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DENKER WINS MANHATTAN

CRITTENDEN WINS

Kit Crittenden with a perfect 5-0 score topped the North Carolina Open Championship at the Selwyn Hotel at Charlotte. Second place in the 5 round Swiss event went to W. C. Adickes, Jr. with 4-1 on S-B points. Third to fifth on S-B points with equal 4-1 scores were Karl H. Burger of Brooklyn, William E. Chapman of Durham, and Charles E. Sponagle of Atlanta

Called the most successful of North Carolina events, this tourney drew 32 entrants, with players from New York, Virginia, South Carolina, and Georgia. The success was largely due to the excellent publicity given by the Charlotte Observer and the Charlotte News, while the local department and book stores cooperated fully with a number of chess window displays. A. Henry Gaede of Charlotte was largely responsible for the planning of the event, while the local publicity was ably handled by George E. Goodwin. Mayor Victor Shaw of Charlotte made the welcoming address to the players, and at the close attractive Miss Ellen Denny, "Miss Charlotte of 1950", presented the trophies and prizes to the winners.

PENQUITE TIES WILSON AT IOWA

John Penquite (17 years old) and F. D. Wilson tied for first honors in the lowa State Championship at the Allison Hotel in Cedar Rapids with equal 4-1 scores and equal S-B points. Penquite lost a game to Phil Gilbertson and Wilson lost to Jack Donath in the 24 player 5 round Swiss. Also with 4-1, but third and fourth by S-B points were A. W. Davis who lost his game to Penquite, and Phil Gilbertson, who lost his game to Wilson. Dr. A. E. Crew was fifth with 3½-1½, losing a game to Lyle Kenyon and drawing with R. Triebswetter.

In the 10 player 5 round Swiss

Class A Tourney, held at the same time, George Stewart was first with 5-0, Ronnie Maltby second with 3-2 on S-B points, and A. Herbach third, also with 3-2. D. Shafer placed fourth with 3-2 as well. Both tournaments were directed by Alfred Ludwig of Omaha.

WILCOCK WINS AT JAMESTOWN

Victory in the 8 player Jamestown (N. Y.) City Championship went to William Wilcock with a 12-2 score in the double-round event. Wilcock lost one game each to Bergquist and Floyd Johnson. Helge Bergquist placed second with 10-4, and Axel Anderson was third with 9½-4½. Edwin Johnson was fourth with 7½-6½.

WIEGMANN HOLDS QUAD-CITY TITLE

With a remarkable comeback march of three straight victories after two defeats, Karl Wiegmann retained the Quad-City title by winning his match 3-2 with challenger Lawrence Maher, recent Tri-City Champion of the Tri-Cities Chess Club of Davenport.

MANNEY TAKES NEVADA OPEN

Victory in the Nevada Open Championship went to USCF Director O.W. Manney of Phoenix, Ariz, with a 61 score, losing one game to William Bendetti in the 20 player 7 round Swiss event, Philip D. Neff, recent Salt Lake City Champion, was second with 5½-1½, losing to Benedetti and drawing with Louis N. Page. William Benedetti of Las Vegas placed third with 5-2, winning the Nevada State title as ranking player from the State. Benedetti lost games to Maurice M. Gredance and William F. Tabor, but had the satisfacton of besting Manney in their individual game.

individual game.

Players from six States competed, including Maurice M. Gredance, former Penn. State Champion and defending Nevada Champion, Herman A. Dittmnn, 1951 Idaho Open Champion, Laverl E. Kimpton, Idaho State Champion, and O. W. Manney, Phoenix Champion and Former Texas State Champion.

The tourney was played in the ball room over the Silver Slipper saloon and gambling hall of the famous hast Frontier Hotel at Las Vegas. While the twenty players sat in strenuous silence, the clink of chips and silver dollars drifted up from the hall below, with the sonorous drone of the croupiers. An occasional distraction was the serving of lunches and drinks (soft) by typical oldtime dance-hall girls from the bar below—very charming girls, with vast expanse of black silk stockings and television plunging necklines. Fred Soly, president of the Las Vegas Chess Club acted as tournament director.

MARCUS, RUTH TIE

Finals of the Mercantile Library Chess Assn. of Philadelphia saw Gordon Marcus and William A. Ruth tie for first with 4-1— Marcus drawing with Saul Wachs and Peter Zuckerman, while Ruth lost a game to Marcus. Third place went to former Penn. Junior Champion Saul Wachs with 3½-1½, losing to Ruth and drawing with Marcus.

In the preliminaries of Section I Ruth placed 1st with 5½-1½ in a tie with Peter Zuckerman, also with 5½-1½. In Section II Bernard Albert scored first with 6½-½, with Saul Wachs second with 64. In Section III Samuel Skarloff and Gordon Marcus tied for first with 5-1 each.

WHITAKER WINS MARYLAND SPEED

N. T. Whitaker won the 1st Maryland Speed Championship, held at Annapolis, by a 7-0 score in a 22 player 7 round Swiss conducted by George Lyle. Second place went to Joseph Glatt of Balitimore with 6-1, while Maryland State Champion L. N. Enequist placed third on S-B points with 5-2 and David Bentz was fourth, also with 5-2. The event was sponsored by the Maryland Chess Federation in cooperation with the Annapolis Chess Club.

Position No. 67
By J. Gunsta
No. 294 in "1234 Modern Endgame Studies"



ISBk4, p2p4, 8, 3K4, 8, 8, 8, 8 White to play and win

Chess World 1865

By W. Mitcheson

8, 1p6, 8, 1k6, 4K3, 8, 4P3, 8 White to play and draw

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

B OTH Positions in this issue were contributed as favorites by CHESS LIFE readers. Position No. 67 represents a classic composition which is recommended by reader Harold Burdge of Tampa, Fla. It is, in part, a lesson in restraint, for the more obvious BxP does not suffice to win.

Position No. 63, the selection of Joe Faucher of New Haven, Conn., is also a gem of party endplay. Its most curious quanty is that with Black to move, White can still draw by following the procedure that Black must use in the position with White on the move. Two very instructive ordinary.

instructive endings.

For solutions please turn to Page four.

DIVAN REPEATS IN WASHINGTON

Once again the Washington Chess Divan won the Metropolitan Chess League title with 9-1 in matches and 77½-19½ in games; but this time the race was very close for Naval Communications also scored 9-1, but lost in games with 81-34. Naval Communications lost its match to the Divan, while the Divan suffered its first defeat in two years from the Paragon Chess Club, an all-colored team, which placed third with 7-3. Paragon and Federal Chess Clubs shared the distinction of being the only teams which did not forefeit a single game during the whole

POTTER TOPS DALLAS OPEN

By virtue of superior S-B score, R. H. Potter placed first with 7½-1½ in the 10 player Dallas Open Citty Championship, losing a game to former Texas Champion J. W. Stapp and drawing with F. H. McKee, Second went to C. F. Tears with an equal 7½-1½ score, losing a game to Potter and drawing with Stapp, Stapp placed third with 6½-2½, and Joe Gilbert was fourth with 5-4. Fifth place was a tie between F. H. McKee and W. T. Strange with 4½-4½ each.

STEINER PLANS TOUR OF SIMULS

U. S. Champion Herman Steiner plans to break his journey eastward with a schedule of simultaneous exhibitions to assit in financing his European Tour at Vienna and elsewhere. Clubs may arrange a date for an exhibition by writing Herman Steiner, 108 No. Formosa Ave., Los Angeles, Calif, promptly.

JOYNER CAPTURES CANADA MATCH

Playing a match with Ross Siemms of Toronto for the right to represent Canada in the 1st World Junior Championship at Birmingham, Lionel Joyner of Montreal by virtue of a victory in the final game won the match 3½-2½. This was a recovery from an inauspicious start, for Siemms won the first game. Joyner also won the fourth game.

MORGAN CAPTURES SAGINAW VALLEY

Laverne Morgan, recent winner of the Flint City title, added the Saginaw Valley Open Championship with a 4-0 score in a 9 player, 4 round Swiss event. Second place with 3-1 went to Carl Young of Midland who lost his only game to Morgan. Tied for third were CHESS LIFE annotator J. Lapin of Bay City and A. Brauer with 2½-1½ cach, with the nod going to Lapin for better S-B score.

LEVIS CAPTURES QUEBEC LEAGUE The College de Levis won

The College de Levis won the Quebec Ligue Intercollegiale with a 5½-½ score, with College des Jesuites 4½-1½, Seminaire de Quebec 24, and St. Jean Eudes 0-6. Guy Trembaly won the championship of the College de Levis with a 6-0 score, while P. Mercure was second with 5-1.

BISGUIER TIES KRAMER FOR 2ND

The finals of the Manhattan Chess Club Championship represented a triumph for former U. S. Champion Arnold S. Denker, who won by 10-3 without suffering a Joss. Right on his heels throughout the whole event were the youthful U. S. Open Champion Arthur Bisguier and former New York State Champion George Kramer, who tied for second with 9½-3½ each. Former State Champion Max Pavey placed fourth with 8½-4½, while the veteran Avram was fifth with 7½-5½.

The furious pace of the tournament and its general strength were indicated by the fact that such well-known players as Bernstein, Pinkus, Shainswit and Soudakoff were not in the charmed circle of the first five winners.

Playing steady chess, firm and imaginative, but not as reckless as in past years, Denker seemed to have regained the form that won him the U. S. Championship. Never behind the leaders, he clenched the title by drawing with his closest opponent Bisguier in the final round, while Kramer made good his bid for a tie for second by defeating Soudakoff.

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SET JULY DATE FOR U. S. TITLE

The USCF Tournament Committee, headed by chairman George Emlen Roosevelt, has announced that the U.S. Biennial Championship Tournament will be held in New York City, beginning July 29th, one week after the conclusion of the U.S. Open Championship at Fort Worth and immediately following the U.S. Junior Championship at Philadelphia.

Fourteen to sixteen of the leading U.S. players will be invited to compete in this event, and it has been decided to initiate five-hour sessions from 6 p.m. to midnight, except on Saturdays and Sundays when there will be afternoon sessions, in order to reduce the number of adjourned games.

ELLSWORTH WINS

The annual Washington's Birthday Tourney at Alma, Neb. (oldest event in Nebraska) went to Bert Ellsworth of North Platte with 11-2. Ellsworth barely edged out the perennial winner R. E. Weare who scored 13½-2½. Bill Jesup of Woodruff, Kan. was third with 6-4 and L. B. Kaup of Atlanta, Neb. fourth with 7-5. Fifth went to youthful Kent Krotter of Palisade, Neb. with 4½-4½.

DATES TO REMEMBER!

U. S. Open Championship Tournament Fort Worth, Texas, July 9-21, 1951

U. S. Junior Championship Tournament Philadelphia, Penna., July 23-28, 1951

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THE PUNIC TOUCH Ceterum censeo, Carthaginem esse delenda Cato the Elder

E ARE well aware that the more innocent among our readers W consider our editorials on the conditions of Soviet chess and its political affiliations an unjust contribution to the "Cold War," while we have been informed that in the orthodox party circles of East Germany we are termed "Kriegeshetzer" (war-monger). The Soviet epithet we accept as the finest compliment yet paid our efforts to clarify conditions in World chess; and we pardon the unworldly innocence of our own readers which is, alas, destined eventually to a rude disillusion-

But we would be indeed foolish if we did not once again indicate But we would be indeed foolish if we did not once again indicate the deft Punic touch in the propoganda of American apologists for the Soviet regime. These accuse us of waging a "cold war" because we have published factual material upon conditions governing the playing of chess in the USSR. The fact that behind the iron curtain very unfactual material is published continually about chess in the USA is not apparently a contribution to the "cold war"—only criticism of the USSP is go defined. of the USSR is so defined.

But let us quote from the "Bulletin International des Informations Echiqueennes published by the Czechoslovakia Chess Association, Other foreign news items in this issue are headed by the names of the most

Rehimmernnes, unblished by the Czechoslovakia Chess Association. Other foreign news items in this issue are headed by the names of the most important tournament or match reported; but the USA section is headed: "Shadows in the American chess life":

One can judge from some recent events in the American chess life, how different is the conception of the game of chess as an instrument of education and recreation in the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and in the Popular Democratic Countries on one part and in the West on the other part.

The champion of the USA Samuel Reshevsky has written formerly in his book of autobiography "Reshevsky on Chess:" "I am firmly decided to be guided in the future by reason. I will play only during my vacation and my leisure. I will never permit the game of chess to become an obstacle to my much more important task—caring for my family." And now, the Western Press has announced that Reshevsky has become a professional again, because the American banker Maurice Werthelm has bequeathed him an annual intome of \$6000.00.

At the great international tournament at Amsterdam, recently finished, there was a public scandal between the two American representatives Reshevsky (USA) and Najdorf (Argentina). The two players accused each other of analysing for their opponents adjourned games. Reshevsky had an adjourned game with Stabados and Najdorf with Stahlberg. A violent discussion was terminated by a pitiful scene. Reshevsky hears in the eyes, was incapable of continuing the game and the tournament director was obliged to accord him an hour of rest. It is easy to imagine why this argument occurred. The two opponents whose sole recompense is provided in the tourney prizes and being tied for first prize, tried to influence the result of the tournament organized by the Southern Chess Association, a colored player, invited to play, was thrown out of the tournament. Such a racial discrimination recalls the epoch of facist violence when the hitlerian partisans acted in the same fashion in German chess

for inclusion. Nor was it important to him to note that this was an isolated incident, that race intolerance in chess is rare in the USA where colored players have played in the U. S. Open Championship, the U. S. Junior Championship, the Chicago and Washington City Leagues, the Ohio State Championship—for these relevant facts would rectan his common. weaken his sermon.

It is also amusing to note that Najdorf (born and raised in Poland,

and only a recent resident of Argentina) is presented as a typical example of the American training.

The next two issues of the Bulletin after the one quoted hold no news of the USA. The Junior Championship of London is important enough to report, but the U. S. Intercollegiate Team Championship is too minor for inclusion because it does not contain material for propo-

too minor for inclusion because it does not contain material for propoganda about the effete American way of life.

But, gentle readers, these examples are quite proper reporting of chess activities and in no sense a contribution to the "cold war." We know this to be a fact, because they appeared in the sacrosant publications from behind the iron curtain. It is only if we had made a similar statement about Soviet chess that such statements would be a subject to attack as contributions to the "cold war."

The Punic Touch is a deft one.

Montgomery Major

ALAIN C. WHITE

A S THIS issue goes to press, we received the sad news of the passing of America's noted problem composer and problem patron, Alain C. White, whose famous series of Christmas Problem Books will always remain one of the most outstanding contributions to the memory of the Problem Art. In the next issue we hope to express more fully our appreciation of Mr. White's contributions and our sorrow at his passing.

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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A NUMBER of problems in recent issues of CHESS LIFE have turned out to have "cooks" or extra solutions, and it seems to me about time both to offer a word of apology and a note of caution for the solver. No composer deliberately makes a problem with the idea of having several keys to it, but every composer is prone to error some of the time, and he may slip up in the tedious process of testing his work for soundness. We ourselves never intentionally publish a problem that has more than one key, but we assume no responsibility for testing "originals" that are sent to us. One of the main purposes of our "Ladder" solving tourney is to insure a thorough testing of all new problems that we print; if you find extra keys, you are awarded extra points for your skill. But in claiming credit for solutions, it would be well to remember these points: that problems are not designed to begin with checking keys, or with captures of Black pieces (occasionally captures of Black pawns are, however, permissible). If you find that a check or a rather brutal capture solves the problem, it would be well to look further for another key—and in this way increase your score on the Ladder. NUMBER of problems in recent issues of CHESS LIFE have turned

Problem No. 251 By Francis J. C. DeBlasio Brooklyn, N. Y. Entry in CHESS LIFE

By W. E. Frank Fillery
Vancouver, Canada
In Memoriam: Edgar W. Allen
Entry in CHESS LIFE Composing Tourney Composing Tourney



White: 11 men 1P1QRp2, 3B1P2, 3k4, 1P1p2S1, 1r1b3K, B5Sb, 2sR4 White mates in two moves

Problem No. 253
By Knud A. Rasmussen
Richvale, Ont., Canada
Entry in CHESS LIFE Composing Tourney

White: 11 men 4RIBI, 3Kp3, 2Qp4, 2r5, 1P1kS3, 1s1P3R, 1g3P1B, 186 White mates in two moves

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Problem No. 254 By the Problem Editor 1st Prize

American Chess Bulletin 1950 Black: 9 men



White: 9 men b7, 5R2, 354, RISIRISI, pPP1p2p, KISIQIr1, 7B, 8 White mates in two moves



White: 8 men 4bR2, 2p2q2, B7, 8, 3B2P1, sS4bQ, K3R1r1, 5krs White mates in three moves

The Reader's Road To Chess

BULLETIN OF THE NINTH CHESS OLYMPICS, DUBROVNIK, 1950.
Distributed by Albert S. Pinkus, 1700 Albemarle Road, Brooklyn 26, N. Y. Paper bound, 163 pp., \$3.

ERE in English are all 480 game scores of the last Olympics, as were printed in the progress bulletins issued one for each I I they were printed in the progress bulletins issued one for each of the fifteen rounds and six for adjourned games. Th paper is good, the type impression sharp, and the text is remarkably accurate, considering the deadlines met and the language barriers overcome. The errors observed are mostly misprints, misspellings, and unidiomatic English. The games are offered without notes and with only an occasional diagram of adjourned positions; but the bare text is more than most of us expected to see. There are no indexes to locate openings, games, or players; no introduction, table of contents, or analysis. But these games will appear in Continental analysis for years to come and these games will appear in Continental analysis for years to come, and their presence in one volume is of great reference value. By using the prefatory schedule of play as a table of contents, the reader may find adjourned games two or three bulletins beyond those in which they were begun. And since each game is numbered in order of its occurwere begun. And since each game is numbered in order of its occurrence (except a few in the early rounds), hunting down conclusions is only troublesome, not impossible. Score and percentage tables are given at intervals; and each bulletin opens with the pairings for that round with running scores. With these aids the enterprising player will index his own copy. The price is a little high (Kmoch's masterful rendering of the New York 1948 International, also distributed by Pinkus, is only \$2.50); but it is probably based on a higher production

The shortest win of the tournament appears to be No. 467, Pedersen (Denmark)-Zografakis (Greece), played in the last round. Sicilian Defense. 1. P.K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3, P-Q3; 3. P-Q4, PxP; 4. NxP, N-KB3; (Please turn to Page 4, Column 1) Alekhine's Early Chess Career

By A. Buschke

V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

In his article on blindfold chess. Alekhine traces his own personal history with regard to this form of chess ability and he reports there about the period we deal with in this instalment as follows:

At the end of his article he

the cities:

The opinions about the value of "biindioid chess" are very divided. In America, for instance, biindfold chess is an high esteem while in Soviet Russia it is forbidden by law, as unnecessary from an artistic point of view and as harmful to the health. I personally although I hold the world's record at present, am not one of the most enthusiastic partisans of this form of the game and value "biindioid chess" mainty as a means of propoganda. It serves the propogation of the serves the propogation of the serves the propogation of the serves. — From a merely scientiffe only of the control of the control of the serves in the propogation of the serves in the propogation of the serves. — From a merely scientiffe only of the control of the serves in the statement of the serves and it is still waiting or research and is still waiting.

We believe that this statement of Alckhine's is the course of the "comon knowledge" that there is a law in Soviet Russia against blindfold chess. We have not been able to find any more exact reference to such a law in any of the Russian chess periodicals we have at our disposal for these articles and for other research in Russian Chess; there could be such a law, but we have not found it. However, it is obvious that this form of "chess", if practiced as a stunt, is not 'n favor in Soviet Russia, which is the only country, as far as we know, where serious research has been done with regard to the "hygiene of chess" (name of the state of the sta been done with regard to the "hygiene of chess" (among others by
Bogatyrchuk, now in Canada). In
such a country blindfold chess
(which, as such, is practiced necessarily by every chess master, even
in over-the-board play, and even by
"patzers" — how else could any body figure even one move a-head?) cannot possibly be tolerat-ed as consistent with sound health policy if practiced as a mere stunt, or, for that matter, a "means of propaganda". The "Chess Diction-ary" by Smirnov (1929) has no article on blindfold chess — an indica-tion that this type of game is at least not widely practiced in Soviet Russia. But there is no reference to a law outlawing it, either.

IF THE READER WAITS Chess Life

will bring him the following features in early issues: The Last Round

By Dr. Kester Svendsen How to Conduct A Swiss System

By Glenn E. Hartleb Early Correspondence Chess in the USA

By Dr. Bruno Bassi

1950 Opening Novelties

By E. J. Marchisotti
as well as the regular features by Dr.
A. Buschke, Dr. Kester Svendsen, Edmund Nash, Vincent L. Eaton, Eliot
Hearst, Erich Marchand, Guilherme
Groesser and William Rolam.

Of course, it was tough on the young fellow. Too bad. He had nothing against the boy. Played a nothing against the boy, Played a pretty good game, too — for a young fellow. The Old Master had been young once. That was a long time ago, though. He could hardly remember his first tournament. No! He didn't mean that. His first tournament was one of the things he'd never forget. That was in the old country, when he was eighteen. The champion of the world was playing in that tournament. The y met in the final round. Since the champion was already sure of the first prize this final game was not important to him. He was a genial old chap, and seeing how hard and how seriously his young, inexperienced opponent was working over a game which was, him, so simple, he had said after only twenty moves, "The game is about even. Suppose we call it a draw?" A draw with the champion of the world in his first tournament! And more than that. As the reporters, swarmed around them. reporters swarmed around them, the champion had placed his hand on the boy's shoulder and s a i d, "This young man has a great fu-ture in chess." These friendly words had shaped the course of the Old Master's life.

He had entered that first tournament just for fun — and experience. Now, on the word of no less an authority than the champion of the world, he had a future in chess. He had never doubted either the champion or himself either the champion or himself. From that moment on his life was devoted to chess, and chess was his life. No more days in his father's shop — he had to study his chess books. No more evenings on the mountain side watching sunsets mountain side watching sunsets with a fraulein — he had to be in some coffee-house or cafe playing chess. No more walking trips through the Schwartzwald, or boat trips down the Rhine, with vaca-tion friends. He had neither vacations nor friends, apart from the European chess world.

He had entered every tourna-ment he could get into. He had played in Vienna, Paris, Moscow, and a hundred other places. Never any big prizes at first. Maybe fifty dollars here, maybe thirty there, and maybe no prize at all. He re-membered the time he had to pass up the Munich tournament. He the Munich tournament. had had tough luck in an Amster-dam affair, and he didn't have train fare to get him to Munich in time. Then he won a strong tournament in Antwerp, and from that time on he had never had to worry about train fare. He kept on winning, and became one of the masters to whom tournament pro-moters paid large fees just to get his entry, to be able to announce that he would be one of the com-

Then came the war. Not the war in which he was a damned Jewish swine. The war before that one. The war in which he was an officer until he was badly wounded at Verdun. He still had the old Iron Cross which Hindenburg, himself, had presented to him.

After that war he had gone back to chess, and life had been good. He made a good living by following the tournaments all over the world. Wherever chess was played for high prizes, the Old Master was there. He wrote chess columns for the newspapers. He wrote two books: one, a collection of his best games, while the other was a readable, human-interest collection of tournament reminiscences. Pub lished in several different languages, these books sold well. He had needed the money, for ever since the war he had been supporting the children of his broth-er who had been killed on the Eastern front. For fifty years he had been roaming over the face of the world. Now, with the mon-ey coming in steadily from his books, he had decided to retire from active tournament play. He was going back to the little old town at the foot of the mountains where he could enjoy a well-earn-ed rest among his nephews and

He went back to that town, but Hitler's men got there about the same time. That was when he learned that, Iron Cross and international reputation to the conish swine. One nephew was killed, the other deported. The nieces went into concentration camps. He was cursed, spit upon, beaten. They let him live and sent him out into the chess world again to play in international tournaments. He had to win prizes, and the good American dollars or the good British pounds had to be brought back to Hitler's men. Because, if he didn't win, or if the money didn't come back, his nieces would die.

He had come to America to play and give exhibitions. He had met a refugee who had known his nieces, and who told him that the nieces had been dead for two years. Neither he nor the dollars had gone back to Hitler's men after that. The Old Master became a refugee. Wealthy chess patrons took charge of his affairs. They arranged with the immigration authorities for him to remain in the United States; they collected royalties on his books published in neutral and friendly countries; they found a place for him to live; they forced him to eat. He didn't care about anything any more. No, that wasn't correct. He still cared about chess. He loved the game, and loved to play it. He liked the and loved to play it. He liked the atmosphere of tournament play. He liked everything about it except the spectators. Kibitzers, he called them. They were all the same. When a player was really in trouble and wanted to concentrate there was always a crowd. trate there was always a crowd of these kibitzers around. Like this crowd here today. They shouldn't be allowed to rustle around and whisper so near the players in an important game-

GAME! WHAT GAME? THIS GAME HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE PLAYING AND WHICH HE HAD FORGOTTEN!

THE GAME

Not pausing to look at the clock to see how much time he had wasted day-dreaming he frantical-ly made his long-planned 36th move with one hand and pushed the clock lever down with the other. A great sigh swept audibly through the crowd outside the rope. As he looked at the clock he saw what had caused the sigh. He had just two seconds left on his clock! Two seconds to make four moves! The tournament di-rector was standing beside the table closely watching the clock. His young opponent moved hastily and punched his clock. The Old Master again made his move with one hand and punched the clock with the other, almost simultancously. The tiny red metal flag on the face of his clock, the fall of which would announce the passing of the time limit, was nearly raised. Three moves to go. The Old Master was sure of himself now. He'd got out of tougher time jams than this. The beauty of this was that he didn't have to think about the moves. Just move and punch the clock three times more. Lucky he had done all the nec-essary thinking before his 35th move, and that he knew just what to do. The young man moved again — the pawn move which the old man had anticipated. The Old Master moved too, but there was a difference this time. His nervous, stiffened fingers fumbled the piece, and before he had completed the move and stopped the clock the little red flag was straight up— as high as it could go. He knew that meant that it would fall inside a half-second. He had to make two moves before it fell!

Res Caissae

By Guilherme Groesser

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Could he do it? He wasn't so sure

The opponent's move had to be pawn to bishop's five, and his re-ply had to be pawn takes pawn. Might as well get ready for it. He stretched his gnarled left hand out over the board, ready to grasp, and move the pawn, while his right hand was extended to rest on the clock lever, ready to push

The young man now had the advantage in time — a whole min-ute and half — ninety seconds — to make two moves. He hunched his chair up closer to the table and stared at the board. The crowd was breathless. The old The old man sat waiting, motionless at first, then his arms began to trem-Inst, then his arms began to tremble slightly. He was an old man. He was tired. He wanted to cry. Most of all he wanted to shout to shriek — and only the discipline of five decades of tournament tradition kept him silent. Why didn't he move? Every fibre of his inner consciousness was shouting to his opponent, "Move—damn you—move." There was only one move to make. Pawn to bishop's five! Anyone could see that It had to be that MIN. that. It had to be that. WHY DIDN'T HE MOVE?

Suddenly the young man's hand shot out, and the old man braced himself in preparation. The hand went out to the pawn - passed it — and moved the rook from bishop one to queen one. Then the young man quietly but swiftly punched the clock.

The Old Master's hand dropped swiftly toward the pawn he had been planning to move — then it

takes pawn on bishop's five when there was no pawn there for him to take. He'd have to play something else. His opponent was trying to cross him up with that rook move. He must be erazy. That rook move was no good. That would cost the young fool the game almost at once. Let's see, what reply had he planned for that rook move just in case the young fellow was fool enough to make it? Oh, yes, he remembered now, Rook to -

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"The Old Master lost a game of chess and nerves yesterday. The young dark horse from the West played the white pieces in an orthodox Queen's Gambit Declined. He outplayed his venerable opponent in the middle game and won a pawn. Then, with both players in desperate time trouble, he deliber-

"The Old Master, displaying the good sportsmanship which has earned the respect of two generations of chess lovers, had no ex-cuses to offer for his defeat. As he shook hands with his youthful conqueror he told reporters. This young man has a great future in chess."

stopped. He couldn't play pawn

The tournament director spoke sympathetic but decisive tone. It didn't make any difference any more where he played the rook. The game was over!

ately played a bad and losing move. Such a move, coming so un-expectedly, caused his more ex-periences opponent to hesitate. As he hesitated he overstepped the time limit and forefieted the game.

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Chess Life

Saturday, May 5, 1951

Chess Life In New York By Eliot Hearst

A determined attempt by Ar-thur Bisguier to wrest the Man-hattan Chess Club title away from defending champion Arnold Denker fell just short of success, for in the crucial last round Denker man-aged to hold the onrushing (4 straight wins!) U. S. open champion to a draw and thus retain his title. Denker's score of 10-3 just shaded the two junior luminaries, Bisguier and Kramer, both finishing with 91/2-31/2.

Denker, well known for his dashing attacking style, seems to have curbed some of his rashness in recent years, and the fact that he went through this strong tourney undefeated is ample evidence of more consistent, steady play. Perhaps his greatest chess accomplish-ment was his victory in the 1944 U. S. championship ahead of Reu-ben Fine, and his performance in international chess circles, notably at Groningen and London, has also been of a high order. Denker does not exactly fit the non-chess-playing public's conception of a "chessmaster"; very interested in all athletic activities, he can also cherish the memory of being a top notch Golden Gloves boxer in his early twenties. What other chess-master can make that statement?

Arthur Bisguier and George Kramer second prize winners, have, along with Larry Evans of the Marshall Chess Club, been for several years now the top younger players in the country. Kramer won the New York State Championship when only sixteen years old and has since performed strongly in the various U. S. Open and regular U. S. chmpionships in which he has competed. Though happily married now and holding a defense job in Philadelphia, George's face is still not absent from New York chess centers for any long periods. Art Bisguier, too, needs no introduction to chess fans; the current U. S. Open champ and international victor at Southsea last year is certainly one of America's top masters.

In Brief: N.Y. City's Met League, now two rounds complete, finds Marshall, Manhattan and Columbia University teams tied for first place with 2-0. Columbia, compet-ing for the first time in many years, is playing without the services of Walter Shipman, Ralph Italie, and E. Hearst (respective captains for the last three years), who have previous commitments to play for other Met League clubs; these there will of course withdraw when their teams meet Columbia. Sammy Reshevsky and I. A. Horowitz gave a tandem simultaneous exhibition (the exhibitors alternate exhibition (the exhibitors alternate moves) at the New World Chess Club recently, emerging undefeated with two draws (to Paul Monsky and Dr. S. Greenberg) in 25 games. .. A Marshall "B" team defeated a team from WEATT C. C. by 11½-2½... Bernie Hill won the best-played game prize in the re-cent Marshall championship for his victory over Jack Collins. Joseph Richman garnered the prize for the best score against the prize winners...Robert Levenstein, New York State champion in the early 1930's, is returning to chess competition and plays on the London Terrace team in the Met LeagueWatch this column for news of something BIG coming in June!!!

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1. P-K4 Ki-K83!?
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ALEKHINE'S DEFENSE Marshall Sextangular Tournament New York, 1951 Notes by J. Mayer

P.K4 KI-KB3!? Current opinion on the Alekhine Defense is that it is slightly inferior. The present game gives "no verdiet" be-cause White does not follow the most incisive line. Most probably it was play-ed to avoid Tony's renowned King's Gambit.

known."
6. Kt-B3 QKt-B3 8. B-K3
7. P2P Kt2P
This is the game loses its theoretical interest—B-QKt5 is much more difficult for Black to meet.
8. Kt-02 10. Kt-04
9. B-QKt5 P-KKt3
After 10. Kt-Q4
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P-B4 B-K3 O-O B-KB4 KtxQ P-KR4 B-R2 Kt-Kt3 PxKt Kt-K4

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KI has found a new home where
can, for a time, avoid notoriety.
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VK

27. BXP 28. R-B4 29. RxB 29. RxB 30. R-K2 31. Kt-K4 32. Kt-K45 33. KtxP 34. RxR 35. R-Kt4 36. Kt-B8 ch 37. KtxP Resigns

Kt-Q2 QxP QxP QxQ QxQ B-KKt2 P-K4 Kt-B4 Kt-B4 Kt-B8 B-K3 B-Q4

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Jalisco State Championship Guadalajara, 1951

Notes by Edw. J. Korpant; White
A. IGLESIAS
C. LLAGUNO
P-Q4
P-Q4
P-Q4
P-Q84
Kt-Q83
A strange move. This immediately subjects the Q to attack—as in the Cen-

.

3 8 8

K-Q2

2B3 P-Q4 4, P-K6! PxP 5 KK1-Q2 5, P-Q4 P-B4 ote Fine in PCO and entirely story defense for Black is

Rochester 17, N. Y.

18. KtxB 19. QxKt R-Q1
19. PxP; 20. RxP would speed
White's penetration as well as ridding
White of his isolated P. Furthermore,
while White's next move will create
a strong passed P, Black's endgame
chances are not entirely hopeless because he expects an eventual "remote"
passed P on the Q-side:
20. P-B5 Q-QB3
Blockading the BP as recommended by
Nimzovitch.
21. KR-Q1
White's position is superior due to his
strong outpost in the center. There
is, however, no easy way to make
rapid headway.

R-Q2 25. Q-Kt3 R-OKt1

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Faced with the possibility of R(1)-B3 winning the K(P, Black finds this lively resource which by giving the exchange saves the KtP and wins the KP in addition to opening lines for the B. 37, KfxR RxKf 38, Ro6 QxKP An important sequal to his 36th move. 39, B-B2

An important sequal to his 36th move.

39. B-82
Of course not 39. PxB?, since Black mates in three.

39. Q-B5 ch
40. B-K/13
Black threatened 41. P-K5.
41. Q-K/15
42. P-B6
P-K/14
The situation is still lively. Not 42.
P-K5; 43. R-Q71, BxR; 44. R-B7 followed by QxB mate!
43. P-B7 R-QB5
44. RxP
QxR
44. RxP
P-K5
48. BxR
48. P-K5
48. BxR
49. Q-B5 ch Drawn
46. B-B4
RxP
Black's doubled extra RP is not enough to win. A most interesting fighting draw.

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Solutions:

White to Play and Win Position No. 67: 1. B-K17! (1. BxP, K-B2 only draws), K-B2; 2. B-R6!, KxKt; K-K9; K-K1; 4. K-B7, QP moves; 5. B-K17 mate.

Position No. 68: 1. K-Q8, K-K13! (other moves lose); 2. K-Q8, K-K2! (Only move); 3. F-K4, F-K14; 4. K-B5, F-K15!; 5. KxP, K-K13 and draws.

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Best Move? By Guilherme Groesser Position No. 76

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8, 6pk, 7p, 3plp1Q, 3PbPP1, 2P2B1K, 1r6 Black to play

Send solutions to Position No. 70 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by June 5, 1951.

June 5, 1951.

Solution to Position No. 67

This position unfortunately yields to two divergent lines of play, and while one is slightly superior to the other in amount of the position merit, neither can be called anaecus to the property of the position of position

Last quarter's contest.

South of New Brighton, Pa., with 27

points. Mr. Gault now drops to the

bottom of the ladder,

Correct solutions (Kt-KKt5 or Kt-Q5)

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Counter Game except that here the itself becomes an object of attack. PxP QxP 4. K+KB3 B-K45 lek is working up a very unbalanced relopment. The K-side is being negted. That can easily lead to disaster. Kt-B3 Q-Q2

sias)
P-Q5
BxKf
the Kt moves, then 7. Kt-K5 followby 8. Q-Ré ch is deadly.
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te so old at that.
B-Kt5

After 9. B-Kt5



P. IGLESIAS
P. PxP
10. PxP
10. PxP
10. PxP
11. KtxQ and the
White P is master whether taken or
not. In any case the Black R is lost
or a mate may follow.
11. Q-B3 R-B1 12. B-R6 R-B2
Black's Q-side is riddled and the Kside yet untouched. Nothing but a loss
for Black can be expected.
13. Q-O P-K3
On the 13th move when it should have
been made on the 2nd,
14. R-Q1
Every move Black made White

rery move Black made White proved no good. B-Q3 Q-Kt; 16. B-Kt5, Q-B4; 17. B-K3

......, Q-Kt; 16. B-Kt5, Q-B4; 17. B-K3 and wins.
 15. Kt-K4 Resigns
 Refusing to be abused any further He might try 15., Kt-R5; 16. Q-R5, Kt-B4; 17. KtxB eh, KtxKt; 18. Q-K5 and wins.

IRREGULAR OPENING

CCLA Grand National Correspondence, 1951

Notes by J. E. Howarth

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White
W. J. COUTURE
REV. M. MILLER
1, P-K4
2, R-K4
3, R-K4
4, R-K4
4,

READERS' ROAD TO CHESS

(Continued from page 2)

 B-Q3, P-KN3;
 P-KB4, B-N2;
 P-K5, PxP;
 P-RP, N-N5;
 B-N5 ch,
 K-B1;
 N-K6 ch, Resigns. Herman Steiner's win in round VIII from Norway's Vestol is the sort ordinary mortals enjoy playing over because Black's mistakes are so clear and are so promptly punished that one sees immediately how Steiner's king-side attack develops.

Nimzo-Indian Defense. 1. P-Q4, N-KB3; 2. P-Q84, P-K3; 3. N-QB3, B-N5; 4. P-QR3. BxN ch; 5. PxB. O-O; 6. P-K3, P-QN3; 7. B-Q3, N-B5; 8. N-K2, B-R3; 9. N-N3, N-QR4; 10. Q-K2, N-N6; 11. R-QN1, N-X8; 12. RxN, Q-K2; 13. O-O, QR-B1; 14. P-K4, P-Q3; 15. P-B4, N-Q2; 16. P-K5, KR-K1; 17. N-K4, P-KB4; 10. PxBP-c.p., NxP; 19. QR-K1, QR-Q1; 20. N-N5, B-B1; 21. Q-QB2, P-N3; 22. P-KB5, NPXP; 23. BxP, P-K4; 24. BxB, Resigns.

Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 239 (Kellerman): 1. Kt-Q6. "A delightful first attempt, full of high promise. The unpinning key gives the Queen four new defenses, including three new checks and a self-block. The problem altogether combines nine variations, with excellent construction and fine accuracy. Come again soon, Bro. Kellerman"—Alain White. "Delightful to find a youngster evolve such a problem"—M. A. Michaels. Quite a number of solvers fell for the try of 1. Kt-K5, defeated by 1., R-Q1 ch.

No. 240 (Hermanson): 1. P-KB(Kt) was intended, but solvers found a "cook" by 1. Kt-Kt4 ch. Of the author's solution Alain White wrote: "The newly promoted Knight loses no time to threaten mate. Black's defenses thereupon set up two removal threats, each leading to two interesting corrections, which combine to make an unusually original group of seven mates. I like it very much."

No. 241 (Marysko): also proved to be "cooked." In addition to the author's key of 1. Kt-Kt4, there is a brutal solution by 1. B-B5 ch. "Masterly half-pinner"—Alain White.

No. 242 (Kujoth); 1. R.Kt5. If 1., PxP; 2. R.KB5. If 1., P.K13; 2. R.KR1! "Sparkling little flash of strategy, where the Black Pawn at Kt2 forces white's play to prepare two clever ambushes"—Alain White. "A little gem. The second variation with Rook sacrifice and Pawn mate is amazing"—M. A. Michaels.

No. 243 (Buchwald): The author's intention was 1. P.K4. "Two adjacent flight squares, with nice mates when the Black King moves thereto—and then the two mainplays when the Black Knights each occupy one of the same squares by way of Black correction mechanisms. Very original and thematic play throughout"—Alain White. Unfortunately there is a second solution by 1. ByKf.

GRUNFELD DEFENSE World Championship Match 2nd Game, 1951

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

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4. P.Q4

Now we can see why Black's best reply to 3. B-B4 was either 3. ..., Kt-B3 or 3. ..., B-B4. Of the two, I prefer 3. ..., Kt-B3, which attacks the White From playing P-Q4. 3., B-B4 does prevent 4. P-Q43, however with 4. P-QB3 White can usually accomplish this move. PxP

4. PxP

Of course not 4. KtxP; 5. BxP ch, KxB; 6. KtxP ch, etc.

5. KtxP bB-B4

The principles of defense are again violated. The simpler 5. KtxKt combined with PB-B4

6. KfxKP

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6. KfxKE

Hromadka, Pistyan, 1914; but), Kt-B1; 9. P-Kr3, P-KR3, etc. with equality. 4. P-Q4

19. Kt-B3

19, Kt-B3
The prelude to the end.
19, SB-R3 22, Q-B5 ch
20, BxP ch PxB 23, Q-R5 ch
21, QxP ch K.Kt3 24, RxKt
After 24, RxKt
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COUTURE

all these checks, "I gotta get PXR

White BRONSTEIN M. BOTVINNIK