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CROWN NEW QUEBEC CHAMP



USCF OFFICIALS PLAN CHESS FOR VETERANS
Left to right: Dr. Walter S. Pugh, USCF President Paul G. Giers, Dr. J. E. Barber; (standing): USCF Secretary Edward I. Treend, Harry D. Snyder, and Severin Bischof.

Plan Chess As Therapy For Veterans Expanding 'Chess For Veterans' Program

The "Chess For Veterans" program of the United States Chess Federation looks forward to a much expanded activity and service in the hospitals under control of the Veterans Administration as the result of a preliminary informal discussion at Syracuse, N.Y. between USCF President Paul G. Giers, USCF Secretary Edward I. Treend and USCF Directors Severin Bischof and Harry D. Snyder for the Federation and Dr. Walter S. Pugh, chief medical officer of the V.A. in the Syracuse area, and Dr. J. E. Barber, chief of advisement and guidance in the local Vocational Rehabilitation Section. These local V.A. officials participated in the informal discussion by authority of General Carl R. Gary, Jr., Veterans Administrator, who wired approval from Washington.

The "Chess for Veterans" program is already active in many hospitals where the voluntary workers have been cordially received by the local American Red Cross authorities, who in some instances provide the transportation in Red Cross buses. But it is expected to expand this program and let it reach into hospitals hitherto untouched by cooperation with the authorities of the Veterans Administration.

A formal proposal, embodying the elements that have been learned from past experience in hospital work, is being drafted by the USCF "Chess for Veterans" committee of which J. B. Gee of Sacramento is chairman, and this proposal will be the basis for further discussion with the Veterans Administration regarding the use of chess playing and chess teaching in the V. A. hospitals not only as a recreational project but as a form of therapy for certain types of patients suffering from nervous disorders.

DUNKELBLUM WINS BELGIUM TITLE

Victory in the Belgium Championship went to the veteran Dunkelblum who also held the title in 1935 with a score of 6½-2½. Second to fifth places were awarded on S-B points to Van Schoor, Lemaire, Baert and Peppers in that order with equal 5½-3½ scores. In Candidates Tournament De Vries placed first, Willaert second and Wostyn third to qualify for participation in the 1950 Belgian National Championship.

O'Kelly de Galway did not participate in the tournament and is reported to be on his way to the United States where he plans to make his home, following the example of Knoch, Koitanowski, Tautvaishais in the U. S. and Dr. Bohatirchuk and Vaitonis in Canada.

LOCAL 154, UAW RUNS CHESS CLUB

Setting an example for other Labor organizations, the Local 154 of the UAW-CIO in Detroit places chess high among its recreational activities with its Chess & Checker Club now entering in its second year. The club, which meets Fridays in the union hall, was organized by Frank Pilawski and Rudy Scheer at the suggestion of the recreational committee headed by Joe Kelly, 3rd vice-president of the Local.

GUZE CAPTURES QUEBEC TITLE

Victory in the 6-round Swiss System Quebec Provincial Championship went to Max Guze of Montreal with a 5-1 score. Tied in game score but second on S-B points was Dr. J. Rauch, also of Montreal, while third with a 4½-1½ score was Charles Podlone, a third Montrealer. Guze, who becomes custodian of the Courtemanche Trophy, has in the past held the Speed Championships of Montreal and Quebec Province. He placed third in the last Provincial Championship and did not compete in the Canadian Championship at Arvida because of illness.

Guze scored victories over Rauch, Zalys, Nadeau and Cohen, and drew with Podlone and Bain in the 26-man tournament which was directed by Osais Bain and held in the Law Library of Laval University at Quebec. Among the contestants were Miss F. Bone, Montreal Woman Champion, and Mrs. I. Stevens.

Officers of the Quebec Chess Ass'n elected were: L. Christin honorary president, Dr. J. Rauch president, R. Trotter 1st vice-president, A. Tanquay 2nd vice-president, A. J. Holton secretary, J. A. Morissette treasurer.

EAST WASH. PLAYS 1ST CHESS MATCH

First recorded chess match in eastern Washington resulted when the newly organized Wenatchee Chess Club traveled to Yakima to down their hosts by a 9-5 score in a double-round interclub match. A return match is planned at Wenatchee in the near future.

WALLOCH GAINS SEATTLE TITLE

Antone Walloch gained the Seattle City Championship in a hard-fought battle for the title. Winning his section clearly with a 16½-1½ score in the double round-robin, Walloch needed a seven game play-off to best the winner of the other section, Glenn Muller, and clinch the title. Muller, the State Speed Champion, was tied with 16-2 with State Champion Charles Joachim in his section but was awarded first place on his Gelfuss points (similar to S-B) and his 1½-½ score against Joachim.

SEATTLE Y PLANS CHESS SCHOOL

The Seattle YMCA joined the growing group of Y organizations teaching chess in October with a school for beginners conducted by State Champion Charles Joachim and an advanced class in theory under the well-known master Olaf Ulvestad.

CHGO LEAGUE HAS NOVEL SCHEME

The Chicago City Chess League has developed a novel scheme in which its 18 teams will be divided into 3 sections and each section into 2 sub-sections of 3 teams each. Teams in Section A-1 will play among themselves and with all teams in Section A-2 and B-1 (8 matches); teams in A2 will compete with teams in A-1 and C-1; teams in C-1 with A-2 and C-2; teams in C-2 with C-1 and B-2, B-2; teams in B-2 with B1 and C-2; teams in C-2 with C-1 and B-2. Highest scoring team in combined A and B sections will play for City Championship, while the highest scoring team in the combined C-1 and C-2 will become Collegiate Champion.

Teams by sections are: A-1: Hyde Park, Ill. Institute of Technology, Univ. of Chicago; A-2: Lawson Y, Hamilton Park, Wash; B-1: Austin, Chicago Chess & Checker, Irving Park; B-2: Metropolitan, Southtown, Teletype; C-1: DePaul Univ., Northwestern Univ., Roosevelt College; C-2: I. I. T. College, Navy Pier (U. of Ill.), U. of C. College.

SEASON STARTS AT PUGET SOUND

The Puget Sound Chess League of the Washington Chess Federation begins the season with 7 teams representing Everett Chess, Olympia Chess, Tacoma Chess, Seattle Chess, Seattle YMCA, Kitsap Chess and University of Washington. An 8th team in West Seattle Chess may fill out the schedule, while apparently Bellingham Chess and Skagit Chess have become inactive.

Intercollegiate Championship
Rutgers University
New Brunswick, New Jersey
December 26-30

Open to all players in colleges in North or South America. Entry fee \$5.00 plus USCF Membership.

ANDERSON TAKES TORONTO SPEED

Frank R. Anderson retained the Toronto Speed Championship in a 4-man round-robin of the first and second place winners in preliminary sections with a score of 3-0. Second place went to N. Glasberg with 2-1; third to P. Avery with 1-2, and E. Rose completed the group with 0-3.

LEAGUE BEGINS IN NO. JERSEY

The North Jersey Chess League is off to a flying start for the new season with nine teams entered in the competition: Belleville, Elizabeth, Plainfield, Irvington-Polish, West Essex, Jersey City YMCA, Union Kearny-Progressive, and Chess Club of the Oranges.

New officers of the League are Herbert Goldstein president, Edward Jackson vice-president and Walter Wootton secretary-treasurer.

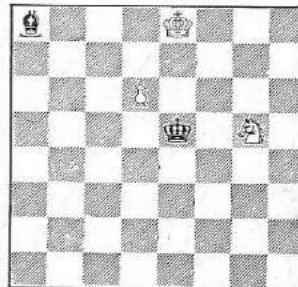
AKRON FORMS CHESS LEAGUE

A new metropolitan chess league has been formed in Akron (Ohio) composed of teams representing the University of Akron, B. F. Goodrich Chess Club, Goodyear Chess Club, with two teams—the Firestone Rooks and the Firestone Knights—representing the Firestone Chess and Checker Club.

LEAGUE STARTS AT SALT LAKE

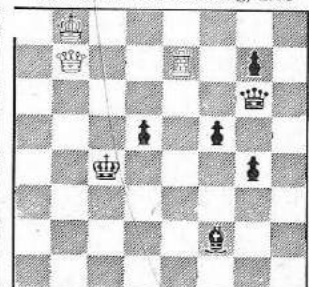
The Salt Lake City Chess League began its season auspiciously with six teams competing in the annual event, McKee's YMCA. West High, Kashin's Woodpushers, Teitelbaum's Florists, Post Office and Deseret News. At the end of round one McKee's YMCA led the field by a slim half point.

Position No. 63
By M. Dimentberg
Zateinik, 1949



BSK3, S, ZP4, KRS1, S, S, S, S
White to play and win

Position No. 64
By Havel
Schweizer Schachzeitung, 1925



IKG, IQSRI, P1, G41, SP1CS, SK4P1, S, G42, S
White to play and draw

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

POSITION No. 63, exploiting the tricky situations that arise when B and K oppose K, Kt and P, is a very instructive study in the technique of winning (when such a win is possible!). Apart from its own merits as a study, it is interesting as being one of over 2000 end-game compositions submitted in a contest held by a Soviet periodical for young people, "Zateinik." In a contest open to old and young alike in this country an editor would be well content if he received 100 entries!

Position No. 64 was submitted by Mr. John Spanur of Lakewood, Ohio to my colleague, Mr. Nash, who forwarded it to me, as he uses only actual game positions. This favorite of Mr. Spanur is the work of the talented Czech composer Havel, and it illustrates the desperate resources of a wily chess player in dire straits. White cannot win; but if he is clever enough, he may draw.

Please turn to page four for solutions.

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MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER

REVIEWING the various reports in the foreign chess press upon the decisions taken by the F.I.D.E. General Assembly at Paris in July of this year—we have not as yet received any official statement—we feel it quite necessary to express quietly but firmly without further delay the earnest and unalterable disapproval of the chess players of these United States to several decisions rendered by the General Assembly.

We cannot regard the almost abject surrender of the F.I.D.E. General Assembly to practically every demand, however selfish, arrogant or ridiculous, made by the Russian delegation as other than a new "Munich" of appeasement that can only breed and propagate the fermentation of a future disaster in the world of chess.

We regard with an extreme distaste the almost abrupt dismissal of the generous offer of Argentina to stage the Candidates Tournament of the World Championship in favor of the acceptance of the later offer from Budapest—an acceptance which was accorded apparently for the sole reason that Budapest would be more convenient to the Russian players (for there seems little else to recommend it in preference to the prior offer of Argentina). This arrogant bit of power politics concedes to the Russian players, accompanied by their usual large retinue of theorists and analysts, such a definite advantage that in all practical terms the F.I.D.E. General Assembly is on record as assuring the victory to some section of the Soviet chess regime.

Under such questionable circumstances we would not criticize but rather applaud the decision of our American Grandmasters, Reuben Fine and Samuel Reshevsky, if they refused to participate in such an obviously unequal struggle.

But it is not alone the decision in regard to the site of the Candidates Tournament that has earned and merited American (and for that matter, world) disapproval. The whole subject of the awarding of the honor titles of Grandmaster and International Master is one that must be viewed with honest and perturbed doubt. According to the decision of the F.I.D.E. General Assembly, as reported in the press, all the players who have been qualified to compete in the Candidates Tournament are thereby ranked as Grandmasters. On this particular point we will not quarrel and instead will concede the title earned by Euwe, Fine, Keres, Reshevsky, Smyslov, Bronstein, Szabo, Boleslavsky, Kotov, Lilienthal, Flohr, Bondarevsky and Stahlberg. There may be a doubt hidden in our mind about the actual qualifications of one or two of these so named as Grandmasters, but it was obviously necessary to set some criterion for an initial group and this one suffices, so we will let our doubts sleep.

Named also as Grandmaster were the veterans, Bernstein, Duras, Grunfeld, Maroczy, Mieses, Rubinstein, Tartakower and Vidmar. This selection is just and wise, and we will not quibble over it, for these masters have all made their valued contributions to the cause of chess.

But when the F.I.D.E. General Assembly reaches down into the ranks of Russian masters to add Ragozin and Lowenfish to the list of Grandmasters, we must ask pointedly and loudly: "Where is Kashtan?" Although he is not now as active in chess as formerly, I. Kashtan has an international record which entitles him to recognition and which some fifteen years ago ranked him above Fine and Reshevsky as Marshall's successor among American masters. His international tournament record is not as long as that of some, but it includes firsts in several very important international tournaments, and his second place in others was behind such outstanding Grandmasters as Alekhine and Capablanca. On the American teams which brought the Hamilton-Russell Trophy to these shores Kashtan played first board ahead of Marshall (who would join Tartakower and Mieses among the Grandmasters, if he were still living). Out of practice at the time of the US vs USSR Radio Match, it is true that Kashtan lost both games to Kotov. But in the US vs USSR team match at Moscow a year later Kashtan scored a win and draw against the same Grandmaster Kotov to emphasize the fact that his skill merely needed a little polish.

However, had the decisions of the F.I.D.E. General Assembly happily ended with these few doubtful acts, we might have restrained our own disapproval in silence, hoping for greater wisdom in future Assemblies. But, alas, the actions of the Assembly descended from mere favoritism into folly. And so we must denounce (no milder word will serve) the ridiculous proposal accepted by the F.I.D.E. General Assembly at the instigation of the Soviet delegation that all USSR masters who have played in the finals of three Russian Championships automatically thereby become International Masters. We will not even counter with the equally plausible claim that all American masters who have competed in the finals of three U.S. Championships must also be accepted as International Masters; nor encourage other countries to demand like recognition for their own National Championships. For International Masters can only be created in International Tournam-

ments—and any decree to the contrary is both foolish and illogical, and only serves to debase and degrade the rank of International Master. This last act was the worst by far of several bad decisions made by the F.I.D.E. General Assembly in its apparent effort to please and appease the arrogant Russian delegation. And we feel it is incumbent upon us, since we believe devoutly in the need and desirability of a strong international chess organization, to warn the delegates and officials of F.I.D.E. soberly and quietly that a firm and enduring basis for a strong and respected international chess organization is not to be built upon appeasement and favoritism to any group, but only to be founded upon an honest and impartial endeavor to render equal justice to all.

Montgomery Major

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

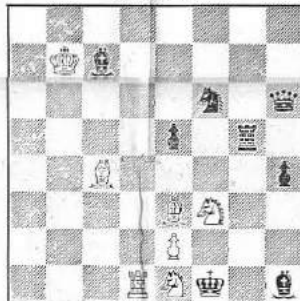
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SOLVERS WILL see a certain family resemblance between Wimsatt's No. 122, which appears below, and Andrade's No. 114, published in our issue of October 5. In both of them the White King has somehow become bottled up on the eighth rank behind a barrier of Black Pawns which protect him from checks; and in both of them he sallies forth in the course of the solution, courageous in the face of danger. But their themes are entirely distinct: in the one the King avoids check, in the other he invites it. Studying the two positions side by side gives one an inkling of how flexible chess combinations can be, and how varied a field is open to those who explore the powers of chess pieces.

It is always a thrill to receive a composition of real quality from someone with whom we had not been previously acquainted. We had that sensation when we opened the letter containing No. 120.

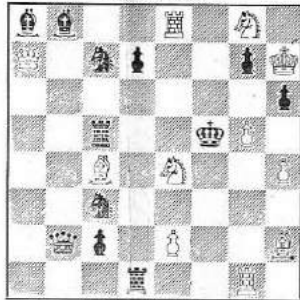
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Problem No. 119
By Edgar Holladay
Charlottesville, Va.
Composed for Chess Life
Black: 8 mn



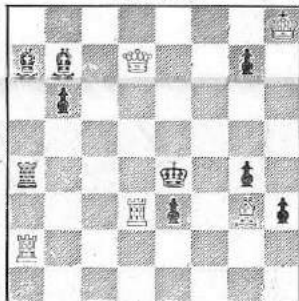
White: 7 men
8, 1Kb5, 5d4, 4f1, 2B4, 4B2, 4P3, 3B5b1
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 121
By J. Hartong
1947
Black: 12 mn



White: 11 men
b5R1E1, Q5e4, 7b, 2K1P1, 2B1S1P, 2e, 1e1P2B, 3P1R1
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 120
By John Spanur
Lakewood, Ohio
Composed for Chess Life
Black: 9 mn



White: 5 men
7K, bb1Q2P, 1P6, 8, 1K1P1, 3R1P3P, R7, 8
White mates in three moves

Problem No. 122
By W. K. Wimsatt, Jr.
1935
Black: 11 mn



White: 8 men
1R5k, 1pp4P, 3P1P1, 1B5S1, 7b, 4P3, 2R1, 17
White mates in three moves

The Kibitzer Has His Day

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

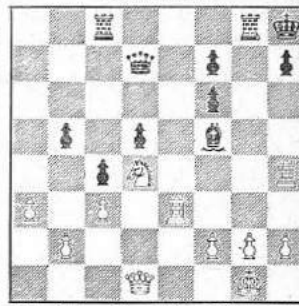
Dear Mr. Major:
I agree wholeheartedly with your editorial "Filtered Truth" in the September 5th issue of CHESS LIFE. I enjoy all the games published and profit mostly from the slightly better than average games. As most of us are average players, those are the games that teach us most. Keep publishing them, along with the superior games.
I believe I would enjoy and profit from some poorly played games, expertly annotated also. "How not to play chess" seems to

me to be a good way to learn how to play chess.
Congratulations on the 4th year of publication of CHESS LIFE. It is getting better all the time.
D. J. GRAY
Denver, Colorado.
Dear Sir:
I subscribe to CHESS LIFE and find the paper excellent. I enjoy most the news and articles and especially games and problems.
I see that some people don't like problems. Well, I do. And I hope that the problems will continue. It would be a sad day for me if the

What's The Best Move?

By Guilherme Groesser

Position No. 34

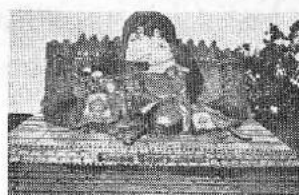
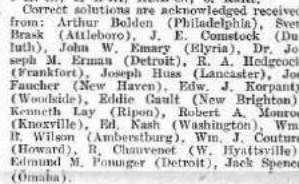


2K5k, 3Q4P, 5P2, 1P1P12, 2P5SR, 1P1P1R, 1P3PP, 3Q2R1
White to play

Send solutions to Position No. 34 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by November 20, 1949.

Solution to Position No. 32

This critical position, in which Black has a pistol pointed at his head with the threatened mate in one at K77 while he calmly proceeds to outmaneuver White with a brilliant series of checks, seems like the nightmare of a composer of endgames; actually it was the spectacular finish to a game between Seelig and Abius, played in Berlin in 1914. Black (Abius) played 1. ... Qxh2 ch; 2. RxQ, R-K6 ch; 3. K-R2, R-K7 ch; 4. K-R1 (on 4. KxP, K-R6 ch; 5. K-R4, R-R7 mate), R-R7 ch; 6. KxR, R-K7 ch; 7. KxP (if 6. K-R1, R-R7 mate), K-R5 ch; 7. K-R4, P-K4 mate. If 3. K-B1, R-R mate. If 3. K-R1, KxR ch; 4. K-R2, R-K7 mate. Several solvers went astray on the plausible 1. ... R-K5 ch which is answered by 2. K-R1, KxR ch; 3. RxR1 or 2. K-R1, R-K5 ch; 3. KxR1. Equally futile is 1. ... P-R7 ch; 2. K-R1, KxR ch; 3. RxR1.
Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: Arthur Bolden (Philadelphia), Sven Brask (Alltjoberg), J. E. Comstock (Duluth), John W. Emery (Kyrria), Dr. Joseph M. Erman (Detroit), R. A. Hedgecock (Frankfort), Joseph Huss (Lansaster), Joe Faucher (New Haven), Edw. J. Korpany (Woodside), Eddie Gault (New Brighton), Kenneth Lay (Ripon), Robert A. Monroe (Knoxville), Ed. Nash (Washington), Wm. F. Wilson (Amersburg), Wm. J. Couture (Howard), R. Chauvenet (W. Hyattsville), Edmund M. Pougner (Detroit), Jack Spence (Omaha).



CHESS DIVAN HAS UNIQUE PLAQUE

Atop the roof of the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Chess Club is a sculptured symbolic plaque, which is unique among the signs and symbols that adorn those rare chess clubs which have their own buildings.

The shield was designed and sculptured by Mrs. Margarethe Kappelhoff, and is approximately five by eight feet in size. The symbolic figures represent the sixteen pieces in relief. The King and Queen are in gold, the Bishops in rich purple, the Knights in gold relief, the Pawns in yellow and brown—all colors symbolic to these ranks in the Middle Ages. The shield weighs about seven hundred pounds and is set midway between the two gables on the roof of the clubhouse.

By the recent gift of Mr. Frank Mearson of Flushing, N. Y. and Dr. Agnes B. Ferguson of St. Petersburg, the shield is lighted at night.

SEATTLE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

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"Problems of Chess Life" would discontinue.

REV. G. MURRAY CHIDLEY
Toronto, Canada

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

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WHEN Professor Weiner of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology invented a calculating machine which requires only one ten thousandth of a second for the most complicated computations, he was quoted as saying, "I defy you to describe a capacity of the human brain which I cannot duplicate with electronic devices."

Up to the time these lines were written, the Professor had not succeeded, to my knowledge, in perfecting an electronic device that could make such chess moves as Tartakover's 20th in the following game. The day may yet come, however, when we shall see such books as "Robot's 1000 Best Games," or when chess tournaments will have to be postponed because of a steel shortage.

QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE Warsaw, 1935

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| White | Black |
| DR. S. TARTAKOVER | L. STEINER |
| 1. P-Q4 | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | P-K3 |
| 3. P-KK13 | P-QK13 |
| 4. B-K12 | B-K12 |
| 5. O-O | B-Q2 |
| 6. P-B4 | O-O |
| 7. Kt-B3 | P-Q4 |

Hypermodern control of the center by 7., Kt-K5 is preferable to the old-fashioned text, which can lead to trouble on the diagonal.

8. Kt-K5! Q-B1
The pin is uncomfortable and contains trappy possibilities, thus: 8., QKt-Q2; 9. Pxp, KtxKt!; 10. P-Q6!; BxB; 11. PxB, QxKp; 12. PxB, BxB; 13. PxB with two pieces for a Rook; or 8., P-B3; 9. P-K4, QKt-Q2?; 10. KtxQBp!, BxKt; 11. KPxB, B-K12; 12. P-Q6!

9. Pxp PxB
10. Q-K13 Q-K13 P-B3
If 10., R-Q1; 11. P-K4! Or if 10., Q-K3; 11. Kt-Q3 and 12. Kt-B4 with a very difficult game for Black.

11. B-Q2 Kt-R3? ... QKt-Q2 should have been tried.

12. QR-B1 Kt-B2
The Queen's Pawn was menaced. 13. P-K4! R-Q1
Black's difficulties are mounting. If 13., PxB; 14. KtxKp, P-B4; 15. KtxKt ch, BxKt (or 15., PxB); 16. BxB, QxB; 17. Kt-Q7, KR-Q1; 18. PxB!; 19. BxB, QxB; 17. Kt-Q7, KR-Q1; 18. PxB! with a winning game.
14. KR-K1



14. P-B4
Opening up the lines is dangerous, but White was threatening 15. Pxp, KtKtP; 16. BxKt, KtxB (if 16., PxB; 17. Kt-K15, B-Q3; 18. B-B4! and wins); 17. KtxKt, RxBKt; 18. KtxQBp! etc.
15. QxP KtPxB
If 15., BxB; 16. B-K15 is embarrassing.

16. PxB Kt(2)xP
Or 16., Kt(3)xP; 17. KtxKt, KtxKt; 18. B-R5!, R-Q3; 19. Kt-Q3 and Black must part with some material.

17. B-K15! R-K11
A clever reply: he hopes for 18. QxBKt, BxB; 19. KtxKt, QxBKt. But Tartakover will have the last laugh!

18. QxBKt BxB
19. KtxP! P-B5
The move Steiner relied on. If instead 19., KxKt; 20. KtxKt, BxKt; 21. BxB ch, K-B1; 22. Q-KB3, RxB; 23. Q-R5! and wins (23., Q-Q2; 24. B-K6).

And if 19., R-Q2; 20. KtxKt!, BxKt (or 20., RxBKt(B2)); 21. Kt-K7 ch, BxKt; 22. RxB and wins); 21. BxB!, RxB; 22. Kt-Q6 ch, K-B1; 23. KtxQ and wins!
20. Kt-R1! Resigns
If 20., PxB; 21. R-K8 mate. Or 20., BxKt; 21. Q-K15! winning easily.

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

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Doctor Kester Svendsen

THE FIRESIDE BOOK OF CHESS edited by Irving Chernev and Fred Reinfeld. Simon & Schuster. (\$3.50)

THIS HANDSOME volume is a must for every chessplayer's library. When the most original and the most prolific of chess anthropologists combine their talents, the result calls for a rave review. This is it. Part One of this collection consists of stories and articles by Billy Rose, Alfred Kreybors, Gerald Kersh, and others. The best of these is one of the three finest chess stories ever written: Joseph Cross's "Exchange of Men." Part Two, "The Magic of Chess," contains anecdotes, remarkable games and their stories (Marshall-Levitzy 1912, Tarrasch-Yates 1910, etc.), striking combinations, end-games, problems, and quizzes, with a diagram for each entry. Part Three, comprising the bulk of the book, offers many unpublished gems under such section-headings as quickies, surprise attacks, brilliancy prize games, positional masterpieces, and the two-rook sacrifice. Some old favorites are here, and nearly every famous player is represented; but the majority of these games will be new to the reader. Each section is prefaced by a two or three page introduction; each game carries a headline pointing up its appeal, a diagram at the crucial move, and brief but significant notes. Chess cartoons from the popular magazines enliven the text.

Readers will find little to complain of at this feast. Jay Wilson's "Check ... and Mate" in Part One is just a slick magazine story; William Martin's "The Pawn" and John P. Marquand's "The End Game" would have been better as chess and as literature and Chernev knows this. But he omitted the former probably because of its serious tone and the latter because of its length. The only important omission to the book as a whole is an index. Every anthology should have an index for purposes of reference. Perhaps the publishers omitted one here as a saving to be passed on to the reader, for not the least astonishing feature of this grand book is the low price, \$3.50. To paraphrase Weaver Adams, you'd better buy this, for your friends won't lend it to you.

WERTHAMMER WINS INFORMAL TOURNAMENT

The "Get-together" tournament of the Huntington (W. Va.) YMCA Chess Club was won by Dr. S. Werthammer, W. Va. Co-Champion, with a perfect score of 10-0. The tournament was scored on a percentage basis without including forfeits. Second place went to veteran Tyson Cobb with 10 1/2-2 1/2 and third place to Jack Allison, Marshall College champion, with 9 1/2-2 1/2.

GREATER CHICAGO BEGINS SEASON

The Greater Chicago Chess League begins its annual season in a double round-robin between six teams, representing Austin Chess & Checker, Hawthorne Electric, Berwyn Chess, Electro-Motive Chess, West Suburban Chess and Glen Ellyn Chess.

With The Chess Clubs

Grand Rapids Chess Club (Mich.) elected E. J. Van Sweden president, Robert Modica vice-president, Olaf Anda treasurer, E. C. Hencir secretary, and O. Jungwirth tournament master. The club is sponsoring a Swiss tournament, open to all players in Grand Rapids Area, for the City Championship, starting October 1st with all the games played at the club rooms in the Mertens Hotel. Plans for the club include a 10-board correspondence match with the Esteban Canal Chess Club of Lima, Peru.

Hyde Park Chess Club (Ill.) opens its October membership drive with a varied program of interesting events, including showing of a film feature on "Chess Fundamentals", a blindfold simultaneous by U. S. Open Champion Albert Sandrin, Jr., a simultaneous exhibition by Lewis J. Isaacs, and on October 27 the annual club banquet which will inaugurate the first round of play in the annual club tournament.

Chess Federation of Canada at its annual meeting elected B. Freedman (Toronto) president, D. A. MacAdam (St. John) 1st vice-president, W. R. Loudon (Calgary) 2nd vice-president, O. Bain (Quebec) secretary, and J. F. West (Ottawa) treasurer. The Maritime Chess Chat was adopted as the official publication of the CFC.

Chess Clubs With The

Log Cabin Chess Club (N. J.) with its usual wanderlust arrived in Boston for a match with the Boylston Chess Club. In a mix-up lineup, because of the far-spread Log Cabin membership Mass. Co-Champion J. Curdo played for Log Cabin while Adams remained loyal to New England. With Curdo drawing on board one against Lyman and McCormick and Parmalee besting Weaver Adams and Daly, the match was a 3 1/2-3 1/2 draw. Thereafter Log Cabin trekked to Quincy where the supposedly weak Quincy Chess Club neatly trimmed them 4 1/2-2 1/2, with Daly defeating G. Partos on board one.

Lansing (Mich.) Chess Club has inaugurated a novelty event in a contest for the shortest game played in club competition in an evening's play. Players draw cards specifying the first two moves, and thereafter are on their own. The second season of the Lansing Junior Chess Club is under way with Ed Barwick conducting it at the North Presbyterian Church on Thursday evenings.

Queens N. Y. Chess Club has started its annual club championship with 15 players attempting to oust defending champion D. Gladstone. Leading contenders for the title are R. Egan, N. Babykin, Dr. G. Loos, M. Vogel and CHESS LIFE annotator, Edw. J. Korpanty.

Philadelphia Chess Association in its annual meeting at the Franklin Chess Club elected P. B. Driver president, H. Oster vice-president, W. L. Arkless secretary, and B. R. Glover treasurer. Plans were laid for the interclub matches in the usual league competition. It was also announced that the Ass'n would sponsor the 1950 Pa. State Federation Tournament, and Walter Hall was appointed General Chairman of the committee.

Howard (R.I.) Chess Club met its toughest competition in facing the Worcester (Mass.) Chess Club, victors in the Old Colony League, losing the battle by a 4-13 score to the visitors. W. Couture, J. Lupo and J. Merritt each salvaged a point for the Howard team, while D. Massey and F. Burns drew.

Nebraska Chess Association at its annual meeting reelected R. E. Wear president and B. E. Ellisworth vice-president. H. F. Underwood was chosen as secretary-treasurer to succeed G. R. Stoney who resigned. Hastings was selected as site of the 1950 Nebraska Open Championship.

Chess Life

Saturday, November 5, 1949

Chess Life Abroad

By A. Buschke

BOTVINNIK'S ONLY DRAW AGAINST BOGATYRCHUK

With Botvinnik's own notes—See CHESS LIFE ABROAD of September 20, 1949.

(Unless otherwise stated, these are the notes published in identical form in the book of the VII Soviet Championship and in Botvinnik's selection of his own games, 1926-1936, published in 1938. Wherever the notes are not identical, the version of the Tournament Book is marked "VII," the version of the Selected Games "SG.")

QUEEN'S GAMBIT

VII Soviet Championship
12th Round, Nov. 5, 1931

(The only game of the four these opponents played in which Botvinnik had White.)

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| BOTVINNIK | BOGATYRCHUK |
| 1. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-R3 |
| 3. Kt-QB3 | Kt-KB3 |
| 4. Kt-B3 | P-B3 |

Black was obviously afraid of the variation 4., QKt-Q2; 5. B-B4, which is not unfavorable for White. Now, of course, 5. B-B4 will be followed by 5., PxB, and Black retains the P quietly.

5. B-K15 QKt-Q2
6. P-K3
(VII) Regarding Rauzer's move 6. Q-Kt3, see just the game Rauzer-Botvinnik (round 14).

7. B-K2 B-K2
No doubt the strongest. (SG ends the sentence with "!" omitted in VII). When (SG: inasmuch as) Black has already played P-QB3, the development of the QR to QB is senseless in the opening stage ("at least" of VII omitted in SG). It is considerably more important for White to win a tempo for castling.

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| 7. O-O | O-O |
| 8. O-O | PxB |

Capablanca's "unloading" system. However, inasmuch as White has already succeeded in castling, Black does not have the important check on QKt5, as in connection with the Alekhine maneuver Kt-K4; therefore, this whole system proves less strong than after 7. QR-B. (SG: However now when White has already succeeded in castling and Black has not the important check on QKt5 (as in connection with the Alekhine maneuver Kt-K4), this system proves less strong than after 7. QR-QB).

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| 9. BxB | Kt-Q4 |
| 10. BxB | QxB |
| 11. Kt-K4 | |

In this position, the Alekhine maneuver is also strong. Most doubtful. (SG: only "Doubtful") is this variation: 11., Kt(Q4)-B3; 12. Kt-K13, P-K4; 13. Kt-B5, Q-K15; 14. QR-B, but, obviously, White retains even here superiority. Bogatyrychuk plays the defense according to his usual (VII: SG has "favorite") plan: knights to QK13 and KB bishop to K and rooks to Q and QB. Such a formation is not without sense, but requires a lot of time, which White successfully uses for a considerable strengthening of his position. (SG: "Such a formation has sense ...")

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| 12. Q-B2 | R-Q1 |
| 13. B-B1 | Kt-B1 |
| 14. Kt-R5 | B-Q2 |
| 15. P-K4 | B-K1 |

White follows through the idea common to the opening: occupation of square Q6. White plays P-K5 and then reinforces the White Kt on Q6. (VII: SG: "to this end, White plays P-K5, and then transfers the Kt from B5 over K4 to Q6").

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| 15. B-K13 | Kt-QK13 |
| 17. P-K5 | QR-B1 |
| 18. Kt-K4 | P-K6 |
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NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

Canadian Championship Arvida, 1949

Notes by Edw. J. Korpany

Chess notation for Nimzo-Indian Defense game, including moves like P-K4, P-Q4, N-K3, etc., and commentary on the game's progress.

After 55. Q-R8 RAUCH

Chessboard diagram showing the position after move 55 (Q-R8) in the game between White and Black.

FRENCH DEFENSE New England Championship Attleboro, 1949

Chess notation for French Defense game, including moves like P-K3, P-Q4, P-K4, etc., and commentary.

Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!

Chess puzzles and solutions, including Problem No. 111 (Lightbourn), Problem No. 112 (Wenzlburg), and Problem No. 114 (Andrade).

Tournament Life

Conducted by Erich W. Marchand

192 Seville Drive Rochester 17, N. Y.

The McCutcheon Variation. Has the merit of being rare. It is well known, however, by Adams, 4. ... B-F5; 5. P-K5, Kt-K3; 6. P-K41 places Black in a position where extreme exactitude is required. With correct play Black's defense is good (against the Alcoholic Attack above).

ADAMS

Chessboard diagram showing the position in the Adams game, with pieces like the King, Queen, and Knights positioned on the board.

ter. A Reti Opening can only go wrong, as here, where the center is ignored as favor of love on the wings. But almost even Love wills without a center.

BISQUIER

Chessboard diagram showing the position in the Bisquier game, illustrating a specific tactical situation.

EVANS

The "coup de grace" quite like the guillotine. Why White continued play I know not—rather, I have an idea; but I'm too polite to say it. Vanity! Vanity! (P.S.—Thankyou.)

SLAV DEFENSE New York State Championship Rochester, 1949

Notes by M. Pavey

Chess notation for Slav Defense game, including moves like P-Q4, P-K3, P-Q5, etc., and commentary on the game's progress.

After 21. Q-K2 PAVEY

Chessboard diagram showing the position after move 21 (Q-K2) in the game between White and Black.

DONOVAN

Chess notation for Donovan game, including moves like Kt-B2, Kt-K4, etc., and commentary.

PETROFF DEFENSE New York State Tournament Rochester, 1949

Notes by L. Kapersmith

Chess notation for Petroff Defense game, including moves like P-K4, P-Q4, N-K3, etc., and commentary.

After 36. K-B2

Chessboard diagram showing the position after move 36 (K-B2) in the game between White and Black.

EVANS

The "coup de grace" quite like the guillotine. Why White continued play I know not—rather, I have an idea; but I'm too polite to say it. Vanity! Vanity! (P.S.—Thankyou.)

SLAV DEFENSE New York State Championship Rochester, 1949

Notes by M. Pavey

Chess notation for Slav Defense game, including moves like P-Q4, P-K3, P-Q5, etc., and commentary.

After 21. Q-K2 PAVEY

Chessboard diagram showing the position after move 21 (Q-K2) in the game between White and Black.

DONOVAN

Chess notation for Donovan game, including moves like Kt-B2, Kt-K4, etc., and commentary.

Chess Life ABROAD

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Chess notation for various games from abroad, including Petroff Defense and Bisquier, with commentary on the games.

LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP Minneapolis, 1949

Table of Lightning Championship results, listing players like G. Barnes, M. Oelische, J. Young, etc., and their scores.

KANAWHA VALLEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Table of Kanawha Valley Championship results, listing players like A. DuVall, Reid Holl, Edward Foy, etc., and their scores.

Solutions: White to Play and Win

Chess puzzles and solutions, including Position No. 63 (K-Q7, K-Q4) and Position No. 64 (R-K5, Q-R2).

Chess Clocks For Sale

Advertisement for chess clocks, mentioning 'PRICES SLASHED THROUGH DEVALUATION OF STERLING' and 'Spring wound Swiss movement clocks'.

QUEBEC PROVINCIAL

Table of Quebec Provincial chess tournament results, listing leading scorers like Dr. J. Rauch, C. Poulton, etc.

ATTENTION!! CHESS PLAYERS

Advertisement for chess players, mentioning 'How can you improve your chess game?' and 'TIPS FOR CHESS PROGRESS'.

THE BRITISH CHESS MAGAZINE

Advertisement for The British Chess Magazine, mentioning 'Founded in 1881 and now the oldest chess periodical extant'.

CHESS LIFE, 123 No. Humphrey Ave

Advertisement for Chess Life magazine, mentioning 'Subscriptions Accepted for THE BRITISH CHESS MAGAZINE' and 'Comprehensive Australian chess magazine'.