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PERFORM BLINDFOLD ECO



Telecasting chess lessons for handicapped children and shut-ins at KSL-TV. Left to right in center group, Dr. Wal-lace Goates of the University of Utah, Sam Teitelbaum of Salt Lake YMCA Chess Club, and Rev L. Qumphell, Program producer. Photo: Courtesy Descret News

#### MIAGRI TRIUMPHS IN MIAMI CITY

The Miami City Championship saw victory go to Peter Magri with 61/2-1/2 in a 22 player 7 round Swiss event. Magri drew with S. Snaw. Second place went to former State Champion Clarence Kalenian with 51/2-11/2, losing to A. C. Otten and drawing with A. Swarz. Third and fourth on S-B points with equal 5-2 scores were S. Shaw and A. C. Otten, while A. Swarz placed fifth with 412-21/2.

INDIVIDUAL INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP December 26-30, 1951 Houston Hall University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, Pa.

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Entry fees: \$5.00 and players must be members of USCF (Dues: Michigan \$5.00, Pennsyl-vania, Texas and Tennessee vania, Texas and To \$4.00, elsewhere \$3.00).

Accomodations: rooms avail-able at Central YMCA, 15th & Arch Sts. at \$1.80 to \$2.10 per night. For reservations, write Residence Department of YMCA or to Jack Gibbons, 6700 Dit-man St. Philadelphia 35, Pa. Players are requested to bring chess

clocks, if possible.

#### **KODIL TAKES** L.A. EMPLOYEES

The annual Championship for the The annual championship for the City Employees of Los Angeles, conducted by the Dept. of Water and Power Chess Club, resulted in the 9-1 victory of Charles E. Kodil, who lost one game to runner-up Who lost one game to runner-up Manuel Kroman. Kroman placed second in the 13 player 10 round Swiss event with 71/2-11/2, losing to Denver Norton and Fred Larsen, Child Amaing mith Kodel (Third while drawing with Kodil. Third and fourth on S-B points with 7-3 and fourth on S-B points with 7-3 each were Denver Norton and Richard Bukey. Employees from the Water and Power, Public Utili-ties, Fire, and Park and Recrea-tion Departments made the event representative of a cross-section of the city staff.

BASS CAPTURES VIRGINIA MEET

Walter Bass, graduate student at the University of Virginia where he plays first board, scored  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  to win the Virginia Closed Tournament at Charlottesville, drawing with runner-up W. J. Nucker of Arlington in the final round Nucker, who scored Al round. Nucker, who scored 4-1, drew with J. F. Pettigrew of Rich-mond in addition to Bass, while D. Hatch of Arlington, H. Nagin of Lynchburg and R. Baine of Richmond placed third, fourth and fifth respectively on S-B points

Richmond placed third, fourth and fifth respectively on S-B points with equal 31/5-11/6 scores. The event drew 19 players re-presenting all important districts in Virginia and was held as a five world Swier. round Swiss.

### Problem Composer Again Faces Prison; Penniless, He Asks Aid From Friends By WILLIAM ROJAM

William J. Couture, well-known as problem composer and correspond-ence chess player, upon release on parole from the Rhode Island State Prison after serving nine years of a ten year sentence was met at the gate by arresting officers who transported him to Suffolk County Jail in Boston, Mass. to face charges of armed robbery for an offense that is alleged to have occurred in 1942.

Mr. Couture asserts his innocence of the charges preferred against him, but fears that in his present penniless state his inability to retain competent legal advice will result in a conviction despite his innocence. For naturally, as a man just released from confinement, he has had no opportunity to earn any competence to assist him now in his bitury producement. in his bitter predicament.

Mr. Courture, whose work has appeared in CHESS LIFE, has asked CHESS LIFE to inform his many chess friends of his present tribulations in explanation of the reason why he has not continued to make responses in his many correspondence games. He has also asked CHESS LIFE to make public the following statement:

Plea to chess players: one William J. Couture, a longtime chess correspondence player, needs help! He is on trial in Boston, Mass, on tho charge of armed robberies in 1942, of which charges he is innocent. The need for an attorney is urgent, and if any chess players can donate to a defense fund, please forward such donations to William J. Couture, % Arthur J. Couture, Arcadia Road, Billerica, Mass. Once on his feet, William will endeavor to reimburse all. Thanks to all chess lowers. WILLIAM J. COUTURE

CHESS LIFE cannot comment upon matters that are sub judice: CHESS LIFE cannot comment upon matters that are sub judice; but will express the thought that Mr. Couture has been a very faith-ful and loyal lover of the game of chess— a composer of skill and a player of great promise. It would seem that in his tribulations he is entitled to a much fairer trial at the bar of justice than he is apt to receive without competent legal assistance, for innocence alone is a very fragile shield without skilled pleading.

### Koltanowski Plays 50 Blindfold Games At 10 Seconds a Move In 8 3/4 Hours

George Koltanowski, the Blindfold Wizard, was the undisputed star of the San Francisco Chess Festival, staged by the San Francisco Chronicle in cooperation with the Bay Area Chess League and the Industrial Chess League. In a space of eight hours and forty-five minutes Koltanowski, meeting all comers, played fifty games of blindfoid chess at the rate of ten seconds per move, winning 43, losing 2 and drawing 5 contests

Playing one game at a time in rapid succession the blindfold master took a short breather at 3:00 p.m. and another at 6:00 p.m. but otherwise played continuously. After the session of almost nine hours of play, his only comment was: "Boy, does my back ache!" Almost 1500 people crowded the ballroom of the Marines Club to

see Koltanowski perform his miracle of memory and endurance, while the individual games ranged from a quickie of five moves to a gruelling 71 move contest.

Victories against the blindfold wizard went to Ernest O. Anders of San Francisco and Dr. Harold Tower of Marysville, while the five draws went to H. J. Ernst of Hay-ward, Shearon Bonner of San Fran-eisco, Dr. J. Tompre of Oxfland cisco, Dr. J. Tepper of Oakland, Herbert Pothier of San Francisco, and the 12-year old Alta Lu Townes of Santa Rosa.

This was the second recordbreaking achievement of Koltanow ski in the annual Chess Festivals at San Francisco. Last year he played 271 simultaneous games in 1? hours, losing only 3 and drawing 17.

Other features of the Chess Festival this year included simul-taneous exhibitions by outstanding Bay Area players, including Jim Myers, Charles Bagby, Dr. H. P. Ralston, Dr. Kenneth Colby, Car-roll Capps, Guthrie McLain, Robert Curric, Walter Parnutieff, Henry Gross and R. L. Richards. Ar-rangements for this most successful event were made by a com-mittee headed by Joshua Torczyner of San Francisco.

#### MAGEE TRIUMPHS IN WICHITA OPEN

Pvt. Lee Magee of Omaha and For Leve mager of official and For Levenworth scored a 54-54 victory in the 34 player 6 round Swiss event at Wichita, conceding one draw to runner-up Jim Callis of Wichita. Callis and Bob Virgin of Tulsa scored 5-1 each, but Callis placed second on S-B points. Callis drew with Magee and former Kansas Champion Henry Georgi, while Virgin lost a game to Magee.

each but Tied with 41/2-11/2 fourth and fifth on S-B points were Victor Pupols of Lincoln and R. Berggren of Lawrence. The event drew a strong representa-tion from Kansas, Nebraska, Okla-homa, and Texas, and among the players were such well-known names as C. F. Tears of Dallas, Dr. Bela Rozsa of Tulsa and the former Kansas Champions Carl Weberg, A. R. Self and Kirke Mechem.

#### CAKE CAPTURES SO. JERSEY MEET

George Cake of Haddonfield won the play-off to take the So. Jersey title, with John Greenway of Pit-man second, Louis Wood of Woodbury third and Harry Wright, Jr. of Woodbury fourth.

The tourney was played in two sections with the two top players of each section competing in a four man round robin finals.

#### MARCHAND TOPS LAKE ERIE OPEN

The Lake Erie Open Tourna-ment, belatedly reported, ended in a 41/2-11/2 tie between the first five players, with S-B points de-ciding the issue. On this basis CHESS LIFE Games Editor Erich W. Marchand placed first. Russell Olin of Erie was second, while Morton Siegel of Buffalo placed third. Fourth place or balance of the balance of th

#### MONITOR HOLDS PROBLEM TOURNEY

The Christian Science Monitor has announced a problem composing tourney in honor of the memory of Edgar Allen. Entries should ory of Edgar Allen. Entries should be in duplicate, with full name and address and solution on both copies. The contest is for two-movers with no restriction as to time or number. Entries may be sent to Frederick R. Chevalier, 21 Overbrook Lane, Darien, Conn. or to the tourney judge, Eric M. Hassberg, 41-26, 73rd Street, Jack-son Heights, N.Y.

#### **ILLINOIS OPEN** HAS STRONG ENTRY

The Christmas Holiday Illinois Open Tourney at Decatur has a strong advance entry from Illinois players. Already entered in the event are Albert Sandrin, Povilas Tautvaisas, Kimball Nedved, and John and Valdis Tums, all of Chicago. Neighboring States are also expected to provide strong addi-tional entries.

#### FUNDS NEEDED

Contributions are requested from all players interested in promoting chess among the youth of the country to help support the general program of the Intercollegiate Chess League in promoting chess among the colleges and in particular to assist in financing the current U.S. Intercollegiate Tournament at Philadelphia. Checks for any amount will be welcomed, and should be made payable to Rhys W. Hayes. Mail all contributions to:-

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#### DEADLINE

A S the 1951 scason of chess draws to a close, it is advisable to in-dicate that there is a definite deadline on the reporting of chess events in 1951 for purposes of rating. Because of the involved compu-tations, particularly in Swiss-type events, to establish the individual player ratings, it is essential that all the data for 1951 be promptly as-

player ratings, it is essential that all the data for 1951 be promptly assembled, if the National Chess Ratings (as of December 31, 1951) are to be published on scheduled time. Therefore, except for the few events that are programmed for the last few days of December, all tournament reports must be received by December 31st, 1951 in order to be included in the next rating list. Events like the Chicago Social Championship, the Illinois Open Tournament and the U. S. Intercollegiate Championship, scheduled to finish on December 30, will be accepted if received on or before January 7, 1952 1952.

The growth of the Rating System is indicated by the comparative The growth of the Rating System is indicated by the comparative lists of reports used to determine the performance averages. The first list (as of July 31, 1950) included the reports on only 39 events played in 1950, while the comparable period on 1951 (as of July 31, 1951) was based upon 121 events in 1951 and 20 belated reports from 1950. The second listing (as of December 31, 1950) was based upon only 44 events in 1950, while its comparable period in 1951 (as of December 31, 1951) in 1950, while its comparable period in 1951 (as of December 31, 1951) will be based on over 70 events for reports on 65 tournaments have will be hased on over 70 events, for reports on 66 tournaments have already been received and others are known to be in the mails. It should be noted in these comparisons that the first period of the year consists of 7 months and the second period of 5 months, and this fact explains why more tournaments are rated in the first period of each year.

But there are still a number of tournaments, which should be re-ported each year, that through the ignorance or indifference of the management or players remain unrecorded. We can only warn the players in these events that they are being deprived of their just due as players every time an event in which they play is not reported. And, since our own appeals have frequently been ignored, the remedy law with the players themselves. They along can make it clears to tourne

And, since our own appeals have frequently been ignored, the remedy lies with the players themselves. They alone can make it clear to tourna-ment managements that it is the players' will that such events be reported, and emphasize that demand by refusing to participate in events which consistently fail to submit rating reports. While it is yet too early to speak with certainty, there is a very strong possibility that the technical difficulties in regard to rating team tournaments and regular league seasons of team play have been solved. Inclusion of league competition will definitely widen the scope of the Rating System and permit the rating of many players hitherto ex-cluded. But it will also make further demands upon the officials of the leagues, for accurate board by board reports on all league matches will be needed. Announcement concerning team rating will be made later, at which time instructions on reports for such events and a special report form will be made available.

later, at which time instructions on reports for such events and a special report form will be made available. It has also been decided to include in the National Rating System the performances of American players in International events outside the USA, as a proper part of their performance as chess players. While the more important of these events will be rated from foreign press reports (which are more detailed than those in the USA where chess is concerned), it will be advisable for any American player who participates in foreign chess events to submit the detailed score of such event for rating—particularly if the event was a smaller tourna-ment held by a club or city group in some Continental region. The logic of this last step, the rating of foreign events, lies in the fact that an American player's performances in International events becomes a very important part of his chess career, and he should not be deprived of credit for his performances merely because they were achieved on alien soil. In addition, the rating of such foreign events

achieved on alien soil. In addition, the rating of such foreign events provides a bridge by which the relative ranking of our own players may be compared with those of other lands. Sufficient data has now been compiled upon the ranking players of other countries to make this rating of foreign events practical.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess By Kester Svendsen

THE TREASURY OF CHESS LORE. Edited by Fred Reinfeld. New York: David McKay Company. Pp. xii, 306. \$3.95. N OTHING is more agreeable than reviewing a book in which one's own work appears, but it is doubly gratifying to be able to recom-mend the rest of the collection too. Only newcomers to the royal

game will need introduction to Reinfeld, who with Euwe and Purdy game will need introduction to Keinfeld, who with Euwe and Purdy must rank as one of the world's most interesting chess writers. His latest volume is an anthology of the by-ways of chess: history, anecdote, memoir, poetry, fiction. It will have general appeal as a non-technical book about chess; but players will welcome it as a contribution to the human side of shears. human side of chess.

human side of chess. The six sections are drawn from every conceivable source. "The Woodpushers" contains such classics as Fred Wren's "Never Give Up Until You're Mated," MacMurray's "Gentle Art of Annoying," and Elson's "Mr. Brown Done Brown." Next, "The Golden Age" tells of the famous Labourdonnais-McDonnell match, of the historic Cafe de la Regence, of Simpson's Divan, of the first international chess tourna-ment (London 1851). "The Modern Masters" includes some of the Reinfeld-Kmoch articles from Chess Review, Edward Lasker's impres-sions of his great namesake, Golombel's recollections of Alckhine. T. Liket's "A Day with Dr. Euwe" (pronounced Ayweh) makes us wonder how that grandmaster found time in his crowded schedule to win any games at all.

areas at all. "Chess Lore," the fourth section, offers such fare as Purdy's "Thirteen Centuries of Chess," which Reinfeld commends especially; Winkelman's article on the attempts to change the rules of the game; Winkelman's article on the attempts to change the rules of the game; and T. H. Tylor's attempt to reform the present stalemate rule. "Chess Celebrities" gives anecdoles of such figures as Rousseau, Jane Welsh Carlyle, Dickens, and Ruskin. Readers galled by Poe's criticism of chess as inferior to draughts will rejoice at B. H. Wood's discovery of the fallacy caused hy Poe's inexperience as a player. The last section, "Of Chess and Chessplayers," recounts bits about the game and its exponents, like the occurrence at the international team tournament in Warsaw, 1935. The judges were trying to thresh out a knotty problem of time limit violation. One of them, Alekhine, asked Sir George Thomas, "How would a case like this be decided in England?" To which Sir George replied coldly, "The question would not arise in England." The illustrations (old and new masters, chess sets, etc.), the keen editorial headnoles, the richness and variety of the collection all make this book a treasure house indeed, a valuable addition to any player's shelf.

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# UNITED STATES CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP. SOUTH FALLSBURG, NEW YORK 1948. Edited by Jack Spence. Published by the Nebraska Chess Association. \$2. Order from Jack Spence, 208 South 25th

Chess Association, 32. Order from Jack Spence, 208 South 25th Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska. V OLUME III of Spence's American Tournament Series is an official version of the USCP's seventh biennial championship, with round by round account by Reinfeld and annotations by Reinfeld, Santasiere, and Marchand. The edition is limited to 200 mimeographed copies, and so specialists in fournament literature would do well to place their or-dem immediately. ders immediately

Of the games themselves it should be said that an American tournament without Reshevsky, Fine, Denker, and Horowitz is not a strong one. But Herman Steiner (the winner), Kashdan ("der kleine tournament withput Restervsky, File, Jenker, and Kashdan ("der kleine strong one. But Herman Steiner (the winner), Kashdan ("der kleine Capablanca"), Ulvestad, and George Kramer cannot be regarded by any of the absent masters as pushovers. The chess is interesting, par-ticularly for ordinary players, who can see the back-markers in this tourney go wrong. The errors of grandmasters are often too subtle for woodpushers to fathom; but the errors of good amateurs are more clearly instuctive.

If this volume receives encouragement, Mr. Spence promises others, including one of the great New York 1927 tournament, for which there is no book in English. Support of this book is thus also support of American chess publication.

## With The Chess Clubs

Rochester (N.Y.) Chess Club saw Max J. Herzberger win the 10 player double round robin club championship with 13<sup>1/2-1/2</sup>, drawing one game with Ray Reithel. Erich Marchand was second with 11-3, losing twice to Herzberger and drawing with John Hasenroehl and Reithal. John Hasenroehl placed third with 81/2-51/2.

third with 8<sup>1/4</sup>-5<sup>1/2</sup>. Lansing (Mich.) Chess Club opened the season with a 6-4 triumph over the Battle Creek Chess Club. Victors for Lansing were E. Sneiders, E. Zaikowski, J. Kinton, V. Vandenburg and M. Losik, while P. Soms and E. Bar-wick drew. Battle Creek victors were C. Hjerpe, J. Sherman and A. Welsh, while W. Beesley and R. Key held the draws. Sneiders and Soms are newcomers in the Lansing lineup, having imigrated Lansing lineup, having imigrated from Latvia a year and a half ago.

Oklahoma A & M College Club Oklahoma A & M College Club defeated Tulsa University by a score of 4-2 with Crocker, A. Ives, J. Isbell and P. Jarvi turning in the winning scores for A & M, while B. Virgin and B. Hine salv-aged the Tulsa points.

Tri-County Chess Club (Calif.) has been organized in San Bernar dino, Orange and Pomona with great success, electing Ricardo Pingarron as president and Frank Fontaine as secretary-treasurer. The club meets on first Monday of each month and is looking for matches. Challengers may address the club at 410 W. 12th St. Pomona, Calif.

San Francisco Bay Area Chess League elected Guthrie McLain president, Victor Ricketts vice-president, Prof. Ralph Hultgren secretary-treasurer, and Henry Gross was appointed tournament director. The California Chess Re-porter was named official organ of the League.

Shreveport (La.) Chess Club has experienced a growing revival of interest in chess, attributed to the point ladder now in use at the club. The ladder brought in some new recruits and revived the in-terest of the oldsters. Members of the club are now assisting in the formation of a Barksdale Field Chess Club.

Casfle Chess Club (Berkeley) visited the San Jose Chess Club and defeated their hosts 101/2-31/2. Scoring for Castle were W. P. Bar-Scoring for Castle were W. P. Bar-low, Henry Gross, Guthrie Mc-Clain, Neil Falconer, Wade Hen-dricks, Fred Byron, Prof. R. Hult-gren, Paul Traum, F. N. Christen-scn, while draws went to Em. Hoffer, Dr. Frank Ruys and N. Hulturgen Hourad Weed and Emeet Hultgren. Howard Wood and Ernest Rideout salvaged points for San Jose, while Leslie Talcott, Dr. J. M. David-Malig and Carl Pohl-hommer scored the draws.

Yakima '(Wash.) Chess Club meets in a newly decorated room at the YMCA in Yakima. Club corresponding secretary Oliver La-Freniere has been attempting to create a tri-city chess competion between Richland, Kennewick and Pasco, which has resulted in a challenge to a match from the Richland Chess Club.

Yakima (Wash.) High School Chess Club saw the title honors go to Oliver LaFreniere with 9-0. The runner-up was again D i c k Dexter with 8-1, losing only to the champion. The club is engaged in a five man postal match with the Garfield High School Club of Seat-

> KETTLE CALLS POT One player For whom

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ls the pro-Who says, "You play too slow." —Frank Hanley



THE annual championship of New York's powerful Manhat-tan Chess Club has just begun, and again the entry list includes many players well-known through-out the country for their mastery of the game. Defending champion Arnold Denker's name once more appears; the 1944 U.S. Champion is attempting to retain his club title against the strong competition is attempting to retain his club title against the strong competition of the fourteen challengers in this round-robin tourney. Max Pavey, whose first participation in the U.S. Championship finals this summer was so successful, and George Kramer, with his long record of prizes in recent U.S. Open and N.Y. tourneys, are among the competitors to be feared while S Bernstein D. Open and N.Y. tourneys, are among the competitors to be feared, while S. Bernstein, D. Eyrne, J. Platz, E. S. Jackson, and A. S. Pinkus, all contestants in the U.S. Championships held last August, are also main con-tenders for high prizes. The Man-hattan Club's two "Jacks"— Sou-dakoff and Moscowitz—are com-peting again as are Dr. Handd dakoff and Moscowitz-are com-peting again, as are Dr. Harold Sussman, former champion of the Brooklyn Chess Club, Abe Turner, one of the top rapid players in the country although little known out-side his native New York, and Richard Einhorn, the former C. C. N. Y. star. In addition to these secded players G. Bryan and R. Ilderton, the latter a new mem-ber formerly of Baltimore, have qualified from the eight-man pre-liminary section and so join the thirteen above mentioned experts in the championship finals. Tourn-ament director Sidney Kenton fore-10 the championship finals. Tourn-ament director Sidney Kenton fore-Sees a most exciting struggle abrad, for the added impetus \$1,000 in prizes — "the most ever raised for any club championship" —should spur the contestants on to even greater efforts.

The Marshall Chess Club champbioship now almost half over, finds Brandts (5-1), Hearst (5½-1½), Donovan (5-2), and Hill (4½-1½) as its present leaders. Readers may wonder at seeing a "relative may wonder at seeing a "relative unknown" in first place. Brandts, however, seems to be repeating the pattern set by Bernie Hill in last year's championship, for both the "graduates" of the N. Y. Acad-emy of Chess, New York's top chess concession, and both scintil-lated in their first Marshall Championship. (It will be remem-bered that Hill struggled neck and neck with Hanauer for the title in bered that Hill struggled neck and neck with Hanauer for the title in 1951; only two losses right near the end of the tourney cost him one of the top two prizes.) Edmar M e d n i s, the fourteen-year-old Marshall Chess Club "hope of the future," continues to show tre-mendous promise; his score of  $3^{1/2} \cdot 2^{1/2}$  places him among the leaders and his victories over San-tasiere and Fajans, the latter a masterpiece of resourceful play, are particularly noteworthy. Another addition must be made

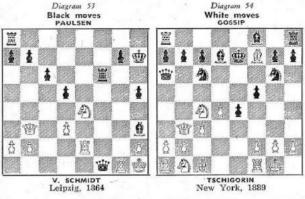
Another addition must be made to the list of "celebrities in chess" mentioned a few months back mentioned a few months back — Marcel Duchamp, Mr. Duchamp, one of the London Terrace Chess Club's most active members and a former chess champion of France, is considered by leading art critics as one of the top mod-ernists. His painting "Nude De-scending a Staircase," perhaps his best know work, is still a popular example of his unique approach to art. In a later column we will to art. In a later column we will mention more such celebrities who have been brought to our attention since the last list.

IN BRIEF: Marshall Chess Club IN BRIEF: Marshall Chess Club Junior Championship in underway, with S. Margulies, A. Kaufman, I. Bizar, A. Saidy, the leading con-tenders . . . Columbia defeated N.Y.U. 2½-1½, avenging the 2½-2½ tie carlier in the semester . . . N.Y.U. and C.C.N.Y. fought to a 2½-2½ tie recently.

> **Boost American Chess!** JOIN THE USCF



IN RECENT YEARS we have had a great many fine books on chess dealing with almost enter and a great many fine books on chess I dealing with almost every conceivable aspect of the game. Yet these books have neglected what is after all the primary object of a game of chess: the actual process of checkmating your opponent's King. The purpose of this book is to instruct you, the reader, in all the many ways of achieving checkmate.



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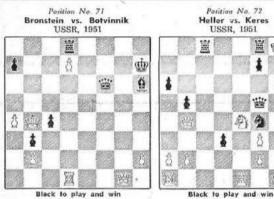
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## Finish It The Clever Way!

#### Conducted by Edmund Nash

Send all contributions for this column to Edmund Nash, 1530 28th Place, S.E. Washington 20, D. C.

 $\mathbf{T}^{\mathrm{HE}}$  two positions above are taken from games played in the early rounds of the current USSR championship which should be over by the middle of this month. From the list of 19 contenders given in CHESS LIFE of November 20, Boleslavsky dropped out without start-CHESS LIFE of November 20, Boleslavsky dropped out without start-ing. As it is, 7 international grandmasters are participating. After the games of the 7th round were adjourned, Botvinnik was leading with 5 points. Behind him with  $41/_2$  points were Smyslov, Taimanov, and Heller; then came Keres and Kotov with 4 points. Position No. 71, by some stretch of the imagination might be considered as the play-off game of the Botvinnik-Bronstein tie match. Here Black won the White Queen in 4 moves, as White was faced with worse possibilities. Bronstein also lost his game with Kotov. In Position No. 72, White resigned after a quiet move by Black. Note that 1. ....., Q-R6 loses after 2. Kt-B6 ch and 3. QxKt. Concerning Position No. 68, Yury V. Oganesov of Monterev Park.

Concerning Position No. 68, Yury V. Oganesov of Monterey Park, California points out that the game was Alapin vs Amateur, as "Lubitel" is the Russian for "Amateur."

For solutions, please turn to Page four.

#### WICHITA YMCA OPEN TOURNAMENT

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Chess Career

#### V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

from an organizational as well as a practical point of view - is all the more remarkable as Ilyin-Zhe-nevsky is probably the only case in the annals of medicine who, having been wounded in the First in the annals of medicine who, having been wounded in the First World War in 1915, was complete-ly paralyzed in his legs and par-tially in his arms, in addition suf-fered a "general decrease of his psychical sphere", including com-plete loss of his abilities in the field of chess, but was com pletely restored after this "trau-matic psycho-neurosis" (Hyin-Zhe-nevsky's "Memoirs of a Soviet Master", 1929, P. 29, in Russian). Having been acclaimed in 1914 by the "Schweizerische Schachzei-tung" 1914, p. 98, as "Mr. Ilyine, jeune talent qui promet beaucoup" in connection with his remarkable comeback in the Swiss Champion-ship after two successive losses in the first two rounds, he had to learn the game of chess from the beginning again after this "trau-matic psycho-neurosis" which con-fined him to a military hospital all through 1916 — only to emerge as the "angel" and creator of So-viet Chess.

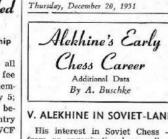
Since we deal here with Alekor with Soviet Chess in general), it would of course lead too far to go into more details as to Ilyin's exploits and achievements, except as far as they concern also Alek-hine, but we are fortune in being able to check Alekhine's reports, which are rather scanty, with Ilywhich are rather scaling, with hy-in's, thanks to his "Memoirs of a Soviet Master", 1929 (in Russian) and the chess column he conduct-ed in "K Novoi Armii" in 1920. Inasmuch as Ilyin-Zhenevsky

himself is concerned, we may how-ever be permitted to add here that he is also responsible for Botvin-nik's first international contacts: when the first news about Botvinnik's remarkable achievements in Soviet Russia reached the outside world, Ilyin-Zhenevsky was counselor of the Russian Embassy in Prague, and he took up eagerly Flohr's suggestion to arrange a match between Flohr, then considered one of the leading contend-ers for the World Championship, and the young Soviet star Botvin-nik in 1933 (see Levin: Mikhail Botvinnik, 1951, in Russian, p. 25).

According to his own "Memoirs," llyin-Zhenevsky moved to Moscow already in December 1918. In other words, if Alekhine reports that Ilyin appeared on the Muscovite

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Notes by Dr. Max Herzberger

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Notes by Dr. Max Herzberger White Black M. HERZBERGER 1. P.K4 P-K3 2. Q-K2 The Tchisgorin Variation in which White tries to establish an advanced post on K5, and to of an without danger; White must keep the position closed on both sides and must hold back on the Q-side. The game seems to prove however that Black P-KB4. 2. The PAC 1. PORE PORE Q-side. The best counter-chance lies in Black P-KB4. 2. The PAC 1. PORE PORE 3. FAC 1. PORE PORE 4. PAC 1. PORE PORE 5. K1KB3 K1-BB3 11. K1-QR3 P-QR3 5. PAG 10. QO 4. BZ 5. K1KB3 K1-BB3 11. K1-QR3 P-QR3 5. PAC 11. K1-K8 6. PAG 10. DO 4. BZ 5. K1-KB3 K1-BB3 11. K1-QR3 P-QR3 6. PAG 12. K1-K8 7. P-KK15 K1-BB3 11. K1-QR3 P-QR3 6. PAG 12. K1-K8 7. P-KK15 K1-B3 7. P-KK15 K1-B4 7. P-KK15 K1-B4 7. P-KK15 K1-B4 7. PACK 9. B white here may here the back of the costles, White can open lines on the Q-side. 12. O-OO 14. K1-KK1 BKK5

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R-QR1 After 28 HASENOEHL 蜜 80111 \$ 1 3 翼 3 3 \$

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HERZAERGER Now Black breathes caster. The attack seems to be stopped and Black seems to gain the upper hand, but with a few strokes White breaks the position. 29, P-841 PxP 31, PxP ch K-K2 30, P-05 8-84 Other moves do not avail either. 32, RxB Resigns

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#### CARO-KANN DEFENSE U. S. Biennial Championship New York, 1951

Notes by J. E. Howarth

Notes by J. E. Howarth White Black 1. A. HOROWITZ M. HANAUER 2. PQ84 P.Q4 4, P.Q4 The Panov-Botvinnik Atlack. At Moc cow in 1935, Botvianik used it against Spielmann strikes 1, P.Q4 The Panov-Botvinnik Atlack. At Moc Spielmann strikes 1, P.Q4 The Panov-Botvinnik Atlack. At Moc Spielmann strikes 1, P.Q4 The Panov-Botvinnik Atlack. At Moc Spielmann strikes 1, P.Q4 Spielmann Strikes 1, P.Q5 Spielmann Strikes 1,

B-K2; 9. G-O, O-O; 10. B-B4, P-QH3; 11. B-Q2; P-R3; etc., where White stands just a shade better.
K-K-B3
Analysis shows that 6. P-B5 is pre-mature after 6. B-R2; 7. K-KB3, mature after 8. B-R2; 7. K-KB3, mature after 6. B-R2; 7. B-R3; P-KKF; 12. R-PAP, P-K4; 12. K-KKF, K-KK; 14. P-KK, K-L2; 13. B-K12, P-XP with Black best, Yudovich-K-saparyan, Moscow, 1931.
B-R2; 7. B-R3; K-KK, K-KK; 14. P-KK, K-L2; 13. B-K12; 7. B-K15; 9. P-K4; 12. B-R4; 9. P-K4; 13. shao playable; 6. K-KP, O-O; 9. O-O, QKL-Q2; 10. B-B4; P-Q-R3; 11. B-B4; P-Q-R4; 10. B-B4; P-Q-R4; 11. B-B4; P-Q-R4; 12. B-Q-B, B-R4; P-Q-R4; 12. B-Q-B, B-R4; P-Q-R4; 12. B-Q-B, B-R4; P-Q-R4; 13. R-P-R5; 13. R-R4; P-Q-R4; 14. R-K4; R-B1; and Black enjous a slight advantage. The fit after 6. P-Q-R4; 13. R-P-R5; 14. K-K4; R-D-R4; 10. P-Q-R4; R-B4; 10. P-Q-R4; 11. B-R4; P-Q-R4; 12. B-Q-B, B-R4; 10. P-Q-R4; 12. B-Q-B; 12. K-K4; P-Q-R4; 13. R-Q-R4; 13. R-Q-R4; 14. K-K4; R-D-R4; 10. P-Q-R4; R-B4; 12. B-Q-R4; 14. K-R4; R-D-R4; 10. P-Q-R4; R-B4; 12. B-Q-R4; 14. K-R4; R-D-R4; 10. P-Q-R4; 14. K-R4; R-D-R4; 10. P-Q-R4; 15. R-Q3, P-Q-R4; 15. R-Q3, P-Q-R4; 16. K-Q2; 10. B-R4; P-Q-R4; 10. P-Q-R4



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present po 33. KR-Kt1 34. R-Kt8 35. RxRch 36. P-B4 "Not the 1 K-B1 RxR K-K2 K-Q3 37. K-B2 38. K-K3 39. P-K†3 40. K-Q3 P-Kt3 B-Q4 R-R15 RxRch P-B4 ot the los K-Q3 40, K-Q3 long-way around." B-K3 42, R-R5 B-Q4, Horowitz was sot to B-ch, K-R5, K-Q3 and wins Resigns B-K3 B-Q2 set to 40. 41. R-Kt5 On 43. play 44. RxB 44. K-B4 R

GRIJFNFELD DEFENSE Southern Open Championship Asheville, 1951 Notes by Kit Crittenden

White Black ADICKES B, CRUISE P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. P-KK3 move which takes on an indepen-nt character only when Black plays here. white 1. 2. A

P-Q4 6. P-K4 Kt-K13 KtxP 7. Kt-K2 P-K4 B-K12 PxP B-Kt2 5. B.442 B.452 There are several methods of meeting White's system. One is ..., P-OB3, KLQBI and KLBZ. Another is ..., P-Reason of the system of the several several several KLBS increasing to the several several several several KLBS increasing several severa

3 best. P-Q5 0-0 R P-QB3 10. QKt-83 R-K1?

5. 0-0 The R belongs on B1 to aid the advance of the KBP, which should event unly strike out. FPP, and the development of the QK1 to Q2 or R3, is correct. 11. QK13 QK1-Q2 PxP should be played first. 17 BAS

12. B-K3 Again, PxP should be played first. Black's isolated QBP would then afford the first player a considerable plus. 12. K1-B3 12. P-KR3 PxP At last! 14. PxP B-B4

12. K1-83 13. P-KR3 PxP At last! 14. PxP B-B4 15. P-B4 The wrong strate(xy. There is no reason to open up the K-file for Black's R. White should strive for play in the center or on the Q-side, or both, de-veloping his Rs first. 15. KR-Q1, 16 QR-D1, and Px-QB1 see antece. Black's QB4 is a weak square for him, so White might work toward putting a K1 there. At any rate, opening the position up before developing fully is folly. 15. K1(83)-Q2 19. Q-KK15 QR-B1 16. QR-Q1 PxP 19. P-KK(84? T, BxP Kt-B4 White should play to regroup his forces instead of provoking his opponent. White Draw B-Q61 20. RxB P-QR31 Athal Q-bb1 last! PxP instead of 19. Aha! 21. QxRch! The best c

e best chance: R and Kt are almost equivalent for the Q, and the two have a considerable influence. RK3 Q 22, P.Qei RK3 Q Q1

Bs have a considerable influence.

 QxQ 22, P-Qé!
 PxK3 -Q1
 Now Q5 can be occupied by a piece.
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#### Solutions:

Solutions: Finish It the Clever Way! Position No. 71: 1..., R-Kitleh; 2. K-B5 (If 2. K-R5, Q-Q1ch wins; if 2. K-P, Q-B3 ch and QAP ch wins), B-K6 cht; 3. QxE, Q-QKi3 ch; 4. KxP, QxQ and won (5. P-QR(2), RxQ; 6. RxR, Q-K3, ch; 7. R-Q4, P-R4; 8. P-R4 and White resigned. Position No. 72: 1..., R(KB)-Ki! and White resigned. If 2. Ki-Ki3, Q-R6, If 2. Q-Q5, RxKi.

Conducted by

Erich W. Marchand

30. P-Q7 CRUISE After 30.



ADICKES Perhaps White overlooked this brilliant move, a fine one indeed. If 31, Pe3(9), QxR ch: a) 32, K-B1, QxKt ch; 33, K-R1, KtKP ch; 34, K-R1, Q-B8 ch; 35, K-R2, B-K4 mate; b) 32, K-R2, Q-B7 ch; 33, R-R1, KtK1 and one of the mate; K-KKB or Q-K4B) will be good; 33, K-R1, KtK1 and one of the mate; K-KKB or Q-K4B) will be good; 33, K-R1, K-R5, Q-B7 ch; 37, K-R1, K-K5 ch; 34, K-B1, Q-K7 ch; 35, K-R1, Q-K3 ch; 36, K-R2, Q-B7 ch; 37, K-R1, K-K7 and the position in variation B has been reached. the postor in reached. 31, R(3)-K5 QxB 34, RxKitch K-K12 32, KlxKi QxQP 35, R-K8 QxR 33, R-R8 B-Q3 Resigns We thank both confestants for this memorable game.

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