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What's The Best Move?

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As a result of the activity of Mr. John Alexander of San Diego at the annual meeting in New Orleans, Mr. Guilherme Groesser has withdrawn from the staff of CHESSE LIFE and the feature "What's The Best Move?"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 CHESSE LIFE each issue until all published positions have been dealt with.

A Message From The President

TO ALL INTERESTED IN CHESS:
GREETINGS:

At the annual meeting of the UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION held at New Orleans, La., August 5, 1954, I was duly elected president 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

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DREIBERGS TOPS MICHIGAN EVENT

Leonids Dreiberger 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 Avon 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 understandable 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 Selen-sky 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, Blon-aro-vych, 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 CHESSE LIFE and there will be no further special articles in CHESSE 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 (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 chess-playing 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



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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Diagram No. 10

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.



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. Borosodi, 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 HONOR MORPHY

New Orleans, Aug. 8 (Special): President Frank 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 Championship 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. Waldorf, 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 CAROLINAS OPEN

George Krauss of Jamaica, N.Y. and Pope Field added to his Southern titles by winning the North and South Carolinas Open at 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 Nestor Hernandez with 4½-1½, 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 players.



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

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Great Britain vs. USSR Match
London, 1954

White		Black	
D. BRONSTEIN	H. GOLOMBEK	R-Q1	R-Q1
1. P-K4	16. QxQK1P	KxR	KxR
2. K1-QB3	17. RxR ch	Q-Q6	Q-Q6
3. K1-B3	18. R-B1	K1-Q2	K1-Q2
4. P-KR3	19. RxP	K-K2	K-K2
5. QxB	20. R-B8 ch	P-KR3	P-KR3
6. P-Q4	21. R-B7	P-K14	P-K14
7. KfxP	22. P-KK13	R-R2	R-R2
8. B-Q3	23. Q-B8	K-B3	K-B3
9. B-K3	24. B-B5 ch	K1-Q2	K1-Q2
10. R-Q1	25. BxB	K-K4	K-K4
11. Q-B4	26. B-K7 ch	K-KR3	K-KR3
12. O-O	27. QxP ch	K-R4	K-R4
13. RxKt	28. QxKt	P-B5	P-B5
14. Q-B7	29. B-Q6	PxP	PxP
15. R-Q4	30. Q-K8 ch	Resigns	Resigns

SLAV DEFENSE

MCO: page 193, column 6 (bB)

Great Britain vs. USSR Match
London, 1954

White		Black	
Y. AVERBACH	J. PENROSE	KxP	KxP
1. P-Q4	15. PxK1P	Q-K2	Q-K2
2. P-QB4	16. R-Q1	B-B4	B-B4
3. K1-KB3	17. PxP	QR-Q1	QR-Q1
4. K1-B3	18. P-B4	P-B3	P-B3
5. P-QR4	19. B-K12 ch	KR-K1	KR-K1
6. P-K3	20. Q-K4	P-K4	P-K4
7. BxP	21. P-R4	K1-B1	K1-B1
8. O-O	22. P-KR5	RxR ch	RxR ch
9. Q-K2	23. K1-R4	P-B4	P-B4
10. P-K4	24. RxR	Q-B3	Q-B3
11. B-Q3	25. Q-B4	B-Q5	B-Q5
12. P-K5	26. Q-K13	P-B5	P-B5
13. PxK1	27. RxB	Resigns	Resigns
14. BxB	28. RxB		

FRENCH DEFENSE

MCO: page 47, column 11

Great Britain vs. USSR Match
London, 1954

White		Black	
P. KERES	R. G. WADE	K-B1	K-B1
1. P-K4	10. Q-K14	P-K11	P-K11
2. P-Q4	11. Q-B3	Q-QB4	Q-QB4
3. K1-QB3	12. B-Q3	RxB	RxB
4. B-KK15	13. BxP ch	KxR	KxR
5. P-K5	14. RxR	P-B4	P-B4
6. P-KR4	15. O-O-O	K-K11	K-K11
7. PxB	16. R-R1 ch	Resigns	Resigns
8. K1-R3	17. R-R8 ch!		
9. K1-B4	P-QR3		



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 opponents 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 play-off with the Saginaw Valley League.

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Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

WITH "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) Black (Mikhail Smyslov)
1. P-KB3 P-K4 4. K-R4! B-K2
2. K-B2 Q-B3
3. K-Kt3!

QxP ch!!!

Checkmate!
A game to be replayed by the conscientious chess student!



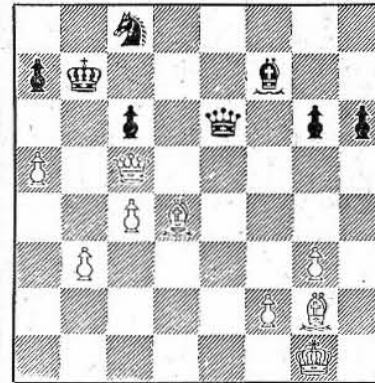
Mr. Esmond B. Martin of New York City donated the sum of \$250 to be evenly divided between the two players on the American team in the USA vs. USSR team match who had the best played game and the most brilliant game. By decision of match referee, Hans Kmoch, the award of \$125 for the best played game 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 Averbach.



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 7½-1½; Allen H. DuVall placed third with 6½-2½; and George Hendricks was fourth with 5½-3½. 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 14½-1½, losing one game to Tony Barlow and drawing with Clemente Villareal-Villareal, also with 14½-1½, 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 13½-2½, Baker fourth with 12½-3½, while Sherwin Levy and Maj. W. A. Haendiges shared fifth with 11½-4½ each in the 17 player round robin event.



If K-R3; 49. K-Q3 and 50. P-QKt4.
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-Kt5 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 crossed.

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 Pavay, 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 9½-4½ each, while Z. Stopinski was fifth with 8½-5½.

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.

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.

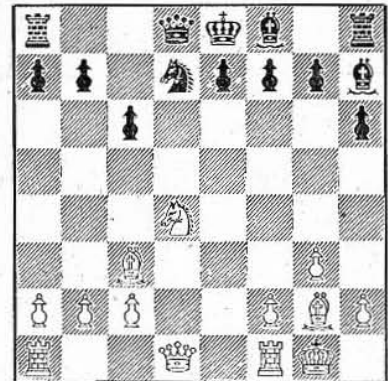
RETI OPENING World Championship Challengers Tournament, 1953

White V. SMYSLOV Black M. EUWE
1. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3 4. O-O QKt-Q2
2. P-KKt3 P-Q4 5. P-Q3 P-B3
3. B-Kt2 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. Pxt, B-R2; 11. P-QKt4, B-K2; 12. B-Kt2 and White gained a slight pull. The omission of P-K3 by Black in the present game enables Smyslov to indulge in a speculative pawn sacrifice.

6. QKt-Q2 P-KR3 8. 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 game.
8. KtxP 9. Kt-Q4 KtxKt
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



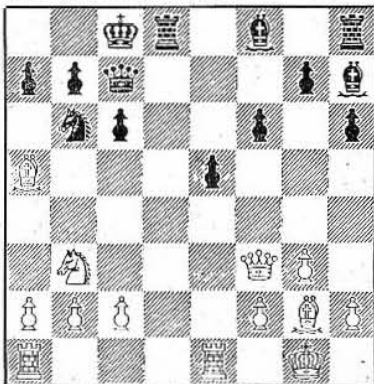
Euwe suggests an immediate sacrifice on B6, i.e., 11. KtxP, Pxt; 12. BxBP and now R-B1 is bad because of B-R5! and the three pieces are not enough for the queen. Black, therefore, has trouble getting disentangled.

11. Q-B2
If 11. P-K3; 12. KtxKP, Pxt; 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-K3
12. P-K3; 13. KR-K1, B-K2; 14. Q-Kt4, B-B3; 15. KtxKP, Pxt; 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.
13. KR-K1 O-O-O 15. B-R5 Kt-Kt3
14. Kt-Kt3 P-B3

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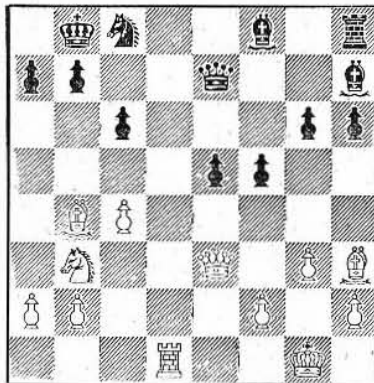
As we go to press, we have received brief notification of an action of the U.S.C.F. Annual Meeting which will require thoughtful consideration. Pending study of this action, the Editor will hereafter not answer questions or forward information upon any matter not directly related to CHESS LIFE.



P-QKt3 seems to create a serious weakness here, however, Black can hold after 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, Q-Q1.

22. B-R3 RxR 23. RxR P-KB4
Forced for the threatened R-Q7 is overwhelming.
24. B-QKt4!



Ouch! If now Q-K3; 25. B-B3, B-Kt2; 26. Kt-B5.

24. Q-B3 25. B-B3 B-Kt2
B-Q3; 26. RxB.

26. Kt-B5
A "cheapo" which is deeper than it looks.

26. K-R1 28. R-Q7 ch K-R1
27. KtxP! KxKt
If K-Kt1; 29. RxB.

29. Q-B5
Threat: 30. BxKP or RxB. Even stronger was 29. B-Kt2!, R-K1; 30. BxKP!, RxB; 31. QxR, QxQ; 32. BxP ch and mates.

29. Kt-Kt3
To meet 30. BxKP with KtxR.

30. RxB QxR 35. P-Kt3 P-B5
31. BxKP Q-Q2 36. P-QR4 PxB
32. BxR K-Kt2 37. RPxP B-B2
33. B-Q4 Q-K3 38. P-R5 Kt-B1
34. B-B1 B-Kt1 39. B-KKt2

(diagram D)

If now 39. P-R3, White advances his QKtP and wins quickly.

39. Q-Q3 43. K-B1 B-K3
40. P-R6 ch KxP 44. K-K2 Kt-Q2
41. BxP QxQ 45. B-Q4 K-R4
42. BxQ Kt-Kt3 46. B-B3 ch
46. BxP, K-Kt5; 47. B-R4, Kt-K4 is not as good.
46. K-Kt3 48. B-Q4 ch K-R4
47. B-K4 P-Kt4

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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 up-to-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!

NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE

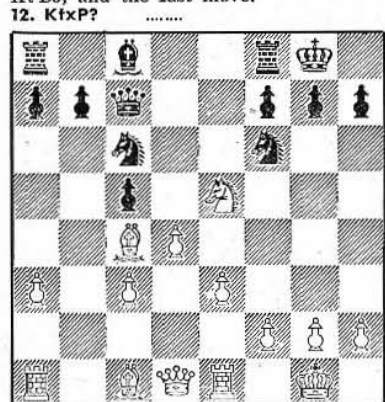
MCO: page 108, column 36
U. S. Biennial Championship
New York, 1954

White K. BURGER Black 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.

4. O-O 7. O-O Kt-B3
5. B-Q3 P-B4 8. P-QR3
6. Kt-B3 P-Q4
Euwe calls this the "Normal Position."

8. 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-Kt1
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.
11. P-K4
This is the main objective of 7....., Kt-B3; and the last move.



12. KtxP?
One thing this game proves is that this is a very poor move. With 12. P-Q5! White maintains the advantage. Some examples—12....., P-K5?; 13. PxB, PxB; 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, B-R4; 14. Q-Kt3, Q-R4; 13. B-R2, P-K5; 14. Kt-Q2, P-B5; 15. P-B3. This last variation is a crucial one.
12. KtxKt 14. Q-B2
13. PxB QxP

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White must worry about weak queen-side 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.

18. P-R3
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.

18. Q-R7ch 19. K-B1 Kt-K4
Threatening, among other things, 20....., Kt-Q6; 21. R-Q1, Q-R8ch; 22. K-K2, Kt-B5ch; and wins.

20. QxP Kt-Q6 21. R-Q1
Now Black mates or wins the Queen. White must play 21. B-Q2, KtxR; 22. BxKt, ceding the exchange, to prolong the game.

21. Q-R8ch 22. K-K2 Kt-B5ch
Resigns
For if 23. PxB, QxRch; 24. K-K3, Q-Q6 mate, and if 23. K-B3, QxKtPch; 24. KxKt, QxQ; wins.

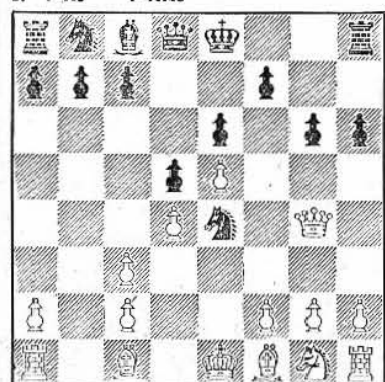
An incisive win by the former U. S. Champion.
All of which brings another story to mind. Karl Burger and Carl Pilnick were off form in this tournament, scoring 5½-7½ and 5-8, respectively. So Sidney Bernstein dubbed the event "the Karlsbad Tournament!"

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 (1A)
Metropolitan League Match
New York, 1954

Notes by U. S. Master Harold Sussman
White DR. H. SUSSMAN Black D. KRAMER
(Manhattan C.C.) (Jamaica C.C.)
1. P-K4 P-K3 6. B-Q2 BxKt
2. P-Q4 P-Q4 7. PxB Kt-K5
3. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3 8. Q-Kt4 P-KKt3
4. B-Kt5 B-Kt5 9. B-B1? Resigns
5. P-K5 P-KR3



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

9. P-QB4
Here and on the next turn, the only attempt to refute this gambit is to accept it with KtxQBP.

10. B-Q3 Kt-QB3
Best is 10....., KtxQBP!; 11. PxB! 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.

11. PxB 14. O-O Q-R4
12. BxKt PxP 15. B-B4 Q-Kt5
13. QxKP PxP

His best chance is 15....., Kt-K2 in order to post the knight effectively at Q4. White would continue 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.

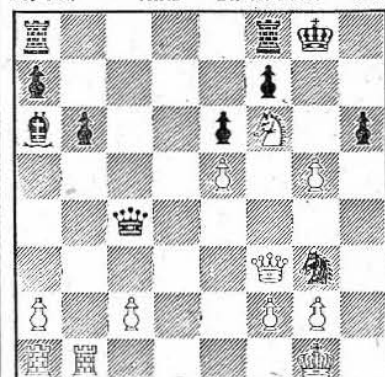
16. Q-K3 P-KKt4
Weakening his K-side beyond repair but there is already no fully satisfactory line, i.e., 16....., Kt-K2; 17. QR-Kt1! followed by KtxP.

17. B-Kt3 P-Kt3 18. KtxP O-O
A case of "castling into it," but the alternative B-Q2 and O-O-O 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....., KtxB; 20. Q-KB3 wins easily, or if 19....., P-KB4; 20. PxB e.p., KtxP; 21. Q-Q3 wins.

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

20. Q-KB3 B-R3 22. P-KR4! Kt-B4
21. KR-Kt1 Q-B5
Losing very quickly. The best try is 22....., Q-K7; 23. Kt-B6 ch, Kt-K2; 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. PxB KtxB 24. Kt-B6ch Resigns



24. K-R1 27. RxB QxR
25. QxKt QxBP 28. Q-KR3!
26. R-Kt4! B-B5 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 M. SEIDELMAN Black H. AVRAM
1. P-K4 P-QB4 3. PxB QxP
2. P-QB3 P-Q4 4. P-Q4 P-K4
This is inferior to both PxP and Kt-QB3. 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.

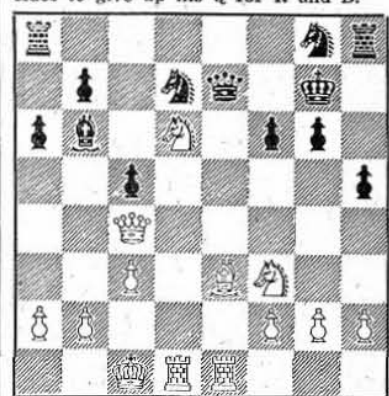
5. PxBP QxP ch 6. B-K2 B-Q3
This again is not the best. On Q3 the B is not only in the way of its own pieces, but also is a target for the White Kts. A better plan would consist of B-K2, Q-B2, Kt-KB3, O-O, and possibly R-Q1.

7. Kt-B3 Q-K2 8. B-Kt5! P-B3?
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 Kt-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-Kt5

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

19. KR-Kt1
White's game plays itself. To try to lessen some of the pressure, Black decides to give up his Q for R and B.



19. KR-R2 21. RxQ RxR
20. B-R6 ch KxB 22. KtxP
Seidelman now flawlessly demonstrates that the rest of the game is a matter of technique.

23. K-Kt2 25. Kt-K8 ch K-R2
24. Kt-Q6 B-B2 26. KtxB RxKt
27. R-Q8 R-K2
Q-K8 was threatened.

28. R-K8 R-QKt2 30. Q-Q6
29. Q-KB4 K-Kt2
This wins a piece with more to follow.
30. KR-B2 35. R-Kt8 ch K-B4
31. RxQKt QR-R2 36. QxP R-R2
32. Q-Q8 P-Kt4 37. Q-Kt6 ch K-K3
33. QxKt ch K-R3 38. KtxP ch Resigns
34. Q-R8 ch K-Kt3

UNAMBITIOUS

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

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

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

1. P-K4 P-K3 2. P-Q4
Most players will regard this statement as almost sacrilegious, but there 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. Teigorin, but for a recent example refer to the 23rd Smyslov-Botvinnik match game.

3. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3
The Steinitz variation. Other than having 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.

4. Kt-Q2 6. PxB BxP
5. P-B4 P-QB4
Best is 6....., Kt-QB3, so as to delay the weakening of Kt2 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 defensible game.

8. Kt-B3 P-QR3 10. P-KR4! P-KR4
9. B-Q3 QKt-B3 11. Q-Kt3 Kt-B1
Apparently played to give his Kt3 additional protection and to be able to play KPxB 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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Solution To What's The Best Move?

Position No. 144

This position, rather than a fantastic problem conception, actually occurred in the game Deschappelles-Labourdonna in Paris, 1821. Deschappelles, who 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 chl, 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.

Note that the suggested solution of 1. KtXB, PxKt; 2. Q-B6?? fails because of 2., P-K3(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-K3(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 (blocking out the Q) rather than the futile suggested 2., R-B1 ch.

But overwhelmingly our solvers are to be congratulated on finding the correct line of play. Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: F. Athey, Jr. (St. Petersburg), J. A. Baker (Manakato), K. Blumberg (San Francisco), A. Bomberault (Pittsburgh), M. Burn (Bronx), J. D. Carpenter (Pella), M. H. Cha (Washington), R. Chauvenet (Silver Spring), J. Callis (Wichita), J. E. Comstock (Duluth), R. Dickinson (Redwood City), H. Eichenbaum (Bronx), E. Gault (Bainbridge), E. Godbold (St. Louis), F. Gross (La Canada), D. Hamburger (Pittsburgh), H. E. Hart (Oakwood), R. W. Hays (New York), R. A. Hedgecock (Frankfort), R. E. Hitecock (Ann Arbor), R. K. Hubbard (Urbana), Maj. J. B. Holt (Long Beach), L. T. Johnson, Jr. (Seattle), J. Kaufman (Los Angeles), H. Kite (Chicago), E. J. Korpany (Woodside), H. Kurrak (San Fernando), J. L. McDonald (New York), J. Melnick (Portland), M. Milstein (New York), P. Murtha (Monroe), C. Musgrove (Northlake), E. Nash (Washington), R. O'Neil (Norristown), Q. W. Payne (Webster Groves), H. C. Pierson (Chicago), R. Pinson (Salem), N. Raymond (Hartford), N. Reider (San Francisco), Sheldon Rein (Minneapolis), M. Richter (Ridgewood), E. Roman (New Britain), W. Shugert, Jr. (Redwood City), B. J. Sidey (Cincinnati), I. Sigmund (Colwick), D. Silver (New York), I. Schwartz (Durand), G.V.D. Tiers (St. Paul), F. Trask (Plymouth), A. Trucis (Philadelphia), H. C. Underwood (Washington), F. J. Valvo (Guilderland Center), A. Varnik (Stamford), L. A. Ware (Iowa City), A. Waters (Brooklyn), H. L. Weigand (Victoria), J. Weininger (Scotia), H. D. Wilbur (Corpus Christi), W. B. Wilson (Amherstburg), N. P. Witting (Salem), N. Zemke (Detroit), R. B. Hayes (Greenville), H. C. Taylor (Mineral Wells).

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