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## Full-Time Chess Coordinator Named

## By Salt Lake City Recreation Department

Salt Lake City, Utah leaps to the front in municipal chess activity with the appointment of Sam Teitelbaum as "chess coordinator" for the Salt Lake City Recreation Department under Superintendent John McKurk. City Commissioner L. C. Romney made the appointment of Mr. Teitelbaum in recognition of his previous work in teaching chess to youngsters on his own time and expense. Mr. Teitelbaum will turn his own business over to his wife's management and devote his time exclusively to the development of a city chess program for all ages.
Except for Milwaukee, cradle of full-time chess program, and possibly Cleveland where the school chess program has a full-time worker, Salt Lake City will stand alone in recognition of the value of chess in the recreational program. Other cities, notably Los Angeles and New York City, have large programs for teaching chess to the young, but these are managed by part-time chess workers and largely staffed by volunteer workers.

Other cities like Chicago include chess in the program with regular tournaments and events but such activities are directed by a staff which also handles numerous other events, ranging from soft-ball

## SOVIETS ACCEPT JULY 15 DATE

New York, June 2 - The Soviet chess team has agreed to a fourround match starting July 15 at New York according to a cablegram from Fide President Rogard. The USSR is requesting entry permits for ten team members and five others including Ragozin. An eight board match is planned.
to tennis. It is only in Milwaukee, Cleveland and now Salt Lake City that chess has come of age with an independent program of its own.

## ST. LOUIS EVENT TO STEINMEYER

Robert H. Steinmeyer stole the St. Louis District Championship with $10-0$ score in the 11 player round robin. Frederic S. Anderson was second with $7-3$, losing to Steinmeyer and Harold Branch, and drawing with Charles M. Burton and Roland A. Alpiser. Harold Branch and W.H.C. Newberry shared third with 6-4 each; Branch lost to Steinmeyer, Harry Lew, and Edmond Godbold while drawing with Newberry and Lew Haller. Newberry lost to Steinmeyer, Anderson, and Lew, while drawing with Branch and Roland Alpiser.

Kansas State Chess Association elected K. R. MacDonald (Wichita) president, William McLaughlin vice-president, and Henry B. Amsden secretary-treasurer in the annual meeting at Wichita in May.

# MANHATTANS 

## KEEP TITLE

## New York League Champions Outpoint

Two Marshall Teams by Narrow Margin

By KENNETH HARKNESS

The Manhattan Chess Club won the New York League Championship and retained its stranglehold on the title by defeating the senior team of the Marshall Chess Club in the last round of this year's contest between the representatives of leading clubs in the metropolitan area.

In an all-master event on eight boards, the match between the Marshall Seniors and the Manhattan Club stalwarts was held on May 17 th at the headquarters of the league champions, 100 Central Park West. After four hours of play, the score was tied 3-3 with two games adjourned. When completed the following week, the Manhattan players added $1 \frac{1}{2}$ points to their score, winning the match and the title.
The results of the final struggle between the top-flight masters of the rival clubs:
MARSHALL vs. MANHATTAN

## Metropolifan League

Manhattan
J. Moskowitz I. A. Horowitz A. S. Denker M. Pavey W. Shipman A. Turner G. Shainswit S. Bernstein
C. Pilnick E. Hearst L. Evans A. C. Simonson M. Hanauer J. W. Collins E. Lasker A. Mengarini

Manhattan 41 Marshall 31
The Manhattanites had White on the even-numbered boards. Veteran Israel A. Horowitz, who had been defeated by Karl Burger of the Marshall Juniors in an earlier round, evened up by walloping Eliot Hearst in a lively game. Max Pavey, champion of the Manhattan Club, took the measure of Albert Simonson when this deciding game of the match was played off. Dr. Ariel Mengarini came through for the Marshall team at board 8, toppling Sidney Bernstein in 30 moves. The other games were drawn but provided plenty of excitement.

Carl Pilnick, co-champion of the Marshall Club, dropped two Pawns to Jack Moskowitz; but the Manhattan player got into time trouble and missed a forced win. Then, in the last few minutes of play, Pilnick overlooked a mate in two that would have drawn the match.
The Turner-Collins game was a hair-raising battle from start to finish. According to the post-game analysts, Collins had the sweating, squirming Abe Turner at his mercy and could have won by force just a few moves before the fight ended in a draw by repetition.
U. S. Champion Larry Evans met the former national titleholder Arnold Denker at board 3. The
genial ex-champion, who came out of semi-retirement to play for his club, forced the draw after what looked like a well-played game to this reporter.
The match between the teams representing the two strongest clubs in the United States is the annual classic event of New York Chess activities. Practically all of America's greatest masters, including Frank J. Marshall, Reshevsky, Fine, Kashdan, Kupchik and other famous players of the past and present, have competed in these dramatic last-round clashes for the league title. Before World War II, the honors changed hands frequently; but during and since the war, the Manhattan Club has dominated the local scene and captured the championship with monotonous regularity. This year, the Marshall players showed real signs of recovering their form.
The sensation of the League competition has been the performance of the Marshall Juniors, made up of teen-age players captained by Jimmy Sherwin. Although Jimmy is the only rated master on the team, the youngsters drew their matches with the Manhattan Club and the Marshall Seniors, won from all the other clubs in the league up to the last round.

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White To Play And Win!


POSITION NO. 217 represents a brilliant Rinck prize-winner. The basic idea is, of course, to trade a White Rook for the Black Queen, when Rook and Bishop will win against Bishop. Exception of this simple idea is not quite so obvious, although actually the win is clear-cut and concise, once it is found.

Position No. 218 by our editor is based on a concept of liquidation in which a sole surviving White Pawn and piece provide the winning force. White, however, must proceed with exactitude or he may find himself mated before he can complete his strategy.

For solutions, please turn to Page eight.

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 123 No. Humphrey Avenve, Oak Park, Illinois.Victory in the Indianapolis Open Championship were to Emil Bersbach of Sedalia with $5-0$ in a 14 player Swiss, Homer Peterson placed second with 4-1 and gained the Indianapolis City title, losing only to Bersbach. Dr. K. R. Greenbank was third with $31 / 2-11 / 2$, losing to Paul D. Rager and drawing with Alfred Gruen. Leopold Binder and Harry K. Goodall were fourth and fifth respectively on S-B with 3-2 scores each.

Montana State Chess Association in the annual meeting at Great Falls elected Paul Shanley (Deer Lodge) president, and Mrs. Paul Shanley secretary.

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CHESS COORDINATOR
Sam Teitelbaum (center) reccives the appointment of Chess Coordinator from Salt Lake City Commissioner L. C. Romney (right). John McKurk (left) is Superintendent of Recreation under whose wing the chess program will be developed.

Photo: Courtesy of Deseret News

The European tour of the Golden Gate Chess Club team with George Koltanowski as guide and leader was very successful. The team of Koltanowski, Henry Gross, Gurthrie McClain and Dr. Kenneth Colby scored $41 / 2-21 / 2$ in Luxembourg, $31 / 2$ $1 / 2$ at Strasbourg, $31 / 2-1 / 2$ at Milan, 3-2 at Nice. At Saarbrucken and Schaffhausen 2-2 draws were tallied, and losses of 1-3 at Dusseldorf, $11 / 2-21 / 2$ at Frankfort, $1-3$ and 0-4 at Venice, 1-4 at Barcelona, and $1 / 2-41 / 2$ at Paris. For a part of the tour PFC Arthur Bisguier joined the team.
In addition Koltanowski gave a number of blindfold exhibitions, scoring 4 wins, 3 draws and 1 loss at Brussels; 4 wins, 4 draws at Antwerp; 6 wins at Ghent; 6 wins, 3 draws, 1 loss at Dusseldorf; 3 wins, 3 draws, 1 loss at Zurich; 5 wins, 3 draws at London; 4 wins, 4 draws at Harrow; and 7 wins, 1 draw at London. Koltanowski also scored $31 / 2-11 / 2$, without losing a game, in a match with International Master Henry Grob at Zurich. The tour was widely noted in the continental press.

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Miguel Colon won the San Juan (P.R.) City Championship $15^{1 / 2}-1 / 2$, conceding a draw to Ralph Rivera in the $17^{\circ}$ player round robin. Paul Reissmann was a close second with 15-1, losing only to Colon. In third place with $121 / 2-31 / 2$, Ralph Rivera lost games to Reissman, Colon, Rafael Cintron, Jr., and Reinaldo Torres. Tied for fourh with $101 / 2-51 / 2$ each were Jose Berrocal, Gabriel Borras, Rafael Cintron, Jr., and Rafael Diaz. Puerto Rica expects to send Miguel Colon and two other of its top players to the U.S. Open at Milwaukee.

## HUDSON TAKES SO. TEXAS OPEN

Former Philadelphia Expert John Hudson of the U.S. Army won the South Texas Open at Houston $41 / 2-1 / 2$, drawing with William A. Bills. Second place in the 22 player Swiss went to John B. Payne of San Antonio with 4-1, drawing with Leslie Ghetzler and Homer Faber. Robert Brieger, William Bills, Leslie Ghetzler and Homer Faber were third to sixth in order named on S-B points with equal $31 / 2-11 / 2$ scores.

## ALLERTON TOPS IN KALAMAZOO

Sam Allerton with $61 / 21 / 2$, drawing with Henry Kalnins, won the Kalamazoo Valley Championship. Henry R. Meifert was second with $6-1$, losing only to Allerton, while Henry Kalnins was third with 5-2, losing to Meifert and drawing with Allerton and Dr. R. A. McNeill. Harrison Kindig of Otsego placed fourth with 4-3.

USCF President Harold M. Phillips has announced that the U.S. Chess Federation has requested the Soviet Chess Federation to postpone the date of the USA vS USSR team match until July 27, due to the shortness of notice given by the USSR in setting a June date.

Blake W. Stevens with 17-1 took the San Antonio Woodpushers event, losing one game to Hans Struck in a 10 player double round robin meet. John B. Payne was second with $151 / 2-21 / 2$, losing twice to Stevens and drawing one game with James B. Wooding. Leon Poliakoff placed third with $10-8$, while A. A. Murray and Leslie Ghetzler shared fourth with $91 / 2-81 / 2$
BOOST AMERICAN CHESS!

## BRICE-NASH TOPS KANSAS STATE

The Kansas State title went to Bert Brice-Nash with $51 / 2-1 / 2$ in an 18 player Swiss at Wichita. He drew with Jim Callis, youthful Wichita entrant. Second place went to a former State Champ Carl Weberg with $41 / 2-11 / 2$, losing to Brice-Nash and drawing with Callis. Hugo Teufel, another youthful Wichita player, was third on S-B with $4-2$, while Callis was fourth, also with 4-2. Teufel lost to BriceNash and Weberg, while Callis lost to Teufel and drew with Weberg and Brice-Nash.

## TEYLINGEN HOLDS MONTANA TITLE

J. Van Teylingen of Great Falls once again took the Montana State title in 30 player Swiss event with $41 / 2-1 / 2$, drawing with Adam Smith. Second on S-B points with $41 / 2-1 / 2$ was Robert Southern of Missoula who also drew with Smith. Adam Smith of Butte was third on S-B with 4-1. Fourth and fifth on S-B with 4-1 each were Ralph Hanson and Mervin Garretson. Hanson lost a game to Paul Shanley, and Garretson to Hank Brandt. Nine players tied at 3-2.

## BRICE-NASH WINS WICHITA CITY

Bert Brice-Nash won the doubleround Wichita City Championship $211 / 2-21 / 2$, dropping one game each to W. D. McLaughlin and J. B. Myers, Jr. while drawing one with Henry B. Amsden. McLaughlin was a close second with $201 / 2-31 / 2$, losing one game each to Brice-Nash, Amsden, and John Albright, while drawing one game with Dr. J. Victor Benton. Third place went to J. B. Myers, Jr. with $171 / 2-61 / 2$, while Henry B. Amsden was fourth with $15-9$ and K. R. MacDonald fifth with $121 / 2-111 / 2$.

## Marshall vs. Manhattan Match Games

Specially annotated by U. S. Master HAROLD SUSSMAN

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE Board 2


1. A. HOROWITZ


KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE
(By Transposition)


Not very strong but adequate. If 9 . Q-B2, Kt-Kt3!; 10. Q-Q3, P-Q4! is even but a good alternative. However, on 9. P-K4 and 9. P-KR3 the fianchetto 4. P-QKt3 isn't good.
$\begin{array}{lr}\text { 9. } & \text { R-Q....K1 } \\ \text { 10. PK1 } & \text { P-QR4 }\end{array}$
A surprising capture but it suffices to maintain equality

## 11. ........ Kt-B4 12. Kt-K+3

The point-Black must stranghten out White's pawns or remain a pawn down. White's pawns or remain a pawn down.
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { 12. ....... } & \text { KKt-Q2 } & \text { 15. B-Kł2 } \\ \text { Kt-K4 }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrlr}\text { 12. } & \text { Kt-Kt5 } & \text { KtxKKt } & \text { 15. B-Kt2 } \\ \text { 13. } & \text { R-QR1 } & \text { Kt-K4 } \\ \text { R×R }\end{array}$ 14. PxKt RxRP 17. BxR Q-K2 Black actually has a tiny edge but hardly enough to win.
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { 18. P-KR3 } & \text { R-Q1 } & \text { 20. BxB } & K \times B\end{array}$ 19. P-B4

And not 20. ......., Q-K6 ch; 21. K-R2, KxB ; 22. KtxBP, etc.

## $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { 21, Q-R1ch } & \text { K-Kt1 } & \text { 25. Kt-Q4 } & \text { B-Q2 } \\ \text { 22. P-K4 } & \text { P-B3 } & \text { 26. P-QKt4 } & \text { K+xK }\end{array}$

$\begin{array}{lrll}\text { 22. P-K4 } & \text { P-B3 } & \text { 26. P-QKt4 } & \text { KtxKt } \\ \text { 23. Q-B3 } & \text { R-KB1 } & \text { 27. QxKt } & \text { P-QB4 }\end{array}$ 24. R-QR1 B-K3 28. Q-B3 B-B3
He pursues the weak KP but his QP He pursues the weak KP but his QP is nothing to write home about either.
29. R-K1 $\quad \mathbf{P x P}$ 30. QxK+P R-K1 In response to this Hanauer offered a draw which was declined.

## 31. R-Q1 Drawn

Shipman then offered a draw after Hanauer's 31st move. The end would be $31 ., \ldots \ldots, \mathrm{BxP} ; 32 . \mathrm{QxQP}, \mathrm{QxQ} ; 33$.
$\mathrm{RxQ}, \mathrm{BxB} ; 34 . \mathrm{KxB}$, R-QB1 very drawRxQ
ish.

## NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

White Board 3 Black

## (Marshall)

1. P-Q4
 My preference is 4. ........, P-B4! The P-Q4; 6. P-QR3, B-K2; 7. PxP, PxP; 9. P-Q4; 6. P-QR3, B-K2; 7. PxP, PxP; 9.
Kt-B4, P-B3; 10. B-Q3 with a strong game.
If 5. B-Q3, P-Q4; 6. P-QR3, BxKt ch; 7. PxB, P-K4! and Black stands well. However in this line 6. PxP, PxP; 7. KKt-K: retains the edge for White.

P-Q4
A good alternative is 5. ........, P-QKt3. 6. P-QR3

Preferrable is 6. B-Q3, P-B4!; 7. O-O, QPxP; 8. BxP, Kt-B3 with an even position.
$\begin{array}{lrlll}\text { 7. } & \text { P } \times \text { B } & \text { BXKtch } & \text { 8. } & \text { PxQP } \\ \text { P-B4 } & \text { 9. } & \text { B-Q3 } & \text { P-QKP }\end{array}$ He will exchange White's better $B$ and weaken his light squares.
10. $\mathbf{O - O} \quad$ B-R3 11. PxP
At least as playable is 11. BxB, KtxB; 12. Q-Q3, Kt-B2; 13. PxP, PxP; 14. P-B4 PxP; 15. QxP with practically the same position as the text except White's QB develops more quickly.

|  | Pxp | 18. | B-R3 | RxRch |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12. $\mathrm{B} \times \mathrm{B}$ | $\mathrm{K}+\times \mathrm{B}$ |  | RxR | Q-K5! |
| 13. P-B4 | PxP |  | QxP | QxRP |
| 14. Q-R4 | Kt-B2 |  | R-QB1 | Kt-K3 |
| 15. R-Q1 | Q-K2 |  | Q-B3 | P-KR3 |
| 16. $\mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{P}$ | QR-K+1! | 23. | P-KR3 |  |
| 17. P-QR4 | KR-Q1 |  |  |  |
| A time pressure battle is developing. |  |  |  |  |
| Neither side wishes to be mated. |  |  |  |  |
| 23. ... | K4-K5 | 28. | BxKt | P-R5 |
| 24. Q-R1 | R-K+6 | 29. | R-B8ch | K-R2 |
| 25. B-K+2 | Q×Q | 30. | R-B7 | K-K+3 |
| 26. BXQ | P-QR4 |  | P-B3 | R-Kł8ch |
| 27. Kt-Q4 KtxKt |  |  |  |  |
| A winning try is 31, ........, Kt-Q7; 32. |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B} 6 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 3 ; 33$. R-R4, P-R6 but it is difficult to see how to force the pawn |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| through. The text prepares for perpetual check. |  |  |  |  |
| 32. K-R2 Kt-Q7 37. K-R2 Kt-B8ch |  |  |  |  |
| 33. R-R7 | $\mathbf{K t - B 8 c h}$ | 38. | K-K+1 | Kt-K6ch |
| 34. K-Kt1 KtxPch 39. K-R2 Kt-B8ch |  |  |  |  |
| 35. K-R |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

has the better of it, academic however in view of the wild time pressure both players are in. An eventful game with the very best variations unfortunwith the very best variations unfortun-
ately in the notes to Black's 27 th turn. ately in the notes to Black's 27th turn.
28. K-Q2 R-K4 31. Q-Kt3ch B-K3 $\begin{array}{llll}\text { 28. K-Q2 } & \text { R-K4 } & \text { 31. Q-Kt3ch } & \text { B-K3 } \\ \text { 29. Q-Kt3ch } & \text { B-K3 } & \text { 32. Q-B2 } & \text { B-B4 } \\ \text { 30. Q-B2 } & \text { B-B4 } & \text { Drawn } & \end{array}$

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## QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED Board 7

$\begin{array}{lc}\text { White } & \text { Black } \\ \text { DR. E. LASKER } & \text { G. SHAINSWIT }\end{array}$ (Marshall) P.K3 3 P-Q4 $\begin{aligned} & \text { (Manhattan) }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { 1. } & \text { P-QB4 } & \text { P-K3 } & \text { 3. } & \text { P-Q4 } \\ \text { 2. } & \text { Kt-QB3 } & \text { P-Q4 } & \text { 4. } & \text { P-K4 }\end{array}$
The normal 4. P-K3 is less simplifying. The text only equalizes.
4. Intriguing is 5 . ......., B-Kt5 ch; 6. BQ2, QxQP; 7. BxB, QxKtch; 8. B-K2!
with a very strong attacking game for with a
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { 6. } & \text { KtxKtch QxKt } & \text { 10. } & \text { B-K2 } & \text { O-O } \\ \text { 7. } & \text { Kt-B3 } & \text { B-Kt5ch } & \text { 11. O-O } & \text { P-K4 } \\ \text { 8. } & \text { B-Q2 } & \text { BxBch } & \text { 12. P-Q5 } & \text {....... }\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { 8. } & \mathrm{B}-\mathrm{Q2} & \mathrm{~B} \times \mathrm{Bch} & \text { 12. P-Q5 } \\ \text { 9. } & \mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{B} & \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Q2} & \end{array}$
An attempt at complications. After 12. PxP, KtxP; 13. KtxKt, QxKt Black would have a minimal edge.
Instead of this simplificatier
Kt-K+3 would have led to a fascinating P-K5. game.


Cleveland Speed Championship went to Rudolf Pitschak with 9-1 in a 20 player Swiss. Second and third on S-B with 7-3 each were L Lipking and Ernest Wyman, while R. Rosen was fourth with $61 / 2-31 / 2$. Fifth and sixth on S-B with 6-4 were Tom Ellison and Adam Zachlin, Jr. The latter scored the only win over Pitschak.

Alan Portigal, instructor in Sociology at University of Saskatchewan, won the Northern Saskatchewan title $51 / 2-11 / 2$, suffering a defeat from a former titlist Dr. MacDonald and drawing with Kent Oliver. Gerald Fielding was second with $41 / 2-21 / 2$, losing to Portigal and Humphries and drawing with Oliver. G. Humphries and Kent Oliver tied for third with 4-3 each.

At Montreal Sam Reshevsky scored 35 wins, 4 draws and 4 losses in a simultaneous at the YMCA. M. Cohen, J. N. Williams, M. Moss and P. Posterman tallied the victories over the grandmaster while L. Joyner, M. Husid, C. Podlone and M. Bodner drew. Among the losers were such well-known Canadian players as I. Zalys, P. Brunet, G. Novicky, A. Garelick and S.

Due to the fact that various contributors to the Young Masters' Forum are either studying for final college examinations or are on vacation, the YOUNG MASTERS' FORUM will not be published during the next few issues, but will resume publication shortly.

## FRENCH DEFENSE <br> Board 8

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| S. BERNS | STEIN |  | A. MEN | GARINI |
| (Manhatt |  |  |  | rshali) |
| 1. P-K4 | P-K3 | 3. | QB3 | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. P-Q4 | P-Q4 | 4. | B-Q3 |  |
| "Schweitze | er's" Va | ion | at | - |
| ing to eq | quality for |  | e. Bot | 4. B- |
| KKt5 and | 4. P-K5 | e | ronger. |  |
|  | P-B4! | 5. | QPxP |  |
| After mu | ch delib | ation | n this | second |
| best move | occurs. | orr | ct is | Kt-B3, |
| BPxP (5. | ......., Kt | is | also | ood); 6. |
| KKtxP, P- | K4; 7. K | 3, | -Q5; 8. | QKt-K2, |
| Kt-B3 wit | h play | , | sid |  |
| 5. ........ | PxPI |  | B-K+5ch |  |
| This leads | eventua | to | the | - |
| pawn. His | best is |  | txP, Kt | xKt; 7. |
| BxKt, Qx | $\text { Q ch; } 8 .$ | $x Q \text {, }$ | $\mathrm{B} \times \mathrm{P} ;$ | K-K2 |
| 6. ........ | B-Q2 | 8. | Q-K2? |  |
| 7. B-K+5! | BxP |  |  |  |
| Much bett | er than | his 1 | , | ove is |
| 8. BxB ch! | !, QKtxB; | K | xKP! | Black |
| has only a | a minimal | dge. | After | he text |
| Mengarini | never | ives | Bern | tein |
| chance. A | $n$ impres | ve | ame. |  |
| 8. | B-K+5! | 20. | K-B1 | P-B4 |
| 9. Q-B4 | BxKtch | 21. | P-R3 | K-Kı2 |
| 10. PxB | O-O | 22. | P-K+3 | K-B3 |
| 11. $\mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{K} 2$ | BxB | 23. | Kt-Q4 | Kt-B6 |
| 12. $\mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{B}$ | Q-Q4 | 24. | Kt-K+3 | R-B6 |
| 13. P-QB4 | QxQ | 25. | Kt-R5 | R(1)-B2 |
| 14. $P \times Q$ | QK4-Q2 | 26. | R-Q1 | K-K4 |
| 15. O-O | QR-B1 | 27. | R-Q8 | RxP |
| 16. KR-B1 | R-B4 | 28. | RxR | ¢ |
| 17. BxKt | PxB | 29. | P-R4 | P-K\%! |
| 18. P-QR4 | KR-B1 | 30. | $\mathbf{P x P}$ | K-K5! |
| 19. R-R2 | Kt-K4 |  | Resigns |  |

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## Farewell To An Editor

## No man but a blockhead ever wrote except for money.

JOHNSON-Boswell's Life of Johnson

NO Reader of Chess Correspondent, that ably edited journal of the Correspondence Chess League of America, can fail to heave at least one vast sigh on learning that William M. Spackman has resigned as editor-in-chief. Among the contemporary editors of chess journals Spackman was outstanding for his pungent line, his witty comment and his unfailing judgment in the selection of material. Other editors might be occasionally as witty, frequently as tart, or generally as shrewd and knowing in choice of material. But few combined the three qualities.

Under Spackman the Chess Correspondent gained an international recognition, particularly for the rare quality of its numerous studies of opening lines and the by-ways of the openings-an art essentially dear to the correspondence chess player. Much of the translating from obscure foreign publications, much of the analysis, and many of the annotations were Spackman's own work, for he combined a gift for languages with rare taste in choice of analysis.

But Literature beckoned him, and writing is an exact and exacting mistress which will tolerate no rivals. With the success of his novel "Heyday" Spackman could no longer hesitate in his choice; nor could we selfishly demand that the choice be otherwise. Having devoted a full seven years or more to writing for a cause - Chess - perhaps Spackman at last discovered some truth in Dr. Johnson's fulmination that no one but a blockhead ever wrote except for money. The sour doctor, as usual, was less than exact, for one writes most often from the welling of inner conflicts and ideas which scream for expression (we are speaking of literature and not pot-boilers), but when giving those thoughts expression, a man is indeed a blockhead if he does not endeavor to obtain adequate recompense for his labors.

Since editing and creative writing are closely akin-more closely knit than the casual observer might suppose - many a writer has been lost to the world by choosing to be an editor instead. In American letters the outstanding example of this loss was Horace Lorimer, whose "Letters of a Self-Made Merchant to His Son" gives faint indication of the writer who was lost when Lorimer decided to become a great editor instead.

It is fitting perhaps this time that the reverse choice should be made; and while we regret the loss of a capable colleague, we can only bid him "God speed!" and trust that "Heyday" will mark the beginning of an equally distinguished career in literature.

Meanwhile, Chess Correspondent asks dolefully in its April issue: "Is there an editor in the house?"!

## Under The Chess-Nut Jree

By William Rojam

CHESS hit the editorial pages of a number of newspapers with the announcement of the Soviet team's acceptance of a challenge to meet a U.S. team in New York. With striking unaminity the editorials assess the Soviet gesture as being political.

Says the New York Times, for example: "Among minor diplomatic assets at the disposal of the Kremlin is Russia's national chess team . . . Acceptance (of the U.S.C.F. invitation) was seen as a Russian gambit in the 'peace drive'. . ."

More sardonic is the tone of the Philadelphia Inquirer: "With or without a board and the usual assortment of pieces, Russians are great hands at playing chess . . . As to the other style of 'chess' in which the Russians excel - the international checkmate - they have a pretty tough team, too . . . In the forthcoming conventional chess tournament now scheduled the Russian team will have to play by the established rules, it is assumed. It will be novel and refreshing."

From the West the Deseret News comments: ". . . Political observers are convinced the Russian action is a 'move' in the Soviet new peace offensive. Like the Russian chess experts' across-the-board-moves, this one is hard for the average man - chess player or diplomat - to fathom, but there is undoubtedly a deep plan behind it. Probably 'King' Botvinnik and his accompanying 'rooks' and 'knights' - it hardly seems proper to refer to international grandmasters as 'pawns' though they undoubtedly are in the deep diplomatic game-are merely out to create some good will."

Certainly, if they have achieved nothing else, the Soviet masters have done their share, assisted by the Kremlin, in making the world chess-conscious!

## CORRECTION

In a letter to Dr. Ralston, USCF President Harold M. Phillips makes a correction to the statement in "An Open Letter to Dr. Lasker" that Mr. Phillips opposed the appointment of Mr. Harkness:

The fact is that in my voluminous correspondence with the committee you will not find one word opposing Mr. Harkness; I opposed only two provisions in the proposed contract namely the five year period and the sale of merchandise to the general public. ... In the final contract an atfempt is made to meet the objection as to time; and in actual practice sales are confined to our membership on that I pronounced as perfectly proper . . ."

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Dear Mr. Major:
Will you be so kind as to publish the following note in CHESS LIFE:

Mr. Harold M. Phillips, President of the United States Chess Federation, has written to me stating that he never opposed the appointment of Mr. Harkness as Business Manager of the USCF, but objected only to certain provisions of the contract. I am happy to learn this, and to correct the error which I made in my letter to Edward Lasker. My statement was based upon what I thought was reliable information.
H. J. RALSTON,

San Francisco, Calif.

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## Marshall vs. Manhattan Match

## Game Commentary by U. S. Master HAROLD SUSSMAN

Pilnick vs. Moskowitz
At 8:30 p.m. sharp, play commenced amidst a low buzz of excitement. The spectators gathered thickly about the participants, eager for action. The first table matched Carl Pilnick, 1953 Marshall C. C. Champion, with Jack Moskowitz, erstwhile Manhattan C. C. victor. Carl soon achieved a distinct initiative against his opponents favorite Nim-zo-Indian, Moskowitz lost several tempi, swapping his QKt for a B. Pilnick ingeniously sacrificed a pawn to achieve a promising K-side attack. Moskowitz then defended most resourcefully and Pilnick suddenly weakened, blundering away a pawn. With two pawns down and no real attack left, Carl looked beaten. However, Jack, with 14 minutes left for 12 crucial moves, started to take risks and then erred badly in severe time pressure. Pilnick had sufficient time to select one of several pretty wins but hurried his reply, and after a rapid exchange of wood, the 40th turn saw Carl with a Queen and two pawns against two Rooks and two pawns with a probable draw looming. It was a very uneven game but a very absorbing one.

## Horowitz vs. Hearst

At second board, Manhattan's popular Al Horowitz was at his best playing the White side of another Nimzo-Indian. Our genial and very talented N.Y. reporter Eliot Hearst was the opposition. Eliot made a serious strategical error as early as his 7th move, of which Al took full advantage. Horowitz unleashed a strong K-side demonstration with the typical "Horowitzian" dynamics in the type of position he dotes on. On the other hand Eliot was uncomfortable all evening. He never did get any real counter-play outside of a slow pawn-roller on the $Q$-side which was quite inadequate. In severe time pressure and with his K -side cracked open, he played on to the bitter end, perhaps hoping Horowitz would overstep the time limit. Perhaps he was too pressed by his own clock to resign. Eliot took his loss gracefully. He is to be admired for his sportsmanship and his modesty.

An encounter of huge interest ensued at third board where our present U.S. Champion Larry Evan engaged a former U.S. Champion (1944), the ever dangerous Arnold Denker. Denker essayed his special Nimzo-Indian (the third and last of the match) and soon secured a slight edge as Evans played the opening without his customary energy. After just 15 moves, Denker had the initiative albeit Evans did have a strong Bishop against a Knight. Five moves later Arnold established a passed QRP which looked very promising for his winning chances. Somehow, he never did work up enough steam to force it through and in the final position with a pawn up, Denker was forced to administer a perpetual check. Larry was too resourceful and too
slippery. Being Denker's first game in a year, on his part it was an excellent effort - but Larry seemed sluggish and out of practice. He took 1 hour and 43 minutes for his first 23 moves but played rapidly and effectively after that and eluded all actual clock trouble.

Pavey vs. Simonson
A real bitter positional struggle occurred at the fourth board with Max Pavey, Manhattan C.C. 1953 Champion, pitted against the redoubtable Albert C. Simonson, one of the country's most talented masters. Pavey secured his favorite exchange variation of the QG Declined but Simonson countered with a typically sharp and original conception to hold the balance in the early stages of the gamc. Max pressed forth a "minority" attack and weakened Simonson's Q-side pawns. He also contrived to leave Al with an ineffectual KB against Pavey's strong Knight. Although the initiative rested with Pavey most of the way. Simonson reached the adjournment with fair drawing chances. On the results of this splendidly contested game, the re sult of the match rests. (Pavey won the game on resuming playEditor). Both players chose their moves rapidly and with great poise. It was a professional game all the way.

## Hanaver vs. Shipman

An interesting opening (a King's Indian Defense by transposition from an English debut) mariked the play at fifth board, with Milton Hanauer, 1950-51 Marshall C. C. Champion, paired again with Walter Shipman (as he was in last year's match). Both masters played very skilfully and there were no errors-but they were both too cautious and too cagey. Neither side would take a risk and the game concluded as a well played draw. While this may have been of lesser interest to the average spectators, it had its significance to opening theory. Hanauer offered a draw after Shipman's 30th move. Shipman conferred with team captain Leonard B. Meyer and then declined. When Hanauer made bis 31st move, however, Shipman immediately offered him a draw in return. Actually there was little play left-Shipman was curious to see Milton's 31st turn before taking the draw. Much ado about nothing -at the conclusion Walter had 10 minutes left for his last 10 moves.

## Turner vs. Collins

Sixth board witnessed the strug. gle of the evening. The talented and irrepressible Abe Turner, runner-up in Manhattan 1953 Championship ahead of such stalwarts as Seidmen and Kevitz, had the White pieces against the N.Y. State Champion Jack Collins, our USCF Games Editor. The latter chose to defend a QP Opening with the "King's Highway" variation of the Gruenfeld Defense, which your writer has popularized recently in Metropolitan circles and which he believes is a most promising line for Black. Turner played the first 15 moves perfectly and on his 16th turn effected a speculative (but highly dangerous) pawn thrust on
the K-side. Jack's retort was dubious and in a few moves he
seemed to be very hard pressed, both in position and on his clock. Then things started to humTurner lost the thread of the position on his 21st move and continued to swim up to and including his 27th move. He also ate up large gobs of time to eatch up to Collins on the clock. Abe managed to achieve a lost game, but much of the credit must go to Collins who after his early lapse was playing with precision and force. On his 27 th move Jack missed B-B5 which would have concluded most brilliantly. Coming down to the wire to the 32 nd move, the final position was drawn by three-fold repetition. Actually the game was so wild both players seemed to be lost (but Collins had the advantage actually) especially as only seconds remained for each on his clock. The repetitive climax was a tame ending to a terrific struggle which enticed most of the spectators' interest during the exciting evening, Reshevsky included Turner is talented but too cautious -he needs more confidence in his middle game. Collins is a sound and resourceful player. He prefers positional struggles and counter attacks to direct combinative abrasion. Together, the ebullient Turner and the taciturn Collins gave the crowd its best thrills of the night. What a pity the game didn't go on to the 40th moveactually the strain was too much for the players. They seemed relieved at the conclusion.
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Due to pressure of news copy in the May 20 th and June 5th issues of CHESS LIFE, the feature "Elements of Chess" by International Master Herman Steiner has been temporarily suspended. The feature will resume publication in the June 20th issue.

The Lincoln (Neb.) Chess Club scored a $4-3$ victory over the Kansas City YMCA Chess Club at Kansas City, Missouri. The feature game was an upset scored by Leonard Frankenstein, 16-year-old Kansas City player, against Alexander Liepnieks. Frankenstein repeated his performance of March 7 when he defeated Henry J. Georgi, former Kansas Champ. The youth will be Kansas City entry in the U.S. Junior Championship to be held in Kansas City August 3-8 inclusive.

Lincoln's victors in the match were Joe Warner, Italo Manarin, Anton Sildmets and John Danenfeld, while Richard A. Menuet and William Sabin also scored for Kansas City. The Lincoln team included one Latvian, two Esthonians, one Italian, and one Russian, all refugees from troubled Europe.

Omaha Expert Alfred Ludwig won 14 games, drew 5 and lost 1 in a simultaneous at the YMCA, Waterloo. The sole victory went to Iowa Champion John Penquite.

Staten Island (N.Y.) Chess Club won a short-wave radio match with the University of Pennsylvania 5-1 in two night sessions. The Philadelphia opera tor was Dan Samuels, W3ABT.

# Chess Life In $\eta_{\text {ew }}$ York <br> By Eliot Hearst 

ONE might think that the Manhattan Chess Club's ten-year domination of New York's Met League must certainly come to an end eventually, for are not New York's other chess clubs, including the powerful Marshall C.C., filled with available talent?! As of now, however, it seems as if the Manhattan club will go on winning and winning until the club decides not to compete anymore-an unlikely possibility! This year's championship found the perennial victors again at the top of the standings, the title being clinched in the last round with a close $41 / 2-31 / 2$ win over their Marshall C.C. competitors.

The rival Marshall club, having been subjected to bad beatings on 16 and 17 boards the two previous years, decided to play on only eight this season and, as the score indicates, came very near to breaking their uptown opponents' skein of victories. "On paper" the Manhattan team of Denker, Horowitz, Pavey, Moscowitz, Shainswit, Turner, Bernstein, and Shipman seemed superior to the Marshall aggregation of Evans, Simonson, Pilnick, Hearst, Hanauer, Collins, Lasker, and Mengarini, but from the opening moves of the match to Simonson's resignation to Pavey one week later, the struggle was always in doubt; with a few small breaks the contest could easily have gone the other way.
In only three of the games were full points scored, the remaining five being adl hard-fought draws, unlike some of the "grandmaster draws" that had been agreed to in previous last-round clashes! Mengarini was the first to score a victory, defeating Sidney Bernstein, his conqueror in last year's Marshall-Manhattan match; Dr. Mengarini played a French Defense, gobbled up a pawn in the opening and held on to this material advantage which soon proved decisive. Hanauer's struggle with Shipman and Lasker's with Shainswit, though tenaciously contested, resulted eventually in clearly drawn positions, while U. S. Champ Larry Evans had an uphill fight to split the point with former national titleholder, Arnold Denker. Thus the match stood at $21 / 2-11 / 2$ (Marshall) with four exciting games still in progress.

The turning point of the battle, most observers agree, came when Jack Collins of the Marshalls, the present N.Y.S. champion, accepted a draw in a winning position against Abe Turner; it seems that Collins was in severe time pressure and agreed to the half-point lest he blunder badly and cost his team a full point. The Horowitz-Hearst game was the next to be decided; after a wild middlegame which saw the former attacking on the kingside and the latter on the
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# GAMES BY USCF MEMBERS 

Annotated by Chess Master JOHN W. COLLINS, New York State Champion, 1953

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WHITE TO PLAY AND WIN
Weaver W. Adams, former $U . S$. Open Champion and author of "White To Play and Win" and "Simple Chess," writes that he believes this game, and its companion which is quoted in the notes, is 'as significant as any he has ever played from the standpoint of "White To Play And Win."

## VIENNA GAME <br> MCO: page 308, column 4 Luebbert Masters' Invitation Correspondence Tournament Concluded in 1953

White
W. W.

AMS
R. KUJOTH
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { 1. P-K4 P-K4 } & \text { 2. Kt-QB3 } & \text {........ }\end{array}$ The Vienna Game. Adams' opening
system was originally based on 2. B-B4, system was originally
the Bishop Opening.
the Bishop Opening. ${ }^{2}$ K. B-B4 Ki... K+xP
Alekhine said that it was solely on account of this move that he gave up the Vienna Game. It may be he overestimated the worth of the move. If 3 . ......., B-B4; 4. P-Q3, preparing for 5. P-B4, is the right way for White. But on 3. ........ B-B4; 4. P-B4? BxKt!; 5.
RxB, KtxP: 6. KtxKt, P-Q4; 7. P-Q4, RxB, KtxP: 6. KtxKt, P-Q4; 7. P-Q4,
PxB; 8. BPxP, Q-R5 ch; 9. Kt-Kt3, KtPxB; 8. BPxP, Q-R5 ch; 9. Kt-Kt3, Kt-
B3!; 10. 10. B-K3, B-Kt5; 11. Q-Q2, P-B3!; 12. B-B2, PxP; 13. Kt-B5, Q-B3; 14. KtK3, B-R4; 15. P-Q5, O-O-O; 16. P-KKt4, Kt-Q5! (Adams-Pinkus, Detroit, 1950) Black secures a winning position.

## 4. Q-R5

$\begin{array}{lll}\text { 4. ....... } & \text { Kt-Q3 } & \text { 5. B-K } \\ \text { 4. }+3\end{array}$
5. QxKP ch leads to equality.
5.

On 5. ......, B-K2; 6. QxKP, O-O; 7. P-
Q4, Kt-K1; 8. KKt-K2, P-B3; 9. P-Q5,
P-Q3; 10. Q.B4, Kt-B3; 11. P-KR3 (AdamsGates, Boston, 1945) White stands a bit better.
Not 6. ......., KtxKt??; 7. QxBP mate. And White was threatening 7. KtxKt ch, BxKt; 8. QxBP mate.

## 7. Q-B3.

Here, and on the next move, the threat
of mate is renewed. of mate is renewed.
7.
P- .......

8. ....... Q-K2
This is considered best. Adams-Dr. Sturm, Lucbbert Masters' Invitation Correspondence Tournament, concluded in 1953, continued: 8. ........, Q-B3; 9. KtxP

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31.
32. K×K.... K+×B
B-RG
The Black Pawns are now all sitting ducks.
ch, K-Q1; 10. KtxR, P-Kt3; 11. P-Q4! KtxP; 12. Kt-B3, B-QKt2; 13. QxKt(Q4)! PxQ; 14. B-Kt5, QxB; 15. KtxQ, B-Kt2; 16. O-O-O, B-KR3; 17. P-KR4, BxP; 18. R-R2, BxKt; 19. P-KB4, B-KKt2; 20. RKt1, B-KB3; 21. P-R5, BxKt; 22. RxB, B-B6; 23. PxP, R-K1; $24 . \quad$ P-B3, RPxP; 25. RxKtP, K-B2; 26. PxP, R-KB ch; 27. K-Q2, R-K2; 23. P-Q5, R-K1; 29. R-R3, KtK5ch; 30. K-B1, B-Kt5; 31, R-K3, P-Kt4; 32. B-B2, B-R4; 33. R-QR6, K-Kt2; 34. RR6, B-B2; 35. BxKt, PxB; 36. R-R7, BxP; 37. RxP ch, K-B3; 38. RxP, K-Kt3; 39. R-R7, R-B1; 40. R-R5, R-Q1; 41. P-Kt4, and Black Resigned.
9. KłxPch K-Q1 10. K $+\times \mathbf{R} \quad$ P-K+3 A trap Black can play for is 10 ........, P-K5?!; 11. Kt-K2, B-Kt2; 12. O-O, P-Kt3; 13. P-B3, B-Kt2; and the White Queen will be lost to 14. ........, Kt-R4; 14. ......... Kt -Kt5; or 14. $\qquad$ Kt -Q5.
This is Adams' improvement which he published as long ago as 1946, but which is still not in MCO or PCO. 11. P-Q3 and 11. KtxP, the book moves, allow Black to get the better of it.
11. ........ B-QKt2

Both 11. ...... Kt-Q5; 12. Q-R3, B-QKt2; 13. P-QB3, Kt-K3; 14. BxKt: and 11. ........, Kt-Q5; 12. Q-R3, B-KKt2; 13. P-QB3, RK1; 14. P-Q3, Favor White, but may be better.
12. Q-R3
12. Q-R3 BXKt

Or 12. ......., P-KR4; 13. B-Q5, P-KKt4; 14. $\mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{K} 2, \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{B} 3 ; 15$. P-QKt4, with an advantage for White.
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { 13. } \mathrm{B}-\mathrm{Q} 5 & \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Kt4} & \text { 16. } \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{K} 2 & \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{K} 3\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}\text { 14. P-QB3 } & \mathrm{KHt-K+4} & \text { 16. } \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{K} 2 & \text { Kt-K3 } \\ \text { 17. P-Q4! } & \text { B-KK } 12\end{array}$ 15. $\mathbf{B \times K t} \quad \mathrm{BXB}$
If 17.
${ }_{\mathrm{B} 3}$ If. Kt-B2...., PxP; 18. O-O, B-Kt4; 19. Q$\mathrm{B3}$, Kt-B2; 20. Q-Kt7! (threatening 21. Q-
$\mathrm{Kt8}$ mate) QxKt?; (20. KtxP, BxR? $22 . \mathrm{Kt}$-B6 ch wins the Queen) 21. B-Kt5 ch, K-K1; (21. ...... BK2; 22. Q-Kt8 mate) $22 . \mathrm{KR}-\mathrm{K} 1$, wins the Queen.
$\begin{array}{lcll}\text { 18. P×P } & \text { BXKP } & \text { 21. KR-K1 } & \text { R-B1 } \\ \text { 19. B-Q2 } & \text { P-B5 } & \text { 22. P-QKt41 } & \ldots-.\end{array}$


To prevent 22........, Kt-B4. Now if 22. PxP; 25. QxKt!! QxQ; 26. Kt-K6ch, PxKt; PxP; 25. QxKt!! QxQ; 26. Kt-K6ch, PxKt;
27. BxP ch, K-B1; 28. BxQ, and wins. A 27. BxP ch, K
remarkable lin
22. If 23 P-Q4? 23. Kt-K+3! Kt-K+4 $\ldots$, . PxR;' 25 . B-Kt5 ch wins the Queen) 25. RxB, P-B8-Q; 26. RxN, and wins. Very nice.
24. Q-R4

Threatening to win a piece with 25. KtxB. White has a won game because of the threats to the exposed Black King and Queen.
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { 24. } & \text { 25.... } & \text { BXKtP } & \text { 26. } \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{K2} \\ \text { 25 } & \text { K-K1 }\end{array}$ If 26. ........, QxKt; 27. QxKt ch, K-B1; 28. QxB , takes two for one.
27. Kt-Q4 P-KR4

There are no adequate answers to the threats of 28 . R-K1 and 28. R-Kt1. With the text, Black hopes to obtain some dangerous passed-pawns.
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { 28. R-K1 } & K+\text { 35 } & \text { 30. QxQ ch } & \text { KxQ }\end{array}$ 29. P-B3 Q-K2 $\quad$ 31. R-Kł1! Well judged. Oddly enough, it is much pieces and a Pawn down than it is with a plece up!

DAKE vs. ZEMGALIS
The two foremost players of the NorthWest meet in this game. Arthur W. Dake has been one of America's top players since 1930 and Elmars Zemgalis has come from Europe to take his place as one of our most gifted young masters.
QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

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 Team MatchCentralia, 1953
Notes by Arthur W. Dake
White
A. W. DAKE
E. ZEMlack
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$\begin{array}{llll}\text { (Portland } & \text { C. C.) } & \text { P.Q4 } & \text { 3. } \\ \text { (Seattle C. C.) } \\ \text { Kt-QB3 }\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { 2. P-QB4 } & \text { P-K3 } & \text { 4. } & \text { Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3 }\end{array}$
Or 4. PxP, the Exchange Variation, for which Botvinnik and Reshevsky have a great predilection, because it forces the style of play they prefer. The modern preparation for Lasker's Defense (7. ....... Kt-K5). The move gains. a tempo and henceforth Black need no worry about an unprotected KRP.
An inter
An interesting way to avoid the Lasker Defense, tried by Fine against Alekhine, Nottingham, 1936, is 6. BxKt, BxB 7. P-K4! PxKP; 8. KtxP, Kt-B3; 9. KtxB ch, QxKt; 10. Q-Q2. But in this variation Black has a free and easy development, 6. ........ O-O
This strong equalizing move, which exThis strong equalizing move, which ex-
changes minor pieces, constitutes the changes minor pieces, constitutes the
Lasker Defense. Lasker and Capablanca both used it against Marshall in matches.
$\begin{array}{lcrll}\text { 8. } & \mathrm{B} \times \mathrm{B} & \text { Q×B } & \text { 10. Q×Kt } & \text { P-QB3 }\end{array}$ 9. P-K3 KtxKt 11. B-Q3
White can also play 11. PxP,
KPxP; 12. B-Q3, with a slight plus.
11.
PxP 13. O-O. 12. BxP P-QKt3 14. P-K4
White is trying for an advantage, but the text is double-edged.
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { 14. ........ } & \text { B-Kł2 } & \text { 15. KR-K1 P-QB4 }\end{array}$


The equalizing move.
16. Q-R3

Trying to keep up the pressuve.
16. QR-B1 would exert more pressure $\begin{array}{ll}\text { on the QBP. } \\ \text { 17. } & \text { Kt- } . . . . \\ \text { 19. B-Kt1 }\end{array}$
18. B-Q3 $\quad$ R-B2
19. P-K5, Kt-Q4; 20. PxP, QxP; 21. QxQ, 19. P-K5, Kt-Q4; 20. PxP, QxP; 21. QxQ,
RxQ; 22. B-K4, leadds to equality only, but 19. B-Kt1 gives Black opportunities,
19.
P×P
21. RxP 20. Q×Q RXQ 2I. RXP

An excellent move, as White's only active Rook is exchanged and Black will have opportunities to put pressure on the open files and seventh rank, plus an attack on the KP.
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { 22. } R \times R \quad K t x R & \text { 23. Kt-Q4 } \\ \text { White decides to }\end{array}$
White decides to play an active defense, rather than the passive 23. P-KR3. 23. ........ P-R3

Much too defensive. Black does not exploit his previous good play. Better is 23. K......... Kt-K4; and then White would be forced to play every move correctly to hold the game. And the clock would be ticking away to Black's advantage! E.g., 23. ......, Kt-K4; 24. KtKt5, R-Q1; 25. KtxP, R-Q7; 26. P-QKt4, with an unclear position. Or, in this line, 25 . ......, B-R3; (instead of 25 . .......,

Kt3; 28. Kt-B6, R-Q3; 29. Kt-R5, KtxP; 30. P-Kt3, with at least equality.
24. P-B3 R-Q1

Again 24. ......., Kt-K4!; 25. P-QKt3, RQ1; 26 . Kt-K2, R-Q7; (if 26 . ........, P-QKt4; 27. Kt-B3, P-Kt5; 28. R-Q1, equalizes) 27. Kt-B3, P-QKt4; 28, R-Q1, R-Kt7; 29. R-QB1, P-Kt5; 30. Kt-R4, R-Q7; 31. KtB5, B-B1; 32. Kt-Q3 and draws.
25. Kt-B2 Kt-K4 26, Kt-K3 P-KKt4 Better is 26. ......., R-Q7; and White must play his best to hold the position. But Black feared the following "mirage" variation: 26. ........, R-Q7; 27. PB4? Kt-Q6??; 28. Kt-B4, RxP ch; 29. KxR, KtxR ch; 30 . K-B2, and White wins. However, Black could play 27. ........, Kt -Kt3!; 28. Kt-B4, R-Q5!; with a winning Kt-Kt3!; 28. Kt-B4, R-Q5!; with a winning
position. But, moreover, White has a position. But, moreover, White has a
much better move in 27 . B-B2! and can much better move in 27. B-B2! and can
hold the game in all variations by achold the game in all variations ay ac-
tive defense, as the following examples show-
Var. I. 27. B-B2, Kt-B5; 28. R-Q1, R-K7; 29. B-Q3, KtxKt; 30. BxR, KtxR; 31. BxKt.
Var. II. 27. B-B2, Kt-B5; 28. R-Q1, RxR; 29. KtxR.

Var. III. 27. B-B2, P-KKt4; 28, R-Q1, RK7; 29. K-B1, RxKt; 30. K-B2, Kt-B5; 31. R-Q7, B-B3; 32. R-B7, B-Kt4; 33. P-QR4, KtxP; 34. KxR, KtxP; (see 3A) 35. BxKt, BxB; 36. R-R7, B-KtA; 37. R-Kt7.
Var. III, A. 34. KxR, BxP; 35. K-Q4, BxB; 36. RxB, Kt-R5; 37. R-B8 ch, K-Kt2; 38 . 36. RxB, Kt-R5; 37. R-B8 ch, K-Kt2;
R-QR8, Kt-B4; 39. R-QKt8, Kt-R5; 40. R-QR8,
K-B4.
Var. IV. 27. B-B2, P-QR4; 28. R-Q1, R-K7; 29. R-Q8 ch, K-R $2 ; 30$ R-QKt8, B-R3; 31. RxP, B-Q6; $32 . \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Kt4}$, (see 4A) Ktx Peh; 33. PxKt, RxB; 34. Kt-B2.
Var. IV, A. 32. BxB, KtxB; 33. Kt-B1, Kt-K8; 34. Kt-Kt3, R-QB7; 35. K-B1, Ktx KtP; 36. Kt-K2, Kt-K6 ch; 37. K-K1. Var. V. 27. B-B2, P-QKt4; 28. R-QB1, Kt-B5; 29. Kt-B1, R-Q2; (see 5A) 30. RKt1.
Var. V, A. ${ }^{29 .}$......., R-K7; 30. Kt-Kt3, R-Q7; 31. Kt-B1, R-Q2; 32. R-Kt1.
Var. VI. 27. B-B2, P-B4; 28. B-Kt3, PxP; 29. BxP ch, K-B1; 30. PxP, BxP; 31 . B-R3.
27. R-Q1
This game shows that Elmar Zemgalis is a talented chessplayer and chess fans may expect future battles between us. As usual, the variations that did not occur were more interesting than the ones in the actual game, as the party ended in a peaceful draw.
(We wish to thank Mr. Dake, a good USCF Member, for his notes and cooperation. We hope he will be a frequent Guest Annotator-JWC.)

## SCOTCH GAMBIT

MCO: page 269, col. 11 (c)
Correspondence Game 1952
Notes by J. N. Cotter
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Notes by J. N. Cotter } \\ \text { White } \\ \text { Black } \\ \text { M. N. COTTER } & \text { MAX BELZ } \\ \text { (Harrington, Del.) } \\ \text { 1. P-K4 P-K4 } & \text { (Waldeboro, Me.) }\end{array}$
2. Kt-KB3 $\mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{QB} 3$

The Scotch opening. This order of moves often offers a convenient method of arriving at variations of the Two Knights' Defense or the Max Lange Attack.
3. ....... PxP 4. B-QB4 B-B4 An excellent alternative is ........, Kt -B3. 5. O-O Q-K2?

The first departure from the tried and true. ........, Kt-B3 leads to the Max Lange Attack for White, but is definitely to be preferred to the text which only places the $Q$ on a vuinerable square. 6. P-B3! PXP

Instead ........, $P-Q 6$ would prevent white from realizing his positional aim, the quick mobilization of his QKt to the vital center squares but Belz cannot be condemned for trying to hold an extra pawn for his inevitable troubles.

## 7. $\mathbf{K t x P} \quad \mathrm{Kt} \mathbf{- B 3}$

The second inexactitude after which Black's game is probably beyond redemption. ........, P-Q3 offered better fighting chances.
9. Kt-Q5 Kt-KK+5 10. B-KK+5 B-K2 Or ......., Kt-K2; 11. P-Kt4, P-QB3; 12. PxB, PxKt; 13. BxKt, QxB; 14, QxP with a magnificent game.
11. K $\ddagger \times \mathrm{BB} \mathrm{KtxKt}$ 12. Q-Q4! P-Q3 Or ......., Kt-R3; BxKt, and 14, P-K6 and wins.
Black squi P-KB3 14, B-B4 Kt-B4 Black squirms nobly but the desk is stacked.
White finds the best move in a position replete with intriguing possibilities. The
intention was to continue after the objectively best reply 15 ........, $\mathrm{Kt}(5)$-R3 as follows: 16. Q-K4 ch, K-B1; 17. PxP, Q-K1; 18. QxQ ch, KxQ; 19. KR-K1 ch, K-B1 (not ......., K-Q2?; 20. B-Kt5 mate); 20. QR-Q1 and wins.
15.

Suecumbing to the secondary point involved in White's 15th move.
16. KR-K1 ch K-B1

17. R-K7! Resigns

GUEST ANNOTATORS
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## N. Y. CHESS LIFE

(Continued from page 5 , col. 4) queenside, the onslaught on the king finally won through and Hearst got mated just when his queenside attack had reached its maximum strength! Pilnick, after fighting his way back from a twopawn deficit against Moscowitz, missed two clear winning lines and at adjournment his game was manifestly drawn, although he played on for several more moves before abandoning all winning attempts. The tense contest then was deadlocked at $31 / 2-31 / 2$ with Pavey retaining as slight edge over Simonson at adjournment. A week later this decisive game was played off and won surprisingly easily by the Manhattan club champion, although he was aided by a very weak sealed move on Simonson's part. So the Manhattan club was victorious again and they might aptly be declared the "N.Y. Yankees" of the Metropolitan Chess League! Stop the Manhattan Chess Club!
IN BRIEF:The Marshall Junior team's postponed last round match with Inter-collegiate will decide second place in the Met League; as of now, the standings are Manhattan C. C. $5 \frac{1}{2}-1 \frac{1}{2}$, Marshall Seniors $41 / 2-11 / 2$, and .Marshall Juniors 4-1 . . . . . Willy Lombardy has scored five straight victories for the Marshall Junior aggregation including wins over Frank Howard and Albert Pinkus Columbia's national champion chess team graduates seven of its top eight boards this June, including E. Hearst, J. Sherwin and P. Schwartz. Karl Burger, the one remaining champion team member, has been named eaptain for next year . . . . . . Sammy Reshevsky has left for Argentina and his return match with Miguel Najdorf.

Winnipeg City title went to Shebaylo who scored $71 / 2-1 / 2$ in the 9 player robin, drawing with runnerup Carter who scored $61 / 2-11 / 2$. Carter lost one game to Jacobson. Bedard was third with $5-3$, while Uldback placed fourth with 4-4.

## Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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## Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 415 (Hartong): 1. PxP, with interferences on the Black Queen after 1. posing.

No. 416 (Lewis): 1. P-B3.
No. 417 (Mansfield): 1. Kt-K6.
No. 418 (Eaton): 1. Q-B6, threat; 2. P-K7. If 1. ........, B-K2; 2. Kt-Q6 ch. If 1. ....... Kt-Q5; 2. Kt-K7 ch. If 1. ......., RxKt ch; 2. PxR ch. If 1. ......., Kt-Q7; 2. BxReh. If 1. ......., KxP; 2. P-K7. If 1........., B-B4; 2. PxB ch. If 1. ........., BxP; 2. RxB ch.

## SOLVERS' LADDER

(Two points for two-movers; four points for three-movers; extra credit for correct cldims of "cooks," i.e., solutions not intended by the composers. The following tally covers solutions received up to the time we went to press, on May 25. Late solutions will be credited on the next Ladder.)
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216 B. M. Marshall 212 Nicholas Yoe 210 W. H. James 204 N. Reider 184 M. A. Michaels 148 O. C. Dupree 144 G. Springbett 128 T. Seidel 108 Kurt Blumberg 104 P. Hunsicker
We welcome Dalton L. Rumberger, Louis T. Warrey 18 R. W. Wittemann III to the solvers' Circle, and congratulate R. M. Collins, who wins the bi-monthly Ladder competition.

The 2nd Leubbert Tournament for correspondence players begins with 48 entrants, including such well-known postalites as Edgar McCormick, Povilas Tautvaisas, Russell Chauvenct, Paul Poschel, Franz Neugebauer, Mrs G Piatigorsky, F J Yerhoff, Dr M G Sturm, E W. Marchand, Irving Rivise, J. B. Payne, and O. W. Manney. Seven more entries can be accepted to fill out 5 sections of 11 players each. Those interested
may contact: Morton W. Luebbert, Jr., 2007 Chester St., Kansas City 3, Kansas.

Fresno (Calif.) Chess Club: Phil D. Smith won the club title with $81 / 2-11 / 2$ in 16 player Swiss, drawing with S . Poulsen, T. Fries, and M. Hailparn. Poulsen was second with $8-2$, losing to Fries and drawing with Smith and Hailparn. Third and fourth on S-B with 7-3 were Fries and Hailparn.
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# What's The Best Move? 

By Guilherme Groesser


Send solutions to Position No. 118 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by July 5, 1953.

## Solutions to Position No. 115

Solvers were almost unanimous in finding the correct line of play in the position, Kieninger-N. N., which is 1. $\mathrm{RxP} \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{RxR}$; 2. K-Q7, R-Q7 ch; 3. K B6, R-B7 ch; 4. K-Q6! (Not 4. K-Kt5, R-Kt7 ch; 5. K-B4, R-Kt1!), R-Q7 ch (if
5. ........ $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B} 1$; 6. K-Q7 wins); 5. K-K5, 5. ........, R-B1; 6. K-Q7 wins); 5. K-K5,
R-K7 ch; 6. K-B5!, R-B7 ch; 7. K-Kt4, R-K7 ch;
R-Kt7 ch; 8.
8. for the Pawn must queen. The solution of $1 . \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{Q1}$ as suggested by some solvers only draws after 1. ........, RxR stalemate Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: J. Barry (Ann Arbor), K. Blumberg (Chicago), F. Cabot III (Sturgeon Bay), J. E. Comstock (Duluth), W. E. Couture (Charleston), H. A. Dittmann (Salt Lake City), E. Gault (Philadelphia), E. Godbold (St. Louis), D. Hamburger (Pittsburgh), W. H. James (Fox Lake), E. J. Korpanty (Belleview), H. Kurruk (Des Plaines), E. F. Lawrence (Phillips), E. Nash (Washington), D. C. McDaniel (Los Angeles), J. Melnick McDaniel
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Our congratulations to N. P. Witting of Salem, Ore. who tops the quarterly solving ladder with 50 points; and our hearty welcome to new solvers: Kurt Blumberg, Russell E. Brigham, G. F. Chase, H. A. Dittmann, E. F. Lawrence, J. F. Solano, L. Thompson, and R. W. Wittemann III.

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James Creighton third with $5-2$. SecJames Creighton third with 5-2. Sec-
tion 2 went to Henry Youngman with tion 2 went to Henry Youngman with $6-1$, while Pablo Cortez was second with $51 / 2-11 / 2,2$ and David Knight third with $41 / 2-21 / 2$. In Section 3 Jack Moore scored $61 / 2-1 / 2$ for first, Charles Fuchsman was second with 6-1, and Roger Benjamin third with 4-3.

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