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City), I should like to commend it to your studied consideration. A comparison of the first six moves in the open defense to the Ruy Lopez follows.

RUY LOPEZ (In Descriptive Notation)		RUY LOPEZ (In Szold Notation)	
1. P-K4	P-K4	1. PK	PK'
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	2. NB	NB
3. B-Kt5	P-QR3	3. BN	PQR
4. B-R4	Kt-B3	4. BR	NB'
5. O-O	KtXP	5. OO	NXP
6. P-Q4	P-QKt4	6. PQ'	PQN

The key to the notation is that a piece is assumed to move to a white colored square unless the move is followed by an apostrophe. Thus the color of the square is substituted for the number of the rank. The hyphen indicating "to" also is omitted. 1. "PK" is read "Pawn to King white." Since K4 is the only white square to which the Pawn may move, there is no reason to indicate the rank number, in this case "4."

There are, however, instances in which numbers must be used to clarify ambiguities in the Szold Notation. I will elaborate further on these fine points in my next article.

Byrne Wins U. S. Open Title Defeating Pavey in Final Round

By virtue of a final round victory over runner-up Max Pavey, the lesser known of the Byrne brothers, Donald Byrne, won the U.S. Open Championship at Milwaukee by 10½-2½ in a struggle which remained undecided until the last moments of play. Top contenders for the title during the 13 round contest were Byrne, Pavey, Rossolimo, Sherwin, Evans, Anderson, and Brasket. But Evans dropped from the contention in the final rounds and the competition proved a little too rugged for former U.S. Junior Champion Brasket who, however, managed to cling to the top group—the only Expert in a strong group of Masters.

Slightly disappointing were the final standings of Bisguier and Berliner among others with it evident that the long sojourn in the army had served to take the keen edge off their chess skill—but nothing that a little practice will not restore.

After a bad start, Editor Horowitz rallied strongly to finish high among the winners, while Frank Anderson of Toronto made a showing that should be gratifying to our Canadian neighbors. Eliot Hearst, CHESS LIFE columnist, and Jim Cross, another former U.S. Junior Champion, also turned in excellent performances to justify their ranking as masters.

By defeating Mrs. Willa White Owens in the final round, Mrs. Eva Aronson of Chicago became the U. S. Women's Open Champion as the ranking woman player with 7-6. Mrs. Owens was runner-up with 6-7 score.

(For complete Swiss table and further details, see next issue of CHESS LIFE.)

U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP Milwaukee, 1953

Final Standings—Leaders			
1. D. Byrne (Brooklyn)	9	1	3 10½-2½
2. M. Pavey (Brooklyn)	9	2	2 10 -3
3. N. Rossolimo (Paris)	7	1	5 9½-3½
4. J. T. Sherwin (N. Y.)	7	1	5 9½-3½
5. I. Horowitz (N. Y.)	8	2	3 9½-3½
6. Anderson (Toronto)	7	1	5 9½-3½
7. E. Hearst (N. Y.)	8	2	3 9½-3½
8. J. Cross (Glendale)	9	3	1 9½-3½
9. C. Brasket (Tracy)	8	3	2 9 -4
10. M. Turiansky (Chi)	7	2	4 9 -4
11. K. Burger (Brooklyn)	8	3	2 9 -4
12. J. Shaffer (Phila.)	8	3	2 9 -4
13. L. Evans (N. Y.)	7	3	3 8½-4½
14. Dr. Mengarini (N.Y.)	7	3	3 8½-4½
15. A. Kevitz (Bronx)	7	3	3 8½-4½
16. D. B. Rozsa (Tulsa)	7	3	3 8½-4½
17. H. Berliner (Wash.)	7	3	3 8½-4½
18. A. Santasiere (N.Y.)	7	3	3 8½-4½
19. G. Krauss (Pope AFB)	7	3	3 8½-4½
20. G. Shainswit (N.Y.)	5	1	7 8½-4½
21. A. Dake (Portland)	6	2	5 8½-4½
22. Donovan (Brooklyn)	6	2	5 8½-4½
23. A. Bisguier (N.Y.)	6	2	5 8½-4½
24. W. Lombardy (Bronx)	7	3	3 8½-4½
25. O'Keefe (Ann Arbor)	7	3	3 8½-4½
26. J. Florido (Havana)	7	3	3 8½-4½

WASHINGTON TOPS COLUMBIA TEAM

Undiscouraged by previous defeats, the Washington State chess team sallied to the Peace Arch at Blaine, Wash., to face a team from British Columbia in the annual International Team Match of the Pacific Coast. This year Washington tallied the victory with 26-21, winning the A Section 18-12 and losing the B Section 8-9. Washington scored 5½-4½ on the first ten boards and maintained relatively the same proportion down the line.

HAYES TRIUMPHS IN SO. CAROLINA

Rea B. Hayes, former Canadian player, won the South Carolina Open title 4½-½, drawing with Dr. George Smith in final round. Second place went to Douglas Kahn with 4-1 on S-B, while Dr. Smith placed third, also with 4-1. Kahn lost to Hayes, and Smith drew with Hayes and Joseph Cababiss.

Fourth and fifth on S-B with 3½-1½ were Anthony Pabon and Wm. Adickes in the 19 player Swiss at Columbia.

RUSSIA INVITES TEAM TO MOSCOW

The Soviet Chess Society has issued an invitation to the U.S. team to come to Moscow to play the match which was cancelled by the Soviet refusal to accept certain restrictions imposed by the United States Government. USCF President Harold M. Phillips has not indicated whether the invitation will be accepted but has suggested to the press that further efforts should be made to bring the Soviet team over here before action should be taken on the counter-offer.

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JUNIORS TRIUMPHANT

Left to right, U. S. Junior Champion Saul N. Yarmak of Passaic with his individual trophy as champion and the travelling Milwaukee Journal Trophy, Tournament Director and Organizer Charles W. Graham of Kansas City, 11-year old Larry Remlinger of Long Beach with the traveling Dittmann Trophy for ranking player 15 or under, and Herman Steiner who served as assistant director and game adjudicator.

White To Play And Win!

by William Rojam

Position No. 223

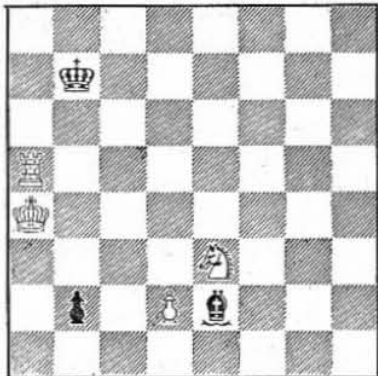
By Paul H. Smith
Charleston, Massachusetts
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White to play and win

Position No. 224

By V. Platov
"Trud, March 23,
1952



White to play and draw

Position No. 223 is in a sense dedicated to William J. Couture, for its composer is a part of the chess group at Charleston, Mass., which Couture activated into greater frenzy. The setting is a little heavy for the theme, perhaps, but the tactical lines are clear-cut and decisive.

Position No. 224 represents one of the less complex among the ideas of composer Platov. Obviously White cannot stop the queening of the Black Pawn, thus the strategy must utilize this queening as a weapon. The idea is lucid, and the demonstration no less clear-cut.

For solutions, please turn to Page ten.

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The Cleveland-Buffalo telephone match ended in a 5-5 draw. Scoring wins for Cleveland were Thomas Ellison, Z. Pauer, Larry Lipking, Ronald Rosen; for Buffalo were R. T. Black, J. Barrett, Dr. S. R. Fruella, W. Heizman. Somlo of Cleveland drew with C. Fell, and Larry Friedman of Cleveland with A. Vossler.



In the unofficial Canada vs USA correspondence match, captained by D. M. LeDain of Montreal for Canada and D. C. Macdonald of Grand Forks for the USA, Canada now leads by a comfortable margin of 103½-69½, but some 80 games are unreported and may appreciably alter the final score.

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.

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The Valley of the Moon Chess Festival at Sonoma Plaza in Northern California drew a record crowd of 240 participants in the various events. The Leah Koltanowski Trophy went to Louise Horne of San Francisco; the H. A. Whitehead Trophy to Nancy McLeon, San Bruno; the two Don McNay Trophies (for juniors) to Gilbert Ramirez and Bob Davis of San Francisco; the Sonoma Kiwanis Trophy (for greatest number from one club entered) went to the Capablanca Chess Club of Richmond and the H. A. Whitehead Trophy (for highest percentage of one club entered) to the Paul Morphy Chess Club of San Francisco with 100% representation; the two Homer Bross Trophies (for entrants from farthest away) to Stanley Behrends, Wilmington, and Loyd J. Lund, Shandon; the C. E. MacDonald Trophy to Robert Currie, San Francisco, in A Section; and the two Lee Clereci Trophies to R. J. Allen, San Carlos, in B Section and Jack Frazier, San Francisco, in C Section. The festival was directed by George Koltanowski, assisted by Leah Koltanowski. Other features included a blindfold exhibition, a simultaneous exhibition, both by Koltanowski, and a problem solving contest.



William C. Adickes, Jr. won the double-round Asheville (N.C.) Open Championship 21-3, conceding one loss each to Ray C. Ellis, L. R. Mellin, and Dr. Paul Jacobs. Phil C. Knox was second with 20-4, losing both games to Adickes and one each to Ellis and Maj. G.H.B. Terry. Ray C. Ellis was third with 19-5 in the 13 player event.



Chess comes of age at St. Petersburg (Fla.) with the news that the St. Petersburg City Recreation Department has established a chess and checker school for three months each year, from January 1st to March 31st, with the noted chess and checker expert Newell Banks in charge of the teaching. Always famous for its recreations as a vacation spot, St. Petersburg has now completed the curriculum in adding chess instruction and joins the progressive Milwaukee, Cleveland, Los Angeles and Salt Lake City with its city-sponsored program.



Idaho outpointed Utah 14½-7½ in the third annual inter-state match at Twin Falls. G. Buckendorf, A. B. Ellis and M. Wennstrom scored double victories for Idaho; Lloyd Kimpton, C. H. Stewart, and A. Harley tallied a win and a draw apiece, and LaVerl Kimpton, D. Crawford, P. Stanke, R. Parker scored single wins. For Utah Judge Leon Fonesbeck scored the sole double victory; J. Allen, S. Teitelbaum, C. Metzlaar, and K. Larson saved single points, and F. Clark, B. Webber, and A. Madsen salvaged draws.



Henry Gross of San Francisco won the Northern California Open Championship 7-2, losing no games but drawing with William Addison, P. D. Smith, Vlademars Zemitis and Ray Cuneo. William Addison, a former Louisiana player now in San Francisco, was second with 6½-1½, losing to Dmitri Poliakoff, while drawing with Gross, Mike Hailparn, and Zemitis. Third and fourth on S-B with 6-3 each were Poliakoff and Robert Currie, both of San Francisco, while Zemitis of Oakland was fifth with 5½-3½ in the 16 player event.



The Chess Festival at Liberty Park in Salt Lake City to celebrate the first season of directed playground chess activity drew 200 young contestants for the 8-man playground team matches. Victory went to Sorenson Playground which was captured by Junior Champion Emerson Snider with 22½-9½ score. Second place went to Hyland with 21½-10½, and Fairmont was third with 20½-11½ in the 18 team contest.

GEORGE KRAMER SENIOR MASTER

By WILLIAM ROJAM

Staff Writer

George Kramer, who as his photograph indicates is still in the Armed Forces which have curtailed his recent tournament activities, needs little introduction to American chess players. One of a gifted group, consisting of the Byrne brothers, Bisguier, Shipman, and Evans, which made New York chess circles lively a few years ago, Kramer in the brief period of a few years before Army service rose to the rank of Senior Master, placing fifth among U.S. Masters in the last rating list despite his comparative inactivity in the last few years.

His list of tournament achievements include twice winning the strong Manhattan Chess Club Championship, in 1951 and 1952, and in distinguished service as a member of the U.S. team in the International Team Olympics at Dubrovnic in 1950, where his performance of 5 wins, 2 losses, and 5 draws at board three was considered a remarkable showing in a first venture into international chess circles.



Ruben Cintron, 18-year old son of Rafael Cintron, won a preliminary tournament at San Juan (P.R.) 10½-1½ to qualify to play in the finals of the Puerto Rico Championship. Second place went to Jose Berrocal with 9½-2½.



In an international team match of universities at Brussels, the Norwegian team from Oslo University score 6-1 in matches with a game score of 18½-9½ for first. Great Britain was second with 5-2 and 18-10, while Finland, Iceland, Belgium, Sweden, Austria and France finished in order named.



Elmars Zengalis won a tuning-up tourney, prior to coming to the U. S. Open at Milwaukee by 6-0. The other participants, O. W. Manney, J. L. Sheets, and Chas. Ballantine each scored 2-4.



"Warden with a Heart" is the caption of a story in the August-September CANADIAN CHESS CHAT which deals with the chess promotion of Warden William C. Kindelan of Rhode Island State Prison. The story told is similar to the details given in CHESS LIFE some time ago, and an excellent reproduction is given of the Kindelan Trophy, donated by the Warden for the Chess Championship of Howard Prison.



Friends of William J. Couture may now write him at Box 43, Norfolk, Mass.

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INTERNATIONAL TEAM MATCH

Peace Arch, 1953

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Washington	Brit. Columbia
1. O. Manney 1/2	J. Taylor 1/2
2. J. L. Sheets 1/2	Dave Creemer 1/2
3. C. Ballantine 0	M. Pratt 1
4. C. Joachim 1	C. F. Millar 0
5. Bob Neale 0	A. Zerkowitz 1
6. J. Nourse 1/2	R. Pilkington 1/2
7. Dan Wade 1/2	W. J. Mayer 1/2
8. K. Mulford 1	C. D. H. Moore 0
9. J. Cerretelli 1	H. H. Burrell 0
10. F. H. Weaver 1/2	A. Arrow 1/2
11. J. Almond 1/2	E. R. Latta 1/2
12. R. M. Collins 1	A. Muchey 0
13. Magerkurth 1	R. Hennesey 0
14. Coubrough 0	H. Schweiger 1
15. Brandstrom 1/2	B. Arden 1/2
16. F. Howard 1	A. Dreisner 0
17. V. Hultman 1	X. Essau 0
18. Sid Nourse 0	R. M. Wilson 1
19. T. Davidson 1	W. T. Money 0
20. B. Edberg 0	H. Copelstone 1
21. M. Mage 1	J. Lacey 0
22. O. Traynor 0	J. Lee 1
23. LaFreniere 0	G. G. Powis 1
24. H. Locom 0	L. Jonah 1
25. Weissenborn 1	A. T. Harrison 0
26. McCormick 1/2	D. N. Harrison 1/2
27. W. Hoge 1	W. H. Chapman 0
28. J. A. Naas 1	A. Shick-Ferber 0
29. T. J. Dolle 1	O. Lipschutz 0
30. V. Bever 1	H. Bischoff 0

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Section B

1. P. Husby 0	M. McLeod 1
2. G. Beck 0	J. Hockin 1
3. Ed. Arnold 1	S. Streeter 0
4. G. Faithful 0	C. J. Littlewood 1
5. S. Birulin 1	R. Hartnell 0
6. H. Roberts 1	C. M. St. Dennis 0
7. E. Carlson 1	E. B. Nelson 0
8. G. Christey 0	G. Kowolewski 1
9. J. DeWitt 0	C. McLeod 1
10. Hela Case 0	G. Anderson 1
11. R. Pickens 1	B. Cohen 0
12. D. ReVeal 1	S. Ashworth 0
13. H. Sanden 1	J. Oldham 0
14. T. Nelson 1	F. C. Eckhoff 0
15. S. Falk 0	J. Garret 1
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Among Chess Rivalries

By U. S. Senior Master GEORGE KRAMER



KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Buenos Aires, 1953

White S. RESHEVSKY Black M. NAJDORF

Putting his best foot forward, Reshevsky plays 1. P-Q4, 2. P-QB4, 3. Kt-QB3, 4. P-K4, 5. P-KK1, 6. B-Kt2, 7. P-Q5 or Kt-K2. Black must try to open the center with P-K4 or P-QB4 as long as White's formation remains fluid. Once the pawns are fixed with P-Q5 or P-K4, Black's compensation should be found in P-KB4 or occupation of the Q-file.

The prescribed challenge. White cannot win a pawn with 7. PxP, PxB; 8. KtXP, QxQ ch; 9. BxQ, KtXP or 8. QxQ, RxQ; 9. KtXP, KtXP but 8. QxQ, RxQ; 9. B-KKt5! gives Black troubles and deserves a few trials.

8. B-K3 Maintaining the tension. A strong attempt to seize the initiative by threatening the Bishop, freeing the KB pawn, and exerting pressure on the long diagonal. 8. PxB, PxB; 9. KtXP, Kt-K1 is also good. 9. B-K15 Easing some of the pressure on his Q-pawn. 10. B-R4 is not attractive.



Going a little against the grain. After adopting an aggressive policy Black

plans to prepare a bit more. Still, he has no reason to fear the complications at 10. PxB, PxB; 11. KtXP, KtXP; 12. QxKt, P-B4 or from 10. P-B4 directly.

Their first match ended in a complete victory for Reshevsky, Miguel's claims to the contrary. Their second match encounter was closely contested with Reshevsky pulling away in the final games. The opening match game in which Reshevsky goes on to win after Najdorf turns down his draw offer sets the tempo for the interesting games which followed.

11. PxB White decides to open lines for his pieces and fix a Black pawn at K4.

11. QXPX is much safer. 12. QxQ, KtXP holds everything. With the text Black cedes a number of open lines on the K-side to White in return for the distant promise of compensation on the KB-file.

12. B-K15 Black wants to reserve KB2 for his Knight and so decides against 12. Q-K1; 13. Kt-Q5, Q-B2.

13. Kt-Q5 The knight and Q-Bishop exert a strong bind on Black's K-side. While Black goes about the business of freeing himself, Reshevsky piles up pressure on the Q-side.

14. P-QKt4 To play Kt-KB2 without worrying about Kt-B6 ch. P-QR4 was also to be considered as 14. Q-Q2, Kt-KKt5; 15. P-KR3, Kt-B3 is adequate.

15. B-K3 If Black now continues passively, he must always be wary of a well timed P-B5. As Najdorf's temperament couldn't possibly allow him to enjoy such a state of affairs, he embarks on a risky plan.

17. P-B3 First the Knight must go. The backward QP is firmly anchored with the King Knight.

18. Kt-B3 19. QR-Kt1



Reshevsky now offered a draw. As White, in your annotator's opinion, now enjoys a slight edge the offer should have been accepted. Najdorf, who has just achieved a measure of freedom after an uphill battle, no doubt overestimated his position and declined. He launches his dangerous attack with ...

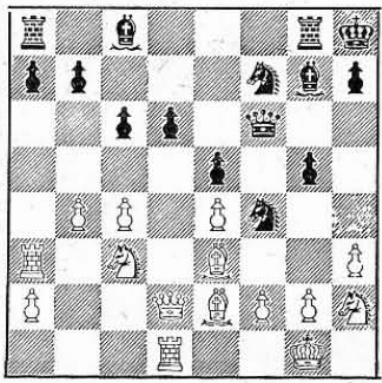
19. P-KK14 20. P-KR3 21. R-Kt1

White goes about his business. When playing the defensive it is a good maxim to defend threats only when they develop. Reshevsky is trying to shake up the Black Q-side.

21. R-KKt1

To support a K-side push. 22. R-R3 Indirectly defending the RP as Black gets a tremendous attack after 23. RxP, RxR; 24. BxR, BxRP or 24. P-Kt5.

23. Kt-R2 A very good move which forestalls Black's attack.



23. Q-Kt3 Black should take time out for P-QR3. His position after 24. P-Kt5 is then badly compromised on the Q-side, but he is not a pawn behind.

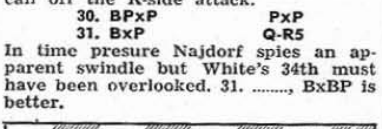
24. RxP Accepting the gift. 25. BxR 26. B-K3

27. P-B3 Now P-Kt4 is stopped by 28. BPxP, PxB; 29. BxP and Black is without a good continuation.

27. P-QR4 Najdorf now offered the draw but Reshevsky rightfully declined.

29. P-R5 A little desperate but there is not much to do against White's threatened Q-side advances, unless he is willing to call off the K-side attack.

30. BPxP 31. BxP In time pressure Najdorf spies an apparent swindle but White's 34th must have been overlooked. 31. BxP is better.



32. Q-B2 Continuing with his faulty plans but Kt-K2. 33. PxKt 34. Q-B6 ch

35. QxB ch; 36. K-R1 is no better. 36. K-R1

37. B-B5ch 38. Q-K8ch 39. QxKt

40. Q-B8ch 41. Q-B7 42. Q-R5ch and Resigns

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An Acre In Middlesex

An acre in Middlesex is better than a principality in Utopia

MACAULEY—Essay on Lord Bacon

MUCH was phenomenal about the U.S. Chess Federation Congress at
Milwaukee. Not the least of the achievements was the tourna-
ment itself—the largest and undoubtedly the strongest U.S. Open
Championship in American history, staged in adequate and dignified
quarters in the beautiful "million dollar" Eagle Club, and efficiently
organized by the Milwaukee Tournament Committee.

No less unique was the general feeling of friendship and relief
which pervaded the annual Membership Meeting and bore its peaceful
harmony into the two meetings of the Board of Directors. After the
last few years of stress and storm, of accusation and doubt, the calm
of faith prevailed. For no one present felt that he was "attending the
funeral of the Federation"—a bitter jest that was coined (but not
prophetically) at Tampa.

The concise, yet detailed report of USCF Business Manager Ken-
neth Harkness made it clear to all listeners that in its seven months of
actual operation, the "Harkness Plan" adopted at Tampa had proved
its worth, and copies of the financial statement were circulated to the
membership to show that this was not an idle boast. While it is ad-
mitted that the Federation has a long trek ahead of it to reach its
destiny, no one present longer doubted that the trip had begun in the
right direction and that the distant goal was clearly in sight and in
reach.

The Membership Meeting expressed its complete confidence in the
management and plans of the Federation, elected the Board of Di-
rectors and paused in its deliberations to appoint a committee to ex-
press its concern and sympathy to our ailing President, Harold M.
Phillips, to whom this committee was instructed to send a token of the
appreciation of the Members from a fund collected at the meeting for
this purpose.

In similar harmony the Board of Directors met on Thursday and
Friday in a constructive mood of cooperation and in the space of the
two meetings transacted more actual business than has normally been
possible in previous years. Details of the actions of the Board will be
made public through the publication of the Minutes; in the meanwhile
it is sufficient to summarize a few salient features.

First, the Board amended the By-Laws to create as directors-at-large
the two professional experts of the Federation, the Business Manager
and the Editor of CHESS LIFE, so the Board could benefit from their
professional knowledge and experience in discussing its plans for the
future.

The tellers reported on the balloting for four Vice-Presidents to
succeed William M. Byland, Milton Finkelstein, J. B. Gee, and Edward
I. Treend whose terms expired at this date. Elected were Frank R.
Graves of Texas, A. Wyatt Jones of Louisiana, Alfred Ludwig of
Omaha, and Rhys Hays of New York.

The Promotional Plan Committee tendered its report and asked
to be discharged as having completed its duties in implementing the
Harkness Plan, in signing contracts with Kenneth Harkness as Member-
ship Secretary and Business Manager, and with Montgomery Major as
Editor of CHESS LIFE.

Thereupon the Board created a "Ways and Means" Committee to
act as trustee for the Federation in implementing further the Harkness
Plan and other promotional activities. A. Wyatt Jones was named
chairman, with Frank R. Graves and William M. Byland rounding out
the committee.

Editor Major was entrusted with the chairmanship of two com-
mittees: "Tournament Plans" and "Tournament Rules." On the plan-
ning committee Kenneth Harkness and Jeremiah F. Donovan are the
members, and the committee is charged with developing a long-time
unified program with standardized regulations and requirements for
all USCF Tournament events. The other committee, to which other
members have not yet been named, will provide subsidiary rules and
regulations to amplify and define the new FIDE Laws of Chess.

Recognizing the need for a complete overhauling of the By-Laws
(of which the last printed version lacks a number of amendments
passed more recently), the Board selected William R. Hamilton as chair-
man of a committee with Frank R. Graves and Jack Spence as members,
to recodify the By-Laws and present a completely revised version to
the Directors for approval. Upon approval, the Board directed that
such new version should be made available to all USCF members.

Lastly, the Board appointed William M. Byland as chairman of an
"International Affairs" committee with other members to be named
later to oversee all future negotiations with FIDE and all commitments
to foreign team-matches, etc.

Then, recognizing the justice of expressed dissatisfaction with the
announced U.S. Championship plan, the Board after some deliberation
and discussion amended its previous action to make the U.S. Champion-
ship in 1954 depend upon winning a 14-player round-robin tournament
(rather than a match), developing the final tournament by seeding the
top three players in the 1951 Championship, the six ranking players in
the U.S. Candidates event at Philadelphia, and the five ranking players
in the U.S. Open at Milwaukee.

Thus a beginning was made. It may fall short of the magnificent
dreams that some have held, though it promises much for the future.
But for the present it is adequate and sufficient. Even that romantic
materialist Macauley knew that "an acre in Middlesex is better than a
principality in Utopia."

UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION

REPORT BY KENNETH HARKNESS, Business Manager

Statement of Income and Expenses for the Year Ended June 30th, 1953

INCOME		
Sales		\$2,162.49
Cost of Sales		
Purchases	\$2,136.40	
Less Closing Inventory	888.62	
		1,247.78
Net Profit from Sales		914.71
Donations		1,185.03
Membership Dues		9,065.34
Subscriptions to Chess Life (non-members)		372.38
Rating Fees		147.25
Commissions on Foreign Magazines		60.23
Miscellaneous Income		44.62
Total Income		\$11,789.56
EXPENSES		
Direct-Mail Advertising	1,331.36	
Stationery, Printing and Office Supplies	573.01	
Shipping Supplies	67.61	
Rent, New York Office	330.00	
Commissions, Business Manager	2,325.60	
Postage and Express	454.14	
Accounting	175.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	291.46	
Editorial Expenses (Chess Life)	570.48	
Printing Chess Life (current year)	4,709.43	
Total Expenses		\$10,828.09
NET INCOME		\$961.47

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES—JUNE 30TH, 1953

ASSETS		
Cash in Bank—New York	73.76	
Petty Cash Fund—New York	50.00	
Cash in Bank—Pittsburgh	508.11	
Petty Cash Fund—Oak Park	50.00	
Inventory—Merchandise	888.62	
Inventory—Direct Mail & Stationery Supplies	300.00	
Total Assets		\$1,870.49
Surplus Deficit—Back Years	\$4,680.32	
Less Net Income for Current Year	961.47	
		\$3,718.85
		\$5,589.34
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	241.05	
Accrued Expenses Payable	767.31	
Due to Printer of Chess Life (back years)	4,580.98	
Total Liabilities		\$5,589.34

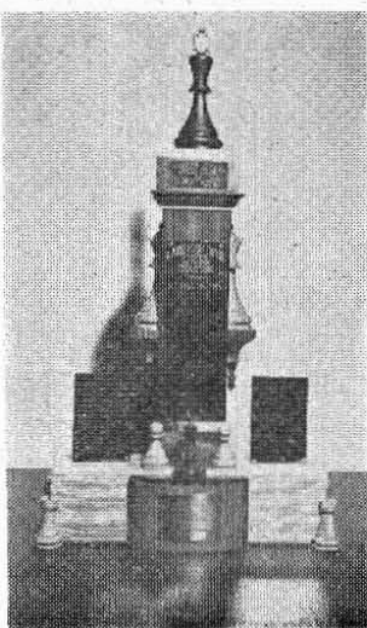
GUSTAVUS A. PFEIFFER

WITH regret we learn of the passing of Gustavus A. Pfeiffer on
Saturday, August 22, in his 81st year, at Norwalk, Conn. Born
in Cedar Falls, Iowa, Mr. Pfeiffer became world famous for his mag-
nificent collection of chessmen, which was presented a few years ago
to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Together with Donald M. Liddell,
Mr. Pfeiffer issued a book "Chessmen," published in 1938 by Harcourt,
Brace & Co. which has now become a collector's item. Mr. Pfeiffer was
a member of the Board of Governors of the Marshall Chess Club and
a generous patron of chess whose counsel will be missed in the future.

TEXT of the resolution passed by the USCF Board of Directors, whereby the plans for the 1954 U. S. Championship were broadened and more general participation encouraged, follows:

Recognizing that the proposed plan of having a candidates' tournament in 1953, the winner of which is to play a match in 1954 with the United States champion for the title, is unpopular with a majority of the prominent chess players in the country, the directors here assembled, modify as follows the 1953 and 1954 tournament-match play they approved by ballot.

- 1) The candidates' tournament shall be held in 1953 as approved. This is to be in Philadelphia September 11th through September 20th. It is to be a ten round Swiss. Eligible to play is any permanent resident of the United States having a rating of expert or higher in the USCF rating scale.
- 2) Instead of a match in 1954 between the United States Champion and the winner of the 1953 Candidates' tournament, a United States Championship tournament shall be held in 1954. This tournament shall be a round robin tournament of fourteen players.
- 3) The players to be seeded into the 1954 United States Championship Tournament shall be:
 - a) The three players who placed highest in the 1951 Championship. These are L. Evans, S. Reshevsky, and M. Pavey.
 - b) The six players who placed highest in the 1953 Candidates' Tournament. If any of the players already are seeded, the next highest players in the tournament shall be seeded to make a total of six.
 - c) The five eligible players who place highest in the 1953 USCF Open Tournament. If any of the top players are not eligible, or are already seeded, the highest eligible player shall be seeded to make a total of five.
 - d) If any of the above eligible players, once seeded, elect not to play in the 1954 Championship Tournament the USCF Tournament Committee shall seed into the Championship Tournament the next eligible players from the 1953 Candidates' Tournament to make a total of fourteen playing in the 1954 Championship Tournament.
 - e) If ties occur among players in either the 1953 USCF Open Tournament or the 1953 Candidates' Tournament, the manner of breaking the ties to determine who shall be seeded into the 1954 Championship Tournament shall be determined by the committee in charge of each of these tournaments.
- 4) The time, place and arrangements for the 1954 Championship Tournament shall be handled by the USCF Tournament Committee with the understanding that all players are to be treated equally by the Federation.
- 5) The directors recognize that these changes may cause embarrassment to some of the plans and publicity of the 1953 Candidates' Tournament, but by these changes, it is hoped that the popularity for this tournament will be increased and more prominent players will enter.



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For the Year ending June 30, 1953

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The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

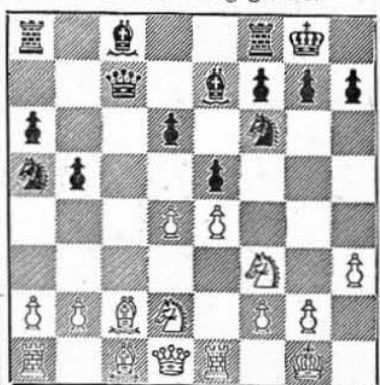
THE COMPLETE CHESSPLAYER. By Fred Reinfeld. New York: Prentice Hall, x, 292 pp., 300 diag. \$4.95.

WHAT can one say except that Reinfeld has done it again? Everything the man touches turns to excellence. His latest book characteristically introduces originality into even the elements of play. He takes up the fundamentals, simple winning methods, tactics, basic endgames, and strategy in the middle game before dealing formally with the openings, of which last he gives forty-three examples. The publisher must have given him a free hand, for he uses boldface and italic type and plenty of white space to admirable effect. Thirteen fully annotated games and the 1931 Laws of Chess with comments and two indexes complete the volume.

The systematizing of chess study in the past twenty-five years has led to such emphasis on ideas that the ordinary club players of our time must be greatly superior to their opposite numbers of the nineteenth century. Duffers are duffers in any generation, but surely we of today do not lack for textbooks which would have made masters out of earlier experts. One has only to compare the welter of columns in PCO with Reinfeld's simplification into double and single KP and QP and eccentric openings to perceive the underlying emphasis on reasoning throughout his text. Each chapter concludes with a summary of the main ideas; and the player who works just a little on his game cannot fail to become stronger—and happier.

The possibilities in chess literature, like those in the game itself, are practically inexhaustible. And if Reinfeld does not have a manuscript on the subject already, perhaps he will now turn his attention to treatises on the pieces. Who would not wish to read Reinfeld on pawn-play, openings, middle-games, endings?

Swiss master Paul Johner, and was used in the following games:



Suchting-Paul Johner, Dusseldorf, 1908: 13., B-Kt2; 14. Kt-B1, QR-B1; 15. B-Q3, P-Q4; 16. PxQP, PxP (The real innovation of Panov was 16., P-K5!); 17. KtxP, BxP; 18. B-Kt5!, -Kt3; 19. R-B1, Q-Kt2; 20. Kt-K3, RxR; 21. QxR, BxQRP; 22. Kt(K3)-K4, R-B1; 23. Q-KB4, Kt-Q4; 24. Kt-R6 ch, K-R1; 25. KtxP ch, K-Kt1; 26. Kt-R6 ch, K-R1; 27. RxP! and Black resigned. This game was published in "The Year Book of Chess 1909" by Michell, pages 154-155.
Cohn-Johner, Vienna, 1908: 13., B-Kt2; 14. Kt-B1, QR-B1; 15. B-Kt1 (played by Geller against Keres, Moscow 1951!), P-Q4; 16. KtxP (Geller played 16. KPxP),

PxP; 17. B-B4, B-Q3; 18. Kt-K3, KR-K1; 19. Kt-B5, Kt-B5; 20. KtxB, KtxKt; 21. Kt-Kt4, KtxKt; 22. QxKt, P-B4; 23. Q-Kt3, Q-R4; 24. R-Q1, Kt-B2; 25. P-R3, B-Q4; 26. B-R2, Q-Q1; 27. B-Kt3, Q-Q2; 28. R(1)-B1, RxR; 29. BxR, QR-B1; 30. B-KB4, Q-K3; 31. BxB, QxB; 32. Q-K3, P-Kt3; 33. P-KR4, K-Kt2; 34. P-R5, R-B7; 35. P-R6 ch, K-B3; 36. B-K5 ch, K-K3; 37. R-QB1, Q-B5; 38. RxR, QxR; 39. B-Kt7, P-KKt4! and Black finally won. This game was published in the book "Teoria e Practica (1914) by Salvioli, page 160.
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Opening Game

By E. J. Marchisotti

NIHIL NOVUM SUB SOLI!

After 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. Kt-KB3, Kt-QB3; 3. B-Kt5, P-QR3; 4. B-R4, Kt-B3; 5. O-O, B-K2; 6. R-K1, P-QKt4; 7. B-Kt3, P-Q3; 8. P-B3, Kt-QR4; 9. B-B2, P-B4; 10. P-Q4, Q-B2; 11. P-KR3, O-O; 12. QKt-Q2, BPxP; 13. PxP, the system of play now 13., B-Kt2 followed up with P-Q4, attributed to the Soviet master Panov, really belongs to the



THE ELEMENTS OF CHESS

By International Master HERMAN STEINER

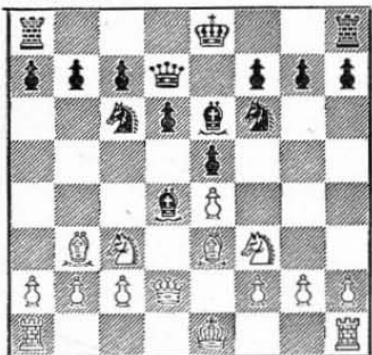
Hypothetical Game

Illustrating Principles, Rules, and Objectives
(Continued from issue of August 20)

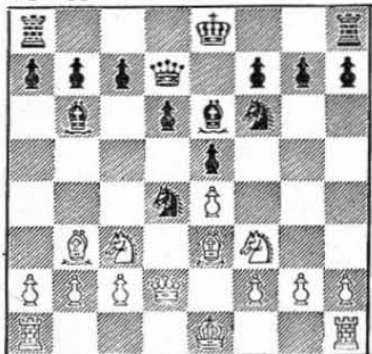
2) Allowing the fork: P-Q5 in this position, allowing the fork, is disastrous, since there are no counter-threats to win Forces which have a higher value.



3) Removing the Force which threatens the fork: To accomplish this, three moves are possible: Of the three possible moves a) BxP is the poorest and should be discarded.

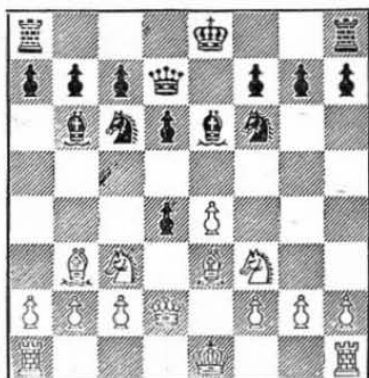


As long as you do not know which of the Forces you must exchange, it is safe to capture with a Force which has the least value. The same logic applies to b) KtxP.



Thus deduction designates c) PxP as the best move.

Grandmaster Samuel Reshevsky has decided to play in the FIDE World Championship Candidates Tournament at Neuhausen, Switzerland, which begins on August 31st, and left New York by plane on Wednesday, August 26th, accompanied by his wife and two children.



It nullifies the threat of fork (P-Q5), and accomplishes the Fourth Objective with safety (exchanges even or better). We have outlined black's best move, 9.PxP.

White's answer is now governed by three possible choices: QxP, BxP, and KtxP.

QxP is discarded at once for the reason that the value of the exchange is not even. Always try to capture Forces of greater value with those of less, unless they cannot be recaptured, and question whether the capture should be made with the Bishop or Knight.

Before the completion of his final capture the player should make sure it is accomplished by means of a Force which constitutes a gain of one or more of the Elements. The move BxP is undesirable because after 10., KtxB; 11. KtxKt



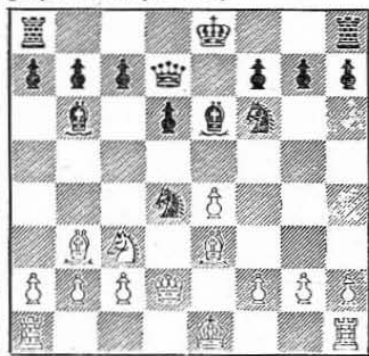
White has no threat. 10. KtxP is the best move. It controls the maximum number of squares, etc., and is in itself the Fourth Objective with safety.

London Terrace (New York) Chess Club: Marcel Duchamp with 7½-½ won the club title, drawing with William Slater. Second place resulted in a tie between Morris Fish, David Hoffmann, and William Slater with 5-3 each. Fish lost games to Duchamp, Hoffmann and G. Jacobson; Hoffmann to Duchamp and Kathryn Slater while drawing with W. Slater and Harold M. Phillips; and Slater to Fish while drawing with Duchamp, Hoffmann, Kathryn Slater and Jacobson, USCF President Harold M. Phillips forfeited two games, due to illness, to mar his final score.

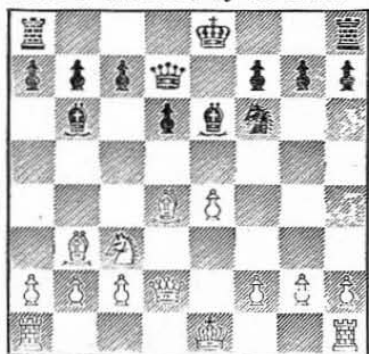


After White plays: 10. KtxP
Fourth Objective achieved (exchange even)
Controls greatest number of opponent's squares

Black now tries to decide which Knight has the greater value, his own or that of his opponent. He decides that his Knight controls two of his opponent's squares while the White Knight controls four of his, and that the exchange of Knights will be preferable, so he plays 10., KtxKt.



After Black plays: 10., KtxKt
Fourth Objective
which is answered by 11. BxKt.



After White plays: 11. BxKt
Fourth Objective (exchange even)
Controls greatest number of opponent's squares
Threat of Third Objective

Now again is the time to consider another capture and its results. Black asks: "What does my opponent threaten?" He mentally reviews the rules relative to captures and finds that no capture is possible with the Queen or the Rooks. Upon reviewing the rest of the pieces he finds the White Bishops are his only resources. At this point Black should review the section on "Blunders And How To Prevent Them."

(To be continued)

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

OUR reporter has just arrived home from Milwaukee and, since he has had no chance as yet to get briefed on Chess Life in New York during his absence, this column will have to be devoted to New York Chess Life in Milwaukee—a few random notes on how New Yorkers fared in the recently completed U.S. Open. . . .

Don Byrne almost didn't compete in this year's Open, his decision to play coming only three days before he had to leave for Wisconsin. At that moment car-pool accommodations were almost all filled, but the inimitable Forry Laucks came through with a space in his auto and Don was able to make the tourney and win it! . . . Max Pavey lost only in the first and last rounds (to Whitaker and Byrne), taking ten out of a possible eleven points in the intervening rounds. This title-winning pace was only stopped by Byrne's crucial final round victory . . . The Manhattan Chess Club placed three players in the top ten (Byrne, Pavey, and Horowitz) to two for the Marshall C.C. (Sherwin and Hearst), although many other players for both clubs finished as prize-winners (in the top forty) . . . Rossolimo, the only real chess professional among the contestants, was under extra strain as a result and his play appeared too cautious; the fact that a Swiss System loss can drop a player 15 to 20 places in the standings helps to explain his timidity, although he did play for a win against Pavey in the only game he lost! Rumor has it that he will accept a position with the United Nations on his return to New York and no longer rely solely on chess for his livelihood . . . The eight contestants who have already qualified for next year's U.S. Championship are all New Yorkers: Evans, Reshevsky, Pavey, Byrne, Rossolimo, Sherwin, Horowitz, and Hearst. Let's hope the six other qualifiers from the Philadelphia tourney will include players from other parts of the country so that the long-awaited championship will have true nationwide representation . . . Columbia University's national champion chess team placed its top three boards within the first twelve at Milwaukee, with Burger scoring 9-4 and Hearst and Sherwin 9½-3½ . . . Evans, and Bisguier, the top pre-tourney favorites, were certainly not in top form, the former not displaying as much ingenuity in difficult positions as he had in the past, and the latter getting too many inferior games out of the openings . . . Despite the fact that the relation of Curt Brasket's showing to "Chess Life in NY" is quite difficult to discover, mention must be made here of the Minnesota youth's masterful play and excellent standing; he played almost

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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.

QUEEN NETTED

White sacrifices pieces and pawns for a king-side attack. And the attack finally nets the enemy Queen.

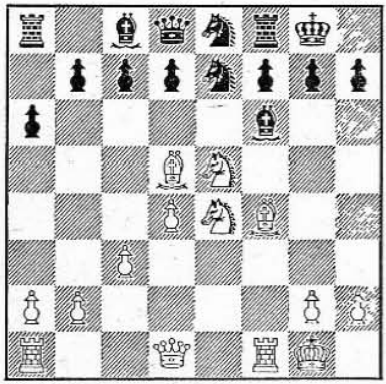
VIENNA GAME

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Pittsburgh Metropolitan Tourney Pittsburgh, 1953

White W. BYLAND Black B. BERGER
1. P-K4 P-K4 3. B-B4 Kt-B3
2. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3
The alternatives are 3. B-B4; 3. B-K2; and 3. P-B3.
4. P-B4
According to the books, this is premature. Correct is 4. P-Q3.
4. KtxP 6. B-Q5
5. Kt-B3 Kt-Q3
An improvement? Book is 6. B-Kt3, P-K5; 7. Kt-Kt5, P-KR3; 8. Kt-KtP, KtxKt; 9. Q-K2, Kt-Q5; 10. QxKtch, Q-K2; giving Black a slightly more comfortable position. The text prevents 6. P-K5.
6. Pxp 7. P-Q4 B-K2
Not 7. Q-K8ch? 8. K-B2, and White threatens 9. R-K1, strongly. And 9. P-KKt4; is too neglectful of development.
8. BxP O-O 9. O-O P-QR3?

This does not have a point, Best is 9. Kt-K1; and 10. Kt-B3; to bolster the King-side, then the appropriate advance of the QP and the development of the queen-side forces.
10. Kt-K5 B-B3 11. Kt-K4 Kt-Kt1?
Now this is wrong because KB3 is no longer available. The most logical is 11. Kt(Q3)xKt; 12. BxKt, P-Q4. As played, White is left with enough wood for a big fire.
12. P-B3 Kt-K2
Black has ceded too much time and space and no longer has a saving continuation. The best chance, but not a good one, is 12. P-Q3; returning the Pawn for a bit more development. After the text, the win for White can be demonstrated.



13. KtxBP!
A sound, active, winning "sacrifice."
13. RxKt 15. Kt-Kt5ch K-Kt1
14. BxRch KxB
If 15. K-Kt3; 16. Q-Q3 ch, Kt-B4; 17. P-KKt4, P-Q4; (if 17. BxKt; 18. QxKt ch, K-R3; 19. P-KR4. wins) 18. P-KR4, wins. And if 15. BxKt; 16. BxP ch, wins the Queen.
16. Q-R5
Threatening 17. Q-B7 ch, K-R1; 18. Q-

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B8 ch, Kt-Kt1; 19. Kt-B7 mate.
16. BxKt 17. BxB
Threatening 18. Q-B7ch, K-R1; 19. Q-B8 ch, Kt-Kt1; 20. BxQ, and wins.
17. Kt-KB3 19. RxP
18. BxKt PxB
Threatening 20. R-B7 and 20. Q-Kt5 ch.
19. Kt-Kt3
If 19. P-Q4; 20. Q-Kt5 ch, K-R1; (20. Kt-Kt3; 21. RxKt ch, PxR; 22. QxQ ch, wins) 21. R-B7, Q-Kt1; 22. Q-B6 ch, Q-Kt2; 23. QxQ mate.
20. RxKtch! PxR 21. QxPch K-R1
If 21. K-B1; 22. R-B1ch, K-K2; 23. R-B7 ch, K-K1; 24. Q-Kt8 mate.
22. R-Kt1!
With the double threat of 23. R-K3 ch winning the Queen, or 23. R-K5 and 24. R-R5 mate.
22. P-Q3 24. QxQch
23. R-K8 ch QxR
And White Won.

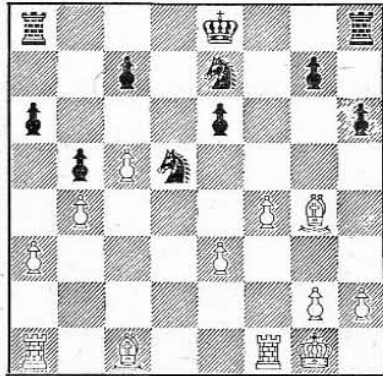
BIRD'S OPENING

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Team Match

Detroit Lakes, 1953

White W. A. McMANIGAL, JR. S. ERLICHMAN (Minnesota Team) Black (Winnipeg Team)
1. P-KB4 P-Q4 2. P-Q4
2. P-K3 retains the Bird proper. The text creates a Bird-Stonewall-Irregular Opening.
2. Kt-QB3?
Black should retain the option of P-QB4.
3. P-K3 P-QR3 6. P-B4 Kt-B3
4. P-QR3 B-B4 7. Kt-B3 P-R3
5. Kt-KB3 P-K3
To provide the QB with a retreat at KR2 in case of 8. Kt-KR4.
8. P-QKt4 Pxp 10. B-Q3 B-Kt5
9. BxP P-QKt4
Better is 10. BxB; 11. QxB, B-K2.
11. O-O B-Q3
The Bishop belongs at K2.
12. Q-B2 Q-Q2 14. B-K2 P-B4
13. Kt-K4 Kt-Q4
This leaves the KP and the Kt3 square very weak. By comparison, 14. O-O; and 14. BxKt; are superior. But White remains with positional advantages—control of the center, play on the QB-file, and K-side attacking chances.
15. Kt-B5 BxKt(B4)
If 15. Q-K2; 16. KtxKP!
16. QxB Kt(3)-K2?
This loses a Pawn and further deteriorates Black's game. Better is 16. O-O.
17. Kt-K5 Q-Q3 19. BxP QxQ
18. KtxB PxKt 20. QPxQ



White has a won ending. He not only has an extra Pawn, but he has the advantage of two Bishops against two Knights.
20. K-B2 22. B-B3 QR-Q1
21. P-K4 Kt-KB3 23. B-Kt2 P-B3
If 23. B-Q7; 24. B-K5. Black's main trouble is that he has no play for his Knights.
24. B-K5 R-Q7 26. KR-Q1 RxRch
25. B-Q6 Kt-B1 27. RxR R-Q1

If 27. KtxB; White can win with 28. PxB, and the passed-pawn, or with 28. RxB, R-QB1; 29. P-K5, Kt-Q4; 30. P-B5, Pxp; 31. RxP! RxR; 32. Bxp ch, R-K3; 33. P-B6, K-K2; 34. BxR, KxB; 35. K-B2. And there are other winning ways.
28. P-Kt4 P-Kt4
Otherwise 29. P-Kt5.
29. Pxp Pxp
30. P-K5 Kt-Q4 31. BxKt KPxB
Or 31. KtxB; 32. Bxp ch, KxB; 33. RxKtch, RxR; 34. KPXR, and wins.
32. R-B1ch K-K3
32. K-Kt2; would prolong the game, not save it.
33. R-B6ch K-Q2 34. P-K6ch Resigns
Or 34. K-K1; 35. R-B8 mate.



PAUL ROTH

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PHILIDOR'S DEFENSE

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Downtown "Y" C. C. Championship Pittsburgh, 1953

White P. ROTH Black D. SPIRO
1. P-K4 P-K4 2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3
The mark of Philidor; seen less and less frequently.
3. P-Q4 Kt-Q2
The Hanham Variation. Of about equal worth is 3. Kt-KB3.
4. B-QB4 P-QB3
Necessary. 4. KKt-B3; is refuted by 5. Kt-K5, and 4. B-K2; by 5. Pxp, KtxP; 6. KtxKt, PxKt; 7. Q-R5.
5. Kt-B3
Or first 5. P-QR4.
5. B-K2 6. O-O
6. Pxp, Pxp; 7. Kt-Kt5, BxKt; 8. Q-R5, Q-B3; 9. BxB, Q-Kt3; 10. Q-R4, P-KR3; 11. B-K3, KKt-B3; 12. O-O-O, is very forceful.
6. KKt-B3 7. P-KR3?
White should play P-QR4 hereabouts.
7. O-O 10. P-R3 P-QR4
8. B-K3 Q-B2 11. Kt-Q2
9. B-Kt3? P-QKt4
Black threatened 11. P-Kt5; 12. RPxp, B-R3; 13. R-K1, RPxp; 14. Kt-QR2, P-B4; with the better prospects. Therefore, White protects the KP again and prepares the P-KB4 break at the same time.
11. B-R3 12. Pxp
Perhaps featuring the immediate 12. P-B4, would run into 12. PxpP; 13. BxP, P-B4; 14. B-K3, P-B5. But the text, which enlivens Black's KB and opens the Q-file, has its drawbacks too.
12. PxB 14. BxB
13. P-B4 B-B4
If 14. Q-B3, P-Kt5; 15. Kt-K2, KPxpP; is annoying to White.
14. KtxB 16. Kt-B3 Q-R4
15. Pxp Qxp 17. P-K5 QR-Q1?
It is a good idea to tempo on the Queen, but it should be done with the KR, leaving the Bishop twice protected.
18. Q-B1 KtxB 19. PxKt P-Kt5
Threatening 20. BxR; as well as 20. PxB.
20. R-B2 Kt-Q2?
This leads directly to a very inferior, and probably lost, ending. With 20. PxB; 21. PxB, BPxp; 22. QxKtP, (22. RxP, R-Q3) KR-K1; Black has at least even chances.
21. Pxp Pxp
If 21. KtxP; 22. RxP, wins a piece.
22. RxB PxKt 24. RxP KtxP
23. Qxp KR-Kt 25. KtxKt QxKt
Or 25. RxKt; 26. R-B8, and White wins. For if 26. R(4)-K1; 27. RxR,

RxR; 28. Q-B7, and one of the QKt's will tip the scale.
26. QxQ RxQ 27. KR-B2
Or 27. R-Q2!
27. R-Q8ch 29. P-QKt4 P-R4?
28. K-B2 P-Kt3
Better is 29. R-QKt4.
30. R(6)-B5 R(4)-K8
Black is trying to envelop the White King, but it cannot be done.
31. P-Kt5 P-R5 33. K-K3 P-B4
32. P-Kt6 R-B8ch 34. P-Kt7
Creating a passed-pawn and then pushing it on to queen is one of the oldest and most effective winning motifs in chess.
34. R(B8)-K8ch 35. R-K2 P-B5ch
If 35. RxR ch; 36. KxR, R-Q1; 37. R-B8, wins.
36. Kxp R-Q5ch
If 36. RxR; 37. P-Kt8-Qch, and wins.
37. K-K3 Resigns



DECISION AT DAVENPORT
Final Round. The two leaders, Tautvaisas and Eastman, tied at 5½, are paired. Decisive game!

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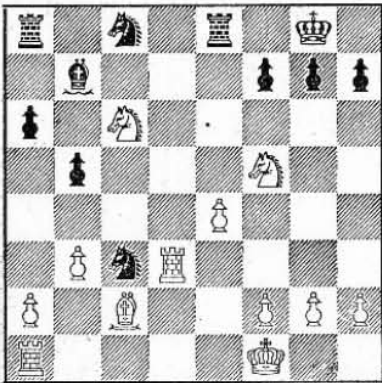
Trans-Mississippi Championship Davenport, 1953

Notes by Povilas Tautvaisas

White P. TAUTVAISAS Black G. EASTMAN
1. P-K4 P-K4 5. O-O P-QKt4
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 6. B-Kt3 B-K2
3. B-Kt5 P-QR3 7. P-Q4
4. B-R4 Kt-B3
The book answer to Black's slightly premature 5. P-QKt4 is 7. P-QR4. The text is at least as good.
7. P-Q3
Other lines are in White's favor too. E.g., 7. KtxQ; 8. Bxp ch, Or 7. Pxp; 8. P-K5, Kt-K5; 9. B-Q5, Kt-B4; 10. KtxP, Or 7. KtxKP; 8. Pxp, Kt-B4; 9. Kt-B3! and then if 9. KtxB; 10. RPxB, B-Kt2; 11. Kt-Q5; O-O; 12. B-B4.
8. P-B3 O-O
If 8. B-Kt5; 9. P-KR3, BxKt; 10. QxB, plus for White.
9. QKt-Q2 Kt-Q2
Relatively best is 9. B-Kt5; transposing to more or less known lines.
10. Q-K2 Kt-R4
Or 10. B-B3; 11. Pxp, Pxp; 12. R-Q1, with a plus for White.
11. B-B2 P-QB3
If 11. P-QB4; 12. R-Q1, Q-B2; 13. Kt-B1, and because of the unlucky position of the Kt, Black lacks the equalizing line connected with B-Kt5 and BPxp. The text protects Q4, yet submits to a somewhat cramped position.
12. R-Q1 Q-B2 13. Kt-B1 Kt-B3
Branding his 9th move a lost tempo.
14. B-Kt5 Kt-B5 16. Kt-K3 Kt-R4
15. P-QKt3 Kt-Kt3
Black is anxious to get a little counterplay. But the exchange of Bishops which follows cases White's breakthrough on the Q-file.
17. BxB KKt-B5 20. Q-Q6 QxQ
18. Q-Q2 QxB 21. RxQ B-Kt2
19. Pxp Pxp
Obviously not 21. Kt-K7ch?; 22. K-B1, KtxP; 23. R-B1, and Black loses a piece.
22. KtxP
A good alternative is 22. P-B4! The text relies on the 24th move.
22. Kt-K7ch 24. Kt-B5! KR-K1
23. K-B1 KtxP
If 24. KR-Q1; 25. P-QR4, and the threat of 26. P-R5 is hard to meet. E.g., 25. P-Kt3; 26. Kt-R6ch, K-Kt2; 27. Kt(6)xP, Or 25. Pxp; 26. Pxp, followed by 27. P-R5 or 27. B-Kt3.
25. KtxQBP Kt-B1 26. R-Q3
(See diagram next column.)
26. KtxKP
A complicated situation. 26. KtxRP; would be met nicely by 27. Kt(5)-Q4! trapping the Black Knight. Other variations are likewise unsatisfactory for Black.
27. Kt-R5 R-Kt1 30. Kt-B5 R-Kt3
28. R-K1 P-Kt3 31. P-B3
29. KtxB PxB

GUEST ANNOTATORS

Povilas Tautvaisas



Beginning with the 27th, all Black's moves were forced. Now White could have won a Pawn with 31. Kt x Kt, PxKt; 32. RxP, RxR; 33. R-Q8 ch, K-Kt2; 34. BxR, Kt-Q3; yet the price was the activity of the Black men.

31. Kt-B3 34. BxP K-Kt2
32. RxRch KtxR 35. B-Q3 R-B3
33. R-Q8 Kt-Q3 36. P-QKt4 P-QR4!
Black takes his best chance by liquidating the Q-side Pawns—see the 39th move.

37. P-QR3 PxP 40. B-K4! KtxB
38. PxP Kt-B3 41. KtxKt R-B3
39. R-Kt8 Kt-Q4 42. RxP R-B8ch?
The losing move. After 42. Kt-Q6; 43. R-Kt5 ch, R-Kt3; 44. R-KB5, followed by 45. K-K2 and Kt-Kt3-R5, White would have good practical winning chances because of his better placed pieces and the dispersed Black Pawns. Yet adjudication was close and it would have been hard to show a clear cut forced win. Theoretically, the ending may not be a win, and the jury might have adjudicated the game a draw.

43. K-B2 Kt-B3
An unlucky location for the Black Knight: see note to 44th move. Yet it is difficult to find a better one. 43. Kt-Q6 ch; 44. K-K3, or 43. R-B5; 44. R-Kt7, and Black loses another Pawn.
44. R-Kt5ch K-R3

Black is afraid to lose his RP after 44. K-B1; and with good reason: 44. K-B1; 45. Kt-B6, P-R3; 46. R-Kt5ch, K-K2; 47. Kt-Q5 ch, K-K3; 48. Kt-K3, R-B4; 49. R-KR8, P-R4; 50. R-R6 ch, K-K2; 51. K-Kt3, and the Black RP falls! But—as it so often happens—trying to get away from a wolf, one jumps on a bear.
45. P-R4!

Here the game was submitted for adjudication. The judges quickly decided: a win for White.
White threatens 46. Kt-B6 and a Knight mate at Kt4 or Kt8, or 46. Kt-Q6 and a Knight mate at Kt5 or Kt7. Black cannot defend against both threats. If 45. Kt-K2; 46. Kt-Q6 wins, or 45. R-B5; 46. Kt-Q6, R-B5; 47. Kt-B5ch, RxKt; 48. RxR wins. A final, nice trap must be avoided: 45. B-B7 ch; 46. K-Kt1? (46. K-Kt3 wins) Kt-Q5; 47. Kt-B6, KtxP ch; 48. PxKt, R-Kt7 ch!; and Black draws by stalemate or perpetual check.

(And so Tautvaisas became the new Champion with a score of 6½-½, Turiansky jumped to second with 6-1, and Eastman dropped to third with 5½-½. Mr. Tautvaisas' fine, original notes have been somewhat condensed and revised due to space limitations and "CHESS LIFE" specifications: JWC)



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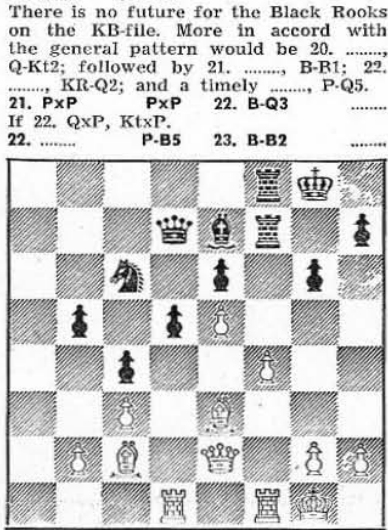
White Black
1. C. ISENBERG DR. B. ROZSA
1. P-K4 P-K4 3. B-K15 P-QR3
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3

The Classical Defense, 3. B-B4, once said to be demolished, has had at least a temporary revival. Then if 4. P-B3, Kt-B3; 5. P-Q4, B-Kt3; 6. P-Q5, Kt-K2; 7. Q-K2, Kt-Kt3. Or if 4. P-B3, Kt-B3; 5. O-O, O-O; 6. P-Q4, B-Kt3; 7. R-K1, P-Q3; 8. P-KR3, Kt-K2; 9. PxP, PxP; 10. QxQ, RxQ; 11. KtxP, KtxP, KtxP; 12. RxKt, R-Q8ch; 13. B-B1, B-KB4!

4. B-R4 Kt-B3 5. O-O KtxP
This is the Tarrasch or Open Defense. More solid and simple is 5. B-K2,

The Tchigorin or Strong Point Defense.
6. P-Q4 P-QKt4 8. PxP B-K3
7. B-Kt3 P-Q4 9. P-B3 B-K2
Great complications, difficult to assess, ensue from 9. B-QB4. More than likely, White comes out on top with best play.
10. B-K3 O-O 12. QxKt Kt-R4
11. QKt-Q2 KtxKt
Better is 12. Q-Q2; 13. Q-Q3, Kt-R4; 14. B-B2, P-Kt3; 15. B-R6, B-KB4; 16. Q-K2, R-K1; 17. Kt-Q4, BxB; 18. KtxB, B-Q3; 19. P-KB4, P-KB3.
13. Kt-Q4
13. B-B2! Kt-B5; 14. Q-Q3, P-Kt3; 15. B-R6, KtxKtP; 16. Q-K3! R-K1; 17. Kt-Q4, gives White slightly better chances.
13. Q-Q2
Equalizing is 13. Kt-B5!; 14. BxKt, QPxP; 15. P-B4, BQ2! And 13. KtxB; is good too.
14. B-B2 P-QB4 16. KtxB PxKt
15. Q-Q3 P-Kt3 17. P-KB4
Inferior to the usual 17. B-R6.
17. Q-R1
And this is inferior to 17. Kt-B5.
18. QR-Q1 R-B2 19. Q-K2 Kt-B3
Or, again, 19. Kt-B5.
20. P-QR4
White might be expected to play for the pawn-break at Kt5. Thus 20. P-KK4 at once, or after preparation.
20. QR-KB1
There is no future for the Black Rooks on the KB-file. More in accord with the general pattern would be 20. Q-Kt2; followed by 21. B-R1; 22. KR-Q2; and a timely P-Q5.
21. PxP PxP 22. B-Q3
If 22. QxP, KtxP.
22. P-B5 23. B-B2

22. Q-Kt2
23. Q-Kt2?
Time saving and combinatively possible is 23. P-Kt5. E.g., 24. QxP? KtxP! (24. PxQ?; 25. RxQ wins) 25. PxKt? RxR ch! wins.
24. Q-Kt4 Kt-Q1 26. P-R4 P-K16?
25. B-Q4! P-K15
Even though this stalemates the White KB, Black should not lock the queen-side. Consequently, 26. R-Kt2; and 26. PxP; are much better.
27. B-Kt1 R-Kt2 28. P-R5 PxP
Forced, for if 28. P-Kt4?; 29. P-B5, PxP; 30. BxP, wins.
29. QxP Kt-B3 30. R-B3 B-Q1
A better defense is 30. R(B1)-B2; and the deployment of the Bishop at B1.
31. Q-R6 KtxB 32. PxKt Q-Q2
Inferior to 32. Q-K2.
33. R-R3
White is hitting hard at K6, KB5, and KR7.
33. R(B1)-B2?
This loses. 33. Q-KB2; might be tried.
34. P-B5!
Threatening 35. PxP or 35. P-B6.
34. B-Kt4
If 34. PxP; 35. P-K6, wins.
35. PxP!
A little "combino."
35. BxQ
If 35. Q-K2; 36. Q-R5, and White still has a winning position, although Black can prolong the game. (If 36. QxP; 37. BxP ch and mate in two moves.
36. PxQ
And the attack on the Bishop gives White the time to preserve the extra, advanced QP.
36. B-Kt4 37. P-K6 R-B1
If 37. R-K2; 38. B-B5, followed by 39. R-QR1 and 40. R-R8 ch, wins.
38. BxPch! Resigns
After 38. RxB; 39. R-Kt3, R-Kt2; 40. RxB! RxR; 41. P-K7, and the QP or KP queens.



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A better defense is 30. R(B1)-B2; and the deployment of the Bishop at B1.
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23. Q-Kt2?
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24. Q-Kt4 Kt-Q1 26. P-R4 P-K16?
25. B-Q4! P-K15
Even though this stalemates the White KB, Black should not lock the queen-side. Consequently, 26. R-Kt2; and 26. PxP; are much better.
27. B-Kt1 R-Kt2 28. P-R5 PxP
Forced, for if 28. P-Kt4?; 29. P-B5, PxP; 30. BxP, wins.
29. QxP Kt-B3 30. R-B3 B-Q1
A better defense is 30. R(B1)-B2; and the deployment of the Bishop at B1.
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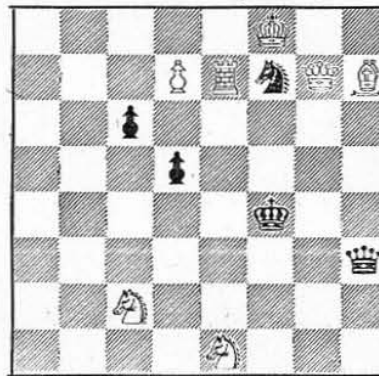
CHARLES S. Jacobs, Grand Old Man of problem chess and Master Emeritus in the U.S.C.F. players' ratings, will celebrate his eightieth birthday next January 14. To insure its being a bang-up affair he is sponsoring a special problem composing tourney, with generous prizes. Composers all over the world are invited to compete. Here are the conditions:

1. It is open to direct-mate three-movers only, each composer being limited to no more than two entries.
2. Problems featuring model mates are not excluded, but those without interesting strategy are not likely to figure in the award.
3. Special attention will be paid to problems showing a blending of two themes, such as Bristol, Nowotny, en passant, etc.
4. Special attention will be given to problems containing one or more variations of great strategy and difficulty.
5. Each problem should be diagrammed in triplicate, with full solution on the back of each diagram, but with the name and address of the composer on only one of them. Send entries to Charles Sumner Jacobs, 22 Fletcher Street, Winchester, Mass., before January 14, 1954.

There will be three prizes, of \$25.00, \$15.00, and \$10.00. The judges will be the noted problemists C. S. Kipping and A. F. Arguelles. We urge every able composer to join in honoring a distinguished American player, composer, and chess enthusiast.

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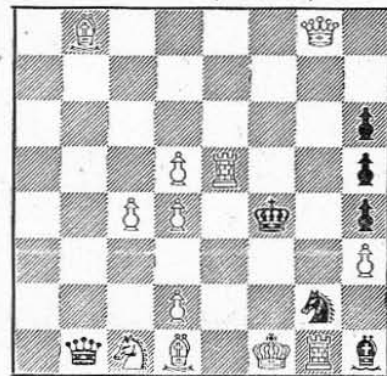
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White mates in two moves

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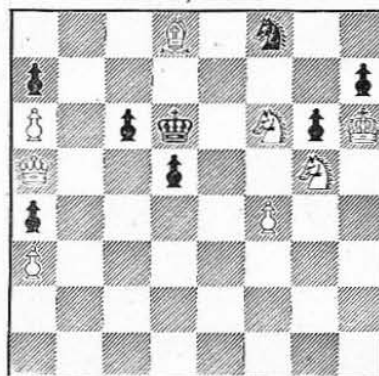
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White mates in two moves

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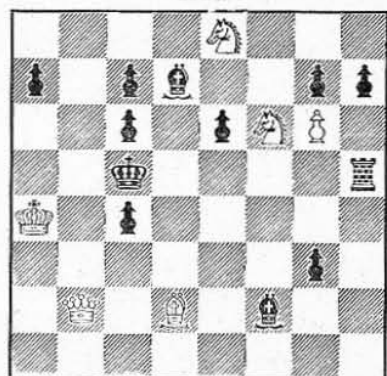
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White mates in two moves

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White mates in three moves

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every topnotcher in the tourney and was in first place up until the final two rounds. He certainly deserves a place in the U.S. Championship finals and should gain one if he is able to compete at Philadelphia; only the inequities of the Swiss System prevented his qualification at Milwaukee. . . . Back to New York chess news in the next issue.

USCF CANDIDATES

September 11-20
Philadelphia, Pa.

OPEN DISCLOSES NOVEL HAZARD

A new playing hazard was disclosed at the U. S. Open at Milwaukee when a jittery opponent of Arthur B. Bisguier overturned a glass full of water while making a move. There was much confusion and excitement at the table while the moping up process was in progress, and after it was over Arthur sighed with relief. "I was afraid the game would be called account of wet grounds," he quipped.

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October 10-11

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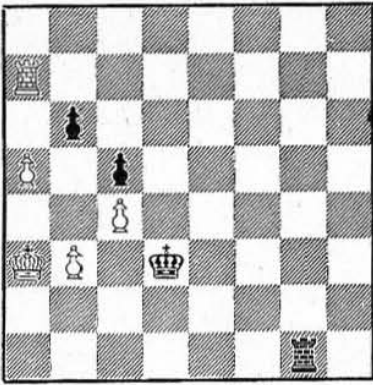
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Position No. 124



Black to play

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Solution to No. 121

This brilliant ending of Bogoljuboff lead many solvers astray, for it appears that 1. RxP is a startling sacrificial win; but actually it gives White at best a draw. The slightly lesser sacrifice of 1. BxP is the key to the position as in Bogoljuboff-Mieses, Baden-Baden 1925 which continued: 1. BxP, PxR (practically forced); 2. RxP ch!, KxR; 3. Q-KB6 ch (the meaning of the line-clearance sacrifice of the B), K-Kt1; 4. R-Kt1 ch, Q-Kt5; 5. RxQ ch, PxR; 6. P-B5, KR-QB1; 7. P-K6, B-B3; 8. Q-B7 ch, K-R1; 9. P-B6, R-KKt1; 10. Q-QB7, QR-QB1; 11. Q-K5, P-Q5 ch; 12. K-Kt1, Resigns.

Note that 1. RxP, PxR; 2. BxP ch, K-R1; 3. BxR, RxB; 4. Q-Kt7, Q-Kt1 leaves Black with the dangerous threat of 5., B-B3 ch, winning the Q or halting White attack completely and leaving White a piece down for two pawns. Equally the suggested 1. RxP, PxR; 2. BxP ch, K-Kt1; 3. RxP leads to catastrophe after 3., Q-Q8 ch; 4. R-Kt1, QxB ch; 5. R-Kt2, B-B3! An interesting position in the fact that two sacrifices tempt the solver and only one of them is sound.

Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: G. F. Chase (Buffalo), J. E. Comstock (Duluth), E. Gault (New Brighton), D. Hamburger (Pittsburgh), J. Kaufman (Los Angeles), J. Meinick (Portland), E. Nash (Washington), G. W. Payne (Webster Groves), E. Roman (New Britain), B. A. Shaeffer (San Bernardino), M. Schlosser (Decatur), D. Silver (Bronx), I. Schwartz (Durand), D. A. Walsdorf, Jr. (New Orleans), W. E. Wilson (Amherstburg), R. W. Wittmann (Brooklyn), N. P. Witting (Salem), N. Zemke (Detroit).

For a good try, one-half points for 1. RxP solutions are awarded to: W. J. Couture (Charleston), J. D. Define (Florissant), E. K. Dille (Norfolk), H. E. Flaherty (New York), N. Reider (San Francisco), W. E. Stevens (Laramie), H. C. Underwood (Washington).

Our congratulations to Edmund Nash of Washington who has completed another ascent of the Ladder with 50½ points.

Solutions:

White to Play and Win

Position No. 223: 1. B-B6 ch, KxR; 2. Q-B4 ch, K-R4; 3. Q-R4 ch, K-Kt3; 4. Q-Kt5 ch, K-R2; 5. Q-R5 mate.

Position No. 224: 1. P-Q3!, BxP; 2. Kt-B4, BxKt; 3. K-R3!, P-Kt8(Q); 4. R-Kt5 ch, QxR (or BxR) stalemate.

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No. 435 (Gamage): 1. R-KR4.
No. 436 (Gamage): 1. Q-Kt1.
No. 437 (Gamage): 1. Q-R1.
No. 438 (Gamage): This was erroneously captioned a two-mover; it is actually a three-mover. We are withholding the solution until the next issue to enable solvers who did not fathom this error to send in their solutions.

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 August 23. Solutions received after that date will be credited on the next Ladder.)

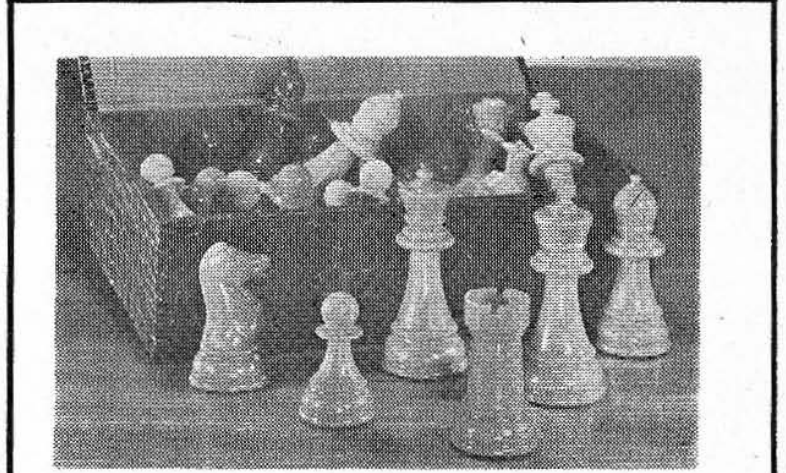
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Earl Weatherford, who wins the bi-monthly Ladder competition, receives our hearty congratulations. The following new solvers are welcomed: Rhea L. Beaulieu, Melvin Cohen, William A. Greenfield, Anthony G. Lubowe, R. O. Mauldin, Emil Roethler, David Silver, and Herbert A. Trenchard.

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