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## NEW CHESS LIFE PLANNED!

### GIVE READERS HINT OF FUTURE

By WILLIAM ROJAM  
Staff Writer

Face-lifting is a painful process, as even beauticians admit, but double-chins and wrinkles must yield to progressive treatment, if a lady is to keep her youthful zest. The ancient Madam CHESS LIFE (six years old, if we must whisper a secret), despite rheumatic aches, bravely faces the future and a course of plastic surgery designed to streamline her bulky figure into a more svelte and graceful appearance.

We lift the curtain briefly during the painful process of surgery to show our readers in the adjoining columns how the face of Madam CHESS LIFE will probably look after the doctors have completed their delicate operations.

In this preview, we introduce a new feature writer in International Master Larry Evans, U. S. Chess Champion and U. S. Open Champion. Mr. Evans will continue to express his views and illustrate his winning ideas in chess in future issues of CHESS LIFE.

In succeeding issues we will introduce other new features by U. S. Master Herman Steiner, former U. S. Champion, who will discuss modern innovations in opening theory and practice; while a sextet of America's younger masters in Donald Byrne, Robert Byrne, Eliot Hearst, James Sherwin, Jeremiah Donovan and Carl Pilnick will alternate in contributing practical and interesting ideas on chess. A special department devoted to games by CHESS LIFE readers and USCF Members will be conducted by Jack Collins, who needs no introduction as an annotator. Other novel features will be introduced from time to time as occasion warrants and space permits.

But old favorites will not be banished when Madame CHESS LIFE loses her wrinkles in March. More pages will more than compensate for the loss in height and width, so that more space will be available. Among those popular features which will be retained are Chess Life in New York by Eliot Hearst, What's the Best Move by Guilherme Groesser, White to Plan and Win by William Rojam, Finish It the Clever Way by Edmund Nash, Mate the Subtle Way by Vincent L. Eaton, and Readers' Road to Chess by Dr. Kester Svendsen. In addition Editor Major will continue to sermonize editorially, whether the reader likes it or not.

Special irregular features like The Kibitzer Has His Day, Res Caissae, It's A Question, Chess for the Tired Business-Man, With the Chess Clubs, and With the Chess Leagues will be continued as space and material warrant; and there will be an endeavor to create permanent regular features out of several of these sporadically appearing departments.

It will be noted that Tournament Life has not been mentioned in the above listings. In March, in all probability, Games Editor (Please turn to page 2, col. 5)



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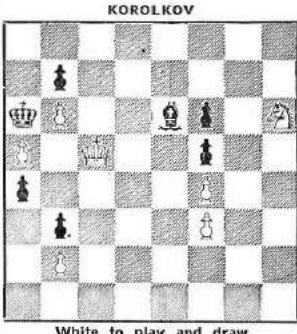
## Larry Evans On Chess



By  
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A Chess problem per se interest me very little. I can derive no pleasure from a position where one side (usually White) commands a terrific preponderance in material and is instructed to "play and mate" in two, three, or empty moves. The composed endgame study, however, is a different matter. Its solution can be applied to positions arising in practice; moreover, it is a rich aesthetic experience.

Offhand it is difficult to see how White can proceed after his obviously forced first move. The immediate threat is ..... P-R6. 1. K-Kt4, P-R6!; 2. KxP, K-Kt4!



White to play and draw

(2....., KxP allows 3. Kt-Kt6), 3. P-R6, KxP; 4. K-Kt4, KxP; 5. K-B3, K-B4 (White looks lost. Black's King will march over to win his Knight); 6. K-Q2, K-Q3; 7. K-B1, K-K2; 8. K-Kt1! (Hey! Where is he going?), K-B1; 9. K-R1, K-Kt2; 10. KtP ch, BxKt! Stalemate!

The ending is reminiscent of an O'Henry story!

## ROCHESTER WINS TRI-CITY MATCH

Rochester (N. Y.) Chess and Checker Club scored a close victory in a tri-city encounter with Buffalo and Syracuse, held in Rochester. Final points in match score were Rochester 4½, Buffalo 4, and Syracuse 3½. Members of the victorious Rochester team were: George Neidich, Allan Candee, Ray Reithel, Max Herzberger, CHESS LIFE Games Editor Erich Marchand, Ed Lefferts, John Hasenoerhl, and B. Rubin.

## SOUTH BEND TOPS GARY IN MATCH

South Bend Chess Club scored a 7-5 victory over the visiting Gary Chess Club team in a 12 board match. Tallying for South Bend were Don Brooks, R. Aiken, D. Rickey, R. Richardson, L. Smith and G. Michaely while Wallace Kosiba, Floyd Bolton, S. Thomas and Tom Bottom scored for Gary. Jan Bratt and J. Rickey of South Bend drew respectively with Geo. Martinson and M. Isailovich.

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## ERDMAN REGAINS RACINE SPEED

Ed Erdman, Speed Champion in 1949, regained the Racine Speed title in a 17 player Swiss with 6-1, losing to defending champion Dan Anderson in the first round, but thereafter overwhelming all opposition. H. C. Zierke was second with 5-2 on S-B points, losing games to Erdman and Arganian. Henry Moskal, surprise of the tourney, was third on S-B with 5-2, dropping points to Kunz and Zierke, but mastering Gregory, Anderson, Rigg, Abt and Arganian. David Arganian with 4½-2½ was fourth.

## SWEENEY RETAINS HELBIG TROPHY

Defending Champion, Sweeney High School of Bayonne, won the seventh annual Interscholastic Championship event of Hudson County with a match score of 6-0 and a game score of 26-4. Demarest High of Hoboken was second with 3-3 and 16½-13½, while Weehawken High was third with 1½-4½ and 9-21, and Memorial High of West New York fourth with 1½-4½ and 8½-21½.

Sweeney retains permanent possession of the Paul Helbig Trophy, which it has now won three times. Demarest and Memorial each won the trophy twice but failed to gain the third leg for permanent possession. The Hudson County Interscholastic Championship is sponsored and conducted by the Jersey City YMCA Chess Club.

## COLUMBIA TOPS TEAM TOURNEY!

Columbia University repeated in the Intercollegiate Team Championship, retaining possession of the Harold M. Phillips Trophy won in 1950. City College of New York, twice victor in the team tournament, was second—the place it took in 1950. Toronto University, making its first appearance in the team event, shared second, one-half point ahead of Western Reserve and University of Pennsylvania which shared fourth place.

Several last-minute cancellations reduced the final entry list to twelve colleges, but despite the absence of several regular stand-bys such as Yale, Cornell and Princeton, it was among the strongest of the Intercollegiate Team Championships with Columbia fielding one of the most outstanding teams of its history, as shown by the final game score of 25-3, which was 8½ points ahead of the nearest rival.

Arrangements, as usual, were near perfection, being handled by a group of veterans who have guided the Intercollegiate events for many years.

### FINAL STANDINGS

1. Columbia University	25-3
2. City College of N. Y.	10-11
3. Toronto University	16-11
4. Univ. of Pennsylvania	16-12
5. Western Reserve	16-12
6. Brooklyn College	15-13
7. N. Y. University	15-13
8. Amherst College	12-16
9. Stevens Institute	11-16
10. Drexel Institute	10-17
11. Fordham University	9-19
12. Holy Cross College	5-23

## COLLEGE ENTRY PROMISES FIGHT

Advance entry for the Intercollegiate Championship in New York gives promise of a very close and exciting contest. Teams already signed up for the event include Brooklyn College, City College of New York, Columbia University, Drexel Institute of Technology (Philadelphia), Fordham University, College of the Holy Cross, New York University, University of North Carolina, University of Pennsylvania, Stevens Institute of Technology (Hoboken), University of Toronto, Western Reserve University (Cleveland). In addition entry is expected from Amherst College and Georgetown University.

The entry list is larger than for any Intercollegiate event except in 1950, and the geographic distribution is more representative. Of the entries, Holy Cross, Toronto and Amherst are making a first appearance, while Drexel, North Carolina, Western Reserve and Georgetown are entering teams for the first time, although they have been represented in the individual championship events. It is significant of the growth of the Intercollegiate that its entry list is so large despite the absence of several old reliable in Cornell, Princeton, Syracuse, and Yale.

## SURGIES TAKES MILWAUKEE EVENT

Victory in the Milwaukee Municipal Championship went to Surgies with 8½-1½, drawing with Powers, Abrams, and Rozkalns. Second place went to Milwaukee Journal chess columnist Averil Powers with 7-2, drawing with Surgies and Rozkalns while losing to Richard Kujoth and M. Rohland. Kujoth, former Wisconsin State Champion, was third with 6-4, losing to Surgies, Abrams and Gaigal, while drawing with Clark and Rozkalns.

In the Reserve event first place went to Handt with 7½-1½, while Rutz was second with 6-3 and Forcica third with 5½-3½. Handt lost to Liebig and drew with Keim. Rutz lost to Handt, Forcica and Zierke. Forcica drew with Zierke and lost to Handt, Francisco and Keim.

In the Open event, which was conducted as a Swiss while the championship events were round robins, Laschinsky scored 7-1 for first place, losing one game to runner-up Mack. Mack tallied 7-1 also, losing to W. Otteson, but placed second on S-B points. Otteson was third with 5½-2½, losing to Laschinsky and D. Lordahl while drawing with Younger.

**RATING FEES**  
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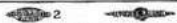
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## Chess Life's Mutations

The old order changeth, yielding place to new.

TENNYSON—The Passing of Arthur

WHETHER one believes in Circumstantial Evolution, as preached by the self-proclaimed disciples of Darwin, or in Creative Evolution as pronounced by the spiritual descendants of Lamarck, the fact that mutation is essential to life and progress is not to be denied.

CHESS LIFE, favoring the school of the Neo-Lamarckians (whose most articulate prophet was Shaw), believes in Creative Evolution by a conscious effort of free will, rather than the blind will-less obedience to the stimuli of circumstances on which the Neo-Darwinian school bases its theories.

Its mutations, since the original issue in 1946, have been conscious gropings toward a norm that must be established some time in the indefinite future. Perhaps these mutations were so slight and spaced so far apart that only a professional eye would detect them.

But in March, 1953 CHESS LIFE will change so perceptibly that even the amateur must recognize the mutation.

Alteration in size, form and content of CHESS LIFE have long been recognized as desirable. The awkwardness of the size of the present paper (inconvenient for handling and difficult for filing) has been the one consistent complaint regarding the publication.

But, although this was recognized, and a change in size was again strongly urged by President Harold M. Phillips upon his election to office, the increase in cost made such change prohibitive under the existing circumstances.

Now the change becomes essential, since in no other way can CHESS LIFE make room for its additional features while retaining its present contributors. This may seem to some a direct example of Circumstantial Evolution; but it is actually Creative Evolution, for it comes from a direct will to survive rather than from the chance survival due to the concatenation of incidental stimuli.

We trust that the reader will greet this bit of Creative Evolution with enthusiasm.

Montgomery Major

## The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

JOHN AND THE CHESS MEN. By Dr. Helen Weissenstein. Illustrated by Kurt Werth. New York: David McKay. 152 pp., 36 diags. \$2.75.

THIS mystery story for the ten to fourteen age group is a most novel introduction to chess for young people. Dr. (of law) Weissenstein, herself a player of national prominence, has cleverly woven together the moves of the game and detective adventure. Twins Pete and Paul Dalley teach chess to a bedfast friend who in turn solves an ugly problem for them and takes the first step toward recovery. A good deal of the history and morality of the game is worked into the story. Now is as good a time as any for the reviewer to submit the respectful opinion that children learn chess fast and that any chesser who does not take time to teach his ought to be investigated by the nearest PTA. Parents who find communication with the modern child difficult can shove a copy of *John and the Chess Men* into its little hands and prepare to give Rook odds shortly. Dr. Weissenstein has created a real story, not just a prop for chess instructions but the latter is so artfully introduced that indoctrination should be inevitable. If he cannot learn from this, perhaps he should be abandoned to slap and Old Maid.

HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR CHESS: SECOND STEPS. By I. A. Horowitz and Fred Reinfeld. New York: E. P. Dutton. 196 pp., 100 diags. \$3.

AS recently as twenty years ago, beginners learned to improve by doggedly following master-class annotations in the journals and puzzling through published games with only the foggiest notions of anything except surface, situation chess. Today basic principles have been so frequently and so fully communicated in a flood of primers and guides that the strength of the club player today must be astronomically higher than that of his opposite number in the nineteenth century. Horowitz and Reinfeld have separately contributed enormously to this situation. Now they combine their talents again in a book for intermediates based upon twelve games of differing opening actually contested by players of that strength. Rough-and-ready woodpushers will

learn much from the chapters on weak color complexes, pawn-grabbing, open files, and two-bishop maneuvering. Nearly every move is discussed, and the fourteen chapters contain a wealth of solid coaching. This is an admirable gift for the fellow one overlooked at Christmas, but one would be well advised to go through it himself first.

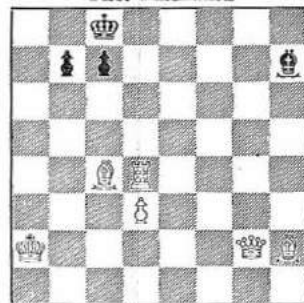
## Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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White mates in two moves

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White mates in two moves

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White mates in three moves

## Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojam

SOMEDAY, when time hangs heavy on our hands and the spirit of research is strong enough to conquer natural indolence, we plan to publish the most unique anthology in chess (unless Reinfeld, Chernev or Coles does it first!)—a collection of chess games by players who were more famous for their achievements in other fields of endeavor.

The quality of chess may not be as superfine in this collection, although there may be some surprisingly good games, but think of the human interest value in discovering how some mastermind of another profession found his talents hampered and limited by the chessboard! How many a titan of the world has found the truth of Steinitz' retort to banker Epstein: "On the Bourse you are Epstein and I am Steinitz; over the board I am Epstein and you Steinitz!"



In such a collection one must be careful not to include those rare individuals who found time to master chess and yet distinguish themselves in other fields of endeavor at the same time—such double-threats to fame as Henry Thomas Buckle, equally famous in his age as chess player and author of a History of Civilization; George Atwood, noted as physicist and chess master; or Dr. Ossip Bernstein, who deserted chess for a very distinguished career in law and then returned to chess with undiminished distinction.

Rather the collection should contain examples of those players whose solid claim to future remembrance rests upon endeavors in worlds distinct from chess: writers like Count Leo Tolstoy, Charles Dickens, Alfred de Musset, George Santayana, Sinclair Lewis, Sir Walter Scott, Benjamin Franklin, Voltaire, Diderot, and Grimm; politicians and statesmen like Lord Randolph Churchill (father of the famous Winston), Aaron Burr, Robespierre the Incorruptible, Jean Jacques Rousseau, Joseph Fouché (double dealing minister of police for Robespierre, Napoleon

and Louis L'Egalite); soldiers like Napoleon, Marshal Murat and Berthier, the Duc de Bassano, and Eugene de Beauharnais, not to mention Charles XII of Sweden and Timurlane; Presidents like Abraham Lincoln, and Woodrow Wilson.

But there remains the question should we include authors like Lord Dunsany whose fame as a story-teller is partly based on tales of chess? Or poet Alfred Kreymborg who was well on the way to chess fame when he deserted Caissa for the other Muses? Should we include S. Loyd (a player of great ability) whose fame rests exclusively upon his problem compositions? And what about such double threats as Staunton (chess and a standard commentary in three volumes on Shakespeare), Philidor (who wrote as voluminously on music as on chess), Gerald Abrahams (novelist and political pamphleteer as well as chess player), Willard Fiske (chess editor and authority on Icelandic Literature)?

We have skimmed the surface in listing a few names. We might include Sir Walter Parratt, the famous organist, who was reputed

## Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

IN BRIEF: Metropolitan club championships are all well underway by now. At the Marshall C.C., Jack Collins is setting the pace with a 7-2 record while Jim Sherwin and Frank Howard are close behind with 6½-1½ scores. Carl Pilnick has 6-1 and Tony Santasiere 6-2. . . . Abe Turner continues to head the list at the Manhattan C. C. with a total of 3-0, in the tourney still held up by many postponed games. Herb Seidman, competing for the first time in that club's annual contest, has 2-0 as does Mubin Boysan, the popular expert formerly from Turkey. Albert Pinkus, 2½-½, and Max Pavay, 1½-½, are others with excellent scores. . . . Henry Spinner leads the Brooklyn C. C. tourney with an 8-0 aggregate. . . . Edmar Mednis is running away with the N. Y. High School Individual title. His 6½-½ is at least 1½ points ahead of the rest of the field. Incidentally, Mednis recently won a strong Marshall Rapid by winning his first eighteen (!) games and then drawing his last four to finish three points in front of his top competitors. . . . A chess clock was put to unusual use recently when a Columbia University debate was timed with that mechanism—when the flag fell, the speaker's time was up. . . . Manhattan C. C. will celebrate its 75th anniversary with four straight nights of activity, including a party featuring a game between Reshevsky and Gene Tunney, an "Old-Timers" night, and a top-notch rapid transit tourney. More about these gala events next issue. . . . The brevity of this column is due to our competition at this time in the U. S. Intercollegiate Tourney—always a rough, but rewarding struggle.

to be able to play a Beethoven Sonata while conducting at the same time two games of chess blindfolded. There is film actor Humphrey Bogart who recently contested chess with George Koltanowski, M. W. Testa who directs for Universal and is noted as a scenario-writer, film actress Mitzi Mayfair who has participated in numerous women's tournaments as Mrs. Charles Henderson. The possibilities are almost limitless.

To illustrate our anthology's contents (if we ever muster energy to publish it), we submit the following samples. Readers may suggest other examples worthy of inclusion in such a work.

### HINT OF FUTURE—

(Continued from page 1, col. 1)

Erich W. Marchand will take a long-due and well-earned vacation, and the department will be temporarily suspended. Editor Marchand contributed annotations to the first issue of CHESS LIFE, and in December, 1946 formally took charge of the games department. Since that time, for over six years, he has labored without pause or vacation, never failing a single issue, even when immersed in the strenuous task of preparing a thesis for a Ph.D., while engaged in a full-time occupation teaching in Rochester University. It is planned to reinstate an improved and enlarged Tournament Life department under the charge of Dr. Marchand when he has been sufficiently rested and other changes in CHESS LIFE have been completed. The new Tournament Life, as planned, will be devoted to chess throughout the world and not confined as in the past to games in the USA.

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

**Tampa, Florida, July 16, 1952**

(Minutes for the Annual Membership Meeting are not available, but all important questions raised by members in this meeting were discussed in the meeting of Directors.)

The meeting convened in the tournament room, Floridan Hotel, Tampa, Florida, Mr. H. M. Phillips calling the meeting to order at 1:10 P. M.

In attendance were: CALIFORNIA: A. J. Fink, Mrs. G. Patigorsky, A. R. Spiller, Herman Steiner; FLORIDA: James B. Gibson, Jr.; ILLINOIS: Daniel Fisch-eimer, L. J. Isaacs, K. R. Jones, C. A. Lyon, S. H. Olesan; KANSAS: C. Weberg; LOUISIANA: A. Wyatt Jones; MAINE: Charles Sharp; MICHIGAN: E. J. Van Sweden; MINNESOTA: Dr. G. A. Koelsche; NEBRASKA: Alfred Ludwig; NEW JERSEY: Fred Borgas, A. L. Brown, E. F. Lauks, E. T. McCormick; NEW YORK: Donald Byrne, J. Donovan, E. Evans, E. Hearst, A. E. Santasiere, H. W. Phillips; NORTH CAROLINA: C. C. Crittenden; OHIO: B. J. Sidey; PENNSYLVANIA: Wm. M. Byland, Wm. R. Hamilton, Glenn Hartleb, M. Yatron; TEXAS: Wm. A. Bills, Robert Brieger, J. A. Creighton, Frank R. Graves, J. M. Moulden; WISCONSIN: M. Rohland; PUERTO RICO: Santiago Lavandero.

Upon a motion of Mr. Gibson, which was seconded and approved, the minutes of the 1951 Directors' Meetings were accepted without being read, having been read at the Membership Meeting July 15th.

Mr. Mary, the Secretary, was not present and had not forwarded a report, therefore, no secretary's report was read.

Mr. Phillips stated Mr. Mary does not wish to continue his office due to the pressure of his business. Mr. Steiner moved, it was seconded and passed, that thanks be extended to Mr. Mary for his services, and regrets that he cannot carry on.

Mr. Treend, the Treasurer, was not present and had not forwarded a report, therefore, no treasurer's report was read. Mr. Phillips announced Mr. Treend also does not wish to be re-appointed to his office as Treasurer.

(Mr. Treend's financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952 was published in CHESS LIFE September 5, 1952—Editor.)

Mr. Phillips made a report on his administration of the Federation over the past year. He stated that the paid membership to date is about 1,190. During the year, 266 old members were dropped and about the same number of new members were obtained.

The treasurer had made monthly statements on the receipts and expenses and they show the finances of the Federation were being guarded carefully, even to the extent of using old letterheads.

But, the treasurer had not reported on the debits of the Federation until recently.

Up until 1946, the USCF, with \$1.00 a year dues, was in good financial condition. Income was sufficient for printing costs, postage and yearbooks. Travel expenses of the officers to the annual meetings was also paid, also one trip (costing \$650.00) by the president to a F.I.D.E. meeting in Europe in 1950 was paid. At the end of 1945 there was a small surplus in the treasury.

But the Federation was experiencing difficulty in obtaining proper publicity for its activities in U.S.A. publications. Full cooperation was had with the American Chess Bulletin, but this magazine had limited space and was published only bi-monthly. Thus, in 1946, CHESS LIFE was started and the USCF dues were raised to \$3.00 with \$2.00 assigned to the expenses of CHESS LIFE.

(For the record: CHESS LIFE was initiated in September 1946, but Federation dues were not raised to \$3.00 with CHESS LIFE included until the fall of 1948 and the adoption of NCCP—Editor.)

CHESS LIFE costs have exceeded income and the total deficit of the Federation at the end of each of the past four years was:

4-30-49—\$1,525.67	4-30-51—\$4,187.32
4-30-50—\$3,615.24	4-30-52—\$4,771.55

With this growing deficit, travel expenses for all officers to meetings was stopped. As a result of this, the USCF did not have a representative at the F.I.D.E. meeting in 1951 and Mr. Phillips stated that he plans to fly to the F.I.D.E. 1952 meeting in Europe at his own expense.

Mr. Phillips stated he has investigated the cost of CHESS LIFE. It is well managed and its costs are kept low. There is little additional cost in printing 2,000 copies of each issue above the 1,300 copies that would be necessary for the membership.

A letter campaign last Winter for contributions to wipe out all the debt brought in about \$500.00, but was not a real success. The financing of the tournaments in the East have all been without the help of USCF. In fact, these tournaments would have been a success financially if there were no USCF.

The Executive Committee has two meetings since Mr. Phillips took office. One was in Pittsburgh and the other was in Chicago. But many officers did not attend because of the expense to them. The Pittsburg meeting was to review and settle the Dubrovnik team controversy. The Chicago meeting was to discuss the problems of CHESS LIFE. No Executive Committee meeting was held during the past year.

Mr. Graves reported for the Committee on Proxies. Mr. E. T. McCormick, Dr. Bela Rozsa and Phil J.

Mary were elected vice-presidents to serve for three years. Major J. B. Holt was elected secretary to serve one year.

Mr. Graves suggested to the president that he use the proxies to appoint all persons present as directors from their respective States. Mr. Phillips announced this appointment except it does not apply to states which elect their directors under NCCP at their annual meetings.

Mr. Gibson stated Major Holt is at present in an Atlanta hospital for treatment. He moved, it was seconded and passed unanimously, that a telegram be sent to Major Holt extending him the best wishes of the directors assembled for a speedy recovery.

(Note by acting secretary William R. Hamilton: Major Holt recovered and attended the last two days of the tournament.)

Mr. Graves read and filed a nine page report of the grievance committee appointed in 1951 to investigate the Whitaker complaints. This report is filed with the original copy of these minutes with the secretary. The report was accepted for the record.

Mr. Graves, as V. P. in charge of Junior Activities, reported on increase in organized Junior activities. There is organized scholastic competition among colleges and high schools. Last year the National Junior tournament was held in Philadelphia. This year it will be held in Omaha, Nebraska and Mr. Ludwig will direct it. Fort Worth, Texas will send two high school boys with expenses paid to the Junior tournament.

This Fall, the Del Mar College in Corpus Christi, Texas will have in their night school curriculum a class in "chess."

Mr. Ludwig reported the National Junior tournament will be held in the Rome Hotel, Omaha, Nebraska, August 18 through 23. This will be a ten round Swiss. Players will be lodged for \$1.50 a night.

Mr. Hartleb, in discussing finances, stated 461 members who did not respond to the first letter asking a contribution, did respond to the second letter. No request for contributions went to Life Members. There are between 39 and 42 Life Members.

Mr. Graves read a letter and a report from Montgomery Major on CHESS LIFE. They were filed with the minutes with no further action being taken on either.

The report states CHESS LIFE had 1,619 paid subscribers on 6-20-52 and costs about \$4,300.00 a year to publish. This would be covered by 2,150 paid subscribers. The loss had built up to a \$5,000.00 deficit, the printer's bill being about \$4,000.00 The report expresses the editor's opinion on

## TAMPA CHOOSES USCF DIRECTORS

Election of the USCF Board of Directors at Tampa which resulted in a little confusion which has only recently been cleared, and the following list is published as the official and corrected list of the Board:

ALABAMA: W. O. Winston; ARIZONA: O. W. Dishow; ARKANSAS: Rev. Geo. G. Walker; CALIFORNIA: Dr. H. J. Ralston, Dr. Edward Kupka, Mrs. G. Patigorsky, A. R. Spiller, LeRoy Johnson, A. J. Fink, Alexander Bisno, Paul G. Hoffmann, Nicholas R. Suss, George Steven, Guthrie McClain; COLORADO: Merl Reese; CONNECTICUT: Edmund E. Hand; DELAWARE: Samuel E. Collins; DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Vincent L. Eaton, Edmund Nash;

FLORIDA: James B. Gibson, Jr.; GEORGIA: M. H. Davis; ILLINOIS: Edwin N. Asmann, Lucius Fritze, Daniel Fischeimer, Dr. Ralph Kuhns, K. R. Jones, H. G. Cramer, C. A. Lyon, F. H. Stoppel, Jr., S. Oleson; INDIANA: Floyd B. Bolton; IOWA: Dr. Julius Weingart; KANSAS: Carl Weber; KENTUCKY: Merrill Dowden; LOUISIANA: A. Wyatt Jones, Frank Gladney; MAINE: Dr. J. Melnick, Charles Sharpe; MARYLAND: I. S. Turover; MASSACHUSETTS: Weaver W. Adams, Robert W. Reddy, Bartlett Gould; MICHIGAN: Reuben Buskager, Thomas Jenkins, John Lapin, Glen Falon, E. J. Van Sweden;

MINNESOTA: Geo. S. Barnes, Dr. G. A. Koelsche; MISSOURI: Raymond Vollmar, Robert Steinmeyer; MONTANA: G. H. M. Brandt; NEBRASKA: Alfred Ludwig; NEW JERSEY: Fred Gorgas, Joe D. Mager, A. L. Brown, E. Forry Lauks, Richard W. Wayne; NEW YORK: Roy C. Black, Donald Byrne, Jeremiah Donovan, Larry Evans, Harry Fajans, Milton L. Hanauer, Rhys W. Hays, Eliot Hearst, Erich W. Marchand, Albert S. Pinkus, Norman C. Wilder, Jr.; NORTH CAROLINA: Samuel B. Agnello, C. C. Crittenden;

NORTH DAKOTA: D. C. Macdonald; OHIO: Thomas Ellison, Mrs. Catherine Jones, Elliott Stearns, Selden L. Trumbull, B. J. Sidey; OKLAHOMA: Dr. Kester Svendsen; OREGON: Rev. G. H. Swift; PENNSYLVANIA: Thos. B. Eckenrode, William R. Hamilton, J. W. Lora, Harry Morris; RHODE ISLAND: Theodore Peisach; SOUTH DAKOTA: M. F. Anderson; TENNESSEE: Jerry G. Sullivan; TEXAS: J. M. Moulden, Wm. A. Bills, Robert Brieger, James A. Creighton, Frank R. Graves, Wm. James, Fred Tears, Blake Stevens; UTAH: Harold Lundstrom; VERMONT: A. H. Hobson; VIRGINIA: Nelson Bond.

WASHINGTON: R. P. Allen; WEST VIRGINIA: Dr. Vincent S. Hayward; WISCONSIN: Arpad E. Elo, Ernest Olf, M. H. Rohland; PUERTO RICO: Rafael Cintron.

"The Future of Chess Life," "The Purpose Served by Chess Life," "The Editorial Policy of Chess Life" and "The Format of Chess Life." Much of this appears to be a defense by the editor for the policies he has followed with CHESS LIFE in answer to criticisms he has heard.

This letter is an offer of resignation by Mr. Major as editor, giving four definite conditions under which he would continue as editor, the editor's present contract expires December 31, 1952.

Mr. Phillips stated that no zonal tournaments were held in 1951 due to the tournament committee being busy with the U.S.A. Championship tournament.

Mr. Ludwig moved, it was seconded and approved, that Kenneth Harkness be admitted to the meeting to present a promotional plan he has proposed for the USCF.

(Please turn to page 4, col. 1)

Monday, January 3, 1953

Mr. Harkness then joined the meeting and discussed his proposal, copies of which had been circulated to most of the members present.

Mr. Hamilton moved, it was seconded and passed, that the report of Mr. Harkness be accepted for filing as an appendix to the minutes.

Mr. Ludwig made the following motion which was seconded and passed after limited discussion about it from the floor:

Resolved that the Board of Direc-

tors, assembled at Tampa, Florida in the 53rd Annual Congress of the United States Chess Federation, approve the general outline of the promotional program for the USCF as suggested and submitted by Mr. Kenneth Harkness, with the reservation that this approval is not a complete adoption of the plan, but is basically an approval of the principles and the general program the plan proposes.

The details to make these principles and the program workable shall be determined and agreed upon by a committee hereinafter provided.

Be it further resolved that for the purpose of carrying out the modified Harkness plan into execution, this board appoints a committee composed of: A. Wyatt Jones, Frank R. Graves, Wm. M. Byland,

Edgar McCormick, and Herman Steiner to work in conjunction with USCF President Harold M. Phillips, and this committee is authorized and empowered to negotiate with Mr. Kenneth Harkness for the purpose of putting the modified plan into operation. Be it further resolved that this committee study the USCF By-Laws to suggest what amendments are necessary to make effective the plan they approve.

Upon being questioned as to the make-up of the U. S. A. team that is to play at Helsinki this year, Mr. Phillips stated that earlier in the year he had sent out a letter to the 40 top candidates in the country asking their interest in playing at Helsinki if they had

to pay their own expenses. He stated that based on the replies he had received from his letter, he expected the team to Helsinki to be Reshevsky, Robert Byrne, H. Steiner, A. Bisguier, H. Berliner and possibly George Kramer. One of these men is now in Italy and another may be called into the armed services.

Upon inquiry, Mr. Phillips stated the two U. S. A. players who represent the country at Stockholm should be the two players at Helsinki who stand highest in the USCF rating system. Mr. Phillips

stated he was not ready to state at this time who the players at Stockholm should be.

Mr. Phillips stated that the motion passed by the directors at Detroit which directs that the U.S.A. Champion should play first board on International team matches was difficult to carry out, and he requested a resolution to rescind the Detroit motion. Considerable discussion was held on the subject but no new motion was offered.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 P. M. until Friday.

Minutes of the Second Session of the Board of Directors

Tampa, Florida, July 18, 1952

The second session of the Directors' Meeting was called to order by Mr. Phillips at 2:00 P. M.

Mr. Santasiere offered a motion which he read pertaining to the financial support of the players going to Helsinki. The chair ruled the motion out of order, but on an appeal the directors voted 10 to 7 to accept the motion for discussion and vote. The motion was then read again and seconded.

Numerous players spoke on the motion, most of them opposing it. When voted on, the motion was defeated 10 to 5.

(Note: The motion was not submitted to the secretary for the record.)

Mr. Graves offered a general motion to amend the By-Laws to raise the USCF dues from \$3.00 to \$5.00 a year. After some discussion, as to how such a motion should be phrased and a reading by the secretary of Section X, Article 1 of the By-Laws, the motion was accepted in general form, subject to rewording by the secretary for the By-Laws. This was seconded and passed with only a few dissenting votes.

The final motion as passed changes the dues from \$3.00 to \$5.00 a year, the dues to include state dues and to expire annually from the time of payment as outlined in the promotional plan submitted by Mr. Harkness.

Mr. Graves then spoke about the Harkness plan, stating the Committee had been meeting almost continuously with Mr. Harkness on the many details. It looked definitely as though a modified Harkness plan was certain, but a working fund was necessary to start the plan functioning.

Mr. Graves held two \$100.00 checks, one from the Texas Chess Association, the other from the Louisiana Chess Association, to start such a fund. Offers heard from the floor contributing to the fund were \$400.00 from Mr. Lauacks, \$25.00 from Mr. Hamilton, and \$25.00 from Mr. Moulden. Many players stated they would send contributions either personal, from their clubs, or from their state associations after their return home.

Mr. Santasiere made a motion amending Section III, Article 4 of the By-Laws pertaining to the publication of CHESS LIFE. The resolution was that this article be rescinded and the publication of CHESS LIFE henceforth shall be entirely under the direction of the USCF Executive Committee. The resolution was seconded and then passed unanimously.

The president directed the secretary to read a letter from Mr. Gibson, Chairman of the local tournament committee, which brought forth that the committee chairman had incurred a personal debt of \$222.39 to get the tournament under way and he wished to be relieved of this obligation.

Mr. Ludwig suggested the chess sets and boards being used to be given as prizes. Mr. Gibson stated that all entry fees plus \$1,000.00 in contributions had been kept

as prize money and no deductions were made to cover any expenses.

Mr. Borgas moved that Mr. Gibson be reimbursed for these expenses and that a committee be appointed to work out the details, the decisions of the committee to be final. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Mr. Phillips appointed on the committee: Borgas, Ludwig, and J. Donovan.

Mr. Jones made a motion which was seconded and passed unanimously without discussion that the USCF treasurer is instructed to publish a complete financial statement of the Federation in CHESS LIFE every three months.

Mr. McCormick made a motion which was seconded "that no part of the general funds of the USCF shall be extended for travel expenses of any officials or players connected with the USCF until such time that the present indebtedness to the printer shall have been liquidated completely. However, this resolution is not intended to prohibit the raising of special funds for such purposes."

Mr. Phillips stated the resolution was in accordance with the policy of the present administration and he had no objection to it. Several persons stated the resolution was not intended as any reflection against any of the present officers, but was simply a safeguard until the debts had been worked off. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Gibson announced the swimming excursion to be held on Sunday. He also suggested for consideration that the USCF should be chartered in Florida where the laws are more liberal, that a Woman's Auxiliary should be organized and the charter should be changed to make the Federation a charitable organization.

Mr. Steiner again raised the subject about the manner of selecting the members of the team which would play at Helsinki. He stated that he had made his acceptance to play at Helsinki conditional upon the fact he would also play at Stockholm but he could not learn whether he would play at Stockholm. He stated that the expense of going to Europe was too great just to play at Helsinki and if he could not play at Stockholm, he would not play at Helsinki. He also questioned as to why some of the players were having their expenses paid, while he had to pay his own. He contended that the selection of the players at Stockholm should have been made public sometime before and he asked how the selection of the players for Helsinki and Stockholm were to be made.

Mr. Phillips stated originally the players selected to represent the U. S. A. at Helsinki were to be the six highest rated players of the forty canvassed who accepted the invitations to play and could finance the trip. He stated that financial aid outside the USCF underwritten by Mr. Bisno had been found to assure one or more of the players making the trip. By Mr. Bisno's help, Mr. Reshevsky became a member of the team. The

reason all players do not have the expenses paid is beyond control of the USCF as it is not putting up the money and the help offered did not cover everyone. This all was independent of U. S. A. representation at Stockholm.

Reshevsky is already seeded and does not play at Stockholm. Mr. Phillips stated he intends that the two U. S. A. players at Stockholm should be the highest two rated U. S. A. players at Helsinki, using the USCF rating system, who would be willing to stay on to play at Stockholm. At this time, Mr. Phillips stated he was unable to tell Mr. Steiner whether he would play at Stockholm as there might be other higher rated players at Helsinki who would stay on to play.

Mr. McCormick made a motion that:

The Board of Directors recommends to the President of the USCF that in the event Messrs. Larry Evans and Robert Byrne indicated their intention to attend the 1952 team tournament at Helsinki and indicate by July 27 their intention to participate at Stockholm, they be designated the players at Stockholm. But, in the event either Mr. Evans or Mr. Byrne indicates he will not play at Stockholm, then Mr. Steiner be designated the first alternate provided he plays at Helsinki. But, if neither Mr. Evans nor Mr. Byrne plays at Helsinki, Mr. Bisno be authorized to appoint the replacement players for Stockholm from the Helsinki participants, preferably in the order of their USCF ratings.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, which was seconded and passed unanimously, that every member of the Board of Directors should be furnished a copy of the USCF By-Laws.

Mr. Gibson made a motion that the acts of the president in the past year which met with success be approved and a rising vote of thanks be given to Mr. Phillips. The motion was ruled out of order.

Mr. Rohland presented a written invitation from Milwaukee requesting that the USCF Open Tournament be held there in 1953. Milwaukee promises to raise \$1,500.00 for the prize fund and, in addition, underwrite all expenses for the tournament. The letter is attached as an appendix to the minutes.

Mr. Lavandero invited the tournament to Puerto Rico in 1953, but the invitation was not in writing.

Mr. Steiner invited the tournament to California in 1953, but the invitation was not in writing.

Mr. Phillips stated that as the Milwaukee invitation was the only invitation in writing, and as this is an invitation made last year and repeated again, he requested the vote of the directors to hold the tournament in Milwaukee in 1953. The vote was unanimous in favor of accepting.

Mr. Phillips asked Mr. Lavandero if Puerto Rico could present a written request with proper guarantee for the tournament in 1954. Mr. Lavandero stated the Puerto Rico invitation would be made in writing for 1954.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P. M.

Minutes taken by: William R. Hamilton, acting secretary.

EDITORIAL NOTES

To complete the information regarding actions of the Board and Officials, it is necessary to append several notes regarding post-meeting decisions:

1) Action of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, taken by mail vote after the meeting of the Board at Tampa resulted in the adoption of the following two resolutions:

Be it resolved, that the Directors and the Executive Committee of the United States Chess Federation, voting by mail, do hereby ratify and confirm the appointment of A. Wyatt Jones, Wm. M. Byland, Edgar T. McCormick, Herman Steiner and Frank R. Graves as Promotional Committee to negotiate with Kenneth Harkness with a view of implementing the promotional plan outlined by Harkness, and we expressly ratify and confirm the action of the said Committee in making a contract with Mr. Harkness and we do hereby authorize the said Committee to do any and every thing whatsoever necessary to be done and to execute any papers required to effectively carry into operation the said plan.

Be it resolved, that the Promotional Committee is hereby authorized to employ Montgomery Major or any other person, as editor of Chess Life on any terms and conditions that said Committee may seem best and proper for a term of years not to exceed five years.

As a result of these two resolutions, adopted by mail, Mr. Kenneth Harkness was confirmed in the office of Business Manager and Membership Secretary and the Promotional Plan inaugurated under a five-year contract with Mr. Harkness; while the contract of Mr. Montgomery Major as Editor of CHESS LIFE was renewed with certain modifications for another term of five years.

2) In regard to the various discussion about USCF representation at various international events, circumstances altered the original intentions in several instances: Mr. Alexander Bisno replaced Mr. Harold M. Phillips as USCF delegate to the F.I.D.E. Congress at Stockholm. The USCF team at Helsinki consisted of Reshevsky, Evans, R. Byrne, Bisguier, Koltanowski, and Berliner. Herman Steiner represented the USCF in the Interzonal Tournament at Stockholm; and Mrs. Mary Bain and Mona M. Karff represented the USCF at the Women's Candidates' World Championship event at Moscow.

3) Following the resolution of the Board of Directors, the USCF Treasurer issued a quarterly financial statement for the quarter ending September 30, 1952, published in CHESS LIFE October 20, 1952., while the financial statement of the U. S. Open Championship was published in CHESS LIFE November 20, 1952.

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Life Members

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

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- Francis E. Condon Bogota, N. J.
- Leonard Fondiller New York, N. Y.
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- Sigurd M. Swenson Sacramento, Calif.
- Selden L. Trumbull Columbus, Ohio
- Lawrence F. Woolley Atlanta, Ga.

(For the record we publish the belated report of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of 1951 at Fort Worth recently received—The Editor.)

Annual Membership Meeting, July, 1951.

The membership meeting held in conjunction with the 52nd Annual Congress and Open Championship Tournament of the United States Chess Federation convened at 1:30 p.m. in the Longhorn Room of the Texas Hotel in Fort Worth, Texas. The meeting was called to order by President Harold M. Phillips. As the body of the opening remarks, Vice-President Edward I. Trend explained the use of the Gray Audio-graph recorder, pointing out the immense help afforded the Secretary in preparation of the minutes. Mr. Phillips then presented to the meeting those present at the speakers' table: Frank R. Graves, Vice-President; Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., Past President; William M. Byland, Vice-President; Phil J. Mary Secretary; Edward I. Trend, Vice-President.

President Phillips commented on the excellence of the preparations that had been made for the Fort Worth Tournament, and the excellent cooperation of the tournament then in progress. A rising vote of thanks was given from the floor.

Mr. Phillips made introductory remarks, in which he indicated subsequently there would be time allotted for discussion from the floor.

Secretary Mary read the minutes of the 51st Annual Membership Meeting held at Detroit, Michigan on July 12, 1950. There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as read.

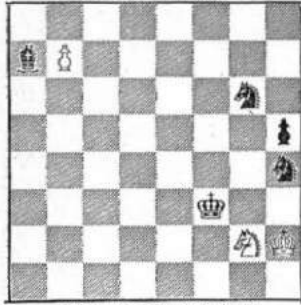
President Phillips explained the circumstances under which he became President of the Federation and further explained reasons why the Championship Tournament had not been held during 1950, indicating financial difficulties had been incurred and that a large purse was needed to get out chess masters to make a representative tournament. It was pointed out the bulk of the funds for the 1948 Tournament came from a few individuals and not the large body of the chess playing public. Mr. Norman T. Whitaker interrupted with the remark that this was due to dissatisfaction and hatred of the USCF by many over the country. Mr. Phillips continued to explain activities to progress the tournament for 1951 and that its fruition should assist the cause of the Federation in getting members.

Further remarks were made criticizing the attitude of some players demanding prizes in advance of playing, showing that a strong stand was necessary and if taken, these particular players would fall by the wayside. Mr. Phillips mentioned the small percentage of the chess playing population. (Please turn to page 5, Col. 1)

Conducted by William Rojam

Send all contributions for this column to William Rojam, % CHESS LIFE, 222 N. Humphrey Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois.

Position No. 207
By Lynn Yarborough
Houston, Texas
First Publication



White to play and draw

TWO more examples of White drawing against odds, this time from two youthful American composers, are presented in this issue. In Position No. 207 White can only escape via the stalemate route, but while the first move is rather obvious, the remaining steps down the path of a draw are not too easily discerned.

In Position No. 208 the threat of perpetual check force the superior Black forces to exchanges, but White must watch the timing, lest one of the free Black Pawns queen and bring disaster. For solutions, please turn to Page six.

tion of the United States that were members of the Federation, being 1,300 in all, and suggested that for those present to go out among their friends and get them to join.

Thomas A. Jenkins made a report of the Committee's audit of Treasurer Trend's books and the President thanked both gentlemen for their reports.

Mr. Phillips appointed Mr. Isaacs and Mr. Lavin as tellers for election of officers, the tabulation to be presented at the first meeting of the Board of Directors.

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President Phillips then called on Mr. Wagner, who in reply to Mr. Whitaker's criticism of the Federation pointed out that the present By-Laws provided for a cycle of 3-year terms for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. Cohen, of California, spoke, making objection to the present Rating System, stating California tournaments had not been rated.

Position No. 208
By Paul Monsky
Brooklyn, New York
First Publication



White to play and draw

Mr. Whitaker suggested making a memorial to Paul Morphy at Springfield College, Northfield, N.H., and that Mr. Dittman of Salt Lake City, might arrange to furnish a plaque.

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Mr. Phillips made acceptance speech, thanking all for the confidence they had expressed in him.

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Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

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CHALLENGE TO CHESS PLAYERS

IN RECENT YEARS we have had a great many fine books on chess, I dealing with almost every conceivable aspect of the game.



Diagram 199 White moves AMATEUR

MORPHY New York, 1857
On the Black King it looks good.
1. R-K4. Q-N3. K-R3. Q-N3. R-K4. Q-N3.

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Diagram 200 White moves ASZTALOS

LOVAS Budapest, 1915
White has a second solution by 1. ... B-B2 ch. (which would not be possible in the actual position).

of five to report back the next day on their recommendations for CHESS LIFE.

Mr. Knoch spoke on arrangements for the U. S. Championship Tournament to be held in New York City and there were various comments and inquiries.

President Phillips pointed out the need of stepping up the agenda or continuing the meeting until the next day.

Mr. Hartleb was recognized by the President and brought up the question of the Steiner-Horowitz affair.

Mr. Phillips outlined the background of this controversy, starting with the Detroit meeting and ending with Executive Committee meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Third Directors' Meeting, July 14, 1951. Mr. Phillips called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Messrs. Jenkins and Gibson both spoke upon the fall of the Life Membership plan that had been adopted at the annual meeting in Detroit.

Chess Life Monday, January 5, 1953

What's The Best Move? By Guilherme Groesser



White to Play Send solutions to Position No. 108 to the Editor, Chess Life, by February 5, 1953.

Solution to Position No. 105 Unfortunately this position was incorrectly diagrammed, for the Black King should have been on his Q2 instead of Q1.

The position occurred in a game Kelt-Epstein, Nuremberg 1890 and was abandoned as a draw.

Correct solutions are acknowledged from: J. A. Baker (Mankato), J. E. Barry (Detroit), R. Chauvenet (Silver Spring), J. E. Comstock (Duluth), W. Coulters (Charleston), F. K. Dille (North), J. Fuchter (New Haven), G. Gault (Philadelphia), H. E. Graham (Lake Jackson), R. Grande (Denver), D. Harbuzov (Pittsburgh), W. H. James (Fox Lake), C. Jacobson (Seattle), H. Kaufman (Chicago), E. J. Korpany (Woodside), H. Kurrak (Des Plaines), K. T. Ly (Ripon), Dr. J. Meinhold (Portland), E. F. Miller (Flint), J. Nash (Washington), Dr. I. Schwartz (Durand), F. J. Skoff (Chicago), W. E. Stevens (Laramie), H. C. Underwood (Washington), E. J. Valvo (Guilford), D. W. Wadsworth (Washort, Jr. (New Orleans), A. Welsh (Baffle Creek), W. B. Wilson (Amherstburg), N. P. Wittig (Salem).

The 1952 Open Tournament in that city; Mr. Voltmar made bid for St. Louis, Mo.

The special committee reported back and the following resolution was read and passed: "In regard to the Radio Match with Yugoslavia, arrangements were practically completed before the USCF was asked to sanction the event.

CHESS BOOKS

Table listing chess books and authors with prices: The Unknown Alekhine ... \$4.00, Immortal Games of Capablanca ... 3.75, Chess by Yourself ... 2.00, Human Side of Chess ... 3.75, How To Improve Your Chess ... 3.00, Botvinnik the Invincible ... 2.00, Keres' Best Games ... 3.50, Challenge to Chessplayers ... 2.00, Tarrasch's Best Games ... 3.75, Practical Endgame Play ... 2.00, Chess Mastery ... 2.00, How to Play Better Chess ... 2.50, Relax With Chess ... 2.50, The Elements of Combination Play ... 2.50, 51 Brilliant Masterpieces ... 2.50, A Treasury of Chess Lore ... 3.95, How to Think Ahead in Chess ... 2.95, Winning Chess ... 2.75, Finesse Book of Chess ... 3.50.

NIMZOVITCH DEFENSE International Team Tournament Helsinki, 1952

Notes by Dr. Max Herzberger
White: A. KOTOV (USSR)
Black: UNZICKER (GERMANY)
1. P-Q4 K1-KB3 3. K1-K3 B-K5
2. P-QB4 P-K3 4. P-K3 P-Q4

On 14. .... Kt-K5 the situation is very delicate. After 15. QxP, QxKt; 16. BxKt, not 16. .... QxQ; 17. BxQ, KtK6; 18. B-B4 ch, K-R1; 19. PxKt, Bx(6); 20. P-R6, but 16. .... BxKt; 17. PxB, QxRP; 18. QxB7, KtK6 ch.



After 23. .... Q-Kt8ch COOK JOINER
24. K-Q2 QR-Q1ch
There is nothing better. For example 24. .... Q-B7 ch; 25. K-K1, QxQB ch; 26. .... K-B1, R-K1 ch; 27. K-Q2, Q-G6ch 30. PxB R-K17ch

PCO gives instead: .... Kt-K5; 17. R-B4 and on .... Q-B4 ch; 18. Q-Q4, QxQ; 19. RxQ with a superior ending. 17. B-B4 Q-K2 19. Q-K1! 18. QR-K1 B-K3
Thinking his finger on the weak spot, the weakened black squares. White's possession of the two Bs plus control of the half-open KB file assure him a healthy initiative. 19. .... K-R1 20. K-R1
A useful move. White envisions the general idea of B-K5 and Q-R4 and wishes to preclude a nasty check at QB4.



After 26. .... Kt-K2 SULLIVAN COTTER
27. .... Kt-KB3
Threatening a discovered attack on the black QB as well as the immediate BxQ, QB which has been weakened by BxP, Kt-B4 as well as the immediate QxRP which must be countered. 27. B-B4
There is simply no answer to this attack along the K-file. 27. Kt-K5 30. QxKP Resigns
28. Kt-K5 P-K4
Another in a series of games which leads one to wonder if perhaps Weaver Adams is not correct in his latest assertion that the Two Knights Defense is no longer playable unless some way is found to strengthen Black's hand.



After 29. .... Q-K7 SANDRIN STURM
30. Kt-R6ch
Concentration completed, the direct attack begins. 30. .... P-K1; 31. RxB and White, with a certain draw in hand, would probably win, e.g. 31. .... Kt-K1; 32. Q-K14 ch, and if 32. .... KxR; 33. R-Q6 ch and mates; or if 31. .... Q-B8; 32. R(Q)-Q6, QR-K1; 33. RxRP, R-K8; 34. Q-K14 ch, K-R1; 35. Q-B5; R-K8 ch; 36. K-R3, Q-B1 (if 36. .... Q-B3 ch; 37. K-R4, Q-U3 ch; 38. P-B4); 37. R-Q7, etc. 31. KtXPch!
Resigns
Somewhat premature. If 31. .... RxB?; 32. RxP! wins outright, and after 31. BxP; 32. R-Q7 threatening 33. Q-Q5 and White should win, but there are many complicated and beautiful variations which unfortunately must depend on analysis, not actual play.

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME Buffalo, 1898

White: WOODROW WILSON
Black: S. LANGLEBEN
(Played while Woodrow Wilson was a professor at Princeton University, before he became President of that institution and then President of the United States.)
1. K1-KB3 P-Q4 24. K-R1 RxB
2. P-Q4 B-B4 25. RxB R-K1
3. P-B4 K1-K2 35. QxB B-K2
4. P-B3 P-K3 27. Q-Q2 B-K6
5. K1-B3 K1-B3 28. Q-Q2 K1-B6
6. P-Q3 P-K3 29. K1-Q1 B-K3
7. P-K4 P-P 30. QxP QxK1
8. BxP P-Q4 31. B-B2 P-R3
9. B-K2 B-Q3 32. B-B1 Q-R5
10. K1-KR4 B-K3 33. Q-Q2 R-QB1
11. B-B3 Q-Q2 34. K1-K3 BxB
12. P-K4 P-K4 35. QxR QxR
13. P-Q5 K1-Q5 36. Q-Q2 R-K7
14. KxB KxBch 37. P-K3 R-K18ch
15. QxK1 BxP! 38. B-B1 Q-R6
16. B-K2 O-O 39. RxPch KxR
17. O-O7 K1-Q7 40. Q-Rch K-B3
18. Q-K13 K1-B5 41. Q-Ktch K1-K3
19. QR-Q1 Q-K2 42. Q-K1 R-K16
20. R-Q2 P-B3 43. Q-Q1 K1-Q5
21. K1-Q1 QR-Q1 44. B4 RxKXP
22. B-B3 B-B2 45. PxB KXP
23. Q-Q2 Q-K14 Resigns

Solutions:
White to Play and Win
Position No. 207: 1. KtXKtch KtXKt; 2. P-Kt(Q); BxQ ch; 3. K-R3 and draws. Any Kt move draws, and any other move (except B-K16 which is stalemate) permits White to capture both Kt and P for a draw.
Position No. 208: Main line is: 1. Kt-R6 ch, K-R1; 2. KtB ch, K-K1; 3. Kt-R6 ch, K-R2; 4. Kt-B7 ch, K-K3; 5. R-K15 ch, K-R2; 6. R-B5 ch, K-R3; 7. Kt-R6 ch, QxKt; 8. RxQ, PxP; 9. R-K16 ch, K-R2; 10. K-B7, P-K6; 11. R-K7 ch, K-B5; 12. K-B6, P-K7; 13. R-K16, K-R2; 14. R-B3, P-K7; 15. R-K7 ch, K-R3; 16. R-B3, K-R4; 17. K-B5, K-R5; 18. KxR, K-R4; 19. K-B3 and draws.

After 26. R-R4 UNZICKER



Black seems to have defended himself carefully and it would appear that 26. .... R-K15 would now give him a tenable position. However, there would follow 27. KtXKtP, KxKt; 28. BxRP ch, K-K1; 29. B-K15. Since 26. .... R-K15 is not playable, there is no adequate defense. The problem-like finish is very enjoyable. 26. K1-Q2 K1-R2 29. R-K4ch R-K1
27. KtXKtP KxKt 30. P-K6 Resigns
28. BxP ch K-K1

FRENCH DEFENSE New York Experts' Tourney Cazenovia, 1952

Notes by Erich W. Marchand
White: JOINER
Black: A. COOK
1. P-K4 P-K3 3. K1-QB3 K1-KB3
2. P-Q4 P-Q4
Because of the intricate variations arising from this move more and more players have been turning to 3. .... B-K15 in recent years.
4. B-K15 B-K2 6. P-KR4
5. P-K5 K1-Q2
The Alekhine-Chatard Attack. If 6. BxB; 7. PxB, QxP; then 8. Kt-R3, Q-K2; 9. Kt-B4 with the makings of a strong K-side attack.
10. P-KB3
There has been much analysis done on this position and the text-move is now considered best. White can now play 7. Q-R5 ch, P-K13; 8. PxP!; QxP; 9. PxB, etc.
7. PxB KtXP 10. PxB BXP
8. B-Q3 O-O 11. P-R5 Kt-B3
9. Kt-B3 P-B4 12. P-Q2 P-K4
This is strategically correct but tactically very complex. Black naturally wishes to force his QB and advance in the center. After 12. .... Kt-Q5; 13. KtXKt, BxKt White holds a slight advantage due to Black's undeveloped QB.
14. K1-Q2 K1-K5
Of course not 13. .... QxKt; 14. B-QB4 winning the Q.
14. O-O-O Q-R4

TWO KNIGHTS DEFENSE Correspondence Game 1952

Notes by J. N. Cotter
White: J. N. COTTER
Black: T. SULLIVAN
1. P-K4 P-K4 2. K1-KB3 K1-KB3
Offering White a Petroff, a solid defense which has never been refuted. 3. B-B4
Replying with a psychological challenge of his own. 3. .... KtP is now theoretically best. 3. .... K1-B3
Preferring to return to sanity and the Two Knights Defense. After 3. .... KtP; 4. Kt-B3? (The Boden-Kieseritzky Gambit), KtXKt; 5. QxPkt, P-KB3 (the only move on the plausible .... P-Q3; 6. KtXp! and if .... P-K17; 7. BxP ch winning); and Black has to put up with a trappy game for the extra P. 4. Kt-K15 P-Q4 5. PxP Kt-QR4
KtXP, considered theoretically playable by Pinkus, leads to frightful complications and furthermore the game Barden-Adams, Hastings, 1951 casts considerable doubt on this entire variation; 5. .... KtP; 6. P-Q4, B-K15 ch; 7. P-B3, B-K2; 8. KtBFP, KxKt; 9. Q-B5 ch, K-K3; 10. Q-K1? (Barden's innovation) and White builds up his game slowly with O-O, P-KB4, BxP, B-Q3 followed by the advance of the center P mass. 5. .... K1-B3 PxP 11. P-KB4 O-O
6. B-K2 P-KR3 12. Kt-QB3
9. K1-KB3 P-K5
A refinement adopted by Seidman in his game vs. Pinkus in the U. S. Championship, 1951. 12. Q-B2 14. PxB QxP
13. O-O BxKt 15. P-Q4 PxB e.p.
Pinkus continued with .... Q-K3 and soon got a bad game after the general scheme B-KB4 and Q-K1 and Q-K3 with pressure on the dark squares. 16. QxP Kt-K12

WING GAMBIT Luebber Invitational Tournament Correspondence, 1951-52

Notes by Dr. M. G. Sturm
White: DR. M. G. STURM (Trinidad, BWI)
Black: ANG. SANDRIN (CHICAGO)
1. P-K4 P-QB4 3. B-K12
2. P-QK1 PXP
Or 3. P-QR3, P-Q4, etc. 3. .... P-Q4 QXP
More usual is 5. .... Q-K5 ch; 6. K1-K2 (6. B-K2 is interesting); B-B4 (Abrahams-Aitken, Hastings 1946-7), or 5. .... Q-Q1 (Abrahams-Mieses, Blackpool). 6. P-QR3 K1-KB3 9. Kt-KB3 Kt-B3
7. PxB QxP 10. P-B5!
For more rapid development and the clearance of lines. 10. .... QxP 14. K-B1 P-K3
11. P-Q4 Q-Q4 15. K1-QK15 Q-B5
12. Kt-R3 B-K15 B-Q2 Q-K11
13. B-B4 Q-K5ch 17. B-R5! KtXB
Mobilising White's QR for action on the other wing, but if 17. .... P-QK13; 18. Q-R4, PxB; 19. KtXRP, RxB; 20. Qx Kt ch, K-Q1; 21. B-K15 with a dangerous attack. 18. RxB Kt-B15 20. P-Q5!
19. R-R4 B-K2
Vacating the square Q4. 20. B-K1 BxKt 23. BxKt PxB
21. QxB KtXP 24. P-K13!
22. Kt-Q4! O-O
Castling!

KING'S GAMBIT Los Angeles Chess Club California, 1917

White: M. W. TESTA
Black: S. MLOTKOWSKI
(Tests, as noted, was director, actor and scenario-writer for Universal; the late S. Mlotkowski was twice Western Ass'n Champion, 1904 and 1923—tied with N. T. Whitaker on the latter occasion.)
1. P-K4 P-K4 21. P-Q6 Kt-K11
2. P-KB4 PXP 22. P-Q5 B-B2
3. K1-KB3 P-KK4 23. Kt-B5 R-QR2
4. P-Q4 P-K15 24. B-B5 B-K1
5. BxP PxKt 25. K1-K6ch K-B2
6. QxP P-Q4 26. Kt-B7 B-Q2
7. PxB P-Q3 27. B-K6ch K-K2
8. B-K15ch B-Q2 28. BxKt KxB
9. BxB PxB 29. R-K7 R-K13
10. O-O P-B3 30. KR-K1 QR-K12
11. Kt-B3 K-B1 31. P-QK13 QR-K15
12. Q-B4 P-QR3 32. KtP KtXKt
13. B-Q3 Q-K13 33. RxB R-K11
14. QR-K1 P-KR4 34. Q-R7 Kt-B4
15. Q-K3 R-R3 35. P-Q7 K-B1
16. Kt-K4 Q-Q1 36. R7R Q-R1
17. KtXP B-K14 37. R-K6ch RxB
18. KtXP Q-K2 38. PXR(Q)ch KxQ
19. QxQ ch KtXQ 39. RxB! R-K15
20. P-B4 B-K1 40. P-QR4 Resigns

FORT WORTH (Continued from page 5, Col. 5)

President Phillips made the following amendment to the By-Laws, seconded by M. Gibson and passed: "Article XV, Section 5, be amended to read: 'The USCF shall be represented at the General Assemblies of the Federation Internationale des Echecs by President of the Federation, or by delegate appointed by the Federation.'"

Mr. Hartleb moved meeting adjourn, seconded by Mr. Mary and passed.

MILWAUKEE MUNICIPAL CHAMPIONSHIP Hawthorn Glen, 1952

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White: REV. FR. GUILLA
Black: JOACHIM CARDINAL PECCI
(The player of the Black pieces later acquired world-wide respect as Pope Leo XIII.)
1. P-K4 P-K4 11. KtXKt BxKt
2. Kt-KB3 K1-QB3 12. Q-R5 Q-B3
3. B-B4 B-B4 13. O-O RxP
4. P-B3 Kt-B3 14. O-O RxP
5. P-Q4 PXP 15. QXK PxBch
6. PxB Q-P4 16. KXR Q-K13ch
7. KtXch B-K3 17. K-R1 B-Q4ch
8. PxB R-KK1 18. P-B3 BxPch
10. PxB KtXP 19. RxB

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