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## Larry Evans On Chess



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THE tournament book points out, amazing enough, that Alekine had twenty minutes to analyze this position. The position is a study which should yield a problematic win for White.

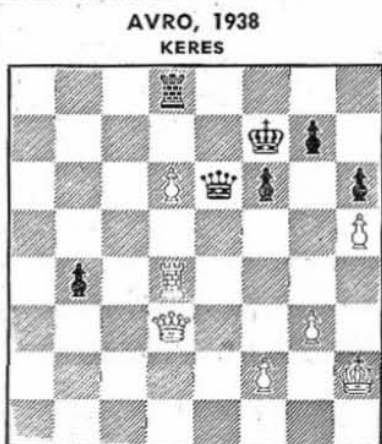
1. Q-Kt6 ch  
The winning continuation is 1. RxP! with the following possibilities: I) 1. ...., RxP; 2. R-Kt7 ch, K-any; 3. Q-Kt6 and wins. II) 1. ...., QxP; 2. Q-B4 ch!, K-B1 (best); 3. R-Kt7, R-Q2; 4. Q-B8 ch, K-K2; 5. R-Kt3!, P-B4; 6. R-K3 ch, K-B3; 7. Q-K8, R-KB2 (forced); 8. P-B4 (Zugzwang!), Q-Q4; 9. R-Kt3!, Q-Q7ch; 10. K-R3, Q-Q3; 11. R-Kt6!, QxR; 12. Q-K5 mate.

## FIDE TITLES HELD IN USA

Even at this late date, there is apparently confusion in the minds of some chess players regarding USCF Ratings and FIDE titles of honor. Each system is entirely independent of the other and conferred upon a different and independent basis. USCF Rating titles (except for Master Emeritus) are based upon recent competitive performances according to a mathematical statistical formula known as the USCF Rating System, and a player ranked as a master in one list may in the next list be only an expert, if he is unfortunate in his tournament performances. On the other hand, FIDE titles are conferred for life upon a basis of performances in international tournaments according to an entirely different formula.

## NEW LAWS OF CHESS

Official American translation of the new laws of Chess, copyright 1954 by the United States Chess Federation, now available in mimeographed form. Contains all the latest changes in the Laws, as amended by the FIDE Congress at Schaffhausen, 1953. Clarifies many ambiguous laws in the old code. Send 50 cents for one copy, or \$1 for three copies, to the United States Chess Federation, 93 Barrow Street, New York 14, N. Y.



**ALEKHINE**  
White should win

1. .... K-B1
2. Q-R7 K-B2

Drawn

For if now 3. Q-Q3 Black can hold the draw by 3. ...., P-Kt6 which will eventually deflect one of White's pieces from defense of the Queen Pawn.

The following list represents chess players in the USA who are entitled to bear the various FIDE titles of distinction:

### GRANDMASTERS

Reuben Fine  
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Nicholas Rossolimo

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Mona May Karff

### INTERNATIONAL JUDGES

I. A. Horowitz  
Hans Kmoch

In our neighbor, Canada, D.A. Yanofsky and Povilas Vaitonis are International Masters, and Malcolm Sim is an International Judge.

## FLORIDA ADDS CHESS COLUMN

With the issue of Sunday, January 17 the Ft. Lauderdale (Fla.) News added to its features a chess column called "Let's Play Chess" edited by R. E. Burry, complete with chess diagrams and comments. This is probably the only formal chess column in Florida, since chess news in St. Petersburg is on an informal basis and other Florida cities only occasionally print chess news.

## Collins Wins Marshall Club Title Losing Only One Game En Route

CHESS LIFE Games Editor John W. (Jack) Collins, with three draws and one loss (to Santasiere), scored 9½-2½ to win the Marshall Chess Club Championship—a title that is a worthy addition to his previous trophies which include the New York State Championship in 1952, and previously the championships of the Hawthorne and Brooklyn Chess Clubs. Collins, who also edits the postal game section for Chess Review, attributes much of his success to the sound basic training received in playing correspondence chess in which he has compiled a notable record, being one of the ten finalists to compete in the ICCA World Correspondence Chess Championship, which was won by J. S. Purdy of Australia.

Taking the lead in the seventh round, after an early round defeat by A. E. Santasiere, Collins was never thereafter behind in score although he did not clinch the title until the next to final round when his victory over J. F. Donovan made it a certainty. In the final round Collins drew with James T. Sherwin.

Here is the decisive semi-final round encounter:

### KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE Marshall Chess Club Championship New York, 1954

White	Black
J. COLLINS	J. DONOVAN
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3	22. R-QKt1 Kt-R3
2. P-QB4 P-KKt3	23. P-KKt4 K-Kt2
3. P-KKt3 B-Kt2	24. Kt-Kt5 Kt-Kt1
4. B-Kt2 O-O	25. Q-K2 R-B3
5. Kt-KB3 P-Q3	26. P-KR3 Q-R4
6. O-O QKt-Q2	27. P-R3 R-Kt6
7. Kt-B3 P-B4	28. B-K4 Q-Kt4
8. P-Q5 P-QR3	29. Q-QB2 P-B5
9. R-K1 P-QKt4	30. Kt-B3 B-R2
10. P-K4 PxP	31. B-Q2 B-Kt2
11. B-B1 Kt-Kt3	32. B-B3 BxP
12. Kt-Q2 Kt-Kt5	33. BxB QxB
13. KtxP KtxKt	34. P-Kt5 P-K4
14. BxKt B-Q5	35. PxR ch KtxP
15. R-B1 Kt-K4	36. PxP Kt-R4
16. B-K2 Q-Kt3	37. PxP ch K-B1
17. K-Kt2 P-B4	38. Q-K4 Q-B2
18. P-B4 Kt-B2	39. Q-K7 ch QxQ
19. B-B3 PxP	40. PxQ ch K-K1
20. KtxP R-Kt4	41. R-K4 Resigns
21. R-K1 Q-B2	

## ANNOUNCE AWARDS FOR BEST GAMES

The special game prize awards in the recent U.S. Intercollegiate Chess Championship have been announced. The judges, Jack Collins and Dr. Harold Sussman, selected the following as prize-winners:

- Brilliance: To Charles Sovel of University of Pennsylvania for his game with Karl Burger of Columbia;
- Best-Played: To Albert Weissman of New York University for his game against Arthur Bisguier of Pace.
- Honorable Mention: To Collin McKinnon of Fordham for his game against Charles Morgan of Marshall.

These winners will receive special chess book prizes donated by David McKay Company, publishers of chess books.

## CHESS AFLOAT IN KUNGSHOLM

The new Swedish-American Motorliner KUNGSHOLM has the distinction of becoming the first Chess and Bridge Club afloat, for the Kungsholm has taken out a club charter with the U.S. Chess Federation for its patrons as well as organizing a Bridge Club, sponsored by the American-Contract Bridge League.

During the winter cruises of the Kungsholm, visiting South America, regular chess tournaments will be held aboard the motorliner which is well equipped with chess sets and tables, and these tournaments will be subject to USCF rating. There will also be Master-point bridge tournaments for the card-players, both chess and bridge events conducted by a professional tournament director.

According To  
A. Sid Test

They say chess was invented to teach an oriental despot how dependant a monarch was on the cooperation of his people. But a lot of fellows play chess all their lives without learning the value of cooperation — on the chess-board or in life.

A worthless check shows a fellow has no resources left in the bank or in his mind. Make every check a good one.

When a King goes out stepping, he usually gets into trouble— in life as in chess.

## LARRY EVANS ON OPENINGS

A New Feature Covering Opening Strategy, Novelties, and Ideas

Beginning in  
March 5, 1954 Issue

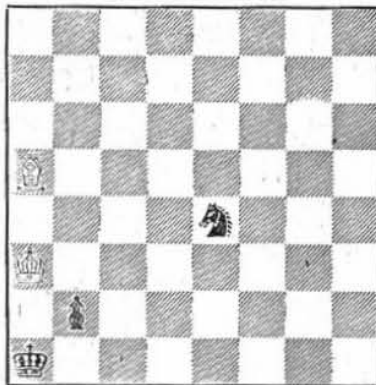
# Finish It The Clever Way! by Edmund Nash

Position No. 121  
Smyslov vs. Kottnauer  
Groningen  
1946



White to play and win

Position No. 122  
By Robert Brieger  
Houston, Texas  
First Publication



White to play and draw

**I**N Position No. 121, World Championship Title challenger V. Smyslov pulls off a neat combination that sparkles; in the game Black resigned after White's fourth move. The world championship match between Botvinnik and Smyslov is scheduled to begin on March 16; 24 games are to be played by May 11, all in Moscow.

I enjoyed solving the original composition by Robert Brieger. The position is simple but tantalizing.

For solutions, please turn to Page five.

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



Final Standings in the Hasting Xmas Tournament were: 1-2. Alexander (England) and Bronstein (USSR) 6½-2½ each; 3. O'Kelly de Galway (Belgium) 5½-3½; 4-7. Matanovic (Yugoslavia), Olafsson (Iceland), Teschner (Germany), and Tolush (USSR) 4½-4½ each; 8. Tartakower (France) 3½-5½; 9. R. G. Wade (New Zealand) 3-6; 10. Horne (England) 2-7. In the Premier Reserves P. H. Clarke (champion of Essex) and Zoltan Kovacs (Austria) tied for first 6-3, while Editor B. H. Wood (England) scored 5½-3½, and S. Bernstein (France) and V. Soutanbieff (Belgium) tallied 5-4 each.



The German Championship, a thirty player 13 round Swiss, at Leipzig, ended in a tie for first between title-holder Unzicker and Schmitt with 9-4 each. There followed Koch with 8½-4½; and Rellstab, Uhlmann, and Herrmann with 8-5 each. A match is planned in January to decide the title.

## 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.

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.



The usual date—Washington's Birthday, Monday February 22nd,—has been set for the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts State Chess Association. The State Tournament, however, will start on the Friday prior to the meeting, and those who are going to enter should drop a card to E. Nitzsche the tournament director, Mountain Road, Burlington, Mass. The business meeting will be called to order at 10:30 a.m. at Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Square, Cambridge (top floor), and will be followed by the usual overboard contest in the afternoon and a dinner will be served in the evening.



Dr. Edward Lasker, president of the Marshall Chess Club, has been elected to Fellowship in the New York Academy of Sciences in recognition of his many contributions to scientific endeavor. On January 20th the Marshall Chess Club held a festival occasion to congratulate Dr. Lasker.



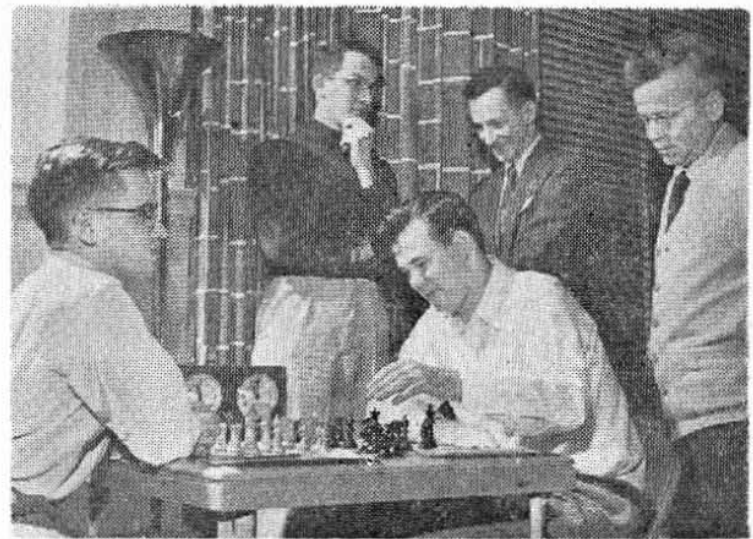
In the Saarbrueken International Tournament Andrej Fuderer of Yugoslavia scored a 9-2 victory. Donner (Holland) was second with 8½-2½ and Bernstein (France) third with 7-4.



Lionel Joyner, Canada's Junior Champion, gave a six-board blindfold simultaneous exhibition at Montreal, winning five and losing one game to A. Valade.



It is reported that Mikhail Botvinnik and Vassily Smyslov will begin a 24 game match in Moscow in March to decide the World Championship title.



A STUDY IN CONCENTRATION

At the Third Annual Illinois Open Tournament at Decatur, Curt Brasket (left) faces Hugh Myers, while Alexis Gilliland, Albert Sandrin, and Tournament Director C. Turner Nearing scan the possibilities.

Photo: Courtesy Decatur Herald and Review



Otto Claitor and W. Frank Gladney tied for first with 8½-1½ in the twenty-two player Baton Rouge preliminary tournament, from which the ten top ranking players qualify for entry in the Baton Rouge City Championship finals while the less successful contestants are eligible to compete in the Class B. Championship. The other eight players who qualified for the Championship finals were: Roger Dornier 8-2, E. Van Valkenburg 7½-2½, D. McKinnis 7-3, Francis Lee 6½-3½, Henry Abbott 6½-3½, J. Wetherford 6-4, George Patrick 5½-4½, and one of the following: James Kimball, Dr. Kirkpatrick or J. Westbrook with 5-5 each.



Joseph Norman Cotter won the 1954 Delaware State Speed Championship in a double round robin at the Wilmington YMCA with a final score of 6-2. Tied for second were M. Paul and Lee Morris, both of Wilmington, with 5-3. Cotter is now teacher of French and sponsor of the chess club at the Harrington High School, Harrington, Del.



## CORRECTION

Wiring corrections is always a dangerous sport. In January 20th issue in the news item on Miss Karff's victory in the U.S. Women's Championship, it was incorrectly stated that several games were played at the London Terrane Club. By telegram, instructions were sent to correct this name to read "London Terrace Club." But Western Union had its own ideas, and "London Tourist Club" was the startling version of the name that actually appeared.

**Austin Chess & Checker Club** (Chicago): The annual club championship tournament begins January 14th with a \$3.00 entry fee (\$1.00 returnable upon completion of schedule), rounds are every two weeks on Thursday nights. Dues are \$5.00 per year for this Club Chapter of the USCF which meets Monday and Thursday evenings at Austin Town Hall, 5610 West Lake Street, Chicago 44.

## New USCF Club Chapters

THE Clubs listed below are welcome additions to the growing family of USCF affiliates. All tournaments conducted by these clubs are rated. If your club is not getting the benefits of affiliation, write for details and application blank to Kenneth Harkness, USCF Business Manager, 93 Barrow St., New York 14, N.Y.

**NEW YORK**  
**Syracuse Chess Club**  
116 West Washington St., Syracuse, N.Y.

Meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m., also Saturday p.m. in winter. Open to members at all times. Sec'y: Mrs. Katherine S. Nye, 146 Weymouth Rd., Saracuse, N.Y.

**PENNSYLVANIA**  
**Mt. Carmel Chess Club**  
Legion Home, Mt. Carmel, Pa.  
Meets Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. Sec'y: Richard Owen, 342 East Columbia Ave., Atlas, Pa.

**TEXAS**  
**Corpus Christi Chess Club**  
Nueces Hotel, Corpus Christi, Tex.  
Meets Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Sec'y: Henry Youngman, P.O. Box 844, Corpus Christi, Tex.

**Port Arthur Chess Club**  
1935 Stanley Blvd or 32330 25th St., Port Arthur, Tex.  
Meets alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. Sec'y: Richard Landry, 1147 6th St., Port Arthur, Tex.

**WISCONSIN**  
**Racine Chess Club**  
2221 Douglas Avenue, Racine, Wis.  
Meets at Douglas Park Community House on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. Sec'y: R. E. Rigg, 3625 Lindermann Ave., Racine, Wis.

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA LEAGUE:** The 1954 season gets under way January 9th and 16th. Division A comprises of teams from Russians, Golden Gate, Castle, Mechanic's Institute, Oakland, and University of California. Division B consists of Russians, Palo Alto, Mechanics' Institute, Golden Gate, Tower, Kings, Alameda, and Oakland. Guthrie McClain was elected League president with Vladimir Pafnutieff as vice-president and Robert Burger as secretary.

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## USCF MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Colonial Room, Wisconsin Hotel

August 12, 1953, Milwaukee, Wis.

THE Membership meeting of the United States Chess Federation was called to order by Major J. B. Holt, Secretary. He stated that due to the absence of the President, Mr. H. M. Phillips, he had polled the members of the Executive Committee, and that they had selected Mr. Frank R. Graves, of Ft. Worth, Tex., as President pro tem. Mr. Graves was presented with the gavel, and took over the direction of the meeting.

Edgar McCormick, Rev. Howard Ohman, and William Hamilton were appointed a Committee to send our regrets to Mr. Phillips and hopes for a speedy recovery. Alfred Ludwig and Glenn Hartleb were appointed tellers to take up a collection to wire flowers and regrets to Mr. Phillips.

The Secretary read the minutes and report of the last membership meeting at Tampa, Fla.

The report of the N. T. Whitaker Grievance Committee was filed with the Secretary. Mr. Whitaker objected that all his grievances were not covered in the report. Mr. Graves made explanation as to the extent of the various complaints of said Whitaker, over a period of many years.

There was no formal President's report received from Mr. Phillips, but Mr. Graves gave the gist of a personal letter received from him, which was concerning the selection of Mr. Harkness as Business Manager. Also a discussion as to the legality of appointing Mr. Harkness Membership Sec-

retary. The former Membership Secretary (Glenn Hartleb) submitted his resignation in writing. Mr. Graves stated that Mr. Harkness was approved by an overwhelming majority of the Directors after the Tampa Committee, appointed for the purpose of considering a Business Manager, had made a recommendation to accept Mr. Harkness' Plan and offer.

Mr. Whitaker objected to Mr. Graves acting as President pro tem.

It was agreed that the Treasurer's report be included in the report of the Business Manager. Mr. Harkness then gave the details of his report which took over an hour to complete. With it was submitted a written financial statement of the condition of the USCF going back the past five years. The promotional plan showed a profit of over \$900.00 for seven months of 1953.

(The five-year comparative statement was published in CHESS LIFE August 20, 1953, and the financial statement for the year ending June 30, 1953 in CHESS LIFE September 5, 1953.)

A rising vote of thanks and appreciation was given Mr. Harkness by every one present except Mr. Whitaker.

Mr. Harry Fajans, a C.P.A. of New York City, submitted a written report on the books of the Treasurer and of the Business Manager. The report was placed on file with the Secretary.

Mr. Wyatt Jones, Chairman of the

Promotional Committee, made a report of the activities of the past year. The report was approved and accepted with a vote of thanks.

As the Secretary read a list of the States, Directors were elected as follows: Alabama—Donald Vives; Arizona—Roland E. George; Arkansas—Jerry T. O'Dell; California—Guthrie McClain, Dr. H. J. Ralston, Irving Rivise; Colorado—Merl W. Reese; Connecticut—James Bolton; Delaware—Robert C. Donaldson; District of Columbia—William Plampin; Florida—James B. Gibson, Jr.; Georgia—Paul Barton; Illinois—Albert Sandrin, Hugh Myers; Indiana—Floyd B. Bolton; Iowa—J. H. Roll; Kansas—K. R. MacDonald; Louisiana—Frank Gladney; Maine—Charles Sharpe; Maryland—I. S. Turver; Massachusetts—Stanley W. D. King, Dr. Julian Keillon; Michigan—Thomas A. Jenkins, E. J. Van Sweden; Minnesota—Dr. G. A. Koelsche; Missouri—Frederic S. Anderson; Nebraska—Alexander Liepnieks; Nevada—Wm. F. Taber; New Hampshire—R. M. Gerth; New Jersey—Edgar McCormick, E. Fory Laucks; New Mexico—R. D. Adair; New York—Dr. Erich W. Marchand, Max Pavey, Eliot Hearst, J. F. Donovan; North Carolina—Kit Crittenden; North Dakota—D. C. Macdonald; Ohio—Mrs. Willa White Owens, James R. Schroeder; Oklahoma—E. H. Gill; Oregon—Arthur W. Dake; Pennsylvania—William A. Ruth, Wm. R. Hamilton, Harry Morris; Rhode Island—Walter B. Suesman; South Carolina—

L. L. Foster; South Dakota—M. F. Anderson; Tennessee—Bill Rucker; Texas—Wm. A. Bills, Robert Brieger, James A. Creighton, C. F. Tears; Utah—Harold Lundstrom; Vermont—A. H. Hobson; Virginia—J. L. Harrington; Washington—O. W. Manney; West Virginia—Edward M. Foy; Wisconsin—Arpad E. Elo; Wyoming—Ted Nast; Alaska—D. H. Bollman; Puerto Rico—Miguel Colon.

A rising vote of thanks was given the City of Milwaukee and Messrs. Elo and Olfe and all their helpers, who put on this tournament in such grand style.

Mr. Hamilton made a statement as to the Candidates Tournament to be held in Philadelphia to pick a challenger for the present U.S. Championship. The winner to play a match with the U.S. Champion. The tournament to be held before the beginning of the college openings. Messrs. Hamilton and Byland were appointed by President Phillips to handle the tournament. They had selected Bill Ruth as organizer and tournament director. The tournament plan was approved by a vote of the Board of Directors. Numerous objections were voiced as the method of selecting a candidate to play the U.S. Champion, but opinion was expressed that any different plan would have to be made in the future, as it is now too late to make a change for this year.

The meeting adjourned.

## FIRST USCF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Committee Room, Wisconsin Hotel

August 13, 1953, Milwaukee, Wis.

Donald Vives (Auburn, Ala.), Jack Roll (Audubon, Ia.).

A. Ludwig proposed the following resolution:

Whereas, the directors here assembled, recognizing the great amount of work on USCF matters handled by both the Business Manager and Editor of Chess Life, and having the desire to profit by their experience in policy matters, declare that the persons holding these offices shall be directors-at-large in the Federation.

The resolution was seconded by T. A. Jenkins and was passed, and Mr. Harkness and Mr. Major joined the Board Meeting.

There was no formal President's report. But Mr. Elo read parts of a personal letter he had received from Mr. Phillips. It dealt with his personal ideas as to the appointment of a Membership Secretary. Although a motion was passed to make it a permanent record it has never been presented to the Secretary.

The report of the Membership Secretary (Mr. Kenneth Harkness) lasted an hour or more and was enthusiastically received and approved. Mr. A. Wyatt Jones read the report of the Promotional Plan Committee. It was unanimously approved and the Committee discharged.

The following results of the secret ballot were read by the election tellers: For Secretary: Holt 56, Byland, Hor-

witz 1. For the four Vice-Presidents: Graves 57, Jones 55, Ludwig 55, Hays 54, Macdonald 1; Evans 1, Fine 1, Anderson 1, Al. Sandrin 1, E. Lasker 1, Turnover 1. Major Holt was declared elected as Secretary. The following were declared elected as Vice-Presidents: Frank R. Graves, A. Wyatt Jones, Alfred Ludwig, and Rhys W. Hays.

Mr. Wm. Hamilton made the following motion:

Whereas, since there is the need of a small active committee to work closely together with the Membership Secretary-Business Manager and Editor of Chess Life in carrying out the policies and program of the USCF, the directors here assembled authorize a standing "Ways and Means" committee for this purpose.

This committee shall supervise the policies and activities of both the Business Manager and the Chess Life Editor under the contracts each of these persons has with the USCF, and set forth policy on all active administrative matters pertaining to the USCF.

The members of this committee shall be A. Wyatt Jones, Chairman, Frank R. Graves and William Byland.

The resolution was seconded by Frank Gladney, and passed.

Alfred Ludwig made the following motion:

Whereas, the directors here assembled recognize the need of a uniform plan for the tournaments to be conducted, supervised, sponsored or authorized by the USCF.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee is empowered to appoint a committee of three or more to fully examine this whole field, including the advisability of the Candidates Tournament, the 3-year cycle plan, and regional tournaments.

This committee is to work out the whole program of events that it thinks should be sponsored by the USCF, and report their findings to the Board of Directors for approval, modification or rejection.

This resolution was seconded by Robert Brieger and carried.

(The Tournament Plans Committee authorized above was activated with Montgomery Major, chairman, Kenneth Harkness, and Jeremiah F. Donovan.)

Frank R. Gladney made the following motion:

Whereas, the directors recognize that many changes have taken place in the policies and administration of the USCF that have not been worked into the Federation By-Laws.

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### Major Topics

By  
Montgomery Major

## Confusion Worse Confounded

*Populus vult decipi, et decipiatur!*  
—Attributed to Cardinal Carlo Caraffa

EACH Year in optimistic hope, doomed alas to disappointment, we  
have explained at length the nature and the purpose of the USCF  
Rating System. It was our expectation that eventually chess players  
as a class would cease the futile occupation of attempting to make the  
USCF Rating System do those things, which by definition it does not  
even pretend to do. The letter from Dr. Platz, published on this page,  
again demonstrates the ineffectualness of making explanations when  
those who read them refuse to alter their preconceived ideas despite  
reiterated statements refuting their allegations. As Cardinal Caraffa  
probably did not say: "People wish to be deceived, let them be  
deceived!"

But first we will make one final attempt to clarify the subject  
before we toss in the sponge and let people deceive themselves as  
they will concerning the USCF Rating System.

As we have stated repeatedly since the USCF Rating System was  
first instituted, it does not profess to confer titles, it does not bestow  
honors. It merely records from period to period the comparative play-  
ing skill of various chess players for the utilitarian purpose of grad-  
ing those chess players according to current performances. This grading  
is used variously in a number of Swiss pairing systems, in selection  
of international teams, and in eligibility to compete in certain re-  
stricted events (such as the Candidates Tournament in Philadelphia).

The USCF Rating System is not a system of conferred honors,  
but a practical and utilitarian yardstick of current chess performance.  
It is not, and was never intended, to confer any honorary distinctions  
and therefore must not be confused with the FIDE system, which does  
bestow honorary titles for life.

When Dr. Platz insists that "once a master, always a master" should  
be the rule, he is striking at the very root of the USCF Rating System,  
for if the System retained by artificial means in the class of "Master"  
all players who had once attained that performance rating, we  
might just as well abandon the USCF Rating System altogether, for  
it would no longer serve any of the utilitarian purposes for which it  
was created. Once there is any "doctoring" of the ratings, their useful-  
ness is at an end.

Alas, Dr. Platz, like a good many other chess players, is still  
insisting that the USCF Rating System is doing the one thing it defi-  
nitely does not do, and was never intended to do—the conferring  
of honorary titles. The only honorary titles bestowed by the USCF are  
those of "Master Emeritus" to recognized master players whose cur-  
rent playing strength has declined from its peak through the stress  
of age, ill health and other frailties that man is heir to.

For the last time let us state unequivocally that a chess master in  
the honorary sense cannot be created by decree, nor can he be un-  
created. A player is either a chess master by natural skill, developed  
by study and practice, or he is not—and no legislation will alter that  
fact. The chess playing public recognize a master without prompting,  
and in the honorary sense, it is the chess playing public which be-  
stows the honorary title of master on a player. This has no relation  
whatever to the USCF Rating System which does not pretend to dis-  
tinguish whether a player is a master in the honorary sense or is not.

What the USCF Rating System actually achieves is to determine  
by periods which players are performing in the style of masters at

that moment, but this determination that a certain player has per-  
formed like a master during a given period grants no guarantee that  
he will continue to perform at that high level of achievement. It does  
not guarantee that a player presently graded in the "Master Class"  
is per se a master or that he should be universally recognized as  
such. If he is actually entitled to be called a master in the honorary  
sense of the title, the chess playing public will recognize that fact  
and so class him in their own mind, whatever his USCF Rating may  
become.

The USCF Rating System confers no titles; it merely records  
performance. Let's stop trying to make the Rating System a sort of  
Legion of Honor or Grand Academy of Arts and Sciences and let it  
perform its purely utilitarian duties as its creators intended.

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## The Kibitzer Has His Day

Dear Mr. Major:

Today I would like to touch a subject  
which has been on my mind for quite  
some time but has attracted my atten-  
tion again after our last National  
Chess Ratings were published. I believe  
—and so does probably everybody else  
—that the computing of our ranking  
list is as just and fair as anything can  
be. It is based on performance and  
works as accurately as a mathematical  
formula. Players are promoted and de-  
moted, sometimes from one class into  
another. But why demote some of  
our masters into a lower class, rec-  
ognized and first rate masters for  
many years?

To become a master one has to  
play like a master, and no one who  
ever acquired that rank should ever  
be demoted. "Once a master, always  
a master!" If the struggle for his  
daily existence or professional duties  
or advanced years prevent a master  
from playing as often and as strongly  
as is necessary to maintain his point  
score above 2300 he should not lose  
his hard-earned master-title. That is  
like taking away from somebody a  
degree which he has gained purely  
on merit, through hard years of study  
and work. No, dear USCF: "Honor  
your masters, but don't degrade them!"

I would like to hear the opinion on  
this subject of our masters and es-  
pecially our ten top-ranking masters.

JOSEPH PLATZ, M.D.

East Hartford, Conn.



Gentlemen:

I refer to your invitation to send  
comments on your magazine.

I do disagree very strongly with  
Larry Evans' comments on Capablanca.  
With the exception of Lasker, he was  
in a class by himself during the 4 or 5  
years when he was at the top of his  
ability. Let us look at the record.

Capablanca did not lose a single  
game in over 3 years. Two of the best  
players of his time, Nimzovitch and  
Spielman, were never able to win a  
game from him. In one of the strong-  
est tournaments ever held which took  
place shortly before the Alechin Match,  
he finished far ahead without losing  
a single game. He had never lost a  
game to Alechin until this match. Un-  
fortunately there were three reasons  
why he lost that match: overconfi-  
dence, unpreparedness and poor health.  
It is significant that Alechin care-  
fully avoided a return match.

I also disagree with Evans regard-  
ing the ability of the Russian players.  
There are six or more Russian players  
who would have at least an even  
chance in a match against Rechewsky.

WALTER MALOWAN  
New York, N.Y.



Dear Sir:

The Bristol Chess Club would like  
to apply for chapter membership in  
the United States Chess Federation.  
Enclosed is application blank with  
necessary data.

The money with which we are  
ordering Club membership comes di-  
rectly from the income of the East  
Tenn. Open, which you all rated for  
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was so successful.

Thank you very much for your  
service!

BILL RUCKER

Secretary, Bristol Chess Club  
Bristol, Tenn.

Palo Alto (Calif.) Chess Club: Jack  
Kliger, formerly of the Marshall Chess  
Club of N.Y., won the club title 15-  
1½, losing a game to Edmund T. Dana  
and drawing with Albert Guthrie.  
George Petricek was second with 13-4,  
Lincoln Moses third with 12½-4½, and  
Edmund T. Dana fourth with 12-5.





# THE ELEMENTS OF CHESS

By International Master HERMAN STEINER

## Hypothetical Game

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

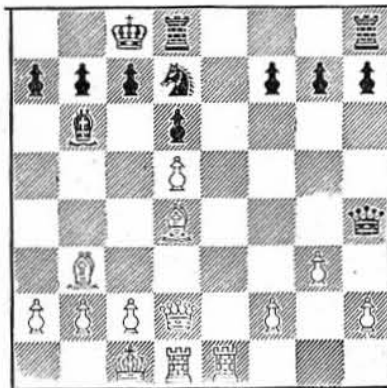
Next, Black plays 15....., Q-R5, which creates new complications.



After Black plays: 15....., Q-R5  
Controls greatest number of opponent's squares  
Threat of Third Objective  
Threat of Fourth Objective

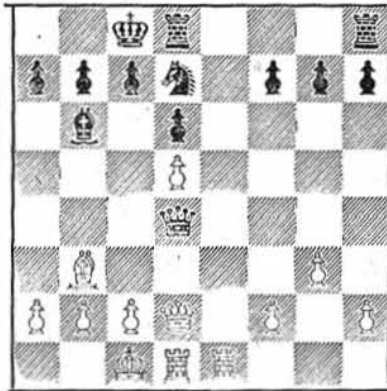
It attacks and leaves his own Pawn at Kt2 in danger.

White asks, "What can Black capture with his Queen? My King-Rook-Pawn is unprotected (en prise) and his King-Knight-Pawn is also unprotected." The promising looking move 16. BxP does not work out too well because Black will answer, 16....., BxP; 17. R-B1 or K2 (P-Kt3 is bad because of BxR), KR-Kt1. If White exchanges this Bishop for Black's, the Black Knight will find an excellent place on his K4. If White can induce the Black Queen to capture this King-Rook-Pawn in exchange for Black's King-Knight-Pawn, it would give White an open Rook file, and eventually he would line up his major Forces against the Black King-Rook-Pawn which is isolated, so that it becomes a target, a weakness, and the Third Objective. Therefore, White plays 16. P-Kt3.



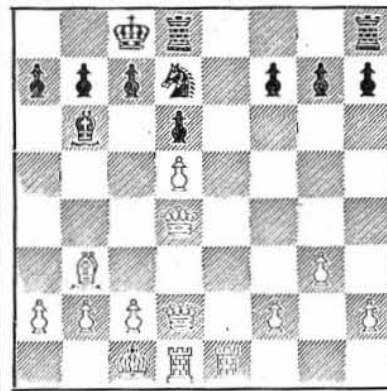
After White plays: 16. P-Kt3  
Threat of Third Objective

Now Black must decide either to take the King-Rook-Pawn or exchange more Forces (Fourth Objective with safety). It is true that temporarily either of these gives White Space advantage, but not having any weakness, it is not fatal. So Black plays 16....., QxB.

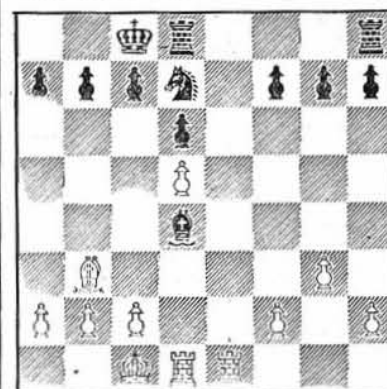


After Black plays: 16....., QxB  
Nullifies threat of Third Objective  
Fourth Objective achieved

The following moves are forced and no comment is necessary: 17. QxQ, BxQ; 18. RxB are all Fourth Objectives.

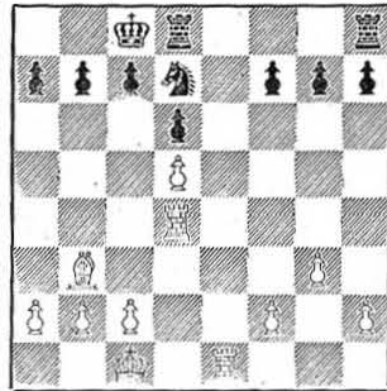


After White plays: 17. QxQ  
Fourth Objective achieved  
(exchange even)



After Black plays: 17....., BxQ  
Fourth Objective achieved  
(exchange even)

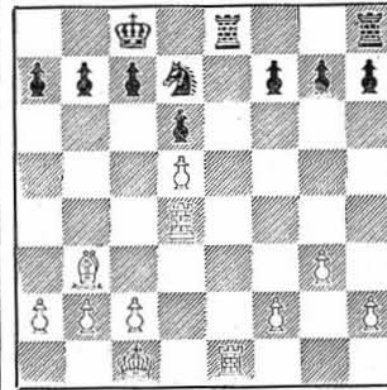
It is now Black's turn. He counts the squares which White controls of Black's territory, then counts the squares which he controls of opponent's territory to find out who has the advantage in Space. He begins with the Rooks first. The Rook on King square controls four (K8, K7, K6, and K5); the Rook on Q4, one (Q5); the Bishop, one (Q5); the Queen-Pawn, two (QB6 and K6)—a total of eight squares. How many does Black control? The answer is none. Black is on the move and will try to



After White plays: 18. RxB  
Fourth Objective achieved  
(exchange even)

rectify his deficiency by moving R-K1 which will immediately control four squares of opponent's territory.

But which Rook should it be? Which Rook will give the most flexibility—a flexibility which will function in the home territory as well as in that of the opponent? The answer is 18....., QR-K1.



After Black plays: 18....., QR-K1  
Developing move  
Controls greatest number of opponent's squares  
Threat of capture

Why? One can readily see that the King-Rook can move to KB1 and KKt1, two squares; the QR can move to KKt1, KB1, and Q1 squares, three squares; the King can move to Q1 square, one—a total of six squares.

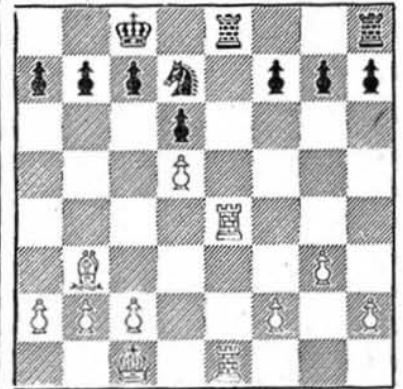
What would happen if Black moved 16....., KR-K1? The Rook could move only three squares: Bishop, Knight, Rook squares. The Queen-Rook is immobile, so is the King. The student must appreciate the difference between the two Rook moves.

### Solutions:—

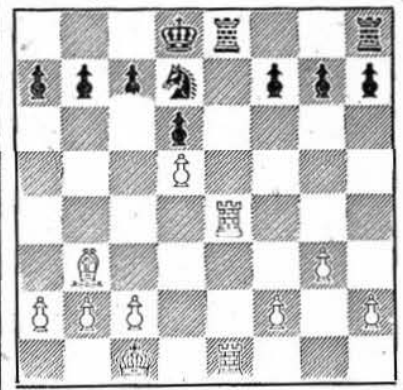
Finish It the Clever Way!

Position No. 121: 1. Kt-B5!, PxKt; 2. B-B4!, B-Q3 (if QxB; 3. Q-B8 ch, K-K2; 4. QxR, K-B3; 5. RxKt); 3. BxB, R-Kt3; 4. QxKt ch, Resigns.  
Position No. 122: 1. B-Kt4!, K-Kt8; 2. K-Kt8; 2. K-Kt3, K-B8; 3. B-R3, draws. If 1....., P-Kt8(Q); 2.-B-B3 ch, KtxB stalemate. If 1. B-Kt6?, Kt-Q3 wins. If 1. B-B7?, Kt-Q7 wins.

White's play, 19. R(Q4)-K4, threatens to control the King file as well as to capture the Rook.



After White plays: 19. R(Q4)-K4  
Threat of capture  
Second Objective achieved  
The importance of playing QR-K1 is evident, for Black's Answer is 19....., K-Q1.



After Black plays: 19....., K-Q1  
Nullifies threat of capture  
Defends  
Nullifies Second Objective  
This move nullifies both of White's threats with safety and forces the exchange of Rooks.  
(To be continued.)

## Chess Squares

By Maurice A. Druet

		SQUARE NO. 2				
		1	2	3	4	5
1						
2	C	H	E	S	S	
3						
4						
5						

ACROSS  
1. A pebble  
2. CHESS  
3. Rakes (Engl. Var.)  
4. Genus of herbs  
5. Fatigued

DOWN  
1. A turf  
2. Pursue (var.)  
3. A lariat  
4. A narrow ridge  
5. Treatise

All words used in these squares may be found in Webster's International Dictionary (Unabridged). Solution in February 20 issue.

Solution to Square No. 1

CHESS  
LANCE  
ELDER  
ALONE  
ROWES

Join the USCF! It is always a sound opening move.



# GAMES BY USCF MEMBERS

Annotated by Chess Master JOHN W. COLLINS, Marshall Chess Club Champion, 1954

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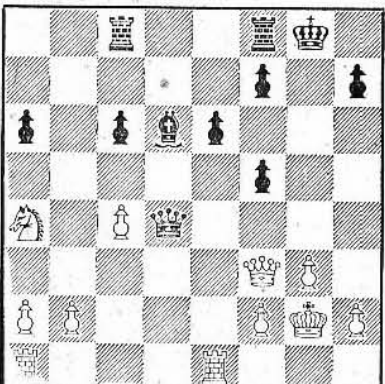
## NUMBER SIX AT WORK

Nicolas Rossolimo, sixth ranking U. S. player, and third with 9½-3½ in the 1953 Open, hammers out a win with the Richter Attack, a Pawn sacrifice, the gain of the exchange, and masterly technique.

### SICILIAN DEFENSE

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U.S. Open Championship  
Milwaukee, 1953

White Black  
N. ROSSOLIMO DR. E. MARCHAND  
1. P-K4 P-QB4 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3  
Black, if he wishes, can avoid the Richter Attack by 2. .... P-Q3.  
3. P-Q4 Pxp 5. Kt-QB3 P-Q3  
4. KtxP Kt-B3 6. B-KKt5  
The Richter Attack. White threatens to disrupt Black's pawn-structure with 7. BxKt, KtPxB.  
6. .... P-K3 7. B-Kt5  
Alternatives are 7. KtxKt, 7. Q-Q2, 7. Kt-Kt3, and 7. B-K2.  
7. .... B-Q2 8. B-QR4!  
8. 0-0 and 8. Q-Q2 are more usual. With the original text, White threatens to embarrass his opponent with 9. Kt(Q4)-Kt5!  
8. .... P-QR3?  
Correct is 8. .... KtxKt.  
9. KtxKt! BxKt  
If 9. .... PxpKt; 10. P-K5! Pxp; 11. Q-B3, R-B1; 12. 0-0-0, and White's position is distinctly superior.  
10. BxBch PxB 11. P-K5!  
This imposes permanent pawn-weaknesses on Black.  
11. .... Q-R4  
If 11. .... Pxp; 12. Q-B3, R-B1; 13. R-Q1, and, again, White's position is distinctly superior.  
12. BxKt PxB 14. K-B1!  
13. PxpP Q-K4ch  
Much stronger than 14. Q-K2. White intends to castle by hand, attack weak pawns with his Queen, and to tempo on the Black Queen with his Rooks.  
14. .... BxP 17. K-Kt2 0-0  
15. Q-B3 R-QB1 18. KR-K1 Q-Kt2  
16. P-KKt3 P-KB4 19. Kt-R4! Q-Q5  
A loss of time. And 19. .... Q-Kt5?; 20. QxQ, PxQ; 21. R-K4, P-KR4; 22. P-KR3! is also bad for Black. The best available is 19. .... KR-Q1.  
20. P-B4!



Threatening to win with 21. QR-Q1.  
20. .... Q-Kt2  
If 20. .... QxBP?; 21. Kt-Kt6, wins the exchange.

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21. QR-Q1 B-K4?  
And this loses the exchange. Better is 21. .... B-Kt5.  
22. Kt-Kt6  
BxQKtP  
There is no help for it. If the QR moves then 23. Kt-Q7 wins the exchange or the Bishop. The rest is a matter of good technique for White.  
23. KtxR RxKt 25. QxQ BxQ  
24. R-Q6 Q-B6 26. R-QKt1 R-B2  
Black can do a little better with 26. .... P-QR4.  
27. R-Kt6  
This wins a Pawn.  
27. .... P-B4 30. R-Kt3 B-B3  
28. RXP R-Kt2 31. P-QR4  
29. R(Q6)-Kt6 R-Q2  
White returns the Pawn in order to get the QRP rolling. Otherwise he could play 31. R-B6.  
31. .... R-Q5 33. R-R3  
32. P-R5 RxP  
Get thee behind the Passed Pawn!  
33. .... R-B7 35. P-R6 BxP  
34. R-Q6 B-Q5  
If 35. .... RxPch; 36. K-R3, followed by 37. P-R7 and 38. P-R8-Q wins.  
36. P-R7 B-Q5ch 37. K-R3 B-Kt8!  
Last try—38. .... RxP mate!  
38. P-R8-Qch K-Kt2 39. R-R2 Resigns  
A logical game by the former French Champion.



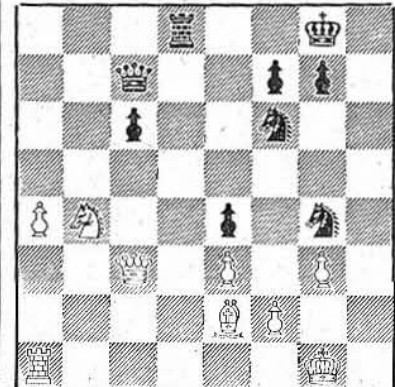
### SLAV DEFENSE

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Milwaukee, 1953

Notes by U. S. Master Curt Brasket

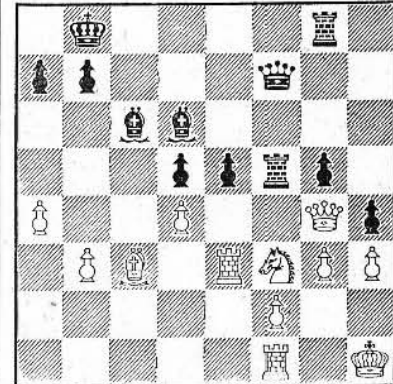
White Black  
G. SHAINSWIT C. BRASKET  
1. Kt-KB3 P-Q4 6. P-K3 P-K3  
2. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 7. BxP B-QKt5  
3. P-B4 P-B3 8. 0-0 QKt-Q2  
4. Kt-B3 Pxp 9. Q-K2  
5. P-QR4 B-B4  
The strongest reply to Black's rather unusual 8th move is 9. Q-Kt3, the main point being that Black cannot defend both KB and KtP with .... Q-K2 (as he could have after the normal 8. .... 0-0; 9. Q-Kt3).  
9. .... B-Kt3!  
In order to win the KP by 10. .... BxKt and 11. .... KtxP if White plays 10. P-K4. A game, Kottbauer-Smyslov, from the Moscow-Prague match (1946) continued in White's favor after 10. P-K4, BxKt; 11. PxB, KtxP; 12. B-R3, Q-B2; 13. KR-B1, 0-0-0; 14. P-R5, Kt-Q3; 15. PR6 but it seems that Black can improve in this line with 12. .... Kt-Kt3! either winning a second pawn or exchanging off White's valuable KB.  
10. R-Q1 0-0 11. P-R3  
\*Anticipating .... B-KR4 in reply to Kt-R4.  
11. .... Q-B2!  
Better than 11. .... Q-K2 for several reasons: 1) the advance of P-QR5-R6 is prevented; 2) the Q-side pawns will heed protection; 3) the Q bears on KR7, which will later be the basis for a mating attack.  
12. Kt-R4 P-K4! 14. B-Q2 QR-K1  
13. KtxB PxKt  
Not .... KR-K1? because of BxP ch and Q-B4 ch. 14. .... P-QR4 at once, however, was also good.  
15. P-Q5 P-R4!  
Intending 18. .... P-K5, which was not yet playable because of 18. KtxP.  
16. Pxp Pxp! 17. Kt-R2  
17. P-K4, Kt-B4; 18. P-B3 is unattractive.  
17. .... BxB 18. QxB P-K5!  
Black's plan of attack begins to materialize (.... Kt-K4, .... P-Kt4-5, etc.). White's safest now was probably 19. Q-Q6 although even then Black has a good game, for example: 19. Q-Q6, Q-Q6; 20. RxQ, Kt-K4; 21. B-K2, R-Q1; 22. QR-Q1, RxR; 23. RxR, R-Kt1; 24. R-Q2, Kt-Q4.

19. P-QKt4 Kt-K4 22. Pxp Qxp  
20. B-K2 R-Q1 23. RxR RxR  
21. Q-B2 P-Kt4!  
White offered a draw here, which was refused.  
24. Q-B3 Q-B2 26. Pxp  
25. Kt-Kt4 P-Kt5!  
In a post-mortem of the game Pavey suggested 26. P-R4 but Black's attack would then continue undiminished with .... P-Kt6!; 27. Pxp, Kt(4)-Kt5; 28. BxKt, KtxB; 29. Q-K1, P-QB4; 30. Kt-B2, P-Kt4!; 31. Pxp, Q-K4.  
26. .... Kt(4)xP 27. P-Kt3

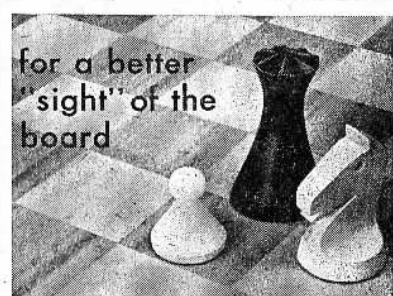


BxKt either now or later would leave a fatal weakness at KB3.  
27. .... Q-R4!  
An extraordinarily effective move! White's Q and Kt are temporarily immobilized while Black threatens .... Q-R4 with a quick mate. White's reply is forced.  
28. K-Kt2 Q-R4 30. Q-K1  
29. R-R1 Q-KB4  
Or 30. R-KB1, P-B4; 31. Kt-B6, R-K1; 32. P-R5, R-K3; 33. Kt-Q8, Kt-Q4; 34. Q-K1, R-KR3 with a similar conclusion to the one in the game.  
30. .... Kt-K4! 32. R-B1  
31. Q-QB1  
Kt(3)-Kt5  
Now if 32. Q-K1 then .... P-B4; 33. Kt-Kt-B2, Kt-B2, Kt-B6; 34. Q-KB1, R-Q7 with an overwhelming position.  
32. .... Q-R4 34. R-B1 R-Q3  
33. R-R1 Q-B4 35. Q-K1  
The single repetition of moves does no harm since White is forced to return to the same position. I had hesitated before playing .... R-Q3 in order to examine the reply P-B3, which is easily refuted by .... Pxp ch; Bxp, KtxB; RxKt, Q-K5! threatening both .... QxKt and .... R-R3. Both players (and especially White) were in time pressure.  
35. .... R-R3 36. R-R1 RxR Resigns  
For if KxR, Q-R4 ch, or if QxR, Qxp ch. White might try 37. BxKt hoping for .... KtxB?; KxR or .... QxB?; KxR or .... QxB?; QxR, in either case with a little fight left, but the simple 37. .... RxQ; 38. BxQ, R-QR8 would win easily enough.

4. P-K5 Kt-Q2 10. Pxp KtxBP  
5. B-Q3 P-QB4 11. 0-0 B-Q3  
6. P-QB3 Kt-QB3 12. P-QKt3 B-Q2  
7. Kt-K2 Q-Kt3 13. B-Kt2 0-0-0  
8. Kt-B3 Pxp 14. R-B1  
9. Pxp P-B3  
With Kings castled on opposite wings the usual strategy is for each side to attack the opposing King as vigorously as possible. The text move does not really do this effectively. More to the point would seem to be 14. P-QR3! and 15. P-QKt4. White should have a slight edge since his center is more favorably controlled and Black's QB is cramped.  
14. .... K-Kt1 16. QR-K1  
15. Q-Q2 QR-KB1  
This seems to indicate indecision. White's intention appears to be to increase his strangle-hold on K5—also to try to build an impregnable position on his K-side.  
16. .... Q-B2 22. KtxKt ch BxKt  
17. P-KR3 KR-Kt1 23. P-Kt3 KtxB  
18. K-R1 P-KR3 24. QxKt Q-Q2  
19. Kt(2)-Kt1 P-KKt4 25. P-QR4 P-KR4  
20. Kt-K5 Kt-KR4 26. Q-K2 P-R5  
21. B-B3 Kt-B5 27. Q-Kt4  
If 25. Qxp, then QxQ; 26. RxQ, BxKtP. White can win a pawn by 25. Pxp, Pxp; 26. QxR but his position would be rather insecure.  
27. .... R-B4 28. Kt-B3  
This proves to be unwise. 28. Pxp again wins a pawn at the expense of opening lines.  
28. .... Q-KB2 29. R-K3 P-K4!



A fine move climaxing a long series of sound positional moves by Black. If now 30. KtxKP, then BxKt; 31. RxB, RxP; 32. RxR, QxR; 33. Q-K2, QxKtP; if 30. PxpKP, then RxKt; 31. RxR (or 31. PxB, RxR), P-Q5.  
30. K-Kt1  
It was difficult to see that this loses a pawn in a few moves. Better therefore was 30. K-Kt2 but Black now has great pressure and should win.



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### FRENCH DEFENSE

MCO: page 63, column 91 (e)  
Canadian Championship  
Winnipeg, 1953  
Notes by Dr. Erich W. Marchand  
White Black  
F. ANDERSON D. A. YANOFSKY  
1. P-K4 P-K3 3. Kt-Q2 Kt-KB3  
2. P-Q4 P-Q4  
The usual move here is 3. .... P-QB4 with the intention of submitting to an isolated QP in return for a fine free development. The text move allows White to establish a strong center supported by P-QB3. Since Black, however, is able to loosen the center sufficiently with an early P-KB3, the variation seems playable for Black.



## GUEST ANNOTATORS

Curt Brasket  
J. Norman Cotter  
Dr. Erich Marchand

Threatens B-B8. There is no defense, for if 39. Kt-Q2, B-B8; 40. B-Kt4 (to stop RxB), BxKt; 41. BxB, R-B7; 42. R-K2, P-K6.  
39. B-Q2 B-Kt7  
White lost on time.  
An excellent game by Yanofsky.



## SLAV DEFENSE

MCO: page 196, column 24  
U.S. Open Championship  
Milwaukee, 1953

Notes by J. Norman Cotter

White J. CROSS Black M. TURIANSKY  
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. Kt-KB3 Kt-B3  
2. P-QB4 P-QB3 4. PXP

The Exchange Variation, one of the strongest at White's disposal.

4. PXP 6. B-B4 Kt-KR4  
5. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

With this move Turiansky takes the game from "the book." Usual at this point is either P-K3 or B-B4. The text poses psychological as well as practical problems for Cross.

7. B-Kt5  
While this is the direct attempt at refutation, it undoubtedly channels the game into lines which Black has investigated, therefore 7. B-Q2 preserving the B and emphasizing the "wasted" nature of Black's 6th move deserves real consideration.

7. P-KR3 12. B-Q3 B-Q2  
8. B-R4 P-KKt4 13. QR-B1 P-R3  
9. B-Kt3 KtxB 14. B-Kt1 QR-B1  
10. RPxKt B-Kt2 15. P-K4

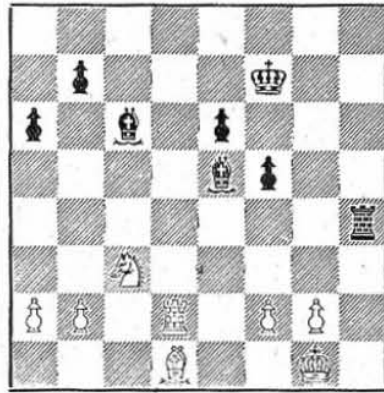
11. P-K3 P-K3  
Premature. Since Black can undertake nothing Cross might well have continued with 15. K-B1 and 16. K-Kt1 getting his K to safety and guarding against dangers along the KR file.

15. PXP 17. O-O?  
16. QKtXP Q-K2

This move would only be feasible if Cross could immediately pry open the center.

17. P-Kt5!  
For Turiansky gets his licks in first.  
18. Kt-K5 KtXKt 21. QXP P-B4!  
19. RxRch BxR 22. Q-R5 ch Q-B2!  
20. PxKt BxP 23. QxQ ch KxQ  
With Queens off the board the Black King is safely placed, and the two

Bs plus play along the KR file assure Turiansky the better endgame prospects.  
24. Kt-B3 B-Q2 26. R-Q2  
25. R-Q1 B-QB3  
To release the Kt for active duty.  
26. P-KR4!  
Initiating the winning plan against which there is no completely satisfactory defense.  
27. B-B2 P-R5 29. B-Q1  
28. PXP RxP



Black now very cleverly forces the win of a pawn. Under the circumstances there is nothing better than to attempt to maintain material equality with 29. P-B3 although the ensuing weakness on the dark squares should be fatal, e.g.: B-Q5 ch and B-K6 with a terrible bind.

29. B-R7 ch 32. K-K2 P-K4  
30. K-B1 B-B5 33. B-Kt3 ch K-K1  
31. R-Q4 R-R8 ch 34. R-Q6 BxP  
The rest, as they say, is a matter of technique and Turiansky solves his technical problems in admirable fashion.

35. R-K6 ch K-Q2 38. B-Q5 B-Q6 ch  
36. K-Q3 B-B8 ch 39. K-Kt3 B-K5!  
37. K-B2 R-R6!  
Conclusive. On BxB, Black wins the exchange.

40. B-B4 P-Kt4 46. R-R6 ch K-B2  
41. RxRP PxR ch 47. R-R7 ch K-Kt3  
42. K-Kt4 B-Q6 48. K-Q6 RxP  
43. K-B5 R-R7 49. KxP RxP  
44. Kt-Q5 B-Kt4 50. R-R6 ch K-R4  
45. R-R7 ch K-K3 Resigns  
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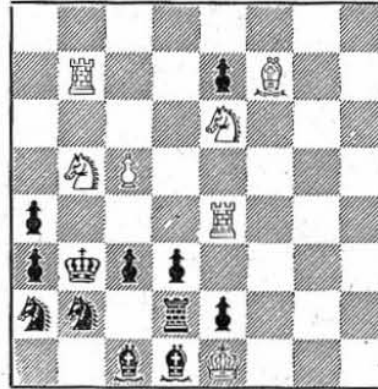
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# Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

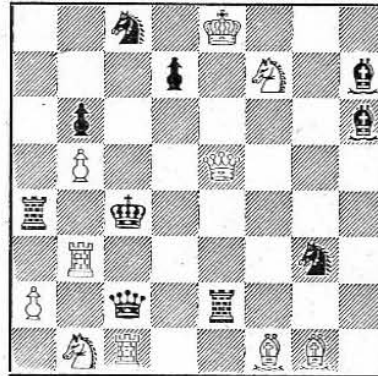
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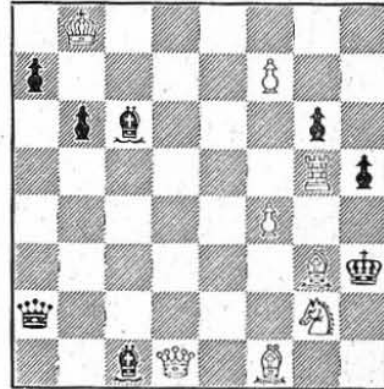
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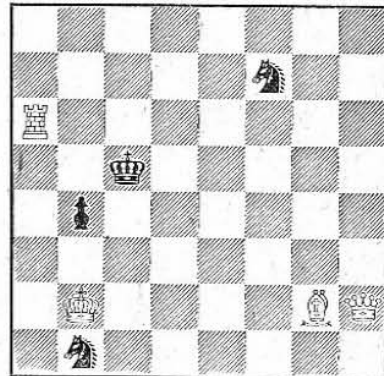
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White mates in three moves

NOTE: In Problem No. 477 in issue of January 5th, the queen on QR8 should have been a Black Queen. Sorry.

## USCF DIRECTORS' MEETING

(Continued from page 3, column 4)

Therefore the directors here assembled authorize the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee to appoint a committee to study and re-write the By-Laws, and to submit the new By-Laws to the directors for their approval.

Approval will require a two-thirds vote of all directors voting. The motion was seconded by Kenneth Harkness and passed.

(The By-Laws Committee authorized above was activated with William R. Hamilton, chairman, Frank R. Graves, and Jack Spence.)  
William M. Byland read the following resolution:

Whereas, recognizing that the directors, at the Tampa meeting in 1952 passed a resolution that denied Federation officials the privilege of charging any of their traveling expenses against the Federation, and now foresee a need to modify this resolution in its application to the Business Manager, when expenses are incurred in the promotion of Federation activities.

Therefore the directors here assembled authorize the Business Manager, upon prior approval of the Treasurer of the Federation, to charge to the Federation, certain expenses incurred in individual promotion activities undertaken. The motion was seconded by Wm. R. Hamilton and was passed.

Maj. J. B. Holt read the following resolution:

Whereas, the directors, recognizing that there is need for develop-

ing in the U.S.A. rules, codes and instructions to members clubs and other associations, on methods of running different types of chess tournaments, the rules of tournament play, and rules of the game, authorize the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee to appoint a committee instructed to work up material covering these problems and submit them to the Business Manager for publication. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bela Rozsa and was passed.

(The Tournament Rules Committee authorized above was activated with Montgomery Major, chairman, Eliot Hearst, and Newton Grant.)

Motion was made by Mr. J. B. Gibson, that due to her untiring efforts at helping the USCF we give to Mrs. Kenneth Harkness a \$50.00 Xmas present. It was seconded by Arthur W. Duke and passed.

The meeting adjourned until 10:00 a.m. August 14th at this same place. (Second Directors' Meeting in next issue.)

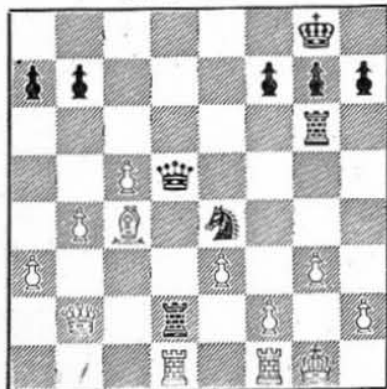
Capitol City (Sacramento) Chess Club: Club preliminary tourney ended with Doc Janushkowsky tied with Hartley at 4-1. Others who qualified for finals were: N. T. Austin, J. B. Gee with 3½-1½ each, Ojars Celle, Ed Horton, Fred Clawson, J. A. Celle, Harold Keith with 3-2 each.

# Tournament Life

## What's The Best Move?

By Guilherme Groesser

Position No. 134



Black to play

Send solution to Position No. 134 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, 123 No. Humphrey Ave., Oak Park, Ill., by March 5, 1954.

### Solution to Position No. 131

This interesting position occurred in Berliner-Dodge, Germany, 1951 and White proceeded strongly with 1. Kt-K4 ch, PxKt (forced); 2. R-Q8 ch, K-B2 (on 2. .... Q-K1; 3. R-Q8 wins easily); 3. QxK ch!, Kt-Q; 5. Kt-Q6 mate. Note that 1. Kt-B is not an alternate solution because of 1. .... Q-Kt4 ch and 2. .... QxKt.

Several solvers have queried about the White Queen being in double jeopardy, doubting if this could happen. I have not seen the game score and cannot give the actual moves leading to the position, but I suggest that it is not difficult to make retro-analysis to several logical positions from which the Position No 131 could have gracefully developed. Imagine, for example a position: 3b1ksr, ppS2pp1, 2p3qp, 4Pss1, 4P3, 4Q2P, PPP3P1, 2K4R. and the following moves: 1. Q-B5 ch, B-K2; 2. R-Q1 (and Black cannot play BxQ because of 3. R-Q8 mate), Kt-K3 and we have Position No. 131 quite logically attained.

Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: A. Baron (Eugene), J. E. Barry (Ann Arbor), K. Blumberg (Chicago), M. D. Blumenthal (Bellaire), P. Bokma (Conrad), R. Burry (Ft. Lauderdale), G. F. Chase (Buffalo), W. H. Clark (Grand Forks), J. E. Comstock (Duluth), W. J. Couture (Norfolk), J. D. Define (St. Louis), E. K. Dille (Norfolk), H. Dittman (Salt Lake City), D. W. Earl (Los Alamos), E. Godbold (St. Louis), H. W. Gould (DeKalb), R. Grande (Denver), J. Haliburton, Jr. (Allen), D. Hamburger (Pittsburg), H. E. Hart (Oakwood), R. W. Hays (New York), L. Hyder (Rockdale), C. Joachim (Seattle), J. Kaufman (Los Angeles), P. P. Kerr (Roanoke), E. J. Korpanty (Bellevue), M. W. Luebbert, Jr. (Kansas City), C. Lyon (Peoria), J. Melnick (Portland), E. Nash (Washington), G. Payne (Webster Groves), E. Roman (New Britain), E. E. Roethler (Cleveland), I. Sigmond (Colwick), D. Silver (New York), W. E. Stevens (Laramie), R. Stiening (Pittsburg), I. Schwartz (Durand), A. Treno (Philadelphia), F. Trask (Plymouth), F. J. Valvo (Guilderland Center), D. A. Walsdorf, Jr. (New Orleans), W. B. Wilson (Amherstburg), N. P. Witting (Salem).

We also credit an alternate solution of 1. QxB ch, Kt-Q; 2. Kt-K4 ch, PxKt submitted by I. Finkelstein (Bronx), N. Zemke (Detroit) and as an alternate solution by P. Bokma (Conrad). We credit a half-point to A. R. Bomberault (Pittsburg) for 1. Kt-K4 ch, PxKt; 2. Kt-Q6, Q-Kt4 ch; 3. K-Kt1 which is probably a winning line, but leaves Black too much play.

Omitted from last issue were credit to J. E. Comstock and E. K. Dille for correct solutions to Position No. 130.

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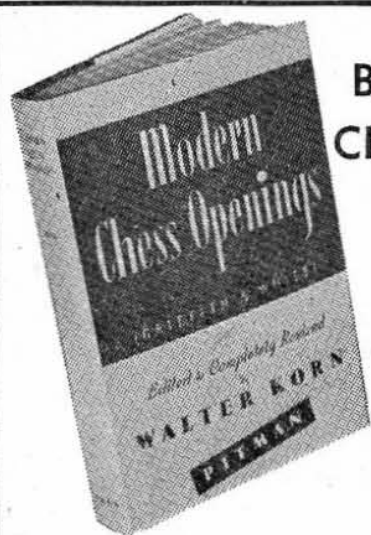
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