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REVIVE INTERSTATE MATCH

Position No. 19 A. Fritz vs. X Germany, 1885



ribqkber, ppppp2sp, 5pS1, 7Q, 2B1P5 8, PPP2PPP, RSB1K2R White to play and win Position No. 20 Zagoriansky vs. Trupan Moscow, 1949



2q5, plr4k, lpBr2p1, lnSplp, lPIPIPIP, lnR1P2K, 5PQ1, 2R5 White to play and win

Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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

P OSITION No. 19 is taken from the extremely fascinating book (published in 1947), "L'Art de Faire Mat" by G. Renaud and Y. Kabn, champions of France in 1923 and 1934. This small but comprehensive book on the art of mating held me enchanted for many a night until I finished it and the memory of the enchantment lingers, on, in the position given, White mates in 7.

In Position No. 20, it appears that White cannot escape the "loss" of the exchange; yet Black resigns after White's fourth move—in fact he could have resigned after White's first move, if he could have seen ahead far enough (White's fourth move).

Please turn to page four for solutions.

STAHLBERG WINS TEPLICE TOURNEY

Adding greatly to his prestige, Stahlberg won the very strong tournament at Trenclanske Feplice, held in memory of Richard Reti, by a 14-5 score, losing to Kottnauer and drawing with Pachman, Szabo Balbochan, Foltys, Prins, Szily, Golombek and Uitelky.

Second piace was a tie between Pachman and Szabo with 13½-5½ cach, while Bolbochan and Rossolimo tied for fourth with 12-7. Sixth place went to Foltys with 11½-7½, and seventh was another tie between O'Kelly and Prins with 11-8. Ninth was Richter with 10½ and tenth was Kottnauer with 10-9.

DIETER, SMALE TIE IN SAGINAW

Bruce Dieter of Midland and Steve Smale of Flint tied for first place in the first annual Saginaw Valley (Mich.) Open Chess Tournament sponsored by the Saginaw Valley Chess League at the Saginaw YMCA. Dieter and Smale tied in both game and S-B points to divide 1st and 2nd prizes, while Frank Micklich of Midland placed third.

Dieters and Smale were both undefeated, each drawing with Micklich who was also undefeated in the 4-round Swiss tourney of 14 players. The Saginaw Valley League is comprised of the Midland, Bay City and Flint Chess Clubs, with a new member to be admitted in the recently organized Saginaw Chess Club.

MAGEE CAPTURES SWENSON TOUR'Y

Lee Magee, youthful Nebraska State Champion of 1948, won the Swenson Memorial Open Tournament at Omaha with a score of 4½-½, drawing against J. Spence and winning from Paynter, Belzer, Ludwig and Ohman, Second place in the 12-man Swiss event was a tie between A. C. Ludwig, Nebraska State Champion, and J. Belzer at 4-1 each. Fourth place went to Jack Spence, editor of the Nebraska Chess Bulletin.

LOUISVILLE HAS CHESS SCHOOL

Opening on October 17 at the Louisville YMCA is its second annual chess school, sponsored by the Louisville Chess Club, Merrill Dowden, editor of the chess column in the Louisville Courier-Journal, will be the instructor, assisted by Richard W. Shields and Jack Moyse, both former Kentucky State Champions, and other members of the Louisville Chess Club.

HUGOT BECOMES FRENCH CHAMPION

The young Parisian player, Hugot, became the new Champion of France in a ten-man tournament at Besancon with a 6½-2½ score, defeating Boutteville in the final round. Second place was a tie between Boutteville and Daniel with 6-3 each, and Catozzi placed fourth with 5-4. The victory was a surprise, even in the absence of Rossolimo, for Hugotw as not rated quite that well.

VETERANS CHESS AT GREAT LAKES

The September 9 issue of the Great Lakes Bulletin, published at the Naval Tradning Center, contains a long news story on the work of the "Chess for Veterans" committee at Great Lakes, Ill. In particular it outlines the valuable work of Herbert Holland, USCF director of this program for the middlewest, who began the chess program at the Valter Reed hospital in Washington by training young government employees to play chess with the wounded both at Reed General Hospital and the Bethseda Naval Hospital. As chairman of a War Service committee of an American Legion Post, Mr. Holland was also responsible for the sending of class sets and materials to war prisioners in Germany.

Transferring to Chicago in 1944 Mr. Holland was primarily responsible for organizing a similar program at Great lakes and Hines Hospitals. More than 4000 player trips have been made to Hines how the trips have been made to Hines and Great Lakes. After the gray gram was started. Players for the work were trained from 1944-48 in space provided by two Chicago hotels; they are now being trained in schools held in various Chicago Park Pistrict buildings and the work will continue as long as the need exists and the patients at these hospitals express a desire to play and learn chess. The Red Cross Motor Service provides the free transportation of these volunteer workers to Hines and Great Lakes.

SURGIES WINS BALTO PLAYOFF

Armin Surgies won the Baltimore City Championship by a 3-0 score in a four same playoff with Lee Frank. In the regular 6-round Swiss tournament for the title Surgies and Frank tied with 5-1

Illinois Tops Missouri In Match; Sandrin Bests Ragan On Board One

After a number of years of inactivity, the annual Illinois vs. Missouri team matches were resumed at Decatur (Ill.) in an eleven board match which ended in a 6½-4½ victory for the Illini, Illinois showed its greatest strength on the top boards, taking four out of five points in the top five boards.

At board one U. S. Open Champion Albert Sandrin defeated Missouri State Champion John Ragan; at board two J. V. Reinhart of Peoria bested R. Pohle; at board four R. Berg downed L. Haller; at board five F. Stoppel topped C. Marvin. It was only at board three that C. P. Adams went down in defeat to C. M. Burton of St. Louis.

On the last six boards, St. Louis rallied to take 3½ points out of the six, but the damage was already done. Missouri played white on the odd numbered boards, and the team captains were: C. M. Burton for Missouri, and Albert Sandrin for Illinois. It is planned to maintain these interstate matches as an annual affair,

ULVESTAD HOLDS SAN DIEGO SIMUL

Olaf Ulvestad, who won a game from Bronstein in the USA vs. 1888, 1938, team, march vicitis, for San Diego Chess Club at the Sandford Hotel for a 23 board simultaneous exhibition, winning 29 and losing 4. Victors for San Diego were C. R. Bates (La Mesa), Stanley Burne (La Jolla), A. J. Thompson (Chollas Valley), and Karl Ginter, a visitor to San Diego from North Carolina.

OTTESON, BARNES TIE IN 10 SECOND

In the annual Minneapolis 10-second Chess tourney held at the Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club, M. Otteson and former State Champion George Barnes tied with the equal scores of 6-1. Otteson lost his game to B. Kronstedt, and Barnes dropped his game to Otteson. Third place went to former State Champion Dr. G. Koelsche with 5-2. 8 contestants played in the round robin event.

LIBRARY DISPLAY SELLS CHESS

During the New York State Championship Tournament at Rochester, the Rochester Public Library sold chess by an attractive display of chess books and pieces in one of its windows on the street. Among the more fascinating items exhibited (directly under Invitation to Chess and the Reshevsky title) were two of the beautifully printed Overbrook Press titles: "To Alain White" and "A Century of Two-Movers". On The Control of the first American chess magazine and the first printing of Franklin's "Morals of Chess" in the Columbian Magazine of December 1786.

Other attractive items were Liddell's classic "Chessmen", a facsimile of Caxton's illustrated Cessoles' morality on chess of 1483, several Philidor editions, a Morphy portrait, a 15th century Damiano and a 16th century English Greco. The Rochester Public Library reports that the display created considerable interest and resulted in the immediate circulation of a large proportion of the chees books in the regular library shelves. The display by the Rochester Library was made at the suggestion of Dr. A. Buschke who loaned a large number of the rarer items from his own collection.

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BEAT THE HEAT—PLAY CHESS!

Above—Walter Sediry (left) and Sig Loewe (right), organizers of the potent Cleveland Post Office Athletic Association Chess Club, keep in practice under a benign Florida sun. The names and phone numbers of the two fair observers have not been released for publication.

ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY SELLS CHESS Right—The attractive display in the street window of the Rochester Public Library during the New York State Championship Townment, which increased the circulation of chess books according to Florene Kenyon, in charge of the Exhibits for the Library. See story above.



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MAURICE S. KUHNS

He but sleeps
The holy sleep; say not the good man dies
Callimachus: Epigrammata

WTH PROFOUND sorrow and a sense of personal bereavement (which many chess players will share) we announce the passing of Maurice S. Kuhns, president emeritus of the United States Chess Federation, on Monday, October 10th. For it was but yesterday—April 12th—that the chess world offered Mr. Kuhns its feliciations upon the celebration of his ninetieth birthday.

Outstanding as a business man, Mr. Kuhns was no less outstanding as a man of chess; and the game in these United States owes him a lasting debt of gratitude that in a busy life he yet found time to lend to chess that gift for organization and promotion which had made his own career so successful.

The National Chess Federation (one of the organizations which united with others to form the United States Chess Federation) was one of Mr. Kuhns' contributions to American chess promotion, and under his guidance many of the successful United States Chess teams com-neted in the international team tournaments for the Hamilton-Russell Cup. His promotional glft was largely responsible for the fine chess exhibition at the Chicago Century of Progress Exhibition at which alek-hine played his astounding blindfold exhibition; Earlier Mr. Kuhns was active in the arranging of the London-Chicago cable match, which re-mains remembered after some twenty-three years. Alvays interested in mains remembered after some twenty-three years. Alyays interested in international chess and alive to the necessities of world organizations, Mr. Kuhns participated from the beginning in the organization of F.I.D.E., serving first as vice-president and later as honorary president

These are but a few brief highlights of a chess career that it would take many pages to detail properly, and serves merely to indicate the lasting debt chess in America owes to his memory.

Words serve but poorly to express our own sense of loss, which is only lessened by the firm conviction that what has been built for chess by Mr. Kuhns was built strong and lasting as an enduring monument to his skill and foresight; and believing this, we offer the sincere sympathy and sorrow of the chess world to his family, trusting that there will be some slight incident of consolation in the knowledge that Maurice S. Kuhns will not be forgotten nor his memory neglected by the many heirs to the heritage of chess that he created.

REVENONS A NOS MOUTONS

UNHAPPILY, no one has yet invented rubber type which could be U compressed to make room for extra items in a busy fortnight. Therefore we have reluctantly in the past two issues discarded several regular features to make space for tournament reports and the supple ment upon the Laws of Chess.

For these omissions we apologise to the reader, and hasten in this issue to restore those several popular features, in particular "Chess For the Tired Business Man" by Fred Reinfeld.

Montgomery Major

THE U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP

By Paul G. Giers

President, United States Chess Federation

C ONSIDERABLE progress has been made, since 1945, in broadening and improving the basis of competition for the United States Chess Championship title. While it seems generally agreed that the merits of innovations in the 1946 and 1948 competition have far outweighed the shortcomings, it has become increasingly evident that further modifications of the tournament procedure are in order.

The USCF Board of Directors, therefore, voted at the Omaha Annual Meeting to refer the championship problem to a Special Committee to be appointed by the president. With permission of the Committee so appointed, and knowing the keen interest in this matter on the part of entire membership, I submit the contents of a letter addressed to each member of the Committee:

> Syracuse, N. Y. September 19, 1949

Messrs, Herman Helms I. A. Horowitz Hans Kmoch George E. Roosevelt Maurice Wertheim Gentlemen:

The Board of Directors of the United States Chess Federation at its Annual Meeting held at Omaha, Nebraska, on July 15, 1949 adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED-That a committee be appointed by the president to consider the method of conducting the 1950 and perhaps future U. S. Championship Tournaments; that the committee render a report to be submitted by the president by October 1st, such report to be submitted by the president to the Directors for their approval.

tors for their approval.

That the inext championship, and perhaps a subsequent one be conducted along the lines so determined.

You gentlemen individually have expressed to me your will-ingness to serve on the committee so authorized and I greatly appreciate your offer to assist our Federation in arriving at a proper solution to our national championship problem.

In urging our Directors to adopt the above resolution, we were motivated by the conclusion that it would not be advisable nor practical to conduct the 1950 Championship Tournament along the lines originally planned. To cite just two defects in our original plan, it met with considerable opposition from some of the masters and the method of selecting regional representatives for the Championship finals, as used in 1948, proved not

wholly satisfactory.

Before your Committee sets to work, I wish to submit the following for your guidance and consideration:

Our Federation has already qualified for play in the 1950
 Championship Tournament finals the following three players:
 The present holder of the U. S. Title—Herman Steiner
 The winner of the 1948 U. S. Open Championship—Weaver

Adams

The winner of the 1949 U.S. Open Championship-Albert Sandrin

Aside from the foregoing commitment which is binding on us, your Committee will be entirely free to act and arrive at an independent conclusion. You are not bound by any restrictions and will be at liberty to disregard all precedent—number of participants, type of preliminaries, if any, tournament place, etc. 3) At the Omaha Directors' meeting, several suggestions were made which I agreed to submit to your Committee in the form of recommendations for your serious consideration: That your Committee consider the method of conducting not only the 1950, but also the 1952 and perhaps subsequent championship tournaments with a possible conclusion as

follows:

That, due to the lack of time for holding sectional prelimin-aries, the participants in the 1950 Championship be se-lected from an official rating list, if such a list exists by that time, or else chosen on a straight individual basis, the choice of players to be made by a sub-committee or perhaps your Committee as augmented by additional appointments. That places in the 1952 Championship Tournament be reserved for those players who make a plus score in the 1950 tournament, the balance of participants in 1952 to be chosen on the lasis of nation-wide preliminary competition along these lines:

Sectional Tournaments by region or by state in 1950; a Codidates Tournament in 1951 for the winners of

the 1950 Sectional Competition.

It was also suggested that you consider including the winner of the 1949 U. S. Junior Championship among the 1950

participants.

I think you will agree that it should be our aim to provide for a United States Championship Tournament of the highest quality, while at the same time attempting to satisfy the masters and to provide a proper opportunity for the rising younger players.

It is my hope and that of our Board of Directors that you will evolve a plan which is consistent with this objective and which will, on a long-range basis, provide for nationwide competition and stimulate the greater development of chess in the

Sincerely yours, PAUL G. GIERS, President

T HE Committee held its first session in New York City on September 21, 1949. Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Werthelm agreed to act as Cochairmen and Mr. Kmoch, USCF Vice-president in charge of tournaments, was appointed secretary of the Committee. A great deal of interesting and constructive thought was developed at the first meeting and the Committee will continue to meet for further consideration of its task.

As soon as the Committee has rendered its report, the plan so evolv-

ed will be submitted to the USCF Board of Directors. And so we hope to move ever closer toward the best possible solution of that complex problem—the method of competition for the U.S. Championship crown.

Problem Composers Find Ambiguities In Present "Laws of Chess'

By William Rojam
The ingenuity of Jose Benardete and Edgar Holladay combined to discover and present in problem-form a hitherto unnoticed flaw in the wording of the present "Laws of Chess." The resulting problem common "The Law's Flaw"

By Jose Benardete and Edgar Holladay

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Law of Chess." The resulting problem composition is not a "gremlin" problem, for it does not ask the solver to assume an conditions attached

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to the position beyond those normally accepted in the solving of any normal problem.

There is no dirty chess trick attached to this position, requiring the solver to reverse the board or take a pawn en passant or make any retrogressive analysis of the position. And the solution CON-FORMS to the Laws of Chess. Granting all this, we challenge the reader to solve this problem with-out referring to the composer's solution published on page 4.

8, P7, 1P1S1P2, 3k1p2, 1P3S1P2, 8, 1P3P2, 4K3 White mates in two moves

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What's The Best Move? By Guilherme Groesser

Position No. 33



2kr8t, pRp8q1, 8pps2, 4p2p, B2bP1p1, P6P, 2P2PP1, 2BQ1RK1 White to play Send solutions to Position No.

33 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by November 5, 1949.

Solution to Position No. 31

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This pretty ending to a K-side attack was devised by Rossolimo in his game with Lothar Schmid in the International Tournament at Heidelberg in 1993. Black plays 1,, RXP cht; 2, KxR, RXBP cht; 3, BxR, P.K6 is, ch; and White resigns, for 4, R-Q5 is answered by QxB ch with mate to follow. A stabning tinish in Rossolimo's best attacking style.

Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: Josiah A. Baker (Mankate), A. L. Rolden (Philadelphis), J. E. Constock (Dulath), John W. Emary (Elyris), Dr. Joseph M. Ernan (Detroit), Dr. H. B. Gaba (Detroit), P. H. B. Gaba (Detroit), Zedw. J. Korpanty (Woodside), Wm. B. Wilson (Ambersburg), Russell Chauvenet (W. Hyattawill), R. Klugman (Bronx), E. Nash (Washington), News Brask (Attleboro), Joe Faucher (New Haven).

For The Tournament-Minded

November 11-13 Utah State Championship Salt Lake City, Utah

Will be held at Salt Lake City Chess Club; details to be an-nounced; for details see Palmer Chase, tournament director of SLC

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MONTGOMERY MAJOR.

(Editor and Publisher).

Sworn to and subscribed before me this lat day of October, 1949. My commission expires April 18, 1963.

AVIS L. RESEK

H AVING started this column in November 1948, we have now once completed a full circle of 12 months and do not believe that a mere repetition of the "Memora-ble Chess Dates" published during this period would be of interest to the readers of CHESS LIFE, Occasionally, a few additional dates have come to our knowledge shortly after publication of the respective month and we would mind publishing these additional data in future columns; however, we believe it would be considerably more interesting to readers of CHESS LIFE to participate in the column from now on by submitting additional maon by submitting additional ma-terial overlooked so far. For every item, submitted with proof and found acceptable for publication, we shall send you FREE a copy of the "91 Games Played in PARNU 1947." PLEASE COOPERATE. Address material to A. Buschke, 80 East 11th Street, New York 3, N.Y.

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Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

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Flohr

SALO FLOHR has the reputation of favoring the quiet by paths of position play. When he is in the mood, however, he reveals himself as an able tactician with a sharp sense of timing. This is a particularly useful quality in such games as the following one, in which each player stages his atack on a different wing.

ENGLISH OPENING

Liebwerda,	1934	
White		Black
PITSCHAK		S. FLOHR
1. P-QB4		P-K4
2. Kt-DB3		Kt-KB3
3. P-KKt3		P-04
3. P-KKt3 4. PxP 5. B-Kt2		KtxP
5. B+K12		Kt-Kt3
6. Kt-B3		Kt-B3
7. 0-0		B-K2
S. P-03		0-0
9. B-K3		B-KKIS

White is to take the initiative on the Queen-side, playing R-B1 lowed by the occupation of OB5. Black's best course is counterplay on the other wing.

on the other wing.

10. P.KRB B-R4

11. R-B1 0-02

12. Kt-Qr4 B-kKt

Too timid: the unorthodox 13. PxB

gives him an excellent game, for example 13. ..., KtxKt (or 13. ..., KtxR-Q1; 14. P-B4! and White's Bishops are very strong); 14. QxKt, QxQP; 15. P-B4! recovering the Pawn with a good game.

13. QxRP
14. BxKt? QxRP
A second and this time grave mistake: the absence of this Bishop will cost White the game in short order. Better was 14. B-Kt2, Q-Q2; 15. BxKt, PxB; 16. K-Kt2 and White has positional compensation for his Pawn.



If he plays 15. KtxKt (in order to prevent the later inroad by Black's Knight), RPxKt; 16. RxP, Black continues the attack with 16, B-Q3 followed by P-B4 etc. (White must not play 17. BxP? because of 17. ... Q-Q2.

With the double threat ofKtxB and .. Kt-B3-Kt5.

16. Q-K1 On 16. Q-Q2, Kt-B3 wins the exchange because of the threat of Kt-Kt5. Similarily, if 16. B-B5, BxB; 17. KtxB, Kt-B3.

If 16. Kt-B3; White has 17. P-

B3.

17. B-B5 P-B5! Flohr is in his element. This wins at once.

18. BxB 19. PxP 19. PxP White resigns. A clever finish by

(One of many brilliant games included in RELAX WITH CHESS by Fred Reinfeld, published by the Pitman Publishing Corporation

SAGINAW VALLEY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

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C.	Starnes L2	W10	T.8	W7	2.2	4.00
E.	Muller W10	W13	1.2	1.4	2 -2	3.00
W.	Un'berg W9	1.4	WII	LA	2 -2	3.00
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Pohle0	J. V. Reinhart
M. Burton1	C. P. Adams
Haller0	R. Berg
Marvin0	F. Stoppel
Brunch	H. Cramer
DanilovichI	P. Adams
Vellmar0	Dr. M. Schlosser
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Henderson	D. Lybarger
Hayden1	R. Fletcher
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HURT CAPTURES CHARL'TON RAPID

The Charleston (W. V.) Rapid Transit championship went to John F. Hurt, Jr. with a score of 6-1, losing his only game to Jack Young. Second place was a three-way tie at 5-2 between Allen DuVall, Ed-win Faust and Reid Holt, Fifth place went to Edward Foy with 3-4.

LONDON-SYDNEY HAS FINAL ECHO

Final resu!L of the Sydney radio match reported in CHESS LIFE September 20, is point for Sydney, gain of one making the favor of Londo core 614-314 The adjourned game between J. Broadbent w Steiner and R. adjudged a win for Steiner by W. A. Fairhurst.

HOLT, DuVALL TIE IN KANAWHA MEET

Reid Holt and Allen DuVall tied as co-champions of the Kanawha Valley (W. Va.) Chess League Valley (W. Va.) Championship with equal scores of 6-1. Both were undefeated; DuVall drew with Edward Foy and Holt, while Holt drew with DuVall and W. F. Hartling. Third place in the 8-man tournament went to Edward Foy with 4½-2½, and fourth place to John F. Hurt, Jr. with 4-3.

Holt's victory broke a long string of ill-luck events in which he scored as runner-up but always barely missed finishing in first place. Co-Champion DuVall is also Carbide Club champion and Co-champion of Charleston

LAWSON Y HOLDS CHESS SCHOOL

The Lawson YMCA in Chicago has added a class in "Chess for Beginners" to its regular curriculum in its School of Adult Education which opens its fall term the week of October 24, according to August H. Bonhiver, program director. Abe Swet, president of the Lawson Chess Club is the instructor and the class will meet every Thursday from 6:30 to 8:00 for eight weeks and will continue through fall, winter and spring the school.

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

ommunications to this column to Vincent L. Eaton, 3901 Connecticut on, D. C.

TWO fellow-editors share the spotlight with original offerings below.

Mr. Fagan is the problem editor of the Montreal Gazette, while Edgar Holladay, whose work has already been seen and approved in this column, is the young problem mentor of the American Chess Bulletin.

The quoted problems are, as usual, selected gems of past and pres ent-day composers. As you readers can see, we are trying within the limit of four diagrams each issue to furnish a column where composers can get thei rbest unpublished work into print and at the same time to bring you the cream of the vast body of problem literature, I hope you like the job we are doing and that you will send in your suggestions on what you want to see in the text. Do you want short articles on solving? On problem themes? On composers? Or would you rather that the editor be silent and let the problems speak for themselves?

Solutions to previously published problems on page four.

Problem No. 115 By A. A. Fagan Montreal, Canada Composed for Chess Life Black: 7 men

Problem No. 116 By Edgar Holladay Charlottesville, Va. Composed for Chess Life Black: 4 m

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White: 4 men 8, 8, 8, 8, 5p1K, 5R2 5R2, 2hb1S1k White mates in three moves

Problem No. 118

By W. A. Shinkman
"Detroit Free Press," 1882

Black: 4 men

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White: 8 men 8, 8, 4Kb2, 4P3, 1B1b1psR, R4B2, 1S1p1pPI, 2s5 White mates in two moves Problem No. 117 By A. P. Eerkes

Probleemblad," 1949 Black: 5 men





White: 11 men 8, 7B, 8, 2H2781, Kplrd, 1P2P3, 3Pk3, 1SQ2RbR k5r3, 1RB5, 1P25, r6p, 8, 5Q2, P1P3PK, 6S1 White mates in two moves White mates in three moves

Chess Life

Thursday, October 20, 1949



KERES-BOTVINNIK

(Continued from CHESS LIFE, October 5. 1949.)

After 13., B-B3
BOTVINNIK



KERES

14. P-Q84!

The intriguing continuation 14.

......, Q-QR4 would, in the final taily, lead only to an endgame with hardly noticeable advantage for White. For instance: 15. P-Q5, PxP;

16. BxKt, Kt-B4; 17. Q-Ki! (also 17. Q-B4, RxB; 18. Q-K5 ch, R-K3; 19. QxKt, QxP leads to unclear consequences, probably a draw), QxQ; 18. QxQ, RxB; 19. PxQP, BxP; 20. PxP, R-K3; 21. Kt-B3, after which Black has nothing better than 21., RxP; 22. B-Q3, RxR ch; 23. RxR ch, Kt-K2; 24. BxP, with a

somewhat inferior endgame. 15. P-Q5!

This P sacrifice is the logical consequence of White's attacking plan in the center and is not easily re-futed. The Black K is stuck in the center and may fall under strong

attack. 15...... 16. PXKP

It is not easy to decide how to take the P. After the text move, Black cannot castle, but also the continuation 16., KtrP; 17. Kt-B3, R-Kt5; 18. Q-K1, O-O-O has, in view of 19. Kt-Q4, its disadvantages. White gets for the sacrificed P good attacking chances.

17. Kt-R3 Kt-Kt5 Black is forced to look immediately for counter-play, otherwise the White pressure after B-K2 and KR-B1 becomes very strong.

18. Q-Kt3 This way, White wins the sacrificed P back, but permits the opponent to simplify the defence considerably by exchange of the Qs. Both during the game and in later analysis, I could not find better pos-sibilities of an attack. I repudiated 18. B-K2, Kt-K6; 19. P-KKt4, a continuation recommended by several commentators, in view of 19.

, Q-QR4. Even now, I do not see reasons to change this evaluation.

The defence 18, R-B1 would be incorrect on account of 19, B-K2, R-B1 would Now, the situation becomes some what less complicated.

19. QxP 20. Q-84 / Q-66 ch 21. R-02 QxQ The decisive mistake because the resulting endgame is very favor-able for Black. Correct, of course, would have been 21. Q-K8 ch, because 22. K-B2 is not possible account of 22. ... Kt-K6 ch; on account of 22., Kt-K6 ch; 23. K-B3, Kt-Q4 ch, and if 22. R-Q1, then 22., Q-K6 ch, etc. If White wanted to continue to play for a win, then he would have to go for 22. R-Q1, Q-K6 ch; 23. K-Kt1, which after 23., QxQ; 24. KtxQ, Kt-B7; 25. KtxR and then B-K2, would after 23. lead to an endgame which Black should not lose.

22. KtxQ - P-K6
23. R-QB2
Obviously when Black made his 21st move, he overlooked the text move which leaves the K2 square free for the development of the B. From here on, Black gets slowly (Please turn to page 4, col. 5)

MARGINALIA

Page 4

Readers P. LeCornu and L. J. Isaacs have both pointed out in reference to the Sandrin-LeCornu game (CHESS LIFE, September 5) that on move 19 if Black had played 19.... Kt-B5 instead of the text 19..., Kt-Q2, Black would have emerged with the better gamea move over-looked in the actual play and in the notes furnished to the game.

QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING Canadian Championship Arvida, 1949

Notes by A. E. Santasiere

White Black
RAUCH
P-Q4 Kt-KB3 2 Kt-KB3
hard-boiled copper-plated Queen's Gameer invariably orginzes (P.S. orgy) with
P-QB4. P-K3 3. P-QB4

t a bit tardy. nidity en

PxP 15. P-R5 BxKt 16. Q-B3 K-Kt2 17. QxKt 1-113 winning a pa ing Kt-lt3 w Kt-B4

Q-Kt2 Kt-B4
erious strategical error. Since P-KB4 is
out of the question, he should not hesite block that pawn with Kt-B8, for the
on that square is of far more use than
QR3 to which he is tempted.

on that square is QR3 to which he K-K2 QR-KKU PxP PxP QR-KKU Q-B3 QR-KKII Q-83
losing move, Better Nt-Q2-R1,
Kt-83 (Kt-87 25, Kt-84
lovely conception—name effective than the
Ktb winest flacek probably expected. All
White's pieces are in play. Black's Kt is
of play.

K-B2 27. P-B4 KI-B7

After 29., Q-B6 ANDERSON



Q-K4; KtxP ch wins. If Q-Kt2, Q-K6 ch

30. R-B7 ch The end is

. R-B7 ch e end is obvious but touched with beauty, know well both Rauch and Anderson; they e of Canada's best. The game was worthy Kanch—but Anderson was not in his best

Solutions:

Finish It The Clever Way!

Position No. 10: 1. B-BTch1, KsB; 2. Kt-K6 ch, K-K3; 3. Q-B7 ch, K-Q3 (if 3. ..., KxKi; 4. Q-Q5 mate); 4. Kt-B4 ch, K-B4; 5. Q-Q5 ch, K-Kt5; 6. P-R3 ch, K-R5; 7. P-Kt3 mate.

Rt3 mate,
Position No. 20; I. B&R, RxR; 2. RxR,
QxR; 3. Q-Rt7 cb, K-R3; 4. Q-Rt8, Resigns,
(Black cannot save the R and avoid mate at the sum time.)

Journament Life

Conducted by Erich W. Marchand

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KxR 32. R-Bl ch K-Kt2 K-Bl 33. QxP mate as awarded second brilliancy 30. 31. Q-K6 ch

> NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE Open Championship Omaha, 1949

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White	- 20- 27-100		Black
P. POSCHE	L	P. L	CORNU
1. P-QB4	Kt-KB3	6. B.Q2	0.0
2. P-Q4	P-K3	7. P-QR3	BxKt
3. Kt-QB3	B-Kt5	8. BxB	R-K1
4. Q-B2	Kt-B3	9. R-Q1	Q-K2
5. Kt.B3	P-03	10. P-K3	*******
There seems	to be no	good reason	for not
playing 10,	P-K4 here	(or even earl	ier).
10	P-K4	14. B-K2	B-B3
II. PxP	KtxP	15. 0-0	Kt-K5
12. KtxKt	PxKt	16. B-Kt2	Kt-Kt4
13. P-QKt4	B-Q2	17. P-Kt5	B-K5
17 Kt	R6 ch; 18,	K-R1 is pres	nature.
18. Q-Kt3	Kt-R6 ch!	19. K-R1	Q-RS
A	fter 19	Q-R5	
	Lace	OPNII	



22. BxKt 23. P-B5 be played RxQ 26, RxBP P-KB3 27, B-B1 R-B2, R-Q8 ch; 28, BxP; 30, RxQKtP, 2, R-Kt6; 29, P-QR4 R-01 R-B1, RxR H 27. 4 with K-B2

wered 3

K:K3 R-B6; 82, B-Q2, RxP7; 38, Not 81, B-Kt4, 32, P-Kt3

rule in such a position is al rule in such a position is to keep so the same color as the opposition of mobility being ordinarily very common the property of mobility being ordinarily very common the property of the p P-B6 PxP

forced. R-R7 ch R-Kt7 BxR 43. KxR 44. K-B3 BxP K-B1 R-B2 ch B-K14 i hunce but 49. K-Q2 50. B-R1 51. B-Kt2 52. K-B1 53. B-R1 K-K4 K-B3 K-K2 B-B3

54. K-Q2 K-R7 55. B-B3 Resigns

> VIENNA OPENING New England Championship Attleboro, 1949

Notes by Erich W. Marchane

White W. W. ADANS
1. P.K4 P. K4 4
2. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3 5
3. B-84 B-84 6
Hoping to play P-tM, w stratesteal idea against. White, however, is able

Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!

Problem No. 168 by the Problem Editor is solved by 1. Kt-Kiö. H 1., K moves; 2. Kb-BS of and 3. H-Kiö. H 1., P-RS (Q); 2. B-KtS of and 3. Kt-H2. H 1., P-RS (Kt); 2. B-BS and 5. B-Kiß make.

No. 109 by Λ_* Bottacchi yields to 1, Q-R4 with sparkling selfblocks and interferences by the Black pieces.

No. 110 by Godfrey Heathcote should have a White Blakop Instead of White Rook at QKt8, as indicated in the Porcythe notation with this change, it is solved by 1, Kt-Q6, threatening 2, Kt-Rist A, II 1, ..., P-Rit; 2 Kt-Kit with a variety of second-more play 1, 1, ..., P-Ric 2, P-Batch and 3, P-B4, if I, ..., K-Kt; 2, Kt-Rist followed by mate with one or the other Knight.

one or the other Knight.

Dr. P. G. Keoney Newport, Ky.), Edgar Holladay (Charlotteeville) and Rev. G. Mirray Chidley (Toronto) pointed out the "so zeletion" to No. 107, Dr. Joseph M. Brman (Charlotte), F. A. Holbany (GrandRapida), Poter Kort (Grand Rapida), T. Landberg (Dallas) and John Welman (Brooklyn) sent in the author's key.

Rev. Chidley, Peter Korf and E. A. Hollway sent correct solutions to Nos. 108, 109, and 110, Dr. Joseph M. Brman, Edgar Holladay and T. Lundberg submitted right answers to 108 and 109, and John Welmau and John Spatur (Lakewood, O.) to 109.

A belated correct solution to No. 104 was received from T. Lundberg

17. R-Q1 Q-B2 19. B-Q6 Q-Kt3 20. R-Kt2 B-Kt2 R3—at le ides 0-0-0 to now Bla Kt-KB R-R3

be better. Now it's just a questic the knife will fall, R5 R-Ktl 23. P-B6

R-Ktl 23, P-B After 23, P-B6 GRZYB



SICILIAN DEFENSE Canada vs. USA Team Match Elizabethtown, 1949

Notes by V. B. Gee

White W. W. ADAMS (USA) 1. P-K4 P 2. Kt-KB3 K Kt-B3 should b P-QB4, which g 3. P-Q4 PxP 4. KixP P-Q3 gl. The text allows a bite a bind on Black's overcome. P-QB4 Kt-QB3 5. (P-KR3 eP-KR3
ams plays his own style. The KB
ded for Kt2, not K2, hence P-KR3. ided for Kt2, not I Kt-B3 Kt-QB3 P-KKt3 eparing for O-O-O 7. B-K3 8. Q-Q2 and storm ning the K-

side.

8. P-QR3
B-K8 followed by Q-White's plan of O-O-C
10. BxKt P-QKt4
He opens up his postthus no safe K-positic
White cardles

B-Kt2 Q-B2 PxP, PxP; 15. B-KS, R-Q1 followed

KR-Q1 14. KR-ASIII another can K-Gle and get some can 15. Q-B2 Kt-Q2 16. BAB KXB Now White has a mue of the chances.

Kt-85 Kt unter play. 17. Kt-Q5 18. PxB 20. P-Kt5 PxP

Only P-B3 offers a chance, and gives Black time to get his its back. ReK4 is also very desireable for defense. 22, Q-B4 QR-B12 B3, B-64

23. 24. P-Kt4

After 25. B-B5



ADAMS
Q-KI 26, Q-Q4 ch
er to keep the Black

A fine mar penned in.

K-Ktl 27. Q-R4

At last P-K4, but 11 moves too late!

R. QxP ch K-B1 30. Q-B6 ch

29. Q-R8 ch K-K2 31. R-K4 Re

White now has a straightjacket on bl. K-BI

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RETI OPENING U. S. Open Championship Omaha, 1949

Notes by J. Lapin

White

KRAMÉR

KL-KB3 Kt-KB3 4, B-Kt2

P-B4 P-K3 5, 0-0 0-0

P-KKt3 B-K2 6, P-Kt3

L-QR-R5 offers Black counterplay

d frees him from the possibility of the dated QP which be faces after the text
we.

olated QP which he faces after the text.

B-Kt2

B-Kt3

R-Bas 8. PxP

B-Kt 9

B-Kt3

B-Kt-B3

B-Ry

B-Kt-B3

B-Ry

QxKt or 15, Black has a Vated QBP,

QxB 17. Kt-Q4 Q-K2 18. QxKt KR-Q1 oves to this secure KtxKt P-QKt3 P-KR3 Q-Q2 ince the R-84 Kt-B3 KR-Q1 end game is favorable Whi RxR 23. RxR R-CBT

27. P-QR4 28. B-B1 29. KtxKt elf of the ven White Q-B3 Kt-K5 PxKt atcd P 34. P-R6 35. Q-B7 36. B-Kt5

PxP Q-R1 QKt7 via Q7 and BSt 37. B-Q7 P-Kt3

After 37. B-Q7



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CHESS LIFE ABROAD

(Continued from page 3, col. 5) but unavoidably into the inferior

Also after 23., R-Ktl, R-Q3, R-R3, White, continuing 24. B-K2, would get the better prospects.

24. B-K2 25. R-K1 Of course no 25. , BxP on acof course no 25., BxP on account of R-Ktl winning a piece.

5., B-K5; 26. R-B3, Kt-B4;

7. P-KKt4!, KtxKtP; 28. R-Ktl
also gave White clear superiority.
26. P-Ktl

With this move, White complicates his problems, An easy winning continuation was here 26, B-Bl because 26, ..., B-K5 or Kt-B4 are impossible in view of 27, RxKt and White threatens 27, B-B6 or B-R3 as well as winning the KP. Both opponents were in some time presence.

This loses quickly, while 26,, B-K5; 27. R-B3 gave Black still still fight, although the continua-tion 28. Kt-Q5, BxKt; 29. PxB, RxP; 30. B-B4, etc. left White suf-ficient possibilities for attack. Also after 26., B-K5; 27. R-B3, Kt-B4; 28. P-KKt4, KtxKtP; 29. R-Kt1, the resulting complications are, in spite of the loss of a tempo, favorable for White.

27. B-B1 Now, when 27. . . . B-K5 is inop-portune. Black does not see any of the exchange, but even this can no longer help. The KP is des-tined for destruction and that seals the fate of the game.

28. PAR. Kt-Q6 ch: 29. B.Kt, RxB; 30. R-83, RxR oft; 31. BxR, Kt-B4; 32. B-Q2, K-Q2; 13. BxP, P-K13; 34. B-B2, P-K33; 35. C-Q2, P-K41; 35. K-Q3, Kt-R3; 37. B-14, P-B4; 38. R-K7 ch, K-Q3; 39. P-KR3, Black resigned.

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