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SANDRIN TAKES U. S. OPEN!

SANTASIERE 2nd, EVANS 3rd IN SEVENTY MAN SWISS EVENT

Hartleb Tops Bisguier For 4th Place, Poschel 6th, Donovan 7th, Krauss 8th

Playing the most consistent chess of his career, Albert Sandrin of Chicago captured the U. S. Open Championship with a score of 10-2. His victories and draws included encounters with all of the nine players ranking immediately behind him in the final standings (unusual in a Swiss), and in the 12 rounds only three of his games (all wins) were against players who ranked below 10th place.

Against his leading nine opponents, Sandrin defeated in order Krauss, Bisguier, Donovan, Kramer, LeCornu, and drew with Evans, Santasiere, Hartleb and Poschel for a very convincing victory.

Second place went to A. E. Santasiere, former Open Champion, with a score of 9½-2½. Among the leading players, Santasiere defeated Hartleb, Bisguier, Kramer, and drew with Sandrin, Evans, Poschel, LeCornu and Martin.

Third place went to Larry Evans with 9-3. The Marshall Club Champion had a costly loss to Bisguier in the 11th round and a costly draw with Daly in the 2nd round.

Glen Hartleb in 4th place was a surprise finish, justly earned by his ability to draw in the pinches with Bisguier, Sandrin, Santasiere and Poschel while winning over less formidable opponents. Bisguier in fifth place had a costly loss to McCormick in addition to his losses to Sandrin and Santasiere.

Great credit goes to the Omaha Committee for its remarkably thorough and efficient arrangements for the tournament, in particular to Chairman Alfred Ludwig, Secretary Jack Spence, Registrar Howard E. Ohman and Kenneth A. Anderson in charge of reservations for the smooth and even way in which all matters, large or small, received efficient attention.

Swiss Score in August 20th issue.

Leading Scores	
A. Sandrin	10-2
A. E. Santasiere	9½-2½
L. Evans	9-3
G. Hartleb	8-4
A. Bisguier	8-4
P. Poschel	8-4
J. F. Donovan	8-4
G. Krauss	8-4
F. LeCornu	7½-4½
R. J. Martin	7½-4½
E. J. McCormick	7-4½
J. Mayer	7-4½
S. Baron	7-4½
L. Magee	7-4½

JURIST DONATES CHESS TROPHY

County Judge A. Demorest Del Mar of Englewood, N. J., has donated a chess trophy to be competed for annually by resident of the county of Bergen. A tournament will be held in the fall of each year. This year's tourney is in charge of Ernest W. Tyler of Hackensack who expects a list of more than 75 entrants for the event. Judge Del Mar himself won the championship of Bergen County in a similar tourney some years ago.

EATON TO EDIT PROBLEM COLUMN

CHESS LIFE is happy to announce that starting with the August 20th issue, "Problems of Chess Life" will be edited by Vincent L. Eaton, one of America's top ranking problem composers.

ELECT P. G. GIERS USCF PRESIDENT

In electing Paul G. Giers of Syracuse (N. Y.) to succeed Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. in the presidency of the USCF, the Directors of the Federation had in mind the famous baseball rule of not breaking up a winning combination. Paul Giers was most closely associated with Wagner in the creating of the new and improved Federation which has taken shape in the last few years, and therefore was the logical choice to continue the effective program already under way.

By no means an amateur in chess organization work, Giers first rose to prominence by organizing the Syracuse Chess Club in 1932, and in 1933 became Secretary of the New York State Chess Association. In 1934 he successfully promoted the International Tournament at Syracuse. From 1938 to 1944 he was president of the Syracuse Chess Club, and from 1939 to 1942 vice-president of the New York State Chess Association. In 1942 to 1943 he was president of the NYSCA.

In 1943 he accepted the arduous assignment of Secretary for the USCF, succeeding Ernest Olfe, and held this post until 1946 when he was elected Executive Vice-President of the USCF for a special three-year term to coordinate and organize certain phases of the USCF program. He served as Executive Vice-President until his elevation at Omaha to the office of President of the Federation.

While serving as Executive Vice-President, Paul Giers served as the USCF representative at the FIDE sessions in Holland and was instrumental in shaping and planning the NCCF program which was adopted for the Federation at the Directors' Meeting at Baltimore in 1948.

PLAN TO MERGE CHICAGO LEAGUES

Prospects for unifying interclub team competition in Chicago seem brighter than any time since 1946 as a result of negotiations between representatives of the two leagues and various local federations. A tentative constitution and set of rules has been drafted and is being circulated among the thirteen clubs comprising the two leagues.



THE USCF BOARD OF STRATEGY AT OMAHA
Left to right: Vice President Frank R. Graves, Vice-President William B. Byland, Retiring President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., President-Elect Paul G. Giers, and Secretary-Treasurer Edward I. Treend.

ELECT DIRECTORS AT OMAHA MEET

In addition to the election of officers, the annual meeting at Omaha saw the selection of a slate of directors with the members of each State choosing their own representatives. Results of the election were as follows:

Alabama: W. O. Winston. Arizona: O. W. Manney. Arkansas: Rev. George G. Walker. California: Alex. Bisno, Paul Hoffman, LeRoy Johnson, Dr. Edward Kupka, H. J. Ralston. Colorado: Virgil Harris, Connecticut: Fred Pearson. Delaware: Samuel A. Collins. District of Columbia: Vincent L. Eaton, I. S. Turover. Florida: J. B. Gibson, Jr. Georgia: M. H. Davis. Illinois: Edwin N. Asmann, Lucius A. Fritze, Roy Gilbert, Arthur A. Hartwig, F. H. Stoppel, Jr. Indiana: D. E. Rhead. Iowa: Dr. J. S. Weingart. Kentucky: Merrill Dowden. Louisiana: W. Frank Gladney. Maine: Dr. J. Melnick. Maryland: David Bent, Ira Lovett. Massachusetts: Weaver W. Adams, Robert W. Reddy. Michigan: Reuben Buskager, Thomas A. Jenkins, John Lapin, Dr. Bruno Schmidt, Virgil E. Vandenburg. James R. Watson. Minnesota: George S. Barnes. Missouri: H. M. Wesenberg. Montana: G. H. M. Brandt. Nebraska: Alfred C. Ludwick. New Hampshire: E. P. Lobseltern. New Jersey: E. Forry Laucks, Edgar McCormick, Richard W. Wayne. New York: Antonio C. Balducci, Severin Bischof, Rhys W. Hays, Jeremiah Donovan, I. A. Horowitz, Thomas McConnon, Philip Mary, Erich Marchand, Harold M. Phillips. North Carolina: Samuel B. Agnello. North Dakota: D. C. Macdonald. Ohio: Mrs. Catherine Jones, Dr. Chauncey D. King, A. R. Phillips, Arthur E. Plueddemann. Oklahoma: E. N. Anderson, Dr. Bela Rozsa. Oregon: Rev. George H. Swift. Pennsylvania: Thomas B. Eckenrode, Glenn E. Hartleb, Walter Hall, Douglas

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Thirty-Eight Juniors In Battle At U. S. Junior Championship

Fort Worth is the scene of youthful havoc as thirty-eight juniors strive for the U. S. Junior Championship. Ages range from Richard Harrell (20) to John Walker (11) and players include such well-known younger chess experts as Arthur Bisguier, Champion of the Manhattan Chess Club; Kit Crittenden, Eastern North Carolina Open Champion; Jim Cross, California Junior Champion; Larry Evans, Marshall Chess Club Champion; Ray Sachs, Cleveland City Champion; and Jackie Mayer, Kentucky Junior Champion.

It is a dangerous field for Defending Champion Bisguier to face as he attempts to repeat his victory at Oak Ridge in 1948.

Not as large as the 3rd Tournament held at Oak Ridge, which had 50 players, the Ft. Worth tourney is very representative with juniors from 15 states and two Canadian Provinces. In playing strength it equals the latter event with Larry Evans substituting for Frank Anderson and Ray Sach for Hans Berliner.

HOWARD CLUB OVERCOMES BARS

The Howard Chess Club represents the will to conquer handicaps. Its members in their restricted and circumscribed existence have found that there is much truth to the oft-quoted statement that iron bars do not a prison make when the mind is free to span the spaces, and the will exists to overcome handicaps.

It has therefore played matches with visiting club groups such as the Deep River Chess Club (Conn.) the Pawtucket Chess Club and Providence Chess Club (R.I.). In addition it wages war by mail.

President of the club is Wm. J. Couture whose problem compositions have frequently appeared in CHESS LIFE. He also conducts a chess column in the Howard News. Instructor is John E. Howorth; secretary Charles Quigley; and tournament director Douglas Massey.

The Howard Chess Club is eager for more postal matches with other clubs and may be addressed: Howard Chess Club, Box 114, Howard, R. I.

BISGUIER WINS EVANS SECOND

In a tight finish Bisguier retained his U. S. Junior title, tying on points with Evans and Cross, but leading in S-B points. Evans placed second and Cross third, with Karl Pruner edging into fourth place.

Leading Scores	
Bisguier	8-2
Evans	8-2
Cross	8-2
Pruner	7½-2½
Smith	6½-3½
Hearst	6½-3½
Hastings	6½-3½
Sachs	6½-3½

CH'GO CHESS WINS LEAGUE TITLE

In the season just ended, championship of the Chicago City Chess League was won by the Chicago Chess & Checker Club with a 10½-1½ match score. Second place went to the Illinois Institute of Technology with 8-3 and third place to Reynolds Club (U. of C.)

GARVER BECOMES TULSA CHAMPION

Robert L. Garver won the Tulsa City Championship in a double round-robin, outpost Chess Life annotator Dr. Bela Rozsa by one point to gain the title. Dr. Rozsa was second and A. Miller third. 5 survivors of a 5-round Swiss in which 24 players participated played in the final round-robin tourney for the championship.

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EX ABUNANTIA CORDIS

FOR ONE, I do not believe in eulogies addressed to the living—let them seek their graves, still wondering what the world will think and say about them; uncertainty is good for their souls.

But neither do I believe in ingratitude, nor cling so stubbornly to my dogmas that I must refuse to recognize the proper moment for cataloguing those achievements which entitle a worthy man to respect.

In December, 1944 the late George Sturgis of Boston passed unexpectedly to his reward, and the leadership of the United States Chess Federation by an universal acclaim passed to Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. of Chicago, then a Vice-President.

The time was critical, the Federation was still a shaky amalgamation between the formerly inimical National and American Chess Federations which could easily dissolve into the component parts. The structure of the organization was there, but it lacked coherence and it lacked manpower in many vital spots.

From 1945 to 1949 the Federation grew and expanded, guided into new channels of enterprise by President Wagner and the able group of assistants and advisors who gathered around him as the organization solidified. The USCF, as President Wagner found it, was a Federation dedicated particularly to the conducting of national chess tournaments; the USCF, as President Wagner left it, is an enterprise of many varied aspects in which the conducting of national tournaments is but one phase of a wide constructive program.

From 1945 to 1949 the Federation formed the "Chess for Veterans" program, and the National Chess Youth program, stressing the educational in chess promotion with emphasis on chess in hospitals, schools and recreation centers. CHESS LIFE came into existence in 1946 to report these and other varied activities of the Federation. And finally the adoption in 1948 of the National Chess Coordination Program came to cement closer relationship between national and local chess organizations for the better promotion of chess.

During these constructive years the Federation inaugurated the National Junior Championship for the younger chess players and began to take an active part in the deliberations of FIDE concerning international chess problems.

It would be inane to suggest that all this was created by one man; it would be equally inane not to recognize the credit due the central executive who coordinated these many divergent programs and gathered together the associates capable and willing to undertake direction of the various enterprises.

When in 1949 President Wagner refused to stand for reelection, he could conscientiously retire with an untroubled mind: he left the USCF much stronger than he had found it; and in his closest associate in the years of labor the Federation could find an able successor.

We trust that ex-president Wagner will now sleep more peacefully at night, untroubled by the nightmare of letters that should be written and enterprises that must be undertaken. He has earned his vacation before the soul-less demands of chess promotion snatch him up again and hurl him once more into the maelstrom. May he play a little more chess, and having planned many a national tournament, now have the privilege of playing in one instead.

As a player, Elbert Wagner ranks among the stronger amateurs; chess promotion never permitted him to develop his full force. He began his career at Hyde Park High School Chess Club and was soon wrenched from playing into promoting. To his credit as an entrepreneur stand the first truly Open Tournament at the Lawson Y in Chicago in 1934 when Reuben Fine and Samuel Reshevsky shared first honors, and the Tournament of 1937 at the Congress Hotel in Chicago, won by D. Pollard.

Between these moments devoted to Caissa, Wagner practices law. To Law and his family Chess has at last permitted him to return for a visit. And may that visit be a pleasant one!—we cannot express the hope that it will be long for Chess is relentless in pursuing those it needs.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Montgomery Major

VIENNA INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT 1922 By Larry Evans; Evans (\$3.10)

NEWEST among chess publishers is youthful Larry Evans, champion of the Marshall Chess Club. His first issue, the Vienna Tournament of 1922, is an attractive limited edition of 275 copies—103 pages neatly mimeographed and well bound.

Among international tournaments, Vienna 1922 was notable. Rubinstein won it from a field of fifteen notable masters including Tartakower,

Alekhine, Tarrasch, Maroczy, Gruenfeld, Reti, Bogoljubow and Spielmann. The games were often brilliant, as was to be expected of such a gathering, but have hitherto been for the most part unavailable in English. Here you have them all with excellent annotations by the youthful Marshall Chess Club Champion.

Another excellent feature of this work is the comprehensive set of indexes to the games and to the openings used, in addition to a complete and concise summary of the chess records of the principle contestants, which make this collection invaluable as a reference book.

While they last the remaining copies of this limited edition may be obtained from the author, Larry Evans, 109 W. 68th Street, New York 23, N. Y. for \$3.10 each postpaid.

OMAHA MAY JUSTLY BE PROUD

by Paul G. Giers

President, United States Chess Federation

HERE could be no better evidence of unity and progress in American chess than the Golden Jubilee Congress of the USCF just held at Omaha, Nebraska. Well planned, well attended and well managed, it was indeed a milestone in the long history of our organized chess. The seventy players entered in the Open Championship Tournament represented many states and all corners of the country.

At the Membership Meeting, Mr. Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., retiring president, announced the names of eight new Life Directors which had been designated for the high honor by the executive committee: Mr. Hermann Helms, Mr. Lewis J. Isaacs, Mr. Isaac Kashdan, Mr. S. S. Keeney, Mr. George Koltanowski, Mrs. Caroline D. Marshall, Mr. Anthony E. Santasiero and Mr. Maurice Wertheim. All of these have rendered outstanding service to chess through the years and in each case the honor is well deserved.

Two full afternoons were devoted to directors' meetings with twenty-four directors from over a dozen states in attendance. Many problems of vital concern to our Federation were fully discussed and it was soon evident that each director present was eager to contribute his best judgment and complete cooperation toward the solution of our various problems.

Mr. Wagner rendered a comprehensive report of Federation progress during his stewardship of the last four and one-half years and received a warm vote of thanks from the directors for his fine leadership. In accordance with the provisions of the NCCP (National Chess Coordination Program), nine vice-presidents were elected and the NCCP functions were assigned to them as follows: Mr. Frank R. Graves, Fort Worth, Texas—Youth Program; Mr. Montgomery Major, Oak Park, Illinois—Publications; Mr. Martin Southern, Knoxville, Tennessee—Membership; Mr. Hans Knoch, New York City—Tournaments; Mr. George E. Roosevelt, New York City—Finances; Mr. Herman Steiner, Los Angeles, California—Publicity; Mr. William M. Byland, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—Rating System; Mr. Milton Finkelstein, New York City—College Chess and Mr. J. B. Gee, Sacramento, California—Veterans' Program. We are fortunate to have these men of outstanding calibre on our working team.

Secretary Edward I. Treend of Detroit, Michigan, who so faithfully has served the Federation, was reelected to that office, and in addition, Mr. Treend was appointed as Treasurer. A tenth vice-presidency was created by the directors and the holder, to be appointed by the president, will take charge of developing the Coordination Program. Mr. Treend reported on the adoption of NCCP by the Michigan State Chess Association last year. The Program is working out very well in this State and a number of other state associations are planning to adopt the NCCP at the annual meetings over the coming Labor Day.

The manner of conducting the 1950 U. S. Championship Tournament was a subject of lengthy discussion by the directors. It was pointed out that the system of preliminary area competition as used for the 1948 Championship Tournament had not been wholly satisfactory and there was general agreement that the next tournament should not be held in a like manner as originally contemplated. Instead, the directors authorized the President to appoint a Special Committee to draft a new plan of procedure for the 1950 and subsequent Championship Tournaments. In arriving at its conclusions, this Committee will have a free hand except for the seeding of the current champion and the winners of the 1948 and 1949 Open Tournaments in accordance with prior commitment.

The Committee will be asked to render its report to the President by October 1, who will in turn submit it to the entire USCF Board of Directors for ratification. The Committee will be composed of outstanding chess leaders and their names will be announced in the near future. Vice-President Graves laid before the directors his plan for developing the Federation's NCY (National Chess Youth) Program during the coming year. He emphasized the vital importance of this Program and the directors enthusiastically pledged their cooperation. Mr. Graves, who has just completed arrangements for this year's Junior Tournament at Fort Worth, has a long and splendid record of promoting chess among the youngsters and, under his leadership, we may look forward to a great expansion of Junior chess activities throughout the country.

The directors recognized the need of additional funds to support the USCF Program and agreed that an energetic campaign for the raising of funds should be conducted this Fall. Vice-President Montgomery Major, editor of CHESS LIFE, rendered a full report on the Federation's official publication and was heartily commended for his excellent editorship during the past three years. It was decided to publish a final yearbook jointly covering the Federation tournaments of 1947 and 1948. This book is now in preparation and will be released as soon as possible.

A full report on the recent Border to Border Match between the United States and Canada was made by Mr. Thomas A. Jenkins, U. S. Team Captain. The directors applauded this first major venture of competition with our Canadian friends and expressed their hope that the Border to Border Matches will become an annual fixture. Acting on an invitation tendered by Mr. Treend on behalf of the Edison Chess and Checker Club of Detroit, the directors voted to hold the 1950 Annual Congress in Detroit, Michigan.

All those attending the 1949 Golden Jubilee Congress were unanimous in their praise of the hosts, the Omaha Y Chess Club and the Nebraska Chess Association. The Tournament facilities and accommodations at the Fontenelle Hotel were par excellence. From the moment of arrival until the hour of departure, there was a most cordial atmosphere, a feel-

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Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Guilleme Groesser

Address all communications to the column until further notice to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, 123 No. Humphrey Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois.

PINCH HITTING as a problem column conductor without being a problemist is very much like fishing without hook or bait. We will, therefore, make no attempt to characterize the problem selections below beyond saying that Mr. Marshall's contribution is a very worthy example of his noteworthy composing skill. As to Editor Major's second problem (He swore that the first would be the last), we can only comment that he is old enough to know better.

Problem No. 97
 By Burney M. Marshall
 Shreveport, La.
 Composed for Chess Life



White mates in two moves

Problem No. 98
 By Montgomery Major
 Oak Park, Ill.
 Composed for Chess Life



White mates in two moves

Solutions:

Correct solutions to Problems No. 87, 88, 89 and 90, received just too late for publication, are acknowledged received from: Rev. G. Murray Chidley (Toronto), Grant Turnbull and Dr. Hans Leonhardt (E. Lansing), James Bolton (New Haven), Edw. J. Remy (Woodside), N. Gabor (Cincinnati), Burney Marshall (Shreveport), Peter Korf (Grand Rapids), Edgar Holladay (Charlotte), William Costare (Howard), John Emory (Lorain), Ted Lundberg (Dallas). Related correct solutions to problems No. 83, 84, 85 and 86 received from James Bolton, Rev. G. Murray Chidley, Grant Turnbull, Dr. Hans Leonhardt and John Emory.

For The Tournament-Minded

August 27-September 5

New York State Championship
 Rochester, N.Y.

To be held at Kodak Park Chess Club; State, Class A and B, and Team match; Swiss system; entry fee \$10.00; first prize \$200.00 (or more); for details write: Norman P. Stevenson, 28 Chili Terrace, Rochester 11, N.Y.

September 2-5

Pennsylvania State Championship
 Lancaster, Penna.

Will be held at Ballroom of Hotel Brunswick; special feature will be a simultaneous exhibition by Hans Knoch on Friday at Red Rose Chess Club rooms; for details and hotel reservations, write: Thomas B. Eckenrode, 32 Cottage Ave., Lancaster, Pa.
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J. B. Gee Dr. M. Herzberger Dr. J. Platz Fred Reinhold I. Rivise Edw. J. Korpany V. Rosta Dr. Bela Rozsa J. Soudakoff

ENGLISH OPENING U. S. Open Championship Omaha, 1949

"Mind Not the Beginning; Look to the End!"

- White: A. SANDRIN 1. P-Q4 2. P-K3 3. P-Q4 4. P-K3 5. K-K1-K2 6. P-Q3 7. Kt-B4 8. B-Q3 9. Q-O 10. P-QK3 11. Kt(B4)-K2 12. PxP 13. Kt-K1 14. Q-B2

After 27. Pxp KRAMER



- Black: G. KRAMER 15. P-Q1 16. KtP 17. B-K12 18. P-B4 19. P-K4 20. P-K2 21. P-K4 22. R-KB1 23. Q-B4 ch 24. R-B3 25. Q-B2 26. R-K13 27. P-K5

SANDRIN 30. P-B5 31. Kt-R6 ch

FRENCH DEFENSE Southern Association Open Richmond, 1949

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

- White: N. T. WHITAKER 1. P-K4 2. P-Q4 3. P-Q4
- Black: R. CHAUVENET 1. P-K3 2. P-Q4 3. B-K17

A surprising move in an opening which has been out and dried for many years. However, it should give Black no great trouble provided he does not try to hold the extra P...

After 22. Kt-K15 CHAUVENET



- White: 23. Kt-B1 24. Kt-B3 25. P-K3 26. Kt-Q3 27. R-K1 28. R-K4
- Black: 24. QxKt or if 25. Q-K3 ch 26. QxKt 27. R-K1 28. R-K4

RUY LOPEZ Team Match Philadelphia, 1949

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

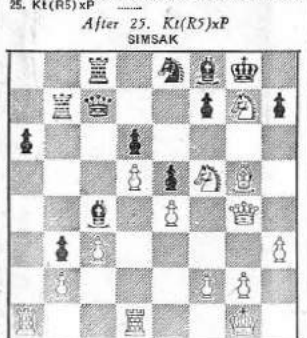
- White: G. SCHRAMMER 1. P-K3 2. Kt-K3 3. B-K15 4. B-R4
- Black: M. SIMSAK 1. P-K4 2. P-Q3 3. B-K15 4. B-R4

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED Michigan State Championship Detroit, 1949

Notes by Dan Converse

- White: D. CONVERSE 1. P-Q4 2. P-Q4 3. Kt-Q3 4. B-K15 5. P-K3
- Black: F. HOLLOWAY 1. P-Q4 2. P-K3 3. B-Q3 4. B-K2 5. P-K3

After 19. RxBt! HOLLOWAY



- White: 19. QxR 20. Q-K2 21. B-K4 22. B-K4 23. B-K4
- Black: 19. RxBt! 20. Q-K2 21. B-K4 22. B-K4 23. B-K4

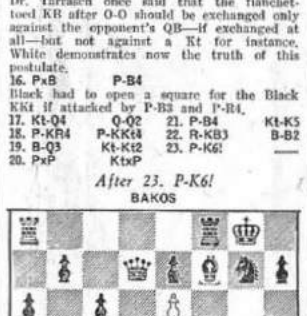
RETII OPENING Intercollegiate Team Championship New York, 1948

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

- White: R. BYRNE 1. Kt-KB3 2. P-QK3 3. B-K12
- Black: N. BAKOS 1. Kt-KB3 2. P-Q4 3. B-K12

What? No fianchetto? Although I dislike fianchettoes personally (a matter of taste), it wouldn't hit badly into this kind of game...

After 23. P-K6! BAKOS



- White: 23. Kt-B1 24. Kt-B3 25. P-K3 26. Kt-Q3 27. R-K1 28. R-K4
- Black: 24. QxKt or if 25. Q-K3 ch 26. QxKt 27. R-K1 28. R-K4

BYRNE

Once Black gets to play P-K3, he is not so bad off as you think. The text move opens the long diagonal in decisive manner.

RETII OPENING Los Angeles Open Tournament Los Angeles, 1949

Notes by George E. Croy

- White: R. P. SMITH 1. Kt-KB3 2. P-Q4 3. P-QK3
- Black: H. GORDON 1. P-K3 2. P-Q4 3. B-K17

Black's position is not as hopeless as it seems, with better K position, his P on the 7th and two Ps for the B...

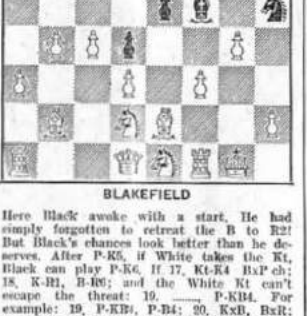
IRREGULAR OPENING Puget Sound Open Championship Everett, 1949

Notes by Glen Muller from the Washington Chess Letter

- White: BLAKEFIELD 1. Kt-KB3 2. P-QK3 3. B-K12
- Black: G. MULLER 1. P-K3 2. P-Q4 3. B-K17

This allows the restriction of both White B's. ... P-Q5 ... B-K2

After 15. P-K14 MULLER



Here Black awoke with a start. He had simply forgotten to retreat the B to E2! ... P-K12

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Black wins easily by BxP ch; 18. K-R1 Q-K16; and if 19. Kt-K12, B-R6 wins. After any other move by White, Black can play B-K15 and when White captures, Q-R6 mate.

RETII OPENING Los Angeles Open Tournament Los Angeles, 1949

Notes by George E. Croy

Black's position is not as hopeless as it seems, with better K position, his P on the 7th and two Ps for the B...

WAGNER WIRES US-CANADA TEAM

USCF President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., wired the following message to all teams participating in the 3,000 mile U.S.A. vs. Canada over-the-board match:

Greetings to all players and officials of both teams. May this first Canadian American chess salute mark the beginning of a greater and permanent amity among the chess players of both nations.

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

Solutions: White to Play and Win!

Position No. 59, Botvinnik: 1. P-K7, R-K5; 2. R-B5 ch, R-R5; 3. R-K15, P-K7; 4. R-B4, P-R5(Q); 5. P-R5(Q) ch, and wins, if 6. ... B-B2; 4. RxB, B-K16; 5. B-R5 wins, if 8. ... B-K3; 4. B-B4, R-K4; 5. R-B4 ch, B-R5; 6. R-B5 ch, R-K16; 7. R-B5 ch, R-K7; 8. R-B5 wins.

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