


1. P-R5?

The drawing line is: 1. R-QB2!, R-K1; 2. K-Kt2! (not 2. QxP?, RK7 ch; or 2. RxP?, Q-B7 ch; 3. $\mathrm{K}-\mathrm{R} 3, \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{K} 7$ ), and Black cannot prevent either 4. RxP or R-KB2.
Alekhine, in his turn, misses a win by 1. ........, Q-B8!; 2. Q-K4, RQ1 followed by R-Q7, etc.
2. P-R6?

Incredible comedy of error! Capablanca misses a draw by 2 . K-Kt2! and Black can make no headway, e.g., ........, R-Q7; 3. RxR, PxR; 4. Q-Q5, and though a Pawn down,

## TEARS TRIUMPHS IN 30-30 EVENT

Fred Tears of Dallas won the Ft. Worth Invitational 30-30 Tournament, with William Janes of LeRoy second. Juris Jurnevies of Dallas was third, while Claude Freeman of Ft. Worth saved the honor of the home town players by placing fourth in the 28 player event.

## RACINE ADDS CHESS COLUMN

Newest in chess columns in the daily press will be the "Let's Play Chess" in the Sunday edition of the Racine Journal, beginning with the February 21, 1954 issue. The column will be edited by H. C. Zierke, long active in Racine chess circles.

## U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP <br> August 2-14, 1954 <br> New Orleans, La.

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## $O_{n}$ Chess

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, 1927

ALEKHINE


CAPAELANCA
White should draw (twice!)
White can hold the draw.


For if now 8. Q-Kt2, Q-R8 mate!

## FIND CHESS AWRY IN SATEVEPOST

Reader Sam E. Ewing of Princeton, Indiana has drawn attention to the Arrow Shirt advertisement in issue of the Saturday Evening Post for February 13, 1954. The illustration shows $t$ w o men appropriately clad in Arrow sport shirts playing what the artist intended to be a game of chess. The headline of the copy is "Move into the sport shirt that fits". But the artist's intentions were better than his knowledge of chess. To quote Mr . Ewing's letter:

While it advertises arrow shirts, I believe you will agree that it also advertises error chess. Excluding possible errors hidden by the blue shirt, I have found the following: 1. The board contains 72 squares$8 \times 9$.
2. White has 2 Bishops on black squares.
3. Black Knight on QR4 would have had to gallop through fire and water all over the board to land on that spot.
4. White has at least 9 pawns and where that one on QK $\$ 5$ came from is a $\$ 64$ question.
5. Note Black Bishop on Kı square. It was here from the beginning, It was here from the beginning,
hence (6) the Black King started hence (6) the Black K
from the wrong spot.
7. Unless the Bishop on White K1 was considerably maneuvered, the White King must have started from the wrong spot also. No. 7 is not therefore certain. There may be others.
(Editor's note: Since No. 6 demonstrated that the Black King started on Q1, Black's present castled position must also be an error No. 8 and apparently for No. 9 there is an unexplainable Black pawn on KR1!)

## Toronto Hobby Show Features Chess,

## Match Bondarevsky-Anderson by Cable

## By Staff Writer WILLIAM ROJAM

Officials of the Toronto Hobby and Homecraft Show at Canadian National Exhibition Park in Teronto parlayed chess into an outstanding feature of the Hobby Show by being host to the Ontario Provincial Championship Tournament, by conducting a special Hobby Show Tournament, and finally by luring Canadian Co-Champion Frank R. Anderson from his classes in the University of Toronto to play a single-game cable match with Igor Bondarevsky in Moscow.
The Ontario Provincial Cham-
pionship event, a six round event pionship event, a six round event directed by D. E. Read, was won by Geza Fuster, a recent arrival from Hungary and a former Hungarian champion, with a score of 6-0. Second was I. Suk with 5-1, while P. G. Haley, D. Kulyk, and Z. Leskowsky were third to fifth on S-B with $4-2$ each in the 12 player event. A novelty was the fact that no draws were scored in the tournament.

The Hobby Show Tournament was an 11-player round robin won by Joseph Pochmurskyj with $9-1$, while tied for second with 8-2 each were E. Freier, G. McLeod, and G. Coyne, the latter being president of the Ontario Chess Ass'n. In the two Junior events, Peter Bates of North Toronto Collegiate was first in the boys' event with Ernest Freier second and. Walter Boychuk third, both from St. Catherines Collegiate. In the girls' event first went to Shirley Cathcart of Weston Collegiate, while second was Katherine Story and third Irene Bollard, both of Humber Heights School.

But the undoubted highlight of the Hobby Show was the cable match between Frank Anderson and Igor Bondarevsky. Acting as seconds for the match in Toronto were Keith Kerns of Toronto Chess Club, George Berner, tournament director of the Toronto Chess League, and Malcolm Sim, the chess editor of the Toronto Evening Telegram, which gave excelent publicity and coverage to the event. Play was from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day with the time limit of 40 moves in two and onchalf hours and 16 moves per hour thereafter. Since only about 10 complete moves could be transmitted per day, the match lasted from Tuesday afternoon through Friday evening. During the progress of the match, with Anderson playing at a special booth in the Hobby Show rooms, surrounded by spectators, Berner lectured on the progress of the game with the aid of a large wall-board in a neighboring booth and had an attentive audience throughout.

Anderson offered a draw on the 36th move, which was rejected, and subsequently failed to fol-
low the most promising drawing After the game, Anderson suggested that if he had played 39. Q-Q8 ch (instead of 39.
Q-Q2), there might have followed: 40. K-Kt2, Q-Kt5; 41. P-B3, Q-Q2; 42. BxP ch, K-R2; 43. QxKBP, Q-Q7 ch; 44. K-R3, Q-Q2 ch! and the defence seems adequate. Text of the game follows:

## NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE <br> Hobby Show Cable Match Toronto, 1954

White


## LESTER TAKES <br> THE NEWBURYPORT

The Newburyport Invitational Tournament, held this year at Portsmouth because of difficulty in obtaining adequate quarters in Newburyport, was won by Orlando Lester, Jr. who scored $41 / 2-1 / 2$ in the seven player Swiss, drawing with Harlow Daly. Alex Sadowsky was second with $31 / 2-1 \frac{1}{2}$, losing to Lester and drawing with Bartlett Gould. Harlow Daly and John Curdo were third and fourth on S-B with 3-2 each. The presence of four ex-state champions in Lester, Daly, Curdo and Sadowsky made the 7-player event unusually strong and exciting.

## U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

## June 29-July 9, 1954

Long Beach, California

# Finish If The Clever Way! by Edmund Nach 



ONE Move in Position No. 123 brought Black's resignation. Korchnoi and Taimanov tied for second place in the 21st USSR Championship. Tournament, behind the winner Averbakh. The tournament was weakened by the absence of Botvinnik, Smyslov, Keres, Bronstein, and Kotov.

Position No, 124 by International Grandmaster N. Rossolimo, now domiciled in New York City, won 1st prize in an endgame composition contest run by the Russian daily Izvestia (August 1929, says Rossolimo). The trick is to win the pawn without losing the Knight, as then the "game" would be drawn.

For solutions, please turn to Page twelve.
Send atl contributions for this column to Edmund Nash, 1530 28th Place, S.E.
Washington 20, D. C.

Final results of the 21st USSR Championship at Kiev show the victory going to Yu . Averbakh (Auerbach) with $141 / 2$ out of 19 . Other scores were: 2-3. V. Korchnoi and M. Taimanov $13 ; 4-5$. G. Lisitsyn and T. Petrosian 121/2; 6. R. Holmov 101/2; 7-9. S. Furman, R. Nezhmetdinov, and A. Suetin $10 ; 10-11$. V. Byshev and E. Geller $91 / 2 ; 12.13$. G. Borisenko and S . Flohr $81 / 2$; $14-16$. A. Bannik, G. Hivitsky and A. Lienthal 8; 17-18. V. Ragosin and L. Shamkovich $61 / 2$; 19. I. Livshin 6; 20. A. Sokolsky 5. Notable absences were those of Botvinnik, Smyslov, Keres, Bronstein, Kotov, Bondarevsky, and Boleslavsky, considerably weakening the strength of the event.

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## PATTERSON TOPS WASH SPEED

The Washington State Speed Championship was won by G. S. G. Patterson with 10-4, losing one game each to O. W. Manney Jim MeCormick, Robert Edberg and Charles Rosberg in the double round event. O. W. Manney was second with $9-5$, while Russell Vellias, Jim McCormick and Robert Edberg tied for third with $71 / 2-61 / 2$ in the 8 player event -0 . W. Manney, 1952, Speed Champ and Idaho Open Champ, led with $7-0$ at end of first half of event, but faltered in the final rounds.

## BERGOUIST TOPS CHAUTAUQUA CO

Helge Bergquist with $61 / 2-1 / 2$ took the Chautauqua County title in an event played alternately at Jamestown and Dunkirk, conceding one draw to Robert Eklum. Axe Anderson was tied with Robert Eklum for second with $51 / 2 \cdot 1 / 1 / 2$ each in the 8 -player event. Anderson lost to Bergquist and drew with Walter Mekus, while Eklum lost to Anderson and drew with Bergquist.

## BOOST AMERICAN CHESS

 Bu Joining the U.S:C.F.LARRY Evans, U.S. Champion, returned to New York after pleasant sojourn in the South. He was jolted back into chess activity by the challenge of Arnold Denker to a match, possibly for the U.S. title. Larry participated in a Marshall Chess Club rapid transit tournament which he won 12-1. He has also been seen in the Manhattan C.C. analyzing some of Denker's recent games in that club's championship tournament. It ought to be quite a match! The two have met twice before in consecutive Marshall-Manhattan Met League finales and have played two thrilling draws. In both of these games Evans was forced to retricve lost positions, and in both Denker seemed not to be at his best in the transition stage of the middle-game to the end-game.
A match in New York between the USA and the USSR may finally become a reality. The Times announced that the Russian chess secretary has arranged to send over a team led by Botvinnik and Smyslov in June 1954. The U.S. State Department has given permission to the visiting Russians to reside at Glen Cove, Long Island during their stay in this country. It is to be hoped that the American team will study the games of the Russian Grandmasters and avoid the dissension and petty jealousy that ruined our chances in Dubrovnik and the Radio Match with Russia.
Milton Hanauer gave a lecture and a simultaneous display on the night of February 17. His lecture entitled "A New Line of Play Against the King's Indian Defence" was delivered with his customary charm. In the simultaneous, Mr. Hanauer was seen in the role of the thoughtful plodder. Twenty-one men and two women faced him-after four hours of play five games remained. Hanauer had won 17 and drawn 1 IN BRIEF: Martin Harrow won the Class A "Consolation" tournament at the Manhattan C.C. with the fine score of $61 / 2-1 / 2$. His Bishops of Opposite endgame win against Mrs. Gresser was indeed an original and masterful conception. He drew in the final round with R. Klugman who tied with W. Lombardy for second place Columbia College defeated a visiting University of Pennsylvania team $5^{1 / 2}-2^{1 / 2}$
Point Cadets drew a match with the Marshall D team, Marshall 5Army 5
C.C. Championship is gettin hotter with each successive round. Bisguier looks like a good bet to beat Pavey in their adjourned position. Shainswit defeated Turner, and Pinkus defeated E. T. Vano

Recent visitors to the local clubs included Reuben Fine at the Manhattan C. C. who kibitzed a Sidney Bernstein-K. Burger analytical session, and Olaf Ulvestad at the Marshall C.C. who kibitzed a LeCornu-K. Burger an alytical session. Boy - do I get around!

# YOUNG MASTERS' FORUM 

## America's Leading Young Masters Annotate

Outstanding Games from Recent Chess Events

## The "Younger Russians"

## by U. S. Master ELIOT HEARST



UP at the Columbia University Chess Club one may often hear the epithet "You play like a younger Russian" hurled at an opponent in the midst of an exciting tactical struggle. Whether this remark signifies a supreme compliment or a rank insult has not yet been ascertained, but the expression is supposed to conjure up complicated and sharp attacking combinations, very often involving the speculative sacrifice of the exchange or the refusal of material gain to continue the attack!

In the following game two of the young Russian masters (Petrosian is only 23) illustrate the above remark; Petrosian blunders and is forced to give up the exchange, but Taimanov prefers to offer a beautiful queen-sacrifice rather than to capture a rook for his well-placed bishop. Petrosian refuses to snap off his opponent's queen and shortly thereafter goes down in a blaze of glory. Incidentally, the game, too, is important for opening theory, Taimanov's 11. Kt-K5 being a new and powerful idea for White against the Nimzoindian Defense,

## NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE <br> World Championship Candidates Zurick, 1953

White
M. TAI

| IMANOV | Black |
| :--- | :---: |
| 1. P-Q4 | T. PETROSIAN |
| 2. P-QB4 | Kt-KB3 |
| 3. Kt-QB3 | P-K3 |
| 4. | P-K3 |

Several years ago 4. Q-B2, 4. Q-Kt3, 4. P-QR3 were all fairly popular also, but nowadays the text move is almost automatic!

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\begin{array}{cc}
\text { 4. } & \text { P-QB4 } \\
\text { tove leaves Black more }
\end{array}
$$

This move leaves Black more options 5. B-Q3

The deployment of the King's Knight on this square has replaced the older Kt-K2, which is seen less and less often in master tourneys these days.

$\qquad$
Black has several alternatives here. He might try 8. ...... QPxP; 9. BxP, PxP; 10. PxP, B-K2 or retreat the Bishop to R4 either immediately or after 8 . ......., QPxP; 9. BxP. It is Interesting to note that after 8 .
QPxP; 9. PxB is answered by 9. ........, PXQP!

$$
\text { 9. } \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{B} \quad \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{QK}+3
$$

Several games of the ReshevskyNajdorf match continued 9......., QPxP; 10. BxP, Q-B2 with which Black achieved good results. Taimanov's improvement in this game (11. Kt-K5) may indicate that the alternative is superior to the text!

$$
\text { 10. } P \times Q P
$$

Otherwise Black might play B-R3 on his next turn.

$$
\text { 10. } \mathrm{Kt-Ks}
$$



As noted, this is a new move. Previously either 11. PxP, PxP; 12. P-B4, Najdorf 13th match game) or 11. B-

Kt2, P-B5; 12. B-B2, Kt-K2! (NajdorfReshevsky, 8th and 10th match games) had been attempted, Black achieving excellent prospects in each case. With 11. Kt-K5 White intends to set up a pawn-roller by P-B3 and P-K4.

On 11. ........, KtxKt; 12. PxKt, Kt-K5 On 11. ......, KtxKkt; 12 . PxKt, Kt-K5
White can simply continue 13 . $\mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{B} 2$ with the additional threat of P-QB4, or even attempt 13.
$\mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{B} 2$.
P-KB3, KtxP;
14. Q-B2.


The crucial point of the entire game. Black must decide whether to try to prevent White's P-K4 by KR-K1, B-Kt2 $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{Kt} 2, \mathrm{QR}-\mathrm{K} 1$, etc. or to allow the advance and blockade the position. He chooses the second alternative and hindsight tells us he made the wrong choice! From here on Black has little opportunity for adequate counterplay.

$$
\text { 13. } \begin{array}{r}
\text { Q-K1 } \\
\text { Kt-Q2 }
\end{array}
$$

Making ready the blockade by P-KB4.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { 15. P-K4 } \\
& \text { 16. B-B2 } \\
& \text { 17. P-K5 }
\end{aligned}
$$

P-B5
P-B4
On other moves White's attack is easily beaten off.

## R-B2

From here to the finish Black vaciltates between defense on the K-side and an abortive attack on the $Q$-side. He should have stuck to the derense initated by this move, for the forthcoming Q -side attempt only opens lines for White.

## 18. P-QR4

To permit B-R3 and make possible P-R5 18. ....... P-QR4

Black hopes eventually to play P-QKt4 and obtain a passsed QRP. He does so in a couple of moves, but never was
there a less powerful passed pawn! 19. P-KB4

P-QK 14
Petrosian can't sit back and merely wait to defend, but this rash action
only gives White additional mobility. 19. ........, Kt-B1 with a further attempt to set up the Kt on K3 (Kts are best blockaders) offered better hope of holding the game.

## 20. PxP 21. $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{R} 3$ <br> $\underset{\mathbf{K} \dagger-\mathbf{K} \dagger 3}{\text { QxP }}$

This move has little purpose but it is difficult to suggest a superior alternative. Black has a very poor game.

## 22. Q-R4

Q-K1
White intends to continue K-R1.......RKKt1.......with an eventual P-KKt4 and there is little Black can do to oppose such a continuation. On an immediate 23. P-KKt4 Black can defend with P-Kt3.
23. ........

Kt - B ?
Black's first outright blunder. (Or did he expect to surrender the exchange, he expect to surrender the exchange, like the

## 24. B-R4!

Leaves Black's Q moveless. (24.
QxB; 25. Q-Q8 eh with a quick mate). Have you ever seen two such powerful Bishops?
On 24. ......... B-Q2; 25. P-K6! concludes neatly, e.g.: 25. or 25. ..g..., BxB; 26. PxR ch winning easily. Thus the text is compulsory. 25. R-QK+1!

A fine answer. No doubt White can win with BxR, but then the spectators and annotators could go home!
25........ Q-Q1

Does Black save the exchange? 26. BXR!


A neat Queen-sacrifice which however leads ta a direct win for white if Black captures Her Majesty, e.g.: 26 . Black eapt: QxQ; 27. BxB ch, K-R1; 28. BxQP
 29. R-Kt8, R-QB2; 30. B-Q6, Q-Q1; 31. B-K6, R-B3; 32, P-Q5!).

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\begin{array}{lr}
\text { 26. } \\
\text { 27. } \\
R-K K+3 & Q \times B \\
K t-R 2
\end{array}
$$

To have KB1 protected by the Rook if, White plays Q-B6.
28. B-K7

Now the threat is 29 . Q-B6, P-KKt3; 30. R×P ch, PxReh, PxR; 31. QxP ch, K-R1; 32. B-B6 ch and mate.

$\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{B2}$
$\mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{K}+3$
$\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{K}+3$
$\mathrm{Kt}+\mathrm{B} 3$
Kt -Q1
$\mathrm{K}+\mathrm{K} 3$
On 32 . ......., B-K1; 33. R-Kt6 prevents Kt-K3 (i.e. 33. ......., Kt-K3; 34. RxKt!). There are other ways to win also.

## LARRY EVANS ON OPENINGS

A New Feature Covering Opening Strategy, Novelties, and Ideas Beginning on
Page 9, this issue

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Carl Pilnick
James Sherwin
Walter Shipman


On 36. ........, Q-Q2, White may choose to win simply by 37 . R-Kt6 or he might try to give his opponent a lesson in tactics by playing 37 . RxP ch!, BxR (on PxR the actual game continuation wins quickly); 38. R-Kt7!, Q-B1 (if QxR; 39. QxKt ch, B-B2; 40. Q-B6 and mate); 39. R-B71, Q-R3; 40. B-Q6 and wins. The reader can have a delightful time counting up all the different mates that White is threatening.
37. R×P ch!

BxR fails to 30. QxKt ch, B-B2; 39. Q-B6 and Black stands up.

| 38. P-R7 ch | K×P |
| :--- | ---: |
| 39. Q×B ch | Kt-Kł2 |
| 40. K-B2! | Resigns |

As R-R1 ch and mate cannot be parried. A beautiful finish!

## BURGER BECOMES PINCH-HITTER

In the final throes of study for a Master's degree, CHESS LIFE's New York raconteur Eliot Hearst has become an alien in the chess clubs and a stranger to those haunts of chess where formerly he flourished a reporting pen when not flourishing the chess men on the board. His disappearance from the scenes of chess will not be permananent, for some time in June Hearst plans a return to the land of the checkered-board. But in the meantime, lest the chess exploits of the island of Manhattan remain unrecorded, reporter Hearst has persuaded U. S. Master Karl Burger to step up to the plate as pinch-hitter.

With this issue we present the initial column of Chess Life in New York as seen through the eyes of Karl Burger. Mr. Burger, one of the younger of the Young Masters, who attained this rating recently through his outstanding performances, particularly in the U.S. Candidates Tournament at Philadelphia, the U. S. Open Championship at Milwaukee, and the U. S. Intercollegiate ${ }^{\circ}$ Championship in New York, will also contribute to the Young Masters' Forum, with his initial article in an early issue.

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## THE LAWS OF CHESS

Ignorance of the law excuses no man; not that all men know the law, but because 'tis an excuse every man will plead, and no man can tell how to refute him.

THAT no reader of CHESS LIFE need plead ignorance of the laws of chess in this issue we publish the American Translation of the new Chess Code adopted by FIDE, as amended at the meeting in Switzerland this last summer. This American version of the Laws of Chess is the official code of the USCF and supercedes the previous code in usage since 1929.

Readers may note some differences in expression, but not in sense, between this American version and the one published by the British Chess Federation. Such differences are immaterial, but reflect the endeavors of each Federation to fit the original French text to language best suited to the uses of its members.

Unfortunately, the new Chess Code is not a work of perfection, being indeed the work of men. There are ambiguities and omissions, and occasionally moments of vagueness. These are, however, inherent faults in the original text which a faithful translation could not evade. To correct the more apparent of these flaws, the USCF Tournament Rules Committee proposes to compile supplementary regulations to clarify, expand, and define those points left ambiguous in the official text or omitted from its consideration. Any suggestions from our readers upon such omissions or ambiguities which need clarification will be welcomed, and should be addressed to: Montgomery Major, Chairman of USCF Tournament Rules Committee, 123 No. Humphrey Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

## The Reader's Road Jo Chess

By Kester Svendsen

CHESS THE HARD WAY! By D. A. Yanofsky. New York: Pitman Publishing Co. $x, 149$ pp. $\$ 4$.

ANOFSKY'S title is a modest, perhaps rueful glance at Fine's famous primer. Certainly his games are neither labored nor dull, though the score may represent hours of mental toil. In fifteen chapters he traces his career from his early efforts in 1933-1936 through the successes in Canada and Buenos Aires, Europe, England, and Iceland. The high point is of course Yanofsky's defeat of Botvinnik at Groningen in 1946, but tournaments after that have confirmed his place in the chess firmament. As Botvinnik said when a reporter asked him if Yanofsky had earned the rank of master by his victory, "If he could beat me, he deserves to be called a grandmaster!"

Style and content in game collections have changed since Alekhine's monumental days, for the masters are no longer annotating merely for other masters. Now they concede something to the ordinary player's interest in atmosphere, sidelights, and the drama of the occasion; and their books are chatty and informative as well as instructive. They take the reader inside the tournament room as well as inside the discarded variations. Among his opponents are Yanofsky's Canadian challengers Belson, Martin, and Blumin, noted Americans like Fine and Steiner, and such internationals as Christoffel, Tartakower, Ragozin, and Euwe. The price is a little high, but the book is good.

UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION

## U.S. Intercollegiate Championship Tournament

## New York City, December 26-30, 1953

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6.20

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## The Kibitzer Has His Day

Dear Mr. Major:
I submit the following in all sincerity and earnestness. You may publish it as an article, a letter to the editor or throw it in the waste basket but please give it serious consideration,
There has been a long and spotty history involved in the evolution of a satisfactory "Tie Breaking System." Many have been tried and many have been discarded. Six various systems are in use today. In order of their popularity they are. Sonneborn-Berger, Solkoff, Combination S-B and Solk. Median, Modular, and Rating System.
It is to be noted that all except the Rating System have so many still unsettled ties that they are not entirely satisfactory. Only in a tournament where all players have a previously established rating is the Rating System useable. This restricts it from general use even though ties under it are mathematical freaks.
To elaborate on the reasons why the other systems do not work would be only to repeat the often heard laments. Instead let us look for those elements of a tournament that must be considered in a good tie breaking system. These are Wins, Draws, Losses, performance of all players, forfeits, withdrawals, and Byes. It is a certainty that the system that includes all of these factors will break almost if not all ties and will give each player from first to last his precise performance and position.
position.
Let us now consider each of the above elements and its effect on the weighted score.
WIN.
WINS-The winner of any game should receive $100 \%$ of his opponents score.
DRAWS-All draws should give $50 \%$ of the opponents score.
LOSSES-Losses are too often an over looked element but should be considered. $20 \%$ of the opponents score.
Performance of all players-To show true strength of opposition in any tournament we must recognize $100 \%$ of opponents scores.
Forfeits-Anything might have happened here, the penalty must be invoked. $100 \%$ of opponents score for player receiving forfeit. ( $00 \%$ ) No percentage of opponents score for player giving forfeit.
Withdrawals-The player who won or drew in the early rounds with a player who later withdrew should not be penalized. The withdrawing player, for the purposes of determining "Performance,"
should be given $50 \%$ of his remaining games plus his score at time of withdrawal. This $50 \%$ of remaining games does not go to the withdrawing players credit, only to his opponents, who had previously played him.
Byes-No player should be penalized or boosted because of a Bye. The onus of value of a Bye should be on the player receiving it. He will receive the point but the "Performance" figure given will be his own final score.
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RACINE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP
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3. W7
 12. John Stuempfig $3-4(11.25)$; 13. Walt Teubner $3-4(6.50)$; 14. Bernard Gill $3-4$ (6.50); 15. Vince Kaiser $3-4$ (3.50); 16. Frank Buttenhoff 21.41 (5.75); 17. Andy Mike 21-41 (4.50); 18. Dan Anderson 1-6 (2.50); 19. Russ Kime 1-6.

Anderson withdrew after the fourth round.

# THE LAWS OF CHESS 

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## Preface to the American Translation

SINCE the idiom of speech and the ideology of thought vary with race and language, it remains obvious that a literal translation of the wording of any document defeats the primal purpose of translating the basic ideas of that document. For that sufficient reason, in preparing an official American translation to the "Regle du Jeu des Echecs," the translators have given more attention to the expression in clear language of the basic ideas of the text than to an exact literal translation of the French original. This paraphrasing of the original text is not always indicated in the body of the translation, but certain notes, which have been added to lend clarity to the translation, are printed in italic type to indicate their explantory nature.

It is also to be noted that certain modifications of a minor character have been made in translating the text of Supplement No. 1. These modifications are designed solely to create conformity between the standard practice in the United States and the official regulations in regard to chess notation, since traditional practice in this country has developed several slight deviations from the system of notation as used in Europe.

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## PREFACE

## (To the original Edition in French)

ALTHOUGH, for a long time, the game of Chess has been played according to rules essentially unvaried, it has been judged neces-sary-in view particularly of the vast popularity of the game and the encouraging development of an international collaboration in chess-to create a clear and unequivocal revision both of the laws themselves and of the regulations concerning the application of these laws to competitions. After a preparatory work of several years, the World Chess Federation. (F.I.D.E.), at its congress in 1952, has completed this task, and the laws hereafter presented will be, from now on, strictly applied throughout the whole world of chess.

To my cordial thanks to all the experts-chess masters, chess organizers and linguists-who have aided me with their collaboration, I would like to add the hope that the task we have just accomplished will be of lasting importance for the high endeavor committed to the World Chess Federation: the promotion not only of the game of Chess itself but also of the friendship and understanding between chess players of all countries contributing thus to the fraternity of mankind.

Stockholm, February 1953
FOLKE ROGARD
President
World Chess Federation

## THE LAWS OF CHESS

## PART ONE

General Laws
Article 1
Introduction
The game of chess is played between two opponents by moving men on a square board called a "chessboard."

## Article 2

The Chessboard and its Arrangement

1. The chessboard is composed of 64 equal squares alternately light (the "white" squares) and dark (the "black" squares).
2. The chessboard is placed between the players in such a way that the corner square to the right of each player is white.
3. The eight rows of squares running from the edge of the chess-
other 16 dark-colored men (the "black" men).

These men are as follows:
One white King with the usual symbol in print of $\qquad$ One white Queen with the usual symbol in print of $\qquad$ Two white Bishops with the usual symbol in print of .. Two white Knight with the usual symbol in print of Two white Rooks with the usual symbol in print of ... Eight white Pawns with the usual symbol in print of
On black King with the 'usual symbol in print of $\qquad$ One black Queen with the usual symbol in print of .......... Two black Bishops with the usual symbol in print of Two black Knights with the usual symbol in print of
Two black Rooks with the usual symbol in print of Eight black Pawns with the usual symbol in print of $\qquad$
The initial position of the men on the chessboard is as follows:


## Article 4

Conduct of the Game

1. The two players must alternate in making one move at a time. The player with the white men commences the game.
2. A player is said to "have the move" when it is his turn to play.

## Article 5

General Definition of the Move

1. With the exception of castling (Article 6), a move is the transfer of a man from one square to another square which is either vacant or occupied by an enemy $m$ a $n$ (a man of the opposite color).
2. No man, except the Rook, in castling, or the Knight (Article 6) may cross a square occupied by another man.
3. A man played to a square occupied by an enemy man captures, in the same move, this enemy man, which must be immediately removed from the chessboard by the player making the capture. See Article 6 for capturing "en passant."

## Article 6 <br> Moves of the Individual Men THE KING

Except in castling, the King moves to any adjacent square that is not attacked by an enemy man.

Castling is a move of the King and either Rook, counting as a single move (of the King), executed as follows: The King is transferred from its original square to either of the nearest squares of the same color in the same rank; then that Rook toward which the King has been moved is transferred over the King to the square which the King has just crossed. Castling is permanently impossible (illegal) if the King or castling Rook has previously moved. Castling is momentarily prevented: a) if the King's original square, or the square which the King must cross, or that which it will occupy, is attacked by an enemy man; b) if there are any men between the King and the Rook toward which the King must move THE QUEEN
The Queen moves to any square (except as limited by Article 5, No. 2) on the file, rank, or diagonals on which it stands.

THE ROOK
The Rook moves to any square (except as limited by Article 5, No. 2) on the file or rank on which it stands.

## THE BISHOP

The Bishop moves to any square (except as limited by Article 5, No. 2) on the diagonals on which it stands.

THE KNIGHT
The Knight's move is composed of two different steps: first, to a contiguous square along the rank or file, and then, still moving away from its square of departure, to a contiguous square on a diagonal.

THE PAWN
The Pawn moves forward only. a) Except when capturing, it advances from its original square one or two vacant squares along the file on which it is placed, and on subsequent moves only one vacant square along the file. When eapturing, it advances to either square, contiguous to its own, on the diagonal.
b) A Pawn attacking a square crossed by an enemy Pawn, which has been advanced two squares in one move, from its original square, may capture, but only in the move immediately following, this enemy Pawn, as if the latter had been advanced only one square. This capture is called taking "en passant" (or "in passing").
c) Any Pawn reaching the last (eighth) rank must be exchanged immediately, as part of the same move, for a Queen, Rook, Bishop, or Knight of the same color, at the choice of the player and without reference to the other men still remaining on the chessboard. This exchange of a Pawn is called "promotion", and the action of the promoted man is immediate.

## Article 7

Completion of Move
A move is completed:
a) in the transfer of a man to a
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 March 5, 1954vacant square, when the player's hand has released the man;
b) in a capture, when the captured man has been removed from the chessboard and the player, having placed on its new square his own man, has released the latter from his hand;
c) in castling, when the player's hand has released the Rook on the square crossed by the King; when the player has released the King from his hand, the move is not yet completed, but the player no longer has the right to make any other move than castling;
d) in the promotion of a Pawn, when the Pawn has been removed from the chessboard and the player's hand has released the n ew man after placing it on the promocion square; if the player has released from his hand the Pawn that has reached the promotion square, the move is not yet completed, but the player no longer has the right to play the Pawn to another square.

## Article 8

The Touched Man
Provided that he first warns his opponent, the player having $t \mathrm{he}$ move may adjust one or more men on their squares.

Except for the above case, if the player having the move touches one or more men, he must make his move by moving or capturing the first man touched which can be moved or captured.

No penalty is entailed if the opponent does not claim a violation of this rule before himself touching a man, or if none of the moves indicated above can be made legally.

## Article 9

## Illegal Positions

1. If, during a game, it is found that an illegal move has been made, the position shall be reinstated to what it was before the illegal move was made.
2. If, during a game, one or more men have been accidentally displaced and incorrectly replaced, the position shall be reinstated to what it was before the displacement took place and the game shall be continued. If the position cannot be reinstated the game shall be annulled and a new game played.
3. If, after an adjournment, the position has been reinstated incorrectly, it shall be re-established to what it was at the adjournment and the game shall be continued.
4. If, during a game, it is found that the initial position of the men was incorrect, the game shall be annulled and a new game played.
5. If, during a game, it is found that the board has been wrongly placed, the position reached shall be transferred to a board correctly placed and the game shall be continued.

## Article 10 <br> Check

1. The King is in check when the square on which it stands is attacked by an enemy man; the latter is then said to give check to the King.
2. Check must be parried by the move immediately following. If check cannot be parried, it is said to be "mate". (See Article 11,
3. A man intercepting a check to the King of its own color can itself give check to the enemy King.

## Article 11 <br> Won Game

1. The game is won by the player who has mated the enemy King. (See Article 10, No. 2).
2. The game is won by the player whose opponent resigns the game.

## Arficle 12

## Drawn Game

The game is drawn:

1. When the King of the player who has the move is not in check, but such player cannot make any legal move. The King is then said to be "stalemated."
2. By agreement between the two players.
3. Upon demand by one of the players when the same position appears three times, the same player having the move each time. The position is considered the same if men of the same kind and color occupy the same squares. The right to claim the draw belongs exclusively to the player:
a) who is in a position to play a move leading to such repetition of the position, if he declares his intention of making such move;
b) who is in a position to reply to a move which has produced the repeated position.
If a player makes a move without claiming a draw in the manner prescribed in a) and b), he loses the right to claim a draw; this right is restored to him, however, if the same position appears again, the same player having the move.
4. When a player having the move demonstrates that at least fifty moves have been made by each side without the capture of any man, or the movement of any Pawns. This number of fifty moves may be increased for certain specific positions, provided that this increase in number and these positions have been clearly established prior to commencement of the game.

## 國 <br> Supplementary Regulations for Tournaments and Matches <br> Article 13 <br> Recording of Games

In the course of play, each player is required to record the moves of his game in a clear and legible manner on a prescribed score sheet. (See Supplement No. 1). Article 14
Use of the Chess Clock 1. Each player must make a certain number of moves in a given period of time, these two factors being specified in advance.
2. Control of each player's time is effected by means of a clock equipped with special apparatus for this purpose.
3. At the time determined for the start of the game, the clock of the player who has the white men is set in motion. In the continuation of the game, each of the players, having made his move, stops his own clock and starts his opponent's clock.
4. Upon the execution of the prescribed number of moves, the last move is not considered as being completed until after the player has stopped his clock.
5. Every indication given by a clock or its apparatus (the flag attached to some chess clocks) is considered as conclusive in the absence of evident defects. The player who wishes to claim any such defect, is required to do so as soon as he himself has become aware of it.
6. If the game must be interrupted because of some situation for which neither player is responsible, the clocks shall be stopped until the situation has been adjusted. This should be done, for example, in the case of an illegal position to be corrected, in the case of a defective clock to be exchanged, or when the man which a player has announced he wishes to exchange for one of his Pawns that $h$ as reached the last rank, is not immediately available.
7. When, in the case of Article 9, Nos. 1 and 2, it is not possible to establish the time used by each player up to the moment of irregularity, each player shall be allotted up to that moment an amount of time proportional to that indicated by the clocks when the irregularity is observed.

Example: After Black's 30th move it is found that an irregularity took place at the 20th move. If, for these 30 moves, the clocks indicate 90 minutes for White and 60 minutes for Black, it shall be assumed that the times used by the two players for the-first 20 moves were in proportion, thus:
White $\quad \frac{90 \times 20}{30}=60$ minutes

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Black $\quad \frac{60 \times 20}{30}=40$ minutes

## Article 15

## Adjournment of the Game

1. If a game is not finished upon conclusion of the time prescribed for play, the player having $t \mathrm{~h} \mathrm{e}$ move shall write his next move in unambiguous notation on his score sheet, place his and his opponent's score sheets in an envelope, seal the envelope, and then stop the clocks. If the player has made the said move on the chessboard, he must seal this same move on his score sheet.
2. Upon the envelope shall be indicated:
a) the names of the players;
b) the position immediately before the sealed move;
c) the time used by each player;
d) the name of the player who has sealed the move, and the number of that move.
3. Custody of the envelope must be assured.

## Article 16

Resumption of an Adjourned Game

1. When the game is resumed, the position immediately before the sealed move shall be set up on a chessboard, and the time used by each player at the time of adjournment shall be indicated on the clocks.
2. The envelope shall be opened
only when the player having the move (the player who must reply to the sealed move) is present. That player's elock shall be started after the scaled move has been made on the chessboard.
3. If the player having the move is absent, his clock shall be started, but the envelope shall be opened only at the time of his arrival.
4. If the player who has sealed the move is absent, the player having the move is not obliged to reply to the sealed move on the chessboard. He has the right to record his move in reply upon his score sheet, to place the latter in an envelope, to stop his clock, and to start his opponent's clock. The envelope should be placed in security, and opened at the time of his opponent's arrival.
5. If the envelope containing the sealed move at the time of adjournment has disappeared, and it is not possible to re-establish, by agreement of the two players, the position and the times used for the adjourned game, or if, for any other reason, the said position and said times cannot be re-established, the game is annulled, and a new game must be played in place of the adjourned game. If the envelope containing the move recorded in accordance with Section 4 hereof has disappeared, the game must be resumed from the position at the time of adjournment, and with the clock times recorded at the time of adjournment.
6. If, upon resumption of the game, the time used has been incorrectly indicated on either clock, and if such mistake has been established by either player before making his first move, the error must be corrected. If the error is not then established, the game continues without correction.

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## Loss of the Game

A game is lost by a player:

1. Who has not completed the prescribed number of moves in the time specified.
2. Who arrives at the chessboard more than one hour late.
3. Who has sealed an illegal move, or one so inaccurately or vaguely defined as to render impossible the establishment of its true meaning.
4. Who, during the game, refuses to comply with these laws of chess. If both players arrive at the chessboard more than one hour late, or refuse to comply with these laws of chess, the game shall be declared lost by both players.

## Article 18

Conduct of the Players

1. a) During play the players are forbidden to make use of notes, manuscripts, or printed matter, or to analyze the game on another chessboard; they are likewise forbidden to receive the advice or opinion of a third party, whether solicited or not.
b) No analysis is permitted in the playing room during play or during adjournment.
c) Players are forbidden to distract or annoy their opponents in any manner whatsoever.
2. Infractions of the rules indicated in Section 1 hereof may incur penalties even to the extent of loss of the game.

Article 19
Tournament Director or Match Referee
To manage the competition, a tournament director or match referee must be designated. His duties are:
a) to see that these laws of chess are strictly observed.
b) to supervise the progress of the competition; to establish that the prescribed time limit has not been exceeded by the players; to arrange the order of resumption of play in adjourned games; to supervise the arrangements set forth in Article 15, above all to see that theinformation on the envelope is correct; to assume custody of the sealed envelopes until such time as adjourned games are resumed; etc....
c) to enforce the decisions he has reached in disputes that have arisen during the course of the competition.
d) to impose penalties on the players for all infractions of these laws of chess.

## Article ${ }^{-} 20^{\circ}$

Interpretation of the Laws of Chess In case of doubt as to the application or interpretation of these laws, the F.I.D.E. shall examine the evidence submitted, and render official decision.

Decisions published in the "Revue de la F.I.D.E." are binding on all affiliated federations.

In the United States, disputes as to the intention or interpretation of these laws should be forwarded in writing to the Secretary of the United States Chess Federation. The U.S.C.F. will render an interpretation of the law in clear cases, and in cases of doubt or ambiguity will forward the question to the F.I.D.E. Bureau for final decision.)

## SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 Chess Notation

F.I.D.E. Laws at present recognize only the two most generally known systems of notation: the algebraic system and the descriptive system.

Each affiliated unit is free to employ whichever of these two notations it prefers. (The U.S.C.F. accepts both the algebraic and descriptive systems as valid.)

THE ALGEBRAIC SYSTEM General Notation
The chessmen, with the exception of the Pawns, are designated by their initials. The Pawns are not specifically indicated. (In American usage, Knight is indicated by "Kt" or " $N$," as the initial " $K$ " indicates the King.)
The eight files (left to right from White's side of the chessboard) are designated by the letters a to $h$.
The eight ranks are numbered from 1 to 8 , counting from White's first rank. (In the initial position, the White men are on ranks 1 and 2, and the Black men on ranks 7 and 8.).
Each square is thus invariably

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defined by the combination of a letter and a number.

To the initial of the man moved (except the Pawn), the square of departure and the square of arrival is added; in abbreviated notation, the square of departure is omitted.

Thus Bcl-f4 means that the Bishop on square cl is moved to square f4. In abbreviated notation: Bf4.
Or: e7-e5 means that the Pawn on square e7 is moved to square e5. In abridged notation: e5.
(Omission of the initial indicates that the move is made by a Pawn.) When two similar men can be moved to the same square, abridged notation is expanded as follows:

For example, two Knights are at g1 and d2; the move Ktg1-f3 is written Ktg-f3 in abridged notation. If the Knights were at g1 and g5, the move Ktg1-f3 would be abridged at Kt1-f3.

Abbreviations
O-O Castles with the Rook h1 or h8 (short castling)

O-O-O Castles with the Rook a1 or a8 (long castling)

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& \text { : or x Captures } \\
& \text { it Check } \\
& \text { it Mate }
\end{aligned}
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$\dagger$ \# Mate
Well played
? Poorly played

## THE DESCRIPTIVE SYSTEM

The chessmen, with the exception of the Pawns, are designated by their initials. The Pawns are not specifically indicated. (In American usage and notation, the Pawns are also indicated by their initials; Knight is indicated by Kt or $N$, as the initial $K$ is reserved to indicate the King.)
The King-Rook, King-Knight, and King-Bishop are distinguished from the Queen-Rook, Queen-Knight, and Queen-Bishop", by the addition of the letters " $K$ " and " $Q$ ".
(Thus, the King-side men are designated $K R, K K t$ (or KN) and $K B$; the Queen-side men QR, QKt (or $Q N$ ) and QB. A Pawn is identified by adding the initial, or initials, of the file on which it stands. For example, KRP identifies a Pawn on the King-Rook file. See below.)
The eight files (from left to right for White, and inversely for Black) are designated as follows:

Queen-Rook file (QR)
Queen-Knight file (QKt or QN)
Queen-Bishop file (QB)
Queen file (Q)
King file (K)
King-Bishop file (KB)
King-Knight file (KKt or KN)
King-Rook file (KR)
The eight ranks are numbered from 1 to 8 , counting from White's first rank for White, and from Black's first rank for Black.
A move is described by writing the designation of the man played, and the square to which it is played. Example: Q-KB4 means that the Queen is moved to the fourth square of the King-Bishop file (counting from whichever side makes the move.) When two similar men can be moved to the same square, both the square of departure and the square of arrival are indicated. Thus $\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{KN} 4)-\mathrm{KN} 2$
means that one of the two Rooks which is on KN4 square is moved to the second square of the same file. (The abridged form of $R(N)$ or $R(4)$ is usually sufficient, i.e., if the two Rooks are not both on the $N$ file or both on the 4th rank.) Abbreviations
O-O or Castles KR Castling with the King-Rook (K-side or sh ort castling)
O.O.O or Castles QR Castling with the Queen-Rook (Q-side or long castling)
: or $x$ Captures
CH or $\uparrow$ Check
Common Abbreviations
! Well played
? Poorly played

## SUPPLEMENT NO. 2

## Expressions in General Use

1. Piece. A general term comprising all chessmen except the Pawn. (In American usage, a Queen or Rook is a "major piece," a Bishop or Knight is a "minor piece;" the collective term "men" is used to designate both pieces and Pawns.)
2. To Interpose. To place a man between one's own King and the enemy piece giving check. A check by a Knight cannot be parried by interposing.
3. Pinned Man. The man interposed to parry a check, whose freedom of movement is thereby destroyed, is said to be "pinned." (This refers to an "absolute" pin. A man shielding an attack is also said to be pinned, if its movement would involve loss of material when the shielded man is captured.)
4. Discovered Check. Check by a piece whose action has been unmasked by the moving of another man.
5. Double Check. Check simultaneously obtained by moving a man which itself gives check, and which at the same time uncovers the action of a piece which also gives check.
6. Long Castling (or Queen Castling). Castling with the Rook at a1 or a8 (Queen-Rook)
7. Short Castling (or King Castling). Castling with the Rook at h1 or h8 (King-Rook)
8. Winning the Exchange. To exchange a Knight or Bishop for a Rook.
9. Losing the Exchange. To exchange a Rook for a Knight or Bishop.
10. I Adjust (or "J'adoube"). Expression used when the player adjusts a man on its square (in order to forewarn his opponent-See Article 8).

Newton YMCA (Mass.) Chess Club: William W. Parshley with 9-1 score won the recent club championship event. The club has two teams in the Metro¡ôlitān Ḡreater Böston Chess League.

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Pittsburgh met Washington via short-wave radio with indecisive results in the finished games, but having advantage in two adjourned games (Dietz and Smith) while expecting draws in the other two adjournments. Koltanowski will adjudicate the unfinished games. The line up was:

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Nicholas Rossolimo, now resident in New York City, would like to give group instruction to clubs in the vicinity of New York, using a new method of instruction. Rossolimo is an International Grand Master and the former Champion of France. Those interested may obtain the details by contacting Mr. Rossolimo at 8 Bethune St., New York City or phoning Chelsea 32828.

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About April 1 the USCF C1ub Chapter, Fort Worth Chess Club, will sponsor an all-ladies chess tournament at Ft. Worth. It will be open to all women players, without any membership requirements. Those who are interested in competing may write Frank R. Graves, 202 Farm and Home Bldg., Ft. Worth, Tex.

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The East defeated the West $521 / 2$ $371 / 2$ in the Cleveland City-wide Interscholastic League match, when a picked team from the East Side high schools triumphed over a selected group from the West Side schools. Players from 13 high schools in the Cleveland Scholastic League participated in the event which was held in the basement auditorium of the Cleveland Public Library and directed by James L. Harkins, Jr. who is in charge of Scholastic chess activity for the city of Cleveland.


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THE ELEMENTS OF CHESS
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## Hypothetical Game

## Illustrating Principles, Rules, and Objectives (Continued from issue of February 5)

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 QRK1 is evident, for Black's answer is 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 the Rooks.
White must be careful not to be left with an end-game (a Bishop against a Knight). Remember that in this position the Knight is stronger than the Bishop which is tied down to the white squares, while the Knight can be maneuvered and may pick up a Pawn or two - enough to decide the game in his favor. So the problem for White is a double one: to exchange his Bishop for his opponent's Knight, and to increase his advantage in Space. He should review the principles of blunders. Are there any captures, checks, pins, or forks? The obvious move is BR4.

## (See diagram next column)

which looks like a pin but actually is not. Why? The answer is simple. Is there a capture for Black and if so, what is the result? The only capture for Black is $R \times R$, which in turn must be recaptured with the Rook. Black follows with Kt-B4 resulting in a slight advantage.


The student knows that a pin is only a pin when it is permanent and can be used to attain a point. Otherwise valuable time is lost. How can this be accomplished with safety?


After White plays: 20. RxR ch Fourth Objective.
Black's answer is a must: 20. RxR;
(See diagram next column)
21. R×R ch again forces a must for Black:
(See diagram next column)
21. . ., K×R.
(See diagram next column)
Referring again to the principles of blunders it is clear that on Black's second capture his King is on his King square and White is able to play with safety: 22. B-R4 - this pins the Knight which this time cannot move.
(See diagram next column)
In this way White is able to exchange the Bishop for the danger-


After White plays: 22. B-R4 Nullifies threat of control of space. Pinning Kt.

## Threat of Fourth Objective

ous Knight with safety. This completes his plan, which is illustrated by the next few moves, all of which are forced. The Knight
(Please turn to page 12, col. 4)

LARRY EVANS ON THE OPENINGS
By International Master LARRY EVANS
U. S. Chess Champion, 1952

## Introductory Remarks

$T$ HERE are two ways of securing an opening advantage: by playing something so new that it has never been seen, or so old that it has been forgotten. In modern master play the opening is all-important, for it determines the character of the middle as well as the endgame. Chess is rapidly becoming a technique instead of an art. This is the era of the technician. The "book" player with limited ability can now vanquish the "natural" player by dint of sheer research. Never before has the "prepared variation "been such a dreaded shibboleth.

This series of articles is intended for players of average and well above average strength who desire to improve their tournament and postal play. I intend to examine the present status of all the principal opening variations, re-evaluating them in terms of modern practice. (For ultimately practice is the criterion of truth.) The analysis will be studded with improvements. "cooks" and wrinkles (whether old or new). Chess theory is changing so rapidly that it takes several years to catch up with the past! And very often the future is little more than a rehabilitation of lines which previous generations have discarded. How is the average player to judge which variations are sound, which ephemeral, which revolutionary? This is essentially the problem of evaluation, which falls to the master and the critic.

A shift has taken place in master chess. The Indian defenses have acquired unprecedented popularity. General principles and the classic formulations have not only been found to be inadequate, but misleading. The key to this change lies not in the maxims of the hypermoderns, but in a very simple statement made by Paul Morphy: "Help your pieces so that they can help you!" In the hands of the dogmatists, like Tarrasch, this meant develop, centralize, castle early, and so on - to all those precepts in primers which inspire the novice to play by rote. What has happened? Are the classic notions of "antipositional moves" no longer valid? Or are we simply going through a period of "fads."

The answer is: neither. The whole school of modern Soviet theory has established the fact that each position has its own inner dynamic demands. Morphy's maxim has become: "Black should fight with his pieces!" In the Gruenfeld Defense, for example, Black not only allows White to occupy the center, but also retreats a developed piece!


This move was introduced by Smyslov against Euwe, in the World Championship Tournament, Moscow, 1948. (There are records
of its appearance in Russia before that.) Black has complete equality.
Botvinnik writes of this position: "Why was it that in this case the established positional canons proved unrealistic? The whole point was that White had to devote time to occupy his center with Pawns; this circumstance, and also the White's Queen's advanced position, enabled Black to gain the decisive tempo for developing a counter initiative."
The beauty of the Indian defenses (1 P-Q4, N-KB3) is that Black does not immediately commit himself. Moreover, he can force his defense - there is nothing White can do about it! The Queen's Gambit Declined, even though it leads to a solid game, has fallen into disrepute because of Black's "problem child" - his Queen's Bishop.
The first variation I will consider will be the popular NimzoIndian (1 P-Q4, N-KB3; 2 P-QB4, P-K3; 3 N-QB3, B-N5)


The battle will rage around White's K4 square; for if Black can maintain an outpost there, or even control it, then his game is fully equal. (By "equality" is meant that the winning chances are roughly equal, not that the game should result in a draw.)

White has several alternatives at his disposal:
(A) 4 Q-B2 (No longer popular)
(B) 4 P-K3 (Rubinstein's Variation)
(C) 4 Q-N3 (Out of fashion)
(D) 4 P-QR3 (Saemisch Variation)
(E) $4 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{N} 5$ (Revived successfully by Taimanov against Bronstein in the 1953 USSR Championship. SInce then it has led to failure after failure!)
(F) 4 N -B3 and miscellaneous con-

What is the present status of these moves, and why is the Nim-zo-Indian Defense so popular? Obviously the modern master must feel at home with the Black side. The most popular continuation is 4 P-K3, which I shall consider in a later article.
My next article will be devoted to a discussion of (A) 4. Q-B2, N-B3 -the "Zurich Variation."

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Cosmo (politan) Chess Club (Los Angeles): Charles Edward Gray was reelected president and Sotero Rodriguez secretary-treasurer, while Tommy Craig and Bob Graves were chosen co-tournament directors. Keckhut won the club title $10-1$, while Domanski was second with $81 / 2-21 / 2$, and Zeitlin and McRae tied for third with $71 / 2-31 / 2$ each. Keckhut drew with Domanski and Zeitlan.

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First and second in the Class $B$ event First and second in the Class $\mathbf{B}$ event
went to $\mathrm{S} . \mathrm{M}$. Browhill and Sgt. Ellis went to S. M. Browhill and Sgt. Ellis Mills respectively. Denu, Anderson, Welling, Emigh, Brownhill and Ellis will compete in the spring club event for the title.

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## A game from the Heart of America <br> QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED <br> Heart of America Open Tournament Kansas City, 1954

| White |  |  | Black |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ANG. SAND | RIN |  |  | EFFER |
| 1. P-Q4 | P-K3 | 7. | P.K3 | P-B3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-Q4 | 8. | B-Q3 | Pxp |
| 3. Kt-QB3 | Kt-KB3 | 9. | BxP | Kt-Q4 |
| 4. B-K+5 | B-K2 | 10. | BxB | QxB |
| 5. $\mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Bl}$ | 0.0 | 11. | 0.0 | R-Q1 |
| 6. R-B1 | QKt-Q |  |  |  |

All book, with some minor transpositions, up to here. Perferable to the text is the continuance of the Capablanca freeing maneuver with 11. ......., KtxKt; 12. RxKt, P-K4.
12. Kt-K4 ${ }^{\text {Now }}$ P-KR3 $12, \ldots$ P...... P4; 13. BxKt, PxB; 14. Kt-B3, favors White. But better than the move played, which loses an than the move played, which loses an important tem
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { 13. Q-Kt3! Kt(4)-B3 } & \text { 16. P-K5 } & \mathrm{Kt} \text {-Q4 }\end{array}$
14. $\mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{K}+3$ P-QK+3
15. P-K4 B-K+2
17.

This allows White to penetrate with his QR. But on 17 . ......., KP×B; 18. Kt-B5, Q-K3; 19. Kt-Q6, and the QKt has penetrated. Six of one and half a dozen of the other.
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { 18. R-B7 } & \text { B-R3 } & \text { 20. Q-R4 Kt-B1! }\end{array}$ 19. KR-B1 KR-QB1

For if 21 . $Q \times B$ ? $R \times R$; wins the exchange. And if 21. RxQ?? RxReh; and Black mates in three.
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { 21. } \mathrm{R}(7)-\mathrm{B} 3 & \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{K}+2 & \text { 23. Q-R3 }\end{array}$
22. Kt-K2 Q-Q2

White begins to shift his attack to the king-side.
 If 26 . ......., P-KKt4; 27. Kt-R5, and White saves his piece by the threat of 28. Kt-B6ch and 29. KtxQ.


There may not be better, as White threatened 28 . R-KKt3, with telling effect. But the offer to exchange Queens could result in a distinctly inferior ending for Black.
28. R-R3!?

Like 28. Kt-B3 and 28. P-KKt3, this should only equalize. 28. QxQ, RxQ; 29. R/1-QB1, R/2-B2; 30. Kt-B3, K-B1; 31. Kt-K1, P-Kt3; 32. Kt-Q3, P-R4 (if 32. Kt...... PxKt; 33. Kt-Kt4 and White regains his piece with positional ad-

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vantage) 33. Kt/5-B4, K-K2; 34. P-QKt4! K-Q1! (if $34 . \quad . . . . . .$, PxP? 35. KtxKtP, K-Q2; 36. Kt-R6! R-Kt2! 37, Kt-Q3 wins! and if 34 . ........, K-Q2? 35. PxP, PxP;
 36. Kt-B5ch, K-Q1; 37 . Kt-R6! wins)
$\mathrm{PxP}, \mathrm{PxP} ; 35 . \mathrm{Kt}$ - $\mathrm{B5}$ ! is the line which secures white the distinctly superior ending.
28. .-..... B-K1?

This allows White to build a winning king-side attack. Correct is 28. ........, QxQ; 29. RxQ, B-Kt4; and Black has at least an even game.
 Threatening
B5ch! PxKt; 30. KtxPl KxKt? $32 . \mathrm{QxPch}$ and mate in two.
29.
29....... Q-Kt4 $\quad$ If $29 . \ldots$...... Kt-Kt4; 30 . R-Kt3, threatening 31. P-B4, wins.
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { 30. Kt-B4 } & \text { R-B7 } & \text { 31. } \mathbf{K t}-\mathrm{B3} \\ \text { Q-K2 }\end{array}$
Better is 3
........, Q-B4.
32. Kt-R5

| eatening |
| :---: |
| P-KK |

Again threatening $\mathbf{P - K K + 4}$ 33. KtxP!
Black lacks an adequate defense. If 32. 34. PxKt, P-KKt4; White can win with 35. Kt-B6ch or 35 . P-KR4.
33. $K+\times P$


Good!
Good
33.
If 33 $\qquad$ $\mathrm{K}+\times \mathrm{Kt}$
PxKt; 34. Kt-B6ch! KtxKt; 35. QxPch, K-B1; 36. R-R8ch, Kt-Kt1; 37. QxKt mate; and if 33. ........, QxKt;
34. R-Kt3, wins the Queen and game 34. R-Kt3, wins the
for Rook and Knight.
34.Kt-B6ch
If 34. K-B1 $\quad$ K-Kt2; 35. $\cdot$ RxP, KxR; 36. If $34 ., \ldots \ldots$. K-Kt2; 35. 'RxP, KxR;
P-KR4, wins; and if 34.
......,
QxKt;
35. P-KR4, wins; and if $34 . \ldots \ldots$,
PxQ, KtxRch; 36. QxKt, wins.
35. R×P Q-Kı5

The King needs a flight square to avoid mate in three.
36. R-R8ch K-K2 37. KtxPch! -...... The only move to maintain a winning attack!
37. 38.....tch $\underset{\text { PxKt }}{\text { K-Q2 }}$ 39. P-K6ch! K-B3 If 39. ......., K-B2; 40. Q-K5ch, K-Kt2 (if 40. ........, Q-Q3; 41. QxQch, KxQ; 42 PxP, BxP; 43 .R-R6ch, K-Q2; 44. R-R7, R-B1; 45. P-KR4, and wins) 41. PxP, RxP; 42. RxR, RxR; 43. P-KR4, and wins. If $39 . . .2$, P×P; 40. R-R7ch, K-B3 (if 40 . ......., K-Q3; 41. Q-K7ch, wins the Queen) 41. RxPch, K-Kt4; 42. P-KR4 (not 42. QxPch? R/1-B4! and Black wins) and White probably eventually wins with his three connected passed Pawns.

## 40. Q-K5 <br> 40. Q-K5 Not 41. P-33 PxP? QxR 41. Q-K3

Not 41. Qxp?? QxR mate.
Black should avoid, rather than seck an exchange of Qucens. His best chance is in a complicated, midcle-game, setup. Therefore, he should try something like 41. 11 $41, \ldots \ldots$, K-Kt2; 41. ......., QxKtP;

Now the extra White Pawns win easily. 43. little... Ketter is $44 .{ }^{\text {44. P- }}$., BxP. R-Q
 If $46 ., \ldots$, R-KR5; 47. R-KR3, RxR; 48.
PxR, wins.
47. K-R2 R(1)-B8 48. R-KR3 More precise than 48. RxB, R-R8ch; 49. K-Kt3, RxP; although both win.

If $48 . \quad . \quad \begin{aligned} & \text { P-34 } \\ & \text { If........ } \\ & \text { Bt3; } \\ & \text { 49. R-Q8ch, } \\ & \text { KxP; }\end{aligned}$ 50. P-R8-Q, B-Kt 50. P-R8-Q, wins.
49. K-Kt3 Resigns
The KRP cannot be stopped. Sandrin came up with some nice moves in this one!

Though be did not make a high score in the Club Tournament, Mr. George Krmpotich played his best games against the top players and created a sensation by defeating Paul Dietz in the following game.

## NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE MCO: page 112, column 58 Dowtown "Y" Chess Club Championship Pittsburg, 1953

Notes by U. S. Expert Povilas Tautvaisas

## White <br> G. KRMPOTICH P. DIETZ <br> 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 $\quad$ 3. $\mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{QB} 3 \quad \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{K}+5$ <br> $\begin{array}{llll}\text { 2. P-QB4 P-K3 } & \text { 4. B-Q2 }\end{array}$

An obvious but seldom played move. The location of the $B$ on $Q 2$ is not in accord with the coming operations in accord with the coming operations in the center. Besides it may be often exchanged against the Black KKt.
4.
O-O
O. $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { 5. } & \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B} 3 & \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{QKt3} & \text { 7. P-QR3 } & \text { B-K2 }\end{array}$ The beginning of Black's trouble. After The beginning of Black's trouble. After time later KtxB, Black has comfortable

$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { 8. } & \text { P-K3 } & \text { Kt-K5 } & \text { 11. Q-B2 } & \text { KtxKt } \\ \text { 9. } & \text { B-Q3 } & \text { P-KB4 } & \text { 12. BxKt } & \text { BxKt? }\end{array}$
Black has intentions of capitalizing on
Black has intentions of capitalizing on
White's weakened K-side. Yet the latter, with two good Bs and a strong latter, with two good Bs and a strong
center, has more than enough compencenter
sation
$\begin{array}{lrlr}\text { sation. } & & & \\ \text { 13. PxB } & \text { Q-R4 } & \text { 71. KR-K†1 } & \text { R-R3 } \\ \text { 14. Q-K2 } & \text { P-B5 } & \text { 18. R-K+2 } & \text { R-KB1 } \\ \text { 15. K-R1 } & \text { Kt-B3 } & \text { 19. QR-KKt1 } & \text { P-K†3 }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrr}\text { 15. K-R1 } & \text { Kt-B3 } & \text { 19. QR-KKt1 } \\ \text { 16. P-K } 4 & \text { R-B } 4 & \end{array}$ From here on Black is stuck with his phantom attack; there is no return for the Black KR, it's on a one-way
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { street now. } & & \\ \text { 20. P-K5 } & \text { KI-Q1 } & \text { 22. R-Q1! }\end{array}$


An important move. After fulfillment of his mission on KKt1 - to provoke 19. ......... P-KKt3 - the QR returns for the decisive break-through on the Q-file. 22. ........ Kt-Kt4

The Black Kt came a long way
23. B-K4 KixB
against the White $B$ !

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## 24. QxKt R-B4

The last one asset is thrown in for the attack.
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { 25. } \mathbf{P \times P} & \text { P×P } & \text { 27. } \mathbf{R \times P} & \mathbf{R}(4)-R 4\end{array}$ At least a real threat is created; a mate in four beginning with QxRPch White meets it with ease.
28. K-K +1 R-K+4

Threatening 29.
agai

| 29. $\mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{R}$ | QxRch | 34. R-86 | Q-B2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30. K-B1 | $\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{P}$ | 35. Q-B8, | P-KK14 |
| 31. K-K2 | B-B1 | 36. R×KP | K-Kı2 |
| 32. Q-B6 | Q-84 | 37. R-KB6 |  |

With a couple of simple but strong moves White leads the game to a fast conclusion.
$\begin{array}{lrr}\text { 37. } \quad \text { P-K. } & \text { Q-K2 } & \text { 40. R-K } 17 \text { ch } \\ \begin{array}{lrl}\text { 38. } & \text { Resigns } \\ \text { 39. R-B7 } & \text { Q-B4 } & \end{array}\end{array}$ A right decision, as the mate follows immediately.

## SICILIAN DEFENSE

## MCO: page 292, column 140 (q:A)

 Marshall Club Championship New York, 1953White
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2. J. W.QB3 COLLINS

1. P-K4 P-QB4 2. P-QB3 This is an Alekhine innovation: the idea is to establish and maintain a Pawn at Q4.
$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { 2. } & \text { PxP } & \mathbf{P}-\mathrm{Q4} & \text { 4. } & \mathbf{P}-\mathrm{Q4} & \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{QB}\end{array}$ Hearst-Evans, Milwaukee, 1953, continued; 4. , Kt-KB3; 5. Kt-B3, Kt-B3 6. B-K2, PxP; 7. PxP, P-K3; 8. O-O, B-K2; 9. Kt-B3, Q-Q1 (better is 9. ........, Q-QR4) 10. B-K3, O-O; 11. Kt-K5, KtQKt5; 12. B-B3, Kt/5-Q4; 13. Q-Kt3, Q-Q3? 14. QR-B1, P-QR3? 15. Kt-B4, Q-Q1; 16. KtxKt, KtxKt; 17. BxKt, PxB 18. Kt-Kt6, R-KtI; 19. KtxB, RxKt; 20 $\mathrm{RxR}, \mathrm{QxR} ; 21 . \mathrm{QxQP}$, with a winning advantage for White.
2. P×P

This is quite dubious because it cedes central control. Best is 5. Kt-B3.
Sherwin-Collins, Marshall C. C. Cham pionship, New York, 1954, continued; 5. Kt-B3, B-Kt5; 6. B-K2, PxP (also good is 6 Kt-B3, B-Kt5; 6. B-K2, PxP (also good is $6 ., \ldots \ldots, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 3 ;$
Kt ; 3 ; 7 . $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{K} 3, \mathrm{PxP}$; 8. PxP,
Kt 3 , Kt ) 7. PxP, P-K3; Kt-B3; 9. Kt-B3, B-Kt5) 7. PxP, P-K3; 8. O-O, Kt-B3; 9. B-K3, B-K2; 10. P-KR3,
 O-Kt3, Q-Q3, 16, KR-Q1, KR-Q1. with Q-Kt3, Q-Q3; 16. KR-Q1, KR-Q.
a slight advantage for Black.
a slight advantage for Black.
5. ........ QxBP
Tempting but unclear is the Pawn sacrifice 5 . ........, QxQch; 6. KxQ, B Kt5ch; 7. P-B3, O-O-Och
6. B-K3 Q-QR4 8. Q-K+3
7. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

Controlling Q4, the KP is well posted here. And the QB can get into play via Q2 or Kt2. If $8 . . . . . . . .$, P-K4? 9. Kt-Kt5! hurts.
$\begin{array}{llllr}\text { 9. QKt-Q2 } & \mathrm{B}-\mathrm{K2} & \text { 11. B-K2 } & \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{O} \\ \text { 10. } \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B} 4 & \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{B} 2 & \text { 12. } \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{O} & \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Q} 4\end{array}$ Black has the edge.
13. QR-Q1 B-Q2

Threatening to win the minor exchange and weaken White's Pawns with 14. ........, P-QKt4; 15. QKt-Q2 (not 15. QxP?? Kt-Q5! and Black wins) KtxB.
14. Kt-Q4 P-QR3 15. B-B3

This results in an inferior game. 15. BB1 and 15. KtxKt are preferable. And White can all but level with the surprising, fancy 15. Kt-Kt6! For if $15 . . . . .$. QxKt; 16. QxQ, KtxQ; 17. KtxKt, BxKt; KtxKt, BxKt; 17. BxKt.
15. ....... P-QKł4 16. Kt-Q2

Better is 16. KtxKt. But on 16. BxKt? PxKt! 17. BxBP, Kt-R4; Black wins a piece.
$\begin{array}{lrlr}\text { plece. } & \mathrm{KtxB} & \text { 20. Q-B2 } & \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 4 \\ \text { 16. } & \text { R } \\ \text { 17. P×Kt } & \text { QR-B1 } & \text { 21. } \mathrm{B}-\mathrm{Q} 3 & \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B} 3 \\ \text { 18. B-K4 } & \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{K} 4 & \text { 22. } \mathrm{K}+(2) \cdot \mathrm{K}+3 & \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B} 3\end{array}$ 19. R-B3 Kt-R4 $\quad$ is 22 . ........, Kt-Kt5 23. Q-Kt1, KtxB; 24. QxKt, B-QB3.
23. Q-K2
25. K-R1, QxR; wins for Black.
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Beckoned by three major White pieces on the same diagonal, Black comes in by the back door.
25. P-K4?
25. P-K4?!

Bishop and Pawn. If 25. R-B2, B-R4; 26. Kt-B3, Q-B3; and Black is likely to White decides to give a Rook for a win more than the exchange - 27 . ......... P-K4; and 27. , Kt-K4 being menaced.
 $\begin{array}{lll}\text { 27. } B \times Q \quad K+\times K t & \text { 30. K K } \times \mathrm{BPP} \quad \mathrm{B}-\mathrm{B4Ch}\end{array}$ A life saver. If 30 . ........, R-K3? 31. B-Q5, wins.
31. K-Kt2 R-KB3 33. Kt-R6ch K-K+2 32. P-KKt4 P-K+3 34. P-Kt5 R-Q3 To prevent 35. R-Q7ch.
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { 35. } R \times R & B \times R & \text { 38. } & \text { B-B6 } \\ \text { 36. B-K }+7 & R-K 1 & \text { R-K4 }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}\text { 36. B-Kt7 } & \text { R-K1 } & \text { 39. P-KR4 } & \text { R-B4 } \\ \text { 37. K-B3 } & \text { P-R4 } & \text { 40. B-K4 } & \text { P-K45 }\end{array}$ 37. K-83
To force the Rook entry.

Black has won ending, but the technical problems are not inconsiderable. $\begin{array}{llll}\text { 41. PxP } & \text { PxP } & \text { 42. Kt-K } \$ 4 \quad \text { R-B8 }\end{array}$ Threatening 43. ........, R-KR8; or 43. 43. P-R5! R-Q3.

Good try:
43. ........ R-B8ch!


Not 43.
White has the PxP? 44. Kt-B6, ${ }^{\text {4 }}$ and K8ch, 45. KtxPch, and 45. KtxP. 44. K-K2

If 44. K-Kt2, R-B5; wins.
Stronger than 44. ........, R-B5; 45. Kt${ }_{\text {45, Kt-B6 }}^{\text {B6, }}$ R-K4; 46 K-K3!

## 45. Kt -B6

If 45. K-B3? R-Ktfch; wins a piece; if 45. B-R3, R-Kt8; wins; if 45. P-R6ch, K-R1! wins.

The Bishop must go where it cannot be tempoed on by the Knight and where it still guards the QKtP.
If 46. P-R6ch, K-R1! and White loses his king-side.
 ing to draw with 49. KtxP! RxKt; 50 $\mathrm{BxR}, \mathrm{KxB}$; 51. P-R3) R-K4! (another life saver! 52 . K-B3, P-Kt4; and Black wins.
$\begin{array}{lrllr}\text { 47. } & \text { RXP } & \text { 51. } & \text { B-Q3 } & \text { R-KR4 } \\ \text { 48. } & \text { Kt-K+K } & \text { R-QR4 } & 52 . & K t-B 4\end{array}$ R-R8
The Knight wanders off and becomes quag-mired. Relatively best is 54 . Kt -B4, quag-mired. Relatively best is 54 . Kt -B4 and QKtP for Black's QKtP.
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { 54. } \\ \text { 55. B-K4 } & \begin{array}{lll}\text { K-B3 } \\ \text { R-R7 }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { 56. P-K+3 } \\ \text { 57. B-Q5 }\end{array} & \text { RxP }\end{array}$ Better 57. Kt-Q4.


## QUEEN GAMBIT DECLINED

MCO: page 160, column 35 Midwest Open Championship Lincoln, 1953
Notes by Siegfried Werthammer, M.D. White

Black
D. ACKERMAN

| D. | ACKERMAN |  | D. SHEFFER |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | P-Q4 | P-Q4 | 4. | B-KtS | B-K2 |
| 2. | P-QB4 | P-K3 | S. | P-K3 | QK + -Q2 | $\begin{array}{llrlll}\text { 2. } & \text { P.QB4 } & \text { P-K3 } & \text { S. } & \text { P-K3 } & \text { QKt-Q2 } \\ \text { 3. } & \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{QB} 3 & \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{KB} 3 & \text { 6. } & \text { P×P } & \text { K } 4 \times \mathrm{P}\end{array}$ Probably to get away from the hackneyed exchange variation which results after PxP which gives White an easior game. But after the text Black has nothing to hope for more than ${ }_{7}$ difficult equalization.

$\begin{array}{lllll} & \begin{array}{llll}\text { 7. } & \mathrm{BxB} & \mathrm{KtxB} & \text { 9. } \\ \text { 8. } & \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{K4} 4\end{array}\end{array}$
Straight development by Kt -B3 and White has all the play. The failure of White to develop the King-Knight here and later essentially produces his downfall.
 11. PxKt Q-R4ch

This win of a tempo should lose pawn. Kt-B3 should be played first.
Q.O4 win Q.KKt4?
14. P. wins the pawn.
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { 14. P-B4 } & \text { Q-Q4 } & \text { 16. P-QR3 } & \text { Q-R4 ch } \\ \text { 15. } & \text { Q-B2 } & \text { P-KR3 } & \text { 17. } & \text { K-B23 }\end{array}$ 15. Q-B2 P-KR3 17. K-B2?

Weakens his second rank and provokes the Black attack. Q-Q2 would keep the game even.
17. ....... B-Q2!

Inviting the fatal excursion of the White Qucen.
18. Q-B7?

Instead Kt-B3 followed by Q-Q2 and nobody has very much. From here on Black's play is strong and elegant. 18. ........ Q-Q7 ch 19. $\mathrm{Kt-K2} \quad \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Q} 4!$


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RUY LOPEZ
U. S. Candidates Tournament Philadelphia, 1953

"Black on his 25th should have repeated the position-just in case his opponent might accept the offer of a draw by repetition. A draw would have qualifled Mengarini." (Bill Ruth).


SOLVERS' LADDER
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Our hearty congratulations go to expert 16 Dr. J. S. Weingart 2 wins the who wins the bimonthly Ladder competition for the second time. And a cordial welcome to the following new solvers: Walter H. Bogle, Houston, Texas; Peter Bokma, Conrad, Mont.; Walter Daum, New York, N.Y.; Dr. C. Hans Evans, Coatesville, Pa.; L. Harvey, Fontana, Cal.; R. W. Hays, New York, N.Y.; John T. Hurley, San Francisco, Cal.; H. W. Gould, DeKalb, II.; R. K. Hubbard, Urbana, III.; A. F. Lopez, State College, Pa.; Bruce MeClellan, Hammond, Ind.; Jim McCormick, Seattle, Wash.; Adolph Marx, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Hsiang-Yuan S. Meng, Northfield, Minn.; Dr. Robert A. Northrup, Tulsa, Okla.; Richard Roberts, Cambridge, Mass; Albert Salmon, Brooklyn, N.Y.; A. Strazdins, New Britain, Conn.; ^. Trucis, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. Julius S. Weingart, Des Moines, Iowa; Don Wilson, Chicago, IIl.; and M. M. Woodson, Coneord, N.C.

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## Solution to Position No. 133

Three sledgehammer blows in quick succession win this position for White succession win this position for white in Ensels-M×B, R×B!, QxR; 2. QxRt, KtxQ; plays: 1.
3. $P \cdot Q 7$
and wins Black Queen and Knight cannot guard against both PxKt(Q) ch and P-Q8(Q) ch. It must have been a great satisfaction to Engels to pull such a combination on Maroczy who was no novice himself at startling finishes.

Most of our solvers found this pretty combination (although we must wonder how many would have found it in actual play), but a few went astray. White has no over-powering position despite his passed pawn, for Black has two pawns for the exchange. There are other posto a winning position, but all develop into tricky endings, and only Engel's combination gives a quick and definite definition of victory.

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Congratulations to Charles' Joachim of Seattle for topping the quarterly ladder with 51 points, while several rivals pressed closely on his heels.

## Solutions:-

Finish It The Clever Way! Position No, 123:- 1. BxBP ch! and Black resigned.
Position No. 124:- 1. R-Kt8 ch, K-$\mathrm{Kt}-2!$ (if $\mathrm{K}-\mathrm{Q2;} 2$. $\mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Kt} \mathrm{ch}$, and 3. KxP ) ; 2. Kt-B5 ch, K-Kt3; 3. Kt-R4 ch, K-Kt4; 4. Kt-B3 ch, K-Kt5; 5. Kt-R2 ch, K-Kt6; 6. Kt-B1 ch, K-Kt7; 7. KxP, KxKt; 8. R-Kt1 and wins.

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## CHESS ELEMENTS

(Continued from page 8, col. 4)
is preferable to a Bishop in this particular position, for it eliminates an annoying Force. Why? The answer is that while the Bishop has a longer range, it is restricted to travel only on white squares. On the other hand, the Knight, having more mobility, may easily be moved to either black or white squares and may attack any target.

## Dowtown YMC Chess Club (St. Louis):

 John V. Ragan, returned from duty with the U.S. Armed Forces, won the club title $8-1$, losing one game to $J$ Donald Define who placed in a tie for second with Frederic S. Anderson with $71 / 2-11 / 2$ each. Define lost to Edmund Godbold and drew with Anderson, while Anderson lost to Ragan, Edmund Godbold was fourth with $51 / 2$. $31 / 2$ in the 10 -player round robin.
## Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 471 (Ravenscroft and Hawes): 1. Q-B3. A clever key, giving three flights. No. 472 (Burger): 1. Q-K7. polished lightweight by the most brilliant young American composer to emerge in recent years. The try 1. BxKt is defeated by ........, KtxR.

No. 473 (Mari): 1. Kt-Kt3. A classic setting by the great Italian composer, he sad news of whose death has just been received.

No. 474 (Anderson): 1. R-K4, threat; 2. Kt-B4ch. If 1. ......., BxR; 2. Q-Kt4! If 1. ......, PxR; 2. Q-R5. If 1. ......., PxR or QxR; 2. Kt-Kt4ch. If 1. ......., QxB; 2. k -B4ch. Solvers generally agreed that this is a masterpiece.

No. 475 (Jacobs): 1. Q-QB2.
No. 476 (Jacobs): 1. Q-R7.
No. 477 (Jacobs): As explained in subsequent issues, this is a three-mover and the Queen at Black's KR1 should be Black. The printer's error created much confusion, for which we apologize. With the diagram corrected, the solution is 1. KtxKP, threat; 2. KtxKP, threat; 2 KtxKtch. If 1. ......., KtxKt; 2. Kt-B8, KtxKtch; 3. PxKt (Kt) mate. If 1. ........, K-B2; 2. P-K8(Q)ch. If 1. ........, KxR; 2. Q-R4ch.

No. 478 (Jacobs): This is a two-er, solved by the pretty key 1. Q-B3.
No.- 479 (Burger): 1. Kt-R4, with three beautiful discovery mates by the White Rook.
No. 480 (Sanz): 1. Kt-Q4

No. 481 (Ravenscroft and Hawes): 1. K-Kt7. The try 1. K-R7 is defeatèd by No.... Kt-Kt5.

No. 482 (Nemo): 1. P-R7, K-Kt4; 2. K-Kt3. If 1. ........, P-Kt5; 2. B-K7. If 1. ........, other; 2. R-Kt3.

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