

DR. HANS LEIST d 1967

One more of the great's has left us. Dr. Hans Leist has died. For many years one of the greatest attractions for good bridge players in London was to go to the Lyndhurst in order to play with Hans, a man of charming person-ality and a meticulous efficiency at the table which contrasted in most human fashion with his "helplessness" away from it.

A member of the original Baron team which stormed the bridge world just after the war, he later teamed up with Adam Meredith to form what was perhaps the most powerful combination in the country. The list of his honours and championships is too long to present; it is better simply to say that his influence upon the game, particularly in the sphere of card-play, remains with us yet, and many players who have achieved some measure of fame have done so quite unconscious of the fact that a basic part of their technique stems directly from Hans Leist.

Our sympathy is extended to his sister, Mrs. Fritz Gordon, whose achieve-ments in ladies' bridge are nearly unique and whose ability must also owe much to Hans. His passing comes not as a shock but as an expected event after a painfully protracted illness borne with gentle dignity. We have missed him for some years now; we shall continue to do so.

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