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What's The Best Move?

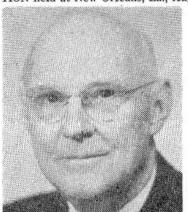
Conducted by GUILHERME GROESSER

As a result of the activity of Mr. John Alexander of San Diego at the anual meeting in New Orleans, Mr. Guilherme Groesser has withdrawn from the staff of CHESS LIFE and the feature "What's The Best Move?" has been permanently discontinued. Solutions of positions published previously will appear on the back page of CHESS LIFE each issue until all published positions have been dealt with.

A Message From The President

TO ALL INTERESTED IN CHESS:

At the annual meeting of the UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERA-TION held at New Orleans, La., August 5, 1954, I was duly elected presi-



dent of the Federation. I accepted that high honor with all humility and humbleness. No one is more conscious than I of the limitations of my qualifications to discharge all the duties of that important office, yet I am willing to undertake the task and assume the multiple responsibilities because I believe that I will have the whole-hearted co-operation and support of every chess lover in America. I appeal to you individually and collectively for that support.

Please feel free to communicate with me at any time, either

in person or via mail, and submit your problem. I assure you that it will receive prompt and courteous attention. Let us all pull together to promote that which is best so that Organized Chess in America may attain that high rank among Nations to which it is so richly entitled.

With very best wishes for a better Federation, I am Cordially and sincerely, FRANK R. GRAVES

> President USCF 202 Farm & Home Bldg. Fort Worth, Texas

DREIBERGS TOPS MICHIGAN EVENT

Leonids Dreibergs of Saginaw tallied 8-1 to win the Michigan State title at Detroit in Michigan's biggest state event in history of 56 entries. Former champion Leon Stolzenberg of Detroit was second with 7½-1½, while former champion George Eastman of Detroit was third with 7-2. Ervin Underwood of Columbus, O., a former Massachusetts champ, placed fourth with 6½-2½. Scoring 6-3 (S-B order unknown) were James Barry, Thomas Jenkins, Dr. Wm. A. Henkin, Janis Jurjevskis, Henry Meifert, Marvin Palmer, and James Schroeder.

Philip Kolody of Detroit won the Junior title with 5-4 as ranking junior player among seven, while Miss Lucille Kellner repeated as Women's Champion with 4-5. Daniel Fischheimer of Chicago won the speed event.

WOMEN PLAN 1955 TOURNEY

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 12 (Special): Decision to hold the next U.S. Women's Championship Tournament (a biennial) in the fall of 1955 in New York City was made at a meeting of Women's Open tourney players Saturday at Patio Royal, the former home of Paul Morphy. The following U.S. Women's Tourney in 1957 will be a Zonal in which the two top players will represent the USA abroad.

Mrs. Willa White Owens, of Ayon Lake, presided over the meeting as head of the Women's division of the USCF. Both Mrs. Owens and Mrs. Gisela K. Gresser, the latter an international woman master, declared the current Women's Open "the strongest women's chess tournament ever held in the United States".

121 Players Registered At U. S. Open Rossolimo, Bisguier and Evans Lead

By MRS. C. L. DANIEL

Southern Representative USCF Woman's Committee
One hundred and ten men and eleven women were registered for
the U.S. Chess Federation Open Championship Tournaments now under
way at New Orleans at the Roosevelt Hotel University room. They included such chess greats as Arthur Bisguier, new U.S. Chess Champion,
of New York City; Larry Evans, New York City, former U.S. Chess
Champion; Nicholas Rossolimo, New York City, former champion of
France; and Arturo Pomar, of Madrid, former champion of Spain.

The Women's Open which is also a Zonal this year attracted three of the four international women masters in the United States—Mrs. Gisela K. Gresser; Miss Mona May Karff, current U.S. Women's Champion; and Mrs. Sonja Graf Stevenson, of Palm Springs, Calif., making her debut in a U.S. national chess tourney although she has played in almost every country in Europe and also in the Argentine.

The opening night was marked by brief ceremonies which included greetings by Councilman A. Brown Moore, representing Mayor deLesseps S. Morrison of the city of New Orleans, who made the opening move at the Bisguier-Bills board, following this by presentation of honorary certificates and keys to the city to leading chess organization officials and titleholders.

First round results showed an upset when Bills defeated Champion Bisguier, somewhat under-standable by the fact that Bisguier rushed into New Orleans from the Pan-American only the evening before, saw the sights that night and was subjected to TV, radio, and press interviews at a rapid pace all that Monday as the tournament was about to open. Bills is a 2123 point holder from Houston, Texas, however. Bills with the white pieces used a Catalan style opening. The game required about 61 moves. Other upsets on opening night occurred when Anthony Santasiere, New York chess master, who had the black pieces, drew with Blake Stevens of San Antonio, Texas and when Anthony F. Saidy, of Douglaston, L.I., (white) beat James Sherwin, of New York City.

An upset in the Women's tourney happened in round 5 when Miss Karff lost to Mrs. Mary Selensky of Philadelphia. The Women's tourney is a round robin where each gets a bye.

An unusual feature of the 12-round Swiss system tourney for the men was when Master Abe Turner, of New York City, played a 5-hour game against Master Larry Evans in which only one knight each was exchanged. The game was adjourned with Evans having greater maneuverability but the two men agreed next day to a draw without playing further.

Tournament directors are: Newton Grant, of Monroe, college professor, for the big Open; and Bill Byland, of Pittsburgh, USCF official who withdrew from the men's Open to direct the Women's Tourney and to assist Grant.

Results of the tourney through the 7th round showed three men in first place with 6 points: Rossolimo, Bisguier, and Evans. Next with 5½ were: Santasiere, Sherwin, Marchand, Pomar, Lombardy; 5 points: Turner, McCormick, Mednis, Brieger, Donovan, Henin, Blonarovych, Kaufman, Saidy, Berzzerins, Popavych. Those with 4½ scores: Al Sandrin, Steinmeyer, Whitaker, Hastings, Gross, Heising, Harrow, Krumins, Fischheimer, Kaminsky, Schroeder.

Mrs. Gisela K. Gresser, with 6 wins, lost her only game so far to Mrs. Sonja Graf Stevenson, now California's Women Champion and at one time a serious threat to the late Vera Menchik, then Women's World Champion. Miss Karff is in second place at the end of 7 rounds; and Mrs. Stevenson third. Karff has 5 wins and 1 loss, and Stevenson 4½ wins and a loss. A newcomer to a national tourney, Mrs. Kenneth N. Vines, of New Orleans, has 4 wins and two losses.

A speed tournament in which moves were limited to 10 seconds each took up six hours the first Saturday of the tournament. Directed by Glenn Hartleb, this was won by Sherwin with 21-2. Next were: Bisguier, second, with 19-4; third, Lombardy with 18½-4½; fourth, a four-way tie between Kaufman, Donovan, Turner, Saidy with 17-6.

Announcement of the results of the recent USCF election were (Please turn to page 3, col. 3)

Due to the activity of Mr. John Alexander of San Diego and the action of the U.S.C.F. Annual Meeting at New Orleans, Mr. William Rojam has withdrawn from the staff of CHESS LIFE and there will be no further special articles in CHESS LIFE prepared by staff writers on any subject.

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

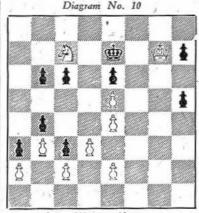
Mastering the End Game
By WALTER KORN, Editor of MCO

THEORY AND PRACTICE OF THE END GAME

As a follow-up of the drawn ending shown in Diagram No. 9, I reprint in Diagram No. 10 an end game study that I composed and published several years ago. It contains some "tries" in variations B, C, and D and the thematic solution in Variation A.

1. Kt-Kt5: (A) 1., PxKt; 2. K-R6, P-R5; 3. K-Kt5, P-R6; 4. K-B4, P-R7; 5. K-K3, P-R8(Q) (if P-R8(Kt); 6. K-B3); 6. K-Q4 and stalemate next move by 7. P-Q3. (B) 1., P-R5; 2. Kt-Q4, P-R6; 3. Kt-B5 ch! wins. (3., K-Q2; 4. K-B7, P-R7; 5. Kt-Kt3, P-B4; 6. P-Q4!, P-B5; 7. P-Q5! etc.). (C) 1., P-R5; 2. Kt-Q4, P-R6; 3. Kt-B3?, P-B4; 4. P-Q4, P-B5; 5. P-Q5, PxP and Black wins. (D) 1., P-B4; 2. Kt-Q6, P-R5; 3. Kt-B5 ch, etc. "Cooks", "tries", "false leads"

and the termini technici used in the description of the themes that form the basis of an End Game Study, are terms that unluckily are virtually unknown to many chessplaying youngsters and the field of end game study is altogether becoming sterile. Partly there is no literature as compared to the deluge of books dealing with other fields of chess. Even abroad the only methodical treatise is a book in Czech by Dr. Harry Fritz which systematically deals with the construction and composition, and the analysis of End Game Studies. It is an excellent book also giving



By Walter Korn London Evening News, 1940 White to move and draw

fine credit to the crystal-clear style of Czech End Game Study composers and is only marred by the omission of one of its most elegant exponents, F. J. Prokop, who was not forgiven for his past political sins.



As a repercussion of the USA-USSR team match, NEWSWEEK for June 28 ran a two-column article by former Red Air Force Colonel Leon Volkov entitled "Russia's Captive Chessmen". Mr. Volkov records how his attempts to discuss chess with members of the Russian team were blocked by the attending entourage, and quotes a member of the Soviet U.N. delegation as stating "Remember, we are Marxists and Communists. For us, everything is political. Including chess."

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A total of 27 players including two women and an 11-year-old boy made up the challengers in a benefit simultaneous exhibition match staged by the New Orleans Chess Club at the YMCA at Lee circle. Alfred B. Wills, only chess "expert" in Louisiana, played the lot. In a little over 5 hours, Wills polished off 16 of his opponents, lost 3 games and had 5 end in draws.

Those winning their games against Wills were: Fred Cummings, Jr., Andrew M. Lockett, Jr., and John Lively. Lockett is a former Louisiana state and city champion. Draws went to J. R. Johnson of Dewey, Okla., H. L. Janssen, A. N. Muller, E. M. Borsodi, and John Barnes. Borosodi is 1953 Louisiana State Champ, and Barnes is the winner of the Reserve tournament put on by the New Orleans Chess Club this winter.

Eleven-year-old James Wagner, youngest member of the New Orleans Chess Club, was the first to lose against Wills. Seventy-three-year old Hugh Morton was the oldest challenger. Total proceeds in entry fees and donations were for the U. S. Chess Federation Open Championship.



Chess received a noteworthy bit of publicity in the pictorial section of the Syracuse Post-Standard for July 18th, where a double spread of candid camera shots entitled "Chess Is A Serious Game" illustrated the embattled poses of leading members of the Syracuse Chess Club at play. A brief summary of the history of the club completed the article.

CHESS PLAYERS

New Orleans, Aug. 8 (Special): President Trank Graves of the U. S. Chess Federation performed one of his first acts of the Sunday afternoon, Aug. 8th, by laying a wreath of flowers on the tomb of Paul Morphy, New Orleanian, of international chess fame. Graves, of Fort Worth, Texas, delivered a eulogy of Paul Morphy in which he declared "by the magic of his genius he emblazoned the name of Paul Morphy in such brilliant colors that the passing of an entire century has not dimmed the lustre of his name."

Some 30 persons from the U.S. Chess Federation Open Champion-ship tournament now underway at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans witnessed the ceremony under the auspices of the U.S. Chess Federation and the two other sponsoring groups. David A. Walsdorf, president, represented the New Orleans Chess Club and A. L. McAuley, secretary-treasurer, represented the Louisiana Chess Association.

Nicolas Rossolimo, former French chess champion; former President and Mrs. Harold M. Phillips of the U.S. Chess Federation; Miss Mona May Karff, New York City, woman international master; and other players from the Open Tournament witnessed the ceremony, in St. Louis Cemetery No. 1 on Basin Street, the oldest cemetery in New Orleans.

KRAUSS TAKES CAROLNAS OPEN

George Krauss of Jamaica, N.Y. and Pope Field added to his Southern titles by winning the North and South Carolinas Open Clemson with 5-1 on S-B points. Krauss recently won the Southern Association title at Atlanta and the North Carolina, Championship at Raleigh. In winning the Carolinas Open, Krauss lost one game to Dr. Siegfried Werthammer of Huntington, W. Va. who placed second with 5-1, drawing with Samuel Baron and E. O. Fawcett. Third and fourth were E. O. Fawcett and Hernandez with 41/2-11/2, Nestor while fifth to eighth with 4-2 each were Samuel Baron, Edmund Godhold, Anthony Pabon, and Henry Blume. The 28-player Swiss drew entrants from North and South Carolina, Georgia, West Virginia, Florida, Virginia, Alabama, Missouri, New York and Maine for a very representative field of play-



Leon Poliakoff tallied 4-1 to win on S-B points the San Antonio City Championship, losing no games but drawing with Tony Barlow and R. L. Garver. Blake Stevens also scored 4-1 for second place, losing one game to Allen Baker. R. L. Garver was third with 3½-1½, losing one game to Stevens and drawing with Poliakoff. Fourth to seventh on S-B with 3-2 each were Allen H. Baker, Jr., Tony Barlow, J. B. Wooding, and J. B. Payne in the 14 player Swiss.

SAD MEMORIES OF USSR MATCH

The U.S. team score of 12-20 against the Soviet players became more distinguished in view of the hapless fate of Great Britain's 1½-18½ defeat in the recent 10-board two round contest. Several samples serve to indicate how hopelessly outmatched the British appeared on this occasion:

CARO-KANN DEFENSE MCO: page 16, column 42 Great Britain vs. USSR Match London, 1954

1	White			Black				
D. BRONSTEIN		TEIN	H. GOLOMBEK					
1.	P-K4	P-QB3	16. QXQKtP	R-Q1				
2.	Kt-QB3	P-Q4	17. RxR ch	KxR				
3.	Kt-B3	B-Kt5	18. R-B1	Q-Q6				
4.	P-KR3	BxKt	19. RxP	Kt-Q2				
5.	QxB	P-K3	20. R-B8 ch	K-K2				
6.	P-Q4	PxP	21. R-B7	P-KR3				
7.	KtxP	QXP	22. P-KKt3	P-Kt4				
8.	B-Q3	Kt-Q2	23. Q-B8	R-R2				
9.	B-K3	Q-Q4	24. B-B5 ch	K-B3				
10.	R-Q1	Kt-K4	25. BxB	Kt-K4				
11.	Q-B4	P-KB4	26. B-K7 ch	K-Kt3				
12.	0-0	KtxB	27. QxP ch	K-R4				
13.	RxKt	QxKt	28. QxKt	P-B5				
14.	Q-B7	Kt-B3	29. B-Q6	PXP				
15.	R-Q4	QxP	30. Q-K8 ch					
1				tesigns				

SLAV DEFENSE MCO: page 193, column 6 (bB) Great Britain vs. USSR Match London, 1954

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1	Vhite	author to			Black
Y.	AVERB	ACH		J. P	ENROSE
1.	P-Q4	P-Q4	15.	PXKtP	KxP
2.	P-QB4	P-QB3	16.	R-Q1	Q-K2
3.	Kt-KB3	Kt-B3	17.	PXP	B-B4
4.	Kt-B3	PXP	18.	P-B4	QR-Q1
5.	P-QR4	B-B4	19.	B-Kt2 c	h P-B3
6.	P-K3	P-K3	20.	Q-K4	KR-K1
7.	BXP	B-QKt5	21.	P-R4	P-K4
8.	0-0	0.0	22.	P-KRS	Kt-B1
9.	Q-K2	QKt-Q2	23.	Kt-R4	RxR ch
10.	P-K4	B-Kt3	24.	RxR	P-84
11.	B-Q3	P-B4	25.	Q-B4	Q-B3
.12.	P-K5	PXP	26.	Q-Kt3	B-Q5
	PxKt	PxKt	27.	RxB	P-B5
14.	BxB	RPxB	28.	RxP	Resigns
4			41 1	1	
- 4			4.4		

FRENCH DEFENSE MCO: page 47, column 11 Great Britain vs. USSR Match

		London	, 1707		
	White			Black	
P.	KERES		R. G.	WADE	
1.	P-K4	* P-K3	10. Q-Kt4	K-B1	
2.	P-Q4	P-Q4	11. Q-B3	K-Kt1	
3.	Kt-QB3	Kt-KB3	12. B-Q3	P-QB4	
4.	B-KKt5	B-K2	13. BxP ch	RxB	
5.	P-K5	KKt-Q2	14. RXR	KxR	
6.	P-KR4	BxB	15. 0-0-0	P-B4	
7.	PxB	QxP	16. R-R1 ch	K-Kt1	
8.	Kt-R3	Q-K2	17. R-R8 ch!		
0	K+.BA	P-QR3		Resigns	



James Bolton won the New Haven City Championship 5½-1½, losing one game to runner-up Edmund E. Hand and drawing with Richard Plock. Hand scored 5-2, losing games to William Mills and William Gallagher. Mills and Plock tied for third with 4½-2½ each, while Gallagher was fifth with 4-3 in the round robin event which was completed with a single forfeiture or adjudication. The last previous New Haven City Championship was held in 1949 and also won by titleholder James Bolton.



Central Michigan Chess League: The Lansing Chess Club by defeating Battle Creek 8-2 clinched the league title, beating all beponents twice except Grand Rapids with whom they split. Grand Rapids, last year's champion, finished second, while Battle Creek was third and Kalamazoo fourth. Lansing won 47 games out of 60 played. As champions of the league, Lansing will seek a playoff with the Saginaw Valley League.

YOUNG MASTERS' FORUM

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

Smyslov At His Best

By U. S. Master JAMES T. SHERWIN

THE following game shows Smyslov at his best. He plays a half-sound pawn sacrifice in the opening and follows it up with a series of middle game shots that prove quickly conclusive. Probably Euwe played too courageously. He might well have returned the pawn for a level game instead of hanging on to it in a tricky and difficult position.

RETI OPENING World Championship Challengers Tournament, 1953

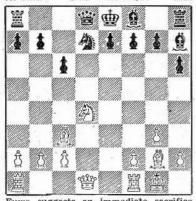
White				Black	
V.	SMYSLO	V		6	M. EUWE
1.	Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3	4.	0-0	QKt-Q2
2.	P-KKt3	P-Q4	5.	P-Q3	P-B3
3.	B-Kt2	B-B4			

3. B-K12 B-B4
An earlier game, Petrosian-Euwe, in the same tournament had run: 1. Kt-KB3, Kt-KB3; 2. P-KKt3, P-Q4; 3. B-Kt2, B-B4; 4. P-Q3, P-K3; 5. QKt-Q2, P-KR3; 6. O-O, B-B4; 7. Q-K1, O-O; 8. P-K4, PxP; 9. KtxP, KtxKt; 10. PxKt, B-R2; 11. P-QKt4, B-K2; 12. B-Kt2 and White gained a slight pull. The amission of PX had slight pull. The omission of P-K3 by ne present game enables indulge in a speculative Black in the Smysley to in Smyslov to in pawn sacrifice.

QKt-Q2 P-KR3 8. PXP

6. QKr-Qz PxP
7. P-K4!? PxP
If White tries to regain his pawn at once with 8. Kt-Q4, B-R2; 9. KtxKP (9. PxP, Kt-B4), P-K4 Black gets a free

9. Kt-Q4 On, Kt-Q3 White can play 10. KtxB or Kt-B4. In any event he retains an edge in development in return for a pawn. 10. BxKt B-R2 11. B-QB3



Euwe suggests an immediate sacrifice on B6, i.e., 11. KtxP, PxKt; 12. BxBP and now R-B1 is bad because of B-R5! and the three pieces are not enough for the queen. Black, therefore, has trouble getting disentangled.

11. Q-82

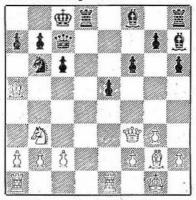
If 11. P-K3; 12. KtxKP, PxKt; 13.
Q-R5 ch, P-Kt3; 14. Q-Kt4, R-KKt1; 15.
KR-K1 or 13, K-K2; 14. KR-K1 in both cases with a tremendous attack.
11., P-K4 is quite playable, 12.
R-K1, B-K2; 13. Q-Kt4, O-O or 12. Q-Kt4, Kt-B3. In these lines Black can return the pawn and emerge with a reasonable game.
12. Q-B3 P-K4

12. Q-B3 P-K4 12., P-K3; 13. KR-K1, B-K2; 14. Q-Kt4, B-B3; 15. KtxKP, PxKt; 16. QxP ch, K-B1; 17. QR-Q1 or 16., K-Q1; 17. BxB ch or 14., O-O-O; 15. QxKtP, QR-B1; 16. KtxKP.

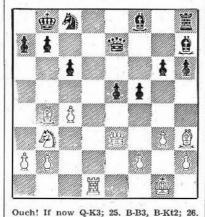
15. B-R5 13. KR-KI Kt-Kt3

NOTE

As we go to press, we have received brief notification of an action of the U.S.C.F. Annual Meeting which will require thoughtful consideration, Pending study of this action, the Editor will hereafter not answer questions or forward information upon any matter not directly related to CHESS LIFE.



P-QKt3 seems to create a serious weak P-QKt3 seems to create a serious weak-ness here, however, Black can hold af-ter 16, B-B3, Kt-Kt1; 17, P-QR4, P-QR4. 16, P-B4 R-Q6 P-QB4 weakens the diagonal but is a better defense to the threat of P-B5. 17, Q-R5 Q-K2 18, B-B1 P-Kt3 Else the rook is embarrassed for a square: R-Q2; 19. B-R3 or R-Q1; 19. P-B5.
19. Q-K2 R-Q2 21. QR-Q1! Kt-B1 20. Q-K3 K-Kt1 Recapturing the pawn grants Black freedom after 21. BxKt, PxB; 22. QxP, 22. B-R3 RxR 23. RxR P-KB4 the threatened R-Q7 is Forced for to overwhelming. 24. B-QKt4!



Kt-B5. 24. G B-Q3; 26. RxB. Q-B3 26. Kt-B5 A "cheapo" which is deeper than it looks. 26. K-RI 27. K†xP! KxK† If K-Kt1; 29. RxB. K-R1 28. R-Q7 ch 29. Q-B5 Threat: 30. BxKP or RxB. Even strong-er was 29. B-Kt2!, R-K1; 30. BxKP!!, RxB; 31. QxR, QxQ; 32. BxP ch and

mates. Kt-Kt3 To meet 30. BxKP with KtxR. 35. P-Kt3 36. P-QR4 P-B5 RxB QxR 31. BXKP Q-Q2 PxP 32. BxR 33. B-Q4 K-K†2 Q-K3 37. RPxP 38. P-R5 **B-B2**

B-Kt1

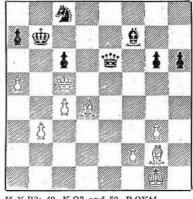
34. B-B1

Kt-B1

(diagram D) P-R3, White advances If now 39. his QKtP and wins quickly.
39. Q-Q3 43. K-B1
40. P-R6 ch KxP 44. K-K2
41. BxP QxQ 45. B-Q4 **B-K3** Kt-Q2 K-R4 42. BxO Kt-Kt3 46. B-B3 ch 46. BxP, K-Kt5; 47. B-R4, Kt-K4 is not

39. B-KK12

as good. 46. 48. B-Q4 ch 47. B-K4 P-Kt4



If K-R3; 49	. K-Q3 an	d 50. P-QK	t4.
49. BxP	K-Kt5	57. P-B5	KtxP
50. B-B2	K-B6	58. B-K2	Kt-R4
51. B-Q1	Kt-K4	59. B-K+5	Kt-B5 ch
52, K-K3	Kt-B3	60. K-B4	KtxB
53. B-Kt6	P-Kt5	61. PxKt	K-Kt5
54. K-B4	P-R4	62. B-K8	P-R5
55. B-K3	Kt-R4	63. PxP	KxP
56. K-K5	B-B1	64. P-R5	P-Kt6
Fingers cr	ossed.		

OPEN TOURNEY

(Continued from page 1, col. 4) made at a directors' meeting another day, Besides President Frank R. Graves, other officials named were: Vice-presidents, Dr. H. J. Ralston, of San Francisco; Max Pavey, of New York City; and Mrs. Willa White Owens, of Avon Lake, Ohio; secretary, Major J. B. Holt of Sarasota, Fla.; treasurer, Bill Byland, of Pittsburgh. This marks the first time in USCF history a woman has been named to this post. Mrs. Owens has served for months as head of the newly created women's division of the USCF.

Receiving keys at the opening festivities August 2nd were: outgoing president Harold M. Phillips; newly elected president Frank R. Graves, and A. Wyatt Jones, of Shreveport, of the USCF; Arthur Bisguier, U.S. Chess Champion; Miss Mona May Karff, U.S. Women's Chess Champion; and Mrs. Willa White Owens, of Avon Lake, head of the women's division of the USCF.



U.S. Master Emeritus Roy T. Black scored an undefeated victory in the 15 player Buffalo City Championship, drawing with Vernon Gable and G. Mauer for a 13-1 score. Second place went to Albert Vossler with 10-4, losing games to Black, Chester Fell, and Vernon Gable, while drawing with R. Mekus and N. Wilder. Chester Fell and James Barrett tied for third with 91/2-41/2 each, while Z. Stopinski was fifth with 81/2-51/2.

In the Class A Division victory went to Edward Schmitt with 7-1 in a double round event, drawing twice with runner-up Andrew A. Gage who scored 6-2. Gage lost one game to Nicholas DiPaolo. Donald W. Haney and C. Fred Bolton tied for third with 3-5 each.

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Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

W ITH "anyone who is anyone" out at the U.S. Open in New Orleans and chess activity in New York at a relative standstill, all we have to report is the solution to the problem posed in the last issue of CHESS LIFE. Here it is!!!

White (Vassily Botvinnik)
1. P-KB3- P-K4
2. K-B2 Q-B3 (Mikhail Smyslov 4. K-R4! Q-B3 3. K-K+3!

QxP ch!!!

Checkmate!

A game to be replayed by the conscientious chess student!



Mr. Esmond B. Martin of New York City donated the sum of \$250 to be evenly divided between the two players on the American team in the USA vs. USSR team match who had the best played game and the most brilliant game. By decision of match referee, Hans Kmoch, the award of \$125 for the best played game went to Larry Evans for his 4th round victory over Taimanov, while the \$125 award for the most brilliant game was presented to Donald Byrne for his 4th round victory over Aver-



Edward M. Foy won the Charleston (W.Va.) City Championship handily with 9-0 in a 10 player round robin event. Second place went to John F. Hurt, Jr. with 71/2-11/2; Allen H. DuVall placed third with 61/2-21/2; and George Hendricks was fourth with 51/2-31/2. Hurt lost a game to Foy and drew with DuVall. DuVall lost games to Foy and Hendricks, while drawing with Hurt. Hendricks lost to Foy, Hurt, and William F. Hartling, while drawing with David F. Marples.



The San Antonio Woodpushers' Tournament was won by Blake W. Stevens on S-B with 141/2-11/2, losing one game to Tony Barlow and drawing with Clemente Villareal-Villareal, also with 141/2-11/2, was second on S-B points, losing no games but drawing with Stevens, J. B. Payne, and Allen H. Baker, Jr. Payne was third with 131/2-21/2, Baker fourth with 12½-3½, while Sherwin Levy and Maj. W. A. Haendiges shared fifth with 111/2-41/2 each in the 17 player round robin event.

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By Montgomery Major

NOTICE: This issue went to press early and thus could not cover final results of U.S. Open Championship, which will be reported in full in next issue. For the first time in eight years, the Editor determined to take a vacation untroubled by chess and refused to let galley-proofs pursue him in his flight.—The Editor.

Yes, This Was An Accident

Accidents will occur in the best regulated families.

DICKENS—David Copperfield

THERE has been apparently some misunderstanding upon the part of some members of the Federation in regard to the unfortunate situation that developed in New Orleans concerning the U.S. Open Championship there. Let us attempt to clarify the matter by a brief statement of the facts.

When Mr. Herman Steiner and his Hollywood Committee refused to discard the idea of a group of graded tournaments, the Federation perforce had to seek another sponsor for the Open. It is indeed ironic that Mr. Steiner, after his vehement upholding of the principle of a series of graded events, finally made his Pan-American Tournament a single-event open, which would have been quite acceptible to the Federation if Mr. Steiner had only changed his mind in January instead of in July!

The Louisiana Chess Federation and the New Orleans Chess Club stepped gallantly into the breach left by the withdrawal of Los Angeles as a sponsor, and the U.S. Chess Federation accepted their generous bid. At this time, there was no thought of discrimination against any group and the plans at New Orleans definitely envisioned the probable appearance of one or more negro chess players. The Louisiana group recognized without quibbling the logic in the well-established stand of the U.S. Chess Federation that its tournaments must be open to all without restriction or distinction.

Unfortunately, at very short notice before the scheduled date for the U.S. Open Championship, the Louisiana State Legislature in the final days of its session passed several very restrictive segregation laws, which made it thereupon illegal in Louisiana for the U.S. Open Championship Tournament to accept entry from negro players.

There may be in the minds of many grave doubts whether such acts of a state legislature are constitutional and legal; but fair-minded individuals must recognize that business institutions in New Orleans such as the Roosevelt Hotel, site of the tournament, cannot afford to be the trial case upon which the constitutionality of such legislative acts are tested.

Notice of these acts of the Louisiana Legislature was not received by the Federation in sufficient time to plan any change in locale, as a national tournament of the size and scope of the U.S. Open cannot be organized and financed over-night. In fact, there was scarcely time to notify USCF members of the restrictions imposed suddenly upon the U.S. Open by state laws.

In accepting these restriction set by the Louisiana State Legislature for the U.S. Open of 1954, the Federation is not waiving its principles of open competition nor recognizing these restrictions as creating any precedent for future tournaments. But as a practical measure for 1954, the Federation had no course but to accept the restrictions imposed.

It has been suggested that the Federation might have cancelled the U.S. Open as a matter of principle. But the Federation has never believed in principles that cost somebody else money! The organizers in New Orleans had acted in good faith in preparing for the Open Champion-

ship; they had expended money, time, energy and ingenuity in promoting the event. The unfortunate situation created by a few rabble-rousing politicians in the Louisiana Legislature made the promoters in New Orleans equally the victims of its fanaticism. Injustice to the negro chess player would not be ameliorated by imposing an equal injustice on the innocent promoters of the U.S. Championship in New Orleans.

As Dr. Joseph Platz has remarked in a letter to the Editor the situation is indeed ironic, for "world champion Paul Morphy did not mind playing chess with the negro Felix Sicre who was then champion of Cuba. And that was nearly 100 years ago!"(*).

*Dr. Platz seems correct in principle and wrong in detail; there is no evidence that Felix Sicre was a negro, but in 1862 Morphy did play a Jose Maria Sicre, a freed slave of Felix Sicre, who definitely was a negro. See Morphy's Games, Game CXXXVII, by Sergeant.

GUILHERME GROESSER

BORN in 1946 of the editor's invention, and perished August 8, 1954, Guilherme Groesser edited various features in CHESS LIFE at different periods, even serving as problem editor pro tem between the regimes of Dr. P. G. Keeney and Vincent L. Eaton. But Mr. Groesser was best known for his column "What's The Best Move?", appearing on the front page of CHESS LIFE. Of a moody temperament, Mr. Groesser was irrationally upset by the action of the USCF annual meeting at New Orleans in censuring his lifelong friend, the editor of CHESS LIFE, and equally perturbed at the questionable statements made by Mr. John Alexander of San Diego in promoting this action.

When last seen by any mortal, Guilherme Groesser was standing on the Navy Pier, gazing into Lake Michigan, clasping in both hands a small box on which was lettered the phrase "Future Best Move Positions". His body has not been recovered. His loss so grieves the editor that in memory of Mr. Groesser the editor has determined to discontinue permanently the special feature "What's The Best Move?" rather than seek a successor.

WILLIAM ROJAM

DORN in 1929 of practical necessity, William Rojam passed away quietly on August 8, 1954. Mr. Rojam was a member of the staff of CHESS LIFE from the first issue, acting as pinch-hitter and general feature writer. In the early days he conducted a column of chess trivia entitled "Under The Chess-Nut Tree"; more recently he had specialized in feature stories on special news events and a variety of chess topics. The wide range of his interest in chess is indicated by the subjects of some of his articles: How to Pair for Round Robin Tournaments, An Easy Guide to Opening Data In Kooyman Filing System, Chess Publications—New and Old—Sustain Interest In Royal Game, etc. His recent feature news stories included a write-up of the U.S. Junior Championship, a report of chess in the Toronto Hobby Show, etc. His final story—a study of the comparative results of all encounters between U.S. masters and Soviet masters since 1944—will not be published in obedience to his last request.

On reading of the action taken by the USCF annual meeting in New Orleans and more particularly the libelous statements made regarding his articles by Mr. John Alexander of San Diego who stated flatly that "you . . . vent (often under an assumed name) your political ideas or spiteful vindictiveness on members of the Federation at will." Mr. Rojam became the victim of coronary thrombosis. For Mr. Rojam in his eight years of service for the Federation had never written a single line that could be interpreted (even by Mr. Alexander!) as an attack on any individual, since he never dealt in personalities. His brief venture into the field of chess politics was confined to one short, amused article entitled "No Kidding, the Russians May Come" (CL February 20, 1954) and one casual sentence: "We do not profess to know how the moves of these masters illustrate the 'Marxian line' in chess, considered so essential to Communist annotators; but we do know that these examples demonstrate that the Soviet players are redoubtable and formidable opponents on the chess board" in a survey of recent Soviet triumphs entitled "A Page of Russian Chess" (CL May 20, 1954). So there is no doubt but that the spiteful mendacity of Mr. John Alexander preyed upon his mind and was largely responsible for his early demise. His passing leaves CHESS LIFE without a special staff writer, and therefore in the future there will be no more special articles prepared in the office of CHESS LIFE

MANHATTAN B CLASS TOURNAMENT Preliminaries, New York, 1954

5. Harry J. Dayson 2½-3½; 6. Anthony C. de Carvalho 1½-4½; 7. Lin Kung Chen 1-5

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

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UNKINDEST CUT

There is a story, apocryphal or authentic, that immediately after this game was finished Evans removed the original, typewritten manuscript of his "Creative Evolution," an upto-date, four column article on the Rubinstein Variation of the Nimzo-Indian Defense, (Chess Life, page 9, June 5, 1954) from his pocket and handed it to Burger with the remark: "Here, take this, you need it more than I do." He was right too!

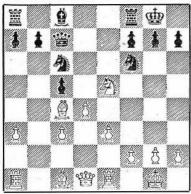
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White K. BURGER
L. EVANS
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt5
2. P-QB4 P-K3 4. P-K3
This, the Rubinstein Variation of the Nimzo-Indian Defense, may go out of fashion, but it certainly has not yet, and the chances are it will not. It is too well positionally motivated too well positionally motivated. 0-0 P-B4 7. O-O 8. P-QR3 B-Q3 6. Kt-B3 P-Q4
Euwe calls this the "Normal Position." **BxKt**

White gets an edge on 8, BPxP; 9. KPxP, B-K2; 10. P-B5. 9. PxB QPxP After 9., P-QKt3; White can likewise achieve the preferable position by 10. BPxP, KPxP; 11. Kt-K5, or 11. B-Kt2. 10. BxP Q-B2 11. R-K1!

A good move, which plays for P-K4.
The fact that White loses this game in no wise reflects on this move. A worthwhile alternative is 11. B-Q3. P-K4

This is the main objective of 7., Kt-B3; and the last move. 12. KfxP?



thing this game proves is that this is a very poor move. With 12. P-Q5! White maintains the With 12. P-Q5! White maintains the advantage. Some examples—12., P-K5; 13. PxKt, PxKt; 14. QxP, B-Kt5; 15. Q-Kt3, QxP; 16. P-K4, B-R4; 17. P-K5, as in Reshevsky-Euwe, Zurich, 1953. Or 12., R-Q1; 13. P-K4. Or 12., Kt-QR4!; 13. B-R2, P-K5; 14. Kt-Q2, P-B5; 15. P-B3. This last variation is a crustal even cial one, KtxKt 14. Q-B2

13. PxKt

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White must worry about weak queenside Pawns and an attack against his King. But surely 14. Q-K2 (14., QxBP?; 15. B-Kt2!) is better than the text which allows Black to develop with tempi.

14. B-B4 16. QxB KR-Q1
15. B-Q3 BxB 17. Q-Kt1 Kt-Kt5
Black now turns his full attention to
the vulnerable White Monarch.

If 18. P-Kt3, Q-R4; 19. P-KR4, Kt-K4; and Black has a winning attack. If 18. P-KB4, Q-QBP; 19. B-Kt2, Q-Q7; and Black wins again.

Q-R7ch 19. K-B1 Threatening, among other things, 20.
....., Kt-Q6; 21. R-Q1, Q-R8ch; 22. K-K2,
Kt-B5ch; and wins.

Kt-Q6 21. R-Q1 20. QXP Kr-Q6 21. K-Q1

Now Black mates or wins the Queen.

White must play 21. B-Q2, KtxR; 22.

BxKt, ceding the exchange, to prolong

For if 23. PxKt, QxRch; 24. K-K3, Q-Q6 mate, and if 23. K-B3, QxKtPch; 24. Kx Kt, QxQ; wins. Q-R8ch 22. K-K2

An incisive win by the former U. S. Champion.

Champion.

All of which brings another story to mind. Karl Burger and Carl Pilnick were off form in this tournament, scoring 55-72 and 5-8, respectively. So Sidney Bernstein dubbed the event "the Karlsbad Tournament!"



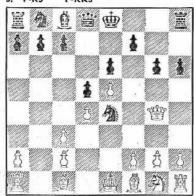
McCUTCHEON VARIATION

The McCutcheon Line of the French Defense is notable for its complicated positions. In the following game, which is no exception, White chooses an old gambit continuation at his ninth turn. The defender cautiously offers an exchange on his sixteenth try but is rebuffed by a sharp K-side attack which leads to a forced mate.

FRENCH DEFENSE MCO: page 51, column 32 (jA) Metropolitan League Match New York, 1954

Notes by U. S. Master Harold Sussman White Black DR. H. SUSSMAN D. KRAMER (Manhattan C.C.)

1. P-K4 P-K3 (Jamaica C.C.) 6. B-Q2 BxKt P-Q4 P-Q4 Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3 7. 8. 9. PxB Q-Kt4 P-KKt3 B-Kt5 B-Kt5 B-B1!?



The old Duras gambit, two-edged and dangerous, still unclear, but conducive to "a game of chess."

9. P-QB4

Here and on the

Here and on the next turn, the only attempt to refute this gambit is to accept it with KtxQBP.

10. B-Q3 Kf-QB3

10. B-Q3 Kf-QB3
Best is 10., KtxQBP!; 11. PxP!
with a very complicated struggle in
view. However, the text is an improvement over 10., Q-R4; 11. Kt-K2!;

PxP; 12. O-O, PxP; 13. BxKt, PxB; 14. Kt-Kt3! with a probable winning position for White. 11. Kt-K2!

11. Kt-B3 is a playable alternative but the text is the sharpest. The pawn sacrifice is sound.

12 ByKt PxB 15. B-B4 Q-Kt5 13. QXKP PXP

His best chance is 15., Kt-K2 in order to post the knight effectively at order to post the knight effectively at Q4. White would continued with KR-Q1 and R-Q3 and Black's weakness on the black squares on the K-side give him a most difficult game to defend.

16. Q-K3 P-KKt4
Weakening his K-side beyond repair but there is already no fully satisfactory line, i.e., 16., Kt-K2; 17. QR-Kt1! followed by KtxP.

17. B-Kt3 P-Kt3 18. KtxP 0-0

Ktl! followed by KtxP.

17. B-Kt3 P-Kt3 18. KtxP 0-0

A case of "castling into it," but the alternative B-Q2 and 0-0-0 is at least as bad; and his King can hardly be left in the center. The try 18., Kt-Q5 is tricky as it threatens QxKt followed by Kt-K7ch winning a piece. It is met adequately by 19. Kt-K4 and if 19., KtxBP; 20. Q-KB3 wins easily, or if 19. P-KB4; 20. PxP e.p., KtxP; 21. Q-Q3 wins.

Kt-K2 19. Kt-K4 Necessary to defend against the threatened KtxP.

B-R3 22. P-KR4! Kt-B4 21. KR-K†1 Q-B5 21. KR-Kt1 Q-B5
Losing very quickly. The best try is
22., Q-K7; 23. Kt-B6 ch, K-Kt2; 24.
Q-QR3, Kt-Q4; 25. R-K1, Q-B5 and 26.
Kt ch or 26. R-K4, Q-B6; 27. Q-QB1. Both
PxP, KtxKt (if PxP; 27. Q-QB1); 27. BPx
will win.
23. PxP KtxB 24. Kt-B6ch

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K-R1 27. RxB 28. Q-KR3! 25. QxKt QXBP 26 R.K+41 R-RS Resigns Mate in three follows.

SICILIAN DEFENSE MCO: page 292, column 140 (q;A) District of Columbia Championship Washington, 1954

Notes by U. S. Expert Edmar Mednis White Black M. SEIDELMAN 1. P-K4 P-Q M. SEIDELMAN
1. P-K4 P-QB4 3. PxP QxP
2. P-QB3 P-Q4 4. P-Q4 P-K4
This is inferior to both PxP and KtQB3. For a more detailed examination
of the usual and best lines of play in
this variation, consult the notes of the
game Mednis-Collins in the March 5,
1954 issue of Chess Life.
5. PxKP QxP ch 6. B-K2 B-Q3
This again is not the best On Q3 the H. AVRAM

This again is not the best. On Q3 the B is not only in the way of its own pieces, but also is a target for the White Kts. A better plan would consist of B-K2, Q-B2, Kt-KB3, O-O, and pos-

sibly R-Q1. 7. Kt-B3 Q-K2 8. B-K+5! Either Kt-KB3 or Q-B2 were necessary here. Now Black will experience difficulties in developing his K-side.

9. B-K3 B-K3 10. QKt-Q2

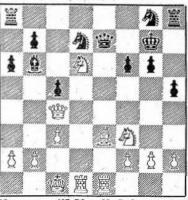
Here was the last chance for Q-B2. 11. Kt-K4 B-QB2 12. Q-R4! Because the QBP is attacked, Black's next move is practically forced.

12. K-B2 13. Q-K+5

This ties up Black's pieces even more. B-Kt3 16. B-QB4! 17. Q-Kt3 P-QR3 14. 0-0-0 14. O-O-O P-Kt3 15. Kt-Q6 ch K-Kt2 P-KR4 18. QXQB Black is still trying to develop I side—all this the result of P-KB3.

19. KR-K1! his K-

White's game plays itself. To try to lessen some of the pressure, Black de-cides to give up his Q for R and B.



20. B-R6 ch KxB 22. KtxP Seidelman now flawlesslessly demon-strates that the rest of the game is a

matter of technique.
22. K-K+2 23. Q-QR4 Kt-Kt1 24. Kt-Q6 B-B2 Q-K8 was threatened. 26. KtxB 27. R-Q8 28. R-K8 29. Q-KB4 R-QKt2 30. 0-06

K-Kt2 This wins a piece with more to follow.
30. R-KB2 35. R-Kt8 ch K-B4 35. R-Kt8 ch 36. QxP 30. 31. RxQKt QR-R2 37. Q-Kt6 ch 38. KtxP ch 32. Q-Q8 33. QxKt ch P-Kt4 K-R3 34. Q-R8 ch K-Kt3 Resigns



UNAMBITIOUS

An oversight which costs a pawn is on the face of it the cause of Black's deefat, but more to be criticized is his passive handling of the

FRENCH DEFENSE MCO: page 53, column 42 Montreal League Match Montreal, 1954

Notes by U. S. Expert Hugh E. Myers White Black E. DAVIS M. FOX (En Passant) (Maccabees)

is no doubt in my mind that the best move here is 2. P-Q3, followed by QKt-Q2, P-KKt3, and B-Kt2. In similar form, the system goes back to M. Tchigorin, but for a recent example refer to the 23rd Smyslov-Botvinnik match

P-04 4. P-K5 Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3

3. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3
The Steinitz variation. Other than havrne steinitz variation. Other than hav-ing a slightly greater surprise value, it isn't considered to be theoretically any better, or as good, as 4. B-KKt5. Yet that may be sufficient reason for playing it.

KKt-Q2 6. PXP P-QB4

best is 6. Kt-QB3, so as to delay the weakening of KKt2 and to possibly tempt White into making the relatively inconsequential move 7. P-QR3. See Spielmann-Keres, Noordwijk, 1937.

7. Q-Kt4 P-KKt3
Positionally sounder is 7., O-O; 8.
B-Q3, P-B4. After 9. Q-R3, White has good attacking chances since he can break with P-KKt4, but Black has a de-

break with P-RK14, but Black has a defensible game.

8. Kt-B3 P-QR3 10. P-KR4 P-KR4

9. B-Q3 QKf-B3 11. Q-Kt3 Kt-B1

Apparently played to give his KKt3 additional protection and to be able to play KPxP in reply to an eventual P-KB5. But this Kt should take a more active role at QKt3 or QB4. I suggest

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11., Kt-Q5. Either an important White attacking piece would be exchanged or the Black Kt at Q5 would be well posted for both attack and defense.

12. B-Q2 B-Q2 All this woodshifting with the Kts is not playing for a win, to say the least. He had best started things rolling on the

Pad best started of Q-side with P-QKt4.

14. Kt-KKt5 Kt-R2

15. Q-B3 KtxKt

16. RPxKt R-KB1 19. K-Kt1 20. R-R7 21. Q-K2 0-0-0

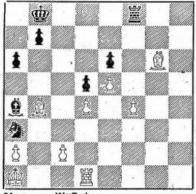
Kt-B4 Kt-Q5 22. Q-Kt2 18. QxKtP Q-B2

18. QXKIP Q-B2
White still has a considerable spatial advantage, but his unenergetic moves 19 and 21 took the pressure off. Instead of this oversight, 22., Q-Kt3 leaves

the result in doubt.
23. BxKtP R-Q2 27. P-Kt6 28. RxR 29. BxKtP 24. B-Q3 25. K-R1 Q-Kt3 B-Kt5 BxKt 26. Q-R3 K-Kt1 30. PxB Not 30. BxB, RxP.

Kt-Kt4 32. Q-Q4 33. PxQ QxQ B-R5 31. Q-Q3 Kt-R6 This need not lose as quickly as it does, but 33., R-Kt1; 34. B-Q3, B-R5 is

34. B-Kt4!



KtxP ch

35. BxKt BxB 36. R-QB1 Resigns Since if 36., R-B1; 37. B-Q6 ch, K-R1; 38. K-Kt2 and a piece falls.



A good example of hypermodern methods of proceeding against overexpanded center pawns.

GRUNFELD DEFENSE MCO: page 84, column 25 (m) U.S. Biennial Championship New York, 1954

Notes by U. S. Expert Dr. E. W. Marchand

White Black P. BRANDTS 1. P-Q4 Kt 2. P-QB4 P-3. Kt-QB3 PAVEY 0-0 Kt-KB3 5. P-KKt3 P-KKt3 P-Q4 6. PXP 7. B-K12 8. P-K4 KtxP P-B4 In conjunction with a K-side fianchetto the KP should usually be left at K2 as long as possible in order to control important squares. Some of White's

QP. If his KP had been left at K2, Black could scarcely have developed the pressure which he now exerts, especially since White would have used his 8th move for more constructive purposes

such as castling.

11. PxP

12. PxP Q-R4 ch 13. Q-Q2

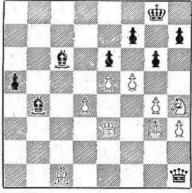
Black already has the better game, as White is having trouble completing his development. The absence of White's pawn at K2 is again pointed out by Black's last move, which prevents White from castling. 14. P-KR3 B-B4

16. P-B4 15, Kt-R4 17. BxKt 19. KR-QB1 P-QKt4 23. PxP BXP P-R4 P-QR3

of the R-file. 24. R-B3

share of the open file. 27. B-B1 28. R-B3

27. B-B1 28. R-B3
A repetition of the error on move 24.
Here again P-B5 at once is in order.
28. RxR 30. P-B5 B-B3
29. QxR Q-Q4 31. B-B1 P-QR4
Black patiently rejects the attractive-looking 31., Q-R3. It is true that
32. Kt-B3, BxKt; 33. Q-B8! (not 33. QxB, QxB), B-Kt2! wins. But after 32. B-B4
the win is not yet clear. The text-move helps bring up more artillery.
32. K-Kt3 B-Kt5 33, Q-K3 Q-R8



34. Kt-B3, BxKt; 35. QxB, QxB; 36. Q-R8 ch, B-B1; also not 34. K-B4, Q-R7 ch; 35. K-Kt5, B-K2 ch; 36. P-B6, P-R3 ch; 37. KxP, B-B1 ch; 38. K-Kt5, K-R2. 34. Q-K5 36. Kt-B3 QxKt ch 35. Q-B2 P-Kt4 37. QxQ BxQ Resigns

Because of 38. BxB, PxB; 39. KxB,



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Los Angeles County League: A fantastic tie in both match points and games won occurred in the "A" Division with Long Beach and Santa Monica now scheduled for a playoff to decide the title.

100001	Matches	Games
1. Long Beach		124- 71
2. Santa Monica	4 -1	123- 7
3. Hollywood	3 -2	13 - 7
4. Van Nuys		10 -10
5. Pasadena		83-113
6. Inglewood	0 -5	31-16
In the "B" division	Hollywood	was un-

disputed victory, with North American

Matches	Games
I. Hollywood6 -1	31 -11
2. North American51-11	25 -17
3. Valley4 -3	25 -17
4. Inglewood4 -3	21 -21
5. Cosmopolitan33-33	18 -24
6. Beverly Hills3 -4	20 -22
7. Santa Monica2 -5	191-221
B. Water & Power0 -7	71-34

The Club Argentino de Ajedrez announces an International Composing Tourney in two groups: a) For orthdox direct mate problems in two moves, judged by Julio Perlis and A. P. Arguelles with Arnoldo Ellerman as director, with four prizes and four honorable mentions (1st prize 300 Argentine pesos); b) For end-game studies, judged by C. A. de Feitjer and S. Isenegger with Dr. Carlos Skalicka as director, with four prizes (600 pesos 1st prize) and four honorable mentions. Not more than four entries per composer in each section. Address problems (/o Sr. A Ellerman and Studies c/o Dr. C. Skalicka, Club Argentino de Ajedrez, Paraguay 1858, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Entries must be in duplicate, clearly stamped diagrams, original and unpublished, with full solution and name and address of composer on each diagram. Entries close November 30, 1954. Awards will be published April 18, 1955 and become effective 90 days later.

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1. George KraussW19	W3	W6	W7	W14	D11	L4	51-11	25.75
2. Kit CrittendenW47	W20	L14	W9	W7	D5	W11	51-11	20.50
3. Jerry SullivanW38	L1	W16	W17	W23	W14	D5	53-13	20.50
4. R. B. HayesW49	L12	W42	D15	W22	W10	W1	51-11	17.50
5. Dr. A. M. JenkinsW26	W22	D3	W24	D11	D2	D3	5 -2	20.75
6. Dr. R. A. CarlyleW9	W27	L1	W37	D12	D8	W17	5 -2	19.75
 Kimball NedvedW28 	W18	W12	L1	L2	W23	W15	5 -2	19.50
8. Chas, W. RiderW36	W32	D5	L11	W25	D6	W22	5 -2	17.50
9. J. L. CabeL6	W48	W31	L2	W30	W24	W14	5 -2	15.50
10. N. S. HernandezW34	W13	W17	L14	W30	W24	W14	41-21	19.00
11. Sandy Miller	W21	W30	W8	D5	D1	L2	41-21	18.00
12. B. WadeW37	W4	L7	W32	D6	L17	W31	41-21	15.50
13. R. S. UnderwoodW41	L10	D28	L25	W38	W20	W26	43-23	13.25
14. Ben FishbackW16	W31	W2	W10	L1	L3	L9	4 -3	17.00
15. Robert BriegerL20	W26	W27	D4	D10	W31	L7	4 -3	15.00
16. Dr. F. E. JohnstoneL14	W19	L3	W44	D37	W21	D18	4 -3	14.00
17. Dr. N. M. Hornstein	W23	L10	L3	W27	W12	L6 .	4 -3	13.50
18. Maj. J. B. HoltW45	L7	W20	L23	W40	D26	D16	4 -3	10.25
19. J. RothenbergL1	L16	W46	L29	W39	W40	W33	4 -3	8.50
20. E. A. BrownW15	L2	L18	D27	W36	L13	W32	31-31	13.00
21. Charles ShawD25	L11	W33	D35	D24	L16	W36	31-31	12.00
22. P. C. KnoxW33	L5	W38	D28	L4	W35	L8	31-31	11.75
23. Paul Davis	L17	W29	W18	L3	L7	D24	31-31	11.25
24. Charles OxfordW46	D30	W25	L5	D21	L9	D23	31-31	11.25
25. Don DyalD21	W35		W13	L8	W44	L10	31-31	10.75
26. J. G. NapolesL5	L15	W39	W42	W29	D18	L13	31-31	9.50
27. Leroy MartinW29	L6	L15	D20	L17	W34	W44	33-33	7.75
28. R. L. FreemkeL7	W47		D22	D35	W37		31-31	6.50
29. 29. James Selkin 3-4 (9.00); 30.								
3-4 (6.00); 32, J. F. Smith 3-4 (5.00)								
3-4 (3.00); 35. A. T. Henderson 2½-4½								
Fawcett 22-41 (6.00); 38. R. T. More								
Gordon Knight 2-5 (4.00); 41. Dr.								
(3.50); 43. G. F. Gant 2-5 (2.00); 44.								
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wood 0-7 (0,00); 49. R. H. Williams, Miller forfeited to Martin, Faw				Francis	Iro F	actura	ad and	13711
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liams withdrew after second round; Capo after third round, Henderson after sixth round. Miller and Palmer forfeited one game each, unpaired.
R. C. Eastwood, T.D.; Dr. W. H. Taylor, Asst. T.D.

ALABAMA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP Birmingham, 1954 100% USCF Rated Event 1. G. C. Bates (Birmingham)W8
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4. Tony L. Janes (Demopolis) W24
5. J. H. Oliver (Dadéville) W19
6. E. M. Cockrell (Fairfield) W15
7. F. W. Kemp (Birmingham) W20
8. F. J. Shippen (Camp Hill) L1
9. Jack Mallory (University) W16
10. C. D. Swanson (Huntsville) L2
11. E. G. Ming, Jr. (Montgomery) W22
12. L. L. Hefner (Birmingham) W21
13. Charles Cleveland (Birmingham) D13
14. C. V. Brady (Mobile) L22
15. R. P. Gant (Attalla) L6
16. W. S. Isbell (Huntsville) L9
17. J. T. Langenbacher (Birmingham) L25
18. L. B. Pierce (Montgomery) 22-32 (7.50 D4 L2 W12 W14 11.25 W6 4 -2 4 -2 4 -2 .W15 L12 L4 W7 L5 W25 W23 W14 9.00 W22 D13 W13 W12 D10 W19 W21 8.25 D2 W17 L4 L11 .W16 W22 D8 W21 W18 31-21 10.00 L3 L8 L7 3½-2½ 3½-2½ 3 -3 3 -3 ..W28 D13 ...W21 W6 W10 L1 W9 W6 D11 D19 W24 D8 7.75 W20 W16 W15 W23 W22 L14 W20 L18 7.50 L18 L10 L15 L24 W26 W27 3 -3 W27 3.50 W28 1.00 17. J. T. Langenbacher (Birmingham) L25 L10 L24 W28 W27 W26 3 -3 1.00 I8. L. B. Pierce (Montgomery) 2½-3½ (7.50); 19. H. G. Davies (Birmingham) 2½-3½ (6.00); 20. S. M. Sayer (Demopolis) 2½-3½ (1.25); 21. J. H. Taylor (Birmingham) 2½-3½ (1.25); J. F. Addington (Birmingham) 2-4 (4.00); 23. J. F. Pettitt (Huntsville) 2-4 (1.50); 24. J. T. Cockrell (Auburn) 1½-4½ (3.25); 25. J. Hallmark (University) 1-5 (3.00); 26. A. Burns (Gadsden) 1-5 (0.50); 27. E. P. Culpepper (Mobile) ½-5½ (0.75); 28. M. Rechtmann (Camp Hill) 0-6 (0.00)

Hefner forfeited to Janes and Shippen; Brady to E. M. Cockrell; Hallmark to Taylor; Culpepper to Langenbacher; Rechtmann to Sayer, Taylor and Langenbacher.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP Washington, 1954

100% USCF Rated Event

Nash forfeited to Esteves; Hursch and Esteves forfeited two games, Thompson and Rice one game, in double forfeits for non-appearance.

NEW HAVEN CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

New Haven, 1954 100% USCF Rated Event

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Pasco (Wash.) Chess Club has a meeting place at the Sylvester Park Club House on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. Visitors in the Tri-City area are p.m. always welcome.

Chess Life Friday,

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Position No. 144

This position, rather than a fantastic problem conception, actually occurred in the game Deschapelles-Labourdonnais in Paris, 1821. Deschapelles, who played a wicked game of Whist also, played a wicked game of Whist also, could upon occasion play a spectacular coup in chess as he did in this game with 1. KtxB ch, PxKt; 2. Q-R8 ch!!, KxQ; 3. K-B7 and Black resigned for after 3., R-B1 ch; 4. KxR, any; 5. B-B6 mates. If Black refuses the Kt sacrifice with 1., K-R1 he does not avoid the mate, for 2. Kt-B7 ch, K-Kt1; 3. QxKtP ch, KxQ; 4. B-B6 ch, K-Kt1; 5. Kt-R6 mates with an equal facility. Indeed an amazing position and a beautiful conception. ful conception.

ful conception.

Note that the suggested solution of

1. KtxB, PxKt; 2. Q-B6?? fails because
of 2., P-K8(Q) ch! and Black should
win. Equally 1. KtxB, PxKt; 2. BxP??
fails after 2., B-B3 (rather than 2.

B-B1 or 2., P-B7 as suggested),
for White is now threatened with 3.

R-K1 ch and if he dodges this
with 3. BxP, then 3., P-K8(Q) ch
trades Qs and should win for Black.
Also, an immediate 1. QxKtP ch only
wins if Black plays 1., KxQ??? If he
plays 1., BxQ, White is lost. And on

1. KtxB ch, K-R1; 2. K-B7?, Black gains
the upper hand with 2., P-Q5
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Open to all; at Amarillo YMCA, 816
Van Buren St.; 5 rd Swiss; also Junior
event for under 18; Trophies for Panhandle Open Champ, Panhandle Champ,
Junior Champ, and four cash prizes;
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fee from non-members of USCF; Panhandle title to ranking Panhandle resident, Open and other titles not restricted; for details, write: R. T. Price,
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September 4-6

Southwestern Open Championship Fort Worth, Texas

Open to all; 7 rd Swiss; cash prizes; entry fee to be announced later; TCA and USCF membership required of all players; details later; for further in-formation, write: Clarence A. Cleere, 1327 E. Lancaster, Ft. Worth, Tex. 100% USCF rated event.

September 4-6

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At Johnstown YMCA; 7 rd Swiss; At Johnstown YMCA; 7 rd Swiss; open to residents of Pennsylvania or members of Penn. Chess Clubs; Friday evening Sept. 3rd Rapid Transit tourney; entry fee \$2.00 plus \$6.00 for USCF and PSCF dues; for details write: Dr. E. J. Gording, 1015 Graham Ave., Windber, Pa.

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Open to all; at Seneca Hotel; 7 rd. Swiss, 50 moves in 2 hours, adjudica-tion of unfinished games after 4 hrs.; tion of unfinished games are entry fee \$8, including banquet ticket entry fee \$8 OCA membership of plus USCF & OCA membership of the company minimum 1st plus USCF & OCA membership of \$6.00 for non-members; minimum 1st prize \$75, trophy and Ohio State, Wom-en's and Junior titles to ranking state residents, other cash prizes; banquet at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6; play begins Sat. Sept. 4 at 1 p.m.; for details, write: Ross Owens, 124 South Point Drive, Avon Lake, Ohio.

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September 4-6

Northwest Open Championship St. Paul, Minn.

St. Paul, Minn.

Open to all; at Volunteers of Amerlca House, 5th and Washington; entry fee \$5.00 plus \$1.00 rating fee or USCF membership; 12 prizes totalling \$265 including \$100 ist prize and prizes for top 3 in class A, B and C as well as \$50 2nd and \$25 3rd prize; TD, E. Hoeflin; for details, write: E. Hoeflin, 1057 Selby, St. Paul, Minn.; 7 rd Swiss; bring clocks, men and boards; 40 moves in 2 hrs.

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September 4-6

Illinois State Championship Peoria, III.

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Open to residents of Illinois; at LaSalle room Hotel Pere Marquette (airconditioned); 7 rd Swiss; entry fee \$5
plus \$1 rating fee or membership in
USCF; \$75 guaranteed 1st prize, special
prizes for high Class A, B, C, & D players; entries close 2:15 p.m. CDST, Saturday, Sept. 4; for details, write: Hank
Cramer, 117 Machin St., Peoria, Ill.
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Manhattan Chess Club (New York): Preliminaries of the Manhattan B Class Tourney in three sections ended with Brian C. Owens scoring 5½ in Section one, Patterson Smith 5-1 for second, and David Singer 3½-2½ for third. In Section two Kenneth Keating tallied 5-1, Victor A. Guala and Dr. Isaac Spector 4½-1½ each for second. In Section three Arthur Feuerstein scored 6-0, Schuyler Broughton and Maxwell Sokoler tied for second with 3½-2½ each.

September 3-6

New Jersey State Open Orange, N.J.

Open; at central YMCA, Main St.; 7 rd Swiss; entry fee: adults \$5, jun-iors \$3 plus \$2 forfeit, USCF member-ship required; beautiful championship ship required; beautiful championship trophy to highest ranking NJ player; five cash prizes: \$75 first, \$50 second, \$35 third, plus special \$5 awards to each player below first five scoring 4½ points or more. Also Premier Reserve Open limited to unrated players and those below 1900 in national rating; entry fee: adults \$4, junior \$2, plus \$2 forfeit; prizes. TD. E. T. McCormick; send entries and inquires to Edward G. Baker, 166 Summit Ave., Upper Montclair, N.J., registration closes 5:00 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3.

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September 4-6

Southwestern Open Championship Fort Worth, Texas

Open to all; at Longhorn Room of Texas Hotel; 7 rd Swiss; entry fee \$5.00 plus USCF & TCA dues from non-members (\$5.00); guaranteed 1st prize of \$100 and second prize of \$75; traveling trophy for winner plus trophies for class winners according to USCF rat-ings, special trophies for highest ranking junior and lady player; business meeting of TCA on Saturday 6 p.m.; for details, write: Clarence Cleere, 1327 East Lancaster, Ft. Worth, Tex. 100% USCF rated event.

Robert Byrne Chess Club (Sugar Land, Tex.): The first club 30-30 tourna-ment resulted in a 4-0 victory for Leon Anheiser, while Lanny Miller placed second with 3-1 and Leonard Anheiser was third on S-B, also with 3-1 score.

September 18-19

Washington State Junior Championship

Yakima, Wash.

Open to State residents under age of 21; at YMCA, 6 South 4th St.; 5 or 6 rd Swiss, 30 moves per hr.; 1st place has choice of cash, trophy or merchandise, \$15 minimum guaranteed; entry fees \$3.50 with \$1.00 deducted for USCF membership card and 50c deducted for WCF card; 1st rd begins 12 noon Satur-day; for details, write: Oliver W. La-Freniere, 2807 West Yakima Ave., Yakima, Wash.

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October 2-3

Fort Wayne Open Tournament Fort Wayne, Ind.

Open to all; at World Friendship Hall, YMCA, 226 East Washington; 5 rd Swiss, S-B tie-breaking; entry fee \$2.00 plus \$1.00 USCF rating fee for non-members of USCF; prizes 50%—30%—20% of \$1.00 per player for first three prizes respectively; for details, write: William R. Shuler, 3025 Winter Street Fort Wayne 5 Ind. Street, Fort Wayne 5, Ind.

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November 26-28

1st Annual North-Central Open Milwaukee, Wis.

Open to all; entry fee \$7 plus \$1 rating fee for non-members of USCF; \$100 minimum first prize guaranteed, \$250 min. total prizes guaranteed; 7 rd Swiss, starting 8:00 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26; entries close 6:00 p.m. Friday; sponsored by Wisconsin State Ass'n and Milwaukee Chess Foundation; for details, write: A. E. Elo, 3935 No. Fiebrantz Dr., Milwaukee 10, Wis. (Originally announced as Wisconsin State Open).

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