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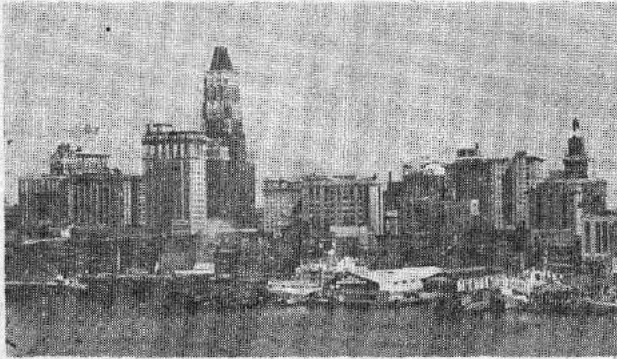


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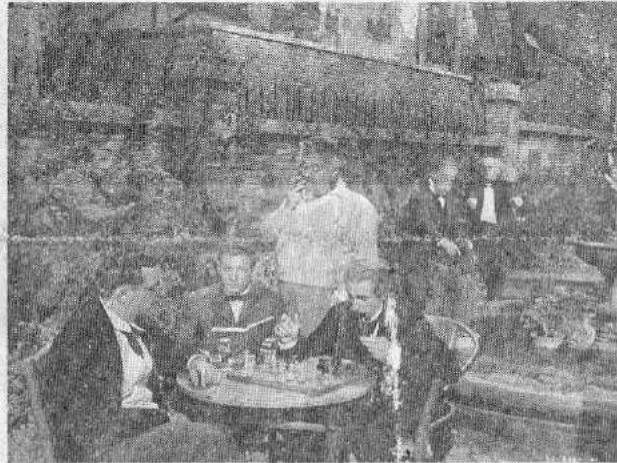
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## PLAYERS PLAN FOR OPEN



BALTIMORE—Scenic City of the 1948 U. S. Open Tournament



"A Song Is Born" amid chess players in the new RKO picture of that name. Seated, left to right: Benny Goodman, Danny Kaye and Felix Bressart; kibitzing is Edward Bromberg.

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### SO. CAROLINA REVIVES ASS'N

The old South Carolina State Chess Ass'n has been revived with Robert F. Brand (Charleston) as president, Alexander D. Lewis (Clemson) secretary, David L. Purser (Clemson) treasurer. The Ass'n will hold the State Championship Tournament at Columbia under the direction of Paul Cromelin (Augusta) on June 19-20—a revival of the tournaments held between 1927 and 1932.

### KRISCH, BARASCH WIN FINALS OF 48TH N. AMERICAN

Edward J. Krisch, Cleveland, Ohio, and Charles Barasch, Baltimore, Md., have just been declared the winners of the Finals of Class "A" and Class "C" in the annual North American Class Championships of the Correspondence Chess League of America, according to the Tournament Director, Jimmy Jenkins, Newark, N.Y. Krisch won five games while drawing one, five games while losing one, and in the Class "C" Finals Barasch's record of 3½-1 won for him.

### JACKSON TAKES TOLEDO TITLE

In the third annual Toledo Chess Club Championship, Lawrence C. Jackson, Jr., club president, won the title with a score of 5½-½ in the seven-man round-robin tournament. Francis H. Ashley and Robert J. Henry tied for second with 4½-1½, and Ashley won the playoff game.

### NEW HAMP. PRELIM QUALIFIES SEVEN

In the preliminaries of the New Hampshire State Championship held at the Railroad YMCA, Concord, N.H., 7 players qualified to play in the semi-finals for the New Hampshire title. Six groups of five players each contested with O. Lester, Su. ... Lebzeltorn, H. B. Lester and Gilmore each winning in their group by scores of 4-0. In the six group Williams and Hux tied with 3½-½ each.

At the annual election of the New Hampshire Chess & Checker Ass'n it was voted to affiliate with the USCF as a State chapter. Orlando Lester, Jr. was elected president; Harvey Wilson vice-president; Abbot Gotshall secretary-treasurer

### SCENIC BALTIMORE BECKONS CHESS PLAYERS IN JULY

#### Historic City Plans Gala Program For U. S. Open Tournament

Baltimore, historic city of early American days, awaits a new sensation in the holding of the U. S. Open Tournament at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, July 5-17. And the players in that Open Tournament will find Baltimore wide-awake, hospitable and a most interesting vacation spot.

Here is Fort McHenry where the Star Spangled Banner was born on that epic night in 1814 when British ships bombarded the defenses in vain, here also Mt. Clare Station where the first telegraphic message of all time was received from Samuel F. B. Morse on May 27, 1844, and the tomb of Edgar Allan Poe, Baltimore's most noted poet.

These are but a few of the high-spots of historic interest, beckoning to the chess player in his leisure hours between games. There are many others, for Baltimore is famous as a port and as an industrial center, as well as a vacationland and the home of many fine institutions of learning, of which Johns Hopkins is probably best known.

The local Tournament Committee, headed by Ira Lovett, Chairman, have been busy with plans for the entertainment and enjoyment of the chess player, and the program they have organized promises every player two weeks of pleasure and relaxation in what promises to be one of the outstanding Open Tournaments.

The Tournament Committee consists of: Ira Lovett, Chairman; George M. Lapoint, Vice-Chairman; Hans Knoch, Tournament Director; David Bentz, Asst. Tournament Director; Charles Barasch, Secretary; R. T. Smith, Jr., Asst. Secretary; Jack Stone, Treasurer; Albert Tralins, Publicity; Dr Robert W. Garis, Finance; Ethelbert Talbot, Finance; Graydon Schreiber, Arrangements.

#### Early Entries

Among the first entries filed at Baltimore are the names of Herman Steiner of Los Angeles (1946 Open Champion), Anthony E. Santasiere of New York (1947 Ventnor City Open Champion), Miguel Colon (Champion of Puerto Rico), Max Pavey of New York (1947 U. S. Lightning Champion), Albert S. Pinkus and Oscar Tenner of New York, and Osias Bain of Quebec (1948 Quebec City Champion), who will head a delegation from Canada.

Due to the large attendance indicated by early entries, the Tournament Committee urges an early registration at the Hotel Lord Baltimore. Reservations may be made by writing Ira Lovett, 327 No. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.

### HRISSIKOPOULOS SYRACUSE CHAMP

In the Syracuse (N.Y.) City Championship C. Hrisikopolous won the title with a score of six victories with no defeats or draws. The Class A tourney was won by R. Hewes with 5-1, and the Class B by L. Port with 4-1 in a tie with R. Bots and Mrs. Nye.

Syracuse City Championship  
C. Hris'pos ... 6-0 W. Damon ... 2-4  
A. Wood ... 5-1 R.M'Namara ... 2-4  
A. Damon ... 3½-2½ W. Ford ... 1½-4½

#### SUPPORT THE OPEN TOURNAMENT

Space is available in the Baltimore Open Tournament Program and Score Book for Chess Clubs, to support the Tournament by advertising their club. Write: Albert Tralins, New Era Advertising, 31 Light St. Baltimore 2, Maryland for details.

### BALTIMORE FORMS CHESS LEAGUE

Under the sponsorship of the Maryland Chess Club a chess league has been formed in Baltimore patterned after the metropolitan chess league of New York. Members of the new league, which has applied for a USCF charter as a chapter, are: University of Baltimore Chess Club, Loyola College Chess Club, Johns Hopkins University Chess Club, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health Chess Club, Maryland State University Chess Club, City College Chess Club, Polytechnic High School Chess Club, Montebello Chess Club, Gallant Knights Chess Club, and Maryland Chess Club.

Officers of the League are: David Bentz, Director; Joseph Glatt, Assistant Director; Graydon Schreiber, Secretary; and Kenneth Watson, Treasurer.

### SOUTHERN CHESS ASS'N. TOURNEY

Plans for the 27th Annual Southern Chess Ass'n Tournament at the Partridge Inn, Augusta, Ga. from July 1 to 4 were made (with a change in date from July 5th) so the players could also attend the U. S. Open at Baltimore.

Under the management of Paul L. Cromelin, Georgia Chess Ass'n President, a very lively meeting is planned for this traditional tourney, which is open to all comers. 1947 Champion Stanley Weinstein (of Miami and New York) is expected to defend his title.

### PAUL MORPHY DAY AT SANTA MONICA

June 20th at the Myles Memorial Playhouse in Santa Monica, Calif. will be held a chess jubilee with many chess events, open to all comers without charge, as guests of the Los Angeles Chess League and Santa Monica Bay Chess Club.

### OMAHA TITLE TIE—OHMAN, LUDWIG

Drawing a 61 move six-hour battle, Howard Ohman and Alfred Ludwig tied for the Omaha City Championship with 20½ points each. Ohman, former Nebraska Champion, showed no loss of form after two years absence from tournament chess, and present Nebraska Champion Alfred Ludwig was equally in form in a strong city tournament which only lacked 1947 Champion Delmar Saxton to make the roll of Omaha's leading players complete.

Omaha City Championship

Howard Ohman	20½	31
Alfred Ludwig	20½	33
Lee Magee	16	8
Jack Sceno	15½	8½
George Halsey	15	9
H. F. Underwood	15	9
George Steyer	11	12½
Jerry Belzer	11	13
Walter Nelson	10	14
E. L. Holland	10	14
Sam Richman	6½	17½
William Blanchard	2½	21½
Charles Mendenhall	2	22

### JOHN HOY WINS CLEVELAND TITLE

The last round defeat of E. Wyman by John Hoy gave the latter the Cleveland City Championship in a very exciting finale. Hoy, many times city champion and several times state champion, went through the final round robin with no losses and one draw against young A. Robboetoy for a score of 6½-1½.

Cleveland City Championship

J. Hoy	6½	1½
E. Wyman	5½	2½
E. Somlo	4½	2½
A. Robboetoy	4	3
F. Vencl	3½	3½
J. Goodman	3	4
A. Curry	1	4
M. Patrick	0	7

(Patrick forfeited six games because of illness)

In the annual Rapid Transit Championship the title was won by E. Somlo with the score of 5-3 after a 2-1 victory over State Champion T. Ellison in a playoff match. Second was Ellison with 5-3; third J. Goodman and R. Sachs with 4½-3½ each.

### BAIN WINS AGAIN QUEBEC TITLE

Repeating last year's victory youthful Osias Bain won the Quebec City Championship, defeating all opponents in an eight round tournament.

Quebec City Championship

O. Bain	8-0
R. Lemelin	6½-1½
G. Nadeau	5-3
G. Audet	5-3
R. Bedard	3½-3½
P. H. Nadeau	3-5
M. Dion	3-5
L. Gourdau	1-7
J. Archambault	1-7

### SELF IS VICTOR KANSAS TOURNEY

By virtue of a 2½-1½ score over Mechem in a play-off match, Self won the Kansas State Championship, after tying in the regular tournament with 13 wins and 2 draws against 14 wins and one loss by Mechem. Tournament was played at Wichita.

Kansas State Championship

Self	14-1
Mechem	14-1
Strick-Nash	12-3
Stut	11-3
Hawk	9½-5
Dr. Granger	9½-5
Shuey	8½-6
Popp	7½-7
R. Granger	7-8
Layde	7-8
Brauer	6½-8½
McDonald	5-10
Burnett	4-11
McKinney	2-13
Maring	2-13
Carpenter	0-15



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# Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

## Problems of Chess Life

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### Black Self-Interference

This article is an attempt on my part to elucidate the themes used by composers resulting from Black Self-Interference.

The three named Grimshaw, Plachutta and Nowotny are all types of this theme, based on Mutual Interferences, wherein one black piece interferes with the first in a second variation. The Mutual Interference need not occur by moves of the two pieces to the same square, but in general they do so.

Mutual Interferences are of three types, based on the directions of action and of play of the black pieces involved.

- 1) The two pieces have the same direction of motion and they interfere on a single line. This is known as Black Anti-Bristol play and it forms the equivalent of White Anti-Bristol.
- 2) The two pieces have the same direction of motion but they interfere on two lines. This is the Plachutta theme.
- 3) The two pieces have different lines of motion and consequently they interfere on two lines. The possible combinations of pieces to be used are five. The Q may be used with either the R or the P or the B but she must be pinned. The most frequent combination is to use R and B. The mutual interference of R and B constitutes the Grimshaw theme. When a P is used instead of the black R the theme becomes the Pawn Grimshaw.



Dr. P. G. Keeney

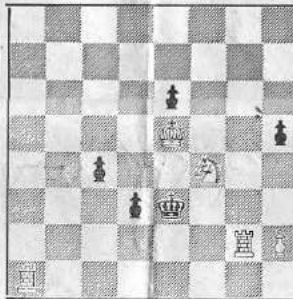
In the Nowotny theme a white piece is sacrificed on the square of interference.

The fact remains, however, that these three themes all stem from Black Self-Interference play. Why not speak of them as such instead of giving them such non-comprehensive names as Grimshaw, Plachutta and Nowotny?

#### Problem No. 29

By Thomas F. Mosimann  
Hyattsville, Md.

Composed for Chess Life  
Black: 5 men

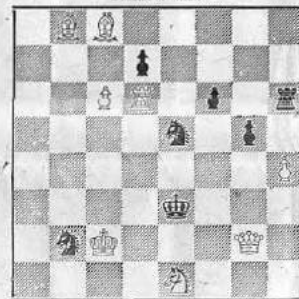


White: 5 men  
8, 8, 4p, 4KQ, 2p5c,  
3K3, 6P, 17  
White mates in three moves

#### Problem No. 30

By H. C. Mowrey  
Malden, Mass.

Composed for Chess Life  
Black: 7 men



White: 8 men  
1R8S, 2p4, 2P1R1R, 4s1p1,  
7p, 1R3, 1S8Q1, 4S3  
White mates in three moves

Today our problem feast for the solvers consists of two pleasing three-movers. Problem No. 29 is a composition of T. F. Mosimann of Hyattsville, Md., who admits, that while he has had several of his problems published, he is not a well known composer. Well, that's what I am looking for, an opportunity to exploit the compositions of novices or little known composers, when they produce something worthwhile. I consider Mr. Mosimann's creation of this type. It has some nice tries and a fair key.

Problem No. 30 is a three-er by another American composer of considerable renown, who has composed many good three-ers in recent years. Mr. Mowrey likes to compose complicated problems with a good bit of variety. Problem No. 30 is a typical example of his composing style.

**CORRECTION:** Diagrams of Problems 25 and 26 were correct although Forsythe was wrong. Under the solution to Problem No. 21 the theme was Dalton, not Dawson.

#### Solutions:

Problem No. 28 proved to be another unsound problem, having two keys, viz: 1. (author's) P-B7 and 2. (cook) K-B4. This cook is regrettable since it completely ruins the Barulin Defence line in the composition: 1. P-B7, RxB; 2. B-K2. The solution to Problem No. 24 is: 1. Kt-B8, threat; 2. Kt-R7 ch, K-B5; 3. Q-R2. If 1..... K-B5; 2. Q-R8 ch, K-K4; 3. Kt-Q6. If 1..... K-B5; 2. Q-R2 ch; K-K4; 3. Kt-R7. If 1..... P-B5; 2. K-Q8, K-B5; 3. Q-R6. If 2..... other; 3. Kt-R7. A pretty clean-cut 3-er, greatly admired by the solvers of Problems of Chess Life.

Solvers reporting one key to Problem No. 28 and the correct solution to Problem No. 24 were: Vincent Sprague (Cleveland); Jack Spence (Omaha); Kenneth Lay (Madison, Wis.); James Helton (New Haven).

Solvers reporting two solutions to Problem No. 28 and the correct solution to Problem No. 24 were: T. Lundberg (Dallas); H. Grendyke and N. Gabor (Cincinnati); Malcolm T. Brown (Wycombe, Pa.) found one solution to Problem No. 28.

The keymove of Problem No. 25 is 1. Qx8 with threat of 2. Q-R8. Black's main defenses are 1..... Kt-K5; 1..... Kt-R4; and 1..... Kt-B3; the mates by White respectively, being: 2. P-Q4, R-K7 and RxQ. Solvers reported the composition "pretty" and enjoyable.

Problem No. 30 proved to be another cooked problem instead of a gem of the first water. Strange it is indeed that first class composers overlook obvious and brutal cooks! My explanation is that problem composers are as a rule poor solvers and especially poor testers of their own compositions. They seemingly assume there can be no other solution than the one they have evolved to exhibit their theme. Study Problem No. 26 for example. The eminent Hungarian composer had conceived the following elegant solution: 1. Kc-B6, threat; 2. Kt-K4, if 1..... Kt-Q4; 2. KxKt. If 1..... Kt-R7; 2. RxKt. If 1..... Kt-Q5; 2. QxP. If 1..... Kt-B6 other; 2. Q-Q2. If 1..... P-N5; 2. QxKt, etc. All very fine and intended as an example of a mutual bivalve them but Mr. Fleck through either carelessness or overconfidence in his composing ability failed to note the obvious and ruthless second key to his problem, which completely ruins any merit the problem might have possessed.

The "cook" key is 1. Qx8, threat; 2. Q or RxBt and Black cannot avoid mate on the second move. Summing up then: Problem No. 25 has two keys, viz: 1. Kt-B6 (author's) and 1. Qx8 (cook). There is an old adage: "too many cooks spoil the broth." Applied to problem composing it would read: "too cooks spoil the problem!"

Solvers reporting the correct solution to Problem No. 25 and two solutions to Problem No. 26 were: Charles Brokaski (Brookfield, Ill.) and James Helton (New Haven).

Solvers submitting the correct solution to Problem No. 25 and one solution to Problem No. 26 were: T. Lundberg (Dallas, Tex.); Kenneth Lay (Madison, Wis.); Jack Spence (Omaha, Neb.); Malcolm D. Brown (Wycombe, Pa.); Peter Korr (Grand Rapids, Mich.); Dr. J. M. Erman (Detroit, Mich.); N. Gabor and H. Grendyke (Cincinnati, O.). Mr. Lundberg is also credited with solving Problems No. 28 and 29.

## A PREVUE OF U. S. OPEN TOURNAMENT

(Letter No. 53)

By ELBERT A. WAGNER, JR.

President, United States Chess Federation

The 49th Annual Congress and Open Championship Tournament to be held at Baltimore July 5 to July 17 will be an event with a double aspect, each of which promises to transcend in size and importance any that have gone before.

Ira Lovett, colorful Chairman of the energetic Tournament Committee, is looking for a record breaking field when play begins at the Lord Baltimore Hotel and seems in a fair way to get it, even though the high mark of 86 players at Corpus Christi last summer is an imposing figure to approach. A delegation of five players from Puerto Rico, headed by Champion Miguel Colon and former Champion Rafael Cintron has given the entry list a running start. The veteran Oscar Tenner of the Manhattan Chess Club is the earliest representative of the New York players and others in that metropolis are certain to follow his lead. The Southern Chess Association will conclude its 27th Annual Championship Tourney at Augusta, Virginia, in time for the SCA players to make their presence felt in the Open after settling their sectional rivalry.

The fact that Hans Kmoch, chess master from Holland who recently made a host of new friends in an exhibition tour of this country, will direct the Open will add to the interest of the tournament as well as assure the effective management of the playing room.

The annual Directors' meeting which will convene on July 8 for a two day session is almost certain to be the largest gathering in the history of that group. The number of USCF Directors is at peak and the fact that the Congress will be held in the heart of one of the most active chess sections of the country will make for a large attendance. The presence of the Directors will not merely be welcome but will be needed for they will have occasion to grapple with problems of major importance. The addition of three new Vice-presidents, by vote of the Directors in recognition of the constantly increasing program of the USCF to be elected at Baltimore, will heighten the interest in the meeting.

Entrance fee for the Open Tournament will be \$10 in accordance with custom and entries should be sent to Ira Lovett, 327 North Charles Street, Baltimore. Contributions to the tournament fund will be welcome and will be gratefully acknowledged by Dr. Robert W. Garis, Finance Chairman, Baltimore.

## The Reader's Road To Chess

By John D. French

WINNING CHESS By Fred Reinfield and Irving Chernev; Simon and Schuster. (\$2.75)

A beautiful book heralds the coming of a new publisher to the field of chess literature. It's a beauty both in design and content; both in "readability" and text; and in both of its two authors: the USCF and CHESS LIFE's own Fred Reinfield and the "Believe It or Not" man-about-town, Irving Chernev. The publisher is Simon and Schuster, producers of many best sellers; something which bodes well for chess. Reinfield and Chernev have taken a major premise in their text which is at odds with this reviewer, although my faith is shaken after reading this new book. R&C feel that combination in chess is everything, rather than the logistic methods of Nimzovitch. They go on to very convincingly prove their point. The book is written for either the beginner (that is, if he or she already knows only the rules and objects of the game) or the long-time player who has already worked his way through more than a few volumes of chess lore.

After summing up chess notation in just 600 words and five diagrams for the benefit of any novices in the reading circle (and there will be many for this splendid book), the authors tear into their subject with a happy, easy-to-read-and-enjoy will. After studying a mere 50,000 games (!), R&C have come to the conclusion (and one with merit I freely admit) that combination is the only way to (Please turn to Page 3, Column 3.)



John D. French

**TOURNAMENT NOTES:**— Jack Collins, international correspondence player par excellence, has annexed the championship of the Brooklyn Chess Club after playing through a rigorous schedule without losing a game. Moe Osher was the runner-up, while Sol Wanetik, young Brooklyn College ace, took third.

The completion of the annual competition of the Metropolitan Chess League saw the senior team of the Marshall Chess Club and the Log Cabin octet tied for top honors. A play-off will be arranged. Brooklyn finished third in the field of 9 teams, while the Manhattan Chess Club, last year's champions, kibitzed from the sidelines. However, a large number of Manhattan players made "seasonal" affiliations with other clubs in order to remain in this traditional competition.

The interscholastic season draws to a close, and a lively tournament of 14 schools, directed by Milton Hanauer, sees the Bronx High School of Science team (Finkelstein coaching) in an unassailable position as the last round approaches.

Practical jokers have invaded chess! Abe Turner, Mount Vernon's gift to the game, was the target of an amazing series of telegrams during the recent NY Area tournament. These missives, "signed" by the world's leading chess figures, are typified by the condolences "telegraphed" by the F.I.D.E. after one of Abe's losses. It seems that Dr. Rueb felt, with Turner, that the game could easily have been won!

With the news that Sammy Reshevsky has decided to take a 2-year rest from chess, and with a number of masters having joined him in inactivity, the probability faces us that Santasiere or Kramer may take the title. In any event, I would pick them in that order. WOULD YOU CARE TO PREDICT THE NEXT U.S. CHAMPION?

#### Solutions:

Endgame Positions No. 13 and 14  
CHESS LIFE, April 20th

Position No. 13 by E. Hufscheldt: 1. P-K7, B-Q3; 2. P-B7, R-B7; 3. R-Kt4 ch, BxK; 4. Kt-B4 ch, K-Q5 (if 4... R-K4; 5. Kt-Q8 ch wins); 5. Kt-R6 ch, K-Q4; 6. Kt-B5 wins.

Position No. 14 by M. Major: 1. Kt-B7 ch, K-R5; 2. Kt-Q5, K-R5 (if 2... RxB, KxKt; 3. P-B6, P-R4; 5. P-K7, P-R5; 6. P-K15(Q), K-K7; 7. K-K4, P-R6; 8. K-Q5, P-B7; 9. Q-R7 ch, K-R8; 10. Q-B2, P-R5(Q); 11. Q-B2 mate (if 10... P-R5(K); 11. Q-R2 wins); if (a) 2... P-B7; 3. Kt-B3 ch, K-R6; 4. Kt-K2, P-R4; 5. P-K6, P-R5; 6. P-K7, P-R6; 7. P-K8(Q) ch, K-K7; 8. Q-K8 ch, K-R7 (if 8... K-R5; 9. Q-K13, P-R7; 10. Q-R3 wins); 9. Kt-B3 ch, K-B5; 10. Q-K13 wins. Dual variation: 11. K-B5; 3. Kt-Q5, P-R4 (if 3... P-B7; 3. Kt-K8 ch, K-K4; 4. KxP, KxKt; 5. P-K7, P-R4 leads to main variation); 3. P-K8, P-R4; 4. P-K7, P-R5; 5. P-K18(Q), P-B7; 6. KxP ch, wins. If 2... R-R4; 3. Kt-R6, P-B7; 4. Kt-Q4, P-B5(Q); 5. Kt-K13 ch wins. If 2... K-B5; 3. Kt-K6 wins; if 2... K-K3; 3. Kt-Q5 ch wins.

#### Solutions:

End Game Positions No. 15 and 16  
Chess Life, May 5th

No. 15 by Ing. P. Farago:—1. PxP1 PxP; 2. R-R4; P-K7; (if 2... KxKt; 3. P-B7, R-K4; 4. K-Q6, RxP ch; 5. KxR wins); 3. P-B7, R-K7; 4. R-QKt4; RxB; 5. P-B8(Q) ch, K-R2 (if 5... K-K2; 6. Q-B3 ch and 7. Q-R8 wins); 6. Q-B2 ch, K-K1 (if 6... K-K3; 7. Q-Q2 ch wins); 7. Q-R4 ch, K-B1 or R1; 8. K-R8 ch, K-R7 or R7; 9. Q-R7 ch and wins. Variation:—1. PxP, KxR; 2. PxP (if 2... P-B7; P-R7; 3. P-R8(Q), P-R7; 4. Q-B3 ch, K-R7; 5. Q-Q8 ch, K-B5; and if 6. Q-R4, KxKt ch wins); 3. K-K2; 4. P-B7, R-K7; 4. P-B1 Rt-B2; 5. P-R8 wins; if 5... R-R2; 6. K-Q8, RxB; 7. KxR, Kt-Q5; 8. K-R7 wins.

Curious about rooms for the USCF Open Championship Tournament in Baltimore July 5-17... Just drop a note to Ira Lovett, 327 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland. He'll get you the best room in Baltimore's finest hotel, the Lord Baltimore, scene of the biggest and best of the Opens yet.



Comments by Fred Reinfeld

Reshevsky played with great energy throughout, casting Queen-side in an Open Defense to the Ruy Lopez! He sacrificed the exchange with profitable results, as his passed Pawns assured him a won ending.

a whole series of powerful blows. A good game.

FRENCH DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 19

- White: S. RESHEVSKY, Black: M. BOTVINNIK. 1. P-Q4 P-K3 21. R-B1 KR-B1...

After 39. Kt-B4



- 39. R-K1 44. KxP R-K4 40. PxR R-P 45. Q-R3 R-K7 ch 41. Q-K1 R-B4 46. KxP Kt-Q7 ch 42. Q-Q3 P-K5 47. K-K3 R-K6 ch 43. Q-B1 PxP ch Resigns

Botvinnik obtained a considerable opening advantage against Smyslov's Gruenfeld Defense; but thereafter Botvinnik played sloppily, while Smyslov played with great ingenuity. Eventually Botvinnik reached a Rook and Pawn ahead, but could not win.

RUY LOPEZ

World Championship, Round 19

- White: V. SMYSLOV, Black: DR. EUWE. 1. P-K4 P-K4 14. Q-K4 Kt-K2 2. Kt-K3 Kt-B3 15. Kt-R3 P-Q3...

Keres played a peculiar defense to Botvinnik's Queen Pawn Opening. Black's 16....., P-QKt4?? is a serious positional bower, which gives White a lasting bind on the position.

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME

World Championship, Round 20

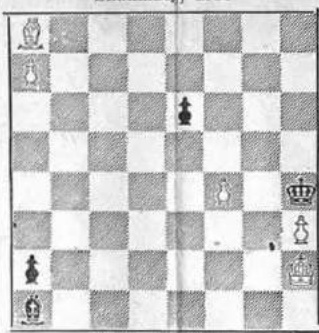
- White: M. BOTVINNIK, Black: P. KERES. 1. P-Q4 P-Q4 31. K-B1 K-K2 2. Kt-K3 B-B4 32. K-K2 K-Q3...

Reshevsky handled the Black side of a Nimzovich Defense in masterly style against Euwe. At the end Euwe was reduced to complete helplessness.

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Position No. 19 By T. B. Gorghlew (USSR) Shakmaty, 1933



White to play and win

Position No. 20 By Guilherme Groesser (Chicago) Original



White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

Position No. 19 represents the clever handling of a White B and Q in an interesting creation by one of the Soviet endgame composers.

Solutions will be published in the July 5th issue. (We regret that Position No. 10 was incorrectly stated. There should have been a P at R2 to prevent P-KKt8(Q), as Sr. Miguel Colon and Dr. P. G. Keeney have pointed out.)

READER'S ROAD TO CHESS

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NIMZOVICH DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 20

- White: DR. EUWE, Black: S. RESHEVSKY. 1. P-Q4 Kt-K3 23. R-K1 P-K5 2. P-QB4 P-K3 24. Kt-K1 Kt-K5...

For once Sammy had no trouble in the opening, and obtained quite a satisfactory game on the black side of a Ruy against Smyslov. The game eventually petered out into a draw.

RUY LOPEZ

World Championship, Round 21

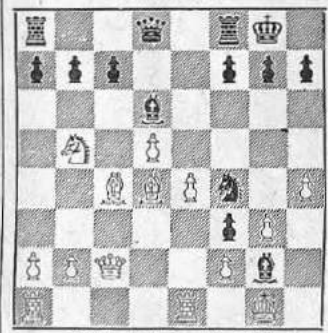
- White: V. SMYSLOV, Black: S. RESHEVSKY. 1. P-K4 P-K4 22. QxQ Kt-Q 2. Kt-K3 Kt-Q3 23. Kt-P R-R2...

Keres played very risky chess against Euwe, who probably had a win at one point. But Euwe missed out badly in the complications and succumbed to a surprisingly virulent attack when only the heavy pieces were on the board.

Chess Life Abroad

By George Koltanowski

CAN YOU SOLVE THIS? Position No. 4



Send solutions to Position No. 4 to the Editor, Chess Life, by June 20th. Give main lines of play. Solution to Position No. 2:—

Almost identical in idea with No. 1, it occurred in a game between N.N. and V. Soutanbeiff, Liege, 1935. 1..... Rxf3 ch 2. K-R3 R-R7 ch 3. K-K4 R-R7 4. R-B4 R-Q11 5. R-Q11 R-R5 ch 6. K-B3 7. R-K3 KxP 8. R-K4 R-R4 9. R-R4 P-QK3; and White resigned.

Correct solutions received from: Malcolm D. Brown (Wycombe, Pa.); Dr. Joseph M. Erman (Detroit); P. Palazzo (Lorain, O.); V. G. Sprague (Cleveland).

Melbourne, Australia: Championship tourney: L. Steiner 10½ (out of 11); Purdy 10; Pickler 8½; Armstrong 6½; Klass 6, etc.

Vienna, Austria: A six master tournament ended with the following results: 1. Lokvenc 8 (out of 10 without defeat); 2. E. Grunfeld 7; 3. Z. Kovacs (Hungary) 5; 4. Lenner (Champion of Australia) 4; 6. Sz. Toth (Hungary) and Watzl 3 each.

Linz, Austria: Dorn won the Championship of Linz, followed by Hollnauer and Schlager.

Sweden: A tournament in Stockholm ended as follows: G. Stoltz 6 (on 7); 2. Skold 5½; 3-5. J. Mieses (83 years old!), Nyman and Skarap 3 each; 6-8. Hult, Sjoestam and Werle 2½ each.

Jacques Mieses toured Sweden, and of 183 games played won 76, lost 23 and drew 89..... a very fine score for the grand old master!

The New World Champion



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The Championship of the Moscow Province was won by Aronine with 8½ (on 10) before Tchoumitchev, Koutjanine, etc. That of the Province of Smolensk was won by the well known master Dus-Chotimirski (who is now 67 years old!)

The championship of the Russian Navy was won by Major Krilow. Basel, Switzerland: Dr. P. Jeppin won the Championship of Basel with 7 (on 8) followed by Dr. E. Voellmy and Lardon with 5½ each, and P. Muller (ex-champion) and Leiser with 5 each, etc.

Bad Nauheim, Germany: The young student Wolfgang Unzicker (23 years old) again won a strong master tournament last month in Bad Nauheim: 1. Unzicker 9 (out of 12—only lost one, and this to the talented Walter Niephaus); 2. Relistab 8; 3-5. Kieninger (Champion of Germany, 1947), Niephaus and Dr. Rodle 7½ each; 6-8. Rautenberg, Czaya and Dr. Troeger 7; 9. Dr. Lange 5½; 10. (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4)

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ALEKHINE'S DEFENSE
U. S. Championship Preliminaries
Area 7, New York, 1948

Notes by Dr. J. Platz
White: DR. PLATZ, Black: HEITNER
1. P-K4 K-K3 4. P-B5 Kt-Q4
2. P-K3 Kt-Q4 5. B-B4 P-K3
3. P-QB4 Kt-K3 6. Q-K14 Kt-QB3



Decisive, as it threatens Kt(Q4)xP.
24. QxR Q-B1 26. Q-Q
25. QxR Q-B1 26. Q-Q

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED
Individual Intercollegiate Championship, New York, 1947

Notes by Richard Harrell
White: A. PANOFF, Black: A. WOJNILEWICZ
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 5. Kt-KB3 P-B3
2. P-QB4 P-K3 6. PxP KPxP
3. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3 7. P-K3 Q-B2

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prising that this leads nowhere. 21...
Kt-K3 again threatening... P-Q5 seems relatively
best.
22. PxKt



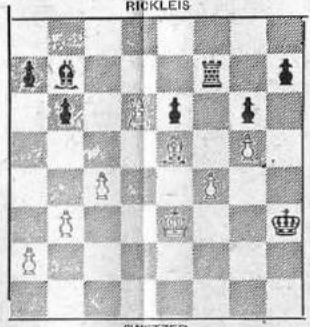
23. QK1-K2 Kt-K15 27. Pxp P-KK4
24. Kt-B4 Q-R7 ch 28. Kt(4)-R5 Q-R6 ch
25. Kt-B1 QxR 29. K-K1 P-B4
26. RxR P-Q5
27. R-K1 ch; 30. K-K1 leads nowhere
30. Q-K2 Q-K7
31. RaxP; 31. Q-K8 ch leads to mate.
32. R-K21 33. R-R7 ch; 34. R-KR
32. R-K7 ch. K-R1 34. Q-K7 ch Resigns

SICILIAN DEFENSE
City Championship
Rochester, N.Y., 1948

Notes by Dr. Max Herzberger
White: G. SWETZER, Black: M. RICKLEIS
1. P-K4 P-QB4 6. B-K3 B-K3
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 7. B-K2 P-Q3
3. P-Q Pxp 8. P-D O-O
4. KtP Kt-KB3 9. P-KR3
5. Kt-QB3 P-KK3

10. Kt-KB3
Most players would prefer 10. Kt-KB3, to
continue with 11. P-KB4 and P-KK4. How-
ever the R on K15 permits the usual Q-side
attack of Black (Kt(R4)-B5, White's idea
is to answer 10... Kt-R4 with 11. P-K5
with interesting play.
10... Q-Q2
This move is a loss of time. 10... Kt-R4
was necessary, now White's position becomes
very strong.
11. Q-Q2
If I do do the same thing, it may not work
the same way. White's Q ogles the beautiful
square R66.
11... QR-QB1 13. P-K5
12. QR-Q1 Kt-QR4
The correct idea, but at the wrong time.
13... Pxp
14... Kt-K1
14. KtP QxQ 15. RxQ Kt-K5
Again 15... Kt-K1 would give counter-
chances, for instance: 16. P-KB4, Kt-Q8;
17. BxP, BxP; 18. PxB, Kt-K1B5.
16. KtKt BxKt 18. P-QB4 Kt-QK12
17. P-QK13 P-QK13 19. P-QB4
Now White advances his P, gaining several
temp through the awkward position of
Black's B5. Notice the strength of the
White Kt on K4.

B-KK12 22. Kt-KK15 B-QB1
20. P-KK14 QR-Q1 23. B-KB3
21. KR-Q1 P-KB4
Threats to win the
exchange by BxK1.
24. RxR Kt-Q2 26. Kt-K6 Kt-K5
25. B-Q5 ch K-R1 27. KtXB
A very pretty offer of the exchange. If
27... KtXR; 28. BxK1, if KxK1; 29.
B-B3 ch, K-R3; 30. P-R16 ch, K-R4; 31.
B-B3 ch, K-R3; 32. K-K12 and mate to
follow.
27... KxK1 29. BxK1 PxB
28. B-Q4 ch K-R3 30. B-K5 P-K3
It is difficult to find a good plan for Black.
The threat was K-R12-K14 and if Black
moves P-K14 White retorts with P-B5 and
wins, since the Black K is stalemated. The
move 30... P-K3 threatens to resolve the
tension by 31. P-BK1; therefore White's
following maneuver:
31. P-K15 ch K-R4 34. KxP B-K12 ch
32. K-B2 K-R5 35. K-K3 R-KB2
33. K-K3 KxP 36. R-Q6
The rest is an instructive, well played end-
ing, which shows that endings with Bs of
opposite color are not necessarily drawn.

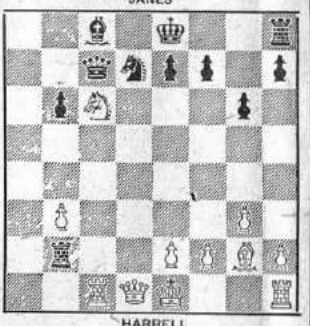


36. B-B1 42. P-QK16 K-KB4
37. P-QK14 R-Q2 49. R-KB8 ch K-KK15
38. P-QR4 R-QB2 50. R-QK18 B-KB6
39. K-Q4 R-Q2 51. R-QB8 K-KB4
40. P-QB5 Pxp ch 52. R-KB8 ch K-KK15
41. KxP R-KB2 53. R-K5 K-KB4
42. P-QK15 R-Q2 54. R-K5 ch K-KK15
43. R-QB6 B-K12 55. R-K7 RxR
44. Rxp(K6) R-Q2 56. BxP KxP
45. B-Q6 K-KB4 57. K-Q6 K-KB4
46. R-K8 K-KK15 58. K-QB7 K-K5
47. P-QR5 P-QR3 59. B-Q8 Resigns

RETI OPENING
U. S. Championship Preliminaries
Area 5, Fort Worth, 1948

Notes by Richard Harrell
White: R. HARRELL, Black: W. H. JAMES
1. Kt-KB3 P-Q4 3. Kt-R3 P-QB4
2. P-B4 Pxp
Not constructive, and therefore bad. Good
are 3... P-K4; 3... Kt-QB3; or 3...
P-QB3.
4. KtP Kt-QB3
4... P-KK13 immediately challenging the
long diagonal would pose White a harder
problem.
5. P-QK13 Kt-B3 7. B-QK12 B-KK12
6. P-KK13 P-KK13 8. B-K12 Q-B2?
Again lacking sufficient care, although
White's splendid development already gives
him an advantage. Too few players realize
that these "slow" positional games can be
transformed into a hotblast in the twink-
ling of an eye unless played very incisively.
9. R-QB1 P-QK13 10. P-Q4

This should be the winning move; what
follows is interesting.
10... Kt-Q2
Black must go into the combination, for
if 10... B-K12; 11. Pxp, Pxp! the weakness
in the open QB file would be fatal.
11. Pxp BxB 13. KtXB Rxp
12. Pxp Pxp 14. Kt-Q4!
The key to 10. P-Q4
14... RaxKt 15. KtK1??
After 15. KtK1??



Played with the preconceived idea of 16.
Q-Q4 splitting the two Bs. Actually it is a
grave error. Proper was 16. BxKt! and
Black can resign, for after 16... Q-K11
(or K12); 17. Q-B1 and wins the R or mate,
15... B-R3!!
Excellent, a "hopeless" position becomes
very menacing.
16. B-B3?
16. Kt-Q4 was the best and only move, but
White still dreamed of Q-Q4.
17. Kt-K4
Like a blow to the midriff.
17. KtKt QxKt 18. R-R3?
And now Black can force the win. White is
punch-drunk; 18. O-O is obviously imperative.
18... Q-KK4?
But Black has fever too—18... Q-B8 ch;
19. K-B1, QxB; 20. R-K11 QxKt; 21. QxQ,
BxQ!; 22. R-R8 ch, K-Q; 23. BxR, B-B6 and
mate next.
19. O-O O-O 20. B-Q5! QxP
This allows White to draw ingenuously, but
Black had scarcely any better move.
21. RxB1 QxR 23. Q-Q8 ch R-B1
22. BxP ch RxB 25. Q-Q5 ch Drawn
For either White wins the Black R on
KK12 or perpetual check. If 22... BxB
the combination works equally well. Both sides
were lucky.

CHESS LIFE ABROAD
(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5)

Hoenlinger 5; 11. Schliensker 4;
12. Roehrich 2; and last... please
note: Lt. Moldt (UNITED STATES
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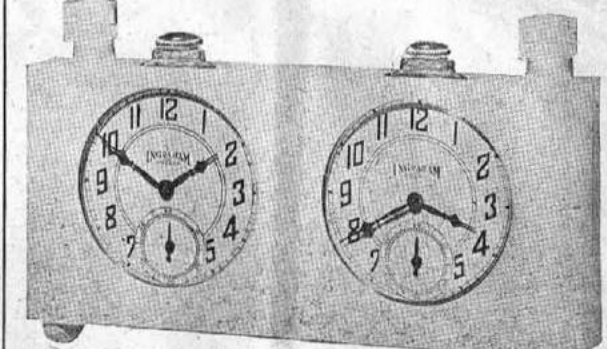
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