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H. P. Tagle Philippine Champion

WAR'S DAMAGE CANNOT CHECK WARRIORS OF CHECKERED BOARD

First Championship Tournament Held In Republic Of The Philippines

Despite the ravages of war which still blight the ruined, but reviving, city of Manila, chess is not forgotten nor neglected in this new-born Republic of the Philippines. Conditions are far from ideal as Horacio P. Tagle, president of the Manila Chess Club confesses when he writes: "Postwar conditions have materially and deeply changed the lives of our people; when before the war it would have taken one ten minutes to get to a given place, it would take him half an hour now; where one could live alone in a decent and healthy home before, he has now to share a crowded and high-renting, poorly-roofed shack; where unemployment was not a problem then, it is the rule now rather than the exception."

Yet despite these handicaps chess thrives in the Philippines and on December 1, 1946 at Manila began the first National Chess Championship Tournament of the Republic of the Philippines. Seventeen players (some from far-away provinces) participated. The title was won by Horacio P. Tagle of the Manila Chess Club which acted as sponsor of the tournament. Finals results were:

1. H. P. Tagle	14 1/2
2. V. T. Barconilla	12 1/2
3. A. Navarro	12 1/2
4. S. Pelaez	12 1/2
5. C. Benitez	12 1/4

Prizes for this first national tournament were donated by Benedito Padilla, honorary president of the Manila Chess Club, who provided first prize; Julio Victor Rocha, local architect, who presented a permanent trophy to be inscribed with the names of the annual victors; J. Zabaljauregui who donated a gold medal for second; and the Manila Chess Club which gave a silver medal for third. Attorney Horace S. King (California State Chess Ass'n member) of the U. S. War Crimes Court at Manila donated a prize for the most brilliant game of the tournament.

Previously, in February of 1946 an All-Comers Chess Tournament with four Americans participating was a decided success in arousing interest in chess. Dr. Antonio Arce, former national champion, won first place and received custody of the trophy donated by Justice Delfin Jaranilla of the International Military Tribunal for the Far East. The second annual All-Comers Tournament will be held this month.

In April and June, the Manila Chess Club held its own annual club championship; and Ramon L. Lopez won the title.

CHESS LIFE IS "CHESSOGENIC" SAYS U. S. SMITH

Writing in his two chess columns—"Play Chess" in the *White Bear Press* and "Chess Chatter" in the *Stillwater Post-Messenger*—U. S. Smith of Willernie, Minn., insists that CHESS LIFE is "chessogenic." Trusting that there is the same element of flattery in this term as in "photogenic," CHESS LIFE wishes to thank Mr. Smith for these kind words.

CENTRO-AMERICAN FIDE CONGRESS AT BARRANQUILLA

During the course of the Caribbean Team Matches at Barranquilla, Colombia, December 12 to 22, the first Congress of the Centro-American and Caribbean Zone of FIDE met at the Alhambra Club under the presidency of Jose Victor Regueiro (Cuba), FIDE Delegate, with Dr. Alonzo Hernandez Barreto (Colombia) acting as secretary and Dr. Rogelio Lamarche Soto (Dominican Republic) serving as treasurer. Other delegates to the Congress were Luis E. Marquez and Luis Carlos Torrenegra (Colombia), Jorge Bou Morales and Angel Alvarez Costales (Cuba), Hector Vissepo Mendez (Puerto Rico), and Hector Estevez, Jr. (Venezuela).

The Congress approved the proposal of Delegate Regueiro that individual championship for men, women and juniors be put in contest every two years in the Caribbean zone with the first tournament in 1947. It was also agreed to register the resolution that chess should be included in the Olympic games and to request the Cuban Government to issue a series of postage stamps bearing the face of the late Jose Capablanca.

HOROWITZ STAYS MUCH TOO GOOD AT SIMULTNEOUS

In the biggest simultaneous exhibition ever held in West Virginia, I. A. Horowitz met thirty-nine opponents at the Catholic High School cafeteria under the joint sponsorship of the Charleston and Carbide Chess Clubs in Charleston, W. Va. Horowitz won thirty-six games, lost to State Champion Dr. Siegfried Werthammer of Huntington and drawing with Edward Foy and Former State Champion John Hurt, both of Charleston.

Next reported at Louisville, Ky., Horowitz led thirty-four unsuspecting chess players to the slaughter, including State Champion Jack Moyses. Only two players escaped with draws from the general massacre. These were former State Champion Richard W. Shields and Neil Zimmerman.



TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE AND PLAYERS IN FILIPINO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. Seated, left to right, the members of the Tournament Committee of the Manila Chess Club which sponsored the National Championship Tournament: B. Simbulan; M. Gerardo; J. Lontoc; R. H. Lopez (Manila Chess Champion); H. P. Tagle (National Chess Champion of the Philippines); Dr. A. Arce (former National Champion).



THE CUBAN TEAM—CHAMPIONS OF THE CARIBBEAN. Seated, left to right: Jose Paz (Board 3), Havana's Champion; Jorge Bou Morales (Board 4), Cuban Team Captain and delegate to FIDE; Francisco Planas (Board 2), victor at Yankton, 1946. Standing: Miguel Aleman (Board 1), Champion of Cuba; Angel Alvarez Costales (Substitute), Havana's High School Champion; Jose Victor Regueiro, FIDE Delegate in Central America and the Caribbean.

ILL. STATE CHAMP. PAUL POSCHEL LEADS AT AUSTIN

State Champion Paul Poschel swept through the preliminaries of the Austin Chess and Checker Club (Chicago, Ill.) Annual Championship Tournament without loss of a game. Although seeded in the finals as defending Club Champion, Poschel participated in the preliminaries "just to keep in shape." Twenty-five wins and two draws indicate that he was successful. L. G. Harrison, former president of the club and USCF director from Illinois was a close second.

The Austin Club has established a special program committee with John Nowak as chairman and among the members State Champion Poschel and Paul Adams, secretary of the city chess league. This committee is now planning a stimulating program for the coming spring and summer months.

GEO. KOLTANOWSKI SHOWS NO HEART AT HART HOUSE

January 14 will be remembered in Toronto, Canada, for the heartless skill of blindfold expert, George Koltanowski, who played a simultaneous exhibition of thirty-five boards at Hart House, winning twenty-five games, losing two and drawing eight. D. Fox and D. Gillies were the two winners, while draws were obtained by C. T. Morrison, F. H. Armstrong, D. C. Marshall, J. Atkinson, T. F. Morris, F. Pataky, J. Mann and L. Moser.

After the exhibition Koltanowski entertained his opponents with his famous feat of memory in calling off the Knight's tour of the chess board blindfolded. This is a trick that few chess players can accomplish even with the aid of their eyesight. Professor W. P. Wallace and B. Freedman, CCCA secretary, supervised the event.

PICCADILLY vs. MINNEAPOLIS FEUD CONTINUES

On February 3rd the ancient and friendly feud between the Minneapolis Chess and Checker Club and the Piccadilly Chess Club of Willernie (Minn.) entered a new phase when representatives of the two clubs met on the program "Quiz of the Twin Cities" on Station WCCO. Piccadilly was represented by Arthur Cheasick, V. G. Lowe, Jr., Douglas Swansick, and Donald Maher. It is not known whether the Piccadilly group averted the opposition by wearing their new beige sport-shirts upon which "Piccadilly" is embroidered in red with "Chess Club" beneath in black, encircling a crown, the whole design being encircled within an oval and placed on the left hand pocket. Credit for this idea of uniform shirts, novel in chess circles, belongs to Arthur Cheasick, sponsor of the Piccadilly Chess Club, who outfitted the members.

MERCANTILE HAS PHILA LEAGUE'S TITLE CINCHED

With one round left for playing, the Mercantile Library Chess Club has the team title of the Philadelphia Chess League in a firm grip, for even a loss to the retiring champion Franklin Chess Club in the final round cannot snatch the title from the Mercantile team. Standings in the semi-final round are:

Team	Matches	Games
Mercantile Library	5-0	23-7
Arlington YMCA	4 1/2-1 1/2	21-35
Franklin Chess Club	3-2	17 1/2-12 1/2
Germentown White	2-4	15 1/2-14 1/2
North City Chess Club	2-3	18-17
Germentown Red	1 1/2-3 1/2	12 1/2-17 1/2
Rheem Mfg. Co.	0-5	21-27 1/2

CHARLESTON (W. Va.) HAS ACTIVE JR. CHESS GROUPS

Ed. Holt (son of the WVCA Sec'y-Treas.) has reorganized the Charleston (W. Va.) High School Chess Club which was dormant during the war years. Ed. Holt was elected president with Ray Johnson as vice-president and Larry Kinman as secretary.

Further junior chess activity is promised in Charleston with plans for a junior chess championship tournament, open only to high and junior high school students.

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WILLARD H. MUTCHLER

ON January 7th, 1947, Willard Hammond Mutchler succumbed to a heart affliction which had in recent years deprived the Washington chess world of his active leadership. News of his passing came to CHESS LIFE too late to gain more than a note in the issue of January 20th, but it is only fitting that an acknowledgement of his contributions to chess be made, even at this late date.

Born October 5, 1903 in Easton, Pennsylvania, Mutchler became interested in chess at the age of fourteen. The interest continued through his years at George Washington University and became one of the major diversions of his life.

Officially Mutchler was a metallurgist at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D. C. and his specialty since 1921 was research on the corrosion of metals used in aircraft. He was the author of many papers upon this subject and contributed valuable research during World War II.

In chess Mutchler was associated for more than twenty-five years with almost every chess activity in the District of Columbia and since 1923 was chess editor of the *Washington Post*. Among his outstanding endeavors was a tournament conducted in 1941 in which one hundred players competed for a \$250 carved ivory chess set—an event sponsored by the *Washington Post* and publicized throughout the country.

As a player before his heart ailment caused him to retire from too active participation in chess, he was top man on the ladder of the Capitol City Chess Club for five years. He was also a collector of chess books and magazines, and his collection included photostatic or originals of practically every chess article published in Washington newspapers since 1821.

Willard Mutchler leaves behind a wife and an eight-year-old daughter, Mary Kennedy Mutchler. To these is extended the heartfelt sympathy of chess players everywhere.

THAT INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR

CHANCE and not intention gives that international flavor to the front page of this issue of CHESS LIFE. It is not our intention at this time to devote the limited space of CHESS LIFE to a record of foreign chess events, since the United States has chess magazines equipped to render chess players this service. But the editor cannot feel that news from Cuba or from the Philippines is ever foreign or alien.

Since Morphy made his first trip to Havana for a chess exhibition there has always been a constant interchange of chess visitors with Cuba. Senors Aleman and Planas of Cuba have both been very recent visitors to our shores. And the memory of Bataan where Filipino and American fought side by side forbids us ever to think of these islands as alien.

Guest Editorial

"UNITED" IS A MAGIC WORD

By S. J. Alexander

Organizer of Manhattan (Montana) Chess Club

AS subscribers of CHESS LIFE we have indicated our interest in the chess life of America. We want it to grow, we want it to reach for maturity in our time and attain rank in this country comparable to anything the rest of the world has to offer. Americans do not like the idea of supremacy in chess that is apparently becoming an Old World habit. We hope it is not going to take generations of chess players here to develop some Atomic Timber Pushers.

"UNITED" is a magic word. When we put it to work, the results astonish and stun the imagination. We no longer hear "it can't be done." In these United States we have a United Nations at work, and the prayers of the world are "How soon?". All of us can whip up the old chess fable into new life, by placing a membership in the USCF, and thereby do our part, however small, in placing the world-wide warlike attitude upon the chess tables. We are told that was the original idea of chess. The Olympic Games and our round-the-world service clubs are groping along the same lines. To the extent that we unite, to that extent we can hope.

Quality is what we are seeking in American chess. Then quantity is what we must have—a united quantity. There is no doubt in my mind, nor in yours, but that Russian quality is the result of the enormous quantity from which they draw. And they are united. They play chess like we play baseball. Our enrollment of new members in Febru-

ary is of top importance—in February and all the rest of the year. It is my thought that every member can exert himself, put forth an earnest effort to "make" another chess player in 1947. See that enrollment in the USCF follows closely after.

If opportunity presents, try for the organization of a chess club in adjacent territory, offer your services to start it and keep it going. Try for a start in grade and high schools, in lodges and civic groups. There is nothing to lose and a great deal of personal satisfaction to gain.

Gold is where you find it; some picked their nuggets from a creek bed—others dug deep for their bonanza. We can do our prospecting close by, and most of us like to hunt for treasure. Share the game with some person who doesn't know that a "checker board" is really a CHESS BOARD, inherited through the ages. If you cannot do any actual prospecting in the chess field, you can send a dollar and grub-stake the effort—today's learner may be a budding Marshall!

Something to try for in 1947: To how many players can you be a "Chess-father"? Can you arrange for your club to sponsor another club? How many 1947 members will your efforts bring in? This is a dollars and "sense" proposition we can mull over, and obtain the desired results, each in his own way. There is no easy way to attain these objectives. A little of our time, a little of our effort and a little of our money will pave the way to a United Strategic Chess Front.

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

NATIONAL CHESS MONTH MEANS "BOOST AMERICAN CHESS"

(Monthly Letter No. 38)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

President, The United States Chess Federation

WE have proclaimed February as National Chess Month, and exhortations are everywhere being voiced to boost American Chess during this month as never before. To hear these voices from every part of the country is at the same time an encouragement and an incentive to greater effort.



Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

The program of the Federation may be regarded as reasonably complete at the present time, although additional activities which may be of benefit to the chess players of the United States will always be given the full backing of the Federation. The schedule of activities already planned can be carried out most effectively with a substantially increased membership.

A splendid national Junior Championship Tournament is being planned for this summer by the Cleveland Press, the Cleveland Chess Association and the Ohio Chess Association, and announcement concerning this event will shortly appear. The Corpus Christi Chess Club and the Texas Chess Association are vowing that the 48th Annual Congress and Open Championship to which they will be hosts next August will outshine anything which has ever gone before. Plans for a nationally organized program of chess for women are also in the making. As well as many others. The force which these plans can attain will be in direct proportion to the charge which is put behind them in terms of Federation membership.

Support the National Chess Council! Boost American Chess! Join the United States Chess Federation!

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

Would it not be interesting if the visit of the Russian chess team to the U. S. could be enlarged to include visits by the individual members to various cities in this country for simultaneous exhibitions? This may be impossible, as first it would require approval by our own government and then the permission of the Russian government. The language difficulty could be met by locating an interpreter in each city. I am sure that Kansas City players would turn out well for such an exhibition by any one of their team.

R. B. HOUSTON
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

I enjoy your chess newspaper very much. I eagerly await each issue.

I believe it would meet with the readers' approval if you published some games in your paper that are not readily available to the average chess enthusiast. Most of your readers subscribe to some chess magazine and these tournament games are published and analysed by them. This is just a thought and

not a complaint, however, as different analyses of games helps one to understand the masters' technique better.

D. J. GRAY
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

The enclosed clipping ("Youngster Chess Menace to Elder at Minneapolis" Ed.) which appears in the December 20th issue of CHESS LIFE is evidently taken from the November 15th issue of "The Pawnshop."

I originated the "Pawnshop" several years ago as a one-sheet letter to boost the club membership and "to make for interest" in the club and it has fulfilled its mission in a fine manner.

May I also compliment you on the excellent job that you are doing as Editor of CHESS LIFE. It is newsy and presents same in an interesting manner. Don't stop until EVERY chess player in the U. S. is a subscriber.

CHARLES M. HARDINGE
Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Who's Who In American Chess

S. J. Alexander

Steve Alexander was born in LaFayette, Indiana, on March 26th, 1890, and lived there for his first seventeen years, which were barren of any interest in chess. In 1905 Steven started on his career of railroading, and for the last seventeen years has lived in Manhattan, Montana, as a railroad agent and unofficial promoter of a wider interest in chess.

It was in 1919 that Steve tried fishing for speckled mountain trout and while doing so learned his first chess from a shepherd. He confesses that both trout and shepherd were too much to handle in that first experience. It took him ten years of trying to find out that he would never be a fisherman, but he is still optimistic about the chess.

Since Montana was not a populous state and the percentage of chess players to total population is always small, Steve started his chess under a handicap. But he remained undaunted and has always had his chess by the simple process of teaching friends and neighbors how to play the game. Seven years ago he organized the Manhattan Chess Club with three chess players and fifteen beginners as charter members. It has held to a consistent level of twenty to twenty-five members ever since. This would be a good record in any town, in Manhattan with a population under seven hundred it is truly remarkable. Steve Alexander feels that Robert Ripley has overlooked them, and CHESS LIFE concurs in that opinion.

J. van Teylingen

Architect by profession and a chess-player by avocation, J. van Teylingen is the present Champion of the State of Montana. Born in Rotterdam, Holland on November 19, 1891, van Teylingen has made his home at Great Falls, Montana. He completed his architectural studies in Holland, where he learned his first chess at the age of fourteen, and came to America in 1913.

As a chess player Van early acquired the knack of blind-fold chess in a rather unusual way. As a boy in Holland he was a strict church attendant by family compulsion, and Van and his chess-playing friends

J. van Teylingen

found the long-winded sermons a little too strenuous. To break the monotony of the two-hours sermons they tried their hand at playing chess without men or board. The results were surprising and in no time they were able to play through an entire game.

But the parents of these young chess players could not understand how the boys had suddenly developed such an interest in going to church; when hitherto it had been so difficult to get them on their way. When they quizzed the boys about the sermon and received rather vague responses a light dawned at last: and this came close to ending the chess careers of these young opportunists.

Before the war Van was Montana State Champion, but could not defend his title while active in the war effort as Chief Engineer with the United States Army at Denver, and later as representative of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Association in both Egypt and Greece. On his return to Montana Van recaptured the state title in 1946 as he settled down once again to his prewar practice of architecture as a profession.

Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojam

Dear Editor:
Some of our Junior players do not take the time to look up the meanings and origins of words used in the game of Chess; I offer a few of such words:

Some words used in the game of Chess; their meaning and origin:

Check: The Standard Dictionary gives the meaning: A sudden stop; a repulse; a hindrance, etc.; but does not convey the meaning as we use the word. Check is derived from the Persian word Shah (a king), hence the meaning "Mind the King, the King is in danger." It is also derived from the old French word *eschec*. As the International Chess Federation was organized in Paris, France on July 20, 1924 and as the deliberations of this Federation are conducted in French (nearly all of the delegates know French as well as their own language) the official title of that Federation is Federation Internationale des Echecs.

Chess: Also derived from the Persian word Shah.
Checkmate: Is derived from the Arabic "Alshah mat" (The King is dead).

Rook: Derived from the Persian word Rookh, a soldier or warrior, and because of its shape also called a Castle.

Pawn: Derived from the old French "Paon," a foot soldier; also the Spanish "Peon," originally "one who travels on foot."

I must not take up more space; more in my next. I am indebted for most of the above to Frank Colby, Editor of "Take my word for it."

Maurice S. Kuhns
President Emeritus, USCF
Vice-President, FIDE

ALL SCHOLASTIC CHESS PROMOTED BY BOARD OF ED.

In Cleveland (Ohio) where the value of chess for juniors has long been appreciated the Physical Education Department of the Cleveland School Board through Supervisor Floyd Rowe is preparing to promote the playing of chess in the schools of the Cleveland area. Notices have been sent to eighty-six schools in Cuyahoga County to send representatives to a meeting organized to formulate a comprehensive chess educational program. The Cleveland Chess Association participates in this program through the activity of its director of junior chess, M. L. Warren of the South Euclid Chess Club.

Another phase of the junior chess program in Cleveland is the weekly meetings of juniors in the Cleveland Public Library where on January 11th John Hoy, Ohio State Champion, found going tough in a simultaneous exhibition and was forced to concede six wins and three draws to the juniors. Winners were: William Granger (Glenville High), Rainer Sachs (Roxboro Jr. High), Alfred Robbotoy (West Tech.), Norman Saunders (Cathedral Latin), Richard Christopher (Cathedral Latin) and Jim Harkins (Shaker Heights). Draws went to Bernard Berkman (Grenville), Fred Bartell (Lincoln), and Donald Latnik (Fairfax Elementary).

GERMANTOWN (PA) BESTS LANCASTER, WEST CHESTER

Visiting the Red Rose Chess Club (Lancaster, Pa.) on December 28, the Germantown YMCA Chess Club inflicted a 7-3 1/2 defeat in revenge for an earlier besting by the Lancaster-Reading chess combination. With Junior Champion Saul Wachs at first board the lineup and results were:

Germantown	Red Roses
S. Wachs	M. Paul
W. Hall	D. McDivitt
W. L. Arkless	T. Eckenrode
J. Kelly	R. Plauteger
W. Generous	C. Deery
A. Neff	J. Logue
M. Selensky	S. Stotler
H. Ferris	J. Snyder
J. Whitcomb	G. Miller
H. Jesser	D. Hawis
A. Schreiber	J. Huss
Germantown	Red Roses
7 1/2	5 1/2

Then on January 7 the victorious Germantown team toured to West Chester (Pa.) where a resolute team of the Brandywine Chess Club held the visitors to a draw match.

Brandywine Chess	Germantown YMCA
Chamberlain	Arkless
Arnold	Hall
Silkin	Selensky
Raiford	Ferris
Harris	Pried
Hughes	Clark
Watson	Whitcomb
Brandywine	Germantown
3 1/2	3 1/2

CHESS PLAYERS SCORN THE FURY OF THE ELEMENTS

Cold winds, sleet and snow failed to dampen the ardor of chess fans on New Year's Day at Germantown (Pa.) when they turned out en masse for the annual simultaneous exhibition by I. A. Horowitz. The elements also failed to daunt the New York master, for he scored a choice twenty-nine wins against thirty-four players from an assortment of clubs and conceded only two draws and three losses.

Winning from the expert were Charles C. French and Albert Neff of the Germantown YMCA Chess Club, which was host for the occasion, and Ernest Heckroth of Mercantile Library Chess Club (Philadelphia). Pennsylvania Junior Champion Saul Wachs and Walter Hall, both of Germantown YMCA, held the master to a draw. Among the assorted clubs represented in the opposition to Horowitz were: Philadelphia Rifle Club, Red Rose Chess Club (Lancaster), Franklin Chess Club (Philadelphia), University of Pennsylvania, Wynnefield Chess Club, Rheem Chess Club (Philadelphia), Highland Gardens Chess Club, and Wagner Junior High.

ACTIVITY ALWAYS AT MINNEAPOLIS CHESS & CHECKER

Among the finest equipped clubs in the U. S. is the Chess & Checker Club of Minneapolis (Minn.) which dates back in lineage to 1904 although the present incorporated organization was formed in 1936. The club is centrally located in one of the larger office buildings and is equipped with forty tables for chess and checkers. These tables were made specially for the club and have enameled chess boards with 3 1/2 inch squares and pieces of cast aluminum with 4 1/2 inch kings in green and black cavort across these boards.

Present membership numbers about eighty and the club is open from noon to midnight. Average evening attendance is thirty-five except when any special events draws a fuller membership. Principal item for encouraging attendance is the semi-monthly bulletin "The Pawnshop" edited by Charles M. Hardinge. Officers of the club are George S. Barnes, president; L. P. Narveson, vice-president; Robert R. Gueydan, secretary; and Charles M. Hardinge, treasurer. Orim M. Oulman, organizer of the club in its present form, retired as president in 1945 after serving since 1939 in that capacity.



"CHESS DIVAN" OF ST. PETERSBURG CLUB IS UNIQUE

As far back as 1917 chess players were meeting in Williams Park, St. Petersburg (Fla.), bringing their own boards and men. Through the efforts of A. H. Gerwig in 1931 the city government made available the building which now houses the St. Petersburg Chess Club, and which is the largest building in the south exclusively devoted to the game of chess—possibly the largest so devoted in the United States.

With the acquisition of quarters the club was formally organized and the members united to decorate and furnish the club. To Mrs. Grace J. M. Cook the club is indebted for much of its furnishings and Mrs. Cook, who has been commuting between her home and St. Petersburg for more than forty consecutive seasons, ranks among the earliest and most loyal members of the club.

Present membership in the club is approximately two hundred and fifty, and the report of the annual meeting in 1945 indicated the definite cosmopolitan flavor of the club for nineteen states were represented in the membership and ten foreign countries.

Club president is H. W. Kendall (St. Petersburg), Captain Arthur Hass (St. Petersburg) is vice-president, and J. S. Gaylord (East Long Meadows, Mass.) is secretary-treasurer. Dr. Agnes B. Ferguson has charge of publicity for the club and John Percy serves as tournament director. The weekly battle between the Yankee-Dodger teams of the club provide from ten to eighteen tables of chess every Monday evening, and an almost weekly match with the neighboring Tampa Chess Club keeps the members of both organizations alert.

MARYLAND CHESS BESTS BALTIMORE POLYTECHNIC

In a recent match a team from the Maryland Chess Club (Baltimore) defeated the chess team of the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute by the score of 3-2. Polytechnic players were John Hall (captain), Donald Wor, George Kohlhepp, Laughtenberger and Wentner.

Afterwards George Lapoint, secretary of the Maryland club, gave a simultaneous against the Polytechnic players while Charles Barash (Maryland Club) blindfolded bested John Hall, the Polytechnic president.

PHILIDOR CHESS (PATERSON, N. J.) JOINS THE USCF

Among the most recent additions to the USCF Club Chapters is the Philidor Chess Club of Paterson, N. J. which meets regularly in the Paterson YMCA on Ward Street. Officers of the club are: Clarke Redfield (Tenally, N. J.) president; Henry Guabello (Haledon, N. J.) vice-president; Carlisle Saxton (Paterson, N. J.) secretary-treasurer; and Alfred Ferle (Ridgewood, N. J.) team captain for match play.

The club has just finished a gruelling elimination tournament of forty-six rounds of play in which the following placed as top men:

A. Bramson (Paterson)	45 1/2
Peter Duncan (Paterson)	44 - 2
Joseph La Rosa (Paterson)	39 - 7
Jacob Fless (Paterson)	38 - 10
V. Van Ostenbrugge (Hawthorne)	36 - 10
Robert Kohlthoff (E. Paterson)	32 - 14
William K. Simon (Fair Lawn)	32 - 14
Carlisle Saxton (Paterson)	32 - 16

Of these players Mr. Jacob Fless is a veteran of eighty-four years while among the players that did not place was a mere youngster of eighty-two, Robert Montgomery, who deserves special mention for his feat of not missing a single session although it required a twenty-mile bus ride each way to participate in the tournament.

UNIV. OF PENN. CHESS CLUB WINS FROM PENN. STATE

The University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia) Chess Club won a victory on January 11th in a six-man team match against the Pennsylvania State College Chess Club by a score of 4 1/2-1 1/2. The lineup was as follows:

Univ. of Penn.	Penn. State
Panoff	Nucker
Greenway	Gerwig
Neenbergh	Phillipbar
Soltzer	Schwimmer
Granly	Kimley
Siegrfried	Harwood
Univ. of Penn.	Penn. State
4 1/2	1 1/2

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MARSHALL CHESS (DETROIT) WINS TRIANGULAR MEET

Sunday, January 26, saw the Marshall Chess Club of Detroit join the Checkmate Club (Cleveland) in a trek to meet the Toledo Chess Club in a three-way match at the Toledo Club's quarters in the Academy of Medicine Building, Toledo.

Victor of the triangular tourney was the Marshall Club with ten wins, two draws and seven losses. The Checkmate Club was second with nine wins, one draw and ten losses, while Toledo (playing the perfect host) was third with eight wins, one draw and ten losses.

Detroit	Cleveland
Pilawski	Bielecki
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After 21. ... P-Qk4

Weinstein

SICILIAN DEFENSE 1946 Philippine National Championship Tournament

Notes by Erich Marchand
White Black
H. P. TAGLE C. LOPEZ
1. P-K4 P-QB4 2. P-Qk3
A refreshing departure from the usual procedure against the Sicilian. By playing the Sicilian in the first place Black tried to turn the game into his own chosen direction. Now White has more or less turned the tables on him.

After 21. ... B-K3
Lopez
22. KtP-K2 R-K2 24. R-K7 Resigns.
23. R-K1 B-Q4

NIMZOVITCH DEFENSE 1946 Southwestern Open Tournament—Houston, Texas

Notes by Richard Harvel
White Black
J. C. THOMPSON J. W. STAPP
1. P-Q4 Kt-K3 3. Kt-QB3 B-K5
2. P-QB4 P-K3 4. P-Qk3
4. Q-B2 is considered stronger, but the text is perfectly good. The only objection to it is that it tends to fix the position too quickly.

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12. Kt-K4 P-QB4
This is not good. White's chances in a blocked position will be better than Black's due to his control of greater space on the K-side. The White Pawns (K4, K5, K6) will hamper Black in arranging an adequate defense. Possibly 12. ... Q-R5 or B-B4 will be better, but Black's game is already difficult. 12. ... PxP (or 13. ... KtP; 13. BxKt, PxB; 14. Q-R-K1), is answered by 13. P-KR3.

After 13. ... Kt-K1
Stapp
13. Kt-K15 P-KK15 16. PxP e.p. KtBP
14. P-K4 B-K2 17. B-Q2 R-B1
15. Kt-B3 P-B4 18. QR-K1 Kt-K1
Black is getting set for what is to be a hopeless siege. Notice that every one of White's pieces is aimed at the Black K-side.

19. Q-Q1 Kt-K12 20. Kt-K5 B-Q2
20. ... B-Q3, attacking the Kt is more vigorous.
21. Q-Kt4 Q-K4 24. R(1)-KB1 QR-KB1
22. KtB B-Q2 25. R-F3 P-K4
23. R-B3 R-B2 25. R-F3 P-K4
Futal, since it pins the position to White's advantage. It is difficult to suggest a good move, however (J. C. Thompson).

FRENCH DEFENSE 1946 U. S. Women's Championship Tournament

Notes by Erich W. Marchand
White Black
MISS N. MAY KARFF MRS. MARY BAIN
1. P-K4 Kt-K3 4. P-QB3 Kt-QB3
2. P-Q4 P-Q4 5. Q-Kt4
3. P-K5 P-QB4
An unusual move, but not bad in several variations of the French Defense. The weakness here created (6. ... P-KR4) actually proves the case for a further weakening (25. ... P-K13) which is chiefly responsible for the loss of the game.

22. ... Kt-K2 26. B-B6 Kt(R2)-B3
23. Kt-B3 Kt(K2)-B3 27. R(B)-Kt QR-K1
24. B-K5 Kt-K4 28. Q-B1 KtQP
25. Kt-B4 P-K13
Black is desperate. White plans to penetrate the King's position and the text is about the only way to stop it.

29. RxKt KR-B1 32. Kt-K2 KtKt ch.
30. R-R2 QxP 33. RxKt - P-K15
31. QxQ RxQ
All is not yet over. Black's two passed Pawns could give trouble. White, however, counters correctly with the approach of the King.

BUDAPEST DEFENSE 1946 Pennsylvania State Championship—Reading, Pa.

Notes by Dr. J. Platz
White Black
H. MORRIS R. P. SMITH
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. PxP Kt-K5
2. P-QB4 P-K4 4. B-B4
Leader once said that on general principles the Knights should be developed before the Bishops. Best is 4. P-K4.

21. ... Kt-R1
22. R-K1
Now White threatens R-Kt ch. with P-R7 ch. and P-R(Q).
24. R-K2 25. P-B5 Kt-K2
25. B-K4 K-Q2 29. Pxp ch. BxP
26. P-B5 B-Q2 30. R-Kt ch. Resigns
27. B-Q6 R(2)-K1
If 30. ... KR3, White mates at once with Kt-R5, Q-B6, KtB. White mates in two with 31. R-B5, BxR; 32. R-K8 mate. White took full advantage of Black's backward development. This game was awarded the prize for the best played game in the tournament.

QUEEN PAWN GAME 1946 U. S. Championship Tournament

Notes by Albert C. Margolis
White Black
S. RESHEVSKY H. STEINER
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-OB3 B-K5
2. P-QB4 P-K3 4. P-K3 P-Q4
P-Qk3 is a good move here.
5. P-QR3
This is considered a good move once Black has played P-Q4 as the resulting doubled pawn is no handicap because the front pawn can be exchanged at any time.

10. P-B3 R-K1 12. R-K1 B-Q2
11. 0-0 Q-B2
Kt-K2 threatening B-B4 looks much better. The text and subsequent moves through developing are not in accord with the needs of

the position. If 13. P-Kt4 then K-R1 followed by Kt(R3)-Kt1 if the Kt is tagged by the KtP. White's exposed King position would then offer Black considerable counter-chances.
QR-01 14. P-Kt4 P-KR3
Now Black has no time and is forced to disrupt his King-side which White so ably blasts to pieces.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE 1946 Intercollegiate Team Tournament

Notes by Albert C. Margolis
White Black
W. SHIPMAN S. WEINSTEIN
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 7. Kt-B3 P-K4
2. P-QB4 P-Q3 8. P-Qk3 R-K1
3. Kt-KB3 Qk1-Q2 9. P-K4 PxP
4. P-K13 P-Kk3 10. KtP Kt-B4
5. B-K12 B-K12 11. R-K1
6. 0-0 0-0
11. P-B3 is necessary to hold the position. The text allows Black too much play.

17. P-KR3 17. P-KR3 KtKt
18. QxKt(B2) Kt-K4
19. Kt-Q5 B-K3
20. QR-Q1 P-QB3
21. Kt-K3 P-Qk4
Very strong.



Shipman
22. PxP P 27. R-K1 0-0
23. Kt-Q5 BxKt 28. Q-B1 B-K1
24. PxB R-QB1 29. B-B1 Q-B3
25. Q-K3 Kt-B5 30. BxKt RxB
26. RxB ch. QxR 31. B-F6
Black can defend himself here.
27. ... R-B1 33. K-K2 P-K4
28. QxP B-K4 34. BxP
29. QxP is no better.
30. ... Q-B4 37. K-R2 Q-K7
31. ... RxB 38. K-K1 QxRP
32. QxR Q-K5 ch. 39. B-F6 Q-R8!

NIMZOVITCH DEFENSE U. S. vs. USSR Team Match Moscow, 1946

Notes by Erich W. Marchand
White Black
R. FINE P. KERES
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 6. Kt-B3 P-Qk3
2. P-QB4 P-K3 7. B-Q2 0-0
3. Kt-QB3 B-K5 8. Q-R2 P-B4
4. P-K3 P-Q4 9. 0-0 Kt-B3
5. P-QR3 B-K2
Black has achieved approximately even game—always his first goal in any opening.
10. R-Q1 PxQP 13. BxP BxR
11. KtP B-F3 14. QxB R-B1
12. B-K5 Pxp
Black even has a slight advantage due to the isolated White QP. White is therefore happy to permit further simplification in order to eliminate this weakness.

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