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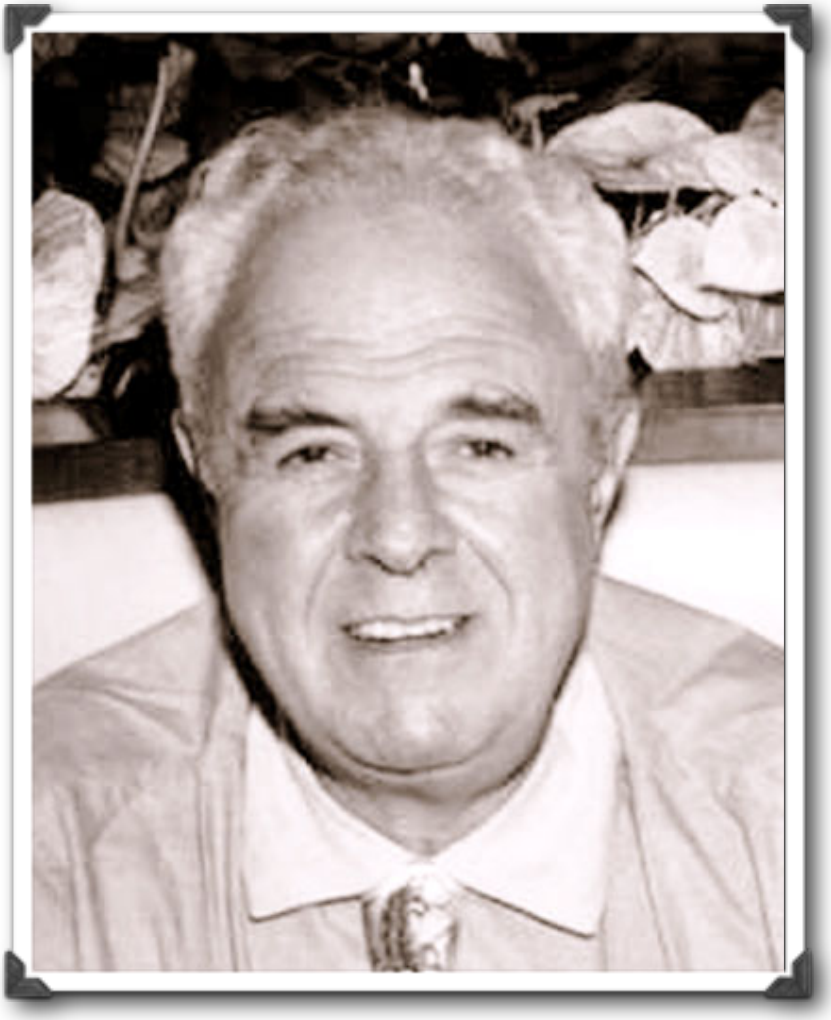

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• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Shaded Bid Reaches Game

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In case you have watched Walter Schwimmer's championship bridge on TV you may have wondered about some of the bids and plays on it.

In the second hand of the match against Gerber and Hodge I opened a slightly shaded one diamond bid, but we had just lost a game and I wanted to get first bid just in case the second hand belonged to them also. Sally Johnson, my partner, handled her big hand very well and did not get us past three no-trump.

Paul Hodge, sitting South,

NORTH **26**

♠ J 10
♥ K Q 7 6 4
♦ K Q 5
♣ K 9 4

WEST	**EAST (D)**
♠ K 7	♠ A 9 4
♥ A J 10 5	♥ 9 3
♦ None	♦ A 10 9 7 6 4
♣ A J 7 6 5 3 2	♣ Q 10

SOUTH

♠ Q 8 6 5 3 2
♥ 8 2
♦ J 8 3 2
♣ 8

North and South vulnerable

East	**South**	**West**	**North**
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 N.T.	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead—♥ 8

opened the eight of hearts and I decided to play the hand as safely as possible. I could afford to lose two heart tricks. I might not be able to afford cross leads of hearts and diamonds so I played dummy's ace of hearts at trick one and led a low club toward my queen. This method of play produced an easy ten tricks and squared the match for us.

While I do not recommend my hand as an opening bid it certainly worked out well this time. Had I passed originally Mrs. Johnson would have opened one club in third seat. John Gerber would have overcalled with one heart and while we might still have reached three no-trump or five clubs, we also might have quit at a part score.

♥♣CARD *Sense*♠♦

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 N.T.	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	?	

You, South, hold:

♠3 2 ♥K J 6 5 ♦6 3 ♣A Q 7 6 5

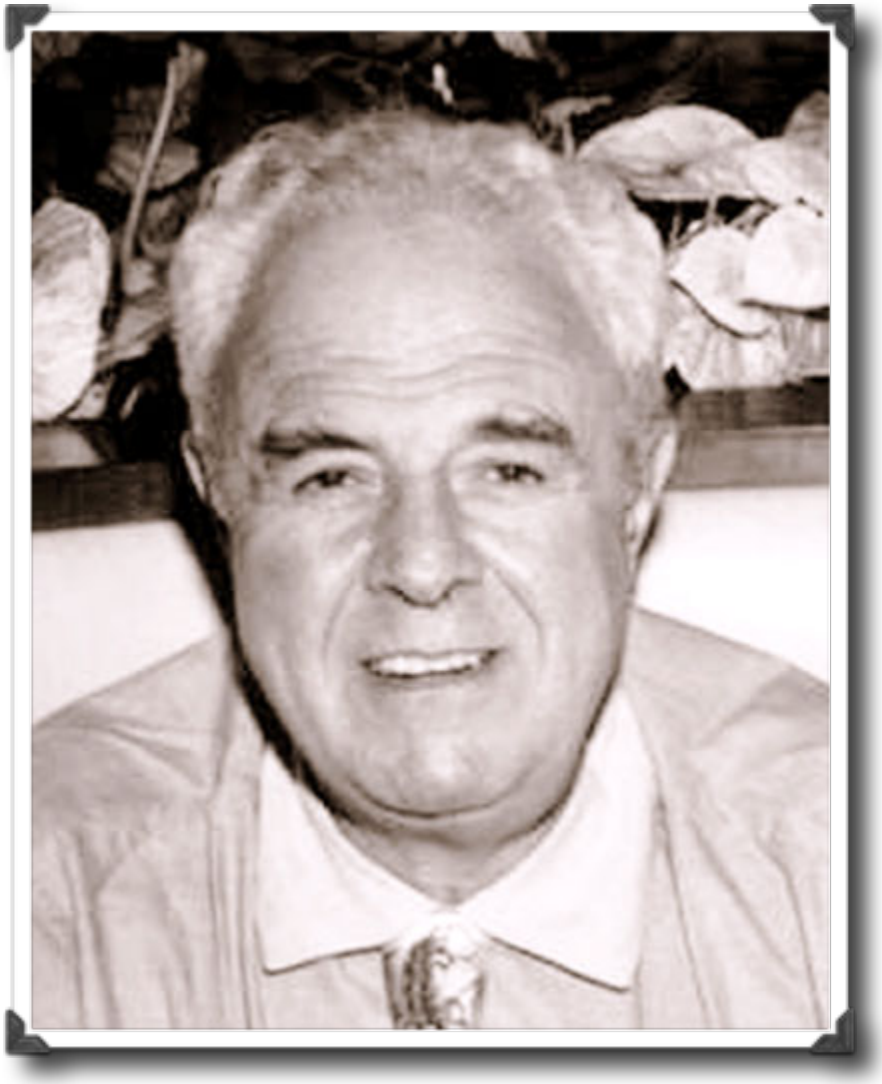
What do you do?

A—Bid three no-trump. Your partner does not have four hearts and with only ten high card points you are not interested in a no-trump slam.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Instead of bidding three hearts, your partner has raised your club bid to four. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow



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