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e.g	N	E	S	W
	1Sp	?		
		Qx		
		KJxxx		
		Axxx		
		Qx		

Pass is the only correct call here. Hopefully you will not see this one as much of a problem and be tempted to bid your moth eaten Heart suit. You are ? Are you sure that Bridge is really for you ?

So far it has been doom and gloom as we have had to *Pass* whenever an opponent's bid has inconvenienced us. It is sometimes the case though that a player gets a second chance to bid { having Passed at their first call }. Here are two of the above types again.

ii)The opponents open when you were going to open 1NT

e.g	N	E	S	W
	1H	P	2H	P
	P	?		
		AJxx		
		KJx		
		Axx		
		xxx		

Well.... if you have the nerve here you could try a *delayed takeout double*. It is a bit risky but at least you know the opponents hands are limited -it is the winning call.

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	1Sp	P	1NT	P
	P	?		
		Qx		
		KJxxx		
		Axxx		
		Qx		

This is *far* from safe BUT you could try a *delayed overcall* here and bid 2Hrt.

The point I am trying to make is that an initial { correct } *Pass* does not preclude you from bidding later in an auction if you so wish.

Here is an oddity :-

v)The opponents open a suit that you hold **very** strongly

e.g	N	E	S	W
	1Sp	P	1NT	P
	P	?		
		KQJ10xx		
		KJx		
		xx		
		Qx		

You correctly passed originally ; now the approved bid on the 2nd round is to bid 2Sp {yes the opponent's suit}. You will always have tremendous strength in the suit for this bid and usually 6 cards.