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## ILLINOIS WINS TEAM MATCH

### Undaunted N.Y. Stock Exchange Dares Amsterdam Exchange To Return Match

Losing by the close score of 5½-4½ on last February, the New York Stock Exchange chess players will endeavor to even the score by a return match against the Amsterdam Stock Exchange chess team on March 5, beginning at 9 a.m. The New York team will play from the sixth floor of the New York Stock Exchange, and it is expected that Mr. Schram, president of the New York Stock Exchange, will play the first move for New York, while the president of the Amsterdam Stock Exchange will do the honors for the Dutch team.

The American ten-man team will be chosen from results of a preliminary try-out contest held at the Manhattan Chess Club on February 15 among partners and employees of New York Stock Exchange firms. The final team will be selected by Grandmaster I. Kashdan and former U. S. Amateur Champion Schuyler Jackson, who are expected to man the first and second boards for the New York Stock Exchange.

Officials supervising the American team will be Nelson Hogenauer of the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Company, John Fowler, Jr. of Dillon, Read & Company, and M. Peckar of the Banque Belge. If the match with Amsterdam proves successful the New York Stock Exchange team will challenge the London Stock Exchange to a battle. Last year London also lost to the Amsterdam Exchange by a narrow margin.

### SEEK U. S. STAMP TO HONOR CHESS

The Massachusetts State Chess Association, under the guidance of president Robert W. Reddy, is urging its member clubs and individual members to write Postmaster Donaldson and their own Senators and Congressmen requesting a Commemorative Postage Stamp published by the Post Office in honor of Paul Morphy and in recognition of the great number of chess players in the United States. The Massachusetts State Chess Association also requests all chess players and chess organizations throughout the country to do their part by writing to their own Congressmen and Senators.

Independent of the Massachusetts actions, the Decatur (Ill.) Chess Club, through its secretary, Mrs. Turner Nearing, has made the same suggestion, pointing out that chess has been honored upon the stamps of several foreign countries. The USSR recently issued a three value commemorative set honoring chess as the result of Botvinnik's victory in the World Championship Tournament, with a shield design upon which a chessboard and rook figured as the principal features.

Bulgaria in 1947 issued a set of five "sport" stamps commemorating the Balkan Games of 1947, featuring designs of a bicycle race, basketball, soccer, chess and flags of the participating nations. The chess stamp consisted of a very well designed knight on an attractive background.

### LANSING CLUB OFFERS BULLETIN

The Lansing (Mich.) Chess Club has published in their Club Bulletin of December 20, 1948 a complete analysis of the Anti-Meran Gambit. Copies of the Bulletin, while they last, may be obtained free by writing the Chess-Set Fund Committee, 505 West Lenawee, Lansing, Mich.

### SANDRIN EXCELS AT BLINDFOLD

Albert Sandrin, Jr., young Chicago chess expert, again demonstrated his skill at blindfold simultaneous chess play by besting seven local experts of the Decatur Chess Club and drawing the eighth, Robert Stein of Millikin University.

The exhibition was held in the Pastel room of the Hotel Orlando with spectators gathering from Springfield and Zion as well as from Decatur.

### AUSTIN WINS 10 SECOND MEET

The 10-second tournament of the Greater Chicago Chess League held at the Hawthorne Chess and Checker Club resulted in a victory for the team of the Austin Chess and Checker Club by a score of 34 points. Second place went to Illinois Institute of Technology with 27 points and third place to Irving Park Chess Club with 19½ points.

In individual honors the top player on each board scored by a perfect evening of victories. By board, from one to six, the individual top performers were Paul Poschel, Angelo Sandrin, John Nowak, J. Moore, D. Stetzer and W. Norin. Four of these six were members of the Austin team.

Eight of the nine clubs in the Greater Chicago Chess League participated in the event with 43 players in all present. A 10-second clock, made and owned by League Secretary Paul Adams, was used, and the event was conducted as a round-robin team match.

### BENTZ VICTOR IN MD. PLAYOFF

David Bentz of the Maryland Chess Club gained sole possession of the Maryland State Championship by besting Robert Simpson, professor at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, in a playoff match. Bentz won the first game of the playoff at Baltimore and drew the second at Annapolis to win the title by 1½-½. In the State Tournament Bentz and Simpson tied for the title with 6½-½ each.

Position No. 3  
J. Mason vs. W. Steinitz  
London, 1883  
Black: 9 men



White: 9 men  
f8k1, p8Qpp, 1b6, 8, 4P8, 1B1p2d1, PP2b1P8,  
R8K  
Black plays and wins

Position No. 4  
H. Rottenberg vs. H. Burdge  
Atlantic City, 1927  
Black: 10 men



White: 12 men  
8r2k1, pQ3p1p, 5ap1, 2P1p8, 2P1R3, 8r1P3,  
PPSP1P, 6R8  
Black plays and wins

### Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

Send all contributions for this column to Edmund Nash, 1530 28th Place, S.E., Washington 20, D. C.

THE TWO positions above have been selected from contributions to this department in line with the policy of using readers' own combinations as well as combinations they have come across in their reading or observations. It is hoped that readers will share their chess delights by contributing their favorite combinations of old or recent vintage. All combinations sent in should be on diagrams, with the white pieces indicated preferably in red ink or pencil, and the black pieces in dark ink or pencil.

Position No. 3 was contributed by George G. Gallagher of Glendale, California as his favorite. Steinitz by two forceful moves, involving a pawn sacrifice, seals White's coffin; the rest is burial.

The fourth position was contributed by Harold Burdge, former New Jersey state champion, who considers this his best combination. (He says that he saw this combination four moves earlier and brought about the position in the diagram by forceful and psychological play.) Black by a problem-like move wins a major piece or mates in six. (In the game White saved his piece, being oblivious of the alternative.)

Solutions published on Page four.

## TOURNAMENT DAY BY DAY AS VIEWED BY FRED REINFELD

By Fred Reinfeld

### Fifth Round

Kashdan 6, Kramer 2; Queen's Gambit Declined, 27 moves.  
Euwe 4, Denker 4; Queen's Gambit Declined, 26 moves.  
Fine 1, Steiner 0; Dutch Defense, 41 moves.  
Najdorf 3, Horowitz 3; Queen's Gambit Declined.  
Biguier 3, Pilnik 3; Sicilian Def., 40 moves.

Kashdan got a strong game against Kramer's Slav Defense, sacrificing the exchange for promising complications. However, Kramer defended with his usual resourcefulness. Kashdan ran short of time and overstepped the time limit.

Denker handled the opening poorly, allowing Euwe to get a splendid game. Overconfidence on Euwe's part dissipated all his advantage and led to an ending with Bishops of opposite colors in which Denker had if anything the better game.

Steiner handled the Dutch Defense very injudiciously, indulging in a gradual advance of his King-side Pawns which resulted in a fatal softening up of his King's wing.

Najdorf built up powerful pressure against Horowitz, who defended stoically and expected the worst. Najdorf had several winning chances, missed them all and thus gave Horowitz a chance to profit from his talent for grim defense.

Biguier got a strong initiative on both wings, but Pilnik defended resourcefully, succeeding in simplifying into a safe Rook and Pawn ending.

### Sixth Round

Kramer 6, Fine 1; Reti Opening, 20 moves.  
Denker 3, Biguier 3; Queen's Gambit Declined, 48 moves.  
Najdorf 1, Kashdan 0; Gruenfeld Defense, 35 moves.  
Horowitz 3, Pilnik 3; King's Indian Defense, 45 moves.  
Steiner 3; Euwe 3; Queen's Gambit Declined, 50 moves.

Kramer played a tricky variation recommended by Kevit; however, he did not find the best moves, so that Fine, maneuvering in top form, was able to score a neat victory.

Denker and Biguier played a dream of a game which showed these two fine tacticians at their best: sacrifice was countered by another sacrifice, and a hard-fought draw was the legitimate outcome.

Najdorf came out of the opening with a marked positional advantage, which he increased systematically. Some clever tactical play marked the finish.

Horowitz's loss of a Pawn in the middle game was compensated by his possession of two strong Bishops. This was good enough for a draw.

Steiner lost a Pawn in the opening, but he retained enough pressure to regain the Pawn eventually.

### INDIANA PLACES SECOND IN MATCH

The postponed Tri-State contest between teams from Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky, held at Indianapolis, resulted in a victory for the Illinois team, which has already a long record of victories over Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska.

Illinois defeated Indiana by 3-2, with L. J. Isaacs besting Indiana State Champion D. O. Brooks on first board, while former Illinois State Champion Albert Sandrin drew with former Indiana State Champion J. Van Benton.

Illinois then defeated the Kentucky team by 4-1 with Isaacs besting Kentucky State Champion R. W. Shields while Sandrin drew with former Kentucky State Champion J. Moyses.

In the remaining match Indiana defeated Kentucky by the score of 3½-1½.

Plans are being laid for a more elaborate return match with Ohio invited as a fourth participant.

### GERMANTOWN Y GRIPS TITLE

The Germantown YMCA Chess Club, defending champions of the Philadelphia Chess League, took a firm grip on the 1949 title by winning the first half of the current season (Score table in February 5 issue). They clinched the first leg of the title fight by defeating the strong Mercantile Library Ass'n Chess Club crushingly 5-1 in the final match of the first half. The second half-season opens in March.

In January the Germantown YMCA Chess Club faced a visiting group of North Jersey League stars in a 12-board match and held them to a 6-6 tie. At the same date the Haddonfield (N.J.) Chess Club took a hard fought 6½-½ decision from the Germantown YMCA lesser lights.

### NEW CHESS PAGE IN DESERET NEWS

In the active metropolis of Salt Lake City, Utah the rapid growth of the YMCA-Salt Lake City Chess Club in the past two years is testified to by the inauguration in the pages of the Deseret News of a chess column, edited by Harold Lundstrom, and entitled "Let's Play Chess". Early news in the pages of this new chess column indicate the birth of a YMCA City Chess League in Salt Lake City in which eight teams will compete for the City title. Teams have been entered by the Combined Metals Reduction Co., U. S. Post Office, Deseret News, Union Pacific RR, West High School, Lincoln Junior High, the YMCA and the Small Fry 'Pawns' (a team composed of boys eight to twelve years old).

At the Brigham Young University Chess Club Albert Ostaff was elected president, and the club is laying plans for matches with the University of Utah and the Utah State Agricultural College.

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### VOX CLAMANTIS IN DESERTO

THOUGH THIS be a voice of one crying in the wilderness, unheard, unheeded and unnoticed, this is a voice that shall not be stilled.

It is not that each individual instance of the contempt for law matters one whit, but that the cumulative total of such incidents creates a dangerous precedent for the disregard of all law that inevitably leads to chaos.

For if we begin to chafe among our laws which laws we shall obey and which laws we shall ignore, where is the dignity and authority of Law? Who shall decide for us which laws must be obeyed? And which shall be forgotten and ignored?

It is a matter of law in chess that no draw shall be accepted or agreed upon by mutual consent where less than thirty moves have been made with the Black men. This Article 16, Paragraph d of the Laws of Chess of the Federation Internationale des Echecs. Whether it is a wise ordinance or a foolish one is irrelevant to the question. It is the LAW. And whosoever violates it is a lawbreaker.

The fact that by a common consent master players and directors of international tournaments have tacitly failed to enforce this law in the past does not render the law inoperative or annul it. Such failure to obey the law in the past merely casts a serious reflection upon the moral integrity of the players and tournament directors who have so indicated their contempt for the Laws of Chess.

The fact that in the recent Manhattan International Tournament in Round Two I. A. Horowitz and Dr. Max Euwe elected to submit a grandmaster draw in fifteen moves and that the tournament director accepted it, does not present evidence in favor of disregarding the law. It is merely a very grave reflection upon the understanding of these two masters and the tournament director, which all three, we are sure, would have avoided, if they had correctly assessed all the points involved.

We cite this particular recent example because the actual moral integrity of Dr. Euwe and I. A. Horowitz is so far above suspicion that the incident cannot damage their reputations. But they are nevertheless convicted of contempt for law, whether wilful or not. And they may someday find the incident cast in their teeth when they protest the violation of some other portion of the Laws of Chess, for how can they, as deliberate violators of the law, lay claim to the law's protection when a disregard of the law is turned to their own disadvantage? One must come into court (even the court of chess law) with clean hands.

The particular incident of the Euwe-Horowitz draw had extenuating circumstances. Fred Reinfeld reported it that: "it should be said that both of these players are usually grand fighters, but their distressing experiences in the first round must have unnerved them." Yet the Laws of Chess make no allowances for such extenuating circumstances—they and their tournament director are all equally guilty of flagrant misconduct in submitting and accepting such a draw. We may, recognizing the circumstances and the heavy weight of practice on their side, absolve them from all intent at law-breaking; but the fact remains that they are guilty.

A note to the Editor from a former State Champion suggests: "Instead of criticizing 'agreed draws' in editorials, why not criticize the two causes of them, either 1) a round-robin chess tournament, or 2) too many rounds in a Swiss tourney for the number of players involved." This former Champion, like many another reader, has missed the vital point involved in previous editorial criticism.

We are not at this moment particularly concerned with "agreed draws" per se of their advisability or causes. But we are gravely concerned with the fact that master players and skilled tournament directors are evincing such wilful contempt for the laws that govern chess.

By all means repeal the law, if it works hardships, is undesirable or unenforceable; but while it remains in the Chess Code, let us enforce it as law-abiding chess players. Not to do so, is Chess-Cheating; and it remains chess-cheating, whether the cheater be Dr. Euwe, I. A. Horowitz, Mikhail Botvinnik or the most inarticulate woodpusher who ever played a game.

It was U. S. Grant who cannily suggested in his Inaugural Address that: "I know of no method to secure the repeal of bad or obnoxious laws so effective as their stringent execution"—a thought reiterated by Theodore Roosevelt in slightly different terms. We subscribe most heartily to this idea.

CHESS LIFE is for the enforcement of the Laws of Chess, as it is for the enforcement of the Laws of the United States. We refuse to condone violations on account of custom, ignorance or indifference. We are not awed by the majesty and reputation of violators, or silenced by their prestige. Botvinnik may be the Champion of the World—he is nevertheless a chess-cheater for his illegal fourteen move draw in the 22nd Round of the World Championship Tournament.

Such illegal draws should be scored by alert and conscientious tournament directors as forfeited by both players (Laws of Chess, Article 19,

Paragraph iii); and if this had been done, it would have upset the awarding of more than one championship title. We do not at this time suggest so drastic a remedy; but we do wish to point out to players and tournament directors alike that by conniving to ignore Article 16, Paragraph d of the Laws of Chess, they are placing in real jeopardy the legal right to award titles by voiding the legal standing of tournaments where such irregularities are permitted, should anyone care to challenge the validity of such titles.

We hold Dr. Max Euwe in high regard as a chess player and as a gentleman, and despite past criticism of Chess Review we have always maintained a high opinion of the ability and integrity of I. A. Horowitz. We feel sure that when they recognize the gravity of the situation created by such illegal draws, they will cease to offend. But master or woodpusher, the player who continues to violate the Laws of Chess deserves little respect and less suzerainty, as being little better than the card-sharper or other violator of the laws.

Montgomery Major

## Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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I have just received a report of the awards of the Second International Problem Tourney for two-movers, 1948, of Enroque, an Argentine chess paper. The chief prize winners announced are: 1st Prize: E. M. Hassberg; 2nd Prize: L. A. Garaza; 3rd Prize: M. Wrobel; 4th Prize: J. Perls; 5th Prize: H. L. Musante; 6th Prize: V. L. Eaton; 7th Prize: J. Zalda.

In addition to the foregoing 8 composers were accorded honorable mentions while 12 others received commendations. 51 entries competed. Judges were Juan C. Mora, F. W. Nanning, Julius Buchwald and J. B. Santiago. Forsythe notation of the first prize composition by Eric Hassberg of New York is: 3R4, 8, PS1sp3, Q3P2P, 1p1Pkr1B, 1P2bR1P, 2P1S3, 3B3K. Mate in two.

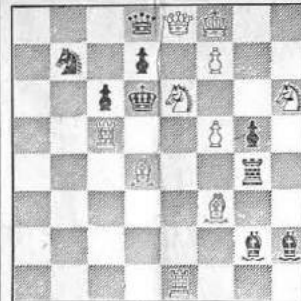
A recent personal letter from Montgomery Major, Editor of CHESS LIFE, to the Problem Editor contained a suggestion, that, if acted upon in a proper manner, may be the remedy for curing or at least reviving the apparent lack of interest in the solving of chess problems.

Mr. Major advises a banding together of composers and solvers into a Society and offering prize contests for solving problems and in general publicizing the problem.

I believe the suggestion a splendid one and I am passing it on to Mr. Hassberg, Eaton and other well known American composers for their consideration and action thereon, should they desire to promote the formation of such a Problem Society.

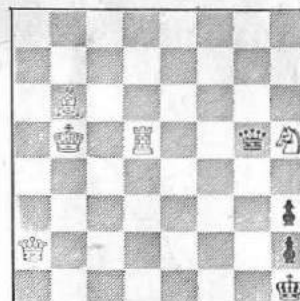
Many years ago when such a society, known as the Good Companion Chess Problem Club, flourished, interest in problem composing and solving reached a new high. A similar organization today could be the means of again stimulating interest in problem composing and solving. Think it over, problem fans.

Problem No. 73  
By Wm. J. Couture  
Howard, R. I.  
Black: 9 men



White: 10 men  
3qK2, 1p1P2, 2p3S3, 2R2P1, 3B2L,  
5B2, 6b, 4B3  
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 74  
By Knud A. Rasmussen  
Richvale, Ont., Canada  
Black: 4 men



White: 5 men  
8, S, 1B, 1K1R2S, 8, 7p, Q6p, 7k  
White mates in two moves

While there is considerable discussion as to the lack of interest in problem solving, there can be no argument as to the widely disseminated problemists' interest in the art of problem composing. Scarcely a place in the wide world where a problemist can not be found! "From Greenland's icy mountains to India's coral strand" could be said to mark the limits of their habitat. All the best composers are not to be found in the confines of the larger cities (though most of them are). Occasionally one hobs up from a small hamlet or town manifesting great talent for composing.

Such a one I introduce to solvers of Problems of Chess Life today in the person of one Wm. J. Couture of Howard, R. I. I know nothing of Mr. Couture or his previous composing efforts, if any. But I do know that he cannot be a novice at the art as his problem composed for CHESS LIFE and diagrammed above as Problem No. 73 exhibits the handwork of a skilled composer. If you interest yourself in solving it, you will be delighted with the key and mates and clamor for more of Mr. Couture's problems.

Problem No. 74 by Knud Rasmussen, clever and excellent Canadian problem builder, is another example of the composing skill of this genius. The problem has a fine thematic and strategic key and in its construction wins admiration for its economical rendering with good variety.

#### Solutions:

The key to Problem No. 64 is: 1. R-RK1. A cute and rather tricky key that amused and pleased the solvers.

The key to Problem No. 65 is: 1. K1P, Kt-K4; 2. R-B3. The striking variation which won for the composer a special prize is: 1. K1P, Kt-K4; 2. Kt-B6. Other delightful mates follow the defenses of 1. R-K1B and the Pawn promotion to Q and Kt.

The solution to Problem No. 69 is: 1. B-K5 with threat of 2. B-R3 ch and 3. K7 or Q-K3 mate acc. If 1. ... K-R4; 2. B-N4 ch, Kx3; 3. Q-K3; If 2. ... K-B3; 3. Q-B3, If 1. ... K-B5; 2. Q-B4 ch, K-B6; 3. B-K1, If 2. ... K-B4; 3. B-K7, If 1. ... P-R6; 2. Q-K4 ch, K-K4; 3. Q-B4, If 1. ... B-B3; 2. BxB ch, K-B5; 3. Q-B3, If 1. ... K-K4; 2. B-B4 ch, K-Q5; 3. Q-K4. Our solvers called this creation a "dandy," a "cracker-jack" and a "blu." Such comments indicating they thought the problem superior to the ordinary average 3-mover.

Correct solutions to Problems No. 64, 65 and 66 were received from: T. Lundberg (Dallas), Peter Korf and F. Holloway (Grand Rapids), N. Gabor (Cincinnati), B. Marshall (Strevport), Jas. Bolton (New Haven), Edgar Holladay (Charlotteville), Rev. G. M. Chidley (Toronto).

Jack Spence (Omaha) and Tocha Seidel (Los Angeles) submitted correct solutions to No. 64 and 65. Belated correct solutions to Problems No. 65 to 68 inclusive were received from Jas. Bolton (New Haven) and Tocha Seidel (Los Angeles).

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## Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

WOE TO THE PROPHET! The predictions in the last column may well go the way of the old look—all wrong! To begin with, Fine seemed to let down in the last stage of his match with Najdorf. In any event, the other predictions still look safe. Evans has increased his lead in the Marshall event, with Santasiere still second. Bigsuler is running below Pinkus, Avram and Kramer in the powerful Manhattan tournament. The Met. League begins play in March. Let's wait and see before we swear off making predictions!

CHESS LIFE annotator Dr. Platz has assumed the lead after the first two rounds of the Bronx Chess Club tournament. He is favored to retain his title despite the spirited opposition being offered by a strong field including City College's Howard Harrison and Richard Einhorn.

The frequent formation of new clubs is one of the best signs of a healthy chess community. The newcomer this season is the Kingsbridge Community Chess Club, which made a fair showing in dropping a match vs. London Terrace by 6½-2½.

PLAYERS TO WATCH! 16-year-old Elliot Hearst, who will probably win a prize in the Marshall tournament; Jack Soudakoff, competent analyst who has just defeated Arnold Denker at the Manhattan C. C.; Sol Wachs of Philadelphia, whose periodic trips to New York always astound the experts who must contend with a rapid-transit ability far beyond any 15-year-old! And when will someone arrange a series of matches among the younger American masters?

## Memorable Chess Dates

Compiled by A. Buschke

February	1880	J. Perls, Austrian master, born
	1924	Dr. S. Tarrasch, German grandmaster, died
	1908	G. Cristofanini, Italian problemist, born
	1824	D. I. Bronstein, Russian grandmaster, now USSR Co-Champion with Kotov, born
	1882	F. Lizard, French problemist, born
	1913	(old style?) L. A. Kaye, Russian endgame composer, born
	1914	A. S. Denker, American master, USA Champion 1944-1945, born
	1869	W. H. K. Pollock, English master, born
	1883	(old style?) Dr. A. W. Galitzky, Russian problemist, born
	1857	(new style) Dr. S. G. Tartakower, Franco-Ukrainian grandmaster, born
	1850	Professor I. L. Rice, American Chess "Mascotas" and inventor of the "Rice Gambit," born
	1871	P. England, Swedish master, born
	1909	E. Selmar, American master, died
	1927	F. Deckmann, German problemist, died
	1828	H. A. W. Lindeln, Swedish master, born
	1901	A. O. Vasquez, Mexican master, author, died
	1942	M. Blumlich, German master, chess editor, author, died
	1887	B. Kostic, Yugoslav master, born
	1906	(new style) Vera Menchik, Ladies Chess Champion of the World, born
	1919	O. Kottbauer, Czech master, born
	1913	J. Mortimer, English master, author, died
	1875	M. Maximov, Russian problemist, born
	1903	S. Tinsley, English master, chess editor, died
	1910	D. Noteboom, Dutch master, born
	1865	J. Miess, German master, still living and active in chess, now in England, born
	1915	L. Cimburak, Czech problemist, born
	1928	O. Hajos, American master, died
	1812	H. Erichshch, German master and chess editor, born

### METROPOLITAN CHESS Boston, Mass.

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Lynn Chess 5-1  
Commonwealth  
Chess .....5-2  
Harvard Club  
Chess .....5-3

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# Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

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## It Takes Two

TODAY WE know that combinations are impossible without previous weak play on the part of one's opponent. The steady increase of average playing strength has therefore had the effect of decreasing the number of occasions for combinative play. A century or so ago, when there was only a handful of first-rate players, the prospect for brilliant play was much brighter.

Yet combinations are better and more numerous than they ever were before. This is due to the fact that far more games are played—and published. True, the last remaining contact between master and amateur is the simultaneous performance, and it is in precisely this field that some of the most sensational combinations are being produced.

### DANISH GAMBIT

Detroit, 1945

(Simultaneous Exhibition)

White	Black
A. S. DENKER	GONZALES
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. P-Q4	P-P4
3. P-QB3	P-P4
4. B-QB4	P-P4
5. BxP	B-K5 ch

A master would select the simplifying course 5. .... P-Q4; 6. BxQP, Kt-KB3; 7. BxP ch, KxB; 8. QxQ, B-Kt5 ch; 9. Q-Q2, BxQ ch with the better endgame for Black. This is typical of the way that masters use small-scale combinations to avert combinations in the grand manner.

6. K-B1? Avoids simplifying combinations. 7. P-K5 Kt-KB3 8. Q-K4 B-B1 9. B-Kt5 ch! (If 9. QxP?, PxB; 10. QxR7, Q-Q8 mate, P-B3; 10. QxP etc. 9. Q-B3 Kt-KR3 10. Kt-B3 B-K2 11. Kt-Q5 O-O 12. Kt-B6 ch! K-R1 13. Q-R5 with a winning game. 13. Kt-R3 BxKt? 13. .... P-Q3 was a better defensive try. 14. PxB P-KKt5 The attempt to close the diagonal is doomed to disappointment. 15. Q-B4 Kt-B4 16. Kt-K5 Kt-Q3 Apparently holding everything. 17. KtP ch! KtKt Equally brilliant play would ensue on 17. .... RxBt; 18. BxR, KtB; 19. Q-R6!, Q-Kt1 (if 19. .... KtQ Q; 20. P-B7 ch leads to mate!); 20. R-K1! and Black is helpless against 21. R-K8! 21. Q-R6! Resigns

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17. KtP ch! KtKt  
Equally brilliant play would ensue on 17. .... RxBt; 18. BxR, KtB; 19. Q-R6!, Q-Kt1 (if 19. .... KtQ Q; 20. P-B7 ch leads to mate!); 20. R-K1! and Black is helpless against 21. R-K8! 21. Q-R6! Resigns



Black sees that after 18. .... R-Kt1 (not 18. .... KtQ; 19. P-B7 ch and mate follows). 19. BxKt (threatening 20. Q-Q7 ch!) he would have no defense: 19. .... Q-B1; 20. B-Q5!, QxQ; 21. P-B7 ch and mate next move!

Black's failure to develop the Queen-side has been drastically exploited.

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## EUWE VICTORIOUS AT VANCOUVER

Continuing his triumphant series of simultaneous exhibitions, Dr. Max Euwe played at Vancouver on January 17 in a fifty board exhibition, winning 43, losing 3 and drawing 4. Victors were W.E.F. Fillery, C. F. Millar and H. Ostrom. The draws went to B. Arden, C. Carroll, R. J. Emlinson and G. Penton.

## H. KMOCH PLANS SIMUL. TOUR

Hans Kmoch, well known master and now USCF Vice-President, is planning an exhibition tour of the United States. Noted as an analyst tournament director and annotator Kmoch also ranks among the most proficient exponents of the art of simultaneous play. Clubs interested in engaging him for an enjoyable and profitable evening of chess may communicate with Hans Kmoch, 630 West 170th Street, New York 32, N. Y.

## NEW CITY LEAGUE REPORTS RESULTS

The newly organized Chicago City Chess League (not to be confused with the Greater Chicago City Chess League) reports the results on its first series of team contests with the Illinois Institute of Technology defeating Hyde Park Chess Club and the Navy Pier Chess Club (composed of members of the Navy Pier schools of the University of Illinois). The University of Chicago Chess Club has defeated the Illinois Institute of Technology. Other teams are expected to fill out the schedule of the new league.

## GARY REELECTS ALL OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Gary Chess Club all the incumbents were reelected to office with Harry Salisbury as president, Floyd Bolton as secretary-treasurer, D. O. Brooks as team captain and D. E. Rhead as public relations manager.

The annual Gary City Championship tournament was set for the date of February 20th, open to all residents of Gary, as a six-round Swiss event with the present City and Indiana State Champion D. O. Brooks defending his City title.

A special vote of commendation was given to Bill Backemeyer, 17 years old, for drawing his game against Dr. Max Euwe at the simultaneous exhibition held at the Hyde Park Chess Club in Chicago.

## DALY RETAINS BOYLSTON TITLE

H. B. Daly, defending champion, retained his title in the annual championship of the Boylston (Boston) Chess Club. Dr. S. Putzman was second and E. Schneider third. In Class B the title went to J. Coulter with A. Yaffe second and Dr. Langman third. G. B. Long won the Class C championship.

# ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Some Comments Upon Early American Chess

BY DR. BRUNO BASSI

Uppsala, Sweden

SINCE ABOUT 1843-4 the members of the New York Chess Club used to hold their meetings at the Carlton House on the corner of Broadway and Leonard Street.

In 1849, a frequent topic of conversation at these Carlton House reunions was the match with Mexico. The distance between the two metropolitan cities of the sister republics of America, and the reputation of the amateurs of both cities made every lover of chess feel an interest in the promise of a prolonged contest. During the latter part of the winter of this year, John L. O'Sullivan, one of the most intelligent admirers of chess, of which America could boast (he had already participated in a correspondence match against Washington in 1835), was in Havana, where he met with the best player of Mexico, Senor Leandro Morro. Both were enthusiastic lovers of the game, and a match was arranged without difficulty. The stakes were to be a set of chessmen, worth at least one hundred dollars, and the combat to begin forthwith.

Immediately upon his return to New York in April, 1849, O'Sullivan publicly announced the fact that the first move might be expected from the city of Montezuma about the middle of May. Everything seemed to promise a grand struggle between the Northern and Southern races, between a race which boasted of a McDonnell and a people of the lineage of Ruy Lopez. But, whosoever the fault may have been, the match was indefinitely postponed and remained unthought.

Who can say what would have been the result, had it taken place? Would the Americans have repeated upon the chessboard the bloody victories of a few months previous at Palo Alto and Cerro Gordo? Or would los Mexicanos have avenged upon the checkered field a score of defeats upon the plains and in the passes of their country? (See Book of the First American Chess Congress, New York, 1857, p. 402, 403, 410.)

At nearly the same time, in 1849, Dr. B. J. Raphael consulting with B. Ballard, both of Louisville, Ky., was conducting and winning a chess game by telegraph against the Nashville Chess Club. The game occupied between two and three hours only and was some years later published in Fiske's Chess Monthly, vol. I, p. 22, finding its way also to Europe (see Deutsche Schachzeitung, vol. XII, p. 195-6) where it was admired on account of its peculiarly brilliant and effective ending.

### Giucco Piano

White: Nashville	1. P-K4	2. P-K4	3. P-QR4	4. B-K2	5. P-Q3	6. P-QR4	7. B-K2	8. P-KR3	9. O-O	10. B-K2
Black: Louisville	1. P-K4	2. P-K4	3. P-QR4	4. B-K2	5. P-Q3	6. P-QR4	7. B-K2	8. P-KR3	9. O-O	10. B-K2

It was at the end of the same year, 1849, that the celebrated Hungarian chess player J. J. Lowenthal (1810-76) arrived as a poor immigrant in America, where he could continue his brilliant chess career. In an autobiographical article, which appeared in the New York Tournament Book, 1857, p. 339-396, Lowenthal writes: "I arrived in New York from Hamburg on the 29th Dec., 1849 . . ."

## PROBLEMS OF CHESS LIFE

(Continued from Page 2, Column 2)

ATTENTION PROBLEM COMPOSERS! The Michigan Chess Association has decided to publish a monthly chess paper and the first issue has been scheduled for April 1st. In this Association Bulletin, the editor or manager, I have been informed, will be willing to publish the best six (original) problems submitted each month. Awards of Merit as well as free copies of the paper will go to the honored composers. Articles relating to problem solving or composing, not to exceed one typewritten page are solicited, with the understanding that the material submitted should be kept away from highly technical subjects or language. The deadline for the April issue is March 14. Mail problems, articles, queries, etc. to Grant Turnblom, 300 M.A.C. Ave., East Lansing, Mich.

Harold Lundstrom % The Deseret Publishing Company, P.O. Box 1257, Salt Lake City, Utah is looking for original problems for his new weekly chess column in the Deseret News. I wish to appeal to my composing friends to heed the requests of the foregoing friends of the problemists and contribute to the success of these enterprises by submitting some of their latest and choicest composing efforts. It appears a "Life Line" has been tossed to the sinking problemist. Will he grab it and try to save himself? Should I say: "Oh, boy! what a Life?" or "What a Life buoy!"

## SYRACUSE ELECTS GRASS PRESIDENT

At the recent annual meeting of the Syracuse (N.Y.) Chess Club Leon Grass was elected president after serving as treasurer for more than 12 years and one term as vice-president. Other officers elected were: William L. Ford vice-president, John C. Cummings treasurer, Walter Froehlich corresponding secretary, and Arthur Damon recording secretary.

The Board of Directors chosen include: George N. Cheney, Donald D. Dann, Arthur M. Hurwitz, Jacques Levey, Mrs. Carl S. Nye and Hedley R. Weeks with USCF Vice-President Paul G. Giers serving as chairman.

## MANHATTAN CLUB LAUNCHES FINALS

The finals in the current Manhattan Chess Club Championship are under way with an imposing list of finalists: Defending Champion Arthur Bisguier, former U. S. Champion A. S. Denker, A. S. Pinkus, Avram, Vasconcellos (the Brazilian diplomat), Kay, Williams, Turner, Shainswit and Soudakoff.

## GUSTAFSON LEADS AT ATTLEBORO

After seven rounds Gustafson still leads the field in the Attleboro (Mass.) City Championship with 6-0. Second place is held by Sven Brask, editor of the Attleboro Chess Notes, with 5½. Hudnut is third with 5½. Twenty-one players are competing in the round robin tournament.

Chess records were broken in the 7th round when Grzyb mated his opponent in four moves (the previous tournament record was a seven move game ending in mate). The game ran as follows: White: Grzyb; Black: Capillon: 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. B-B4, B-B4; 3. Q-B3?, Kt-QB3?; 4. QxP mate. Oddly enough the loser was not a tyro but has an "A" rating locally and is a Class AA correspondence player.

## "HAM" COOK SEEKS RADIO MATCHES

Radio "ham" and chess problem composer par excellence C. B. Cook of Fort Worth, Tex. is seeking chess competition over the short-waves from all and sundry. His call letters are W5MZO on the 40 meterband.

# Chess Life

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Sunday, February 20, 1949

## Chess Life Abroad

By George Koltanowski

WHAT'S THE BEST MOVE?

Position No. 19



r6k, ppRb1pp, sp2, sp2ps, 4ss, P2P1SP6, QSP1P, 6Rk1

Send solutions (the main line of play) to position No. 19 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by March 5th, 1949.

### Solution to Position No. 17

The position occurred in a game, L. Pachmann, Szabo, in the Budapest tournament, 1948. Black continued with 1. .... P-R5; 2. PxP, R-R5; 3. RxB, BxR; 4. B-B5, P-Kt6; 5. B-B3, P-Kt7; 6. BxP, BxR; (This is what the majority of solvers gave and said "and Black wins.") This was also the opinion of Szabo! But let us look at the continuation first: 7. K-B1, B-B6; 8. K-K2, K-B2; 9. P-B4, P-R4; 10. K-B3! B-R4; 11. P-KR4, PxB ch; 12. KxP! K-R3; 13. P-B5 ch, K-R5; 14. K-R4; B-B2; 15. K-R4, B-R4; 16. K-R4, B-R7; 17. K-K4, B-K5; 18. K-B4, K-R4; 19. P-B1 PxB; 20. K-B5, DRAW!

Szabo says that the move 1. .... P-R5 which wins a piece only draws the game! The way to win this game is by playing: K-B2-R3-Q4-B3-Kt4, the White R can never leave KR1. After that, P-R5. The White B can never sacrifice itself for the pawn! A touché!

Correct solutions were received from: J. E. Comstock (Duluth) and Joe Faucher (Garden City). Congratulations to the two successful solvers! Faucher wins the first quarter with a perfect score of 6 points and Comstock is a clear second with 5½ points.

### Solving Ladder (1st Quarter)

(Including all who submitted answers to four or more problems)

J. Faucher	5	E. A. Seymour	5
J. E. Comstock	5½	J. P. Huss	4½
S. Brask	5	E. J. Korpany	4½
I. Chauvenet	5	K. Lay	4
Dr. H. Gaba	5	O. Shapiro	4
H. Magee	5	V. Q. Sprague	3½
E. Nash	5	B. Kleio	3
F. A. Neal	5	R. K. Lemay	1

(Position No. 18 began the second quarter contest, but all points accumulate for the grand final yearly prize.)

Vienna: In an exhibition here Dr. Euwe won 20, lost 13 and drew 7. Brussels: In an exhibition here O'Kelly won 26, drew 3 and lost 3. Hungary: The championship of Hungary was won by Benko (who is 20 years old) with 11 points on 16; 2-3. Gereben and Tipary 10½ each. England: Znosko-Borowsky, well known chess master, won 15 2 games, lost 7 and drew 30 in a series of exhibitions here.

Prague: A workman's Olympic tournament ended in a victory for Hungary, followed by Yugoslavia, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Switzerland.

Capetown, South Africa: Huxley St. John Brooks, founder of the South African Chess Magazine, died here recently.

Paris: The Russian master V. Ragozin gave an exhibition here, the score being 14 wins, 1 draw and 5 losses.

Brussels: Games from the recent four-master tournament which ended in a quadruple draw at 1½ points each for O'Kelly, Devos, Dunkelblum and Van Seters.

Sicilian Defense: White: Van Seters; Black: O'Kelly. 1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. Kt-KB3, P-K3; 3. P-Q4, PxB; 4. KtP, Kt-KB3; 5. Kt-QB3, P-Q3; 6. B-K2, Kt-B3; 7. O-O, B-K2; 8. B-K3, B-Q2; 9. P-B4, Q-Kt1; 10. Kt-K3, O-O; 11. P-KK4, K-R1; 12. P-Kt5, Kt-Kt1; 13. P-B5, P-B3; 14. P-Kt6, P-KR3; 15. B-Kt4, Kt-K4; 16. PxB, B-K1; 17. B-KB5, KtP; 18. Kt-Q5, Kt-K4; 19. Q-B1, Q-Q1; 20. Kt-Q4, B-B3; 21. R-B2, Q-K1; 22. Kt-B7, Q-R4; 23. KtR, RxBt; 24. Q-Q1, Q-K1; 25. R-Kt2, P-KKt3; 26. KtB, PxBt; 27. B-R3, Kt-B5; 28. (Please turn to page 4, col. 5)

QUEEN'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED Manhattan International Tournament, New York, 1948-9

Notes by J. Souckoff
White: 1. KASHIDAN P-Q4 4. P-K3 B. FINE P-Q3 P-Q33 P-Q33 5. BxP P-QK4

practical chances R-87 After 26. .... R-B7 VAN SWEDEN

Chessboard diagram for VAN SWEDEN position. Includes move lists for White and Black, and a note about a sacrifice.

P-QR4 P-QR4 6. P-Q3 P-Q4 5. P-K15 Kt-KB3 Note that Black is able to play P-Q4 where as White feels obliged to protect the KP.

Chessboard diagram for ESCOFFERY position. Includes move lists for White and Black, and a note about a sacrifice.

RUY LOPEZ 3rd Match Game, Manhattan Club New York, 1949

Chessboard diagram for RUY LOPEZ position. Includes move lists for White and Black.

CHESS LIFE ABROAD

(Continued from page 3, col. 5) B-B1, K-R2; 29. P-K13, Kt-K13; 30. P-QR4, R-Q1, 31. P-R5, Kt-B1; 32. R-Q2, B-B1; 33. B-QK2, B-K12; 34. Q-B3, Q-K2; 35. QR-Q1, Q-QB2; 36. B-B3, Kt-K12; 37. Q-K13, Q-K12; 38. R-KB1, R-B1; 39. R-Q2, B-K1, Kt-K1; 40. QxKtP ch!!; KxQ; 41. B-B5 ch, K-R4; 42. R-B3, Black resigns.

EVAN'S GAMBIT First Match Game Owasso, 1949

Chessboard diagram for EVAN'S GAMBIT position. Includes move lists for White and Black, and a note about a sacrifice.

PARMALEE 10. Q-B3 More or less forced. If 10. Q-K2, then QxR.

Chessboard diagram for PARMALEE position. Includes move lists for White and Black, and a note about a sacrifice.

NIMZOVITCH DEFENSE 4th Match Game, Marshall Club New York, 1949

Chessboard diagram for NIMZOVITCH DEFENSE position. Includes move lists for White and Black, and a note about a sacrifice.

BUDAPEST DEFENSE 50 Board Simultaneous, Hyde Park Chess Club, 1949

Chessboard diagram for BUDAPEST DEFENSE position. Includes move lists for White and Black, and a note about a sacrifice.

Solutions: "Finish It The Clever Way!"

Position No. 1: 1. ... R-Q2; 2. Resign. If 2. Q-R5 or Q-R3, Kt-B5! If 2. Q-R5, P-R4! or 2. ... Kt-B5.

KASHIDAN A neat zwischenzug.

Chessboard diagram for KASHIDAN position. Includes move lists for White and Black, and a note about a sacrifice.

SPANIER 17. P-KB4

Chessboard diagram for SPANIER position. Includes move lists for White and Black, and a note about a sacrifice.

NO. JERSEY LEAGUE 10-Second Team Tourney

Table with columns: Team, Matches, W, L, D, %. Lists teams like Elizabeth C. C., C. C. of Orange, etc.

GREATER CHICAGO CHESS LEAGUE

Table with columns: Team, Matches, W, L, D, %. Lists teams like Illinois Inst. of Technology, Irving Chess Club, etc.

RECONVENE CLUB ON STATEN ISLE

Disbanded for the period of the war, the Staten Island Chess Club is once more functioning at the Neurcut Club 302 St. Marks Place, S. I. on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons.

QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE Michigan State Championship Battle Creek, 1948

Chessboard diagram for QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE position. Includes move lists for White and Black, and a note about a sacrifice.

ANDERSON 26. .... Kt-B12

Chessboard diagram for ANDERSON position. Includes move lists for White and Black, and a note about a sacrifice.

RUY LOPEZ 61 Board Simultaneous, Hart House (Toronto), 1949

Chessboard diagram for RUY LOPEZ position. Includes move lists for White and Black, and a note about a sacrifice.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Germantown Y South Jersey

Table with columns: Team, Games, W, L, D, %. Lists teams like Germantown Y, South Jersey, etc.

CHARLOTTE, NO. CAR. Durham Chess Atlanta Chess

Table with columns: Team, Games, W, L, D, %. Lists teams like Durham Chess, Atlanta Chess, etc.