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Every Member Add A Member!

AND "BOOST AMERICAN CHESS" FOR NATIONAL CHESS MONTH

February Membership Drive Depends Upon Member Cooperation For Success

When the USCF opens its first membership drive in February, the success or failure of the campaign will rest entirely upon the individual members of the USCF. This is a point emphasized by William M. Byland, Chairman of National Chess Month Council, in stating the simple fact that the members of his National Chess Month Council (one member in every State) can do little without the wholehearted cooperation of the USCF individual membership in their areas.

LUDWIG CAPTURES NEBRASKA STATE CHESS TITLE

Alfred Ludwig of Omaha (Nebraska) regained the Nebraska State Chess Championship in the state tournament held at Omaha December 28-29 under the Swiss system. In points Ludwig was tied with Jack Spence, but under the Sonneborn-Berger system was awarded a clear title by his personal victory over Spence. Third was Gerald Roitstein who placed third in the Consolation Division of the U. S. Junior Championship in Chicago last July.

Ludwig won the Nebraska title previously and has won the Omaha City Championship twice. In 1945 he won the Consolation Division of the U. S. Open Tournament at Peoria without loss of a game. Howard Ohman, 1946 Nebr. Champion, did not defend his title but among the contestants Ludwig outpointed was Delmar Saxton, 1939 Nebraska State Champion and victor in the Fifth CCLA U. S. Championship Correspondence Tournament.

Final standings were:
A. C. Ludwig, 4-1; Delmar Saxton, 2-2;
J. Spence, 4-1; W. McLaughlin, 2-3;
G. Roitstein, 3-1 1/2; G. Stoney, 2-3;
Col. G. Johnson, 3-2; H. Underwood, 1-4;
Lee Magee, 3-2; R. E. Weare, 0-5

MISSOURI HAS CHESS ACTIVITY NEW CLUBS FORM

At Sedalia (Mo.) Mrs. Caroline Ward and George Lovett learned it pays to advertise. An item in the local newspaper brought sixteen players to the first meeting and a club is now organized with Walter Bopp as president, George Lockett, treasurer, and Mrs. Ward as secretary.

In St. Joseph (Mo.) Edwin O'Brien became the acting president of the newly organized Golden Knights Chess Club which will meet regularly in the YMCA on Thursday evenings. H. O. Madison, Neil Adams and Mr. Heyer are assisting in the general organization of the club which will elect its permanent officers at a later date.

LaRoy Mason of Jackson (Mo.) is a high school teacher and correspondent chess enthusiast. His enthusiasm has taken the practical course of organizing a group of fifteen high school lads into a chess club.

HARVARD, YALE SHARE HONORS IN H.Y.P.D. TOURNEY

Meeting in a triangular tourney (with Dartmouth absent) Harvard and Yale chess teams split top honors. Their own encounter ended in a 2-2 tie and both teams defeated Princeton by the identical score of 2 1/2-1 1/2. The tie will probably be played off in New England during the spring.

Robert Byrne of Brooklyn headed the Yale team and won both games as did Robert Brimberg of Manhattan. Clean scores were also turned in by Clarence W. Hewlett, Jr. of Marblehead and William Watts of Milwaukee for Harvard.

College	Match Score	Score
Harvard	2 1/2-1 1/2	4 1/2-3 1/2
Yale	2 1/2-1 1/2	4 1/2-3 1/2
Princeton	0-2	2-5

W. M. BYLAND WINS METROPOL'N PITTSBURGH MEET

William M. Byland, USCF Vice-President and Chairman of the Membership Committee, demonstrated his practical attitude toward chess by winning the Metropolitan Pittsburgh (Pa.) Championship for 1946 with six victories, no losses and three draws. In the final rounds just completed Byland was the only player to remain undefeated for the whole course. Final standings were:

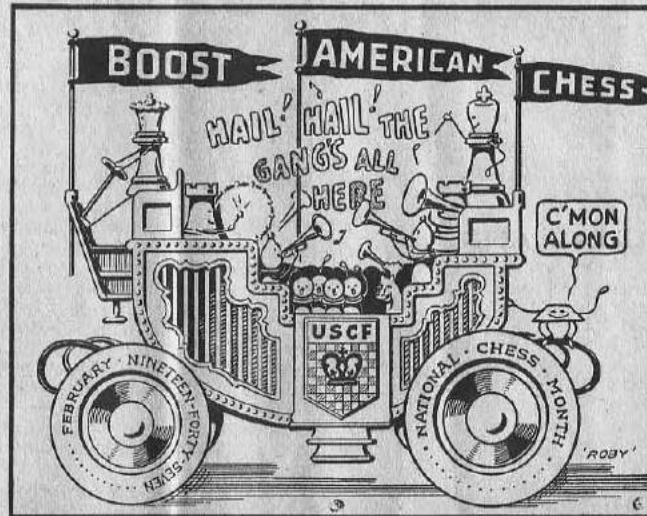
W. M. Byland, 7-1 1/2	J. Firestone, 4 1/2-4 1/2
I. Firestone, 6 1/2-2 1/2	R. U. Reel, 4 1/2-4 1/2
R. R. McCready, 6-3	W. A. Mallory, 3 1/2-5 1/2
J. Stargle, 5 1/2-3 1/2	R. N. Ramme, 1-8
D. Spiro, 5-4	J. Schoen, 1-8

CHESS MATCHES BY TELEVISION SLATED FOR 1947

If the plans of David M. Crandell of the Los Angeles Athletic Club do not go astray the year of 1947 will see a chess match by television between Sawtelle and Birmingham Veteran Hospitals in California. Mr. Crandell is consultant on television with the American Broadcasting Company, and is much interested in providing the veterans with the novelty of chess by television as a fore-runner of many such matches which he expects to be the result of this demonstration and modern improvements in television equipment.

The Chess Bug Sez:-

by Robson



NEW USCF "SERVICE DEPT." TO OFFER SAVINGS TO MEMBERS Net Profits Upon Sales Will Swell USCF Funds For Chess Organization

It is news, and good news, to chess players that the USCF has at last yielded to the urgings of many voices and established a Service Department, designed to offer savings to USCF members on many of their purchases and at the same time increase the working funds of the Federation. The Service Department is already functioning and with this issue of CHESS LIFE offers an assortment of chess sets and chess books. Other items, according to Paul G. Giers who will supervise the department, will be added as satisfactory connections can be made and desirable merchandise found. The USCF, however, in the opinion of Mr. Giers owes it to its membership to be certain of the value and quality of every item it handles, therefore no hasty choice of items is possible.

Wherever existing trade agreements make it possible, the USCF Service Department will offer substantial savings to all USCF members; and the net profits of all transactions will be devoted to the organization and development of chess in the United States.

ABE YANOFSKY WINNIPEG MASTER EARNS PRAISE

With the successful completion of his various contests in Switzerland by holding a triple tie for first place in the Arbon International Tournament with the Czech experts, L. Pachman and K. Opocensky, Abe Yanofsky, the youthful 1945 co-champion of Canada, has added stature to his standing as a master. At the very strong Groningen Tournament his score of 8 1/2-10 1/2 was very respectable when coupled with his brilliant victory over the winner, Mikhail Botvinnik.

Yanofsky, who tied with Steiner for first at the 1942 Open Tournament at Dallas, is now playing in the Hastings (England) Tournament. From there he plans to go to Denmark, Norway and Iceland before he returns home in March for his 22nd birthday celebration. American players will find him a more finished and dangerous opponent after his six months of practical schooling in international events.

DATE SET FOR CORPUS CHRISTI OPEN TOURNAM'T

The 1947 U. S. Open Tournament will be held at Corpus Christi, Texas, in response to the invitation of the Corpus Christi Chess Club and offer of cooperative endeavor by the Texas Chess Association. The dates of the 48th Open Tournament have been set as July 14th to July 26th and the exact date for the Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with the Tournament will be announced later.

Texas last saw the U. S. Open Tournament in 1942 at Dallas when Steiner and Yanofsky ended in a tie for first place honors.

July will be a busy month for chess since the 2nd U. S. Junior Chess Championship Tournament has already been announced as opening on June 30th and continuing to July 12th with the locale as Cleveland, Ohio, where local hosts will be the Cleveland Chess Clubs, the Cleveland Chess Association and the Ohio State Chess Association.

DR. BELA ROZSA FIRST OKLAHOMA CHESS CHAMPION

The first annual tournament of the newly organized Oklahoma State Chess Association was held December 28-29 at Oklahoma City with twenty-two entrants. Dr. Bela Rozsa of Tulsa won first place with a score of five straight wins. Robert Garver of Tulsa was second with four wins and one loss to A. H. Roddy who was third. Four players tied with scores of 3 1/2-1 1/2 but on a weighted score system the tie was dissolved with A. H. Roddy of Oklahoma City third, Antonio de la Torre of Norman fourth, E. N. Anderson fifth and Dr. A. S. Neal sixth. Roddy lost to Dr. Rozsa and drew with de la Torre to hold his third place position.

Dr. Rozsa (who tied for eighth with E. Davidson of Chicago and R. Konkel of Minneapolis in the 1945 Open Tournament at Peoria) was awarded custody of the trophy donated by E. H. Gill of Oklahoma City, who with A. H. Roddy and B. A. Rexroth was in charge of all tournament arrangements. The tournament was conducted as a Swiss with ties broken by weighted scores.

Final standings of the first ten players (with ties broken on Sonneborn-Berger system):

1. Dr. Bela Rozsa	5-0
2. Robert Garver	4-1
3. A. H. Roddy	3 1/2-1 1/2
4. Antonio de la Torre	3 1/2-1 1/2
5. E. N. Anderson	3 1/2-1 1/2
6. Dr. A. S. Neal	3 1/2-1 1/2
7. Floyd Lee, Jr.	2-2
8. E. H. Gill	2-2
9. Dr. Sebastian Lomants	1-2
10. Dr. Kester Svendsen	1-2

OKLAHOMA FORMS NEW CHESS ASS'N ELECTS OFFICERS

Prior to the staging of Oklahoma's first annual state championship tournament, the Oklahoma Chess Association was formed and at the organizing meeting it was voted to affiliate promptly with the USCF so that the first and succeeding State Titles would be nationally recognized as official.

The election of officers resulted in the choice of A. H. Roddy of Oklahoma City as first president. Dr. Bela Rozsa (formerly of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa and now of Tulsa, Okla.) became vice-president. Dr. Kester Svendsen of the faculty of the University of Oklahoma at Norman became the secretary-treasurer.

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A SALUTE TO CLEVELAND

IT is not uncommon for man to forget that we cannot have effect without cause. Therefore we are frequently surprised at results and eager to proclaim miracles, when they are merely the inexorable production of preparation and hard work.

Last July a group of eager youngsters gathered at the Lawson YMCA in Chicago to contest for the U. S. Junior Chess Championship. Some of them already had enviable reputations, and much surprise was expressed at the victory of a comparatively unknown player from Cleveland named Larry Friedman. But this was no miracle produced without a background of hard work. Larry Friedman had as definite a background of chess experience as the better known players of the East. All that he and Cleveland lacked was the advertising.

The superlative chess program of Milwaukee, which covers almost every possible phase of chess, has served unintentionally to black out similar programs elsewhere. Few knew (or even now know) that Cleveland has had a far-sighted program of chess for juniors in operation for some years—and this program provided the background for the winning of the first U. S. Junior Championship.

Elsewhere in the columns of CHESS LIFE is an item noting that the Cleveland Public Library in conjunction with the Cleveland Chess Association has inaugurated its third year of chess in the main library on Saturday afternoons for youngsters of school age. This is but one phase of the Cleveland program for juniors; but it is a phase that other communities can profitably imitate. In library circles the name and example of the Cleveland Public Library can be potent in the promotion of chess programs for juniors if the chess players of the community will lend their efforts and their weight to the movement.

It should not be hard to follow down the path, now that Cleveland has pointed out the way.

An Open Letter

National Chess Month

FEBRUARY 1947

"Boost American Chess"

FEBRUARY 1947 has been designated National Chess Month for a nation-wide drive to arouse the general interest of American chess players through a concerted program of special activities and to give a tremendous boost to USCF membership.

Each state is represented on the National Chess Month Council which will stimulate an extensive program of chess events from coast to coast, in cooperation with the nation's chess clubs. An important part of this campaign to make America more chess-conscious will be a determined drive to enroll new chapter clubs and thousands of individual Federation members.

Attainment of our membership goal cannot be left to a certain few. During these 28 days of February, let's work together, each and every one of us, in an all-out effort to unite all chess players in our national organization.

As a token of appreciation for your assistance in securing new members, one of the following prizes will be yours:

Your paid-up membership for one year... 3 new members

Your paid-up "Chess Life" subscription

for one year..... 5 new members

A \$5 set of Gits Plastic Chessmen..... 10 new members

As special recognition for outstanding cooperation, life memberships (worth \$50) will be awarded to the three members submitting the largest number of applications during National Chess Month.

Do your friends a special favor by enrolling them early, as the first 1,000 new members recorded during National Chess Month will be given the 1945 yearbook in addition to the usual membership awards.

The Secretary will be happy to supply you with additional enrollment forms.

Yours for a successful campaign,

W. M. (Bill) Byland
Vice-President and Chairman,
National Chess Month Council,
3244 Latonia Ave., Pittsburgh 16, Pa.

ABOUT F.I.D.E. AND THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

A Regular Message by

Paul G. Giers

Executive Vice-President, United States Chess Federation

AFTER a six-year standstill during World War II, the international chess situation has again become a matter of considerable interest to chess players throughout the world. International chess activities are centered in, and controlled by, F.I.D.E. (Federation Internationale des Echecs) which is composed of the chess federations representing the various nations. For the benefit of our younger players, a few words about F.I.D.E. and its history may not be amiss.

F.I.D.E. was organized at Paris in 1924 as a non-political body for the sole purpose of chess development. It controls the official chess code and world championship competition, sponsors the biennial international team matches and generally aims to establish closer relations between the chess players of the world. The presidency of F.I.D.E. has continuously been held by Dr. A. Rueb of The Hague, Holland, who for almost as many years has been assisted by Vice-President Maurice S. Kuhns of Chicago, our own venerable President Emeritus.

Thanks largely to Mr. Kuhns, the United States not only has been well represented in F.I.D.E. councils, but also won the respect of the chess world through four consecutive victories of U. S. chess teams in the biennial international team tournaments for the Hamilton-Russell trophy. Captained by the late Frank J. Marshall, our teams won top laurels at Prague in 1931, Folkestone in 1933, Warsaw in 1935 and Stockholm in 1937, a truly great achievement.

The first General Assembly of F.I.D.E. since the war was held last July at Winterthur, Switzerland. Relatively few nations were represented, due to travel restrictions and unsettled conditions in Europe. According to the minutes of this meeting, which finally have reached us, Germany was excluded from membership. Spain likewise was ejected, apparently in the hope that this action would pave the way for the entry of Russia. However, the USSR has not yet accepted the invitation to join.

For better world representation, five new F.I.D.E. "zones" were established: North America (U.S.A. and Canada), Central America, South America, Orient (including Australia), and the Scandinavian zone. Each of these zones will select a delegate as member of F.I.D.E.'s Central Committee.

Of most timely interest was the Winterthur Assembly's action with regard to the world championship question. Even before the death of Dr. Alekhine last March, there had been growing sentiment here and abroad favoring more frequent competition for the world title by means of tournament play in place of the long-established match system. With Alekhine's passing, this issue was suddenly brought to a head and prompt F.I.D.E. action was necessary.

In accordance with the plan drafted by a special committee, the Winterthur Assembly voted to hold a world championship tournament of six participants—three Russians, two Americans and Dr. Euwe, former world champion—this tournament to take place at Noordwyck, Holland, in 1947. Also adopted was a program of future world title play, based on a three-year cycle of competition: determination of zone champions, inter-zone tournament of zone champions and other recognized masters, tournament of candidates for the title and, finally, match play between the champion and the winner of the candidates' tournament.

This solution has by no means found universal approval. Sharp protest has come from various quarters demanding that other high-ranking masters be admitted to the first title tourney in addition to the six players tentatively designated at Winterthur Botvinnik, Keres, Smyslov, Reshevsky, Fine and Euwe. The Russian players, on the other hand, refuse to play in a tournament of more than six participants and also insist that one-half the tournament rounds be played in Russia.

As a result of these and other disagreements, F.I.D.E. President Dr. Rueb has suspended arrangements for a 1947 world championship tournament, leaving it up to the next General Assembly to take further action in the matter. There may be no perfect solution to the problem. However, it is to be hoped that the obstacles will be cleared away and that the world chess throne will soon again be filled, by the fairest and most equitable means possible.

Our Federation plans to be represented at the F.I.D.E. Congress to be held in Holland this Summer and will take a keen interest in the settlement of the world championship issue.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

As Captain of the Yeshiva College Chess Team, I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the Tournament Committee of the National Interscholastic Championship for the excellent way in which the Tournament was conducted. There is no doubt that this match has done a great deal for college chess in general, and the U. S. Chess Federation in particular.

PHILIP ZIMMERMAN
Captain, Yeshiva College
Chess Club

Dear Sir:

In going over our files we find that in our membership of approximately 250 members we have practically every profession, trade, business, and "what not" represented.

There are artisans, artists, architects, army officers and annoyers; butchers, bakers, bachelors and bachelors; columnists, chemists, cellists, compos-

ers and critics; doctors of divinity, philosophy, medicine, dentistry and literature; engineers, electricians, engravers and egoists; farmers, geologists, genealogists; hostellers, housewives and handymen; idealists, insurance agents, inventors and iconoclasts; judges, just folk, jokers and jesters; kibitzers; lawyers, librarians and honorary lifters; manufacturers, merchants, mail clerks; neurologists, nurses, neophytes and nuisances; osteopaths, organists, orchestra leaders and old maids; preachers, publishers, poets, pianists and philatelists; researchers, realtors, reporters and republicans; shipbuilders, secretaries, students and scoffers; technicians, teachers and traders; underwriters and undergrads; vocalists, valedictorians and vandikes; writers, woodcarvers, wolves and wags; xcellent xamples of xcentricities; zoolo-

It's A Question

Advice to the Chess-lover on
History, Laws, Personal Ethics

Question: In your last number of CHESS LIFE you speak of the modernistic chess pattern designed by Moholy-Nagy. Where can I secure a copy of the pattern? Why didn't you print this set? I enjoy your paper.

M. Rettinger
Encino, California

Answer: The "Bauhaus" set was never placed on sale in America and the only illustrations of it were published in a German work on the Bauhaus not now available. The editor of CHESS LIFE however has a set made from the "Bauhaus" designs and has promised to have it photographed for reproduction in CHESS LIFE.

Question: Would you mind telling me what, in your opinion is the best chess opening? Where are the best chess sets made in the world? That is, wood sets, and where are the largest sets made and what do they all cost? Where can you get pictures of the world champion players such as Alekhine, Euwe, Reshevsky, etc.? What are the names of the 10 best chess players in the world?

George Kohlhepp
Baltimore, Maryland

Answer: "It's A Question" does not answer questions based on opinion. It cannot therefore comment on the "best chess opening" as even the masters disagree on this point. "Best" is also a relative matter in regard to chess sets, as it depends on whether sets are considered from artistic, intrinsic or practical value. From the practical standpoint the wooden sets of W. C. Pinney have always ranked high. E. S. Lowe & Co. of New York produce a fine hand-carved catalin set while Wm. F. Druke of Grand Rapids also produce a very fine wooden set. Freak large-sized sets have been produced at various times in small quantities, but the largest commercially produced set will be a plastic set to be issued this year by The Gallant Knight Co. of Chicago which will have a five inch King.

Pictures of famous chess players in the news can usually be obtained from Underwood & Underwood, Photo Press Service or any other large supplier of photographs for commercial and publicity purposes. Consult the classified section of your local phone book.

Lack of sufficient international competition during the war years make it impossible to evaluate the present comparative standing of the leading chess masters. FIDE in planning a tournament to settle the World Championship left vacant by the death of Alekhine had the intention of inviting Botvinnik, Euwe, Reshevsky, Fine, Keres and Smyslov to compete. This may be taken as the expression of FIDE's belief as to the six strongest players. Many critics would add the name of the Argentine-Polish master Najdorf to the list; and there are other claimants. This column can express no opinion beyond reporting the factual matter of FIDE's decision.

It is contrary to policy to quote prices in this column at any time. The USCF Service Department will be glad to quote prices on any items it can supply and the firms listed above will furnish quotations on their own products.

gists, Zipf, Zehring and Zygonas.

Put them all together and you'll find a group of normal intelligent, friendly, fun loving fans at the chess boards or kibitzing or reading, and visitors are welcome.

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Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojans

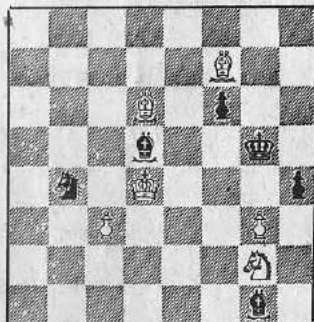
READERS of this column have rashly dared its conductor with tight-lipped threats to publish further explorations in the field of "Goblin" chess. But this conductor confesses that he has never been schooled to resist temptation, believing indeed that the sooner we yield the sooner we forget about the temptation. Here then are problems illustrating the more "goblin" themes of composition: the Advanced and the Inverted Goblin. If there are any other themes, beyond the four that have been demonstrated in this column, the conductor is happily unaware of their existence and trusts that he can remain in that state of blissful ignorance.

(Solutions on page four).



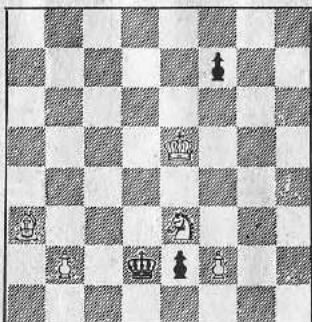
William Rojans

III. Advanced Goblin Theme



White to Move and Mate in Two

IV. Inverted Goblin Theme



White to Move and Mates in Two

3rd CHESS TERM AT CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

The chess program for boys and girls of school age sponsored by the Youth Department of the Cleveland Public Library under the supervision of Miss Jean C. Roos has inaugurated its third season. Every Saturday afternoon sees a session of chess in the Treasure Room of the main library and the number of participants has been as high as one hundred boys and girls. The chess program began in 1944 as the result of the cooperative efforts of the Cleveland Chess Association and the Cleveland Public Library.

Willard H. Mutchler

On Tuesday, January 7th, Chess lost a faithful friend and loyal supporter in the passing of Willard H. Mutchler who for more than twenty years conducted the chess column in The Washington Post. Mutchler was still a young man (only forty-three); and his untimely passing is a cruel blow to Washington chess as well as to his many friends throughout the country.

CHESS TOURNEY ABOARD SHIP ON "ILE DE FRANCE"

Max Herzberger of Rochester (N. Y.), vice-president of the New York State Chess Association, does not believe in wasting hours aboard ship on shuffleboard and other trivial pastimes. Returning from attendance at a scientific congress in Paris, Mr. Herzberger organized a chess tournament on the Ile de France with twenty-eight participants, including Lima Limoze (the film star), Charles Philippe (French film producer), Dr. James Bero-skein (one of the senior members of the Brooklyn Chess Club), Dr. J. Luisjard (president of the Chess Club Amical in Paris), Mario Rigand (owner of a famous French department store), students from Poland, a merchant from Tel Aviv in Palestine, a pharmacist from French Morocco and the playwright Zilahy from Budapest.

Four rounds of Swiss system were used to eliminate the majority of the contestants, and then the eight survivors fought it out in a round robin. Herzberger demonstrated that his playing ability was equal to his organizing talent by winning the Championship of the Ile de France.

JUNIOR PLAYERS OF PAWN CHESS MAKE ELDERS HOP

In 1946 the Pawns Chess Club, consisting of the junior players of Cleveland, Ohio, won the team championship of Cleveland without the loss of a match. In 1947 it does not seem likely that their elders will break their spell, as the Pawns have already won their first three matches; against the Queens Chess Club by 9-1, against the Checkmate Club by 12-5, and against South Euclid Chess Club by 9-1.

U. S. Junior Champion Larry Friedman heads the Pawns team, second and third boards are safe in the hands of George and Harold Miller, the chess playing twins of Cleveland. The rest of the team consists of Don Zoas, William Granger, Victor Pollak, Herbert Groger, Jim Harkins, Paul Hellwig and Marty Leviton.

CCLA HAS 50th GOLDEN JUBILEE CLASS TOURNEYS

The 1947 Golden Jubilee North American Class Championships of the Correspondence Chess League of America represent one of the oldest competitive events in correspondence chess. The 1947 series begin on February 1st and offer complete championships in each of seven classes with prizes to each seven-man-section winner in the preliminary round and gold medals to each Class Champion in the finals.

Entry is for members of the CCLA only, but non-members can readily join this affiliate of the USCF by writing to J. W. Jenkins, CCLA Secretary, Newark, New York.

PROVIDENCE (R. I.) CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Providence (R. I.) Chess Club in the YMCA on October 30th the following were elected as officers for the ensuing season: Otto Hoffer, president; David Hudnut, vice-president; Walter Suesman, secretary; Ted Peisach, treasurer; Ted Worrell, director of activity; and Irving Winsor and Clyde King as "Y" Del. & Brd. Ted Peisach also assumed editorship of "Chess Chat" hitherto edited by Walter Suesman.

CUBA SHOWS OLD SKILL AT CHESS STILL REMAINS

Cuba, whose chess playing days date back beyond the visits of Morphy to Havana, shows the same victorious spirit that sent Jose Capablanca forth to capture the World Crown, in the team tournament sponsored by the Central American and Caribbean Olympics at Barranquilla in Columbia, the Cuban team emerged victorious, winning seven of their eight matches and holding a tie in the other for a game score of 23-9.

The Cuban team defeated Puerto Rico twice by 2½-1½ and 4-0; Venezuela twice by 3½-2½ and 2½-1½, San Domingo twice by 3-1, and Columbia once by 2½-1½ while the second meeting ended in a tie.

The Columbia quartet finished second by winning four matches with two ties and two losses for a game score of 19-13. They defeated San Domingo twice by 3-1 and Puerto Rico once by the same score, while they defeated Venezuela once by 3½-2½. They tied with Cuba and with Venezuela once each.

The Puerto Ricans got off to a brilliant start and were in the lead until the fifth round, finishing in third place with two matches won, three tied and three lost for a game score of 15½-15½. Fourth was Venezuela with 13½-18½ with one victory over San Domingo and four ties. San Domingo finished last with two tied matches and six losses and a game score of 9-23.

Members of the victorious team were M. Aleman, F. Planas, J. Paz, J. B. Morales and J. Alvarez. Of these both Aleman and Planas have played recently in the U. S.—Aleman at Pittsburgh Open and Planas at Yankton International, which he won. Aleman won six, lost one and drew one; Planas won five and drew three.

Best score of the meet was compiled by M. Cuillar of Columbia who scored seven wins and one draw without a defeat. George Koltanowski, the blindfold expert, acted as Tournament Director. Success of this first team tournament has created plans for its repetition next year with an augmented entry list.

I. B. M. CHESS BOWS TO POUGHKEEPSIE CHADWICK CHESS

Meeting at the Grossinger Hotel in Liberty, N. Y., the Poughkeepsie Chadwick Chess Club (N. Y.) defeated the I. B. M. Chess Club of Endicott, N. Y. by the score of 6½-3½. The Poughkeepsie Chadwick Club is scheduled to travel to West Point for a contest with the Cadets on eight boards January 26. Results of the match with I. B. M. were:

Poughkeepsie	I. B. M.
E. Sterling Carter 0	Chester Homan 1
Victor Heim 1	Russel Allen ½
Rev. C. E. Hopkin 1	Meriville Mitchell 0
Fred Schmitz 1	Abner Ogden 0
Frank C. Art 1	Robert Morris 0
George Traver 0	Harold Thayer 1
Joseph Meyerson 1	Ralph Wade 0
Emil Jensen 0	Leland Ostrander 1
Hans Gronke 1	William Schweizer 0
Dan Meyerson 1	Bert Chapman 0
Poughkeepsie 6½	I. B. M. 3½

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MODESTO CHESS FIRST BIRTHDAY (CAL.) CELEBRATES

Leaping the hurdle of no regular meeting place the Modesto (California) Chess Club celebrates its first birthday with a proud record of successful operation.

Among the events that now cast their shadows ahead are the forthcoming series of team matches with the Fresno (California) Chess Club, the first annual championship tournament and a ladder tournament. Exhibitions by George Koltanowski and I. A. Horowitz are scheduled for February and a standing invitation has been issued to all visiting masters.

In 1946, despite its infancy as an organization, the Modesto Club has had exhibitions by Koltanowski, Horowitz and Stelner. The last named master has given two, and although one of these was on the inauspicious date of Friday, December 13th, thirty members were present despite the fact that only three days notice was given in advance. On this occasion with twenty-two boards played Herman Steiner won twenty and lost two, to Monte Jackson and A. Andrews. Mr. Jackson (of Riverside) holds the distinction of besting both Horowitz and Koltanowski as well in their exhibitions. Herbert Paul is president and Herbert Betker vice-president of the Modesto Club.

HOROWITZ SHOWS BRILLIANT CHESS AT CHESS DIVAN

On Wednesday, January 8, I. A. Horowitz gave a brilliant simultaneous exhibition at the Washington (D. C.) Chess Divan in ten clock games against a formidable array of opponents. In five hours of hard play Horowitz yielded draws to D. H. Mugridge and S. E. Wagman, while he defeated M. C. Stark, H. Berliner, A. W. Fox, E. M. Knapp, Wm. F. Gray, G. S. Thomas, R. S. Cantwell and M. Kurtz to the surprise of the Divanites.

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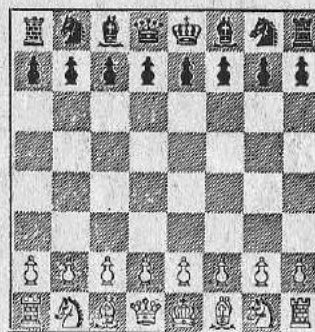
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