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USCF Radio League Organized



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CHICAGO INVADES PUERTO RICO BY AIR

Second short-wave radio match between Chicago and Puerto Rico is in progress. Left to right, Albert Sandrin, Paul Poschel, Dan Thompson, Albert Poschel (standing), Margolis Jr., Glenn May (radio operator), Earl Davidson, Sam Cohen, and Albert C. Margolis.



Photo: H. R. Winne.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOLASTIC CHESS LEAGUE

Early in the season Sewickley High, 1946 WPSCL Champions, played host to Samuel Hamilton Junior High. Sewickley players, left, are: Jack Yaeger, Lee Thomson, Hubert Mausey, Milton Hammond and Richard Barnes. Facing them for Hamilton are: John Meyers, Albert Reissicker, William Hodgson, R. Smith and W. Smith.



Photo: Courtesy Harrisburg (Pa.) Telegraph.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA SCHOLASTIC CHESS LEAGUE

First match of the CPSCL saw Hummelstown High playing host to Mechanicsburg High. Seated left, three members of the visiting team: Robert Buis, Richard Breneman and Robert Hawk; seated right, Earl Brubaker, Jack Costello and Jack Dempsey of the Hummelstown team. Standing, left, USCF Director John D. French, referee; and L. Bruce Henderson, Hummelstown principal and sponsor of the match.

2nd SHORT-WAVE RADIO MATCH CELEBRATES ANNOUNCEMENT

USCF Radio League Formation Is Announced By USCF President Wagner

Almost concurrent with the second shortwave radio chess match between Puerto Rico and Chicago teams, which ended in a victory for Chicago with the final score of 4-2, President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., announced the formation of the USCF Radio League to plan and conduct matches by radio between teams and clubs. Details of the organization are not yet all completed but groups interested in radio chess are invited to contact Albert C. Margolis, Director of Radio Chess, 1716 East 68th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Beginning with the widely publicized radio match against the USSR in 1945, the USCF has been studying the possibilities of chess by radio, particularly through the channel of the amateur short-wave radio operator or "ham" operator. The practicality of such matches was demonstrated on September 12, 1946, by the match between Piccadilly Chess Club (Willernie, Minn.) and Milwaukee Municipal Chess League, the match on September 21, 1946, between Kansas City and St. Louis; and the USCF announced its plans to organize a radio chess league (CHESS LIFE, November 29, 1946).

When the opportunity arose to test the possibilities of long range short-wave contests by engaging a Puerto Rican team, the USCF accepted the challenge with alacrity, and the first practical test was made upon March 30, 1947, when a Chicago team composed of Paul Poschel (Illinois Champion), Don Thompson, Albert C. Margolis (former Western Ass'n titleholder), Sam Cohen, Earl Davidson and F. Stoppel encountered over the air lanes a strong Puerto Rican sextet composed of Arturo Colon, Miguel Colon, Francisco Benitez, Luis Rojas, Rafael Cintron and Arturo Figuera. Due to lateness of the start and slowness in play the match could not be completed before the radio band faded but the Chicago team captain, A. C. Margolis, conceded a victory to Puerto Rico on the basis of the definite edge in position held by our Latin American neighbors on the majority of the boards.

On April 13 a return match with the same Puerto Rican team saw a Chicago team, strengthened by the presence of former Illinois Champion Albert Sandrin, win revenge by the score of 4-2. Profiting by the lesson of the first match, games were started earlier and clocks at each board corrected the slowness in moving. As a result only the game between S. Cohen and L. Rojas was adjourned for adjudication (which determined it as a draw).

With the practical knowledge acquired from these two matches plus information on the procedure adopted in other club short-wave matches, Director of Radio Chess A. C. Margolis is now prepared to organize and schedule matches. Promisee of assistance in locating willing "ham" operators throughout the country has been proffered by the American Radio Relay League and

thus solves the difficult problem for many groups in acquiring an outlet.

(Please turn to Page 4 for Game Scores of the Match.)

YANOFSKY-WADE IN TANDEM CHESS ARE TRIUMPHANT

Abe Yanofsky, Canadian Champion 1941-45, and Robert Wade, the New Zealand expert (Champion 1943) celebrated their return from the European chess field by a series of tandem chess exhibitions. On April 9 at the Gambit Chess Club (Toronto) the pair matched their skill against forty chosen players and won 31 games, drawing four and losing five. On April 1 at the Central YMCA (Montreal) the pair scored 43 wins, two losses and three draws; and on April 5 at the Verdun Club (Montreal) 28 wins against two losses.

In a solo effort against members of the Toronto Men's Press Club on April 10, Yanofsky won sixteen games and conceded his only draw to the veteran chess columnist Malcolm Sim of the *Evening Telegraph*.

RUSH WILLARD CHESS CLUB IS 100% USCF CLUB

By a recent change in By-Laws the Rush Willard Chess Club of Bay City (Mich.) has become 100% USCF in membership. Annual membership dues now include the dues to the USCF for each member, and so the Russ Willard Chess Club joins the select circle of clubs which have placed their support behind the Federation program 100%.

USCF ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT WITH GITS MOLDING CO.

According to an announcement by Paul Giers, USCF Executive Vice-President, an agreement has been made by the Federation with the Gits Molding Corp., manufacturers of plastic chess sets, by which Gits will supply without charge a sufficient number of chess sets to the USCF for use in USCF Tournaments to accommodate all players.

PAUL GIERS WILL FLY TO HAGUE USCF ANNOUNCES

USCF Executive Vice-President Paul Giers has his American Air Lines reservation for the trip to the Hague, Holland, where he will represent the USCF in the FIDE meeting, July 30-August 3. Mr. Giers bears with him the USCF recommendation regarding the handling of the World Championship and is prepared to protect the interests of the logical U. S. contenders for the title.

EARLY BIRDS SPEED ENTRIES TO JR. TOURNEY

By noon of April 16 eleven very "early birds" already had their entries in the 2nd National U.S. Junior Championship Tournament on file in S. S. Keeney's office. New York State scored first with Walter Shipman (New York), and Leslie Kilmer and Alfred Piper of Elmira. Other early entries were Jack Hirsch (Denver); Larry Evans (New York City); Richard Cantwell (Washington); Stephen Small (Grand Blanc, Mich.); Jack Spence and Lee Magee (Omaha); Marvin Rogan (Rochester, N.Y.); and Jean Bowley (Newton Jet, N.H.).

Of these players Larry Evans and Walter Shipman (both of New York) are the best known; but Hirsch and Magee are both veterans from the first national tournament, and several of the others have more than local reputations.

CHAMPIONSHIP SUBJECT OF DETAILED STUDY

USCF President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., has appointed a committee to give a detailed study of the problems involved in revising procedure for the U. S. Championship Tournament. Richard Wayne is chairman and his associates on the committee are William M. Byland, Harry Morris and Fred Reinfeld. Results of the committee's deliberations together with concrete recommendations will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Federation at Corpus Christi, Texas.

KESTER SVENDSEN WILL HAVE STORY IN "CHESS WORLD"

Dr. Kester Svendsen, versatile chess expert of the University of Oklahoma faculty and Secretary of the Oklahoma Chess Association, will have a story published in the near future in *Chess World*—the Australian monthly edited by C. J. S. Purdy. The story "Last Round" relates the reactions of an old chessmaster who has all his life been torn between the desire of playing to create a work of art on the chessboard and of playing to win. An entire game (a Danish Gambit) is woven into the text of the story.

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CHESS CONQUERS THE AIR

THE history of CHESS is the fabulous story of victory from the days when out of some undetermined civilization in the East through Persian and Arabic sources it spread westward, conquering wherever it came. Viking guards at Constantinople learned the royal game from their Greco-Roman employers and transported it back to Scandinavia. Moorish hordes carried into Spain on their successful tide of conquest and left it behind when the ebb came in their fortunes, hardy pioneers shipped it to the New World along with their household chattels. And everywhere it conquered.

But with the insatiability of an Alexander looking for new worlds to conquer, CHESS could not remain static and content with its many victories. Owing the land and sea, it looked with aggressive hunger at the air. Tentatively it straddled the air lanes in a match with Moscow. Today it stakes its claim to the air with formation of the USCF Radio Chess League.

Yet not content with one form of claim, it makes another raid into the realm of the sky, sending a bold pioneering team by airplane to play an inter-state club match.

America is a big land, its chess players extend from coast to coast and distance has been master of the situation. It is a challenge that CHESS has accepted. And the airplane and radio short-waves are its answer—a more definite and conclusive answer than the telephone, the telegraph, the auto, train and mail service.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By John D. French

PRACTICAL CHESS By George Koltanowski; Kolty Publishing (\$2.50)

"Practical Chess," a book embodying many new thoughts on the study of chess for those who already play, has been issued by the Kolty Publishing Company, 1760 Grand Avenue, New York 53, a promising new house in the field. The text is written by George Koltanowski, Belgian Champion and Blindfold Expert, and edited by Milton Finkelstein, young New York expert.

In addition to doing away with much of the "book learning lines" to teach basic theory for good play, the book presents a revolutionary idea in allowing the reader to submit personal questions on points raised in the volume to the author, should any part of the perfectly clear text prove difficult to the student.

The volume is spiced with colorful vignettes of Koltanowski's career, a new thought on teaching mating principles, and a question and answer slant that painlessly leads the student of better chess to apply his new found knowledge. Only two attacks and four defenses are needed to give a complete exposition of fundamentals in the book.

CHESS BY YOURSELF By Fred Reinfeld; David McKay (\$2.00)

A most fascinating new type of chess book has come on the market, a product of the prolific Fred Reinfeld. In "Chess By Yourself" the clever innovation of "solitaire chess" is brought to a fine point. Ten games from master play are given, with you, the reader, playing BOTH sides of the board. You find the best attacking lines for White, the soundest counters for Black and collect a point rating for each move.

The interesting thing about it all is that several moves are accepted in many of the positions, all of greater or less value, showing an amazing amount of pre-publication analysis by Mr. Reinfeld. At the end of each game is a chart by which the player may rate his ability against the masters; finding out just how well he would have done at Ventnor City, the USSR Championships and other strong tournaments and matches. The ten games given show a wide range of playing lines and styles. A fine book for the player who is "sick of building up a library of beginners' texts," but equally good for the beginner too!

According To A. Sid. Test

Slamming the piece down on the board with a bang doesn't make the move any stronger. It may dent the chessboard, but it usually fails to impress your opponent.

CHESS TAKES TO THE AIR

(Monthly Letter No. 41)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

President, United States Chess Federation

THE AVENUE of the air waves has opened a new medium by which chess players may ply their wits in competition with other players in different places, no matter what the intervening distances. Matches between two chess masters for some title or honor have a very proper place in the events of the world, but for the average enthusiast, these contests must be appreciated vicariously. Not so with respect to team matches in which every player can enjoy not only the encounter with his personal opponent which lies immediately before him, but can also thrill to the excitement of a team rivalry in which the lead may change hands as each individual game is finished.

Until now it has been necessary in the main to be content with team tournaments within a single city, sponsored by the city leagues in various metropolitan centers. Occasionally an inter-city match is arranged, and still more rarely an inter-state engagement. These have been relatively few in number both because of the time required to travel from one city or state to another and the expense which is necessarily involved. During the past fifty years team matches have been conducted in which the moves were transmitted by cable, telephone or telegraph, but the cost of these has been such that their number can be measured almost by counting upon the fingers.



Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

Now the barrier of space has been overcome. The radio enables one team to engage another irrespective of the miles which separate them or the seas or terrain which interpose. As soon as it had been demonstrated by two or three pioneering clubs that it was practical to conduct a chess match by short-wave radio, the Federation determined to organize a national radio chess league, somewhat after the manner of various athletic leagues which operate nationally in scope. Announcement of this purpose was made a few months ago (late in 1946). Since then careful study has been made of the problem.

It must be recognized in the very beginning that the functioning of a regularly scheduled series of inter-city team matches by short-wave radio can be accomplished only with the active cooperation of the licensed amateur radio operators. Technical problems of communication are involved as well as those of organization. For the former we must have the assistance of the "ham" operators, as they are commonly called. For the rest, the complexities of setting up a team schedule, registering and determining eligibility of players, granting of franchises, establishing of a corps of capable referees, etc. present a task which will not be easy but which Federation personnel can confidently be expected to handle.

Chess clubs which desire to have a part in this program should make their desires known with reasonable promptness. It is too early to fix any limitations as to numbers of teams to compose the radio chess league but it is not difficult to foresee a situation in which a club or city might desire representation only to find a full complement of teams in a particular section of the country.

The successful establishing of the radio chess league will be the result of the same factors which are found in the other parts of the Federation program—players, clubs and Federation officers and directors cooperating toward the accomplishment of a common end. To which will be added the help of the members of another brotherhood, the ARRL, —American Radio Relay League.

Guest Editorial

CHESS IN CALIFORNIA

By Herman Steiner

Chess Editor, Los Angeles Times

IT IS difficult to ascertain just how CHESS really became so popular in California. We do know, however, that with the acquisition of many members to the United States Chess Federation, came a pronounced rise in chess interest. Through the medium of the chess column in the Los Angeles Times, plus tournament activities such as the Pan-American Tournament in 1945, and the Denker-Steiner Match for the U. S. Championship Title, and all the publicity necessary to stimulate interest, evolved an unbelievable upward trend.

The history of chess in L.A. dates back to the organization of the L.A. Chess and Checker Club and in San Francisco of the Mechanics' Institute Library Chess Club where the average chess player of yesterday joined, paid his dues and played chess. Today it is quite different as seen by the rise of so many chess clubs. In the Metropolitan League alone in L. A. are represented thirteen teams, to say nothing of many not in the league.

The clubs of today, new and old, have programs which are designed to develop the young players as well as giving enjoyment to the veterans. This is accomplished by the arrangement of Lightning Chess Tournaments weekly, inter-club matches, individual matches—all of which make the members feel they are the pillar of the institution.

A great many clubs went wrong because they tried to force on their members work which they did not like. In every club are individuals who like the organizational work and upon them depends the success of the club. It would be wise therefore if upon application the member would be asked to pledge himself for organization work or just to play chess. The workers in the club should be the only ones eligible for officers.

In my experience as an organizer, I have found it always easier to acquire cooperation if the approach is in the mild form of suggestion, leaving it to the individual to choose to work (and it is work, believe it or not!). Constructive criticism functions in a club just as it does in any democratic way of life. Fortunately this is proven when the rich and poor alike can sit together and derive the same enjoyment and equality over the chessboard. By virtue of this alone, CHESS should flourish.

Here in California we strive to fill our ranks with enthusiastic followers of the royal game, particularly those who realize the importance of belonging to our U. S. Chess Federation.

In the past CHESS has been referred to as a "Game of War," and contrary to this, it is my belief that it is rather a "GAME OF PEACE" and its purpose is to create good will between all mankind!

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

Who's Who In American Chess

Herman Steiner

Born in Hungary, Herman Steiner is an American by choice rather than by accident of birth and since his long sojourn in California has become more of a "native son" of California than most native sons of that sunny state. Skilled as a performer at simultaneous exhibitions, Steiner is even more adept at the organizing of chess as the roll of California clubs on the USCF membership list must prove, and his chess column in the Los Angeles Times has long been one of the potent factors in the popularity of chess on the West Coast.



Herman Steiner

Herman's skill and persuasive gifts as an organizer were never better demonstrated than by the success of the Pan-American Tournament at Hollywood, which was so well-staged with contributions of talent from the leading movie studios that it became the most colorful pageant of chess the United States has seen in addition to being one of its finer tournaments.

Dividing his time between the fatherly directions of several California chess groups, numerous simultaneous exhibitions and his editorial work on the Los Angeles Times, Steiner yet finds time and energy to play frequently in national and international competition. Among his victories are first in the 1946 Open Tournament at Pittsburgh, tie for first with Yanofsky in the 1942 Open Tournament at Dallas, tie for third with Horowitz in the 1944 U.S. Championship, and first in the 1946 London (England) Tournament. In the 1945 Radio Chess Match with Russia, Steiner was the distinguished player who scored 1½ points out of a possible 2 against Bondarevsky for the only plus score compiled by an American player in the match.

Active in national chess affairs, Herman Steiner is Vice-President of the USCF after serving for many years as Director for California.

J. B. Gee

Born in Benton, Arkansas, in 1916, J. B. Gee moved to the West Coast when a year old and has lived in California since 1925. Gee has two sons (ages 6 and 3) who like to play chess, but according to their own rules on moving the pieces.



J. B. Gee

As a hobby Gee indulges in the promotion of chess and the hobby keeps him busy in his spare time. Between his duties as Secretary of the Sacramento Capital City Chess Club and also his Sunday chess Chess column in the Sacramento Morning Union he still finds time for exhibitions and competitive play and ranks as one of the two top players in Sacramento. He has twice been City Champion and twice runner-up in the last four years. Between these chess games Gee acts as Accountant and Sec'y-Treasurer for the Surcuse Mining Co. while he continues his CPA studies. In addition he serves as USCF Director for California.

Other hobbies are skating, swimming and fishing, but chess, Gee confesses, gets the edge because it is handiest for spare moments.

Tournament Life

Continued from page 4)

55. B-B7 ch, K-K5; 56. B-B6 ch, K-R4; 60. BxK, KxP; 61. P-B4 ch, K-K3 and Black should be able to draw even though a piece behind for he threatens R-R7 ch, also R-K8 ch and in some cases P-R3, R-R5; 66. P-B4, R-K7; 67. P-K15, BxP; 68. PxB ch, RxP and again Black's passed pawn should draw despite the piece-sacrifice. IV) 51. R-K15, PxB; 52. P-B7, R-Q2; 53. R-B7, R-B7; 62. P-B8, BxP; 63. R-B, R-R8 ch; 59. R-K7, R-B7 draws. My intention therefore is that the game is a draw.

SLAV DEFENSE Chicago vs. Puerto Rico Radio Match Board 6

Table with chess notation for a Slav Defense match between White (A. Higuera) and Black (E. Davidson). Moves include 1. Kt-KB3, P-Q4, 2. P-Q4, Kt-KB3, etc.



Table listing chess players and their scores in various tournaments, including Higuera, Davidson, and Ontario Chess Championship.

DENVER PLAYERS SEEK SHORT-WAVE RADIO MATCHES

The Chess Club of the University of Denver is seeking a series of chess matches by amateur short-wave radio. Contact Miss Suzanne Souder, 2370 East Evans, Denver, Colo.

CHESS MEN (Staunton)

French-made of Genuine boxwood. Manufactured in France for centuries. A) In white wood box highly polished Kings. Per set \$6.00. B) In Red finished (wood) box, lacquered, weighted, felt bottom base, finely carved knights, 3/4" King. \$16.00.



ST. PETERSBURG CHESS CLUB ENDS CLUB TOURNAMENT. Standing (left to right), President C. E. Taylor, Board Member H. J. Vanderminden, Tournament Director E. M. Weeks. Seated, the winners: Frank Mearson, C. L. Terzopoulos, E. W. Garrigues, and W. L. Archibald.

CLEVELAND CHESS LOSES CLOSE ONE TO ERIE CHESS

Cleveland Chess played hosts to the Erie (Pa.) Chess Club on March 16 at their clubrooms in the Perry-Payne Bldg. and lost a very close match to the visitors. Excitement reigned until the very last move when a loss and a draw conceded the victory to Erie.

Scoreboard for Cleveland vs Erie chess match. Lists players like G. Hartlieb, R. Lina, W. Hazle, etc. and their scores.

CHARLES M. HOVEY PROVES CHESS A HEALTHY GAME

Celebrating his 95th birthday at Whitehaven Acres in Glenview (Ill.), Charles M. Hovey is a sturdy proof that chess is a healthy game. Long a USCF member, Mr. Hovey has been active for many years in the Austin Chess and Checker Club (Chicago) and the Oak Park Borrowed Time Club, and for many years served on the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Chess Association.

INDIANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY MAY 17

The Indiana State Chess Ass'n will hold its annual meeting at the Hotel Barnes, Logansport on May 17 at 7:30 p.m. Immediately thereafter play will start in the annual State Tournaments with Champion Van Henton (Indianapolis) defending his title.

TO THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION:

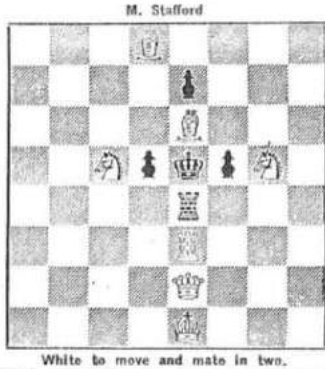
Registration form for the United States Chess Federation tournament. Fields include NAME, ADDRESS, DATE OF BIRTH, TOURNAMENTS WON OR TITLES HELD, and a declaration of agreement to the rules.

All entries should be sent to S. S. KEENEY, 511 Park Building, Cleveland, Ohio, together with entrance fee in the amount of \$5.00. Checks or money orders should be payable to S. S. KEENEY. Please do not send currency.

Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojam. Last night upon the chessboard square I saw a move that wasn't there. It wasn't there again today; My! winning chess is hard to play! -The Woodpusher's Anthology

THIS recliner beneath the Chess-Nut Tree admits with shameless candour that the art of problem composition is one that he will never master. He does not know a "block" from a "half-pin" and insofar as he is concerned all "thematic" variations and play were devised quite in vain.



White to move and mate in two.

MRS. M. STAFFORD PLAYED CHESS FOR 77 YEARS

Mrs. M. Stafford of Los Angeles is a smiling veteran of the game of chess—young at eighty-three and still eager for a game when she is not solving or composing chess problems. A recent letter in renewing her USCF membership tells the story of how chess can become an important recreational factor that endures through life with an untiring interest.



"I learned to play at the age of six—one cold winter in Iowa—convalescing from a siege of scarlet fever. They would prop me up on the sofa to watch them play. It was not too long before I surprised them with a request to play a game with me—and I played off and on all my life, whenever I was able to find a player.

ROBERT WARNER 1947 TORONTO JUNIOR CHAMPION

In a tough and sturdy battle Robert Warner (Jarvis Collegiate) emerged from the scrimmage April 8-12 as the new Junior Champion of Toronto (Can.). The new champion drew with Walter Preston and Keith Hastings and won his other games.

Scoreboard for the Toronto Junior Championship. Lists players like Robert Warner, Rose Siemens, Ernest Shulman, etc. and their scores.

MANKATO-NEW ULM DEFEATS PICCADILLY CLUB

Meeting on the neutral ground of the Minneapolis Chess and Checker Club, the Mankato-New Ulm Chess Club scored a decisive victory over the Piccadilly (Willernie) Chess Club on March 30.

Scoreboard for Mankato-New Ulm vs Piccadilly chess match. Lists players like K. Grant, R. Hainin, D. C. Church, etc. and their scores.

POSTAL CHESS ENLIVENS DAYS FOR VETERANS

A lively chess by mail contest is under way between patients in the Brecksville (Ohio) Veteran Hospital and the Lexington (Ky.) Veteran Hospital. Due to the thoughtful encouragement of the Veteran Special Service officials patients confined to beds have been supplied with postal kits of post-cards, diagrams and stamps and the inter-hospital rivalry is on.

JR. DRAWS CHAMP AS TULSA BESTS BARTLESVILLE

In Tulsa (Okla.) on April 12 the visiting Bartlesville Chess Club conceded victory to the Tulsa Chess Club by a score of 4 1/2-3 1/2 but drew consolation from the fact that their 14-year-old Baldwin at first board held the Oklahoma State Champion, Dr. Bela Rozsa to a draw.

Scoreboard for Tulsa vs Bartlesville chess match. Lists players like Rozsa, Baldwin, Mayfield, etc. and their scores.

QUEENS WOMENS' CHESS CLUB HAS NEW OFFICIALS

In a recent annual meeting the Queens Women's Chess Club of Cleveland elected a new slate of officers: Mrs. Mena Schwartz, president; Mrs. Catherine Kelly, corresponding and recording secretary; Miss Pauline Papp, treasurer; Mrs. Hede Rheinstein, team captain; Miss Viola Bence, social secretary; and Miss Anne Solomon and Miss Elsie Duive, publicity committee. The Queens Club is one of the few chess clubs exclusively composed of women and on March 9th celebrated its ninth birthday.

Tournament Life

Conducted by Erich W. Marchand

Dept. of Mathematics University of Rochester, Rochester 3, New York

SCOTCH GAMBIT

Chicago vs. Puerto Rico

Radio Match Board 1

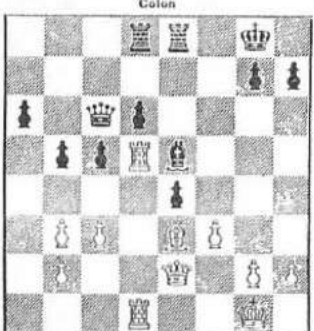
Notes by Paul Poschel

White P. POSCHEL (Chicago) Black A. COLON (Puerto Rico) 1. P-K4 P-K4 4. B-QB4 Kt-B3

The idea behind this is to protect the KP from attack and occupy Q5. Another continuation was 8. P-KR3, R-K1; 9. R-K1, B-B1; 10. B-B4 with a good game. It is largely a matter of taste.

From this point on to move 30, White was in time pressure.

After 24, P x P



Poschel

Much better for White was R x P! An almost forced continuation after this would be 25. B x P, P x B, Q x P, R-KB1; 27. Q-Q2 winning the QP as R-B3 would be answered by R x B. Even though I saw B x P in the game I did not dare to play it because I did not have time to calculate all its possibilities.

Here P-K5 does not win. 31. P-K5, Q x Q; 32. R x Q, K-R2; 33. P x P, K-K3; 31. R x P, R x P; 32. R-B7, R-Q5 ch; 33. K-B2, R-Q7 ch; 37. K-B3, R x QP; 38. R x P, R x QP; 39. R x P, R x P, etc.

RETI-ZUKERTORT

Chicago vs. Puerto Rico

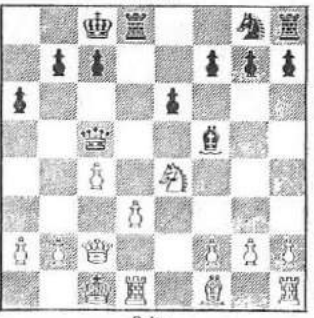
Radio Match Board 2

Notes by Albert Sandrin

White M. COLON (Puerto Rico) Black A. SANDRIN (Chicago) 1. Kt-KB3 P-Q4 5. Kt-K1 QxK5

Not "bank." It is reported that this was seen first in Russian chess, with the following by White: Q-K5, White here concentrates on the plan of P-Q3 and B-E3, the original theme.

After 15, Kt-K4?



Sandrin

This loses, as it gives Black an edge which is able to force into a win.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Chicago vs. Puerto Rico

Radio Match Board 4

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White A. C. MARGOLIS (Chicago) Black F. BENITEZ (Puerto Rico) 1. P-Q4 P-Q4 7. Kt-B3 B-K5

This weakening of the K position is risky but Black will have a somewhat cramped game in any case because of his bad Q1.

FRENCH DEFENSE

Chicago vs. Puerto Rico

Radio Match Board 3

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White D. THOMPSON (Chicago) Black R. CINTRON (Puerto Rico) 1. P-K4 P-Q4 10. P-QR3 B-Q3

After 19, Q-K12



Thompson

20. Kt-R4? 20. P x B, Q x P ch; 21. K-Q2 was perfectly safe. 20. B-Q2, Kt-B5, B-B1; 21. Q-Q4, Kt-K5, 24. P-QK3, R-K4; 22. Q x Q, R x Q, 25. Kt-R4, P-KR4; Black has hardly a playable move. If 25. P-B4; 26. Kt(2)-B3, B 25. P-R5; 26. P-B6 wins a piece.

ENGLISH OPENING

Chicago vs. Puerto Rico

Radio Match Board 5

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White L. ROJAS (Puerto Rico) Black S. COHEN (Chicago) 1. P-QB4 P-K4 4. P x P Kt x P

As so often, this English Opening has turned into a Sicilian Defense with colors reversed. Here Black would like a chance to play P-QH4 before Kt-QB3 but (as in the Sicilian) there is no good way to defend the KP in the meanwhile.

ADJOURNED POSITION

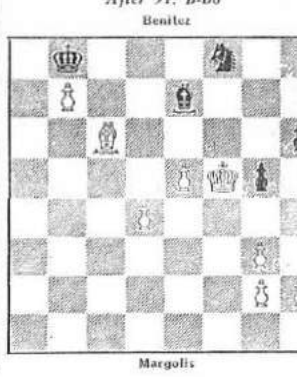
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Adjudication by E. W. Marchand In this extraordinarily difficult position I cannot find a win for either side. A few surprising variations are as follows:— 1) 54. B-B7, P-B7 ch; 55. K-K2, P-B8(Q) ch; 56. K-B3, Q-KR5 mate. If 54. R-QB8, R-K1; 55. P x P ch, R x P; 56. P-H7, R x H draws. If 54. B-R3! P x P (if 54. P-B7, R x B, 55. P-B7 wins); 55. P-B7, B-Q2; 56. P-B8(Q) ch, B x Q; 57. B-B7 (if 57. P-K5 ch, K-R4; the use of QH5, B1. P-R3 would be

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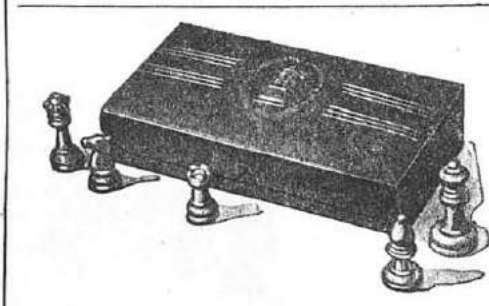
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