



# Chess Life

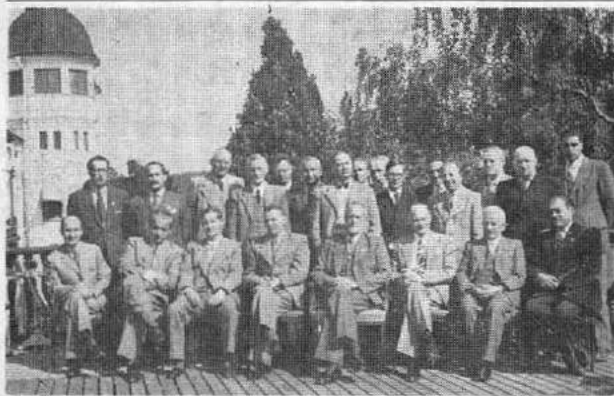


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## STEINER IS U. S. CHAMPION



NINETEENTH F.I.D.E. CONGRESS AT SALTSJOBADEN, SWEDEN

Seated: Dal Verme (Italy), Rogard (Sweden), Wood (Great Britain), Posdnikov (USSR), Dr. Rueb, President; Giers (USA); Dr. Voelmy (Switzerland), Ercmen (France).

Standing: Ojeda (Spain); Sanguinetti (Argentina), Zittersteyn (Netherlands), De Bryn (Netherlands), Matgin (USSR), Steiner (Australia), Ilnakunnas (Finland), Nikolsky, interpreter, Wojnarowits (Poland), Florian (Hungary), Vagopov (USSR), Hovind (Norway), Willumsen (Denmark), Zubarev (USSR), Kottbauer (Czechoslovakia).

### LOG CABIN CHESS TOURS COUNTRY

Ever ambitious to set new records in chess promotion, the Log Cabin Chess Club of New Jersey is now on a coast-to-coast tour under the guidance of E. Fory Laucks, meeting teams in all the principal cities on the line of tour. With a mixed team of A and B players, the Log Cabin Club is not out to compile a list of victories but is content to spread friendly chess relationships between East and West, regardless of the results of individual matches.

The first group of matches were with Firestone Chess & Checker (Akron), Chess Club of Chicago, Milwaukee Municipal Chess Club, Omaha YMCA Chess Club, and Salt Lake City-YMCA Chess Club. For results, please turn to page 4.

### NEW DIRECTORS CHOSEN ON BOARD AT BALTIMORE

As a result of the Annual Meeting of the United States Chess Federation at Baltimore, Md., several new names were added to both the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. The number of Vice-Presidents was increased from five to seven, and the resignation of two former Vice-Presidents created four vacancies filled at the Baltimore meeting.

Election of officers resulted in Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. (Chicago) President; William M. Byland (Pittsburgh), Milton Finkelstein (New York), J. B. Gee (Sacramento), George E. Roosevelt (New York), Dr. Bela Rozsa (Tulsa), Martin Southern (Knoxville), Herman Steiner (Los Angeles) and Richard W. Wayne (Ventnor City) Vice-Presidents; Edward I. Trend (Detroit) Secretary.

Paul G. Giers (Syracuse) was reappointed Treasurer and his office of Executive Vice-President was

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### HALF POINT BEATS KASHDAN KRAMER, ULVESTAD IN TIE

#### Champion Karff, Ex-Champion Gresser Tie in Women's Tourney, Bain Third

Playing steady chess, Herman Steiner of Los Angeles forged from behind to capture the 1948 Biennial U. S. Championship by the clear margin of one-half point over his nearest rival. In the early rounds it seemed a race between Kashdan, Ulvestad, Kramer and Adams. Then Adams dropped out, Kashdan drew ahead, closely followed by Ulvestad and Kramer. But round ten found Steiner, Kashdan, Ulvestad and Kramer all tied at 8-2 each.

Round eleven and Ulvestad soared into the lead, while Kashdan and Steiner mused over an adjourned position, and Kramer drew with Shainswit. Thereafter the race remained close and exciting through the final rounds of play, with the final decision resting upon the results of two adjourned games for Kashdan and Steiner each. In these Kashdan won from Poschel and drew with Kramer; and Steiner drew with Shipman and won from Howard to clinch the title by a half-point margin.

In the U. S. Women's Championship former Champion Gisela Gresser of New York and U. S. Champion N. May Karff, also of New York, tied for honors at 6½-1½ each. Former Champion Mary Bain of Miami placed third.

See issue of September 20th for further details, including cross-scores of the U.S. Biennial Championship and U.S. Women's Championship Tournaments.

Also for further installments of day by day story of the event.

### U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL STANDINGS

FINAL STANDINGS	
Herman Steiner	15 - 4
Isaac Kashdan	14½ 4½
George Kramer	13 - 6
Olaf Ulvestad	13 - 6
Herman Hesse	12 - 7
Sol Rubinov	12 - 7
George Shainswit	12 - 7
Weaver Adams	11½ 7½
Larry Evans	11½ 7½
Walter Shipman	11½ 7½
Anthony Santasiero	10½ 8½
Albert Sandrin	10½ 8½
Paul Poschel	8 - 11
Joseph Platz	7½ 11½
Irving Heitner	7 - 12
Norman Whitaker	6 - 13
Franklin Howard	5½ 12½
Sven Almgren	4 - 15
Anthony Soraef	3 - 16
William Jones	2 - 17

### HERMAN STEINER U. S. CHAMPION

Long famous as chess editor of The Los Angeles Times and as chess entrepreneur extraordinary of the Pacific Coast, Herman Steiner has at last attained his goal as U. S. Chess Champion.

The new champion comes of a distinguished chess family and is a cousin of Lajos Steiner. His own tournament record is equally distinguished, although it has hitherto lacked the crown now won at South Fallsburg, N. Y.

In more recent years Steiner has devoted much



Herman Steiner

energy to the promotion of chess, yet found time in 1942 to tie with Dan Yanofsky of Canada for the U.S. Open title. In 1944 he tied for third with Horowitz in the U.S. Championship. In 1945 he had a banner year, tying with Denker for third in the Hastings Tournament, and winning 1½ points out of 2 from Bondarevsky in the Radio Match with Russia. In 1946 he continued by winning his section of the London Tournament and capturing the U.S. Open Championship. He scored one draw against Flohr in the Russian team match, and placed eighth in the U.S. Championship.

In 1947 Steiner had an off season, placing in a tie for ninth in the U.S. Open Championship. And in the 1948 U.S. Open Championship, he tied for twelfth (sixteenth in Sonneborn-Berger points).

But his recovery in the U. S. Championship indicates that he hit his stride all of a sudden, coming from behind to pass Kashdan, Ulvestad and Kramer in a climactic finish.

### To The South Fallsburg Chamber of Commerce and the People of South Fallsburg

To you are due the gratitude of the chess players of the nation, and I am happy to extend the thanks of the United States Chess Federation for your magnificent hospitality in the seventh tournament for the Chess Championship of the United States. You have written the name of South Fallsburg into the records of chess for so long as champions shall be honored by their fellow men.

The warmth of your greetings to the twenty players in the Championship Tournament and to the eight ladies who vied for national honors in their tourney and to the officials of those events is matched only by the beauty of the surroundings in which the games were played. To everyone who contributed to the hospitality which was so graciously extended, my sincerest appreciation.

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

### USCF GODFATHER TO GREEK CHESS

Andrew Acrivos, exchange student at the University of Syracuse, who placed second in the Intercollegiate Championship Tournament in New York became so interested in the potentialities inherent in a strong national chess federation that he wrote back home to Greece, urging various chess clubs and associations to unite and form a strong central federation to promote chess in Greece.

Spurred by his suggestions, the various leaders in chess in Greece have indeed organized a national Greek Chess Federation with Platon Petridis as president and Costas Harvatis as general secretary. And the new-born Federation formally requested the USCF to act as godfather in presenting its application to F.I.D.E. for membership.

As readers of Mr. Giers' report in this issue will note, the application of the Greek Chess Federation, sponsored by the USCF, was favorably received; and Greece is now added to the nations which form the concourse of the Federation International of Chess.

### FLORIDA PLANS RADIO MATCH

The Florida Chess League is negotiating with the El Passant Chess Club of Montreal regarding a short-wave radio match, to be played during the course of the 1948 Florida State Championship Tournament at the Florida Hotel, Tampa. Dr. L. P. Geer, W4DIN, will be radio operator for the Florida Chess League.

### MARVIN WINS AT INDEPENDENT

In the 1948 championship tournament of the St. Louis Independent Chess Club (first held since the war), the winner was Calvin Marvin who also was victor in 1938. Other past winners were J. Edwin Woody (now of Appleton, Wis.) in 1937 and R. S. Scriviner (now of Memphis) in 1939.

St. Louis Independent	
Calvin Marvin	3 - 3
C. M. Burton	3 - 4
Raymond Schooler	2½ - 1½
C. H. Hamann	1 - 5
R. W. Bruner	0 - 4

See page four for cross-score of Interzonal Tournament at Saltsjobaden, Sweden.

### TOURNAMENT DAY BY DAY AS VIEWED BY REINFELD

By Fred Reinfeld

August 14: Fourth round pairings:

Soraef 0, Evans 1; French Def. 38 Hesse 0, Ulvestad 1; Roy Lopez 34 Shipman 0, Rubinov 1; French Def. 47 Heitner 0, Kashdan 1; King Ind. 32 Shainswit 1, Jones 0; QGD Slav 32 Platz, Santasiero; Caro-Kann Adj. Sandrin 1, Almgren 0; Queen Ind. 43 Kramer 1, Howard 1; QGD Slav 48 Poschel 0, Whitaker 1; English 22 Steiner, Adams; Two Kts. Def. Adj.

Hesse-Ulvestad was a wild, choppy affair in which Hesse attacked prematurely. He was quickly repulsed with loss of the exchange. A sharp interpolation with a Knight enabled Evans to gain two pieces for a Rook. Whitaker played neat tactical chess against Poschel, who was out of form. First Whitaker won a Pawn, then a piece. About two hours before adjournment time, the South Fallsburg fire alarm was sounded. Nobody in the playing room paid the slightest attention!

Shainswit started off with an even position, but put on pressure relentlessly. Ultimately the squeeze netted a Rook. Kashdan played skillful positional chess, obtained his beloved two Bishops and won a Pawn; whereupon Heitner blundered away his Queen. Almgren obtained Rook and two Pawns for two pieces, but Sandrin had the better of the bargain and played very cleverly thereafter.

Rubinov defended ably and scored in the endgame. Howard thrust back Kramer's attack and countered vigorously. Howard won the exchange, but after adjournment Howard took a draw. Steiner-Adams was fantastic from beginning to end and had the spectators in a tizzy throughout. The game was adjourned, after many vicissitudes, with Steiner having Queen. (Please turn to page 4, col. 3)

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### MARGINALIA

In reference to Dr. Keeney's Plea For Harmony in another column, it is only just to note that upon a basis of the questionnaire returned to CHESS LIFE better than 10% of the readers approve of a problem column. In a four-page issue, Dr. Keeney's department has approximately 10% of available space; in a six-page issue less than 10% of the space.

Readers of CHESS LIFE will be given an opportunity to confirm or amend this scale of preference in a questionnaire which will be furnished them within the next few months.

### CHESSPLAY OR HORSEPLAY?

We note with a growing concern the tendency of lazy tournament players to refuse to accept the full responsibilities of their position and to offer and accept draws after a few moves in positions that may be equal but in which still remains the potentialities of much play. Legally (and this is unfortunate) they may often do so; but ethically the player who offers or accepts a draw without fully exploring the potentialities of his position is a cheat and a thief. For he is depriving the other contestants in the tournament of their right that he earn or lose his point by the sweat of his brow, not glean his half-point by indolence.

"Is it chessplay or horseplay?" asks Reinfeld of the 13 move draw between Larry Evans and Walter Shipman. We are inclined to answer that it is neither—it is deliberate theft. The other eighteen players in the U. S. Championship Tournament were entitled to expect that messires Evans and Shipman each make a definite effort to win a full point, and their failure to make the endeavor cannot be condemned in terms too strong.

Unfortunately, this is only the last of a series of such despicable draws by agreement. We must cite the recent example in Pittsburgh where the situation was even more delicate. When Spiro accepted a draw from Byland after only one move had been made, he definitely assured Byland first place and himself a tie for second. The other players in the tournament were entitled to the expectation that Spiro would at least make a gesture toward winning a game that might change the final results of the tournament.

A third flagrant example is the time that Denker coasted into the U. S. Championship in a 16 move draw by agreement with Altman. Fine was playing Neidich. And the situation was such that if Denker lost and Fine won, the two would tie for first place. The fact that Fine in disgust offered Neidich a draw after he learned that Denker and Altman had agreed upon a draw does not alter the fact that the U. S. chessplayers had a right to demand that Denker win his title properly by playing out his game. Nor does it reflect any credit on Altman that he accepted the draw, for his fellow tournament contestants had the right to expect that he would try to best Denker in the interests of a fair contest, even if it was probable in his own mind that he could not win.

It is a matter of grave importance that the International Chess Code of FIDE does not provide any ruling on the subject of draws by agreement, therefore even as stern tournament directors as Richard Wayne are helpless in the face of such chicanery. The U. S. Code as published in the 1939 USCF Yearbook does provide that thirty moves must be made by Black before a draw agreement is legal, but our major contests are conducted under the International Code.

We may hope that the matter of draws by agreement will be considered by FIDE when it undertakes (as planned) a revision of the International Chess Code. Until that time, however, we can only suggest that chess players as a whole unite to make this practice of agreed draws after a few indolent moves unpopular. CHESS LIFE proposes to initiate this movement by referring in the future to such draws as "theft" and terming those who offer and accept them "chess cheaters."

Since no act should be retroactive, we will spare messires Evans, Shipman, Byland, Spiro, Altman and Denker for their past offenses in the optimistic hope that they have learned better. But we hope that in the future all chess players will unite with CHESS LIFE in heaping opprobrium upon any future misdemeanors in the line of chess cheating.

Montgomery Major

In an earlier chapter we have acclaimed Morphy as the most famous of all chess masters. There is no doubt that in the eyes of the general chess public, he is the idol of chess. Chess connoisseurs and especially most of the more recent chess masters, however, recognize in Steinitz the most profound and eminent personality of the chess world.

From "Masters of the Chessboard" by Reti.

## THE 19TH CONGRESS OF F.I.D.E.

by Paul G. Giers  
Executive Vice-President, USCF  
F.I.D.E. Vice-President

DELEGATES representing the chess players of 23 nations convened at Saltsjobaden, Sweden, August 11 to 15, for the 19th Congress of the World Chess Federation (Federation Internationale des Echecs). Scene of the meetings was the palatial Grand Hotel of this famous Swedish sea resort, located only a short distance from Stockholm.

Most parts of the world were represented: Argentine, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay, U.S.A., U.S.S.R., and Yugoslavia. The Soviets were well represented by a delegation of four aided by two interpreters.



Paul G. Giers

F.I.D.E. President Dr. A. Rueb presided and rendered his annual report. A formal certificate, in Russian and English, designating Mikhail Botvinnik the new World Chess Champion was signed by all delegates and presented to the Soviet delegation for delivery to Mr. Botvinnik. Two new chess federations were admitted to F.I.D.E. membership, New Zealand and Greece. The United States Chess Federation had assisted in the formation of the new Greek Chess Federation and it was our pleasure to sponsor its entry into F.I.D.E. President Rueb reported that he has had considerable correspondence with various chess groups in Germany regarding affiliation with F.I.D.E. Since the demise of the Nazi sponsored Grossdeutscher Schachbund several years ago, Germany has been without a national chess organization. None the less, there is a great deal of chess activity in Germany and a number of important tournaments have been held there since the War. The delegates agreed that the re-entry of Germany into F.I.D.E. is desirable if a representative non-political chess federation can be established in that country. As proposed by the Soviet delegation, a Commission of five was appointed consisting of Wood (Great Britain), Berman (France), Ragosin (USSR), Dr. Voellmy (Switzerland) and Giers (USA). It will be the function of this Committee to investigate the present status of organized chess in Germany, to make sure that Nazi influence in German chess is eliminated and to report its findings to the next assembly.

The principal topic of discussion at the meetings was the choice of place for the 1949 Candidates' tournament for the World Championship. Under the rules previously adopted, this tournament is to comprise 10 players—the five top players of the Interzonal tournament together with Smyslov, Reshevsky, Keres, Euwe and Fine—and the winner will engage Champion Botvinnik in a match for the world title in 1950.

The delegates were given the choice of two invitations. The Argentine delegate proposed to hold the Candidates' tournament at Buenos Aires with all expenses of the players and the tournament, including travel costs, to be assumed by the Argentine Chess Federation. The only condition was that two South American masters, Stalberg and Najdorf participate in the tournament. The second proposal was to hold the tournament at Budapest with the Hungarian Chess Federation subscribing all expenses except travel cost.

Several delegates felt that the liberal Argentine offer should be accepted, particularly in view of the fact that all competition for the world title had so far taken place in Europe and a change of scene therefore seemed desirable. The Soviet delegation, however, was more in favor of holding the tournament at Budapest and expressed doubt that the Russian masters, comprising the majority of participants, would find it possible to go to Buenos Aires.

Tentative action was taken to admit additional players from the Saltsjobaden Interzonal tournament by increasing the number of participants in the Candidates' tournament from 10 to 14. Some of the delegates contended that Reuben Fine, not having participated in the World Championship Tournament earlier this year, had forfeited his right to a place in the Candidates' tournament. However, the vote was in favor of Fine retaining his privilege by a count of 11 to 5 with 7 delegates not voting.

No agreement was reached regarding the place for the Candidates' tournament and the Assembly voted to have the matter decided by a Special Committee of five—Dr. A. Rueb, Folke Rogard, V. Ragosin, Marcel Berman and Paul G. Giers. This committee will meet in Paris before October 1st and has full authority to determine the place, the number of players and all other conditions of the tournament.

The Assembly accepted the invitation of the USSR to hold the first post-war tournament for the Women's World Chess Championship at Moscow or Leningrad. Sixteen women players will participate in this tournament, including four Russians. All expenses of the players while in Russia, including travel within Russia, will be assumed by the Soviets. The participants will be selected and the tournament held under the rules adopted at the 1947 Congress.

There was general agreement that the International Team Tournaments for the Hamilton-Russell trophy should be resumed as soon as possible. The last such tournament was held at Buenos Aires in 1939. Several delegates, including the Soviets, offered to organize the next team tournament, but it was decided to hold the matter open until the 1949 Assembly. Most likely the team tournaments will be held every three years instead of every two years as heretofore.

At the close of the Congress, Dr. Rueb announced his wish to retire as President of F.I.D.E. He will continue in office until next year when he will have completed twenty-five years as founder and president of the international chess body. He has been an outstanding leader in the realm of chess and it is largely due to his efforts that the entire chess world is now united in one organization.

Our hosts, the Swedish Chess Federation and the Committee headed by President Folke Rogard, left nothing undone to assure the comfort and enjoyment of the delegates. There were numerous and most pleasant social functions and we particularly enjoyed witnessing the last round of the Interzonal tournament. It was a great tournament, the strongest in many years. What a tribute to Russian Chess that of the nine top places, six were won by Soviet players!

The United States-Soviet relations at the Congress were entirely cordial. I was assured that the Russians greatly respect the American chess players and hope to have an opportunity soon of coming to this country for a return match with our masters.

The 1949 Congress will be held in Paris at the invitation of the Chess Federation of France.

## Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

ODD FACTS ABOUT CHESS PLAYERS: Every chess player realizes that a master in no ordinary mortal. These demi-gods of the chess world have their own peculiar habits, habits which should make it impossible for any of them to spend an anonymous evening at any American chess club. And so, for those of you who weren't able to get to South Fallsburg, here is a short listing of the odd characteristics of some of America's top-notch experts.

Eddie Santasiere is a quiet school teacher, and looks the type. His pet peeve is the sight of captured chesspieces on the board while he's playing. Accordingly, he carefully places them on a vacant chair, a window ledge or, as in South Fallsburg, balances them on the three inch railing which separates players from spectators. He also loves a couch between moves, and will sit back with the most angelic of smiles on his ever-peaceful face.

Larry Evans is a young and aggressive player, and his chess mannerisms exhibit both of these characteristics. He never captures a piece; he snatches it with a two-handed motion which has his own piece on the square before the enemy piece has vacated it. He never looks at a clock; he glares at it as if he dared to get him into any difficulty. He never defeats an opponent; he conquers him.

Weaver Adams, an attacking player all the way, has never looked the part. He crosses his long legs, moves his chair some distance away from the board, and lounges there while considering the position. He never leaves the board, and often decides on his moves while gazing peacefully out of the window. And he wins or loses without ever seeming to care about it!

## For The Tournament-Minded

October 1  
Correspondence Chess League  
of Pacific Coast  
Sixth Championship Tournament  
of Correspondence Chess League  
of Pacific Coast begins October 1st.  
To be played in three rounds; entry fee \$1.00; prize to each section winner; three cash prizes for finalist. Send entries to J. E. Orr, Box 241, Georgetown, Calif.

## Club Chapters

Chartered during month of  
August, 1948

Chapter No. 185  
Portsmouth Chess Club  
Portsmouth, Virginia  
President.....C. B. Spencer  
Sec. Treas.....Wm. R. Triplett  
Meets Tuesday evenings at the YMCA.

Chapter No. 186  
Central YMCA Chess Club  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Secretary.....Carl R. Wittig  
Meets at the Central YMCA.

Chapter No. 187  
Spartanburg Chess Club  
Spartanburg, South Carolina  
President.....Ephraim Solkoff  
Secretary.....John McNulty  
Treasurer.....Karl Stamm  
Meets in the Recreation Hall.

Chapter No. 188  
Escondido Chess Club  
Escondido, California  
Acting Sec'y.....E. G. Hammerlund  
Meets Tuesday nights.

# Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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## A Plea For Harmony

The incentive for this plea (if any should be considered necessary) may be attributed directly or indirectly to the following portion of a letter from a reader of CHESS LIFE, under heading The Kibitzer in the August 5 issue of CHESS LIFE. The paragraph, referred to: "My only kick is the space devoted to problems. It's all out of proportion to the interested members. Why don't the faustical problemists tie themselves off and turn out a page of their own?"

Are the devotees of Chess so numerous that followers of one branch of the game can afford to antagonize those followers who are pleased with a different branch?



Dr. P. G. Keeney

Why do those chess enthusiasts, who have a preference for correspondence chess or over-the-board play, try to tell the problem lovers to go to H—?

The problem lovers are as much entitled to enjoyment of their particular preference as others are entitled to enthuse over the particular branch that may interest them. Most of the people interested in problem solving and composing also love to play the game. They, as a group, do not interfere with the pleasure of the groups devoting their attention to other branches of Chess.

Why should problem composing and solving be derided because their group happens to be in the minority as compared to the groups who enjoy playing the game?

When a chess tournament is about to be launched, a simultaneous exhibition arranged or the exploiting of a chess master's greatness is desired, funds are needed to finance the undertakings.

That is when all followers of the game get together and contribute their mite toward a successful event. Problem composers and solvers do not refuse to contribute because there are to be no solving or composing contests.

They bear no hatred or malice to other branches of the game but join the other groups in promoting the welfare of chess in general.

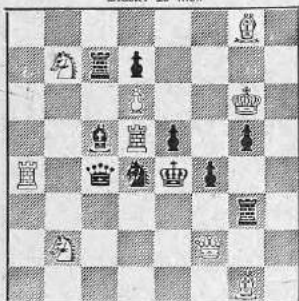
No doubt the composers and solvers could isolate their numbers from those solely interested in playing the game. They could also refuse to contribute any funds to aid playing events. Such segregation and such refusal would however be merely spite work and would tend to harm rather than promote the welfare of Chess.

The problem lovers, of which I am one, would never resort to such tactics in an endeavor to secure recognition of the branch of the game which is so dear to them.

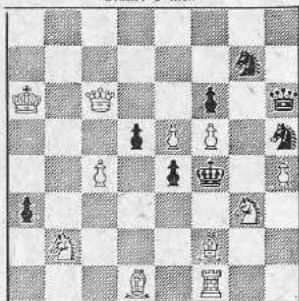
Chess enthusiasts should not pick quarrels with one another! The devotees of the game are too few in numbers! They need one another! Each particular branch of the game has devoted followers. Why shouldn't all branches be permitted to exist without bickering, quarreling and threatened isolation of any one group? Harmony should be the keyword! All groups should work together for the common cause, the promotion of Chess interest and welfare. The motto should be: All for one, and one for all! Let us have peace! Permit all chess groups to enjoy the particular branch of the game for which they have individual preferences. Again I urge: Let us have peace! If it can't be universal—let it exist among the chess fraternity.

**Problem No. 43**  
By Edgar Holladay  
Charlottesville, Va.  
Composed for Chess Life  
Black: 16 men

**Problem No. 44**  
By H. C. Mowrey  
Malden, Mass.  
Composed for Chess Life  
Black: 8 men



White: 9 men  
G1, I8P4, SP2K1, 2R1P1,  
R1Q4P2, G3, I8S2, G8I  
White mates in two moves



White: 11 men  
S, G3, K1Q2P4, SP1P1, 2P1K1P,  
P8I, I8S2, 3B1R2  
White mates in three moves

Problems No. 43 and 44 presented above will be found to be two very interesting compositions. No. 43 is a twer which blends the half-pin theme with Black interferences and self blocks. The theme is blended with Mr. Holladay's usual composing skill. It is very pretty two-er.

No. 44 by a well known Mass. composer is a 3-er designed to both puzzle and please CHESS LIFE's problem solvers. The creation might be classed as an old type American Beauty. It has a good key with some ingenious defenses to the threat and some pleasing mates.

### Solutions:

The key to Problem No. 43 is: R-QB1. Unquestionably the best of the Content problems. Problem No. 44 is cooked. Has two keys: 1. R-KB1 (author's) and 1. Q-B6 (cook). The cook, of course, disqualifies this entry from its position of Honorable Mention. The cook could have been avoided by the addition of a White pawn on Q2, 3 or 4.

Problem No. 37 (Specially Commended) is also disqualified because of its unsoundness. There are two keys: 1. K-K7 (cook) and 1. R-QB1 (author's key). The addition of a Black pawn on Black's K7B7 would have prevented the cook. Problem No. 38 is also cooked, having two keys: 1. K-B6 ch. (cook) and 1. R-B6 (author's). The cook could have been averted by a slight alteration in the setting. The White R at Q8B8 should have been placed on K8B8 and the "cook" would have vanished.

Problems No. 35 to 40 inclusive, with one solution to each of the problems, were submitted by T. Lundberg (Dallas), Jack Spence (Omaha), Malcolm D. Brown (Weymouth, Pa.), Homer Groendyke (Newport, Ky.), H. F. Underwood (Omaha), Dr. Jos. M. Egan (Detroit), Peter Kocf (Grand Rapids).

The same problems were also solved by Rev. R. Murray Chidley (Ontario, Can.) and Jas. Bolton (New Haven). Rev. Chidley also discovered the cooks to Problems No. 37 and 38 but did not find author's key to No. 36.

James Bolton is deserving of special mention and commendation as he was the only one of our solving corps to submit both the correct answers and the "cooks" for the three cooked problems. Good work, Mr. Bolton!

# Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

## Castling Into It

BLACKBURNE was a great master of the attack. In some of his games, he achieves the decision so rapidly that it almost seems as if occult forces were at work: his opponent seems to play "just those moves" which are needed for a delightful splash of fireworks. Perhaps it is "black magic"; whatever the cause, the result is a rewarding brilliancy.

### CENTER GAME

Hastings, 1894

White	ALLIES	J. H. BLACKBURNE	Black	BLACKBURNE
1.	P-K4		P-K4	
2.	P-Q4		P-P3	
3.	Q-F3		K-K4	
4.	Q-K3		P-KK4	

Anticipating that White will castle Queen-side, Blackburne trains the Bishop on that sector.

5. B-Q2  
K-K8B3  
It would have been wiser to neutralize the hostile Bishop with 6. B-B3.

6. Q-O-O  
P-B4?  
With the players castled on opposite wings, the play must be sharp and accurate. The text is slow; 8. Kt-Q5 (intending 9. B-B3) would be far better.

8. Snatching the initiative, as P-Q5 is threatened.

9. PXP  
10. B-B4  
Black develops more rapidly—and with threats.

11. B-K3  
12. Kt-K4  
13. Q-KB3  
He avoids defensive moves. The gain of time (mate is threatened) gives Black a lasting initiative. It lasts for four moves, sufficient to force White's surrender!

14. P-B3  
The Knight is immune from capture, and the threat is 15. Q-Kt-Q6 ch followed by 16. Kt-K4 ch or Kt-K8 ch winning the Queen.

15. B-B4  
Superb play. If 16. BxQ, KtXP mate!

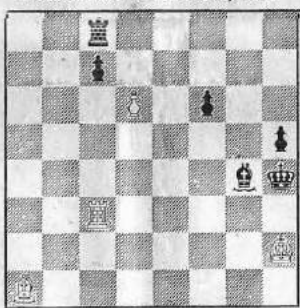


16. P-K4  
So that if 16. QxB; 17. PxB and White can hold out for a while.

17. B-K3  
If now 17. BxQ, KtXB mate; or 17. PxB, Q-R8 mate.

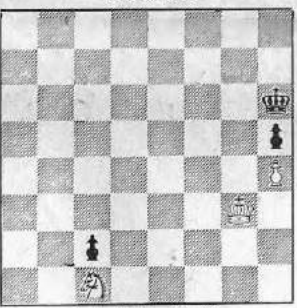
17. B-K3  
White resigns. He is threatened with three mates on the move, and if 18. PxxB, a fourth mate turns up: 18. Q-B7 mate.

**Position No. 31**  
By Constantin Raina (Lugo)  
Resista Romana de Sah, 1947



26, 265, SP1P2, 7p,  
G6K, 2K5, 7K, 1B  
White to play and win

**Position No. 32**  
By F. Beusing (Essen-Kray)  
Caissa, 1948



8, 8, 7K, 7p, 7P, 6K1,  
2p, 2S  
White to play and win

## White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojram

Position No. 31 by Roumanian composer Constantin Raina is an ingenious demonstration of the fact that two extra pawns do not necessarily win. The exploitation of the cramped position of the Black king is both remarkable and clever.

Position No. 32 by the German composer F. Beusing also is a neat demonstration of how to exploit what at first glance looks like a "book" draw. The timing of the solution is perfect, for the slightest slip presents Black his draw on a solid silver platter.

Solutions will be published in October 5th issue.

Editors and composers nod occasionally, and reader Ranier Sachs of Cleveland caught composer A. Carr out of bounds in Position No. 23 (July 5). Mr. Sachs points out that after 1. K-K16, Kt-B1; 2. KxP, P-Q5; 3. KxP that Black can play 3. . . . K-Q3!! and draw. For if 4. K-B6, Kt-B4!; and if 4. Kt-B5, KxK! On other moves by White 4. . . . Kt-K1 and 5. . . . KxP enforces the draw. Our congratulations to Mr. Sachs.

## DOC. PRESCRIBES FOR VICTORY

In a letter to Art Plueddemann, editor of the Firestone Chess and Checker Club Bulletin, Dr. Chauncey D. King of Fremont, Ohio, prescribes the following diet for victory over the board:

"As for eating before a chess game—it is best to eat after the game!"

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"If refreshment is desired before a game, eat fruit or drink fruit

juice, that can be absorbed without the need for blood.—Melons are excellent. Especially avoid meats and starches before a game.

"A heavy meal before a game will make it impossible to think clearly, one is too drowsy; FEED YOUR OPPONENT!! Take him out to lunch before the game. See that he eats a hearty meal while you drink your fruit juice."

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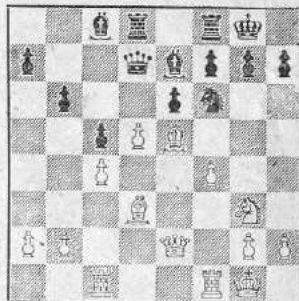
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## Chess Life Abroad

By George Koltanowski

### WHAT'S THE BEST MOVE?

Position No. 10



White to move

Send solutions (the main line of play) to Position No. 10 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE by September 20, 1948.

### Solution to Position No. 8

From a blindfold exhibition in the Los Angeles Athletic Club, 1946. White: George Koltanowski played here: 1. Q-Q8 ch, K-R2 (L. . . . K-B7; 2. Kt-K5 ch.); 2. Kt-R5 ch, K-R2; 3. Q-Q8!! Black resigned. A neat way of forcing the exchange of Queens, after which the game is won through the free pawn on Q4.

Correct solutions were received from: Edward J. Kopyan (Mareth) and Dr. Julius Weingart (Des Moines). Dr. Joseph Egan (Detroit) found a longer method of achieving the same final solution. Congratulations to Y.G.S. If 1. Kt-B6 ch, Black plays QxKt ch, and draws.

Berlin, Germany: The Championship was won by Kurt Rieher with 12 (on 15); Teschner 12 (lost his match game against Richter); 3-4. B. Koch and Pfeiffer (another young hope) 10, etc.

Florence, Italy: The Championship of Italy had 52 participants and the Swiss system was adopted. Castaldi 8 pts; 2. Primavera 8 (he lost his match against Castaldi by 2-2); 3. Napolitana 7½; 4-5. Calabro and Pletzer 7; etc. 19 rounds were played.

Turku, Finland: A tournament here was won by Niemela 7½; 2. Blomberg, Rantanen and Solin 6½ each; Vesterinen 6, etc.

Prague-Amsterdam have staged a 100 board correspondence match.

Graz, Austria: The Alpine Championship was won by I. Ing. Palme 11½; 2-3. Dorn and Polzer 9½; 4-5. Kallwoda and Dr. Hippmann 9, etc.

Game played in the San Paula tournament, Brazil. White: O'Kelly; Black: Sanguinetti; Orthodox Defense. 1. P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. P-QB4, P-K3; 3. Kt-QB3, Kt-B3; 4. B-K15, B-K2; 5. P-K3, O-O; 6. Kt-B3, QKt-Q2; 7. B-Q3, PxP; 8. BxP, P-QB4; 9. O-O, P-QR3; 10. P-QR4, PxP; 11. PxP, Kt-Kt3; 12. B-Kt3, QKt-Q4; 13. Q-K2, R-K1; 14. KR-K1, Q-R4; 15. Kt-K5, KtXKt; 16. PxxKt, QxBP; 17. B-B2, P-KR3; 18. QR-B1, QR4; 19. P-KR4, R-Q1; 20. Q-Q3, K-B1; 21. P-Kt4, B-Q2; 22. B-Q2, Q-Q4; 23. P-Kt5, PxP; 24. Pxp, Kt-K1; 25. B-K3, Q-Q3; 26. Q-KB3, P-KB4;

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FINAL STANDINGS - TIES BROKEN - AT U. S. OPEN

Final official standings upon a Sonneborn-Berger weighing of scores present a slightly different order of names from the Cross-score (printed in August 5th issue).

FINAL OFFICIAL STANDINGS U. S. Open Championship Tournament

Table with columns: Player, Score, Percent. Lists top players like Adams, Kashdan, Ulvestad, Kramer, Pavy, etc.

LOG CABIN TOUR AKRON, OHIO

Log Cabin Chess and Firestone Chess results for Akron, Ohio.

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Log Cabin Chess and Houston Morphy results for Houston, Texas.

USCF APPOINTS NCCP COMMITTEE

USCF President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. announces that a committee has been formed to transform the National Chess Coordination Program...

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and three Pawns (two of them doubled and one of them on the seventh rank) against two Rooks and a Pawn, Steiner for choice, but anything can happen, and probably will!

Adjourned games: Santasiere-Sandrin and Steiner-Whitaker went for two hours and then adjourned for more punishment. Santasiere has a Rook and Bishop against Rook, with only the slimmest chances of winning; but maybe something will happen! Later: Steiner-Whitaker went into a third session and a draw was agreed after 69 moves. Santasiere-Sandrin ditto: draw after 90 moves!

Kashdan and Ulvestad 3-3 are leading.

August 15: Fifth round pairings:

Table of August 15 pairings: Rubinov 1, Suraci 0; Sicilian 55, Evans 1, Hesse 2; Nimzowitsch 45, Ulvestad 1, Steiner 0; Kin Ind. 48, Kashdan 1, Shipman 0; QP 37, James 0, Heitner 1; Caro-Kann 45, Santasiere 3, Steinwitz 2; French 32, Almgren 0, Platz 1; QGD 51, Howard 0, Sandrin 1; Sicilian 42, Whitaker 0, Kramer 1; Giuoco Piano 32, Adams, Poschel; Vienna 44.

Suraci's Scheveningen collapsed under Rubinov's battering on the KB file. Whitaker adventurously tried the Moeller Attack against Kramer, who repulsed it neatly and won material advantage. Santasiere-Steinwitz was an uneventful draw. Evans-Hesse was a series of exchanges. Kashdan got his usual two Bishops. What more need be said?

James had a good game until a disastrous oversight lost him a Pawn. Almgren tried a wild sacrificial attack which kept Platz busy; but in the end an energetic counter-attack was decisive. Sandrin made a plucky recovery against a vicious attack. Adams played the Vienna (naturally!); a difficult ending ensued, which was adjourned. Ulvestad played beautiful chess and pressed Steiner into a condition of helplessness.

Adjourned games: Platz-Santasiere was given up as a draw after 60 moves. San was a Pawn ahead, but the Bishops of opposite colors were too much for him. Steiner worked out an exquisite winning method against Adams. It took a mere 88 moves! Poschel held Adams to a draw in 51 moves. Steiner beat Hesse in 66 moves. The length of Steiner's games has goaded the tournament officials into going for a swim during his games, leaving one of the three officials on guard in the tournament room.

Leading scorers: Kashdan, Ulvestad 4-1; Kramer 4-1; Sandrin, Steiner 3-1-1.

August 16: Sixth round pairings:

Table of August 16 pairings: Suraci 0, Kashdan 1; Ray Lopez 33, Hesse 1, Rubinov 0; Sicilian 45, Ulvestad 1, Evans 1; Ray Lopez 47, Shipman 1, James 0; Ray Lopez 23, Heitner 0, Santasiere 1; Greenfeld 64, Steinwitz 1, Almgren 0; Catalan 47, Platz 2, Howard 1; Four Knights 61, Sandrin 1, Whitaker 0; Philidor 33, Kramer 1, Adams 0; Albin Counter 37, Steiner 1, Poschel 0; Giuoco Piano 40.

This round had seven King's Pawn openings, some of them of venerable vintage. James played the opening in inferior style and lost quickly. Kashdan adventurously adopted the Dilworth and followed it up vigorously. Kramer-Adams was a humdinger. Adams misjudged the position and subjected himself to a withering attack. Sandrin-Whitaker was an ironic affair. Sandrin was well on the way to winning when he succumbed to a swindle. But then he tried a swindle of his own. Whitaker was taken in and soon lost. One good swindle deserves another!

Ulvestad had a narrow escape: he managed to draw after losing a Pawn in the early middle game. It is a moot point whether Evans could not have done better. Hesse-Rubinov was a wild game with castling on different wings. Hesse's early attack was transformed into an endgame advantage which would have won for him if Rubinov had not overstepped the time limit on the 45th move (45 moves in 2 1/2 hours is the official time limit). Steiner got a Rook virtually trapped at KKt3 (Pawns at KKt2, KB3, K4) but it did him no harm at all.

Heitner started out with an even ending, but Santasiere wore him down. Howard sacrificed a piece for several Pawns in a Rubinstein Defense. A lively game resulted, with stalemate at the end. Almgren declined Steinwitz's offer of a draw, but failed to show up at the second session, losing on time.

Leading scores: Kashdan 5-1; Ulvestad, Kramer 5-1.

August 17: Seventh round pairings:

Table of August 17 pairings: James 0, Suraci 1; Q Ind. 54, Kashdan 1, Hesse 0; QGD 54, Rubinov 0, Ulvestad 1; English 57, Evans 0, Steiner 1; King Ind. 46, Santasiere 0, Shipman 1; King Ind. 50, Almgren 1, Heitner 0; Caro-Kann 24, Howard 0, Sandrin 1; French 30, Whitaker 1, Platz 1; French 29, Adams 0, Sandrin 1; Sicilian 42, Poschel 0, Kramer 1; Ray Lopez 42.

Almgren sailed into Heitner's Caro-Kann, giving up a piece on

move 13 and smashing his unfortunate opponent's position to smithereens. Whitaker-Platz was a lively affair, with both players in enterprising vein. A neat sacrifice of the exchange by Whitaker led to a perpetual check. Sandrin played beautiful chess in a high-class ending; but one can't deny that poor Adams is out of form. At one time Poschel seemed to be pressing Kramer; but George soon took the initiative and displayed his great tactical gifts, winding up with a delightful Knight thrust into his opponent's position.

Steinwitz played a conservative defense, but then he castled Queen-side, and with plenty of open lines, he carried out a scintillating attack. Evans had a good game against Steiner, but gradually weakened and succumbed to the pressure. Shipman played a splendid game against Santasiere's typically tenacious defense. James had the better game, but went wrong later on. Hesse gave Kashdan a great deal of trouble. Kashdan played the final stage beautifully, with two minor pieces and two Pawns against Rook and two Pawns. Ulvestad played sterling chess and reached a won Rook and Pawn ending. Then he allowed Rubinov a drawing chance which was overlooked.

Leading scores: Kashdan 6-1-1; Ulvestad, Kramer 6-1; Steiner, Sandrin 5-1-1.

August 18: Eighth round pairings:

Table of August 18 pairings: Suraci 0, Santasiere 1; Ray Lopez 50, Hesse 1, James 0; Best 51, Ulvestad 1, Kashdan 1; Q Ind. 50, Evans 0, Rubinov 1; French 58, Shipman 1, Almgren 0; Ray Lopez 67, Heitner 1, Howard 0; QGD 34, Steinwitz 1, Whitaker 0; King Ind. 52, Platz 0, Adams 1; Four Knights 54, Sandrin 1, Poschel 0; Q Ind. 40, Steiner 1, Kramer 0; Giuoco Piano 30.

James had trouble with the Reti formation. Howard mismanaged a Meran Variation by failing to castle. His King received a terrific battering. Evans mishandled the White side of a very interesting Winawer-Nimzovich Variation, and thereafter he played on to the extremely bitter end. Kramer came out on the short end of a tactical skirmish to find that his Knight was attacked by a White Rook, his Rook was attacked by a White Knight, and his other Rook was menaced by a threatened forking

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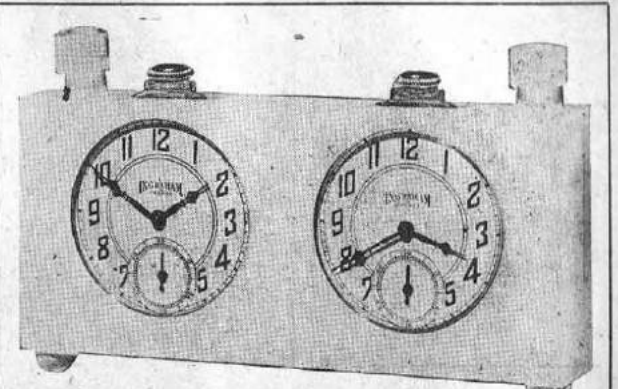
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Table of Interzonal Tournament results for Saltsjobaden, Sweden, 1948.

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Chess club match results for Whidby Is., Wash.

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check! It sounds like something out of "Winning Chess" (adv't).

Sandrin pressed his attack vigorously and won neatly. A very gifted player! Shainswit was in serious trouble at one time, but Whitaker overreached himself and lost quickly. Santasiere played the Tchigorin Defense and swapped down to a favorable ending. Kashdan patiently nursed along a backward Queen's Bishop Pawn. All of Ulvestad's efforts to break through proved futile. Platz finally felled with the Four Knights. For the third time he met the Rubinstein Defense (4..... Kt-Q5), but Adams played patiently and well, finally coming out of his depressing losing streak. Almgren could have resigned thirty moves sooner.

Leading scores: Kashdan 7-1; Ulvestad, Steiner, Sandrin 6-1-1; Kramer 6-2.

August 19: Ninth round pairings: Almgren 1, Suraci 0; French Def. 40; Santasiere 6, Home 1; Santasiere's Folly 30; James 9, Ulvestad 1; Queen Pawn 33; Kashdan 1, Evans 0; QGD 29; Rubintov 0, Steiner 1; English 34; Howard 0, Shipman 1; Sicilian 41; Whitaker 1, Heitner 0; Caro-Kann 23; Adams 0, Shainswit 1; Caro-Kann 19; Poschel 1, Platz 1; English 51; Kramer, Sandrin; Philidor Adj.

Ulvestad seized the initiative quickly, working up a devastating attack. Heitner decided to mix it with Whitaker. Result: Whitaker administered checkmate on the 23rd move. Evans made a foolish attempt to hold the Gambit Pawn. Kashdan beat him in superior style, holding on to first place. Adams had a debacle with his favorite variation against the Caro-Kann.

Hesse countered very strongly against Santasiere's pet opening, winning a piece and then more material. Rubintov played too timidly against Steiner's aggressive formation, and time pressure did the rest. Steiner remains tied for second place. Shipman played daring, complicated chess against Howard and outplayed him at the critical stage. Platz took the initiative at an early stage, but Poschel held his own and later won a Pawn. With all the Pawns remaining on one wing at adjournment time, the game was given up as a draw. Almgren-Suraci was a lively game, in which Almgren proved himself the better tactician. Kra-

mer-Sandrin has been adjourned twice, with the advantage seesawing. The latest position seems hopeless for Sandrin, but regardless of result, one can only have the greatest admiration for Sandrin's magnificent luck.

Leading scores: Kashdan 8-1; Steiner 7-1-1; Kramer 6-2; Sandrin 6-1-1.

August 20: Tenth round pairings: Suraci 1, Howard 0; Roy Lopez 29; Hesse 1, Almgren 0; Reil 33; Ulvestad 1, Santasiere 1; Bishop Open. 60; Evans 1, James 0; Roy Lopez 25; Rubintov 1, Kashdan 0; Four Knights 42; Shipman 1, Whitaker 0; Roy Lopez 34; Heitner, Adams; Albin Counter Adj.; Shainswit 3, Poschel 1; QP 37; Platz 0, Kramer 1; Alckhine Def. 45; Steiner 1, Sandrin 1; Philidor 35.

Howard played the Schliemann Defense with gratifying results. James handled the opening well, but found himself in trouble in the early middle game. Shainswit played patsy with Poschel. The insecurity of Almgren's King proved fatal. Whitaker was out of character in the passive formation of the Steinitz Defense. Shipman played nicely to force the win (it was his fifth victory in a row). Observing Kashdan's misery (see below) Steiner played hard for a win; but Sandrin held him off very skillfully.

Kashdan blundered into some Yugoslavian analysis and then obtained a won game after some queer play. But a sacrifice of the exchange caught him unawares, leaving him with a hopeless game! (Look at the tie-up in the score table!) Kramer won a wild game from Platz after getting three minor pieces for the Queen. Santasiere-Ulvestad was a grim struggle all the way, with Ulvestad fighting hard to win with a view to seizing first place all for himself. The attempt failed, leaving Ulvestad in a quadruple tie for first place!

Adjourned games: Sandrin resigned to Kramer after 66 moves. Heitner and Adams drew in 47 moves. The play was very complicated, with Heitner giving up a piece for three Pawns.

Leading scores: Ulvestad, Steiner, Kashdan, Kramer 8-2; Sandrin, Shipman, Shainswit 7-3.

August 21: Eleventh round pairings: Whitaker 0, Suraci 1; French 45; Howard 0, Hesse 1; Roy Lopez 47; Almgren 0, Ulvestad 1; Nimzoind. 40

Santasiere 0, Evans 1; King's Gambit 35; James 9, Rubintov 1; French 22; Kaldan, Steiner; QGD Adj.; Adams 1, Shipman 0; French 20; Poschel, Heitner; English Adj.; Kramer 1, Shainswit 1; QGA 35; Sandrin 0, Platz 1; English 47

Kramer and Shainswit barely managed to tremble through 18 moves before agreeing to a draw. The first 13 moves were identical with those of Evans-Shainswit, which had been agreed a draw after 13 moves! This time Kramer and Shainswit gritted their teeth and fought on bravely for another 5 moves before both were overcome by the superhuman exertion of (perhaps) trying to reach 20 moves. "Hail to thee, Blithe Spirit!" Who said that chess is harder than tick-tack-toe?!

A bad oversight by James cost him a Rook. Ulvestad easily nullified his opponent's attempt to attack. Suraci, who has been accepting defeat in a very gentlemanly and sportsmanlike manner, played very well today to score his third win. Hesse chalked up his fourth successive win by defeating Howard in an ending with Bishops of opposite color. Evans vigorously repulsed Santasiere's attempted attack.

Kashdan had the inferior game all along against Steiner, who missed some excellent chances. Resourceful defensive play by Kashdan led to a position in which a draw was very likely. Adams won a very lively game against Shipman, with no less than six Queens in action at one time or another! Poschel-Heitner was a hard-fought game which went to adjournment. Sandrin worked up a powerful attack, but Platz rallied brilliantly in acute time pressure. A Rook sacrifice led to a forced mate.

Leading scores: Ulvestad 9-2; Kashdan, Steiner 8-2; Kramer 8-2; Shainswit 7-3; Sandrin 7-4.

Further installments of the Day by Day story of the U.S. Biennial Championship Tournament by Fred Reinfeld will appear in the issue of September 20th.

## FORM CHESS CLUB AT SPARTANBURG

The Spartanburg (So. Car.) Chess Club celebrated the fifth month of its existence with a stirring 10-2 victory over the Clemson Chess Club in a double round team match.

In a recent city and club championship tournament, E. B. Hallmann, who finished second in the 1948 South Carolina Championship, seized the dual crown of Spartanburg City and Club Champion by defeating John C. Bell 2-1 after Bell had won the preliminary tournament with a score of 7-2. Hallman, who did not play in the preliminary, also bested the second and third place winners of the preliminary, K. Stamm and S. S. Hallman, before meeting Bell.

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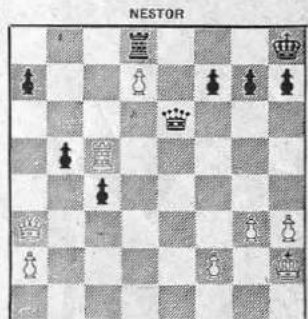
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27. Kt-Kt6 ch, K-KI; 28. Q-R5, Resigns.

And here is something short but sweet! Played in Paris, Cafe de la Regence recently... probably a coffee house game... but... White: Dr. Eliachev; Black: Molnar; From Gambit 1. P-KB4, P-K4; 2. PxP, P-Q3; 3. PxP, BxP; 4. Kt-KB3, P-KKt4; 5. P-Q4, P-KI5; 6. Kt-Kt5, P-B4; 7. P-K4, B-K2; 8. Kt-KR3, P-Kt; 9. Q-R5 ch, K-B1; 10. B-QB4, Q-K1; 11. Q-R6 ch, KtXQ; 12. BxKt mate.

Do you know this one by Alekhine?

Here follows a beautiful finish combination (Combination-motif: weakness of the eighth row).



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White has a won game, but that the opponent has to resign after two moves is very surprising! There followed: 1. R-B3!, RxR; (if 1..... QxQP; 2. Q-B8 ch) 2. Q-K7! resigns. To avoid unpleasant surprises of this kind, it is good to remember to have a flight square for the King. (P-KR3 or P-KKt3).



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## It Can't Happen Here--Moscow Version

Translation of a story in the "Moscow News" by Arthur Krivis—reprinted from "Chess World," the Australian Chess Publication.

The story of the missing contender is a sad one indeed. Grandmaster Reuben Fine, one of the world's outstanding players, has been compelled to throw away an opportunity that perhaps comes once in a lifetime to vie for world honors because, as the report states, he could not find anyone to take his place at the university for the duration and would not have had the funds to pay a substitute had he found one.

I do not know the particulars of the case but it seems strange that the university authorities where he teaches did not make a real effort to find a pinch-hitter or offer to foot the bill. They left it to Mr. Fine as a matter concerning him and him only. But is it really a private matter? Is not Fine a representative of the American people, one of the two Americans honored by the FIDE invitation to contend for the world crown? Or perhaps this is not a sphere of activity that has the blessing of the department headed by Mr. Forrestal?

At any rate, we understand Mr. Fine's dilemma. He has a contract with the university which he is honor-bound to fulfill and, besides, a job in the United States is nothing to be sneered at. What was he to do without the patronage of a rich chess daddy—play and lose his job, or hold on to it and give up his fond dream of taking a shot at the world crown? Since the two are often incompatible abroad, the grandmaster made his choice. This could never happen here.

