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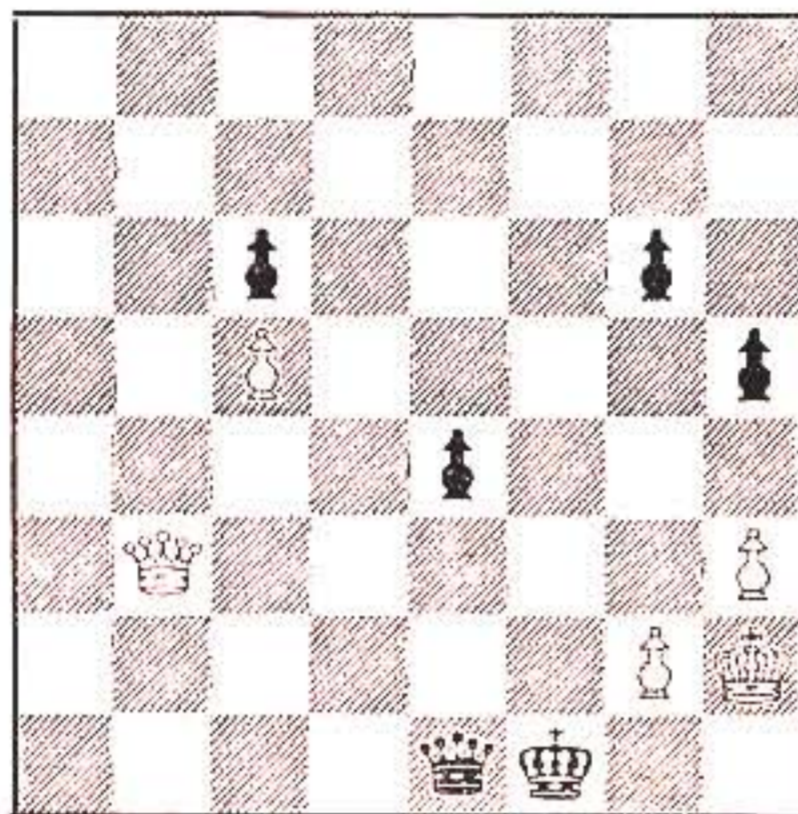
Conducted by
RUSSELL CHAUVENET

SEND solutions to Position No. 187 to reach Russell Chauvenet, 721 Gist Ave., Silver Spring, Md., by August 5, 1956. With your solution, please send analysis or reasons supporting your choice of "Best Move" or moves.

Solution to Position No. 187 will appear in the August 20, 1956 issue.

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Position No. 187
Contributed by
RICHARD McLELLAN



Black to move

CRITTENDEN TOPS IN NO. CAROLINA

Kit Crittenden, 1953 North Carolina Champion, won the North Carolina Open Championship at Wilmington with 5½-½, drawing in the final round with Pete Henderson. Don Burdick of Huntington, W. Va. was second with 4½-1½, losing to Crittenden and drawing with Henderson. Third to ninth in the 30-player Swiss with 4-2 each were Pete Henderson of Chapel Hill, Edgar T. McCormick of East Orange, N.J., James Roark of Lexington, Ky., Clarence Kalenian of Miami, Fla., Robert Ennis of Fort Bragg, Dr. George Harwell of Durham, and E. Forry Laucks of West Orange, N. J. Dr. A. H. Bond of Norton, Va. was tenth with 3½-2½.

USCF APPOINTS '56 NOMINATIONS

The USCF Nominating Committee, which will recommend candidates to the USCF Board of Directors to succeed USCF Vice-Presidents A. Wyatt Jones and Rhys W. Hays, whose terms expire this year, will consist of James Bolton, 49 Highland St., New Haven, Conn.; Henry Gross, 1657 No. Point St., San Francisco 23, Calif.; Herman Zierke, 3320 17th St., Racine, Wis.; William Slater, 116 Pinehurst Ave., New York 33, N. Y.; and Major J. B. Holt, Long Beach via Sarasota, Fla.

U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

July 16-28, 1956
Oklahoma City, Okla.

KRASZEWSKI TOPS WISCONSIN STATE

Jerome Kraszewski of Milwaukee tallied 7-0 to win the annual Wisconsin Championship at Sheboygan. The new champion was one of the most promising young Milwaukee players of the 30s, then disappeared from chess, and has recently returned with talents unimpaired. Second place went to Henry Meifert of Racine with 5½-1½, while third was Dr. L. C. Young of Madison, also with 5½-1½. Meifert lost a game to James Mangan and drew with Dr. Scott Kittsley, while Young lost no games but drew with Alfred Wehrley, Curtis Gardner, and Hans Huse. Fourth to twelfth with equal 5-2 scores in the 64 player event were Richard Kujoth, Charles Weldon, Arpad E. Elo, Kenneth Runkel, James Mangan, Fred Cramer, Marshall Rohland, William Banerdt, and John A. Carroll. 13th to 16ths with 4½-2½ were Dr. Scott Kittsley, Curtis Gardner, Alfred Wherley, and Russell Kime.

U.S. OPEN DATE DRAWS CLOSER

As the date of the U.S. Open at Oklahoma City draws closer each day, it behooves the wavering chess player to determine before too late whether he will enjoy the fun and excitement or let it slip by neglected. Time is short for the decision.

Advance registrations, headed by defending Open Champion Nicholas Rossolimo, already assure a strong field of players, and a most exciting contest.

While players can register, commencing Sunday, July 15th, at 2 P. M., at the Civic Room, advance registration by mail is advisable.

What's Wrong With David?

By International Master **GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI**

IN 1950 David Bronstein of the USSR won the Candidates' Tournament in Budapest. In 1951 he played a match with Mikhael Botvinnik, champion of the world, for the title, in Moscow. The match ended in a tie 12-12. Many are the players, who saw the games, who are convinced that Botvinnik should have lost this match and with it the title. David had considerable success since then. His style is on the bizarre, he has no set rules of opening plays. One can almost say his ideas are fantastic, and seldom can one play over a game of his, and say it was dull.

In the Candidates' Tournament in Zurich, 1953, he beat Reshevsky twice, so that his forthcoming match with Reshevsky (if no snag develops) should prove of great interest to chess fans all over the world. Bronstein is a born fighter, and in Zurich he told me that he preferred to play chess rather than eat, so much so he will play for a doubtful win than for a sure draw.

For a while it looked like he would walk away with first place in the Candidates' Tournament at Amsterdam, but then he overreached himself. In the 12th round, for example, Bronstein, in one of the greatest tournaments ever, schemed up a plan of sacrificing his queen for two minor officers and two pawns right in the opening. Unheard of in the history of chess! (One cannot become champion of the world that way.) His young opponent, Spassky, opened the King's file with heavy artillery, and won. No notes to this game. The student will be impressed anyway.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE World Candidates' Tournament Amsterdam, 1956

White		Black	
B. SPASSKY		D. BRONSTEIN	
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3	8. Q-Q2	Q-R5ch
2. P-QB4	P-KKt3	9. P-Kt3	Kt1xP
3. Kt-QB3	B-Kt2	10. Q-KB2	Kt1xB
4. P-K4	P-Q3	11. QxQ	KtxB
5. P-B3	P-K4	12. K-B2	KtxP
6. P-Q5	Kt-R4	13. P-Kt3	Kt-Kt3
7. B-K3	Kt-R3	14. Kt-K2	P-KB4

15. KR-KKt1	O-O	32. RxRch	KxR
16. K-Kt2	B-Q2	33. K-R1	R-B4
17. P-R4	B-KB3	34. Q-R4	Kt-B3
18. Q-Kt3	Kt-Kt5	35. Q-B2	Kt-Kt4
19. P-R5	Kt-B1	36. Q-K2	Kt-Q4
20. PxP	BxP	37. P-R6	PxP
21. R-R4	Kt-Q6	38. Q-K8ch	K-Kt2
22. R-QB4	Kt-B4	39. QxP	K-R3
23. Kt-K4	Kt-R3	40. QxRP	KtxP
24. KtxBch	RxKt	41. Q-Kt7	Kt-Q6
25. P-B4	P-K5	42. R-K7	KtxP
26. Kt-B3	Kt-K2	43. RxPch	K-Kt4
27. R-K1	QR-KB1	44. Q-K7ch	K-Kt5
28. P-Kt4	P-B3	45. Q-K3	K-Kt4
29. KtxP	BxKt	46. P-R4ch	K-Kt5
30. R(4)xB	KtxQP	47. K-R2	Kt-R4
31. R-K8	Kt(3)-B2	48. R-R6	Resigns

KANDEL UPSETS MARYLAND MEET

Irving Kandel, a correspondence player competing in over-board play for the first time in fifteen years, swept to an amazing 6-1 victory in the Maryland State Championship at Towson, winning the title on Solkoff points over Saul Wanetick who also tallied 6-1. Kandel lost no games but drew with Wanetick and Boris Garfinkel; Wanetick drew with Richard McComas and Kandel. Third was Boris Garfinkel with 5½-1½, while fourth to sixth with 5-2 each were Richard McComas, Michael Tilles, and Billy Adams. Seventh to tenth in the 36-player Swiss with 4½-2½ each were Joseph Lasarko, Armin Surgies, Robert C. Simpson, Wm. H. Bulmash, while Herbert Avram led those with 4-3 scores.



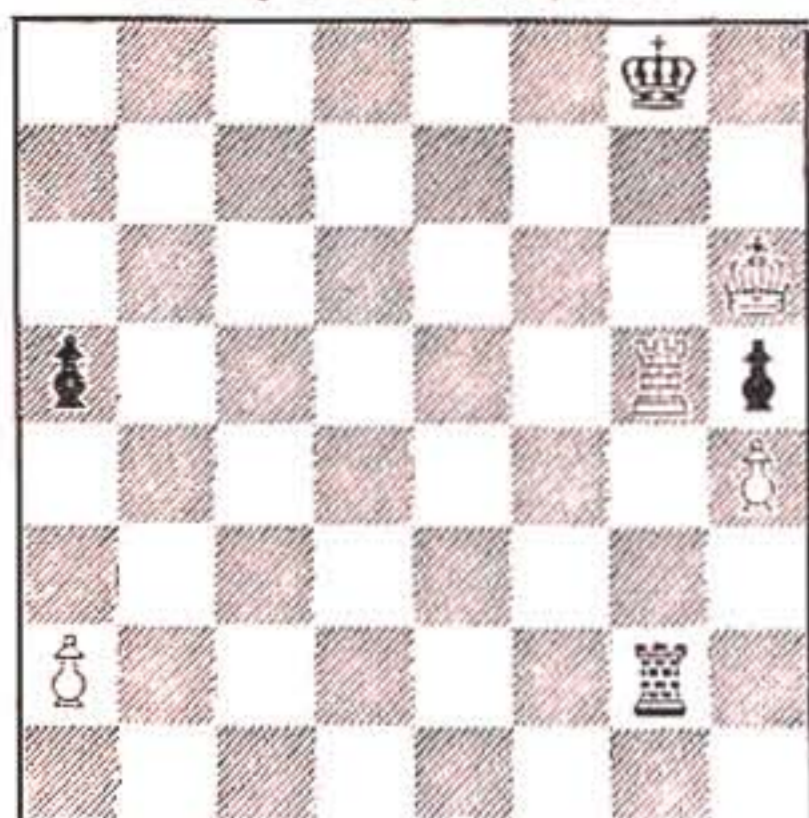
"BLINDFOLD" CHESS

Blindfold Chess Champion George Koltanowski in the midst of a blindfold simultaneous exhibition at the Greater Miami Chess Club, Alcazar Hotel, Miami, Fla.

Finish It The Clever Way! by Edmund Nash

Position No. 179

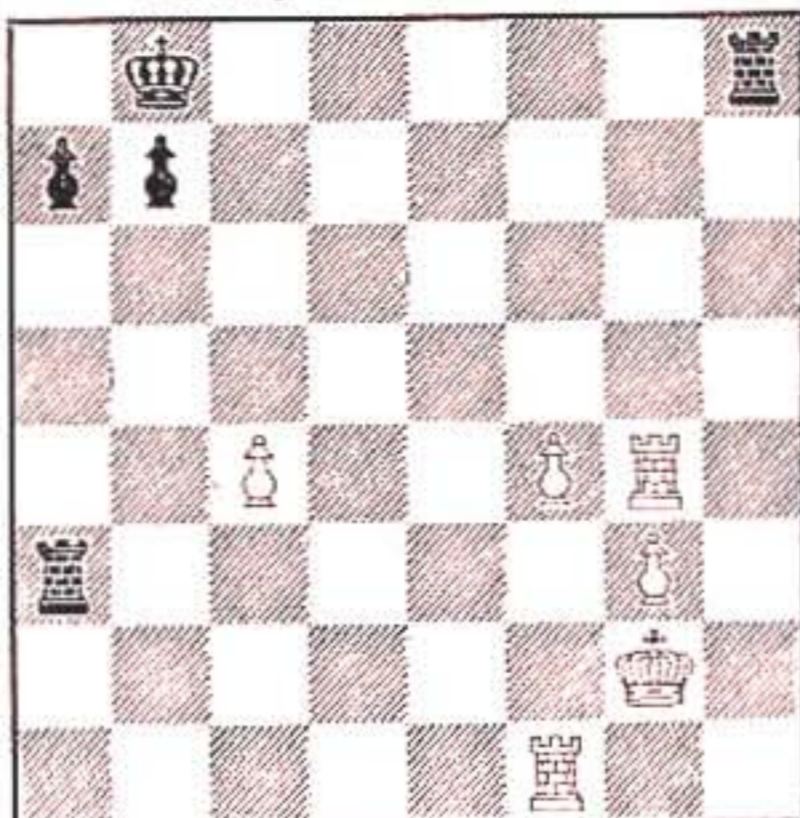
C. Parmelee vs. J. Hudson
Asbury Park, N. J., 1956



Black to move and draw

Position No. 180

H. Lyman vs. E. Nash
Asbury Park, N. J., 1956



Black to move and draw

THE United States Amateur Championship Tournament, held toward the end of May at the oceanside summer resort of Asbury Park, N.J., proved to be a delightful occasion for amusement and relaxation for me and my family. We hope for similar opportunities in coming years.

The two positions above from this tournament impressed me as most instructive. In Position No. 179, from the game between the former and the new amateur champions, White had just made impulsively the unneeded, so obviously (?) winning move of 51. R (QN5)-N5 ch, instead of allowing the position to be adjudicated, after Black's 50th move (White had a won game with 51. RxQRP).

In Position No. 180, I had to make 17 moves in a few minutes; on the 11th move, with only a few seconds left, I missed the right continuation, but succeeded in making my 17 moves. The game was adjudicated as a win for White.

For solutions, please turn to Page seven.

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



In the Stevenson Memorial Tournament of the Borgnor Congress in England U. S. Expert Arthur Spiller (now in the U. S. Armed forces) placed in a tie for



14th with 5½-4½, while E. Czapski (also in the U. S. Army) placed in a tie for 18th with 5-5 in the 42 player event won by A. O'Kelly de Galway with 8-2, with second to seventh with 7-3 each to W. Barden, Dr. Fazekas, H. Golombek, H. Lehmann, D. Janosevic, and V. Pirc.



Preliminaries of the Latvian Tournament of New York City saw August Rankis, former Champion of the Latvian southern district of Kurzeme, place first with 10-2 in the double round event, losing one game to John Pamiljens and drawing once each with Peter Zirnis and Gunar Znotins. Pamiljens, who as a student was Champion of the northern Latvian district of Vidzeme, placed second with 8-4, losing one game each to Rankis, Zirnis, Znotins, and Edmund Brigmanis. Third was Zirnis, formerly a top-ranking player of the University of Riga, with 7-5, while Znotins tied for fourth in the seven man event with Brigmanis at 6-6 each. Rankis, Pamiljens and Zirnis will compete in a double-round event against U. S. Master Edmar Mednis for the final Latvian championship of New York. The Latvian players expect to form a new Baltic Chess Club in New York City in the fall.

Lincoln (Neb.) Chess Club: Richard Hervert and Alexander Liepnieks shared first place with 4½-1½ each in the annual Spring Class A Tournament. Hervert of North Platte lost one game to Vladimir Rajnoha and drew Liepnieks; Liepnieks lost and drew with Herbert. Rajnoha was third with 3-3 in the double round event. A USCF Affiliated Club.

QUAKERS TAKE PA COLLEGIATE

The University of Pennsylvania won the 1956 Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Championship, losing only two and one-half points out of a possible fifteen to swamp all competition. Pennsylvania State University was second with a lone loss to Penn. Contenders for the title were University of Pittsburgh, which reentered college chess after a long absence, as winner of Western Division; Pennsylvania State University who defeated all competition in the Central Division; Muhlenberg College of Allentown, winner in the Eastern Division and University of Pennsylvania which won the Philadelphia Intercollegiate Championship. These four teams met at the Jewish Community Center at Harrisburg with Morde Treblow, vice-president of the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation, as tournament director, assisted by Gerald Orner and Frederick H. Kerr.

In round one Penn State bested Pittsburgh 3½-1½ while Pennsylvania downed Muhlenberg 4-1. In the second round Pennsylvania defeated Pittsburgh 4½-½, while Penn State beat Muhlenberg 4-1. Round three saw Pennsylvania down Penn State 4-1 while Pittsburgh bested Muhlenberg 3-1. There were five undefeated players: Uldis Bross of Penn (3-0), William Friedman of Penn State (3-0), Larry Dinnerstein of Penn (2-0), Bilsel Alisbah of Penn (2-0), and Alan Leibowitz of Penn (2-0).

Sports reporter Rusty Cowan and photographer Francis Smith covered the event for the **Harrisburg Patriot-News**, and the **Sunday Patriot-News** carried a big feature spread on the tournament on the sports page. This coverage was largely due to the efforts of Dr. Nathan Krantman of the Harrisburg Chess Club, who also handle accommodations for the players.



The second Luebbert Correspondence Tourney goes into the finals with the five following section winners competing for the \$281.50 first prize and four other cash prizes: Pvt. D. W. Eliason of White Sands Proving Ground, N. M. 10-0; Edgars Sneider of Lansing, Mich. 9½-½; Dr. Norman M. Hornstein of Southport, N. C. 10-0; James N. Schmitt of Portland, Ore. 9-1; and Dr. Erich W. Marchand of Rochester, N.Y. 9½-½. None of these lost a game in the preliminary rounds.

Luebbert now announces his 1957 International Battle Royal Correspondence Chess Tournament with 24 prizes to be awarded (1st prize will be 35% of all entry fees and 50% of total prize money). Entry fee is \$5.00 with 70% of entry fees going to prize fund. Those interested may contact: Morton W. Luebbert, Jr., 404 Linn St., Valley Falls, Kans.

Toledo YMCA (Ohio) Chess Club: Robert G. Lake won the club title with 5-1, losing one game to runner-up Francis H. Ashley, who scored 4½-1½. Ashley lost a game to George L. Robinson and drew with Lawrence C. Jackson, Jr. who placed fourth, also with 4½-1½. Max Moldawsky was fourth in the 12-player Swiss with 4-2. A USCF Club Affiliate.

Chess Life In New York

By Allen Kaufman

THE annual chess season draws to a close here as the summer approaches, and attention turns to Oklahoma City, and the Open. As in former years, many local masters plan to make the trip and participate.

On the local scene, Ed Mednis, star of N.Y.U.'s chess team, first board of the U.S. Intercollegiate team, and representative of this country in the World's Junior Championship, gave a simultaneous exhibition at the Marshall Chess Club. Twenty-six faced him; Ed drew seven, and won nineteen against tough opposition. Incidentally, all the money has not yet been raised to cover the cost of that intercollegiate tournament: a few more contributions would be welcome.

King-pin of New York rapid chess is Bill Lombardy. He has won several strong rapid tourneys with clean scores. His most recent victory was in a weekly Manhattan A rapid. He swept through, 9-0, ahead of Walter Shipman, the country's highest rated master, and Bobby Fischer, the country's most promising B player, among others.

Digging myself out of the pile of mail the "cash vs. trophy" column evoked, your reporter finds most correspondents are against cash prizes, and don't care whether or not master participated. Interestingly enough, many average-to-weak players wrote, but not one master (and the masters have most at stake) replied. When the various opinions are sorted out and tabulated, results will be published. Keep writing!

Both letters of comment and contributions for the rest of the collegiate fund can be sent to me at 150 W. 179 St., New York 53, N.Y. All contributors of one dollar or more will receive the tournament book of the Second World's Collegiate Tourney.

Franklin (Philadelphia) Chess Club: U. S. Junior Champion Charles Kalme tallied 9½-1½ to win the club title, losing one game to Samuel Sklaroff and drawing with Bernie F. Winkelman in the 12 player round robin. Bernard Albert and Eugene Dreher shared second with 9-2 each. Albert lost games to Kalme and Dreher, while Dreher lost to Kalme and drew with Mrs. Mary Selensky and Winkelman. Bernie F. Winkelman was fourth with 7-4, while Mrs. Mary Selensky and W. Leon Arkless shared fifth with 6½-4½ each. A USCF Club Affiliate.

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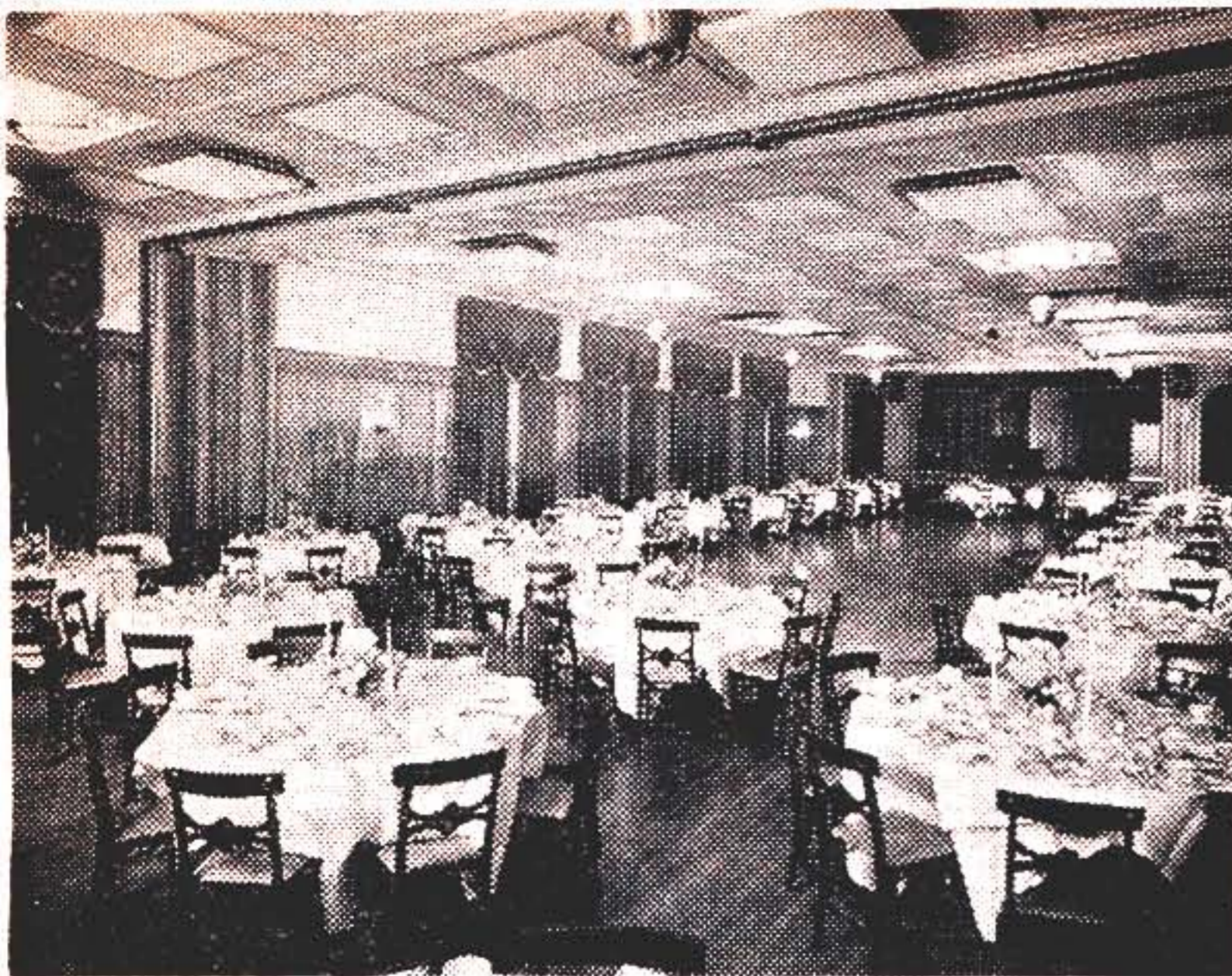
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To erase the deficit accumulated from 1946 to 1952 in publishing CHESS LIFE, prior to the adoption of the Harkness Plan, which is paying current obligations.

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SITE OF THE U. S. OPEN

The air-conditioned Civic Room of the Oklahoma Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City, which will be the scene of the U. S. Open Championship from July 16 to July 28, 1956.

Illinois Gains First Midwest Inter-University Team Title

By FREDERICK H. KERR
College Chess Life Editor

The University of Illinois tallied 22½-7½ to win the First Annual Midwest Inter-University Team Tournament. Eight schools played in this six-round Swiss event held at the University of Chicago over the week end of April 14 and 15. They were: University of Illinois, University of Michigan, University of Chicago, Purdue University, Indiana University, University of Minnesota, Roosevelt College, and Marquette University. Although this is a new tournament, the organizers hope to make it an annual event. A total of forty-eight players took part in the USCF rated tourney.

Hot on the heels of the Fighting Illini came the Wolverines of Michigan with 20½-9½. Michigan's John Penquite was the only undefeated regular; he took the prize for second board. A former state champion of Michigan and Iowa, Penquite defeated Jim Jackson, former Connecticut state champion, in the third-round match between Michigan and Illinois. Paul Poschel of Illinois won first board with 4-1; he is a former champion of the Prairie State. John O'Keefe of Michigan, winner of the last Fort Wayne Open, took third board with 5-1. Hoosier Ray Cook scored 5½-½ to win fourth board. Another Illini, Burt Zabin, captured the title at fifth board with 3½-½. Other high scorers were the following: Valdes Tums of Illinois (4½-½), Illini Peter Wolf (4½-½), Robert Gauntt of Purdue (5-1), Michael Robinson of Chicago (4-1), and Michigan's Ian Kirkwood (4-2).

The direction of the tide became obvious during the first two rounds, for Illinois rolled over Indiana 4½-½ and Marquette 4-1. The Golden Gophers of Minnesota gave up five points to Michigan in the first round, and the Wolverines took a match from Roosevelt by 3½-1½. Thus Illinois and Michigan each had 8½-1½ records going

into the third round. They met, and Illinois proved that its team had greater depth by winning the last three boards to score a 3-2 victory. The host Chicago team continued in contention until it went down to defeat at the hands of the Illini in the fifth round by a score of 3½-1½. Roosevelt might have finished higher, but it was forced to forfeit four games because of illness.

This tournament differed from most intercollegiate events in that graduate students played. It developed from ideas by the members of the University of Chicago Chess Club. The tournament director was Robion Kirby of the Chicago group.

ROUND 1: Illinois 4½, Indiana ½; Michigan 5, Minnesota 0; Chicago 3, Roosevelt 2; Purdue 5, Marquette 0.

CORRECTION

The University of Maryland placed second in the SICA Team Tourney reported in the May 5th issue of CHESS LIFE, and not the University of Virginia as erroneously stated in the headline. The news report correctly reported the standings.



Frederic Foote of Hastings, Mich. tallied 4½-½ to win the Capitol City Open staged by the Columbus Y Chess Club. Second, also with 4½-½, was Ervin Underwood of Columbus. Third to fifth with equal 4-1 scores were Robert McCready, Kurt Loening, and J. P. May, while sixth to eighth with 3½-1½ were Leonard Newmark, Joseph Waltz, and John DeWitt. The tournament drew 36 players from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, West Virginia, and Illinois, and was directed by James Schroeder.

Fort Bliss (Tex.) Chess Club: Pfc. Donald E. Bengé and Lt. Col. R. C. Hunter tied for first in the club championship with 12-1 each; Bengé lost his game to Hunter, and Hunter lost to Capt. William D. Lee. 2nd Lt. Edward C. Diedrich was third with 10½-2½ in the 14-player round robin, losing to Bengé and Hunter while drawing with Sp/3c Bernard J. Norton. Capt. Lee was fourth with 10-3. In a play-off match, Bengé won the club title, defeating Col. Hunter 2-0. A USCF Club Affiliate.

ROUND 2: Illinois 4, Marquette 1; Michigan 3½, Roosevelt 1½; Chicago 4, Minnesota 1; Purdue 3, Indiana 2.

ROUND 3: Illinois 3, Michigan 2; Chicago 2½, Purdue 2½; Indiana 3½, Roosevelt 1½; Minnesota 4, Marquette 1.

ROUND 4: Illinois 3½, Purdue 1½; Michigan 2½, Chicago 2½; Indiana 3, Minnesota 2; Marquette 3, Roosevelt 2.

ROUND 5: Illinois 3½, Chicago 1½; Michigan 4½, Purdue ½; Indiana 5, Marquette 0; Minnesota 4, Roosevelt 1.

ROUND 6: Illinois 4, Minnesota 1; Michigan 3, Indiana 2; Chicago 4½, Marquette ½; Purdue 3½, Roosevelt 1½.

STANDINGS:

Illinois	22½-7½	Indiana	16-14*
Michigan	20½-9½	Minnesota	12-18
Chicago	18-12	Roosevelt	9½-20½
Purdue	16-14*	Marquette	5½-24½

*Purdue had 3½ match points, and Indiana had 3.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

INFINITE VARIETY

IT IS not on record that Cleopatra indulged in chess, though she played her men well enough to qualify in other power-struggles. The five books here under consideration remind one irresistibly of Shakespeare's phrase for her, because they multiply facets of the bibliolater's imagination no less variously. First there is the tournament book, M. E. Goldstein's and M. D. Broun's **The Australian Chess Championship, Hobart, Tasmania 1952-1953** (80 pp., mimeo. Mosman, New South Wales: 75 Bradley's Head Road), won by Lajos Steiner. Second there is the overpriced manual, I. A. Horowitz and Fred Reinfeld. **The Macmillan Handbook of Chess** (New York: Macmillan, 248 pp., numerous diags., \$4.50), designed for players of every grade and containing sections on how to promote a club, run a tournament, and make up pairings. This last is hard to find. Third there is the scholarly **Philosophie des Schachs** by Dr. Fritz Siebert (Bad Nauheim: Schachverlag Heinz Loeffler, paper, 103 pp., D.M. 4.80, about \$1). Fourth is the generous and useful section on chess in **The New Complete Hoyle** by A. H. Morehead, R. L. Frey, and Geoffrey Mott-Smith (Garden City, N. Y.: Garden City Books, 740 pp., \$3.95), which may be enthusiastically recommended for its coverage of other games also. The fifth has nothing to do directly with chess, but should prove extremely attractive to the chess mind: J. D. Williams' **The Compleat Strategyst** (New York: McGraw-Hill, 234 pp., \$4.75). Priced a little high, the book is a popular-style primer on the theory of games of strategy, with dozens of examples and simple arithmetic as the only prerequisite to some dazzling feats of logic. Taken together, these testify once more to the inexhaustible fertility of chess and its literature.

College Chess Life

Conducted by
Frederick H. Kerr

All college clubs and players are urged to send news items to Frederick H. Kerr, Sample Road, R. D. No. 3, Allison Park, Pennsylvania.

MICHAEL Cherington won the championship of the Pitt Chess Club with a 5-0 picket-fence score. He is the son of T. M. Cherington, the chess editor of the **Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph**. Second place went to Dave Rainero and Dave Kaufman with 4-1. James Hill took the fourth position with 3½-1½ in the five-round Swiss System. A total of twenty-two students of the University of Pittsburgh took part.

The First Annual New Orleans Junior Championship Tournament was won by a Tulane University student, Fred McClendon. This representative of the Tulane Green Wave scored a blue streak of 5-0 to pocket the title.

Two simultaneous exhibitions closed out the season at Penn State. Newell Banks gave one consisting of both checks and chess. At checkers he won 7 and drew 2. At chess he won 7 and drew 6. The following scored draws at chess against the Detroit expert: Dr. Fred H. Brock, Carl H. Deitrich, Dr. Orrin Frink, Edward L. Herr, Frank Toth, and your reporter. The second exhibition was given by USCF Expert Durwood Hatch of Altoona. A former champion of the Pennsylvania State University Chess Club, he returned to his alma mater and scored 14 wins and one loss. Dr. Orrin Frink, the present club champion, was able to win a hard-fought game. During both exhibitions, Wendell Swope, "Penn State's professor of board-game theory," gave outstanding simultaneous kibitzing exhibitions. Swope is probably the first real simultaneous kibitzer in the history of the game of chess.

A list of all known colleges having chess clubs has been made up. Copies will be sent to all those requesting them from the address given above.

Question 3: College teams have often competed in the New York Metropolitan Chess League. In 1906, a famous game was won by a player representing Columbia University against the well-known master, A. W. Fox, of the Manhattan Chess Club. This Columbia student then went on to quite a chess career. Who was he? The prizes given for the first 5 correct answers will be Kenseal Pouches of Kentucky Club Mixture. These come with the compliments of the Mail Pouch Tobacco Co. of Wheeling, West Virginia. If you smoke a pipe to annoy your chess opponents, Kentucky Club is not for you. However, if you smoke for pleasure, Kentucky Club may be the tobacco you have been looking for.

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Major Topics

By
Montgomery Major

Variations On A Theme

I come from the Town of Stupidity; it lieth about four degrees beyond the City of Destruction.
BUNYON—Pilgrim's Progress

THUS speaks Mr. Honest, in that greatest of all allegories known to man, in explaining his presence to Christiana and Mr. Great-Heart on that pilgrimage to eternal hope about which Bunyon writes so vividly.

It was no discredit to Mr. Honest that the Town of Stupidity was his birthplace, as it was no disqualification to Christian, his wife and children that the City of Destruction was their home. The point is that Mr. Honest "came from the Town of Stupidity"—he was not content to remain there. Nor was he discouraged at the outset by the Slough of Despond that conquered Christian's weak-willed companion, Pliable. Instead, he persevered; and came at last to the River where his friend, Good-Conscience, met him, lent him a hand, "and so helped him over."

But many of us are not so fortunate (or, shall we say, not so persevering). Born in the Town of Stupidity, we are content to remain there. We may criticize its customs and belabor its behavior; but our faith is not affirmative enough for us to make the effort inherent in a change of domicile. We are too indolent to come from the Town of Stupidity; thus, we remain there.

It is perhaps a sad commentary on humanity that it must be prodded to salvation; left to its own devices humanity would rarely overcome the inertia that bogs it down into a static existence of complaint and day-dreaming without action. And when they are safely dead, humanity will praise and fondly remember those prodders who pushed it unwillingly forward to new achievements; while they are alive, it looks on them disdainfully as pestilential nuisances.

Many chess players, alas, are residents in the Town of Stupidity where chess is concerned. They voice their dissatisfaction with the state of organized chess, criticize how the organization is managed, lament the poverty of chess bodies, complain because more tournaments and international events are not staged with larger prizes and greater magnificence.

But they will not stir from their inert lassitude to an affirmative action to correct what they criticize, for voicing complaints and criticisms is not affirmative action—it is the refuge of the incompetent and immature unless such criticism is coupled with direct, affirmative action. Words cost nothing, and usually produce nothing.

Chess in the USA will not be fortified by criticism, nor built into a tower of strength by complaints. It will not grow because chess players wistfully dream about the growth of a strong central chess organization, prepared to do all those wonderful things for chess that seem so glorious in our dreams.

Chess in the USA will only thrive if each chess player makes his own pilgrimage out of the Town of Stupidity, prepared to lend a hand personally in affirmative action to make chess in the USA strong. Chess needs a strong central chess organization—it will have that organization when every chess player accepts it as his duty and privilege to belong to that central organization. Then, all his dreams about tournaments and international events and all the other projects so dear to his visions will soon become realities. They will never be realized in any other way.

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Attention—Mr. Kenneth Harkness

Gentlemen:
Pursuant to engagement I have audited the accounts of the United States Chess Federation for the three months period ended March 31, 1956 and submit herewith the following statements:

EXHIBIT "A"—Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at March 31, 1956 (exclusive of closing inventory)

EXHIBIT "B"—Profit and Loss Statement for the nine months ended March 31, 1956 (exclusive of closing inventory)

Respectfully submitted
(Sgd) Ralph Rosenblatt
Certified Public Accountant

UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT MARCH 31, 1956

ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash in Manufacturers Trust Co.	\$ 349.86	
Petty Cash Fund—New York Office	50.00	
Petty Cash Fund—Chicago	50.00	
Exchange	16.22	\$ 466.08
OTHER ASSETS		
Office Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 292.11	
Less—Reserve for Depreciation	14.60	\$ 277.51
Security Deposits	80.00	
Prepaid Expenses	20.00	377.51
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 843.59
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$1,038.33	
Accounts Payable—Telegraph-Herald	3,959.22	
Accrued Expenses Payable	218.34	
Earmarked Donations	10.00	
F.I.C.A. Taxes Payable	7.73	
Withholding Taxes Payable	30.20	
New York City Sales Tax Payable	8.65	
Federal Excise Tax Payable	35.54	
Loans Payable	550.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 5,858.01
NET WORTH		(3,175.82)
DEFICIT—June 30, 1955		(3,175.82)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH		\$ 2,682.19
INVENTORY OF MERCHANDISE AND SUPPLIES NEEDED AT MARCH 31, 1956 TO SHOW NEITHER PROFIT NOR LOSS		\$ 1,838.60
RALPH ROSENBLATT Certified Public Accountant		

EXHIBIT "B"

UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION
PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
(EXCLUSIVE OF CLOSING INVENTORY)
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 1956

INCOME FROM SALES		
Sales of Merchandise	\$7,984.32	
Less—Cost of Sales:		
Inventory—June 30, 1955	\$2,214.79	
Purchases	4,735.54	6,950.33
GROSS PROFIT ON SALES (Excl. of Closing Inventory)		\$1,033.99
OTHER INCOME		
Individual Membership Dues	6,898.11	
Affiliation and Club Dues	725.00	
Chess Life Subscriptions (Non-Member)	452.49	
Rating Fees	656.00	
Income from Tournament Fees	1,160.30	
Donations	78.94	
Chess Life Advertising	11.52	
Foreign Magazine Subscriptions (Commissions)	9.26	
Miscellaneous	30.64	
TOTAL INCOME		\$11,056.25
EXPENSES		
Administrative Expenses:		
Printing and Mailing	\$ 224.99	
Miscellaneous	15.00	239.99
Publication of Chess Life:		
Printing and Mailing	\$4,209.54	
Editorial Fees and Expenses	1,152.18	5,361.72
Membership Promotion and Retention:		
Printing and Mailing		551.90
Selling and Shipping Expenses:		
Printing of Catalogues	\$ 491.31	
Parcel Post and Freight	410.83	
Shipping Supplies	51.91	954.05
Tournament Expenses		627.68
Commissions and Wages:		
Business Manager's Commission		1,814.58
Travel Expense		635.63
Rent		720.00
Incidental Office Expenses		68.00
Stationery & Office Supplies		209.38
General Postage		159.24
Miscellaneous Expenses and Bank Charges		243.10
Telephone and Telegraph		127.63
Accounting		112.50
Inventory of Supplies—June 30, 1955		1,046.83
F.I.C.A. Taxes		22.62
TOTAL EXPENSES		12,894.85
INVENTORY OF MERCHANDISE AND SUPPLIES NEEDED AT MARCH 31, 1956 TO SHOW NEITHER PROFIT NOR LOSS		\$ 1,838.60
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LARRY EVANS ON OPENINGS

By International Master LARRY EVANS



Queen's Gambit Declined -- Dutch Variation

LATELY there has been much ado about the so-called Dutch Variation which occurs after the following moves: 1. P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. P-QB4, P-K3; 3. N-QB3, N-KB3; 4. B-N5, P-B4!; 5. P-xQP, P-xQP; 6. Q-xP (6. Q-R4 ch, Q-Q2 is satisfactory for Black), B-K2.

Diagram No. 1



Position after 6., B-K2—
"The Dutch Variation"

Black's last is a subtle but remarkable improvement over the immediate N-QB3. White is a Pawn ahead but the unstable position of his Queen provides Black with all sorts of tactical possibilities. Up until very recently the definitive "refutation" had been thought to be the game Smyslov-Geller, from their match in 1955, 7. P-K4 (no other move—R-Q1, O-O-O, N-B3—has proved as troublesome for Black to meet), N-B3; 8. Q-Q2, NxKP!; 9. NxN, P-xP; 10. B-xB, Q-xB; 11. Q-xP, O-O! (Played in the grand manner. After 11., P-B4 Black can regain the piece, but unfavorably after 12. B-N5, Q-xN ch; 13. Q-xQ, P-xQ); 12. P-B3, N-N5.

Diagram No. 2

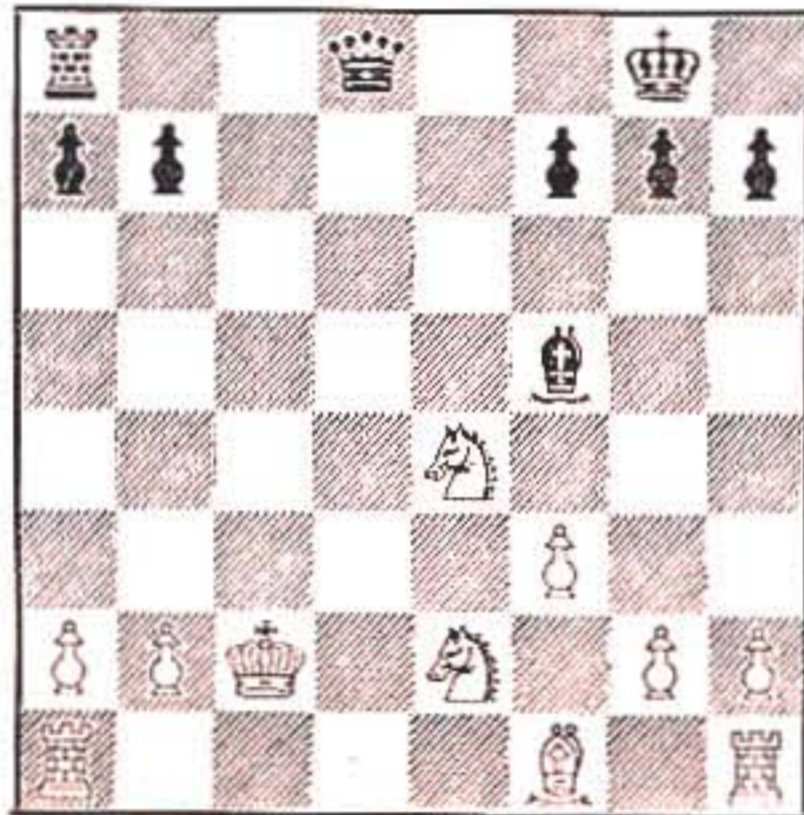


Position after 13., N-N5

Here we come to a parting of the ways. Euwe holds the only move is 13. Q-QB5 (he gives it an exclamation mark). He dismisses 13. Q-Q6 because of N-B7ch; 14. K-Q2, R-Q1 (....., Q-xQ; 15. NxQ, NxR; 16. B-Q3 is in White's favor); 15. Q-xR, Q-xQch; 16. K-xN, B-B4. "In view of Black's better development and his attacking chances, White will not be able to maintain his material advantage (Rook plus two light pieces for the Queen)." (Euwe) The entire soundness of the variation depends on this pronouncement,

and upon examination it appears that White may indeed be able to consolidate. 17. B-Q3 fails to R-B1 ch; 18. K-Q2, B-xN; 19. P-xB, Q-N4ch followed by Q-xP. Not so clear, however, is 17. N-K2! (intending to meet R-B1 ch with N-B3).

Diagram No. 3

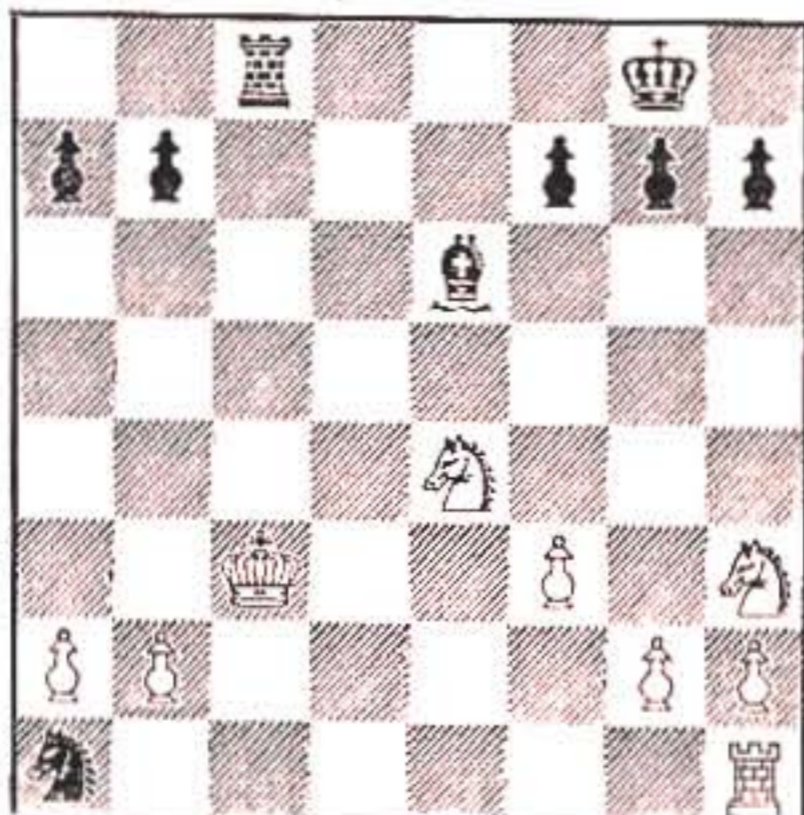


Position after 17. N-K2—
Can White Consolidate?

This question, perforce, must be left unanswered for the present. Black's best reply is probably 17., P-QN4. This position is crucial. Perhaps some reader can supply conclusive analysis in the absence of rugged tournament data.

Donner-Stahlberg, Goteborg, 1955 continued from Diagram 2: 13. Q-QB5, Q-xQ; 14. NxQ, N-B7ch; 15. K-Q2, NxR; 16. B-Q3, R-Q1! (threatening P-QN3 followed by B-R3); 17. N-K4!, B-K3 (threatening B-B5 as well as B-xP); 18. N-R3! (Not 18. N-K2, B-B5; 19. N-B4, P-KN4; 20. NxP, R-Q5), R-xBch!; 19. K-xR, R-Q1ch; 20. K-B3, R-B1ch—Draw Agreed.

Diagram No. 4



Donner-Stahlberg—Draw Agreed

White can win the cornered Knight, but only at great cost. A likely possibility is 21. K-Q2, R-Q1ch; 22. K-B1, B-xP; 23. P-QN3, NxPch; 24. K-N2, N-Q7; 25. K-xB, NxN; 26. P-xN, R-Q7ch followed by RxP with a promising endgame for Black!

It thus appears that Black's gambit play is sufficient to draw. Theory is outraged. White will have to search in another direction for an advantage after 7. P-K4, N-B3.

8. Q-K3 or Q-Q1 or even Q-QR4 must each be investigated to see if they yield the eagerly desired "refutation."

Conclusion:

Diagram 3 is the crucial position on which the soundness of the entire "Dutch Variation" hinges. If White can consolidate, then 8. Q-Q2 is sufficient. (What comes after determines everything that goes before.)

Next month we shall sift the alternatives for White on move 8—if some reader fails to come to the rescue on Diagram 3.

Analytical Wrangles

This column will be devoted to analytical comments submitted by readers of CHESS LIFE, preferably in discussion of various annotations or suggestions appearing in CHESS LIFE to which the reader offers dissent or elaboration. Master and Amateur alike are invited to air their views.



IMPROVEMENT NOT IMPROVING

(Refer to CHESS LIFE, April 5, 1956)

Dear Editor:

The diagram in Analytical Wrangles of April 5 presents Richard Cunningham's 14., KtxKP as an improvement over Weaver Adams' 14., Q-Q2 in Alekhine's Defense. I don't see it. In Var. (A): 15. Q-xBP, Kt(K4)xP; 16. KBxKt, Q-R5 ch; 17. B-B2, Q-xB(B4) "and Black has much the better of it". To me that 16., Q-R5 ch is a check that needs a check-up on account of the little buy 17. P-KKt3 (instead of 17. B-B2). Black still must play 17., Q-xB or remain a piece down, whereupon 18. Kt-QKt5 drops bombs all over the place. If 18., B-Kt5 ch as a sacrifice was counted on (I don't know what else), it can be accepted or sidestepped by 19. K-B2, now not self-blocked. I don't doubt that many readers noticed this slip-up. The interesting point is whether there is some explanation for omitting its consideration, psychological or something?

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Mr. Richard Cunningham has suggested (CL April 5, p. 6—MCO 8, p. 2, col. 3) as an improvement for Black 14., KtxKP. One of his supporting var-

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Women's Chess Life

By Willa White Owens

MISS Lucille Kellner of Detroit, Mich., one of veteran tournament players in national women's chess, may be a strong contender for the title of U.S. Women's Open Champion at Oklahoma City. Miss Kellner is famous for her fast, occasionally brilliant, play. She is happiest in a tactical game, with combinations spiraling and bursting all over the board like the final burst of fireworks at a Fourth of July celebration. Her diagnosis of "what's wrong with women's chess" is that we are all too timid—lack confidence and aggressiveness—and she may be right, though there are a number of women players to whom this does not apply.

The following game, played against one of the stronger players in the Mid-West, shows that Miss Kellner can also play a quiet, restrained game.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE Great Lakes Open Chicago, 1954

White	Black
L. KELLNER	K. NEDVED
1. P-Q4	21. RxRch RxR
2. N-KB3	22. P-QN4 R-Q7
3. P-K3	23. K-B1 R-R7
4. P-QB4	24. RxR B-xR
5. N-QB3	25. K-K1 K-K2
6. P-xP	26. P-N3 K-Q3
7. NxN	27. K-Q2 K-K4
8. B-K2	28. K-K3 B-Q4
9. B-Q2	29. B-K2 B-K3
10. B-B3	30. P-B4ch K-Q4
11. O-O	31. P-KR4 P-KB3
12. NxP	32. B-B1 B-B4
13. B-xN	33. B-K2 P-B4
14. B-B3	34. B-B3ch K-B5
15. P-xB	35. P-xP P-xP
16. Q-N3	36. B-xP K-N6
17. Q-xQ	37. K-Q2 K-xP
18. KR-Q1	38. K-B3 B-K3
19. P-QR3	39. B-R6 K-R5
20. P-R3	40. B-B4 Drawn

iations is not sound, however: 15. Q-xBP, Kt/4xP; 16. Q-Kt5ch, Q-Q2 and now the simple 17. KBxKt (instead of 17. Q-xQ?) wins a piece.

FRED A. SORENSEN
Pittsburgh, Pa.

(Albert S. Pinkus of Mohegan Lake, N. Y. also points out that Variation A: 15. Q-xBP, Kt(K4)xP; 16. KBxKt, Q-R5 ch; 17. P-Kt3, Q-xB; 18. Kt-Kt5 calls for Black's resignation.)



Winning his match with Cleveland Open Champion Jean Cohn by the score of 3-0, defending titlist Rudolf Pitschak retained the Cleveland City title. The Cleveland Championship this year was based on the World Championship plan—a candidates tourney called the "Open" with the winner playing a match against the defending city champion for the title.



Fort Bliss (Tex.) Chess Club: Fort Bliss tallied a 5-1 victory over the El Paso Chess Club with four wins, two draws and no losses. A USCF Club Affiliate.



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Annotated by Chess Master JOHN W. COLLINS

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SEIDMAN MARSHALL CHAMPION

Herbert Seidman scored 11-4 to win the 1955-56 Marshall Chess Club Championship. The following game, one of his best in that event, has its share of typically-Seidman, sparkling, tactical sorties.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

MCO: page 89

Marshall Championship
New York, 1956

White: T. DUNST
Black: H. SEIDMAN

White's system, designed to prevent P-K4; is comparatively unexplored. While successful in its primary objective, it does not deter the alternative break P-QB4.

Now White has control of K5 and his QB has a retreat at R2.

Black employs the secondary break. Also satisfactory is 6. Q-R4; 8. Q-K2; and 9. Q-K4.

This and the following exchange achieve only equality, at best. Preferable is 7. P-Q5, temporarily locking the position. In that case, however, Black should eventually find effective breaks at QKt4 and/or K3.

White must improvise. If 11. O-O, Kt-K5! 12. Kt-Q1 (12. KtxKt, BxKt; and the White QKtP goes) Kt-Q7; 13. R-K1, Kt-K5; and Black has a winning position. Or 11. R-Q1, Kt-K5! 12. KtxKt, BxKt; 13. P-QKt3, Kt-K5; and Black wins a Pawn.

Nice! 12. Kt-Q1 If 12. KtxKt? BxKt; and Black wins the QKtP. If 12. R-QB1, KtxKt; 13. Px Kt, and the White queen-side Pawns are fatally weak. And if 12. PxB? KtxKt; 13. PxB (13. PxB? BxP ch, and the White QR goes) RxBP; 14. B-B1, Kt-R5; and Black wins a Pawn.

If 13. Kt-Kt5? KtxKt; 14. BxKt, Kt-Kt5; and Black has a very strong pull.

If 14. Kt-Kt5, KtxKt; 15. BxKt, Kt-K4; 16. R-QB1, QR-Q1; favors Black.

In control of the only open file, and with good play for all the minor pieces, Black turns to a king-side attack.

Frightfully constricted, White must break out somehow, even if it means shattered Pawns. If 21. K-B1 (meaningful moves are scarce), Black can make systematic progress with P-KR4; P-Kt5; (driving away the KkT) Kt-Q7(ch); and Kt-Kt6.

The knock-out. For if 47. R-KB7, Kt-B6 ch; 48. RxBt, RxR; and, with the exchange and a Pawn, Black wins.

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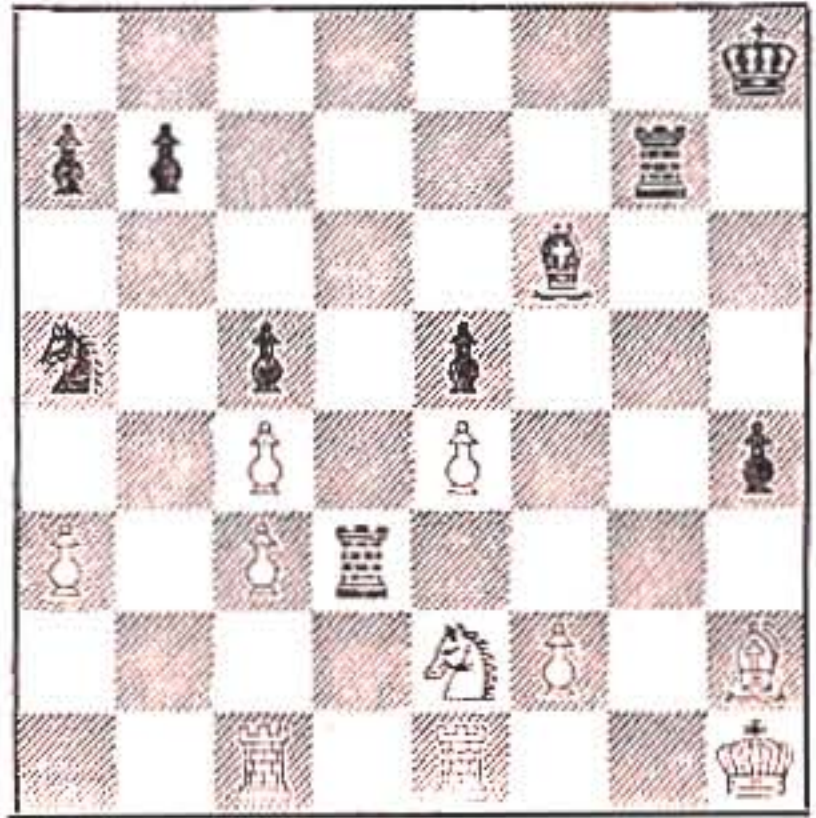
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22. P-K4 P-K4
Threatening to win the Knight with 23. P-K5. But the scope of the KB is curtailed. Stronger is 22. R-Q6! 23. P-K4, B-K3; 24. P-K5, B-Kt2; and Black wins a Pawn.

Again, threatening to win the Knight with 25. P-Kt5; 26. PxB, PxB. 25. B-Kt3 P-R5 28. B-K2 R-Kt2 26. B-R2 P-Kt5 29. K-R1 R-Q6! 27. PxB BxKtP

An attractive penetration. Of course if 30. K-Kt2* BxKt ch; wins, and if 30. BxR? BxKt mate.

30. Kt-Kt1 BxB
31. KtxB Kt-R4



Less direct, but more precise, is 31. R-B6 (the weak Q-side Pawns will not run away). Then if 32. B-Kt1, R-Kt5; winning the KP. Or if 32. R-B1, R-Kt5; 33. Kt-Kt1, R-Q6; 34. P-B3, R-Kt2; 35. KR-Q1, R/2-Q2; 36. RxR, RxR; with a winning position.

This gives White counter play. Better is 32. R/2-Q2. 33. R-Q5 KtXP 36. BxB BxB 34. RxBP Kt-Q3 37. RxB R-Kt5 35. Kt-Kt1 RxBP

The material is equal, but Black has more mobility and the initiative. If 37. R/2-Kt7? 38. R-R4 ch. 38. Kt-R3

White must lose something. If 38. R-K3? R-B8; wins. If 38. Kt-K2? KtxP; wins. 38. R-B6

If 39. Kt-Kt5? R/6-Kt6; wins the Knight or mates. 39. RxBP 41. R-K7 Kt-Kt4 40. R-K6 Kt-B2 42. R-Q1!

On 42. RxB? or 42. P-K5? Kt-R6! (threatening 43. KtxKt; 44. RxBt, R-R6 mate) wins. 42. R-B1 43. R-K1

More active, but also inadequate, is 43. R/1-Q7. The reply is 43. P-R6! Then if 44. K-R2, R-Kt7 ch; 45. K-R1, Kt-B6! and wins. Or 44. RxB, P-R7; 45. KxB (45. Kt-K2, Kt-B6; 46. R-Kt1, R/1-KKt1; wins) R-B7ch; 46. Kt-K2 (46. K-R1, R-R5 ch; 47. Kt-R3, RxBt ch; 48. K-Kt1, R-Kt6 ch; 49. K-B1, Kt-B6; wins) RxBt ch; 47. K-R1, Kt-B6! 48. R-K8 ch, R-Kt1; 49. RxR ch, KxR; and Black soon mates at KR7.

Threatening 45. Kt-B7 ch; 46. K-R2, R-Kt7 mate. 45. Kt-R3 46. K-R2

If 45. R-KB7, R-K1 (or 45. P-R6) wins. 45. R-Kt6 46. K-R2

If 46. RxBt, RxBt mate. And if 46. Kt-B4, Kt-Q7; wins. 46. Kt-Q7! 47. Kt-Kt1 RxBt! 49. K-R3 RxR 48. RxR Kt-B6ch Resigns

Mate at KkT6 follows.

RETI OPENING

MCO: page 223, column 52
Cuban National Chess Team vs.
Greater Miami Chess Club
Miami, 1955

Notes by U. S. Master Edmar Mednis
White: DR. J. GONZALES
Black: A. C. OTTEN (Miami)

1. Kt-KB3 P-Q4 4. O-O B-Kt2
2. P-KKt3 P-KKt3 5. P-B4 O-O
3. B-Kt2 Kt-KB3
Less committal would have been. 5. P-B3.

6. PxB KtxP 7. P-Q4 P-QB3
More active is 7. P-QB4.
8. P-K4 Kt-Kt3 10. Kt-B3 P-K4
9. P-KR3 QKt-Q2 11. B-Kt5 B-B3?

This exchange weakens Black's K-side appreciably. 11. Q-K1 was surely playable.
12. BxB QxB 13. R-K1 Kt-B5
Waste of time. PxB right away would have been better.

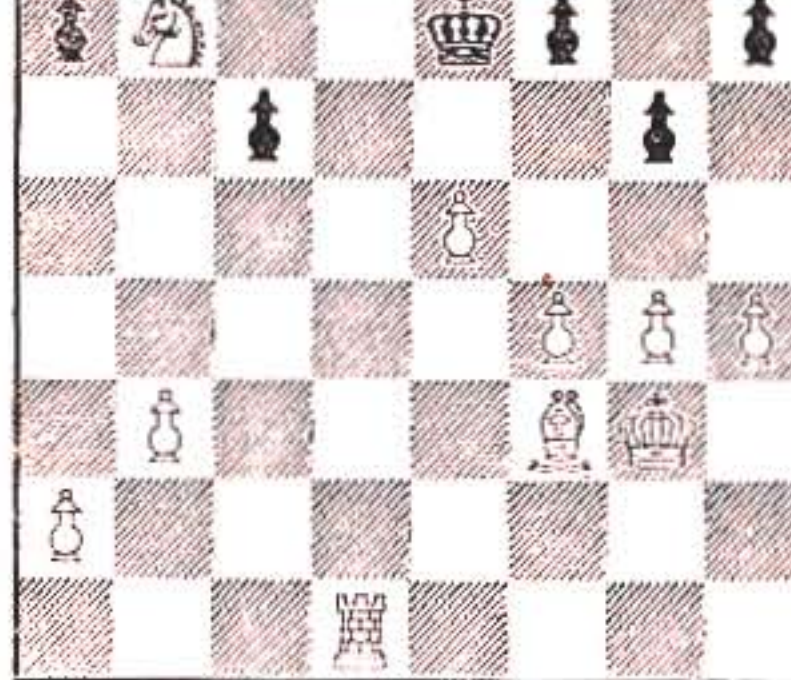
14. P-Kt3 PxB 20. QxKt B-K3
15. KtxP Kt/5-Kt3 21. Q-B5 Kt-Q2
16. P-B4 Kt-B4 22. Q-Q6 Q-Kt3ch
17. P-K5 Q-Q1 23. K-R2 Q-B4
18. Q-Q2 Kt-K3 24. Kt-K4! QxQ
19. QR-Q1 KtxKt 25. RxQ

White has an edge in the endgame, but the win is not easy.
25. Kt-Kt3 29. Kt-B6 R-B1
26. Kt-B5 B-B1 30. P-Kt4 B-K3
27. KR-Q1 R-K1 31. K-Kt3 Kt-B1
28. Kt-K4 K-Kt2

A move like P-QR4 should have been tried here by Black.
32. R/6-Q2 Kt-K2 35. Kt-B5 B-B1
33. P-KR4 Kt-Kt1 36. R-Q8 K-B1
34. Kt-Q7 KR-K1 37. B-B3

Black has defended quite well so far and now should have played 37. Kt-K2 after which White would have kept his advantage with 38. Kt-K4!

37. K-K2? 38. KtxP!



38. RxR
After BxKt either R to the 7th wins.
39. KtxR Resigns
The endgame now is indeed hopeless.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT: SEMI-SLAV

MCO: page 186, column 35
U.S. Open Championship
Milwaukee, 1953

Notes by Norman M. Hornstein, M.D.
White: G. RUTZ
Black: C. CRITTENDEN

1. P-Q4 P-Q4 4. Kt-B3 P-K3
2. P-QB4 P-QB3 5. B-Kt5
3. Kt-QB3 Kt-B3

The Anti-Meran Gambit leads to an exciting open battle.
5. PxB 9. KKtXP PxB
6. P-K4 P-Kt4 10. BxKtP QKt-Q2
7. P-K5 P-KR3 11. Q-B3 Q-Kt3
8. B-R4 P-Kt4

Black's transposition from the usual 11. B-Kt2 is harmless. It should be noted that on White's 11th move, P-KKt3 or PxBt have equal value with fighting chances on both sides.
17. BxBt

This departure from the book is not bad because it is schismatic. It ruins White's game because, as in this wide-open game, the Bishop has far more terrain than the Knight. 12. PxBt gives an equal game.

12. KtxB 14. O-O P-R4
13. PxBt QB-Kt2
Profiting from the absence of Rutz's QB, Crittenden starts an avalanche of Q-side pawns and omits O-O which is necessary in the book variations.

15. Q-K3
To free his game, White must try to work for P-Q5. If 15. Q-K2, then Black cannot continue as in this game but must O-O-O when he still retains the upper hand. Otherwise 15. Q-K2, P-R5; 16. P-Q5, PxB; 17. KtxP, Q-B4; 18. Kt-B4 with chances for White.

15. P-R5 17. P-QKt3 R-KR5!
16. Kt-K4 P-R6!



This unexpected pitch of the KR into play clinches matters. Attempts to bottle the Rook up on the wing fail—e.g., 18. P-B4, PxB; 19. PxB, P-R7; 20. K-Kt2, RxP; 21. QxR, QxP ch!; 22. RxQ, P-R8(Q) ch; 23. K-B2, QxR.

18. P-Kt3 RxKt!! 25. PxB P-Kt5
19. QxR P-B4 26. B-R3 B-B6
20. P-Q5 PxB 27. R-K1 P-Kt6
21. Q-K2 P-B5 28. BxB B-QKt5
22. PxBP QxKP 29. R-K3 P-R7
23. QxQch PxQ 30. B-Q5ch K-B1
24. PxB BxB Resigns

A precise and beautifully handling of every single Black piece by North Carolina's ranking player.

QUEEN-SIDE vs. KING-SIDE

Once again the old saw about the precedence of a direct attack against the enemy monarch over a Q-side demonstration proves valid.

GIUOCO PIANO

MCO: page 73, column 10 (n)
California Open Championship
Fresno, 1955

Notes by J. Norman Cotter
White: R. BRIEGER
Black: C. BAGBY

1. P-K4 P-K4 3. B-B4 B-B4
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 4. O-O

Less enterprising than the usual lines beginning with 4. P-B3. The game, however, transposes back into one of the main variations.
4. P-Q3 5. P-B3 Q-K2

Instead P-QB4, QB-Kt5 would lead the game into tactical waters of questionable nature.
6. P-Q4 B-Kt3 8. P-QR4

7. P-KR3 Kt-B3
More usual here is 8. R-K1. The text sets a little trap. For instance 8. KtxKP?; 9. B-Q5, Kt-B3; 10. BxKt ch, PxB; 11. P-R5 winning a piece.

8. P-QR3 9. P-Q5?
Easing the pressure on the Black center. Rossolimo, who has experimented quite a bit in this line, usually continues R-K1...Kt-R3...B-B1...Kt-B4 with very fine pressure. Another idea is P-QKt4 and a quick B-R3.

9. Kt-QKt1 13. Q-B2 R-K1
10. P-R5 B-R2 14. P-B4 Kt-B1
11. B-Q3 QKt-Q2 15. B-K3 P-R3
12. P-QKt4 O-O 16. Kt-B3 P-KKt4

Black aims for a strangle-hold on his KB5.
17. K-R2 Kt-Kt3 20. Q-Q2 R-KKt1
18. Kt-K2 Kt-R4 21. P-Kt3 B-Q2
19. Kt/3-Kt1 K-R2 22. R-R2

Planning a break at B4 plus a switch of the Rook.

GUEST ANNOTATORS

J. Norman Cotter
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22. Kt-Kt2 24. P-B4
23. BxB RxB
As so often happens, the break re-
bounds to the advantage of the oppo-
nent whose pieces are operating bet-
ter. However, if Brieger sits and waits
Black will play R(2)-R1, QR-
KB1—and get there first with
P-KB4.
24. KtPxP 26. KtxP Kt-K4
25. PxP PxP 27. Q-K3
This turns out to be a superficial and
dangerous move. Second guessing indi-
cates 27. Q-Q1 would have been su-

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.

TIME OF PLAY: Daily Play: 7:00 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.

ENTRY FEES: \$15.00 for USCF members; \$20.00 for non-members (\$5.00 for USCF dues).

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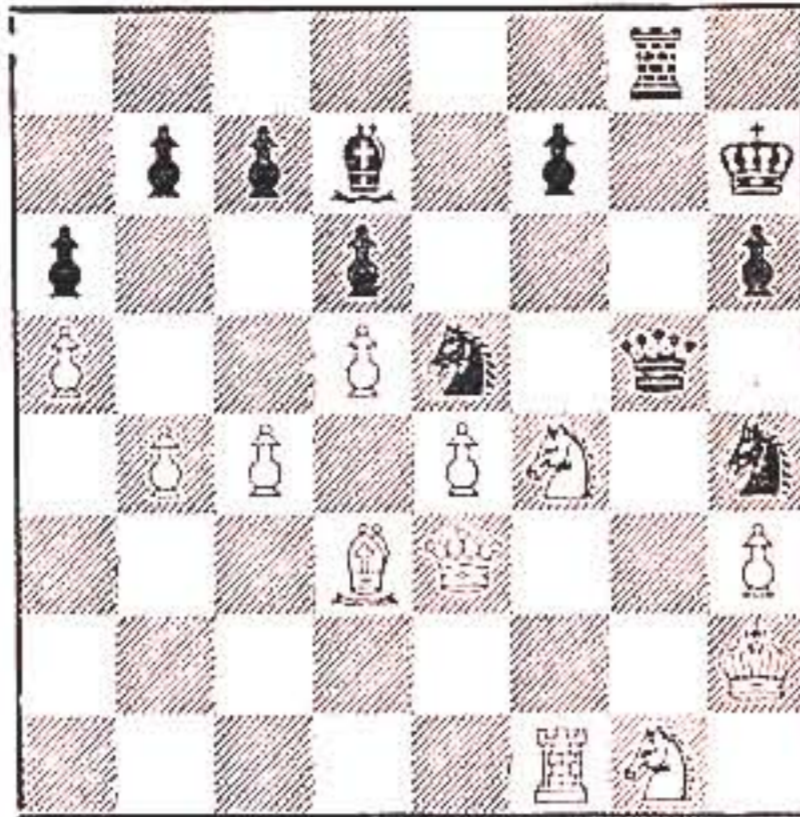
ACCOMMODATIONS: Hotel accommodations and meals assured at reasonable prices. Contact Hal Crippen, Oklahoma Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City or Jerry G. Spann, 314 Colcord Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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perior for reasons which will soon become apparent.

27. QR-R1
"I wanted to come back anyway!"
28. R-KKt2 Kt-B4!
The finesse which Brieger no doubt missed when making his 27th move. Now, of course, not 29. PxKt, Kt-Kt5 ch! winning the Queen.
29. Q-Q2 Kt-R5 30. RxR RxB
Black threatens RxBt and Kt-B6 ch!
31. Q-K3 Q-Kt4



32. B-K2
If instead 32. Kt(l)-K2 not Kt-Kt7 but rather B-Kt5 with the threat BxKt—e.g., 33. BxKt; 34. BxB, Kt-Kt7 winning, for if 35. Q-Kt1, KtxKt; 36. QxQ, PxQ and Black has won a piece. It is difficult to see what Brieger could do on his 33rd to prevent the accomplishment of this threat. Certainly not 33. R-KKt1?, Kt-B6 ch, etc. In this line, if 34. QxB, Kt(5)-B6 ch and now either (a) 35. RxKt, KtxR ch; 36. QxKt, Q-Kt8 mate or (b) 35. K-R1, Q-Kt8 ch; 36. RxQ, RxR mate. Going back to the original suggestion 32. Kt(l)-K2 for the final comment—the immediate Kt-Kt7 would have fallenshort because of 33. Q-Kt1! and everything appears to hold.

32. Kt-Kt7! Resigns
For the Queen must move and after 33. KtxKt White cannot retake with either the Queen or the Rook. Very fine tactical and strategical play on winner Bagby's part.

Tournament Life

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October 13-14

3rd Annual Fort Wayne Open Fort Wayne, Ind.

Open; at World Friendship Hall of Fort Wayne YMCA; 5 rd Swiss, 45 moves in 1½ hrs, adjudication after 3 hrs of play; play begins 1 p.m. Oct. 13; entry fee: \$5.00; prize money 50%, 30%, 20% of prize fund (60% of total entry fees), brilliancy prize awarded by sponsoring Ft. Wayne C. C.; bring chess equipment if possible; for YMCA room reservations, write: W. A. Havel, YMCA, 226 E. Washington, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; for details, write: Donald C. Jones, 3424 N. Washington Rd., Ft. Wayne 6, Ind.

100% USCF rated event.

November 10-12

New Mexico Open Championship Albuquerque, N. M.

Open; at YMCA, 101 Central Ave. N.W., Albuquerque; 7 rd Swiss, 20 moves per hr.; entry fee: \$3.00; Trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Junior, title of New Mexico State Champion to highest ranking resident; tournament sponsored by Albuquerque C. C.; TD W. A. Muff; for details, write: R. D. Adair, 202 Dartmouth Dr. S.E., Albuquerque, N. M.

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Solutions

Finish It The Clever Way!

Position No. 179: The judges adjudicated the game as drawn after 51. RxR; 52. KxR, P-R5; 53. P-R3,

Mate The Subtle Way!

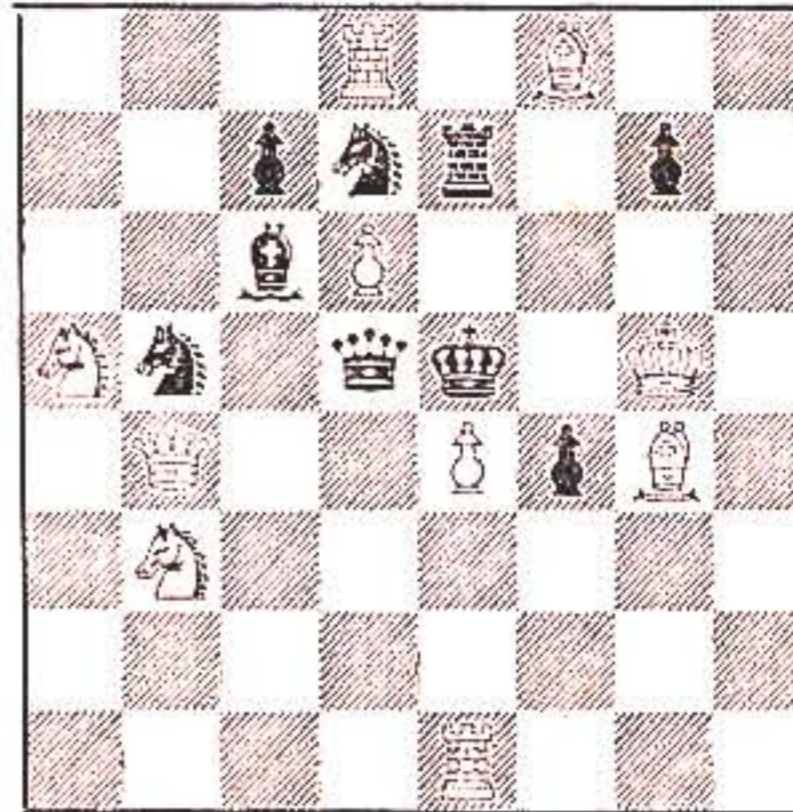
by Nicholas Gabor

All communications concerning this problem-column, including solutions as well as original compositions for publication (two- and three-mover direct mates) from composers anywhere should be sent to Nicholas Gabor, Hotel Kemper Lane, Cincinnati 6, Ohio.

Problem No. 681

By Charles S. Jacobs
Winchester, Mass.

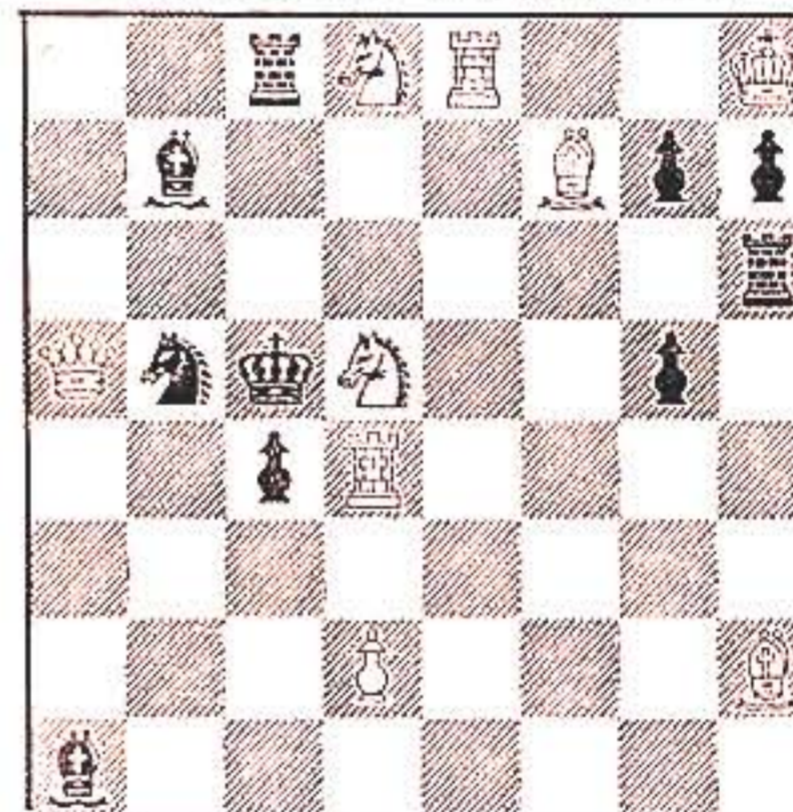
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Mate in two moves

Problem No. 683

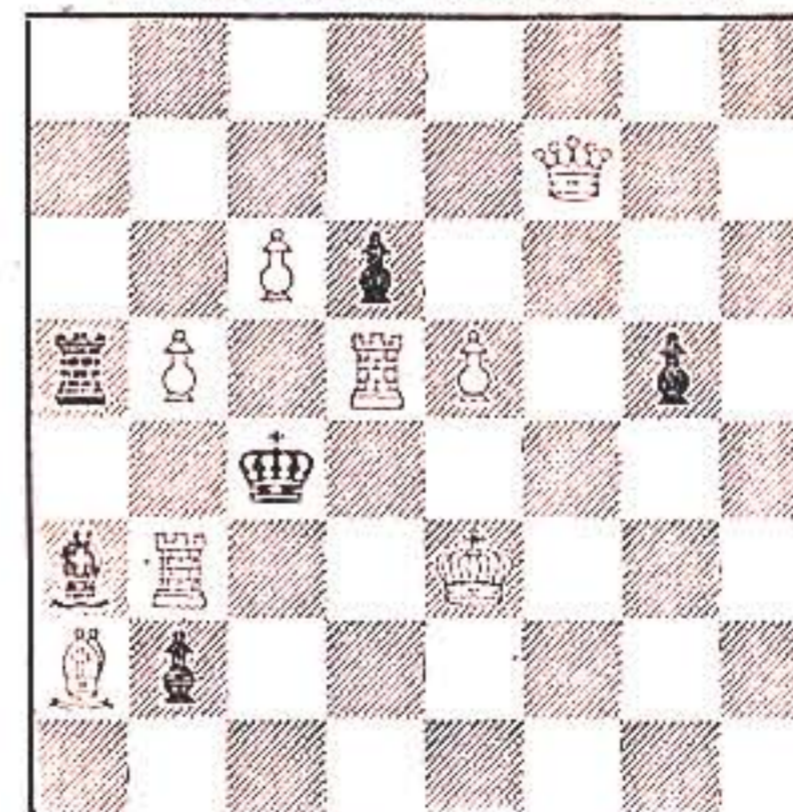
By Horacio L. Musante
Buenos Aires, Argentina
International Contest Entry



Mate in two moves

Problem No. 685

By Comins Mansfield
Carshalton Beeches, England
International Contest Entry



Mate in two moves

Solutions to previous problems on page eight

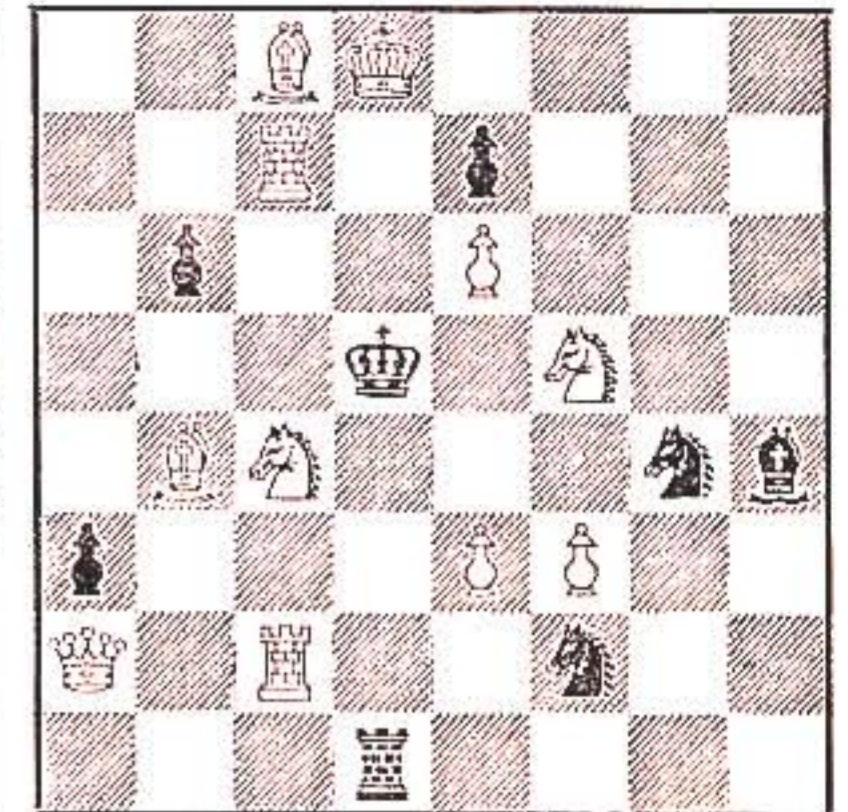
K-R2; 54. KxP, K-Kt2; 55. K-Kt5, K-R2; 56. K-B4, K-R3; 57. K-K3, K-R4; 58. K-Q3, KxP; 59. K-B3, K-Kt4; 60. K-Kt3, K-B4; 61. KxP, K-K3; 62. K-R5, K-Q2; 63. K-R6, K-B2, and White cannot queen his pawn.

Position No. 180: 1. R-QB6; 2. P-KB5, R-B7 ch; 3. R-B2, R-R7 ch; 4. KxR, RxR ch; 5. K-R3, RxP; 6. R-N8 ch, K-B2; 7. P-Kt4, R-QB4; 8. K-R4, K-Q3; 9. P-Kt5, K-K3; 10. K-R5, K-B2; 11. R-QKt8, RxP; 12. RxKtP ch, K-Kt1; 13. K-R6, R-B1 draws. In the game, Black lost after 11. R-B2?; 12. K-R6!, RxR (too late!); 13. RxP ch, K-B1; 14. RxP, R-B8; 15. R-R8 ch, etc.

Problem No. 682

By William L. Barclay
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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International Contest Entry



Mate in two moves

Problem No. 684

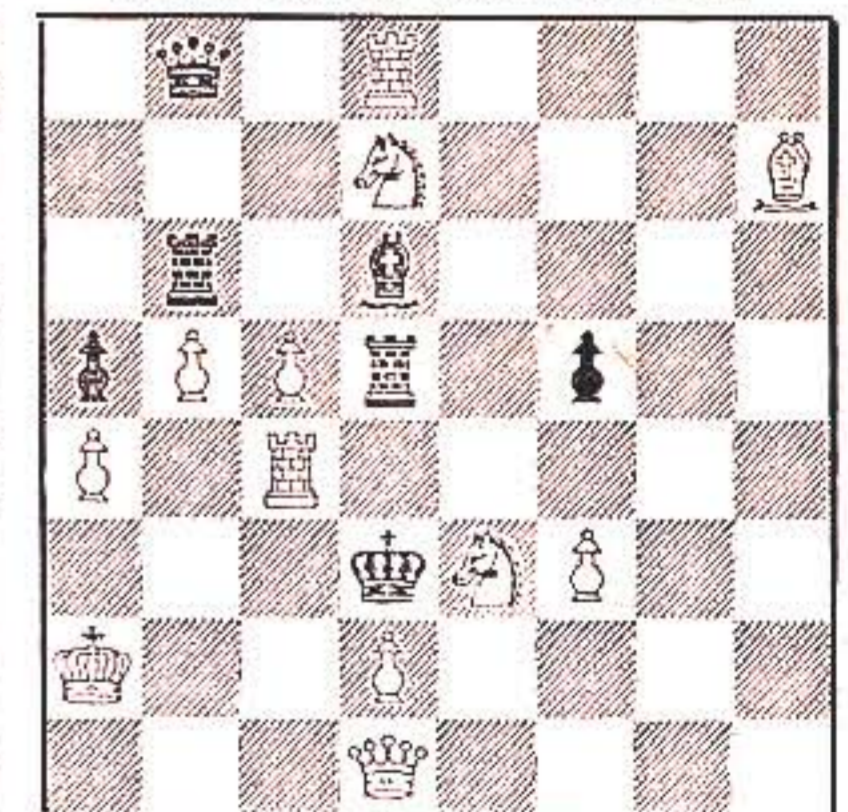
By Vojko Bartolovic
Zagreb, Yugoslavia
International Contest Entry



Mate in two moves

Problem No. 686

By E. A. Wirtanen
Helsinki, Finland
International Contest Entry



Mate in two moves

Port Authority (N.Y.) Chess Club: Victor A. Guala tallied 13½-½, drawing with William Walbrecht, to win the annual club championship in a 15-player round robin. Fred Horowitz was second with 12-2, losing to Guala and Mrs. Betty Guala. Third was Harvey Sherman with 11-3, losing games to Guala, Horowitz, and Alexander Krivoshapko. William Walbrecht was fourth with 10½-3½, and George Dorer was fifth with 10-4. A USCF Club Affiliate.

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July 19-22

The Carolinas' Open Championship Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Open; at Ocean Forest Hotel; 7 rd Swiss (Solkoff tie-breaking); 1st rd begins 7 p.m. Thursday, July 19; 1st prize \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$30 plus trophies for first three places; Junior prizes: 1st \$25, 2nd \$20 and 3rd \$15; four other senior prizes; entry fee: \$4 plus membership (\$2) in SCCA or NCCA and USCF; special convention rates on rooms at Ocean Forest Hotel; for further information, write: L. L. Foster, 121 Saluda Ave., Columbia, S.C.

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August 11-12 & 18-19

Michigan State Championship Ann Arbor, Mich.

Open; at Mich. Union, 530 S. State St.; entry fee: \$7.50 (USCF membership required \$5); 1st prize \$100 plus other prizes and awards; 7 rd Swiss and Speed Tourney; rooms at Union \$4.50-\$6 and dorm rooms \$2; TD Ed Treend; for details, write: John Penquite, 821 Oakland, Ann Arbor, Mich.

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September 1-3

Louisiana State Championship New Orleans, La.

Open; at Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans; 6 rd Swiss, 45 moves in 2 hrs.; state title to highest ranking Louisiana player; \$50 first prize with 10 other prizes of chess equipment and merchandise, trophy to State Champion; entry fee \$5.00 plus \$1.00 LCA dues for non-members; TD Newton Grant; for details, write: Kenneth N. Vines, 8318 Panola St., New Orleans, La.

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September 1-3

St. Paul Open Tournament St. Paul, Minn.

Open; at St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press Auditorium, East 4th. between Cedar and Minnesota Sts.; entry fee: \$7 with \$3 fee for high school student entrants; first prize \$125 and Trophy, with other cash prizes and trophies and cash prizes for Class A, B, and C; Robert C. Gove tournament director; 7 rd Swiss, 45 moves in 2 hrs.; for details, write: Robert C. Gove, % Downtown YMCA, 9th and Cedar Sts., St. Paul, Minn.

100% USCF rated event.

September 1-3

Alabama Open Championship Birmingham, Ala.

Open; at Central YMCA, 526 No. 20th St., Birmingham; 7 rd Swiss, 45 moves in 2 hrs.; entry fee: \$5.00; 1st place prize 60% net proceeds, 2nd 20%, 3rd 15%, 4th 5%, 5th entry fee returned, \$75 first prize guaranteed; Alabama title to ranking resident; TD J. F. Addington; for details, write: F. W. Kemp, Box 114, Palmyra, Ala.

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September 1-3

West Virginia Championship, Open and Junior Wheeling, W. Va.

Open (with Junior restricted to player under 21 at start of tourney); at Wheeling YMCA, Wheeling; 6 rd Swiss, 30 moves in 1½ hrs.; entry fees: \$5.00 for Championship, \$3.00 for Open, \$2.00 for Juniors; trophies; W. Va. Championship and Junior titles restricted to highest ranking residents; for details, write: Charles L. Ritter, 111 Elm St., Wheeling, W. Va.

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September 1-3

North Carolina Championship Raleigh, N. C.

Restricted to N. C. residents and service personnel stationed in N. C.; at News and Observer Bldg., 215 S. McDougall St., Raleigh; 6 rd Swiss, 55 moves in 2¼ hrs.; entry fee: \$3.50 plus \$2 NCCA dues; 1st prize \$50 plus trophy and other cash prizes; TD Dr. A. M. Jenkins; for details, write: Dr. A. M. Jenkins, 821 Hillsboro St., Raleigh, N.C.

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October 4-January 4

New Haven Open Championship New Haven, Conn.

Open; at YMCA, 52 Howe St., New Haven; one round every Thursday night, starting at 8 P.M. on Oct. 4; 8 to 10 rd round robin or Kirk Holland, 40 moves in 2 hrs.; entry fee \$2; small cash prizes; TD William H. Mills; for details, write: William Newberry, 233 Elm St., West Haven 16, Conn.

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Solution To What's The Best Move?

Position No. 184

Book—Stoltz. Claims of a win are incorrect. The position allows a draw by 1. K-Q4, NxPch; 2. K-Q5, NxP; 3. KxP, NxPch; 4. K-K5, the variation we admired. Unfortunately, the try by 1. P-B4, N-N3; 2. P-K5, P-Q4; 3. P-B4, NxP; 4. K-Q4, N-B6ch; 5. KxP, NxP; 6. K-Q6 also leads to a draw. Hence either move is acceptable as "Best"; our usual apologies to the solvers for permitting this situation to arise.

2 points each are awarded to Abel M. Bomberault, W. I. Lourie and William B. Wilson, who correctly pointed out both drawing methods. One point each goes to George W. Baylor*, J. E. Byrd, F. D. Lynch, Charles Musgrove, Ed Nash, Edmund Roman, Robert Seiden, Irwin Sigmond, Francis Trask, and Neil P. Witting. The solvers won by 13-5.

Correspondence from M. F. Anderson and J. E. Byrd has resulted in awarding Mr. Anderson 1 pt. for his solution to 181, and in increasing Mr. Byrd (and Mr. Seiden's) 1 point awards to 2 points each for their solutions to 181. Details of the columnist's errors involved in these cases are too depressing for publication in a family newspaper.

*Welcome to new solver.

Glenn L. Martin Co. (Md.) Chess Club: Harry H. Douglass placed first on Solkoff with 5-1 in the club championship, losing one game to Erwin Hutzmann who also scored 5-1. Hutzmann lost a game to Alan Brownlie who placed third with 4½-1½. Fourth was William Scherbarth, also with 4½-1½, while fifth and sixth with 4-2 in the 22-player Swiss were Charles Swarhout and Richard Teper. A USCF Club Affiliate.

Solvers' Ladder - What's The Best Move?

(Through Position 182)

I. Sigmond	66½	M. Schlosser	27½	N. Raymond	10½	M. Burkett	5½
I. Schwartz	64½	R. Pinson	26½	J. Germain	10	D. Bengé	5
W. Stevens	59½	J. Byrd	24	P. Muto	10	L. Harvey	4½
N. Witting*	58½	H. Gaba	23	H. Roberts	10	H. Kaye	4½
E. Roman	58	R. Hayes	21½	S. Einhorn	9	R. Lee	4½
G. Payne	55½	R. Steinmeyer	21½	J. Garhart	9	C. Magerkurth	4½
E. Nash***	54½	F. Ruys	20	J. Ishkan	9	W. Lourie	4
E. Korpanty**	49	T. Sullivan	18	G. Tiers	9	W. Burchett	3½
A. Bomberault	48½	L. Wood	18	M. Anderson	8	J. Leavitt	3½
F. Valvo	48½	G. Banker	16	M. Cha	8	M. Michaels	3½
G. Chase	47½	J. Horning	15½	W. Koenig	8	A. Axelrod	3
E. Godbold	43	L. Ware	15	F. Lynch	8	M. Cohen	2½
F. Trask	41½	R. Hays	15	R. Neel	7½	S. Greenberg	2
D. Waldorf Jr.	40½	E. Gault	14½	R. Wittemann III	7½	P. Heilbut	2
M. Blumenthal	39½	W. Newberry	13½	Curtin	7	G. Kawas	2
W. Wilson****	39½	G. Chappuis	13	R. Seiden	7	H. Kurruk*	2
C. Musgrove	38	J. Comstock***	13	T. Harris	6½	T. Reagor	2
N. Reider	33½	W. Getz	13	A. Valueff	6½	J. Scripps	2
K. Blumberg	33	E. Gans	12½	B. Dudley	6	H. Wiernik	1½
M. Muller	33	D. Ames	11½	T. Griffiths	6		
M. Milstein	30½	R. Reithel	11½	A. Kafko	6		
P. Smith	28½	J. Murray	10½	J. Weininger*	6		

* Each asterisk represents one previous ladder win.

We congratulate IRWIN SIGMOND, who wins the Quarterly Ladder Prize with his first ascent to the top.

Inactive Solvers please note: Your name is omitted if you did not submit a successful solution to at least one of (177-182); but your points remain good in our records and you may resume where you left off at any time.

Solutions-Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 665 Richards: key 1. Q-K3 threat 2. P-K5. Moves of the Kt allow 4 mates (3 corrections) with the flight and 1., P-K4, 2. RxP for good measure. No. 666 Maybee: key 1. Kt-B5 threat 2. Q-K15. In the 5 good variations the 2 flights are cleverly taken care of. No. 667 Dr. Lancia: key 1. Q-B8 waiting! A remarkably large number of solvers were misled by the tries 1. Q-K7 and/or 1. P-B5. 1., Kt-K4 defeats both. No. 668 Prof. Zappas: key 1. B-K12, threat 2. Q-B5. Of the 7 squares the keypiece may move too with the intended threat, only KKt2 works with full result. Finding the reason why other squares fail is a good and entertaining study. No. 669 Fleck: key 1. PxP with 4 threats: R-K4, R-B5, Kt-Q5 and Kt-K6. In contrast to the "Strickt Fleck Theme" in which every possible black move reduces the multiple threats to a single mate, here we witness what may be called "Loose Fleck Theme," a rather new mechanism just being exploited. This new field is perfectly justified and justifiable, everything depending on the quality of the strategies involved. We are interested in those black moves only, which stop all but 1 mate. Thus: 1., R-QKt6, 2. Kt-K6 only! 1., R-KKt, 2. Kt-Q5 only! 1., RxP, 2. R-B5 only! 1., RxB, 2. R-K4 only! No. 670 Roemelee: Key 1. P-Q6 waiting! Queen-maximummer! 13 different mates with the Queen!

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