

January 5, 1952

# Hearst Second, Wachs and Kaufman Tie for Third in 23 Player Event

New York State Champion James T. Sherwin of Columbia won the Intercollegiate Individual Championship with a 6-1, drawing in the final round with Saul Wachs of Temple University, the U. S. Junior Champion. Sherwin also drew with Francis Mechner, also of Columbia, in the semi-final round. Former New York State Champion and CHESS LIFE columnist

Former New York State Champion and CHESS LIFE columniat Eliot Hearst, also of Columbia, placed second with 5½-1½. Hearst lost a game to former team-mate Sherwin, and drew with Saul Wachs. Saul Wachs of Temple and Allen Kaufman of N.Y.U. tied for third with 5-2. Wachs, undefeated, drew four games, while Kaufman lost games to James Ricard of Rensselaer Polytechnic and James Sherwin.

Next ranking players in the round Swiss event were Francis Mechner of Columbia and Robert D. Sobel of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy who tied for fifth with 41/2-23/2 each.

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Seventh to eleventh with equal sevenin to eleventh with equal 4-3 scores were Herbert Hickman of Haverford, Marvin Rogan of Indiana, Karl Burger of Columbia, James Ricard of Rensselaer Poly-technical, and Girard Kay Rosen-blum of Pennsylvania.

While not as large an event as while not as large in even as some previous Intercollegiales, the tournament was notable in the number of new faces and institu-tions represented for the first time in these annual events. Fourteen colleges were represented, including players from Indana, Kentucky and No. Carolina.

Sherwin's victory at Houston Hall of the University of Penn-sylvania in Thiladelphia gives him possession of the Arthur Nabel Memorial Trophy, now held by Paul L. Dictz of Pittsburgh.

#### LEW TRIUMPHS IN MISSOURI

Veteran H. Lew of St. Louis scored 4.1 in the Missouri State Open Championship to win the title on S-B points. Losing no games, Lew drew with Robert H. Steinmeyer and A. C. Ludwig.

Second on S-B with 4-1 was former State Champion R. H. Steinmeyer, who drew with Lew and W. M. Byland.

Third place on S-B points with 3½-1½ went to USCF Vice-Presi-dent W. M. Byland of Pittsburgh. Byland lost to K. R. Smith of Dallas and drew with Steinmeyer.

Fourth with 3%-1% was Walter Grombacher of Chicago, who lost to Steinmeyer and drew with E. Godbold of St. Louis.

Five states were represented in the 14 player 5 round Swiss event, held in St. Louis.

#### BRAUER TAKES MIDLAND CITY

Alvin Brauer won the double round Midland City Championship with a 7-3 score, losing one game each to Charles Starnes and Hans Grether and drawing with Starnes and Joseph Frank. Second place went to Walter Cepela and Charles Starnes in a tie at 6-4 each. Cepela lost twice to Brauer and once each to Starnes and Grether, Starnes lost a game apiece to Cepela, Frank and Frank Michlick, and drew a game each with Brauer and Greth-

U.S. INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP 5-2 ....41/2-21/2 43/2-21/2 ......4-3 ......4-3 .....4-3 .....4-3

RWIN WINS

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#### LARSEN TOPS 2ND OAHU OPEN

Alva L. Larson, formerly of Yale, won the annual Oahu Open Championship at Honolulu by 6½-1/2 in an 11 player 7 round Swiss event. Larsen drew with Charles Powell.

Powell. Second place with 6-1 went to K. L. Kum of Honolulu, who lost one game to Larsen. Charles Powell was third with 4½-2½, drawing with Larsen but losing to Kum. In the 13 player 7 round "B" Class event, honors went to Rob-ert L. Cummings with 5½-1½.

ert L. Cummings with 5½-1%. ert L. Cummings with 542-172. Second place on S-B points went to H. D. Kirschman with 5-2, while Raymond Killgrove of the U. S. Navy placed third, also with 5-2

#### **KERES, GELLER** HOLD USSR LEAD

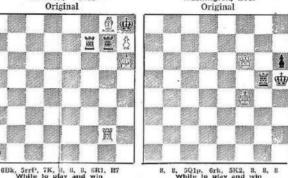
After 16 rounds, Keres and Gel-ler are tied in the USSR Champ-ionship with 10½-4½ each. Smys-lov and Taimanov follow with 9½-5½ each. Then comes Petrosan with 9-5 and Botvinnik with 9-6.

The final 17th round and the re-sults of seven adjourned games will decide the issue shortly

#### FERRIS TRIUMPHS IN WOODPUSHERS'

Stephen Ferris with an 11-1 score topped the Miami Woodpushers' Tournament, losing game to Anthony Talarczyk in the round robin event. A. Pederson and Anthony Talarczyk tied for second with 10-2 each. Pederson lost to Ferris and M. E. Duckles; Talarczyk to Pederson and Ernest Scheuplein.

Tied for fourth with 8-4 each were C. Robert Adamson and M. E. Duckles. Adamson lost to Ferris, Pederson, Talarczyk and Duckles; Duckles lost games to Ferris, Tal-arczyk, Scheuplein and Victor Emanuel. By Robert Brieger Houston, Texas



# White To Play And Win!

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Position No.

By Edmund Nash

Washington, D.C.

#### Conducted by William Rojam

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A MERICAN ingenuity has produced very few end-game studies be-cause there are almost no end-game composers in the USA. There-

 $\Lambda$  cause there are almost no end-game composers in the USA. There-fore, it is a pleasure on this occasion to present two examples by home talent. Position No. 63 is an interesting study in which the possibilities of stalemate make White's strategy a matter of very careful planning. Position No. 64 is not only interesting but important, for it upsets one of the general dicta in Fine's Basic Chess Endings. Fine (p. 566) states that Black R.P and K draw against White K and Q, when the Black P is on R3. Mr. Nash's study would indicate that this is true only when the Black K is on R2. Composer Milos Marsyko writes from Prague that his study No. 89 (December 20. 1950) was incorrectly printed and should have had a

(December 20, 1950) was incorrectly printed and should have had a White P on QKt6. Addition of the P would destroy the suggestion of Russell Chauvenet and Neil Bernstein for an alternate solution.

#### For solutions please turn to page four.

# The Capablanca Chess Stamps By PAULINE NEARING

President, Decatur Chess Club

O NE of the most fascinating phases of stamp collecting is selecting O a topic collecting is schedung phases of stamp collecting is schedung in this respectively. The personal enjoyment and the vast amount of knowledge to be acquired is unlimited. When Bulgaria, in 1947, issued the first adhesive postage stamp honoring The Royal Game of Chess, by depicting a "Knight" chessman, not much attention was given to this, excepting by those interested in

"sports stamps." But soon other countries issued stamps commemorating world events in chess. 1948, Russia issued stamps commemorating "The Chess Championship of the World." Hungary in 1950 issued stamps in honor of "The World Chess Championship Candidates' Tourn-ament." The same year. Yugoslavia issued stamps. ament." The same year, Yugoslavia issued stamps commemorating "The Ninth International Chess Team Championship Tournament."

On November 1st, 1951, a large group met in the Post Office, Havana, Cuba. The occasion was the first day of sale of a series of bicolored stamps honoring Jose Raul Capablanca, World's Chess Champ-ion, 1921-1927. These stamps, in seven denominations, and four designs, bi-colored stamps nonoring Jose nam capabanca, word s clease strang-ion, 1921-1927. These stamps, in seven denominations, and four designs, commemorate the 30th anniversary of Capablanca's winning the World's Chess Championship title in a match with Dr. Emmanuel Lasker, in Havana. Senor Alberto Garcia, Director of Club Capablanca, Havana, who originated the idea of the stamps, and selected the color and de-time, was the snapker for this occasion. signs, was the speaker for this occasion.

signs, was the speaker for this occasion. The one cent regular postage, and the 25 cents air-mail stamp show the picture of Capablanca, taken from the famous painting by E. Val-denama in 1938. The 2 cents regular and the 8 cents air-mail show a later picture of Capablanca, seated at his chess board. The 5 cents regular postage and 10 cents special delivery stamp depict Club Capa-blanca, in Havana. (This beautiful club was made possible by a gen-erous contribution of the Cuban Government, and was formally opened in 1947.) The 5 cents air-mail, in green and yellow, from a photo, shows Capablanca's own chess table and heard unon which the match with (1) 10-2(.) LINE 5 cents alr-mail, in green and yellow, from a photo, shows Capablanca's own chess table and board, upon which the match with Dr. Lasker was played. Chessmen are placed in the exact position of the game when Dr. Lasker resigned, and Capablanca became World Champ-ion.

The first day of sale of these stamps exceeded all previous records in Cuba, with the exception of the 2 cents Roosevelt commemorative. Over 50% of the "First Day Covers" had the complete set of stamps. By November 15th, all of the one and two cent stamps were sold, and few of the others were to be found in Post Offices. Club Capablanca issued 120 specially designed courtesy covers, of

which 100 were cancelled first day of issue. The writer was the proud (Please turn to page 3, col. 2)

#### EARNEST TAKES OKLAHOMA TITLE

John Earnest of Tulsa staged an upset victory to capture the Okla-homa State Championship 4½-½, drawing with runner-up John Blair in the final round of the 26 player 5 round Swiss at Tulsa. Second 5 round Swiss at Tulsa. Second to fourth on S-B points with equal 4-1 scores were John Blair of Tulsa, E. N. Anderson of Owasso and Al Miller of Tulsa. Blair drew with Earnest and Anderson; Anderson drew with Blair and Robert Garver, while Miller lost a game to Earnest. Fifth to seventh on S-B with equal 3%-1% scores were former champions Robert Garver of Tulsa and E. H. Gill of Galver of Tuisa and E. H. Gill of Oklahoma City, and Ben Hernan-dez of Norman. Miss Maxine Cullip who scored 2.3 for 19th place re-tained the Oklahoma Women's title as ranking woman player.

In the B Class event, held con-In the B Class event, held con-currently, the title went to Danny Davis of Midwest City with 4-1 on S-B points, losing one game to R. E. Lyon of Midwest City. Also with 4-1 scores, but second and third on S-B points were Bill Heath of Granion and Sander Davidson of Tulsa. Heath lost a game to Davis, and Davidson to Lyon. 10 players contested in the 5 round Swiss event.

#### GRKAVAC TOPS MILWAUKEE CITY

John B. Grkavac a fairly recent arrival from Yugoslavia, won the Milwaukee City Championship from a field of 35 players in a 9 round Swiss with a score of 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. Grkavac lost no games, but drew with Arpad Elo, Dr. Werhley and Wendell Bulger. Second place went to former City titlist Averill Powers with 7.2. Powers lost to Grkavac and drew with Elo and

Grkavac and Great Abrams. Third to seventh on S-B points with equal 6.3 scores were former State champion Arpad E. Elo, Ralph Abrams, Marshall Rohland, Frank Inbusch, and Orville Fran-Frank indusch, and orvine rran-cisco. Of these Francisco is a young player who has very re-cently become locally prominent. The tournament was marred by a large number of forfeitures, but

was otherwise a very successfully managed event, notable for the number of new names in the top scoring players.

scoring players. During the course of the tourna-ment U. S. Champion Larry Evans visited Milwaukee to hold a 58-board simultaneous. Evans won 50, lost 2 and drew 6. The two successful scorers against the U.S. Champion were Averill Powers and Leonids Gaigals.

#### **ELO CAPTURES** MILWAUKEE SPEED

Arpad E. Elo won the 7 round Swiss Wisconsin State Speed Tournament in which 25 players participated with a score of 6-1. Second on S-B points with 6-1 Second on S-15 points with 6-1 score was E. Rozkalns of Waukesha while J. Kraszewki of Milwaukee was third with 5-2. Fourth to seventh on S-B points with equal 41/2.21% scores were Dr. L. Young of Madison, L. Gaigals, of Wauke-sha, and M. Tohland and Gerald Rutz of Milwaukee. Young

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CHESS AND POLITICS

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L EST it be deemed that the Editor of CHESS LIFE stands alone in this disordered world in decrying the increasing intervention of politics into the once-peaceful world of chess, we publish in its entirety an editorial from the British magazine "CHESS," issue of November. 1951, in which Mr. Baruch H. Wood expresses his views in an article entitled "Chess and Politics":

"Keep politics out of chess!" we are periodically implored. What a pel Politics is in chess. International chess is little more than a plaything politics today.

When the Czechs pathetically hoped to stay friendly with both East West, their chess team went everywhere. No matter what were players' individual professions, they were suddenily able to devote it or nine months per year to chess. Since Czechoslovakia fell into Russian orbit, Czech players are seen here no more.

the Russian orbit, Czech players are seen here no more. Yugoslavia quarrelled with Russia and suddenly became isolated and desperately in need of allies. So a U.S.A. team was invited over, Yugo-slavia paying all expenses on such a lavish scale that Israel Herowitz, organizing for the Americans, managed to pocket a sum in the region of £2,000 (a fact which has aroused a certain amount of fury among other members of the team who received only expenses). Why did the Yugo-slavian 'Chess Federation suddenly decide that it was worth thousands of pounds to play the U.S.A. at chess—and where did it get the thousands of pounds? isolated

or pounds? Chess in France is split in two, the official chess federation being pestered by a rival "workers" organization with its own magazine Bulletin Ouvrier, Switzerland likewise has a "workers" chess association and magazine; members who play in the official federations' tournament are excommunicated.

are excommunicated. Yugoslavia, unconstitutionally invited in by a misguided junta, is now financing the international Correspondence Chess magazine Mail Chess. Their players are everywhere—in the West, We can feel proud of our team's showing against Yugoslavia in the September match, for amateurs have a hard time against professionals these days!

We might add to Editor Wood's comments on politics the fact that We might add to Editor wood's comments on pointes the lact that the Czechoslovakian Chess Federation has assumed the costs and labors of publishing an international magazine for FIDE. This is particularly interesting to Americans, for the editor will be Karel Opocensky who previously edited that monument of propoganda entitled Bulletin In-ternational des Informations Echiqueennes. We have upon several occasions commented upon Editor Opocensky's perverted outlook upon the American enternations and its more outproposed and the several optimized enternations are several optimized enternations and the several optimized enternations and t occasions commented upon Editor Opocensky's perverted outcook upon the American scene and cited examples of his more outrageous and distorted perversions of the truth. It will be amusing to note if the obligations of his new post as FIDE editor can make an honest man out of Mr. Opocensky or whether from force of habit and training he will remain an incorrigible liar. Needless to say, any endeavor of the Czech chess group and Editor Opocensky to convert the FIDE official exhibit intervendent back for Scuide transport will be viewed publication into a sounding board for Soviet propoganda will be viewed dimly in the USA. We trust that FIDE understands this immutable fact.

Montgomery Major



#### POSITIONSSPIEL UND KOMBINATIONSSPIEL IM SCHACH. By Max Euwe. Translated by Kurt Richter. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter. 109 pages, 132 diagrams. In German.

THIS is another in Berlin chessmaster Richter's series of "little chess-books." Dr. Euwe offers 60 pages of theory and analysis, 10 of "Testfragen" and answers, and 40 of closely annotated recent games. The ten sections of Part One deal with the six types of center, with strong and weak pawns, open lines for Rooks, direct attacks on the King, the breakthrough, Queen's side pawn majority, and the problem of the Queen's Bishop in the Queen's Gambit General principles and recommendations are emphasized throughout by italics. Their quality may be suggested by the following free translation of Euwe's final remarks on "Der Durchbruch."

"Der Durchbruch." "The breakthrough often marks the end of position play and the beginning of combination play. A well-calculated breakthrough often wins quickly, whereas a badly timed one may recoil immediately like a boomerang upon the attacker. Take care, then, that the circumstances are as favorable as possible when the position is to be opened up. Man-euver in advance for the greatest mobility, so that your pieces can reach their highest efficiency without delay. On the other hand, don't spend too many moves on preparation, for in that case your opponent, in spite of your impressive position, may have a chance to play his pieces to good defensive posts."

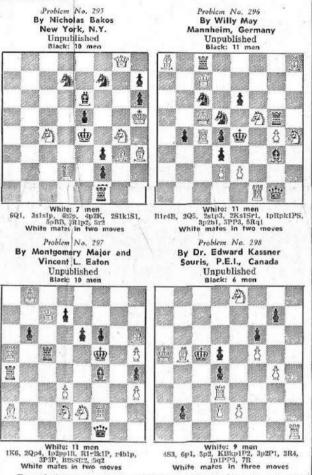
The test questions of Part Two deal exclusively with pawn position; and the 20 diagrams here illustrate Euwe's statement that pawn for-mation is the basis for position play. Then come the 10 master games, one from 1939 (Keres-Euwe match), one from 1943 (Botvinnik-Smyslov, Sverdlosk), and the others from 1948. O'Kelly, Szabo, Roshevsky, Rossolimo, and others are represented. The games are discussed in Euwe's clear, dry, methodical style, with frequent cross-reference to Part One. Thus in comment on 16. Tfl-dl in Smyslov-Reshevsky (Moscow 1948), Euwe observes: "See our theory on the open file, subsections IV and V: 'Open a file only when you can get more use out of it than your op-ponent can.'" Here, as elsewhere, the emphasis on pawn play clarifies and illuminates moves which club players like this reviewer find in-evnlicable. explicable.

For a sample of the games, Euwe's win from Kitto (Plymouth 1943) will serve well.



Address oil communications to this column to Vincent L. Eaton, 612 McNeill Road, Silver Spring, Maryland. PROBLEM No. 295 ushers another new composer on the scene with his first attempt. Mr. Bakos is a protege of Edgar Holladay and seems to have learned much from that skilful composer.

The Melbourne (Australia) Weekly Times announces an informal The Melbourne (Australia) Weekly Times announces an informal composing tourney for original problems in three moves. Entries should be addressed to "Gambit," The Weekly Times, Flinders Street, Melbourne, Australia. A. Goldstein will be the judge and the closing date is December 31, 1952. Three money prizes will be awarded for the best entries.



For solutions to previously published problems, please turn to page four.

#### The U.S. Championship Tournament By HANS KMOCH

USCF Vice-President and Secretary of Tournament Committee

 $T^{\rm WO}$  years ago the Tournament Committee, under the co-chairman-ship of Messrs George E. Roosevelt and Maurice Wertheim, worked out a tentative schedule for the 1950 Championship, to be held as an invitational tournament, and the championships thereafter, to be open for especially qualified participants. On December 1, 1949, Mr. Wert-heim sent a summarizing report of the Tournament Committee's sug-gestions to President Giers. On April 4, 1950, President Giers wrote the Tournament Committee that its suggestions had been accepted by the Beard of Directory. the Board of Directors.

Unfortunately, a number of unforeseen events caused delay in the 1950 Championship. There was first of all the paralyzing blow de-livered to the Tournament Committee by the death of Mr. Wertheim; Inverse to the rournament Committee by the death of Mr. Wertheim; there was the participation of a U.S. team in the so-called Chess Olympics at Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, in August and September 1950; then there was the change in the Presidency of the USCF which had been im-pending for some months before it became a fact. I may add, if it matters, that I myself as the secretary of the Tournament Committee, had been absent from this country for seven months (June-December, 1950). 1950).

Our new President, Mr. Phillips, did great efforts to reactivate the Tournament Committee and get the postponed 1950 Championship held in 1951.



A T last the devotces of outdoor chess in Central Park will have a roof over their heads! About two weeks ago an anonymous bene-factor donated \$38,000.00 for the factor donated \$33,000.00 for the express purpose of protecting the chess players from the elements. For quite a few years now the habitues of the "Central Park Chess Chub" have played outdoors —come rain, hail, or heat—on the 16 cement chess tables and benches set up by the New York City De 16 cement chess tables and benches set up by the New York City De-partment of Parks. Soon the shel-ter, a briek octabonal structure, will be erected, and the city's out door chess fans will no longer have to face both their opponents and the weather! "The New York Times," incidentally, carried a prominent feature story on this donation together with a large pic-ture of the proposed building and a reproduction of a photograph of ture of the proposed building and a reproduction of a photograph of two old men playign chess on a park bench, which was the photo-graph that aroused the interest of the local philanthropist in this project.

IN BRIEF: Marshall Chess Club recently held an intra-club match to celebrate Mrs. Mary Bain's vic-tory in the U. S. Women's Champtory in the U. S. Women's Champ-ionship. There was an unusually large turnout for the popular wom-an expert, and what with the vic-tory speeches, friendly matches, evening was a big success... George Krauss, ex-Marshallite now in the Air Force, sent his Christ-mas greetings from Morocco this Veral year! . . . Columbia University de-feated C.C.N.Y., 5-2. . . Nick Bakos, another Marshall expert now in another Marshall expert now in the Armed Forces, had his first furlough recently, and judging from his strong showing in the rapid transits in which he particirapid transits in which he partici-pated, it seems his chess skill is as expert as ever . . . The inter-national tourney scheduled for Cuba in February will be very powerful, indeed, and New York chess fans await with enthusiasm the present of series result reside the prospect of seeing many foreign the prospect of seeing many foreign matters in person here in the metropolis on their way to and from Havana . . . Marshall champ-ionship standings at the halfway mark, Hearst  $(7\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2})$ , Donovan and Pilnick  $(6\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2})$ . . . . Manhattan championship has just begun, fur-ther news next issue.

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Milwaukee, 1951	
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2. E. Rozkalns (Waukesha) 6 -1	22.00
3. J. Kraszewski (Mil.)	19.0
4. Dr. L. Young (Madi.)41-21	16.50
5. L. Gaigals (Waukesha)41-21	14.7
6. M. Rohland (Mil.) 41-23	14.25

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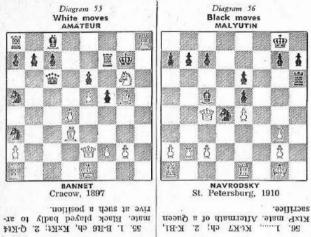
#### PLAN FOR CHESS IN CENTRAL PARK

According to the New York Times, an anonymous gift of \$38, 000 has been received from a prom-inent New Yorker to build a chess and checker shelter in Central Park. The shelter grew out of a photograph of two old men play-ing chess on a bench in Central Park. A member of the Park As sociation showed this picture to a sociation showed this picture to a philanthropist and asked him if he wasn't interested in doing something for these old men and many like them, who played chess and checker in Central Park. The Philanthorpist became interested, asked for designs for such a shelter and estimates of the cost. Then he visited the Park and saw for himself the chess enthusiasts im-mersed in their games. The shelter will be an octagonal brick structure with a slate roof, thirty-five feet in diameter with ten-foot-wide doors, and eight tables. It will be usable the year round, and provide adequate shel-

round, and provide adequate shel-ter for the players who are mostly retired oldstors who meet daily except in the worst weather. Chess For The Tired Business Man By Fred Reinfeld All rights reserved by David McKay Company, International Copy-right, 1947. No part of this article may be reproduced in any form with-

## CHALLENGE TO CHESS PLAYERS

I N RECENT YEARS we have had a great many fine books on chess, It 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 new process of checkmating statements and the primary object of the purpose of the statement. many ways of achieving checkmate.



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The Editor Reads A Book By Montgomery Major

BEST AMERICAN CHESS PROBLEMS of 1946, Compiled by Eric M. Hassberg; Omaha, Neb. 1948; 68 pp; \$1.50. Order from E. M. Hassberg, 41—26 73rd St., Jackson Heights, N.Y.

THIS collection of 100 of the best examples of American ingenuity in problem composing, ranging from such famous veterans as age, Wurzburg and Oppenheimer to the younger school of Buch-Gamage, wald, De Blasio, Eaton, Holladay and the editor, Eric Hassberg, deserves a place in the library of every player interested in the problem art. Most of the examples are prize-winners, and those which won no honors certainly deserved them. The book represents a cross-section of prob-lem skill in these United States, for almost every active composer is represented at least once.

#### CHICAGO BESTS GARY IN MATCH

Arrangements failed for the pro posed Northern Indian Open Tour-ney and instead there was an informal match between five Chicago formal match between five Chicago players, who came to play in the tourney and members of the Gary Chess Club. Chicago won 4½-½ with victories going to Kimbali Nedved, Angelo Sandrin, C. P. Adams and Skultins, while Walter Grombacher drew with George Martinson of Gary.

Cambridge (Mass.) YMCA Chess Club is leading in the Metropolitan Chess League with 5-1 in matches and 181/2-111/2 in games. Cambridge lost a first round match to Boston College and has since rémained unbeaten.

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#### **U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT**

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(Continued from Page 2, Column 2) On March 28, 1951 the Tournament Committee met and came to the conclusion the postponed Championship should be held in August 1951 with 14-16 participants. On April 19, 1951 the Tournament Committee decided on a list of 16 participants by name. On May 5, 1951, the Tournament Committee changed the schedule for the 1951 Champion-ship in such a way that 24 players could participate instead of 16 while the number of rounds would increase only from 15 to 16. On June 11, 1951, invitations were sent out to the selected players. As for the additional names, the Tournament Committee had accepted the National Rating List as a guide, emphasizing, however, it had no obligation to follow that List. The 1951 Championship tournament was held in New York from July 28 to August 19, 1951.

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During June 11 to July 28 many changes in the list of the partici-pants became necessary, because some of the invitees were unavailable, some made claims which the USCF had no chance to fulfill, some needed time to decide, and some didn't answer at all. As time went on, the difficulties to get substitutes were mounting. To many players, the idea of acting as a substitute had a humiliating touch. Others could not accept at short notice, while still others did but later withdrew at zero notice. During the last week before the tournament, I had to work frantically so as to present a complete list of 24 players at the draw on July 28. On that day, just before the draw was to start, Herman Hesse from Pennsylvania and George East-man from Michigan announced their withdrawals by wire. And there

draw was to start, Herman Hesse from Pennsylvania and George East-man from Michigan announced their withdrawals by wire. And there was still no answer from U.S. Champion Steiner. However, I had foreseen possible trouble of this kind and was fortunate enough to find a number of distinguished players who would not mind acting, so to say, as substitutes for substitutes, willing to step in at any moment. The names of the gentlemen who by their compre-hensive attitude substantually contributed to the tournament are: Edgar McCormick, Jack Collins, Dr. Ariel Mengarini, Dr. Joseph Platz, and Ed. Schwartz. McCormick had even to wait until the first round had started, for I felt that Steiner's place must be kept open until the very last minute.

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the best-placed players from Fort Worth netted only Jim Cross; Eliot Hearst from New York and Lee Magee from Nebraska were unavailable. As for our critics, we had New Yorkers who would wonder what non-New Yorkers were doing in this tournament, as well as non-New Yorkers who simply couldn't imagine why so many New Yorkers should participate. We had those who wouldn't mind a few thousand dollars if these dollars were to be produced by the USCF, those who considered themselves second to nobody in importance, those who would blame the Tournament Committee for a player's failure, and those who gen-erally seemed to believe that ill-will was the only guide the Tournament Committee ever had. Committee ever had.

Committee ever had. By and large, however, the Tournament Committee's good-will was recognized. It ought to be at least as far as its members, Mrs. Wertheim, Mr. Alexander Bisno, and Mr. George E. Roosevelt, are concerned. Sapienti sat. The thankless job of raising the funds was accepted and in spite of tremendous difficulties satisfactorily done by Mr. Phillips. The tournament itself was a smooth affair. There were no incidents of any investments

of any importance

Kitsap (Wash.) Chess Club elect-Richard P. Allen president, L. Miller vice-president, W. E. cd Jackson secretary-treasurer, and G. L. Christey tournament director.

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The Bell System of North America is now beginning its sixth round of correspondence chess events, sponsored by the System for its employees. The pos-tal tournaments of the System tal tournaments of the System have grown to enormous propor-tions and become increasingly popular among the employees. Success of these postal tourna-ments is greatly encouraged by the frequent publication of Tourn-ament Notes, a bulletin of chess news and results in current events which usually runs to some treach which usually runs to some twenty pages of information and charts of results.

For The

# Journament-Minded

January ?? Chicago City Championship Chicago, III. Will be held at Chicago Chess & Checker Club, Rm. 1208, 116 So. Michigan Ave.; one or two rounds per week (limited to 10 weeks); details unknown as to entry fee and exact date; contact Chicago Chess & Checker Club for further

# Chess & Checker Club for further information. February 3 Chicago Speed Championship Chicago, III. Open; entry fee 50e plus \$1 de-

posit; 1:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3 at YMCA Hotel, 826 So. Wabash Ave.; 4 man prelims and final A & B events; all round robin; con-ducted by Chicago City Chess League League.

North City Chess Club and Phil-adelphia Rifle Chess Club united to sponsor a simultaneous exhibi-tion by U.S. Champion Larry Evans. The Champion won 29, drew 4 and lost 3 games against the strong opposition. Winners were G. Rosenblum, Dreher and Cali, while U.S. Junior Champion Saul Wachs, Art Nickel, K. Richter and W. Coo, obtained the drawn W. Coe obtained the draws.



can be found (see also "K Novoi Armii" 1920, no. 4, p. 23, April

In his first chess column ("K Novoi Armii," no. 3, p. 24), Illyin-Zhenevsky reported:

Novoi Armii," no. 3, p. 24), Illyin Chenevsky reported: In Moscow, chess life was hardly interrupted, in spite of the extreme-ly difficult conditions in which the chess circle had to exist. Every day Billo chess playors assembled in the localifies of the circle and, besides serious games, there were played intervable is to tournaments, be abacted to a start of the circle and subfreezing temperatures played is subfreezing temperatures played to absence of electricity and kero-senc, by candlelight. In the middle of the winter the Championship Tournament of the City of Moscow was played; the detailed table will be published in the next issue. Amestre Aleksandr Alekhine re-ceived the first prize—11 points out of a possible 11; then follows as 2nd N. I. Grekov—8; 3rd N. M. Paviov—70; 4th N. D. Grigoriev— 7. In addition to these prize win-the toine following participated in the toine following participated in the fournament, the title of "Champion of the City of Moscow" went not to Mostro A. Alekhine whose vic-tory was not in doubt, but to the immediately following N. I. Grekov. Alekhine gives one of the game

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played in this Championship Tournament in "My Best Games of Chess, 1908-1923," viz., the Danish Gambit with K. Issakoff, game no. 53, and this(<sup>ab</sup>) as well as his games with B. Ljubimozo (curvioueller, microalled for B. V.

game no. 53, and this("\*) as well as his games with B. Ljubimozo (curiously misspelled for B. V. Liubimov — a young player who died on June 30, 1922, only 39 years old; see "Shakhmaty" 1922, no. 1, p. 16), N. Griegoriev and N. Zubarev (misspelled R. Zuba-rew) in "Schachleben in Sowject-Russland" where he calls this tournament "erste Klasse des Moskauer Lokalturniers" 1919 (Is-sakoff, Liubimov) and 1920 (Gri-goriev) or "erste Klasse des Lokalturniers zu Moskau 1920" (Zubarev). The fact that the game with Issakoff is clearly listed as one played in the Moscow Champ-ionship, October 1919, in "My Best Games" and that we have the same game, in "Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland," called "played in the first class of the Moscow Local Tournament 1919" makes it

Local Tournament 1919" makes it possible to classify all the other games in "Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland," which are called "played in the first class of the Moscow Local Tournament," as games played in the Moscow Championship of 1919/1920 where a compoted "there do can

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So far, no other games played by Alekhine in that tournament

have come to light. The notes to the games with Issakoff in "My Best Games" are considerably more extensive than those in

"Schachleben in Sowject-Russ-land," we can therefore refrain from a republication and refer to game no. 53 in "My Best Games of Chess, 1908-1923."

The games with Liubimov and Greigoriev, as published in "Sch-achleben in Sowjet-Russland" with Alekhine's notes, and with Zubarev,

as translated from the German

manuscript in our possession and \*Gennike is called Genika by Pavlov-Pianov (Shakhmaty v SSSR, no. 7, p. 216). He withdrew after 5 games, in-cluding the one with Alekhine. "The opponent's name misspelled Is-

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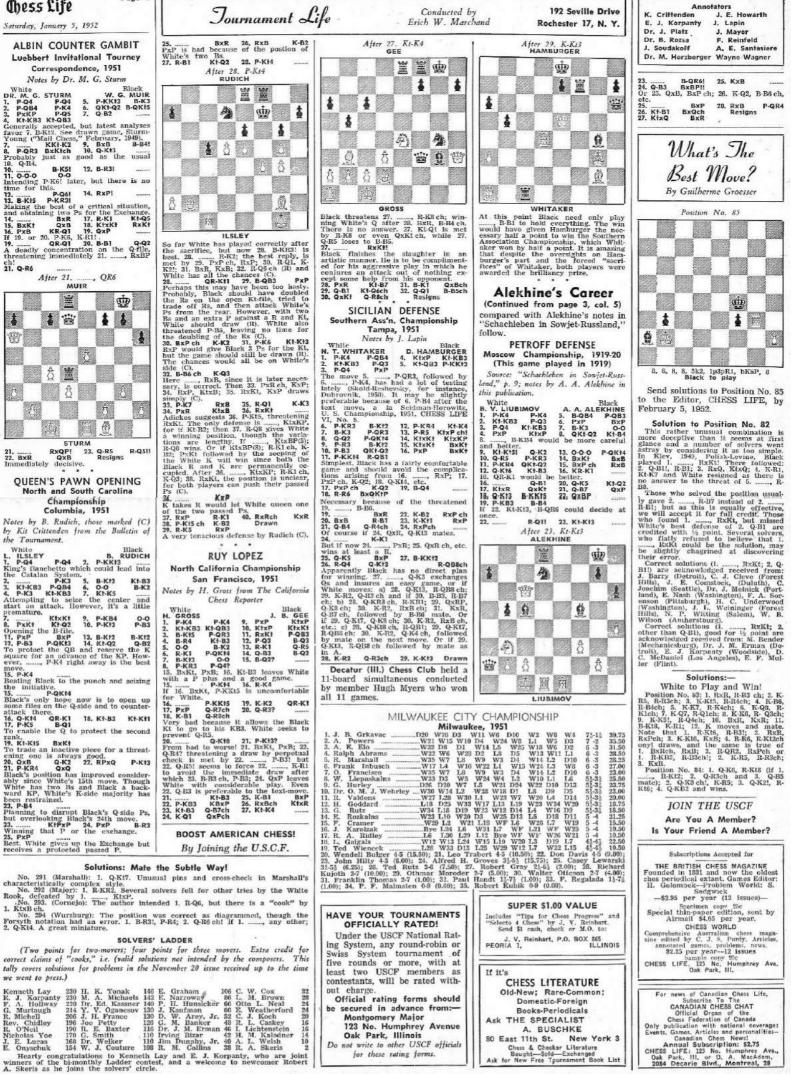
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Hearty congratulations to Kenneth Lay and E. J. Korpanty, who are joint winners of the bi-monthly Ladder contest, and a welcome to newcomer Robert A. Skeris as he joins the solvers' circle.

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