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RI-STATE ENDS

FELL CAPTURES LAKE ERIE OPEN

Chester T. Fell, Jr. of Buffalo became the first local winner of the Lake Erie Open (Glenn Hartleb of Erie in 1950, and Erich Marchand of Rochester in 1951) when he scored 5-1 in the 14 player Swiss, losing one game to James J. Bar-rett, local chess columnist. CHESS LIFE Games Editor Erich W. Marchand was second with 4½-1½, losing to Fell and drawing with Dr. Max Herzberger. Dr. Herz-berger placed third with 4-2, losing to Fell and drawing with Marchand and Roy T. Black, Sr. Fourth to seventh on Solkoff points with 3½-2½ each were Albert E. Vossler James J. Barrett, and Arthur Damon. The event was 100 per cent USCF rated.

Fell received custody of the new Richard E. Boyer Memorial Tro-phy, and the three top players all received permanent trophies. For-mation of the Lake Erie Chess Ass'n, to perpetuate this event, came during the course of the tournament. Roy T. Black, Sr. be-came president, Dr. Max Herzber-ger vice-president, T. William Wilcock secretary, and Norman C.

Wilder, Jr. treasurer.
The Lake Eric Speed Championship, held as the final feature of the meet, was won by Dr. S. Robert Frucella with 7½-½, drawing with Erich W. Marchand who placed second with 6½-1½. Dr. Herzberger was third with 5-3.

WILLIAMS TOPS QUEBEC PROVINCE

Montreal City Champion J. Noel Williams added the Quebec Pro-vincial title to his distinctions in a 22 player event at Montreal. Williams scored 5-1 and edged out runner-up Lionel Joyner on S-B points, although he lost the first round game to M. Baikovitz. Joyner lost no games but drew twice for a 5-1 score. Third to seventh on S-B points with equal 4-2 scores were Dr. J. Rauch, M. Baikovitz, P. Brunet, D. LeDain and I. Zalys with the last three tied in S-B points also

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WIENER TAKES SO. CAR. OPEN

M. Wiener of Washington, D. C. traveled to Columbia to take the South Carolina Open with 4½-½, drawing with runner-up R. East-wood in semi-final round. Second to fourth on Solkoff points with equal 4-1 scores were R. Eastwood of Florida, A. Edelsburg of Columbia and former State Champion H. Mouzon of Charleston. Eastwood drew with Wiener and Mouzon, Edelsburg lost a game to R. Mur-phy, and Mouzon drew with East-wood and T. E. Makens. The South Carolina title went to A. Edelsburg as ranking Carolinan with Mouzon as runner-up.
Twenty five players participated

in the event which was quite re-presentative of the South with players from Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, Mississippi and the District of Columbia in addition to the local

state talent.

WASHINGTON TOPS PHILADELPHIA

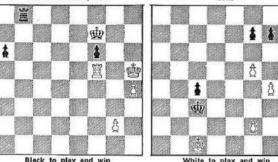
In a return intercity match at Aberdeen, Md., the Washington toam again topped Philadelphia, by 27½-17½ with the top board left to adjudication and thus re-tained the Turover Trophy. Wash-ington proved particularly strong on top boards, gaining 7 points on the first ten boards, even with the Avram-Sobel game undecided at board one. Stark, Mugridge, Wiener, Hesse, Mott, and Scheffer of Washington downed respectively Gutekunst, Young, Sherr, Simsak, Mordell, and Brickman. Roman-enko and Whitaker drew with Sklar-off and Nowakiwsky. Only Campomanes on board nine bowed to Lubar of Philadelphia. For the remainder of the boards the victories were more evenly divided, but the top board margin in itself was

AVRAM VICTOR IN VIRGINIA

H. Avram won the Virginia State Open on S-B points with a 51/2-11/2 score, losing a game to C. B. Spencer and drawing with Wiener. M. Wiener, who placed second on S-B points with 5½-1½, lost no games but drew three games. C. B. Spencer was third with 5-2, losing one game to Chauvenet. Fourth and fifth on S-B points with 4½-2½ each in the 20 player Swiss were L. R. Chauvenent and A. Tra-

NEWELL BANKS ROVING AGAIN

Most tireless among the perform-ers in simultaneous exhibitions is Newell W. Banks of Detroit, who is ambidextrous, playing chess with one hand and checkers with the one nand and checkers with the other. Returned recently from a tour of the West, Banks plans to depart Eastward through Pennsylvania, New York, and the New England states, touching on Canda in his return. The touchest ada in his return. The tour begins late in November, and interested clubs may contact Mr. Banks by writing him at 5076 Coplin Ave., Detroit 13, Mich. Position No. 93 Nimzovitch vs. Tarrasch San Sebastian, 1911



Position No. 94 Ed. Lasker vs. Moll

Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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THE two positions above are taken from the delightful "Fireside Book of Chess" by Irving Chernev and Fred Reinfeld. I am using this occasion to recommend this book as an ideal gift for the chessplayer, in case you are in doubt during the Christmas season, or subsequently. Here we see chess clearly as a cultural force producing wit, esthetic delight, and a certain nostaglic charm.

In Position No. 93, a four move combination decides. In the next position, White actually lost the game, but pointed out the win after the game was over.

For solutions please turn to Page two.

With The Chess Clubs

Lincoln (Neb.) Chess Club won its third straight intercity match (others were vs. Omaha 10-6 and Denver 7½-5½) by besting Wichita 8½-1½. Alexander Liepnieks of Lincoln drew with former Kansas Champion Jasper Stull on Bd. 1, Victor Pupols of Lincoln drew with John E. Brunett, and Robert Kalnins of Lincoln drew with John J Albright. Lincoln victors were Joe Warner, Dr. Edgar Hinman, Julian Sobolevskis, Ernest Adminis, Peter Tumek, Jim Weber, and David Moorman.

The Orange (N. J.) Chess Club defeated Elizabeth Chess Club 4-3 with E. McCormick, Fenichell and Edison scoring for Orange and Wolfson tallying for Elizabeth A. Wilner and A. Brown of Orange drew against Ault and E. Haug. One game was adjourned.

The Orange (N.J.) Chess Club tallied a 5½-2½ victory over Plainfield with C. Parmelee, E. T. McCormick, A. Wilner, A. Brown and Kusnetskow scoring for Orange while Jackson and Dulicai salvag-ed points for Plainfield. Grodeck of Orange drew with Hauck.

Kansas University Chess Club met the Kansas City Chess Club in a 9 board match, scoring a 71/2-11/2 victory. KU winners were Jim Callis, Hugo Teufel, Don Johnson, Henry Georgi, Frank Tarr and Richard Brack, while Henry Horak, Leonard Brester and Edgar Marihugh drew.

Chess Club of the Oranges (N.J.) saw C. Parmelee capture the finals of the strong club championship 6-0, while Edgar T. McCromick placed second with 5-1 in a 7 player round robin which saw New Jersey State Champion E. Baker well down the list of also-rans

Decatur (III.) Chess Club elected W. S. Jones president, David T. Mitchell vice-president, and Mrs. Turner Nearing secretary-treasur-er. Mrs. Nearing (who shares chess and stamps as hobbies) is becoming quite famous in philetitic circles for her "Chess Stamp" collection, which has collected many blue rib

Chicago City Chess League So cial Section, where chess is played for fun rather than blood, is under way with teams from Cabrini Chess Club, Muntz TV Chess Club, Stagg Chess Club and Hyde Park Social

Alexandria (La.) Chess Club played a 6-6 draw with Natchitoches in a double-round event. Alexander scored the double victory for Alexandria while Watson and Williams tallied twice for Natchitoches. Parfor Alexandria broke even with Ken-ner of Natchitoches. Eernbaugh and Duffly salvaged half-points for Natchitoches.

Queen City Chess Club (Buffalo) has inaugurated a 3 page bulletin, edited by James J. Barrett, with Carl Diesen for problems, N. Wilder for games, and Nick Di Paolo as printer of the monthly issues.

GUZE IS SPEEDY IN MONTREAL

Max Guze displayed speed in the Montreal Speed Championship, win-ning the event 7-1 in a strong field, drawing with J. N. Williams and E. Viires, a newcomer from Esthonia. Second place went to A. Garelick on S-B with 6-2, while H. Lidsky was third, also with 6-2.

ARCHIPOFF TIES DR. WERTHAMMER

The annual Tri-State encounter between champions and runnersup in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia this year ended in a tie between Ohio State Champion between Ohio State Champion
Tony Archipoff and West Virginia
State Champion Dr. Siegfried
Werthammer at 3½-1½ each.
David Hamburger of Pittsburgh
placed third with 3-2, while Pennsylvania State Champion D. McClellan and R. R. McCready of
Cleveland shared fourth with 2½214.

In the 6 player round-robin at the Downtown Y Chess Club of Pittsburgh, Archipoff lost a game to Hamburger and drew with Mc-Clellan. Werthammer lost to Archi-poff and drew with McCready. The Junior Tri-State title went to Harold White of Avon Lake 6-0,

while second place went to William Kiraly of Harrisburg. The new Junior Tri-State champion is son of Mrs. Willa White Owens, Ohio

State Women's titlist, In the Tri-State Open In the Tri-State Open event which drew 32 players L. Lipking of Cleveland was first on S-B points with 4-1, drawing with S. Wachs and P. K. Dietz, Second and third on S-B, also with 4-1 scores, were R. Kause of Cleveland and P. Roth of Pittsburgh, Fourth to seventh on S-B with equal 3½-1½ scores were Saul Wachs, Mrs. S. R. Owens. were Saul Wachs, Mrs. S. R. Owens, P. L. Dietz, and D. Stauvers.

RUSSIANS LEAD WOMEN'S EVENT

At the twelfth round of the Women's World Championship Candidates' Tournament the Soviet didates Tournament the Soviet players held grimly to the lead, headed by Mrs. Elizabeth Bykova, 9½-1½, and Mrs. Valentina Bielova, 9-2. A third Soviet player, Olga Ignatieovna held third with

7½-2½. Still in striking distance was Edith Keller of East Germany with 7-4, Fannie Heemskerk of Holland

with 6½-2½, and Olga Rubtsova of the USSR with 6½-3½.
Standings at the end of 12 rounds, with several adjourned

games, were:
Elizabeth Bykova (USSR)91-1
Valentina Bielova (USSR)9-
Olga Ignatievna (USSR)71-2
Edith Keller (East Germany)7-
Fannie Heemskerk (Holland)61-2
Committee Programme (Programme)
Olga Rubtsova (USSR)61-3
Eileen Tranmer (England)6-4
Katrina Zvorkina (USSR)64
Josza Langros (Hungary)6-6
Chaude de Silans (France)51-61
N. May Karff (United States)5-7
Nina Belska (Czechoslovakia)31-83
Rowena Bruce (England)3-5
de Montero (Argentina)3-5
Many Dain (Hulland Claims)
Mary Bain (United States)21-91
Salome Reischer (Austria) 11-8

Victor in the event will play match with Ludmila Rudenko, title-holder, for the Woman's World holder, for the Woman's Championship.

SANTASIERE PLANS **EUROPEAN JAUNT**

Volatile Tony Santasiere, chess player, painter, poet and musician, looks longingly to Italy in his plans for a European excursion on his sabbatical leave, beginning in Feb-ruary. The paint box will accompany the artist abroad, but Tony declares that art will be abandoned for chess (also an art in Tony's definition) whenever opportunity of-

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The Press On Chess

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m EADERS}$ of Time Magazine were probably both surprised and gratified to discover in the October 20th issue a full page article about Samuel Reshevsky.

New York players were probably equally surprised, although pos-sibly not altogether gratified, to read in the New York Times of November 2nd a commentary on the recent Interzonal Tournament at Saltz-jobaden entitled "Soviet Chess Feat."

The article on Reshevsky is not critical of chess conditions in the USA but contents itself with commenting on the fact that "the leading masters come from all walks of life and include a psychologist, a whole-

sale meat merchant, a chemist, an editor, a college student, a pharma-cist and a soldier" continuing with the reflection that "when the police

cist and a soldier" continuing with the reflection that "when the police pounced on Willie Sutton, (one of the ten most wanted men by the FBI) they found in his hideout a recently published book How To Think Ahead In Gress. In this way, some 8,000,000 U.S. Chess players learned that bank robber Sutton was a member of their fraternity."

The item in the Times is not as complacent on the subject but rather scores the apathy of American players, stating flatly: "As for the United States, we can only recognize that the inadequacy of our representation in Sweden recently (we had only one entrant when entitled to two—Editor) was the direct reflection of the fact that the interest in chess is infinitesimal compared with its status in the Soviet Union . . The United States will make a better showing in international chess when United States will make a better showing in international chess when our citizens realize more fully the importance of such competition in the struggle for international prestige and goodwill now going on through-out the world."

When even the general press begins to recognize our short-comings, it becomes high time for American chess players to stir out of their complacent inertia. 8,000,000 players should be able to do something constructive for chess, if they will only awake to their responsibilities and opportunities. But chess needs united action, not the inept and in-dolent slogan of "let George do it" that has become traditional in American chess circles.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

THE MIDDLE GAME IN CHESS. By Dr. Reuben Fine. New York: David McKay. vi. 442 pp.; 378 diags. \$7.50.

O WNERS of PCO and Basic Chess Endings may now step up and Cough up. Seven-fifty is a stiff price for any book short of the unabridged dictionary, but the reviewer cannot imagine a scrious chessplayer by passing this third element in a trilogy from one of the great chess minds of our time. The middle game cannot be so exquisitely codified as the endings, but the same hand at work in the earlier books appears here in the effort to standardize modes of analysis. There are 14 chapters, including 36 complete games and hundreds of positions. In addition to the 378 regular diagrams are the many fragments illustrating model situations.

Dr. Fine begins by pointing out that, in distinction to what may be Dr. Fine begins by pointing out that, in distinction to what may be done with theory in the openings and precise calculation in the endings, the approach to the middle game must be "through the analysis of positions as they occur." He describes and illustrates the elements of combinations, the mating attack, the combinative art. Then comes breather in theory, consolidating the preceding examples: how to analyze a position. Next, how to proceed with a material advantage in the middle game and how to compensate for disadvantage. The chapters on superior pawn structures and superior mobility offer opportunity for the kind of breakdown learners like to see: double pawns, the minority attack, the open file, weak squares, the bad bishop. Others on attack and defense, on equal positions, on continuing the opening and on en-tering the end-game complete the text, which is rounded off by the usual and most welcome indexes.

The book demonstrates what its author asserts on the first page; "In the middle game our main concern must be with the ideas that are used to understand what goes on." His formula of questions in chapter five for analyzing a position becomes the framework for this kind of thinking.

In a given position we must ask about material, pawn formation, mobility, king safety, and threats or combinations. The rest of the book implements these questions in setting after setting, the great majority from actual games, some of them well-worn by now but still instructive. Underlying the whole book is the admitted truth of Teichman's (?) remark that chess is 99 per cent tactics. The several examples of Dr. Fine's own play interspersed here (losses as well as wins) will be especially welcome to admirers of his style. The price is very nearly prohibitive and without, it seems to this reviewer, much necessity; other chess books of about the same number of pages and diagrams are cheaper. A good book, even a great book, can be priced out of business. But those who do buy will not be disappointed in the contents, for with this Dr. Fine rounds out a most admirable survey of the game. He now has books on the fundamentals, the openings, the middle game, the ending; he has published collections and treasuries. The only omission in Grandmaster Fine's complete course at chess is a definitive edition of his own games, which the reviewer hopes is his next project.

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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Contemporary American Composers-3

BURNEY M. MARSHALL

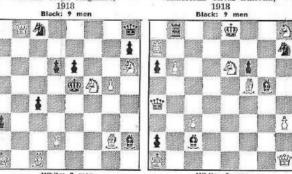
BORN on August 9, 1886, Burney M. Marshall, of Shreveport, La., began composing when he was eleven years old and has published about seven hundred problems. Throughout his life he has been a twomover specialist, stressing clear-cut strategy with attractive mates and pointed keys. Nos. 379-81 are samples of some of his best work.

By profession Marshall has been a telegraph operator for the Kansas City Railway Company most of his life. Quoting from Alain White's description of him in A Sketchbook of American Chess Problematists (Stamford, Conn., 1942): "His job is to receive and deliver orders affecting the movements of trains, 'once a fascinating occupation,' he explains, 'but now reduced to mere routine by the devices of a machine age.' His hobbies, other than chess, are the movies and the radio. One can imagine what the coming of the radio must have meant to this telegraph-minded enthusiast. When the Westinghouse Electric Company put out their first 'peanut' sets in 1921, Marshall was swept off his feet by the new invention and for ten years he could think of nothing else in his leisure time except trying to keep up with every new development in the industry. Then in the depression he took up composition again . . . and the Marshall chess problem fans were delighted by his new and improved vintage of problems."

Marshall is a collector of problems and of problem lore as well, and furnished much of the background material that Alain White used in the Sketchbook.

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By Burney M. Marshall
"British Chass Magazine,"

Problem No. 380 By Burney M. Marshall "American Chess Bulletin," 1918 ck: 9 mer Black:



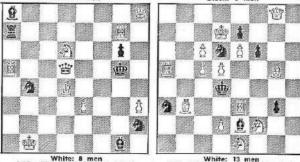
White: 8 men 1Qs4q, 7p, 3pp2S, 4kSPI, 2p5, p7, 3P2Bb, K1B5 White mates in two moves

White: 9 men 1r2k2S, R6s, pP2Sp2, 5Bb1, q7, 2P4P, p1b5, K6Q White mates in two moves

Problem No. 381

By Burney M. Marshall
"Atlanta Journal,"
1937
Black: 8 men

Problem No. 382
By Z. M. Burnov
"Trud," 1950 Black: 6 men



White: 8 men b6Q, r5R1, 3S2p1, R2q2k1, 1s1B4, 4P2P, 7s, 1K4b1 White mates in two moves

White: 13 men 6Q1, 3Kp3, 2PsPp2, R1PP2B1, 3k4, 8B2R1p1, 3PbS2, 4S3 White males in three moves

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

Chess Paradox

Reti studies mathematics although he is not a dry mathematician; represents Vienna without being Viennese; was born in old Hungary yet he does not know Hungarian; speaks uncommonly rapidly only in order to act all the more maturely and deliberately; and will yet become the best chessplayer without, however, becoming world champ-

SAVIELLY TARTAKOVER: Die Hypermoderne Schachpartie

Chess Life In New York

THE usual period of chess inactivity between the conclusion of the summer tournament schedule and the initiation of the metropolitan clubs' fall tourneys has ended and once again chess life in New York is building up momentum. One major club championship has already begun, with the other top contest set to start in a few weeks; there are numerous smaller club competitions under way and other secondary (only because the reg-ular championship is held concur-rently) events on tap at the two major clubs themselves.

The Manhattan C. C.'s "new administration" under secretary Hans Kmoch has not only scheduled a sixteen-man club championship, but title events for B and C players as well — the first time in many years that powerful club has set up competition for its lesser luminaries; previously the Marshall C. C. was the only major club in town where the average player could get a chance to compete with his peers in serious contests. The opportunities now often speak well for the development of more experts in the future of New York

Last year's club titlist George Kramer, who was inducted into the armed forces during the summer, will of course be unable to defend, will of course be unable to defend, as is similarly the case with the previous year's runner-up, Donald Byrne, who is continuing his studies at Michigan University. But it is expected that Arnold Denker, Max Pavey, Sidney Bernstein, Jack Moscowitz, Abe Turner, Albert Moscowitz, Abe Turner, Albert Pinkus, Jack Soudakoff, and Joseph Platz will enter and these names, plus whatever other fine players the Manhattan Club will seed into the finals or qualify from preliminary groups, make it with a formid-able tourney. More about the com-petitors and their respective chances for the title shortly.

The Marshall C. C. tourney, embracing sixteen competitors also, is now two rounds old with A. E. Santasiere leading the way as a result of two straight victories, although his third round game with Carl Pilnick (played ahead of schedule) is considered hopeless at the adis considered nopeless at the adjournment. Pilnick, Jim Sherwin, and Edmar Mednis are in the group with 1-0 scores, while A. Kaufman and P. Brandts have totals of 1½-½. Obviously there are no indications as yet of the are no indications as yet of the eventual winner and such players as J. Collins, J. F. Donovan, and F. Howard, previous prize-winners off to bad starts, may assert them-selves shortly selves shortly.

IN BRIEF: Carmine Nigro, 4-0 leads the Brooklyn C. C.'s annual championship....A Marshall "B" team defeated a Bronx-Westchester aggregation, 8-4. . . . Accompanying the popular Russian motion picture "The Grand Concert" at N. Y.'s Stanley Theater was a Soviet newsreel which included shots of the recent Budapest tour-ney in which world champ Botvinnik participated. Incidentally, are those rumors about the Russian those rumors about the Russian star's health true? . It's been noted that it's the first time in a long time that both the metropolitan major club titlests are unable to defend their titles this year — Geor derend their tilles this year — Geor-ge Kramer of Manhattan and E. Hearst of Marshall . . . Marshall C. C. Consolation Tourney, the win-ner of which gets seeded into next year's regular championship, and the annual club Junior tourney are under way.

Solutions:-

Finish It The Clever Way! Finish R The Clever Way!

Position No. 93: 1...., R.K4!; 2. K.
Kd, RxR; 3. KRR, P-R4; 4. K.K4, P-B4
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Position No. 94: 1. P-B6!, PxP; 2. P.
F. K.-G6. P. F. F. B. F. F. F. F.
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Black is in zugzwang.

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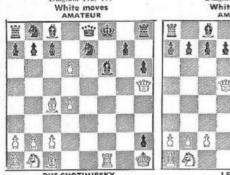
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By Fred Reinfeld

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CHALLENGE TO CHESS PLAYERS

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



Discrem No. 195

DUS-CHOTIMIRSKY Hamburg, 1910

LEWIS London, 1840

Diagram No. 196

White moves

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Mates in three move

2. BxP ch), KxQ; 3. BxR mate 195. 1. RxB ch, PxR (if 1. . ., Q-Bz; 2. QxQ mate); 2. QxP ch (more elegant but not faster than

menr cal utilization of White's develop-196. I. R-K8 ch, B-B1; 2. B-R6, any move; 3. RxB mate. Economi-

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Additional Data By A. Buschke

V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

No doubt, at the time Bogol-jubow met these Russian masters, already considerably thev had more experience than in 1920 when Alekhine played against them; in other words, it was even harder to beat them in 1923 or 1924 than in 1920 when they met Alekhine. On the other hand, Bogoljubow had already fought in a number of strong international tournaments outside of Russia while Alekhine lacked such experience sorely for over 6 years before entering the Chess Olympics of 1920. All the more we have to regret the lack of so many of the games both Alekhine and Bogolujubow played against comparable opponents—it certainly would be of greatest in-terest to compare also the quality of the games: statistics alone can be very deceptive.

As mentioned before, only 5 of the 15 games which Alekhine played in the Chess Olympics of 1920 have been preserved in print-ing or in our manuscript collection, and these will be published in the following installments. Since both Levenfish and Roman-ovsky are still alive, it can be still hoped that the Russians will some day publish a selection of the first 6 Soviet Chess Championship Tournaments, and that then also the missing 10 Alekhine games will be included.

It has recently become quite a fad to praise Alekhine as a chess player in the Soviet Union, and we understand Kotov is considering a definite Alekhine biography, including also some of the valuable material which must have been in the hands of the recently deceased Chalupetzky who was a very close friend of Alekhine's; so possibly this Kotov biography will fill this

gap.

In the meantime we must be about a sixth game, viz., Alekhine's draw with Blumenfeld. Levenfish reports in "Shakhmaty v SSSR" 1950 no. 10 p 290: "The adjourned position was very complicated and both opponents spent a lot of time analyzing it. When play was re-sumed, either one of them ap-peared with a voluminous notebook containing hundreds of varia-tions, convinced of the superiority of his position. But after only moves more, as happens quite often, the battle continued on untested ground, and after interesting complications it ended in a

tested ground, and after interesting complications it ended in a
peaceful result"(**).

(**) Veniamin Markovich Blumenfeld
was born in 1884, participated already
in 1906-7 in the IV All-Russian Tournament, tileing for 2nd and 3rd with Rubinstein. In 1908 he lost a match to the
15 year old Alekhine, not quite as badly
as Alekhine records (7:1 for Alekhine),
but either, as the more contemporary
Shakhmatnoo Dozrenie (1909 Jan/April,
p. 66: also Deutsches Wochenschach
1908 p. 425) reports, with 4 losses, one
draw, or as Blumenfeld himself lists
the result in his edition of the 1929
match Alekhine-Bogoljubow (in Russian,
1931, p. 16 where, incidentally, the date
of the became "candidate of
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P-Q5 49. K-B6 P-B8(Q) P-Q6 Resigns

What's The Best Move? By Guilherme Groesser

Position No. 105



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In a position of this sort, White's problem is not how to win the game for he south has to we win the game for he south has to win quickly and losel, but how to win quickly and neatly, in the game, Lungmus-Skribek, Correspondence, 1952 White solved this artistically with 1. P-QR4 and Black resigned, for if 1., QxP! 2. Q-Q5 wins a piece.

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P-B7 42. B-K+2

> Q-B6!! Resigns, Q-В6!! котоv After 42.



A problem-like finish to a hard-fought game. Mate can only be prevented by giving up the Q.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE Interzonal Tournament Saltzjobaden, 1952

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1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt2
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A very modern finesse. The tempting
5. P-Ks is not good for White, as after

In order to answer 14. Kt-B7? with R.B.3. 14. O.B.7 O.K.1 15. Kt-Gq G-B1 Kt-K1 G-B1 G-B1 Kt-M1 G-B2 G-Q2 Having G-B1 Kt-M3 BxR Having G-B1 Kt-M3 BxR Having G-B1 G Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!

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1. P.Q4 KT-KB3 13. KT-KB3 P.B4
2. P.QB4 P.K3 14. P.QR4 KT-B3
3. KT-QB3 B-K15 15. B-R3 KT-KB3
4. P.K3 P.QB4 16. P.B3 Q-B3
5. P.QR3 B-K16 17. B-K12 Q-K15
6. P.R3 P.QB4 16. P.B3 Q-B3
5. P.QR3 B-K16 17. B-K12 Q-K15
6. P.R3 P.QB4 16. P.B3 Q-B3
7. P.R3 P. P.B4 KT-KB4
7. P.R3 P.B4 16. P.B4 16. P.B4
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14. Krickf BxK† 16. Kri-K4!

15. BxB

It is clear now that White has the initiative. His pieces excert considerable pressure on both the Q-wing and center while Black's pieces cannot find satisfactory squares.

18. RxK2

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19. Grid RxK41

19. Grid Rx

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