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## Planas Wins Yankton Tourney

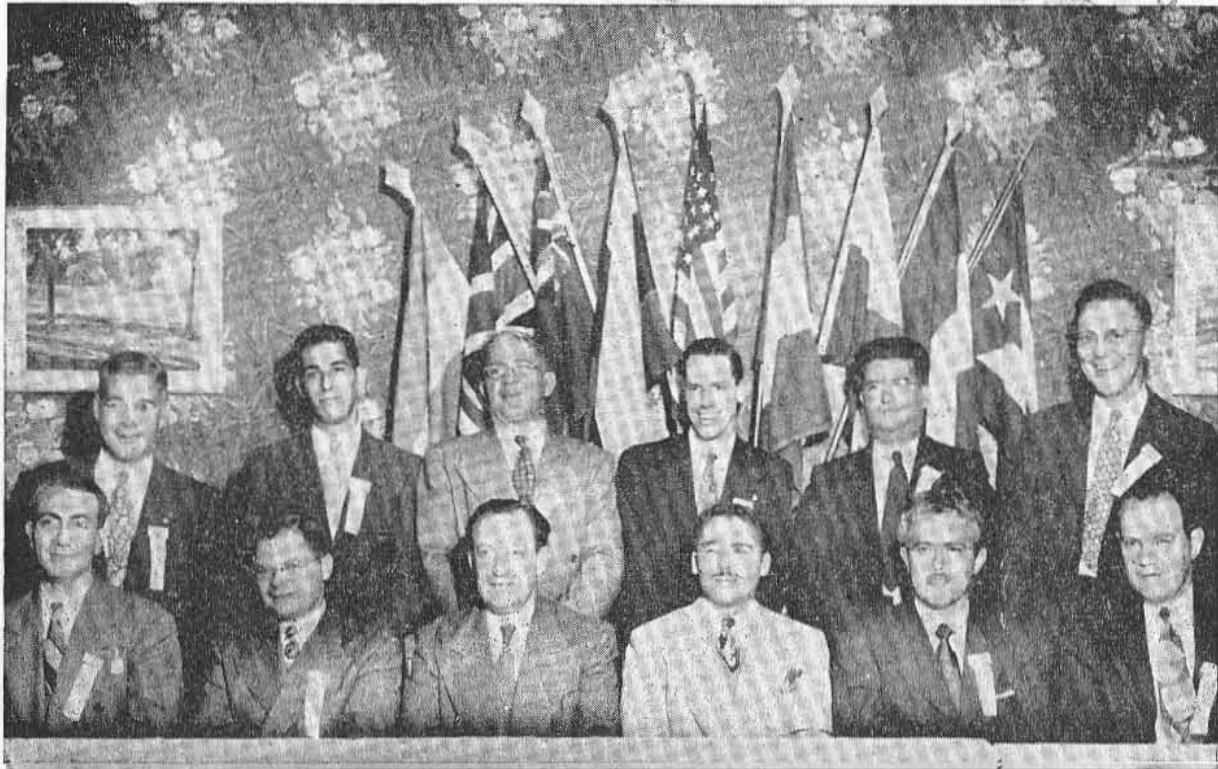


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Seated left to right: L. Marquez (Columbia), S. Averill Powers, George Koltanowski, M. Colon (Porto Rico), F. Planas (Cuba) and A. C. Margolis. Standing left to right: Charles Gurney, sponsor of the tournament through the Yankton Chess Club, H. Berliner, Dr. H. H. Savage, Wm. Byland, M. Cintron (Porto Rico), and M. F. Anderson.

**FRANCISCO PLANAS OF CUBA 1st  
 M. COLON TIES A. MARGOLIS 2nd**

**Porto Rican and Chicaguan Tie at 4 1-2  
 Hans Berliner of Washington Fourth**

Yankton's International Tournament closed with awards presented to winners in a series of state and state meets in which over fifty players participated. Winner of the International Title was Francisco Planas of Cuba with five points in the Round Robin meeting between Latin-American experts and four U. S. experts. Tied for the second with 4 1/2 points each were M. Colon of Porto Rico and A. C. Margolis of Chicago. Hans Berliner of Washington, D. C. was fourth with 4 points. There after came William Byland of Pittsburgh with 3 1/2, R. Cintron of Porto Rico with 2 1/2, and L. Marquez of Columbia, S. A., and Averill Powers of Milwaukee with 2 points each.

The South Dakota State Championship went to M. F. Anderson of Rapid City who tied for first place with Dr. H. H. Savage of Yankton with 6 points. Sidney Gurney with 6 points also was placed third on his Swiss system rating and Mrs. Nancy Gurney with 5 1/2 points was fourth. Fifth place went to Owen K. Sheldon of Yankton with 5 points. Six to ninth was a tie between Jack Osborne of Yankton, E. J. Scott of Timber Lake, Dr. Hans Janssen and Charles Gurney of Yankton; all with 4 points. Tenth went to R. R. Tinscher with 3 1/2 points.

Mrs. Nancy Gurney won the Woman's Championship with a perfect score. Mrs. H. H. Savage was second, Mrs. Averill Powers of Milwaukee third, and Mrs. A. C. Margolis of Chicago completed the section.

A major open tournament was held for players from surrounding states and ended in a 3-way tie between L. Gladstone (Boulder City, Colo.), W. Streeter (Cleveland, O.), and M. Spence (Omaha, Neb.) with four points each. Judge B. C. Jenkins (Gary, Ind.) had 2 1/2 points; L. Kenyon (Cherokee, Iowa) had 1 point, and W. R. Brown (Sioux City, Iowa) completed the group.

In addition there was a weekend short tournament, divided into three groups with prizes for each group. George Koltanowski, the blindfold expert, acted as Tournament Director for all tourneys and unusually complete coverage was given in the Yankton Press & Dakotan.

Among the delightful and unusual features of this tournament was a 3-day tour of the Black Hills in which the players were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gurney of Yankton.

**J. HOY WINS OHIO TITLE; GABOR 2ND, GEO. MILLER 3RD**

In the final round of play John O. Hoy (Cleveland) snatched the title from Nicholas Gabor (Cincinnati) who led at the end of six rounds. Hoy went through the meet with only two draws—to Weizmann and George Miller—for the best record of his career.

Nicholas Gabor was second in the forty-player Swiss system tournament held at Columbus, Ohio, over the Labor Day weekend, defeating Sheldon Myers, Carl Driscoll, Leo Sweet and Lawrence Jackson.

**DI CAMILLO WINS PENN. STATE TITLE; WM. RUTH SECOND**

After losing twice only to the Swiss system of weights, Attilio DiCamillo of Philadelphia won the Chess Championship of Pennsylvania during the 3-day session of the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation Tournament at Reading.

DiCamillo, who finished in a 6-1 tie with his fellow townsman, William Ruth, won the crown by virtue of a 26 1/4 weighted score to Ruth's 24 1/4. In 1944 and again in 1945, DiCamillo also finished in a tie for top honors, only to be named runner-up because of the Swiss. In third place was Joseph Shaffer, also of Philadelphia, with a 23 1/4 weighted score to lead a 3-way tie of 5 1/2-1 1/2. Fourth was Glenn Hartleb of Erie, and fifth Harry Morris of Philadelphia.

The new Champion was awarded possession for one year of the large silver "loving cup," joint gift of the State Federation and the Reading Chess Club, hosts to the record-setting tournament in which sixty-two players were entered.

Harry Morris was awarded a prize for the best-played-game—his victory over R. P. Smith of Pittsburgh, while the brilliancy prize went to P. B. Driver of Ridley Park for his defeat of Ralph Kneeream, Reading Club president.

**TORONTO, BUFFALO MEET SEPT. 15TH SCORE 9 1/2-8 1/2**

On September 15th the Buffalo Chess Club travelled to Toronto to meet the Gambit Chess Club in a nineteen board match. Final score was 9 1/2-8 1/2 in Toronto's favor with the game between H. Ridout of Toronto and S. R. Maisel of Buffalo unfinished. This adjourned game will be completed in several weeks when the Gambit Club comes to Buffalo for a return match.

**WILMINGTON AND NEW ROCHELLE SET FOR RADIO MATCH**

The Wilmington (Delaware) Chess Club has recently reorganized after wartime inactivity with Dr. H. H. Morris as president, E. Ramshaw as vice-president, Mrs. E. J. Montgomery as secretary and H. R. Spindler as treasurer.

New zest has been added to the reorganization by the planned match via short-wave radio with the New Rochelle (New York) Chess Club which has aroused much interest in both cities among chess players and radio amateurs. The Delaware Amateur Radio Club and the New Rochelle Amateur Radio Club are cooperating in the venture to provide the short-wave hook-up.

**SAUL WACHS WINS 1ST PA. JR. TITLE; JAMES KELLY 2ND**

First Pennsylvania State Junior Championship went to Saul Wachs of Philadelphia who had a perfect score of 8-0 for the round-robin tournament. Runner-up was James Kelly of Philadelphia, who defeated a fellow townsman, C. C. French, in a playoff to break their 6 1/2-1 1/2 tie. Both youths will be sent to the next National Junior Championship Tournament by the State Federation and the Mercantile Library Chess Club of Philadelphia.

**STEINER ENTERED PRAGUE TOURNEY BOTVINNIK ALSO**

October 2 sees the start of a grand international tournament in honor of the late Dr. Karl Treybal (executed by the Germans) and Vera Menchik (slain in a London air raid) at Prague in Czechoslovakia. Sixteen players are on the entry list, including Botvinnik and Flohr, Max Euwe and Herman Steiner.

**KANSAS CITY TIES ST. LOUIS 2 1/2-2 1/2 OVER SHORT-WAVE**

An experimental short-wave radio match between Kansas City, Mo., and St. Louis, Mo., ended in a draw after six hours of play, September 21. Play was over station KOJOJ (Kansas City, Kans.), Phillip Morrell, 820 Rosewell Avenue, and WOLLN (St. Louis, Mo.), Frank A. Waelterman, 415 Alma, Webster Groves.

Both cities are anxious to schedule additional matches. Contact may be established through M. W. Gilbert, 214 So. Meramac, Clayton, Mo., and Phillip Morrell, 820 Rosewell Avenue, Kansas City, Mo. Special suggestions for training radio senders, speeding up play and reception, rules for referees, etc., have been drawn up and will be sent upon request to clubs inquiring.

**JERSEY CITY "Y" TIES RAYBESTOS**

To open their 1946-47 season of chess activity the Jersey City "Y" Chess Club journeyed to the Passaic YMCA to confront the Raybestos-Manhattan Chess Club, September 18, 1946. Nine boards were played, and the Jersey City players had white on the odd-number boards. The match ended in a tie of 4 1/2-4 1/2 after three and one-half hours of play.

Jersey City "Y"	Raybestos-Manhattan
C. Rasis ..... 1	D. Danelevich ..... 0
M. Levine ..... 1	E. Krak ..... 0
G. Crowley ..... 1	W. Berkenbosch ..... 0
F. Adelman ..... 1	F. Krak ..... 0
F. Helbig ..... 1/2	J. Harrold ..... 1/2
F. Doerner ..... 0	L. Lindenbaum ..... 1
J. Frey ..... 0	B. Sabola ..... 1
D. Keese ..... 0	A. Lieback ..... 1
M. Dale ..... 0	M. Lorence ..... 1
<b>Jersey City "Y" ..... 4 1/2</b>	<b>Raybestos-Manhattan ..... 4 1/2</b>



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Chess Players leaving Hotel Charles Gurney for Black Hills. Back row left to right: A. Margolis (Chicago), Charles H. Gurney (Yankton), M. Colon (Porto Rico), L. Marquez (Columbia), Perry Clifford (Cresbard), Hans Berliner (Washington), Nancy W. Gurney (Yankton), W. F. Streeter (Cleveland), Lyle Kenyon (Cherokee), Wm. Byland (Pittsburgh), Rev. Bonney (Kennebec). Front row left to right: Senator Cban Gurney (Yankton), Mrs. and Mr. Averill Powers (Milwaukee), F. Planas (Cuba), Mrs. A. Margolis (Chicago), Mr. and Mrs. A. Ludwig (Omaha), and M. Cintron (Porto Rico).

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## THE FUNCTION OF A NEWSPAPER

SCARCELY was the ink dry upon the first issue of CHESS LIFE before horatren letters were on their way from various localities insisting that the news columns of CHESS LIFE be devoted to the encouragement of this or that great cause. Alas, the Press has sunk so low in public esteem, that it must necessarily be expected to espouse a cause!!!

But let us pause, gentle reader, and ponder on the true and basic purpose of a newspaper, divorced (as it should be) from the modern vagaries which so often afflict the Fourth Estate in these troubled days. A newspaper has one basic function, AND ONLY ONE FUNCTION:—to report what has happened truthfully without bias or prejudice. When a newspaper "slants" the reporting of an event by artful innuendo in the manner of relating the facts (as certain popular newspapers do constantly these days), it is actually betraying the trust that people have reposed in it.

This statement does not mean that a newspaper should not have any opinions; that it should not fight bitterly, even desperately, for a cause in which it believes, if need be. But it does mean that these opinions should be expressed in the editorial columns of the paper or in signed articles; and that the news columns should exclude all personal bias or opinion in reporting what has happened or is likely to occur.

CHESS LIFE is a newspaper, even if its news is limited to the events of chess. Its news columns, therefore, are not to be used to promote causes, however just and worthy, under the guise of news. Editorially, CHESS LIFE shall speak without hesitation or fear, for it is the voice of USCF. Its readers, too, may speak as they please in The Kibitzer, which is reserved for their opinions. Occasionally it may be necessary to encroach upon the news columns to express a needed thought, but such encroachments will bear plainly the mark of opinion. The news columns, themselves, will be devoted now and always to the revealing of the news, without bias or prejudice, for CHESS LIFE is a Chess Newspaper.

## Guest Editorial

### THE HERITAGE OF STAUNTON

By J. C. Thompson

Vice-President, United States Chess Federation

THE meteoric rise of Paul Morphy and his decisive triumphs over the greatest players of his day so obscured the achievements of the English master Howard Staunton that today few remember his name.

He deserved better of the chess world. His contribution to the game was even greater than that of his brilliant American rival. He wrote a fine textbook, conducted chess columns, and gave the game a tremendous impetus by organizing the first international masters' tournament, London, 1851.

Since few of us have the brilliance and genius of Morphy, we cannot aspire to equal his eminence as a player. But we can follow in the footsteps of Howard Staunton and do our bit for the advancement of chess. If we believe that chess has educational and character-building value and an important place in the cultural life of our country, there is no lack of opportunity to emulate the example of the great English booster of the game.

Chess deserves to attain in America much greater popularity and thereby a greater degree of usefulness as a wholesome, constructive pastime. This means that more of us must assume leadership in organizing classes, tournaments and other activities. We must shoulder the responsibility of initiating promotional projects and carrying them through successfully. We must work together, from the United States Chess Federation on down to the local clubs and individual players.

This work is often humdrum. It sometimes means that we have to write letters, or make telephone calls, or sit on the sidelines and referee or arrange pairings, when we would prefer to indulge in some pawn-pushing ourselves. But it also has its compensations. We meet fine people. We increase our own opportunities for fun and fellowship. We make a contribution of some value to our community, or state, or country.

The USCF must have more members who are willing to take part in this work. Membership in the Federation is the minimum contribution we can make to chess. There is no maximum. The Federation's progress will depend upon the number of chess players who rally to the cause of promoting the game.

The views expressed in this Guest Editorial are not necessarily those of CHESS LIFE.

## RETREAT FROM MOSCOW—ADVANCE ON NEW YORK

(Monthly Letter No. 34)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

President, United States Chess Federation

134 YEARS ago Napoleon entered the city of Moscow as a conqueror, but left it in a retreat which was a major disaster. The experience of our chess team last month was almost the reverse. Upon their entry into Moscow, they were met with a crushing first round defeat. The score of 7½-2½, inflicted upon them without a single redeeming win, was a disappointment both to the team and to the players in this country who were anxiously awaiting word of the outcome. Then, to their everlasting credit, the American team flashed a reversal of form and justified the hopes of those who had insisted that the terrific beating which we suffered in the radio match a year ago did not represent an accurate measure of the strength of the top players of the two countries. The score of the second round, 5-5, with three outright victories, enabled our players to retire from Moscow in good order and with banners still aloft, despite the defeat represented by the total of 12½-7½ in favor of the Soviet team.

To the victorious Russian team we extend our congratulations upon their victory. They have again demonstrated that their players are the strongest in the world. They established their supremacy a year ago and have successfully defended their position. We shall strive with all our might to gain a victory over them in our next meeting and meantime accord them all due honor and prestige.

We turn our attention now to New York, which on the 26th of this month will be the capital of the nation's chess players as finalists from all sections of the country gather to vie for the title of Chess Champion of the United States. The sixth championship tournament will have an aspect different from any of those which have preceded it. For the first time the players will represent the country as a whole. The recovery of the eminence which we once held can be accomplished only by the development of new playing strength, and this can be brought about most successfully by extending the base as widely as possible. The preparation for this first tournament on a truly national scope has already taught valuable lessons for future competition, but the direction is forward and we shall gather speed and force as the movement is carried along. The national junior tournament held earlier this year demonstrated that we have an untold wealth of talent among the adolescent chess players in all parts of the country. By the time the seventh biennial championship tournament comes around, these players of the younger generation will be battling for recognition in the very top flight. Some of them gave a foretaste of what is to come by their impressive showing in the Open Tournament at Pittsburgh.

So, from a dignified retreat from Moscow, we advance toward New York filled with the hope that new strength may be gathered from untapped resources and that the chess teams of the United States may again occupy a place at the very top of the chess players of the world.

## Get Behind American Chess!

ON SATURDAY, October 26, play will begin in the sixth tournament for the Chess Championship of the United States. This is a project of the United States Chess Federation, and innumerable people in every part of the country have been working assiduously for many months to make it a success.

The Tournament Committee has made excellent preparation to present a great spectacle to the chess players of the nation, and to the public generally, worthy of the top event of the country's official chess body.

When the Directors voted to conduct the coming championship event upon a basis whereby every section of the country would be represented, they at the same time established a Finance Committee, which would likewise be representative of the country as a whole, to serve as a subcommittee of the Tournament Committee. In addition to Kenneth Harkness (one of the editors of CHESS REVIEW) who is the Chairman, there is a member of the Finance Committee in each of the seven Areas which will send players to the championship play. These members are as follows:

Area 1. W. M. P. Mitchell, Brookline, Mass. Area 2. Harold W. Phillips, New York City. Area 3. N. P. Wigginton, Washington, D. C. Area 4. William M. Byland, Pittsburgh, Pa. Area 5. J. C. Thompson, Grand Prairie, Tex. Area 6. George S. Barnes, Minneapolis, Minn. Area 7. C. T. McKinney, LaJolla, Calif.

These men are hard at work raising the money for the tournament fund. They cannot, however, do the task alone. This is a job for the entire Federation and for every member of the Federation. In addition to making your own contribution, here are some of the things which you can do to help, either through your own efforts or by assisting the Finance Committee member for your Area:

- 1) Interview secretaries of chess clubs in your locality. Arrange social intra-club matches or other gatherings at which a special fee is charged or appeal made for contributions. Promote the idea of a contribution being made in the name of the club so that the club's name will appear as a sponsor of the U. S. Championship on the program of the tournament.
- 2) Make personal appeals to potential contributors of large amounts.
- 3) Consult with the officers of your State Chess Association and ask them to circulate their membership. Mr. Harkness will be glad to make available for this purpose as many copies of the advertisement which has appeared in recent issues of CHESS REVIEW as can be used.

Just as the right to play for the chess championship of the United States is now open to every player in the United States no matter where he lives, so is the financial support of the tournament correspondingly the responsibility of all of the players in every part of the United States. Remember, a part of the monies collected for the tournament fund is to be used to reimburse the players in the tournament (in full if possible, in part at any event) for their expenses in going to New York to take part in the championship play. At least two of these players will be from your own Area.

If you have not already made your contribution, please send your check, payable to the order of the United States Chess Federation, to Kenneth Harkness NOW!

If you have already sent in your own contribution, please get in touch with the Finance Committeeman for your Area and give him the benefit of your cooperation in raising funds for the rest of your Area.

Every contribution from one dollar up will be gratefully acknowledged.

## Who's Who In American Chess

J. C. Thompson

Elected Vice-President of the USCF at the Pittsburgh meeting, J. C. Thompson has long been one of the staunchest boosters of organized chess activity in the south-



J. C. Thompson

western area. His own record in Texas as President of the Texas Chess Association, as organizing chairman of the committee which staged the 1942 USCF Open Tournament at Dallas, and as one of the founders of the

Southwestern Open Tournament which grows bigger every year proves his never failing interest in chess.

Thompson is also one of the strongest players in the southwestern region and has many titles to his credit. More recently he won the 1946 Southwestern Open with seven wins and no losses in a very strong meet which saw seventy entries from seven different states. He has held the North Texas Championship, and in 1942 at the Open Tournament at Dallas he finished in fourth place with twelve wins, three draws and two losses behind Herman Steiner, Abe Yanofsky and I. A. Horowitz and ahead of Erich Marchand.

James A. Creighton

Among the more consistent planners for Junior Chess is James A. Creighton, who combined the writing of history at Corpus Christi High Schools with a persistent campaign to have high school chess competition recognized by the Texas Interscholastic League so that local chess champions in high schools could enter district and state championship tournaments with expenses paid along with track teams, debating teams and other already recognized competitive sports.

Jim Creighton, along with Youngman, Graham and Hoover, was a founder of the Corpus Christi Chess Club, one of the strongest organizations in the state. Corpus Christi has twice sponsored the Southwestern Open Tournament.



James A. Creighton

Not the least of Creighton's accomplishments is the fact that he is really a playing chess player, for he has taken part in the last six Southwestern Open Tournaments and in the 1942 USCF Open Tournament at Dallas. And between games he has found time to be President of the Texas Chess Association in 1945 and currently director in the USCF for Texas.

## NEW INDUSTRIAL CHESS LEAGUE IN DETROIT, MICH.

September noted the birth of a new City Industrial Chess League in Detroit, sponsored by the Detroit Industrial Recreation Association. Chairman of the organizing committee is Leo Beebe, Director of Recreation for the Ford Motor Company, whose personal efforts were largely responsible for the creation of the new League. Plans for the first season include the prospect of inter-city matches with teams from Industrial Leagues in other communities.

# Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojama

FOR those who battle boredom with the weapon of correspondence chess and sometimes feel the days wax long between each move—for them let this be a tale of heartening solace and a clarion call for patience. Writing to the printer-editor, William Hone, in March 1831, one J. F. R. of Walworth, England related the following sad (we cannot say, moving) story:

There is the story of two persons of distinction, the one lived at Madrid, the other at Rome, who played a game of chess at that distance. They began when young, and though they both lived to a very old age, yet the game was not finished. One of them dying, appointed his executor to go on with the game. Their method was, each don kept a chess board, with the pieces ranged in exact order, in their respective closets at Madrid and Rome: having agreed who should move first, the don informs his fellow-player at Rome by letter, that he has moved his king's pawn two moves, the courier speedily returns, and advises his antagonist that the minute after he had the honor to receive this, he likewise moved his king's pawn two paces, and so they went on.



William Rojama

When of nights I have nothing better to occupy my slumbers, I dream rapturous dreams about this saddle-weary courier, racing down the dusty roads of Europe from Spain to Italy and back again, wearing out post-horse after post-horse relentlessly. I see his hair turn grey, his fair skin darken under the hot southern sun, his face grow lean, leathery and seamed, his strong fist on the reins relax until at last he staggers and reels as he changes mounts. All this for one epochal game of Chess! Correspondence players, what have you to complain about today?

BLINDFOLDED Chess is a more ancient art than we moderns like to remember. Long before the days of Philidor or Morphy (not to mention Alekhine or Koltanowski) and their feats at chess sans voir, a Saracen (or Arab) named Buzecca played blindfold chess at Florence in the year 1266.

## FOR CHESS IT IS A LABOR OF LOVE

Shortly after Edward I. Treend returned home to Detroit as Secretary of the USCF, Earle Treend (aged 11) found himself promoted to assistant secretary in charge of sorting mailing labels. Earle did not mind the dignity nor the work for he is a chess player, as befits the son of the USCF Secretary, and has already organized the neighborhood youngsters into an informal chess club.

But there had always been something lacking in Earle's chess career as he was wise enough to know. And when his father presented him with his first dollar in wages for his sorting, he asked very earnestly that it be used to make him a full-fledged member of the USCF. Proudly with his membership card in hand he dashed downstairs to his mother, saying: "Here is something I have wanted for a long time, and I earned it myself by working for the Federation."

The USCF welcomes member Earle Treend; we need many more brave souls like him, for whom the work of Chess is a labor of love.

## 'PLAY CHESS' SAYS U. S. SMITH OF THE PICCADILLY CLUB

Up in Willernie, Minn., they still remember that the Western Chess Association (grandparent of the USCF) was Minnesota-born; and lest they forget, U. S. Smith occasionally reminds them in the column "Play Chess" which he edits for the White Bear Press. When not writing chess columns U. S. Smith manages the Piccadilly Chess Club of Willernie, one of the more recent additions to the scroll of USCF Chapters.

## AT EDISON CHESS DR. B. SCHMIDT OPENS SEASON

Edison Chess and Checker Club (Detroit) opens its fall season with an exhibition by Dr. Bruno Schmidt who has twice tied for the Michigan State Championship. The Edison Club is the home club of USCF Secretary Edward I. Treend and of USCF Director James R. Watson.

## The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

I hope that you will run an article in CHESS LIFE in a box stating that anybody that will mail 25c and their name, address and telephone number or numbers, will be listed in a special individual chess players' directory. A directory listing the different individuals that are chess fans that like to play anywhere at anytime.

I frequently have to take trips and if I could have a small directory like this, I could call on Chess friends anywhere in the United States, and I certainly would like to have them call on me when they come anywhere near Dubuque.

I think that the suggestion of Charles W. Seaman of Hollywood, Calif., about the lapel button, showing a man is a chess player, or even a ring or some other jewelry that would enable us to identify other chess players, is an excellent idea.

C. E. Rhoades  
Dubuque, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Years ago while I was at college, we had quite a number of students who were interested in chess and as a means of interesting non-chess

playing students in the game, we developed an interesting type of chess that was easily understood by even the veriest beginners and brought some new chessnuts into the game.

Briefly this game was a variation of blindfold chess but with a considerable difference. It required in addition to the usual two players, a referee and three boards and two sets of men. The two players were seated back to back with the referee and a board between them. The referee's board had a full complement of men, that is both white and black, while each of the players had only his own men on his board.

Each player could make any legitimate chess move, and as long as it was possible, the referee merely told the opponent that it was his move. If the move could not be made, the player was told that he could not make such a move, but with no reason given. Captured pieces were removed without comment and check was called.

Leon N. Loeb  
East McKeesport, Pa.

Readers may recognize in this a variant of kriegespiel — always a fascinating offshoot of chess. Ed.

# World Championship Tournament USCF, FIDE Positions Stated

Syracuse, N. Y.  
Aug. 18, 1946.

Dr. A. Rueb  
The Hague, 16 Oostduinlaan  
Holland.

Dear Dr. Rueb:

It has been brought to our attention that, according to an article published in the New York Sun, a tournament for the world championship will be held in Holland in 1947, the following players being seeded: Fine, Reshevsky, Botvinnik, Euwe, Flohr and Keres. The newspaper article stated that, in addition to these six, the non-seeded players making the best showing at Groningen and Prague will participate.

If the news story is correct and based on a decision made at the recent F.I.D.E. meeting at Winterthur, we wish to point out to you that the plan of qualifying one participant each from among the players at Groningen and Prague is not entirely fair to our American chess players. We had no advance notice that the Groningen tournament would serve as a qualifying contest and, consequently, some of our strongest players made no effort to enter this tournament.

We understand that the Prague tournament will be held at about the same time as our biennial United States Championship Tournament. It is quite unlikely, therefore, that any American players will compete at Prague.

We have no wish to raise any question regarding the six players named above. Without doubt, they have been selected on the basis of their past tournament record. However, since additional players will be admitted to the world title tournament by means of qualifying tournaments, and since our American players are not afforded proper opportunity to be represented at these tournaments, we feel that a slight change in your announced plans is in order.

Permit us to urge, therefore, that a ninth place in the world championship tournament be provided and that the highest scoring non-seeded player of the coming United States Championship Tournament be allowed to fill this place. We hope that this recommendation will meet with your approval. Please let us hear from you in this respect as soon as possible so that we may make your decision known to our American players with the least delay.

With kindest regards,  
Yours very sincerely,  
Paul G. Giers  
Executive Vice-President.

Federation Internationale  
Des Echecs  
(F.I.D.E.)

La Haye, le 23 Aug. 1946.

Mr. Paul G. Giers,  
Executive Vice-Pres. U.S.C.F.  
230 1/2 South Ave., Syracuse 7, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Giers:

I am replying to your favour of Aug. 18th.

The Winterthur Assembly decided: the first World Championship to be played for in a four-round tournament of six masters (or seven). In order to facilitate organization in this urgent matter, Holland has been entrusted with the same.

The Winterthur Assembly has qualified: Euwe, Reshevsky, Fine, Botvinnik, Smislow and Keres, leaving to the federations USA and USSR the opportunity of replacing their masters before the opening of the Groningen Tourn. I have been aware of the shortness of time for consideration and after the failure of our cable the said condition should be disregarded. In the meantime, I am pleased to read that the USCF doesn't wish to raise any question about the entrance of the six masters. The schedule USA:USSR=2:3 has been fixed by the Winterthur Assembly after close consideration of strengths and numbers of chessmasters in both dominions. Eventual seventh entry.

The Winterthur Assembly decided to admit as the seventh participant:

either the first prize winner of the Groningen Tournament or the first prize winner of the Prague tournament, whichever the winner of a match between these two winners, but only for the eventuality, that these winners are not among the six masters mentioned.

From the strictness of this condition the desire of the Winterthur Assembly to limit the number of entries of the World Championship Tournament can be derived. As things are the entrance of a seventh master is very questionable.

It is regrettable that the Prague Tournament comes across the biennial US Championship Tournament: If I had known, another arrangement as to the eventual seventh entry could have been made, but, as I see it, neither the result of the Groningen Tournament nor of the Prague Tournament is likely to modify the composition of six of the World Championship Tournament.

I am very happy, dear Mr. Giers, to explain to you, after the chess-tidings of New York Sun, the decisions of the Winterthur Assembly as to the coming World Championship Tournament and trust you are convinced of the good intentions of this meeting to deal with all questions in an equitable way.

As soon as possible you will be in receipt of the full decisions of Winterthur; the reelection of Mr. Kuhns as the Vice-President of F.I. D.E. and the entrance of a North American Delegate in the Central Committee may have your special interest.

Noting your kind remarks in closing, I am yours very sincerely,

A. Rueb,  
F.I.D.E.

Sweden, September 22, 1946.  
Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.  
208 So. LaSalle St., Chicago.

Urge Chess Federation assert right select American World Championship candidates Stop Believe forthcoming Unistates Championship should determine representatives Stop Suggest you contact Doctor Rueb this matter immediately.

(signed)  
Denker Kashdan Pinkus Kevitz Ulvestad Dake, Horowitz Steiner Adams Harness

Syracuse, N. Y., September 24, 1946.  
Rueb FIDE, The Hague,  
16 Oostduinlaan, Holland.

American masters enroute from Moscow demand forthcoming Uni-

states Championship should determine American candidates world championship Stop Clarify whether Reshevsky Fine invited as individual players or is Federation accorded privilege selecting American candidates. Please cable reply.

(signed) Giers, USCF

Sgravenhage, September 26, 1946.  
Giers, 230 1/2 South Avenue,  
Syracuse, N. Y.

Reshevsky Fine as individual players selected on tournament records invited by courtesy through medium USCF read no objection from message Aug. 18 privilege select other masters formally expired any change endangering tournament confirm response Aug. 23 regret congress ignored US championship US SR opposing against any seventh entry.

(signed) Rueb FIDE,  
Oostduinlaan 16, The Hague.

## KASHDAN, KEVITZ SCORE AT MOSCOW BUT TEAM LOSES

Russian mastery of the chess board remains unshaken by the U. S. Team invasion of Moscow as a return for the radio match of last year. By radio the USSR won a 2-round match 15 1/2-4 1/2; over the board the USSR won 12 1/2-7 1/2. But the breakdown of this second match is interesting. The U. S. Team lost the first round by a score of 7 1/2-2 1/2, then rallied to draw the second round by a 5-5 score. Perhaps, if there had been enough rounds the U. S. Team might have had a plus score in one of them.

Heroes this year were Isaac Kashdan who scored 1 1/2 points against BOYD, ALEXANDER DAVIS with 1 1/2 points against Bondarevsky. Next in order of merit were Ulvestad who won one game against Bronstein, Horowitz who drew twice with Boleslavsky, and Dake who came from retirement to draw twice with Lilienthal.

On the sidelines encouraging the U. S. Team were Team Captain Maurice Wertheim and wife, Team Manager Kenneth Harkness and wife, Mrs. Dake and Mrs. Horowitz.

A survey of the four rounds of play (last year's radio match and this year's over-the-board) show of the U. S. players who were in both events only Horowitz and Steiner broke even with two points out of a possible four. Kashdan was next with 1 1/2-2 1/2, while Pinkus and Fine had 1-3, Kupchik and Reshevsky 1/2-3 1/2 and Denker 0-4.

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PHILADOR'S DEFENSE

1st U. S. Junior Championship Finals

Notes by Donald Mugridge

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Here and later P-R5 would have served to break the impetus of Black's pawns.

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Black (and for that matter, White) realizes very tardily that White's chief remaining asset will be command of the open Q file.

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This might well have been omitted until forced. A more promising mode of defense was 21....., B-K3; 22. Kt-Q6, BxKt; 23. RxB, B-Q4, with White's approaches fairly well blocked.

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Adds a lost pawn and a shattered pawn position to his other disadvantages, which means a lost game. After 29....., PxP; 30. BxP ch, K-R2 his game was difficult but not desperate.

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Or 31. Q-Q4. However the exchange

of Queens is well calculated.

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White's win is harder after 40....., B-K3; 41. BxP, B-B1; 42. B-Q3.

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QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Pittsburgh Open Tournament Preliminaries

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

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The Cambridge Springs defense, reached, however, by a rather devious route. The common move for White now is 7. Kt-Q2, which permits Black to complicate the game.

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The standard move here is 8. B-Q3, whereupon Black soon plays P-QB4 and equalizes. Steiner's move seems no better or no worse.

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This is hard to understand. 9. ...., Q-B2 was surely better. Black soon admits it and goes there. He probably disliked the possible pressure of a White Rook on the QB file.

the long diagonal and play on the QKt file. But why not then B-K2 and B-KB3? Perhaps the answer is the old rule: Place your Pawns on the opposite color to that of your Bishop.

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White has a great advantage in space as well as an iron grip on the center. How should he exploit it? He should use his greater space (and hence mobility) to put pressure first at one point, then at another till he can create a weakness.

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A definite weakening of the K-side structure. Black had little choice, for P-R6 was pending on the Q-side. If Black can ever open up the game, his Bishops may demonstrate their latent power.

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Black gives up a Pawn in hopes of breaking out. 26. ...., P-QKt4 (to prevent KtxP) is preferable.

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41. Q-R6 would win the KP. White instead plans to trade Queens by a little combination and pick up the KP as well.

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A pleasing game by Steiner against Kupchik not at his best.

FRENCH DEFENSE

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This gambit attachment on an old variation (of Russian invention, of course) considerably improves White's prospects.

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This is so completely answered by White's next move that it can hardly be the best line of defense.

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As always, a potent step in the business of trussing Black up.

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Effectively preparing for the next move, the decisive opening-up of the game.

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The counter-play which Black obtains from this move is more apparent than real.

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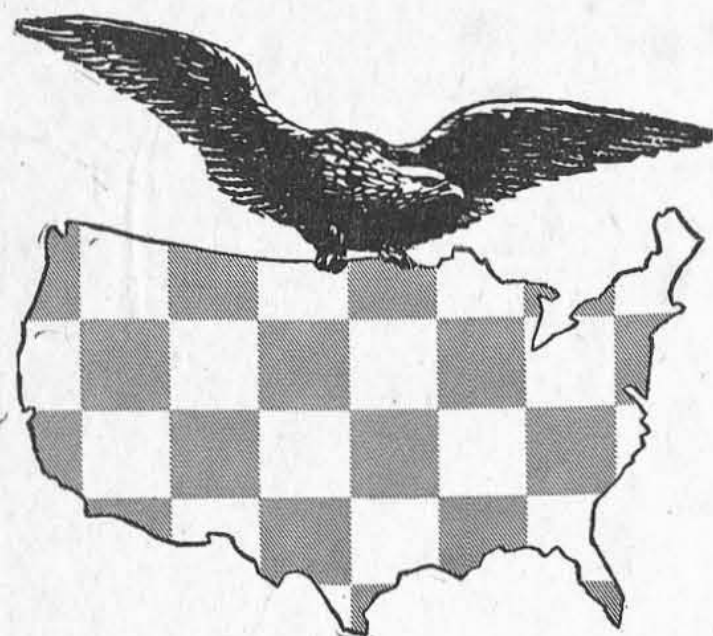
Last time I went to a dance I felt as lonely as a Knight on QR4 while his King was being mated at KK1. It's never any fun being out of play—so think how that Knight feels, and get him into the game.

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