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## RESHEVSKY LEADS TOURNEY

### KOELSCH WINS IN MINNESOTA

Once again Dr. Giles A. Koelsche of Rochester won the Minnesota State Championship with 6½-½ in a 37 player 7 round Swiss, drawing one game with runner-up Curt Brasket of Tracy. Brasket was second with 5½-1½, drawing with Koelsche, Frank Cabot and Geo. S. Barnes. Third to sixth on S-B points with equal 5-2 scores were Frank Cabot, Sam Idleok, Robert Ott and P. Narveson. Former State Champion G. S. Barnes, showing lack of usual form, was eighth with 4½-2½.

The championship was played at the Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club which contributed much strength to the field in the number of strong players from the club who entered the event. It was conducted by the Minnesota State Chess Association and directed by E. J. Miller.

### CLAYTON TOPS N. J. COLLEGIATE

The first New Jersey Intercollegiate Championship, sponsored by the State Chess Federation was held at Rutgers University. Robert Clayton of Montclair Teachers College won the event 3-1, losing one game to runner-up Robert Coughlin of Seton Hall. Coughlin with 2-2 placed second of S-B points, while Walter Stephen and George Dawkins, both of Princeton, tied for third, also with 2-2.

The winner received a trophy, while both winner and runner-up were awarded USCF memberships; the third place winners received book prizes. One USCF membership and the book prizes were donated by State Champion Edgar McCormick.

### MAHER TRIUMPHS IN CHALLENGERS

Lawrence Maher of Moline won the Tri-City Challengers' Tourney with a 5-0 score, entitling him to a title match with Tri-City (Davenport, Moline, Rock Island) Champion Karl Wiegmann. Second on S-B points with 4-1 in the 15 player Swiss was Russell Schultz of Davenport with one loss to Maher. Henry Jeffrey of Rock Island, also with 4-1, was third, losing one game to Schultz. John Warren and Dr. F. D. Wilson tied for fourth on S-B points with equal 3-2 scores.

### DuVALL TAKES SO. CHARLESTON

Once again Allen T. DuVall of St. Albans triumphed in the South Charleston (W. Va.) Open Championship conducted by the Carbide Chess Club. Losing no games, but conceding draws to runner-up Harold W. Liggett and Edward M. Foy, DuVall scored 8-1 in the round robin event. Harold Liggett with 7½-1½ was second, drawing with DuVall and losing a game to John F. Hurt. Hurt placed third with 7-2, losing games to DuVall and William F. Hartling, who placed fourth with 6-3. Dave Marples, who began well, had his score cancelled when he was forced to withdraw for a more pressing engagement with the U.S. Marine Corps.

### CHESS COLUMN IN ARGONAUT

After 66 years, the *Argonaut*, published in San Francisco, has added a chess column, edited by Dr. H. J. Ralston, already the editor of the excellent California Chess Reporter. This weekly feature of the *Argonaut* magazine recalls the fact that sixty-eight years ago in the issue of January 5, 1884 of this same *Argonaut* began a chess column edited by J. Fenimore Welsh, which was probably the first regular chess column on the Pacific Coast. Mr. Welsh was succeeded by J. E. Tippet who conducted the column until March 6, 1886 when the feature was discontinued, to be revived on February 8, 1952 under the skilled direction of Dr. Ralston.

Contributions in game scores, original problems and news items are requested by the editor, who may be addressed: Dr. H. J. Ralston, The *Argonaut*, 544 Market Street, San Francisco, Calif.

### 102 ENTRIES IN PHILA EVENT

The Philadelphia Metropolitan Championship tournament, under the auspices of the Philadelphia Chess League and directed by Penna. State Champion William A. Ruth, is currently being played with 102 entrants contending for the title.

The preliminaries, in groups of 6, are being held at the various clubs, to determine those qualified to enter the semi-finals, two from each section. In the semi-finals, the players will be again divided into groups, with only the player with the highest score in each section entering the finals. A final round robin event will determine the championship.

### MARCHAND WINS ROCHESTER CITY

Victory in the Rochester (N. Y.) City Championship went to CHESS LIFE Games Editor Erich W. Marchand with 7-0. Former City Champion Dr. Max J. Herzberger was second with 5-2, losing one game to Marchand and drawing with Fred Kramer and Thomas R. Noonan. Allan Candee and Fred Kramer tied for third with 4½-2½, while Thomas R. Noonan placed fifth with 3½-3½.

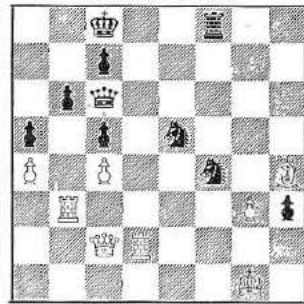
### SIEMMS LEADS AT TORONTO

By besting Frank Anderson and then the hitherto undefeated Z. L. Sarosy, Ross Siemms has taken the lead in the Toronto City tourney with 4½-½. The 16-year-old student is followed by Avery and Sarosy with 4-1 each, then Anderson and Lidacis with 3½-1½.

### ELLIS HOLDS LEAD AT NAMPA

As the Nampa City Championship draws to a close, A. B. Ellis holds the lead with 33-1, followed by Jerry Stanke with 31½-4½ and John English 28½-5½. Thirteen players are competing in the multiple round event.

Position No. 77  
Bogolyubov vs. Monticelli  
San Remo, 1930



2k2r2, 2ps, 1po5, p1p1s3,  
PIP2s1R, 1R4Pp, 2QR4, 6K1  
Black to play and win

Position No. 78  
Samisch vs. Engel  
Brunn, 1928



Mrk1, p1p1qpl, 3s1p1R, 2pPpS2,  
2Ps, P1PB4, 4Q1PP, 5Rk1  
White to play and win

### Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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YEARS ago when I first played over Position No. 77 I was dazzled no end. Recently I enjoyed discovering the solution; there is a mate in four.

Position No. 78 was submitted by Hugh Underwood of Washington, D.C. It is one of several positions he selected from the excellent chess column appearing every Saturday in the sports section of the Christian Science Monitor. There is a mate in six (in one variation, a pretty mate in four).

For solutions please turn to page Four.

### COUTURE THANKS THOSE WHO AIDED

William J. Couture, well-known problemist and correspondence chess player, whose difficulties with the law have been related, has requested CHESS LIFE to publish upon his behalf the following note of thanks, since he is at present unable to acknowledge personally his gratitude to each individual:

"Chess players and friends:  
"Many thanks for your kind help in donations for my case; the trial is set for March 18th and I hope I can prove my innocence here.

"I have names of those who helped me, and in all earnest I'll reimburse you once I am free. Nice to have such real friends.

"Looking at the dark side of life; if I am given time, I'll go to prison and try my hardest to bury my sorrows in chess. I am 38 years old, and after serving nine and a half years, my constitution really cannot stand much more.

"Thanking Montgomery Major, who was instrumental in my seeking aid, and the following: Mr. H. C. Leonard, Mr. George Smith, Mr. John J. White, Mr. Carl Diesen, Dr. Norman Hornstein, Mr. A. E. Hoerchner, Mr. Waldo Waters, Mr. Ben Wong, Mr. Dave Lee, Mr. Ed Ludlow, Mr. Julius and George Partos, Mr. Don Dyal, Mr. Ray Hiscoc, Rev. Arthur E. Beck, Dr. H. J. Ralston, Mr. Paul James, Mr. J. H. Duitman, Mr. MacAdams, Mr. M. Heinrich, Mr. Charles Castonquay, Mr. Wm. H. Pico, Mrs. Larry Dyson, Mr. Edgar Holladay, Mr. Fred A. Pearson, I am grateful.

"Yours chessfully,  
WM. J. COUTURE"

### KANSAS U TOPS BIG 7 TOURNEY

The Big Seven Conference held its first chess tourney at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Unfavorable weather cut participation to four schools, but it was an adequate beginning with two players each from the four colleges in a round robin event that determined the individual and school titles. Due to the deadline on Saturday, not all games were played, but the omissions did not affect the final standings.

Kansas University topped with 3-0 in matches and 8½-1½ in games. Second went to Nebraska University with 2-1 and 6½-4½. Colorado University was third with 1-2 and 5½-6½, while Kansas State College scored 0-3 and 1½-9½.

### GEORGI TRIUMPHS IN BIG 7 MEET

Scoring for the individual honors, Georgi of Kansas University scored 5-0 in the Big Seven Chess Tourney. Second place went to Pupols of Nebraska University with 4½-½ while Marhugh of Kansas scored 3½-1½ for third and Barglow of Colorado University 3½-2½ for fourth.

The winning team was awarded a traveling trophy, while the individual winner was given a symbolic key as token of victory.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED  
To The  
3-YEAR CYCLE PLAN  
For The  
U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP?  
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### NAJDORF IN TIE FOR 2ND PLACE

By defeating Carlos Guimard in the 15th round, Samuel Reshevsky climbed into first place, with 12-3. In the 5th round Reshevsky was upset by Arturito Pomar, and has drawn four games, one with Gligoric, another with Toran.

Tied for second with 11-3 are Miguel Najdorf, who held the early lead, Nicholas Rossolimo, and Svetozar Gligoric. Rossolimo scored a 4th round victory over Najdorf.

Close behind these are Erich Eliskases with 11-4 and U. S. Champion Larry Evans with 10-4. Evans lost to Reshevsky in the 1st round and Gligoric in the 5th, but has played steadily since, upsetting Dr. Edward Lasker in a 102 move battle.

Also in the running is I. A. Horowitz with 9-4, who suffered only one outright loss—to Reshevsky in the 14th round. Horowitz has drawn six games, one in the first round against Najdorf.

So as round 16 begins the pattern follows closely the prediction of USCF Rating Statistician Kenneth Markness.

### GAMBIT TOPS TORONTO LEAGUE

The Gambit Chess Club won the premier section of the Toronto Chess League 4½-1½, losing and drawing with its rival the Ukrainian Chess Club in the double round team event. The Estonians and Ukrainians tied for first place in the intermediate section, while the Estonians won the minor section.

In the Toronto City Championship P. Avery holds the slim lead of 3-0, closely followed by F. A. Anderson, G. Lorentz and Ross Siemms with 2½-½ each. Lorentz and Siemms drew against each other in the third round.

### BASS, PETTIGREW TIE AT VA. UNIV.

Walter A. Bass, present Virginia State Champion, and T. Frazier Pettigrew, president of Southern Intercollegiate Chess Ass'n, each scored 7½-1½ to become co-champions of the University of Virginia. Bass lost to James Burn and drew with T. Y. Mullins, while Pettigrew lost to Bass and drew with Locke. James Burn, who defeated Bass but lost to Pettigrew and Phil Klvoord, placed third with 7-2, while Klvoord was fourth. T. Y. Mullins was fifth with 5½-3½. Bass, Pettigrew, Klvoord and Mullins composed the team which won last year's Southern Intercollegiate Team Championship.

### COMMITTEE SETS DATES FOR OPEN

The local tournament committee at Tampa has set tentative dates for the annual U. S. Open as July 12-26 at the Floridian Hotel in Tampa. It is possible that these dates may be modified to a shorter span of July 14-25 before they are officially confirmed. Details of this event will be announced later, but players may well reserve the announced two weeks in July for attendance at the U. S. Open.



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## REGARDING THE VANISHING U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP

IN THIS issue we publish a letter by Mr. Jack Soudakoff in which he offers several suggestions about planning for the next U. S. Championship Tournament. These suggestions would merit consideration, if it were not for the fact that a very definite plan for the U. S. Championship has been evolved and approved by a succession of Boards of Directors, and only awaits the delayed action of the U. S. Championship Tournament Committee to become effective.

It has been so long since this plan of a three-year cycle for the U. S. Championship was announced in CHESS LIFE (April 5, 1950) that chess players may well be pardoned if they have completely forgotten the details or even the fact that such a plan was approved by two successive USCF Boards of Directors after its conception and organization by a special committee appointed to present recommendations.

For almost a year the Editor of CHESS LIFE under the constant pressure of letters from chess players has been reminding both USCF President Harold M. Phillips and the U. S. Tournament Committee of the necessity of implementing this plan in the immediate future, if the scheme of the three-year cycle is to be effectively organized. The Editor has received numerous promises that the first phase of the three-year cycle would be announced, but to date these promises have not been fulfilled.

Therefore, it becomes obvious that the danger exists today of the three-year cycle being discarded (for all the fact that it was decreed specifically by two different USCF Boards of Directors) on the excuse that time (after these interminable delays) no longer permits the operation of the cycle. The alternative could be another invitational tournament despite the pledge of all former USCF Officials that after the 1951 U. S. Championship event, no other invitational championship tournament would be held.

If the membership of the Federation desires a fulfillment of the original pledge for a three-year cycle for the U. S. Championship as specifically ordained by the votes of two different Boards of Directors, the remedy lies in their hands.

The members can express by letter to USCF President Harold M. Phillips the demand that President Phillips fulfill the obligation of his office in implementing the resolutions of the USCF Boards of Directors in regard to the three-year cycle of the Championship. The U. S. Tournament Committee, which has now had almost two years in which to study the outline of the plan, can scarcely plead that it has not had sufficient time for consideration; and the Tournament Committee would scarcely resist the wishes of the membership at large, if their wishes were expressed with sufficient firmness and clarity.

If the membership of the Federation desires a plan for the Championship in which players must qualify by preliminary events, it is now the opportunity of the membership to make these wishes known by writing to President Phillips demanding no further delay in implementing a plan that should have been set in motion a full year ago.

If the membership is indifferent to the issue, it can remain silent. But then it must accept with equanimity any form of invitational championship event which may be thrust upon it in the future.

That the members may know (since they scarcely can now be expected to remember), we reprint the more pertinent passages from an article by former USCF President Paul G. Giers in which the basic outline of the plan is given in detail. This outline appeared in CHESS LIFE on April 5, 1950, and its provisions were intended to be placed in effect in 1951:

The principal provision of the new tournament procedure is that we will, starting in 1951, have a three-year cycle of national title competition culminating each third year in the Championship finals. This system will operate as follows:

#### 1951—State or Regional Competition

In accordance with rules to be formulated later this year, there will be state or regional competition, and every state or regional champion emerging from such tournaments will qualify for participation in the 1952 Candidates' Tournament.

#### 1952—Candidates' Tournament

This tournament, organized by the USCF, will be open for the following three groups of qualified players:

1. The second (middle) one-third of those who participated in the 1950 Championship, as referred to below. (Seven to be considered one-third of twenty.)
2. All 1951 State or Regional Champions.
3. Five players to be selected by the Championship Committee, to take care of prominent players who for any reason did not participate in the 1950 and/or 1951 contests.

#### 1953—U. S. Championship

These four groups of qualified players will have the right to participate in the championship finals:

1. The top one-third of the 1950 Championship participants. (Seven to be considered one-third of twenty.)
2. The current Open Champion and the winners of the two preceding U. S. Open Championship Tournaments, if not already entitled to participate under other provisions.
3. Two players to be selected by the Championship Committee.
4. As many of the top group of the 1952 Candidates' Tourney as there

will be additional places available to bring the total number of finalists up to twenty players.

It is only as a necessary and on-time expedient that the 1950 U. S. Championship will be held on an invitational basis. What is more important is that we will now have a new long-range system of national tournament competition which takes into account the interests of the masters, the younger talent, and the chess players of the nation at large.

So it was planned; but whether the dream becomes reality depends upon the wishes of the members of the Federation and their ability to overcome the obstructionism that has so far rendered this progressive concept futile.

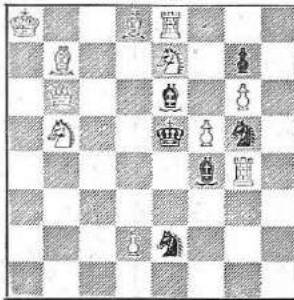
*Montgomery Major*

## Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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Problem No. 315  
By Richard Kujoth  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
First Publication  
Black: 4 men



White: 11 men  
K2BR3, I2B2in1, I3Q2b1P1,  
I2SkP1, 5BR1, 8, 3P3, 8  
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 317  
By A. Ellerman  
First Prize, Algemeen Handelsblad  
1916  
Black: 9 men



White: 10 men  
1K6, 2P5, I1B1p2, 3R4,  
R2SkP1, 3P3, b1I2qP1, b36  
White mates in two moves

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

## The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

PAN-AMERICAN CHESS CONGRESS, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, JULY 28-AUGUST 12, 1945. Edited by Jack Spence. Published by the Nebraska Chess Association. Vol. IV, American Tournament Series. Mimeographed. Pp. ix, 43. Order from Jack Spence, 208 South 25th Street, Omaha, Neb.; \$2.00.

THE tournament book of the Hollywood Pan-American is a welcome addition to Editor Spence's valuable series. Reshevsky (winner), Fine, Horowitz, Kashdan, Steiner, Adams, and Seidman were the United States players, with Pilnik, Rossetto, Araiza, Cruz, Broderman, and Camarena (the back-marker) supplying the international competition. A few game scores were lost, but 39 of the 78 played are annotated and all that were available are here. Annotations by several of America's leading masters, including Fine and Reshevsky, complete a critical apparatus that offers indexes, round-by-round reports, biographical data, and an introduction. The volume fills a real need, for only a dozen or so games were reported in the magazines.

The mimeographing is good, with few misprints and fairly clear and sharp inking. In many ways this is the best of the four tournament books issued by Mr. Spence, who now has his eye on the 1946 and 1951 U. S. Championships, as well as a some older events like New York 1931 and Bradley Beach 1929. The specimen quoted is described in the notes as one of the best games in the tournament.

Albin Counter Gambit. White: H. Rossetto, Black: Weaver Adams. 1. P-Q4, P-Q4 2. N-KB3, N-QB3; 3. P-B4, P-K4; 4. Q-P3, P-Q5; 5. P-Q3, P-Q4; 6. P-KN3, B-K3; 7. Q-Q3, B-Q4; 8. B-N2, KN-K2; 9. B-N5, P-KR3; 10. BxN, QxP; 11. O-O, O-O; 12. Q-N2, KR-Q1; 13. QR-Q1, P-R5; 14. Q-K4, R-R4; 15. N-K1, Q-Q2; 16. N-Q3, B-B4; 17. Q-B4, B-K2; 18. BxN, PxB; 19. N-B3, P-B4; 20. P-R4, R-R3; 21. K-R2, R-QN3; 22. R-QN1, KR-N1; 22. Q-Q2, Q-K3; 24. KR-B1, P-N4; 25. R-B2, Q-N3; 26. PXP Q-Rich; 27. K-N2, Q-Rch; 28. K-N1, PXP; 29. P-QN3, R-KR3; 30. N-R4, B-K5; 31. P-B3, QxPch; 32. N-N2, R-R7; 33. N-K1, K-N2; 34. P-K3, R/1KR1; 35. K-B1, P-Q6; 36. NXP, QxPch; 37. K-K1, R-R8 mate.

If the student forces himself to examine all moves that smite, however absurd they may look at first glance, he is on the way to becoming a master of tactics.

—PURDY

## Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

MILTON Hanauer, retiring champion of the Marshall C. C. who did not compete in this year's championship tourney, recently provided a most entertaining evening at the club when he (1) conducted a chess quiz, (2) distributed this year's tournament prizes and then (3) took on 21 opponents in a simultaneous exhibition. Quite a lot of work for one chessmaster!

The quiz itself was based on Hanauer's fine win over Bernstein in the last U. S. Championships; at various points in the replay of this game, play was interrupted and questions asked by Hanauer with different points awarded for "good, better, and best" moves suggested as answers. Art Damon, ex-member of the Syracuse U. chess team, proved his superiority in the contest, emerging a clear winner by four points over his nearest competitor; a well-known chess text was his award. Then Hanauer introduced the 1951-1952 prize-winners and presented the cash awards due them—1. E. Hearst, 2. J. Sherwin, 3 & 4. J. Collins and J. Donovan, 5. B. Hill, 6 & 7. F. Howard and A. Santasiere. In addition Marshall toastmaster Louis Wolff had additional rewards for the first two named—blue ties decorated with small lions, symbolic of their Columbia University status! The exhibition followed and, despite the usual strong competition in such events at the Marshall, Hanauer finished with 16 wins, 2 losses, and 3 draws—a fine score.

The New York Herald Tribune a few weeks ago printed a small article on page one describing the "urging of Soviet chess leaders to eliminate the capitalistic names—'king and queen'—and replace them by more 'socialistic' titles like 'stakhanovite', the Soviet term for high-production worker." This story was of course of interest to all N. Y. chessplayers, and it is not uncommon to hear "Mate to the Stakhanovite" or "Vive le stakhanovite" shouted derisively in local chess circles now! Dr. Buschke has pointed out to me however, that there is not even a "queen" in the Russian chess vocabulary, their equivalent for our queen being a male (ferz). So perhaps the news report was a bit unreliable!

Dr. Buschke also included in his letter a few more facts about 3-dimensional chess which may be of interest to our readers. Not a new invention at all, he says; in 1907-8 a Hamburg doctor, Ferdinand Maack, wrote books about his development of this complicated variant of chess and issued several numbers of a special magazine on "Raumschach" as he called it. Dr. Buschke isn't certain as to whether there is still a "Raumschach Movement" in Germany today, but he mentions that a French book published last year by Boyer on variations of chess includes Maack's invention in addition to several other forms of chess in three or even four dimensions. The late renowned problemist Dawson actually composed five "Raumschach" problems for his "Caissa's Fairy Tales." Even the "Chess Amateur" for 1925-7 has many articles on Space Chess. Thanks to Dr. Buschke for uncovering this data; it clears up many points about the vague origin of this complex offspring of the Royal Game.

IN BRIEF: In the current club championship of the London Terrace C. C., defending champ Dr. R. C. Slater leads with 5-1 while H. M. Phillips 3-1, Marcel Duchamp and Howard Grossman 2½-2½ are still in the running. A consolation tourney is also being played. . . . The Manhattan C. Championship has not progressed much since our last writing; Kramer, 10½-½, is well on his way to (Please turn to page 5, col. 2)



# Another Caesar Crosses the Rubicon

By William Rojman

WHEN in December 5th issue, we presented the novel Rubicon Variation of the Evans Gambit as exemplified in the correspondence game, Dr. M. G. Sturm vs. Lee Magee, we did not anticipate seeing another example of this exciting variation in such a short space of time. However, in the most recent issue of the *Nirgendwo Patrmachen*, we discovered the brilliant victory of Dr. Caesar Dummkopf over Prof. Etienne Chateaurien at the sextangular tourney at Bad-Beurden. Because of the spectacular finish—a striking example of Philidor's Legacy, this game was awarded a special prize by Herr Dr. Sarg, who remarked wittily (I translate freely): "A pfennig for your thought."

## EVANS GAMBIT—RUBICON VARIATION

Albrecht Pauken Gedenkturnier  
Bad-Beurden, 1952

White: C. DUMMKOPF  
1. P-K4  
2. Kt-KB3  
3. B-B4  
4. P-QK4  
5. P-B3  
6. P-Q4  
7. O-O  
8. PXP  
9. Kt-B3  
10. B-KK15  
11. B-K15  
12. P-Q5  
13. PXP  
14. PxB

Black: E. CHATEAURIEN  
1. P-K4  
2. P-KB3  
3. B-B4  
4. BxP  
5. P-B3  
6. P-Q4  
7. O-O  
8. PXP  
9. Kt-B3  
10. B-KK15  
11. B-K15  
12. P-Q5  
13. PXP  
14. PxB

After 13..... PXP  
CHATEAURIEN



DUMMKOPF

Here in the game Sturm-Magee, there followed 13..... P-B3; 14. R-K1 ch, K-R2; 15. Q-K2, Q-Q1; 16. QxP, Kt-B3; 17. Q-Q5 ch, K-B1; 18. B-B4 and a very lively game ensued (CHESS LIFE, December 5, 1951).

13..... QxP? 23. Q-Q2 Q-Q2  
14. R-K1 ch K-B1 24. KtxB R-Q1  
15. KtXP Q-K15 25. QR-Q1 Kt-B3  
16. B-B4 Kt-B5 26. QxKt K-K1  
17. Kt-K5 KtXKt 27. Kt-B5! QxR  
18. BxK1 B-Q1 28. Kt-K7 ch K-B1  
19. B-Q6 ch B-K2 29. Kt-K16 ch  
20. Q-K2 B-K3 30. Q-B8 ch KxK1  
21. P-Q5 BxB 31. Kt-K7 mate.

## U. S. C. F. Life Members

SINCE Our last report in these pages, we wish to welcome the following new LIFE MEMBERS of the United States Chess Federation:

- Francis Crofut, San Jose, Calif.
- A. Wyatt Jones, Shreveport, La.
- Dr. Max Schlosser, Decatur, Ill.
- Wild Goose Schroeder, West Bend, Wis.

## The Kibitzer Has His Day

From the Editor's Mail Bag

Dear Mr. Major,

Regarding Mr. Kmoch's letter to *Chess Life* in the February 5 issue in which he (1) levels broadsides and epithets at me; (2) questions my motivation in criticising his official acts in connection with the selection of players for the U. S. Championship Tournament; (3) fancies himself accused of bribery; and finally (4) pleads mistaken identity.

(1) I will disregard the broadsides and epithets. However I would like to point out that in my letter to him of October 20, 1951 which Mr. Kmoch described as "arrogant" I wrote: "I am not interested in acrimonious personal controversy, but I am interested in correcting a bad situation." That statement still holds.

(2) As for my motivation: The record will bear me out that I have not asked for any personal consideration beyond what I have earned through my tournament record, as reflected in my USCF rating. What I object to is an ill-defined system of selection, which essentially disregarded the only established objective ranking, and in effect made it expedient to kowtow to an individual as a prerequisite to a tournament invitation.

(3) The suggestion that I might have considered Mr. Kmoch guilty of bribery is patently false, and I daresay he never should have raised the issue.

(4) The plea of mistaken identity does not seem to hold water either, for Mr. Kmoch appears to be the key man of American chess. He has been identified as Vice-President of the USCF, Tournament Director, and Secretary of the Tournament Committee. He was the spokesman for the Federation's apologetic entitled "U. S. Chess Championship Tournament," which appeared in *Chess Life* in January 5, 1952.

To proceed to something constructive: I respectfully suggest consideration of the following five point draft proposal to serve as the framework for the conduct of future national championship tournaments. I believe it is the next step called for in the evolution of a true merit system in American chess.

(1) Selection of eligibles: (a) the top players in the past championship, not to exceed in number one third of the contestants in the new tournament; (b) the highest ranking players in the latest published USCF Rating Scale

(2) Canvassing for availability: (a) all eligibles to be canvassed for availability by mail three months prior to the tournament; (b) eligibles to be required to reply within two weeks; (c) responsibility of keeping the tournament committee informed of the correct address and telephone number to rest with eligibles.

(3) Invitations: (a) to be based according to ranking from among eligibles who indicated availability; (b) invitations to be extended by mail two months prior to the tournament; (c) acceptances to be required within two weeks.

(4) Substitutions: (a) to be based according to ranking from among remaining eligibles who indicated availability; (b) invitations to be extended one month prior to the tournament; (c) acceptances to be required within two weeks; (d) last minute substitutions, if necessary, to be made according to ranking after a diligent effort has been made to contact eligibles who have previously indicated availability.

(5) Rating system: There should be a continuous effort to improve and refine the Rating System which will be the cornerstone of the system and which will serve as an instrument for measuring the skill and relative performance of all rated American chess players.

JACK SOUDAKOFF  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:  
Quite a sane, progressive editorial in your issue of February 20th—"Speaking of Intolerance." It is soundly democratic, the use of the small "d" being intentional.  
Congratulations.

LEONAD FONDILLER  
New York City, N.Y.

July 3-6  
Southern Chess Ass'n  
Championship  
Meridian, Miss.

Open event; Swiss tourney; prizes; at Great Southern Hotel under auspices of Meridian Chess Club; details later.

## Guest Book Review

ADVENTURES IN COMPOSITION, by Comins Mansfield, new revised edition, 200 diagrams, with a foreword by Alain White; \$2.50.

FASCINATION OF CHESS PROBLEMS (Im Banne des Schachprobleme), by Dr. Eric Zepler, Southampton, and Dr. Ado Kraemer, Wurzburg, published by Walter de Gruyter & Co., 222 diagrams, in German, with a foreword in English, available shortly; \$2.00.

THE FIRST book, which is now available to the public, since the first edition was strictly limited and priced at \$10, is in the great English composer and two-move specialist's own inimitable clear style, introducing the solver and even player into the wonderful of the actual problem making. Not only are there valuable hints on how to go about attacking the solution of a problem, but also what the idea of problem composers is, and how they go about putting it on the chess board. Certainly this is an eye-opener to the hit-and-miss solver, as well as to the budding composer, by one of the world's leading authorities.

The second book contains a selection of the best problems of two life-long friends, whom fate had parted, and who are today acknowledged leaders of the strategic and logical school of problem thought. Their eminence is emphasized by the amazing technical skill to master the most difficult ideas in lovely open and simple form. Their idea in putting together this collection, which contains many famous prize-winning positions, was to avoid theoretic discussion, which fatigues many problem friends, and rather emphasize the beauty and artistry of these compositions. No knowledge of German is required for this book, which is dedicated to the memory of our own beloved Alain White, since the English foreword gives the reader sufficient insight into the general contents.

Both books are available from the reviewer at 41-26 73rd Street, Jackson Heights, New York; but there is a little wait for the latter one.

ERIC M. HASSBERG

CHESS DURING 1947-1949 (In Russian), Collection edited by V. V. Ragozin, Moscow, 1951. 459 pages, half cloth; \$5.00. May be ordered from A. Buschke, 80 East 11th Street, New York 3, N. Y.

THOSE who are familiar with the Russian Chess Yearbooks (*Ezhgodniki*) which were published for 1932-1935 and for 1938, will be delighted to know that this valuable series now seems to find a continuation. The present volume, in accordance with its title, covers the chess events inside and outside of Soviet Russia, in the years 1947-1949; the very fact that this period includes the year 1948 when Botvinnik brought the Chess Championship of the World to Russia by winning the Match-Tournament, Hague-Moscow (of which, incidentally, an "authentic" Russian book copiously annotated by Paul Keres, \$5.00, was recently received in this country), was of course almost enough justification for the renewal of the series of "yearbooks."

In fact, the very first pages are devoted to a reprint of Botvinnik's articles on this Match-Tournament, which were originally published in the Russian illustrated magazine "Ogonyok," and in abbreviated translation in "Moscow News" and Purdy's "Chess World"; the passages omitted from the English version and including also the episode relating to what Botvinnik considers "misconduct" on Reshevsky's part during a critical game, are all reestablished.

There follows a section of well annotated games (altogether 131, of which the first 103, including 8 from the 1948 World Championship, are games in which Russian players participated), a historical and analytical section, including an article by Rokhlin on "Chigorin in our times," an article, p. 290-310, by Kan about the Sicilian, a long article by Keres, p. 310-336, on the difficult endgame Q and P against Q, and an article by Ragozin on different questions of opening theory. On Pages 355-398 we find a remarkable article by Korolkov on Soviet endgame composition, followed, on p. 398-417, by a richly illustrated article by Baturin on a "New Theme in the Two-Mover." The rest of the book is devoted to a report on Problem Compositions in 1947-1949, a statistical "supplements" and indices.

The book is printed on surprisingly good white paper, and even the "language barrier" should not scare people away from it; the algebraic notation, in which the book of course is printed, can really be mastered easily.

A. BUSCHKE

## For The Tournament-Minded

March 1-7 July 31  
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Open to all; CCLA membership not required; 3 round correspondence tourney with top players in each section advancing without further fees into next round; entry fee per section \$1.50; player may enter as many sections of Rd 1 as he wishes, but no player can win more than one prize or advance to more than one final section; entries accepted up to April 31; cash prizes beginning with \$100.00 for winner, \$75.00 for second while 6th through 50th place win \$3.00 cash or \$5.00 in credits toward book or equipment purchases; for details or entry write: Dick Rees, CCLA Secretary, 2826 Correctionville Road, Sioux City 5, Iowa; make checks payable to Correspondence Chess League of America.

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Championship  
Seattle, Wash.  
Open to juniors; Swiss event; begins 9:00 a.m. at Assembly Hotel, Seattle; entry fee \$1.00 (50c to WCF members); for details write: Tournament Director Charles Joachim, 2712 Fir St., Seattle 22, Wash.

April 4-6  
North Carolina Championship  
Durham, N.C.  
Open to No. Car. players only; at Lion's Club Hut, Guess Road; 6 round Swiss; begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday April 4; prizes; membership in NCCA required; a rated tournament; for details, write: S. A. Agnello, 917 Burch Ave., Durham, N.C., tournament director.

July 12-15  
Indiana State Championship  
Logansport, Ind.  
Begins at Barnes Hotel, Logansport at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 17; five round Swiss; open to all Indiana residents including students attending Indiana schools; first place ties decided in round robin, otherwise S-B tie-breaking; for details write: D. E. Rhead, 2715 Green St., Gary, Ind.

June 13-15  
North Carolina Open Championship  
Wilmington, N.C.  
Open to all, out-of-state players invited; at Community Center; begins 7:00 p.m. Friday June 13; 6 round Swiss; prizes; membership in NCCA required; a rated tournament; for details, write: Mr. Harris, Director, Department of Recreation, Wilmington, N.C.

Thursday, March 20, 1952

## Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data  
By A. Buschke

### V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

THIS much however is certain: Alekhine was around in the Moscow Club before the Chess Olympics, he certainly had opportunities to get acquainted with those of his opponents who resided in Moscow, so his not particularly convincing success in the Chess Olympics can hardly be explained by lack of practice.

In fact, he (and his Moscow opponents) were given another serious opportunity to train for the Chess Olympics, although this is nowhere given as the purpose of the serious games under match conditions which were arranged for Alekhine in the summer of 1920. About these games we read in "K Novoi Armii" no. 10-11 of August 20, 1920:

In addition to the aforementioned events (sc. several first category tournaments, matches Grigoriev-N. M. Pavlov, Zubarev-Liubimov, etc.) the Chess Section arranged a series of serious games of the strongest Muscovite chess players against "first-class maestro" A. A. Alekhine. So far the result is 4 (against Grekov, Zubarev, Grigoriev and Ilyin-Zhenevsky), 1 (N. M. Pavlov), 2 (Grekov and Grigoriev).

and again in "K Novoi Armii" no. 16 of September 22, 1920:

The contest of the "first-class maestro" A. A. Alekhine against the strongest Muscovite chess players is finished. The final result is: he 6 (1 each against Grekov, Zubarev, Grigoriev, Pavlov, and 2 wins against Ilyin-Zhenevsky); 2 (against N. M. Pavlov and Zubarev), 2 (with Grekov and Grigoriev).

This tallies with Pavlov-Pianov's recent report ("Shakhmaty v SSSR," 1951, no. 7, p. 217, which is possibly based on "K Novoi Armii") that Alekhine, after the simultaneous exhibition of May 1920 with the result of 33 wins, 5 draws, no losses, "played two games each with Moscow chess players of category 'A.' Aleksandr Aleksandrovich made 2 points against Ilyin-Zhenevsky, 1½ points each against Grekov and Gregoriev, and finished the encounters with Zubarev and myself with the score of 1:1. Of all these games I can give only the scores of my own; the scores of the other games have not been preserved."

Before we reproduce these two games now fortunately come to light, after more than 30 years, it might not be amiss to give Pavlov-Pianov also the word in reference to Alekhine's chess activities in Moscow in 1919 and 1920 ("Shakhmaty v SSSR," l.c.p. 216):

In the fall (sc. of 1919) the first Moscow Championship after the revolution was arranged, in which also A. A. Alekhine, who had just arrived in Moscow, took part hors concours. In the course of many years, from the school benches on, I was destined to be a witness of the chess growth of the future Champion of the World. And I would like to point out in particular his unrestrained love for the game of chess. As a member of the Moscow Club, A. A. Alekhine took incessantly part in all its measures, played in serious and light tournaments, not even refusing to meet even the weakest amateurs. With the brilliant play of his hours, the title of champion of the capital was awarded N. I. Grekov, the second prize winner."

RUY LOPEZ  
Moscow, 1920  
(Source: "Shakhmaty v SSSR" 1951, no. 7, p. 217)

White: N. PAVLOV-PIANOV A. A. ALEKHINE  
1. P-K4 P-K4 9. P-KR4 Q-Q5 ch  
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 10. K-R1 QR-Q1  
3. B-K15 P-B4 11. Kt-Q2 Q-Q4  
4. P-Q3 Kt-B3 12. QxKt-B3 B-B4  
5. PxB B-K2 13. Q-K1 R(Q)-K1  
6. BxKt QxB 14. Q-K15 R-K3  
7. BxP BxP 15. Q-Q1 Kt-R4  
8. O-O O-O 16. Q-K1 B-KK15

A blunder which loses the game.  
(Please turn to page 6, col 3)

## SAVE THESE DATES — July 12-16 U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP AT TAMPA



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4. Wm. F. Hartling	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	6-3
5. Edward M. Foy	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	5-3
6. George Hendricks	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4-3
7. Fred Kramer	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3-3
8. Bruce Marples	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2-7
9. Dave Goris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1-8
Robert Schmitzberger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-8

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

Dear Mr. Major:  
Sportsmanship requires that if one attacks an adversary he must allow him the chance to defend himself. And since in your editorial of Feb. 20th, writing of racial discrimination in the Chicago Chess and Checker Club, you referred caustically to me and Mr. Raymond McGill, we assume you will be fair enough to present our refutation in your columns.

The first question at issue is whether any chess club has the right to exclude Negroes. As we stated before: "Any club has the sovereign right to determine qualifications of its members, but if it lists 'white only' among them, it is acting in defiance of the basic tenets of American democracy and chess ethics, and . . . the leaders of American chess are obliged to try to reason with them and prevail upon them to see their error."

We submit, Mr. Major, that you as an American chess leader have evaded your moral responsibility so to reason with them. On the contrary, confronted with the ugly facts of discrimination in the Chicago Club (which you only partially revealed, omitting that McGill was told "it would require six months to review his application,") you leveled your chief attack at us. Abdicating your obligation to try to persuade them to see their error, your advice instead provided them with a brief to defend themselves, which can only have the effect of encouraging discrimination elsewhere.

And you completely avoided reference to the chief issue, which the Metro and Cosmo clubs explicitly defined: that discrimination in the Chicago Club, "only group open daily where players can meet continuously strong competition, constitutes denial to Negro youth of the chief avenue to chess development in America's second largest city." Complacency in your editorial chair cannot wave that aside, which is as such a blow to American chess as to Chicago's Negro youth.

Your smug advice to Mr. McGill not to "thrust" himself in where his company is not wanted (the Chicago Club membership has not been polled on that; only an arbi-

trary officer barred him) entirely overlooks his RIGHT TO ACCESS to the main channel of chess development in his city. Your referral of him to a minor club, which meets but one night a week when he is often out of the city working, asks him to surrender his right to maximum, effective chess development.

Racial equality is not "inevitable in time" as you state, unless by protest and insistence we make it so. That is why Negro youth today intend to "thrust" themselves into any association where their instinct tells them they have a right to go, and not wait hundreds of years for the First Class Citizen-ship which is their birthright. By thus acting they will do more to educate bigots in a week than spineless compromising could accomplish a long span of years.

Another point! The USCF has committed itself not to recognize for national rating any tournament where racial discrimination occurs. We trust that your editorial was not anticipating possible incidents at the forthcoming U. S. Open at Tampa, and hence attempting to prepare a retreat from that essential commitment.

CHARLES EDWARD GRAY  
President  
Los Angeles County Chess League

Like most self-appointed missionaries who direct their missions from a distance, Mr. Gray is inaccurate in his statement concerning several matters: 1) Since Mr. George Leighton, prominent negro attorney of Chicago, is a member of the Chicago Chess & Checker Club (or was a member when we called on the club in February), Mr. Gray has no positive grounds for assuming that Mr. McGill's reception was based upon the fact that he was a negro or that the club's policy is definitely "white only". 2) Mr. Gray makes an unwarranted presumption in stating flatly that "the Chicago Club membership has not been polled on that; only an arbitrary officer barred him". It is correct that Mr. McGill was told that he must file an application by an official of the club; it is also true, although Mr. Gray does not know it, that when the question was raised in the CHESSE LIFE editorial, the Chicago Chess & Checker Club voted on the matter and the decision of the membership was to uphold the stand taken by the official.

As the Federation has upon numerous occasions in CHESSE LIFE stated that racial discrimination will not be tolerated in any USCF event, we can only attribute the remarks in Mr. Gray's last paragraph as indicative of his inability to understand the printed word.

While we must commend Mr. Gray's zeal, we must suggest that it might be directed more profitably in combating local intolerance. We suggest that the young Japanese war veteran who was denied a home in a Los Angeles suburb through racial discrimination of his potential neighbors might prove an admirable subject for a crusade by the Los Angeles County Chess League.—The Editor.

Dear Sir:  
Mr. William Wilcock made a statement that should be continued to its logical conclusion. A budget should be prepared to cover the contemplated expenditures for the year 1952 for all activities. A finance committee should study all proposals to raise necessary mon-

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1. Wachs	x	3	1	1	1	1	1	65-3	
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3. Shuffe	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	45-21	
4. Bolden	0	0	x	1	0	1	1	35-31	
5. Morris	0	1	0	0	x	1	1	31-35	
6. Fried	0	0	0	1	1	x	0	25-43	
7. Sikloroff	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	25-43	
8. Ignatin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0-7

Ignatin forfeited games to Morris, Fried and Sikloroff.

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Davenport, 1952

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ey. Quotas should be set for all states — considering members, clubs, etc. The USCF directors for each state then should go to work!!! and show the necessary leadership and raise the money. Monthly reports from the treasurer and secretary should keep the officers informed on the progress. In those states where no progress is noted after due warning, new directors should replace the honorary directors. The national directors should be given a sound fiscal policy as a plan to put in effect in their states and then they can be leaders of chess not "figure-heads".

The responsibility for leadership lies directly with the officers and directors of the USCF — you don't ask the soldiers to devise the grand strategy, that is the generals' job.  
ARTHUR NICKEL  
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Mr. Major:  
One thought for your consideration. It appears to be a rather difficult matter for a visitor or a newly arrived resident in a city with a chess club to make contact with the club, even if the person involved has varied chess contacts and the club involved has a permanent clubroom.

To cite some examples known to me: In Buffalo one would have to look under "Q" to find the Queen City Chess Club listing in the phone book. In Philadelphia it would be "F" for the Franklin Chess Club. In San Francisco it would be "M" for the Mechanics Institute Chess Club. The same situation prevails in New York City of course.

In cities like Niagara Falls, N.Y. or Madison, Wis. for example, where there is no full time clubroom, there is no phone listing whatever. If it is difficult for an active chess player to make such contact, how unlikely it is that people who play chess but are not members of any club will learn of a club's existence.

The situation is made worse by the (in my opinion) fact that the number of chess columns in newspapers has been decreasing.

So the suggestion is made that CHESSE LIFE might sponsor a proposal to encourage every chess club, or clubs, to insert under the word CHESSE a telephone listing either in the classified section or in the alphabetic section so that in every city a standard procedure would be available to make contact with organized chess in that city. The number listed could be that of the club if it had a phone, or of some active member.  
CARL E. DIESEN  
North Tonawanda, N.Y.

An excellent suggestion, worthy of the consideration of every chess club. Even the Editor, with all his lists and contacts, finds it difficult some times to contact clubs in distant cities. How much more difficult it must be for the average player! — The Editor.

Solutions:—  
Finish It the Clever Way!  
Position No. 77: 1. K-R7 ch; 2. R-K7 ch; 3. K-K7, Q-R8 ch; 4. K-B2, K-K5 mate.  
Position No. 78: 1. K-K7 ch; 2. R-B8 ch; 3. K-K7 ch; 4. K-K5 ch; 5. R-K8 ch; 6. Q-R5 ch; 7. K-K1; 8. B-R7 mate.

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**RUY LOPEZ**

Marshall Chess Club  
Championship  
New York, 1952  
Notes by Eliot Hearst

White: E. HEARST  
Black: J. SHERWIN

1. P-K4 P-K4 4. B-R4 P-Q3  
2. K1-KB3 K1-QB3 5. P-B4  
3. B-K5 P-QR3  
The Duras Variation.  
5. B-Q2 6. P-Q4  
Necessary to prevent Kt-P4  
7. KtXP P-Q4 9. QXP K1-B3  
8. BxB ch QXB 11. P-KR3 B-K2  
11. B-K5 because of Q-K15.  
12. KtXP almost works, but 13. KtXP, BxB; 14. KtXB, QxK2 ch; 15. Q-K3 is the refutation—also Black can try 13..... P-B4!! with interesting complications.  
13. Q-O P-K4? A definite mistake. Better was 13..... P-KR3 or QR-K1.  
14. P-K5 P-P; 15. QxQ, R1xQ; 16. BxB, RxB; K1-Q5 winning the exchange as the attacked R must go to K1 or K3.  
14. K-R4  
15. Q-Q1! is even stronger.  
15. QXB  
16. PXP; 17. Q-Q5! forks K1 and R.  
16. PXP  
17. R-RK1; QPXP holds everything.  
16. PXP  
After 16..... PXP  
SHERWIN

**RETI OPENING**

Marshall Chess Club  
Championship  
New York, 1951  
Notes by E. W. Marchand and Eliot Hearst

White: C. PILNICK  
Black: E. HEARST

1. K1-KB3 P-Q4 3. P-K3  
2. P-Q4 PXP  
3. Q-R4 ch is also perfectly satisfactory.  
4. BXP P-K4  
5. B-Q3 is better (H).  
6. P-Q4 PXP 12. Q-O P-QR3  
7. PXP B-B5 13. B-Q3 B-Q2  
8. P-Q5 K1-K4 14. K1-K4 B-B4  
9. KtXP BxK1 15. B-K3 BxK1  
10. Q-K2 Q-K2 16. BxB K1-B3  
11. B-K5 ch K-B1  
Of course not 16..... BxP ch; 17. KxB; 18. B-B5 ch, winning the Q.  
17. B-B3 P-KR4 20. K-B1 PxB  
18. KR-K1 K1-K15 21. P-K15 Q-Q3  
19. BxK1 BXP ch 22. Q-B4  
22. QXP, QXP; 23. Q-K1 wins (H).  
22. Q-K15 25. P-Q6 PXP  
23. Q-K1ch K-K1 26. QR-Q1 R-K3  
24. KtXP R-R4  
25. B-Q3 ch R-R2  
27. Q-B8 ch K-R2 29. Q-O3 P-B4  
28. QXP R(1)-K1 30. P-R3 (H)  
30. B-B4 Q-R4; 31. R-K5 wins (H)  
31. K-K2 BXP 32. Q-O5 R-K4  
32. R-KR1 B-R5 35. Q-K2 P-K6ch  
P-B5  
After 35..... P-B5  
HEARST

**18. KtXKtch RxKt**

After 18..... RxKt  
KOSTICK



19. Q-R4 R-R3 20. QxB Resigns  
This game from the Yugoslav Championship shows the present champion defeating a champion of some 30 years ago. Both Kostick and Marchand played War 1 and spent some time in New York about 30 years ago.

**GLIGORIC**

19. Q-R4 R-R3 20. QxB Resigns  
This game from the Yugoslav Championship shows the present champion defeating a champion of some 30 years ago. Both Kostick and Marchand played War 1 and spent some time in New York about 30 years ago.

**PHILIDOR DEFENSE**

Mercantile Library Ass'n  
Championship  
Philadelphia, 1951-52  
Notes by Robert Sobel

White: R. SOBEL  
Black: W. A. RUTH

1. P-K4 P-K4 3. B-B4 K1-Q2  
2. K1-KB3 P-Q3 4. P-Q4 P-KR2  
The only playable move is P-Q3 though the text has been recommended by several masters.  
5. PXP!  
The beginning of a grand sacrificial continuation. If White had played instead 5. Q-O7, Black would play Q-R3 followed by P-KK1 with excellent attacking chances.  
5. PXP  
6. BXP ch KxB  
Incomprehensibly, the books all consider Black to have the better chances in this position. Of course Black's last was forced. 7..... K-K3? is answered by mate in 5 starting with Q-Q5 ch; and 7..... K-K2 is answered by Kt-K6 ch.  
8. K1-Q3!  
Perhaps the books only considered 8. Q-Q4, P-B4; 9. KtXKt ch, K-K2; 10. QxB ch, KxK1; 11. Q-K5 ch, K-K2; 12. K1-B3, K-B2! though even this position is extremely difficult to evaluate.  
9. KXKt  
A hard decision, but what is Black to do? If 8..... B-K5; 9. Q-Q5 is decisive (9..... P-B4; 10. KtXKt ch, K-K2; 11. QXKt ch etc.) or 8..... P-B5; 9. Q-Q4 again decides (9..... K-K2; 10. Kt-K6 ch, etc.).  
9. Q-Q5 ch K-B3; 10. Q-K6 ch B-Q3  
10. K1-Q5 ch K-Q3  
After 13..... B-Q3  
RUTH

**RETI OPENING**

Yugoslavia Championship  
1951  
Notes by J. E. Howarth

White: GLIGORIC  
Black: KOSTICK

1. K1-KB3 P-KB4  
There are a number of continuations here. However, since 1..... P-Q4 is such a strong reply, Black should not vary.  
2. P-K4  
Also good is 2. P-KK1, P-QK13 (or 2. P-K2; 3. B-K12, K1-KB3; 4. O-O, B-K2; 5. P-Q3, Q-O; 6. Kt-B3, P-Q3; 7. P-K4, PXP; 8. Kt-K5; 9. B-R2; 10. P-K4; 10. B-K6 ch, K-R1; 11. QXP with White slightly better; 3. B-K12, B-K12; 4. O-O, Kt-KR3; 5. P-Q3, P-K3; 6. P-K4, PXP; 7. Kt-K5, B-K2; 8. K1-QB3, Q-R; 9. QXP, KtXKt; 10. KtXKt, Kt-B3; 11. B-Q2, White slightly better, Ewert-Tartakower, Kissingen, 1928.  
2. PXP 4. P-Q3 P-K6  
3. Kt-K5 K1-KB3 5. BXP P-K4  
Here 5..... K1-B5 was played by Rossetto against Pelikan, Mar del Plata, 1942. There followed 6. P-Q4, P-K3; 7. B-Q3, Q-K2; 8. BxP! BxR; 9. KtXR, KtXKt; 10. Q-R5 ch, P-K3; 11. QXP ch, KxQ; 12. Kt-B5 and White holds a slight edge.  
6. P-Q4 P-K5 7. P-KB3!  
This aggressive move gives the game a "Staunton Gambit Complex" similar to the Dutch Defense game played at Syracuse between Denker-Dake, 1934.  
7. PXP 11. P-KR3 B-R4  
8. QXP P-Q4 12. O-O Q-K2  
9. B-Q3 B-KK15 13. K1-QB3  
10. Q-B2  
To halt the Black Kt from playing Kt-K3.  
13. P-B3 16. BxB QxB  
14. QR-K1 Q-O 17. KtXR P-B2  
15. B-KB4 Q-Q2  
17. KtXKt; 18. BxKt ch, KxB; 19. QxR, etc.

**14. P-QR4?**

But here White falters in spite of three-fourths of an hour spent on the move. The only correct and winning continuation was: 14. K1-K4 ch, K-K14 (14..... K-K14; 15. P-R4 ch, K1-B4, best; 16. B-Q2; K1-B4 or K1-K3; 17. Q-K13 forces mate—; 17. Kt-Q5 ch, K-K3; 18. P-R4 ch, K-B3; 19. Kt-K4 ch, K-K14; 20. P-B5 mate); 15. BxB; QK1-B3 for Kt-K4; 16. BXP ch, KxB; 17. Kt-Q5 ch, QxKt forced; 18. QxQ with a clearly won game); 16. B-B5 ch, KxB; 17. Kt-Q3 ch, QxKt (else mate in 2); 18. Q-K5 ch, Q-Q4; 19. PxQ and White has Q and 2 P's plus a strong attack for 3 pieces and


should win with ease. However, due to the magnitude of this variation, it is hardly surprising that both players missed it during the game.  
14. K1-K4?  
Missing his only chance. The only move was 14..... P-QR4; 15. P-QK4, PXP (not P-QK3; 16. KtXP; 17. P-K5, K1-K13! (suggested by Bill Hart); 17. KtXP ch, K-K4 and strangely enough White's attack runs dry and White is lost!  
15. K1-K4 ch K-K13 19. P-B4 ch KxKt  
16. P-R5 ch K-K4 20. B-B3 ch K-K6  
17. Q-Q5 ch P-B4 21. R-R3 ch Resigns  
18. BxKt Kt-B3  
Just in time to avoid Q-Q1 mate. This game must have reminded my opponent of the many times in which he has played on the opposite side of the board in similar encounters.

**KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE**

Luebbert Invitational Tourney  
Correspondence Chess, 1951-52  
Notes by Dr. M. G. Sturm

White: G. HARTLEB  
Black: DR. M. G. STURM

1. P-Q4 K1-KB3 4. P-K4 P-Q3  
2. P-Q4 P-KK13 5. Kt-B3 QK1-Q2?  
3. K1-QB3 B-K12  
Better 5..... O-O.  
6. P-KR3  
White can gain the advantage here by 6. P-K5; PXP; 7. PXP, K1-K5; 8. P-K6, or 6..... Kt-KK1; 7. B-B4, PXP; 8. PXP, Kt-B4; 9. QxQ ch, KxQ; 10. O-O ch (Pachmann).  
6. P-K4 14. P-QK13 Q-R5  
7. B-K3 PXP 15. P-B4 K1-B3  
8. KtXP O-O 16. K1-B3 K1-B3  
9. B-Q3 K1-K4 17. KtXKt QR-K1  
10. O-O Kt-B5 18. Q-K3 B-Q2  
11. QxKt Kt-Q2 19. B-B2 P-K3  
12. QR-K1 K1-K4 20. B-B2 P-K3  
13. Q-K2 B-K3 20. K1-B2 P-QB4  
After 20..... P-KB4  
STURM



Starting a sacrificial combination, with very little margin of error, leading to a forced draw.  
21. PXP B-QB1 23. RXR RXR  
22. Q-Q3! PXP  
Not 23..... BxR; 24. Q-Q5 ch.  
24. QXP B-K5 25. Q-O7 R-KB1!  
Stronger than 25..... Q-K5; 26. Kt-K3, 26. Kt-Q4 RXP! 27. Kt-K6!  
A powerful move, but it unguards the White KRP.  
27..... RxB1! 28. RXR  
Not 28. KxR; Q-Q7 ch. If 28. Q-K8 ch, R-B1; 29. KtXR and Black draws by 29..... Q-K6 ch or B-Q5 ch.  
29..... Q-B8 ch 30. R-B2  
29. R-B1 Q-K6 ch  
Not 30. K-R1!; QxRP ch and mates.  
30..... Q-B8 ch Drawn by repetition

**HARTLEB**

Starting a sacrificial combination, with very little margin of error, leading to a forced draw.  
21. PXP B-QB1 23. RXR RXR  
22. Q-Q3! PXP  
Not 23..... BxR; 24. Q-Q5 ch.  
24. QXP B-K5 25. Q-O7 R-KB1!  
Stronger than 25..... Q-K5; 26. Kt-K3, 26. Kt-Q4 RXP! 27. Kt-K6!  
A powerful move, but it unguards the White KRP.  
27..... RxB1! 28. RXR  
Not 28. KxR; Q-Q7 ch. If 28. Q-K8 ch, R-B1; 29. KtXR and Black draws by 29..... Q-K6 ch or B-Q5 ch.  
29..... Q-B8 ch 30. R-B2  
29. R-B1 Q-K6 ch  
Not 30. K-R1!; QxRP ch and mates.  
30..... Q-B8 ch Drawn by repetition

**Alekhine's Career**

(Continued from page 3, col. 5)  
17. K1-K15 B-K7  
After 17..... B-K7  
ALEKHINE



PAVLOV-PIANOV  
Black should have acquiesced in losing the exchange, because, if the R retreats on the K-file, White wins a piece by

way of 18. Q-R4. Alekhine undertakes a clever attempt at retaining equilibrium, for it is impossible to play 18. QxB, K1-K6 ch; 19. PxKt, R-B5 ch; 20. Kt-R3, RxBt mate. However, Black remains a piece behind, after all.  
18. P-B4 Q-Q3 25. K1-R6 ch PxKt  
19. QxB R-Q3 26. QxKt QxP  
20. K1-K4 Q-Q1 27. BXP Q-B4  
21. K1-K4 R-K3 28. Q-K15 ch K-R1  
22. P-B5 RxKt 29. BxR BxB  
23. PXR QxKtP 30. R-Q8 and wins.  
24. QR-Q1 QXP

**SLAV DEFENSE**

Moscow, 1920  
(Source: "Shahmaty v SSSR" 1951 no. 7, p. 217)

White: A. A. ALEKHINE  
Black: N. PAVLOV-PIANOV

1. P-Q4 P-Q4 11. KtQB  
2. P-Q4 P-Q3 12. QK1-Q2 QK1-Q2  
3. K1-QB3 K1-B3 13. K1-K5 BxB  
4. K1-B3 PXP 14. Kt-B5 BxB  
5. P-K3 P-QK4 14. QxB Q-B2  
6. P-QR4 P-K5 15. K1(Q2)-B4  
7. KtXKt B-B3  
8. B-K2 P-K3 16. P-QK13 QR-B1  
9. K1-K5 B-K2 17. PXP K1-K13  
10. O-O O-O 18. B-K2 K1(Q3)-Q4  
The correct move was 18..... KtXKt.  
19. QR-B1 KR-Q1?

**PAVLOV-PIANOV**



20. KtXP K1-B5 26. Q-K4 R-B1  
21. Q-B3 Q-Q1 27. QR-Q1 K1-B3  
22. KtXR BxKt 28. BxKt PxB  
23. P-Q5 K1(Q3)XP 29. K1-K5 Q-R1  
24. R-K5 B-K4 30. P-K13 & Black resigns.  
It is interesting to note that the defense system chosen by Black in the last game, was later repeatedly used by Alekhine (Pavlov-Pianov); final remark to this game, "Shahmaty v SSSR," 1951, no. 7, p. 217.

**ALEKHINE**

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**OLD-TIMERS HOLD OWN TOURNAMENT**

Former U. S. Women's Champion, Gisela Kahn Gresser, was guest of honor at the Sirovich Day Center, 203 Second Ave., New York City, where she directed a knockout tournament for twenty chess veterans—all over 60.

First prize, a copy of Marshall's "Step by Step," was presented by Mrs. Caroline Marshall in person to Max Apstein, 63, of Brooklyn. Second prize, a colored print of Thomas Eakins' "Chess Players," from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, went to Julius Flussig, 78, of Manhattan.

The oldest of the players was Morris Borsodi, 85, a brother of the late William Borsodi, publisher of the "American Chess Magazine" of the nineties. The latter, after a lapse of half a century, recognized Hermann Helms, official Dean of American Chess, who was present. Miss Francis King, director of the Center, supervised the competition.

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On 16..... QXP, simply 17. QxQ followed by the win of the QKtP insures the win.  
17. QR-Q1  
Very interesting and risky would be 17. PXP, PXP; 18. KtXP, Q-K14; 19. K1-B3, P-Q4, K1-B5 winning the Q, K1-B5; 20. P-KK1, K1XP ch; 21. KtXKt, Q-B4; 22. Q-K5, K1-B5 ch; 23. P-K1, Q-K15 ch; 24. K-R1, R-R4!! with a probable perpetual.  
Q-K4  
On 17..... PXP; 18. Kt-Q5, Q-K14; 19. Q-K14! is very strong.  
18. QxQ P-Q4 19. P-B5  
The Q-side majority should now win. But here time pressure started!  
19..... K1-B5 20. KR-K1  
To prevent Kt-K3-Q5.  
20..... P-K15 23. R-K4 P-QR4  
21. Kt-R4 QR-B1 24. R-QB4 Kt-K7 ch  
22. R-Q7 P-B3 25. Kt-B1?  
K-R2 avoids later complications and should win easily.  
25..... Kt-Q5 27. K1-Q5  
26. Kt-K16 R-B3  
A "cheesup" as the usual time pressure idea is to threaten a piece or a fork.  
27..... K-B1 29. K1-K16 P-K16  
28. R-R7 R-Q1 30. RXP  
Better probably is 30. P-R3, K1-K3; 31. RXP, R-Q8 ch; 32. K-K2, R-QKt5; 33. K1-R4!  
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17. QR-Q1  
Very interesting and risky would be 17. PXP, PXP; 18. KtXP, Q-K14; 19. K1-B3, P-Q4, K1-B5 winning the Q, K1-B5; 20. P-KK1, K1XP ch; 21. KtXKt, Q-B4; 22. Q-K5, K1-B5 ch; 23. P-K1, Q-K15 ch; 24. K-R1, R-R4!! with a probable perpetual.  
Q-K4  
On 17..... PXP; 18. Kt-Q5, Q-K14; 19. Q-K14! is very strong.  
18. QxQ P-Q4 19. P-B5  
The Q-side majority should now win. But here time pressure started!  
19..... K1-B5 20. KR-K1  
To prevent Kt-K3-Q5.  
20..... P-K15 23. R-K4 P-QR4  
21. Kt-R4 QR-B1 24. R-QB4 Kt-K7 ch  
22. R-Q7 P-B3 25. Kt-B1?  
K-R2 avoids later complications and should win easily.  
25..... Kt-Q5 27. K1-Q5  
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