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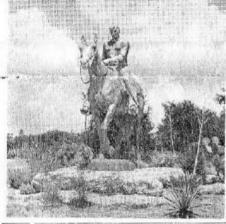


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FORT WORTH Abore - Rock shelter house and figure-cight flecting basin fed by natural springs in the Insuriant Worth Botanic Garaens.

Left-Will Rog ers, beloved Oklaoma cowboy humorist, rides into the stated on his favorite horse, Soap Suds. Statue stands in front of Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium, Will called Fort Worth "his home away from home."

WICHER TAKES WISCONSIN TITLE

Celebrating a return to tourna-Celebrating a return to tournament chess after a long absence, Enos Wicher regained the Wisconsin Championship which he had held in 1940 and jointly with Arpad Elo in 1941. Wicher, a graduate student at University of Wisconsin and candidate for a Ph.D. in Physics, scored 6½-½ in the seven round 58 player Swiss event at Milwaukee, directed by Ernest OIFe and Paul Liebig for the Wis. State Chess Assn. and Wis. State State Chess Assn. and Wis. State Recreation Assn., drawing a game with runner-up Arpad E. Elo.

Former State Champion Elo scored 6-1 for second place, drawing games with Wicher and Averil Powers. Third place went to former Milwaukee City Champion Mark Surgies with 5½-1½ on S-B points. Surgies drew with Powers, Ralph Abrams and John Grakovac, Fourth Powers, also with 5½-1½, drawing with Elo, Surgies and Paul Thorbjornsen. Strength of the tournament was indicated by the fact that Milwanks (Six Charles) fact that Milwaukee City Champion Martin Ptacek placed ninth and former State Champion Richard Kujoth tenth on S-B points with equal 5-2 scores

At the annual meeting of the Wisconsin State Chess Assn. F. C. Stokes of Waterloo was elected president, and Arpad E. Elo of Milwaukee secertary-treasurer.

COLORADO PLANS GALA TOURNEY

To make Colorado truly chess conscious, a four-ring tournament has been planned for August 23-26 to be played under the pines at the Denver University Campus. The novel arrangements include simultaneous exhibitions by international masters, a first annual postal congress where correspondence players can meet in person and play their mail opponents over the board, a special tournament for state champions of other states, and the first Colorado Open Championship. This last will be a 7 round Swiss, open to all with \$5.00 entry fee, to crown state and open champions. USCF Director Merl champions. USCF Director Meri Reese, 1740 Glenarm Place, Den-ver 2, Colo., W. M. Spackman, edi-tor of The Chess Correspondent, Boulder, Colo., and Carl Powers, Colorado Springs, Colo. will be tournament directors. For details,

COHEN TRIUMPHS AT MONTREAL

Moishe Cohen of the En Passant Club has won the Montreal City Championship, in which he held the lead consistently from the start. Second place went to young Lionel Joyner of the Montreal Chess Club. Third place is still in doubt, depending upon the out-come of adjourned games.

FORT WORTH BECKONS TO ALL TO ENJOY U.S. OPEN TOURNEY

Chess Players And Their Families Will Find U.S. Open A Real Vacation

Scenic and historic Fort Worth, one of the great vacation spots of the Southwest, has laid its plans for one of the finest U. S. Open Championship Tournaments ever held. Many special features have been planned for the entertainment of the players and their families

in a city that holds many attractive recreational facilities.

Trinity, Forest Park and Rock Springs are only three of the wooded wonderland of interlinking parks on the Trinity River, providing in all 11,000 acres of scenic wonder with swimming pools, baseball diamonds. tennis courts, picnic facilities, horseback riding and one of the finest zoos in the Southwest, together with a world famous Botanic Garden,

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For the fisherman and boating fan three lakes skirt the north of
the city, teeming with crappie, bass, perch, bream and catfish, while
the lakes are dotted with sail and power boats. For the golfer there
are four municipal courses in addition to three country clubs; and the
baseball fan may see the Brooklyn-owned Cats in LaGrave Field, one
of the finest Minor League plants.

Program for the U. S. Open
Championship, to which all chess
players are invited, includes a banquel at the Hotel Texas and the

players are invited, includes a ban-quet at the Hotel Texas and the Tenth Annual U. S. Lightning Championship event; The schedule of one round of play a day pro-vides ample time for the contest-ants to enjoy the beauties of Fort Worth and rectals of the many on-Worth and partake of the many op-portunities for other recreational activities. The Fort Worth Chess Club in sponsoring the event has pledged a minimum of \$1,650.00 to be distributed as prizes to the contestants.

Women's Tourney

Special plans have been made to entertain the women chess players in the Concurernt U.S. Woman's Open Championship event, to which an unusually large number of women players are expected this year. A number of Southwestern women players have indicated an eagerness to cross swords at chess with representatives from the Middle West and East.

Headquarters will be at the Hotel Texas, one of the finest hotels in the Southwest, but accomodations will be available at a number of other excellent hotels. Players are advised to place their reservations carly for accomodations because of the anticipated large number of entries in this most popular of U. S. chess tournaments.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO ALAIN WHITE

By airmail from London, S. Sedgwick, newly appointed prob-lem editor of British Chess Maga-zine and secretary of the British Chess Problem Society, expresses the grief of the British problem enthusiasts and the Problem Society upon learning of the passing of Alain C. White. Mr. Sedgwick writes: "A great light has gone out, the like of which we shall never see again."

LAFRENIERE WINS YAKIMA CO MEET

Yakima High school Champion Oliver LaFreniere won the Yakima County (Wash.) Championship 191/2-County (Wash.) Championship 1992-3½ in a double round robin event at the Yakima City Chess Club. William H. Hage was second with 184 and defending champion Eli Triesman third with 17-5.

IND'PLS TITLE

In a 5 round 14 player, Swiss, 1950 City Champion Leopold Bind-er retained the Indianapolis Open title by a perfect 5-0 score. Second place with 4-1 went to H. O. Peterson who lost his only game to the defending champion. A. Gruen, a former city titlist, was third with 3½-1½, losing to Peterson and drawing with B. Edwards. Fourth place on S-B points went to threetime State Champion J. Van Benton with 3-2, losing games to Binder and Peterson. Fifth and sixth respectively with equal 3-2 scores were G. O. Taylor and B. Hofmann. Ages in this representative event ranged from D. Carter, 17, to Frank

HURT CAPTURES CHARLESTON MEET

John F. Hurt won the Charleston (W.Va.) City Championship with 12½-1½ in an 8 player double round robin, losing one game and drawing one with runner-up Ed-win Faust. Faust score 111/2-21/2 for second place, losing one game to Edward M. Foy, and drawing one game each with Walter Crede, Jr. and Frank Branner. Foy placed third with 9-5 and Walter Crede, Jr. fourth with 7½-6½.

PURDY REPEATS IN AUSTRALIA

For the fourth time C.J.S. Purdy, brilliant editor of Chess World, won the Australian Championship with a 12-3 score in the 16 player round robin event at Brisbane. Mr. Purdy lost one game to Karoly and drew four. Second place went to Lajos Steiner with 11-4, losing games to Purdy and Crowl and drawing four. A three-way tie for third at 10-5 each was held by Latvian masters L. Endzelins and K. Ozols with J. Hanks. The Lithuanian master R. Arlauskas tied for sixth at 81/2-61/2 with J. O. Baay, Champion of Indonesia. For the first time on record representatives from all six states in the Commonwealth competed, and the tournament was a part of the official Australian Commonwealth Golden Jubilee.

GRUEN CAPTURES INDIANA TITLE

June 5, 1951

By virtue of defeating Lovo By virtue of defeating Loyn Richardson and George Martinson in a playoff match while Martinson bested Kenneth Rearick, Alfred D. Gruen become the 1951 Indiana State Champion. In the actual 5 round 23 player event at Logans-port, directed by Floyd B, Bolton, these four players tied for first on game points, with Richardson plac-

ing first on S-B points.

Richardson with 4-1, drew games with Donald O. Brooks and Dale E. Rhead; Rearick lost one game to Richardson; Martinson lost one game to Rearick; and Gruen lost his game to Richardson, Peculiar circumstances prevented Mr. Gruen from playing in the first two rounds, and he was awarded a bye in the first round and his game to Richardson forfeited in the second. Despite this handicap, he recovered to win the title.

The Indiana Chess Assn. re-

elected the following officers: Glen C. Douley of Logansport president, Dale E. Rhead of Gary secretary, and Fred C. Flauding of Portland treasurer. Floyd E. Bolton of East Chicago was designated Tourng-ment director and assisted by Loyn L. Richardson of South Bend and Roger Gren of Muncie.

ANDERSON TAKES TORONTO TITLE

Once again Frank R. Anderson has won the Toronto City Cham-pionship with 4-1 in the 6 player pionship with 4-1 in the o player round robin finals, losing a 4th round game to N. Kuttis. Other places remain uncertain, to be determined by the outcome of ad-

journed games.

In the preliminaries P. Avery won section one with 10-0, followed by I. Suk 8-2 and Z. L. Sarosy 7½-2½, while in section two F. R. Anderson scored 7½-1½, with T. Jewitt 7-2 and N. Kuttis 6½-2½.

VIRGINIA U WINS INTERCOLLEGIATE

The first tournament of the recently organized Southern Intercollegate Chess Association saw the University of Virginia win with 16½ points by virtue of a 2½-1½ victory over Duke University. Duke also scored 161/2 points but had to be content with second place. Third place went to the University of Richmond with 13 points. The University of Virginia received the handsome Miller and Rhoads Trophy, donated by the Richmond department store of that name. The tournament was held at the University of Richmond Mill-hiser Gymnasium and other Southern schools represented were Randolph-Macon College, Medical College of Virginia, and Washing-ton and Lee University.

ton and Lee University.

The Collegiate Association was organized by William Chaffin of the University of Richmond, its first president, and Prof. Rodney M. Baine of the University of Richmond, its permanent secretary. Next year will see Thomas Pettigrew of the University of Virginia as president and the action at Charlottesville where it is expected that many more Southern colleges will be represented. leges will be represented.

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CIVIL WAR?

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READERS may become slightly bewildered in seeing two announcements of the Southern Chess Association Championship in this issue of CHESS LIFE. The tournament in Tampa is announced by SCA Secretary-Treasurer Major J. B. Holt who states he has the concurrence of SCA Vice-President Grady Cotter and S. A. Agnello. The tournament at Asheville is announced by SCA President Martin Southern. CHESS LIFE does not presume to determine which announcement is to be accurate. LIFE does not presume to determine which announcement is to be accepted as the official will of the Southern Chess Association, for it is the authority and privilege of the members of that Association, for it is the authority and privilege of the members of that Association to determine these facts according to whatever regulation govern such tournaments in their offical By-Laws. Therefore we publish impartially both announcements and leave decision to the SCA membership.

WHEN THE SHOE PINCHES THE CHILD CRIES

C HESS LIFE, in common with most respectable publications, ignores unsigned letters, for the usually vituperative coward who has not the courage to stand behind his views is generally deemed too insignificant to merit attention. But a recent, rather pitiful unsigned card from one obviously juvenile reader (mentally, at least) is so characteristic of all such anonymous tirades that the reader may be amused in

istic of all such anonymous traues that the total considering it for a moment:

CHESS LIFE (5/5/5) contained no mention of the world championship match concerning which all chess players are interested. Only Montgomery Major's semi-monthly Red-Baiting editorial party on, of all things, Soviet neglect of some American chess activities! Major's rating is reminiscent of Hitler and his tribe who also gloried in being called "warmonger." CHESS LIFE would be batter without that sap—

A Student

iscent of Hitler and his tribe who also gloried in being called "warmonger." CHESS LIFE would be better without that sape.

Name omitted because the saps are in control now.

This curious epistle illustrates in its brevity almost all of the faults characteristic of Soviet apologists; and for that reason is a gem, if a rather crude and unpolished gem. Better educated apologists do it much more suavely and convincingly; they would not, for example, be redundant in the use of "sap" as an epithet when Roget lists more than one hundred synonyms. But they would convey the same message, phrased in more plausible language.

Point one of this quaint communication is, of course, the usual fancy bit of logic (Soviet style). "All players" are interested in the alleged world championship match because the writer of this nameless note believes that they should be. As a matter of fact, the Editor is a chess player (surprising as this may be), and he is not in the least interested in the outcome of the cozy little Soviet title match. He considers it quite immaterial who wins it, although CHESS LIFE did print the final results and will publish several of the games. A number of other chess players have also expressed their complete indifference on the matter of the title match.

Point two is a striking example of the evasive twisting of facts so beloved by Soviet apologists (and basically recommended in Soviet texts on polemics). In our editorial we were concerned principally with the crude distortions published in chess magazines in the Soviet satellite countries—distortions that pretended to be news and served merely as a basis for ridiculous sermons on the alleged superiority of the Soviet way of chess. That these same publications neglected other American chess activities was a statement added as an afterthought and was mentioned merely to indicate the careful selection by these

American chess activities was a statement added as an afterthought and was mentioned merely to indicate the careful selection by these magazines of only those isolated incidents that served as possible texts for political philosophizing. Our young and not too clever critic in his postcard obviously cannot find an answer to our remarks concerning these Soviet distortions and outright lies (whereas a better educated apologist would find several glib retorts), and so he clings desperately to the very tag-end of our remarks, which were such a minor part of our general criticism, hoping that no one will observe his crude strategy. Point three, of course, needs reference to the Soviet version of the dictionary. A "warmonger" (Soviet definition) is anyone who opposes in any way the aims of the Soviet Union. On the other hand,

poses in any way the aims of the Soviet Union. On the other hand, all Soviet actions (whether Malik raging in the Security Council or the Secret Police liquidating a few thousand more dissenters) is always to be described as peaceful and the Soviet Union as peace-loving Therefore, when North Korean troops swept across the 38th parallel, this was only peaceful unification of Korea into a Peoples Popular Democracy; the Southern Koreans were the warmongers for resisting such unficiation. In this sense of the word, the Editor remains proud of being considered a warmonger in all Soviet satellite countries. But, primarily, the most interesting characteristic of all such pitiful anonymous communications from Soviet apologists is the fact that their writers never exhibit any indication of intelligent thinking. The technique invariably is the parroting of certain set phrases, coupled with abusive epithets in the hope that the sound and fury will disguise the lack of thought. Does this common attribute of all such anonymous tirades denote that the writers share the same type of mentality (or lack

tirades denote that the writers share the same type of mentality (or lack of it)? Or does it indicate the failure of our educational system in not teaching modern youth how to think?

The tragedy lies not in the fact that some Americans have been misdirected into accepting the Soviet philosophy for living, but in the fact that so many Americans have been misdirected by the lack of proper education. They believe the preposterous because they have never been taught how to distinguish between the false and the true syllogism, and so they become ready prey to the attractive glitter of pseudo-ideas that would not stand the test of logical analysis.

Our callow critic, quoted in these lines, deserves more pity than censure, for he has not even been taught how to present an argument in an intelligent manner. Those who failed to train him in how to think clearly and logically are the veritable culprits!

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

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THE BCM has been developing its pattern for more than half a century. Each issue contains a generous selection of interesting games, recent, out-of-the-way, important; several pages of chess news from all over the world, a feature article on some recent tournament or chess event, reviews, endings, and problems. Analytical articles, postal chess news and games, features like R. N. Coles "One Hundred Years Ago," and other odds and ends are also characteristic elements of the long-est-lived of chess journals in English. The bare totals in the bound volume before me are impressive. In these four hundred twelve pages the reader gets 261 games, 283 problems (most of them "smallwares"), 93 endings, 31 reviews, 4 long analyses of openings in major tournaments. Players anxious to keep up with foreign chess will find not only full reports on international affairs but 17 national championships briefly reported and with a game or more. Problemists have always liked BCM because of the pages devoted to their art under the direction of the great T. R. Dawson. Harry Golombek, former British champion, is games editor and responsible for most of the annotation. A scholarly tone derives from the special articles by H. J. R. Murray, premier chess historian, on the spread of the game in western Europe, by H. Huxley on chess at Tunbridge Wells in the seventeenth century, by A. Chico on the rediscovered Tractatus Scachoron MS at Modena. One amusing feature in the April issue is the collection of eight gamelets from recent Russian play "in which the sins, though hardly original, are none the less instructive." In the March issue is Gerald Abrahams "Il Scraglio at Moscow," a witty eyewitness account of the Women's World Championship. English events are of course fully reported. The sample here is Game No. 10,628, from the 1950 British Championship, in which Golombek shows seventeen-year-old Jonathan Penrose that youth does not always have its way.

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King's Indian Defense. 1. P.Q4, N-K83; 2. P.Q84, P.KN3; 3. P.KN3, B-N2; 4. B-N2; 0.00; 5. P.K4, P.Q3; 6. N-K2; P.K4; 7. 0-0, N-B3; 8. P-Q5, N-K2; 9. QN-B3, N-R4; 10. B-K3; P.KB4; 11. Q-Q2, R-B2; 12. QR-K1, Q-B1; 13. P-B4, B-Q2; 14. BPXP, BxP; 15. B-R6, B-N2; 16. BxB, QXE; 17. N-Q4, P-B5; 18. N-K61, Q-R3; 19. NXBBP, R-QB1; 20; N-K6, P-KN4; 21. P-KN4, N-N2; 22. P-K5, PXP; 23. RXKP, BXP; 24. PXB, NXPP; 25. Q-Q6, Resigns.

The Kibitzer Has His Day From the Editor's Mail Bag

Dear Mr. Major:
I quite agree with Mr. H. Siller that ex-communists are more dan-gerous than communists, but in my opinion the simpletons and light-headed people are the most dangerous element. These men live in the fair world created by their imagination and from their cozy chairs in London and New York

contemplate the totalitarian policy of the Soviet state.

As it is clearly seen from his letter Mr. Siller does not even understand the difference between Soviet and Russian. Being an Ukranian, I have no reason to love the old Russian or contemporary Soviet empire. I respect and appreci-ate, however, the Russian culture and Russian chess players but I despise all that is built on cheap propoganda tricks. It is impossible with the Soviets to know when the truth ends and the propoganda be-

I have never written that the re sult of the World Championship was "fixed" or a plot has been planned. I have not denied in my letters that "there is of course some playing supremacy of Soviet masters helping to secure for them high places." But I have behind me the experience of 25 years of life in the Soviet Union and I have well justified doubts (my letter in "CHESS," July- September, 1949) that the fair play would be allowed if the international prestige of Stalin clique would be at stake.

In the World Championship Botainship

vinnik after 15th round had a score 9-5 from Soviet masters and 4 from foreigners, and his nearest rival Keres 61/2. Although Keres lost all three games to Botvinnik, the style of his victories over Smyslov (2½-½) and Euwe (same score) permitted hope that he would be able to compete. But in the 4th Moscow tourn, he was able to win only from Euwe who played in this tournament with a desperation of a doomed gladiator, Keres play with Smyslov in the 17th round astonishes with the absence of any ideas; such blunders as in the game with Botvinnik in the 20th round I have never seen in Keres before. So Keres lost to Botvinnik 4 out of 5 games and only in the last game he was grant-

only in the last game he was granted a gain when the first prize for Botvinnik was safe.

In my judgment about the quality of the games I rely upon my own analysis however authoritative other commentators would be. And in my opinion the quality of games between Soviet masters and Botvinnik in this tournament is lower than it would be with no pressure from the outside.

In conclusion I have to declare

that I have never been a member of Communist or Nazi parties and never sympathised with either pol-icy or ideology.

DR. F. BOHATIRCHUK Ottawa, Canada Readers may be interested in

the last encounter between Dr. Bohatirchuk and M. Botvinnik-a game which cost the present World Champion an undivided first place:

RUY LOPEZ II International Chess Tournament 15th Round, March 7 Moscow, 1935

Moscon, 1935

White

DR. F. BOHATIRCHUK M. BOTVINNIK

1. P.K4 P.K4 20, R.K2 Q.K13

2. KK-KB3 KK-QB3 21, P-KB3 R.Q2

3. KK-B3 KK-QB3 22, P-KB3 R.Q2

4. B-K15 B.K15 23, RxP R.K2

5. O-O O-Q4, B-K1 P.KB4

5. P-Q3 P-Q3 25, B-B3 KR-K1

7. B-K15 BxK1 26, Q-Q3 B-B1

8. PxB Q-K2 27, R.KB1 PxP

9. R.K1 P.QR3 28, RxP RxR

10. B-B4 QxK-Q 27, R.KB1 PxP

11. KK-Q2 P-R3 30, KK-G5 QxQ

12. B-K13 XK-B3 30, KK-G5 QxQ

12. B-K13 XK-B3 30, KK-G5 Rx

13. B-K14 XK-B3 30, KK-G5 Rx

14. RPxK1 P-KK14 31, KK-G5 Ch KK-B4

15. B-K13 KK-G1 32, P-KK14 R-K1

16. P-Q4 P-KB3 35, P-KK14

16. P-Q4 P-KB3 35, P-KK17

17. KK-B1 KK-K1 34, P-KK14

18. P-QB4 QR-Q1 37, B-K1 P-K51

19. KK-K3 Q-B2 38, R-B1 Resigns

Alekhine's Early Chess Career

By A. Buschke

V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

FOUR KNIGHTS GAME

Played on August 9, 1918 in the Moscow Chess Club in a seance on five boards, Alekhine playing without sight of the board simultaneously.

Notes by N. D. Grigoriev in "64", 1931

N. D. GRIGORIEV
5. KtxKt PxKt
6. P-K5 PxKt
7. PxKt QxP
8. QPXP Q-K4 ch
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14. QR-KII

14. QR-KII

15. O-O

16. KR-KI

16. MR-KII

16. MR-KII

16. MR-KII

17. QR-KII

18. QR-KII

19. QR-KII

20. QR-KII

20. QR-KII

After 21., QR-KI GRIGORIEV

QR-K1



22. Q-K3?
Defending himself poorly against the threat B-Q2. White gives his opponent a tempo and the initiative, Possibly, Alekhihe had counted on 22. R-R8, but sow that this as well as 2. Q-Q37, and the poorly of the poorly o

P-K+3! 24, Q-Q2 RxB The superiority now changes hands.
White's extra P does not make itself

White's extra P does not make itself felt.

22. Ryal R(B1)-K1 23. K-K12 R-K7

23. Ryal R R R 29. QxP?

24. Ryal QBS

25. Ryal R R 27. QxP?

26. Ryal QBS

27. Ryal QBS

28. Ryal QBS

29. QxP?

29. Ryal QBS

29. QxP

20. Ryal QBS

29. QxP

20. Ryal QBS

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The P supported only by the Q new does not hold any promise for a chance of salvation.

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QQ7
38. Q-K5 ch K-R3!
The R endgame is hopeless: 29. Q-K3 ch, QxQ; 40. RxQ, RxKtP and Black
(Please turn to page 3, col. 5)



B EFORE this year's final round struggle between the Marshall and Manhattan Clubs, there was an air of expectancy—for this might be the Marshall Chess Club's "year," their first in six annual contests. Had not the Marshall lost a very close match the year before (9-7) and had not the Manhaltan been held to a draw already in the current competition by a weaker Marshall reserve team? Indeed, the Manhattan was giving draw odds—they must win to re-tain their title. However, the hopes of the Marshall faithful were soon crushed, for the Manhattan once again fully asserted its superiority with an overwhelming victory of 71/2-21/2 (with two games adjourned).

It seemed that the Marshall Club just could not get started. Halper and Lasker lost early, and then Hearst fell victim to a startling and most sound opening innovation in one of his favorite variations (not any more!). Kevitz came through with a victory over Horo-witz—the Marshall's lone win—in a mad time scramble, during which Horowitz, it is said, missed a win-ning try with scant seconds left. Hill, Pilnick and Seidman perform-ed more admirably than the other Marshall stalwarts, but their efforts were unrewarding; the Manhattan swept those boards also.

The Reshevsky-Simonson game (it will be remembered that Simon master in last year's match), was, of course, the feature game, but it involved few of last year's thrills and surprises, and at adjournment, it seems a likely draw with Reshevsky having the plus, however. (After the two adjournments are played off, the probable match result will be 9-3).

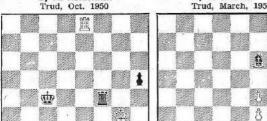
Perhaps the Manhattan's crushing victory cannot be explained as

ing victory cannot be explained except in terms of playing superior-ity, but it is interesting (but fruitless!) to consider whether the Mar-shall would have been more successful if Reuben Fine had played this year; his competition would have strengthened the team all along the

IN BRIEF: Final entrants in Manhattan C. C.'s International Tour-ney are Fine, Reshevsky, Evans, Kramer, Bisguier, Shainswit, Horo witz, Byrne, Najdorf, Euwe, O'Kelly and Guimard. Rossolimo and Bol-bochan were forced at the last moment to withdraw their entries, but Fine's inclusion makes the tourney even stronger than it had been Milton Hanauer's exhibition at Mar shall Chess Club resulted in 14 wins, 2 losses, and 3 draws for the exhibitor. . . In a tandem simultan-eous, lasting six hours, on the Columbia University campus, E. Hearst and J. Sherwin scored 35 wins, 2 losses, and 3 draws . . . Arthur Bisguier will be inducted in the June dwet teal. the June draft call.

Alekhine's Career

(Continued from page 2, col. 5)



4R3, 8, 8, 7p, 2k2r2, 6K1, 3p1P2, 8 White to play and draw

3, 8, 5bp1, 8, 5P2, 5P2, 3k4, 5K2 White to play and draw

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

DESPITE the heading of our column, the two examples offered above are both "White to play and draw," representing outstanding examples of modern endgame composition in the Soviet Union where the art has become a most flourishing one.

Position No. 69 in the mainline of play resorts to an unexpected stalemate to achieve the end, while Position No. 70 requires rather

delicate maneuvering.

For solutions please turn to Page four.

BUSCHKE PLANS LECTURE TOUR

Dr. A. Buschke, specialist in rare chess literature and CHESS LIFE columnist, plans a novel chess tour, lecturing upon the historic and lecturing anecdotal facets of chess. His lec-tures, which emphasize the human interest side of the game and are illustrated from his own wide knowledge of chess with numer-ous anecdotes about masters and near-masters as well as little-known facts and curious incidents, require demonstration no wallboards or no wallboards or demonstration boards. They will be illustrated with rare books, manuscripts and autographs from Dr. Buschke's own collection, some of which date back to the XVth Century.

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DUNKEL WINS **GARY TITLE**

George O. Dunkel won the Gary (Ind.) City Championship with 4-1 score on S-B points, drawing with George Martinson and Floyd B. Bolton in the 15 player 5 round Swiss. Second and third respectively on S-B points with equal 4-1 scores were Wallace Kosiba and Dale E. Rhead. Kosiba lost a game to Philip Schuringa, and Rhead did likewise. Fourth place went to George Martinson with 3½-1½, drawing with Dunkel and losing a game to Kosiba. Floyd B. Bolton

NOVEL TOURNEY

f postal chess, promoter Morton W. Luebbert, Jr. of Triplett, Mo. has instituted a novel invitational correspondence chess tournament of 21 players, called the Major League Masters' Invitational Correspondence Chess Tournament. Features of this event, which will produce better chess with fewer blunders, are a more liberal time limit than usual in most such mail contests and no adjudications. The entry list reads like a Who's Who of Correspondence chess: William R. Jones (Minneapolis), Mrs. Virginia Wigren (Chicago), Dr. M. G. ginia Wigren (Chicago), Dr. M. G. Sturm (Trinidad), Adolph Weiss (Los Angeles), H. F. Underwood (Washington), Weaver W. Adams (West Orange), Glenn E. Hartleb (Erie), Angelo Sandrin (Chicago), Pvt. Lee Magee (Ft. Riley), Al-fred Ludwig (Omaha), Ronald E. Brask (Attleborn), Walter Muir Brask (Attleboro), Walter Muir (Schenectady), Walter Mann (Columbus), Dr. F. Bohatirchuk (Ottawa), Herbert W. Hickman (Haverford), Richard Kujoth (Milwaukee) Pvt. Kenneth R. Smith (Randolph Field), John E. Howarth (Howard), Mrs. G. Piatigorsky (Los Angeles). lett). The last named substitutes for Hans Berliner and has declared himself ineligible for any prizes in the event which he will also

Success in this venture will en-courage Mr. Luebbert to conduct similar events for less well known postal players, and those interested may write him for details at Trip-lett, Mo.

FEDERAL VICTOR IN RADIO MATCH

In a two session short-wave radion match the Federal Chess Club of Washington defeated the team drawing with Dunkel and losing a game to Kosiba. Floyd B. Bolton directed the tournament.

LUDWIG RETAINS OMAHA TITLE

With his strongest rival in the Armed Forces, Alfred C. Ludwig experienced little difficulty in winning the Omaha City Championship 14-0 from a field which represented a large number of new players in the city championship. H. Hamlin was second with 11-3 and W. Carr third with 8-6 in the 8 player double round robin event.

SCCA SCHEDULES **ACTIVE SEASON**

A very busy season with three important tournaments has been planned by the South Carolina Chess Assn. for 1951, according to the announcement of SCCA Secre-tary Robert F. Brand of Charles-

first there will be the South Carolina State Championship, re-stricted to SCCA members, on June 16-17 in Columbia. On September 1-4 in Columbia will be held a joint North and South Carolina Championship event in cooperation with the North Carolina Chess Assn. Finally on November 10-12 there will be held the South Carolina Open Championship at the Prince George Hotel in Georgetown to which all chess players are invited.

KING'S BISHOP OPENING Correspondence Game 1840-42 White NORFOLK, VA NEW YORK 15. Q-B2 16. QxR P-K4 B-B4 KtxP 17. Q-B1 18. P-K+3 19. B-Q5 B-B6 P-KR4 P-R5 P-QB3 Q-Kt4 Q-B3 Kt-K2 P-Q4 Q-K13 P-Q3 B-K13 20. BxKt QxB Q-KKI5 RPxB P-K5 0.0 KKI-B3 21. B×B 22. Q-K3 PxP Kt-Kt3 PxP B-K15 23. KR-K#1 10. Q-Q3 11. P-K14 12. B-K3 QKt-Q2 24. Q-K1 P-KB4 Kt-R4 0-0-0 P-KB5 Black 26. QR-K#1 13. K#xX# BxK announces mate Kt-B3 14. K+-Q2 in four moves

the game:

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After 26. QR-Kil

NORFOLK The game reported above made the round through all then existing chess magazines and columns of the world. It appeared in Bell's Life, in the Chess Player's Chronicle and in the Palamede.

Early Correspondence Chess In U.S.A.

Upsala, Sweden $T^{
m HERE}$ is no chapter in the History of Chess so insufficiently investigated as that concerning the Game by correspondence. This

sad statement applies also to American Chess History, and I hope it

will therefore be of some interest to record here the first known in-

able assembling place in Ann Street, arranged a game by correspondence

with the players of the Federal City, The Metropolis of the East Coast was represented by Saroni and the lawyer Adam L. Logan, whereas the

game in Washington was conducted by a committee including among others John L. O'Sullivan, who was for many years Editor of the Demo-

cratic Review and later for some time Minister Resident at the Court of the King of Portugal. Unfortunately, the score of the contest has not been preserved, as far as I know: perhaps some readers will try to unearth it? The game was interrupted and, according to a late tradition (Fiske, 1859), was afterwards finished by O'Sullivan in New York, over

It is first in 1840 that we hear of another match by correspondence.

It is first in 1840 that we near of another match by correspondence, this time between New York and Norfolk, Va. It was to consist of two games, conducted simultaneously, and the winning party was to be entitled to a fine set of men. The players on the part of New York were Colonel Charles D. Mead, a member of the New York bar, and James Thomson, both of whom were later in Europe and played Kieseritzky.

In the Norfolk committee was, among others, Littleton W. Tazewell, formerly Governor of the State of Virginia.

The moves in the games were published in the New York American, which deserves therefore a place in the history of early American chess columns, the first regular of which appeared, as it is well known, in the New York "Spirit of the Times" the first March of 1845.

The first game lasted two years (1840-1842) and was drawn. The second, begun by Norfolk, was concluded in the early days of June 1842, when at the 26th move, New York announced mate in four moves.

As it is a fine specimen of Old Days play, we bring here the score of

In 1835, the New York Chess Club, which had then found a comfort-

stance of Correspondence Games in the States.

the board, and won by the Manhattan players.

St. Amant, the Editor of the Palamede, condemned in his comments the sacrifice of the exchange made by New York at the 15th move as unsound, and asserted that the winning of the game by New York after that move was the result of "luck." Norfolk, he maintained, should have played QxKt instead of RxKt. Some years afterwards, Stanley published the game in the "Spirit of the Times" (1846, May 2nd), denying the allegation of the French critic, and appended some variations to prove the correctness of New York's course. St. Amant, upon receiving a copy of Stanley's remarks, rectified his error: there is however a certain air of incredulity about his apology: it was evidently difficult for him to believe that any chess player at a distance of three thousand miles from France and the Cafe de la Regence could be able of forming and elaborating a combination so deep as that in question!

At the close of the contest, a dispute arose as to the actual result of the match, drawn games being at that time considered as nihil. Norfolk insisted that the match consisted of two games, that one was not the majority of two, and consequently the whole struggle resulted in a draw. New York replied that if one was not the majority of two, it was yet infinitely greater than nothing! A long paper warfare resulted: but the matter was at length submitted to the adjudication of O'Sullivan, who decided in favor of New York and in a long essay demonstrated the justice of his decision. New York therefore received the prize.

This and many other amusing details about early correspondence play can be gathered perusing old books and chess columns, but alas! chess history, like the best things of the world, like wisdom and wealth, like books and beauty, like the pies of Strasbourg and the wines of Cyprus, is an enjoyment confined to a comparatively small portion of

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played P-KKt4.
29. PxP P-QR4
Kt-B3
P-B5

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K-B4 46, K-Q2 P-Kt4 47, Kt-Q3

After 47. Kt-O3

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Kt-R3 KtxKt; 48. annot be stopped. Not that White is to be halted; but it is to Black's credit hat he tries.

ay, Kt-Q3 Kt-R3 50, P-R3
"Enough is enough!"
50. Kt-B2 51, K-K3
The Black Kt won't get to 8
here 51, K-B3?, Kt-K3, follower
Kt-B3 and Black is almost a
draw.

that he tries.

48, Kt-B5 Kt-Kt5

"Let's go around aga
49, Kt-Q3 Kt-R3

54, 55. P-Kt4 56. KtxP 57. P-R5 58. K-Q3 59. K-K3 60. P-R6

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51. K-K3 get to K3! For if 3, followed by ____, almost sure of a

61. Kt-B6 62. Kt-Kt4 63. P-R7 64. K-B2 65. P-B4 66. K-B3

FRENCH DEFENSE Montreal City Championship

Montreal, 1951

Notes by J. E. Howarth

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1. P-K4
P-K3
1. P-K5
1.

K-K2

Q-Q3 have Kt-K1 Kt-B3 Kt-K5 PxP

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wants. He state of rank . . .

44. 45. P-KB3

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On 17., KixB the White Kt will reach the strong post K5.

9. P.-KR4
Maneuvering on this side may have its
effect . en Black!
9. B-Q2
Since mobility is what Black wants, 9.
KL-QR3; KL-QR5; Kt-QB2; Kt-Would illustrate the relationship between the closed center and play on would ill tween the the wing. 10, B-K2

tween the closed center and play on the wing.

10. B.K2

11. P.R5

2. R4

11. P.R5

2. R4

11. P.R5

2. R4

11. R.R5

12. B.Q2

2. O-O-O 15. P.QR4

13. O-O

P.B3

13. O-O

P.B3

13. O-O

P.B3

13. O-O

R(I)-Kit ... RxP. However it would have been better for Black to have tried the subsidiary maneuver, K-Ktt. If then 16. R-Kt4. Kt-B. (finally). Or of 16. R-Kt2. BxP followed by P-QRt4. It follows that White, with the open file, is going to try to establish his pleeces, so that his object—a direct attack against the Black K—will be resilized.

attack against the Black K—will be realized.

16. R-K12 B-K1

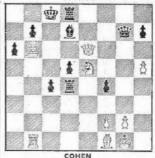
16. L-K12 B-K1

16. L-K13 B-K2

17. PXP and Black has an open file, right were it will do the most good. Or particularly the service of particular service of the service of particular service of the service

K7 ch; 24. BxKt, QxB; 25. RxP) and White stands best. 23. P-Q83 — K2-R2. Better would be 23. Kt-B7. If then 24. Q-K5, KR-K1; 25. Kt-B3 and White stands best. Or if 24. P-Q5. QxP ch and White is still best. The doubled Rs on the file are a 'tough' pair. Still was best to offer complications with 23. Kt-B7. 24. PxKr R-K11 28. R-K16 P-B5 24. PxKr R-K11 28. R-K16 BxP 26. Kt-B3 R-K5 30. Q-R3 RxP 27. Q-R2 Q-K12 31. QxP ch B-Q2

After 31., B-Q2



32. R-86 chł K-Kt1 If 32. PRIK: 32. Q-Q6 wins. 33. Q-Q6 ch K-R2 34. R-B7 Either 24. RxKtP ch or 34. RxRP ch also win.

B-Kt4 35, Q-B5ch Resigns

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This problem-like win dates hack to Leipzig 1898 when Dr. Ryder won very simply higher than the least of the Leipzig 1898 when Dr. Ryder won very simply higher than the least of lind a more complicated solution.

The augrested 1, Q-Q2 almost is the answer, only after 1,, QXQ che Black has time to make room for his King and escapes the smothering mate. White may win the Rook after 2, RxQ, B-Q2; 3, KtxP ch, K-Q1; 4, KtxR, Hi s not certain that the Kt will escape signal escapes the smothering mate. White may win the Rook after 2, RxQ, B-Q2; 1, KtxP ch, K-Q1; 4, KtxR, Hi s not certain that the Kt will escape signal escapes the least of the

Solutions:

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Position No. 76: 1. K-B2, K-Q6; 2. K-K13, K-K6; 3. K-K14, B-K2; 4. P-B5, P-K14; 5. K-K13, K-Q5; 6. P-B6; (not 6. P-B47, B-Q3; 7. P-B6, P-XP-eh; 8. K-B3, K-K4 wins), BXP; 7. P-B4 drawn.

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WASHINGTON



16. P-KKt3
17. QxKt
18. Q-Q2
19. K-Kt1
20. P-KR4
21. PxQ
22. RxKt
23. RxB Q-K14 ch Kt-Kt5 Kt-K6 KtxB KtxQ ch BxKt P-B7

World Championship Match Seventh Game, Moscow, 1951

Notes by J. E. Horwanth

White by J. E. Horwardh
White Black
M. BOTVINNIK D. BRONSTEIN
1, P-Q4 P-Q4 3, KI-KB3
2-P-Q84 P-K3
The QKt will go to Q2. The text is used chiefly for transpositional possibilities.
3. P-Q83
In master chees, the order of the opening moves is important. Bronstein cannot be thinking of a Stavic Variation the has played P-KS3, but he avoids the normal 3. KI-KB3 will be normal 3. KI-KB3 will be normal 3. KI-KB3 WI-KB3 KK43
"Development on this side first."
4. "Development on this side first."
4. "Dutch psychology?" The Dutch is a favorite defense with Botvinnik.
5. B-Kt2 KI-B3 6. O. Black could gain "room" with B-KE5. B-KC3 KI-KB3 CO. Black could gain "room" with B-KE5. B-KC3 T. P-Kt3
"And then operations on this side."

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6-8 (0.09). Hillyer and Bolger withdrew after two rounds; Kochman, Dean, Edwards, Chain and Esser after four rounds; and Donahue, Hickey, and Kuritz after six

Washington vs. St. Louis Radio Match, 1951 KI-B3 aming for it anyway. Since the threat in fine first anyway. Since the threat in first anyway. Since the threat anyway. Since the first anyway. Since

FEDERAL CHESS (Washington) (Wat 8, B-R4 9, Q-Q3 10, BxP 11, B-Kt3 12, P-K4 13, Q-Q2 14, O-O-O P-K6

P-B5! After 14.

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24. R(4)-Q1 B-R6 25. RxB P-B8(Q) 26. RxQ RxR ch 27. K-B2 PxP 28. R-R5 QR-KB1 29. RxP R(1)-B7 ch 30. K-Kt3 R-Kt7 Resigns

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Kt-K5 PNP won't work now.

B-Kt2 12. KtxKt

Kt-Q2 QKt-Q2
herwise KtxKt; 13. PxKt,
and Black will improve his posit
KtxKt St. St. Cyc.

KtxKt St. St. QK. QK. Bi 16. PxQP

R-BI P-B4 17. BxB

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1. Saul P. Wachs (Phila.)W11	W14	W2	W3	D7	W6	D4	6 -1	30.5
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5, Robert D. Sobel (Phila.)D4	L10	W9	W8	1.2	W7	D3	4 -3	32.0
6. Louis Brickman (Phila.)L2	W11	L.7	W12	W10	L1	W13	4 -3	28.0
7. Gordon Marcus (Phila.)W9	L3	W6	W10	DI	L5	1.2	31-31	34.5
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(Lansdowne)W13	L2	L4	L5	W14	W9	D10	31-31	26.5
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9, G-B4, P-XP; 10, P-XP, Q-R5; 11, Kt-B3, QxQ; 12, BxQ, Kt-B3 and the game is even.

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