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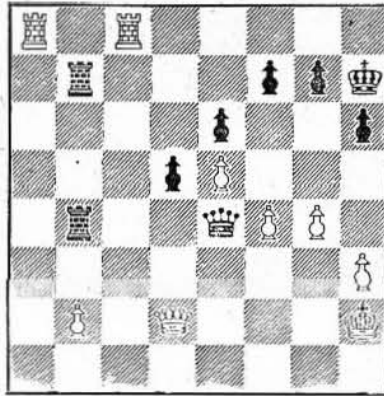
RUSSELL CHAUVENET

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Solution to Position No. 169 will appear in the November 5th, 1955 issue.

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Position No. 169



White to play

Canadian Title Goes To Anderson, Siemms 2nd, Three-Way Tie for 3rd

Frank Anderson of Toronto, 25-year old student in the honors course in mathematics and physics at the University of Toronto, by the clear margin of a full point won the Canadian Championship at Ottawa with a score of 8½-2½ in one of the strongest championship events ever held in Canada, despite the absence of D. A. Yanofsky. Anderson is well remembered in U. S. chess circles as narrowly missing the U. S. Junior title in 1948 at Oak Ridge, tying in games won with A. Bisguier with 8-2 but losing the title on S-B points.

Second place went to Ross Siemms, also of Toronto with 7½-3½ score. Siemms, who made his first appearance in the USA in the U. S. Junior Championship at Cleveland in 1947 at the age of eleven and has competed in six of the ten U.S. Junior events, was the 1954 U. S. Junior Champion.

Tied at 7-4 each for third place were Dr. Fedor Bohatirchuk, a former champion of the USSR and one of the few players with a plus score over World Champion Botvinnik, Lionel Joyner, 23-year old Montreal accountant, and Ivan Suk, Ontario Champion. Sixth place went to Toronto Champion Geza Fuster with 6½-4½, while seventh and eighth were shared by Quebec Provincial Champion Heinz Mathai and former Canadian Champion Paul Vaitonis with 5-6. Other scores were: Rudolph Draxl 4½-6½, Walter Jursevskis 3½-7½, Maurice Fox 2½-8½, George Rale-tich 2-9.

In winning Anderson lost one game to Rudolph Draxl and drew with Dr. Bohatirchuk, Ross Siemms, and Heinz Mathai. Siemms lost games to Draxl and Geza Fuster, while drawing with Anderson, M. Jursevskis, and Lionel Joyner. Draxl, for all his lowly score, proved to be the giant-killer of the tournament, with scalps of both Anderson and Siemms dangling from his belt.

STEINER WINS CALIF. OPEN

International master Herman Steiner of Los Angeles won the California Open Championship at Hotel California in Fresno with a score of 6-1. Steiner was undefeated, drawing with Roger Smook and Vladimir Pafnutieff. Second and third with 5½-1½ each were Roger Smook of Berkeley and Raymond Martin of Santa Monica. Fifth to eleventh with 5-2 each were Vladimir Pafnutieff, Earl Pruner, W. T. Adams, Larry Ledgerwood, Dave Peizer, Ed. Logwood, Robert Brieger, and Wade Hendricks. Seventy-four players competed in the event jointly sponsored by the California State Chess Federation, the Fresno Chess Club, and Chamber of Commerce.

THANKS!

The Editor, on behalf of the Business Manager and himself, wishes to express sincere thanks to those 460 USCF members who in answer to his editorial and Mr. Harkness' letter confided their proxy votes to Mr. Harkness as visible token of their confidence in the Business Manager and the Editor. Equally, he wishes to express his thanks to those members who entrusted their proxy votes to trusted representatives from their States to be voted in support of USCF management. The Federation is only in danger when its membership is indifferent, for only then can minorities seize control.

GRESSER, ROOS SHARE TITLE

U. S. Women's Championship Tied, M. May Karff Third in Event

The exciting battle for the U. S. Women's chess title, in which Mrs. Irene Vines of New Orleans led for six rounds, ended in a 9-2 tie between 1954 U. S. Women's Champion Mrs. Gisela Gresser of New York City and Mrs. Nancy Roos of Los Angeles, Calif. They were declared Co-Champions. Third place went to Miss Mona May Karff, defending Women's Champion, with a score of 8½-2½. Miss Karff, who began badly with 2½ points lost in the early rounds, won six consecutive games after the fifth round in an almost successful attempt to overtake the leaders, playing vigorous and aggressive chess.

Mrs. Jacqueline Piatigorsky, who also participated in the 1955 U.S. Open, placed fourth with 8-3 in the 12-player round robin. Fifth place went to Mrs. Irene Vines with 7½-3½, and sixth place to Miss Lucille Kellner with 6½-4½. Tied for seventh with 4-7 each were Mrs. Lena Grumette, Mrs. Mary Selensky, and Mrs. Willa White Owens.

It was noted that the results indicated the recent widespread interest in chess by women, which is no longer mainly confined to New York City and such special localities as Cleveland with its Queen's Chess Club. Of the ranking six players only two (Gresser and Karff) came from New York City. Los Angeles was represented twice (Roos and Piatigorsky), Detroit once (Kellner) and New Orleans once (Vines). Of the remaining six only three represented New York (de Serrano and the Henschel sisters), one San Francisco (Grumette), one Philadelphia (Selensky), and one Avon Lake (Owens). Of the three invited players who could not participate only one represented New York (Bain), while Palm Springs

(Graf-Stevenson) and Chicago (Aronson) were the residences of the others.

Final Standings

1. Mrs. G. Gresser (New York).....9 - 2
2. Mrs. N. Roos (Los Angeles).....9 - 2
3. Miss M. Karff (New York).....8½ - 2½
4. Mrs. J. Piatigorsky (Palm S.).....8 - 3
5. Mrs. I. Vine (New Orleans).....7½ - 3½
6. Miss L. Kellner (Detroit).....6½ - 4½
7. Mrs. L. Grumette (San Fran.).....4 - 7
8. Mrs. W. Owens (Avon Lake).....4 - 7
9. Mrs. M. Selensky (Phila.).....4 - 7
10. Mrs. R. de Serrano (N. Y.).....2½ - 8½
11. Miss W. Henschel (New York) 2 - 9
12. Miss K. Henschel (New York) 1 - 10

OTHER TOURNAMENT RESULTS

(Details in next issue)

New England Championship

1. Walter B. Suesman5½-1½
2. Dr. Joseph Platz5½-1½

Southwest Open Championship

1. Kenneth R. Smith6 - 1

Florida State Championship

1. A. C. Otten6 - 1

Iowa State Championship

1. W. H. Donnelly7 - 0

North Carolina Championship

1. Dr. Albert M. Jenkins6 - 1

Pennsylvania Championship

1. Charles Kalme6½-1½



VALLEY OF THE MOON CHESS FESTIVAL

International Master George Koltanowski giving a simultaneous exhibition at the fifth annual chess festival in Sonoma, California.

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

Mastering the End Game

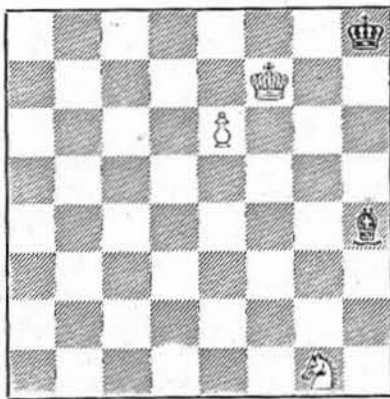
By WALTER KORN, Editor of MCO

The Exception Does Not Work

CLOSELY following on the heel of BCE No. 221 (our last diagram No. 21), have BCE's No. 222a which is claimed to be one of the few exceptions where White with Knight and Pawn wins against a Black Bishop by shutting him off the critical diagonals. It is a position by Kling and Horowitz (diagram No. 22).

The win is supposed to lie in 1. Kt-B3, B-Q1 ("forced"—BCE); 2. Kt-K5, K-R2 (or 2., B-Kt4; 3. Kt-Kt4); 3. Kt-Kt4, K-R1 (3., B-R5; 4. Kt-B6 ch); 4. Kt-B6! "and Black must either capture the Knight or abandon the Pawn at once"—and indeed, it is all a lie! After 1. Kt-B3, B-Kt4!!; 2. Kt-K5, K-R2; 3. Kt-Kt4, B-Q1; 4. Kt-B6 ch, K-R3 (or K-R1 Black achieves the draw. Aren't we all disappointed if an exception turns out to remain a dull routine after all? It is an amusing quirk of circumstances that 2. Kt-B6 stalemates Black.

Diagram No. 22



Ever setting new records, the much-travelled Log Cabin Chess Club of Orange, N.J. reports from Fairbanks, Alaska, making the trip from the U.S. Open at Long Beach and pausing to lose a match 1-6 to the Mechanics' Institute of San Francisco and to win 3½-2½ from the Seattle Chess Club. "We made it," writes Forry Laucks, "and what a trip from Dawson Creek over 1500 miles of gravel roads and dust. It's nice and warm here but no midnight sun just now. Saw some cari-

bou, lynx, beaver and squirrels and northern lights. . . . We saw two forest fires." With the indefatigable adventurer, E. Forry Laucks, are Jimmy and Judy Sherwin, Ted Miller, Ralph Houghton, and Larry Coplin.

Philip W. Morrell with 14-1 won the Greater Kansas City Championship in a 16-player round robin event, losing one game to Gerald Banker. Second with 12-3 was H. M. Wesenberg, who lost games to Morrell, E. H. Owens, and Mildred A. Morrell. Morton Luebbert, Jr. was third with 10½-4½, while Louis E. Graham and A. J. Nika shared fourth with 10-5 each.

MILLER TAKES PANHANDLE OPEN

Warren Miller of Albuquerque, N.M. won the Panhandle Open 4½-½, drawing with Ronald Pohle in the 45-player Swiss at Lubbock, Tex. Second place went to Jack Shaw, also of Albuquerque, with 4-1, drawing with Max Burkett and Ronald Pohle. Third and fourth, also with 4-1 each were William Batchelder of Bloomington, Ind., Jerry Leavitt of Anson, Tex., and W. R. Perry of Midland, Tex. Scoring 3½-1½ were Dr. Roy Riddle, Jr., who won the Panhandle Trophy as ranking resident player, Lubbock, Tex., John Mason of Midland, Tex., Max Burkett of Carlsbad, N.M., Ronald Pohle of Midland, Tex., Gerald White of Lubbock, Tex., Claude Freeman of Benbrook, Tex., Hall Jones of Albuquerque, N.M., and Jack D. Moore of Robstown, Tex. The Junior Division was won by Tommy Reagor of Lubbock, Tex. with Jerry Milburn, also of Lubbock, second. International Master George Koltanowski directed the event which drew players from Texas, New Mexico, Illinois, and Indiana. Next year's event was awarded to the newly organized chess club of Pampa, Tex.

MEDNIS TAKES NEW YORK STATE

Edmar Mednis, 18-year old Marshall C. C. master, tallied 8-1 to win the New York State Championship, drawing with Martin Harrow and Nicholas Bakos. Second and third with 6½-2½ were Arthur Feuerstein and Jack Soudakoff; Feuerstein lost to Mednis and drew with Bakos, Soudakoff, and William Lombardy, while Soudakoff lost to Mednis and drew with Roy T. Black, Feuerstein, and John T. Westbrook. Sharing fourth with 6-3 were Martin Harrow and 1954 State Champion William Lombardy. Sixth place with 5½-3½ was split between Nicholas Bakos, Roy T. Black, Mitchell Saltzberg, and John T. Westbrook. Roy T. Black won the Paul Morgan Memorial Trophy for the best score by an up-state player.

Allen D. Rich won the Experts' Tournament 5-2, losing one game to Peter McNeice and drawing with Benjamin M. Smith and Max Sokoler. Tied for second with 4½-2½ each were Peter McNeice and William Rusch; while scoring 4-3 were Ben Eisenberg, John Mauer, Robert LaBelle, Benjamin Smith, and Max Sokoler.

The New York Speed Championship drew 17 contestants, divided into two prelims, from which the top three in each section completed in the finals. Arthur Feuerstein won the finals 5-0 with William Lombardy second with 4-1, and Mitchell Saltzberry third with 3-2.

Onondaga won the Genesee Cup in the team matches with 10½-1½ with Erie second with 7½-4½, and Broome and Oneida tied for third with 3-9 each. The winning Onondaga team was composed of Syracuse players S. V. Scott, Dr. A. H. Cope, J. A. Sudlik, A. W. Wood, and H. F. Allan. All these events were under the direction of Malcolm Sim, chess editor of the Toronto Telegram, serving as tournament director for the NYSCA for the 13th time.

At the meeting of the New York State Chess Association, Willis S. Hull of Binghamton was elected president, J. C. Cummings of Syracuse vice-president, Dr. S. Finkelstein of Endicott secretary, H. M. Phillips of New York City treasurer, and H. C. Evans of Binghamton assistant treasurer. At the annual banquet Dr. Max Herzberger of Rochester was master of ceremonies and H. M. Phillips the guest of honor in celebration of his 80th birthday.

Amateur Chess Club of Ft. Benning (Ga.) is among the newest chess clubs with SFC Robert A. Karch as president and Steve Engquist as secretary. A Ladder competition was immediately established. The monthly All-Post Championship is held the last Saturday of each month. Winner of the 6th All-Post Championship was Roman Mac with 4½-½ on S-B points. Second and third with 4½-1½ each were Robert A. Karch and Roland Cassata, while Richard Talbot was fourth with 3-3. The tournament is held at the Main Post Service Club.

Cleveland Chess Association is proceeding with its plans for a permanent Cleveland Chess Center to house many Cleveland chess activities and form a convenient meeting place for chess players. To date 105 players have pledged \$10 dues apiece for the first year, and when 200 dues-paying members are signed up, the Association will sign a lease and establish the center.

Women's Chess Life

By Willa White Owens

Address news items and inquiries on Women's Chess to Mrs. Willa White Owens, 124 South Point Drive, Avon Lake, Ohio.

THE 1955 U. S. Women's Chess Championship was a very successful event. Even after the withdrawal of three of the strongest players—Mrs. Mary Bain, Mrs. Sonja Graf Stevenson and Mrs. Eva Aronson—the tournament was still a very tough one. Alternates who replaced the above three players were the Misses Wally and Kate Henschel and Mrs. Rosalie deSerrano. Miss Wally Henschel is the former woman's champion of Hamburg, and Mrs. de Serrano is the former women's champion of Costa Rica.

At no time during the tournament was it possible to pick the winner. Miss Karff lost 2½ points early in the tournament, losing to Mrs. Nancy Roos, Mrs. Jacqueline Piatigorsky and drawing with Mrs. Gresser. This made it necessary for her to play for a win in every succeeding round and lead to some very difficult games which she carried to successful conclusions, taking the risks necessarily present when a player tries to win a drawn game.

Mrs. Gresser lost only to Mrs. Roos. Mrs. Irene Vines of New Orleans was the leader until the seventh round, having lost only one game previous to her seventh round draw with Miss Lucille Kellner. At this point it was anyone's guess who might win the tournament—there were six players who seemed to have about equal chances—Mrs. Gresser, Mrs. Roos, Miss Karff, Mrs. Piatigorsky, Mrs. Vines, and Miss Kellner.

When the dust cleared away after the last round, the country had two U. S. Women Chess Champions—Mrs. Gisela Gresser of New York and Mrs. Nancy Roos of Los Angeles sharing the title. Miss Karff placed third, with Mrs. Piatigorsky, Mrs. Vines, and Miss Kellner finishing in that order.

The brilliancy prize—a cup donated by Mr. Jose Calderon—was awarded Mrs. Piatigorsky, not for any one game, but for her steady, beautiful play throughout the tournament.

Mr. Hans Kmoch directed the first half of the tournament which was played at the Manhattan Club, and Mrs. Carolyn Marshall directed the second half at the Marshall Club. Referees were Mr. Max Pavey, Mr. Jeremiah Donovan and Mr. I. A. Horowitz.

Among the spectators, directors, and referees were many spontaneous comments on the high standard of play throughout the tournament.

Socially the event was most pleasant. New York could not have been more hospitable. Two of the players were guests during the tournament in the homes of Miss Edith L. Weart and Mrs. Rafael McCready. All the players were individually entertained on various occasions, but the most lavish hospitality was shown by Mr. and Mrs. Gresser and (Please turn to page 12, col. 1)

HAVE YOUR TOURNAMENTS OFFICIALLY RATED

New Regulations

Effective March 1, 1955

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

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

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

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

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

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FIVE-WAY TIE FOR W. VA. TITLE

In West Virginia practically everybody is champion as the result of the five-way tie for first place at the annual West Virginia Chess Congress in the Championship event at Charleston YMCA. Defending Champion Donald Burdick, Charles Morgan, Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, John Hurt, and Allen DuVall finished with identical scores of 4-2. Edward Foy was sixth with 3½-2½. Burdick lost to Werthammer and drew with Morgan and William Hartling. DuVall lost to Hurt and drew with Werthammer and Hartling. Hurt lost to Burdick and drew with Werthammer and Paul Sayre. Morgan lost to Hurt and drew with Burdick and Werthammer. Werthammer lost no games but drew with all four co-champions. As ranking junior, Donald Burdick became West Virginia Junior Champion.

In the Open Tournament victory went to Dave Marples with 5½-½. Harry Sweeney was second with 4½-1½, and Harold McClung third with 4-2.

At the annual meeting of the West Virginia Chess Association, John Crawford of Charleston was elected president, Charles Morgan of Huntington vice-president, Dave Marples of Charleston secretary-treasurer, and Charles Morgan official correspondent for the Ass'n. The WVCA also voted to affiliate with the USCF as a state chapter.

MAGEE TOPS MIDWEST OPEN

Lee Magee of Omaha, three times Midwestern winner and five times Nebraska State Champion, won the 5th annual Midwest Open at Omaha and the Nebraska state title with 5½-½, drawing only with runner-up Jack Spence of Omaha. Second and third on S-B with 5-1 were Spence, the indefatigable editor of U. S. Tournament Books, and 1954 Midwest Champion Alexander Liepnieks of Lincoln, who last month directed the U. S. Junior Championship. Andrew Staklis of Lincoln was fourth with 4-2, and fifth to eighth with 3½-2½ each were Richard McLellan, Vladimir Rajnoha, Bernard Laison, and Barton Lewis. In placing second Spence lost two games but drew with Magee and McLellan; Liepnieks lost to Magee.

NEW ORLEANS RESOLUTION CONDEMNED

At the USCF annual meeting at Long Beach, the following motion was passed by an impressive majority of votes cast:

BE IT RESOLVED:

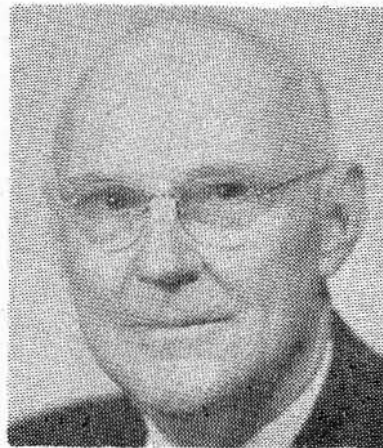
That the members of the U. S. Chess Federation authorize the Secretary to write a letter to the Editor of CHESS LIFE, Mr. Montgomery Major, expressing their disapproval of the ungracious resolution passed at the annual meeting in New Orleans 1954, their deep appreciation of the work Mr. Major has accomplished since September 1946 in creating and improving CHESS LIFE under serious difficulties, their sincere gratitude for the sacrifices Mr. Major has made in the cause of chess, and their ardent hope that Mr. Major will continue as Editor of CHESS LIFE.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT FORWARD MARCH:

THE result of two and one half years operation under the Harkness Promotional Plan is indeed encouraging. At its inception Mr. Harkness predicted that it would require two or possibly three years of operation before we would break even. In other words he estimated that the Federation would probably continue to operate at a financial loss the first and second and possibly the third year. The tremendous amount of time and energy which Mr. Harkness and his good wife, Sybilla Harkness, injected into the project bore fruit more abundantly than they anticipated and, as a result, the Federation "broke even" financially from the start and is beginning to show a profit and the membership has more than doubled. Now that the vexatious annoyances which delayed the start and have, in some measure, retarded the progress, have been cleared away we are standing on the threshold of the REAL CHESS FEDERATION which has so long been one of our fondest dreams.

The chess fraternity of America is now more united than ever before in its history and the fields are rich and ripe for the harvest.

The zeal and enthusiasm manifested by chess players throughout the nation, Master and duffer alike, bodes well for the Federation. With our continued and united efforts the American Public will become more and more chess minded and in the not too distant future the talents and skill of American players will take the proper and rightful place in the chess circles of the entire world. We have the material with which to build and we have the skilled craftsmen so now let us with united determination FORWARD MARCH!!!



FRANK R. GRAVES,
President, U.S.C.F.

McAULEY TOPS LOUISIANA MEET

With 5½-½ A. L. McAuley of New Orleans won the Louisiana State Championship at Shreveport, drawing one game with Fred Cummings. Newton Grant of Monroe placed second, losing one game to McAuley for a 5-1 score. Third to fifth with 4-2 each were James S. Noel of Shreveport, John C. Barnes of New Orleans, and A. Wyatt Jones of Shreveport. Scoring 3½-2½ in the 19-player event were W. Frank Gladney, Fred Cummings, Gary B. Erdal, and John Marks.

At the annual meeting of the Louisiana Chess Association A. L. McAuley was elected president, and D. A. Walsdorf, Jr. of New Orleans was made secretary-treasurer.

SOUTH DAKOTA ENDS IN TIE

William F. Gilson, a newcomer to S.D. chess, and M. F. Anderson, both of Rapid City, tied for the South Dakota Championship at 7-1 in the annual event at Rapid City. Defending Champion Donald Emigh, also of Rapid City, finished third with 6-2. The co-champions drew against each other and had one other draw apiece; Emigh lost games to both the leaders. Fourth was R.B. Denu of Pine Ridge with 5½-2½, while Bertin Goddard of Hot Springs was fifth with 4-4. Paul Wagner of Sioux Falls scored 3½-4½ for sixth, while Glen Hand of Rapid City with 2-6 won the Junior Championship as ranking junior player.

Young Wins 3rd Heart of America In 52-Player Swiss at Kansas City

Dr. L. C. Young of Madison, Wis. tallied 6-1, with draws against Leonard Frankenstein and Dr. I. Schwartz, to win the third Heart of America Open at Kansas City in a field of 52 players from Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, Oklahoma, Texas, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and Canada.

Second and third on Solkoff points with 5½-1½ each were Frederick Tears of Dallas, Tex. and Robert F. McGregor of Laramie, Wyo. Tears lost one game to Young and drew with Philip Morrell; McGregor lost to Dr. I. Schwartz and also drew with Morrell.

Fourth to eight with 5-2 scores were Carl Weberg of Salina, Kans., Lee Magee of Omaha, Neb., Phil Morrell of Kansas City, Kans., J. R. Beiting of Kansas City, Mo., and David W. Edwards of St. Louis, Mo. Scoring 4½-2½ were Dr. I. Schwartz of Durand, Ill., Leonard Frankenstein of Kansas City, Mo., Shane O'Neill of Dallas, Tex., Edward Ireland of Omaha, Neb., and Edward L. Swardson of St. Joseph, Mo.

College Chess Life

Conducted by
Frederick H. Kerr

All college clubs and players are urged to send news items to: Frederick H. Kerr, Nittany 32-13, Box 277, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Penna.

"College Chess Life" appeared for a short time in 1954 under the able guidance of Rhys W. Hays. Unfortunately, Mr. Hays was forced to give up the column when he left for a teaching position in England. The demand for a regular column devoted to collegiate chess activity has resulted in this return of "College Chess Life." College clubs and players are urged to send news items to me at the address given above. This column cannot exist unless material to submitted by you.

One of the most encouraging news events of recent months was the second-place finish of Edmar Mednis in the FIDE World Junior Championship. The fact that he did not lose a game is a remarkable showing in such strong competition. Edmar is now a freshman at New York University's College of Engineering; his major is chemical engineering. NYU and college chess in general will benefit by his powerful play.

Although Adelphi College has never had an active chess club, Gerald Ehrlich and a few of his friends are trying to organize one. If this attempt is successful, the Garden City school will be an addition to the growing list of small colleges with chess clubs. Last year, Bethany College of West Virginia proved that the large universities were not the only schools that could have winning teams. In their first year of intercollegiate chess, the Bethany men upset all rivals.

Congratulations to University of Chicago student, Charles C. Henin, who finished second in the Great Lakes Tournament. He defeated several of the outstanding players in the Midwest on his way up.

Chuck Immendorf has been elected president of the Franklin and Marshall College Chess Club. He succeeds Ronald A. Cohen, who did a fine job during the past year.

If some of you find interest to be lagging at your school, try to stage a faculty vs. student match. Even if the grey beards win, it has been found that the school paper will give full coverage, new members will flock to the next meeting, and everyone will have a lot of fun.

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP Ottawa, 1955

1. Frank R. Anderson (Toronto)	x	½	½	1	1	1	½	1	0	1	1	1	1	8½-2½
2. Ross Siemms (Toronto)	½	x	1	½	1	0	1	1	0	½	1	1	1	7½-3½
3. Dr. Fedor Bohatirchuk (Ottawa)	½	0	x	1	0	½	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	7-4
4. Lionel Joyner (Montreal)	0	½	0	x	1	0	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	7-4
5. Ivan Suk (Toronto)	0	0	1	0	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7-4
6. Geza Fuster (Toronto)	0	1	½	1	1	x	0	½	1	0	1	½	½	6½-4½
7. Heinz Matthal (Montreal)	0	0	0	0	1	1	x	1	½	0	1	1	1	5-6
8. Paul Valtonis (Hamilton)	0	0	1	0	0	½	0	x	1	1	½	1	1	5-6
9. Rudolph Draxl (Toronto)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	4½-6½
10. M. Jursevskis (Vancouver)	0	½	0	0	0	1	½	0	0	x	1	0	0	3½-7½
11. Maurice Fox (Montreal)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	½	0	0	x	1	1	2½-8½
12. R. Raletich (Edmonton)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	1	0	x	2-9

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Major Topics

By
Montgomery Major

Long Beach, 1955

Peace rules the day, where reason rules the mind.

COLLINS—Eclogue II, Hasson

IF the results of the annual USCF meeting at Long Beach become the criterion of future annual meetings, the year of disorder beginning with New Orleans may not have been all in vain. The object lesson offered in the futility of heeding over-heated criticism based on hearsay will be a valuable one, if well remembered by all chess players.

For little or none of the vigorously advertised attacks upon the Federation management occurred at Long Beach. Those who circulated on hearsay evidence exaggerated charges of mismanagement, found to their surprise (and perhaps dismay) that there was little to justify the unbridled bellicosity of their criticisms.

Perhaps some 460 proxies from irritated members, expressing displeasure with such critics and criticism, as well as some 60 letters from USCF Directors, served in their purpose of restoring sanity. For they were visible evidence that the fantastic claims of various pressure groups to speak for the majority of the membership were the ridiculous pretensions of self-deluded minorities.

Whatever the reason, peace ruled the day, for reason seemed to rule the minds of those present—a happy contrast to the antics at New Orleans.

We should not, however, forget the fruitless and barren months between New Orleans and Long Beach, much as we may be wearied of the memory. They represent all that must be avoided if the Federation and chess is to prosper in the USA.

Remembering that, let us face forward and bend our efforts to recovering the lost objectives, side-tracked by stupidity. The Federation has lost a year in its promotional program. It will take greater effort on the part of all to recover the lost ground. Let us hope that this recovery will not be once again retarded by the thoughtless inefficient fulminations of self-appointed saviors and if such do arise again that membership at large will this time be too wise (in memory of the past year) to give heed to their noisy yappings.

Progress is not all a matter of forward steps—there is always the trend to retrogression. At Milwaukee the Federation stepped forward briskly, it lost the momentum at New Orleans, regained it at Long Beach. The purpose of all good USCF members should be concentrated in maintaining the forward motion and preventing further retrogressions. And the secret is a simple one—more work and less talk! It was talk, not work, that created the difficulties of the past year.

So let us will that in the future peace will rule the day because reason rules the mind.

A SUMMARY OF THE LONG BEACH BUSINESS MEETING

SINCE it may take some time to publish the minutes, we believe it desirable to give the membership a short account of the happenings at Long Beach. These meetings were attended by Frank Graves, the President, the other two members of the Ways and Means Committee, Wm. M. Byland and A. Wyatt Jones, the Secretary, Major Holt, the Business Manager, Kenneth Harkness, and several members of the Executive Committee.

At the Membership Meeting, reports were made by the Ways & Means Committee and by the Business Manager, Mr. Harkness, who accompanied his report with copies of the Audited financial statement. This statement did not show any progress made in the past 12 months, the net worth and membership figures being about the same as at New Orleans. Since the probable cause of this stalemate was the dissensions which have riven the Federation during the past year, and since these rifts have now been healed to the satisfaction of most of the interested parties, it can be confidently hoped that we will go forward again in the coming year.

At this meeting Mr. Bolton of Connecticut read a letter commending Montgomery Major for his services to the Federation and moved that

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this be declared the sense of the meeting. After discussion, the motion was passed 483 to 63, including proxy votes. This resolution on Mr. Major was the only controversial issue to come before any of the meetings, which was conducted in a spirit of amity and cooperation.

New directors were also elected at this meeting.

At the First Directors Meeting, the report of the Ballot Committee was received, showing the election of Thomas Jenkins of Michigan, C. F. Tears of Texas and William Hamilton of Pennsylvania as the new vice-presidents. Major Holt was reelected as Secretary, but immediately tendered his resignation for reasons of health. Mr. Graves accepted the resignation with regret, and appointed Marshall Rohland of Milwaukee as the new Secretary. The Directors then gave Major Holt a rising round of applause in recognition of his long and honorable service to the cause of chess.

Wm. Hamilton, Chairman of the committee for the revision of the by-laws, made his report on progress to date. Copies of the tentative new by-laws were given to all directors present, with the request that suggestions be made for betterments. Mr. Hamilton asked that all members interested in by-law changes write him at P.O. Box 1736, Pittsburgh 30, Pa. It is hoped that the new by-laws can be adopted by Jan. 1st.

Mr. Pilnick of New York moved that USCF sponsorship of future international teams be withheld unless the teams were selected by the USCF International Affairs Committee, on the basis of rating lists for the past three years, after consultation with the Rating Statistician. This motion was debated and carried over to the Second Directors meeting for further discussion. It was then passed without opposition.

There were several other less important resolutions which were acted on and which will appear in the minutes.

The hospitality and courtesy of the Californians, and the untiring labors of Mr. Rolo and Mr. Looney for the good of the tournament will be long and gratefully remembered by this Committee.

A. WYATT JONES,
Chairman, Ways & Means Committee

RESHEVSKY-ROSSOLIMO TIE-BREAKING

It was unfortunate that there arose at Long Beach some question as to the validity of the tie-breaking procedure.

The USCF Tournament Committee has had the tie-breaking points refigured by Kenneth Harkness in accordance with the USCF regulations for tie-breaking and on the basis that the Bolton-Gross game should be scored as a game played and lost. Under this revised computation, Nicholas Rossolimo remains the undisputed victor, although the tertiary S-B points are needed to break the tie.

Result	Reshevsky's Opponents	Tournament Scores	Adjusted Scores	Median Points	Solkoff Points	S-B Points
W	Michael Hart	6.0	5.5*	...	5.5	5.5
W	James Bolton	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
W	H. Borocho	2.5	6.5*	...	6.5	6.5
D	P. Lapiken	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	3.25
W	K. Burger	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
W	Brandts	7.5	7.0*	7.0	7.0	7.0
D	Byrne	9.5	9.5	...	9.5	4.75
D	Rossolimo	10.0	10.0	...	10.0	5.0
D	Evans	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	4.5
W	Al Sandrin	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
W	A. Saidy	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
W	J. Sherwin	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
				62.0	93.5	76.0

* For tie-breaking purposes, the scores of these three opponents were adjusted as follows:

1. Michael Hart. Tournament score 6 pts. Won one unplayed game by default from Russell Koutz who withdrew. Therefore Hart's adjusted score is 5½ points.
2. Harry Borocho. Scored 2½ points in first four rounds. Then withdrew and defaulted 8 rounds. Therefore Borocho's adjusted score is 6½ points (2½ plus 4 pts for 8 defaulted games).
3. Paul Brandts. Tournament score of 7½ points includes one point for win by default in first round from Walter Otteson who failed to appear. Adjusted score is 7 points.

Result	Rossolimo's Opponents	Tournament Scores	Adjusted Scores	Median Points	Solkoff Points	S-B Points
W	Tom Fries	6.0	6.0	...	6.0	6.0
W	Dr. Drexel	6.0	6.0	...	6.0	6.0
W	Henin	6.5	6.0*	6.0	6.0	6.0
W	McCormick	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
D	Byrne	9.5	9.5	...	9.5	4.75
D	P. Lapiken	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	3.25
W	Al Kaufman	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
D	Reshevsky	10.0	10.0	...	10.0	5.0
D	Saidy	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	4.25
W	Sherwin	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
W	Rivise	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
W	Evans	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
				62.0	93.5	76.25

* For tie-breaking purposes, Henin was given an adjusted score. This player made a tournament score of 6½ points but 1 point was awarded on a win by default in the first round from McKenna, who failed to show. Therefore score must be adjusted to 6 points.

Note: Under USCF rules, Median, Solkoff, and S-B points must be based on adjusted scores. Therefore, Rossolimo is winner under tertiary tie-break (S-B points).

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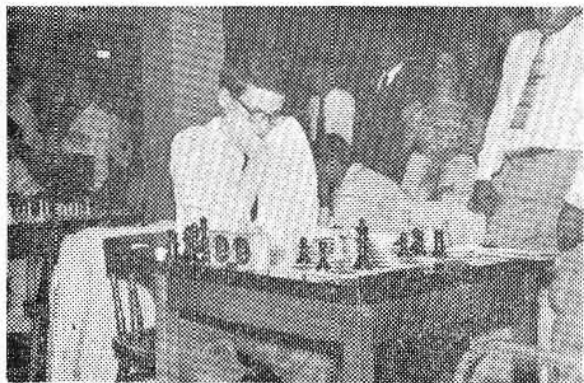
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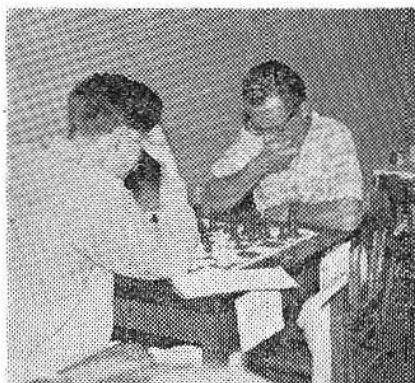
U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Long Beach, 1955

A Pictorial Review



Donald Byrne, 1943 U. S. Open Champion studies his position.



THE DECISIVE GAME
Larry Evans (left) vs. Nicolas Rossolimo.



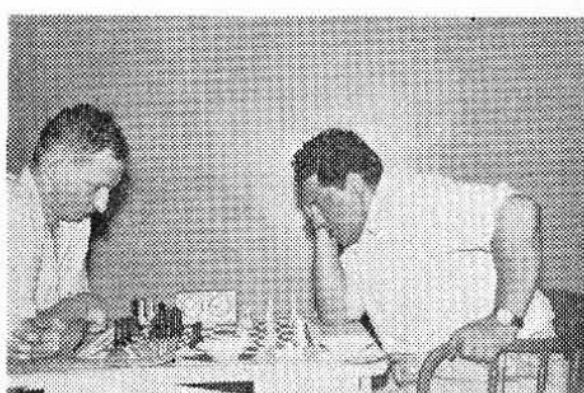
Larry Evans, 1954 U. S. Open Champion and former U. S. Champion, in a characteristic pose of contemplation.



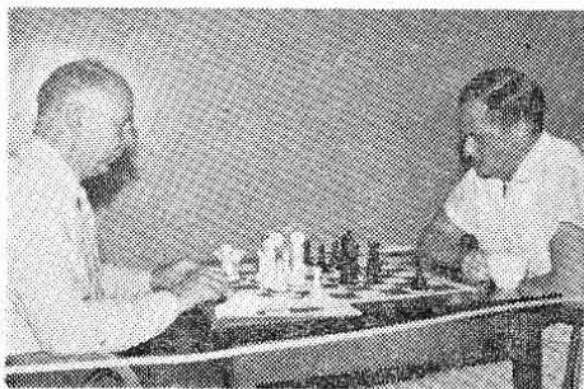
Zoltan Kovacs (left) faces 13-year old Larry Remlinger, second in the recent U. S. Junior Championship.



Grandmaster Samuel Reshevsky, as unperurbed as ever, in the final round.



Albert Sandrin (left), 1949 U. S. Open Champion, in a mid-game battle with Abe Turner.



Arthur Dake (left) contemplates his next move against Robert Steinmeyer.



James Sherwin's antics (right) bring only a smile from Reshevsky.



Herman Steiner (right), 1946 U. S. Open Champion and former U. S. Champion, ponders the position.



William M. Byland, new USCF Tournament Committee Chairman, peers over the shoulder of Anthony E. Santasiere.



1955 U. S. Women's Open Champion Sonja Graf-Stevenson.



Carl Pilnick (left) faces Anthony Saidy; the spectator is Imre Konig, referee.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Pagean Room, Wilton Hotel, August 9, 1955

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Frank Graves, President. First order of business was the reading of the Minutes of the former meeting, but Mr. A. Raymond (Calif.) moved to dispench with this since they were previously printed in Chess Life. Seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:

The President, Mr. Frank Graves, drew attention to the consistently noble and constructive role which Major J. B. Holt, Secretary, has played in Chess and in the USCF. Major Holt has many activities, one of which is woodturning, and he made the gavel which the President of the USCF now uses. The By-Laws allow the USCF to elect one Life Director each year. Pres. Graves nominated Major Holt and sent the ballot to the Executive Committee who approved of the appointment.

Pres. Graves stated that at New Orleans an unwise resolution was made which had harmful effects. The reactions and frictions between Montgomery Major and his critics have wrought harm and retarded progress. In various communications undignified and tactless language was used on both sides. Mr. Graves told the members that Mr. Major had contributed more to organized Chess than anyone else in the U. S., and listed his great tasks and contributions. At Pittsburgh, the Ways and Means Committee and Mr. Major discussed this chaotic situation and it was believed that a favorable result was obtained. Unfortunately private correspondence was continued along these lines which did not improve conditions. Pres. Graves said he was sorry all this occurred, is optimistic that the harm and unnecessary friction will be disposed of, and that after Long Beach we will consider these things "over the dam." He hoped that all will be better and that the fine articles which were dropped from Chess Life will be reinstated and without rancour.

Pres. Graves mentioned the Whittaker expulsion, saying that he regretted that this happened during his term of office, but said that he refused to dodge the issue. Mr. Graves studied the legal aspects of this matter, consulted the By-Laws, and took action with the overwhelming consent of the Executive Committee and the directors.

Pres. Graves lauded Mrs. Willa White Owens for her work in the Women's Division of Chess, saying that she has accomplished more in this field than was done in a decade. Pres. Graves told of the great progress which has been made in raising funds to erase debts by means of soliciting, contributions, and by means of the Harkness Promotional Plan. Pres. Graves discussed the "President's Fund," a separate account, created for the sole purpose of retiring the indebtedness to the printer. He explained the origin of the Ways and Means Committee and its role in acting as an intermediary between the Business Manager and the directors. Mr. Graves drew attention to the Business Manager's Report in the July 20 issue of Chess Life

to show what a success the Promotional Program has been.

Mr. Hamilton gave the report of the Credentials Committee which concerned proxies.

The Treasurer's Report, composed by Mr. D. A. Giangulio, Treasurer, was read by Mr. Rohland.

The report of the Ways and Means Committee was given by Mr. A. Wyatt Jones who explained that though the work of the committee had been quite difficult the past year, it had accomplished its objectives successfully. Mr. Jones mentioned that there are two tasks confronting the committee at present: the construction of new By-Laws and the formation of a policy toward the newly formed American Chess Foundation.

The Business Manager, Mr. Harkness, gave the history of the Promotional Plan from its inception to the present. He discussed the finances of the USCF four years ago as compared with the present, and analyzed this year's financial statement. He outlined the various methods by which the USCF could obtain revenue. Mr. Harkness listed some of the other recent achievements of the Promotional Plan, namely:

1. The FIDE Laws of Chess have been translated from French into English.
2. Effective rules have been drafted to regulate pairings in Swiss System tournaments.
3. An Official Blue Book and Encyclopedia of Chess is in the making.
4. The U. S. Amateur Tournament has been revived, largely as an experiment.

The progress of the Promotional Program during the first two years was spectacular, but the recent unpleasantness has retarded progress.

The International Affairs Committee Report, composed by Max Pavey, chairman, was read by Rohland.

The report of the Committee to draft new By-Laws was given by the chairman, Mr. Hamilton. He stressed the need for caution in drafting a new set of By-Laws and pointed out that flaws in the Proposed By-Laws have been found. There will be further changes and considerations before arriving at a satisfactory end result.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, READ BY MR. HAMILTON, AS REFERS TO PROXIES FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

The following were duly elected Directors for the coming year:

- Alabama 1—Donald Vives, Auburn, Ala.
- Arizona 1—Roland E. George, Phoenix, Ariz.
- Arkansas 1—Phil Work, Little Rock, Ark.
- California 5—Guthrie McClain, San Francisco, Calif.; Henry Gross, San Francisco, Calif.; Irving Rivise, Los Angeles, Calif.; Phillip D. Smith, Fresno, Calif.; *John Alexander, San Diego, Calif.
- Colorado 1—Merle W. Reese, Denver, Colo.
- Connecticut 1—James N. Bolton, New Haven, Conn.
- Delaware 1—J. Norman Cotter, Wilmington, Del.

D. C. 1—William Plampin, Alexandria, Va.

Florida 1—Murray G. Cohen, Miami, Fla.

Georgia 1—M. H. Davis, Atlanta, Ga.

Idaho 1—Will be Supplied

Illinois 3—Albert Sandrin, Jr., Chicago, Ill.; Paul Adams, Chicago, Ill.; Povilas Tautvaisas, Chicago, Ill.

Indiana 1—Will be Supplied

Iowa 1—Clyde Gray, Davenport, Ia.

Kansas 1—Will be Supplied

Kentucky 1—Will be Supplied

Louisiana 2—W. Frank Gladney, Baton Rouge, La.; Newton Grant, Monroe, La.

Maine 1—Harlow B. Daly, Sanford, Me.

Maryland 1—Vincent L. Eaton, Silver Spring, Md.

Massachusetts 3—Julian Keilson, Arlington, Mass.; Stanley W. King, New London, Ct.; James J. Burgess, Dorchester, Mass.

Michigan 3—Paul Ligtvoet, Kalamazoo, Mich.; E. J. Van Sweden, Grand Rapids, Mich.; T. A. Jenkins, Huntington Woods, Mich.

Minnesota 1—George S. Barnes, Minneapolis, Minn.

Mississippi 1—Frederick G. Cox, Laurel, Miss.

Missouri 2—Robert H. Steinmeyer, St. Louis, Mo.; Edmund Godbold, St. Louis, Mo.

Montana 1—Prof. Adam Smith, Butte, Mont.

Nebraska 1—Alexander Liepnieks, Lincoln, Nebr.

Nevada 1—Kenneth Jones, Reno, Nev.

New Hampshire 1—Ralph M. Gerth, Portsmouth, N. H.

New Jersey 3—E. Forry Laucks, West Orange, N. J.; Charles Keyser, Bloomfield, N. J.; William Walbrecht, Jersey City, N. J.

New Mexico 1—Jack Shaw—Albuquerque, N. M.

New York 8—Elliot Hearst, New York City, N. Y.; Herbert Seidman, New York City, N. Y.; Carl Pilnick, New York City, N. Y.; James Sherwin, New York City, N. Y.; William Slater, New York City, N. Y.; Jeremiah F. Donovan, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Erich Marchand, Rochester, N. Y.; Dr. Bruno Schmidt, Homer, N. Y.

North Carolina 1—Dr. Norman Hornstein, Southport, N. C.

North Dakota 1—B. C. MacDonald, Grand Forks, N. D.

Ohio 3—Ernest Mehwald, Parma Heights, Ohio; Charles R. Heising, Hamilton, Ohio; James F. Schroeder, Columbus, Ohio.

Oklahoma 1—Gerald Spann, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Oregon 1—Arthur Dake, Portland, Ore.

Pennsylvania 4—William Byland, Pittsburgh, Pa.; John L. Costello, Jr., Harrisburg, Pa.; William A. Ruth, Collingswood, N. J.; Thomas Gutekunst, Hazleton, Pa.

Rhode Island 1—Walter B. Suesman, Providence, R. I.

South Carolina 1—Laneau L. Foster, Columbia, S. C.

Tennessee 1—Martin Southern, Knoxville, Tenn.

Texas 4—R. B. Potter, Dallas, Tex.; Henry Youngman, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Blake Stevens, San Antonio, Tex.; Clarence Cleer, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Utah 1—Gaston B. Chappuis, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Vermont 1—Austin H. Hobson, Montpelier, Vt.

Virginia 1—J. L. Harrington, Richmond, Va.

Washington 1—William A. Bills, Seattle, Wash.

W. Va. 1—Dr. V. S. Haywood, Huntington, W. Va.

Wisconsin 2—Marshall Rohland, Milwaukee, Wis.; Herman C. Zierke, Racine, Wis.

Wyoming 1—W. E. Stevens, Laramie, Wyo.

Alaska 1—O. W. Manney, Ketchikan, Alaska.

Hawaii 1—To be Supplied.

Puerto Rico 1—To be Supplied.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. James Bolton presented the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Stevens:

RESOLVED: That the members of the USCF authorize the Secretary to write a letter to the Editor of Chess Life, Mr. Montgomery Major, expressing their disapproval of the ungracious resolution passed at the annual meeting in New Orleans 1954, their deep appreciation of the work Mr. Major has accomplished since Sept. 1946 in creating and improving Chess Life under serious difficulties, their sincere gratitude for the sacrifices Mr. Major has made in the cause of Chess, and their ardent hope that Mr. Major will continue as Editor of Chess Life.

Discussion centered on the advisability of passing this resolution at this time or allowing a grace period of a year. Mr. Hamilton suggested that if the resolution were passed immediately, it would appear as though the California directors were completely in the wrong, and would imply a flat defeat. Mr. Hamilton moved to table the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Henry Gross (Calif.).

TABULATION OF VOTES ON QUESTION OF TABLING RESOLUTION

	Members Proxy		Totals
	Present	Votes	
To table	46	27	73
Not to table	17	466	483

Mr. Gross (Calif.) questioned whether the act of casting 460 proxy votes to not table by Mr. Harkness was completely advisable or ethical, and asserted that these proxy votes may cause more dissension than is necessary. Dr. Rozsa explained why the proxies were ethical, and outlined the mechanism by which they were cast, showing that if players were not in sympathy with Mr. Harkness they would not have sent their proxies to him.

TABULATION OF VOTES ON QUESTION OF RESOLUTION

	Members Proxy		Totals
	Present	Votes	
To pass	21	462	483
To not pass	35	28	63

Motion carried.

Mr. Rivise (Calif.) asked Mr. Harkness several questions in regard to auditing, the meaning of "net profit," accounting allocations, and advertising procedure. Mr. Harkness answered all these questions to the satisfaction of all the members present.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Garden Room, Wilton Hotel, August 10, 1955

FIRST DIRECTORS MEETING

Directors Present

- McClain, California
- Rivise, California
- Bolton, Connecticut
- Holt, Florida
- Jones, Louisiana
- Jenkins, Michigan
- Van Sweden, Michigan
- Godbold, Missouri
- Seidman, New York
- Pilnick, New York
- Donovan, New York
- Hearst, New York
- Slater, New York
- Sherwin, New York
- Schroeder, Ohio
- Rozsa, Oklahoma
- Spann, Oklahoma
- Dake, Oregon
- Byland, Pennsylvania
- Hamilton, Pennsylvania
- Cleer, Texas
- Graves, Texas
- Potter, Texas
- Stevens, Texas
- Rohland, Wisconsin

FIRST DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Graves.

It was moved and seconded that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with since they had already been printed in *Chess Life*. Motion carried.

The next order of business was the report of the elections. Pres. Graves had appointed Clarence Cleer (Ft. Worth, Tex.) as Teller.

TABULATION OF BALLOTS FOR VICE PRESIDENTS

C. Fred Tears (Dallas, Tex.)	53
T. A. Jenkins (Detroit, Mich)	50
William Hamilton (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	50
Dr. Bella Rozsa	7
Irving Rivise	3
Ed. McCormick	2
Vesey	2
Foster	1
Plampin	1
Byland	1

Major Holt was elected Secretary with 55 votes.

Pres. Graves declared Messrs. Tears, Jenkins, Hamilton, and Holt duly elected.

Major Holt asked that he be allowed to resign as Secretary citing that the weight of his recent serious illnesses and his many other duties and positions had prompted this decision. Mr. Jones moved to accept this resignation and give Major Holt a rising round of applause. This was approved unanimously. Pres. Graves announced Major Holt's successor to the Office of Secretary. Mr. Marshall Rohland (Milwaukee, Wis.). Major Holt gave remarks concerning duties of the Secretary and extended best wishes to Mr. Rohland.

Mr. Harkness, Business Manager, gave further analysis on the financial assets and liabilities of the USCF and outlined the prospects for future progress.

Major Holt mentioned the great value the Harknesses give the USCF in working hard and being of material benefit. Major Holt moved that the USCF set aside \$25 for a Christmas present for Mrs. Harkness. Motion passed unanimously.

The International Affairs Committee Report, composed by Max Pavey, chairman, was read by Mr. Rohland. Mr. McClain commended Mr. Pavey for his

work, and moved to extend a vote of thanks to Arthur Bisguier for his assistance to Edmar Mednis at the World Junior Tournament and for his acting as our delegate at the FIDE congress. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Pilnick stated that many players have been displeased in the manner that the recent U. S. team was chosen, that the team should have been chosen according to the rating system, and that the USCF should not sponsor any team match if the team members are not chosen on the basis of the rating lists. Discussion centered on the wording of

such a resolution. Mr. McClain moved to table this motion until the next day. Seconded by Mr. Rivise. Motion passed.

Mr. Donovan said that the traditional dates of the U. S. Junior Tournament were inopportune due to the fact that the winner had only a month to prepare for the World Junior Tournament. Mr. Slater and Mr. Sherwin agreed that this was too short to make preparations for travel, money, passport, etc. Mr. Jones said this was a difficulty to be taken up by the Tournament Committee.

Mr. Hamilton, chairman of the Committee to Draft New By-Laws, gave a

report on the methods of drafting new By-Laws, warned against changing old By-Laws without extensive consideration, and showed the directors the problems with which his Committee is faced.

Mr. Harkness listed two necessary goals of the USCF:

1. To free the USCF of the necessity for wealthy donors.
2. To swell the membership of the USCF.

The meeting was adjourned until 2 p.m. the next day.



U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Long Beach, 1955

1. Nicolas Rossolimo (New York City, N.Y.)	W79	W70	W53	W26	D3	D52	W23	D2	D6	W8	W9	W4	10	- 2
2. Samuel Reshevsky (Spring Valley, N.Y.)	W78	W45	W153	D52	W30	W21	D3	D1	D4	W13	W6	W8	10	- 2
3. Donald Byrne (Ann Arbor, Mich.)	W82	W50	W31	W57	D1	W27	D2	W21	D8	W10	L4	W7	9	- 2
4. Larry Evans (New York City, N.Y.)	W147	D13	W56	W20	D34	W55	D10	W11	D2	W22	W3	L1	9	- 3
5. A. A. Turner (Mt. Vernon, N.Y.)	W35	L7	W48	W15	L6	W60	W19	W72	D36	D11	W31	W13	9	- 3
6. Anthony F. Saily (Douglasston, N.Y.)	W104	W37	L21	W150	W5	W9	L8	W17	D1	W14	L2	W27	8	- 3
7. Ivan Romanenko (Plainfield, N.J.)	W135	W5	D9	D28	D24	W29	L11	W58	W52	W15	W22	L3	8	- 3
8. James T. Sherwin (New York City, N.Y.)	W107	W62	W77	W55	L21	W26	W6	W52	D3	L1	W20	L2	8	- 3
9. Irving Rivise (Los Angeles, Calif.)	W76	W17	D7	W47	D52	L6	W70	D14	W43	W29	L1	W25	8	- 3
10. Herbert Seidman (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	W114	W152	W73	L21	W74	W37	D4	D36	W53	L3	D11	W20	8	- 3
11. Arthur W. Dake (Portland, Ore.)	W68	W29	D20	D54	W13	D38	W7	L4	W28	D5	D10	D12	8	- 4
12. Robert Steinmeyer (St. Louis, Mo.)	W108	W15	D47	W19	L27	D43	L31	W59	W17	W21	D16	D11	8	- 4
13. Albert Sandrin (Chicago, Ill.)	W101	D4	D24	W93	L11	W76	W59	W23	W21	L2	W38	L5	8	- 4
14. Hans Berliner (Washington, D.C.)	WF93	W18	L57	W49	L70	WF62	W55	D9	W56	L6	W39	D16	8	- 4
15. Raymond Martin (Santa Monica, Calif.)	W87	L12	W107	L5	W85	W68	W26	W40	D20	L7	W53	D30	8	- 4
16. Herman Steiner (Los Angeles, Calif.)	W109	L9	W85	D119	D20	WF124	W46	L6	L12	W77	W70	W37	8	- 4
17. I. Zalys (Montreal, Canada)	W148	L14	W35	L16	W132	WF106	L25	D90	W80	W43	D30	W36	8	- 4
18. Alex Suchobeck (Pacific Grove, Calif.)	W136	W124	D23	L12	D71	W94	L5	W41	L16	W58	W78	W38	8	- 4
19. Larry Remlinger (Long Beach, Calif.)	W112	W60	D11	L4	D17	W50	W34	W16	D15	W36	L8	L10	7	- 4
20. William Addison (San Francisco, Calif.)	WF154	W92	W6	W10	W8	L2	W53	L3	L13	L12	D44	W56	7	- 4
21. Paul Brandts (Bronx, N.Y.)	W121	D24	L36	W79	W45	D30	W39	W25	W38	L4	L7	D29	7	- 4
22. Robert Cross (Santa Monica, Calif.)	W126	W90	D19	W36	D4	W70	L1	L13	W73	D25	D37	D26	7	- 4
23. Allen Kaufman (Bronx, N.Y.)	W88	D22	D13	W83	D7	W69	L52	W39	L29	W42	L27	W59	7	- 4
24. Eliot Hearst (New York City, N.Y.)	L41	W125	D71	W92	W64	D54	W18	L22	W34	D23	W40	L9	7	- 4
25. William Lombardy (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	W100	W61	W40	L1	W59	L8	L15	W49	W72	L38	W71	D23	7	- 4
26. Edgar McCormick (East Orange, N.J.)	W151	D91	W75	W46	W12	L3	D38	L53	D32	W60	W24	L6	7	- 4
27. Carl Pilnick (New York City, N.Y.)	W98	W49	W32	D7	L53	W42	L36	W30	L11	L39	W90	W61	7	- 4
28. Morris Gordon (Los Angeles, Calif.)	W145	L11	D117	W123	W63	L7	W42	W37	W24	L9	D36	D22	7	- 4
29. J. G. Sullivan (Knoxville, Tenn.)	D86	W155	W91	W44	L2	D22	D37	L28	W117	W56	D18	D15	7	- 4
30. Karl Burger (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	W72	W105	L4	W41	L37	W71	W12	L38	W81	D53	L5	W57	7	- 4
31. Eugene Levin (Pacific Palisades, Calif.)	W150	D44	L28	W151	W56	L24	W8	D54	D27	D71	D41	W52	7	- 4
32. Miro Radoicic (Los Angeles, Calif.)	W123	L58	W80	D153	L25	W95	W79	L43	D55	W73	D54	W53	7	- 4
33. Bruno Schmidt (Homer, N.Y.)	L117	W100	D92	D11	W107	W66	L20	W64	L25	D79	W80	W55	7	- 4
34. Jeremiah F. Donovan (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	L5	W146	L18	W149	D150	W92	D75	L62	D74	W117	W60	W54	7	- 4
35. Mike Halparn (Fresno, Calif.)	W94	D56	W22	L23	W152	W75	W28	D10	D5	L20	D29	L18	7	- 5
36. Louis Levy (Paterson, N.J.)	W48	L6	W142	W58	L31	L10	D30	L29	W65	W52	D23	L17	7	- 5
37. Charles Wallace (Los Angeles, Calif.)	D65	W95	D42	W90	W76	D11	D27	W31	L22	W26	L13	L19	7	- 5
38. Zoltan Kovacs (New York City, N.Y.)	W137	L47	D63	W81	W91	W57	L22	L24	W67	W28	L14	D31	7	- 5
39. George Hunnex (Elsinore, Calif.)	W80	W96	L26	L76	D51	W78	W48	L15	W94	W64	L25	D44	7	- 5
40. Dmitri Poliakov (San Francisco, Calif.)	W25	L53	W126	L31	L106	WF119	W76	L19	W89	W47	D32	D39	7	- 5
41. Boris Carfinkel (Aberdeen, Md.)	W125	D46	D38	W94	D54	L28	L29	W85	W82	L24	D45	W79	7	- 5
42. Blake W. Stevens (San Antonio, Tex.)	L91	W118	W89	W73	D57	D12	D54	W33	L9	L18	D48	W78	7	- 5
43. Robert Brieger (Houston, Tex.)	W122	D32	W65	L30	D60	W93	L16	D71	W90	D78	D21	D40	7	- 5
44. Vladimir Pafnutieff (San Francisco, Calif.)	W141	L2	D67	W104	L22	W35	LF74	L56	D46	D62	D42	W77	7	- 5
45. James Bolton (New Haven, Conn.)	W149	D42	W82	L27	W47	L53	L17	W68	D45	D57	D79	W91	7	- 5
46. Richard McLellan (Omaha, Neb.)	W127	W39	D12	L9	L46	D103	W84	D82	D58	L41	W85	W63	7	- 5
47. W. M. Byland (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	L37	W136	L5	W109	W88	D74	L40	W130	L60	W84	D43	W70	7	- 5
48. Edmund Godbold (Ft. McClellan, Ala.)	W118	L28	W124	L14	D78	W97	D57	L26	L64	W110	W84	W72	7	- 5
49. William Bills (Seattle, Wash.)	W144	L3	W114	L59	W82	L20	D68	W98	L70	D103	W76	W73	7	- 5
50. Arthur Spiller (New York City, N.Y.)	W139	L52	L93	W120	D40	L108	L98	W127	W88	D92	W81	W71	7	- 5
51. Glenn Hartleb (Tampa, Fla.)	W138	W51	W74	D2	D9	D1	W24	L8	L7	L37	W91	L32	6	- 5
52. Peter Lapiken (Los Angeles, Calif.)	WF120	W41	L1	W105	W28	W46	L21	W27	L10	D31	L15	L33	6	- 5
53. Charles Henin (Chicago, Ill.)	W97	D75	W81	D11	D42	D25	D43	D32	W62	L16	D33	L35	6	- 5
54. Anthony Santasiere (New York City, N.Y.)	W129	W117	W58	L8	W16	L4	L14	D60	D33	W72	D59	L34	6	- 5
55. Saul Yarmak (Ft. Belvoir, Va.)	W130	D36	L4	W65	L32	W78	W117	W45	L14	L30	W68	L21	6	- 5
56. Robert Jacobs (Los Angeles, Calif.)	W110	W59	W14	L3	D43	L39	D49	L81	W83	D46	W67	L31	6	- 5
57. Charles Bagby (San Francisco, Calif.)	W106	W33	L55	L37	D61	W138	W63	L7	D23	L19	W108	D64	6	- 5
58. Henry Gross (San Francisco, Calif.)	W99	L57	W116	W50	L26	W77	L13	L12	W106	W66	D55	L24	6	- 5
59. James R. Schroeder (Columbus, Ohio)	W116	L20	W155	D77	D44	L5	W124	D55	W48	L27	L35	W92	6	- 5
60. Daniel Fischheimer (Chicago, Ill.)	W69	L26	L70	W110	D58	W80	L32	L117	W86	W96	W62	L28	6	- 5
61. Gilbert Ramirez (San Francisco, Calif.)	W140	L8	D84	D78	W119	LF14	W132	W35	L54	D45	L61	W98	6	- 5
62. W. E. Kaiser (St. Paul, Minn.)	L77	W147	D39	W69	L29	W86	L58	D83	D93	W94	W104	L47	6	- 5
63. Robert Lorber (Reseda, Calif.)	L70	W113	L76	L66	W133	W69	W103	L34	W49	L40	W100	D58	6	- 5
64. Hugh Myers (Racine, Wis.)	D38	W102	L44	L56	L66	W142	W88	W75	L37	L67	W124	W121	6	- 5
65. Sandor Tresz (Cleveland, Ohio)	L73	L69	W135	W64	W67	L34	L71	W143	W76	L59	D75	W90	6	- 5
66. Abraham Croll (Detroit, Mich.)	L16	W115	D45	D34	L66	D112	W111	W95	L39	W65	L57	W101	6	- 5
67. Jack F. Shaw (Albuquerque, N.M.)	L11	D130	D102	W101	W105	L15	D50	L46	W120	W74	L56	W97	6	- 5
68. Theodore Eisenstadt (San Francisco, Calif.)	L61	W66	L83	L63	W101	L64	L110	W112	W105	W132	D92	W93	6	- 5
69. Al Raymond (Bakersfield, Calif.)	W64	L1	W61	W106	W14	L23	L9	L73	W50	W82	L17	L48	6	- 6
70. Gustave Drexel (Miami Beach, Fla.)	L119	W101	D25	W141	D19	L31	W66	D44	W97	D32	L26	L51	6	- 6
71. Paul Monsky (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	L31	W134	W119	D17	D75	W91	W104	L5	L26	L55	W83	L49	6	- 6
72. Gerald Schain (Los Angeles, Calif.)	W66	W119	L10	L43	L93	W123	W105	W70	L23	L33	W95	Y50	6	- 6
73. Sven Almgren (Los Angeles, Calif.)	W113	W84	L52	W132	L10	D48	LF45	D92	D35	L68	W119	D80	6	- 6
74. Ronald Gross (Compton, Calif.)														

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Tournament scene—Saul Yarmak (left) vs. James Schroeder in foreground. Behind Dr. Bruno Schmidt leans over to speak to Anthony Santasiere.



Dr. Bela Rozsa (left) ticks off the point of an argument while W. M. Byland laughs—all is not serious chess at the U. S. Open.



Tournament Director Orlo M. Rolo (right) checks a score with Grandmaster Nicolas Rossolimo (center) at the U. S. Open.

Photography by Marshall Rohland

SECOND DIRECTORS MEETING

Garden Room, Wilton Hotel, August 11, 1955

HEARST TAKES NEW JERSEY OPEN

U. S. Chessmaster Eliot Hearst of New York, N.Y., was declared the winner of the strong New Jersey Open Chess Championship tournament in which sixty-four players competed over the Labor Day weekend at Plainfield, under the auspices of the New Jersey State Chess Federation, the Plainfield Chess Club, and the U. S. Chess Federation.

Hearst's score of 6-1 was matched by Chessmaster Franklin Howard of Sayreville, N.J., who won the title of New Jersey State Champion as the highest-ranking state resident, and by Lev Blonarovich, rated Expert of Newark, N.J. The three-way tie was broken by the Median System of the USCF Tournament Rules under which the tournament was conducted.

Hearst and Howard, who drew in the final session, were undefeated in the seven rounds of play. Hearst yielded a half-point to Saul Wanetick of Aberdeen, Md., while Howard was held to a draw by William Jones of Jersey City. Blonarovich paced the field with five straight wins, lost to Hearst in the sixth, but came back to tie the leaders in the last round by defeating Paul Robey of Metuchen, N.J. Although the tie was broken to decide the titles at stake, the top three players divided the cash prizes, each receiving \$75.00.

Fourth prize of \$35.00 went to Philadelphia's Robert Sobel, rated Expert, who scored 5½ points. Fifth prize of \$25.00 was divided among five players who finished with 5 points each: U. S. Master Karl Burger of Brooklyn, N.Y., unrated player Paul Robey, U. S. Master A. Di Camillo of Philadelphia, Experts Matthew Green of Elmont, N.Y., and Stephen Kowalski of East Orange, N.J. Special prizes of \$10 each for the top-ranking Class A and Class B players were given to Dr. B. Garfinkel of Aberdeen, Md., and Christian Clemens of Upper Montclair, N.J. Norman Hurtlein of Union, N.J., was awarded a prize of \$10 as the highest-ranking junior contestant.

In addition to New Jersey competitors, the tournament was attended by players from New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maryland, the District of Columbia, N. Carolina, and Tennessee. The presence of four Masters, eight Experts, and twenty Class A players, made the event one of the strongest opens ever held in New Jersey.

The tournament was directed by Kenneth Harkness, Membership Secretary of the USCF. The "Harkness" system of pairing Swiss contests was given another workout and proved highly successful. The winner met the players who finished 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. Eight of the top ten final positions were occupied by the eight highest-rated contestants, the other two positions being taken by an unrated player and a Class A competitor.

SECOND DIRECTORS MEETING

Directors Present

- Gross, California
- McClain, California
- Rivise, California
- Van Gelder, California
- Bolton, Connecticut
- Holt, Florida
- Al Sandrin, Illinois
- Jones, Louisiana
- Jenkins, Michigan
- Ligtvoet, Michigan
- Van Sweden, Michigan
- Godbold, Missouri
- Laucks, New Jersey
- Spann, Oklahoma
- Dake, Oregon
- Byland, Pennsylvania
- Hamilton, Pennsylvania
- Dawn, New York
- Donovan, New York
- Santasiere, New York
- Schmidt, Dr. B., New York
- Seidman, New York
- Slater, W., New York
- Graves, Texas
- Rohland, Wisconsin

SECOND DIRECTORS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Graves.

The first order of business was the resolution proposed by Mr. Plinick at yesterday's meeting:

MOVED: That USCF sponsorship of any national or international team shall be withheld unless the team personnel is selected by the International Affairs Committee in consultation with the Rating

ing Statistician on the basis of rating lists for the prior three years.

After a period of discussion the resolution was passed 17-4.

Mr. McClain and Mr. Rivise asked that the sphere of influence and powers of the Business Manager be defined. Mr. Harkness outlined all his duties and explained the immense amount of work involved in rating tournaments. Mr. Seidman volunteered to assist Mr. Harkness in this connection through the use of IBM equipment.

Mr. McClain referred to the mimeographed reply of the Ways and Means Committee to the protest letter circulated by the California directors. He said that this reply was very fine, and that the protest program of the California directors has been completely and properly answered.

Mr. Spann put forth a tentative bid for the 1956 U. S. Open Tournament for Oklahoma City. Major Holt said that he had been approached about this matter by the Convention Bureau of Miami. Pres. Graves said that this matter would be taken up by the Tournament Committee.

Mr. Gross (Calif.) made the following motion:

MOVED: That if the USCF sends out proxies for the General Meeting, and the proxies come back to the USCF blank, that an officer of the USCF cannot sign his own name on the blank proxy.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Hamilton moved that Pres. Graves write a letter of appreciation and thanks to the people who were responsible in doing a wonderful job of arranging the tournament at Long Beach.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Hamilton also suggested that Pres. Graves send a letter of thanks to The Edison Voicewriter Co. for the loan of their equipment gratis.

Possibilities of another border match with Canada were discussed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

CHESS BY MAIL FOR MAIL CLERKS

The September issue of the Union Postal Clerk has announced a chess tournament by mail, conducted on lines similar to the Bell System correspondence tourneys for employes. Local No. 6 of the National Federation of Postal Clerks is acting as the tournament director, and postal workers of all classifications are invited to participate. There are no entry fees. For details, write Ray Kooyman, Local 6 Chess Tourney, Box 103, Salt Lake City 10, Utah.

U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP CONTINUED

75. Robert Potter (Dallas, Tex.).....	W85	D54	L27	W84	D72	L36	D35	L65	W108	D95	D66	D87	6 - 6
76. S. H. Van Gelder (San Francisco, Calif.).....	L9	W109	W64	W40	L38	L13	L41	W107	L66	W133	L50	W113	6 - 6
77. Bela Rozsa (Tulsa, Okla.).....	W63	W16	L8	D60	D96	L59	D85	D108	W132	L17	W103	L45	6 - 6
78. Michael Hart (Hollywood, Calif.).....	L2	D141	W99	D62	D49	L32	WF151	W104	W96	D44	L19	L43	6 - 6
79. Thomas Fries (Fresno, Calif.).....	L1	W140	D152	L22	W151	D90	L33	W118	W110	D34	D46	L42	6 - 6
80. Walter Grombacher (Chicago, Ill.).....	L40	W139	L33	W119	D90	L61	W150	W91	L18	W97	L34	D74	6 - 6
81. Sonja Graf-Stevenson (Palm Springs, Cal.).....	D155	W86	L54	L39	W114	D84	W102	W57	L31	L70	L51	W106	6 - 6
82. Kenneth Colby (San Francisco, Calif.).....	L3	W144	L46	W127	L50	W109	W93	D47	L42	L90	D86	W105	6 - 6
83. E. J. Van Sweden (Grand Rapids, Mich.).....	D95	D103	W69	L24	D138	L40	W120	D63	L57	W89	L72	W107	6 - 6
84. Lewis J. Isaacs (Chicago, Ill.).....	W128	L74	D62	L75	W111	D81	L47	W141	W133	L48	L49	W103	6 - 6
85. Ronald Day (Compton, Calif.).....	L75	W97	L17	W133	L15	W147	D77	L42	D112	W122	L47	W114	6 - 6
86. Kathryn Slater (New York City, N.Y.).....	D30	L81	W112	L96	W65	L63	L95	W121	L61	W99	D82	W111	6 - 6
87. William Carr (Los Angeles, Calif.).....	L15	W83	L16	L98	W137	D127	L91	W144	D104	D119	W96	D75	6 - 6
88. Frank Hufnagel (Los Angeles, Calif.).....	L24	L87	W144	W118	L48	D134	L65	W125	L51	D115	W123	W108	6 - 6
89. Jim Mangan (Milwaukee, Wis.).....	L153	W149	L43	L103	W154	L132	WF136	W124	L41	L83	W115	W104	6 - 6
90. Viktors Pupols (Tacoma, Wash.).....	W143	L23	W138	L38	D80	D79	W141	D18	L44	W82	L28	L66	5-6 ½
91. Ed Logwood (San Francisco, Calif.).....	W43	D27	L30	W117	L39	L72	W87	L80	W98	W93	L52	L46	5-6 ½
92. Alan Chappell (Gilroy, Calif.).....	W134	L21	D34	L25	W123	L35	W112	D74	D103	D51	D69	L60	5-6 ½
93. Thomas Jenkins (Huntington Woods, Mich.).....	LF14	W148	W51	L13	W73	L44	L82	W147	D63	L91	W102	L69	5-6 ½
94. Marshall Rohland (Milwaukee, Wis.).....	L36	W131	W103	L42	W98	L19	W118	D96	L40	L63	L97	W125	5-6 ½
95. Russell Koutz (Inglewood, Calif.).....	D83	L38	L104	W99	W126	L33	W86	L67	WF138	D75	L73	D100	5-6 ½
96. Eugene Warner (Richland, Wash.).....	W111	L40	D108	W86	D77	L16	W106	D94	L78	L61	L87	W126	5-6 ½
97. Donald Young (San Gabriel, Calif.).....	L54	L85	W140	W146	D103	L49	WF152	W102	L71	L80	W94	L68	5-6 ½
98. Salvador Ruvalcava (Tijuana, Mexico).....	L28	W120	L105	W87	L94	D141	W51	L50	L91	W123	W117	L62	5-6 ½
99. Paul V. Nielsen (Los Angeles, Calif.).....	L59	D112	L78	L95	W149	D100	W115	L106	D102	L86	WF127	WF119	5-6 ½
100. Bob Walker (Newport Beach, Calif.).....	L26	L34	W139	L124	D155	D99	W142	L103	W107	W106	L64	D95	5-6 ½
101. Fletcher Gross (La Canada, Calif.).....	L13	L71	W134	L68	L69	D140	W123	D114	D118	W120	W109	L67	5-6 ½
102. Ralph Clark (Long Beach, Calif.).....	D103	L65	D68	W126	L141	W116	L81	L97	D99	W121	L93	W117	5-6 ½
103. William Slater (New York City, N.Y.).....	D102	D83	L94	W89	D97	D47	L64	W100	D92	D50	L77	L84	5 - 7
104. Major J. B. Holt (Long Beach, Fla.).....	L6	D123	W95	L45	W108	W51	L72	L78	D87	W112	L63	L89	5 - 7
105. E. F. Schrader (Compton, Calif.).....	W132	L31	W98	L53	L68	W121	L73	L110	L69	W128	W116	L82	5 - 7
106. Collin McKinnon (Downey, Calif.).....	L58	W137	W156	L70	W41	LF18	L96	W99	L59	L100	W122	L81	5 - 7
107. Rex Wilcox (Sacramento, Calif.).....	L8	W135	L15	W137	L34	L118	W116	L76	L100	W129	W131	L83	5 - 7
108. James E. Warren (Chicago, Ill.).....	L12	W121	D96	L152	L104	W155	W127	D77	L75	W126	L58	L88	5 - 7
109. John W. Blaney (Long Beach, Calif.).....	L17	L76	W125	L48	W136	L82	WF131	L132	D124	D111	L101	W134	5 - 7
110. Robin C. Kirby (Lemon Grove, Calif.).....	L57	W128	L150	L61	L140	W146	W69	W105	L79	L49	L113	W133	5 - 7
111. Maxwell L. Davis (Redondo Beach, Calif.).....	L96	D151	L141	W130	L84	W126	L67	W129	L119	D109	W133	L86	5 - 7
112. William Shirey (Fresno, Calif.).....	L20	D99	L86	D155	W129	D67	L92	W137	D85	L104	D126	D122	5 - 7
113. Olga Higgins (Santa Barbara, Calif.).....	L74	L64	W143	L138	L147	L129	W149	L69	W145	W142	W110	L76	5 - 7
114. Albert Markus (Garden Grove, Calif.).....	L10	W145	L50	D142	L81	D115	D137	D101	L122	W143	W132	L85	5 - 7
115. Paul Ligtvoet (Kalamazoo, Mich.).....	L152	L67	W128	L80	D120	D114	L99	D142	W137	D88	L89	W135	5 - 7
116. John Maier (Hollywood, Calif.).....	L60	W122	L59	L19	W145	L102	L107	L133	W139	W135	L105	WF132	5 - 7
117. John Rinaldo (Long Beach, Calif.).....	W34	L55	D29	L91	W142	W152	L56	W61	L30	L35	L98	L102	4-8 ½
118. John Ishkan (Fairfield, Conn.).....	L49	L43	W148	L88	WF156	W107	L94	L79	D101	L124	D134	D131	4-8 ½
119. John O. N. Thomas (Inglewood, Calif.).....	W71	L73	L72	W116	L62	LF41	LF143	W104	W111	D87	LF74	LF99	4-8 ½
120. Philip C. McKenna (Santa Monica, Calif.).....	LF53	L98	W145	L51	D115	W123	L83	W151	L68	L101	L125	W137	4-8 ½
121. William M. Boyer (Long Beach, Calif.).....	L22	L108	W122	WF156	L124	L105	D129	L86	W144	L102	W137	L65	4-8 ½
122. Kyle Forrest (Manhattan Beach, Calif.).....	L44	L116	L121	W139	W146	L73	L147	W131	W114	L85	L106	D112	4-8 ½
123. Frederick B. Fults (Long Beach, Calif.).....	L33	D104	W147	L29	L92	L120	L126	W140	W143	L98	L88	W145	4-8 ½
124. Morris Blumenfeld (Los Angeles, Calif.).....	W142	L19	L49	W100	W121	LF17	L60	L89	D109	W118	L65		4-8 ½
125. E. Forry Laucks (West Orange, N.J.).....	L42	L25	L109	L147	D128	WF107	WF155	L88	L142	W144	W120	L94	4-8 ½
126. George McMahon (Sepulveda, Calif.).....	L23	W143	L41	L102	L95	L111	W123	W134	W141	L108	D112	L96	4-8 ½
127. Chester Lyon (Peoria, Ill.).....	L47	L142	W131	L82	W135	D87	L108	L51	D128	D134	LF99	W146	4-8 ½
128. Burt Thach (Long Beach, Calif.).....	L84	L110	L117	W135	D125	W149	L101	WF155	D127	L105	W136	D129	4-8 ½
129. Paul Wagner (Sioux Falls, S.D.).....	L55	L150	L137	L131	D112	W113	D121	L111	D134	L107	W146	D128	4-8 ½
130. S. Goodman (New York City, N.Y.).....	L56	D68	L151	L111	L144	L125	W148	L135	L149	W154	W143	WF142	4-8 ½
131. Jack Beasley (Ft. Worth, Tex.).....	L94	L127	L129	W139	W145	LF109	L122	W154	W141	L107	D118		4-8 ½
132. K. R. Jones (Reno, Nev.).....	L105	WF154	W146	L74	L18	W89	L62	W109	L77	L69	L114	LF116	4 - 8
133. Fred Johnson (Yorba Linda, Calif.).....	L156	L138	W154	L85	L64	L136	W146	W116	L84	L76	L111	L110	4 - 8
134. Siguro Swenson (Sacramento, Calif.).....	L92	L72	L101	L140	Bye	D88	L138	L126	D129	D127	D118	L109	4 - 8
135. Ralph Houghton (Newark, N.J.).....	L7	L107	L66	W128	L127	L137	L154	W130	W136	L116	WF142	L115	4 - 8
136. A. E. Crew (Marion, Ia.).....	L19	L48	W149	L35	D109	W133	LF99	W145	L135	W139	L128	W143	4 - 8
137. Katherine McGregor (Chicago, Ill.).....	L39	L106	W129	L107	L87	WF135	D114	L112	L115	W140	L121	L120	3 - 9
138. Jacqueline Piatigorsky (Los Angeles, Cal.).....	L52	W133	L90	W113	D83	L58	W134	L48	LF95				3 - 9
139. Lawrence Frembling (Long Beach, Calif.).....	L51	L80	L100	L122	L131	W148	L145	W149	L116	L136	D140	W144	3 - 9
140. Donald Dann (Syracuse, N.Y.).....	L62	L79	L97	W134	W110	D101	L144	L123	D146	L137	D139	W148	3 - 9
141. Jerry Spann (Norman, Okla.).....	L45	D78	W111	L71	W102	D98	L90	L84	L126	L131			3 - 9
142. S. L. Zedaker (Laguna Beach, Calif.).....	L124												

CHESS TACTICS FOR BEGINNERS

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



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

1. Answers to Readers' Questions

John P. Madden MMC, aboard the U.S.S. The Sullivans, asks: Could you give me a few helpful hints on how to plan out five and six moves ahead? **Answer:** This is answered in two ways: Firstly, there are many positions where exact calculation is almost impossible. Here one must rely on general principles. For example, make moves which tend to keep your center strong, your pawn position good, your K-position safe, your pieces well developed and mobile, and which tend to force the hand of your opponent as much as possible (keeping the "initiative"). Secondly, in position where sharp combinations are on foot and fairly exact calculations are possible you must train yourself to think through one variation at a time taking mental note of possible sidelines, at each move, for later consideration, try to think each variation through far enough for some clear conclusion to be drawn.

Two general rules have often proved useful: (1) If a combination doesn't seem to work, try inverting the order of moves and (2) in positions where there appears to be a kind of balance of power, look to your opponent's last move to give a clue to your next one. Has he given away control of a certain square which you can now use? Has he left unguarded some pawn or piece which you can now attack? Has he created some weakness which you can now exploit? Has he introduced some threat which you must now meet? Incidentally it is usually good, in defending, to try to counterattack at the same time, if you can.

Mike O'Quin, 16 years old, of Paso Robles, Calif. notes that the Encyclopaedia Britannica emphatically states that young chess students should not play 1. P-Q4. He asks "Is it still taboo for the beginning player to open 1. P-Q4?" **Answer:** Most chess teachers recommend that beginners concentrate on 1. P-K4 in order to learn pure opening theory (with emphasis on rapid development) and combinational play rather than the more difficult positional play. However, it is not a very critical matter. The statement in the Britannica article that "the student adopting this opening (1. P-Q4) at the beginning of his chess career will never go far" must be taken with a few grains of salt. And after a year or so of 1. P-K4, the student should definitely experiment with other openings.

Mr. Richard Olson, Des Moines, Iowa feels that his opening play and end-game tactics are reasonably good but that he fears the middle-game. He has read several books on the middle-game but still does not seem to be able to handle complicated positions satisfactorily. What should he do? **Answer:** This is a common disease among all chessplayers. The majority of chess games are won or lost in the middle-game. Openings and end-games can be reduced much closer to routine by careful study than can the middle-game. However, the following steps can be taken: (1) continue to study books on posi-

tional play (*My System* by Nimzovitch and *The Middle-Game in Chess* by Reuben Fine), (2) experiment with some of the more lively openings such as the King's Gambit, Danish Gambit for White and the Sicilian Defense, 2 Kts Defense or other regular defenses to 1. P-K4, the Budapest Defense, the Tarasch Defense and the Albin Counter Gambit for Black. This should give more practice in complex situations. (3) Play some correspondence chess, where complex positions can be thoroughly analyzed and (4) practice solving chess problems, where one can learn the power of the pieces and learn to visualize complicated combinations.

2. A Bit About End-game Play

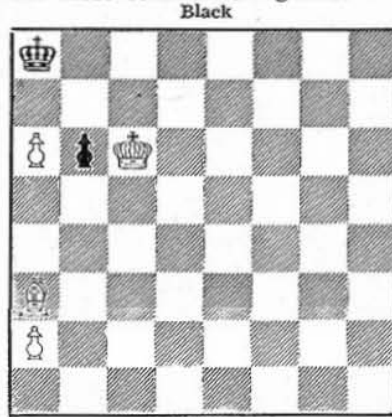
Even before a beginner begins to graduate from the beginners' class he should start to study and think about end-games. Eventually a systematic study of the standard end-games should be undertaken. A good, if brief, section on this part of the game is contained in *The Game of Chess* by Tarrasch, but the standard text on the subject is Reuben Fine's *Basic Chess Endings*.

A student approaching these books for the first time has a feeling as he reads about any particular ending that "This cannot happen to me," that is, any one ending seems so unlikely to occur in practice that it is not worth studying. Actually one of the important reasons for end-game studies is to gain a general familiarity with this part of the game, which is so different in many respects from the earlier stages of the game. Then, too, a number of ideas which one learns in end-game study will actually apply to many particular cases. For example, rooks belong behind passed pawns whether the pawns are yours or your opponent's.

A knowledge of the end-game will have an important effect on one's middle-game play, since middle-game decisions (Shall I trade Q's? Can I afford doubled P's?) can be better made if one is familiar with the types of end-games which may come about from these decisions. But, what is rather surprising, if one studies the various standard end-games, one finds that

they do tend to occur rather frequently.

The following end-game problem (composed by the writer) is used to illustrate a variation of one of the most common end-games.



White to Play and Win

The reader is advised to try solving this problem without reading the solution, which is given below. At first glance it appears that White, being a Bishop and Pawn ahead, should be able to win easily. However, a closer look reveals that White will have some trouble forcing a Pawn in for a Queen. In fact, if one were to remove Black's Pawn on Kt3 and White's Pawn at R2, we have a standard "book" ending where it is well known that White cannot win. This is based on the facts that (1) the only White P is a RP and (2) White's B is of the opposite color to that of the queening square. One finds it impossible to drive the K out of the corner. Cutting off his escape squares only leads to a stalemate. Try it!

The addition of a White P at his QR2 does not help White at all in his dilemma. But, if also one adds a Black P at Black's QKt3, then we find that there is a trick whereby White can win. The presence of Black's Pawn is his downfall.

The solution to the problem is 1. K-Kt5 for the first move. The idea is at the right moment to use White's rear RP to capture Black's KtP, thus creating for White a KtP which can be forced through to Queen. A possible series of moves would be 1., K-R2; 2. B-B1, K-R1; 3. P-R4, K-R2; 4. B-K3, K-R1; 5. K-B6, K-Kt1 (if 5., K-R2; 6. P-R5 and 7. PxP); 6. P-R7ch, K-R1 (if 6., KxP; 7. P-R5); 7. B-Kt1 (simply to leave Black in "Zugzwang" or compulsion to move), KxP; 8. P-R5, etc.

Careful analysis will show that, although Black can vary a little, the basic procedure described above will force the win for White. Also it is seen that the key move is the only way to force the win. If Black can play 1., P-Kt5 then White will be unable to pin the Black KtP with his B and so cannot carry out his plan.

This end-game problem illustrates the following points about end-games in general: (1) it pays to know about standard "book" end-games such as RP and B of wrong color (2) almost every end-game has special features to be noted (here the presence of White's P(R2) and Black's P(Kt3). (3) zugzwang is often a useful weapon, (4) wasting a move is often useful to gain zugzwang, (5) sacrificing to gain a clear win (the front RP is sacked here), (6) the K plays an active role in most end-games, (7) there are few pieces on the board, but they have many places to go and you must plan rather far ahead.

3. A Game By One of Our Readers SICILIAN DEFENSE

White DANIELS Black D. EILMES
1. P-K4 P-QB4 4. KtxP Kt-KB3
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 5. Kt-QB3 P-Q3
3. P-Q4 PxP 6. Kt-KB3

White adopts an unusual line, in place of the usual 6. B-K2, and one which may have theoretical value even though it does appear to lose time.

6. P-KKt3 8. P-K5 Kt-KKt5

7. B-KB4 B-Kt2

The normal reaction (and it appears to be correct here) would be 8., PxP; 9. QxQch, KtxQ. This would avoid the loss of the QP.

9. Pxp Kt-K4

This does not accomplish any useful purpose and so is a loss of time. In such an open position it is essential to get developed and, above all, to castle as soon as possible. 9. O-O was probably best.

10. KtxKt KtxKt 12. B-K2 Kt-QB5

11. Pxp Qxp

Being a Pawn down, Black is naturally anxious to create threats. But it is still essential to castle at once.

13. O-O KtxP 15. Q-KB3 B-K3

14. B-Kt5ch K-B1

Black rightly rejects 15., Q-B4 because of 16. KR-K1, BxKt?; 17. B-R6ch, B-Kt2; 18. R-K8 Mate. Worthy of consideration is 15., B-Kt5; 16. QxB, BxKt, but White's game is still definitely superior.

16. KR-K1 Q-B4

Seeking counterplay at the expense of a Pawn. An alternative was 16., K-Kt1 (with P-KR3 and K-R2 in mind); 17. Kt-Q5, BxKt; 18. RxQ, BxQ.

17. QxKtP R-B1 18. Kt-K4 Q-Kt3

Of course not 18., QxP; 19. QR-B1 etc.

19. QxQ PxQ 20. QR-Kt1

If at once 20. R-K2, then 20. Kt-Q6; 21. PxKt, BxR. But White could play 20. B-Q6, K-Kt1; 21. R-K2 and hold his extra Pawn. There might follow 21., P-B4, 22. Kt-Kt5, B-B5; 23. BxBch, KtxB; 24. R-Q1.

20. Rxp

Better is 20., BxP. Black should keep his QR at home until he has played P-R3 and prepared a haven for his K at R2 or Kt2.

21. P-QR4 P-KB4

A serious mistake. 21., P-R3 was in order.

22. Kt-KKt5 B-B5

There is no defense. If 22., B-B2, then 23. B-Q6ch, K-Kt1; 24. R-K7, B-R7; 25. R-K8ch etc.

23. B-Q6ch

Quicker is 23. R-K8 Mate!

23. K-Kt1 27. B-K5ch K-Kt1

24. R-K8ch B-B1 28. BxKt B-R7

25. RxBch K-Kt2 29. B-Q3

26. RxB KxR

Being two pieces ahead, White can give one back and still win. However, more precise is 29. R-R1, RxB; 30. RxB (or 30., R-Kt8ch; 31. B-B1); 31. B-B4ch, K-Kt2; 32. BxR.

29. BxR 31. B-Q4 P-R3

30. BxR BxB 32. Kt-B3 Resigns

A fairly good game and one with several instructive points.

Marvin Rogan, with the U. S. Armed Forces in England, tied with 6½-4½ with Dr. J. A. Seitz of Argentina in the Southend Open, won by R. G. Wade, 8-3, placing 11th among 36 players.

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MISSED OPPORTUNITY

Imaginative and daring opening play should carry the day, but White falters at the critical moment and is never given a second chance.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

MCO: page 288, column 119 (g)
So. Texas Open Championship
Corpus Christi, 1955

Notes by J. Norman Cotter

White	Black
R. BRIEGER	J. DeVINE
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3	P-Q3
3. P-B3

The game shows that this move, which is usually relegated to the footnotes of opening treatises, deserves further attention.

3. Kt-KB3 4. B-B4
A little trap. If 4. KtxP; 5. Q-R4 ch, B-Q2; 6. BxPch, KxB; 7. QxKt, recovering the piece in a superior position.

4. P-K3 6. P-Q4 PXP
5. Q-K2 Kt-B3 7. PXP KtxKP
In view of the complications which ensue after this violent attempt to settle matters in the center, perhaps 7. P-Q4 was the move, e.g., 8. PXP, KKtxP; 9. BxKt, QxB; 10. Kt-B3, B-Kt5 with a playable game.

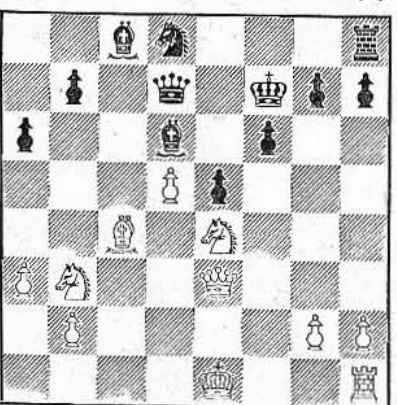
8. P-Q5! Q-R4ch 9. B-Q2
Interesting but not quite sufficient is 9. P-Kt4!, QxP ch (not KtxKtP?; 10. O-O!); 10. K-B1, Kt-R4, etc.
9. KtxB 10. QKtxKt Kt-Q1
On Kt-Kt5?; 11. O-O, KtxQP; 12. Kt-Kt3 wins a piece.

11. Kt-Q4 P-K4 12. P-B4
Brieger has clearly outplayed his opponent and has good attacking chances for the small investment of a pawn. Perhaps, simply 12. O-O or 12. B-Kt5 ch to dislocate the enemy King was to be preferred.

12. P-B3	16. R-QB1	P-QR3
13. PXP QPXP	17. R-B7ch	B-K2
14. B-Kt5ch	K-B2	18. B-Q3
15. Kt/4-Kt3	Q-Kt5

Instead, 18. B-B4 would have forced a King move, (not Q-Q3; 19. Kt-K4, QxR?; 20. P-Q ch, etc.), but the text is also excellent.

18. B-Kt5	21. B-B4	B-Q3
19. Q-K3 R-QB1	22. P-QR3	Q-R5
20. RxR BxR	23. Kt-K4	Q-Q2



24. Q-Kt6?
Plausible but insufficient. Instead, there appears to be a fine victory in 24. Kt(3)-B5!, after which might follow:

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BxKt; 25. QxB! P-QKt4 (forced) in view of the threat Kt-Q6 ch and KtxB winning a piece outright); 26. Kt-Q6 ch, K-Kt1 (again forced—not K-Kt3?; 27. B-Q3 ch); 27. B-Q3, B-Kt2; 28. B-B5, Q-K2; 29. KtxB, QxKt; 30. Q-Q6 with a winning position, (White can simply O-O and play a Rook to the open file). Interestingly enough, after 24. Kt(3)-B5, if Q-K2 or Q-B2; 25. KtxB, QxKt; 26. Kt-K4, Q-Q2; 27. Q-B5 transposes back into the main variation.

24. K-K2	25. Kt/3-B5
One move too late!		
25. Q-B2	26. KtxB	QxKt/3
Naturally not QxQ?;	27. KtxB ch,	etc.
27. QxQch	KxQ	29. O-O
28. Kt-K4ch	K-Q2	30. B-Kt3
White's opening advantage has obviously evaporated.		
31. R-B1	P-B4	34. R-B3
32. Kt-Kt3	Kt-Q3	35. R-Kt3
33. Kt-R5	R-Kt1	36. Kt-B6ch
Equally unavailing is 36. RxP ch, RxR;		
37. KtxR, Kt-B5 with a winning endgame.		
36. K-Q1	38. R-Kt4	Kt-R3!
37. R-Kt5	Kt-B2

Protecting the Rook and so forcing the following exchange.

39. KtxR	KtxR	42. Kt-Kt8	KxP
40. P-Q6	K-Q2	43. P-R3	Kt-K6
41. Kt-K7	P-Kt3	44. Kt-R6	KtxP

White resigned a few moves later. To borrow one of Brieger's pet expressions, "Back to the drawing board." For this saying and some of the analysis in this game I am indebted to Lt. John Hudson, now stationed in Delaware and recently Texas and Louisiana State Champion.



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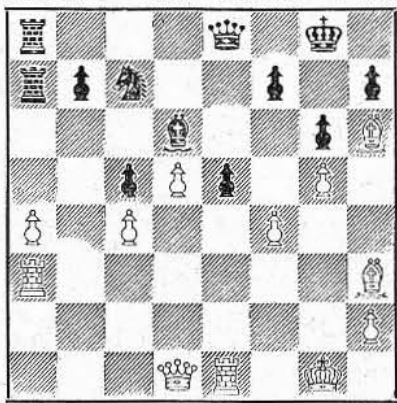
MCO: page 275, column 53
Interzonal Tournament
Gothenburg, 1955

Notes by International Master
Arthur B. Bisguier

White	Black
A. BISGUIER	J. H. DONNER
(USA)	(Holland)
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3	P-Q3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. KtxP	Kt-KB3
5. Kt-QB3	Kt-B3
6. B-K2	P-K4
7. Kt-Kt3	B-K2
8. O-O	O-O
9. B-K3	B-K3
10. B-B3	P-QR4
11. Kt-Q5	BxKt
12. PxB	Kt-Kt1
13. P-B4	KKt-Q2
14. B-Q2	Kt-B4
15. KtxP?

Better was 15. KtxKt, PxKt; 16. P-Q6, QxP; 17. BxP, R-R2; 18. B-Q5, Kt-B3; 19. BxKt. White is better.

15. RxKt	23. P-KKt4	Kt-Kt5
16. P-QKt4	R-R2	24. R-R3
17. PxKt	PxP	25. Q-Q1
18. P-QR4	B-Q3	26. P-Kt5
19. P-Kt3	Q-B2	27. R-K1
20. Q-Kt1	Kt-R3	28. B-Kt2
21. B-K4	P-KKt3	29. B-R3
22. B-R6	R-K1	30. P-B4



After 30. P-B4 Black seems to be quite lost.

30. RxP	33. P-Q6	B-Q5ch
31. RxR	RxR	34. K-R1
32. PxP	BxP	35. Q-B3

Interesting is 35. Q-B3; 36. QxQ, PxQ; 37. RxKt, Pxr; 38. BxP ch, K-R1; 39. B-KB8, B-K4; 40. P-Q7, B-B2; 41. B-Q6—and mate at K5 among other things is threatened. Naturally, many possible variations, but White always seems to win.

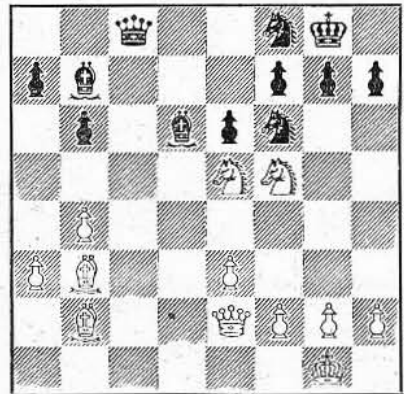
36. BxKt	PxB	38. R-KB1	Resigns
37. P-Q7	P-Kt3		



QUEEN'S INDIAN

MCO: page 122, column 29
Interzonal Tournament
Gothenburg, 1955

White	Black
A. BISGUIER	B. SLIWA
(USA)	(Poland)
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. Kt-KB3	P-QKt3
4. P-K3	B-Kt2
5. B-Q3	P-Q4
6. O-O	PxP
7. BxP	B-K2
8. Kt-B3	QKt-Q2
9. Q-K2	P-B4
10. PxP	BxP
11. P-QR3	R-QB1
12. R-Q1	O-O
13. P-QKt4	B-K2
14. B-Kt2	Q-B2
15. B-Kt3	KR-Q1
16. Kt-QKt5	Q-Kt1
17. Kt/5-Q4	Kt-B1
18. QR-B1	RxR
19. RxR	R-B1
20. RxR	QxR
21. Kt-B5	B-Q3
22. Kt-B5



22. Q-B2	34. QxQ	BxQ
23. KtxB	QxKt	35. P-R4
24. P-B3	Kt/3-Q2	36. P-Kt5
25. Kt-B4	Q-B2	37. P-Kt4
26. Q-Q3	Kt-Kt3	38. B-R3ch
27. Q-Q4	Kt-B3	39. P-Kt5
28. P-K4	Kt-K1	40. PXP
29. P-Kt3	B-B3	41. P-KR5
30. K-B2	Q-Q2	42. Kt-K5
31. K-K3	K-B1	43. P-R6
32. P-KR4	P-B3	44. Kt-B6ch
33. P-B4	Kt-K2	Resigns

A PREPARED VARIATION REBOUNDS

Kevitiz spins a prepared but unsound line which Sherwin just fails to refute. Considering Black's time pressure, Kevitiz might have done well to play the game out to its full conclusion.

RETI-ENGLISH OPENING

MCO: page 36, column 29 k(B)
Metropolitan League Match
New York, 1955

Notes by
U. S. Master Dr. Harold Sussman

White	Black
A. KEVITZ	J. T. SHERWIN
(Manhattan C.C.)	(Marshall C.C.)
1. Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3
2. P-B4	P-B4
3. Kt-B3

My own preference is 3. P-KKt3! The natural 3. P-Q4 is met by PxP; 4. KtxP, P-K3!, and Black's game is comfortable. The text is satisfactory.

3. P-Q4!	5. P-K4!
4. PxP	KtxP	

Promising is 5. P-K3 and 5. Kt-QB3 is met by 6. B-Kt5!

5. Kt-Kt5!?

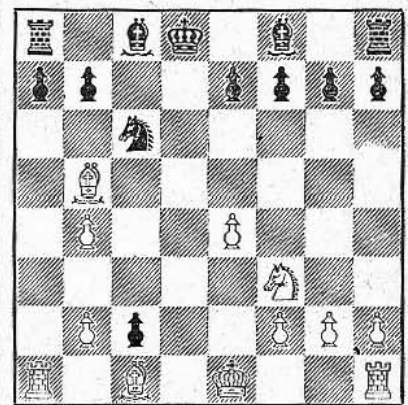
The solid retreat is 5. KtxKt; 6. KtPxKt, P-KKt3 reaching a favorable position in the Gruenfeld.

6. B-Kt5ch	QKt-B3!
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6. B-Q2 is quite inferior.

7. P-Q4?
Kevitiz "surprise". It is unsound. Better is 7. P-QR3, Kt-Q6 ch; 8. K-K2, KtxB ch (or 8. Kt-B5 ch; 9. K-B1 threatening 10. P-Q4! strongly); 9. RxKt with an edge for White.

7. PxPI	9. QxQch	KxQ
8. P-QR3	PxKt	10. PxKt
		P-B7!



Sherwin has taken one hour and 15 minutes to this point. It would be worth it, were he to play the natural 10. PxP! On 11. BxP, P-KB3! (followed by P-K3) White has exactly nothing for the pawn minus. The text returns the pawn for safety and only skin and bones remain.

11. BxKt	PxB	15. P-B3	PxP
12. Kt-K5	K-K1	16. RxRch	BxR
13. KtxQBP	B-Kt2	17. Kt-Q4	P-K4
14. P-Kt5	P-QR3	18. KtxBP	B-Q3

Sherwin very short on time offered the draw which was accepted. I believe Black's two Bishops give him a tiny edge, although the White Knight may penetrate to Q5 for adequate counterplay.



MARSHALL-LONDON RESULTS

Results in the Marshall C. C.-London National Chess Center 24 Board Correspondence Chess Match have begun to come in. The score is now Marshall 6½, London 5½. Harry Ruckert, on Board 24, was first to report a win and first to win both games. Here is the better of his two victories for Marshall.

GIANUTIO COUNTER GAMBIT

MCO: page 137, column 3
Correspondence Match
Marshall Chess Club, New York
vs. National Chess Centre,
London, 1954-55

Notes by H. G. Ruckert

White	Black
H. G. RUCKERT	L. E. FLETCHER
(Marshall)	(London)
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. P-KB4	PxP
3. B-B4	P-KB4!

Black writes, in Gambits Accepted: "The oldest and probably the strongest counter to the celebrated King's Bishop's Gambit. It is as old as the parent opening, being mentioned by Ruy Lopez in 1561 and by Gianutio in 1597. . . . It is definitely necessary for White to decline, for acceptance gives Black a very strong game."

4. Kt-QB3
Fletcher and Paul Keres both give 4. Q-K2 as the best way to decline the countergambit, but White wanted to try a line not already analyzed in Gambits Accepted.	
4. Q-R5ch	6. KtxP
5. K-B1	PxB

Keres prefers: 6. B-K2; 7. P-Q4, Kt-KR3; 8. Kt-KB3, Q-R4; 9. BxP, P-Q4—"with advantage for Black". Tchigorin-Hellwig (undated column in Freeborough and Ranken) goes: 6. Kt-KB3; 7. Kt-KB3, Q-R3; 8. Q-K2, B-K2; 9. P-Q4, P-Q4; 10. KtxKt ch, QxKt; 11. BxQP,

7. Kt-KB3	Q-K2	8. Q-K2
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Still following Tchigorin, even if Black has failed to follow Hellwig.



A fascinating position for trans-Atlantic airmail chess, but probably not the sort of thing you'd like to have in a tournament game.

9. K-Q2 11. Kt-B7 PxB
 10. QxQch BxQ 12. KtxR
 And White has won the exchange—but now the question is, how does he extricate the Kt?
 12. K-K1 13. P-Q4 PxB e.p.
 It seemed very necessary to get the lines open. One doesn't bother about isolated pawns in this kind of gambit chess.

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14. PxP P-KKt4?
 Black goes right after the Kt, but he might have remembered that MacDonnell and Labourdonnais never paused merely to win back material: the object is always to continue the assault on the enemy King with whatever remains. 14., B-KB4 or B-K3 was certainly better.

15. P-KR4
 The classical rejoinder, and quite strong here. Intent on winning the Kt, Black overlooks the point.

15. B-B3 17. RxB Resigns
 16. PxB BxKt

Abandoning this line as a win for White, we went back to see what would have happened if Black had played 14., B-KB4. So far the play has been: 15. Kt-K5, Kt-KR3; 16. BxP, Kt-Q2; 17. BxKt, KtxKt; 18. BxP, BxP ch; 19. K-B2, B-B4 ch; 20. K-Kt3, Kt-B5; 21. KR-K1 ch, K-Q2; 22. QR-Q1, R-KKt1; 23. RxB ch, K-B2; 24. P-Kt3, RxB ch; 25. K-R3. Kt-Q3; 26. P-KKt4, Not a master game, perhaps, but I think a pleasant encounter between two admirers of the old gambit style of play.

Letter from the Wandering Chess Minstrel
 By International Master GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI

Youth Triumphs!

THE Third Annual Panhandle Open Tournament, held in Lubbock, Texas on August 27-28, was well attended and in all ways pleasant! Lubbock's Chamber of Commerce, City Recreation Department, the Manager of the Caproch Hotel, who had two air-conditioned rooms available, Dr. R. Underwood, W. C. Marshall, and the hard-working Fred B. Harrell all deserve special mention for the success of the tournament.

Last year's winner, Shane O'Neill of Dallas, was not there to defend his title. First prize and main Trophy winner was Warren Miller of Albuquerque, who at the age of 17 is proving once again that the youth of America has taken complete control of the game and within short time now the United States will have millions of organized chess players and thousands of strong players. Warren has a good theoretical knowledge and possesses a clean-cut style with strength in the ending, too, which is surprising for someone that age.

Jack Shaw of Albuquerque, though a young man himself, is already an old trooper, who plays a very fine style of chess. His second place was nothing surprising. He did not meet Warren, but then 5 rounds cannot settle everything, if there are more than 32 participants. Here there were 45.

Special attention has to be drawn, though, to William Batchelder of Bloomington, Ind. Only 15 years old, he recently won the Kentucky Junior Championship, and insisted on playing in the main tournament here, proving his point! I do not want to overrate him, but suggest the USCF watch this lad's progress carefully.

Dr. Roy Riddel, Jr. of Lubbock was declared Panhandle Champion. This trophy is restricted to Panhandle area residents. Previous years' winners were: 1953 in Borges, Dr. S. Underwood, Lubbock; 1954 in Amarillo, Dr. Welker, Papa. There were 7 participants in the Junior tournament and won easily by Tommy Reager of Lubbock.

Met my old friend Joel S. Quinones, Mexican consul in Amarillo, again. Kansas City 1940 was the last time I saw him. "I and a number of Kansas City fans gave up chess for a long while," Joel told me. "It happened like this. In 1940 Horowitz gave an exhibition in Kansas City and in the middle of the show, one of the members slumped in his chair and died. (Heart attack—that could have happened anywhere.) This threw a damper on us and only recently am I back to playing again—but my strength is down." Can you think of a nicer way to go than in the middle of a chess game? It reminds me of "The General died with his boots on!"

Jumping Max Burkhardt, the terror of the Carlsbad Caverns, has good talent—talks too much, too loud and often at the wrong time. He would have had third prize for sure, if in the final round he had kept his mouth shut! In the following position (in Forsyth) 8/8/N7/1B6/5kb1/2Ppp2/PP6/4K3, Black played 41., P-B7 ch; 42. K-B1, B-R6 ch AND offered a draw, Naturally, White accepted.

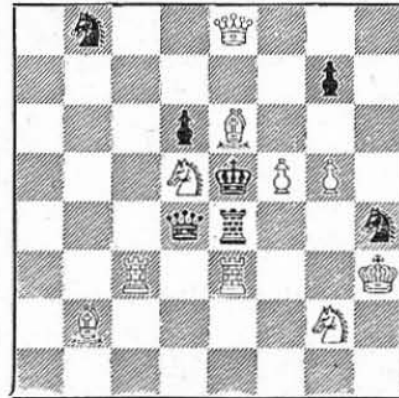
My task was pleasant and upon my suggestion 7 extra surprise prizes were added—keeping all competitors there to make the prize distribution a real climax to the tournament. But if I am pleased at the great success of the youth—I am proud to say that I made 17 new members for the United States Chess Federation! This helps the local clubs (more interest), the State Association (more activity), and the Nation (more vitality!).

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Nicholas Gabor

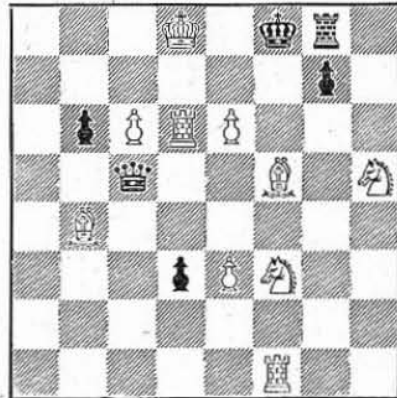
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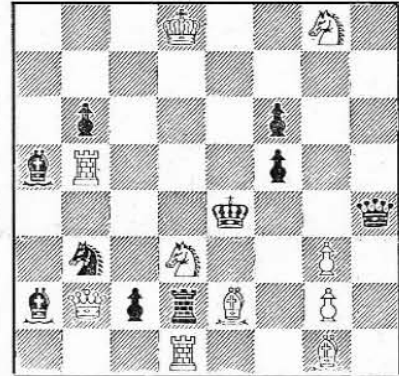
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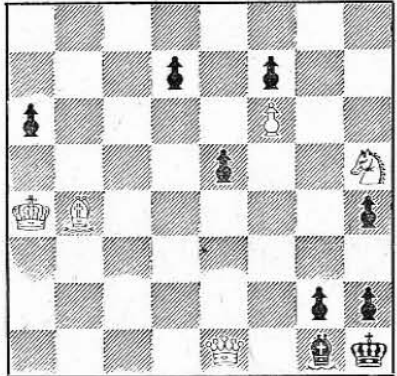
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White to move and mate in two

Problem No. 594
 By H. C. Mowry
 Malden, Mass.
 Annual Informal Contest



White to move and mate in three

WITH today's entries to the international composing contest, we welcome our first lady composer, Mrs. Warren of Chicago, contributing editor of the British publication "The Problemist," Mr. Barron and the well-known Argentinian composer Mr. Morra. Mr. Mowry's three-mover enters our regular informal contest which continues as usual. These entries will be adjudicated at the end of the year, with book prizes distributed among the winners.

Solutions - Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 579 (Schonberger): Before the key all possible Black moves have a mating answer. After the key, 1. Q-R7, all these mates are changed, with two added mates. (Complete block miniature.)

No. 580 (Brill): Key: 1. Q-K2, threat 2. Kt-K6 mate. Obvious key but appealing play, especially after 1., KxKt; 2. Kt-B6.

No. 581 (Rubens): Key: 1. Kt-B2, threat 2. KtxKtP mate. The first two-mover we have ever seen from the composer whose specialty is three-movers, on our list for publication.

No. 582 (Wurzburg): Key: 1. B-Kt5, threat 2. O-O ch!, K-R2 and 3. Q-R4 mate. If 1., PxB; 2. R-R2. If 1., R-R3; 2. B-B4. If 1., K-Kt8; 2. O-O ch!, K-B7; 3. Q-Q3 mate. If 1., K-R7; 2. Q-R4 ch!, K-Kt8; 3. O-O mate. Light, elegant and pleasing.

Chess recently made the front-page of the New Orleans Times-Picayune when an army corps of mosquitoes staged a raid in strength on the New Orleans Chess Club and had the members "more interested in pawing than in pawns" before it routed them completely. It is not reported whether members followed the advice of biologist Percy Viosca, which was quoted in the Times-Picayune as "Cut holes in the screens to let them out."

You are never too old! reports W. E. Frank Fillery in the Vancouver Daily Province. Two years ago E. J. J. Hall (a mere youngster of 77 years) undertook to teach chess to a new pupil. "All he knew was the names of the pieces." The pupil is Ernest Beaver, now 91 years old, who has since joined a chess club and "enjoys playing chess at Stanley Park and also plays postal chess."

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

Position No. 166

Szily vs. Gereben, Budapest, 1948.
1., K-B6; 2. Kt-R2 ch, K-Kt7; 3. Kt-Kt4, K-Kt6; 4. Kt-K3, B-Q6; 5. P-R4, P-R4; 6. KxP, K-B5; 7. Kt-Kt2 ch, K-B6; 8. Kt-R4 ch, K-Kt3 and Black wins.

(Due to the complexity of this position and the need for extra-careful checking of solutions submitted, the comment upon this position and names of unsuccessful solvers will be held over until the next issue—Editor.)

WOMEN'S CHESS

(Continued from page 2, col. 4)

Mr. David Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Gresser entertained all the players and directors at dinner at the Harvard Club on the night set aside for our general meeting. The meeting following the dinner (to plan future women's events) was most satisfactory and progressive and will be reported in detail in a later issue.

Mr. David Lawson entertained groups of the players at suppers after two of the evening rounds and dinners after two of the afternoon rounds in some of New York's most interesting restaurants. His constant attendance at the tournament and able reporting to A.P. and to Mr. Herman Helms (when Mr. Helms was tied to his office receiving reports from the interzonal in Sweden) contributed much to the success of this tournament.

Miss Edith L. Weart arranged for the appearance of the players on the Tod Russell Music Corner television program, during which we had the opportunity of discussing the fun and excitement in chess as opposed to the idea entertained by the public that chess is a dull game. We also staged a little "time pressure" episode, showing the public the use of the chess clock and the occasional necessity of making almost instantaneous moves. For this bit of fun we received from the sponsors some very nice gifts.

Mrs. Lena Grumette, Mrs. Mary Selensky and I tied for 7th, 8th, and 9th places with the shocking score of 4-7. Mrs. deSerrano, Miss Wally Henschel and Miss Kate Henschel finished after us in that order. We six players who finished with minus scores are going to have to knock ourselves out between now and 1957 to build up our ratings in order to be invited to play in the next U. S. Women's Chess Championship.

Financially this tournament was in much better shape than previous women's tournaments. Dr. Edward Lasker, Treasurer, gathered in funds most energetically. The complete financial report will be published later—also a report on the problem contest.

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October 1-2

**Washington State Open
Seattle, Wash.**

Open; at Seattle Chess Club, 616 Madison St.; 6 rd Swiss, 40 moves in 2 hrs.; entry fee \$3.00; 1st place choice of cash or trophy, other prizes; 4 ranking Wash. residents qualify for State Invitational; TD Viktors Pupols; -st rd at 9 a.m. Sat.; for details write: Oliver W. LaFreniere, 2807 W. Yakima Ave., Yakima, Wash.

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October 15-16

**Fort Wayne Open Tournament
Fort Wayne, Ind.**

Open; at World Friendship Hall, Ft. Wayne YMCA, 226 E. Washington Blvd.; 5 rd Swiss, 25 moves per hr; entry fee: \$5.00; prizes: \$3.00 of fee to prize fund, divided 50%, 30%, 20% for 1st, 2nd and 3rd; for details, write: Willard H. Wilson, Jr., 1019 Colerick St., Fort Wayne, Ind.

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October 15-16

**Lake Erie Open Championship
Buffalo, N. Y.**

Open; at Hotel Buffalo, Washington and Swam Sts.; 5 rd Swiss, 50 moves in 2 hrs; entry fees: \$5.00 for Junior players, \$7.00 for all others; 1st prize \$75, 2nd prize \$25 plus trophies, and trophy to highest ranking Junior as Lake Erie Junior Champ.; TD: Norman Wilder; for details, write: William Rusch, 482 Lisbon Ave., Buffalo 15, N. Y.

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November 25-27

**2nd North Central Open
Championship
Milwaukee, Wis.**

Open; at Hotel Wisconsin, No. 3rd and Wisconsin Ave.; 7 rd Swiss, 45 moves in 1st hr, 25 moves per hr thereafter; entry fee: \$7 for USCF members, \$8 for non-members; guaranteed first prize of \$200 and total prize fund of \$500; TD Ernest Olfe; for details, write: Arpad E. Elo, 3935 N. Fiebrantz Dr., Milwaukee 10, Wis.

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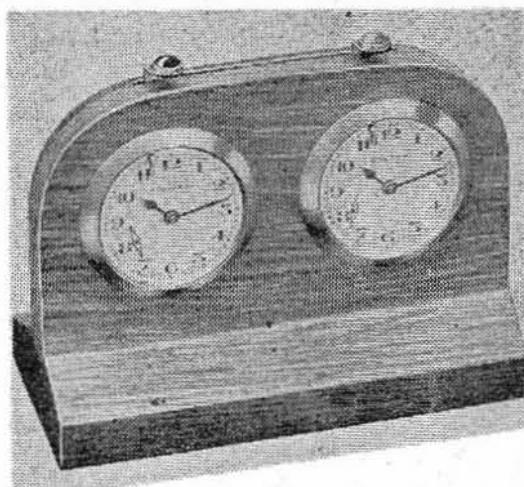
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