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BOTVINNIK WORLD CHAMP

DRAWS EUWE TO CLINCH TITLE IN 22nd ROUND OF TOURNEY

Smyslov Second, Three Points Behind; Keres, Reshevsky Tied for Third

By Fred Reinfeld

After clinching the title in the 22nd round, World Champion Mikhail Botvinnik drew with Smyslov, beat Reshevsky and lost in the final round to Paul Keres. This may be taken as a creditable showing, since Botvinnik's heart could hardly have been in his play in these final rounds.

Smyslov, who greatly exceeded this writer's expectations, covered himself with glory by finishing second, a half-point ahead of two such great masters as Keres and Reshevsky. Both of these players disappointed us, but Keres had at least the satisfaction of breaking his jinx against Botvinnik—after six losses and no wins against the mighty Mikhail!

By drawing his game with Dr.

Euwe in the 22nd round, Mikhail Botvinnik made sure of first place in the World Championship Tournament. As play began in this round, the situation was the following: Botvinnik had a score of 12-4, with Reshevsky and Smyslov tied for second at 9-8. Each of these players had three games left to play. If Botvinnik scored only one draw in his remaining three games, he could no longer be overtaken. By drawing his game, Botvinnik augmented his score to 12½-4½, so even if he lost his last games, he could not be surpassed by Reshevsky or Smyslov who could not do better than 12-8.

Critics Are Unfavorable

I do not see how Botvinnik's right to the title can possibly be questioned. He played the best chess; achieved a commanding lead; made a plus score against each contestant; lost only one game; was never seriously threatened.

Yet, curiously enough, there have already appeared some unfavorable comments. According to the tenor of these remarks, the play was disappointing, much below Alekhine's standard, etc.

These comments deserve some attention. In the first place, they are generally made by players who have considerable ability but who have never quite reached the first rank. Such players are naturally enough plagued by the eternal question: "What's he got that I haven't got?" They find it difficult to get themselves in an appreciative frame of mind. The rest of us, who have no axe to grind, have no trouble in admiring the great chess of those who are indisputably our betters.

These critics have made much of the fact that mistakes have been

made by the contestants. I refuse to be astounded: was there ever a tournament without mistakes? I have been greatly amused, however, at some of the bad mistakes in analysis which have been made by the selfsame critics when they annotated the games about which they have so disparaging an attitude!

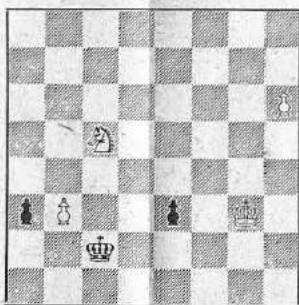
The comparison with Alekhine is hardly fair. Most of us know Alekhine only from two collections of his best games. These games are of course beautiful, but if we study all of Alekhine's games, we are bound to find many blunders and errors of omission and commission.

Then, the point of view is important. The critics of the present tournament do not dwell on the fact that errors are exploited, but merely on the fact that errors are made. But if we adopt the same nagging point of view toward Alekhine's games, we would have to drop our enthusiasm and dwell exclusively on the blunders and errors of omission which made Alekhine's beautiful moves possible.

Finally, the critics forget that the level of play has risen considerably in the last three decades. The more evenly that players are matched, the harder it is to win brilliantly, and the more likely it is that victory will be achieved on the basis of one player cracking psychologically, or being tricked in the opening, or making a time pressure mistake, or having to play for a win when the position does not justify it.

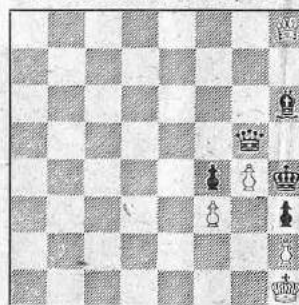
For myself I can say that I have enjoyed the games of this tournament immensely. They were unusually full of fight—many of them real slugging matches—and the number of listless draws was few.

Position No. 17
By G. Bernhardt (Frankenau)
Caissa, 1948



8, 8, 7P, 2K5, 8, 1P2hK1, 2K5, 8
White to play and win

Position No. 18
By Martin Gohn (Codlea)
Revista Romana de Sah, 1947



7Q, 8, 7b, 6Q1, 6P1K, 6P1P, 7P, 7K
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

Position No. 17 from Der Deutsche Schachmeister Caissa is a simple situation with a very tricky solution and the obvious move is not the winning one, as is proper in an endgame.

Position No. 18 is a rather remarkable study in the maneuvering of a Queen with a fine use of mating threats to establish the final winning position.

Solutions will be published in the June 20th issue.

Seven Qualify In Area 7 Tourney, Youth And Experience Well Blended

In a hard fought battle Anthony E. Santasiere topped all his opponents to finish first in the Area 7 U.S. Preliminary Tourney at the Marshall Chess Club with a score of 7-3. Tied at 6½-3½ were the other six qualifiers for the U.S. Championship Tournament, Shainswit, Evans, Heitner, Kramer, Platz and Shipman in a very exciting finish.

Despite the absence of former U. S. Champion Arnold Denker (fulfilling an engagement at Mar del Plata) and one or two local Masters (notably Horowitz and Pinkus who played in the last U. S. Championship in 1946), it was a strong field and the winning septet can be expected to uphold the honor of New York in the Championship Finals.

Santasiere's victory was expected in view of his fourth place position in the last Championship, as was the victory of Larry Evans, the newly crowned Champion of the Marshall Chess Club. Nor were the successes of George Shainswit, George Kramer and Walter Shipman unexpected. The dark horses of the group were Irving Heitner and Dr. Joseph Platz, CHESS LIFE annotator, who in the final rounds passed Donovan and Pilnick to gain places in the finals.

Youth is well represented in Kramer, Evans and Shipman—only the Byrne brothers and Bisguere are absent among New York's more notable younger players, and these did not enter.

Area Seven Qualifiers

Anthony E. Santasiere	7	3
George Shainswit	6½	3½
Larry Evans	6½	3½
Irving Heitner	6½	3½
George Kramer	6½	3½
Dr. Joseph Platz	6½	3½
Walter Shipman	6½	3½

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

FINAL STANDINGS (TWENTY FIVE ROUNDS)

Botvinnik	Keres	Reshevsky	Smyslov	Euwe	Total
11110	11111	11110	11111	11111	14-6
11011	00111	11111	11011	11011	11-9
00001	11101	11011	11111	11111	10½-9½
01100	11011	11011	11111	11111	10½-9½
01011	00100	01000	01100	4-16

STEINER, ALMGREN WIN IN AREA 6

Herman Steiner and Sven Almgren will represent Area 6 in the U. S. Championship as a result of a combination Swiss and round-robin tournament of twenty-one entrants. In the final round-robin Steiner lost one game—to Almgren. I. Frank and M. Gordon were third; fifth went to E. L. Rubin and H. Gordon; seventh to A. Weiss; and eighth to R. Martin.

Swiss Prelim. Results	Results
Almgren	2-2
H. Gordon	2-2
Frank	1-3
M. Gordon	1-3
Rubin	1-3
Steiner	1-3
Martin	1-3
Weiss	1-3
Croy	0-4
Newport Garnett	0-4
Johnson	2-2
Wheeler	2-2
Gibbs	1-3
Hutnagel	1-3
Spiller	1-3
Anderson	1-3
De Briae	1-3
Rogosin	1-3
Simonsen	0-4

WOMEN'S TOURNEY FOR U. S. TITLE

The U. S. Women's Chess Championship Tournament will be held at South Fallsburg, N.Y. from August 24 to August 31, according to the announcement of Mrs. Caroline D. Marshall, Director. Eight entries will be accepted, and room and board will be provided for these free of charge.

Miss N. May Karff, defending champion, will be seeded. Others will be selected upon the basis of qualifying tourneys. Qualifying tourney for New York will be held May 23 at 2:00 p.m. at the Marshall Chess Club. Players in other sections of the country may write Mrs. Caroline D. Marshall, % Marshall Chess Club, 23 West 10th St., New York 11, N.Y. in regard to entering a local qualifying tourney.

HELMAN CAPTURES VANCOUVER TITLE

The Championship of British Columbia went to A. Helman in the tournament held at Vancouver with C. F. Millar second and A. Makareh third. Helman was the 1947 champion. G. W. Sanborn of Trail won the minor tournament.

Puerto Rico Plans Armed Invasion, Strong Forces To Raid Baltimore

War has been declared by the Chess Federation of Puerto Rico and a strong force is gathering for the planned invasion of Baltimore on July 5th when five of Puerto Rico's best chess players will challenge all comers at the U. S. Open Tournament at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

Leading the invasion will be Puerto Rican Champion Miguel Colon, ably backed by former champion Rafael Cintron, younger brother Arturo Colon, Francisco Benitez and USCF Director for Puerto Rico Hector Vissepo.

This redoubtable quintet are veterans of double radio match with Chicago and most of them have already made their mark in American chess events at the International Tournament at Yankton or the U. S. Open Tournament at Corpus Christi. Other players from Puerto Rico are expected to enter, but these five bear the official challenge of the Puerto Rico Chess Federation and represent the strongest team that could be selected from the island.

NOTICE CLUB SECRETARIES

The Directory of Clubs for the 1947 USCF Yearbook is being compiled. Please notify USCF Secretary Edward I. Trend, 12889 Strathmoor Ave., Detroit 27, Mich. of any changes in your club officials or address, so the listing of your club will be correct.

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WHAT'S WRONG WITH AMERICAN CHESS?

A firmatively, it could be asked: "What's Right With American Chess?" and it would take a page to summarize the many encouraging answers to this rhetorical question. But we must not let the bright aspects of the scene blind us to the weaknesses that remain so far ignored.

There was a time (and not so long ago) when American chess prestige soared to the heights. We can remember the triumphs of Frank Marshall, the victories of the American Teams in the Hamilton Cup Tournaments and the individual triumphs abroad of Fine, Kashdan and Reshevsky without straining our memories. (I need not mention the earlier days of Pillsbury and Morphy.)

But it is a glory that is passing. American teams have twice taken startling defeats at the hands of players from the Soviet Union; the New York Stock Exchange bows to Amsterdam; Manhattan Chess Club yields to the Jockey Club of Argentina. And the last wire reports assure us that the World Championship is only too safely confided into Russian hands.

Has the day come when the United States must bow to the inevitable victory of other lands, or is this but a passing phase?

Many reasons have been offered for the decline of American chess.

The answer is really a simple one: the Amateur cannot in any sport readily hold his own with the Professional, for the sole reason that his lack of practice by comparison is a hopeless handicap. And our master players have in recent years returned to the amateur rank in the sense that they are occupied with other affairs than chess which has become under economic necessity an avocation rather than a vocation.

It is no disparagement of Kashdan, Fine or Reshevsky, for example, to say that the pressing matter of earning a living has become more important than chess to them, and that the lack of practice and study is becoming an increasing handicap in international encounters against those players who continue to make chess their profession.

The Fine, Reshevsky and Kashdan of the days of international triumph were unmarried, young and free from responsibility—they could devote their energy to the ill-paid profession of chess. Increasing years and domestic responsibilities have changed conditions; and we cannot selfishly say that they should have remained celibates just to uphold American chess.

Since it is not likely that chess will become overnight a better paid profession, what is the solution? There is only one logical answer; and that is the encouragement of our younger chess players so that they may develop into carefree young masters to reestablish American chess prestige. We must cease to cast longing glances back at the past, and instead set our eyes steadfastly upon the future. We must place our faith on the Evans, Friedmans, Byrnes, Bisguieres, Sandrins, Kramers, Shipmans and many another unnamed player of the future, trusting that from their ranks will soon arise the Marshall, Fine, Kashdan and Reshevsky of the next decade.

For that sole reason the basic conception of an Open Qualification to the U. S. Championship is fully justified (aside from many other considerations), for in no other way may we encourage and find our master players for the next decade of American chess supremacy.

Montgomery Major

USCF APPOINTS CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

The committee which will handle all arrangements for the Biennial U. S. Championship Tournament at South Fallsburg, N. Y., August 10-31 has been appointed with Richard W. Wayne of Ventnor City, N. J. as chairman. The committee is as follows:

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The pin is mightier than the sword—Reinfeld

(From "Winning Chess")

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.

Is The Kibitzer Beserk Or Prejudiced?

The "Kibitzer" referred to in the heading is W. M. Spackman, Acting Editor, The Chess Correspondent. In the issue of CHESS LIFE, April 20 he wrote an article criticising and misunderstanding a statement of mine that appeared in Problems of Chess Life, issue of March 5.

My statement was: "The problem department of the Chess Correspondent has just been discontinued to the great disgust and dissatisfaction of problem lovers everywhere." That statement was and is true! Mr. Spackman in his article singled me out as the party who was disgusted and dissatisfied. That however was an untruth although by inference it probably could have included me, for I am a Problem Lover, just as much, as I glean from Mr. Spackman's unreasonable and unjust criticism, he is Problem Hater.



Dr. P. G. Keeney

I did not raise a question as to why the problem section of The Chess Correspondent had been discontinued, nor did I question the reason for such action. I felt that the management of the C.C. was doing what they considered best for the interests of the C.C.

In my comment I had not intended, nor do I now intend, to tell others how I would run their business.

Everyone has his selfish likes and dislikes. That is all very good in its way, but it is not so good when the majority (because they are in the majority) endeavor to compel others to like the same things they like and do the things they do. I think that is wrong!

Despite the fact that there may be fewer lovers of problems than there are devotees of the game of chess, is one to assume that problems are not just as much a part of chess as the actual playing of the game across the board or by correspondence?

Some people like olives, some like onions, some overindulgence in alcoholic drinks, some like coffee, some like to go to church, some like to gamble, some like to play chess, some like fairy chess and some (should I say—a few) like chess problems.

More people like "jazz" music than the few who love the "classical." What of it? It doesn't prevent the elite from enjoying the classical and detesting the jazz and vice versa. I prefer the classical—so Mr. Spackman must like "jazz."

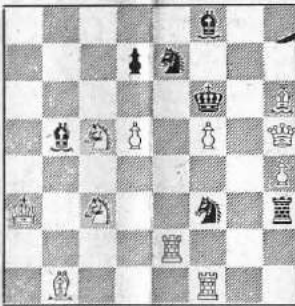
Since The Chess Correspondent primarily aims to cater to correspondence chess addicts, with no regard for other branches of the game, it is small wonder that Mr. Spackman's figures pertaining to the protests of problemists would be relatively small as compared to the group of followers of correspondence chess, who naturally in a magazine devoted to a special branch of the game would greatly outnumber the problem devotees, belittled and given no consideration by the magazine or its management.

Taking it for granted that this is still a free country, I shall continue to be a Problem Lover and the Kibitzer may continue to be a Problem Hater and remain what he is—a Kibitzer! In one of my articles in CHESS LIFE I mentioned the fate that is in store for Kibitzers. Let the Kibitzer beware! That's all, folks, there ain't no more!

Problem No. 27

By M. Barulin (Russia)

Black: 7 men



White: 11 men
1d2, 3f3, 5d1, 1hSP1P1Q, 7P.
3d2, 3g3, 4d1B, 1hSP1P1Q, 7P.
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 28

By V. Protopopov and L. Faivuzhinsky (Russia)

Black: 7 men



White: 11 men
s1S5, 4PK1p, 5, 1R2P82, 5k2r, -s66, 3P2B,
5S1
White mates in two moves

The above problems are clever examples of the skill and ideas of three famous composers of The Soviet Union. Problem No. 27 by M. Barulin illustrates the so-called Barulin Theme but the theme had been shown by Guidelli in 1917 and by Mansfield in 1926. However Barulin drew attention to the alternation of the mates and the general dual avoidance theory.

The general concept of dual avoidance implies two or more variations with Black defenses of similar character, which in each variation seems to allow two mates, also of the same nature but one of the two mates is suppressed in an artistic manner. The method of suppressing the dual must once again be the same in each variation. The final aim is for a parallelism of play at every point.

Problem No. 28, a joint composition by two young Moscow composers, shows not the Barulin Theme but the Barulin Defense. The problem has two initial threats and there are two pair of defenses. Each of these four Black moves defeat the two initial threats. All four of these are recognized as Barulin Defenses. They are defensive cuttings of White's lines.

(Solutions not received in time to publish)

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

QUALITY TELLS AGAIN! Tony Santasiere, obvious favorite to lead in the NY Area Preliminaries, came through in proper style to score 7-3 and head the field. His total was made up of 4 wins and 6 draws, which fact bears testimony to the strength of the opposition.

Six players tied at 6½-3½ to complete the list of qualifiers for this area. The most impressive performance was turned in by 18-year-old George Kramer of Queens College, star of the 1946 Nationals, who won six games and rose to the finals despite 2 losses in the early rounds and a heart-breaker against Santasiere. George Shainswit and Larry Evans qualified the easy way, with seven draws apiece. Shainswit has long been known for his drawing habits, this event saw him embellishing that reputation. One of the shortest games of any national event was the 11-move draw between the cautious Weinstein and Shainswit, where an early blocked position allowed a draw by repetition—or was it agreement?

This was still a youngster's tournament, and Walter Shipman and Irving Heitner, both of the new generation of chessmasters, came through with 5 wins and three draws apiece. Dr. Joseph Platz, Chess Life annotator and Bronx County champion, completed the qualifying list, while Sol Weinstein and Sidney Bernstein are the also-rans who may yet play in the Nationals. Average age of the qualifiers is well under 30 years!

Thus, 5 of the 7 players picked in the last column came through. The others, Donovan and Pinick, seemed to be dogged by bad luck throughout the second half of the tourney. WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO PREDICT THE NEXT U. S. CHAMPION?

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Gentlemen:

If you are interested to promote chess in the U.S.A. And I believe you do. Now is the time (a little late) when the World's Championship tournament is in progress.

Namely, to invite the Radio stations and prove to them that America has hundreds of thousands of chess players who are entitled to hear chess news the same way as all other sport news.

With the help of all chess clubs and individuals they would see that it pays. Even the Movie industry should be contacted.

B. KLEIN
Atlantic Beach, Fla.

CHICAGO TITLE TO SCHURZ HIGH

A five man team from Schurz High defeated the Tilden Tech. High team in the final match to win the Chicago Public High School Championship by a score of 7-3. In the Individual Championship Tournament Harry Goodman of Schurz High won the Chicago Public High School title by defeating David Levadi of South Shore in the final round, while Bill Simmons defeated Karl Branoff to gain third place. The tournament was conducted on a knock-out basis.

Nocturnal!

She: Well, what excuse have you for coming home at this hour?

He: Well, my dear, I was out playing golf with some friends and

She: What? At 2 a. m.?

He: Sure. We were using night clubs.

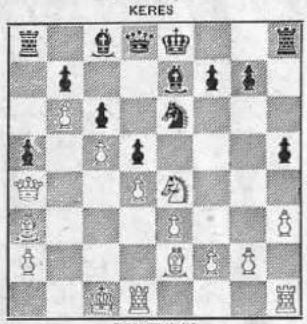
Reshevsky started this game beautifully. If Black plays 17... P-Kt3; 18. P-Q5! gives a winning attack. But soon Reshevsky becomes hesitant: he prepares, prepares and... prepares some more. His 29. P-B4? results in his being left with the "bad" Bishop, when his extra Pawn does not even count. The final penetration is well handled by Keres.

SLAV DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 13

Chess move list for Round 13, Slav Defense. White: Reshevsky, Black: Keres. Moves include P-Q4, P-Q4, Kt-B3, Kt-B3, Kt-Q2, Kt-Q2, etc.

After 17 Kt-K3



Reshevsky and Smyslov played very interesting chess, with a well-earned draw as the result. A very well contested game.

SLAV DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 16

Chess move list for Round 16, Slav Defense. White: Reshevsky, Black: Smyslov. Moves include P-Q4, P-Q4, Kt-B3, Kt-B3, Kt-Q2, Kt-Q2, etc.

Keres tried a new move against Euwe's 5... KtXP in the Lopez. The upshot of the complications was that Euwe was left with a blocked isolated Pawn. Keres maneuvered very skillfully to win. Euwe's blunder at move 33 hastened the end, but he was unquestionably lost in any event.

RUY LOPEZ

World Championship, Round 16

Chess move list for Round 16, Ruy Lopez. White: Keres, Black: Euwe. Moves include P-K4, P-K4, Kt-Q3, Kt-Q3, Kt-B3, Kt-B3, etc.

After 33. Q-B7



Both Euwe and Botvinnik were well satisfied with a draw—the first because he was last, the latter because he was first.

FRENCH DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 17

Chess move list for Round 17, French Defense. White: Euwe, Black: Botvinnik. Moves include P-K4, P-K4, P-Q4, P-Q4, Kt-Q3, Kt-Q3, etc.

May 6, 1948

Dear Mr. Major:

As my car literally emerged from a cloud 1200 feet above sea level I looked down upon the little village of South Fallsburg, New York, where the 1948 United States Chess Championship Tournament will be held this year. This is a charming little resort town nesting among the mountains made famous by the Rip Van Winkle saga. The first time I visited the little town it was a mass of ice and snow and my visit was confined completely to the business at hand. This time, however, with the sun shining and the mountain laurel profuse the town looked really like a Washington Irving scene. If the Chess Masters of America cannot put forth their best efforts in surroundings such as this they should take up Tiddy-Winks.

In addition to the comfort of the playing conditions the Masters will have the additional advantage of freedom from financial or residential worries. The contestants will, every one, be provided with transportation to and from their homes and the Tournament site; they will be housed and fed, without charge, in these very first-class hotels, situated up in the hills surrounding the little town, which are complete with every device known to the management for the enjoyment of their guests, such as swimming pools, hand-ball courts, tennis courts and in some cases even their own golf links.

Each hotel also maintains its own "Playhouse" where every night first-class entertainment is available, without charge, with leading radio, stage and screen stars doing their stuff. The South Fallsburg committee have arranged that all this entertainment, as well as any other entertainment going on in the town will be available—again without charge—to every contestant. When I suggested to the President of the Chamber of Commerce that the hotels situated a long way from the Community Center (where the Tournament will actually be played) and that this distance would make it difficult for the players to get back and forth from their hotels to the Tournament Room, I was blandly informed that every player will have an automobile and chauffeur at his disposal for this purpose; all that will be necessary will be to phone the desk and tell them that transportation is needed!

So you see, my dear Major, that we have every prospect of having one of the most enjoyable tournaments ever held in this country. I am already convinced from my contacts with the foresight in courtesy of the South Fallsburg group that they will leave absolutely no stone unturned to assure the comfort and happiness and success of the 1948 Tournament.

With kindest personal wishes,

Yours sincerely,

RICHARD W. WAYNE.

Chairman, 1948 Championship Tournament Committee

The Reader's Road To Chess

By John D. French

BOTVINNIK, THE INVINCIBLE By Fred Reinfeld; McKay (\$2.00) Now that it's official and Botvinnik is World's Champion, it might not be a bad idea to look over his games in a collection that shows just why he is champion. The book in which to do it is Fred Reinfeld's "Botvinnik, the Invincible," first of the "Wizards of the Chessboard" series published by McKay, Philadelphia.

So far it is the first full book devoted to the Russian star in English, although several nice bits of information can be gleaned from "Meet the Masters" by Euwe (McKay) and collections of almost anyone else's games. The Reinfeld book is closely annotated in Fred's penetrating style, going over 62 scores in all, including the now super-analysed radio variation of the Denker 25-mover.

A very good history of the young engineer-chessier leads off the book and a complete tournament record is fine stuff for those who like to quote figures to fellow club members. The work on the 36-year old master starts off with his first introduction to high grade master play in a Russian match with Sweden in 1926, when he was 15. From there the book goes fully over the highlights of the Russian's career: including such notable games as two of the Flohr match contests, five from Nottingham '36, the '41 absolute championship, and the final game with Smyslov '44, often called one of the greatest games played, despite a fault or two.

The book includes no less than seven of Botvinnik's French Defenses and a whole host of CGD and Nimzoindians for which he is noted. Most of the games are limited to other Soviet masters and so gives a good index of Russian chess as played today, a most fascinating subject you must admit.

ROUND NINETEEN

Reshevsky 0, Botvinnik 1; French Defense, 47 moves. Smyslov 1; Euwe 0; Ruy Lopez, 26 moves. Keres, bye.

ROUND TWENTY

Botvinnik 1, Keres 0; Queen's Pawn, 59 moves. Euwe 0, Reshevsky 1; Nimzoindian, 42 moves. Smyslov, bye.

Say you saw it in CHESS LIFE

SLAV DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 17

Chess move list for Round 17, Slav Defense. White: Smyslov, Black: Keres. Moves include P-Q4, P-Q4, Kt-B3, Kt-B3, Kt-Q2, Kt-Q2, etc.

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Chess Life Abroad

By George Koltanowski

What is the best move?

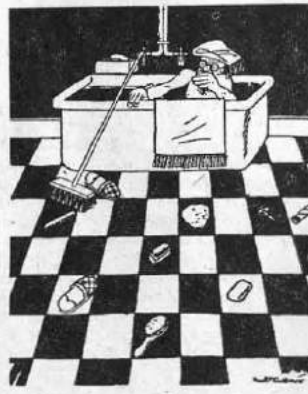
Position No. 3



Send solutions on No. 3 up to June 5th to the Editor of CHESS LIFE. (Solution to No. 2 will appear in next issue. Good advice: Try solving from diagram... trains the eye.)

Solutions to Position No. 1: R. Teichman played it in a simultaneous exhibition. He continued with 1. P-B6; 2. R(4)-K8, R-K5 ch!; 3. RxB, PxB; 4. R(4)-K8, R-K2 ch!; (Not many gave this second R sacrifice) 5. RxB, P-Kt8 (Q); 6. R(7)-K8. (The game ended in a draw through an oversight of the Master. It was easily won however by 6... QxP ch; 7. K-K1, Q-KB7 ch; 8. K-Q1, Q-B6 ch; 9. K-Q2, Q-B5 ch; 10. K-B2, Q-R5ch; 11. K-Q2, Q-Q2 ch and wins as P-KKt4 is now possible.)

Correct solutions were sent in by Pack Spence (Omaha); George Dunn (Philadelphia); F. H. Stoppel, Jr. (Cicero, Ill.); Even Brask (Attleboro, Mass.); Frank Neal (San Francisco); and Vincent G. Sprague (Cleveland). Correct initial move without complete analysis of the winning line were submitted by: P. Palazzo (Lorain, O.); M. F. Anderson (Rapid City, So. Dak.); G. N. Coker, Jr. (Atlanta); Malcolm D. Brown (Wycomb, Pa.); Joseph A. Becker (Mankato, Minn.); and Robert Lucas (Portland, Ore.). Congratulations!



A chess player takes his bath

Lustiger Blatter, Germany

R. G. Wade has just won the New Zealand Championship. He scored 9 wins and two draws; his closest rivals, T. Lepylikman (previous champion) and H. McNabb, were 2 1/2 points behind. Wade intends to tour the States this coming Fall.

Game played in the Czechoslovakian Championship. White: Ludek Pachman; Black: Potucek; Gruenfeld Defense. 1. P-Q4, Kt-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-KKt3; 3. Kt-QB3, P-Q4; 4. Kt-B3, B-Kt2; 5. Q-Kt3, PxB; (Also played here is 5... P-B3; 6. PxB, PxB; 7. B-Kt5, Kt-B3!) 6. QxB, O-O; 7. P-K4, P-B3; (Some of the Russian writers recommend (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4)

RUY LOPEZ U.S. Championship, Preliminaries Area 7, New York, 1948 Notes by G. E. Page

SOUDAKOFF Chessboard diagram showing a game position.

KRAMER This move is a sure loser. Better would have been 16... P-K15 catching the White Kt with no good place to go and 17... Kt-K3 on the following move.

SLAV DEFENSE World Championship, Round 5 The Hague, 1948 Notes by Erich W. Marchand

SHAINSWIT DR. A. MANGARINI 1. P-Q4 Kt-K3 2. P-QB4 P-K3 3. Kt-K3 P-Q4

SHAINSWIT Chessboard diagram showing a game position.

RESHEVSKY A courageous move but apparently quite sound. If Black captures now 15... QxP; 16.Kt-QK5, 15. P-QK4 winning a piece.

And Black will not be given time to capture the P. later. 13... Q-Q1 15. Kt-Q5 Kt-Kt

CATALAN SYSTEM Manhattan Chess Club vs. Marshall Chess Club, New York, 1947 Notes by Fred Reinfeld

G. SHAINSWIT DR. A. MANGARINI 1. P-Q4 Kt-K3 2. P-QB4 P-K3 3. Kt-K3 P-Q4

SHAINSWIT Chessboard diagram showing a game position.

MENGARINI 27. BxKt Forged, if 27... K-K2 (or 27... K-K3); 28. R-Kt, Kt-K3; 29. Kt-N3, N-Kt1; 30. R-Q7 winning a piece.

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE Correspondence Chess, C.C.L.A. 7th Grand National, Round 3 Notes by Dr. Bela Rozsa

H. HOLENWEG S. BRASK 1. P-Q4 Kt-K3 2. P-QB4 P-K3 3. Kt-K3 P-Q4

worse with every move. 15. P-K4 Better is P-KK4 after which Black has no constructive move.

BRASK Chessboard diagram showing a game position.

HOLENWEG At least the QR-B1. 29. P-K15 This forces the issue.

TWO KNIGHTS DEFENSE Correspondence Chess, C.C.L.A. 11th Grand National, Finals Notes by A. Y. Hesse

S. BRASK PROF. J. McCURE 1. P-K4 P-K4 2. P-QB4 P-K3 3. Kt-K3 Kt-Q3

BRASK Chessboard diagram showing a game position.

McCLURE 21. BxP! The whole point to the sacrifice by which White cleverly regains the initiative and a winning attack, made possible by his opponent's 10th, 11th and 12th moves.

White played in real championship form, never relinquishing a stranglehold from the 18th move. If there be a shorter way, after the 22nd move, to decide the issue, it is hard to find.

MARCHAND, ROZZA WILLIAMS in 10th GRAND NAT'L A double round-robin of games has begun among Erich W. Marchand, Rochester, N.Y., CHESS LIFE Games Editor and President of the C.C.L.A., Dr. Bela Rozsa, Oklahoma University professor from Tulsa and the Oklahoma State Champion, and M. M. Williams, a Houston, Texas, attorney, to decide the 10th U.S. Correspondence Chess Championship, in the fourth and final round of play.

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St. Louis District Championship table with names and scores.

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