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Larry Evans On Chess



GELLER
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GELLER is the most aggressive of the young Russians. And he conquered Botvinnik at the Budapest tournament in 1951. When I saw him at Helsinki last year, he looked formidable in a black turtle-neck sweater which outlined his medium-built, muscular physique. When Bisguier played him, he unzipped his sport shirt to bare his chest in order to offset his psychological disadvantage. (The "Game of the Gorillas" ended in a draw!) Geller has a smile—or a sneer—frozen around his lips

and every so often takes long, self-assured puffs from a cigarette in a black holder.

His rise in the Soviet Championships has been rapid. He is, to my mind, the most promising of the younger crop of Soviet Grandmasters. He has a killer instinct and fears no one. His rashness, of course, could also prove to be a drawback. Reshevsky, for instance, is quite capable of outplaying him with little trouble. It is only a race against time—as to whether he will master positional chess—which will determine Geller's ultimate position in this tournament. But a fighting temperament and self-confidence he has in abundance.

Incidentally, Prins told me he expected Geller someday to be world champion. Bisguier is also of the same opinion.

CONCLUSION: Dark Horse. I include him in my analysis for those who have some money to gamble and want long odds.

(Next issue: *The chances of Euwe and Najdorf.*)

U.S. Open Plans Include Fun for All In Milwaukee — Midwest Chess Center

The Milwaukee Committee for the 54th National Open Chess Championship of the United States Chess Federation announces a total prize fund in excess of \$4000.00, of which a minimum of \$1,500.00 has been allocated for first position. The drive for tournament funds will not terminate until July 20th however, and any additional monies obtained will be added to the announced guaranteed total fund.

Auspicious plans for the national event, which, incidentally, also marks the 25th anniversary of Milwaukee's famed publicity sponsored chess program, are being formulated. The meet proper will be held in the spacious and air-conditioned Eagles Club. One round of play is scheduled daily, beginning at 7:30 P.M., with all unfinished games to be resumed at 9:00 A.M. the following day.

The Milwaukee Committee, incorporated as The Milwaukee Chess Foundation, which plans to stay in business for the purpose of raising funds for chess on a continuing basis, is also planning an elaborate program of entertainment. Milwaukee's famous breweries will have the players as their guests. Tours to the city's playgrounds are being planned, so that

players from all parts of America may see Milwaukee's playground program in action for themselves. One of the highlights will be The Milwaukee Journal's all-city junior chess tournament, in which between 800 to 1000 young people will participate in the final championship rounds. Competitors in the National Open will be invited to officiate at this event.

Since inquiries and requests for players contracts are now coming in at an exceptionally heavy rate, players are urged to signalize their intention to compete at the earliest date possible. Hotel reservations, a block of which have been secured at most reasonable rates, will be allocated on a "first come and go" basis. Requests for player contracts and hotel reservations should be addressed to Ernest Olfe, Tournament Manager, 3841 West St. Paul Avenue, Milwaukee 8, Wisconsin.

Juniors Offered Fun — and Chess At Annual U.S. Junior Championship

Plans for the U.S. Junior Championship, August 3-8 inclusive, include fun as well as chess for the assembled junior players, according to the announcement of the U.S. Junior Championship Tournament Committee.

A get-acquainted meeting of the players will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, August 3, when the tournament director will issue final instructions, answer questions and announce the pairings of the first round. Opportunity will be given the players to express their views on various phases of the tournament.

Thursday is set aside as "break day" for rest and entertainment. No activity is scheduled for Thursday morning so the players may sleep as late as they wish, but the tournament room will be open for those who wish to work out ideas.

In the afternoon they will be guests of the Kansas City Junior Chamber of Commerce for a trip to some of the more interesting enterprises in Kansas City. The Midwest Research Institute has especially invited the players to visit its applied science research laboratories where experiments for the solution of industrial production problems are constantly carried on.

The players will have an opportunity to visit the home of the famous Hallmark Greeting Cards where they will see how such cards are manufactured, including the designers, artists and versifiers at work. If time permits, they will also visit the Sheffield Steel Corporation, where steel is manufactured from scrap.

Thursday evening they will be guests of the Kansas City Starlight Theatre for a performance of the operetta, *The New Moon*, in a beautiful, fully equipped theatre. Free transportation will be provided.

Five beautiful trophies will be awarded in addition to the traveling Milwaukee Journal Trophy and Dittmann Trophy for highest ranking player under 15.

The YMCA is prepared to house all players at \$1.00 a night in comfortable double-bunk rooms, or at \$1.50 and \$2.00 a night in rooms with two single beds. Reservations should be made a week in advance by writing Charles W. Graham, Tournament Director, 404 East Tenth St., Kansas City 6, Mo.

Junior players, planning to enter the U.S. Open, are urged to play in the Kansas City event as a week of hard preparation for the senior event. The distance is 550 miles by highway. Trains leave Kansas City at 7:30 and 10:00 p.m. Saturday night, with arrivals in Milwaukee twelve hours later, while a passenger bus leaves Kansas City at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, with arrival in Milwaukee at 2:25 p.m. Sunday.

NYET SAYS USSR MATCH CANCELLED

Always a fast man with the veto, Deputy Minister Andrie Y. Vishinsky has cancelled the arrangements for the visiting USSR chess team now in Paris to come to New York for a scheduled four round match.

The excuse offered for this last minute cancelation is the fact that visas for the Soviet team restricted it to New York City.

USCF JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP Kansas City, Mo. August 3-8, 1953

Eligibility: Open to chess players under 21 years old on August 3, 1953; entrants must show USCF Membership card or pay \$5.00 annual dues.

Entries Close: On August 2nd at 2:00 p.m. Mail name, address, date of birth and USCF dues if not a member to Tournament Director at least one week in advance.

Schedule: Players meet Tournament Director at 11:00 a.m. August 3rd at YMCA, 404 E. Tenth St. First round starts 1:00 p.m.; second round 7:00 p.m. 10 round Swiss, Harkness Modification, Solkoff points for tie-breaking. No evening round Saturday, August 8.

Lodgings: Lodging at YMCA for \$1.00 per night arranged for all who desire it; other rooms available at reasonable rates at near-by hotels. Advise Director in advance of your needs.

Clocks: Please bring chess clocks, if available, and chess sets if possible.

Inquiries, Entries, Reservations: Address all queries, etc. to Tournament Director, Charles W. Graham, YMCA Chess Club, 404 East Tenth St., Kansas City 6, Mo.

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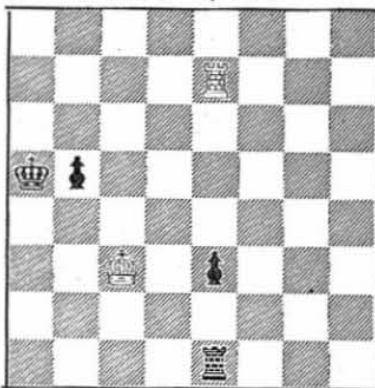
Finish It The Clever Way! by Edmund Nash

Position No. 109
Spielmann vs. Gebbard
Muncih, 1926



White to play and win

Position No. 110
S. Szabo vs. Boleslavsky
Bucharest, 1953



White to play and draw

IN Position No. 109, a three-move combination was rewarded by Black's resignation.

Position No. 110 is offered as an interesting contribution to endgame theory. Black cannot win despite his two-pawn superiority. Boleslavsky succeeded in forcing a draw (the colors have been reversed for convenience). If any reader can demonstrate a win for Black, I would certainly like to see his method.

For solutions, please turn to Page eight.

Send all contributions for this column to Edmund Nash, 1530 28th Place, S.E. Washington 20, D. C.



Attilio Di Camillo won the annual Log Cabin "A" Championship with 7-2, losing no games but drawing with Edgar T. McCormick, Franklin Howard, S. Yarmak and I. Romanenko. Karl Burger of Brooklyn was second with 6½-2½, losing game to DiCamillo and McCormick, and drawing with Yarmak. E. E. McCormick was third with 6-3, while F. Howard and S. Yarmak shared fourth place with 5½-3½. McCormick directed the event which was 100% USCF rated.



Eugene P. Watson won the Natchitoches (La.) City Championship 11-1 in a double round event. Williams was second with 8-4, while Fernbaugh placed third in the event with 7½-4½ and Duffy fourth with 6-6.

HAVE YOUR TOURNAMENTS OFFICIALLY RATED!

Ask your Club Secretary or tournament director to write for official rating forms to report the results of your next tournament or match, specifying the type of contest and the approximate number of players.

For team tournaments there is a rating fee of 50 cents per player, for team matches a fee of 15 cents per player. All other contests rated free of charge.

Official rating forms should be secured in advance from:
Montgomery Major
123 No. Humphrey Avenue
Oak Park, Illinois

Do not write to other USCF officials for these rating forms.



C. F. Tears, Jr. won the Dallas City Championship 9½-2½ in a 28 player Swiss event, losing games to runner-up Jesse W. Stapp and Juris Jurevics while drawing with F. H. McKee. In second place Stapp with 9-3 lost to J. M. Moulden and drew with W. T. Strange, McKee, Gustav Jurevics and Shane O'Neill. Gustav Jurevics was third, also with 9-3, losing to Tears and McKee while drawing with Stapp and Juris Jurevics. W. T. Strange was fourth with 8-4 and R. B. Potter fifth with 7½-4½. Juris Jurevics in seventh with 7-5 gained the Junior title as ranking junior player.



The annual Minnesota vs. Manitoba team match at Detroit Lakes, Minn. ended in a close 15½-11½ victory for the Canadians. H. Yanofsky, brother of the former Canadian Champion, won at board one over W. A. Kaiser, while I. J. Dreman drew on board two against former Minnesota Champion Geo. Barnes. A. Dreman bested R. Filipovich on board three and Minnesota's first victory came on board four where former Minnesota Champ Dr. Giles a Koelsche downed M. Dessor.



Shreveport players won a Tri-City match with Alexandria and Natchitoches 9½-2½, scoring 5½-½ against Alexandria and 4-2 against Natchitoches. Natchitoches and Alexandria drew 3-3, placing Natchitoches second in game points with 5-5.

Corpus Christi (Tex.) Chess Club: Harley Wilbur won the club title 6-0 in 7 player round robin. Henry Youngman was second with 4-2, losing games to Wilbur and Charles Fuchsman. Jack Moore was third with 3½-2½ and C. Fuchsman was fourth with 3-3.

RASIS TRIUMPHS IN SOUTHERN

Constantine Rasis of Miami scored 5½-1½ to edge out H. A. White, also 5½-1½, by two and one-half S-B points and win the annual Southern Chess Association Championship. H. W. White of Avon Lake, Ohio gained consolation for second place by also capturing the Junior Championship trophy as ranking junior player. Rasis lost no games but drew with Dr. N. Hornstein, E. O. Fawcett and Dr. E. R. Wicher; White lost to Fawcett and drew with Wicher.

Third to eighth on S-B with equal 5-2 scores in the 36 player Swiss at Columbia, S.C. were E. O. Fawcett, Dr. E. R. Wicher, Major J. B. Holt, R. C. Eastwood, N. S. Hernandez, and Rea Hayes, the last formerly active in Saskatchewan chess circles.

Mrs. Kama Martin of Sarasota, Fla., won the Women's title as the ranking lady player with 3-4. The event, held in the Wade-Hampton Hotel, was directed by Paul Barton of Cordele, Ga. and was 100% USCF rated.

TEARS TAKES NO TEXAS OPEN

Victory in the 16 player North Texas Open at Dallas went to C. F. Tears, Jr. of Dallas with 7½-½, drawing one game with Robert Brieger of Houston, who scored 6½-1½ for second, drawing with Tears and Moulden. J. A. Hudson of Houston was third and William A. Bills of Houston third and fourth on S-B with 5-3 each. Fifth to seventh with 4½-3½ were R. B. Potter, W. T. Strange, and Robert Hux, the last formerly a New Hampshire Champion. The event was 100% USCF rated.

CHESS COLUMNS ADD 3 TO LIST

News continues to trickle in of new chess columns or old chess columns hitherto unrecognized. The Cleveland Chess Bulletin reports that the "Silent Worker," a national magazine for the deaf, has had a chess column since 1951 and that it is now sponsoring a nationwide correspondence chess tourney. Details would be appreciated.

CHESS LIFE Games Editor John W. Collins also reports that he is editing a chess problem section in the "Journal of Paraplegia" which circularizes among the semi-paralyzed war veterans.

In addition, Dr. Ralston has added to his responsibilities as editor of "California Chess Reporter" and chess editor of "The Argonaut" with a new newspaper chess column:

San Francisco News
Dr. H. J. Ralston
184 Edgewood Avenue
San Francisco 17, Calif.
(Fridays).

Thus, California with two magazine chess columns and some eight newspaper chess columns, not to mention a number of club chess publications, becomes the most progressive state in chess publicity. Dr. Ralston's new column in the San Francisco News was initiated June 26 of this year.

Say You Saw It in CHESS LIFE

SHERWIN PLACES IN JUNIOR FINAL

James T. Sherwin, U. S. Inter-collegiate Champion, representing the USA in the World Junior Championship Tournament at Copenhagen, finished in Section A of the preliminaries in a tie for second with 6-3, qualifying as one of the eight contestants in the championship finals.

Finalists in Section A were Klaus Darga, Bent Larson, Jonathan Penrose, and James T. Sherwin.

In Section B the finalists were Junior Champion Borislay Ivkov, Frederik Olafsson, Oscar Panno, and Dieter Keller. In this section Keller was tied with Raphael Persitz but won on the toss of a coin.

Sherwin drew his two last rounds, with Francisco Scafarelli and Klaus Darga, when already assured of entry in the finals by the draw.

Defending Champion Ivkov lost one game to Oscar Panno and conceded two draws in winning Section B with 7-2.

Canadian player Ross Siemms scored 4-5 in Section B in a tie for sixth place.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Section A

1. Klaus Darga (W. Germany) ...	6½-2½
2. Bent Larson (Denmark)	6 -3
3. Jonathan Penrose (England) ..	6 -3
4. James T. Sherwin (USA)	6 -3
5. Farre (Spain)	5½-3½
6. F. Scafarelli (Italy)	5 -4
7. Roessel (Netherlands)	4 -5
8. Petri (The Saar)	2½-6½
9. Heikkila (Finland)	2 -7
10. J. Herbin (France)	1½-7½

Section B

1. B. Ivkov (Yugoslavia)	7 -2
2. F. Olafsson (Iceland)	6 -3
3. Oscar Panno (Argentina)	6 -3
4. D. Keller (Switzerland)	4½-4½
5. R. Persitz (Israel)	4½-4½
6. Barda (Norway)	4 -5
7. Boey (Belgium)	4 -5
8. Ross Siemms (Canada)	4 -5
9. Reichel (Austria)	3 -6
10. Mellberg (Sweden)	2 -7

U. S. TITLE EVENT AT PHILADELPHIA

According to the announcement of USCF President Harold M. Phillips, the U.S. Championship Candidates Tournament will be held in Philadelphia September 11-20, 1952, with an entrance fee of \$25.00 (USCF Membership required). It will be open to all players with a USCF rating of Expert or better; and the winner will be entitled to play U.S. Champion Larry Evans for the title in accordance with the plan announced in CHESS LIFE (June 20, 1952 issue).

Alexandria (La.) Chess Club dealt a 6½-3½ defeat to Natchitoches in a double round match. Jones scored twice for Alexandria, while Lundeau had a win and draw, and Parker, Calvert and Rivers each tallied once. For Natchitoches Duffy, Batten and Byrd each salvaged a point while Watson saved a draw.

MONTREAL CHESS LEAGUE: The newly organized Lithuanian team of A. Pusaraskas, V. Sirvydas, A. Myle, J. Zmuedzinas, M. Capkan, and V. Yukon won the B Class title. Montreal Chess Club with D. Stevenson, B. Abugov, R. Harvey, and S. Nason was second.

Class B Standings

Lithuanians	13½-6½
Montreal	12 -8
Dom. Bridge	11½-8½
Canadiens	10 -10
Maple Leafs	8½-11½
McGill Univ.	4½-15½

YOUNG MASTERS' FORUM

America's Leading Young Masters Annotate
Outstanding Games from Recent Chess Events

30-30 CHESS

By U. S. Master ARTHUR BISGUIER

NO SOONER did the Army release me than I found myself drafted once more! No military encampment claimed me this time—just a new kind of chess tourney where the accent is on cool nerves and quick thinking. This is chess as it is played at the rate of 30 moves in 30 minutes, or 30-30 as it is called by its foremost apostles, Dr. Mengarini and Dr. Sussman. This time limit is actually even faster than it sounds, owing to the frailty of human nature. Chess players evidently do not have the will power to force themselves to move unless they are in danger of being forfeited; hence 30-30 generally results in about twenty of the moves being played in the last precious minute or two.

Now that you have the background material to understand the circumstances of this brand of play, allow me to present the following game, rather reminiscent of 19th century play and a fair example of chess at 30 moves in 30 minutes.



SICILIAN DEFENSE

Masters' 30-30 Tournament
New York, 1953

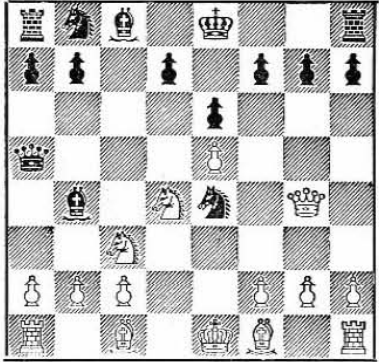
White	Black
ARTHUR BISGUIER	DR. H. SUSSMAN
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3	P-K3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. KtXP	Kt-KB3
5. Kt-QB3	B-Kt5!

Rough tactics for 30-30. The exclamation mark is awarded since the move forces an exciting, combinative game. The complications are in White's favor. Question mark indicates that I believe

6. P-K5
The only move to maintain an advantage, since 6. B-Q3 is met easily by 6. P-K4, followed shortly by P-Q4 with a splendid game for Black.

7. Q-Kt4
Other moves are likewise in White's favor. For example: 6. Q-R4 (or B2); 7. PxKt, BxKt ch; 8. PxB, QxPch; 9. Q-Q2, QxR; 10. P-QB3, Q-Kt3; 11. B-Q3, Q-Kt3; 12. PxP, R-Kt1; 13. Q-R6. Or 6. Kt-Q4; 7. Q-Kt4 and if Black defends his KtP by 7. P-KKt3 or 7. K-B1, then simply 8. B-Q2 with obvious positional advantage to White. In this line 7. Q-R4 is definitely bad for Black after 8. QxKtP.

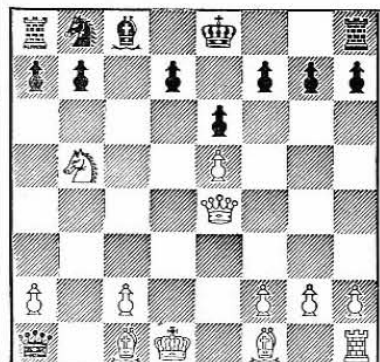
7. Q-Kt4 Q-R4



8. QxKt!
At this stage I spent many precious minutes toying with the possibility of 8. QxKtP but finally abandoned the idea only because my clock seemed to be moving much too rapidly. The main variation seems to be 8. QxKtP, BxKtch; 9. PxB, QxPch; 10. K-K2, P-Kt3. This is where I gave up on the variation, choosing the simpler (?) text. How-

ever, the continuation is 11. QxR ch, K-K2; 12. B-R3 ch, P-Q3; 13. Kt-B6 ch, QxKt (if 13. KxKt; 14. PxP ch. Or if 13. K-Q2; 14. Q-Q8 ch, etc.); 14. PxP ch, K-Q2; 15. Q-Kt2, Kt-B6 ch; 16. Q-Q2, Q-Q4 ch; 17. KxKt, Kt-B3; 18. B-Q3, Q-R4 ch; 19. B-Kt4, Q-K4 ch; 20. K-Kt3, Kt-Q5 ch; 21. K-R3, P-QR4; 22. attack is a thing of the past (Fuchs-B-B3, Q-B4 ch; 23. K-R4 and Black's Kauder, Leipzig, 1950).

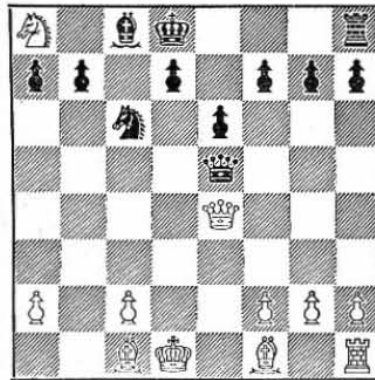
8.	BxKt ch
9. PxB	QxP ch
10. K-Q1	QxR
11. Kt-Kt5!	.....



This is the position I had envisioned at my eighth turn. It is true that Black is temporarily the exchange and a Pawn ahead but he is confronted with manifold difficulties. Not only is he completely undeveloped but both his Queen and King positions leave something to be desired.

1. Kt-B3
Probably best, as the following tends to show. Reilstab suggests 11. K-Q1, but after 12. P-QB3! (Euwe) Black has no good defense against the dual threats of 13. Q-R4 ch and 13. Q-B2 threatening to snare the Black Queen with Kt-Q4-Kt3. Another possible move is 11. P-Q4 but this is answered by 12. Q-QK4, QxKp; 13. P-KB4! Now if 13. Kt-B3; 14. PxQ, KtXQ; 15. Kt-B7 ch, K-Q1; 16. KtXR and White has the maneuver B-R3-Q6 (Euwe). Of course, an obvious blunder would be 11. Kt-R3?; 12. Kt-Q6 ch followed by 13. BxKt.

12. Kt-B7 ch	K-Q1
13. KfXR	QxKp



14. Q-QR4!

Here White can even exchange Queens with advantage and follow it up with B-R3-Q6 and to N8 in some variations, or even more simply by B-K3. When Black finally gets around to winning the trapped Knight with P-QKt3 and B-Kt2, White plays KtXP and BxP ch and his two Bishops and passed QRP assure him the better game.

The move actually played has quite a different character. Now Black, if he so chooses, can win the errant Knight seemingly for nothing by 14. Q-Kt1. However, he finds himself in considerable difficulties after 15. B-Kt2. If then 15. P-B3; 16. Q-KKt4 and the King-side Pawns are indefensible (16. R-Kt1; 17. BxP ch). Hence Black attempts to win the Knight while maintaining a centralized Queen position—albeit this necessitates returning the extra Pawns.

14.	P-QKt3
15. B-KB4	Q-Q4 ch
16. K-B1	.....

White avoids B-Q3, for he intends to make good use of the Q-file.

16.	P-K4
17. B-K3	B-Kt2
18. KtXP	PxKt
19. BxP ch	.....

All this is quite easy to understand. Now Black must decide what to do with his King. 19. K-B1 seems safer but that abandons the possibility of R-R1 with counterplay.

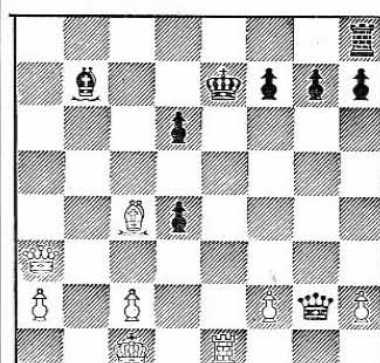
19.	K-K2
20. B-B4	QxP

20. Q-Q3 offers better hopes of resistance but Black's eagerness to win a Pawn or two as compensation for his miserable position is understandable.

21. Q-R3 ch	.....
22. R-Q1	Kt-Q5

Forced, for 22. Q-Kt3 is met by 23. RxP. Then if 23. QxR; 24. B-B5, or if 23. R-R1; 24. R-K6 ch with mate to follow shortly.

23. BxKt	PxB
24. R-K1 ch	.....



24. K-Q1

24. K-Q2 is better but insufficient. A typical line might be 25. B-Kt5 ch, K-B1; 26. QxP!, Q-Kt4 ch (if 26. R-Q1; 27. B-Q7 ch followed by 28. R-K8 with mate to follow); 27. P-B4, QxB; 28. R-K5 with mate or strong positional

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advantage to follow. For example, 28. Q-Q2 (best); 29. R-B5 ch, K-Q1; 30. Q-Kt6 ch, K-K1; 31. R-K5 ch, K-B1; 32. Q-Kt4 ch, K-Kt1; 33. QxB and Black is in sore travail.

25. QxP ch	K-B1
26. R-K5	Q-R8 ch
27. K-Kt2	B-B3
28. B-R6 ch	B-Kt2
29. R-B5 ch	Resigns

U.S.C.F. Life Members

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

Donald Vives
New York, N. Y.

Plainfield (N. J.) Chess Club: I. Romanenko won the club title 10½-½ in a 12 player event, drawing with E. Jackson. J. L. Blach was second with 10-1, losing to Romanenko in the final round, while D. Kerr placed third with 8-3, losing to Romanenko, Blach and J. Zerega.

USCF OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP Milwaukee, Wis. August 10-21, 1953

Place: Eagle's Club, 2401 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wis.

Eligibility: Open to any chess player who is a member in good standing of the USCF. Players must show membership cards or pay \$5.00 annual USCF dues.

Entries Close: Entries must be postmarked not later than August 3, 1953 and should be sent to the treasurer, Dr. O.M.J. Wehrley, 506 Tower Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.

Entry Fee: \$15.00 including the rating fee of the USCF.

Prizes: Guaranteed first prize of \$1500.00; total prize fund in excess of \$4000.00.

Tournament: 12 or 14 round Swiss, depending on number of entrants.

Lodging: For lodging or hotel reservations, specify requirements and mark % Tournament Director Ernest Olfe, 3841 W. St. Paul Ave., Milwaukee 8, Wis.

Clocks: Players are asked to bring chess clocks, but mechanical ones only.

Player Registration: At the Hotel Wisconsin, No. Third and Wisconsin Ave., on Monday, August 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Major Topics

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RECENTLY a Mr. Norman T. Whitaker, long known for his pertin-
acious attacks upon the officials of the U. S. Chess Federation
(whoever they may at the moment be) and for his relentless capacity
for challenging the integrity of anyone who opposes his views (a reveal-
ing trait of character), has demanded the publication of the contract
under which the USCF Business Manager, Kenneth Harkness, operates
so that he may use the text of this contract as a weapon in his self-
imposed crusade against the U. S. Chess Federation.

There is no secret regarding the contract with Mr. Harkness; and
we can conceive of no more fitting way in which to express our con-
tempt for the machinations of this imitation Don Quixote than to supply
him with the material he demands for his propaganda. The text of
the contract with Mr. Kenneth Harkness follows:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION held its annual Congress at
Tampa Florida, July 14-18-1952, and at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors
July 16, 1952, Kenneth Harkness of Plainfield, Mass., presented a 13 page outline
for a GENERAL PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM for United States Chess Federation.
After due consideration of the plan the Board of Directors unanimously adopted
a resolution approving the plan in principle and, for the purpose of making a
contract, appointed a committee consisting of A. Wyatt Jones of Shreveport, La.
Chairman; Wm. Byland of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Edgar T. McCormick of East Orange,
N. J.; Herman Steiner of Los Angeles, California and Frank R. Graves of Fort
Worth, Texas. Such committee was authorized, empowered and directed to
negotiate, in conjunction with Harold M. Phillips, President and ex-officio member
of the committee, with Kenneth Harkness, and to make and enter into a contract
with Kenneth Harkness on any such terms and conditions as to such committee
may seem best and proper to carry into effect the said general promotional plan.
Thereupon the said committee and Kenneth Harkness jointly considered such
proposed plan and in consideration of the mutual agreements have entered into the following

CONTRACT

1. The United States Chess Federation, an Illinois Corporation, hereinafter
referred to as Federation, acting by and through its duly authorized agents, has
employed Kenneth Harkness of Plainfield, Mass., as Business Manager and
Membership Secretary for the Federation for a term of five years, beginning
August 1, 1952, and ending July 31, 1957.

2. Kenneth Harkness agrees to devote his full time and energies in per-
forming the duties of this employment, which duties are defined as follows:

- (a) As Membership Secretary, he will perform all the duties of such Secretary
in maintaining records soliciting new and renewal memberships, collecting all
dues, and accounting for the funds, issue receipts and membership cards etc.,
and will make a determined effort to increase membership in United States
Chess Federation by means of circularization and other advertising methods.
- (b) As business manager he will maintain sales departments and will purchase
and sell in the name of the Federation, Chess Books, chess equipment and
paraphernalia, and will prepare and distribute catalogues and will do any and
all things to successfully manage such business.
- (c) He will conduct a rating system for United States Chess Federation, and in
that capacity he will keep all necessary records, compute players rating and
prepare ratings for publication.
- (d) He will keep accurate books and furnish the promotional committee monthly
financial reports, the books to be audited annually and the auditing fee to be
paid out of the general fund in the United States Chess Federation Treasury.
- (e) In addition to the above duties he will conduct any other United States
Chess Federation activities which may from time to time be authorized by the
Promotional Committee and/or the Board of Directors.

3. As compensation for his services, Kenneth Harkness will be paid as follows:
(a) 20 per cent of the gross amount received for membership dues and sub-
scriptions to Chess Life paid to United States Chess Federation or to any of
its affiliated or authorized agents

(b) One-third (33 1/3%) of the net profits earned by the Federation in any of the
departments under his management. The details of ascertaining the one-third are
to be clarified in a letter of interpretation.

(c) He will receive no additional fee or compensation as Rating Statistician during
the first year of this contract and thereafter such compensation shall be deter-
mined by mutual agreement as provided in the letter of interpretation.

(d) For any additional activity authorized by the promotional committee and/or
the Board of Directors, compensation will be determined by mutual agreement
as provided in letter of interpretation.

4. Owing to the extreme difficulty in foreseeing all consequences it is under-
stood that this contract contains the essentials of the agreement between the
Federation and Kenneth Harkness, and that the parties hereto will prepare
a letter of interpretation defining and clarifying any details of this agreement
and that such letter of interpretation will be subject to change from time to
time by mutual consent.

5. It is specially agreed that if the total compensation earned by Kenneth
Harkness from United States Chess Federation under that contract for the year
ending July 31, 1953, is less than \$2000.00 either party hereto may, at his option
terminate this contract by giving 30 days notice in writing, and it is further
agreed that at the expiration of the five years period, Kenneth Harkness may,
at his option, renew this contract for another five years on substantially the
same terms, provided the gross income of the Federation for the calendar year
for 1956 is in excess of \$25,000.00.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this contract in duplicate
this day of September, 1952.

UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION

BY
A. Wyatt Jones, Chairman of Committee
Wm. Byland
Edgar T. McCormick
Herman Steiner
Frank R. Graves

ACCEPTED:

Kenneth Harkness

TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

San Antonio, 1953

1. J. A. Hudson (Armed Forces) .....W16	W34	W25	W5	D3	W6	5 1/2 - 1/2	18.25																					
2. B. W. Stevens (San Antonio) .....L12	W28	W35	W17	W8	W3	5 - 1	14.50																					
3. R. S. Brieger (Houston) .....W32	W8	W10	W7	D1	L2	4 1/2 - 1 1/2	16.75																					
4. Wm. A. Bills (Houston) .....D20	W15	L6	W22	W13	W14	4 1/2 - 1 1/2	15.00																					
5. Leon Poliakov (San Antonio) .....W28	W13	D24	L1	W12	W10	4 1/2 - 1 1/2	14.25																					
6. L. J. Dina (Ft. Worth) .....D15	W33	W4	W24	W7	L1	4 1/2 - 1 1/2	14.25																					
7. F. C. Tears (Dallas) .....W21	W17	W14	L3	L6	W15	4 - 2	13.00																					
8. C. Freeman (Ft. Worth) .....W30	L3	W23	W9	L2	W20	4 - 2	12.00																					
9. L. J. Ghetzler (San Antonio) .....W19	L25	W26	L8	W32	W18	4 - 2	10.50																					
10. G. H. Smith (Houston) .....W26	W35	L3	W19	W18	L5	4 - 2	9.50																					
11. H. V. Faber (Corpus Christi) .....W37	L24	L17	W31	W28	W19	4 - 2	7.00																					
12. J. B. Payne (San Antonio) .....W2	L14	W32	D13	L5	W26	3 1/2 - 2 1/2	11.25																					
13. R. F. Jolly (Texas) .....W18	L5	W16	D12	L4	W24	3 1/2 - 2 1/2	10.75																					
14. N. W. James (Corpus Christi) .....W36	W12	L7	D25	W24	L4	3 1/2 - 2 1/2	7.25																					
15. D. W. Huff (Houston) .....D6	L4	W33	W34	W25	L7	3 1/2 - 2 1/2	7.25																					
16. E. F. Weaver (Corpus Christi) .....L1	W29	L13	D23	W36	W25	3 1/2 - 2 1/2	6.00																					
17. H. D. Wilbur (Corpus Christi) .....W23	L7	W11	L2	L19	W32	3 - 3	9.00																					
18. A. H. Baker, Jr. (San Antonio) .....L13	W22	W27	W20	L10	L9	3 - 3	8.00																					
19. R. B. Potter (Dallas) .....L9	W31	W21	L10	W17	L11	3 - 3	8.00																					
20. K. Richards (Austin) .....D4	D27	W34	L18	W21	L3	3 - 3	7.25																					
21. A. G. Miller (Ft. Worth) .....L1	W30	L19	W27	L20	W29	3 - 3	6.00																					
22. Owen Burnett (Ft. Worth) .....L24	L18	W29	L4	W31	W28	3 - 3	6.00																					
23. J. B. Wooding (San Antonio) .....L17	W36	L8	D16	D26	W30	3 - 3	5.00																					
24. Clemente Villareal (San Antonio) 2 1/2 - 3 1/2 (9.25);	25. Demas B. Martin (Ft. Worth)	2 1/2 - 3 1/2 (7.75);	26. John T. Campbell (Waco)	2 1/2 - 3 1/2 (3.00);	27. Clarence A. Cleere (Ft. Worth)	2 - 4 (2.50);	28. Dr. R. S. Underwood (Lubbock)	2 - 4 (2.00);	29. G. H. Davis (Texas)	2 - 4 (2.00);	30. R. Poage (Texas)	2 - 4 (1.50);	31. James A. Creighton (Corpus Christi)	2 - 4 (1.50);	32. J. M. Moulden (Dallas)	2 - 4 (1.00);	33. Cecil L. Parkin (Ft. Worth)	1 1/2 - 4 1/2 (1.00);	34. Isaac W. Allen (San Angelo)	1 - 5 (2.00);	35. J. H. Hunt (Texas)	1 - 5 (0.00);	36. D. H. Maury (San Antonio)	0 - 6 (0.00);	37. J. A. Thompson (Del Rio)	0 - 6 (0.00);	38. Dr. H. S. Kahn (San Antonio)	0 - 6 (0.00).

MASSACHUSETTS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Springfield, 1953

1. Karl Burger (New York City) .....W8	D2	D16	W4	W13	4 - 1	12.00														
2. Harlow Daly (W. Roxbury) .....W11	D1	D3	W9	W10	4 - 1	11.50														
3. Julien Kelson (Cambridge) .....W19	D4	D2	W16	W5	4 - 1	11.25														
4. Allen Kaufman (New York City) .....W7	D3	W6	L1	W12	3 1/2 - 1 1/2	11.00														
5. Eli Bourdon (Holyoke) .....D17	W22	W12	W14	L3	3 1/2 - 1 1/2	6.00														
6. Kazys Merkis (So. Boston) .....D16	W24	L4	W18	W15	3 1/2 - 1 1/2	5.50														
7. Carl Grossguth (Cranston, R. I.) .....L4	L11	W19	W23	W16	3 - 2	5.50														
8. Orlando Lester (Newburyport) .....L1	W19	L11	W17	W20	3 - 2	5.00														
9. Bartlett Gould (Newburyport) .....W24	L16	W23	L2	W14	3 - 2	4.00														
10. Daniel Levin (Northampton) .....D13	D21	W17	W20	L2	3 - 2	3.00														
11. Elliot Wolk (Storrs, Conn.) .....L2	W7	W8	D13	.....	2 1/2 - 2 1/2	7.25													
12. Austin Hobson (Montpelier, Vt.) .....D25	W15	L5	W21	L4	2 1/2 - 2 1/2	3.25														
13. Harvey Burger (Springfield) .....D10	W25	D20	D11	L1	2 1/2 - 2 1/2	2.75														
14. Karl Allured (Northampton) .....D23	D20	W26	L5	L9	2 1/2 - 2 1/2	2.50														
15. G. Cunningham (N. Rochelle, N.Y.) D21	L12	W25	W22	L6	2 1/2 - 2 1/2	1.25														
16. Ervin Underwood (Cambridge) 2 - 3 (6.25);	17. Anton Caroe (San Angelo, Tex.)	2 - 3 (2.75);	18. Richard Gleason (Springfield)	2 - 3 (2.75);	19. Stanley King (Quincy)	2 - 3 (2.50);	20. Norman Lear (Springfield)	2 - 3 (2.00);	21. Ralph Gerth (Portsmouth, N. H.)	1 1/2 - 3 1/2 (2.75);	22. Malcolm Harris (Springfield)	1 1/2 - 3 1/2 (2.00);	23. Richard Kurritz (New York City)	1 1/2 - 3 1/2 (1.00);	24. Prof. C. T. Smith (Amherst)	1 - 4 (1.50);	Warren Boucher (So. Portland, Me.)	1 1/2 - 4 1/2 (1.25);	26. Hume (Shelbourne Falls)	0/5 (0.00).

IDAHO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Boise, 1953

1. O. W. Manney (Seattle).....L6	W7	W11	W12	W5	W3	D2	W4	6 1/2 - 1 1/2	28.75			
2. LaVeri Kimpton (Filer, Ida.) W11	D4	W9	W5	D3	W8	D1	W10	6 1/2 - 1 1/2	26.75			
3. William Taber (Reno, Nev.) W13	W9	D5	W4	D2	L1	W10	W11	5 - 2	23.00			
4. Lloyd Kimpton (Twin Falls).....W8	D2	W13	L3	W6	D5	W12	L1	5 - 3	19.00			
5. G. Buckendorf (Buhl, Ida.).....W14	W10	D3	L2	L1	D4	D8	W9	4 1/2 - 3 1/2	14.50			
6. H. A. Pickett (Caldwell).....W1	L11	W10	L8	L4	D7	W13	W14	4 1/2 - 3 1/2	14.50			
7. Raymond A. Smith (Reno).....L9	L1	L12	W14	D13	D6	W11	W8	4 - 4	10.00			
8. Don Crawford (Boise, Ida.) 3 1/2 - 4 1/2 (10.25);	9. Jerry Stanke (Nampa, Ida.)	3 1/2 - 4 1/2 (8.00);	10. Roy Parker (Nampa, Ida.)	3 1/2 - 4 1/2 (7.00);	11. Albert Harle (Boise, Ida.)	3 - 5 (11.00);	12. A. B. Ellis (Nampa, Ida.)	3 - 5 (7.50);	13. Ray Cammack (Boise, Ida.)	2 1/2 - 5 1/2 (5.00);	14. Stacy Sampson (Twin Falls, Ida.)	0 - 8 (0.00).

DELAWARE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Wilmington, 1953

1. William M. Bergman III (Wilmington) .....W7	D2	W5	W3	W6	4 1/2 - 1/2	15.50
2. John U. Hill (Wilmington) .....W8	D1	W3	W4	D5	4 - 1	13.00
3. Lee Morris (Arden) .....W6	W4	L2	L1	W7	3 - 2	9.00
4. Milton Paul (Bear) .....W5	L3	D6	L2	W8	2 1/2 - 2 1/2	6.25
5. G. S. Cunningham (New Rochelle, N. Y.) L4	W8	L1	W7	D2	2 1/2 - 2 1/2	5.50
6. R. D. Donaldson (Wilmington) .....L3	W7	D4	W8	L1	2 1/2 - 2 1/2	4.75
7. F. P. Abarno (Hoboken, N. J.) 1 - 4 (1.00);	8. Mrs. Evelyn Cunningham (New Rochelle, N. Y.)	0 - 5 (0.00).				

CHESS AS WE SEE IT

Contributions from the Pens
Of Outstanding Chess Analysts and Writers

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

THE forthcoming "Russian invasion" has been the perpetual topic of conversation among New York chess fans and has practically relegated all other chess activity to a position of almost no importance; all this despite the fact that the Soviet squad had only just left Moscow at the time of this writing and will not arrive in New York for almost a week! There is of course constant speculation about the outcome of the match, with most of the chess cognoscenti agreed that the United States will be quite fortunate if it can capture a dozen points from the total 32 games; the decision of Dr. Reuben Fine not to compete for the U.S. has made even twelve points appear a difficult goal to attain, but the American aggregation is still optimistic and its members are hopeful of turning in an upset victory—a triumph they feel would be of great value to the United States in its psychological campaign against the Communist nations.

The center of interest in the USA-USSR struggle will undoubtedly be the four games to be contested between World Champion Mikhail Botvinnik and U.S. Grandmaster Sammy Reshevsky. Reshevsky has gone on record as predicting that he will turn in a plus score in this important quartet of games and there are many who feel that such a prediction may well be proven correct. The U.S. first board is fresh from a second victory over Grandmaster Miguel Nadjorf of Argentina, and his recent match triumph over Gilgoric of Yugoslavia indicates also that he is at the top of his game. Add to Sammy's usual powerful motivation the additional fact that he has been aiming at a chance to prove himself against either Botvinnik or Keres for some time now and you have the makings of a top-notch, exciting series of four games with no "grandmaster draws" in the offing! Your reporter will be on the lookout for items of interest outside the actual scores of the games played and our next column will be completely devoted to observations on the Russian masters, their style of play, personalities, and whatever (Please turn to page 7, col. 2)

In this game it was Black who took over the initiative and by breaking the symmetry he was able to give White an isolated pawn. Yet White was able to hold the balance of the position thanks to his superiority in development. This seems to prove that in modern openings the creation of permanent weaknesses is the primary aim. Tempo losing maneuvers, if not excessive, can be allowed. This, of course, is no new development, and seems to confirm that Steinitz' theory of equilibrium still holds good.

International Master Imre Konig, gained his recognition before the last World War, principally in Vienna and in the Chess Olympics upon three occasions. More recently Master Konig has forsaken active tournament play to gain new recognition as the author of such standard works as "Chess from Morphy to Botvinnik" and "The Queen's Indian Defence."

better developed. Will this prove to be sufficient compensation for a permanent weakness?

17. B-R6
18. BxB QxB
19. QR-K11 Q-Q2
20. P-K4!

White must try to get his QBP mobile, otherwise it will prove a serious handicap in the endgame. If now 20. PxB; 21. P-Q5, Kt-K4; 22. QxQ, QixQ; 23. RxB would follow with a slight pull for White.

20. P-K3
21. PxB PxB
22. K1-K12 P-K13
23. K1-K3 KR-Q1
24. R-K15 Q-K3
25. B-B7 KR-B1

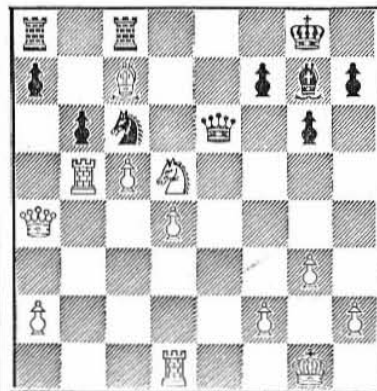
If 25. R-Q2; 26. BxB!
26. KtXP

At last White has achieved his aim; he has eliminated Black's pawn at Q5 which blocked his BP, but the position is not as simple as it looks at first sight.

26. K1-K2!
27. P-QB4

On 27. KtXKt ch, QxKt; 28. B-B4, RxB; 29. RxB?, R-R6; would follow.

27. K1-B3!
28. P-B5!



A fine combination and really the only way to defend the QP, as 28. R-K13 (threatening 29. QxKt!) is met by 28. P-QK14. It is interesting to note that though White was able to win a pawn, only by most clever tactical strokes is he able to overcome the disadvantage of having allowed pawn weaknesses in the opening.

28. QxKt
29. PxB PxB!
30. QxR Q-Q2!
31. Q-R4?

With 31. Q-R6 White could have won the KtP with about equal chances.

31. QxB
32. P-Q5 Kt-K4
33. Q-K13 K1-Q2
34. P-Q6 Q-B5
35. P-QR4 Q-K7
36. Q-Q3 QxQ
37. RxB R-R1
38. P-R5

White wants to eliminate the Black pawn but overlooks a fine finesse. He should have played first 38. R-R3, as R-R4 is refuted by 39. RxB, PxB; 40. R-Kt3 with the threat of R-Kt7.

38. PxB
39. R-R3 P-R5
40. R-K14 K1-B4
41. R-QB4 B-B1!
42. R-Q4 R-Q1
43. P-Q7 K1-K3!
Resigns

The Treatment Of Symmetrical Positions

By International Master IMRE KONIG

THE treatment of symmetrical positions has for a long time occupied the minds of analysts. There have always been "theoreticians" who have asserted that White had an advantage because of the move ahead and no better proof was required than to show variations in which Black by imitating White's move invariably had the worst of it when the symmetry was suddenly broken by White.

One of the older examples was the Four Knights' Game. It is an established fact that though it takes many moves for White to prove his superiority, at the end he is able to assert it. The variation known is: 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. Kt-KB3, Kt-KB3; 3. Kt-B3, Kt-B3; 4. B-Kt5, B-Kt5; 5. O-O, O-O; 6. P-Q3, P-Q3; 7. B-Kt5, B-Kt5; 8. Kt-Q5, Kt-Q5; 9. KtxB, KtxB; 10. Kt-Q5, Kt-Q5; 11. Q-Q2! and now Black is unable to imitate any more as on 11. Q-Q2; 12. BxKt, BxKt; 13. Kt-K7 ch, K-R1; 14. BxB ch, and Mate in two would follow.

Another interesting example is given in the Exchange variation of the Slav Defence: 1. P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. P-QB4, P-QB3; 3. Kt-KB3, Kt-KB3; 4. PxB, PxB; 5. Kt-B3, Kt-B3; 6. B-B4, B-B4; 7. P-K3, P-K3; 8. Q-Kt3, Q-Kt3; 9. QxQ, PxB; 10. P-QR3, again with advantage, would follow.

Whether this principle applies to modern openings like the Indian Defences has not yet been explored. It is our purpose to go into the matter since it answers a pertinent query: whether the old Steinitz principle about the equilibrium of position applies to modern defences? Some will doubt, since even Botvinnik asserted that there are positions which cannot be judged by old standards and notions. The following two games will draw some light on this query.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Oxford, 1951

White	Black
IMRE KONIG	W. BARDEN
1. K1-KB3 K1-KB3	5. P-B4 P-B3
2. P-KK13 P-KK13	6. P-Q4 P-Q4
3. B-K12 B-K12	7. PxB PxB
4. O-O O-O	8. Kt-B3 Kt-B3
9. Kt-K5	B-B4

Black could not imitate any longer and 9. KtxKt; 10. PxB, Kt-Kt5; 11. KtxP, KtxKP; 12. Q1K13, Kt-B3; 13. R-Q1 (Grau-Lefelner, Santiago, 1940) is advantageous for White.

10. KtxKt	PxB
11. B-B4	Kt-R4
12. B-K3!	.....

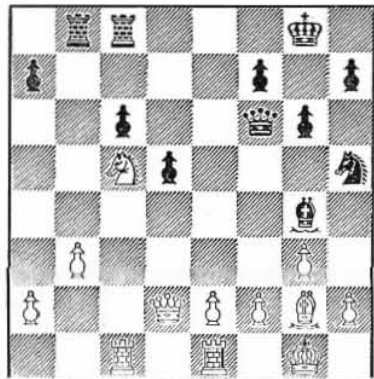
Anticipating Black's thrust in the center.

12.	P-K4
13. PxB	BxB
14. B-Q4	Q-B3
15. BxB	QxB
16. R-B1	QR-Kt1
17. Kt-R4	R-K15
18. P-K13	.....

Not 18. RxB?, B-Q2.

18.	B-Kt5
19. R-K1	R-B1
20. Kt-B5	Q-B3
21. Q-Q2	R(5)-Kt1

The "Elements of Chess" yields momentary precedence to an article on Symmetrical Positions in this issue, but will return to its usual position in the next issue.



22. P-K4!

More energetic than the thematic 22. Kt-Q3, and doubling the Rooks on the Bishop file. Now on 22. P-Q5; 23. P-K5, Q-Q1; 24. P-R3, B-K3; 25. KtxB, PxB; 26. RxB wins a pawn. Besides, by removing the QP, the weakness of the backward pawn on QB3 becomes apparent.

22.	PxB
23. KtxP	Q-K12

He must keep on the diagonal otherwise Q-B3 would follow.

24. Q-Kt5	B-K3
25. B-B3!	.....

On the seemingly stronger move 25. P-KK14, P-KR3 saves the piece.

25.	K-R1	33. RxBP	K-B1
26. BxKt	PxB	34. Q-Q4	R-Q3
27. QxP	B-Kt5	35. QxQ	RxQ
28. Q-R4	B-B6	36. Kt-K3	B-B6
29. Kt-Q6	R-Q1	37. R-Q7	R-K3
30. Q-KB4	B-Q4	38. K-B1	R-R1
31. R-K7	K-Kt1	39. R-Q2	R-KR3
32. Kt-B5	Q-B3	40. P-KR4	Resigns

Conclusions: The strategy of the game seems to be straightforward; with a kind of poetic justice in it. White has defeated Black's attempt to solve the opening problem by imitation. However, the question is to be answered: what if Black tries to do the same, namely, to break the symmetry first? The following game is a good answer to this query.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Match, 1952

White	Black
S. RESHEVSKY	M. NAJDORF
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3	5. Kt-KB3 P-Q4
2. P-QB4 P-KK13	6. O-O P-B3
3. P-KK13 B-K12	7. PxB PxB
4. B-K12 O-O	8. Kt-B3 Kt-K5

Black is the first to "break" the symmetry and tries to take over the initiative. Tarrasch would have disapproved undertaking an action before one is fully developed, and making two moves to exchange a piece that has only moved once.

9. Q-K13	Kt-QB3
10. R-Q1	Kt-R4
11. Q-K15	Kt-QB3
12. Q-K13	.....

If 12. KtxP?, P-QR3!

12.	Kt-R4
13. Q-K14	Kt-QB3
14. Q-R4	B-B4
15. B-B4	Q-Q2
16. Kt-R4	KtxKt
17. PxB	.....

Now we have arrived at the characteristic position. It is now White who has the backward pawn, but he is



GAMES BY USCF MEMBERS

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

USCF MEMBERS: Submit your best games for this department to JOHN W. COLLINS, 91 Lenox Road, Brooklyn 26, N.Y. Space being limited, Mr. Collins will select the most interesting and instructive for publication. Unless otherwise stated notes to games are by Mr. Collins.

MORE THIRTY-THIRTY CHESS

More interesting games from the special New York Master Invitational 30-30 Tournament (thirty moves in thirty minutes) continue to come in. The one below has its fair share of tactical finesse in all three parts—opening, mid-game, and ending. And they are well underscored by Dr. Sussman's thorough annotations: JWC.

RUY LOPEZ

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Met., Masters Invitational
30-30 Tourney
New York, 1953

Notes by U. S. Master Harold Sussman

White Black
DR. H. SUSSMAN J. T. SHERWIN
1. P-K4 Kt-K3
Nimsowitch's Defense. The natural reply 2. P-Q4 can be met by 2. P-K4; 3. PxP, KtxP; 4. P-KB4, Kt-K3; 5. B-K3 or 2. P-Q4; 3. P-K5, B-B4; 4. P-QB3, P-K3; 5. Kt-K2!, in both cases yielding an edge to White.
2. Kt-KB3! P-K4

Back to the beaten path after all, but 2. P-Q4; 3. Pxp, QxP; 4. Kt-QB3, Q-QR4; 5. B-QKt5! is a favorable line of the "Center Counter" for White while 2. P-K3; 3. P-Q4, P-Q4; 4. P-K5 is an unfavorable variation of the French Defense for Black.
3. B-Kt5 P-B4

The dangerous Schliemann Defense. It is not quite sound.
4. Kt-B3!

Strongest. There are several ways to go astray. One is 4. P-Q4?, BPxP; 5. KtxKP?, KtxKt; 6. PxtKt, P-QB3; 7. B-K2, Q-R4 ch; 8. B-Q2, QxKt; 9. B-R5 ch, K-Q1 and Black has a pawn up and a strong center as consolation for his wandering King. Two alternatives lead to equality, i.e., 4. P-Q3, Pxp!; 5. Pxp, Kt-B3; 6. O-O, B-B4; 7. Kt-B3, P-Q3—and 4. Pxp, P-K5; 5. BxKt, QPxP; 6. Q-K2, Q-K2; 7. Kt-Q4, Q-K4; 8. Kt-B3, even.
4. Kt-B3

Unsound would be 4. Pxp; 5. QKxP, P-Q4; 6. KtxP!, PxtKt; 7. KtxKt, PxtKt (if 7. Q-Kt4; 8. Q-K2!); 8. Bxp ch, B-Q2; 9. Q-R5 ch with a winning game.
5. Pxp B-B4

A fair chance is 5. P-K5; 6. Kt-Kt5!, P-Q4; 7. P-Q3, P-KR3; 8. Kt-K6 but White retains the better game.
6. O-O O-O 7. KtxP! KtxKt
Apparently no better is the gambit 7. Kt-Q5; 8. Kt-B3 (or 8. B-K2) and Black will remain one pawn down, with little to show for it.
8. P-Q4 Bxp 10. B-KB4!

Probably a winning move. In the game Castilla (Chile) vs. Steiner (USA), Dubrovnik, 1950 White played 10. B-Kt5, Bxp; 11. P-KB4, Kt(4)-Q2; 12. R-B2 yielding the advantage to Black.
10. P-QB3

There is no road to equality but the text surely loses. The best chance is 10. Bxp. There ensues 11. BxKt, PxB; 12. QxKP, Bxp; 13. QR-B1, B-Kt3; 14. KR-Q1 and Black will struggle to entangle his game.
11. BxKt QPxP 12. QxQ

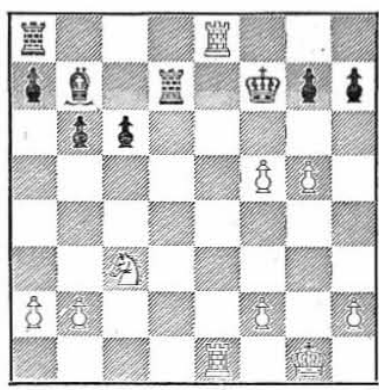
Also strong is 12. B-B4 ch.

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12. RxB 15. RxB KtxB
13. B-Q3 Kt-Q4 16. PxBt RxB
14. KR-K1! Kt-K5
Sherwin has made the best of a bad bargain but with a pawn down and an exposed King, he must lose.
17. R-K8 ch K-B2 19. P-KK4



18. QR-K1 R-Q2
The quickest win here is 19. R-KR8!. After 19. R-K2; 20. Kt-K4! Black must yield the exchange and the game shortly thereafter. However, I had worked out the text line first and it seemed the clearest for 30-30 chess.
19. P-QKt3 20. P-Kt5 B-Kt2

21. R(8)-K6! P-B4 23. Pxp ch K-B1
22. P-Kt6 ch Pxp 24. Kt-K4 R-Q5
A deliberate attempt by Sherwin to "mix it up," as both sides were pressed for time and White could easily go astray. No better is 24. QR-Q1 as 25. Kt-Kt5 is crushing. Best but insufficient is 24. BxKt.
25. P-B3

And not 25. Kt-Kt5?!, RxxKt5 ch; 26. K-B1, B-R3 ch winning a free Rook!
25. QR-Q1
Now 25. BxKt was mandatory but Sherwin didn't wish to simplify considering the time jam. The last five moves to the 30th on either side were played blitz.
26. Kt-Kt5 R-Q8 30. R-K7 B-B1
27. Kt-R7ch K-Kt1 31. P-KR4! P-QR4
28. RxR RxRch 32. P-R5

29. K-B2 R-Q1
The King-side bind is completed and White will soon move in for the kill. The text threatens 33. P-R6, Pxp; 34. Kt-B6 ch and mate on the next move. Black's reply is forced.
32. B-B4 34. K-B4 B-Kt8
33. K-Kt3 P-B5 35. P-QR4

Another interest win is 35. P-R6, BxKtP; 36. RxP ch, K-R1; 37. Kt-B6, B-Kt8; 38. P-QR4 and Blackg is helpless.
35. B-B7 36. Kt-Kt5

The previous note still holds but I preferred the text esthetically.
36. Bxp 39. R-R7 ch K-Kt1
37. Kt-K6 R-K1 40. K-B5! B-Kt6
38. RxP ch K-R1 41. Kt-Kt5! R-K6
With White avoiding his last trap Sherwin could have resigned. The game is now concluded energetically.
42. R-QB7! R-K1 43. P-R6 B-B7 ch
Or 43. R-KB1 ch; 44. R-KB7, RxR ch; 45. Pxr ch, K-B1; 46. K-B6 and mate follows at K6 or KR7.
44. K-B6 Bxp 46. P-R7ch K-R1
45. KxB R-KB1 47. Kt-B7ch

Resigns
Actually 47. R-QB7! mates a move sooner!

PRACTICE MATCHES
Practice matches are fun. Two friends can have-to at each other under tournament rules without the strain and formality of an event for blood. And these matches also provide a good opportunity to try new variations, let the imagina-

tion run wild in the middle-game, and learn to handle the clock.

Constantine Rasis and Peter Magri, two USCF Class B members, just finished one of these matches. Magri won the first game, but Rasis came back with the following lively miniature to make everything even-Steven. And so, presumably, a good time was had by all.

ENGLISH OPENING

MCO: page 31, column 1

Practice Match
Miami, 1953

White P. MAGRI Black C. RASIS
1. P-QB4 P-K4 2. Kt-QB3 P-KB4
With 2. Kt-KB3; standard book play, of course, Black develops and avoids the king-side weakening that the text brings.
3. P-K4?

3. P-K3, Kt-KB3; 4. P-Q4, P-K5; 5. Kt-R3! B-Kt5; 6. B-Q2, O-O; 7. Q-Kt3, BxKt; 8. BxB, is best.
3. Kt-KB3
If 3. Pxp?; 4. Q-R5 ch wins.
4. Pxp

Rather than go for a Pawn at this stage, White should bolster his KP and free his QB with 4. P-Q3.
4. B-B4 6. P-KKt4

5. P-Q3 P-Q3
If the Pawn at B5 is relinquished, White will have nothing to show for his inferior development.
6. P-KR4?!

Making sort of a Kieseritsky Gambit in reverse! Probably 6. O-O; is strong enough.
7. B-K2?

White never recovers from this. Peculiar looking as it is, 7. P-B3 may be worthwhile. Black must then decide whether to win back his Pawn immediately (7. P-B3, Pxp; 8. Pxp, BxKt; 9. RxB, RxP); with somewhat diminished attacking chances, or go on developing and building up more pressure.
7. KtxP 8. BxKt Q-R5!



More than likely, White overlooked this unfriendly in-between move which threatens mate and recaptures the piece under auspicious circumstances.
9. Kt-K4 PxB 11. B-K3 P-QKt3!
10. KtxB PxtKt

Not a defensive move! It threatens 12. B-Kt2, winning the KR.
12. Q-Q2?

Comparatively best is 12. Kt-K2, B-Kt2; 13. R-KKt1, Qxp; 14. Q-R4 ch, Kt-Q2; 15. O-O-O. But White has an idea he can get at the Dark Monarch.
12. B-Kt2 14. Q-K3!

13. B-Kt5 Q-R4
Looking for a swindle like 14. BxR?; 15. Qxp ch, K-Q2?; 15. K-B1; holds the win! 16. Q-K6 mate!
14. Kt-Q2!

Denying even the solace of a check or two.
15. P-B3 Pxp
Threatening 16. P-B7 ch; and 17. BxR.

16. K-B2 O-O Resigns
White cannot get his pieces out, he is about to lose a second Pawn (the KBP), and his King is a ready target.

KIMPTON IDAHO CHAMPION
LaVerl E. Kimpton scored 6½-1½ to win the Idaho State Championship. Here is one of his victories.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

MCO: page 89, column 49
Idaho State Championship
Idaho, 1953

White L. E. KIMPTON Black G. W. BUCKENDORF
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 5. P-K4 P-Q3
2. P-QB4 P-KKt3 6. B-K2 QKt-Q2
3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt2 7. O-O P-K4
4. Kt-B3 O-O 8. R-K1 P-KR3

This is a slow and weakening move. Most often seen is 8. R-K1. A bit surprising is 8. Kt-Kt5! Then if 9. P-KR3, (9. Pxp, Pxp) Pxp; 10. KtxP, KtxP!; 11. KxKt, Q-R5 ch; 12. P-Kt3! QxR!; 13. B-B1, Q-R7 ch; 14. B-Kt2, Kt-K4!; 15. R-R1, Kt-Kt5 ch; 16. K-B3! (if 16. QxKt?, BxKt ch; 17. K-B1, QxR ch; 18. BxQ, BxQ; and Black wins) Kt4 ch!; 17. K-B2!, Kt-Kt5 ch!; and a draw by repetition is the best either side can manage.
9. B-B1 P-QR4 11. B-K3 Kt-K1
10. P-KR3 K-R2

Black is going his own way. After 9. P-QR4; the logical follow-up would seem to be 11. Pxp; 12. Kt-B4; and 13. KKt-Q2.

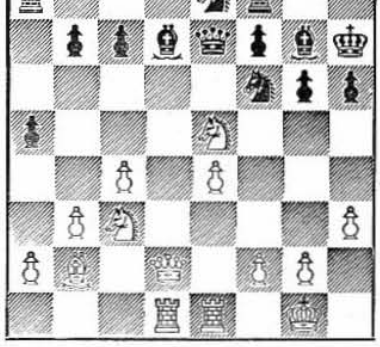
12. B-B1

Or simply 12. Q-B2 and 13. QR-Q1. The text is played to fianchetto the QB and to prevent 12. P-KB4.
12. Q-K2

Not 12. P-KB4?; 13. KPxp, KtPxp; 14. Pxp, Pxp; 15. KtxP! BxKt; 16. RxB, and White wins a Pawn. (16. Ktx R?; 17. QxQ.)
13. P-QKt3 B-R1?

Loses a tempo. 13. Pxp; 14. KtxP, Kt-B4; still looks best. But Black seems dead set against taking the QP.
14. Q-Q2 B-Kt2 16. Pxp Pxp
15. B-Kt2 Kt2-B3 17. QR-Q1 B-Q2?

Now White garners a Pawn. Correct is 17. P-B3.
18. KtxP!



White gets his Pawn by a nice five move combination, based on the exposed position of the Black Queen and QB.
18. QxKt

If 18. KtxP; 19. QxB or 19. KtxKt wins. And if 18. Bxp; 19. KtxKtP wins.
19. Kt-Q5 Q-K3

Now if 19. KtxP; 20. BxQ, KtxQ; 21. RxKt, BxB; 22. RxB, and White has the equivalent of a Pawn in position! And if 19. Q-Q3; 20. P-K5, wins back the piece.
20. KtxKt ch BxKt

If 20. KtxKt; 21. BxKt or 21. P-K5, wins.
21. P-K5! B-Kt4 22. QxB R-Q1

Black cannot very well avoid the exchange of Queens and must therefore suffer the ending.
If 22. QxQ; 23. RxQ, and White's 24. P-K6 and 24. B-R3 threats are winners.
23. QxQ PxQ 25. R-Q1 Kt-Kt2
24. RxR BxR

White wins a piece on 25. B-K2; 26. R-Q7, R-B2; 27. B-R3. Or, equally bad, the exchange.
26. R-Q7 P-R4 28. R-B7

27. B-R3 R-K1

Inaccurate. The most precise is 28. P-B5!—with the idea of 29. B-Kt5, 30. RxBt ch, KxR; 31. BxR. Or forcing one of the wakening moves 28., P-Kt3 or 28., P-B3.

28. K-Kt1 30. P-KKt4

29. R-Q7 P-Kt3

Stalemating the Knight.

30. PXP 33. B(R3)-B1 R-B1

31. PXP P-B4 34. B-K3 B-R5

32. B-Q3 K-R2 35. K-Kt2

Better, and more fun, is 35. B-K4, side-stepping an exchange of Rooks and threatening to exploit pawn-weaknesses with 36. R-Kt7.

35. R-Q1 36. RxB

If 36. R-Q6, Black can force the swap of Rooks with 36., B-K2.

36. BxR 38. K-R3

37. P-B4 B-K2

White could also work out a win with 38. K-B3, 39. K-K4, 40. B-KB1, 41. B-R3, and 42. P-B5.

38. B-Q1 40. B-R4 Resigns

39. B-KB2 B-B2

White can win the ending by infiltrating with his King and Bishops, gaining a second Pawn, and then queening a passed-pawn. For example: 40., Kt-K1; 41. B-K4, K-Kt2; 42. B-QB6, K-B2; 43. B-Q7, Kt-Kt2; 44. B-KB6, Kt-K1; 45. BxKt ch, KxB; 46. K-R4, K-B2; 47. K-Kt5, 50. KxP, KxB; 51. K-B7, and the KtP B-Kt1; 48. B-Q8, B-R2; 49. K-R6, K-K1; cannot be prevented from queening. Or 40., K-R3; 41. B-K4, K-R2; 42. B-QB6, K-R3; 43. B-K7, K-R2; 44. K-R4, K-R3; 45. B-Q7, K-R2; 46. K-Kt5, B-Kt1; 47. B-Q8, B-R2; 48. P-R3, and Black, in sugsawang, begins to drop material. Well done by White.

DECIDING GAME

This game, played in the 5th Round, proved to be the decisive one in the tournament.

GRUNFELD INDIAN DEFENSE

MCO: page 85, column 30

Toronto Championship Final

Toronto, 1953

White Black

A. LIDACIS E. KRESTINI

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-R3

2. P-QB4 P-KKt3

The main alternatives are 3. P-B3 and 3. P-KKt3.

3. P-Q4 4. B-B4

This has declined in popularity during the past fifteen or twenty years. Probably because Black can effect exchanges and exploit the absence of the White Queen Bishop from the Queen-side, 4. PXP and 4. P-K3 are currently the favorites. Also 4. Kt-B3!

4. B-Kt2 6. R-B1

5. P-K3 O-O

If White accepts the QBP, a curious draw can result from 6. PXP, KtXP; 7. KtXKt, QxKt; 8. BxP, Kt-R3; 9. BxKt! QxKtP; 10. Q-B3, QxQ; 11. KtXQ, PxB; 12. R-QB1! P-QR4! (intending 13., P-R5; and 14., P-R6!) 13. BxP, B-Kt2; 14. K-K2, B-R3ch; 15. K-K1, B-Kt2 etc.

6. P-B4! 7. QXP P B-K3!?

This has its good and bad points. More of the former and less of the latter issue from 7., Q-R4; 8. PXP, R-Q1; 9. B-B4, B-K3; 10. P-QKt4!, QxKtP; 11. Q-Kt3, QxQ; 12. BxQ!, KtXP; 13. KtXKt, RxBt!; 14. BxKt, RxBt; 15. BxR, BxB; 16. Kt-B3, BxP; 17. K-K2, P-QKt4; 18. PXP e.p., PXP; 19. KR-Q1, P-QKt4; 20. Kt-Q4, B-B5ch; 21. K-K1, R-R1; 22. R-Q2!

8. Q-Kt3?

Better is 8. Kt-B3, Kt-B3; 9. B-K2, Q-R4; 10. O-O, PXP; 11. Kt-Kt5, QR-Q1; 12. Q-R4, QxQ; 13. KtXQ, B-Q2; 14. BxP, P-K4; 15. KKt3, KtQR4; 16. B-Kt3, KtXB; 17. PxKt, Kt-Q4; 18. KR-Q1, B-Kt4; 19. Kt-B3, P-B3; 20. Kt-Q2, Kt-Kt5; 21. Kt-B4, Kt-Q6; 22. R-R1, with even chances.

8. Kt-R3! 9. PXP

White loses the Queen with 9. QxP, KtXP; 10. Q-Kt4, R-B1; 11. R-Q1, P-QR4; 12. Q-R3, Q-Kt3; 13. PXP, KtXP; 14. KtXKt, BxKt; 15. RxB? BxP!

9. KtXP 11. Q-R3 R-B1

10. KtXKt BxKt 12. Kt-B3?

White allows his kind-side to be shattered and his King to become a marked man. Correct is 12. R-Q1!

12. BxKt 14. BxKt?

13. PxB Q-Q4

And this is an error too. Now 14. B-K2 is best.

14. QxKBP!

An alert interpolation.

15. R-KKt!

On 15. BxP, QxB(Kt2); 16. O-O BxP; 17. R-Kt1, BxQ; 18. RxB, BxP; Black wins the ending.

GUEST ANNOTATORS

Dr. Harold Sussman

15. PxB 17. Q-Kt3 R-Q2

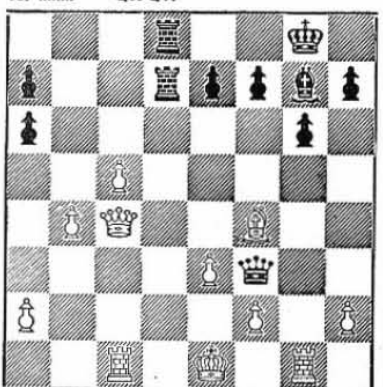
16. P-Kt4 KR-Q1

Beginning to play for mate at Q8.

18. Q-B4?

This immediately costs a piece. Comparatively best is 18. P-B6, RXP; 19. RxB, QxR; 20. K-K2.

18. QR-Q1!



Threatening 19., R-Q8 ch; 20. RxB, RxB mate.

19. B-Q6!

Ingenuity (unavailing) born of desperation. If 19. Q-B2 or 19. Q-K2, then 19., B-B6 ch!; followed by 20., R-Q8 ch wins. Now White's last hope is his QBP.

19. PxB 21. QxP R(1)-QB1

20. P-B6 R-B2 22. P-Kt5 P-Q4!

With the intention of getting a Passed Pawn or breaking in at K6.

23. R-Kt3 Q-R8ch

The Queen goes to work with a vengeance.

24. K-Q2 QxP 26. P-K4 B-R3 ch

25. R-KB3 P-Q5 Resigns

If 27. K-B2, BxR; 28. KxB, Q-R8 ch; 29. K-B2, QxR.

N. Y. CHESS LIFE

(Continued from page 5, col. 4)

attitudes towards the Western world it may be possible to discover.

IN BRIEF: The Marshall Chess Club Preliminaries embrace 44 players, divided up into four groups of eleven each with the top two contestants in each to qualify for the championship finals to begin in the fall. Leading scores include: J. F. Donovan 3-0, I. Romanenko and C. Hillinger 2½-½ in Section A, T. Dunst 4-0 and A. Saïdy 2-0 (Section B), J. Pamiljens, H. Fajans, and J. Richman 3-0 in the third section, while J. T. Westbrook 4½-½ and N. Bakos 3-0 top the final group. . . Herb Seidman and Max Pavey 5½-1½ lead the Invitational Masters Minute-Chess Tourney, both having Harold Sussman left to play. Arthur Bisguier is still in the running for first place with a 6-2 score on completion of his schedule.

MONTEREY BAY (Calif.) CHESS LEAGUE: Salinas Chess Club won the league title with 3-1 in matches, and 18-16 in games; Spartan Chess Club (San Jose State College) was second with 2-2 and 15-11½, while Santa Cruz Chess Club was third with 1-3 and 11½-17½.

NORTH JERSEY CHESS LEAGUE: Plainfield scored 8-2 to win the league title, with Orange second with 7½-2½, and Irvington-Polish third with 7-3.

	W	D	L
1. Plainfield	7	2	1
2. Orange	6	3	1
3. Irvington-Polish	5	4	1
4. Maroccy	5	3	2
5. Elizabeth	4	2	4
6. Philidor	4	1	5
7. Irvington	4	0	6
8. Jersey City	4	0	6
9. Montclair	2	3	5
10. Northern Valley	3	0	7
11. Union	2	0	8

Mate The Subtle Way!

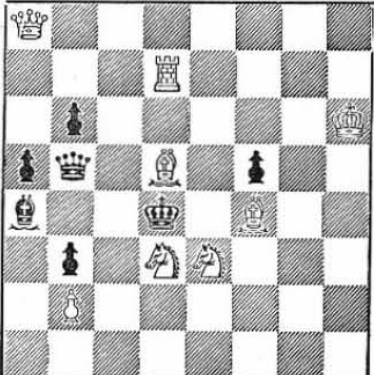
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By Godfrey Heathcote

3rd Prize, British Chess Problem Society, 1952

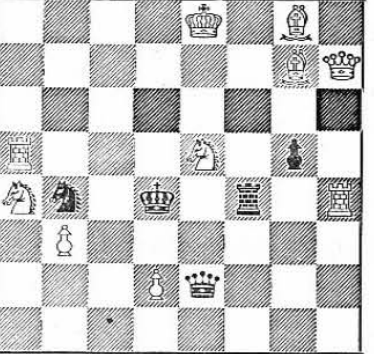


White mates in two moves

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By V. N. Ovchinnikov

1st Prize, "64" 1928

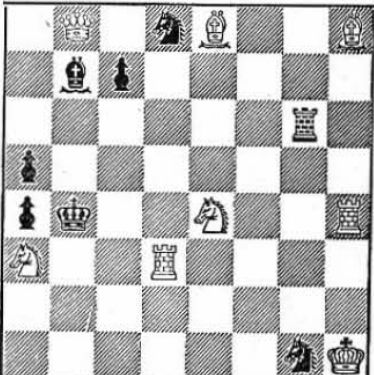


White mates in two moves

Problem No. 432

By L. Loshinsky

1st Prize, USSR Tourney 1952

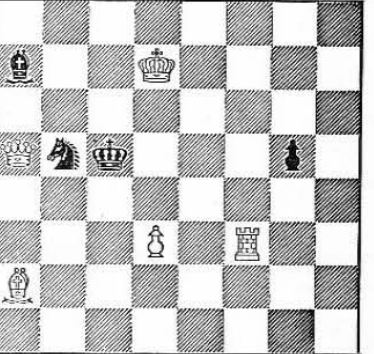


White mates in two moves

Problem No. 434

By G. Leon-Martin

2nd Commended, Melbourne Weewly Times, 1952



White mates in three moves

Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 419 (Jacobs): 1. Q-Kt7, with beautifully harmonious variations by 1., P-B3 and P-B4.

No. 420 (Jacobs): 1. R-B7, producing complex play when the Black Knight at Q4 moves.

No. 421 (Jacobs): 1. B-Kt1, giving a flight and leading to three unpins of the White Rook.

No. 422 (Jacobs): 1. R-B6, threat; 2. Q-Kt4 ch. If 1., B-B1; 2. QxBP ch. If 1., Q-Q2; 2. QxQ ch. If 1., Kt-B6; 2. R-Q2 ch. If 1., Kt(K4) moves, ch; 2. R-B4 ch. If 1., K-Q6; 2. Q-B5 ch. If 1., QxB; 2. Q-Q6 ch. A fine unpinning key opens the way to a striking array of checks and cross-checks.

No. 423 (Keeney): 1. Q-Q2. This relatively simple mechanism proved difficult for many solvers.

No. 424 (Holladay): 1. R-B5, with elegant changed-mate play after 1. R-Q3 ch and 1., Q-Q4 ch. The try 1. B-K5 is defeated by 1., R-B3!

No. 425 (Musante): The author's intention was 1. Q-Q5, but there are "cooks" by 1. Kt-B2 ch and 1. Q-R6 ch.

No. 426 (Rice): 1. Q-Q2, Kt-K7 (threat); 2. Q-B1 ch. If 1., B-K5 ch; 2. K-B5. If 1., RxBt; 2. Q-K1 ch. If 1., KxBt; 2. QxB. If 1., Kt-B3 mate (threat). In the two main variations there is a pretty Queen sacrifice with pin-mate, and a difficult Black check with quiet reply.

NOTE—There was an error in the diagram of No. 428 in the June 20 issue: Solvers should add a White Pawn on Q2.

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 for the problems in the June 5 issue. Names of several inactive solvers have been dropped from this Ladder listing.)

E. Weatherford	360	W. I. Lourie	206	R. G. McSorley	46	Ted Dana	12
J. Kaufman	318	Dr. I. Swartz	168	Ronald O'Neil	40	L. Frankenstein	12
G. Murtaugh	316	G. M. Banker	128	H. R. Meifert	34	Louis T. Ward	12
Steve Myzel	292	Robert Grande	112	Tom Heermann	30	Ben Shaeffer	10
Rev. Chidley	232	L. M. Brown	108	G. Springbett	24	R. W. Wittmann	10
Kenneth Lay	278	Nicholas Yoe	104	J. Halliburton, Jr.	22	H. E. Dankaler	8
J. H. France	270	A. L. Welsh	90	T. Seidel	22	Dr. A. Distefano	8
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We heartily welcome the following new solvers as they begin their Ladder climb: Ted Dana, Harry E. Dankaler, Dr. Anthony F. Distefano, Karl A. Forssmark, Leonard Frankenstein, Dr. Max Herzberger, E. F. Lawrence, Mena Schwartz, Ben Shaeffer, Paul J. Smith, and Louis Ronald Stein.

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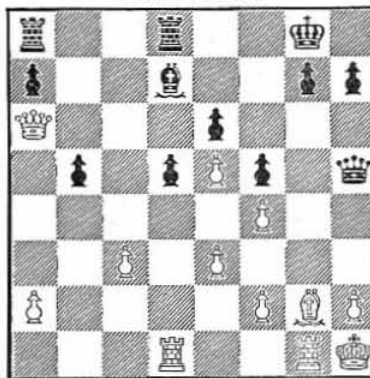
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San Jose (Calif.) Chess Club: The annual club championship event ended in a three-way tie for first with 5-2 each between Howard O'Shaughnessy, Janis Kalnins, and William T. Adams. A play-off for the title will be held.

What's The Best Move?

By **Guilherme Groesser**

Position No. 121



White to play

Send solutions to Position No. 121 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by August 20, 1953.

Solution to Position No. 118

Our solvers had little trouble in finding the best move in the position, Nedeljovic-Gligoric, Yugoslav Championship, which continued 1. RxBch, KxR; 2. P-R7 and Black resigned for 2. K-Kt2 is answered by 3. Kt-R5ch, winning the Rook and the game.

Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: J. E. Barry (Ann Arbor), K. Blumberg (Chicago), G. F. Chase (Buffalo), M. Cohen (Milwaukee), J. E. Comstock (Duluth), W. J. Couture (Charleston), J. D. Define (Florissant), H. A. Dittmann (Salt Lake City), E. K. Dille (Norfolk), E. Gault (New Brighton), R. Grande (Denver), D. Hamburger (Pittsburgh), W. H. James (Fox Lake), C. Joachim (Seattle), J. Kaufman (Los Angeles), E. J. Korpanty (Bellevue), H. Kurrak (Des Plaines), E. F. Lawrence (Phillips), C. Lyon Peoria, Dr. J. Melnick (Portland), E. Nash (Washington), Y. V. Oganosov (Monterey Park), Geo. Payne (Webster Groves), N. Reider (San Francisco), E. Roman (New Britain), E. Roethler (Cleveland), Dr. M. Schlosser (Decatur), B. Schaeffer (San Bernardino), W. E. Stevens (Laramie), H. C. Underwood (Washington), Dr. I. Schwartz (Durand), W. B. Wilson (Amherstburg), N. P. Witting (Salem), N. Zemke (Detroit).

A hearty welcome to new solvers J. Donald Define, Melvin Cohen, Emil Roethler, Dr. Max Schlosser, and Ben Shaeffer.

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Solutions:—

Position No. 109: 1. RxB, PxR; 2. Q-Kt3ch, K-R1; 3. B-K7 and Black resigned.

Position No. 110: 1. R-K6, R-QB8ch; 2. K-Kt2, R-K8; 3. K-Kt3, R-K7; 4. K-B3, R-K8; 5. K-Kt3, P-K7; 6. K-Kt2; Draw.

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