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## BOTVINNIK INCREASES LEAD

### RESHEVSKY'S CHANCE RESTS IN FINAL ROUND RECOVERY

*Must Defeat Botvinnik, Keres, Smyslov In All Remaining Games to Win Title*

By Fred Reinfeld

18th Round: Keres 0, Reshevsky 1; Ruy Lopez, 40 moves. Botvinnik 1/2, Smyslov 3/2; 80 moves. With six more games left to play, Botvinnik is already being spoken of as the next World Champion. Only Reshevsky may be said to have an outside chance to catch up to Botvinnik; and at that Sammy is a clear 2 1/2 points to the bad! The 19th round encounter between these two players should tell us everything. Botvinnik's wonderful steadiness ("guts" is another word for it) explains his ability to get out in front and stay there. Reshevsky is making a superhuman effort to keep in the running, but he has too much slack to take up from earlier rounds. His 13th round game was peculiar: in the first part of the game he played rings around Keres, then he weakened badly, and Keres eventually scored the point. However, the return encounter between these players in Round 18 must have been a hum-dinger—this time Sammy was relentless.

Botvinnik is beginning to acquire a lead of considerable proportions. In his last two tournaments, he built up such a big lead in the first two-thirds of each contest that even when he succumbed later on to physical strain, his accumulated lead was enough to see him through.

In this tournament he is again building up a big lead; but since play proceeds at the rate of three games a week, the physical fatigue is more easily repaired. Hence it is likely that Botvinnik will get through the tournament in good physical shape. If that happens, there is no telling how big his lead will get!

One of the big factors that will affect the outcome is that, according to the observations of on-the-spot commentators, Keres seems to be quite overawed by Botvinnik. Thus Golombek remarks: "... Keres gives the impression of being intimidated by his formidable opponent, and seems to have no ideas at all except to try for a draw by exchanges of pieces and general passivity—the surest way, in actual practice, of losing ... It is sad to see a really great player play like this."

Reshevsky's weakness in the opening definitely handicaps him. In a mixed tournament this flaw is less noticeable, partly because some of the opposition is likewise weak in the opening, partly because it is fairly easy to make miraculous recoveries against weak opposition. Against top-notchers, however, it is much more difficult to overcome the effects of poor opening play. There is just one hedge against this poor augury for Reshevsky's chances: the fact that Sammy always does better at the end of a tournament than at the beginning. However, the technique of the last-minute rush, though

### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

STANDINGS (Eighteen Rounds)	
Botvinnik	10-4
Reshevsky	7 1/2-6 1/2
Keres	7 1/2-7 1/2
Smyslov	7 1/2-7 1/2
Euwe	3 1/2-10 1/2

good enough to snatch a high prize, is not good enough to snatch the highest prize.

Smyslov, playing much better chess than the writer anticipated, is a good middle-of-the-roader, and will wind up with a creditable score. Not being one of the titans, he has less of a reputation to live up to—a great relief for any player!

#### ROUND ELEVEN

Smyslov 1, Reshevsky 0; Ruy Lopez, 52 moves. Euwe 0, Keres 1; Ruy Lopez, 25 moves. Botvinnik, bye.

#### ROUND TWELVE

Botvinnik 1, Euwe 0; QGD (Meran), 36 moves. Keres 1/2, Smyslov 1/2; Gruenfeld, 42 moves. Reshevsky, bye.

#### ROUND THIRTEEN

Smyslov, Botvinnik 1; Sicilian, 40 moves. Reshevsky 0, Keres 1; QGD (Meran). Euwe, bye.

#### ROUND FOURTEEN

Botvinnik 0, Reshevsky 1; Nimzowitsch, 42 moves. Euwe 1, Smyslov 0; Gruenfeld, 42 moves. Keres, bye.

#### ROUND FIFTEEN

Euwe 1/2, Reshevsky 1/2; Reti, 26 moves. Keres, 0 Botvinnik 1; French, 72 moves. Smyslov, bye.

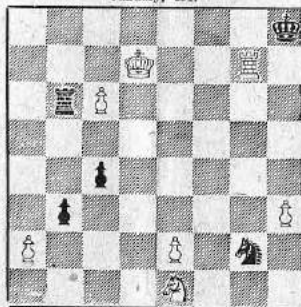
#### ROUND SIXTEEN

Keres 1, Euwe 0; Ruy Lopez, 34 moves. Reshevsky 1, Smyslov 1; QGD (Slav), 41 moves. Botvinnik, bye.

#### ROUND SEVENTEEN

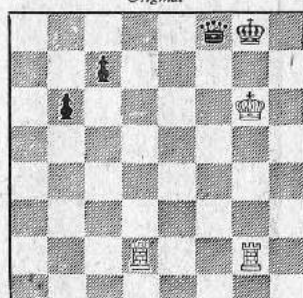
Euwe 1/2, Botvinnik, 1/2; French, 29 moves. Smyslov 1, Keres 0; QGD, 41 moves. Reshevsky, bye.

Position No. 15  
By Ing. Paul Farago (Cluj)  
"La Multi ani, 1947"  
Revista Romana de Sah  
January, 1947



White to play and win

Position No. 16  
By Edmund Nash (Washington)  
Dedicated to L. Prokes,  
Prague, Czechoslovakia  
Original



White to play and win

### White To Play And Win!

NO TRICKS ILLUSTRATE these two positions, but the victory rests rather in sound endgame playing in which each move must be calculated with exactitude. For each there is one winning move (and only one) but the losing moves are many and attractive.

Position No. 15 represents the sound judgment and taste of the Endgame Editor of the Roumanian Revista Romana de Sah; Position No. 16 is the original composition of an American chess player and composer.

Solutions will be published in the June 5th issue.

### Additional Qualifiers Authorized For U. S. Biennial Championship

WITH THE CONCURRENCE of Richard W. Wayne, Chairman of the Tournament Committee, further play has been authorized for Area No. 1, the New England Area, for qualification for the United States Championship Tournament.

The additional qualifying play will be under the direction of Edmund E. Hand, President of the Connecticut State League, and will be held at New Haven, Conn. from May 28th to May 31st. For further particulars, see For the Tournament-Minded on page 2. The winner will take part in the finals as an added starter.

The fact that additional play has been authorized in this Area is not to be considered in any sense in depreciation of the victory of Weaver W. Adams, who won the tourney at Boston in February, or of the competition there which included some of the strongest New England players. The action was taken solely to remove any possibility of injustice to other players who were entitled to compete but who for lack of timely information did not enter. Announcement of the earlier tourney was published locally, but on too short notice for many of the New England players to make necessary preparations to take part.

A similar situation was created in Area No. 2 which comprised Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. By reason of missed signals the New Jersey players misapprehended the playing conditions and did not take part in the qualifying tourney which was held at Philadelphia. To correct this situation, the New Jersey players will compete for an extra place in the finals.

ELBERT A. WAGNER, JR.  
President, United States Chess Federation

### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

AFTER SIXTEEN ROUNDS OF PLAY

	Botvinnik	Keres	Reshevsky	Smyslov	Euwe	Total
Botvinnik	11 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	9-3
Keres	0 0 0	0 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	7 1/2-5 1/2
Reshevsky	0 1 1	1 1 0	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	6 1/2-6 1/2
Smyslov	1 1 0	0 0 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 0	6-7
Euwe	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 1 1	0 0 1		3-10

### BLINDFOLD MEET AT CLEVELAND

Harald Miller, promising Cleveland junior player, is leading in the ambitious blindfold chess tournament being staged by the junior chess players of Cleveland in which all games are played blindfolded by both players. Twelve junior players are entered in this novel tournament.

### NOTICE CLUB SECRETARIES

The Directory of Clubs for the 1947 USCF Yearbook is being compiled. Please notify USCF Secretary Edward I. Treend, 12869 Strathmoor Ave., Detroit 27, Mich. of any changes in your club officials or address, so the listing of your club will be correct.

### FRIEDMAN WINS CLEV'L'D JUNIOR

With a clean sweep of no losses and no draws U. S. Junior Champion Larry Friedman captured the 1948 Cleveland Junior Championship with a score of 8-0. Incomplete returns show Harold Miller holding second with 5-3, and Jim Harkins and Rainer Sach tied with 4-4, while Bill Granger and George Miller are tied with 3 1/2-2 1/2. Four games remain to be completed in the tournament.

### SIEMMS CAPTURES TORONTO JUNIOR

Ross Siemms, who at the age of 11 distinguished himself in the 1947 U. S. Junior Championship by placing eleventh in a field of forty-five promising juniors with draws against Walter Shipman and Larry Evans, continued to display his talent in winning the 1948 Toronto Junior Championship with five wins, no losses and two draws.

Toronto Junior Championship	
R. Siemms (Annetto)	6-1
W. R. Oaker (Parkdale)	5-2
J. Kington (Central)	5-3
R. Shidman (Oakwood)	4-3 1/2
L. Laudon (Jarvis)	3-3 1/2
M. Glass (Parkdale)	3-4
F. Gore (Grace)	1-6
D. Douglas (Harbord)	0-7

### GEE WINS TITLE AT SACRAMENTO

Victory in the Sacramento (Calif.) City Championship Tournament went to J. B. Gee, CHESS LIFE annotator and chess editor of the Sacramento Union, with a score of 5 1/2-1. Second place went to M. O. Meyer, well-known CLAer, with a score of 5-1. F. B. Jackson placed third with 3 1/2-1.

Sacramento City Championship	
J. B. Gee	5 1/2-1
M. O. Meyer	5-1
F. B. Jackson	3 1/2-2 1/2
A. K. Chapman	2-3
C. A. Iverson	2-3
D. J. Yuk	1-5
J. T. Mariano	0-6

### HYDE PARK WINS CHICAGO TITLE

Hyde Park Chess Club, champions of the Chicago Division of the Greater Chicago Chess League, met the Suburban Division Champions, Austin Chess and Checker Club, and defeated them by a score of 4-2 to win the Championship of the League.

Hyde Park		Austin Chess	
Scheffer	1	J. Nowak	0
A. Sandrin, Jr.	1	F. Foschel	0
Swoboda	0	Hildesbrandt	1
Kaufmann	1	P. Adams	0
Anderson	0	Stetzer	1
Jurgenson	1	Stauffer	0
Hyde Park	4	Austin	2

### HESE, RUBINOW WIN IN AREA 2

H. V. Hesse of Bethlehem, Pa. was the winner of the U. S. Preliminary Tourney in Area 2, played in Philadelphia, with a score of 6-0. Second place went to Sol Rubinow of Philadelphia with 5 1/2-1/2, and Harry Morris of Philadelphia placed third with 4 1/2-1/2.

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## JUNIOR EYES TURN TO OAK RIDGE

(Letter No. 52)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.  
President, United States Chess Federation

THE CHESS YOUTH of the nation are looking forward to the third annual tournament for the Junior Chess Championship of the United States which will be held at Oak Ridge, Tennessee the week following the U. S. Open Championship Tournament. Many boys will doubtless be contestants in both events.

Hosts to the juniors will be the Oak Ridge Chess Club and the event will be sponsored by the Oak Ridge Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Oak Ridge Lions' Club, civic organizations which have donated funds to provide housing for the contestants.

Although it is the hope of the hosts and sponsors at Oak Ridge that free accommodations may be provided for all players in the tournament, any entry list of unexpected proportions may make it necessary to award preference to those who are diligent in filing their entries. For that reason, any boy or girl who desires to play should make application at once. Entries should be sent to Mr. William H. Rankins, 113 West Pasadena, Road, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Entry fee is \$5 and all players must be members in good standing of the USCF. There is no other qualification. It is not necessary to be the champion of your state, city, school or local club. Every player under 21 is welcome.

In addition to the opportunity to enjoy fellowship with other players coming from other parts of the country and of playing plenty of chess, the boys and girls will have a chance to enjoy the beauty of one of the most scenic parts of the United States. For their more complete enjoyment, a sight seeing tour of the atomic capital is being arranged.



Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

## The Reader's Road To Chess

By John D. French

CHESSOLITAIRE (\$1.95)

ARE YOU A solitaire chess fan? . . . ever get mixed up in reading a game score? . . . like to pit yourself against the experts either as Black or White (an improvement)? Then try "Chessolitaire," clever and practical invention by chess-playing business executive W. L. Stoddard, Wayland, Mass., who is offering it at a discount price to USCFers of \$1.15. (Address: Chessolitaire, Wayland, Mass.)

In a nut shell, "Chessolitaire" is a small board of highly-polished, hard-finished plywood, with a built-in slide attachment that lets you play either White or Black's side (covering the other, move by move) of any game, thus allowing you to see if you can figure out the next move before it is made.

A knockout for travel and gift purposes, the device has been getting a good bit of publicity lately and was recently mentioned in *Business Week* as the answer on how to make a two-handed game one-handed.

As the inventor points out: "Chessolitaire provides the beginner and the expert with a simple mechanical device so that he can simulate playing against a real opponent" (The outfit includes a number of top-notch games, but any scores will do.) "Chess players know that long years of playing the game, combined with earnest study, are required to gain experience and hence achieve the fullest enjoyment of chess. Busy men and women can rarely find sufficient time to play as many 'live' games as they desire for pleasure and education. Chessolitaire fills this need." (It's ideal for traveling, invalids or shut-ins).

The game of chess is made up of three basic factors—Force, Space and Time. Force is represented by the pieces which each player has at his disposal, and these are symbols of Force. Space is represented by the board upon which the men are arranged in accordance with a definite purpose. Time, since the players move alternately, is represented by the enjoyment of the right—or the fulfillment of the obligation—to move.

Dr. Siegbert Tarrasch



John D. French

## Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

Address all communications for this column to Dr. P. G. Keeney, 123 East 7th St., Newport, Ky., enclosing self-addressed, stamped envelope if reply is requested.

## Shades of Loyd Or His Spirit Lives

SAM LOYD DURING his lifetime was regarded as the peer of all American problem composers. Recognizing him as such, his words of wisdom in connection with the construction of two-move problems are worthy of repetition in this column.

Many years ago he wrote: "It is a great error in our problemists to be too prolific. One fine problem gives a better reputation than the authorship of a poor or even tolerably good ones. Every composer hits upon simple and inferior ideas; and, having taken the trouble to originate them, he sees no harm in giving them to the public, forgetting that he is offering them as specimens of his skill and style. How much better to boil down a score or so of them into one fine problem, than in after years to have (as I confess to having) a hundred or more which should never have seen the light of a diagram.

"A decidedly objectionable and uninviting style of two-move problem consists of those which, having no particular theme, are lumbered with pieces for the sake of forming variations and those of the waiting style, where although there are no forces which are positively useless, yet nearly every piece is put on to take care of some opposing piece, which in turn has no further effect than to give employment to the other. Neither are exactly deadheads, yet both could be readily removed without injury to the idea, even if it should possess a tangible idea.

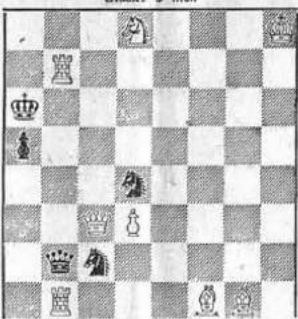
"I have often expressed the opinion that it is no easy task to compose a good two-move problem. It should have a decided point, a well defined theme with a sparkle to it; and the difficulty should consist in the surprise of the trick and not in the mere trouble of selecting the correct keymove.

"The feature of difficulty is overrated in two-movers. Any experienced problemist can solve a two-mover the instant his eye takes in the relative bearing and position of the pieces. If the position be so crowded that it requires five seconds more to bring system out of chaos, then these extra seconds are sacrificed to the lack of ability of the composer and not to the merit of the problem.

"The merit of a two-mover should depend upon the brilliancy of its theme, the surprising subtlety of the trick, and the skill with which the forces are economical."

Loyd loved the element of surprise. Most of his compositions demonstrate that he revelled in producing unexpected solutions.

Problem No. 25  
By Vincent Lanius Eaton  
Washington, D. C.  
Composed for Chess Life  
Black: 5 men



White: 5 men  
S3K, 1R6, K7, P7, B8, Q8S4, SQP4, 1q65,  
1R3B11

Vincent L. Eaton in Problem No. 25 exhibits a pretty and intriguing theme. I hope you'll enjoy it.

Problem No. 26 was sent to me on a Christmas card by F. Fleck, a Hungarian composer of excellent reputation in the creation of worthwhile problems. The theme illustrated in the main variations is a mutual bivalve. Dr. Partos, who has experimented with the theme, terms it his cyclic bivalve and attaches his name to the idea expressed. The problem in my opinion is one of the most beautiful 2-ers I have laid my eyes on in the past six months. Let me have your reaction after you solve it and study the strategy.

Problem No. 26  
By F. Fleck  
Budapest, Hungary  
Good wishes to Chess Life for 1948  
Black: 9 men



White: 9 men  
B6K, 8, SQ3pl, 1S2q3, 1R2S4R, 1r3S4R1,  
2P2R2, 1h3B4

### Solutions:

The keymove of Problem No. 21 is: 1. Q-B5. An illustration of the Dawson (what does Dawson signify?) theme, which in understandable phrase consists of a White piece releasing a Black piece from pin; whereupon the unpinned Black piece by moving places the White piece, making the key in pin. Owing to the unprovided mates for the flights allowed the Black King, the keymove, while accomplishing the theme, is quite obvious. The alternate pinnings of the Black K1, when the Black King avails himself of his flights by the White Q and R are very pretty.

There are two solutions to Problem No. 22, which is the first unsound creation to appear in this column. The author's solution is: 1. R-Q2, P-K4 ch; 2. B-Q7, If 1., P-B6 ch; 2. R-Q4, If 1., other: 2. R-R2. The "cook" is: 1. R-Q4, threat; 2. Q-B6, If 1., BxR; BxP. The "cook" is regrettable.

The following solvers submitted correct solutions to Problem 21 and one solution to Problem No. 22:—Kenneth Lay (Madison, Wis.), Peter Korf (Grand Rapids), Jack Spence (Omaha).

Solvers reporting correct solution to Problem No. 21 and two solutions to Problem No. 22 were:—Dean Whitley (Detroit), H. Groendyke and N. Gabor (Cincinnati), James Bolton (New Haven).

Malcolm D. Brown (Wycombe, Pa.) submitted one correct solution to Problem No. 22.

### CHESS LIFE TASK COMPOSING COMPETITION

Two entries only from a composer. Contest closes June 10. Entries to be mailed to Problem Editor, Chess Life, 123 East 7th Street, Newport, Ky. For task conditions refer to issues of CHESS LIFE, February 5, 20 or March 5.

## Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

THE New York City preliminaries of the U. S. Championships have all the appearances of a Masters Tournament. In fact, this event, ably directed by the hard-working Harold M. Phillips, a N. Y. Director of the U.S.C.F., is in many respects the strongest local tournament in recent years. The entry list, boasting as it does the names of Santasiere, Kramer, Shainswit, Bernstein, Pilnick, Weinstein and Rothman, all finalists in previous U. S. championships, as well as such stars as Donovan, Heitner, Evans, Shipman and Soudakoff, is a most impressive meeting of players of uniformly high caliber.

Santasiere assumed an early lead, and, at the end of seven rounds of a ten-round Swiss, was tied with Donovan and Kramer at 5-2. Half a dozen others were bunched at 4½-2½, and, as usually happens with a Swiss System, event, the last few rounds will decide which seven players will classify for the national event.

The tournament has acted as a decided boost to local chess, and the Marshall Chess Club, scene of the matches, has been the Mecca of chess masters and amateurs alike. Understandably, the play has been marked by aggressive tactics on all sides in the early rounds, and by numerous draws as the leaders cautiously retained their top position.

With the last few rounds remaining, it is to be expected that every game, with its added importance as an entry to the finals, will be a contest in which both players struggle to win.

PREDICTION: Santasiere, Donovan, Kramer, Evans, Shainswit, Shipman and Pilnick to be the qualifiers!

## For The Tournament-Minded

May 8-9  
Kentucky State Championship  
Preliminary Tourney  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Will be played at Louisville Chess Club, Vulture Hall, 617 Fourth St. Final rounds for qualifiers on May 15-16.

May 22-23  
Indiana State Championship  
Logansport, Ind.  
Play begins in Hotel Barnes, Logansport at 7 p. m. Saturday night, May 22. Open to Indiana players. No advance registration required.

May 28-31  
U. S. Championship Preliminaries  
Area 2, Added Tourney  
New Haven, Connecticut  
Additional tourney to qualify one player for U. S. Championship finals will be played at R.R.YMCA, New Haven, Conn., beginning Friday at 7 p. m. For details write Edmund E. Hand, 176 Bassett St., New Haven, Conn.

May 29-31  
South Dakota State Championship  
Huron, So. Dakota  
Open to all So. Dakota players; seven round Swiss; for details write H. L. Saylor, Box 183, Huron, So. Dakota.

Before June 1  
U. S. Championship Preliminaries  
Area 2, Added Tourney  
New Jersey

To be held before June 1 to qualify one player for U. S. Championship finals. Write Edgar T. McCormick, 102 No. Maple St., East Orange, N.J.

May 30-31  
Puget Sound Open Tournament  
Tacoma, Washington

Play will begin at 10.00 a. m. at the Carlton Hotel in the rooms of the Tacoma Chess Club; entry fee \$1.50; write for hotel reservations and send entry fee to Ray Hiscox, 3206 So. 58th St. Tacoma 9, Wash.

Comments by Fred Reinfeld

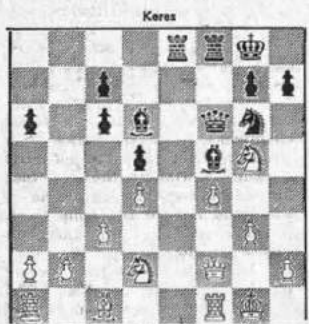
Euwe-Keres took a sensational course. Keres played a line in the Siesta Variation which has been considered refuted ever since the famous game Horowitz-Fine, Syracuse, 1934.

RUY LOPEZ

World Championship, Round 11

Chess notation for Ruy Lopez game: White DR. EUWE, Black P. KERES. Moves 1-17 listed.

After 17. Q-B2



Chess notation for Ruy Lopez game: White DR. EUWE, Black P. KERES. Moves 17-21 listed.

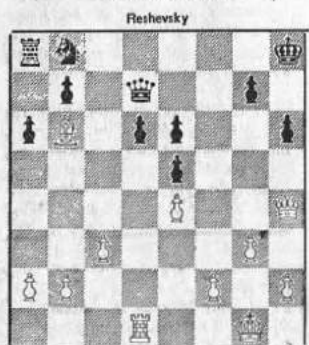
Smyslov-Reshevsky repeated the story of so many of Sammy's games. His poor opening play handicaps him too cruelly in competition against first-class players.

RUY LOPEZ

World Championship, Round 11

Chess notation for Ruy Lopez game: White V. SMYSLOV, Black S. RESHEVSKY. Moves 1-13 listed.

After 26... Q-Q2



Chess notation for Ruy Lopez game: White V. SMYSLOV, Black M. BOTVINNIK. Moves 27-39 listed.

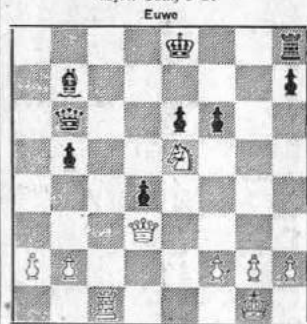
Euwe got a good game with the Meran Defense, but seemed quite unconcerned about the safety of his King. His judgment seemed to be borne out by the fact that pieces were steadily exchanged during the early middle game.

QGD (MERAN DEFENSE)

World Championship, Round 12

Chess notation for QGD game: White M. BOTVINNIK, Black DR. EUWE. Moves 1-11 listed.

After 21... P-B3



Chess notation for QGD game: White M. BOTVINNIK, Black DR. EUWE. Moves 22-29 listed.

Keres played superficially against Smyslov's Gruenfeld Defense (for proper handling of the variation, see Euwe-Smyslov, below), leading to a colorless draw.

GRUENFELD DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 12

Chess notation for Gruenfeld Defense game: White P. KERES, Black V. SMYSLOV. Moves 1-21 listed.

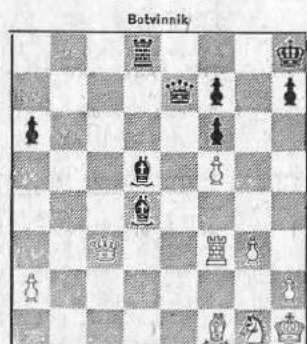
Indicating that he was out to win, Botvinnik played the Sicilian Defense against Smyslov. The latter could not make up his mind as to policy, alternating between aggressive and simplifying play.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 13

Chess notation for Sicilian Defense game: White V. SMYSLOV, Black M. BOTVINNIK. Moves 1-18 listed.

After 35... B-Q5



Chess notation for Sicilian Defense game: White V. SMYSLOV, Black M. BOTVINNIK. Moves 36-39 listed.

Chess Takes To Print, Says Gene Collett In Amended Survey of Daily Newspapers

Chess columns are bustin' out all over! Since publication of an article in CHESS LIFE last December 20, listing 23 columns in newspapers and magazines (not including purely chess papers), at least seven others have put in their appearance.

Latest of these in Washington (D. C.) Star is edited by Donald Muiridge, chess champion of the District of Columbia. It made its bow February 22. Washington has been without a newspaper chess column since the death of Willard Mutchler in January, 1947.



Gene Collett

The Charleston (W. Va.) Gazette chess column was revived February 8 by Edward M. Foy and Lynn Cavendish, after a lapse of 15 years. It is West Virginia's only chess column. Walt Crede's column in the Charleston Mail was dropped in 1944, due to the paper shortage, after a run of 10 years.

J. W. COLLINS WINS FIRST ENCOUNTER

In the World Correspondence Chess Championship conducted by the International Correspondence Chess Ass'n, John W. Collins has just defeated R. Frutsaert of Bruxelles, Belgium, playing the Black side of a French Defense.

HICKMAN WINS PGH. SCHOLASTIC

Herbert Hickman of Mt. Lebanon High, which won the team tournament, added to his school's honors by capturing the individual scholastic championship of Pittsburgh with a score of 5-0 in a Swiss tournament directed by USCF Vice-President W. M. Byland.

Table listing names and scores for Pittsburgh Scholastic Meet: Herbert Hickman (Mt. Lebanon) 5-0, Richard Taylor (Mt. Lebanon) 4-1, Larry Livingston (South High) 3-2, Richard Brent (Mt. Lebanon) 3-2, Richard Freedland (Taylor) 3-2, Allediee High 3-2.

GRUENFELD DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 14

Chess notation for Gruenfeld Defense game: White DR. EUWE, Black V. SMYSLOV. Moves 1-20 listed.

After 41... K-B5



42. RxKt ch Resigns

CHESS BOOKS

By Fred Reinfeld

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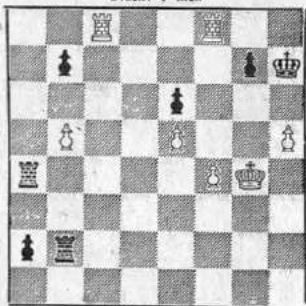
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"What is The Best Move?" Position No. 2 Black: 7 men



Try to solve this from the diagram so as to train the eye! Send solutions of Problem No. 2 up to May 20th to the Editor of CHESS LIFE. Solution to Position No. 1 will appear in the next issue.

MAR DEL PLATA tournament was won by Eliskaes. This is his first great tournament victory since his taking residence in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, since the outbreak of the World War II.

The Swiss Master Henry Grob of Zurich just feted his 15th year as International Chess Master. Bern Chess Club, Switzerland is celebrating its 75th year of existence by organizing a National tournament from July 17th to 25th of this year.



Sady Loynaz Champion of Venezuela

The World Championship will be over by May 16th, 1948. Vidmar inspected the playing hall and found it satisfactory. The Russians are planning an extraordinary (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4)

