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What's The Best Move?

Conducted by

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SEND solutions to Position No. 156 to Russell Chauvenet, 721 Gist Ave., Silver Spring, Md., by April 5, 1955. With your solution please send analysis or reasons supporting your choice as "Best Move" or moves.

Solution to Position No. 156 will appear in the April 20, 1955 issue.

NOTE: Do not place solutions to two positions on one card; be sure to indicate correct number of position being solved, and give the full name and address of the solver to assist in proper crediting of solution.

Position No. 156



White to play

SVENSSON WINS SPOKANE TITLE

The Spokane City Championship, sponsored by USCF Affiliated Spokane Chess Club and held at the University Club, ended in a tie between Leon Svensson and Gordon Cornelius with 5½-½ each, drawing with each other. In a play-off match for the title Svensson scored 1½-½ to win the title.

Third was Phil Aikman with 5-1, losing no games but drawing with Dr. G.H. Parker and John Vhay. Fourth and fifth on Solkoff points with 4½-1½ each were Dr. Parker and P.A. Lyberger. Parker lost to Svensson and drew with Aikman; Lyberger lost to Parker and drew with Donald Daniels. Sixth to thirteenth with 4-2 each in the 42 player event were Robert Higginson, Robert Dycus, Al Mohr, Kenneth Roberts, Eric Thunberg, Ray Kromer, Emil Maykowsky, and Robert Dineen. Dr. Griffith H. Parker acted as tournament director.

EUWE PRAISES AMERICAN CHESS

In an exclusive article in the Cleveland Chess Bulletin for February 15th, Dr. Max Euwe speaks in flattering terms of the future of American chess, particularly stressing the growing interest in chess, the development of chess interest among women, and the fact that American participants in a simultaneous exhibition cannot be bluffed.

U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

August 8-20, 1955
Long Beach, California

WILLS TRIUMPHS AT NEW ORLEANS

Alfred B. Wills with a score of 8-1 again won the New Orleans City Championship; he was undefeated, giving up draws to A.L. McAuley and Frank Chavez. A.L. McAuley came in a close second to Wills, scoring 7½-1½. Mrs. Irene Vines, who made such a brilliant record in the U. S. Women's Open last August, placed third with a score of 6½-2½. (She had placed 6th place in last year's city tournament.) Frank Chavez was fourth with 6-3; and Dr. Kenneth N. Vines was fifth with 6-3.

C. J. Cucullu, a new comer to the New Orleans Chess Club, won the Reserve Tournament. Cucullu, undefeated, had a score of 7-2 since he had 5 wins and 4 draws. William P. Naser with a score of 7-2 lost out on first place in tie-breaking points. Third place went to J. C. Settle with 6½-2½. Gary Eedal was fourth with 6½-2½, and N. E. Simoneaux fifth with 6-3.

MILIC TRIUMPHS AT BEVERWIJK

At the seventeenth annual tournament at Beverwijk in January the growing importance of Yugoslavia in chess was further indicated by the 6½-2½ triumph of Milic (no losses and five draws). Bouwmeester and Donner, both of Holland, shared second with 6-3, while Kramer of Holland was fourth with 5½-3½. Sixth was shared by Czerniak (Israel) and Prins (Holland) at 5-4 each.

Other scorers in the event were Kovac (Austria) and Pilnik (Argentina) 3½-5½; Bergsma (Holland) and Perez (Spain) 1-7.

Although first prize went to Yugoslavia, the performance of the Dutch masters, even without the aid of Dr. Euwe (then in the USA) was impressive.

Howard, Lombardy Share Championship In Marshall C. C. Title Event

By WILLIAM SLATER

In a breath-taking, hair-raising, neck-to-neck finish, Franklin Howard, leading New Jersey master, and meteoric young William Lombardy, seventeen year old New York state champion, each scoring 11½ out of 14, swept to victory a full two points ahead of the field to share the coveted Marshall Club championship title.

The two leaders ran side by side throughout the tournament. Each lost but a single game, Lombardy bowing to Claude Hillinger in the fifth round, and Howard being defeated by Florencio Compamanes in the eighth.

Otherwise the performance of the two leaders was identical in every respect. Each drew a total of three games, drawing against each other, and both drew their games against A. E. Santasiere and Edmar Mednis as well.

Tide at 9½-4½ for third and fourth were youthful Edmar Mednis and Anthony Saïdy of Fordham University, outstanding scorer at first board in the Intercollegiate Team Tournament.

Tied for fifth and sixth were Claude Hillinger and Allen Kaufman, completing what was virtually a field day for youth.

Veteran Anthony E. Santasiere, competing in the Marshall championship for the thirty-fourth time, finished in a triple tie with Nicholas Bakos and John Westbrook for the next three places with 7½-6½ each.

MARSHALL CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

1. F. Howard	11½-2½
2. W. Lombardy	11½-2½
3. E. Mednis	9½-4½
4. A. Saïdy	9½-4½
5. C. Hillinger	8-6
6. A. Kaufman	8-6
7. N. Bakos	7½-6½
8. A. E. Santasiere	7½-6½
9. J. Westbrook	7½-6½
10. J. Donovan	7-7
11. F. Compamanes	6-8
12. M. De Lieto	4-10
13. A. Kaminsky	4-10
14. J. Nussbaum	2½-11½
15. L. Kupersmith	1-13

REISMAN WINS IN PUERTO RICO

Paul Reismann, born in Poland but a resident of Puerto Rico for the past six years, won the Puerto Rican Championship, losing one game to Arturo Colon who placed second. Puerto Rico's almost perennial champion, Miguel Cintron, who regained the title last fall in a match with Francisco Benitez, did not compete in the event which otherwise drew all of Puerto Rico's outstanding players.

The new champion, who is also vice-president of the Puerto Rican Chess Federation and of the San Juan Chess Club, has been very active in bringing to the island various notables of chess as visitors, including Najdorf, Guimard, and Ulvestad.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE REQUESTED BY USCF WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

USCF Secretary J. B. Holt has submitted the official count on the ballots from the USCF Board of Directors and Executive Committee. The vote officially expresses the confidence of the Board in the USCF Ways and Means Committee as follows:

Approval: 57 votes
Disapproval: 6 votes
Not Voting: 9 members

(For text of the resolution submitted for balloting, please turn to page four.)

USCF PUBLISHES NEW AFFILIATION

In this issue, the USCF publishes the Revised USCF Affiliation regulations, effective as of March 1, 1955. All present affiliates will be notified of the changes in regulations and tournaments in progress or announced prior to March 1 under the old terms of affiliation will be accepted for rating under the old conditions.

Principal difference in the new terms of Affiliation is in the liberalizing of conditions to permit a State organization or a League to affiliate without requiring that all its members become USCF members. Since only the events conducted by affiliated units will be eligible for rating after March 1 (save those events already in progress), all chess officials are re-

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U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

July 15-24, 1955
Lincoln, Nebraska

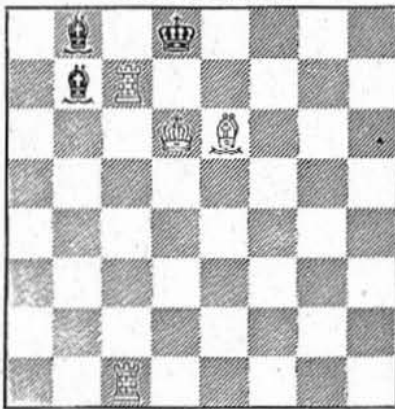
Finish It The Clever Way! by Edmund Nash

Position No. 147
Geller vs. Papapoulos
Amsterdam
1954



White to play and win

Position No. 148
By Robert Brieger
Houston, Texas
First Publication



White to play and win

WHITE made one move in Position No. 147 and Black resigned. The original composition by Robert Brieger is a fascinating tantalizer. The solver may consider the win as demonstrated if White ends up with a Rook and Bishop against Bishop; to end up with only a Rook against a Bishop is a draw (in exceptional positions a Rook may win against a Bishop, but not in this ending). The solution can be demonstrated in four to six moves, depending on the variation.

For solution, please turn to Page Eight.

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



James Gore scored 6-2 to win the Major Reserve Tourney at the Manhattan Chess Club, losing one game to Ray Munitz and drawing with Albert Seropian and Jerry Schmel. Seropian was second with 5½-2½, while Joe Tamargo placed third with 5-3.



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.

Official rating forms should be secured in advance from:—

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Do not write to other USCF officials for these rating forms.



A new chess magazine "Chess Reader" has been announced. It will be confined to the interest of chess book-lovers, and will cover books and magazines on all aspects of chess, and in all languages, according to its publisher, K. Whyld. There will be no game scores (except those quoted in reviews), but special features will include answers to readers' queries, articles on chess libraries and full bibliographies on special aspects of chess, such as fairy chess, end-games, etc. Subscription is 3-6d a year, including postage (about 55c) with all subscriptions based on the even volume number, ending at end of each year. No single copies sold. Those interested may write: K. Whyld, Editor and Publisher, 125 Trowell Road, Wollaton, Nottingham, England.



At the mid-point of the Lansing City Tournament Ed Barwick and Leo Zaikowski share the lead with 3 points apiece, closely followed by John B. Kelly with 2½. Six players are tied at 2 each.

Pillsbury (Memphis) Chess Club: Organized January 27, 1955 with Max F. Mueller, president; A. D. Gruen, secretary; J. A. Wright, treasurer; and Hunter Weaks, tournament director. Meetings are held every Thursday evening in Apartment 4 (Hunter Weaks) at 150 No. Cooper St. The new club already has issued a club bulletin "Caisian Potpourri" edited by Max F. Mueller, 769 University St., Memphis 7, Tenn.

City Chess Club (Vancouver): Eugene Butkov emerged as victor with 9½-½ in the club open tournament, while M. Jursevskis was runner-up with 8½-1½. L. M. Duvall scored 7-3, and J. M. Taylor 6½-3½ in the 11-player event.

San Francisco Bay Area League: Golden Gate trounced Castle 6½-½ and University of California downed Palo Alto 5-2 in second round, leaving Golden Gate in the lead with 2-0. In the B Division Alameda bested Golden Gate 4-3, a surprise victory, and Mechanics Institute defeated Kings 5-2.

INTERZONAL GAPS ALMOST FILLED

The entry list of eligibles for the Interzonal Tournament at Goteborg this summer has come close to completion with the exception being the Soviet Union where a tournament is in progress to name four and Canada which has not yet nominated its participant. Twenty-four players will compete and those finishing in the first six places will be entitled to compete next year in the World Championship's Candidates Tournament, the winner of which meeting Botvinnik in a match for the World Championship title.

Those so far qualified are: Unzicker (Germany), Donner (Holland), Rabar and Fuderer (Yugoslavia), Pachman and Filip (Czechoslovakia), Szabo (Hungary), Stahlberg (Sweden), Panno and Najdorf (Argentina), Reshevsky, Bisguier and Evans (USA), and Keres and Bronstein (USSR). It is not clear whether Medina (Venezuela) or Cuellar (Columbia) will represent Central America, or whether Pilnik or Guimard (Argentina) will be the third representative of the South American Zone. Canada is expected to nominate either Yanofsky or Vaitonis.

USCF AFFILIATION

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requested to study the new terms of affiliation carefully and act promptly in renewing affiliation or applying for it for organizations hitherto not affiliated. All applications for affiliation or questions regarding it should be addressed to: Kenneth Harkness, USCF Membership Secretary, 81 Bedford Street, New York 14, N.Y.

(Text of the new Conditions of Affiliation appears on page four of this issue.)



Further details of the fabulous Nevada Championship at Las Vegas have been released. It will be held April 9-11, a seven round Swiss with \$5.00 entry fee (\$8.00 if the player is accompanied by wife). Entries and reservations for hotels or motels should be addressed to Fred Soly, 905 Cashman Drive, Las Vegas, Nev.



Joseph Lavandero with 9½-2½ won the Manhattan C.C. Premier Reserves, losing one game to Dr. Isaac Spector, while drawing with Nathan Cohen, Alphen Murphy, and Ben Schiller in the double round event. Eugene Pflumm was second with 7½-4½, and Dr. Spector was third with 7-5.

Cleveland Chess League: In the Club League current standings show in the Western Division, Atlantic Internationals leading 6-0, Ukrainian-Americans second 5-1, and East Cleveland Rooks third with 4-2. In the Eastern Division, East Side Hungarians lead with 5½-½, second is Cleveland Chess Club with 6-1, while Atlantic Nationals and Cleveland Twist Drill have 4-2 each. All matches must be concluded by February 28th, as the playoffs between Eastern and Western Division teams begins March 7th. A USCF Affiliated League.

Chess Life In New York

By Allen Kaufman

OF all the forms of chess played in this city the most dynamic and the most controversial is, without doubt, blitz. Considering the history of chess, blitz was inevitable. Time limits have evolved from none at all in the last century (remember Morphy bursting into tears at his opponent's procrastination?), through tournament chess (twelve, eighteen, then forty moves an hour), and 30-30 chess (thirty moves in half an hour), to rapid transit (ten seconds a move). And now blitz.

Blitz has its supporters, who say it quickens the tactical sense; its detractors, who warn that it ruins one's serious chess; and its addicts, who claim it is the purest form of the game—no thinking, just playing!

The game, daily gaining in popularity here, is played at several speeds, ranging from seconds a move to absolute move-on-move. Julius Partos has apotheosized blitz—according to his rules each player simply moves as quickly as he can, regardless of what the other one does. Consequently, the penalty for moving slowly is that you get fewer moves in.

Blitz is most enjoyable when accompanied by the slamming of pieces and kibitzing. (A kibitz may be defined as a quip vaguely connected with either the position at hand or the opponent under foot, and demonstrating the kibitzer's erudition and skill at language. The best kibitzes are those that are general and so can be used again and again.)

Since blitz games are filled with blunders, it is not uncommon for skilled blitzers to give phenomenal odds to those less experienced. In Progressive Blitz, the odds are increased after each game the odd-giver wins, and decreased after each game he loses.

Following is the score of a game played during a progressive match a few days ago:

White	Black
ELIOT HEARST	R. E.
(Remove White's Queen, Queen's Rook, and King's Knight)	
1. P-QK13	P-KK13
2. B-K12	K1-KB3
3. P-K4	B-K12
4. P-KR4	P-KR4
5. P-KK14	PxP
6. P-R5	KtxP
7. BxB	KtxB
8. RxR mate	

IN BRIEF: Forry Laucks gave a party for Lombardy and Howard, newly-crowned Marshall C.C. co-champs. . . . Albert Pinkus 4½-1½ leads in the Manhattan C.C. championship. This year's giant-killer appears to be Feuerstein, who upset Bisguier.

North Jersey Chess League: In the sixth round Irving-Polish bested New Jersey City 4-2; Orange downed Elizabeth 6-2; Irvington won from Northern Valley 5½-2½; Maroczy drew with Plainfield 4-4; and Philidor drew with Montclair 4-4. Maroczy leads with 5-1 (two drawn matches) while Irvington-Polish, Northern Valley, Orange, Philidor, and Plainfield are 4-2 each. A USCF League Affiliate.

Cosmos (Los Angeles) Chess Club: Elected as officers were: Charles Edward Gray, president; Sotero Rodriguez, secretary-treasurer; and Tommy Cragg, tournament director.

YOUNG MASTERS' FORUM

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

South American Complications

By U. S. Master JAMES T. SHERWIN

OSCAR Panno recently won the South American Zonal Tournament ahead of Najdorf, Eliskases and Pilnik without the loss of a game. The following difficult game is a good example of his complicated style.

OLD INDIAN DEFENSE South American Zonal

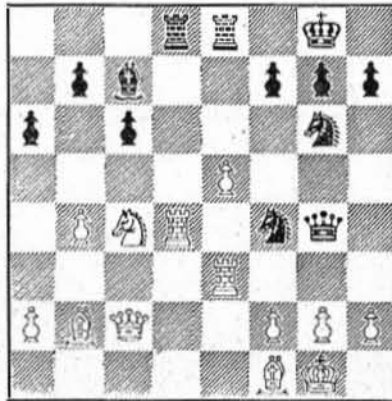
White	Black
B. WEXLER	O. PANNO
1. P-Q4	K1-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-Q3
3. K1-QB3	QK1-Q2
4. K1-B3	P-K4
5. P-K4	B-K2
6. B-K2	O-O
7. O-O	P-B3

Kotov and Bronstein have revived and popularized this resilient opening.

8. R-K1 R-K1
9. B-B1 P-QR3
Black bluffs at P-QK4—one of the ideas in the Old Indian. Kotov usually plays Q-B2 and P-KK3, after a while turning the game into a King's Indian with tempi all askew. Panno wants, however, to keep KK3 for his Kts and the following intricate maneuver is designed to hold the center and gain complete control of the pivotal KB5.

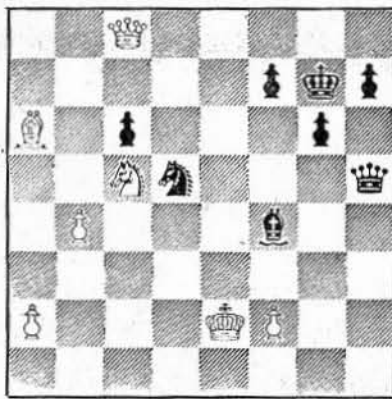
10. P-QK13 B-B1
11. B-K12
Also good for White was P-KR3 and B-K3.

11.	K1-R4
12. Q-B2	K1-B5
13. QR-Q1	Q-B3
14. R-Q2	B-K2
15. K1-Q1!	B-Q1
16. P-QK14	B-B2
17. K1-K3	K1-B1
18. P-B5	K1/1-K13
19. K1-B4	B-K15!



....., K1-R6 ch; 29. BxKt, QxB; 30. Kt-K5, BxK1; 31. R/4-Q8, B-Q3; 32. RxB and wins.

25. K1-Q6?
White should swap or defend his Q4.
25. Q-Q2 is okay.
25. RxP 32. K-B1 Q-R8ch
26. KtxKtP 33. K-K2 K1-B5ch
27. BxR RxR(Q5) 34. K-Q2 K1-Q4
28. BxKt KtxP! 35. Q-KB5 P-K13
29. RxR Q-R8ch! 36. Q-B8ch K-K12
30. B-B1 QxR 37. K1-B5 B-B5ch
31. BxP QxPch 38. K-K2 Q-R4ch



38., Kt-B6 ch; 39. K-Q3, KtxP wins at once.

39. K-B1 KtxP?
Black should transpose into the line above.

40. K1-K6ch! PxKt
41. Q-K17ch K-B3
42. QxKt Q-Q8ch
43. K-K12 Q-Q4ch
44. K-B1 Q-Q3
45. Q-B3ch P-K4
46. B-B4 Q-Q5

Unnecessary—the White Queen is driven to its best diagonal.

47. Q-QK13 P-R4
48. P-R4 P-R5
49. B-B7 Q-Q2
50. P-R5! P-K5
51. P-R6 P-R6
52. B-K6! Q-QR2
53. B-B8! P-R7
54. Q-K6ch

Also 54. K-K12 makes the game very difficult as after Q-B4 White gets a perpetual check and K-K12; 55. Q-K17 ch and BxQ is drawn.

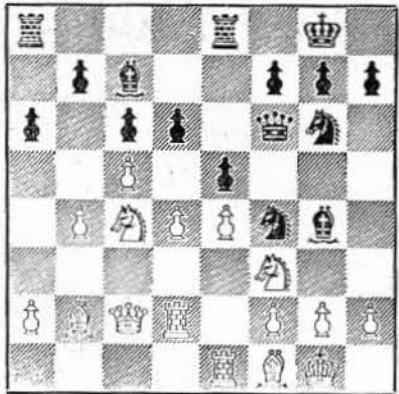
54. K-K12
(Diagram top of next column)

55. QxKP?
Again 55. K-K12 gives good drawing chances.

55. Q-B4!
The crusher

56. P-R7 Q-B8ch
57. K-K2 Q-Q7ch

Resigns
If 58. K-B1, Q-Q8 ch wins.



Both sides have achieved their objectives but White's pressure in the center gives him the edge.

20. R-K3
20. PxQP, BxKt; 21. PxB(3) (else Q-K14 and Kt-R5), Kt-R5; 22. R-K3, Q-K14 ch; 23. K-R1, R-K3; 24. KtxP, BxP and Black's attack is ferocious.

20. PxBP
Black can no longer hold the center. White should now play 21. PxKP and 22. Kt-Q6 whether the Black Queen goes to K2 or K3.

21. Kt/3xP PxQP!
22. KtxB Q-K3
23. RxP

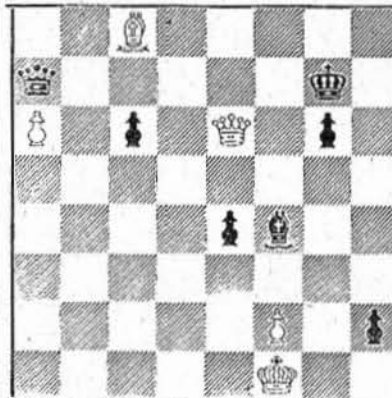
If 23. R-KK13, P-KR4 wins the trapped Kt.

23. QxKt
24. P-K5 QR-Q1!

(Diagram top of next column)

24. KtxKP; 25. Q-K4!, Kt/4-K13;
26. QxR ch, RxR; 27. RxR ch, Kt-B1;
28. P-K13 favors White. For example:

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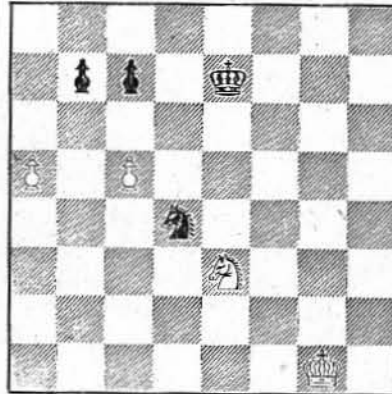
New USCF Affiliates

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Silver Spring YMCA Chess Club
Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at Sligo Creek Clubhouse, Silver Spring, Md. Membership open to all. President: Robert Fleuriot; Vice-Pres: A. G. Carlton; Treas: William Hodgson; Sec'y: Ervin S. Baugher, Jr. Mail address: P. O. Box 11, 811 Pershing Dr., Silver Springs, Md.

WASHINGTON
Spokane Chess Club
Meets at University Club (Ridpath Hall), Spokane, Wash. on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Pres: Dr. Griffith H. Parker, 416 Hyde Bldg., Spokane 1, Wash.; Sec'y-Treas: Donald F. Daniels.

Studies in Pawn Endings By Andrew Efron

Study No. 3



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

Cleveland Chess League: In the Industrial League, in the Eastern Division, Lincoln Electric tops with 5 1/2-1/2 score, followed by Cleveland Twist Drill with 5-1 and Horizons, Inc. with 4-2. In the Western Division, N.C.C.A. leads the procession with 5 1/2-1/2, followed by Cleveland Twist Drill with 4-1, and Atlantic Tool and Die with 4 1/2-2 1/2. Revised schedule of league matches continued into April before play-offs are scheduled. A USCF Affiliated League.

Log Cabin Chess Club (Orange): The second issue of "Divertives" contains numerous scores from the recent Log Cabin Eastern States Thanksgiving Open, news items and comments, and some remarks on the Ruy Lopez by Weaver W. Adam.

Women's Chess Life By Willa White Owens

UNITED States Women's Open Championship will be played at Long Beach, California, August 8 to 20, as part of the USCF Open Championship — the woman finishing highest in the Open receiving the title. This is the second most important women's title in this country—the U. S. Women's Championship, played for biannually, being the first.

The Helen Cobb travelling trophy, which was established in 1939 to accompany the title of U. S. Women's Open Champion, was retired in 1950 when Miss Mona May Karff won permanent possession of the cup, having won the title and custody of the cup three times. Miss Karff has actually held the title four times, as she was also the winner in 1938. Mrs. Gisela Gresser is the present Women's Open Champion.

The annual USCF Open Tournament is a wonderful opportunity for women to take their first step into national chess. It is particularly valuable tournament for women when it is held as a mixed tournament, as it will be this year. This gives women an opportunity to try their strength against the strongest men or women players whom their ability will allow them to meet in a twelve round swiss tournament.

Mrs. Eva Aronson of Chicago made her debut on the national scene in the 1953 Open, winning the women's title for that year. Mrs. Irene Vines of New Orleans made her first national appearance in the 1954 Open. Mrs. Vines did not win the formal title, but her performance of taking 2 1/2 points from the three international women masters present won her (Please turn to page 7, col. 3)

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Text of Resolution Submitted to USCF Board of Directors

REPRODUCED below is the text of the Resolution submitted by the
USCF Ways & Means Committee in seeking a clear mandate from the
USCF Board of Directors and Executive Committee on the policies
and management of USCF affairs placed under their authority:

TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION

In July 1952 the United States Chess Federation, due to the desperate state
of its affairs, with particular reference to finances, faced a serious threat of
dissolution. At the Annual Meeting at Tampa that year, Mr. Kenneth Harkness
proposed and presented a plan of promotion for the Federation; the Board of Di-
rectors then created a "Promotional Plan Committee", consisting of A. Wyatt Jones,
Chairman, Frank R. Graves, W. M. Byland, Edgar McCormick, and Herman Steiner,
and clothed that Committee with authority to investigate the plan offered by Mr.
Harkness and, if it saw fit, to implement same by entering into a contract with
him, and also to consider the appointment of an editor for CHESS LIFE, as the
present contract with Montgomery Major was expiring. Pursuant to this authority,
the Promotional Plan Committee entered into a 5-year contract with Mr. Harkness,
as Business Manager of the Federation, and also a 5-year extension of the existing
contract with Mr. Major to edit CHESS LIFE; these actions were then presented
to the Board of Directors for a vote by mail, and the contracts approved.

At the 1953 Meeting in Milwaukee, the Board of Directors again approved the
action taken by the Promotional Plans Committee, and created the "Ways and
Means Committee", consisting of A. Wyatt Jones, Chairman, Frank R. Graves, and
W. M. Byland to act as representatives of the entire membership in dealing with
the Business Manager and Editor, and to do all things necessary to insure the
success of the adopted "Promotional Plan", under the then-existing contracts.

The Ways and Means Committee have done, and are now doing, to the best of
their knowledge and ability, that which they believe best for organized chess in
America, and particularly for the membership of the USCF. They are giving their
time and energy to the task; they have drawn nothing for travel, phone calls,
postage, stationery, or other expenses incident to their duties, but each has paid
such expense out of his own pocket.

The "Promotional Plan" has, in the Committee's opinion, proved entirely suc-
cessful. Since July 1952 the Federation membership has more than doubled, the
Federation has, for the first time in years, been able to meet its current expenses,
and has even been able to slightly reduce the outstanding indebtedness. A more
intensive effort along all lines of endeavor is currently in progress, and there
is no reason to believe that this effort will prove otherwise than successful.

At the 1954 Annual Meeting, and subsequent thereto, the present Federation
management has been subjected to severe and constant criticism of its policy,
objectives, and accomplishments. The bulk of this criticism has emanated from
the official California chess association, and several USCF Directors from that
State; a great number of you have seen copies of correspondence embodying their
criticisms. The undersigned Committee has been in constant communication with
this group, and has been endeavoring to explain its policies factually to them,
believing that the majority of criticism arises from misunderstanding, rumor, and
information which has no factual basis. As stated by our Committee in a recent
issue of CHESS LIFE, we are prepared to consider all criticism and complaints
from this group, and, after careful study, will render a formal report thereon
to the Board of Directors; a formal list of complaints is currently being drawn
by the California group for presentation to us for this purpose.

Each of you have received a copy of Norman T. Whitaker's vicious attack on
the Federation and its management (under date of December 30, 1954.) We would
like to point out at once that the criticism of the California group, while arising in
some instances from misunderstanding and misinformation as to facts, is construc-
tive in intention if in some instances ill-advised, and in no way reflects the
viciousness and scurrility of Whitaker's open letter.

We will not here attempt to refute Whitaker's remarkable document in detail,
nor will we resort to his methods of calumny by pointing out certain facts in
his background which make peculiarly inappropriate the high moral tone of
indignation evidenced in his letter. We will content ourselves by replying to
several of the more serious charges made, as follows:

- 1) Both the Business Manager and Treasurer have been continually under bond
since assuming their duties. Such practice is so much a part of ordinary busi-
ness procedure that any special notice of its existence would constitute an
insult to the intelligence of our membership.
- 2) Mr. Harkness's income for the past fiscal year, as attested by the CPA re-
tained by the Federation to audit its accounts, was \$2,549.53, rather than the
\$7,500.00 "guessed" by Whitaker.

- 3) Election procedures of the Federation are governed by the present By-Laws.
Revision of the latter has been under study for some months, but this Com-
mittee feels that it should not be stamped into change without giving care-
ful consideration to all contingencies liable to arise; this work has proceeded
satisfactorily, and it is hoped that a definitive report from the By-Laws Com-
mittee will be forthcoming within the next few months.
- 4) Mr. Harkness has been a resident of the United States since 1918. While his
real name is Stanley Edgar, and "Kenneth Harkness" is a pen-name, the latter
has been used by him professionally (both in his extensive radio career and in
chess work) since that time. There are no sinister implications in the use of
this nom-de-plume, and our Committee has the utmost confidence, both in Mr.
Harkness's ability and character; the Federation membership should be grate-
ful for his efforts in its behalf, rather than tolerant to an attempt to warp
the known, innocent facts of his life into a "deportable alien" status.
- 5) An audited report of the fiscal year's transactions was presented to the Di-
rectors at the 1955 Meeting; as all business of the Federation was conducted
at the New York Office, this report was announced as the Annual Treasurer's
Report. A separate duplicate report by the Treasurer was not only unneces-
sary, but impractical under the circumstances, as the Treasurer was constan-
tly engaged as the Assistant Director of the Open Tournament, and Di-
rector of the Women's Open Championship Tournament, during the entire New
Orleans Meeting.

The foregoing will serve to expose the deliberate inaccuracy inherent in
Whitaker's letter, and it should be unnecessary to comment on his use of quota-
tions out of context, and his implications of support from individuals who have
no desire to be associated, either publicly or privately, with Whitaker's thinking.

In view of the criticisms we have sustained during the past seven months, the
Ways and Means Committee, being the policy-fixing body of the Federation, is
entitled to know if their conduct of Federation affairs meets with the approval of
the Executive Committee and Directors. We are therefore asking for a vote of
either APPROVAL or DISAPPROVAL. If the majority vote for approval, we shall
continue our efforts to fairly represent the interests of ALL the members, but
if the majority vote disapproval, the undersigned Committee will immediately
submit its resignation.

It should be clearly understood that if a vote of confidence is accorded this
Committee, the undersigned will take immediate steps, through the channels pro-
vided in our By-Laws, to revoke the Federation membership of Norman T. Whit-
aker, and render him consequently ineligible to compete in any contests sponsored
by, or affiliated with, the USCF. Such action on our part will be initiated not
through any desire to avoid justifiable criticism, but because no organization can
tolerate such vicious and scurrilous attacks on its management by one of its mem-
bers. Indeed, such action on the part of the Federation against Whitaker is long
overdue, and we freely admit that our policy of tolerance toward such individuals
within our organization has been a mistaken one.

We ask only that you vote your conviction, but PLEASE VOTE by sending
your ballot to Secretary Major J. B. Holt, Long Beach, Via Sarasota, Florida. To
be counted, the ballot must reach Major Holt not later than February 15, 1955.

USCF WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Frank R. Graves

W. M. Byland

A. Wyatt Jones, Chairman

BALLOT

Do you approve the present policies, and past handling, of the affairs of the
UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION by the WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE?

ANSWER: (Yes or No) _____

REMARKS: (if any) _____

Signature of Voting Officer or Director

Change In USCF Affiliation Basis

EFFECTIVE as of March 1, 1955 the basis of Affiliation with the USCF
for Clubs, Leagues, Associations and other chess organizations has
been modified, both to adjust terms of affiliation to the new USCF Rat-
ing Regulations and to render the basis of affiliation more practical in
its scope and economically sound in its application.

Copies of the new Conditions of Affiliation, together with applica-
tion blanks for affiliation, will be distributed to all affiliated units as
soon as possible so that these organizations will have ample time to con-
sider the changes before their next annual meetings.

PRIVILEGES AND CONDITIONS OF AFFILIATION WITH THE USCF

Effective March 1, 1955

1) **Franchise Applications:** Any chess organization, including a Chess Club, a
State Chess Association, a Regional Chess Association, a City or County Chess
Association, a League of Chess Clubs, or any other organized chess group, may
apply to the U.S. Chess Federation for a franchise as an affiliated USCF Chapter.

2) **Authority to Conduct USCF-Rated Contests:** A USCF Chapter is authorized
to conduct rated contests under the conditions set forth in the USCF National
Rating Regulations effective March 1st, 1955. (The national rating system of the
USCF is now restricted to the performances of players in tournaments and matches
conducted by the USCF and its affiliated Chapters. The contests of unaffiliated
organizations are not rated.)

3) **Commissions on USCF Membership Dues:** A USCF Chapter is authorized
to collect individual USCF membership dues from any person, and may deduct
a commission on such dues when forwarding payment to the USCF.

The regular Chapter commission is 10% of the standard USCF membership
rates. However, a commission of 20% may be deducted by any Chapter with a
Constitution or By-Law specifying that all its members must also be members of
the USCF.

Note: The commission applies only to dues actually collected by a Chapter—
at its own tournaments, or as a result of its own efforts in membership promo-
tion. Commission is not credited to any Chapter on dues paid directly to the
USCF by individual members or by another Chapter. No commission is allowed
on dues collected at a USCF tournament (e.g., the U.S. Open Championship).

4) **Special Publicity in Chess Life:** The activities of USCF Chapters are fea-
tured in CHESS LIFE, the official USCF periodical. The "Tournament Life" de-
partment is reserved exclusively for advance announcements of rated contests
conducted by Chapters. News and results of contests are published, with cross-
tables if space permits. The names and addresses of all Chapters are published in
the annual Directory of Affiliates.

5) **Other Privileges:** A USCF Chapter receives a subscription to CHESS LIFE,
may purchase chess books and equipment from the USCF at the special prices
allowed members, is entitled to one vote at the annual membership meeting.
A State Chapter may select and certify the USCF Directors to represent the State
at any time before June 30th annually.

6) **Franchise Fee:** Except as provided below, a USCF Chapter is required to
pay a franchise fee of \$10 for one year, \$19 for two years, or \$27 for three years.
(a) A Chapter pays no franchise fee if it is specified in its Constitution or
By-Laws that all its members must also be members of the USCF.

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LARRY EVANS ON OPENINGS

By International Master LARRY EVANS

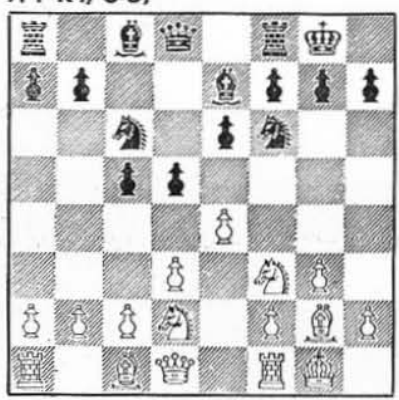
U. S. OPEN CHAMPION, 1954



Theoretical Contributions of the Rosenwald Tournament, 1954-55

RETI OPENING (Barcza System)

In several games White attempted to set up the Barcza System, an inverted K's Indian formation with a move in hand. If Black unreservedly occupies the center his game becomes inferior. The following position was reached thrice: 1. N-KB3, N-KB3; 2. P-KN3, P-Q4; 3. B-N2, P-K3 (3. B-B4; 4. O-O, P-KR3; 5. QN-Q2, QN-Q2; 6. Q-K1, P-B3; 7. P-K4, PxP; 8. Pxp, B-R2; 9. P-QR3 is slightly in White's favor: Sherwin-Bisguier); 4. O-O (P-Q4 transposes into a Caralan), P-B4; 5. P-Q3, N-B3; 6. QN-Q2, B-K2; 7. P-K4, O-O;



Position after 7. O-O

Reshevsky-Sherwin: 8. R-K1, Q-B2; 9. Pxp, NxP; 10. P-QR4, P-QN3; 11. N-B4±

Evans-Bisguier: 8. P-K5 (Premature), N-N5; 9. Q-K2, P-B3; 10. Pxp, BxP; 11. P-B3, Q-Q3; 12. P-Q4, Pxp; 13. NxP, N-R3 (Correct is NxN); 14. N(2)-N3, NxN; 15. NxN, N-B2; 16. B-K3+ White has transposed into a French Defense; Black's center is frozen.

Evans-Sherwin: 8. P-B3, R-N1; 9. R-K1, R-K1; 10. P-K5!, N-Q2; 11. N-B1, P-QN4; 12. P-KR4!, P-QR4; 13. B-B4, B-R3; 14. N(1)-R2, Q-B2; 15. P-R5, with a strong attacking formation.

SLAV DEFENSE

Evans-Kramer: 1. P-Q4, P-QR; 2. N-KB3, N-KB3; 3. P-B4, P-B3; 4. N-B3, PxP; 5. P-QR4, B-B4; 6. P-K3, P-K3; 7. BxP, B-QN5; 8. O-O, O-O; 9. Q-K2, P-KR3;



Position after 9. P-KR3

10. R-Q1 (better than 10. P-K4), N-K5 (loss of time—as demonstrated); 11. N-R2!, B-Q3; 12. N-K5!, B-B2; 13. P-B3, N-Q3; 14. B-N3, Q-K2 (better is QN-Q2); 15. P-K4, B-R2; 16. B-K3, K-R1; 17. QR-B1+

MERAN VARIATION

Kramer-Bisguier contained major theoretical importance: 1. P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. P-QB4, P-QB3; 3. N-KB3, N-KB3; 4. N-B3, P-K3; 5. P-K3, QN-Q2; 6. B-Q3, PxP; 7. BxP, P-QN4; 8. B-Q3, P-QR3; 9. P-K4, P-B4; 10. P-K5 (P-Q5, N-N3; 11. P-Q6, P-B5; 12. B-B2, P-K4!—), Pxp (N-N5 is also strong); 11. NxNP, NxP; 12. NxN, PxN; 13. Q-B3 (or 13. BxPch, B-Q2; 14. NxN, Q-R4ch! 13. O-O is the natural move here), B-N5ch;



Position after 13. B-N5ch

Where does the King belong?
14. K-B1? ("Book" is 14. K-K2, R-QN1; 15. Q-N3, Q-Q3; 16. N-B3!, QxQ; 17. RPxQ, B-Q3; 18. NxP, B-Q2; 19. R-Q1±. It soon becomes evident how 14. K-B1? is refuted. Best of all, however, is 14. K-Q1!, which has received no practical tests.), R-N1; 15. Q-N3, Q-B2!; 16. N-B6(?). (Now N-B3 is forced, even though the King is placed badly

for the endgame. With the King on Q1, however, N-B6 would be playable), B-Q3; 17. QxP, R-N1; 18. QxN, QxN; 19. P-B3, B-R3; 20. K-B2, P-N5; 21. B-K4, Q-B4; 22. R-Q1, R-QB1; 23. P-KN3, P-Q6ch; 24. B-K3, Q-KR4; 25. Q-R6, R-B7ch; 26. R-Q2, RxRch; 27. BxR, B-B4ch++

NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE

1. P-Q4, N-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-K3; 3. N-QB3, B-N5; 4. P-K3, O-O; 5. N-K2, P-Q4 (5. P-B4 followed by P-QN3 is a good alternative); 6. P-QR3, B-K2; 7. Pxp.



Position after 7. Pxp

Byrne-Reshevsky: 7. NxP; 8. NxN (better 8. Q-B2, as in Evans-Reshevsky, US Chmp., 1951), PxN; 9. N-B4 (better N-B3), P-B3; 10. B-K2, A-K1=

Reshevsky-Evans: 7. Pxp; 8. N-B4, P-B3; 9. B-Q3, R-K1; 10. O-O, B-Q3 (better P-QR4); 11. Q-B2, QN-Q2; 12. P-QN3, P-QR3; 13. P-B3!, BxN; 14. PxB, N-B1; 15. P-B5+

Byrne-Evans: 7. Pxp; 8. N-B4, P-B3; 9. B-K2 (better B-Q3 to prepare P-K4), P-QR4!; 10. O-O, R-K1; 11. P-B3, B-B1; 12. R-N1, B-KB4; 13. N-Q3, P-R3; 14. P-KN4, B-R2; 15. P-N4, Pxp; 16. Pxp, P-QN4; 17. R-N3, QN-Q2; 18. Q-K1, Q-B2; 19. P-R4, N-N3; 20. P-N5, N-R4; 21. N-K5 (or 21. P-B4, BxN; 22. BxB, NxP; 23. Q-N3, N-K3+), P-B3; 22. P-N6, PxN; 23. PxBch, Kxp; 24. P-B4, Pxp; 25. BxN, P-N3; 26. B-K2!, PxN; 27. B-Q3! =

Q'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED

Sherwin-Kramer: (Black chose a tricky variation which was known to have been refuted.) 1P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. P-QB4, Pxp; 3. N-KB3, N-KB3; 4. P-K3, P-QR3; 5. BxP, P-B4; 6. O-O, P-K3; 7. Q-K2, P-QN4; 8. B-N3, B-N2; 10. N-B3, N-B3!; 11. P-Q5!, Pxp; 12. P-K4!, P-Q5; 13. N-Q5!, Q-Q1; 14. B-KB4!, R-B1;



Position after 14. R-B1

15. P-QR4!, Pxp (forced; if 15. P-B5; 16. Pxp, Pxp; 17. NxP!); 16. RxP!, B-K2; 17. N-N5!, O-O; 18. NxNch!, BxN; 19. NxRP!!, P-N3 (again forced; if instead 19. KxN; 20. Q-R5ch, K-N1; 21. R-Q3!); 20. NxR++

Q'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Bisguier-Evans; 1 P-Q4, N-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-K3; 3. N-KB3, P-QN3; 4. B-N5.



Position after 4. B-N5

4. P-KR3; 5. B-R4, B-N2; 6. N-B3, B-N5; (P-Q4 is too passive); 7. Q-B2, P-KN4! (Varying from 7. O-O; 8. P-K3, P-Q3; 9. B-Q3, QN-Q2= as in Flohr-Eliskases, Moscow, 1936); 8. B-N3, N-K5; 9. P-K3, BxNch; 10. PxB, P-Q3; 11. N-Q2, NxN (correct is NxN!); 12. QxN, P-KB4); 12. RPxN, N-Q2; 13. P-B3+

St. Paul (Minn.) Chess Club: The club championship, a double round robin, was won by Dane Smith with 5-1, losing one game to Eugene Hoeflin who finished second with 4-2. In the two-section semi-finals Section One went to Dane Smith with 6½-½, drawing with Fred Galvin. Second place went to Robert Gove with 5½-½, while Herbert Allers was third with 4-2. In Section Two, Eugene Hoeflin tallied 5½-½, losing a game to Gerry Feichtner and drawing with Glen Proechel. A. L. Johnson was second with 4½-2½, while Harry Field, Stanley Orloff, and Glen Proechel tied at 4-3 each.

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Approved by the USCF Ways & Means Committee
March 1, 1955

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

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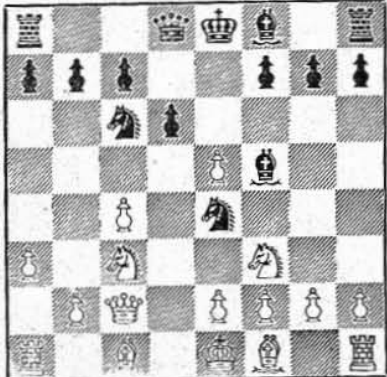
GENIUS AT WORK

Bisguier essays one of his favorite variations. The admirable simplicity and inexorability of the refutation reveal once again Reshevsky's genius.

BUDAPEST DEFENSE

Notes by U. S. Master Sidney Bernstein
MCO: page 206, column 27
Rosenwald Trophy Tournament
New York, 1954

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| White | Black |
| S. RESHEVSKY | A. BISGUIER |
| 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 | 3. PxP Kt-K5 |
| 2. P-QB4 P-K4 | 4. P-QR3! |
| A new idea. The immediate 4. Q-B2 is met by P-Q4. | |
| 4. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 | 6. Q-B2 B-B4 |
| 5. Kt-KB3 P-Q3 | 7. Kt-B3 |



Now Black cannot retreat the imperiled Kt to Q3 as in the "book" line after 4. Q-B2, P-Q4; 5. PxP e.p., B-B4; 6. Kt-QB3, KtQxP; 7. P-K4, B-Kt3 with equality.

7. KtxBP
Yielding two pieces for a Rook, without compensation. But White would remain a Pawn ahead after the alternative 7. KtxKt; 8. QxB, Kt-R5; 9. P-K6, P-E3; 10. Q-QKt5, Kt-Kt3; 11. Kt-Q4, P-QR3; 12. KtxKt and now: 1) 12. Q-B1; 13. Kt-R7 ch, PxQ; 14. KtxQ, (threatening 15. P-K7), RxKt; 15. PxP, etc. 2) 12. PxQ; 13. KtxQ, RxKt (the threat was 14. Kt-B7); 14. PxP. Thus the whole line appears unplayable for Black.

8. QxB KtxR 10. QxPch Q-K2
9. P-K6 PxP 11. Q-Q5
Much stronger than the routine exchange of Queens. Now Black cannot play 11. O-O-O because of the reply 12. B-Kt5.
11. P-KR3 12. P-KKt3
And now if 12. O-O-O then 13. B-Kt2 with the lethal menace 14. Kt-Q4.
12. P-KKt4 15. B-R3 Kt-K4
13. B-Kt2 KtxP 16. B-Q2 P-Kt5
14. PxKt B-Kt2
Losing this Pawn needlessly. Better was 16. P-B3.

17. BxKtP P-KR4
18. B-B5 P-B3 19. Q-K4 K-Q1
Better 19. B-B3 to prevent the Knight's incursion.
20. Kt-KKt5 B-B3 22. O-O-O K-Kt1
21. Kt-K6ch K-B1 23. B-B4 P-Kt3
Hoping for some slight counter-play after 24. BxKt, BxB; 25. QxP, BxP. But White's reply demonstrates the futility of further resistance.

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24. K-Kt1 Resigns
if 24. K-Kt2; 25. Kt-QKt5 wins material (25. P-Q4; 26. PxP, PxKt; 27. P-Q6 dis.ch.) while maintaining the attack.
Bisguier does not show to advantage in this game—but he was lost at move 7.

A CHAMPION'S REVENGE

In avenging his earlier defeat, Bisguier displays a characteristic blend of sound strategy and artful tactics. Eventually, he contrives a trap which snares his redoubtable adversary. (Readers may find it interesting to compare Master Bernstein's notes with those of Champion Bisguier, which appear in the February 20th issue—Editor.)

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

MCO: page 90, column 53
Rosenwald Trophy Tournament
New York, 1954

Notes by U. S. Master Sidney Bernstein

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| White | Black |
| A. S. BISGUIER | S. RESHEVSKY |
| 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 | 4. P-K4 P-Q3 |
| 2. P-QB4 P-KKt3 | 5. B-Kt5 |
| 3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt2 | |
| MCO gives first 5. Kt-B3, O-O. | |
| 5. P-KR3 | |

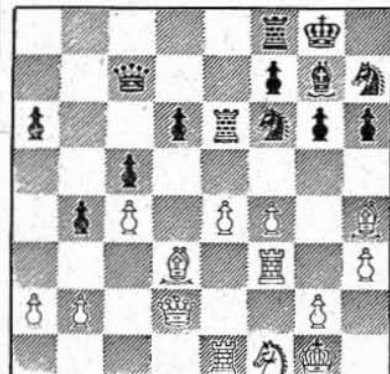
If instead 5. O-O, then 6. Q-B2 and White will try a K-side Pawn storm in conjunction with O-O-O and B-R6.
6. B-R4 O-O 8. P-Q5
7. P-B4 P-B4
To the inexperienced player, 8. PxP might seem strong, since Black could not recapture immediately because of 9. QxQ followed by 10. P-K5 and 11. BxP. But 8. PxP would be adequately met by 8. Q-R4 (threatening 9. KtxP) and if 9. Q-Q2, then 9. QxBP.

8. P-R3
Of course not 8. P-K3; 9. P-K5 winning a piece. But the text is too slow. Bisguier recommends 8. Q-R4 is more dynamic.

9. Kt-B3 P-QKt4 10. B-Q3
If 10. PxP, PxP; 11. BxP, KtxKP; 12. KtxKt, Q-R4 ch etc. And the advance 10. P-K5 is too risky, since after 10. QPxP; 11. KBxP (11. KKtxP, P-Kt5 is good for Black), Kt-Kt5; 12. P-Q6, P-Kt4; 13. Q-Q5, R-R2; 14. QxP, R-Q2; 15. B-Kt3, KPxP; 16. KPxP, R-K1 ch; 17. B-K2, Kt-K6 leaves White woefully behind in development.

10. P-Kt5 12. O-O QKt-Q2
11. Kt-K2 B-Kt5 13. Q-Q2 Q-B2
The immediate 13. P-K3 would leave his Kt dangerously "pinned", and would be refuted by 14. P-K5.
14. QR-K1 QR-K1 16. RxB P-K3
15. P-KR3 BxKt 17. PxP RxP
He is forced to leave a "hole" at his Q4, since if 17. PxP; 18. R-Kt3, wins a Pawn (18. K-R2; 19. P-K5).
18. Kt-Kt3 Kt-R2 19. Kt-B1
Heading for the "hole".

19. QKt-B3?



The losing move. It was imperative to keep the position as "closed" as possible against the opposing Bishop-pair. Correct was 19. R(3)-K1 to be able to answer 20. P-B5 with 20. P-Kt4. Such an advance by White would also give Black a strong point at K4. On the other hand, if 20. Kt-K3, then 20. QKt-B3 attacking the KP. Perhaps best after 19. R(3)-K1 would be 20. P-Kt4 with some advantage to White.
20. P-B5 R-K2 23. RxR PxR
21. PxP PxP 24. BxP P-K5
22. P-K5 RxP
The best try—but White's Bishops are mighty. Not 24. R-Q1; 25. BxKt ch, KtxKt; 26. Q-B2 ch, etc.
25. R-KKt3 Q-K4 26. Kt-K3 Q-B5
If 26. Q-Q5; 27. QxQ, PxQ; 28. Kt-B5, Kt-K1 White can choose between 29. B-K7, P-Q6; 30. BxR, P-Q7; 31. B-R5 and 29. KtxB, KtxKt; 30. BxP, etc.

27. Q-K1!
Cute! If 27. QxQ; 28. BxKt ch, K-R1; 29. Kt-B5, Q-B5; 30. RxB, Kt-K1; 31. R-Kt4. The text also sets a trap which is successful.

27. Kt-Kt4?
Overlooking the reply—but his game was bad anyway. For instance, 27. R-Q1; 28. Kt-B5, R-Q2; 29. BxKt ch, KxB (29. KtxB; 30. KtxB, RxKt; 31. RxR ch, KxR; 32. Q-Kt3 ch gives Black an even worse ending); 30. KtxB, RxKt (not 30. QxB?; 31. Kt-K6 with the double threat 32. R-Kt7 ch or 32. Kt-B8 ch); 31. RxR ch, KxR; 32. Q-Kt3 ch, QxQ; 33. BxQ, K-B2; 34. B-Q6, Kt-Q2; 35. P-Kt4 winning easily.

28. RxKt PxR 29. B-Kt5 Kt-R4
Black could resign here. The rest requires no comment.
30. BxQ KtxB 38. B-B2 P-Kt6
31. B-B5 B-Q5 39. PxP P-R6
32. B-Kt4 Kt-Q6 40. B-Kt1 K-B2
33. Q-K2 R-B7 41. K-B3 K-K3
34. QxR KtxQ 42. K-K4 B-K4
35. KxKt BxP 43. Kt-B2 B-Kt7
36. B-B5 P-R4 44. P-KKt4
37. BxP P-R5
Resigns

ETERNAL VIGILANCE

Magnificent positional play by Rebold might have come to naught had his opponent grasped the "saver" at his 30th turn. The abundance of excellent moves makes this game well worth the playing.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

MCO: page 166, column 63
Central Ohio Tournament
Columbus, 1944

Notes by J. Norman Cotter

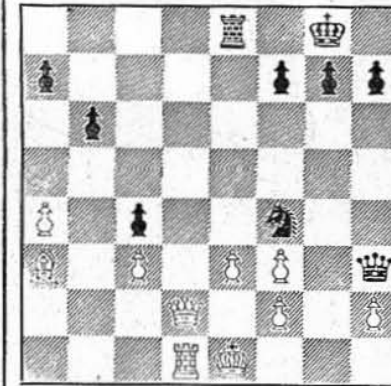
White Black
W. PRATT W. REBOLD
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt5
2. P-QB4 P-K3
So far a Nimzo-Indian.
4. Kt-B3
Most popular these days is 4. P-K3, the Rubinstein Variation.
4. P-Q4
Transposing to the Ragozin System, popularized by the Russian grandmaster.

5. P-K3
Since this variation (according to the latest analysis) leads to a plus for Black, Pratt would do better to follow the main line with 5. Q-R4 ch, Kt-B3; 6. P-K3, etc. as in Reshevsky-Ragozin, Semmering-Baden, 1937. Another good and clear alternative is 5. Q-Kt3, Kt-B3; 6. P-QR3, etc.
5. O-O 8. B-Q3 P-B4
6. P-QR3 BxKtch 9. O-O R-K1
7. PxB QKt-Q2 10. Q-B2?
After this easy-going move Black has all the play. Necessary is 10. PxQP to minimize the effect of P-K4 or completely eliminate it. (As after KPxP, which is probably the best reply, for on 10. KtxP; 11. P-B4 and 12. B-Kt2 with good play.)
10. P-K4 14. B-K2 B-B4
11. PxKP KtxP 15. Q-Kt3 P-QKt3
12. KtxKt RxKt 16. B-B4
13. PxP RxQP
If White tries forcibly to break the grip on the Q-file with 16. B-Kt2, R-Q7;

17. QR (or KR)-Q1, B-B7! winning. (The interpolation of 17. B-B3 is slightly better but still does not break the stranglehold.)

16. R-Q2 17. B-Kt5
If instead 17. B-Kt2, R-Q7! (anyway) for after 18. BxP ch, K-R1 Black has tremendous positional advantage.
17. B-Q6! 18. BxR
Or 18. BxB, RxB; 19. B-Kt2, Q-Q3; 20. QR-Q1, R-Q1 with a complete control.
18. BxR 21. Q-Kt4 B-Q6
19. B-B6 R-B1 22. P-QR4 B-K5
20. B-B3 P-B5 23. B-R3
Also 23. BxB, KtxB leaves Black with a winning game although it may be a shade superior than the text which permits a dangerous weakening of the K-position.
23. BxB 25. Q-Kt2 Q-Kt4ch
24. PxR Kt-Q4 26. K-B1
If 26. K-R1?, Q-B4; 27. K-Kt2, R-B3 is decisive.
26. R-K1

With a winning position timing is vitally important. At this point Black should continue with 26. Q-B4! bringing immediate pressure to bear on the weak KBP. Thus 27. P-K4, Q-R6 ch with a winning position. The Q must guard QB3 and on 27. P-B4 or 27. K-K2, Q-Q5 ch is powerful.
27. Q-Q2 Q-B4 28. R-Q1
There is a vital difference in this position where White has a double attack on the Kt as soon will be seen.
28. Q-R6ch 29. K-K1
If 29. K-Kt1?, R-K3 winning quickly.
29. Kt-B5



30. Q-Q6?
Alas, throwing away his golden opportunity. The only (and saving) move is 30. Q-Q7 threatening both QxR mate and QxQ. Black then is best advised to take a draw by perpetual check with ... Kt-K7 ch; 31. K-K2, Kt5 ch, etc. (not ... Kt-Q6 ch?; 31. RxKt). If after 30. Q-Q7!, QxQ; 31. RxQ, Kt-Q6 ch; 32. K-B1, White's Rook on the 7th actually gives him the edge.
30. QxP 34. K-K1 Q-B7ch
31. K-Q2 Q-K7ch 35. K-R1 P-Q7
32. K-B1 Kt-Q6ch Resigns
33. RxKt PxR
A. fascinating game throughout.

GRUENFELD DEFENSE

MCO: page 94, column 72
Rosenwald Trophy Tournament
New York, 1954-55

Notes by U. S. Master George Shainswit

White Black
D. BYRNE G. KRAMER
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 5. Kt-QB3 P-B3
2. P-QB4 P-KKt3 6. Q-Kt3 PxP
3. P-KKt3 P-Q4 7. QxBP O-O
4. B-Kt2 B-Kt2 8. Kt-B3 Kt-R3
The root of all his future troubles. Generally Kt-R3 is playable when the Black QBP has not moved yet, so that P-B4 can be effected without the loss of a vital tempo. B-K3 at once seems preferable, Q-R4 in answer not being as good as in the actual game.
9. O-O B-K3 11. R-Q1!
10. Q-R4 P-B4
A simple developing move and Black's game is to all intents and purposes practically hopeless. As a result of

WHAT'S THE BEST MOVE?
Quarterly Ladder
(Containing all credited scores through the solutions to Position No. 152 from all active solvers.)

**Solution To
What's The Best Move?**

Solution to No. 153

MacAuley-Kerr, Corr. Champ. of Ireland, 1949. In the diagrammed position, White resigned. He might have won after 1. RxBP! There seem to be four principal variations: I) 1. BxQ 2. QxBch and wins; II) 1. BxQ 2. RxBch K-K2 3. BxKP Q-QB3 4. BxBPdisch B-K3 5. BxNP and wins; III) 1. R-N 2. RxBP! R-R! (if BxR, 3. BxKP) 3. R-R7! R-N! (Logic can be surprising) 4. Q-N5! PxB 5. QxQP P-N3 (it was necessary to parry the threat of 6. RxBch QxR 7. Q-Q8ch) 6. Q-QB5ch K-N2 7. Q-B7 RxB 8. QxB, and now since PxP or RxB fail against 9. R-R3, Black must continue 8. N-R3, when 9. QxQBP QxQ 10. PxQ leaves White with a won endgame; IV) 1. N-R3!! 2. BxN (it will not do to try 2. RxB NxB 3. RxBch K-K2 4. RxB QxB with a smell of mate in the wind) 2. BxQ 3. RxBch K-K2 4. RxB PxR 5. PxP and White has the better of the somewhat difficult ending.

All solvers who submitted 1. RxBP! backed up with winning play for White in at least two of the first three variations have received full credit for correct solutions. Less complete follow-ups of 1. RxBP earned 1/2 point awards. A special award of 1/2 point is made to Ivan Frank for his original discovery of 1. N-R3!, a defense undreamed of by either the columnist or any other solver, yet actually Black's strongest line. Had Mr. Frank not claimed a win for Black, his powerful suggestion might have received more points, for it is very unusual for all of our solvers to overlook the strongest defense in one of our problems.

Correct solutions (1 pt.) are acknowledged from:

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The solvers defeated 153 by 39-5, and voted a nearly solid preference for challenging, rather than easy positions. We'll try to oblige, with an occasional simpler problem to encourage new solvers.
* New Solver

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Dr. I. Schwartz	44 1/2	S. Einhorn	4 1/2
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CONGRATULATIONS to Edwin Gault, who wins the Ladder Prize for this Quarter and (who now starts over from zero for the next Ladder.). It completes his second ascent.

* Each asterisk equals one previous Ladder win. (Corrections welcomed if our records are incomplete).

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE
Simultaneous Exhibition
Cleveland, 1955

White	DR. M. EUWE	MRS. W. W. OWENS	Black
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3	14. KR-Q1	Kt-QR4
2. P-QB4	P-K3	15. B-Kf5	P-Q3
3. Kt-QB3	B-Kf5	16. P-Qk13	Q-B2
4. Q-B2	P-B4	17. BxKt	PxB
5. PxP	O-O	18. Kt-Q4	P-Q4
6. B-B4	BxP	19. B-Q3	P-B4
7. P-K3	P-QR3	20. KfxBP	PxP
8. Kt-B3	Kt-B3	21. PxP	KtfxP
9. R-Q1	P-Qk13	22. BxKt	QxB
10. B-K2	B-Kf2	23. R-Q4	QxKt
11. O-O	R-K1	24. R-Ktch	K-R1
12. P-QR3	QR-B1		Resigns
13. R-Q2	B-B1		

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Position No. 147: 1. Kt-K6! and Black resigned. If 1. PxB; 2. RxB ch, and Q mates next move.
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Solution:—
Studies in Pawn Endings
Study No. 3: 1. Kt-B5 ch, KxKt (or A); 2. P-B6! If now PxP or P-Kt3(4), in order to prevent 3. PxP and 4. P-Kt8(Q), then 3. ... P-R6 winning. If 2. Kt-Q3; 3. PxP, KtXP; 4. P-R6 winning. If 2. Kt-Q4; 3. PxP, Kt-B3; 4. P-R6 and 5. P-R7 winning.
(A) 1. K-K3 (if 1. K-Q2, then 2. KtXKt and White comes in time with his King); 2. KtXKt ch, K-Q4; 3. P-B6 with the threat of 4. PxP or (on 3. PxP or 3. P-Kt3 or 3. P-Kt4; 4. P-R6 winning.
Incorrect is 3. Kt-Kt3 or 3. Kt-K6 because White loses both pawns. Bad also is 3. K-B2, P-B3; 4. K-K3, KtXP; and 5. Kt-Kt5, drawing.

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