, and if Ireland's telling-off of the tipster were as genuineas they would have us believe this, plus Switzerland's somewhat shaky form may give the boys from the Emerald Isle the upper hand. If Turkey and Hungary continue in their promising emergence into championship bridge, both have a good chance of gaining points from their respective opponents, Norway and Israel.

Ladies' Series - Round 3

The crunch comes at 19.30 to-night when the two most fancied teams, Great Britain and Sweden meet on 'Rama. We tipped Great Britain to topple the double-crown holders Sweden, and stick to that forecast. We suggest Ireland v. Greece to draw. Is Norway's hospitality going to be generous enough to pull Poland up from their too-bad-to-be-true position in the table? We think not. Finland and Netherlands too are clawing to rise from the pit, but on form Netherlands should go up a rung, having at least scored something from both their matches. Italy are displaying the same determination that stood them in good stead in Dublin and look sure to take most of the points from their clash with Spain. France, with maximum points thus far is unlikely to maintain this proud record when they play UAR/Egypt to-night.

DRAW - Wednesday, June 25th.

Open Series: 11.00 hours: Round 4

France - Netherlands
Great Britain - Germany
Finland - Denmark
Sweden - Iceland
Poland - Spain
Greece - Portugal
Ireland - Austria
Turkey - Switzerland
Belgium - Hungary
Israel - Norway

Open Series: 19.30 hours: Round 5

Netherlands - Great Britain
Denmark - France
Germany - Sweden
Spain - Finland
Iceland - Greece
Austria - Poland
Portugal - Italy
Switzerland - Ireland
Norway - Turkey
Hungary - Israel
Belgium - bye

Ladies' Series: 19.30 hours: Round 3

Ireland - Greece Norway - Poland Finland - Netherlands Italy - Spain UAR/Egypt - France Great Britain - Sweden Denmark - bye

YELLOW WARNING:

Norway and Greece received a Yellow warning for slow play on Monday. This means that, if either team offends again, they get a Red warning followed on subsequent occasions by a fine.

MEMBERS of the Executive Committee on duty:
Wednesday, 25th June, 11.00...Count de Hemricourt
19.30...Mr. D. Jackson

ON RAMA:

Italy - bye

Wednesday, June 25th at 19.30, Ladies' Series: Great Britain v. Sweden.

DARKLY SUSPICIOUS......of the motives of Jean-Marc Roudinesco was n.p.c. Rene Huni when Jean-Marc failed to turn up for the 'plane for Oslo on Sunday. Did he simply miss it, or was he eagerly watching the steeple-chasing at Auteuil?

GREECE v. NETHERLANDS - Ladies' Series:

The result of the appeal on Board 27, was that this board was cancelled, as the North and West hands had been switched. This reduces the Greek ladies' total by 10 points making the final score 74 - 65, and the V.P. score 5 - 3 instead of 6 - 2 to Greece.

FROM ERIN'S GREEN ISLE - a telling-off for the tippling tipster...

The Irish team wish to point out that future forecasts should not be related to alcoholic intake. A typical round of drinks for the team would be three cokes, two beers, and a milk.