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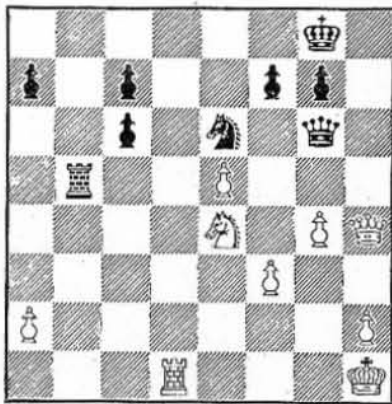
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What's The Best Move?

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Position No. 158



White to play

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Solution to Position No. 158 will appear in the May 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.

NO EAGLE FLIES IN BROOKLYN

Owners of the Brooklyn Eagle, one of the oldest of America's newspapers, have announced the permanent discontinuance of the paper. For some weeks a strike by the Newspaper Guild has prevented publication, and a statement by the owners has been issued saying that it is financially impossible to meet the wage demands of the Guild.

With the Eagle perishes a famous chess column, edited by Hermann Helms, dean of American Chess. For more years than most chess players can remember Mr. Helms has been conducting his Eagle chess column, without doubt the oldest chess column in years of continuous service in the country. Following on the discontinuance of the chess column edited by H. R. Bigelow in the New York Post, the passing of the Brooklyn Eagle leaves New York City served only by the chess columns of Hermann Helms in the N.Y. Times and N.Y. World-Telegram & Sun.

PLAYERS PLAN FOR INTERZONAL

Three U.S. players, Samueal Rshvsky, Arthur Bisguier, and Larry Evans, are reported to have plans for remaining in Europe after the match with the USSR in June, since they are scheduled to appear as the USCF representatives in the FIDE Interzonal Tournament to be held at Goteborg, Sweden, beginning August 27th.

U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
August 8-20, 1955
Long Beach, California

GRKAVAC TAKES MILWAUKEE CITY

John B. Grkavac in a 40-player Swiss tallied 8-1 to win the Milwaukee City Championship, losing no games but drawing with Ralph Abrams and George Hurley. Second place went to John Carroll with 7-2 score, losing games to Grkavac and Daniel Clark. Third and fourth on weighted points with 6½-2½ each were former Wisconsin State Champion Arpad E. Elo and Ralph Abrams. Elo lost to Grkavac and Clark, while drawing with Averill Powers, Milwaukee Journal chess columnist; Abrams lost to Carroll and Elo, while drawing with Grkavac.

Fifth to seventh with 6-3 each were Daniel Clark, Marshall Rohland, and William Mack. Tied at 5½-3½ for eighth to thirteen places were Ernest Rozkalns, George Hurley, Averill Powers, James Mangan, Fred Clark, and Charles Weldon.

TORONTO SCHOOLS ORGANIZE CHESS

Following the example of Cleveland, Milwaukee and a few other alert cities, the Toronto Public Schools have organized chess to the point where now a first Toronto Schools Championship is possible. It was held at Rosedale Public School in February with 139 students from 16 schools participating.

Finalists were: Wendy Lesmond 5-1 in Girls' Finals; Dave Grimshaw with 3-1 in Secondary Schools' Finals (he was already the victor of the Toronto Chess Club major tournament); Jerry Applebaum with 6-0 in the Grades 5 & 6 Finals; Dick Marino with 3½-½ in the Grade 7 Finals; Stan Matjesic and Robert Hills with 4-1 in the Grade 8 Finals (Matjesic won the play-off).

Revive USCF Amateur Championship To Challenge Skill of Players

After a lapse of nine years, the U.S. Amateur Championship Tournament is being revived to provide a gala proving ground for the amateur chess players of the USA in an event where masters are welcomed only as silent kibitzers. Among the present U. S. masters who in humbler and less recognized capacity played in former U. S. Amateur Championships are Dr. Ariel Mengarini (victor in 1943), Sven Almgren (second in 1943), and U. S. Champion Arthur B. Bisguier (fifth in 1945).

But previous Amateur Championships could never lay claim to the lavish setting of the 1955 U. S. Amateur Championship event, which will be held on beautiful Lake Mohegan at the famous Mohegan Country Club—only an hour and a half by bus or train from New York City. Here the lure of swimming, boating, tennis, handball, basketball, ping-pong, bridge and many other activities will vie for the spare time of the chess player, his family and visitors, when not contending over the checkered board.

Planned to combine chess with a vacation outing, a special low rate of \$3 per night per person (with children under 12 at half-price) has been set for lodgings by the Mohegan Country Club for the entrants, their families and visitors. Meals may be obtained at reasonable prices in various surrounding restaurants and lunch-rooms.

The dates for this vacation tournament are May 20-21-22, 1955, and it will be a 100% USCF Rated Event. It will be a Six Round Swiss, 50 moves in two hours, with games adjudicated after 4 hours play by U. S. Master Max Pavey. Ties will be broken by Median System and the pairings by Harkness System, with USCF Membership Secretary Kenneth Harkness as tournament director.

The tournament will be open to all players, from patzers to experts, with only rated Masters ineligible to participate. Entry fee is \$5.00 to USCF members, non-members must pay \$5.00 USCF dues in addition to entry fee. Entries will be accepted at Mohegan Country Club up to 7:00 p.m. (but no later) on Friday, May 20th, but the part of wisdom is to mail entry fees at once to the United States Chess Federation, 81 Bedford Street, New York 14, N.Y. (with or without payment for lodging) so that arrangements for the comfort and pleasure of the participants can be made more effectively.

Winner will be recognized as the U. S. Amateur Champion and receive a trophy; highest ranking woman player will be recognized as U. S. Women's Amateur Champion and also receive a trophy. There will be trophies as well for Class A, Class B, and Class C players with the highest scores. No cash prizes, since this is strictly an amateur event.

The U. S. Amateur Championship was primarily the idea and hobby of the late Walter Stephens of New York, who as USCF Vice-President managed and staged the (Please turn to page 7, col. 3)

USCF EXPELS WHITAKER

For the first time in its history the United States Chess Federation has taken punitive action against a member by voting the expulsion of Norman T. Whitaker, of Shady Side, Md., from membership.

The action of the USCF Executive Committee was based primarily upon a six-page mimeographed letter, dated December 30, 1954, which was widely circulated by Mr. Whitaker and which in the opinion of the Executive Committee transcended all bounds of free speech in its attacks upon the character and integrity of USCF officials. Contributing factors to the decision of the Executive Committee were numerous other attacks of a similar nature made by Mr. Whitaker over a period of years.

The revocation of the USCF membership of Mr. Whitaker was accompanied with the further provisions that Mr. Whitaker be barred forever from participating in any Tournament, Match or other chess event sponsored by the USCF or its affiliates; that in the future no tournament in which Mr. Whitaker participated would be eligible for rating.

Prior to December, 1954 the USCF officials hesitated to take action against Mr. Whitaker, being reluctant to curtail the chess career of a player who possessed such a distinguished record; but the nature of the attack upon the Federation and its officers made by Mr. Whitaker in his circular letter, dated December 30, 1954, left the Federation no other alternative.

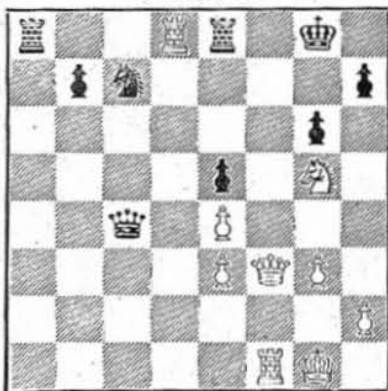
While not recently the winner of any national chess event, Mr. Whitaker was twice Western Chess Association Champion (in 1923 and 1930), and won the National Chess Federation Championship of 1927. More recently Mr. Whitaker has won various State Tournaments, his latest victory being in the Tennessee Open Championship at Bristol over New Year's weekend.

U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
July 15-24, 1955
Lincoln, Nebraska

Finish It The Clever Way! by Edmund Nash

Position No. 149

Smyslov vs. Botvinnik
USSR, 1955



White to play and win

Position No. 150

Geller vs. Kotov
USSR, 1955



White to play and win

THESE two positions are taken from the just concluded Soviet Championship Tournament, won jointly by Smyslov and Geller with a score of 12-7. Tied for third with a score of 11½-7½ were Botvinnik, Petrosian, Ilivitsky, and 18-year-old Spassky.

In Position No. 149, Smyslov made one move and Botvinnik resigned. The move is subtle, being in one variation part of a six-move combination.

Brilliant combinative play characterizes Position No. 150. As played, Black resigned after White's fifth move. I suggest solvers spend not too much time at this before playing over the solution.

In view of the high-quality chess play by Smyslov and Geller, as illustrated by these two positions, their play-off match of six games should be exciting to follow.

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.



U.S. Expert Alfred B. Wills staged a 14-board exhibition at the Tulane University Chess Club in New Orleans, winning 13 games and drawing one with Fred Tilley.



Vancouver Chess Club (B.C.) saw George Koltanowski scored three wins, one draw and two losses in a six-game clock simultaneous at 40 moves per hour. Taking the master's measure were M. Jursevskis and J. M. Taylor, while J. G. Prentice drew. In a 12-game blindfold simultaneous Koltanowski lost to a clever sacrificial combination by Mrs. J. D. McLeod, sponsor and guardian of the Wee Wizards Chess Club.

NOMINATIONS OF USCF OFFICERS

The USCF Nominating Committee, duly appointed by the USCF Executive Committee, is to nominate three Vice-Presidents, each for a period of three years, and one Secretary for a term of one year; and cordially invites the membership to submit names of qualified candidates for consideration. Before submitting the name of a person for any of the above mentioned offices, he should be contacted to determine that he is both available and willing to serve, and that he is a USCF member at time of submission of name. Names may be sent to any member of the committee.

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Chairman



Harold M. Phillips, Past President of the USCF, who celebrated his eightieth birthday in December, has been elected honorary member for life of the Manhattan Chess Club of New York City. Apart from a distinguished career in chess administration, including presidency of the USCF, presidency of the Manhattan Chess Club, and various offices in the New York State Chess Association (he is still its treasurer), Mr. Phillips was also distinguished as a player. As a player student he won five City College Championships and three while studying law at Columbia University. In 1901 he took a prize in a handicap tournament, defeating Dr. Berthold Lasker, a brother of the former World Champion. He has held the Manhattan Chess Club Championship and the New York State title, and has always been recognized as a formidable opponent. Now retired from more strenuous tournament play, Mr. Phillips is listed as a Master Emeritus by the USCF.



Samuel Reshevsky proved too tough (in the words of Salt Lake City chessplayer Gaston Chappuis) in his recent simultaneous exhibition at Salt Lake City, winning all 30 games. Among the defeated were Alex Rizos and Martin Capell who won their matches against the Grandmaster on his previous appearance last year. Fifth from the last to concede defeat was 13-year old Mark Lundstrom, youngest contender, who received a warm word of congratulations from the Grandmaster.

The Massachusetts State Chess Association's Washington Birthday meeting was a gala event with Chet Barham winning the Class A Rapid Transit, while Dr. Sam Kramer and Peter Berini shared first in the Class B event. This was followed by a 50-board simultaneous exhibition by Grandmaster Samuel Reshevsky, who averaged seven minutes a game in winning 44, drawing five and losing one. Richard Tirrell scored the victory, while Stanley W. D. King, Harold Dondis, Edward LaCroix, O. A. Lester, and Shelby Lyman tallied the draws. Reshevsky's sole loss to Tirrell was an interesting battle:

BREYER GAMBIT

White		Black	
S. RESHEVSKY		R. TIRRELL	
1. P-K4	P-K4	21. P-KR4	Q-B3
2. P-KB4	PxP	22. Kt-B4	P-QR3
3. Q-B3	Q-R5ch	23. R-R3	P-KR3
4. K-Q1	Q-Q4	24. P-R5	P-QKt4
5. B-K2	Kt-KB3	25. KtxB	PxKt5
6. PxP	KB-B4	26. P-QR4	P-QKt5
7. B-Kt5ch		27. BxB	PxB
	QKt-Q2	28. P-B4	P-K6
8. Q-K2ch	K-Q1	29. Q-B3	Kt-Kt3
9. Kt-KB3	Q-R4	30. BxKtP	QxPch
10. P-Q4	R-K1	31. K-B2	QxPch
11. Q-B4	R-K5	32. B-B3	R-B1
12. P-B3	B-Q3	33. R-Q1	P-K7
13. QKt-Q2	Kt-Kt3	34. RxPch	K-K7
14. Q-B1	R-K2	35. R-R1	
15. Kt-B4	Kt-Kt1		P-K8(Kt)ch
16. BxKt	B-KB4	36. RxKt	RxR
17. B-Q2	B-K5	37. RxKt	QxPch
18. B-K2	KtXP	38. K-Q2	R-Q8ch
19. Kt-K5	Q-Kt4		Resigns
20. B-B3	P-KB4		



In the Cleveland Interscholastic League, it took two matches to determine a champion. First meeting between Shaker Heights and West Tech ended in a 6-6 tie. But on second meeting Shaker Heights scored a convincing 10-2 victory for the Greater Cleveland Scholastic League Championship with B. Havigburst, G. Gingold, and J. Somberg scoring double victories while R. Hodous, D. Edwards, G. McLain, and G. Petznick each tallied once. For West Tech E. Garnes salvaged both points. Shaker Heights won the Public School League title last year, and so now boasts two championship trophies.



The April issue of READER'S DIGEST contains an interesting and informative article entitled "Chess: They Call It a Game", by Joseph Phillips, reprinted from THE ROTARIAN, April issue. The condensed summary of the game's history, the stress upon the fact that chess is not difficult to learn, and the emphasis upon the fascination and social quality of the game make this article an excellent short introduction and exposition to be placed in the hands of anyone not familiar with the game of chess who expressed a casual interest in learning something about its charm.

Baton Rouge (La) Chess Club: In a match against the USCF affiliated New Orleans Chess Club, Baton Rouge score a 10½-8½ victory. For Baton Rouge G. Patrick scored two victories, F. Lee and W. Hudgins a win and a draw apiece, while W. F. Gladney, O. Clair, Mamantov, L. Jacobs and J. Gwin tallied wins with Tamuz drawing. For New Orleans A. B. Wills, A. L. McAuley, Irene Vines, D. A. Walsdorf, D. Gavitt and Alice Kirst scored wins, while K. Vines, J. Barnes, and A. Fitzgerald drew.

Chess Life In New York

By Allen Kaufman

THE many expressions and sayings used every day in this city's chess clubs have become as much a part of the game as the moves themselves—they are the General Kibitzes, used by almost every player. Although the origins of some are unclear, one fact is evident: each expresses some idea clearly and succinctly, and does so in such a humorous or even artistic manner that it has "caught on" with many players. Some express an idea that cannot be said in any other way, while others are just synonyms for some well-worn chess term.

Examples of this last kind are the words that have come to take the place of "check," such as schach, hock, shmink, haque senior (this one is used for a particularly strong check), shrink, chicoltea, Johann, and danger king. There is always some beginner or very weak player around the club. He is a fish, patzer, hecht, fussler, duffer, or weakie.

There are many general terms that refer to various aspects of the game: making lieft (e.g., P-KR3 to give the king an escape square), kvetch (a style of play in which you do nothing except wait for an opponent's blunders), Harrison (a move that puts a piece en prise to another), Turner style (playing the simplest move to insure the win).

And, last of all, are the kibitzes that have become so popular that they are repeated over and over again by many players. Not moving on time in blitz frequently brings forth the comments, "Would you like to seal?", and "Perhaps you would like to examine this position in the privacy of your own home," and, simply, "You go, Hugo."

But there are so many hundreds of sayings, expressions, and General Kibitzes used by players here that one would need a large book to list, define, and explain them all.

IN BRIEF: Bill Drakert, captain of the Marshall B team in the Met League, leads the huge Marshall Amateur Championship, 4-0. Last year's champ, Myron Fleischer, was upset by talented youngster James Gore, who is winning the club's Junior Championship . . . Art Bisguier, 8-3, clings to a tenuous half-point advantage in the Manhattan Championship; he was beaten by Abe Turner last week, Jim Sherwin, 6½-3½, has the best chance to catch him . . . At the half-way mark of the Quadrangular Tournament to determine last place on the U. S. team to Moscow, Kevitz, 2½-1½, leads. The other participants are Sherwin, 2-1, Lombardy, 1½-½, and Lasker, 0-3 . . . As was expected, the Manhattan and Marshall teams in the Met League are bowling over the opposition, each 3-0. They meet in the last round to determine premier honors.



MASTERS OF THE FUTURE

GAMES AND STORIES OF AMERICA'S YOUNGER PLAYERS OF PROMISE

By U. S. Master JAMES T. SHERWIN

Arthur Feuerstein

NEW YORK nowadays seems to produce one talented junior chess star a year. (The last two years brought forth Edmar Mednis and William Lombardy.) This year's junior is Arthur Feuerstein who played well in the New York State Championship (he won the brilliancy prize) and came of age in the current Manhattan Chess Club Championship where he has already beaten Bisguier and Pinkus.

He has a profound knowledge of the openings (particularly the King's Indian and Sicilian—with White he plays eclectically the English or Reti systems), and a risky but tenacious style. And most important, he seems to be developing a strong will to win (for he used to laugh too much and work too little). But he still needs experience and as he acquires it he should develop rapidly over the next few years.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Manhattan Chess Club
Championship

Notes by Arthur Feuerstein

White	Black
A. S. PINKUS	A. FEUERSTEIN
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-KK13
3. P-KK13	B-K12
4. B-K12	O-O
5. Kt-QB3	P-Q3
6. Kt-KB3	QKt-Q2
7. O-O	P-K4
8. P-K3

The usual place for the White KP is on K4. The variation played is not in White's favor.

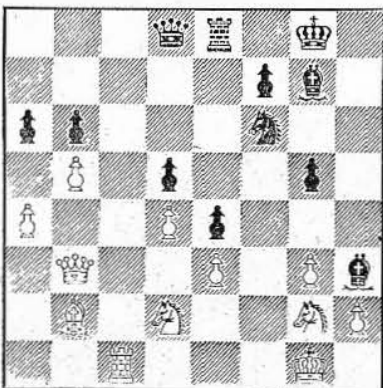
8. R-K1
9. P-QK13 P-QR3
This move has a double purpose. After 10. B-QR3, R-Kt1; 11. R-B1, P-QKt4, the Bishop runs back to QKt2 and the game continues as in the text. In the game as played, the pawn stops Kt-QKt5.

10. B-K12	P-B3
11. R-B1	P-K5
12. Kt-Q2	P-Q4



If 23. B-KB1; 24. KtxQP, BxR; 25. KtxKt ch, QxKt; 26. QPxP, Q-Kt4; 27. Q-B3, Q-R3; 28. Kt-B4 with a game that is certainly worth an exchange.

24. R-B6	P-KK14
25. Kt-K12	B-Q2
26. R/6-QB1	B-K14
27. P-QR4	B-Q2
28. R-B1	QR-B1
29. RxR	BxR
30. R-B1	B-R6
31. P-QK15



If 31. R-B6, Q-Q2; 32. RxKtP, Q-Kt5 (the threat is BxKt and Q-K7 ch winning the Kt); 33. Q-B2, Q-K7 and mate next move.

31.	PxP
32. PxP	Q-Q2
33. Kt-B1	R-R1
34. R-R1	RxR
35. BxR	Q-Kt5
36. Q-B2	B-K6
37. B-B3

If 37. Q-KB2, QxQ and 33. B-Q2 winning.

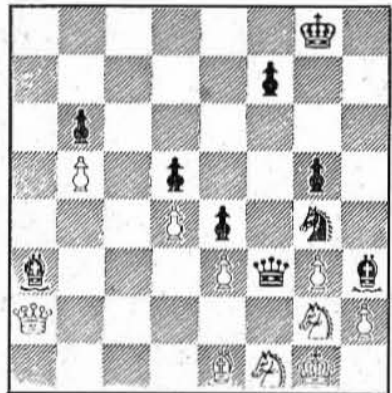
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37. Kt-K15
38. Q-R2
Not 38. B-Kt4, QxKt ch; 39. KxQ;
KtxKP ch winning.
38. B-B1
39. B-K1 B-R6!



40. B-B3 K-R2
Announcing the Zugzwang.
41. B-K1 B-B8
42. B-K14 K-K13
43. B-K1 P-B3
44. B-K14 BxKt
45. QxB BxPch

Resigns
46. KtxB, QxKtch; 47. K-R1, Kt-B7ch and Kt-Q6 ch wins the Bishop, or 47. K-B1, Q-B8 ch; 48. K-K2 (if B-K1, Kt-K6 ch), Q-Kt7 ch; 49. B-Q2, P-K6.

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*Franklin Chess Club
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Meets at 1421 Walnut Street, Philadelphia 2, Pa. President: E. Raymond

Women's Chess Life By Willa White Owens

THE Women's World Championship Candidates Tournament will start about the first of October in Moscow. The United States will have three representatives this year: Gisela Gresser, Sonja Graf Stevenson, and Mona May Karff. Though the United States was to have qualified only two candidates for this tournament, Mrs. Stevenson and Miss Karff tied for second place in the Zone 4 Tournament held in New Orleans last year, and FIDE has accepted both candidates.

At the annual meeting of FIDE held last December, it was established that in future Zonal Tournaments ties would be broken by the Sonneborn-Berger system.

The winner of the Women's World Championship Candidates Tournament will play a match with Elisavetta Bykova for the World Championship.

This will be Mrs. Gresser's second World's Candidates Tournament and Miss Karff's third. While Mrs. Stevenson has not taken part in the World's Candidates Tournament since their origin in 1949, she has played two matches for the world's title with the famous Vera Menchik. More about these matches in a later issue.

Mrs. Mary Selensky of Philadelphia has been a strong chess player and enthusiastic chess promoter for many years. A business woman and mother of two children, she has found time to play in only two national tournaments—1949 U. S. Women's Championship and the 1954 Zonal. She will be one of the twelve players invited to play in the 1955 U. S. Women's Championship.

Penn-Scratches (Official Bulletin of the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation) carries the following note and game in the February issue.

"Pennsylvania Woman Champion Mary Selensky draws a nice game with veteran Master Bernie Winkelman in the 1954 Franklin Chess Club Tournament."

White	Black
BARNIE WINKELMAN	MARY SELENSKY
1. P-QB4	N-KB3
2. N-QB3	P-B4
3. P-KN3	P-K3
4. N-B3	P-Q4
5. PxP	PxP
6. P-Q4	N-B3
7. B-N2	P-B5
8. O-O	B-K2
9. N-K5	O-O
10. P-K4	B-K3
11. NxN	PxN
12. P-K5	N-K
	13. P-KB4
	14. B-K3
	15. Q-R4
	16. R-B2
	17. R-K
	18. NxN
	19. Q-B2
	20. Q-K2
	21. R-QB
	22. Q-B3
	23. Q-K2
	24. Q-B3

Glover; vice-pres.: Eric E. Alber; treas.: D. A. Giangliullo; sec'y: Emil M. Lauff. *Renewal of Affiliation Franchise.

Mercantile Library Chess Ass'n (Philadelphia): Charles R. Paxton, Sr. tallied 10 1/2-1/2 to win the club title, drawing one game with runner-up, Vladimir Bomanov, who scored 8 1/2-2 1/2. Third place went to Jerry Kurtzberg with 8-3, while fourth and fifth with 7 1/2-3 1/2 each were Samuel Sklaroff and Louis Tepitsky in the 12-player event. A USCF Club Affiliate.

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ROBERT W. REDDY

IT is with great regret that we note the passing on February 11th of
Robert W. Reddy, for four successive terms president of the Massa-
chusetts State Chess Association. Taking office in a low moment in
Massachusetts chess activity when the State Association showed signs
of gradual decline, Mr. Reddy instilled such vigor and enthusiasm into
the organization that chess activity in the MSCA attained new heights
of activity, which under the capable guidance of his successors it has
maintained to this day. Pleasant and affable as a correspondent, untiring
and imaginative as an administrator, the passing of Robert W. Reddy
leaves a vacancy in New England chess that will be difficult to fill. But
the new life instilled into the organization he so greatly rebuilt will re-
main as a lasting monument to his own ability and memory.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 1954. By Harry Golombek. London:
MacGibbon & Kee, Ltd. xviii, 166 pp., diags., illus. 15 shillings
(\$2.10).

EXCEPT for the contestants Smyslov and Botvinnik, Harry Golombek
is probably the man best placed to edit the games of the second
stand-off match, for he was one of the official judges for the event. His
account is highly circumstantial, forefied with post-mortem analysis, first
hand impressions of the crowd and playing conditions, and eye-witness
experience of the games. Botvinnik supplies a foreword, Smyslov a
postscript. Preliminaries to the heavily annotated games include bio-
graphies of champion and challenger, score-table of the Zurich Can-
didates' Tournament 1953, openings analysis, and game-scores of the
twenty previous encounters between them (Botvinnik 7, Smyslov 2,
drawn 11).

The games have been hashed over in every chess periodical this re-
viewer has seen, but their treatment here differs most interestingly in
being integrated with the scene. Each is prefaced with a description of
the setting, the progress of play, the bearing of the outcome. Among
the photographs included, one will perhaps amuse as well as edify. It
shows the players "in acute time trouble." Botvinnik is sitting back in
his chair, relaxed; Smyslov leans calmly on the table; the most excited
person is Opocensky, the umpire.

ALLENTOWN CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Allentown, 1954-55

100% USCF Rated Event

1. Mahlon Cleaver	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13-0
2. M. Chatfield	0	x	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	9-4
3. Jack Mack	0	1	x	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	8½-4½
4. Paul Sherr	0	0	0	x	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8-5
5. Woodrow Young	0	0	0	1	x	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	8-5
6. Clarence Ziegler	0	1	0	0	x	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8-5
7. Joseph Krejnus	0	0	½	1	0	x	1	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	7½-5½
8. William Schuler	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	x	1	1	0	½	1	1	7-5½
9. William Raudenbush	0	1	1	0	1	0	½	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	7½-5
10. Michael Cesanek	0	0	1	0	0	0	½	0	1	x	1	1	1	1	6½-6

11. John Wokrin 3-10; 12. John Mayer 2½-10; 13. David Gurski 1-12; 14. Paul Gurski 1-12.
D. Gurski forfeited to Wokrin, Young, Cleaver, Krejnus, Mack, Schuler, Ziegler, and Mayer; P. Gurski forfeited to Schuler, Raudenbush, Cesanek, Sherr, and Ziegler; Wokrin forfeited to Young, Cleaver, and Krejnus. Paull Sherr tournament director.

Text of the Resolution for Expulsion Of Norman T. Whitaker

BELOW is text of the resolution submitted to the Executive Com-
mittee of the United States Chess Federation in regard to the
proposal to expel Norman T. Whitaker from membership. This resolu-
tion was accompanied by a reprint of the six page mimeographed cir-
cular, dated December 30, 1954, issued by Mr. Whitaker which formed
the immediate basis for this action:

TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UNITED STATE CHESS FEDERATION:

Article IV, Sec 2 of the By-Laws of the United States Chess Federa-
tion as to membership, provides:

"Section 2: In the event that any member of the USCF should be
guilty of conduct which in the judgment of the Executive Committee
shall tend to bring the game of chess into disrepute, his member-
ship may be revoked, with such provisions for suspension or rein-
statement as the Executive Committee may in each case determine."
Article VII, Sec. 1, (e) as to the duties of the Executive Committee
provided:

"Sec. 1, (e) Take such action as may be required with respect to
revocation, suspension and reinstatement of membership as pro-
vided in Article IV, Sec. 2 of the By-Laws."

Norman T. Whitaker, of Shady Side, Maryland, is a member of the
United States Chess Federation and for several years has been a dis-
gruntled member, and on many and numerous occasions has publicly
denounced the Federation and its officers and defamed their good name
by making direct accusations of misconduct and by innuendo accused them
of crimes, and recently under date of December 30, 1954, the said Norman
T. Whitaker published and widely circulated a six page mimeographed
letter which transcends all bounds of free speech and even common de-
cency. A copy of which letter was sent to many persons and purportedly
sent to all USCF members in Maryland and to all the Directors of USCF
in the United States. In said letter the said Norman T. Whitaker made false,
scurrilous and libelous attack on the Federation as an organization and
against the officers individually and collectively, and by reason of which
conduct on the part of the said Norman T. Whitaker he is an undesirable
member of the Federation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION:

- (a) That the membership of Norman T. Whitaker in United States Chess
Federation be and the same is hereby immediately revoked and cancelled.
- (b) That the said Norman T. Whitaker be forever barred from participating
in any Tournament, Match or other chess event sponsored by the United
States Chess Federation or its affiliates.
- (c) That in the future no tournament in which the said Norman T. Whit-
aker participates will be rated by USCF.
- (d) That the said Norman T. Whitaker be barred from ever again becoming
a member of the United States Chess Federation except upon written
application therefor accompanied by apology to the Federation and its
officers for the libels and and slanders heretofore committed by him.

Proposition to expel Norman T. Whitaker from United States Chess Fed-
eration:
Proposition (a) I vote (Yes or No)
Proposition (b) I vote (Yes or No)
Proposition (c) I vote (Yes or No)
Proposition (d) I vote (Yes or No)
Remarks, if any:

Signature of officer voting

Official tabulation of the votes of the Executive Committee upon
these four propositions in the above resolution were as follows:

Proposition (a):	9—yes	2—no
Proposition (b):	8—yes	3—no
Proposition (c):	7—yes	4—no
Proposition (d):	8—yes	3—no

Three members of the Executive Committee abstained from voting.

Mr. Whitaker has the privilege of petitioning the USCF Executive
Committee for modification of this action, and the Committee will con-
sider any statement he may wish to make in defense or extenuation of
his actions, and upon presentation of valid arguments for modification of
its verdict, the Executive Committee will make such modifications as it
deems fitting and proper.

The Kibitzer Has His Day

Dear Sir:

Now that the Officers and Directors of the United States Chess Federation
have succeeded in barring the smaller clubs from using the USCF Rating System
it would appear that the only privilege left to the USCF members of these
smaller clubs is the right to pay \$5.00 a year for a paper whose subscription price
is \$3.00 a year.

WILLIAM WILCOCK
Jamestown, N. Y.

Many small clubs disagree with Mr. Wilcock's diagnosis, to judge from recent
letters and recent affiliations. These clubs feel that over the period of a year, the
\$10.00 Affiliation fee plus the nominal 10c per game rating fee (with the club
championship rated without fees) represent less investment than the \$1.00 rating
fee per tournament paid by non-members of the USCF previously—since in most
small clubs only one or two club members are USCF members. And USCF mem-
bers who are purchasing their chess books and equipments from the USCF Busi-
ness Office indicate that they consider they possess other privileges for their
annual dues in addition to their subscription to CHESS LIFE. But does any other
club join in Mr. Wilcock's grievances?—Editor.

NEW ORLEANS CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

New Orleans, 1954-55

100% USCF Rated Event

1. A. B. Wills	x	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7-1
2. A. L. McAuley	½	x	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6½-1½
3. Mrs. Irene Vines	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5½-2½
4. Frank Chavez	½	1	0	x	0	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5-3
5. K. N. Vines	0	0	0	1	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5-3

6. D. A. Walsdorf 2½-5½; 7. John Marks 2-6; 8. Albert Fitzgerald 1½-6½; 8. Jack Lively 1-7.

LARRY EVANS ON OPENINGS

By International Master LARRY EVANS

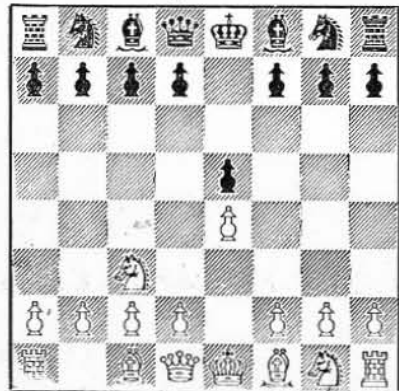
U. S. OPEN CHAMPION, 1954

The "White to play and win" Variation

AROUND ten years ago Weaver Adams wrote a little book entitled somewhat immodestly *White To Play and Win*. Thus fortified, his opponents demolished one line after another via prepared variations. Adams then issued *Simple Chess*, an improvement of his earlier analysis, but met once more with the same fate. In tournaments, especially, he lost critical game after critical game with his beloved Vienna Opening. His lines against all other replies except 1., P-K4 had long proved insubstantial, but his opponents felt morally bound to refute his exaggerated claims for the Vienna. That the Vienna "won by force" was an insult to any self-respecting master, who often felt called upon to defend the Black side for no other reason than that it had been martyred. Only recently has Adams published analysis which clarifies a crucial variation in the Vienna, a suggestion of Alekhine's, which we are now in a position to assess theoretically. But, as ever, the ticking of the clock must provide the final verdict.

The characteristic moves are: 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. N-QB3.

Diagram No. 1



Position after 2. N-QB3

According to Adams 2. N-QB3 "better conforms to fundamental principles than any other move in the position. It develops a piece to a very natural square. It prepares P-KB4 by preventing Black's counter thrust, P-Q4. (2. N-KB3 obstructs P-KB4.) It keeps open the line Q1 to KR5. Finally, it fortifies White pawn at K4."

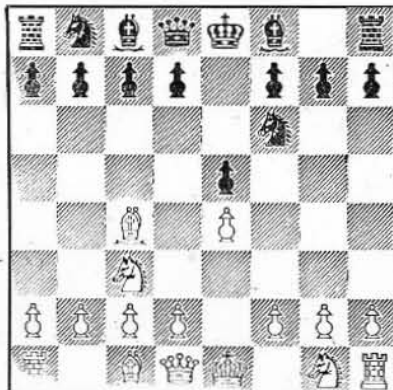
According to Fine, "Black has a number of good defenses. While there are numerous traps to be avoided, on the whole Black can equalize easily and frequently gets an advantage."

Whence this disparity of judgment? How can the best move in the position permit the second player to "equalize easily." To understand the vigor of Fine's counter-statement, one need not seek far. He need only glance at *Simple Chess* to find the following theoretical insult: 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. N-KB3? This questionmark started a theoretical revolution!

The most energetic move for Black is now 2., N-KB3 (2., N-QB3; 3. B-B4, B-B4; 4. Q-N4 is slightly in White's favor, while 4. P-B4?, BxN!; 5. RxB, Q-R5 ch is from a game between Adams and Sandrin); 3. B-B4 (3. P-B4, P-Q4!; 4. BPxP, NxP=).

Join the USCF! It is always a sound opening move.

Diagram No. 2



Position after 3. B-B4

In this position Black's most aggressive reply is 3., NxP, recommended by Alekhine, leading to a crucial variation where Black must be prepared to sacrifice a Rook! 3., B-B4 leads to a K's Gambit Declined, e.g., 4. P-B4, P-Q3; 5. N-KB3, N-B3; 6. P-Q3, B-K3; 7. B-N5, Berliner-Evans, US Junior Chmp., 1946.

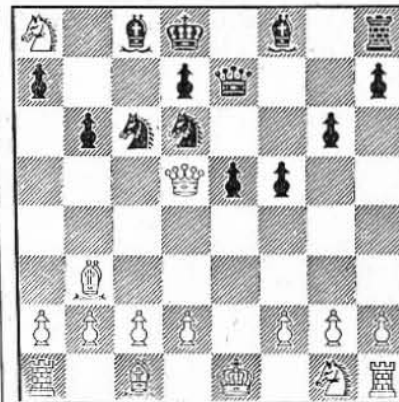
(Incidentally, it is interesting to observe how Adams himself defends the Black side of a Vienna! Evans-Adams, Lob Cabin Chmp., 1950, went: 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. N-QB3, B-B4!; 3. B-B4 (N-B3 is better), P-Q3; 4. P-Q3, N-QB3; 5. N-R4, Q-B3; 6. NxB, PxN; 7. B-K3, P-QN3; 8. N-K2, KN-K2; 9. Q-Q2, P-KR3; 10. P-B4, B-K3; 11. BxB, QxB; 12. O-O, O-O-O; 13. P-B5, Q-Q3; 14. P-B6!+)

Adams-Evans, US Open 1950, continued from Diagram 2 with a prepared variation: 3., B-B4; 4. P-B4, BxN!; 5. RxB, NxP!; 6. NxN, P-Q4; 7. P-Q4, PxB; 8. BPxP, Q-R5 ch; 9. N-N3, QxRP; 10. K-B2, Q-R5; 11. P-B3, N-B3; 12. R-K1, B-K3; 13. R-K4, Q-K2; 14. N-R5, O-O-O; 15. Q-R1, KR-N1; 16. R-R4, P-KR3+.

After 3., NxP; the crucial variation goes: 4. Q-R5, N-Q3 (forced); 5. B-N3 (QxKP ch, Q-K2 leads to complete equality), N-B3 (Black can still avoid the sacrificial variation by 5., B-K2; but after 6. QxKP, O-O; 7. P-Q4, N-B3; 8. Q-B4, B-B3; 9. N-B3, R-K1 ch; 10. B-K3, Black is cramped); 6.

N-N5, P-KN3; 7. Q-B3, P-B4; 8. Q-Q5, Q-K2 (or Q-B3—it is a moot point which is the better square); 9. NxP ch, K-Q1; 10. NxR, P-N3

Diagram No. 3



Position after 10., P-N3

So far, so Alekhine. It was his opinion that the Vienna was unplayable because of this sacrificial defense. This is the position where Adams has evolved a completely new defensive concept with the White pieces. In his words:

"Indeed, it has to be admitted that a casual appraisal of the position tends strongly to confirm Alekhine's opinion. White's Queen is precariously situated. Most of White's pieces are undeveloped, while Black's pieces will develop quite rapidly. White's Knight is trapped at R8.

"... white players have generally further compromised themselves by the following mistakes: Not appreciating that time is equally as important as material, rather than compel the opponent to take the time to capture the Knight at R8, they play NxNP. (The Knight is lost anyway, so why not get a pawn for it?) Failing to realize the importance of discovering a safe haven for the Queen, they have considered it more important to get Castled and get the pieces out, and so have played P-Q3 or N-K2. Also, it is by no means conceivable that the following, rather subtle combination has been overlooked: 11. Q-B3, B-QN2; 12. N-K2, N-Q5; 13. NxN!, BxQ; 14. NxB."

If this combination is sound, then 12., N-Q5 (?) is seriously open to question, yet there will be no effective way to prevent White from castling and consolidating. It must be noted that if 13., PxN dis. ch. (instead of, BxQ); 14. Q-K2, BxP; 15. R-KN1, BxN; 16. QxQ ch, BxQ; 17. P-Q3, White should win with the exchange.

Further, if this combination is sound, then the entire Vienna Variation must be appraised in a new light, and an entirely new de-

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Chess Life Tuesday, Page 5 April 5, 1955

Boston "All-Stars" from Boylston, Harvard, Cambridge and Lithuanian Chess Clubs bested representatives from the North Shore Chess League 6½-2½. For Boston H. Lyman, K. Merkis, A. Klinushkoff, Church, and Thomson won, while Tirrell, Seletzky and Merrill drew; for the North Shore J. Curdo, D. Coin, and J. Sullivan tallied wins while Troyers, B. Gould, and D. Garratt drew.

Racine (Wis.) Chess Club: Victory in the club championship went to Rudy Kunz with 6½-½, drawing with runner-up Walter Teubner who placed second with 5½-1½. Art Monsky was third with 5-2, and Frank Buttenhoff placed fourth with 4½-2½ in the 19 player Swiss. A USCF Club Affiliate.

UNITED STATES AMATEUR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

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Six Round Swiss: First round starts 8 p.m. sharp on Friday, May 20th. Last round ends about 8:30 p.m. Sunday, May 22nd.

Awards: Winner recognized as United States Amateur Chess Champion and gets trophy. Woman with highest score wins title of Woman Amateur Chess Champion of the U. S. and gets trophy. Also trophies for Class A and Class B players with highest scores. No cash prizes. Strictly amateur event.

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Time Limit, etc.: 50 moves in 2 hours. Unfinished games adjudicated after 4 hours. Adjudicator: U. S. Master Max Pavey. Ties broken by Median System. Pairings by Harkness System. Director: Kenneth Harkness. Chess Clocks: Only a limited number of clocks will be available. Please bring your own if possible. Sets and boards will be provided.

Special Low Rates for Lodgings: Players and visitors pay only \$3 per night for lodgings at Mohegan Country Club. Half-price for children under 12. Private room for one person: \$4 per night. Meals at reasonable rates can be obtained at restaurants and lunch-rooms nearby.

How to Get There from New York: By train from Grand Central or 125th St. to Peekskill. Buses and taxis meet all express trains, take you directly to Country Club. Allow one hour and ten minutes on express train plus 20 minutes on bus. By auto: West Side Highway to Saw Mill River—Taconic Parkway from Hawthorne Circle, left turn at Route 202; one mile to Lexington Ave. and right turn to Country Club.

Entry Fee: \$5.00 to USCF members. Non-members must also pay \$5.00 USCF dues.

Entries and Reservations for Lodgings: Entries will be accepted at the Mohegan Country Club up to 7 p.m. (but no later) on Friday, May 20th. However, to enable the management to make arrangements for your comfort, please mail your entry and reservation in advance. The sooner the better. Mail your entry fee and reservation (with or without payment for lodgings) to the United States Chess Federation at the address below. DO IT NOW!

UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION
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GUEST ANNOTATORS

Dr. Max Herzberger
J. Norman Coffey

Kt-K6!; 31. BxKt, Q-K5 ch; 32. K-R1, P-Q6; 33. Resigns.
12. Pxp e.p. 15. O-O R-K1
13. KxP(Q3) B-Q3 16. P-QK1?
14. P-KB4 O-O

Probably the losing move. Development with 16. Kt-Q2 or 16. Kt-R3 was imperative.

16. Kt-B5 17. Kt-B5
Better 17. Kt-R3, Kt-K6; 18. BxKt, RxB.
17. Kt-K6 19. Kt-Q3
18. BxKt RxB

The effort to hold onto everything is quickly fatal, but in any case at this point White lacked a good continuation.

19. Q-K2 21. BxP
20. B-B3 B-R3!

(See diagram next column)
21. R-Q1!
Suddenly Curtis is lost. His Kt is twice attacked and if 22. P-Kt5, RxBt! and the R is immune because of the



follow-up: B-B4 ch, and if 22. R-K1 either BxKt or RxBt also wins.

22. Kt-B2
What else?
22. BxR 24. Kt-Q2 RxB
23. KxB BxBP Resigns
At least another piece goes.

WHITE TO PLAY AND WIN VARIATION

(Continued from page 5, column 3)

is impressive. Much, no doubt, will be improved upon; still more will be refuted. This is the way of theory.

Attempting to improve on Black's play from diagram 4, Knoch and I analyzed the following variation:

14., P-K5 (this must be right!); 15. N-Q4, B-N2; 16. N-K2, N-K1 (with the idea of N-B3 & and P-Q4, which is too slow); 17. P-QR4, Q-B4 (threatening Q-B3); 18. N-B3, N-B3 (not 18., BxN; 19. QPx B, Q-B3; 20. P-R5!); 19. O-O!, K-K2 (19., Q-B3; 20. P-R5, Pxp; 21. RxB, QxN; 22. P-Q3, gives White a winning position); 20. P-Q4!, Pxp e.p.; 21. B-N5 (threatening N-Q5ch), and White wins.

It would seem, therefore, that all Black's difficulties arise when he attempts to win the trapped White Knight. He has an improvement over the above variation, however: 14., P-K5; 15. N-Q4, P-K6! (This Adams fails to consider—taking into account only 15. B-N2; 16. N-K2, P-K6; 17. P-KB3!); now if 17. P-KB3?, Q-R5 ch; or 17. P-Q3, Pxp ch; 18. K-Q1 (not KxP, Q-R5 ch), B-N2; 19. N-B3, R-K1; 20. B-N5, B-B3; and wins.

If either 16. BP or QPxP, Q-K5; wins the Knight without any trouble, though still not conclusive. It would be interesting to see a practical test of this analysis.

CONCLUSION: Adams' analysis is still not conclusive, yet if sound 3., NxP must be considered dubious, at best. If Black omits 12., N-Q5, permitting the Queen sacrifice, White will merely castle and consolidate. If this sacrificial idea is knocked out, the Vienna will loom once more as a powerful weapon for the first player. Black, in effect, will be compelled to enter the variations beginning with 3., B-B4, which favor White. A practical test of 14., P-K5; 15. N-Q4, P-K6! from diagram 4 may decide the fate of Black's entire defensive concept.

North Jersey Chess League: Orange routed Montclair 6-2; Irvington-Polish bested Irvington 5-2; Elizabeth downed Jersey City 4-2; Northern Valley outpointed Plainfield 4½-3½; and Philidor drew with Maroczy 4-4 in the seventh round of the league. Maroczy retains the lead with 5½-1½ in match points, while second place is a triple-tie between Irvington-Polish, Northern Valley and Club of the Oranges at 5-2 each. Philidor is fifth with 4½-2½. A USCF League Affiliate.



Diagram No. 4

Position after 14. NxP

"(I) 14., P-K5; 15. N-Q4, (A) 15., K-B1; 16. N-K2, K-N1; 17. B-Q5, N-N2; 18. P-QR4!, KxN; 19. P-R5, Q-B4; 20. P-QB4, Pxp; 21. P-QN4!.. (B) 15., P-B5; 16. P-QR4, K-B1; 17. N-N5, NxN; 18. Pxn, Q-N4; 19. QxKNP; 20. R-B1, P-K6; 21. B-Q5. (C) 15., B-N2; 16. N-K2, R-B1; 17. O-O, P-B5; 18. R-K1, P-B6; 19. N-N3, Pxp; 20. P-Q3, B-Q5; 21. B-K3, BxB; 22. RxB, Q-B3; 23. R-K2, Pxp; 24. R-Q2. (D) 15., B-N2; 16. N-K2, P-K6; 17. P-KB3, Pxp ch; 18. BxB, R-K1; 19. O-O-O, QxN; 20. B-N5 ch, K-B1; 21. RxN, BxB ch; 22. K-N1 (not KxB, Q-K4 ch), B-R6; 23. R-Q2, Q-K8 ch; 24. R-Q1.

"(II) 14., B-N2; 15. P-Q3, P-K5; 16. B-N5, B-B3; 17. BxB, QxB; 18. Pxp, Pxp; 19. N-Q2.

"(III) 14., K-B1; 15. P-Q3, P-K5; 16. B-N5, Q-K1; 17. O-O, Pxn; 18. R-K1.

"(IV) 14., P-B5; 15. P-QR4, B-N2; 16. O-O, P-K5; 17. N-K1, Q-K4; 18. P-R5, P-QN4; 19. P-Q4, Q-B4; 20. P-QB3, K-B1; 21. P-R6, K-N1; 22. N-N6, Pxn; 23. P-R7 ch, K-R1; 24. BxB.

"(V) 14., P-B5; 15. P-QR4, P-KN4; 16. P-R5, P-K5 (16., P-N4; 17. N-N6, Pxn; 18. Pxp, K-B1; 19. B-Q5); 17. N-Q4, B-N2; 18. N-K2, P-B6; 19. Pxp, Pxn; 20. B-Q5; 21. N-N6." **Analysis by Weaver Adams, 1954.**

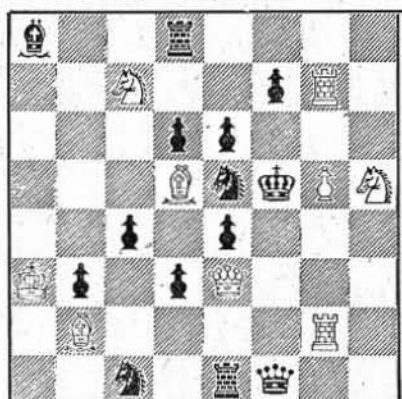
Naturally, it is impossible to exhaust all the resources inherent in Diagram 4, yet Adams' analysis

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Nicholas Gabor

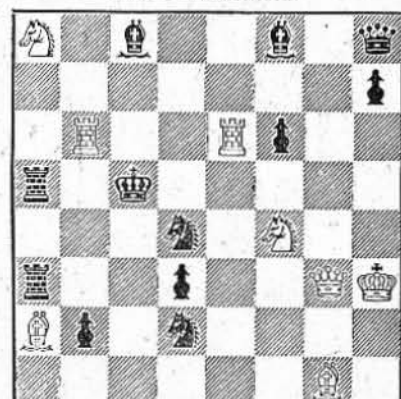
Solutions, remarks, suggestions, etc., as well as compositions by any and all composers are welcome. Address all communications to Nicholas Gabor, Hotel Kemper Lane, Cincinnati 6, Ohio.

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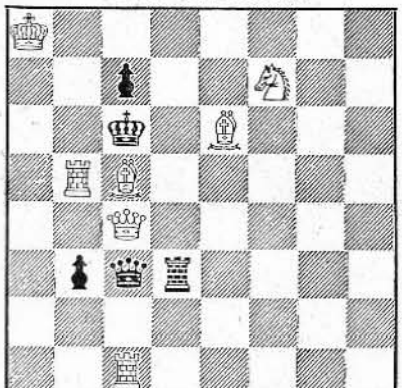
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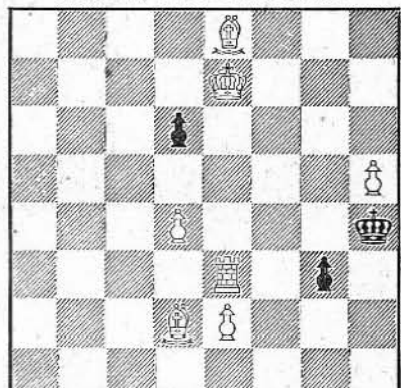
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 549
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Problem No. 550
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White mates in three moves

ANOTHER set of "First Publication" contributions to CHESS LIFE'S Problem Department, one of them (No. 547) from Czechoslovakia. In No. 548 one "Old-Timer" pays his respects to another. No. 549 in turn is by a "novice" in number of years but already with remarkable accomplishments to his credit. No. 550 was contributed by John Tangeman of Cincinnati, who was associated with the Rev. Dr. Dobbs, prolific composer of charming and polished and at the same time easy and simple three-movers. This work was selected to invite our numerous regular solvers who never "had the nerve" to tackle a three-mover, to try their hand at it.

Solutions - Mate the Subtle Way!

- No. 535 (Cook): 1. B-Kt6, threat 2. R-Q4 mate, with mostly simple defensive play.
- No. 536 (Guttman): 1. Q-K5, threat 2. QxB mate. Five good variations in this Meredith. (Set: 1., KxKt; 2. BxB mate!).
- No. 537 (Holladay): Set: 1., P-K6 dis. ch; 2. Kt-Q4 mate! Key: 1. P-Q4, threat 2. Kt-R4 mate. If now: 1., P-K6; 2. QxQB changed mate.
- No. 538 (Dr. Keeney): 1. Kt-K4, threat 2. Q-Q2 ch! and if 2., KxKt; 3. R-K6 or if 2., K-B5; 3. Kt-Q6 mate. Defenses inviting good play: 1., K-B5, 1., P-B5, 1., BxB, 1., R-K1.

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event from 1942 through 1945, when it was discontinued. Victor in 1942 was E. S. Jackson; in 1943 Dr. A. Mengarini with E. S. Jackson and Sven Almgren tied for second; in 1944 E. S. Jackson again; and in 1945 Paul Ellis with E. S. Jackson in second place and the then junior Arthur Bisguier tied with L. Schneider for fifth place. In the words of the poet, "It's a natural!" Only don't forget to bring

your chess clocks, if available, and your skill, for amateur is often a deceiving word!

Manhattan Chess Club (N.Y.): Charles M. Sessa won the Winter Swiss on S-B points with 6-1, losing one game to Allen Rich. Second was Victor Michalski, also with 6-1, losing a game to Sessa. Daniel C. MacGrady was third with 5-2, while fourth and fifth with 4½-2½ in the 23 player event were Joe Tamargo and John Prior. The tourney was restricted to players with 1850 ratings or lower. A USCF Club Affiliate.

