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# What's The Best Move?

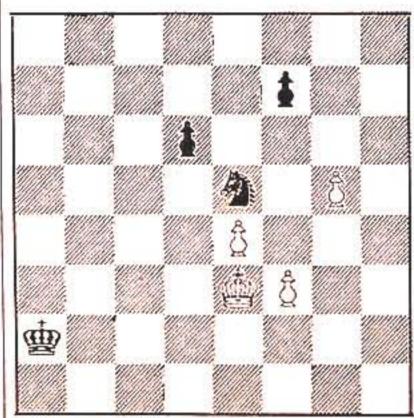
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### RUSSELL CHAUVENET

S END solutions to Position No. 184 to reach Russell Chauvenet, 721 Gist Ave., Silver Spring, Md., by June 5, 1956. With your solution, please send analysis or reasons supporting your choice of "Best Move" or moves.

Solution to Position No. 184 will appear in the June 20, 1956 issue.

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



Position No. 184

White to play

# Soviet Union Wins At Uppsala United States Finishes Eighth

By FREDERICK H. KERR

College Chess Life Editor

By winning the Third World Student Chess Tournament, the Soviet Union successfully defended its World Student Championship. The final Russian score in the finals was 21½-6½. Hungary was a poor second with 16½-11½. Bulgaria finished strong to tie Yugoslavia for third place with 15-13. The consolation tournament was won by Iceland with 22-6.

After turning in a fine 8-4 record in the preliminaries, the American team fought a loosing battle in the finals. The United States finished in eighth position with a score of 9½-18½. William Lombardy of CCNY, however, won honors as the best second-board player in the tournament. He scored 2½-½ in the preliminaries and 4½-1½ in the finals for a total of five wins, four draws, and no losses. He drew such players as Grandmaster Boris Ivkov of Yugoslavia and Theodore Ghitescu of the USSR. Although the American team had strength on the top boards, it proved to lack the depth of other teams in the finals.

The Yankees drew their firstround match with Czechoslovakia after three days of play. Edmar Mednis lost his first game of the tournament to Dr. Lapislav Alster,

# U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

July 1-7, 1956 Philadelphia, Pa.

and Canadian players who are not yet 21 years old on July 1, 1956.

TIME OF PLAY: First round 7:00 p.m. July 1; two rounds per day on July 2, 3, 5, and 6; final round

July 7; no round on July 4.

ENTRY: No registration or entry fees; but each player must be or become a member of the USCF (\$5.00 annual dues)—players may join the USCF upon registering.

PRIZES: Many valuable prizes and

be made to obtain most reasonable accommodations for all contestants.

REGISTRATION: 5:00 p.m., July 1, 1956; advance registration may be made by mail to: William A. Ruth, Tournament Committee Chairman, 15 Gorman Ave., Collingswood, N.J. EQUIPMENT: Players are urged to bring clocks; other equipment fur-

ACCOMODATIONS: Every effort will

after scoring  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  in the preliminaries.

UNITED STATES CZECHOSLOVAKIA
Mednis 0 Dr. Alster 1
Lombardy 1 Kozma 0
Saidy 1 Altschul 0
Lyman 0 Marsalek 1

FIRST ROUND (championship) USA 2, Czechoslovakia 2; USSR 4, Bulgaria 0; Hungary 2½, Spain 1½; Yugoslavia 2, Rumania 2. (consolation) E. Germany 3½, Sweden ½; Iceland 4, United Kingdom 0; Norway 2, Finland 2; Poland 3, France 1.

Although Hungary had defeated Spain in the first round, she was not considered a contender for the title until she defeated the United States 2½-1½ in the second round. The Hungarians then went on to take second place.

UNITED STATES HUNGARY

Mednis ½ Bilek ½

Lombardy 1 Portage (
Saidy 0 Lengyel

Witte 0 Navarovsky

SECOND ROUND (championship) Hun

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# Amateurs To Meet At Asbury Park For National Championship Tourney

By KENNETH HARKNESS

U. S. Amateur Championship Tournament Director

The Mecca for amateur chess fans this year is Asbury Park, N.J. If you would like to enjoy a glorious weekend of chess with players near your own strength, and at the same time have the opportunity to soak up some sunshine between rounds, plan now to attend the United States Amateur Championship Tournament at the Monterey Hotel, on the ocean front at Asbury Park, on May 25th, 26th and 27th.

And don't forget to bring along the wife and kids, if any! There need be no chess widows sitting at home while the old man makes combinations. The families of the players in this tournament are going to appreciate the weekend at the seashore even more than the contestants.

Of course, the main idea is to play chess, and try to win the national amateur title, but you (and your family) can enjoy all the facilities of a first-class hotel, stroll on the boardwalk, go in swimming, lounge on the beach, go fishing or boating, play golf, tennis, or shuffleboard, dance to the music of name bands, do almost anything your heart desires at this marvellous seaside resort.

The famous Monterey Hotel is cooperating magnificently with the USCF to make this tournament the biggest and best of all amateur events. The hotel is offering special, reduced rates to players, their families, and visitors. Excellent accommodations are available for as \$4.00 per day per person in double rooms. A single room with private bath costs only \$7.00 per day.

The Monterey has every modern facility for your comfort and entertainment, including a dining room, coffee shop, card room, open and enclosed porches, TV lounge, cocktail lounge with dance orchestra, beauty salon, barber shop, and adequate parking for guests' cars. The tournament will be held in one of the big ballrooms of the hotel, with plenty of elbow-room between the individual playing tables. You can even have coffee or other refreshments served right at your table, while you are playing.

#### Open to All Non-Master Players

This tournament is open to all players except rated masters. Unrated players and those with ratings below 2200 points (the new minimum for the master class) are eligible to compete. All entrants must be or become members of the USCF.

The winner will be recognized as United States Amateur Chess Champion and will be given a special trophy. The title is now held by Clinton Parmelee of Newark, N.J., who topped the field at Lake Mohegan last year. The lady with the highest score will earn the title of U.S. Woman Amateur Chess Champion and will be given a handsome trophy. Present title-holder is Kathryn Slater of New York. There will also be trophies for the Class A and Class B entrants who make the highest

scores. No cash prizes, for this is strictly an amateur show.

The contest will be a six-round Swiss, held under USCF tournament rules (Harkness pairings, Mediar tic break). The first round will start at 8 p.m. sharp on Friday, May 25th. Last round will end at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, May (Please turn to page 4, col. 2)

### JUNIOR DATES SET JULY 1-7

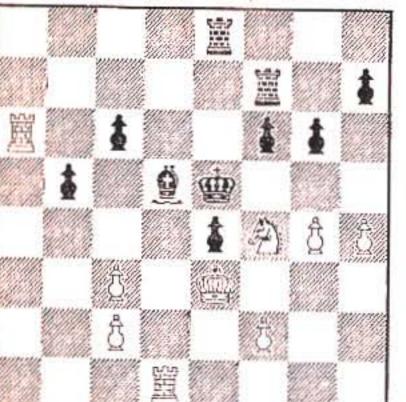
The U. S. Junior Championship, open to all USCF members (Canadian players, included) who are not yet 21 years old on July 1, 1956, will be held in Philadelphia from July 1 through July 7, 1956 inclusive. It will be sponsored by the USCF Affiliated Franklin-Mercantile Chess Club in cooperation with the other Philadelphia Chess Clubs. No registration or entry fee is required and players, not members of the USCF, may become members by payment of annual dues upon registration. Many valuable prizes will be awarded, and every effort will be made to secure the most reasonable accomodations possible for all contestants. Advance registration may be made by writing William A. Ruth, Tournament Committee Chairman, 15 Gorham Avenue, Collingswood, N. J. The tournament commemorates the 250th Anniversary of a great American and indefatiguable chess player—Benjamin Franklin.

# U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

July 16-28, 1956 Oklahoma City, Okla.

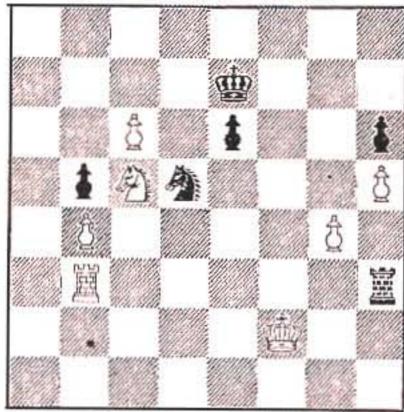
#### Finish It The Clever Way! by Edmund Nash

Position No. 175 Opocensky vs. Hromadka Czechoslovakia, 1931



White to play and win

Position No. 176 H. Berliner vs. E. Nash Washington, D. C., 1956



Black to play and draw

TN the first position above, White can mate in three moves.

Position No. 176 is essentially a problem-like ending with Knights and Pawns, for analysis has shown that Black loses if he does not exchange Rooks. This position was adjourned (and I correctly assumed the sealed move to be White's Knight from Q3 to B5); after many hours of analysis, spread over several days, I discovered what appears to be the only drawing continuation, with its many ramifications, and Black's dozen or more moves appear to be the only ones to draw. A tense finish!

Mr. Harold Leef of Chicago points out that the winning solution to Position No. 173 was shown in the USSR 1954 Chess Tourney Book; actually World Chess Champion Botvinnik missed the winning continua-

tion and the game was drawn.

For solutions, please turn to P age seven.

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

Merl (Pappy the Sheriff) Reese announces the resumption of the "Little America" Colorado Open Tournament (not hold in 1955) with such special prizes as genuine gold dust, Morgan Dollars, Covered Wagons, etc. Dates are July 2-4 and

#### 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 affillated organizations, if played under FIDE Laws, directed by a competent official, and played at time limit of not more than 30 moves per hour.

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

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

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

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

Official rating forms should be secured in advance from:-

Montgomery Major 123 No. Humphrev Avenue Oak Park, Illinois

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



the Denver Y Chess Club is the sponsor with Sheriff Reese. Set in the heart of vacation-land, it has always been a popular event. This year an East vs. West Team Match has been added to other features. Reservations are new being accepted by Merl W. Reese, Box 84, Capitol Hill Sta., Denver, Colo.



Two highly unusual prizes will be awarded to the top two scorers in the North Carolina Open Championship at Wilmington, N.C. on June 1, 1956. A fishing trip to the Gulf Stream will all expenses and equipment provided will be offered to the lucky pair. The trip will be from Southport, near Wilmington; and it will take place on the day after the tournament at the heighth of the sailfish and king mackerel season.



The enterprising Nebraska Chess Association is expanding its state bulletin into the "Midwest Chess News and Nebraska Chess Bulletin". Plans are for emphasis on midwest chess news and events, including publication of worthwhile games from the area not obtainable elsewhere. Membership in the NCA is \$2.00 per year (including subscription to the Midwest Chess News), subscription alone is \$1.50. Memberships and subscriptions should be sent to Edward Ireland, 6941 Binney St., Omaha, Neb.

North Jersey League: Plainfield C.C. leads at end of eight rounds with 8-0. followed by Irvington 7-1, Orange 6-1,

### KALME TRIUMPHS IN PHILADELPHIA

U. S. Junior Champion Charles Kalme tallied 51/2-1/2 with a draw to Dr. Max Cohen, to win the Metropolitan Philadelphia Championship. Dr. Cohen placed second with 5-1, losing no games but drawing with Kalme and Eugene Dreher. Third and fourth with 41/2-11/2 each, were Sydor Nowakiwsky and Eugene Dreher, while Anthony Koppany was fifth with 4-2. Sixth to tenth with 31/2.21/2 scores in the 26-player Swiss were Anthony Cantone, Gilbert Raich, Joseph Steinig, and Mrs. Mary D. Selensky. The event was sponsored by the USCF Affiliated Franklin-Mercantile Chess Club.

**BUFFALO TAKES** SUSQUEHANNA

Buffalo tallied 4-0 at Syracuse, N.Y. to win the Susquehanna Cup in the annual team matches for the upstate New York team title. Rochester placed second with 3-1, Schenectady third with 2-2, Syracuse fourth with 1-3 and IBM trailed with 0-4. This annual event is sponsored by the New York State Chess Association and previously was held as a part of the annual state championship meet.



Fred McClendon scored 5-0 to win the first annual New Orleans Junior Championship, sponsored by the USCF Affiliated New Orleans Chess Club. Second place went to John Bick with 4-1, losing only to McClendon. Third to seventh with 3-2 each were James Wagner, Billy Quagliano, John Geldersma, George Higginbotham, and Stephen Adams. The tournament was 100% USCF rated.



John B. Grkavac retained the Milwaukee County Speed title in a 28-player 7 rd Swiss with a score of 5½-1½. Second on weighted points, also with 5½-1½ was Henry Meifert, while third to sixth with 5-2 each were Arpad Elo, Jerome Kraszewski, Banerdt, and Marshall Rohland.



Newest volumes in the American Tournament Series just released are Long Beach Open, 1955 with 310 selected games, limited to 140 copies, \$3.00 pp; Baltimore Open, 1948 with 184 selected games, limited to 110 copies, \$2.00 pp; and San Remo, 1930, with all 120 games, many annotated by the players, of a famous event won by Alekhine, limited to 125 copies, \$2.00 pp. Those interested may order from Jack Spence, 208 So. 25th Avenue, Omaha 2, Nebr.

Hammond (Ind.) Chess Club: Marvin Cox with 13-0 won the 1956 club championship and was awarded a trophy. Former Club Champion Edward Vano did not participate, as he now resides in New York City.

North Shore League (Mass-N.H.): Newburyport tallied 241/2 points to win the League title, scoring 5-1 in a playoff match with Salem which placed second with 19. Portsmouth scored 18 for third, and Lynn tallied 161/2. Thirtythree players participated in the league Philidor 5-2. A USCF Affiliated League. events. A USCF Affiliated League.

# Chess Life In New York

By Allen Kaufman

TN BRIEF: Bill Lombardy re-

I turned to New York with a crystal vase, the prize he won for having the highest score on second board at the Students' World Team Championship at Uppsala, Sweden. His 7-2 score in the preliminaries and finals (he drew four and lost none) enabled him to beat out all the other second boards, including Polugaevsky of the USSR, Kozma of Czechoslovakia, and Ivkov of Yugoslavia. The team members of the U.S. delegation expressed thanks to those who contributed toward their expense fund, awe at the great beauty of Sweden, and satisfaction with the tournament conditions. . . . The Metropolitan Chess League matches have begun. The defending Manhattan A team defeated the Manhattan Reserves, 6-3; the Marshall A team beat the Marshall Reserves, 5-3; the third match between the Log Cabin and London Terrace teams was won by the former, 61/2-11/2 . . . Reshevsky has just returned from a national tour, during which he played about 1000 games in simultaneous exhibitions. He lost only fifteen! . . . Dr. Anthony Blasi sailed for Europe on his honeymoon . . . With but one round to go, Roger L. Martin, with 61/2 points, leads in the Marshall Amateur Championship. Murphy, Baczynski, and Schultz have 51/2 each, while Coles, Lorie, Peckar, and Volk have 5 each. This is the third year of this title. The first cup went to Myron Fleischer, while the second was won by Bill Drakert. Both are competing in this year's tournament, but neither can win, Fleischer having 41/2 points and Drakert 4. The rounds are played on Sundays; the Sunday following the last round will see Jose Calderon giving out the prizes once again . . . Speaking of amateur tournaments, the U.S. Amateur Championship is only a few weeks off. This year's event promises to be at least as much fun as last year's. See other sections of CHESS LIFE for details!

Correspondence chess players may now indulge in a unique correspondence tournament which will consist of four games (two each against two opponents) in any one of the twelve unorthodox chess games they may select (from the more popular forms listed in "Les Jeux d'Echecs Non Orthodoxes" by Joseph Boyer, or "Noveaux Jeux d'Echecs Non Orthodoxes" by Boyer). Participation is free, and prize awards of 12,000 francs are offered. For further details those interested may write: M. Joseph Boyer, 3, Rue LeConte de Lisle, Paris (L6°), France.



Paul Vaitonis, former Canadian Champion, tallied 10-0 to retain the Hamilton, Ont. City title. Van der Wel and J. Plewes tied for second with 61/2-31/2 each, and G. Ackerman was fourth with 5½-4½.

# Tar Heels Win Southern Intercollegiate University of Virginia Second

By FREDERICK H. KERR

College Chess Life Editor

The University of North Carolina gained possession of the Miller and Rhoads Trophy by winning the 1956 Southern Intercollegiate Chess Association Tournament. The event was held on the University of Virginia campus at Charlottesville on the week end of April

# U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

July 16-28, 1956 Oklahoma City, Okla.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all Chess players.

PLACE: Civic Room, Oklahoma Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (completely Air Conditioned).

TYPE: 12-round Swiss System.

DIRECTOR: International Chess Master, George Koltanowski.

P.M. to 12:00 M., excepting Saturday, July 21, and excepting final round which will begin at 12:00 Noon July 28. 50 Moves in the first 2½ hours, 20 moves per hour thereafter. Adjourned games from each of the first 11 rounds must be played on the day following at discretion of Tournament Director. 12th (final) round must be played to finish. Saturday, July 21 is reserved for the Speed Tourney.

bers; \$20.00 for USCF members; \$20.00 for non-members (\$5.00 for USCF dues).

REGISTRATION: Civic Room, Oklahoma Biltmore Hotel, commencing Sunday 2:00 P.M., July 15 and ending at 1:00 P.M. deadline, Monday July 16. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than July 9, 1956. Mailed entries to be sent to Jerry G. Spann, 314 Colcord Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

prizes: \$3000.00 total with \$1000.00 for first place, and 19 other cash prizes. Cash prizes for highest women's scores and title of U.S. Women Champion for ranking woman player. Top-flight Medal to be awarded to all players finishing in top one-half of Standings.

SPEED TOURNEY: Special U. S. Lightning Championship to be held Saturday, July 21. Entry Fee: \$5.00. Cash Prizes.

accommodations: Hotel accommodations and meals assured at reasonable prices. Contact Hal Crippen, Oklahoma Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City or Jerry G. Spann, 314 Colcord Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

bring Chess sets, boards, and ES-PECIALLY Chess clocks.

VACATION ATTRACTIONS: Boating, Fishing, Water Sports on Oklahoma City's two beautiful lakes-Lake Overholser and Lake Hefner, Oklahoma City Springlake Park for swimming, rides, picnicking. Eight fine Golf Courses in Oklahoma City area, also the World Famous Lincoln Park Zoo, Texas League Baseball and Rodeos. Motor to Turner Falls, Lake Murray, Lake Texoma, Quartz Mountain. Beavers Bend, Robbers Cave, Sequoyah, Osage Hills, Roman Nose, Boiling Springs, Lake Wister, Lake Tenkiller, Greenleaf Lake, Alabaster Caverns, Platt National Park, Grand Lake, Fort Gibson, Will Rogers Memorial Shrine and the National Wild Life Refuge . . . wooded mountains, lakes, streams, historical sites, Indian Lore and Indian Villages, all within a couple of hours drive for your pleasure and enjoyment.

thirteenth through fifteenth. The University of Maryland recovered from a second-round, 3-1 defeat at the hands of the Tar Heels to finish second. With Leigh Ribble, the retiring president of the SICA, as its most consistent scorer, the University of Virginia came next. American University sent a team for the first time; they took fourth honors. The 1955 champion, Duke University, was only able to finish fifth. The University of Richmond brought up the bottom in team honors, but its first-board player, Dan Fidlow, won the individual championship with a 4-1 score. Fidlow's only loss was to Moon Cha of Maryland.

The fact that the 1956 Southern Intercollegiate was such a success can not be denied. A large part of the credit for this success goes to Leigh Ribble. The tournament director was Robert Winckler, and all chess players know that no tournament is a good one without a good director. Since James Reilly, secretary of the SICA, is director of the intramural program at Virginia, the University of Virginia's School of Education gave full support to the tourney.

The North Carolina team was composed of Charles Crittenden, Peter Henderson, Albert Margolis, Crockett, and Godfrey. The Terrapins of the University of Maryland were Moon Cha, Milton Goldinger, Mike Schulman, and Melvin Leon. The host Cavaliers entered a team of Philip Kolvoord, Rick Callaghan, Leigh Ribble, and Cliff Roberson. The Methodists from American University gave their names as follows: I. Homer Jones, Hans Morsbach, John Arbuckle, and Vadim Vanogradov. Donald Burdick, Bill Chapman, Fagot, Rogers, Shore, and Fortson made up the Blue Devil team from Duke. Spiders from Richmond, who participated, were the following: Dan Fidlow, Jim Farrer, Ed Mayo, James Imel, and Sloan.

Donald Burdick, co-champion of West Virginia, was selected as the new president of the SICA. Burdick is a student at Duke University and was individual champion of the SICA last year. The 1957 tournament will be held on the campus of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

N. Carolina 15½- 4½ American 8¾-11½ Maryland 13½- 6½ Duke 7½-12½ Virginia 9½-10½ Richmond 5½-14½ ROUND 1: UNC 2½, Duke 1½; Virginia 2, Richmond 2

ROUND 2: UNC 3, Maryland 1; Duke 2½, Richmond 1½; American 1½, Virginia 2½

ROUND 3: Maryland 4, Richmond 0; UNC 3, American 1; Virginia 3½, Duke ½

ROUND 4: Maryland 3, Duke 1; American 3, Richmond 1
ROUND 5: Maryland 2½, Virginia 1½;
American 2, Duke 2; UNC 3, Rich-

mond 1 ROUND 6: Maryland 3, American 1; UNC 4, Virginia 0

Lincoln (Neb.) Chess Club: Plans are under way for two inter-city team matches to be held at Manhattan, Kans. The first to match the Lincoln Club with Wichita, Kans., and the second against Kansas City, Mo. A USCF Club Affiliate.

# ROARK TRIUMPHS

James A. Roark of Lexington tallied 4-1 in the Kentucky State Open Championship, sponsored by the USCF Affiliated Louisville Chess Club, losing no games but drawing with Arthur Harth and Thos. Washington, to win the State title. Second, also with 4-1 but lower S-B pts., was Walter Grombacker of Chicago who lost one game to Roark. Third to fifth with 3-2 each were Oscar Maring of Middletown, George Anderson of Lexington, Arthur Harth of Fort Knox, and Richard Shields of Louisville.

The Class B Tournament was won by Alford Levy of Louisville with 4-1 score, losing one game to Jerry Davis. Second and third, also with 4-1 each, were Wm. Ardies who lost a game to Levy, and Jerry Davis who dropped a point to A.R. C. Markl. Markl was fourth with 3-2.

### CLARK TAKES NEVADA EVENT

Farrell L. Clark of Salt Lake City, Utah scored 6-1 to win the Nevada State Championship event at Reno, sponsored by the USCF Affiliated Reno Chess Club. Clark lost one game to Ad Rietdyk in the 27-player Swiss. Second with 51/2-11/2 was Phil Smith, a college professor from Fresno, Calif., who lost no games but drew with La-Verl Kimpton, Bob Edberg, and Louis N. Page. Third and fourth with 5-2 each were Tom Fries, a college student from Fresno, Calif., and Phil Neff of Las Vegas, a former Utah state champion, who retained the Nevada State title as ranking resident player. Fries lost games to LaVerl Kimpton and Clark; Neff to Ad Rietdyk with draws to Kimpton and Ronnie Gross. Fifth to seventh with 41/2-11/2 each were LaVerl Kimpton of Reno, M.O. Meyer of Sacramento, Calif., and Ronnie Gross of Compton, Calif. Considered the strongest Nevada tournament to date, the event drew 10 players from California, 5 from Utah, and one from Washington. It was directed by Harold Lundstrom, chess editor of the Deseret News of Salt Lake City.

### MAGEE RETAINS OMAHA TITLE

Lee Magee tallied 61/2-11/2 to retain the Omaha City title in the third annual A. C. Ludwig Memorial Tourney, gaining the second leg on permanent possession of the Ludwig Trophy. Magee lost one game to runner-up David Ackerman and drew once with Richard McLellan in the double-round event. David Ackerman tallied 5-3 for second, losing one game each to Magee and Richard Ireland, while drawing once with McLellan and Jacob Feldman. Edward E. Ireland and Richard McLellan tied for third with 44 each.

John Shea won the Premier Reserves with 7-2, while Dennis Osmond was second with 6½-2½ and Otto Schaap third with 5½-3½. In the Major Reserves victory went to Ken Richards with 8-0, while Steve Mickna was second with 6-2, and Bruce Price and W. A. Rowe shared third with 5-3 each.

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College Chess Life

Conducted by Frederick H. Kerr

All college clubs and players are urged to send news Items to: Frederick H. Kerr, Hamilton Hall, Box 448, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania.

THE eighth-place finish of the I United States in the Third World Student Chess Tournament was disappointing. However, let us not overlook the bright aspects of the American performance. William Lombardy won the award as the player with the best record on board two. He was able to go through the entire event undefeated. Edmar Mednis also finished with a plus score in very fast company. The American team was the only one not to lose a match by more than 3-1 besides the Soviet entry.

Many factors combined to defeat American hopes for a high finish. It seems as if the bottom boards were too weak for the competition. I am inclined to agree with those who think that the weakness may largely be a matter of inexperience rather than lack of talent. We must also keep in mind the fact that our team was not competing on an equal basis with the European ones. The tournament rules stated: "Each team is composed of four players, all of them students of higher education and under 30 years of age." In Europe, as many of you know, there is no sharp line between undergraduate and graduate students. These qualifications would have permitted established masters such as Donald Byrne, Eliot Hearst, and George Kramer to play. Eliot Hearst and Rhys Hays, however, decided to follow the usual undergraduate eligibility rules of the United States. There was no way to judge the relative strength of graduate and undergraduate students. Even if this would have been done, there is much doubt about the ability of graduate students to leave their work for ten days or so. Thus, the five American players looked across the boards and saw all kinds of European doctors and grandmasters. Several of the teams also had coaches and seconds to help them.

I consider the fact that Communist entries were state supported relatively unimportant. American olympic teams have done well, over the years, against state-supported teams. The important thing is the amount of support, not the source. I doubt if many USCF members would like to see state supported sports in the United States. Such a thing runs contrary to American traditions.

While America's top collegiate players were locked in combat at Uppsala, two major intercollegiate tournaments were held here at home—the First Annual Midwest Inter-University Team Tournament and the Annual Southern Intercollegiate Championship.

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Major Jopics

By

Montgomery Major

### Homely Advice on Running a Chess Club

Help refused

Is hindrance sought and found

BROWNING—Ferishtah's Fancies

I't takes a heap of working in a club to make it go, It's not a place for shirking, even if you didn't know. Someone has to pay the rent out, collect the money due, see that notices get sent out (I don't suppose it's you), plan tournaments and matches, arrange for games and teams; there's more to chess than catches the member's eye, it seems.

But tap a player's shoulder, ask him to do a chore. You'll learn ere you're much older (if you haven't learned before); he came to play a game of chess, that's all that there is to it. His answer you can almost guess: "Aw, let George do it."

Oh, happy club! which has a George (or maybe even two!); and happy members who can gorge on chess (like me and you). So usual is this set up, that many a club has died because their George got fed up and finally stepped outside.

So when a job is to be done, don't shrug an answer to it; play chess is work, and work is fun, and be the George to do it.

# The Kibitzer Has His Day

Dear Mr. Major:

The excellently written article "MANY TOURNAMENT DRAWS REVIVE CRITI-CISM OF PRESENT REGULATIONS" by William Rojam in the March 20th Chess Life and your invitation to submit letters concerning tie breaking systems prompts me to point out the following.

In the Coons Tie Breaking System all players are encouraged to avoid all but legitimate draws. The following is an outline of the scoring methods of the Coons Tie Breaking System.

WINS-The winner of any game should receive 100% of his opponents score.

DRAWS-All draws give 50% of opponents score.

LOSSES—All losses give 20% of opponents score.

PERFORMANCE-100% of all opponents score.
FORFEITS-Non percentage of opponents score for player giving forfeit.

WITHDRAWALS—The withdrawing player, for purposes of determining his PERFORMANCE is given 50% of his remaining games plus his score at time of withdrawal. This 50% does not go to the withdrawing players credit, only to his opponents who had previously played him.

BYES—No player should be penalized or boosted because of a bye. The onus of value of a bye should be on the player receiving it. He receives the point but the PERFORMANCE figure given is his own final score.

As can be seen from the above the Coons Tie Breaking System does exactly what both Mr. C. J. S. Purdy and Mr. William Rojam recommend. It puts a premium on the effort to win when a win is possible. On a percentage basis it does not too heavily penalize the legitimate draw. My thanks to both Mr. Purdy and Mr. Rojam for their articles explaining this feature.

Sewickley, Pa.

#### CONNECTICUT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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# LARRY EVANS ON OPENINGS

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### Panno's Innovation in the K's Indian Defense

The most promising innovation to have appeared in the King's Indian Defense has been introduced by Oscar Panno. Black delays the thematic ..., P-K4 (in fact neglects it altogether in many lines!) and concentrates on building up a Q-side offensive. It arises after the following moves: 1. P-Q4, N-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-KN3; 3. N-QB3, B-N2; 4. P-KN3, O-O; 5. B-N2, P-Q3; 6. N-B3, N-B3; 7. O-O, P-QR3.

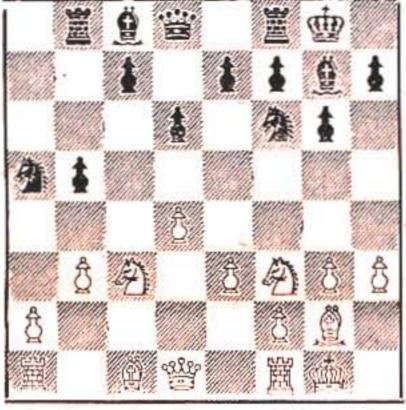


Position after 7. ...... P-QR3—to prepare

This inocuous-looking move prepares the build-up ....., R-QN1 and ...., P-QN4. The point is that 8. P-Q5, N-QR4; 9. N-Q2, P-B4 leads to positions in the Yugoslav Variation which are currently thought to yield White no advantage.

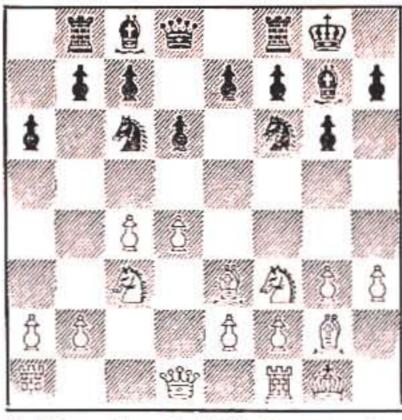
Here a word or two is in order, before we proceed to analysis, on the general character of the K's Indian Defense. Notice that Black's Pawn structure is virtually intact, with no wearnesses except the dark squares KB3 and KR3 which were incurred in order to fianchetto the K's Bishop. (However a weakness is only weak if it can be exploited, and so long as Black retains his Bishop these squares are not week.) White has committed himself in the center with his two very first moves (P-Q4 and P-QB4). Theory of the future may well brand 2. P-QB4 wear as well as pointless. The Pawn exerts pressure in the center, it is true, but it does not contribute to development and moreover creates a weakness. The K's Indian Defense (by not contesting the Q5 square) points up the absurdity of 2. P-QB4 more than any other defense. Black's present idea of a flank attack on the Q-side, or of playing ....., N-QR4 on demand, is in every sense consistent with the hypermodern theory that early occupation of the center creates targets. While it is much too optimistic to proclaim that Panno's system refutes 2. P-QB4, it nevertheless bids us to open our eyes and examine even those moves which are most taken for granted.

This variation first appeared in the game Idigoras-Panno, Mar Del Plata, 1955, where White took it too lightly: 8. P-KR3, R-N1; 9. P-N3, P-QN4; 10. P-K3, N-QR4 (more consistent is 10. ...., PxP; 11. PxP, N-QR4 applying relentless pressure aaginst the QBP; if then 12. Q-R4, P-B4! followed by B-Q2); 11. PxP, PxP and already Black has a good game because of his threatened expansion on the Q-side by ...., P-N5 followed by B-N2, with all the play.



Position after 11. ......, PxP—Black stands better!

In Stahlberg-Panno, Goteborg, 1955, White played: 9. P-KR3, R-N1; 10. B-K3.



Position after 9. B-K3—to prevent a future ......, P-QB4

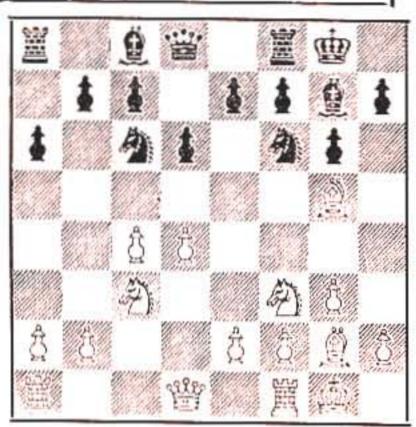
The game ment: 9. , P-QN4; 10. PxP, PxP; 11. R-B1 (it is a good idea for White to exert pressure against Black's QBP on the semiopen QB file), N-QR4 (threatening , N-B5); 12. P-N3, P-N5; 13. N-N1, B-QR3; 14. R-K1, P-B3; 15. Q-B2, R-B1; 16. Q-Q2, Q-N3; 17. B-R6, P-B4 threatening , P-B5 with a very satisfactory game for Black.

Stahlberg-Szabo, Goteborg, 1955, continued: 8. B-N5.

(See diagram top next column)

R-N1; 9. R-B1, B-N5; 10.
 P-KR3, BxN; 11. BxB, N-Q2; 12. B-K3, P-K4 with an equal position.

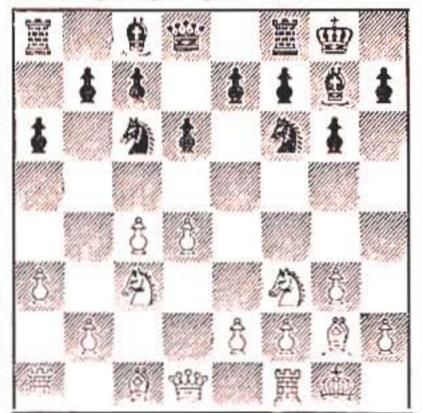
The question naturally arises--



Position after 8. B-N5—aiming at quick development

what can White do, what constructive plan can he pursue? Dr. Euwe suggests 8. P-N3 on the assumption that White's Q's Bishop has an unpromising future on the QB1-KR6 diagonal. The game Ilivitzsky-Pilnick, Goteborg, 1955, continued with 8. B-N5; 9. B-N2, R-N1; 10. P-KR3, B-Q2; 11. R-B1, P-QN4; 12. PxP, PxP; 13. P-Q5, N-R2; 14. N-Q4, with a slight edge for White. However 8. B-N5 is pointless. 8. R-QN1 immediately gives Black more leeway.

In the game Donner-Panno, Goteborg, 1955, White continued with 8. P-QR3 (intending P-QN4), but this move only weakens the Pawn chain QR2-QN3-QB4. Thus—



Position after 8. P-QR3—Intending P-QN4

8. , N-QR4 (our thematic move again!); 9. N-Q2, P-B4; 10. P-K3 (10. P-Q5, N-N5! threatening N-K4 is strong), B-N5; 11. N-K2, PxP; 11. PxP, R-B1 gives Black an easy game with marked targets against which to proceed.

Since all these attempts fail to yield White a demonstrable advantage one is tempted to return to the variation which we (and Euwe) initially dismiss: 8. P-Q5, N-QR4; 9. N-Q2, P-B4—on the assumption that it leads to wellknown positions in the Yugoslav Variation currently thought quite comfortable for Black. However, the move 7. ..... , P-QR3 constitutes a lost tempo which White can now take advantage of by 10. PxP ep (which is not available after , N-QR4; 8. N-Q2, P-B4). Black is in somewhat of a quandary

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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.

Championship will be played in Oklahoma City, July 16-28, as part of, or concurrently with, the 57th U.S. Open Championship. The Open Tournament will be directed by George Koltanowski, whom everyone knows, but I would like to add this bit of information about him—he has always been sincerely interested and active in the promotion of women's chess.

The title of U. S. Women's Open Champion is now held by Mrs. Sonja Graf Stevenson. Previous title holders have been Mrs. Gisela Gresser, Mrs. Eva Aronson, Miss Mona Karff (several times,) Miss Lucille Kellner (co-champion with Miss Karff in 1950) and others in earlier years.

We are going to follow last year's pattern of letting the women who are registered to play in Oklahoma City decide whether they wish the women's section to be a separate tournament or part of the main event. If we have more than twelve players and/or foreign entries, it will probably be a separate section.

An invitation has been sent to the Soviet women players to compete in this tournament. It is known that they would be interested in playing on one of our regularly organized national tournaments, but the twelve places in our bi-annual Women's Championship are too eagerly sought by our own players to allow of any guests. It remains that the Open is the only national women's tournament to which we can invite them. Those who know about these things tell me that it is most unlikely that the Russians will take part in a Swiss Tournament. (I had my own troubles trying to use translatable English in my letter to them. "Round Robin" might come out "Gross Grouse" or "Fat Finch." And what would "Swiss" tournament mean? "French leave" is "English leave" in France, and a "Dutch treat" is an "American treat" in Holland!)

Speaking of and to those lovely ladies who have written me that they would like to play in the next U. S. Women's Championship—that tournament will be held in 1957 and is strictly invitational, limited to the twelve highest ranking women players in the United States. The only direct line to that tournament is to play in high ranking, USCF rated tournaments (such as the Open mentioned above) and win yourself a high enough rating so that you will be automatically invited to the U.S. Women's Championship. And luck be with you.

North Carolina Ass'n: Correction of team match score published in April 5, 1956 issue: Raleigh "A" team defeated the newly organized Clinton team 3-1, and was not defeated by it as erronneously stated,



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

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#### MORPHY'S PRINCIPLE

This game illustrates Morphy's principle that rapid development is more important than material gain in an open game.

RUY LOPEZ MCO: page 230, column 13 Ottawa Training Tournament Ottawa, 1955

White Black R. F. RODGERS H. O. PAYNE P-K4 1. P-K4 Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 3. B-Kt5 B-Kt5

This is Alapin's Defense: usually running 3. ......, P-QR3; 4. B-R4, B-Kt5; O-O, KKt-K2; 6. P-B3, B-R4; 7. P-Q4, PxP; 8. PxP, with a slight advantage to White because of his center pawnmajority. 4. P-B3 **B-R4** 

5. BxKt? Erroneous strategy: White parts with a Bishop and neglects development. True, he picks up two Pawns and has seen through the tenth move-but this is not enough!

Better is 5. 0-0, KKt-K2; 6. P-Q4. Or Kt-R3! intending 6. Kt-B4 and 7. KtxB.

6. KtxP Setting the course, 6, P-KR3, 7, O-O, and 8. P-Q4, is safer, but means a change in plans.

QPxB

6. Q-Kt4 7. Kt-B3 7. P-Q4, QxP; 8. Q-B3, might be tried. QXP 8. R-K+1 Q-R6 9. RxP?

White relied on this to win a Pawn or two when he essayed 5. BxKt. However, 9. P-Q4, in order to answer 9. ......, B-KKt5 with 10. R-Kt3, is clearly more prudent.

9. ..... B-KKt5!

The winning move. 10. RXBP

5.



If 10. Kt-Kt5, Q-R3; wins. White saw this far ahead. He under-estimated the ensuing reaction.

10. Kt-R3! Not 10, ......, KxR? 11. Kt-Kt5 ch, K-Kt3; 12. KtxQ, BxQ; 13. KxB, and White has two connected passed-pawns and approximate material equality. 11. R-B4

0.0.0 12. P-Q4 KR-B1! Black is effectively and fully developed, White poorly and not half. Threat: 13. ......, RxR; 14. BxR, BxKt.

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13. K†-K†5 QXP Black begins to regain his material with interest. 14. Kt-B3

If 14. RxB, QxP mate. 14. Q-R8ch 15. K-Q2

If 15. K-K2, BxKt ch; wins,

15. RxPch! Black wins the Queen and soon mates. 16. K-K3 20. K-Kt5 QxKtch RXQ 17. RxRch K-Q2 21. KxKt 18. Kt-K5ch K-K2 19. K-B4 Q-R7ch



DOUBLE EXCHANGE SACRIFICE Black wins by sacrificing two Rooks for

#### two Bishops. Very nice! NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE MCO: page 108, column 36 Montreal City Championship Montreal, 1956

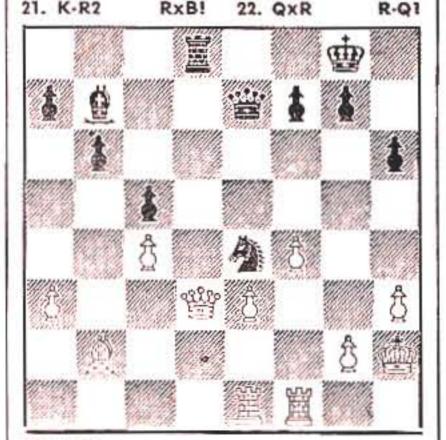
Notes by Ignas Zalys

White Black V. BEDRIKOWSKI I. ZALYS 7. P-QR3 BxKtch P-Q4 Kt-KB3 P-QB4 P-K3 8. PxB 0.0 B-Kt5 PXBP Kt-QB3 9. B-K2 Q-B2 P-B4 10. BxP Q-B2 P-Q4 11. B-Q3 P-K4 P-K3 Kt-B3 12. 0.0 Kt-B3

By transposition of moves, we have now arrived at a position well known from the Candidates Tournament, Zurich, 1953. P-QKt3!?

I played this move for the first time during a simultaneous exhibition, with clocks, in Montreal, 1954 vs. Russian grandmaster Kotov, with the following continuation: 13. P-Q5, Kt-K2; 14. P-B4, Kt-Kt3; 15. B-Kt2, R-K1; 16. Kt-Kt5, B-Q2; 17. QR-Q1, QR-Q1; 18. P-R3, Q-Q3; 19. B-B5, BxB; 20. QxB, Kt-R5=, My second game with this opening developed in the following manner: 13. P-K4, Kt-Q2; 14. P-Q5, Kt-K2; 15. P-B4, Kt-Kt3; P-Kt3, Kt-B3;
 Kt-K1, B-R6;
 18. Kt-K2, Kt-K1; 19. P-B3, Kt-Q3; 20. R-B2, P-B4 with fighting chances for both sides (Schroeder-Zalys, Correspondence, 1955).

13. B-Kt2 P-KR3 There was a threat to win a pawn: 14: PxP, KtxP; 15. KtxKt, QxKt; 16. P-QB4, Q-K2; 17. BxKt, QxB; 18. BxPch. 14. P-R3 R-K1 18. QR-K1 Kt-K5 15. PXKP KtxP 19. P-B4 B-Kt2 16. KtxKt QxKt 20. Q-K2 QR-Q1 17. P-QB4 Q-K2 Not 20. ...., Kt-Kt6? because Q-K14.



23. Q-B2 If 23. Q-Kt3, Q-R5! with a strong attack, e.g.: 24. R-B1, Q-Kt6 ch; 25. K-Kt1, Kt-Q7! with a double threat; or 24. R-K2, Q-Kt6 ch; 25. K-Kt1, R-Q7; 26. KR-K1, Kt-B7! with an easily won position. If 23. Q-Kt1, R-Q7 (threatening 24. .... , RxP ch; 25. KxR, Kt-B6 dis. ch; 27. K moves, KtxQ with advantage for Black); 24. R-Kt1, Q-R5; 25. QR-KB1, Q-Kt6 ch; 26. K-R1, Kt-B7 ch; 27.

RxKt, QxRP mate; or 24. R-B3, RxP ch; 25. KxR, Kt-Q7; 26. Q-B1, KtxR; 27. R-K2, Q-K5 with a strong attack. 23. ...... R-Q7 28. Q-B7 B-K1 24. Q-B1 Kt-B3 Q-R5 29. Q-K7 25. R-B3 30. R-Kt3 B-R5 RxB! 26. QXR 31. R-B3 QxR 27. Q-K5 B-B3 If 31. QxKt?, QxR ch. B-B7 39. QXRP Q-Kt6 32. Q-K5 Q-R5 40. R-B3 Q-K8ch Kt-Q7 33. Q-B7 B-B4 41. K-R2 34. K-K†1 B-K5 42. Q-K†7 B-R4! KtxRch 35. R-B2 B-Kt3 43. Q-Q5 36. Q-K5 Kt-K5 44. PxKt Q-B7ch 37. R-B1 P-84 Resigns K-R2 38. Q-Kt8ch



#### NIMZOVITCH DEFENSE MCO: page 108, column 36 New York Open Tournament New York, 1956

Notes by U.S. Expert Alex Suchobeck Black White W. LOMBARDY C. KALME 3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt5 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 P-K3 4. P-K3 2. P-QB4 4. P-QR3, BxKt ch; 5. PxB, P-B4; 6. P-B3, with the idea of creating a strong center, was very popular about twenty years ago when Botvinnik, as Black, practically refuted this line in his game against Lilienthal (Moscow, 1935). Among all the different branches of the Nimzo-Indian Defense, the modest move 4. Q-B2 might be the best continuation. It enables White to remove the pin on his Kt without upsetting his own pawn formation.

Kt-B3 7. 0-0 0-0 BxKt P-B4 8. P-QR3 B-Q3 Kt-B3 P-Q4 9. PXB It looks like this move should lead to a less convenient game for Black. Preferable is 9. ....., P-QKt3; 10. BPxP, KPxP; 11. PxP, PxP; 12. P-P-B4, R-Kt1. Q-B2 12. Q-K2 10. BxP

11. P-QR4 P-QKt3 Well played, 12. Q-B2 is not as good since in some variations the Queen would be bothered by Black's pieces on the QB file. White intends to advance his KP, while clearing the Q-file for his heavy artillery. Intentions which never came true!

P-K4 14. KtxKt KtxP 15. P-B3 PxKP A guard against the Knight's intervention, 15, P-K4 right away also gives White a good game. For example: a) 15. ......, B-Kt2; 16. P-B3, KR-Q1; 17. B-Nt2 followed by KR-Q1; b) 15. ......, QxBP?; 16. B-Kt2, Q-R4; 17. KR-B1!; c) ......, Kt-Kt5; 16. P-B4!, QxBP; 17. B-Q2, Q-Q5 ch; 18. K-R1 and White's development, in connection with his two Bishops, more than equalizes the loss of a pawn.



Fear of losing a pawn? Development of a piece, or what is it? 16. P-K4 was an absolute must and still a very strong move. The QBP cannot be touched by Black without pain. 16. ....., QxBP?; 17. B-Kt2, Q-R4 (17. ....., Q-Q7; 18. QR-Q1); 18. KR-B1, P-QKt4 (18. ....., R-Q7; 19. R-Q1); 19. PxP.

Kt-Q4 19. PxB 16. ..... R-K1 B-Q2 20. Q-KB2 17. KR-K1 18. B-K+5 BxB Another mistake which could hardly

be corrected. 20. P-K4 was still a crying necessity. Then follows 20. ......, Kt-B5; 21. Q-B4, Q-Kt4; 22. P-Kt3, Kt-R6 ch; 23. K-R1, KR-Q1; 24. B-B1! and Black has not enough juice to finish his attack successfully.

P-B5 William takes care of all the friendly gestures of his opponent in a precise way. He saw a pawn helplessly hanging in the air on the QKt-file, he likes to control the Q6 sq. and, if possible, make it his permanent cavalry headquarters, and, besides, it always pays to reduce the activity of your adversary's pieces to a minimum-a Bishop in this case. It is interesting to notice that this winning move coincides with the neutralizing of the major White threat, 21. P-QB4. 21. R-R4

This seals the envelope. Kt-B5 24. R-R1 P-QR4 22. Q-B2 Resigns Kt-Q6

QxKtP In Russian they say: "Don't put your fingers into the lion's mouth. He might bite". Is it not true about our promising William?



#### UNBELIEV ABLE

23. R-K2

Mengarini shares with Keres the fact that his best moves are unbelievable, that they look like mistakes. Here he permits White to make a combination which wins the exchange, After that, however, White finds that with three Black advanced pawns held by a single White pawn, he has a difficult, if not impossible, problem ahead.

#### SEMI-SLAV DEFENSE MCO: page 187, column 33 New York Open Tournament New York, 1956

Notes by U.S. Expert Dr. Max Herzberger Black White DR. A. MENGARINI M. GREEN P-Q4 B-Kt5 P-KR3 5. P-Q4

P-K3 **B-R4** PXP P-QB4 6. Kt-QB3 P-QB3 7. BxKf QxB 4. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 8. P-Kt3 8. P-K4 is customary. However, the Fianchetto has its more modern aspect: permitting White to strengthen the center, if necessary, with P-K3.

Kt-Q2 11. Kt-K4 B-Q3 B-Kt5 12. P-QR3 9. B-Kt2 10. 0-0 0-0 13. P-QR4 13. P-QR4 is an attempt to prevent Black from playing P-QKt4, and thus tries to regain the Gambit Pawn.

P-QR4 14. Q-B2 P-QKt4!!? Looks like an oversight, since White can enforce the following sequence of moves.

15. PXP PxP 17. Kt-Kt5 16. KtxB QxKt Threatens Mate and thus wins the ex-

change. P-R5 17. PXKt 18. BXR White has the exchange, but the Pawn majority on the Q-side is threatening. Kt-Kt3 21. P-K4 19. QR-Q1 B-Q2 22. Q-B1 20. B-Kt2

22. P-B4, with opening of lines on the K-side, seems more promising, according to the old rule that counter-attack is the best defense.

P-K4! Black threatens to make it four to one.

23. Q-K3 PXP 25. KR-Q1 Q-B4 24. RXP Threatens 26. RxB, QxQ; 27. PxQ, Ktx-R; 28. RxKt.

P-QKt5 25. But White discovers that this sequel would lead to a lost position, since the Black pawns could not be stopped.

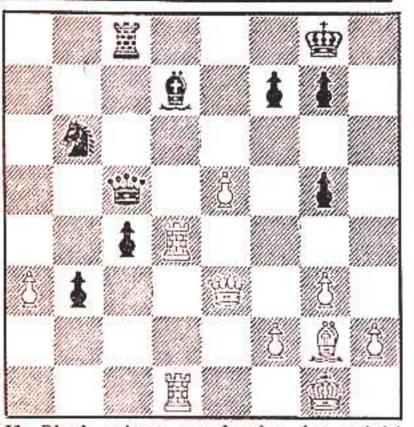
26. P-K5! To fetch the Bishop to reinforce the position. P-R6! 27, PxP P-Kt6! 26. ......

(See diagram top next column) United pawns are better than separated ones.

28. B-K+7 R-Kt1 29. B-K4 White has improved his position a bit.

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If Black plays carelessly, he might even lose. Look, for instance, at the plausible 29. ......, QxRP-the sequence could be 30. QxKKtP, Q-B1; 31. B-R7 ch, KxB; 32. R-R4 ch, K-Kt1; 33. Q-R5, P-B3; 34. RxB, KtxR; 35. P-K6 with Mate to follow.

P-B6 Now 30. QxKtP would be answered by ...., P-B7 and White has no time for the above maneuver.

30. R-Kt4 QXQ 34. BxP RXR 31. PXQ P-B7 35. PxR PxB 32. R-QB1 B-R5 . 36. K-K2 KtxP 33. K-B2 Kt-Q2 37, K-Q2

And the score says Black wins. The game has, however, still to be played carefully. Black must bring his King to the Q-side.

### Solutions

Finish It The Clever Way!

Position No. 175: 1. RxB ch, PxR; 2. Kt-Q3 ch, PxKt; 3. P-KB4 mate.

Position No. 176: 1. ....., RxR!; 2. KtxR, KtxKtP!; 3. Kt-Q4, K-Q3!; 4. P-Kt5, PxP!; 5. P-R6, Kt-Q6 ch; 6. K-Kt3, Kt-K4; 7. P-R7, Kt-B2; 8. Kt-B3, Kt-R1; 9. Kt-K5, P-Kt5; 10. K-Kt4, P-Kt6; 11. KxKtP, K-B2! (not 11, ....., P-Kt7?; 12. Kt-B4 ch, KxP; 13. KtxP, P-K4; 14. K-B3, K-Q2; 15. Kt-Q3, P-K5; 16. Kt-B5 ch, K-K1; 17. KtxP wins); 12. Kt-B4, KxP; 13. Kt-R5 ch, K-Q2; 14. KtxP, K-K2; 15. Kt-B5, K-B2; 16. K-R6, K-B3; 17. Kt-Q7 ch, K-B2; 18. Kt-K5 ch, K-B3, drawn.

Jura Mazutis of Strathcona Academy won the Montreal Junior title with 6-2 on S-B points. Also scoring 6-2 were S. Dubuc and H. Eisener, while A. Cayford tallied 5-3 for fourth and R. Brunet 4-4 for fifth in the nine player event.

York "Y" (Pa.) Chess Club: With the club round robin two-thirds completed, leading scores are Horst Bottstein with 9-1, Amos Edelheit with 91/2-11/2, Jack Schultz with 71/2-11/2, and Dave Schatanoff with 71/2-21/2.

## Student World Team Tourney At Uppsala

(Continued from page one, column two)

The big upset came in the next | round when Spain edged the USCF entry by 21/2-11/2. Mednis drew a Sicilian with Roman Toran after eighteen moves. Lombardy and Saidy also drew, but Shelby Lyman lost to Jose Prado after fifty-two moves. This round also saw the USSR romp over Yugoslavia by 4-0. This was a shock to the Yugoslavs, and it put the Soviets in command.

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UNITED S	TATES	SPAIN	
Mednis	1,/2	Toran	1/2
Lombardy	1/2	Mora	1/2
Saidy	1/2	Borvell	1/2
Lyman	O	Prado	ī
SOVIET U	NION	YUGOSLAVIA	
Korchnoi	1	Matanovic	0
Tal	1	Ivkov	0
Vasiukov	1	Tukic	0
Antoshin	1	Maric	0
THIRD RO	UND (c	hampionship)	USA

11/2, Spain 21/2; USSR 4, Yugoslavia 0; Bulgaria 21/2; Czechoslovakia 11/2; Hungary 3, Rumania 1. (consolation) Poland 3, UK 1; Sweden 2, Finland 2; France 21/2, Norway 11/2; Iceland 3, E. Germany 1.

The American team looked foreward to the fourth-round battle against the USSR with great expectations; they put up quite a fight, but the Russians won with 3-1. Mednis accepted a draw offered by Victor Korchnoi in time pressure. The Russian had gone wrong in a combination and had come out of it a rook down. Lombardy worked until he drew with S. Polugaevsky after seventy moves of a Benoni Counter gambit. Unfortunately, Anthony Saidy overlooked a chance to draw by perpetual check with Tal. He then resigned after fourth-five moves

Charles Witte, Columbia ......1

Shelby Lyman, Harvard ...... 0

were played. Witte also lost his game with Lutikov.

Same with	*******		
UNITED ST	TATES	SOVIET UN	ION
Mednis	1/2	Korchnoi	1/2
Lombardy	1/2	Polugaevsky	1/2
Saidy	0	Tal	1
Witte	0	Lutikov	1
FOURTH RO	DUND (	championship)	USSR
		Rumania 1/2;	

slavia 2, Czechoslovakia 2; Hungary 21/2; Bulgaria 11/2. (consolation) Poland 21/2, Eweden 11/2; UK 31/2, Norway 1/2; Iceland 3, France 1; E. Germany 3, Finland 1.

Mednis defeated Dolphi Drimer of Rumania to pace a 2-2 tie in the fifth round. The New York master outplayed Drimer in a Sicilian defense; the game was adjourned afthe forty moves. The next day saw the Rumanian resign after one additional move by Mednis.

UNITED STATES RUMANIA Mednis Drimer Lombardy Ghitescu Saidy Voiculescu Lyman Suta

FIFTH ROUND (championship) USA 2, Rumania 2; Bulgaria 31/2, Spain 1/2; Hungary 2, Yugoslavia 2; USSR 31/2, Czechoslovakia 1/2. (consolation) UK 31/2, France 1/2; Sweden 2, Norway 2.

Lombardy was the lone scorer for the United States in the Bulgarian match. He defeated Athanas Kolarov in a Numzo-Indian defense lasting thirty-two moves. Hungary was able to hold the Soviet Union to a 2.2 tie in this last round

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UNITED STA	TES	BULGARIA	
Mednis	0	Padevski	
Lombardy	1	Kolarov	
Saidy	0	Bobotsoy	
Lyman	0	Minev	
SIXTH ROUN	D (cl	hampionship)	Bul
garia 3, USA	1; US	SR 2, Hunga	ry 2
(consolation)	UK 2,	E. German	1y 2
(other scores	unavail	able).	

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Hungary16½-11½	Poland183- 9
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Yugoslavia 15 -13	United Kingdom15 -13
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Czechoslovakia113-163	Norway 9½-18
Rumania101-171	France 82-193
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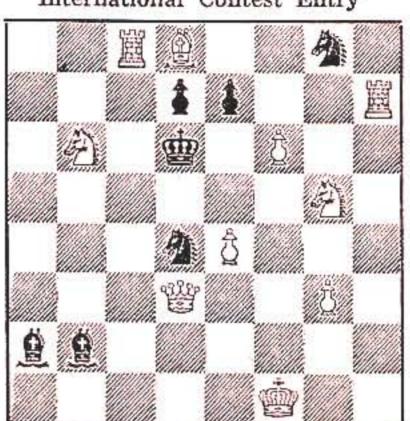
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# Mate The Subtle Way!

by Nicholas Gabor

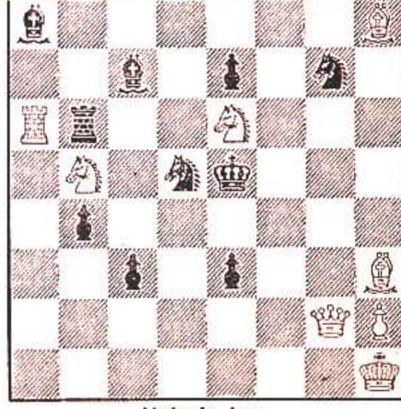
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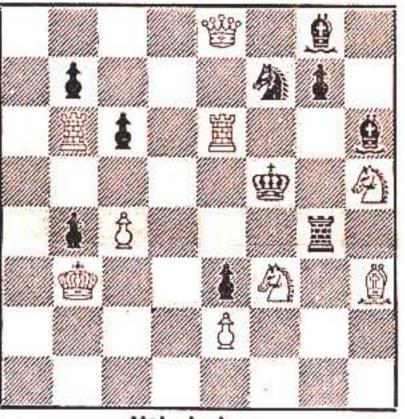
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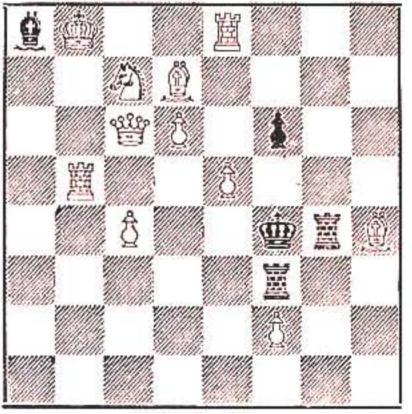
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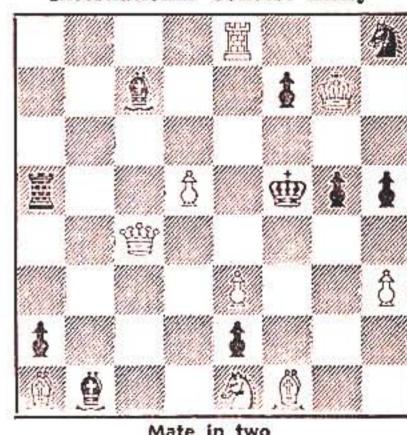


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### Solutions-Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 647 (Brill): Intention 1. B-B5 waiting. Cook: 1. B-Kt7. No. 648 (Hermanson): Set: 1. ....., PxR; 2. Q-K5. 1. ....., Kt/5-Kt3; 2. Q-B4. Key: 1. Kt-Kt6, threat 2. RxP, etc. No. 649 (Holiday): Key: 1. QxKP, threat 2. QxR. Six fine variations, including two unpins of self-pinned Queen and two Grimshaw interferences. No. 650 (Kun): Key: 1. QxP, threat 2, Kt-Q3. Three-fold Q sacrifice. No. 651 (Jacobs): Key: 1. Q-QB2 waiting. Two flights to the K, with good play. Minor dual after 1. ....., B-Kt7 or R8. No. 652 (Hernitz): Blocked position. Set: 1. ......, Kt(1) any; 2. R-K7. 1. ......, Kt3 random; 2. Q-Kt3. L. ....., Kt-Q4; 2. Q-B5. Three close tries: 1. Q-Kt2, L. Q-R8, and 1. Q-Kt7, all blocks, all defeated by 1. ......, Kt(1)xKt. Key: 1. Q-B6, threat: 2. RxKt. Now 1. ......, Kt(3) random; 2. Q-B4 and 1. ......, Kt-Q4; 2. Q-Q7. Changed play in the tries: the Zagorujko theme.

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### Solution Jo What's The Best Move?

#### Position No. 181

Schuppler-Hoenig, Baden, 1948.

White wins by 1. B-R6! to which the best reply is QxB, since RxB allows 2. QxB, PxQ; 3. KR-QN and curtains, The main line continues 2. Q-Q3!, QR-KB; 3. R-N8ch!, KxR; 4. Q-R6 forcing mate. Here Black may try 2. ...., N-Q2; 3. Q-R6, N-B4; but 4. QxRP ends all hope. In accordance with our custom of awarding bonus points when less than 10 correct solutions are received, this solution is worth 2 points.

In addition, we allow 1 point for the more tedious win by xx (1. B-R6, QxB;) QxB, PxQ; 3. RxRP, N-Q2; 4. R-R8ch., N-N; 5. R-N, Q-B8ch.; 6. RxQ, QR-KB; R-N, K-Q; 8. R/1xNch K-K2; 9. RxR, RxR; 10. RxR, KxR and the White bish-

op is triumphant.

This variation points up the error of playing (1. B-R6, QxB; 2. QxB, PxQ;) 3. KR-QN, since 3. ...... Q-B8ch deglamorizes the variation, and the Black king escapes as above while keeping the knight this time. It also appears wrong to continue, in the main line, with 2. Q-N, B-N3 since to 3. Q-N5, N-Q2 is an adequate defence, whereas to 3. RxRP Black again plays N-Q2 and will be able to hold the position without losing much more than the piece he has just won. Quiet moves such as 1. P-QB3 allow Black time to get in 1, ...... PxP (threatening mate, to which there is no winning reply, since 2. P-N3?? QxPch is bad, and 2. Q-B3 allows QxP ch; 3. QxQ, PxQ; 4. R/1-N, B-N3 and Black again saves himself.

Two points are awarded to Dr. Howard Gaba, W. I. Lourie, Dr. Frank C. Ruys, Bob Steinmeyer, and William B. Wilson.

One point each was won by J. E. Byrd and Robert Seiden.

The solvers were utterly routed by 37-7 (not counting bonus points).

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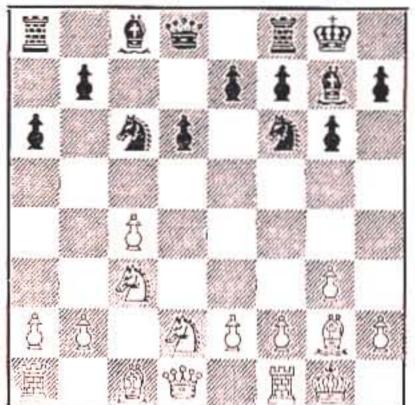
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### LARRY EVANS ON OPENINGS

(Continued from page five, column three)

as to how to recapture. 10. ....., PxP; 11. P-QN4 wins a Pawn for White (11. N-Q4; 12. PxN, BxN; 13. R-N1). And if 10. , NxP White has obtained a position very akin to the Maroczy bind against the Dragon Variation of the Sicilian Defense, with the important advantage here that his Pawn on -K2 may be advanced to K3 to defend the weak Q4 square. Hence if White can untangle his picces he can maintain an advantage with this simple expedient (8. P-Q5).



Position after 10. ......, NxP-can be forced!

This position is difficult to evaluate because the normal 11. P-N3 cannot be played (11. ....., P-Q4!; 12. PxP, NxP, etc.). At any rate all this deserves a tournament test and it is surprising to find that no master has yet adopted it. Offhand it seems that White should be able to devise some way to untangle his pieces and thus maintain his advantage in space while

squelching Black's Q-side counterplay.

Conclusion: Because of the possibility of 8. P-Q5 in conjunction with 10. PxPep, which throws Black on the defensive even if it can be proved that he has theoretical equality, Black may be well-advised to enter Panno's Variation via the more accurate 7. ....., R-N1 (instead of ......, P-QR3). The point is that in the above suggestion 10. PxP ep can be met by PxP; and the Rook on QN1 prevents the possibility of P-QN4, winning a Pawn. Chess is a hard game!

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