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Larry Evans On Chess



International Master

LARRY EVANS

U. S. Chess Champion U. S. Open

Champion, 1951-52 U. S. Team Member, 1950, 1952

VASSILY SMYSLOV U.S.S.R.

THAT a Russian will win the forthcoming challengers tournament is almost a foregone conclusion. And Smyslov is the one Russian outside of Botvinnik who has a solid plus over Reshevsky. He has a vast amount of international experience and a very serious ap-proach towards the game. His playing style is rock-ribbed, his knowledge of the openings sound, and his end-game ability probably the finest of anyone in the tournament. His stamina and staying power also are assets of no small value.

Recently he has done nothing spectacular, except a fine showing at second board at the team tournament at Helsinki. His past performances indicate that he has always performed steadily and creditably. His showing here, as with all the other players, will depend a great deal upon the form he is in.

CONCLUSION: Fair chance. Despite his proven prowess, I feel that he does not have the required enterprise and "something extra" required to win a tournament like this. I predict he will tie with Reshevsky, or somewhere thereabouts.

(Next issue: Keres' chances.)

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 Mc-Kurk. 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

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

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 Stein-meyer 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) 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 17th 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 1½ 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

Metropolitan League

Manhattan		Marsh	all
J. Moskowitz	à	C. Pilnick	h
I. A. Horowitz	1	E. Hearst	0
A. S. Denker	3	L. Evans	1
M. Pavey	1	A. C. Simonson	0
W. Shipman	8	M. Hanauer	1
A. Turner	ă	J. W. Collins	10
G. Shainswit	ě	E. Lasker	1
S. Bernstein	0	A. Mengarini	1
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, Pil-nick 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.

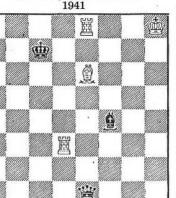
U. S. Champion Larry Evans met the former national titleholder Arnold Denker at board 3. The genial ex-champion, who came out of semi-retirement to play for his club, forced the draw after what looked like a well-played game to this reporter.

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.

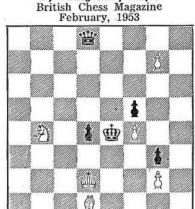
The sensation of the League competition has been the performance of the Marshall Juniors, made up of teen-age players captained by Jimmy Sherwin. Although Jimmy is the only rated master on the team, the youngsters drew their matches with the Manhattan Club and the Marshall Seniors, won from all the other clubs in the league up to the last round.

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By H. Rinck 1st Prize, Schakvarlden 1941



White to play and win



Position No. 218

By Montgomery Major

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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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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Official rating forms should be secured in advance from:-Montgomery Major

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Chess Life Friday, Pe

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.



Miguel Colon won the San Juan (P.R.) City Championship 151/2-1/2, conceding a draw to Ralph Rivera in the 17 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.

BOOST AMERICAN CHESS!



CHESS COORDINATOR

Sam Teitelbaum (center) receives 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 Photo: Courtesy of Deseret News

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 61/2 1/2, 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 each.

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 Brice-Nash 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.

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE Board 2

White I. A. HOROWITZ (Marshall) 5. B-Q3 (Manhattan) 1 P-Q4 Kt-KB3 P-Q4 P-QB4 P-QB4 P-K3 Kt-QB3 B-Kt5 6. Kt-E 7. O-O P-QKt3 P-K3 0-0

good line is 7. QPxP!; 8. BxP, Kt-B3; 9. P-QR3, B-R4! etc. and Black stands well.

RPAP! KPAP

Preferrable is 8. KPXP but Black is an important tempo behind compared to the Evans-Denker game and the White QB has QR3 available

Kt-K2 P-B5

He'll try a Q-side pawn-roller but it will be far too slow. This move also rescues his KB.

11. Kt-K5 QKt-Q2 12. P-B4 P-QKt4 13. Kt-Kt3 Kt-Kt3 15. B-Q2 16. QR-K1 17. K-R1 P-Kt5 P-R5 Q-B2 An obscure move—more to the point is 17., B-QKt2. Perhaps he feared Kt-B6 (which on the previous move was not good for White).

18. Kt-R5 KtxKt 19. QxKt P-B4

18. Kf-R5 KfxKf 19. QxKf P.B4
There is no good defense., P-KKt3
is met with 20. KtxP, PxKt; 21. BxP,
PxB; 22. QxPch, K-R1; 23. Q-R6 ch, KKt1; 24. R-KB3 and Black's lot is a hard one. 20. P-K+4

Crashing the K-side open. The attack is too strong; Black's weak demonstration on the Q-side is insufficient. A strong game by Horowitz.

P-Kt6 RPxP 30. R-B2 31. B-Q6 32. R×B P-OK+1 20. 21. PxP 22. B-K†1 R-QB1 KtxP **BxKt** 33. QR-KB1 K-Kt2 34. R-B7ch QxR 35. RxQ KxR 23. BPxB 24. Q-Kt5 P-Kt3 R-R8 KxR K-K†1 K-K†2 25. PXP RYR 26. RXR 27. R-R1 28. B-Kt4 BxP Q-Q2 36. Q-B6ch 37. Q-K6ch R-QB1 38. QxR Kt-Q6 Kt-R5 39. Q-B8 mate



NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE Board 3

Black A. S. DENKER FVANS (Marshall) (Manhattan) (Marshall) (Manhattan)

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt5

2. P-QB4 P-K3 4. P-K3 0-0

My preference is 4., P-B4! The
text should be met with 5. KKt-K2!,
P-Q4; 6. P-QR3, B-K2; 7. PxP, PxP; 9.

Kt-B4, P-B3; 10. B-Q3 with a strong game.

A good alternative is 5., P-QKt3.

6. P-QR3 Preferrable is 6. B-Q3, P-B4!; 7. 0-0, QPxP; 8. BxP, Kt-B3 with an even posi-

BxKtch 8, PxQP KPxP
PB4 9, B-Q3 P-QKt3
He will exchange White's better B and weaken his light squares.
10. 0-0 B-R3 11. PxP
At least as places.

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 11. 12. BxB KtxB QXRP 13. P-B4 PXP 20. QXP 14. Q-R4 15. R-Q1 Kt-R2 21. R-QB1 22. Q-B3 Kt-K3 Q-K2 QR-K†1! P-KR3 16. QXP 17. P-QR4 23. P-KR3

battle is developing.

P-R5 K-R2 25. B-K†2 26. BxQ QxQ P-QR4 30. R-B7 31. P-B3 R-K18ch 27. Kt-Q4 KtxKt

petual check.
32. K-R2 Kt-Q7
33. R-R7 Kt-B8ch
34. K-Kt1 KtxPch 38, K-Kt1 Kt-K6ch 39. K-R2 40, K-K†1 Kt-B8ch 35. K-R2 Kt-B8ch 36. K-Kt1 Kt-Kt6ch

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE (By Transposition) Board 5

White (Manhattan)
6. KtxP B-K-7. M. HANAUER (Marshall) Kt-KB3 P-QB4 Kt-QB3 P-K4 P-KKt3 P-KKt3 7. B-Kt2 8. O-O QKI-Q2 Kt-KB3 P-Q3 9. R-QKt1 PXP P-Q4 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. 9. R-K1 11. PxP 10. P-QKt4 P-QR4 A surprising capture but it suffices to maintain equality. 11. Kf-B4 12. Kf-Kf3
The point—Black must stranghten out
White's pawns or remain a pawn down.
12. KKf-Q2 15. B-Kf2 Kf-K4
13. Kf-Kf5 KfxKt 16. R-QR1 RxR
14. PxKf RxRP 17. BxR Q-K2 Black actually has a tiny edge but hardly enough to win. 18. P-KR3 R-Q1 20. BxB KxB 19. P-B4 Kt-B3 And not 20., 6 KxB; 22. KtxBP, etc. Q-K6 ch; 21. K-R2, 21, Q-Rich K-Ktl 25, Kt-Q4 B-Q2
22, P-K4 P-B3 26, P-QKt4 KtxKt
23, Q-B3 R-KB1 27, QxKt P-QB4
24, R-QR1 B-K3 28, Q-B3 B-B3
He pursues the weak KP but his QP KtxKt P-QB4 is nothing to write home about either.

29. R-K1 PxP 30. QxKtP R-K1 30. QxKtP In response to this Hanauer offered a which was declined. Q1 Drawn 31. R-Q1 Drawn
Shipman then offered a draw after
Hanauer's 31st move. The end would
be 31., BxP; 32. QxQP, QxQ; 33.
RxQ, BxB; 34. KxB, R-QB1 very draw-



GRUENFELD DEFENSE (King's Highway Variation) Board 6

White . TURNER Black J. W. COLLINS (Manhattan) 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 (Marshall) 5. Q-Kt3 PxP P-QB4 P-KKt3 6. QxBP 7. P-K4 Kt-QB3 Kt-B3 P-Q4 B-K†2 KKt-Q2 Dr. Sussman's line in this variation of Gruenfeld and called in Metropoli tan circles the "King's Highway Varia-8. B-K3! 9. Q-Kt3 B-Kt5

14. KR-K†1 15. P-B4 16. P-B5!? Q-BI 11. P-Q5 K-R1? Kt-K4 12. B-K2 KtxKtch

12. B-K2 KYKYCH
A dubious reply. The position requires
16., P-QB3! Then on 17. BPxP,
RPxP; 18. PxP, PxP! and now if 19.
BxKt, R-QKt!! Or if 19. RxKKtP, B-K3! both cases favorable to Black, of course.

17. PxP 18. P-KR4 19. P-R5 BPXP 20. RPxP 21. R-KR1ch?

r. P-R5 Q-K1
"Swimming." "Swimming." The Rook belongs on KKt sq. trained on Black's weak KKtP. good m. 21. B-Q4. K-K+1 A good move is 21. B-KKt4. Another

22. Kt-Kt5?

21. K-Kf1 22. Kt-Kt5? Weak and a real time waster. 22. B-KK14 is still good; so is 22. B-Q4. 22. PxP! 23. PxP 17 23. KtxBP, QxKP; 24. P-B3, RxKBP!; 25. BxR, QxB; 26. R-KK11 (if 26. R-KB1, Q-Kt6 ch wins), B-R5 and wins. 23. Q-K5! 26. P-Q6ch B-K3 24. R-KK11 QR-K1 27. Q-Kt5? 25. Kt-B3 Q-KR5 27. Q-B2! was necessary here!

25. Kt-B3 Q-KR5 27. Q-B2! was necessary here! B-B42

Collins misses a grand opportunity. It is true that 27., Kt-B5 fails because of 28. P-Q7 (all other replies lose!), But 27., B-B5! wins brilliantly. If 28. Q-KKt5, BxKt ch!; 29. PxB, QxBP ch!; 30. BxQ, RxB ch; 31. K-B1, KRxB mate! Or 28. Q-QB5, BxKt ch!; 29. PxB, QxBP ch!; 30. ExQ, RxB ch; 31. K-B1, R(K7)xB dbl. ch.; 32. K-K1, R-K7 mate! Best is 28. BxB ch, KtxB; 29. Q-Q5 ch (if Q-QB5 or Q-KKt5, Black replies QxBP mate), R-B2! (......, K-R1 may also win); 30. Resigns! The threats are overwhelming. After missing this opportunity Collins takes the draw by repetition. In the final position he still Collins misses a grand opportunity. It

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 unfortunately in the notes to Black's 27th turn.

28. K-Q2 R-K4 31. Q-Kt3ch B-K3

29. Q-Kt3ch B-K3 32. Q-B2 B-B4 30. Q-B2 **B-B4** Drawn



QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED Board 7

G. SHAINSWIT

White

35. R-Q2

DR. E. LASKER

(Marshall) (Manhattan) P-QB4 Kt-QB3 P-K3 3. P-Q4 P-QB3 4. P-K4 The normal 4. P-K3 is less simplifying. 5. KtxP Kt-B3 Intriguing is 5., B-Kt5 ch; 6. B-Q2, QxQP; 7. BxB, QxKt ch; 8. B-K2! with a very strong attacking game for White. KtxKtch QxKt Kt-B3 B-Kt5ch 10. B-K2 P-K4 11. 0.0 B-Q2 QxB BxBch 12. P-Q5 Kt-Q2 An attempt at complications. After 12.

PxP, KtxP; 13. KtxKt, QxKt Black would have a minimal edge.

PxP 13. PxP Kt-Kt3 Instead of this simplification would have led to a fascinating midgame. 14. KR-Q1 R-Q1 20. R-Q2 21. QR-Q1 22. KtxB 23. RxR KtxP B-K3 15. Q-K3 BxB 16. QXP 17. QXQ 18. Kt-Q4 RXR KtxQ K-R1 B-Q4 P-QR3 19. P-B3 QR-R1 K-K2 is better. Why 24., K-K2 is petter. the Q-side if not forced 25. K-K1 K-K2 27. K 25. K-K1 K-K2 26. Kt-Q4 P-KKt3 27. Kt-Kt3 28. K-Q1 Kt-O2 To be preferred is Kt-K4! The text al-lows Dr. Lasker a bit of pressure but Shainswit's careful play easily 36. Kt-B4 37. R-QB2 K-B2 K-Q1 30. P-QKt3 31. R-K2ch 32. Kt-B4 33. Kt-K5 Kt-Q2 38. Kt-Q6 39. R-Q2 40. P-B5 Kt-Kt3 K-B2 K-B3 K-Q1 Kt-B3 R-K2 Kt-Q2 P-B3 41. PXP

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.

Shainswit actually now has a minimal

edge but the players agreed to a draw.

Drawn



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. Wreschner.

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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 Board 8

White

BERNSTEIN

A. MENGARINI (Manhattan) (Marshall) P-K3 3. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3 After much deliberation this second After much deliberation this second best move occurs. Correct is 5. Kt-B3, BPXP (5., Kt-B3 is also good); 6. KKtxP, P.K4; 7. Kt-B3, P-Q5; 8. QKt-K2, Kt-B3 with play for both sides.

5. ______ PxP! 6. B-Kt5ch ______
This leads eventually to the loss of a pawn. His best is 6. KtxP, KtxKt; 7. BxKt, QxQ ch; 8. KxQ, BxP; 9. K-K2 with a tiny edge for Black.

6. ______ B-Q2 8. Q-K2?

7. B-Kt5! BxP

Much better than this losing move is Much better than this losing move is 8. BxB ch!, QKtxB; 9. KtxKP! ch. Black has only a minimal edge. After the text Mengarini never gives Be-chance. An impressive game. Bernstein a P-B4 B-Kt5! 20. K-B1 K-Kt2 K-B3 Kt-B6 BxKtch 0-0 21. P-R3 22. P-Kt3 10. PxB 23. Kt-Q4 24. Kt-Kt3 25. Kt-R5 11. Kt-K2 BxB 13. P-QB4 OXO R(1)-B2 14. PxQ 15. O-O QK1-Q2 QR-B1 26. R-Q1 27. R-Q8 K-K4

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R-B4

KR-B1

28. RxR

30. PxP

KR-B1

18. P-QR4

19. R-R2

RxR

K-K51

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Major Topics

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Farewell To An Editor

No man but a blockhead ever wrote except for money. JOHNSON-Boswell's Life of Johnson

N^O 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 Tree

By William Rojam

HESS 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 state-ment 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 attempt is made to meet the objection as to time; and in actual practice sales are confined to our membership on some discount basis—a practice that I pronounced as perfectly proper . . ."

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 Man-ager 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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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, Jack Moskowitz, erstwhile Manhattan C. C. victor. Carl soon achieved a distinct initiative against his opponents favorite Nimzo-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

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 "Horo-witzian" 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 Horo-witz 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.

Evans vs. Denker

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 game. 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 play-Editor). Both players chose their moves rapidly and with great poise. It was a professional game

Hanauer vs. Shipman

An interesting opening (a King's Indian Defense by transposition from an English debut) marked 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 his 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 struggle 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 hum-Turner 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 catch 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 On his 27th move Jack missed B-B5 which would have concluded most brilliantly. down to the wire to the 32nd 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 20th 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 Liepnicks. 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 operator was Dan Samuels, W3ABT. Chess Cife Friday, Page 5

Chess Life In New York By Eliot Hearst

O NE 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 all 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 De-fense, 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 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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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 MCO: page 308, column 4 Luebbert Masters' Invitation Correspondence Tournament Concluded in 1953

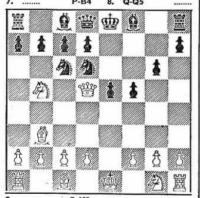
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Threatening 5. QxBP mate. 4. Kt-Q3 5. B-Kt3 5. QxKP ch leads to equality.

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5. Kt-B31?
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 (Adams-Gates, Boston, 1945) White stands a bit better.

Kt-Kt5 P-KKt3 Not 6., KtxKt??; 7. QxBP mate. And White was threatening 7. KtxKt ch, BxKt; 8. QxBP mate.

of mate is renewed.



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

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Chess Life Friday, P. June 5, 1953 Page 6 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. R-Kt1, B-KB3; 21. P-R5, BxKt; 22. RxB, B-B6; 23. PxP, R-K1; 24. P-B3, RPxP; 25. RxKtP, K-B2; 26. PxP, R-KB ch; 27. K-Q2, R-K2; 28. P-Q5, R-K1; 29. R-R3, Kt-K5ch; 30. K-B1, B-Kt5; 31. R-K3, P-Kt4; 32. B-B2, B-R4; 33. R-QR6, K-Kt2; 34. R R6, B-B2; 35. BxKt, PxB; 36. R-R7, BxP; 32. B-B2, B-R4; 33. R-QR6, R-R12; 34. R-R6, B-B2; 35. BxRt, PxB; 36. RxP, 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. KtxPch K-Q1 10. KtxR P-Kt3

7. KIXPCh K-Ql 10. KtxR P-Kt3
A trap Black can play for is 10.,
P-K5?!; 11. Kt-K2, B-Kt2; 12. O-O, P-K13;
13. P-B3, B-Kt2; and the White Queen will be lost to 14., Kt-R4; 14.,
Kt-Kt5; or 14., Kt-Q5.
11. Q-B3i

This is Adams' improvement which he

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-GKt2
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, R-K1; 14. P-Q3, Favor White, but may be better.

12. Q-R3

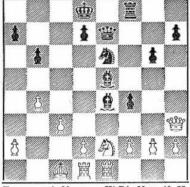
BxKt

Or 12. P-KR4: 13. B-O5. P-KKt4: 14.

Or 12., P-KR4; 13. B-Q5, P-KKt4; 14, Kt-K2, Q-B3; 15. P-QKt4, with an advantage for White. 13. B-Q5 Kt-14. P-QB3 Kt Kt-Kt4

16. Kt-K2 Kt-K3 17. P-Q4! B-KKt2 Kt-B2 15. BxKt BxB If 17., PxP; 18. O-O, B-Kt4; 19. Q-B3, Kt-B2; 20. Q-Kt7! (threatening 21. Q-Kt8 mate) QxKt?; (20., P-Q4; 21. KtxP, BxR?; 22. Kt-B6 ch wins the 15. BxKt BxB

Queen) 21. B-Kt5 ch, K-K1; (21., B-K2; 22. Q-Kt8 mate) 22. KR-K1, wins the Queen. 18. PxP 19. B-Q2 P-B5 B-K5 21. KR-K1 22. P-QKf4! 20. 0-0-0



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To prevent 22. Kt-B4. Now if 22., P-QR4; 23. Kt-Q4! Kt-Kt4; 24. Q-R4, PxP; 25. QxKt!! QxQ; 26. Kt-K6ch, PxKt; 27. BxP ch, K-B1; 28. BxQ, and wins. A remarkable line.

22. P-Q4? 23. Kt-Kt3! Kt-Kt4 If 23., PxKt; 24. RxB! PxBP; (24., 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.

24. BxKtP 26. Kt-K2

25. RxB! QxKt; 27. QxKt ch, K-B1; If 26., QxKt; 27. QxF 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. 28. R-K1 Kt-K5 30.

Kt-K5 30. QxQ ch Q-K2 31. R-Kt1! 28, R-K1 29, P-B3 Well judged. Oddly enough, it is much easier to win the ending with even pieces and a Pawn down than it is with a piece up!

KtyB 33. RXP 32. KxKt The Black Pawns are now all sitting ducks. B-Q2 35. R-Kt5 K-Q3 34. P-KR4 B-KI 36. P-K15! Zugzwang! P.RS 38. P-R4 B-Q2 37. R-K†8 Or 38., R-Kts; Kt-B6 ch, and wins. R-Kt3; 39. RxR, BxR; 40. Kt-B6 cn, 39. R-QR8 R-K-1. 39. R-K-17 ch finis 41. K-B1 42. R-K+7 Resigns 40. RxP R-Kt7 ch 42. R-Kt7 Resigns
One Missouri finish could be 42.
R-KR7; 43. RxP ch, K-B2; 44. R-KR6,
RxP; 45. P-R5, R-R8 ch; 46. K-Kt2, P-R5;
47. P-R6, P-R6; 48. P-Kt6 ch, K-Kt1; 49.
R-R8 ch, B-B1; 50. Kt-B6 ch, K-R1; 51.
RxB mate. A sharp tactical game with
theoretical connotations. Doubt is cast on current book opinion that the sacrifice of the exchange (5., Kt-B3 etc.) 'ensures Black a very strong and probably irresistable attack.'



DOWN SOUTH

Here is a game played "way down yonder in New Orleans"-the birthplace of Paul Morphy. Not many games have been coming in from the Southern States. Let's have more!

NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE MCO: page 108, column 36 New Orleans City Championship New Orleans, 1952-53

White Black AL WILLS 1. P-Q4 2. P-QB4 KEN VINES Kt-KB3 4. P-K3 5. Kt-B3 P-Q4 P.K3 Kt-QB3 B-Kt5 Preferable is 5. P-QR3, with visions of the Botvinnik-Capablanca, AVRO, 1938, game.

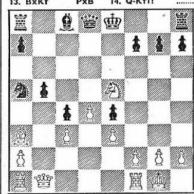
P-B4 KT-B3 7. 0-0 B-Q3 This fails to develop, strengthens White's center, and relinquishes the minor exchange.

minor exchange.
Correct is 7., O-O. Then after 8.
P-QR3, PxQP; 9. KPxP, PxP; 10. BxP,
B-K2; White has a choice of 11. B-B4,
11. R-K1, and 11. Q-Q3.
8. PxB Kt-QR4?

8. PXB KI-GRAF.
And Black has a losing position. Best is 8. BPXP; 9. BP(B3)xP, 0-0.
9. BPXP KPXP 10. B-R3! This wins a Pawn or prevents Black

This wins from castling. P-B5 11. B-B2 P-QKt4 10. P-B5 11. B-B2 P-QK14
Black should try to castle on his mother's side with 11., B-Kt5; and 12., Q-B2.
12. Kt-K5 Kt-K5?

B-Kt2. B- 14. Q-Kt1! Better 12. .. 13. BxKt PxB



This is the way home. 14. Q-Q4 15. Q-Kt4 With the double threat of 16. Q-K7 mate With the docu-and 16. QxKt, 15. Q-Kt2 17. QR-Kt1!

Keeps the attack going nicely. Threat: 18. KtxP.

P-QR3 H 17., PxKt; 18. RxP, Q-B3; 19. RxP ch, K-B2; 20. P-B3, and White has a mating attack.

18. KtxP Resigns
Lesson's Carella

Lesson? Castle early!

DAKE vs. ZEMGALIS

The two foremost players of the North-West 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 MCO: page 162, column 43, (i) Team Match

Centralia, 1953 Notes by Arthur W. Dake

White White
A. W. DAKE
(Portland C. C.)
1. P.Q4
2. P-Q4
2. P-Q4
3. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3
4. B-Kt5
Variation, for Black 1. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3
2. P-Q84 P-K3 4. B-Kt5
Or 4. PxP, the Exchange Variation, for which Botvinnik and Reshevsky have a great predilection, because it forces the style of play they prefer.

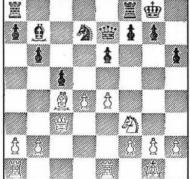
4. B-K2 5. Kt-B3 P-KR3
The modern preparation for Lasker's

Defense (7., Kt-K5). The move gains a tempo and henceforth Black need not worry about an unprotected KRP. B-R4

changes minor pieces, constitutes the Lasker Defense, Lasker and Capablanca both used it against Marshall in

matches. 8. BxB QxB 19.
9. P-K3 KtxKt 11. B-Q3
White can also play 11. PxP, KPxP;
12. B-Q3, with a slight plus.
PxP 13. 0-0 Kt-Q2

White is trying for an advantage, but the text is double-edged. 14. B-Kt2 15. KR-K1 P-QB4



The equalizing move. Trying to keep up the pressure.

16. KR-B1 17. QR-Q1

16. KR-B1 17. QR-Q1 17. QR-B1 would exert more pressure on the QBP. 17. Kt-B3

19, B-Kt1

20. QXQ RxQ

excellent move, as White's active Rook is exchanged and Black will have opportunities to put pressure on the open files and seventh rank, plus attack on the KP.
RxR KtxR 23. Kt-Q4

22. RXR KIXR 23. NI-34 (Secondary Control of the White decides to play an active defense, rather than the passive 23. P-KR3.

23. P-R3

23. P-R3

Much too defensive. Black does not exploit his previous good play. Better is 23., 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. Kt-Kt5, R-Q1; 25. KtxP, R-Q7; 26. P-QKt4, with an unclear position. Or, in this line, 25., B-R3; (instead of 25., R-Q7) 26, P-QKt4, P-QKt4; 27. P-B4, Kt-

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

tive defense, as the following examples

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.

29. KtxR.
Var. III. 27. B-B2, P-KKt4; 28. R-Q1, R-K7; 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-Kt4; 37. R-Kt7.
Var. III, A. 34. KxR, BxP; 35. K-Q4, BxB; 36. RxB, Kt-R5; 37. R-B8 ch, K-Kt2; 38. R-QR8, Kt-B4; 39. R-QKt8, Kt-R5; 40.

Var. IV. 27. B-B2, P-QR4; 28. R-Q1, R-K7; Var. IV. 27. B-B2, P-QR4; 28. R-Q1, R-K7; 29. R-Q8 ch, K-R2; 30. R-QKt8, B-R3; 31. RxP, B-Q6; 32. Kt-Kt4, (see 4A) Ktx P-ch; 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. R-Kt1

Ktl.
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 Drawn
This game shows that Elmar Zemgalis is a talented chessplayer and chess fans may expect future battles between us. usual, the variations that did not 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 co-

operation. 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

White
J. N. COTTER
(Harrington, Del.)
1. P-K4 P-K4
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 Black MAX BELZ (Waldeboro, Me.) 3. P-Q4

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.

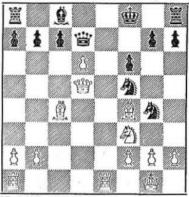
from realizing his positional aim, the quick mobilization of his QKt to the vital center squares but Belz cannot be

......, Kt-R3; BxKt, and 14. P-K6 and wins. 13. PxP P-KB3 14. B-B4

Black squirms nobly but the desk is stacked. 15. Q-Q5

White finds the best move in a position replete with intriguing possibilities. The intention was to continue after the objectively best reply 15., 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. 0.02

Succumbing 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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(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 a 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. 5½-1½, Marshall Seniors 4½-1½, 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 captain for next year Sammy Reshevsky has left for Argentina and his return match with Miguel Najdorf.

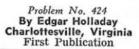
Winnipeg City title went to Shebaylo who scored 7½-½ in the 9 player robin, drawing with runnerup Carter who scored 61/2-11/2. Carter lost one game to Jacobson. Bedard was third with 5-3, while Uldback placed fourth with 4-4.

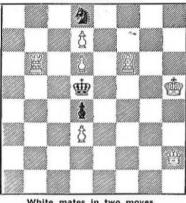
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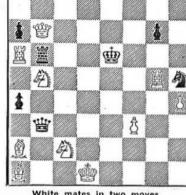
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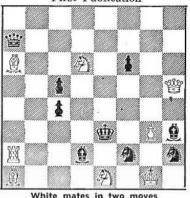
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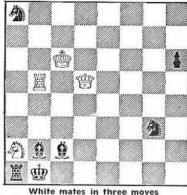
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White mates in two moves



Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 415 (Hartong): 1. PxP, with interferences on the Black Queen after 1. Kt-B7, P-Q7, Kt-Q7, B-Kt6, P-Kt4, P-B6, and P-K4, a wonderful feat of composing.
No. 416 (Lewis): 1. P-B3.

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. BxR

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 claims 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

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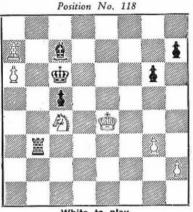
We welcome Dalton L. Rumberger, Louis T. Ward, and Rudolph W. Wittemann III to the solvers' Circle, and congratulate R. M. Collins, who wins the bi-monthly Ladder competition.

The 2nd Leubbert Tournament for correspondence players begins with 48 entrants, including such well-known postalites as Edgar Mc-Cormick, Povilas Tautvaisas, Russell Chauvenet, 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 3½-1½ 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.

Chess Life

Friday, June 5, 1953 By Guilherme Groesser



White to play

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. RxP ch, 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., R-B1; 6. K-Q7 wins); 5. K-K5, R-K7 ch; 6. K-B5!, R-B7 ch; 7. K-Kt4, R-Kt7 ch; 8. K-B3 and Black resigned for the Pawn must queen. The solution of 1. R-Q1 as suggested by some solvers only draws after 1., RxR stalemate.

. P. Witting (Salem). Our congratulations to N. P. Witting of Salem, Ore. who tops the quarterly solving ladder with 50 points; and our 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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June 13-14

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Corpus Christi (Tex.) Chess Club: Pre-Corpus Christi (Tex.) Chess Club: Pre-liminaries of the club championship saw Harley Wilbur win Section I with 7-0, Lanny LaRue second with 6-1 and James Creighton third with 5-2. Sec-tion 2 went to Henry Youngman with 6-1, while Pablo Cortez was second with 5½-1½, and David Knight third with 4½-2½. In Section 3 Jack Moore scored 6½-½ for first, Charles Fuchsman was second with 6-1, and Roger Benjamin third with 4-3. third with 4-3.

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