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 Soviet positions above were obtained from the June issue of the 87 where of four possible White King moves to protect the Pawn only one leads to a draw!In position No. 88, where White is two pawns behind and threatened with mate, there is a forced draw in five moves

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## Jo The USCF Membership

AF he rampa metima, the barad oo pricears ot the uscr ne proved in principle a promotional plan proposed by Mr. Kenneth Harkness of New York, and appointed a committee to work with Mr. Harkness in putting the plan into effect.

One of the features of this plan is to raise the dues to $\$ 5.00$ on a straight annual-not calendar year-basis, with proportional changes in 2 and 3-year ronewals. This $\$ 5.00$ includes state dues, which will be returned to the state associations,

The committee agrees with Mr. Harkness that the new rates shall be in effect after September 15, 1952, after due publication in CHESS LIFE.

## ADICKES TAKES ASHEVILLE CITY

William C. Adickes, Jr. romped through the Asheville City Championship event with $171 / 2-1 / 2$ in a double round event, drawing one game with Harold A. Woodward, to win the Asheville (N.C.) title. Second was Philip C. Knox with 13-5, losing both games to Adickes, and one each to Philip Mades, Dr, Osear Kanner, and Major G. H. B. Terry. Philip Mades was third in the 10 player event with 11-7, and Harold Woodward placed fourth with $101 / 2-71 / 2$.

## WEAVER TOPS CORPUS CHRISTI

Folk Weaver won the finals of the Corpus Christi City tournament with $71 / 2-21 / 2$ in a 6 player double round robin event. Weaver lost one game each to Charles H . Fuchsman and David Kight, and drew one game with Henry E. Youngman. James A. Creighton was second with 6-4, losing two games to Weaver, and one each to Fuchsman and Charles W. Blanpied. Henry Youngman placed third with $51 / 2-41 / 2$.
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## RUBIN TAKES <br> COSMO OPEN

Victory in the annual Cosmo (Los Angeles) Club's summer Open Championship went to Eugene Rubin of Hollywood, who scored $31 / 2-1 / 2$ to win the B Section and then bested Morris Gordon, winner of A Section in the playoff. Second place in B Seetion went to Paul Harmat with $3-1$ in a tie with Woronzoff. In the A Section Morris won $4-0$ and Geller was second with 3-1. Unfinished games in the 4 round Swiss were adjudicated by Bob Jacobs, while Tommy Cragg served as tournament director.

## ZEMGALIS WINS ULVESTAD MATCH

## Elmars Zemgalis, Latvia's ches

 gift to Washington, inaugurated his Washington chess career (except for a simultaneous exhibition) by winning a match 3-1 against U.S. Master Olaf Ulvestad, scoring two wins and two draws. The match was played in the P-I Auditorium through the cooperation of Royal through the cooperation of RoyalBrougham, Sports Editor of the Brougham, Sports Editor of the
Seattle Post-Intelligence, and sets Seattle Post-Intelligence, and sets
were provided for the spectators to use in analysis, while watching the progress of the games.

## USCF PLANS FOR FUTURE

$\mathbf{I}^{\mathrm{T}}$ isa a truism of the business word that no organization can stand 1 still; it must progress or it will deteriorate. And progress often implies changes of a drastic nature in the structure of the organization.

But nothing drastic was required of the USCF Board of Direetors at Tampa, when they unanimously approved and adopted the Promotional Plan presented to them by USCF Rating Statistician Kenneth Harkness. For even the changes represented a growth in the present structure of the United States Chess Federation, rather than any abandonment of principles or programs.

It has been long recognized that chess in the USA needed consistent promotion, and that the Federation required the services of a trained promotional director who could devote his time exclusively to the problems of administration and publicity. In creating the office of Business Manager, the Federation has at last taken an important step in coordinating its activities-but a step that could not be made until the right man was available for the office. He has now become available in Kenneth Harkness, whose experience, as co-publisher of Chess Review, is uniquely valuable in his newly ereated role of promoter and publicizer for the U.S. Chess Federation. We will let Mr. Harkness outline his plans for the future of American chess in his own words in an early issue.

More immediately important to the membership than the matter of long range plans for the Federation, is the decision to increase the Federation dues to $\$ 5.00$ per year and to place membership upon an netual basis rather than a calendar one. With the increase comes the opportunity for the members to invest in longer term memberships at substantual savings in time, effort, and money.

Under the new plan, which becomes effective on September 15, 1952, membership in the USCF includes free membership in your State Chess Association, provided it is affiliated with the USCF. Your State Association sponsors an annual championship tournament and other chess activities in your State. Uniortunately the Federation cannot ex tend this privilege if your State Association is not affiliated with the USCF. In this case, the Federation will extend your membership in the USCF by two months for each year of your dues.
In conformation with the increase in membership dues, the subscription rate of CHESS LIFE after September 15, 1952 will become $\$ 3.00$ per year to those who are not members of the U. S. Chess Federation (members receive Chess Life without additional charge as one of the privileges of membership).

Another privilege of USCF membership, which is becoming recog nized as increasingly important, is the right of being included in the USCE National Rating System without charge (non-members must pay a 50 c fee twice a year for this privilege; and after publication of the next Rating List these fees may be increased)

Other special benefits of membership will be included under the new program, but we will permit Mr. Harkness to outline these ad ditional advantages in his own words.

Tampa became an important milestone, marking the progress of chess in these United States.
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## ARGONAUT HOLDS CHESS CONTEST

## MAKE CHANGES IN U.S. TEAM

A last minute disagreement be tween former U.S. Champion Her man Steiner and USCF President Harold M. Phillips over terms of the team financing resulted in Mr. Steiner resigning from his place in protest. Mr. Bisno, as team man ager, arranged for former Belgian Champion George Koltanowski, now a chess columnist in San Francisco, to take the vacated place and become the sixth member and become the sixth member,
The other team members are U.S. The other team members are U.S.
Champion Larry Evans, former U.S. Champion Samuel Reshevsky, Hans Berliner, Arthur Bisguier, and Robert Byrne.
A change has also been announced in regard to the U.S. players delegated to compete in players delegated to compete in Stockholm, and it is now reported that Larry Evans and Robert Byrne will be the U.S. representatives at this event. This has not been officially confirmed as yet.

## HELSINKI DRAWS 25 CHESS TEAMS

The International Tearm Tourna ment at Helsinki began auspici ously with twenty-five nations represented in the FIDE Chess Olympics. Individual team mem berships are not available at thi writing but the nations repre sented are: Argentina, Austria Brazil, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Den mark, East Germany, England Finland, Greece, Holland, Hungary Iceland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg Norway, Poland. The Saar, Swe den, Switzerland, United States, USSR, West Germany, Yugoslavia.

## U.S. TEAM FLIES TO FINLAND DATE

U.S. Terally the members of the U.S. Team are on their way to the Helsikional Team Tournament at Felsinki. On August 6. Team Manager Alexander Bisno and Samue Reshevsky departed by Seandi navian Airways and will be fol lowed by George Koltanowski, whose plane from Frisco was late, causing him to miss the company of Reshevsky and Bisno. On August 7th Robert Byrne departed by British Aicways, while Knitannwst: found space on a Pan-American plane.
Larry Evans is already on his way, going via England, while Robert Byrne, Arthur Bisguier, and Hans Berliner are converging on Helsinki from their various military posts in Europe.
Representation at Stockholm in the International Touranment remains unsettled. Evans will be one representative, but a question mark remains for the other. Recent reports are that neither Robert Byrne nor Arthur Bisguier will be able to accept appointments, and the next name on the list is former U.S. Champion Herman Steiner, but it is not known whether he will accept if appointed.

## ST. LOUIS OPEN ENDS IN TIE

The St. Louis (Mo.) Open Champ ionship finished in a tie for first place between Gerald von Brantly and Jerome L. Wallis with $5 \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1^{1 / 9}$ each in the 8 player round robir event. Von Brantly and Wallis drew their encounter, while Von Brantly lost to William B. Firestone and Wallis to Murray L. Horn. Horn placed third with $5-2$, losing games to Von Brantly and Tony Criscimanga, while David Edwards and Firestone tied for fourth $4 \cdot 3$ each.

## NEW USCF DUES

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## GODSPEED BUT NOT FAREWELL

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speed the parting guest is true hospitality, but it is never without regret that we bid adios to tried stalwarts in the world of chess so much to make the U.S. Chess Federation a living possibility. The ranks are thinning rapidly of the old guard who brought reality to a dream of a national chess organization, and soon Mr. N. T. Whitaker may have his wish in the complete absence of the "Four Horsemen" against whom he has inveighed so vigorously, since now three of them have vanished into the shades of quiet retirement where his raucous diatribes can not disturb them longer, and the fourth easts envious glances at their peaceful repose.

We say Godspeed you, but we hope not Farwell to Treasurer Edward Trend, Secretary Phil Mary, and Membership Glenn E. Hartleb. We hope our counsels will never be bereft of your wisdom, and we confidently anticipate your continued friendly support in promotion of the Federation you did so much to strengthen.

Ed Treend we will miss the most, because we had longer association with him over the years when continuously from 1946 until this July of 1952 he served as Secretary or Treasurer of the Federation. No words can express the debt that national chess owes to his ability and unfailing energy. Suffice it to say that his work was never publicized because he wished it that way, being modest as well as capable. Be it remembered that when NCCP was still an untried theory, it was Michigan which put the theory to the test first, and did so on the Michigan which put the theory to the test irst, and did so on
guarantee of Ed. Treend that they would never regret the choice.

Phil Mary served too shortly as Secretary to permit the chess public to realize fully his genial competence and unfailing good nature. But it was the Federation's misfortune that soon after he became the Secretary a promotion and a changer of duties in his own work necessitated constant travel, which prevented him from giving to the post of Secretary as full and constant attention as he had planned. He has remained, however, the Federation's unofficial ambassador of Good Will in all his travels, and we are confident that he will continue as ambassador extraordinary for the Federation.

Glenn E. Hartleb, better known perhaps for his well-developed talents as a tournament director specializing in the intricacies of the Swiss, has probably never received his due in public recognition of the constant and tedious labor he has devoted so diligently to the humdrum (but essential) tasks of a Membership Secretary. Suffice it to say that during his term of office the details of a wearisome job were conducted efficiently and promptly in a manner which could not be improved. It was the Federation's loss that personal circumstance prevented him from continuing the performance of these duties, and it is the Federation's great good fortune that the adoption of the new Promotional Plan absorbs the labors Glenn performed so well into the newly organized office of Business Manager or his resignation might have been keenly offee of Business Manager or his resignation might have been keeniy
felt by everyone whose chess activities passed through the Membership Secretary's office.

Godspeed to all of you; and joy be wi' you a'.
Montgomery Major

$W^{\text {ITH }}$ this issue I begin my fourth year as problem editor of CHESS LIFE and to celebrate the anniversary I dedicate No. 358 to all of our readers. In the last three years we have publishd more than two hundred and fifty problems; we have held one international composing tourney; and we have conducted a Ladder tournament that has raised our list of solvers from a seattered group of a dozen or so to some fifty steady contributors. I hope to get some more things started during the coming year and (as always) I will welcome your suggestions on how to improve, the column.

The chess section of the San Francisco Argonaut announces a novel competition, beginning in September. Prizes amounting to $\$ 10.00$ and $\$ 5.00$ in cash or subscriptions will be given monthly for "the best original contributions" to the column, which, aceording to the announcement, "may consist of problems (two-movers and three-movers), end-game compositions, combinations, analysis, annotations, games, literary efforts, dealing with chess, and the like." Prizes are also offered for problem-solving. For information, address Dr. H. J. Ralston, Chess Editor, The Argonaut, 544 Market Street, San Francisco 4, California.


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For solutions to previously published problems, please turn to

## MICHIGAN ELECTS STATE OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the
Michigan State Chess Association Michigan State Chess Association at Battle Creek the following officers were elected: E. V. Vander burg (Lansing) president, John Lapin (Bay City) secretary, Har old Bailey (Battle Creek) treasurer, Edward I. Treend (Detroit) and F . J. Van Sweden (Grand Rapids) USCF Directors for Michigan. A. H. Palmi (Jackson) and Frank Hollway (Grand Rapids) were named honorary vice-presidents. Eight vice-presidents were elected, each directing a specific program: Edward Barwick (Lansing) Junior Chess, W. A. L. Willard, Sr. (Bay City) College Chess, Henry Meifert (Kalamazoo) Veterans; Miss Lucille Kellner (Detroit) Membership, Glen Palon (Detroit) Tournaments, T. Jenkins (Huntington Woods) Finances, Edward F. Muller (Flint) Publicity, and R. Buskager (Battle Creek) Publications. Also named as USCF Directors were John Lapin, Glen Palon, Thomas Jenkins and Reuben Buskager.

It was voted at the annual meet-

Michigan State Tournaments to USCF-MSCA members in good standing, and a committee was appointed to revise the By-Laws of the Association to meet modern needs.

## TREEND RETIRES AS TREASURER

Edward I. Treend, who served the Federation as Secretary from 1946 to 1950, has retired from the office of Treasurer which he held from 1949 to 1952. In appreciation of his services to the Federation, Mr. Harold M. Phillips, USCF President has written Mr. Treend:


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W rTH serious tournament com-
petition in New York close to a standstill, it is necessary to turn to that "summer pastime"chess in the city park-instead of the usual reporting of the triumphs and setbacks of the metropolitan masters and experts. And so your reporter recently walked over to Washington Square Park, another of the city's spots of greenery which has set up in it 15 concrete chess tables with the familiar 64 squares imbedded on their surface. There supposedly those "who really love the game" pass their summer afternoons; there is none of the tenseness of master play, none of its ambitious and often ruthless spirit-these players play for "fun!" And excepting those few monetary-minded chess players who visit the park hoping to find a. "sucker" (and we think these few are uniformly unsuccessful!), such is indeed the case. Here are gathered people of all backgrounds - Greenwich Village types (since the park is one of the centers of that world-famous district), businessmen who leave their hot offices early in the afternoon and come to contest a pleasant game under the trees, retired (or unemployed!) artists and writers,
and even members of metropolitan and even members of metropolitan
clubs who find the outdoors a clubs who find the outdoors a
pleasanter place to play this time of year. As a matter of fact, while your writer was there, such wellknown experts as Mrs. Mary Bain, U.S. Women's Champ, and Harry Fajans, Marshall Chess Club expert, visited the chess enclosure along with Marty Capell, N.Y.U's top scorer in the U.S. Intercollegiates of 1950 and now studying psychology in N.Y.U's branch bordering the park, and Henry Spinner and Carmine Nigro, the Brooklyn Chess Club's most active enthusiasts. Certainly a visit to the Washington Square Chess Club makes one wonder how many cities throughout the nation have similar outdoor chess activity!?
The Marshall Chess Club Championship prelims are well under way now to determine those who will compete in the finals together with the seven prize winners in last year's championship. Several of the leading names are missing from this year's roster of contest-ants-notably among them K. Burger, H. Fajans, T. Dunst, Mrs. G. K. Gresser, P. LeCornu, and P. Brandts-but such strong players as C. Pilnick, E. Mednis, J. Richman, J. Foster, P. Miller, H. Eekstrom, J. Westbrock, and W. Goldwater are vying for the right to be finalists this year along with twenty five others. The preliminaries, divided into four sections with two qualifying from each, are at this stage being somewhat held up by various contestants going on vacation, but as September approaches they should move more quickly, in time to be completed so that the aanual championship can be initiated carly in October.
IN BRIEF: Larry Evans' recently developed beard has been a subject of much discussion at local chess clubs, and there is a wide difference of opinion as to its merits. We'll let the chess players of the nation decide for themselves what they think of it without giving any statistic on numbers supporting this new addition and those against it!?
Arthur Feuerstein, 4-0, leads the Marshall summer junior tourney.

Irvington (N. J.) Chess Club championship was won by Howard Franklin with $81 / \varepsilon-1 / 2$, drawing with Saul Yarmak. Second place went to Ralph Hurttlen with $7-2$, while 6.3 and Soual Yarmaked third with $51 /-3^{1 / 2}$ in the 10 player round robin.

## How the Rating System Works <br> By KENNETH HARKNESS <br> (Kenneth Harkness, co-author of "An Invitation to Chess" and author of "Invita- tion to Bridge," is the inventor of the mathematical rating system adopted by the tion to Bridge," is the inventor of the mathematical rating system dapoped by the USCF to renk American chessplayers. In this series, Mr. Harkness explains the

For The Journament. Minded $T^{0}$ rate a Swiss System event we evaluate the performance of each player as though he were competing in an independent tournament. contestant, so we must measure the strength of the competition eacb player meets. We do this in the same way as we determine the average strength of a round-robin tournament-by listing the ratings of a player and all his opponents, then finding the median value. This value is called a player's "competition average." Then we compute performance ratings as described in parts 5 and 6 of this series, adding or
subtracting points from each player's competition average in accordance with his score.

The precess of rating Swiss System tournaments is summed up in the above paragraph, but a great many of the details have been omitted. For the sake of those who want to know exactly what we do, this article find the description too boring to read, you will have to take our word for it that we go to a lot of trouble to achieve a high degree of accuracy.

Perhaps the simplest way to explain the process is to describe the various steps in detail, using the recent U.S. Open Championship as an example:
mistakes in the round-by-round analysis of the tournament report, and after cancelling all byes and defaults, we list down on our worksheet the names of all players and their net scores. By net scores we mean the points won and lost for
games actually played. Although games actually played. Although
the U.S. Open was a 12 -round event, some of the contestants played less than 12 games. 2. The second step is to write ratings" of all players whose performances during the previous five years have been recorded on cards in the active files. Each player's As described below, some ratings. As described below, some ratings
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ing one tournament.
(a) if a player has competed in only one rated tournament we use
his performance rating but mark it' with an asterisk to show that it is a provisional figure. Nine of the is a provisional figure. Nine of the
contestants in the U.S. Open had contestants in the U
ratings of this type.
(b) If a player has competed in two or more tournaments but has never been issued an average rating, we use the arithmetical mean of his performance ratings up to date. For example, when Svend $H$. Oleson of Chicago started in the U.S. Open he had not played in
any rated tournaments before Deany rated tournaments before De-
cember 31st, 1951, but had earned 1866 and 1957 points in events held this year. Oleson's work-sheet rating is listed as 1812 points-the average of 1866 and 1667. Similarly, issued an average rating but is given a work-sheet rating of 1595 points-the average of his 1951 provisional rating of 1667 points and his performance rating of 1552 points in this year's Tampa City Championship held before the U.S. Open. (Although we did not mention it before, this method is used to produce work-sheet ratings for
players of this type in round-robin players of this
tournaments.)
(c) If a fully-rated player has
(the current not competed during the current
rating period we use his last average. For example, Captain Lebzeltern of St. Petersburg, Fla. had average ratings of 1729,1791 , 1805 and 1733 for various periods from 1949 to the end of 1951, but did not compete in 1952 until he
took part in the U.S. Open. This took part in the U.S. Open. This
player's work-sheet rating is 1733 points, the last average recorded on his card.
(d) If a fully-rated player has competed since the closing date of the last published list we now use the arithmetical mean of his last
average rating and his performance ratings in current tournaments. (This refinement has been adopted since we started writing the present series of articles and will be used when rating all future tournaments, including round-robins.) No less than 41 rated players in the U.S.
aments held this year. The need for more up-to-date ratings than the last averages of these players was emphasized by the case of Arturo Pomar of Spain. This young master has been advancing rapidly and his last average of 2273 points no longer represents his current
strength. This year he has carned strength. This year he has earned 2562 in the Havana and Hollywood international tournaments respectively. The work-sheet rating of this player for the U.S. Open is 2410 points-the arithmetical mean we get a figure that measures Pomar's strength at the start of the tournament. For some of the other 10 players of this type, the work-sheet ratings are higher than
their last averages; for others they are lower.

The third step is to issue performance ratings to the unrated contestants, so that these figures may be used to find the competition averages of the rated contestants. The process is complicated and consists of three operations: ings of step No. 2 described above we determine the median value of the entire tournament. The method was explained in Part 4 of this series. To find the median value of the U.S. Open we rank all the work-sheet ratings from the highest down to the lowest. At the top of the list we make a plus sign for the only unrated player who finished with a plus score; at the bottom we put four minus signs for the unrated players who mado minus scores. The median value of 1989 points is found by averaging the 38th and 39th ratings on the
list of 76 ratings and signs. As list of 76 ratings and signs. As-
suming that the unrated man with a plus score ranks above the tournament average, and the four with minus scores below average, 37 of the players have higher ratings than 1980 points, and 37 have lower ratings.
(b) Approximate ratings are then given to the unrated players. apparant, range of the tournament by subtracting the median value from the highest rating. Thus, we subtract the U.S. Open's median of the tournament winner. Larry Evan's work-sheet rating of 2650 , the highest in the tournament, giving us a difference of 670 points. Then we divide this difference by the plus game score (above $50 \%$ ) of the tournament winner. Larry is 4 made a score of 10-2 which score. Dividing 670 by 4 we get a score. Dividing
figure of 168 per game point which can be used to issue approximate ratings to unrated players in accordance with their scores. For example, unrated Arthur Carlyle of 5-4 Petersburg made a net score games and one bye) which is half a game point above an even score. a game point above an even score.

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## New York State Championship

Open to all; held at Cazenovia Seminary; 9 round Swiss championship with entry fee $\$ 10.00$, four Experts tourney, entry fee $\$ 5.00$ first prize $\$ 50.00$; Swiss or round robin; Genesee and Susquehanna Cup team matches; mail entrie postmarked no later than August
18 to Harold M. Phillips, 258 Broadway, New York City; all entrants must be members of NYSCA; fo 208 West Beard Ave., Syracuse 5, 208 West Beard Ave., Syracuse 5,

## August 30-September 1 2nd Annual Midwest Open <br> $$
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Open to all; 6 round Swiss; entry fee $\$ 5.00$ (including membership in Nebraska Chess Ass'n); cash prizes; for details write: Nebraska Chess Ass'n, 317 YMCA Bldg., Omaha 2, Nebr.

West Virginia Championship Tournament
At Beckley Elks Club; open to all' chess players, state title to rank all chess players, state title to ranking W. Va. player; championship playing room; for details, write playing room; for details, write
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highest ranking Virginian becomes State Champion; cash prizes; held at Hotel Portsmouth; for details contact: W. R. Triplett, P.O. Box 888, Portsmouth, Va.

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At Hotel New Orleans; open to Louisiana and Mississippi players; begins 9:00 a.m. August 30; entry fee $\$ 5.00$ including USCF and LCA memberships; $100 \%$ USCF rated Event; for details, write: W. P. Na
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Ilinois State Championship
Rock Island, III.
Open to Illinois residents only; at Fort Armstrong Hotel; 7 round Swiss; cash prizes; Entry close noon August 30; entry fee; for details write: John Warren, 1336 15th St., Rock Island, III. or Henry Jeffrey, 413 16th Ave., Rock Island, II.
in the column reserved for the performance ratings of all contestants.
Then we progress upward to unrated player I. Marquez of Columbia who made a score of $41 / 2-71 / 2$ which is $11 / 2$ points ( $121 / 2 \%$ ) below
average. Marquez had been given average. Marquez had been given
an approximate rating of 1728, 30 an approximate rating of 1728,30
we list this figure with the worksheet ratings of all his 12 oppon ents. The median value of 181 becomes this player's competition average. Deducting 125 points fo: his $121 / 2 \%$ below average score in a contest 12 rounds, we find that the performance rating is 1686
points. This is put down in the points. This is put down in the
column for performance ratings and is substituted for the approxi mate rating in the column of worksheet ratings.
In the same way, we issue performance ratings to the other unrated players, working up to rated players, working up to
Arthur Carlyle who made the Arthur Carlyle who made the
highest score in this group. This highest score in this group. This
player's approximate rating of 2064 is changed to his performance rating of 2118 points.
Note that the approximate ratings are used only to find more exact performance ratings for the players with no previous records. These performance ratings are then used to compute the competition averages of other contestants.
(This is the serenth of a series of articles by Mr. Hartiness. The explanation vated will be continuad in the eighth article which will appear in the ncer
of CHESS LIFE-The Editor.)

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## V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

It seems that the farther the Chess Olympics of 1920 were re
moved from the time of writing about them, the more brilliancy in retrospect they took on-consider ably more than could be attributed to them, in spite of Ilyin-Zhenev sky's heroic, efforts, while they were "news" of the day or at least only a very recent event.
We have not been able to discover a single reference to them in either "Izvestiia" or "Pravda" of that period, which we were able of that period, which we were able
to consult in the New York Public to consult in the New York Public
Library; "K Novoi Armiii," the Library; "K Novoi Armii," the
magazine to which Hyin- Zhenevsky could contribute a few chess columns in 1920, seems to have ceased publication just around the time of the tournament (at leas no numbers of a later period could be discovered in American librar ies).
Under the circumstances, Grekov when writing about "All-Russian Chess 'Tournaments" in the July number of "Sakhmaty" for 1924 D. 89:

seems to come considerably nearer the truth than Pavlov-Pianov, in July issue easual remark, in to SSSE" SSSR, p. 217, that he can be short
about the Championship tournaabout the Championship tomirna-
ment played during the Olympics because "plenty has already been written about it"-the author of this article series would be only to happy to learn where so much has been written just about this Championship Tournament, and believes that even the most diligent research will not produce much more than what he is able to pre sent in the following installments unless, of course, the Russians themselves will open their "arc
hives"; since both the second and third prize-winner are still alive and the "historian" Grekov died only recently, it can still be hoped that the material is not entirely lost.

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## August $30-$ September 1 Mexico State Championship

 Albuquerque, N. M.Open to New Mexico players; Swiss event; entry fee $\$ 2.00$;
sponsored by the Albuquerque sponsored by the Albuquerque
Chess Club; entries accepted until start of play, August 30 ; for de tails and entry, write: James R Cole, 601 Ridgecrest Drive, Albu querque, N.M.

> September

Washington Woodpushe
Seattle, Wash
Open to all; at Seattle Chess Club; a round Swiss; entry lee bers); begins 10:00 a.m.; for de tails contact: Dan Wade, 11023 25th N.E., Seattle 55, Wash.

New Jersey Open Championship At YMCA, 125 Main St.; starts 10:00 a.m.; 7 round Swiss; open to all; entry fee $\$ 5.00$ with $\$ 2.00$
returnable; prizes; write: Edgar T returnable, prizes; write: Edgar T.
McCormick, $102 \mathrm{~N} . ~ M a p l e, ~ E . ~$


