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## What's The Best Move?

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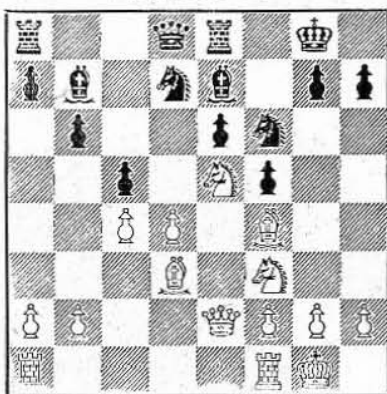
Position No. 155

With your solution, please send analysis or reasons supporting your choice as "Best Move" or moves.

Solution to Position No. 155 will appear in the April 5 issue.

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Position No. 155



White to play

## CHESS COLUMN FOR THE LADIES

In recognition of the increasing activity of women in American Chess, with this issue CHESS LIFE inaugurates "Women's Chess Life"—a feature devoted to the exploits, plans and activities of women in chess. Despite her many other duties as Ohio Women Champion, Secretary of the Ohio Chess Association, and housewife, Mrs. Willa White Owen has been persuaded to conduct this feature as a part of her manifold responsibilities as USCF Vice-President in charge of the chess program for women. But a column of chess news is only as good as its support from readers makes it, however competent the writer who conducts it. Therefore women readers are urged to flock to the support of their own special chess column with news items and comments on the activity for women in their own localities. Just what are women doing in chess these days? Write and tell Mrs. Owens.

## WATSON TAKES NATCHITOCHE

The Natchitoches, La. title was won again by Eugene Watson with the score of 18½-1½ in a double-round event. Carroll Fernbaugh was second with 14½-5½, and G. F. Kenner was third with 14-6. Other plus scores were L. Brittain with 13-7, R. B. Williams with 11½-8½, and Roy Clark with 10½-9½.

### U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

August 8-20, 1955  
Long Beach, California

## USCF REVISES AFFILIATIONS

To conform with changed requirements of the new Rating Regulations, the Plan for USCF Affiliation is being revised by the USCF Ways & Means Committee. New terms of Affiliation will be published as soon as approved by the Committee. It is understood that present USCF Affiliates may continue to operate under their present Charters until expiration date.

## EASTMAN WINS MARSHALL CONSOL

Charles J. Eastman won the Marshall Chess Club Consolation Tournament with 6-1 score, losing no games but drawing with Harry Fajans and Phil LeCornu. Second place went to Myron Fleischer with 5-2, while Jack S. Battell and Harry Fajans shared third place with 4-3 each. Fleischer lost to Eastman, and drew with Battell and William Drakert. Battell lost to Eastman and LeCornu while drawing with Fleischer and Drakert. Fajans lost to Fleischer and Bettell, but drew with Eastman and Theodore Loric.

The eight contestants in the Marshall Consolation were survivors of the four-section 45-player Championship preliminaries which also seeded players into the Championship Finals.

## HAMBURGER WINS PITTSBURGH TITLE

David Hamburger with 6-0 score won the rather small Metropolitan Pittsburgh Championship, directed by Glenn Waltz. Berger and Shapiro tied for second with 4-2 each in the 7-player round robin, while Miscevic placed fourth with 3½-2½.

## Pennsylvania Federation Pioneers Chess Club Affiliation Program

The Pennsylvania State Chess Federation, a USCF State Affiliate, at its annual meeting in 1954 voted to inaugurate a "Club Affiliation" program, and Vice-President Jeffrey C. Bortner was placed in charge of the promotion. Plans for such a program resulted from a careful study made in 1953-54 by a special committee consisting of William M. Byland, William A. Ruth and Jeffrey C. Bortner.

It is believed by the PSCF that this represents the only club affiliation plan in existence in any state organization whose membership is based on individual memberships—a somewhat similar plan existed in the 1930s in the Illinois State Chess Federation, but was dropped in the course of reorganization of that Association. The Michigan State Chess Association was originally organized by club memberships rather than individual memberships, but the club affiliation feature was dropped when Michigan shifted its membership to an individual basis.

In the Pennsylvania plan, clubs will affiliate with the State Ass'n on the basis of a \$5.00 affiliation fee. Affiliated clubs will receive a charter and send delegates to the PSCF meetings to speak for the club. As a basis for club promotion, the PSCF will prepare and issue an annual directory of all known Pennsylvania chess organizations, giving names and addresses of all officers, meeting times and places, number of members, requisites for membership, and other pertinent data.

Other club services will include a reference service to individual players to inform them of chess clubs available in any area to which they may move, and the operation of an information service for clubs to assist them in planning diversified programs and other activities. Those interested in more complete details of the Pennsylvania club program, described in two mimeographed bulletins, may obtain information by contacting Jeffrey C. Bortner, Club Affiliation Program Director, 31 South Duke Street, York, Pa.

## ELLIS, RICHARDS AT MANHATTAN

Richard Ellis with 7-2 score won the Major Tournament at the Manhattan Chess Club (ranking just behind the Club Championship and Premier Reserves in importance). Ellis lost no games but drew with Kenneth Blake, Paul Richman, Sydney Zarkin, and Max Sokoler. Second and third with 6-3 scores were Paul Richman and Sydney Zarkin, while Kenneth Blake, Sydney Schiller and Max Sokoler shared fourth with 5½-3½ in the 10-player event.

In the Minor Tournament, Wm. Richards scored 7½-1½ for first, losing to Jonathan Sussman and drawing with John Prior. Sussman was second with 7-2, while Prior was third with 5½-3½ in this 10-player event. Sussman lost games to Prior and Edward Turner, but won his game from Richards.

## TENNESSEE PLANS MORE ACTIVITY

The annual meeting of the Tennessee Chess Association, a USCF, State Affiliate, at Bristol in January resulted in the laying of plans for much greater chess activity in Tennessee throughout the year under the sponsorship of the TCA. Among the plans laid were those for "State Matches" with neighboring states and a program of club matches in Tennessee, some by amateur radio. It is planned to issue the Tennessee Chess Bulletin hereafter in monthly form to keep members informed of the growing activities.

Elected president at the annual meeting was Thomas W. Finucane of Blountville, while Joseph W. Selby, Sullivan Gardens, Kingsport, was elected secretary-treasurer. Robert C. Coveyou served as tournament director for the concurrent Tennessee Open Championship which drew the Georgia and former West Virginia Champions as entrants.

## CLAITOR TOPS AT BATON ROUGE

Otto Claitor won the Baton Rouge, La. City Championship 7-1. Second place went to W. Frank Gladney with 4½-2½, while Roger Dornier placed third with 5-3 and Drew McKinnis fourth with 4-4. Nine stalwarts survived the too extended championship and completed their schedule, but almost half the games were forfeited or cancelled because of the withdrawal of players before the tournament ended.

### U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

July 15-24, 1955  
Lincoln, Nebraska

# ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

## Mastering the End Game

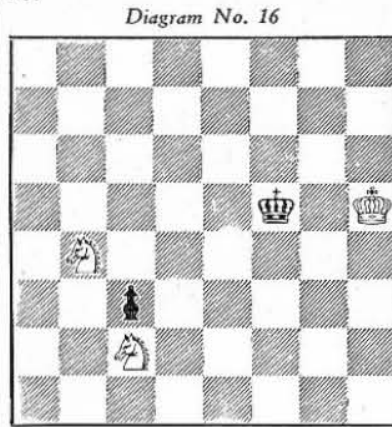
By WALTER KORN, Editor of MCO

### A PAWN TOO MANY

IN the province of endings that we approach in our forthcoming subject a Black pawn to the good spells the difference between a draw and the pawn-owner's defeat. Skipping a few pages in **Basic Chess Endings**, we resume at page 86 which marks the conduct of an endgame of two Knights versus the King and Pawn, but as a different example, not included in BCE, we choose a recent, most instructive game G. Barcza-P. Rethy from the 1953 Hungarian Championship. After Black's 87th move the position was as in diagram 16:

The theoretical background of this and similar positions is well known. Two White Knights only against the mere Black King result in a draw, as the Black King can be stalemated but not mated. The situation is different when Black is left with a lone pawn, which, after Black's King is stalemated, can move whilst the other Knight speeds on to mating action. Fine describes the process as consisting of three steps: 1) Blocking the Pawn; 2) Confining the King to a corner where he must move back and forth between two squares; 3) Lifting the blockade at the appropriate moment, when the win is possible because for a short while stalemating the Black King is admissible.

There are, however, some qualifying facts to this statement which do not emerge quite clearly from Fine's definition. In a preamble he says that "the extra Pawn leaves the King stalemated but gives the player two or three moves, depending on where it is". But the positions given in BCE afford White three moves before Black's Pawn may promote into a Queen,



omitting to show the most difficult, if ever possible task or winning with two moves only to spare—a position which is depicted in our Diagram 16.

The next fact that needs clarifying is the corner to which the Black King needs to be driven by White's King plus one Knight, to be stalemated there. Is it to be the corner KR1 (h1), or KR8 (h8), or QR8 (a8), or QR1 (a1)? As most of these questions will be answered in the course and conduct of the Barcza-Rethy game, we will at once anticipate the reply that for reasons of distance involved, the stalemate and subsequent mate cannot be administered on KR8 (h8), but only on QR8 (a8)—or possibly the corresponding square h1.

The third and last factor of importance in assessing the position is whether the advanced pawn position still allows White to win, or whether it may not already help Black to secure a draw and how and why; and also, whether any other pawn on the sixth rank, but the Bishop pawn, would lead to a draw or loss.

Before attempting a solution, we now give our readers a month's time to ponder on their own, and independently, over the virtues of diagram 16 which, with the progress of the game appended, we will reproduce in the next column. To allow a further glimpse into our future discussion, we also draw our readers' attention to Fine's statement on p. 87 of BCE that the process of driving the Black King into "a corner" may require an extension of the ordinary 50-move rule. We will have something to say on that topic later on too.

**Capitol Chess Club (Springfield, Ill.):** On January 23, 1955 the Springfield chess players organized the Capitol Chess Club with Gordon Winrod as president, Tony Montalbano as vice-president, and Les Eastep as secretary-treasurer. The new club meets at the YMCA on Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. Visitors are welcome. For information on the club contact Gordon Winrod, 328 No. 12th Place, Springfield, Ill.

The December issue of "Bulletin International des Informations Echiqueennes", edited by Karl Opocensky and published by the Czechoslovakian Chess Association, devotes more space than usual to U.S. chess events, particularly in regard to the U.S. Women's Open at New Orleans. A number of games are reproduced by such well-known American women players as Owensova, Stevensonova, Gresserova, Karffova, Vinesova, and Selensky.



The 1955 edition of the fabulous annual Nevada Chess Tournament has been announced for April 8-10 at Las Vegas, sponsored by Nevada's patron of chess, Fred Soly. Open to Nevada players, a limited number of players from Utah, Idaho, and California are invited to participate. Harold Lundstrom, chess editor of the *Deseret News*, will serve as tournament director, and further details will be released later.



The annual Salt Lake City Championship called "Pawnpushers Tournament" will be held on Wednesday and Saturdays from Feb. 16 to 23 as a 6-round Swiss with city title to highest ranking resident but with out-of-city players invited to participate. Winner will receive custody of the Herman A. Dittmann Trophy.



Her Majesty's Mails deliver. Harry Ruckert of the Marshall Club missed a reply from his correspondent opponent, L. Elliott Fletcher, author of "Gambits Accepted" and judged it lost in the mails. How mistaken he was appeared last week when a large envelope marked "Her Majesty's Business" arrived containing a charred, torn, but still legible letter, marked "found in mail destroyed in Prestwick air crash".

**Metropolitan (New York) Chess League:** At the annual meeting attended by representatives of 14 clubs, it was agreed to have a 8-team championship division (London Terrace, Sunset, N.Y. Academy, Log Cabin and two teams each from Marshall and Manhattan). The "B" Division will be divided into two groups with a playoff between the winners of each group for the title in the 11-team event (Queens, Lithuanians, Manhattan, Jamaica, Bronx-Westchester, and two teams each from Brooklyn, Log Cabin, and Marshall). Albert S. Pinkus was elected president of the League, with David Hoffman as vice-president, Jeremiah F. Donovan as treasurer, and Jack Stuppler as secretary.

**Puget Sound League (Wash.):** Fourth round of play saw Tacoma swamp McNeil Island 9-1; Seattle YMCA vanquish West Seattle 9-1; Latvian Club best Seattle Club 7-3; and Univ. of Washington outpost Olympia 5½-4½. In the fifth round, Seattle overpowered West Seattle 7½-2½; Univ. of Washington downed Latvian 6-4; Seattle YMCA bested Tacoma 6-4; and Olympia drew with Kitsap 5-5. The University team leads with 4-0 in match score, and Seattle YMCA is second with 4-1. Latvians are third with 3½-1½.

**San Francisco Bay Area League:** First rounds of the "A" division saw Castle down Oakland 6½-½; Golden Gate best Palo Alto 4½-2½; and Mechanics outpost University of California 4-3.

# Chess Life In New York By Allen Kaufman

### II. A Week at the Manhattan Chess Club

HERE are many similarities between the activities of the two great clubs of this city, and there are also differences. For example, one such difference is the way the weekly rapid transit is conducted. At the Marshall everyone plays in one large round-robin, but at the Manhattan the players are divided into A, B, and C sections. The philosophy of the former system is to allow the weakest players the chance to meet the strongest (an "open" tournament), while in the latter the weak player feels that he has a chance to win a prize because he is playing with his equals.

On Sunday the Championship games are played at the Manhattan C.C. (Klugman 3½-½, Bisguier 2½-½, Sherwin 2-0, are leading). This tournament is held in five sections, the strongest called the Championship Finals, the winner of which is designated club champion. Those who played in the preliminaries but failed to qualify for the finals play in a consolation. Weaker members play in the Premier Reserves, the Major Reserves, and the Minor Reserves. The tournament committee considers the list of players wishing to compete in these tournaments, and seeds them into these sections according to strength.

The club also holds four Swiss tournaments each year. The present one (the "Winter Swiss") is being led by McGrady, Lawrence, and Michalski, each 3-0. This is an unusual tourney in that instead of a regular playing day there is a weekly deadline for each round. This enables the paired players to make their own dates to play, according to personal convenience. (Incidentally, the club publishes its own newspaper in which activities like these are reported.)

And, of course, skittles games and pots are played daily. One form of the game that is enjoyed by spectators and participants alike is blitz. Played almost exclusively by the junior members, it is fast moving (the contestants are allowed no seconds per move!) and frequently hilarious. But blitz is worth a column of its own, surely.

With its many activities, it can be said that there is some form of chess that satisfies every one of the hundreds of members of the Manhattan C.C.

**Wichita (Kans.) YMCA Chess Club:** The 16-player King's Indian Tournament ended in a 5-1 tie between James W. Maguire and Bert Brice-Nash with Maguire topping in S-B points. Third to fifth with 4-2 each were W. D. McLaughlin, Lloyd Daily, and Dave Zimmer. Sheldon Einhorn scored 3½-2½ for sixth. In winning Maguire lost one game to Robert Hart, while Brice-Nash lost a game to John McKown. A USCF Club Affiliate.

**Downtown YMCA (Pittsburgh) Chess Club:** The YMCA housing the Chess Club has chess featured on its Social Education program with William M. Byland as instructor.

### HAVE YOUR TOURNAMENTS OFFICIALLY RATED New Regulations Effective March 1, 1955

Tournaments, matches (individual or team; round robin or Swiss) are rateable when sponsored by USCF affiliated organizations, if played under FIDE Laws, directed by a competent official, and played at time limit of not more than 30 moves per hour.

The annual championship tournament of an USCF Club Chapter and the annual championship tournament of any USCF affiliate whose By-Laws provide that all its members must be USCF members, also are rated without charge.

All other eligible events are rated only if official report of event is accompanied by a remittance covering a rating fee of 10c per game for all games actually played in the contest. (In a Swiss one-half the number of players times the number of rounds represents total games played if no byes or forfeits.)

Note that 10c Rating fee per game is collected from all players, whether USCF members or not.

Semi-annually ratings will be published of all participants in all USCF-Rated events.

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# BEHIND THE SCENES

## THE STORIES BEHIND THE GAMES

By International Master **ARTHUR B. BISQUIER**

U. S. CHAMPION, 1954

### No. 2: Beating A Grandmaster

Setting: Lessing J. Rosenwald Tourney

FOR this game, dear reader, you are Arthur Bisquier. You are still the U.S. Chess Champion although you certainly couldn't prove it by your score or by any of the games you have played thus far in this tournament. You drew your first game of the tourney, lost your next three completed games (fine score of 1/2-3 1/2), then thanks to a couple of lucky breaks managed to improve your score to 3-4. Your troubles, however, seem only to be beginning since your opponent tonight is Sammy Reshevsky, grandmaster extraordinary. You need a win in tonight's game mightily badly. If you could only score this upset your terribly inauspicious start in the tourney would be forgotten. Beating Sammy seems impossible; he has been in magnificent form and has only allowed a single draw, and that with the Black pieces against a well-played game conducted by Donald Byrne. Still faint heart never won anything worthwhile so take your courage in your hands, cross your fingers, and hope for the best. At least we have White.

1. P-Q4 .....  
Sammy plays the Sicilian much too well for our liking.

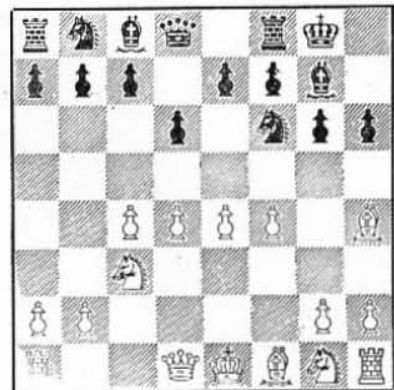
1. .... K1-KB3  
2. P-QB4 P-KK13  
A minor surprise. Sammy likes White against the King's Indian and as Black he usually has recourse to the Nimzo or Queen's Indian Defense.

3. K1-QB3 B-K12  
4. P-K4 P-Q3  
5. B-K15 .....

A surprise of our own. Sammy must have been expecting the Four Pawns attack which we are known to prefer.

5. .... P-KR3  
A good move which forces White to declare himself immediately. An immediate 5. .... O-O is not as good since White plays Q-Q2, and reserves the option of either P-B4 or P-B3.

6. B-R4 O-O  
7. P-B4 .....



There is an interesting story behind this move which, I believe, was first suggested by Al Horowitz, who brought it to the attention of the U.S. Chess Team, while we were preparing our openings for the match against the Russians. It was the consensus of opinion, Reshevsky and myself included, that it was too risky to essay in such an important match. However, we need the whole point and whereas we wouldn't risk the move in a team match, an individual encounter is a different variation. Moreover the psychological implications of the move might have a disquieting effect on the usually imperturbable Reshevsky.

7. .... P-B4  
8. P-Q5 P-QR3

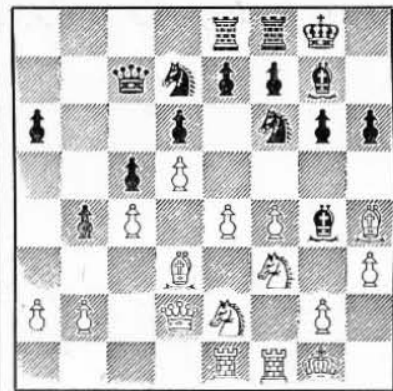
Reshevsky spent about an hour on this move which is not sharp or direct enough to be fully satisfactory. 8. .... Q-R4 to be followed by P-K3 would seem to be indicated.

9. K1-B3 P-QK14  
Naturally this was Sammy's idea but our simple reply leaves us with the advantage.

10. B-Q3 .....  
Of course we couldn't take the KtP because of the possibility KtxKP for Black with the threat of Q-R4.

10. .... P-K15  
The theme of this and the next half-dozen or so moves is Black's attempt to prevent the thrust P-K5 by White.

11. K1-K2 B-K15  
12. O-O QK1-Q2  
13. Q-Q2 Q-B2  
14. QR-K1 QR-K1  
15. P-KR3 .....



Here we spent 45 minutes of our own in an attempt to ascertain if 15. P-K5 could be played, but we came to the conclusion that Black always seemed able to dispose of sufficient resources.

15. .... BxK1  
16. RxB P-K3  
17. PxP .....

Virtually forced; otherwise Black captures at Q5 and neither recapture is pleasant—taking with the BP would allow P-B5 and the recapture with the KP would give Black control of the K-file, particularly the vital K5 square.

17. .... RxP  
18. K1-K13 .....

The Kt was poorly posted at K2 where it impeded the cooperation of our pieces.

18. .... K1-R2  
19. K1-B1 K1(Q2)-B3

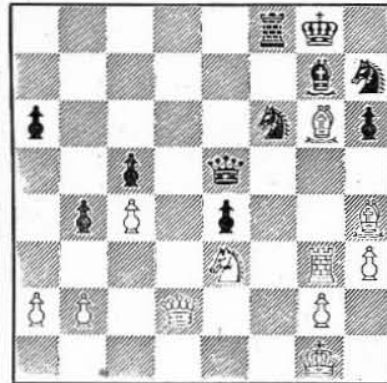
This gives us the chance to open up the game for our two Bishops.

20. P-B5 R(3)-K1  
21. PxP PxP  
22. P-K5 .....

At last!  
22. .... RxP  
23. RxR PxR  
24. BxP P-K5

A fine move by Sammy which allows for the centralization of the Black Queen. Instead 24. .... R-Q1 would be a blunder because of 25. BxKt ch, winning a piece.

25. R-K13 Q-K4  
26. K1-K3 .....



This is the critical position. We have the better of it but it is not at all certain if we could win against careful play. Truth to tell, our last move sets a cute trap which Sammy falls into, no doubt as a result of his time pressure. He had to make his last fourteen moves in a very few minutes.

26. .... Q-B5  
Very tempting as it attacks a Bishop, observes a Rook and pins a Knight to a Queen, yet it loses by force.

27. Q-K11 .....  
This clever unpinning maneuver leaves Black without resource. Note that if Sammy tries 27. .... QxB he loses at least the exchange after 28. BxKt ch, K-R1 (not King or Knight takes Bishop because of 29. RxB ch winning the Queen); 29. Kt-B5 and 30. KtxB, threatening Kt-K6 forking Q and R.

27. .... K1-K14  
An outright blunder, but Sammy's time problem had become acute.

28. RxK1 .....  
So we win material and the game. The rest only demands a little care.

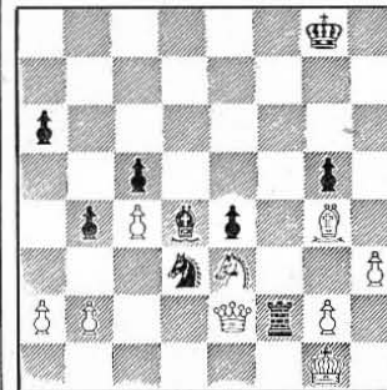
28. .... PxR  
29. B-K13 .....

An amusing entrapment of the Q in the center of the board.

29. .... K1-R4  
30. BxQ KtxB  
31. B-B5 .....

No need to hazard BxP which would allow Black chances with R-K1 and B-Q5.

31. .... B-Q5  
32. B-K14 K1-Q6  
33. Q-K2 R-B7



Allowing us to simplify into an easy endgame but if 33. .... Kt-B5; 34. Q-Q2 followed by P-KK13 and K-K12 unpinning the Kt.

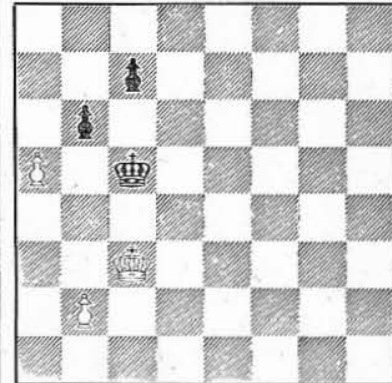
34. QxR KtxQ  
35. KxK1 BxP  
36. B-B5 P-R4  
37. BxP P-R5  
38. B-B2 P-K16  
39. PxP P-R6  
40. B-K11 K-B2  
41. K-B3 K-K3  
42. K-K4 B-Q5  
43. K1-B2 B-K17  
44. P-K14 Resigns

So we win the game and the moral to

### Studies in Pawn Endings

By Andrew Efron

Study No. 2



White to play and win  
(For solution, turn to page eight)

### Women's Chess Life

By Willa White Owens

News of women in chess and comments on this column should be addressed to Mrs. Willa White Owens, 124 So. Point Drive, Avon Lake, Ohio. Please enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope when reply is required.

WOMEN'S chess activities seem to be increasing on every level. Committees are at work on the 1955 U. S. Women's Championship, the 1955 U. S. Women's Open Championship, and the Women's World Championship Candidates Tournament. Dates and further details will be announced soon.

It is only by greater participation in local clubs and state events that women can build up greater strength on the national and international level. In this column, I hope to report on women's activities in local and state events (as well as the national and international events) whenever I am adequately informed.

Elisaveta Bykova, Women's World Champion, is currently gathering material for a book on women's chess. This is a book I would be looking forward to quite eagerly if I could read Russian. I had enough trouble finding someone who could translate a New Year's card from Mrs. V. Chudova, USSR Chairman of the Committee for the Development of Chess Among Women. Mrs. Chudova wishes us a happy New Year, and expresses a particular wish for the peaceful contention between nations.  
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## Announcement to USCF Members

DU E to the fact that certain minority groups have voiced criticism  
of the program of the USCF and questioned the intent and advis-  
ability of promotional plans authorized by the USCF Ways and Means  
Committee, this Committee has directed a poll of the USCF Board of  
Directors to determine whether or not it enjoys the support and retains  
the confidence of this body. Failure to obtain a majority vote of confi-  
dence will result automatically in the resignation of the Ways and  
Means Committee in a body so that the Board of Directors may replace  
them with others who do hold their confidence.

In a sense, in voting for or against the Ways and Means Committee,  
the USCF Board of Directors will be determining their answer to the  
vicious and scurrilous attacks upon USCF officials recently made by  
Mr. N. T. Whitaker, for the vote of confidence, if approved by a majori-  
ty, will constitute also authorization to proceed with the permanent  
expulsion of Mr. Whitaker from membership in the USCF and revoca-  
tion of all privileges to participate in any chess activities sponsored or  
recognized by the USCF and its affiliated units.

Text of the Resolution presented to the Board of Directors, together  
with a complete tabulation of the votes will be published in CHESS LIFE  
as soon as received from the USCF Secretary.

## The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

THIRD BOOK OF CHESS: HOW TO PLAY THE WHITE PIECES. By Fred  
Reinfeld. New York: Sterling Publishing Co. 96 pp., 73 diags. \$2.50.

REINFELD'S series of primers are beginning to look like the best buy  
for novices and club players, despite the mounting cost. The first  
was good; the second, *The Nine Bad Moves and How to Avoid Them*, was  
better because of its unusual approach. This third is better yet. What  
Reinfeld does in all of these is give the general principles clear, sharp,  
hard, practical exemplification. Control the center, says the principle.  
So Reinfeld illustrates it with four gamelets, open and close, queenside  
and kingside. How to exploit Blacks weakening pawn moves is similarly  
explicated in brief examples and notes. Eight chapters in all, dealing  
with such additional problems as exploitation of mobility, errors of  
judgment, and premature counterattack, wisely avoid hair-splitting and  
stick to the point. The next book is obviously to be some instruction for  
Black; and then perhaps another end-game book. These are not so am-  
bitious or detailed as *How to Think Ahead in Chess*, but for variety and  
simplicity they are perhaps better for the green hand. Two-fifty is too  
steep for ninety-six pages, even of such quality; and the publishers would  
do well to consider their competition at that price.

CURIOSITIES TACTIQUES DES FINALES. By V. Halberstadt. Paris:  
Librairie Guisile, 13 rue Saint-Jacques. 600 francs (about \$2). Paper, 71  
pp., about 100 diags.

THIS collection offers a great deal more than the seventy-seven bril-  
liant endings composed and collected by Halberstadt. The lower half  
of each page carries a running commentary, so to speak, of variant and  
antithetical endings. As Tartakower says in his preface, nothing is more  
fascinating and instructive than composed endings which retain the  
natural look of end-games. Forty of these studies took prizes or men-  
tions or commendations in international tourneys.

## The Kibitzer Has His Day

Dear Mr. Major:

Re: CHESS LIFE, Vol. IX, No. 10, Korn's column, diagram 15—not "All's Well  
that Ends Well" but "A Comedy of Errors".

Read G. Whatmough didn't look any deeper than Fine. He apparently got  
confused by a printing error in BCE (2nd edition) where moves 2-9 were given  
with the wrong numbers 3-10. Thus:

39. (1) K-B6, K-B1 (Fine, quoting Tarrasch-Schiffers, shows that 1. ...., P-KR3??,  
2. P-R4, P-KR4; 3. K-Q5, etc. wins for White); 40. (2) ...., P-KR4?? (Eventually  
the same blunder that Schiffers made. With 2. ...., K-Q1, Black draws. In Fine's  
analysis, 2. ...., P-KR4 appears, in parenthesis, with no comment, for it is pre-  
ceded by the blunder 1. ...., P-KR3??. Whatmough doesn't comment on 2. ....,  
P-KR4 either for he apparently thinks he were following Fine's line while he  
virtually follows Schiffers' way to draw. He failed in reading the brackets as  
Fine failed in numbering the moves.)

Conclusion: There is no win in Diagram 15.

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	W16	L14	W23	W36	W15	W12	W10	
1. Anthony Saldy (Fordham) .....	W16	L14	W23	W36	W15	W12	W10	6-1
2. Thomas Hennessey (Fordham) .....	W9	W32	W18	W28	L3	W21	W17	6-1
3. Aben Rudy (CCNY) .....	D32	W18	W33	D21	W2	W17	D9	5½-1½
4. Alan Reiter (CCNY) .....		W27	W28	W7	W6	W26	D5	5½-1½
5. Roy Fleming (Michigan) .....	W38	W26	W31	W19	W27	L28	D4	5½-1½
6. William Walker (Fordham) .....		W19	W27	W42	L4	W13	W40	5-1
7. Jerry Orenstein (Columbia) .....	W8	W34	W22	L4	W41	L11	W25	5-2
8. Michael Gottesman (Chicago) .....	L7	D22	W35	W24	D34	W29	W11	5-2
9. John Harris (Michigan) .....	L2	W17	W21	W32	L18	W33	D3	4½-2½
10. Charles Henin (Chicago) .....	D12	W16	L14	W23	W36	W15	L1	4½-2½
11. William Higler (Fordham) .....	W22	W41	L25	WF	L20	W7	L3	4-3
12. Charles Witt (Columbia) .....	D10	W36	D16	W15	D14	L1	D23	4-3
13. Nolan Saltzman (Columbia) .....	W36			W39	W19	L6	W27	4-1
14. Richard Friedenthal (Bridgeport) .....	L15	W1	W10	D16	D12	D23	D26	4-3
15. Martin Harrow (CCNY) .....	W14	W23	W36	L12	L1	L10	D16	3½-3½
16. John Penquite (Michigan) .....	L1	L10	D12	D14	W23	W36	D15	3½-3½
17. Leonard Frankenstein (Chicago) .....	W21	L9	W32	D18	W33	L3	L2	3½-3½
18. Tom Throop (Swarthmore) .....	W28	L3	L2	D17	W9	W32	L11	3½-3½
19. Hal Wallach (Bridgeport) .....	W20	L6	W26	L5	L13	W27	D28	3½-3½
20. Morton Kalin (CCNY) .....	L19	W25		W11		W22	3-1	
21. John Dale (Columbia) 3-4; 22. Stanley Weiss (Michigan) 2-5; 23. Paul Monsky (Swarthmore) 2-5; 24. Jay Stone (Swarthmore) 2-1; 25. Dave Solfer (Swarthmore) 2-2; 26. Joel Kupperman (Chicago) 1½-4½; 27. Hank Myers (Swarthmore) 1½-5½; 28. Joseph Sloboda (Pace) 1½-5½; 29. Otto Reisman (CCNY) 1-1; 30. Harry Raship (CCNY) 1-0; 31. Isaac Sharon (Columbia) 1-1; 32. Randolph Linthurst (Bridgeport) 1-6; 33. Donald Kirby (Pace) 1-4; 34. Richard Barden (Pace) 1-3; 35. Herb Benjamin (Bridgeport) ½-2½; 36. Howard Sirota (Pace) ½-6½; 37. Joseph Sorahan (Pace) ½-1½; 38. Anthony Obadel (Fordham) 0-1; 39. Allen Cohen (CCNY) 0-1; 40. Larry Abrams (Chicago) 0-1; 41. Gerald Norko (Bridgeport) 0-4; 42. Martin Galett (Pace) 0-2. Elliot Hearst tournament director.								

## SALINAS CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Salinas, 1954-55

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	D2	W4	W3	W2	W4	D3	
1. Jerald Slavich .....	D2	W4	W3	W2	W4	D3	5-1
2. Alan Chappell .....	D1	W3	D4	L1	D3	W4	3½-2½
3. Foster Clark 2-4; 4. Rex Wilcox 1½-4½							
<b>"A" CONSOLATION</b>							
1. Albert Laukavich .....	W4	W3	W2	W4	W3	W2	6-0
2. George Oakes .....	W3	W4	L1	L3	W4	L1	3-3
3. Elmer Hawkins 2½-3½; 4. Frank Farr ½-5½							
<b>"B" CHAMPIONSHIP</b>							
1. Owen Miller .....	W3	W4	W2	W3	W4	D2	5½-1½
2. Lloyd Housh .....	D4	W3	L1	W4	W3	D1	4-2
3. Alfred E. Hoerschner 1½-5½; 4. Sam Lowe 1-5							
<b>"B" CONSOLATION</b>							
1. Robert Scamara .....	W3	L2	W4	W3	D2	W4	4½-1½
2. Mike Austin .....	W4	W1	L3	W4	D1	W3	4½-1½
3. Tom Russell .....	L1	W4	W2	L1	W4	L2	3-3
4. Lawson Maddox 0-6.							
A. E. Hoerschner tournament director.							

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Wichita, 1955

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4. Lloyd Dailey .....	W15	W6	L3	W10	W8	L1	4-2 8.50
5. Dave Zimmer .....	L3	W15	W9	L2	W13	W7	4-2 7.50
6. Sheldon Einhorn .....	W13	L4	L8	W12	D9	W11	3½-2½ 7.25
7. Robert Hart .....	W9	W1	W10	L3	L2	L5	3-3 9.50
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# CHESS TACTICS FOR BEGINNERS

By U. S. Expert DR. ERICH W. MARCHAND

Dr. Marchand will answer beginners' questions on this page, if of sufficient general interest. Those wishing a personal reply should enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope. Address: Dr. Erich W. Marchand, 192 Seville Drive, Rochester 17, N.Y.

## 1. Alertness in Chess

**A** SURPRISINGLY large percentage of chess games, even among good players, are won or lost as a result of elementary mistakes. A piece is simply left "en prise" or an obvious checkmate in one move is overlooked.

A good many more games are won or lost as a result of fairly simple combinations—two or three forcing moves leading to the win of a piece or the sacrifice of a piece to force checkmate two moves later.

Such errors are ones which are readily seen after they occur. The question is whether there is any way to prevent such blunders from occurring. Surely the most elegant chess theories can be of no help in dealing with this problem.

And yet there is something which can be done. The most obvious measures are practical ones. A good night's sleep the night before will help. A trouble-free mind will help a lot. Don't quarrel with your wife or girl-friend just before an important game. At the actual chessboard be a cautious Joe. Play slow! Check over all of your opponent's most plausible replies to your intended move before you make it. Pay special attention to all captures and checks which he may have available. Especially note which of your own pieces are pinned so that their action is reduced. Pinned pieces sometimes create optical illusions. They sometimes seem to protect pieces which they really do not. Especially consider any long open lines which your opponent controls as well as any Knights which are dominantly placed. Most beginners are prone to overlook forks (double-attacks) with Knights. Above all, don't get so interested in your own ideas that you forget to consider your opponent's plans.

Beyond this rather self-evident advice there is more that can be done to combat the evil of elementary mistakes. In the first place having a sound position is most important. If one's pieces are well placed they are much less likely to get into trouble. Pieces which have ample mobility, for example, are not likely to find themselves without safe squares for retreat when necessary. If there are no open lines or weak squares near your King, there are not likely to

be unexpected checks or sacrificial combinations involving your King. If you have a domination of the board (especially in the center) and especially if you have the initiative and keep it by making forcing and threatening moves, it is much less likely for you to fall into elementary mistakes. It is very easy to blunder when your position is bad. The following sample game will illustrate some of the above generalities as well as some other useful principles.

## 2. An illustrative game

RUY LOPEZ  
Rochester, N.Y.

City Championship, 1955

Whites	Black
E. MARCHAND	REV. GEO. SWITZER
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
3. B-K15	.....

This constitutes the Ruy Lopez, one of the oldest openings known and still one of the most popular. If Black replies 3. ...., B-B4, a plausible variation might be 4. O-O, Kt-B3; 5. KtxP!, KtxKt, 6. P-Q4 recovering the piece with a preferable game. After 3. B-B4, White cannot follow this line because then 6. P-Q4 would be followed by 6. ...., KtxB.

3. ....	P-QR3	4. B-R4	.....
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The exchange 4. BxKt, QPxP; 5. KtxP does not win a Pawn because 5. ...., Q-Q5 or 5. ...., Q-Kt4 will regain it for Black at once. White prefers to keep the Bishop for long-range use toward the center and the K-side.

4. ....	P-Q3	5. P-B3	.....
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Basic strategical theory would call for 5. P-Q4 since it helps White's development and strives for maximum center control. However, in this particular case it fails because of a tactical trick, the famous Noah's Ark trap: 5. P-Q4, P-QKt4; 6. B-Kt3, PxP; 7. KtxP, KtxKt; 8. QxKt, P-QB4 with P-B5 to follow. Of no use is 9. Q-Q5, B-K3, 10. Q-B6ch, B-Q2 and 11. ...., P-B5.

The text move chosen by White is not in accord with the most rapid development of his pieces, but it provides a safe refuge for White's QB and aims at eventually enforcing P-Q4.

5. ....	P-QKt4	7. P-KR3	.....
6. B-B2	B-Kt5	.....	.....

It is still not advisable to play P-Q4 since 7. P-Q4, PxP; 8. PxB, BxKt; 9. PxB would leave the King side unsafe for the King later, whereas 9. QxB, KtxP loses a Pawn.

Black's last move, 6. ...., B-Kt5, illustrates a rule stated by Emmanuel Lasker, that you should not pin the opponent's KB until he has castled. The reason is that P-KR3 and P-KKt4 may follow.

7. ....	B-R4	9. QKt-Q2	B-K2
8. P-Q3	Kt-B3	10. Kt-B1	.....

An unusual move. This Kt will be used on the K-side for attack and defense.

10. ....	O-O	11. P-KKt4	.....
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It takes a good deal of experience to know when it is permissible to advance pawns on the side where the King is castled or will be castled.

White is gambling that his attack will arrive before Black's.

11. ....	B-Kt3	12. Kt-Kt3	P-Q4
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Black is ahead in development. His only worry is the impending K-side attack. It is well-known that the best counter to a flank attack is an attack in the center. Hence Black's last move is very much in order.

13. Q-K2	PxP	14. PxB	P-Kt5
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Black's first serious mistake. His KP is defended by his Kt, but White can knock out the defender, a common type of combination which a little caution would have prevented.

15. B-R4	Q-Q3	17. KtxP	Q-K3
16. BxKt	QxB	18. KtxB	.....

An often-used for saving time: If a piece of yours is attacked, exchange it instead of retreating it.

18. ....	BPxKt	.....	.....
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The normal reply would be 18. ...., RPxKt. Capturing with Pawns toward the center strengthens your center somewhat. But Black is a Pawn behind and so wishes to open a file for his Rook and complicate the game at all costs. Note that a line has been opened toward Black's King. This will be important later.

19. O-O	P-KR4	20. B-Kt5!	.....
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White thought a long time before making this move. With an extra Pawn he has a theoretically won game. However, one of the hardest things to do sometimes is to win a won game. If 20. PxB, QxP; 21. PxB, Kt-Kt5. If 21. P-Kt5, Kt-Q2; 22. P-KR4 (to stop P-R5), then 22. ...., Q-R6. Any sound plan for White must involve (1) adequate defense of his loose K-side position and (2) completion of his development. The text-move does both.

20. ....	KtPxP	21. PxBP	B-B4
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Black's second mistake losing a second Pawn. Permissible would be 21. ...., PxB; 22. PxB, B-B4 (not 22. ...., KtxKt); 23. QxKt, QxQ; 24. KtxQ protecting the B nor 22. ...., KtxKt; 23. BxB, QxB; 24. QxKt. White had to foresee these variations on move 20.

22. BxKt	RxB	23. PxB	PxP
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Here 23. ...., QxKRP is answered by 24. Q-B4ch and 25. QxB (using the diagonal opened toward the Black King on move 18).

24. QxKRP	R-Q1?	.....	.....
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Sheer blindness. If Rev. Switzer asked me how he could improve his chess ability, I would say, "Change your age from 75 to 25." After a couple of hours of hard chess he loses his alertness. White had calculated the following desperate variation: 24. ...., R-R3; 25. QxB, QxKRP; 26. Q-Q5ch, K-R1 (if 26. ...., K-R2; 27. Q-B5ch trades Q's); 28. R-K1, Q-R7ch; 29. K-B1, Q-R6ch; 30. K-K2, Q-Kt5ch; 31. K-K3.

25. QxB	QxKRP	26. Q-KR5	Q-K3
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White, being ahead, tries for exchanges. Black, conversely, tries to avoid exchanges and hopes to stir up complications.

27. QR-Q1	.....	.....	.....
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Development is still important long after the opening is over. The loss of White's RP is of little importance since he is a piece ahead. What is essential is to keep his King safe and to create simplifying exchanges (especially Q's).

27. ....	RxR	29. Kt-B5!	.....
28. RxR	QxRP	.....	.....

White had originally intended here to play 29. Q-Q5ch forcing the exchange of Q's. The win would then be practically in the bag though the ending would be tedious in view of Black's passed RP, which could even be annoying if the R's were to be exchanged. The text-move stops Black's threat of QxPch (one must see such things!) and initiates a decisive attack on the White King.

29. ....	Q-K3	31. Q-Kt4	Q-B3
30. R-Q8ch	R-B1	.....	.....

Not 31. ...., Q-B2; 32. Kt-R6ch winning the Q.

32. P-K5	QxP	.....	.....
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Of course not 32. ...., QxKt because of 33. QxQ, Black's R being pinned. The play hereabouts illustrates the meaning of "initiative." One forcing move follows another.

## WOMEN'S CHESS

(Continued from page 2, col. 4)  
tions on the field of sports. Amen, from my corner.

There are several books by or about women, which I wish to discuss when space permits. The only complete women's tournament book I know of is the *Wereldkampioenschap Shaken Dames Moskou 1949* by Dr. Max Euwe. Every game of that tournament is in the book, and many games fully annotated. Fortunately the algebraic notation can be read in any language—even when the knight is *pard* and the bishop is *loper*. Diagrams of critical positions are given, and one can even stumble through some of the Dutch annotations. It is at least as easy to read as *Finnigan's Wake*.

And the *Shaken Dames* played some interesting chess. Gisela Gresser and Mona May Karff represented the United States. Mrs. Gresser won the only game lost by Mrs. Rudenko, who won the title of Women's World Champion in that tournament. This swash-buckling Spanish game showed no traces of ladylike timidity.

## RUY LOPEZ Women's World Championship Tournament Moscow, 1949

White	Black
GISELA GRESSER	LUDMILA RUDENKO
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. B-N5	B-B4
4. P-B3	P-B4
5. P-Q4	BPxP
6. PxB	PxN
7. QxBP	N-B3
8. B-N5	O-O
9. O-O	Q-K2
10. B-B4ch	K-R1
11. P-QN4	P-QR4
12. BxN	RxB
13. Q-Q5	R-B
14. P-N5	N-Q1
15. N-Q2	P-B3
16. Q-Q6	QxQ
17. PxQ	P-QN3
18. KR-K1	PxP
19. BxP	N-B2
20. N-B4	B-R3
21. BxB	RxB
22. NxB	RxB
23. NxB	NxP
24. QR-Q1	P-QN4
25. P-KR3	P-KR3
26. R-K7	K-N1
27. QR-K1	N-Q3
28. QR-K6	RxP
29. N-K5	P-R3
30. R-Q7	R-B4
31. N-B7	NxN
32. RxR	N-K4
33. R-N7	P-N5
34. R(R6)-R7	N-B3
35. RxPch	K-B
36. R(R7)-B7ch	.....
37. R-N7	R-B4
38. R-K8ch	R-B1
39. RxRch	KxR
40. R-N6	N-K4
41. RxRP	.....

"Zwart geeft het op," as we say in Dutch.

C.A.L. Chess Club (Buffalo): Championship of the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory Chess Club was won by Carlton Poppenberg 6½-½, drawing with William Squire. Herbert Lawrence placed second with 5-2, losing games to Poppenberg and Squire. Squire and John Beal shared third with 4-3 in the eight player round robin event. A USCF Club Affiliate.

Port Arthur (Tex.) Chess Club: Newly elected officers are B. W. Foster, president; James West, vice-president; and John De Vine, secretary-treasurer, 2319 8th Street, Port Arthur, Tex. The club meets at 7 p.m. on alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3220 25th Street, Port Arthur. A USCF Affiliated Club.

Franklin (Philadelphia) Chess Club celebrated the New Year (now 95 years young!) with an Open House program from January 2-8. A USCF Club Affiliate.

Lehigh Valley (Pa.) Chess Club: Newly elected officers are: Clarence Zeigler, president; Armin Herrmann, vice-president; Paul Sherr, secretary-treasurer. In the Lehigh Valley Rapid Transit held immediately after election, Mahlon Cleaver placed first with 9-1, Les Buck was second with 8-2, and Clarence Zeigler third with 7-3.

## NEW LAWS OF CHESS

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# GAMES BY USCF MEMBERS

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

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## ALL'S WELL . . .

Black's surprising twenty-second move has a flaw in it, but it is overlooked in the heat of battle and everything ends well (from Black's viewpoint).

## PETROFF'S DEFENSE

MCO: page 145

### California Open Championship Santa Barbara, 1954

White: T. A. BARAQUET, Black: H. GROSS

1. P-K4 P-K4  
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3

The Petroff Defense—a counter-attack which provokes positions in which the practical chances are fairly even.

3. KtxP P-Q3  
4. Kt-KB3 KtxP

5. Q-K2 (the Lasker Variation), Q-K2; 6. Kt-B3, KtxKt; 7. QP-Kt, B-Kt5; 8. B-K3, also levels.

6. B-Kt5ch? P-Q4  
7. B-K2 P-B3

This is a bad check which loses time. Correct is 6. B-Q3, B-K2! 7. O-O, Kt-QB3; 8. P-B4, B-KKt5; 9. R-K1, Kt-B3; 10. Pxp, Kt-KtP; 11. Kt-B3, O-O; 12. B-K4, Kt-B3; with a balanced position.

6. B-K2 P-B3  
7. B-Q3 B-Q3  
8. QKt-Q2 O-O  
9. KtxKt

Better 7. B-Q3. Correct is 6. B-Q3, B-K2! 7. O-O, Kt-QB3; 8. P-B4, B-KKt5; 9. R-K1, Kt-B3; 10. Pxp, Kt-KtP; 11. Kt-B3, O-O; 12. B-K4, Kt-B3; with a balanced position.

This is a mistake which creates a Black KP which becomes the spearhead for an attack. The simple, progressive 9. O-O is best.

9. P-Kt11 P-Kt11  
10. Kt-Q2 P-KB4  
11. Kt-B4 B-B2  
12. O-O Q-R5

With the ultimate threat. 13. Kt-K5

If 13. P-B4? Pxp e.p. wins. And 13. P-KR3 and 13. P-KKt3 are too weakening.

13. Kt-Q2 Kt-Q2  
The promising looking 13. P-B5 is too well met by 14. B-Kt4.

14. P-KB4 P-KB4  
Of course not 14. B-B4 ch, K-R1; 15. Kt-B7 ch? R-Kt4; 16. BxR? QxP mate.

14. P-KKt3, Q-B3; 15. B-B4 ch, K-R1; 16. KtxKt (16. P-B4, Pxp e.p.; 17. KtxKtP, plus Black), BxKt; 17. P-B4, is relatively best, although Black retains the superior position.

14. KtxKt KtxKt  
15. QP-Kt P-B5

If 15. BxKt, P-B5. 15. B-Kt3ch B-Kt3  
16. K-R1 B-K3  
17. P-KKt3

This weakens KB3 and KR3. 17. Q-K1 is sounder. 17. Q-R6

17. Q-K1 Q-R6  
Both sides have protected, passed, KPs, but White is cramped, behind in development, and has a weaker King-position.

18. Q-B3 QR-Q1  
19. Q-B3 R-B2  
20. B-B4, BxR; 21. QxB, P-K6! does not appeal to White.

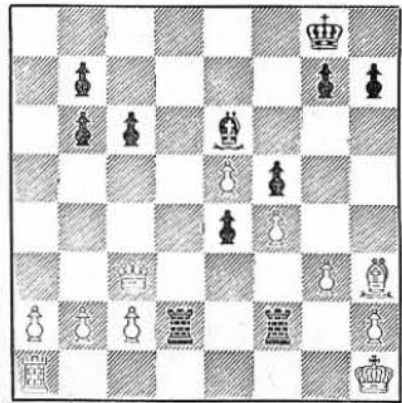
20. B-B4, BxR; 21. QxB, P-K6! does not appeal to White. 20. R/2-Q2! Black captures the only open file.

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21. BxB PxB  
22. R-B2  
If 22. QR-Q1? RxR; 23. RxR, RxR ch; 24. BxR, Q-B8 mate.  
22. R-Q7!  
Very imaginative, but not quite sound! Black can hold his advantage with 22. R-Q5 or 22. P-QKt4.  
23. B-Kt4!  
Precisely!  
23. RxR  
This is the idea of the last move. If 23. QxB; 24. RxR, RxR; 25. QxR, B-Q4; 26. Q-K3, and White wins.  
24. BxQ R/1-Q7



The mating power represented by these two "pigs" on the seventh rank, the Bishop (headed for Q4), and the advanced KP, is the thought behind the Queen sacrifice.

25. Q-R3? White errs and matters proceed exactly as Black had hoped. The following variations indicate some of the "stuff" that is in the setup. A. 25. B-B1, P-K6; 26. B-B4, BxR; 27. QxB ch, K-R1; 28. Q-B7? (Cf. Aa) RxP ch; 29. K-Kt1, R(Q7)-Kt7 ch 30. K-B1, P-K7 ch; and Black wins. Aa. 28. R-K1! RxP ch; 29. K-Kt1, R(Q7)-Kt7 ch; 30. K-B1, R-B7 ch; 31. K-Kt1, P-K7; 32. RxP, RxR; (32. R(R7)-Kt7 ch draws) 33. Q-B7, and someone must submit to a perpetual check!

B. 25. K-Kt1!! (simple chess!) and White wins! E.g., 25. RxRP; 26. R-Q1! Or 25. P-K6; 26. QxKP, RxRP; 27. R-Q1! Or 25. P-K6; 26. QxKP, R (B7)-K7! 27. QxP, P-R4; (if 27. RxRP or 27. RxBP; 28. R-Q1! wins; and if 27. B-Q4; 28. Q-Q8 ch wins) 28. B-B1, RxRP; 29. P-B4 (or 29. R-Q1 again) and White wins. Or 25. B-Q4; 26. R-Q1! RxBP; 27. Q-R3, and wins. Or, finally, 25. RxBP; 26. Q-R3, K-B2 (to prevent 27. Q-K7); 27. R-Q1, and wins. A very interesting and difficult position to handle under the pressure of a tournament game.

25. RxPch  
Now Black has the ball again.  
26. K-Kt1 RxB  
27. Q-K7

White threatens mate, but Black comes first.

27. RxPch  
28. K-B1  
28. K-R1 prolongs the game, but after 28. B-B2; threatening 29. P-K6 and 30. B-Q4 mate! Black wins quickly. If 29. P-K6, B-R4 wins. E.g., 30. R-KB1, R/6-Kt7; 31. Q-R4, B-B6; 32. RxB, PxR; 33. Q-K1, R-R7 ch; 34. K-Kt1, R(Q7)-Kt7 ch; 35. K-B1, R-R8 mate.

28. B-B5ch  
29. K-K1 R-K7ch  
30. K-B1  
Or 30. K-Q1, R-Kt8 mate.  
30. R-R7ch

Resigns  
A tense struggle.

## RETI OPENING

MCO: page 223, column 53  
Rosenwald Trophy Tournament  
New York, 1954

Notes by U.S. Master George Shainswit

White: L. EVANS, Black: J. SHERWIN  
1. Kt-KB3 3. B-Kt2 P-K3  
2. P-KKt3 Kt-KB3 4. O-O B-K2  
5. P-Q3

Psychologically played. Evans was well aware that Sherwin had lost a first round game to Reshevsky, wherein Reshevsky played P-Q3 with White in a similar position. Also Sherwin is very well versed in "book" openings. Moves like P-Q3 in a Catalan-type opening tend to lead to positions which are not "bookish". Evans, in my mind, is one of the strongest "natural" players in the world, and certainly against Sherwin would like to try to steer to a type of game wherein the best moves would be more or less by instinct.

5. O-O 6. QKt-Q2 P-B4  
In a similar position, playing Black against Sumar of Peru in the 1950 Tournament at Dubrovnik, I played QKt-Q2 rather than P-B4. That game continued: P-K4, Pxp; 8. Pxp, Kt-B4; 9. Q-K2, P-QKt3; 10. R-Q1, B-R3; 11. Q-K1, Q-K1; 12. P-Kt3, B-Kt2; 13. Kt-K5, Q-Kt4; 14. B-Kt2, KR-Q1; 15. P-QR4, Q-K1; 16. Q-K3, P-QR4 with an excellent game for Black.

7. P-K4 Kt-B3 8. P-B3  
Personally, I would play this move only if absolutely necessary. It tends to leave white's Q3 weak at later stages. Q-K2 at once followed by R-K1 (or Q1), Kt-B1, and the eventual P-K5 was an alternative.

8. R-Kt1!  
Well played! The game will resolve itself in K-side play by White, Q-side play by Black. White's Pawn at Q3 will now facilitate Black's Q-side push. As a practical matter, Black's Q-side play is easier to initiate than White's K-side counter.

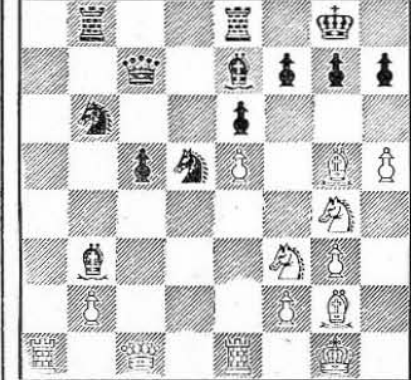
9. R-K1 R-K1 11. Kt-B1  
10. P-K5 Kt-Q2  
P-QR4 may be better to forestall for a while P-QKt4.  
11. P-QKt4 13. B-B4 B-R3  
12. P-KR4 P-QR4 14. QKt-R2  
Preparing the K-side counter.

14. Q-B2 16. Kt-Kt4 P-R5!  
15. P-R5! P-Kt5!  
Note the comment to White's 8th move. Black's play is now in full swing. The threat of P-R6 is now annoying.

17. P-B4 Pxp 19. Qxp Kt-Kt3  
18. Pxp Bxp  
Natural and not best! The logical sequence of Black's previous fine play was R-R1! Then if 20. Q-B2, B-Q4! If now 21. Kt-K3?, BxKt; 22. BxB, Kt-Q5; 23. Q-K4, KtxBch; 24. QxKt, KtxP!; 25. Q-K4, B-Q3; 26. KR-Q1, P-B4! with an excellent game (27. KtxBP!?, PxKt; 28. Q-Q5 ch, Kt-B2; 2. BxB, QxB; 30. QxKt ch!—not QxB, R-K8 ch!—, KxQ; 31. RxR, R-K7, etc.)

20. Q-B2 P-Kt6  
B-Q4 was still preferable. The text is a violent attempt to break into the White position.

21. Pxp Kt-Kt5 23. Q-B1 Bxp  
22. Q-B3 Kt(5)-Q4 24. B-Kt5!



The scene shifts—and with a vengeance! The removal of the Black Bishop allows a quick infiltration.

24. Kt-Kt5 26. P-R6! P-Kt3  
25. R-K3! B-Q4 27. KR-R3  
The consequences of Black's failure at move 19. The game now plays itself. Undoubtedly time pressure must have plagued Sherwin at this stage.  
27. Kt-B5 30. Kt-B6ch K-R1  
28. BxB RxB 31. KtxP! R-B2  
29. Q-B4! Q-Q1 32. Kt(7)-Kt5  
No rest for the weary.  
32. Q-K2 33. R-R7 RxR  
B-Kt2 instead allows QxKt.  
34. RxR R-Kt2 35. R-R8ch  
A pleasing game by Evans.

## NOVELTY

Here is a game played by two members of the Racine Chess Club—on the telephone!

## TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENSE

MCO: page 299, column 6  
Telephone Game  
Racine, Wisconsin, 1954

White: DAN ANDERSON, Black: JACK BYRD

1. P-K4 P-K4 4. Kt-Kt5 P-Q4  
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 5. Pxp Kt-QR4  
3. B-B4 Kt-B3 6. B-Kt5ch  
6. P-Q3, P-KR3; 7. Kt-KB3, P-K5; 8. Q-K2, KtxB; 9. PxKt, is another well known way of treating the Two Knights' Defense.

6. P-B3 9. Kt-KB3 P-K5  
7. Pxp Pxp 10. Kt-K5 B-Q3  
8. B-K2 P-KR3 11. P-Q4 Pxp e.p.  
This is believed to give Black a slight advantage, 11. Q-B2 to lead to equality.

12. KtxQP Q-B2  
13. Kt-Q2 B-R3  
The book continuation is 13. O-O; 14. P-QKt4! Kt-Q4! (threatening to win the Queen with 15. Kt-B6) 15. B-Kt2, KtxP; 16. KtxKt, BxKt; 17. O-O, R-Q1; 18. B-Q3, Q-B5; plus Black.

14. Kt-B3 P-B4  
15. O-O  
Black threatened to win a piece with 15. P-B5.

15. P-B5  
16. Kt-K1 P-R1  
Threatening to win with 17. Bxp ch; 18. KtxB, RxQ.

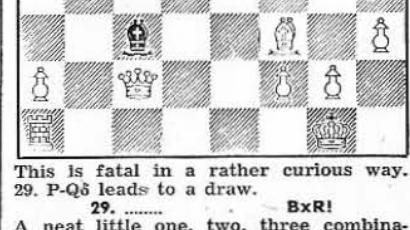
17. B-Q2 O-O 19. Kt-B2 Kt-B3  
18. P-B3 KR-K1 20. R-K1 Kt-K5  
Now 21. KtxB, Bxp ch; 22. KtxB, RxB is menaced.

21. Kt/2-Q4 KtxKt 23. QxKt B-Kt2  
22. PxKt KtxB 24. P-KR3  
24. P-KKt3 is better.

24. BxKt  
25. BxB B-K4!  
26. P-Q5  
Forced. Naturally not 26. RxB? RxR and White cannot recapture.

26. P-B6 Bxp  
27. Pxp Bxp  
28. RxRch  
If 28. Q-B2? BxQR wins as in the game.

28. RxR  
29. Q-B2?



This is fatal in a rather curious way. 29. P-Q6 leads to a draw.  
29. BxR!  
A neat little one, two, three combination.  
30. QxQ R-K8ch  
31. K-R2 B-K4ch!

**GUEST ANNOTATORS**

J. Norman Cotter  
Dr. Joseph Platz  
George Shainswit

This Bishop does everything.

32. QxB RxQ  
33. P-Q6 K-B1

Resigns  
Or replaces the receiver. If 34. B-B6, R-K3; 35. P-Q7, K-K2; 36. B-Kt5, R-QKt3; 37. P-QR4, P-R3; wins. The ending is easily won for Black.



One of our Guest Annotators in action!

**RUY LOPEZ**

(Marshall Attack)

MCO: page 248, column 98 (i)  
Correspondence Game  
1955

Notes by J. Norman Cotter

White H. MACORMAC Black J. N. COTTER (Staten Island, N.Y.) (Harrington, Del.)  
1. P-K4 P-K4 5. O-O B-K2  
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 6. R-K1 P-QKt4  
3. B-Kt5 P-QR3 7. B-Kt3 O-O  
4. B-R4 Kt-B3 8. P-B3 P-Q4!  
The famous Marshall Attack which with refinements is still going strong after the passing of some 37 years since the epic battle between the originator and Capablanca in 1918 at N.Y.  
9. PxP KtxP 11. RxKt P-QB3  
10. KtxP KtxKt 12. BxKt .....  
A move which has been recommended as a good try for White, deviating from the main line 12. P-Q4.  
12. ..... PxB 13. Q-B3  
MCO continues 13. P-Q4, B-Q3; 14. R-K3, P-B4; 15. Kt-Q2, P-B5; 16. R-K1, P-B6; 17. KtxP, B-KKt5; 18. R-K3, R-R2 with Black attacking but two pawns down.  
13. ..... B-Q3 14. R-K1 .....  
Of course not 14. QxQP?, B-K3. ....  
14. ..... Q-R5 15. P-KR3 .....  
Obviously 15. QxP? is a blunder in view of ..... QxRP ch; 16. K-B1, Q-R8 ch; 17. K-K2, B-Kt5 ch! winning. On 15. P-KKt3, Black planned ..... Q-R6; 16. P-Q4 (best as 16. QxP loses after 16. .... QB-Kt5; 17. QxB?, B-B6, etc.), QB-Kt5 with a typical attacking formation for Black. This line may, however, offer more promise for White than the text move.  
15. ..... B-K3 17. B-K3 .....  
16. P-Q4 QR-K1  
Since the Bishop can be driven away with ..... P-B4, ..... P-B5, 17. B-Q2 is better. Not 17. Kt-Q2?, Kt-Q2?, B-KKt5.  
17. ..... P-B4  
The immediate thrust ..... P-Kt4 is frustrated by 18. Q-B6!  
18. Kt-R3 .....  
Unfortunately, White has to thus exile his Kt to complete his development. (18. Kt-Q2?, P-B5.)  
18. ..... P-Kt4 19. B-Q2 .....  
If instead 19. P-KKt3, QxRP; 20. BxP, P-B5! wins, e.g., 21. Q-Kt2, PxP or 21. RxB, RxR; 22. QxQP, P-B6.  
19. ..... P-KKt5 20. Q-Q3 .....  
Alternatives are clearly worse. 20. PxP, PxP and White can resign, and on 20. Q-K3, P-B5 continues the vehement attack.  
20. ..... P-B5!  
Better than ..... PxP when 21. P-KKt3 holds the attack up somewhat. The text also has a hidden point which soon comes to light.  
21. PxP .....  
Obviously forced in view of the impending ..... P-B6.  
21. ..... P-B6!!  
Wins outright. Black threatens mate in two with ..... Q-R7 ch and ..... Q-R8,

and on 22. P-KKt3, BxKtP(6) also leads to a forced mate.  
22. R-K5 BxR 23. PxP PxP  
Resigns



**ALMOST STALEMATE!**

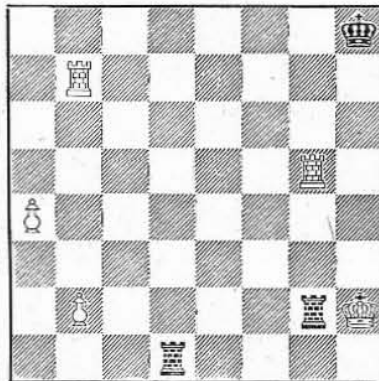
In an unusual opening variation Black opens up the position and grabs a pawn, neglecting to develop his K-side. The punishment is swift and Black gets a lost ending. A ray of hope appears when he sacrifices both rooks for a possible stalemate. But White avoids the trap and goes on to win. The game was submitted by the loser, proving his sense of humor and good sportsmanship.

**QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED**

MCO: page 176, column 15  
U. S. Open Championship  
New Orleans, 1954

Notes by U. S. Expert Dr. Joseph Platz

White A. POMAR Black R. BRIEGER  
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. PxP BxKt  
2. P-QB4 B-B4  
To give up a Bishop for a Knight should be done only for advantage or out of necessity. The latter is here the case, because 3. .... QxP; 4. Kt-QB3 looks too good for White.  
4. RxB QxP 7. P-K3 P-K4  
5. P-QR3 Kt-QB3 8. Q-B2 PxP  
6. Kt-B3 R-Q1 9. B-B4 Q-Q2  
Instead 9. .... Q-KR4 looks like a good alternative but 10. PxP, KtxP; 11. Q-K4 ch, Kt-K3; 12. BxKt, PxB; 13. QxP ch gives White a big advantage.  
10. PxP KtxP 12. O-O! .....  
11. KtxKt QxKt  
White makes use of his K-side development by bringing his King to safety and mobilizing his KR, and as the position is open, the two Bishops will show up to good advantage, and all this for the price of a mizzly pawn.  
12. ..... B-Q3 14. QxP BxPch  
13. Q-Kt3 Q-B3  
Black is in one of those situations where one sacrifices first and asks questions later. However, 14. .... Kt-K2; 15. B-Kt5 ch, K-B1 does not look too inviting either.  
15. KxB Q-R5ch 20. RxP O-O  
16. K-Kt1 QxB 21. R(7)xKt QxQ  
17. R-Ktch Kt-K2 22. RxQ PxB  
18. B-Kt5 P-KB3 23. KR-K7 R-Q8ch  
19. QR-B1 Q-Q4 24. K-R2 RxP  
Now it is White's time to harvest. Two Rooks on the 7th are like pigs, they eat everything.  
25. RxPch K-R1 29. QR-Kt7ch K-K1  
26. RxBch K-Kt1 30. R-Kt7 K-Bt1  
27. QR-Kt7ch K-B1 31. KR-Kt7ch K-R1  
28. RxBP K-Kt1 32. RxP RxP!ch  
Nice try!  
33. KxR! .....



If instead 33. RxR?, then R-R8 ch and the game is a draw as the Black R will follow the White K all over the board.  
33. .... R-Kt8ch 37. K-B6 R-Q3ch  
34. K-B3 R-Kt6ch 38. K-Kt5!!  
35. K-K4 R-Kt5ch Resigns  
36. K-Q5 R-Q5ch  
Wherever Black checks, White will lift the stalemate position.

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*Mate The Subtle Way!*

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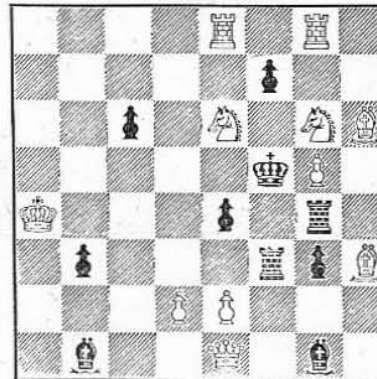
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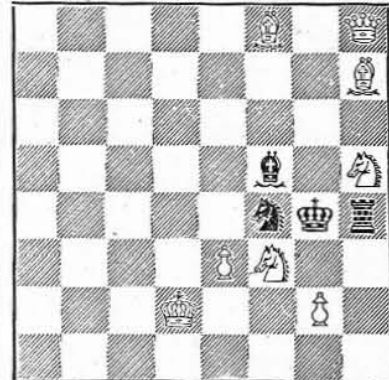
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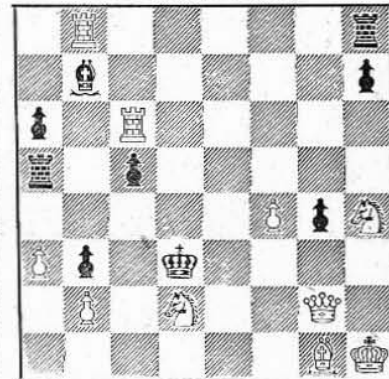
White mates in two moves

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By Newman Guttman  
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White mates in two moves

Problem No. 538  
By Dr. Palmer G. Keeney  
Fort Thomas, Ky.  
First Publication



White mates in three moves

THE four problems presented above are works from American composers of experience. While all the two-movers have points of merit, the Problem Editor feels urged, for personal reasons, to pay a special tribute to Dr. Palmer G. Keeney, composer of the three-mover, No. 538. The good "Doc", having conducted his column in the Cincinnati Enquirer for eight years (1927-1936)—a column which was known all over the world among problematists for its size (almost a full page) as well as for its unique contents—was the first Problem Editor of CHESS LIFE for several years from its start, 1945. Advanced in years, but still bright and alert, he is greatly interested in the column. He lives at the Veterans' Hospital, Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

*Solutions: - Mate the Subtle Way!*

No. 519 (Candela Sanz): 1. KtxKBP. Waiting! The extra flight and pleasing line openings justify the presence of overwhelming White forces.  
No. 520 (Major): Intention 1. Q-K7 with some nice play. Cooked by 1. Kt-Kt6. Quite a number of solvers gave this as the key.  
No. 521 (Holladay): 1. P-Q6. Two self-blocks (1. .... Kt-B6 and 1. .... Q-Q5) and three line interferences (1. .... B-Kt4, 1. .... B-Kt7, both combined with unpin, and 1. .... Kt-Kt3) gives this problem distinction.  
No. 522 (Beale): Intention 1. R-QKt4 with short mate threat. Mutual line-blockings of Q and B on K3. Unfortunately 1. .... R-B4 ruins this problem, as there is no mating continuation.  
No. 523 (Ellerman): 1. Kt-Q7, threat 2. QxB mate.  
No. 524 (Fleck): 1. Q-B2, threat 2. Kt-Kt4 dbl.ch.mate. Superb key!  
No. 525 (Stockl): 1. Kt-K6, threat 2. Kt-K3 dbl.ch. The two set mates before the key (1. .... QxP(B4); 2. B-K4 ch and 1. .... BxP; 2. QxB ch) are changed after the key to 2. KtxP and 2. Kt-B7 respectively. Thoroughly modern mechanism.  
No. 526 (Dutt): 1. K-Kt7, threatens 2. K-B6 and 3. Kt-Q7 anywhere, with disc. mate. The three thematic defenses: P-B6, R-B6, and Kt-B6 all unpin the White Kt, each determining the square to which this Kt must go to prevent disturbing the discovered mate of the Kt(Q7). Thus: 1. .... P-B6; 2. Kt-Kt6, etc.; 1. .... R-B6; 2. Kt-Kt4, etc.; 1. .... Kt-B6; 2. Kt-B7 (to avoid the effect of 2. .... Q-R7!), etc. Many solvers "broke down" on this! The very sharp theme atones for the unusually clumsy setup.

**BOOST AMERICAN CHESS!**

Ohio State University Chess Club:  
Tim Anderson and Walter Meiden tied for club title with 5½-1½, Zina Burrenson, John Siefker and Phil Rothman tied for third with 3½-3½. Anderson drew with Meiden, Burrenson and Rothman; Meiden lost a game to Rothman.

# Tournament Life

Send to CHESS LIFE, 123 No. Humphrey Ave., Oak Park, Ill. for application form for announcing tournament in this column.

February 26-27

## 58th Minnesota State Championship St. Paul, Minn.

Open; state title to highest state resident; at Downtown YMCA, 9th and Cedar Sts.; 6 rd Swiss, 45 moves in 2 hrs.; \$50 first prize guaranteed with other cash prizes and special class prizes in cash; Entry fee \$8 (\$7 to USCF membership card holders) with \$2 refund on completion of schedule; Registration deadline 8:00 a.m. February 26; bring chess clocks and sets; for details or entry write: Dane Smith, 1283 Watson Ave., St. Paul 5, Minn.  
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April 14-15

## New Jersey High School Championship Hoboken, N.J.

Restricted to undergraduates of any high school, public or private, in N.J.; 6 rd Swiss; 1st prize a medal with other valuable prizes; entry fee \$1.00 with USCF membership required of all participants (\$5.00); Entries and inquiries to: William Walbrecht, 6 Webster Ave., Jersey City 7, N.J.  
**100% USCF rated event.**

**Cosmo (Los Angeles) Chess Club:** The club title fell to Lou Domanski who scored 10½-1½ to lead the runner-up by a half-point margin. Domanski lost one game to Tommy Craig and drew with Taylor. Second with 10-2 went to Craig, while Leonard Zeitlin and Harry Southard shared third place with 9½-2½ in the 13-player round robin event, with Zeitlin on top on S-B points.

# CLEVELAND CHESS WEEK

## Club vs. Industrial League

Club League	Industrial League
Th. Ellison	1
E. Somlo	0
M. Patrick	1
J. Cohn	1
E. Wyman	1
J. Chavayda	0
R. Kause	1
St. Lazarus	1
L. Nemethy	1
H. Fleming	1
M. Paruta	1
D. Zaas	1
S. Korsgaard	1
R. Michniak	1
L. Leitson	1
R. Vilumsons	1
I. Halperin	1
S. Keeney	1
J. Kapustij	1
H. Krumin	1
A. Burgyan	1
J. Bakles	1
G. Krompotich	1
N. Duda	1
Lols Zaas	1
W. Trimmer	1
L. Danielson	1
E. Gyarmothy	1
L. Chandler	0
R. Tellman	0
J. Kereszturi	1
H. Gans	1
J. Ogawa	1
W. Pedavingh	0
E. Brandos	0
J. Goodman	1
Willa Owens	1
R. Johnston	0
Dr. Perkins	0
G. Markis	1
K. Meszicsek	1
Total	31½
Z. Pauer	0
A. Nasvytlis	1
F. Haban	0
R. Lewis	0
V. Zadnikar	1
F. Petraltis	1
F. Kessler	0
W. Mahoney	0
H. Wiese	0
J. Humphrey	1
A. Amsterdam	0
K. Tinker	0
B. Wood	1
E. Owsliak	0
S. Luciw	0
P. Skiba	0
D. Voogd	0
P. Mataich	0
S. Richter	0
M. Antunovich	0
J. Kumagal	0
H. Ostroske	0
A. Ruck	0
V. Ravas	0
P. Ingram	0
R. Ostroske	0
W. Van Sickle	0
J. Charney	0
F. Russo	1
B. Sluga	0
P. Niewarsky	0
T. Malstrus	0
A. Krnzirec	0
P. Tratch	1
W. Storozyński	1
J. Pujol	0
St. Toth	1
W. Zivodr	1
W. Szabo	0
H. Corfman	1
J. Szentivanyi	1
	9½

**Cadet Chess Club (West Point)** scored 2-3 in a team match with Stevens Institute of Technology. Tallying for the Cadets were Jack E. Hesse and John P. Richey, while for Stevens Institute the victories went to Leonid Charzenko, Bruce Barnett, and William Brennan. A USCF Club Affiliate.

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## Solution to No. 152

Muller-Erdelyi, Varsovie 1935. White wins by 1. R-N7, K-B; 2. P-N7ch, K-N; 3. RxR, RxR; 4. RxBch, RxR; 5. K-N6, R-K2; 6. P-R6. After the essential key move 1. R-N7, White wins easily in all variations; eg in the above line 2. RxR or 2. RxBch win just as readily as the text. All solutions commencing 1. R-N7 received full latter credit for valid wins. The main point of this position was the snappy little trap, 1. R/6-N8? which the unfortunate Muller actually played in the game. He thus permitted Erdelyi the resource 1. .... R-QR2ch; 2. PxR, RxPch; 3. K-N6, R-QN2ch drawn. Our cautious solvers for the most part avoided this pitfall.

Correct solutions are acknowledged from R. A. Baker, K. Blumberg, Milton D. Blumenthal, Ted Bullockus, Murray Burn, R. E. Burry, George F. Chase, J. E. Coachman, J. E. Comstock, S. J. Einhorn, Dr. H. B. Gaba, Edwin Gault, E. B. Hallman, Robert G. Hocker, Lyman T. Johnston, Jr., R. F. Jolly\*, Harrison Kindig, F. S. Klein, Maury Klein, Edward J. Korpany, Heino Kuruk, Joseph P. Lee, J. L. McDonald, Henry R. Meifert, Max F. Mueller, Howard Murray, Charles Musgrove, Edmund Nash, William Newberry, George W. Payne, Herbert C. Pierson, Dr. Ray Pinson, George V. Putnam, Ray F. Reithel, Edmund Roman, Dr. Max Schlosser, Dr. I. Schwartz, Bruce J. Sidney, Irwin Sigmond, David Silver, Clem Simmer, Paul H. Smith, Paul J. Sommer, Andris Staklis, W. E. Stevens, H. C. Underwood, David A. Walsdorf, Jr., L. A. Ware, Hans L. Weigand, J. L. Weininger, Harley D. Wilbur, David Wilkinson, William B. Wilson, Neil P. Witting, M. M. Woodson and Phil Work.

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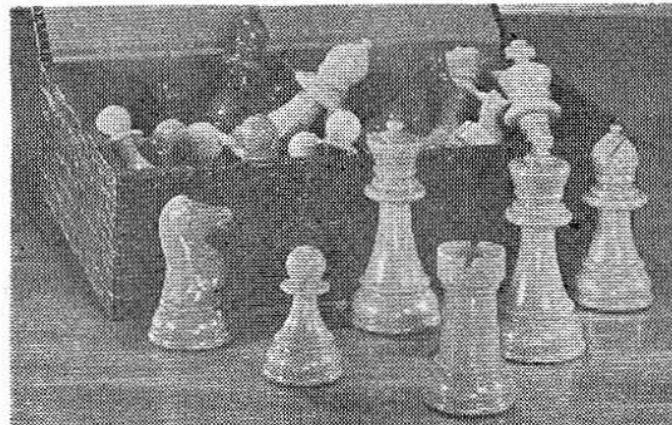
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