

# Toronto Man Coaches World Bridge Players

By **ROBERT CHOW**

A Toronto bridge instructor, Samuel R. Kehela, 26, will coach the North American team in the 1963 world championships.

The 12th annual tournament will be held June 15 to 23 at Vallee d'Aosta, a resort in the Italian Alps 40 miles northwest of Turin.

Mr. Kehela was hired at 2:30 a.m. yesterday in a telephone call from John Gerber, the team's non-playing captain. He left Toronto yesterday to join Mr. Gerber and other members of the team in New York.

Mr. Kehela, born in Iraq, traveled extensively in Europe before he settled in Toronto. He is an experienced international player and is said to know more about European bridge personalities and conventions than anyone else in North America.

As coach, Mr. Kehela will travel with the team and help them to become familiar with the artificial conventions favored by the formidable Italian Blue team and the French team. He must also set up a defense against the Roman Club system, the Neapolitan Club and the Relay systems played by these two teams.

Mr. Kehela said the team has good balance, partnership and team spirit. "I wouldn't be surprised if it brings the Bermuda Bowl back to this side of the Atlantic," he added.

The Bermuda Bowl, the symbol of world bridge supremacy, has been held by the Italian Blue team for the past five years. The North American team held it for the six previous years.

The team visited Toronto last week for three days' practice.

Its members include James Jacoby of Dallas, Tex.; Robert Jordan, Philadelphia; Arthur Robinson, Philadelphia; Howard Schenken, New York; Peter Levintritt, New York, and L. Robert Nail, Houston, Tex.

They leave New York June 15. After the championship, the team may tour France and The Netherlands for a series of exhibition matches before returning to the United States July 2.



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