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OCTOBER 26, THE DAY OF DAYS FIRST DEMOCRATIC TITLE MEET

Seven Seeded Masters To Face Fifteen Contestants Chosen In Area Matches

October 26 is the dawn of a new day in American chess; and when play begins in the Chanin Auditorium in New York City, it will be the first truly democratic U. S. Championship Tournament in American history. Tournament Director Kenneth Harkness and Tournament Referee Richard W. Wayne of Ventnor City will be officiating at the most significant event in American chess since the first Open Tournament at the Lawson YMCA in Chicago in 1934.

For the first time since the U. S. Championship Tournament was organized, players will be seated in the event who have earned that right the hard way by qualifying in a regional tournament. From Area 1 (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont) will come Walter B. Suesman of Providence and Stephen W. Kowalski of Newark. From Area 2 (New York) Anthony Santasiere, Alexander Kevitz and George Kramer, all of New York City.

Area 3 (Delaware, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia) will send Attilio DiCamillo and Jacob Levin, both of Philadelphia. Area 4 (Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia) will be represented by Dr. Drexel of Miami and a player as yet unnamed. Area 5 (Colorado, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas) will most probably be represented by Al. Lipton of Dallas.

For Area 6 (Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin) the contestants will be Lewis J. Isaacs and Albert Sandrin, both of Chicago. Area 7 (Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming) will send Olaf Ulvestad of Seattle and A. J. Fink of San Francisco.

Entries for the Masters' Reserve Tournament are not yet finally settled, but arrangements for this division have been completed and the event will be in charge of Milton Finkelstein. The Women's Championship Tournament is also being arranged and the entry list is in the hands of Mrs. Marshall.

GEORGE KRAMER WINS THE ENTRY FOR U. S. TITLE

By defeating Seidman in the final round of a 5-man tournament at the Manhattan Chess Club in New York George Kramer finished with a score of 3-1 and won the right to be one of the three entries in the U. S. Championship Tournament from Area Two. The others are Anthony Santasiere and Alexander Kevitz. A. A. Rothman and S. Almgren finished in a tie for second with 2½-1½ each. H. Seidman was fourth with 2-2; and D. Byrne completed the section with 0-4. Kramer is the former New York State Champion who lost his crown to Anthony Santasiere in the 1946 meeting at Cazenovia.

FIRST PANHANDLE OPEN TOURNEY AT AMARILLO, TEX.

Sponsored by the Amarillo Chess Club, the first Panhandle Open Chess Tournament will be played on October 26-27 at Amarillo, Texas. The tournament will be open to all chess players, and all contestants are requested to report to the Crystal Ballroom, Herring Hotel, promptly at 9 a. m., Saturday, October 26, for registration and drawing. Play will begin at 10 a. m. and the tournament will end Sunday evening, October 27. Entrance fee is \$2.00 and entries will be accepted up to opening of play, but players are requested to cooperate by submitting entry well in advance by mail when possible.

Inquiries and entries should be addressed to Ed Pittman, president, 305 E. 13th Ave.; A. O. Johnson, secretary, 3204 Hayden; or G. B. Marshall, chairman of tournament committee, 610 Virginia. Checks should be made payable to Amarillo Chess Club.

WHEN EAST MEETS WEST—EAST WINS IF IT'S TORONTO

Toronto East met Toronto West at the Central YMCA auditorium on September 27. There were seventy-two boards in the match; and the final score was a victory for Toronto East with 41½ points to 30½ points for Toronto West.

AUSTIN ELECTS CLUB OFFICERS W. J. ROLFE, PRES.

At the annual meeting on September 26 the Austin Chess & Checker Club elected a new slate of officers: William J. Rolfe, president; Samuel McHenry, 1st vice-president; Roy Gilbert, 2nd vice-president; Chester Bounds, secretary; Louis H. Condy, treasurer; Charles Brokaski, property manager; Paul Poschel, tournament director.

The Austin Chess Club (Chicago) is the home of the recently crowned Illinois State Champion Paul Poschel and the runner-up in the Illinois Championship Tournament, John Nowak. Paul Poschel won the Major Reserve Tourney at Pittsburgh ahead of J. Rauch, former Montreal Champion.

The Chess Bug Sez:-

by Robson



PENN STATE CHESS FEDERATION ELECTS OFFICIALS

William M. Byland (Pittsburgh) was reelected president of the State Federation; also reelected were Harry Morris (Philadelphia) vice-president, J. W. Stevenson (Carlisle) treasurer, and Walter Hall (Philadelphia) secretary. John D. French (Harrisburg) and Stevenson were named to edit the State Federation Bulletin.

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MARYLAND CHESS CLUB ORGANIZES JOINS THE USCF

Saturday, September 28, the first organization meeting of the Maryland Chess Club (Baltimore) convened at the Odd Fellows Temple, Cathedral and Saratoga Streets. Ira Lovett was elected president; Paul Weiner, vice-president; George M. Lapoint, secretary-treasurer.

Fifty members attended the opening meeting and voted to affiliate with the USCF, while plans for a local tournament have been arranged, commencing October 5th. Classes will be established to improve the playing knowledge of beginners and teach the game to those interested in learning. The club expressed its thanks to Mr. Paul G. Giers for his helpful cooperation and issued a general invitation to all fellow-clubs in the Federation to communicate.

O XADREZ MAKES PROBLEM CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT

The Problem Department of the United States Chess Federation takes pleasure in announcing the following tourney. The Portuguese magazine, *O Xadrez*, Mario P. J. Gomes, Quinta Brancamp, Barreiro, Portugal invites composers to submit two-movers in unlimited number, showing the Hassberg Theme, until November 30, 1946.

Example: E. M. Hassberg, 2nd Prize, *Chess Correspondent*, 1942: b7, pSs5, kpKp3R, S7, 2P5, 16, 7K. 1. Qa4 Pd5; 2. Sc5.

Definition: The key pins a White and unpins a Black piece. The thematic defense re-pins the Black and re-unpins the White piece, and the mate is given by the re-unpinned White piece because the Black piece is re-pinned—i. e., must be a pin mate.

Eric M. Hassberg will act as judge.

KOLTANOWSKI AT AUSTIN CHESS ON NOVEMBER 4 & 6

George Koltanowski, world famous blindfold expert, will give a demonstration of his skill, playing eight boards blindfolded on November 4 at the Austin Chess & Checker Club, Austin Town Hall in Chicago. On November 6 he will return to play a thirty-board simultaneous exhibition at the Austin Chess Club against members and their friends.

SO. DAKOTA STATE CHESS ASS'N FROM YANKTON TOURNEY

As a result of the enthusiasm generated at the Yankton meet the South Dakota State Chess Association was formally organized with M. F. Anderson (Rapid City) as president; M. H. Semrau (Rapid City), secretary-treasurer, and Dr. H. L. Saylor (Huron), vice-president. George Koltanowski was appointed editor of a monthly state chess bulletin.

MASTERS' RESERVE TOURNEY NOV. 9-16

Milton Finkelstein, USCF Chairman of Collegiate Chess Program, has been appointed to the U. S. Championship Tournament Committee and named as Tournament Director of the Masters' Reserve Tourney which will be held in New York from November 9 to 16. Finkelstein is an experienced worker in chess, having assisted Herman Helms in directing both the U. S. Open at Peoria and the U. S. Open at Pittsburgh in addition to directing the Collegiate Tournament in New York last Christmas Recess.

Mrs. Marshall has consented to exploit her talent in arranging details for the Women's Championship Tournament which will run concurrently with the U. S. Championship Tournament.

WEAVER W. ADAMS IS SEATED IN U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP

The Executive Committee has voted to invite Weaver W. Adams, former New England Champion, to be seated in the U. S. Championship Tournament. This action was taken in recognition of the fact that Adams was deprived of the privilege of competing for a place in the Tournament by serving as an alternate member of the United States Chess Team which journeyed to Moscow. Otherwise he would have had the opportunity to defend his title as New England Champion and in defending it qualify for the U. S. Championship.

SHAW HI. SCHOOL GRANTS FRIEDMAN LEAVE FOR TRIP

Larry Friedman, U. S. Junior Champion, has been released from his studies at Shaw High School, Cleveland, for a trip to New York to play in the Masters' Reserve Tournament, November 9-16. In excusing Friedman, Principal Dietrich told Larry that Shaw High School was very proud to have one of their students as the Junior Chess Champion of the United States and that they would contribute \$25.00 toward his expenses.

CLEVELAND GETS 2nd NATIONAL JR. CHESS TOURNEY

Larry Friedman, 1946 U. S. Junior Chess Champion, can stay at home to defend his title, for the 1947 Junior Tournament has been officially awarded to Cleveland, Ohio. This is quite proper, for Cleveland was one of the first cities to follow the example of Milwaukee and establish an adequate program of chess for juniors, reaping their reward by having the first U. S. Junior Champion come from their extensive program of chess in the schools and playgrounds.

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ALL ABOARD FOR NEW YORK

SHORTLY after this issue reaches its more distant readers on either coast, the biggest event in American chess for 1946 gets under way. For it has always been a matter of great public interest to learn who has become the recognized U. S. Champion, since first U. S. Champion Frank Marshall resigned his title and consigned it into the guardianship of the National Chess Federation (now merged in the United States Chess Federation) to be played for biennially in a Championship Tournament.

But this year a new significance has been added to the biennial U. S. Championship Tournament, for it has been at last developed into a truly democratic institution as it should be in a land that has always taken pride in its democracy. For the seven seeded players (invited upon their past tournament records, as all contestants in previous Championship Meets were invited) this year face fifteen other players who have earned their right of entry by contesting successfully with other aspirants in a group of regional tourneys that has stretched from coast to coast.

In such a manner the U. S. Championship Tournament has at last become the fitting final concourse of chess players to which all who push a pawn in any club or home may aspire and if their ability matches their aspiration, no one can deny them the entry they can earn for themselves by victory in their own regional testing ground.

All aboard, then, for New York; and may the best player win!

ACCENT ON YOU

WHEN with becoming modesty the USCF at last yielded to the general clamor for a chess newspaper to publish and promote the cause of American chess as voice of the Federation, the USCF assumed the responsibility of this undertaking only because the membership had made it plain by letter and by comment that a chess publication was their desire, and nothing less would satisfy them.

In this and in many other ways the USCF has always met and fulfilled its many obligations to its membership—but has the membership always fulfilled its obligations to the USCF?

This is a message, addressed to you. Have you renewed your membership this year? Have you encouraged other chess players to join the USCF and support its program? And have you subscribed to the chess newspaper that was established to meet and satisfy your demands? These are your obligations to the Federation.

We speak of the Federation as doing this or that to improve or encourage the development of chess. But in a larger sense, it is not the Federation which does these things—but you. Not you as an individual, but you in the aggregate create the United States Chess Federation and make its power for good in chess. So give it your support, and get behind American chess.

Guest Editorial

CHESS AND WORLD PEACE

By Erich W. Marchand

Instructor, University of Rochester

CAN chess have a bearing on world peace? This writer thinks it can and does. The historians tell us what factors hold a nation or a people united and what forces tend to separate nations and cause wars. Some of the cohesive factors, for example, are (1) a common language, (2) common customs, (3) common pastimes (music, literature, games, etc.), (4) common history and tradition, and so on.

Lack of such factors will work the other way. If two peoples speak a different tongue, have different customs and different interests, each will seem strange to the other. A feeling of strangeness soon turns to one of fear and mistrust.

Chess to be sure is not a common language. And yet in a sense it is, for P-K4 on the chess-board is the same in every language. If we could send football, baseball, and basketball teams to play the Russians, how much stronger would be our friendship with them. Chess is already at work in that way, and chess happens to be the Russian national game.

But why speak of Russia alone? It is the whole world we should unify. Common sports and common interests will help to do that. In fact, U.S. chess players will soon begin a one hundred-board correspondence match with one foreign country. Let us hope that more such events will follow in the early future.

Wars, perhaps, are partly caused by a natural tendency to aggression in the makeup of human beings. Psychiatrists find evidence in that direction. Then why not let our chess-board battles burn up the urge to violence?

The Spartans and the Athenians tried to prevent their war by choosing one hundred men from each side to fight it out. Unfortunately, when

one Spartan and three Athenians remained alive, the Spartans claimed the victory, since they reasoned, one Spartan was better than three Athenians. And then the total war began after all. Had these two Greek nations played an annual one hundred-board chess match, do you suppose that they would want a war?

Chess, indeed, is not a cure-all for every international ill. But chess, along with music, literature, sports, and other common interests, can help to draw the people of the world together and help to form at least One World.

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

YOUR PART IN CHESS

A Regular Message by

Paul G. Giers

Executive Vice-President, United States Chess Federation.

NOT so many years ago, the United States Chess Federation was composed of a small group of chess enthusiasts who envisioned a bright future for American chess and took the first steps to place our chess activities on a truly national basis. One by one they were joined by other chess leaders who shared their enthusiasm and helped formulate the basic policies which now govern American chess.



Paul G. Giers

From these small beginnings has now grown a strong and healthy national organization, ready to bring enjoyment of chess to many thousands of new players and to stimulate and sponsor chess competition of every kind throughout the United States.

No longer can we leave the labors of chess promotion to a small minority. The time has come for all Federation members, masters and chess novices alike, to realize that they form the backbone of this national chess movement and that the ultimate success of a national chess program depends directly on their own individual efforts.

In the past there has been a tendency on the part of many players to leave the work of chess organization to others. We have every reason to believe that this attitude is now giving way to a spirit of general cooperation. There is a vast store of dormant organizing ability and leadership qualities which is now needed in every part of the country to form new clubs, to establish or revive state chess associations and to conduct a lively program of chess activities.

Only a certain percentage of players will have the time or opportunity to accomplish major feats of chess organization. Each and every player, however, can, at small personal sacrifice, do his share for the advancement of the game, and here are some ways of doing it:

Let the world know that you play chess. You will probably find that some of your friends and neighbors have been hoping to find a chess partner and will now take renewed interest in the game.

Teach the game to at least three new players each year. Many people would like to learn the game but have been unable to find a willing teacher. Incidentally, you will improve your own game while teaching others.

Teach your own family to play chess. Most likely your wife and children will enjoy the game and soon give you some real competition.

Ask your chess friends to join the USCF. Thousands of players have not yet heard of our Federation or may be waiting for an invitation to join.

Read CHESS LIFE regularly. It will give you all the important chess news and some of the best current game scores. If you have not already subscribed, now is the time to do it.

Take an active interest in your local club, your state chess association and your Federation. They need your help and deserve it.

Improve your game and help others to improve theirs. To hold our own in world chess competition, we must have a high level of national playing strength.

And why should you do all this for chess? Because it is the greatest game you ever played, because it leads to some of your most pleasant associations, and because it brings you, at very small cost, many hours of complete enjoyment.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

All players here are strong for your new publication. Ideas from the Association and its officers should come to us undiluted now. In your game department, try to print only games which we cannot get elsewhere. Two master games of this type every issue together with the news you are sure to have, will make yours an invaluable publication.

Frederick S. Anderson,
Vice-President,
Missouri Chess Association.

Dear Sir:

Please keep on putting in articles, information and facts about schools in different parts of the country and what they are doing in regard to teaching chess.

I have been trying to get the schools of Gary to go in more for chess or chess clubs, and such articles and facts are the best ammunition we can use as school boards are prone to be hidebound and slow to adopt new methods, but even school boards some times believe what they can see in print.

The main problem is to convince these school boards that organized

chess, taught in the schools or on the playgrounds, would do more in the way of developing the analytical powers and mental faculties of the students than any other subject on the curriculum, to say nothing of curbing juvenile delinquency by giving their inquiring young minds something to do.

The whole point of the matter is that the future development of American chess lies in getting the youth of our schools interested in chess. See results of our Russian encounters if confirmation is needed.

Dale E. Rhead
Pres. Gary Chess Club
Gary, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

October 1st issue of CHESS LIFE continues vibrant with National and International chess doings.

To those who would like our newspaper published in the interests of certain individuals or groups, your editorial in this issue is clear as crystal and serves notice of our aims and purposes.

Maurice S. Kuhns,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Who's Who In American Chess

Erich W. Marchand

Known as a commentator on the game and theorist as well as player, Erich W. Marchand applies an analytical and mathematical mind to his study of the game. He began it in earnest at Phillips Exeter Academy in 1928 and continued at Harvard 1932-36 where he was captain of the Harvard Chess Team for three years. In these years he



Erich W. Marchand

often played long sessions with his brother John, and scarcely stopping the game to eat.

A touch of heresy in his nature made Erich a mathematician whereas his mother, father, brother and sister were united

in devotion to biology. Erich turned almost at once to teaching mathematics in between his games of chess and is at present instructing in analytical geometry and calculus at the University of Rochester.

But he has never let teaching interfere too seriously with his devotion to the game. His tournament record includes four U. S. Open Tournaments—a ninth at Chicago in 1937, a tie for third at Dallas in 1940, a tie for fifth in 1941 at St. Louis and seventh at Dallas in 1942. Erich explains the poor showing at Chicago by mentioning the fact that he met his future wife there! And at St. Louis he organized the tournament in which he played.

In addition Erich has won the championship of St. Louis three times, of Missouri twice, and of Rochester three times. He has been active in the Correspondence Chess League of America, and his most recent chess endeavor was in the 1946 New York State Tournament in which he won the Consolation Tourney.

Thomas McCannon

Chess has been the principal hobby of Thomas McCannon who finds the moves on the board rather simple after designing tools at the International Business Machine Corp. Being unable to find enough chess players to satisfy his needs, Tom McCannon with the aid of Harold Thayer organized the I.B.M. Chess Association at the I.B.M. Country Club and proceeded to entrap members and then teach them how to play the game. As a result of this shrewd plan the I.B.M. Chess Association now has as many as 200 players with thirty-five to forty at each weekly meeting.



Thomas McCannon

Elected president of the New York State Chess Association after serving as publicity director and then secretary, Tom McCannon plans big things for the future of New York chess which include a tournament at the I. B. M. Country Club, and enlarged plans for the Genesee Cup Team Tournament which he hopes to elevate into a major chess event.

Tom McCannon believes definitely in the need for closer cooperation between various chess organizations and has pledged the full weight of the New York State Chess Association behind any project of the USCF to further chess in America.

Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojam

MOSLEM jurisprudence is ever dubious as to the respectability of chess. In the United States we boast that no chess player of the first rank has ever been convicted of a crime. Only one player of tournament standing has ever been convicted of any felony; and he (poor soul) was a lawyer who became entangled in his client's misdemeanors.



There is no need to refer to Aaron Burr, whose own journals betray his love for chess, for Burr was acquitted of the charge of treason.

But in the Moslem world the playing of chess alone may brand its devotee as a person of light understanding and questionable integrity whose testimony may not be admitted in a court of law. Any Moslem who plays a game for a wager or stake falls under the stern ban of the Koran against gambling. But even a chess player who plays for fun and mental stimulation alone is confronted by the sharp injunction against idle amusements. Tradition admits only three diversions as innocent: a man's horse, his bow, and his wives.

Despite this risk to personal reputation, the Moslem plays his chess. So Moslem law has considered the game gravely and disputed heatedly over its legal status. Abu Hanifa (circa 767), who founded one school of Moslem legal thinking, condemned the chess player as an idler and wastrel; Ash-Shafi'i (circa 817), founder of another school of legal practice, conceded that a man might play chess solely for the benefit of his mind and yet retain his respectability. But for good old Ash-Shafi'i and his followers "dog of a chess player" might have replaced "dog of an infidel" as a choice Moslem epithet.

Call me rat or call me snake,
Accuse me of finesse,
Wife-beater, thief, or even rake;
I will forgive it, yes.
But never dare, for slander's sake,
To hint I play at Chess!

CAISSA reigns, notes Chess-nutter Maurice S. Kuhns. In a poem by Sir William Jones (1763) he elevates the Dryad Caissa to the rank of "Tutelary Deity of Chess."

World Championship Tournament Misunderstanding Is Clarified

Syracuse, N. Y., October 2, 1946.

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

Dear Dr. Rueb:
This will confirm the following cable sent to you today:
Rueb, FIDE, The Hague, 16 Costduinlaan, Holland — U. S. Chess Federation holding national tournament October 26 to determine two USA representatives for World Championship Tournament. USCF has definite prerogative to select USA candidates. Final date naming candidates not binding because no official advance notice. Writing.
(signed) Giers, USCF

We appreciate the information contained in your cable of September 26th to the effect that the time has formally expired during which our Federation was privileged to designate the USA candidates. President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. completely agrees with me, however, that we cannot be held to any such limitation in the absence of timely and official notice from your office. We, therefore, cannot conceive any objection to determination of the USA candidates by means of the forthcoming U.S. Championship Tournament.

It is unfortunate that we have not yet received the official account of the proceedings of the Winterthur Assembly. As we learn from the magazine "Chess" and the "British Chess Magazine," the Winterthur Assembly clearly conceded the United States the privilege to nominate its own two candidates for the World Championship. Even if the Winterthur Assembly had not so expressed itself, there could be no question that the United States Chess Federation, as officially accredited Unit of FIDE and representing the American chess players, has the moral and actual right to designate the American representatives.

We are a democratic country and consider chess a democratic game. It is only proper, therefore, that not only Reshevsky and Fine, but all of our American masters shall have equal opportunity to compete for the two places reserved for the

United States in the coming World Championship Tournament.

We trust that you will respect our position as outlined above.

Promptly upon conclusion of our forthcoming tournament, we shall certify to you the names of the two top-scoring players as USA representatives to the World Championship Tournament.

Your early acknowledgement of this letter will be appreciated. Permit us to assure you of our desire to cooperate with you to the fullest extent toward the complete success of the first World Championship Tournament.

Yours very sincerely,
Paul G. Giers
United States Chess Federation,
Executive Vice-President.

Sgravenhage, October 12, 1946
Giers, 230 1/2 South Avenue,
Syracuse, N. Y.

Impossible reconcile USCF and USSR claims with Winterthur resolutions W C Tournament FIDE management stopped.

Rueb, Pres.

Syracuse, N. Y., October 12, 1946
Rueb, FIDE, The Hague,
16 Costduinlaan, Holland

Agree on only two USA players clarifying apparent misunderstanding. Doubt USSR will object to USCF certification two strongest USA players through national tournament giving Reshevsky Fine proper opportunity to prove eligibility. We urge your endorsement of USCF arrangements. Also awaiting Winterthur report Kindest regards.
Giers, USCF

ERRORS MADE IN REPORTING SCORE

Confusion caused by the fact that Fine played the first game ahead of schedule resulted in an incorrect radio and wire report of results of Moscow Team Match. Fine's draw with Keres belonged in the first round, making the score 7-3; and his loss to Keres in the second round, making the score 5 1/2-4 1/2. Total score remains unchanged at 12 1/2-7 1/2 in favor of USSR.



INSPECTING THE OHIO CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY AT COLUMBUS
Left to right:—C. A. Berry (Cleveland); M. H. Allison (Columbus); S. S. Keeney (Cleveland); P. J. Wortman (Dayton); A. R. Phillips (Cleveland); James L. Stevens (Columbus), Chairman of the Tournament Committee; Colonel B. F. Vandervoort (Columbus), Vice-President of Ohio Chess Association.

ED. N. ASMANN MADE 7TH USCF DIRECTOR IN ILL.

Edwin N. Asmann of Chicago, Ill., was appointed the seventh USCF Director from Illinois in recognition of his fine work for chess and in particular for his part in arranging the 1st National Junior Chess Championship Tournament at the Lawson YMCA earlier this year.



Edwin N. Asmann

Ed. Asmann first learned his chess at the mature age of 26 and confesses to the influence of Reti's *Masters of the Chessboard* as dominant in his early chess. Enlisted in the Navy in 1941 he abandoned chess play until he was transferred to Washington in 1944 and came under the potent influence of the Washington Chess Divan, where he met Fine, Alexander, Mugridge, Stark, Berliner, and many others. As a result he firmly believes that all chess clubs should be fashioned after the Divan and run by N. P. Wigginton.

When increase in membership since the Pittsburgh meeting entitled Illinois to another director there was no hesitation in choosing Ed. Asmann, for although he is a recent arrival in Illinois after some years of absence, his activity in chess has been felt in the short time he has been in Chicago, and his work in arranging the financial details for the Junior Championship Tournament were only the highlight of many activities for chess.

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION BY DR. B. SCHMIDT

Dr. Schmidt, Co-Champion of Michigan, displayed his talents at the Edison Chess & Checker Club (Detroit) October 4. His record for the evening was: Won 14, Drew 2, Lost 1. Frank Shaw won his game, and Russ Watson and Doug Lewis drew theirs. Spectators and players alike seemed to enjoy the show.

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GAMBIT (TORONTO) WINS 11 1/2-8 1/2 IN BUFFALO MATCH

In the return match with the Buffalo Chess Club at the Lafayette Hotel in Buffalo, October 6, the Gambit Chess Club of Toronto won by a score of 11 1/2-8 1/2. The failure of H. Rideout of the Gambit Club to play off his adjourned game with S. R. Maisel from the first match resulted in a forfeit which tied the first match with a score of 9 1/2 points each.

Gambit Chess Club	Buffalo Chess Club
R. E. Martin.....1	C. E. Poppenberg.....0
C. A. Crompton.....0	M. R. Siegel.....1
F. R. Anderson.....1/2	S. R. Maisel.....1/2
K. Kerns.....1/2	J. Barrett.....1/2
T. F. Morris.....1/2	J. Lear.....0
R. Cody.....1	H. Freitag.....1/2
R. Orlando.....0	S. Frucella.....1
W. Hodges.....1/2	N. C. Wilder, Jr.....1/2
F. L. Hogg.....1/2	J. Carogana.....1/2
E. Jewitt.....1/2	E. F. Haendiges.....1/2
C. A. Jotham.....1	H. H. Hodge.....0
F. A. Scott.....1	G. L. Warden.....0
W. F. Barr.....1/2	V. G. Gunther.....1/2
R. Cook.....1	A. P. C. Rodenbach.....0
F. Blumberg.....1	H. Stone.....0
H. Trudeau.....0	G. Davenport.....1
W. H. Rockett.....1	J. E. Hove.....0
B. Rideout.....0	D. Habberfield.....1
E. Charles.....1	R. Pollack.....0
Miss E. Lunan.....0	J. Cooper.....1
Gambit.....11 1/2	Buffalo.....8 1/2

A. SID. TEST SAYS:—

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U. S. PLAYERS IN GRONINGEN MEET MEET BUT DEFEAT

As a tune-up round for the Moscow Team match the International Tournament at Groningen, Holland, did not promise too well. U. S. Champion Denker was in a tie for tenth with Tartakower and Kotov, while Open Champion Steiner as the result of a stumbling start was eighteenth. The Canadian player, Abe Yanofsky (Co-Champion, 1942 U. S. Open Tournament at Dallas), was fourteenth but distinguished himself with a brilliant win over Botvinnik.

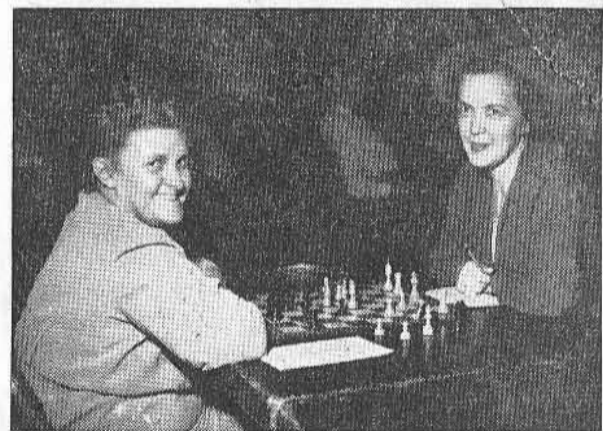
Final results at Groningen were: Botvinnik (Russia) 14 1/2-4 1/2; Euwe (Holland) 14-5; Smyslov (Russia) 12 1/2-6 1/2; Najdorf (Poland) and Szabo (Hungary) 11 1/2-7 1/2 each; Flohr and Boleslavsky (both Russia) 11-8 each; Lundin and Stoltz (both Sweden) 10 1/2-8 1/2; Denker (USA), Tartakower (France) and Kotov (Russia) 9 1/2-9 1/2 each; Kottner (Czechoslovakia) 9-10; Yanofsky (Canada) 8 1/2-10 1/2; Bernstein (France) and Guimard (Argentina) 7-12 each; Vidmar (Yugoslavia) 6 1/2-12 1/2; Steiner (USA) 6-13; O'Kelley (Belgium) 5 1/2-13 1/2; Cristoffel (Switzerland) 5-14.

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SICILIAN DEFENSE
Yankton International Tournament
Notes by William Rojam

White H. BERLINER 1. P-K4 2. Kt-KB3
Black M. COLON 1. P-QB4 2. P-Q3
At the moment one of the most popular variations for Black and definitely in the spirit of the opening for it bids immediate defiance to White's aspirations to gain control of the center with the threat of P-K4 in the near future.

Black's development has been too deliberate; the idea of posting the QB on B3 was not bad in itself, but too much time has been lost in the execution. Now Black has little alternative but to castle into trouble.

QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE
New York State Championship Preliminaries
Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White E. MARCHAND 1. Kt-KB3 2. P-B4 3. P-Q4 4. P-Q5 5. Kt-B3 6. P-K4 7. Kt-Q4 8. P-B4 9. P-KKt4
Black A. STERN 1. Kt-KB3 2. P-QKt3 3. B-Kt2 4. P-Kt3 5. B-Kt2 6. P-Q3 7. O-O 8. QKt-Q2
White is definitely out for a win. He should have followed a more prudent course.

Tournament Life

A rude surprise—very pretty and very sound. 20. BxKt 21. BxQ 22. RxR ch.
If 22. BxR, BxKt holds everything including the extra Pawn.
22. RxR!
If 22. RxR, BxR; 23. BxB and 24. Kt-K6 with counterplay. After the text, of course, 23. BxR would be met by 23. RxR, BxKt ch, winning a piece.

RETI OPENING
New York State Consolation Tournament
Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White E. W. MARCHAND 1. Kt-KB3
Black S. J. SHAW 1. Kt-KB3
Not necessarily intending a Reti, but keeping an eye open for favorable transportation.

25. KtxKt 26. KtxP ch. 27. KtxB 28. RxP 29. BxR
Black probably counted on this move to regain at least one of his Pawns. A neat combination foils him.

TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENSE
Pittsburgh Open Tournament—Preliminaries
Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White E. LEVIN 1. P-K4 2. Kt-KB3 3. B-B4 4. Kt-Kt5 5. PxP
Black G. KOLTANOWSKI 1. P-K4 2. Kt-KB3 3. Kt-B3 4. P-Q4 5. Kt-QR4
Consensus of opinion is that Ulvestad's surprising move 5....., P-QKt4 is not quite best for Black.

32. PxP 33. B-K2
There was little hope in 33. K-Kt1, QxP; 34. QxKt ch., K-R1 (not 34. RxR, R(1)-Kt2, 35. QxKBP stops the threatened RxP ch.); 35. Q-Q5 ch, R(1)-Kt2; 36. QxB, QxB and White has no defense. The rest is easy and Koltanowski finishes in artistic style.

NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE
U. S. vs. USSR Chess Team Match at Moscow

White M. BOTVINNIK 1. P-Q4 2. P-QB4 3. Kt-QB3 4. P-K3 5. B-Q3 6. P-QR3 7. PxB 8. Kt-K2 9. BxP 10. P-QR4 11. B-R3 12. Q-B2 13. QR-B1 14. B-R2 15. BxPxP 16. RxQ 17. Kt-B3 18. K-Q2 19. BxKt 20. KR-QB1 21. K-Q3 22. P-B3 23. P-K4 24. K-K3 25. Kt-Kt5 26. RxR 27. B-Q6 28. Kt-B7 29. KtxB 30. R-B8 ch. 31. P-Kt4 32. P-R4 33. R-QR8 34. K-K2 35. K-K3 36. BxP 37. BxP 38. R-R7 39. K-K2 40. K-K3 41. K-K2 42. RxKt ch. 43. R-Q3 44. R-Q1
Black S. RESHVEKSY 1. Kt-KB3 2. P-K3 3. B-Kt5 4. Castles 5. P-B4 6. BxKtch 7. P-Q4 8. PxBP 9. Kt-B3 10. Q-B2 11. P-QKt3 12. R-Q1 13. Kt-QR4 14. PxB 15. QxQ 16. Q-B2 17. KR-QB1 18. Bt5 ch. 19. RxB 20. QR-QB1 21. P-K4 22. B-B4 ch. 23. RxP ch. 24. B-K3 25. RxR 26. RxP 27. R-R4 28. P-KR3 29. PxB 30. K-R2 31. R-Kt4 32. P-QR4 33. R-Kt6 ch. 34. R-Kt7 ch. 35. R-Q7 36. Kt-Q2 37. KxB 38. R-R6 ch. 39. R-R7 ch. 40. R-R6 ch. 41. P-R5 42. K-B1 43. R-R8
Draw

It's A Question
Advice to the Chess-lover on History, Laws, Personal Ethics

Question: What are the rules governing chess in this country and where can I obtain a copy of them?
F. Germer (Wilmette)

Answer: The USCF has never officially adopted a Chess Code, but has in practice used The Laws of Chess, published by the Illinois State Chess Ass'n. This booklet is now out of print, but the important parts of this Chess Code were republished in the 1939 Yearbook of the United States Chess Federation.

Question: Last week when I was playing in a team match between our club and another, I moved a piece, not noticing that it was pinned. My opponent insisted that I would have to move my king instead, which would have permitted him to mate me. Was he right?
V.C.W. (Chicago)

Answer: Your opponent was mistaken. If the piece touched cannot be moved legally, there is no penalty. Many years ago the original chess laws of the American Chess Congress (in which Paul Morphy played) exacted the penalty of moving the king for various errors or offenses; however, this penalty has long since been abolished. But the memory of it lingers on in the minds of some chess players.

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22. R-K2 23. Kt-Q1 24. P-B4 25. BxKt 26. Kt-R1 27. Q-Q2 28. P-QKt4
Inviting 29. B-R5, R-KKt2; 30. BxB, P-B6! and Black's attack becomes very sharp. Unwise would be 28....., P-K5, 29. PxB, QxR; 30. QxKt with a dangerous attack for White.
29. R-Kt1 30. K-B1
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31. R-K1 P-K5

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