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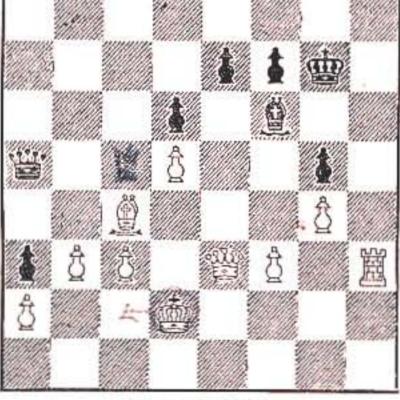
Conducted by IRWIN SIGMOND

S END solutions to Position No. 191 to reach Irwin Sigmond, 5200 Williamsburg Blvd., Arlington 7, Va., by October 5, 1956. With your solution, please send analysis or reasons supporting your choice of "Best Move" or moves.

Solution to Position No. 191 will appear in the October 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. 191



Black to play

BYRNE TRIUMPHS

Former U. S. Open Champion Donald Byrne tallied 7-1 to win the Michigan State Championship in the 54-player Swiss event at Ann Arbor. Losing no games, he drew with runner-up Leonids Dreibergs and Phil LeCornu. Second and third on Solkoff with 61/2-11/2 scores were Dreibergs and Morrie Weidenbaum. Dreibergs lost a game to Weidenbaum and drew with Byrne; Weidenbaum lost to Byrne. Fourth to sixth with 6-2 scores were Frederic Foote, Kazys Skema, and Robert Uhlmann, while seventh to ninth were John Penquite, Phil LeCornu, and Wesley Burgar with 51/2-21/2 each.

Wesley Burgar won the Junior title and Miss Lucille Kellner with 5-3 score retained the Woman's title, placing twelfth in the event. A special prize was awarded to Miles Simpson for scoring the biggest upset in the tournament.

One sad incident marred the event when after the first weekend player Jerry Smith, a roofer by trade, was fatally burned by an exploding tar-pot on Monday, August 13th, living only a matter of hours after the accident.

The tournament was ably directed by former USCF Secretary Edward I. Treend, assisted by Jack O'Keefe and Michigan State President V. E. Vandenburg.

FREEMAN TAKES FT. WORTH CITY

Claude Freeman tallied 7½-2½ in a 6-player double round robin to win the Ft. Worth City title, losing games to Louis Dina and Robert Powelson, while drawing with Kell C. Terry. Terry and Powelson tied for second with 7-3 each, and Dina was fourth with 5-5. The contenders qualified from a 24-player Swiss.

USCF PRESIDENT GOES TO MOSCOW

USCF President Frank R. Graves, accompanied by Mrs. Graves, left New York via plane for London on August 16th. His plans call for a brief stay in London before proceeding via Stockholm and Leningrad to Moscow to represent the USCF in the annual FIDE General Assembly. Mr. Graves is a Vice-President of FIDE by virtue of his position as USCF President.

This will be the first time that the USCF has been personally represented by an official at the FIDE meeting since Mr. Paul G. Giers attended the congress at Hilversum in 1947 and at Saltjobaden in 1948 as USCF Executive Vice-President. More recently the USCF has been represented by an appointed delegate-in 1955 at Gothenburg by U.S. Champion Arthur B. Bisguier. Difficulties in obtaining visas for his passport almost prevented Mr. Graves from fulfilling his intention of attending, but at the last minute these difficulties were successfully overcome.

CANADIAN OPEN DRAWS FROM USA

The first Canadian Open, with 88 players from Canada, the USA, and Guatamala, is an impressive event. At press time, the lead was shared between Evans and Lombardy of the USA, and Yanofsky and Anderson of Canada at 4½-½ each.

Participants from the USA include Larry Evans, William Lombardy, S. Bernstein, Hans Berliner, James Sherwin, Edmar Mednis, A. DiCamillo, E. S. Jackson, Drakert, Bobby Fischer, Sobel, Gilliland, Weininger, Bakos, Hodson, Sharp, Hand, Muller, and USCF Secretary Marshall Rohland.

Anderson, Yanofsky, Vaitonis, and Fox are among the Canadians.

213 Players, Aged 10 to 80, Throng To Valley of the Moon Chess Festival

The Ernest O. Anders chess festival at the Valley of the Moon, Sonoma, Calif. set a new record in attendance for this popular annual event, staged by the Chess Friends of Northern California and the Sonoma Chamber of Commerce with the blessings of the San Francisco Chronicle under the direction of International Master George Koltanowski, assisted by Mrs. Leah Koltanowski, Mrs. Lois McVeigh of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beck and their daughter, Toni. The 213 participants, ranging from 10 to 80 in ages, and including 12 women players, won 120 prize awards, not counting the General Dean Trophy and 12 other trophies.

The players were divided into 54 groups of four players each, and each group played its own round robin event with prizes going to winners and runners-up in each group. Then, treating the groups as parts of one large Swiss event, rating administrator Chuck McGinley of the Chess Friends of Northern California computed the results to discover which players in each class gained the most rating points in the event. On this basis victor of the Class A group was Jack Strong of Napa, Calif., of Class B group Dr. Harold Kletschka of Parks Air Force Base, Calif., and of Class C group Harry Steiner of Oakland, Calif. The Junior trophy was won by Roy Hoppe of San Francisco, Calif.

The General Dean trophy for the club scoring the most points with four men went to the Byrne Chess Club of Oakland, The Carroll Ogden Chess Club of San Francisco won the prize for having the greatest number of members attending. Eva Dresel of Sonoma won the local trophy. Trophies for coming the longest distance to participate in the festival were awarded to Jerry Spann of Oklahoma City, Okla., B. F. Stokes of Portland, Ore., and Betty Robinson of Los Angeles, Calif. There were ten winners in the special problem solving contest, and another special prize will be awarded to the best played game in the festival as soon as the judges can determine it from the scores submitted.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

MCO: page 277, column 63 Canadian Open Championship Montreal, 1956

"Abrupt Conclusion"

	:5	Abrupt	Concl	usion"		
7	White				Black	
D.	YANOFSKY		E. MEDNI			
1.	P-K4	P-QB4	73.	B-84	B-Q2	
2.	Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	14.	KR-KT	R-QKt1	
3.	P-Q4	PxP	15.	B-QKf3	P-Q4	
4.	KtxP	Kt-B3	16.	Q-KICt4	Kt-R2	
5.	Kt-QB3	P-Q3	17.	P-B4	Kt-B3	
6.	B-KKt5	P-K3	18.	BxKt	PxB	
7.	Q-Q2	P-QR3	19.	P-B5	P-K4	
8.	0-0-0	P-R3	20.	Q-Kt3	B-Q3	
9.	B-R4	KtxP	21.	Kt-K4	PxKt	
10.	Q-B4	Kt-Kt4	22.	RXB	K-K2	
11.	KtxKt	PxKt	23.	R/1-Q1	BxP	
12.	Q-R4	Q-Kt3	24.	Q-Kt7	Resigns	

B.C. MATCH WON BY WASHINGTON

The annual match between British Columbia and the State of Washington, held at Mount Vernon, Wash., Washington tallied victories in both the major and minor matches to regain the International Trophy won by British Columbia. Seventy players participated in the five-hour event. Score of the minor match has not been reported as yet, but Washington won the major event 20½-8½, although E. Zemgalis was defeated on board one by B.C. Champion Walter Jursevkis.

Victors for Washington in the major team were: R. Edberg, J. McCormick, Dan Wade, Dr. A. Almond, R. Neale, E. Leininger, K. Mulford, Kenneth Day, N. Tartshow, Max Mage, G. Lawhon, W. Gillette, M. Henion, Ray Hazen, F. M. Howard, D. Eilmes, J. Lepacki, and C. Abbott, while T. Warner, J. Trembois, M. Bader, J. Nourse, and A. McGregor drew respectively with F. May, S. Blinder, T. Middleton, L. Jonah, and H. Bischoff of British Columbia, Saving full points for B.C. were: W. Jursevskis, L. Basanta, F. Fillery. Schick-Rerber, T. J. Stewart, and A. Dreisner. The game between M. Skarsten of Washington and R. Eminson of B.C. was adjourned for adjudication but cannot change the match result.

Mess Life

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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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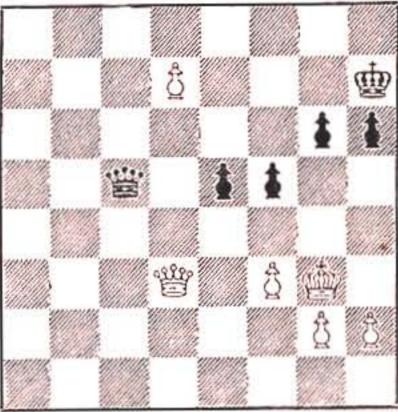
Finish It The Clever Way! by Edmund Nash

Position No. 183 L. Rodl vs. H. Herrmann Germany, 1949





A. Kevitz vs. S. Bernstein New York, 1956



Black to play and draw

I N Position No. 183, two moves by White brought about Black's resignation.

In Position No. 184, which occurred in the Manhattan Chess Club Championship, Black forced a draw in several moves in what appears to be a lost ending for him.

For solutions, please turn to Page eight.

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



To assist in the promotion of chess, the Vancouver Daily Province (which publishes a chess column edited by problemist W. Frank Fillery) has published and distributed an attractive folder entitled "Chess Is Fun" giving a brief historical note on the game, telling who plays it in British Columbia and describing the organization and functions of the British Columbia Chess Federation, with a directory of the BCCF officers

HAVE YOUR TOURNAMENTS OFFICIALLY RATED New Regulations Effective March 1, 1955

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

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

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

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

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

Official rating forms should be secured in advance from:—

Montgomery Major 123 No. Humphrev Avenue Oak Park, Illinois

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

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and the chess clubs in B.C. with their addresses. The booklet was jointly edited by BCCF President R. A. Pilkington and Chess Editor Fillery, with chess photographs by Editor Fillery.



Newell W. Banks of Detroit scored 8 wins, 2 losses and 10 draws in a simultaneous exhibition at the Ottawa YMCA in Canada. The wins went to members of the Russian Embassy.



Greater Chicago Chess League: The 1955-56 season is over and it has been one of the most successful seasons of recent years. Eight team's participated in the competition for the team championship and six teams participated in the annual ten-second tournament. The championship was uncertain up to the last round, three teams fighting for the number one spot. As of the writing of this report no decision has been reached, since the championship depends upon the outcome of two adjourned games of the match between the University of Chicago and the Latvians. These games have been submitted for adjudication, but no decision has been reached as yet. As this time the standings are as follows: University of Chicago is leading with a score of 5-1 and one unfinished match; Austin is second with 51/2-11/2, followed by Latvians with 41/2-11/2 and one unfinished match. The rest of the field scored as follows: Lyons-A 41/2-21/2, Rogers Park 31/2-31/2, Lyons-B 21/2-41/2, Hawthorne 1-6 and University of Illinois 1/2-61/2. The ten-second tournament was won by the University of Chicago, individual prizes went to Sweig (board 2, U. of C.) with 7-1, Robinson (board 3, U. of C.) with 61/2-11/2, Kirby (board 4, U. of C.) with 6-2, Gottesman (board 5, U. of C.) with 51/2-21/2 and Haubold (board 6, Austin) with 7-1. A play-off between Turiansky of the Lyons and Fischheimer of Rogers Park still has to determine the winner at the first board. The League is hoping for an expanded program next season. All chess clubs in the Chicago area are urged to contact the League regardless of whether these clubs wish to join the League or not. The current officers of the League are E. Buerger, President, J. Nowak, vice-president and Dr. M. W. Nathans, 2951 West 97th Place, Evergreen Park, Ill., secretary-

treasurer. A USCF Affiliated League.

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More Checks Are Needed!



Revival of the Illinois-Wisconsin match series continues with the latest meeting at Racine, where Illinois tallied a 29-16 victory—the largest margin of victory scored in any of the series which have usually been decided by a few points. Ilinois score 131/2-61/2 on first 20 boards where top strength favored Illinois, but surprisingly tallied 15½-9½ on the bottom boards where Wisconsin was supposed to be stronger. Winners for Illinois were: H. Myers, D. Fischheimer, K. Nedved, A. Zujus, H. Shelton, S. Winikaitis, E. Buerger, J. A. Nowak, R. Golla, Skalczuk, Mrs. Eva Aronson, Kalvaitis, Chapin, Besen, Butler, Kawka, Gregsamer, Zilic, Brokaski, Haubold, Vosylius, Deets, Mychalowych, Cospito and Austin. For Illinois M. Turiansky, Angelo Sandrin, M. Nathans, Robinson, M. Sweig, E. Purcell, R. Berg and Stein drew respectively with H. Meifert, A. E. Elo, Kime, Krimz, Domsky, Rigg, Forceia and Zierke of Wisconsin. The full points for Wisconsin were tallied by J. Kraszewski, R. Kujoth, Teubner, Weldon, Cramer, Cheek, J. Wherley, Stack, H. Schramm, Jetzer, Kasenga, Ottesen.



Speed Champion of Salt Lake City, Utah is Stanley Hunt who won the title with a 5-0 score. Second was Dick Heilbut with 4-1, while Farrell L. Clark, president of the Salt Lake City YMCA Chess Club, placed third with 3½-1½. Dr. Martin Capell, Sam Teitelbaum, and Bob Owen tied for fourth with 3-2 scores. Gerrit Zweers directed the event.



Manhattan (N.Y.) Chess Club: As previously reported, victory in the club championship went to Max Pavey with 12-3 score, followed by William Lombardy and A. S. Pinkus with 101/2-41/2 each, A. S. Denker 10-5, and Arthur Feuerstein 91/2-51/2. In the Class A Reserves, Bobby Fischer and Aben Rudy tied for first with 71/2-21/2, while Eugene Pflumm was third with 5-5. In the Class B event, Walter Ephron, Joseph A. Lavandero, and Allen Rich tled for first with 5-1; Richard Glickman was next with 21/2-31/2. The Class C tourney was won by Paul Richman with 7-0, second was Arnold Eisman with 6-1, while Mrs. Betty Guala was tied for third with Kurt Rosenberg with 31/2-31/2 each. A USCF Club Affiliate.

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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, 1776 Sample Road, Allison Park, Pennsylvania.

LIOT Hearst is now the USCF L vice-president for college chess. As regular readers of this column know, Eliot has served as president of the Intercollegiate Chess League for several years. I do mean served; he has done much more than just hold the title. Rhys Hays now rests with the knowledge that his old office has been placed in good hands. Although Rhys is no longer an official member of the collegiate chess group, America's college players hope that he will remain as an elder statesman. Do not get the idea that Mr. Hays is an old man! He is just entering his career in history. As you New Yorkers realize, Rhys is now a leading organizer of the New York Metropolitan Chess League. Promoters of national tournaments should keep his name in mind as one of the best tournament directors in the nation.

Now that the selection of the USCF vice-president is history, collegiate chess enthusiasts may think that the electing is over for some time. On the contrary, another important office will become vacant this December. The colleges in attendance at the 1956 Intercollegiate Team Championship Tournament will elect a new president for the Intercollegiate Chess League. Now is the time to make plans to send a team from your college to Philadelphia for this tournament and business meeting. Eliot Hearst cannot do the job alone; he needs cooperation from the leader of the ICL.

If you would like to face West Virginia University over the board, write to Mr. Ted Baker, 200 Belmar Avenue, Morgantown, West Virginia.

One of my old high-school teammates, Paul Garvin, begins his college days this month. It is my understanding that he is organizing a club at Carnegie Institute of Technology. Colleges interested in matches should contact him at 173 Montclair Avenue, Pittsburgh 37, Pennsylvania.

Jose R. Capablanca was the answer to our third question. Yes, he played for Columbia University in 1906. Later, fame came to his city, Havana, Cuba, when he became World Chess Champion.

Question 7: What city will host the 1956 United States Intercollegiate Team Championship? A famous Kenseal Pouch of Kentucky Club Aromatic Mixture will be yours, if you are one of the first 5 people to send the correct answer. The Mail Pouch Tobacco Company makes this question and the prize possible.

CHESS LIFE IN NEW YORK will return to this space when columnist Allen Kaufman returns from a well-earned vacation.

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Directory of USCI Affiliates

ISTED below are the Associations, Leagues and Clubs affiliated with L the United States Chess Federation as of July 31st, 1956. These organizations are authorized to conduct USCF-rated tournaments and matches up to the expiration dates of their charters, as indicated in parentheses after their names.

All contests sponsored by USCF Chapters are not rated automatically. Some require rating fees to be paid by the sponsors. If the fees are not remitted, a contest is not rated. Players who wish to make sure that their performances are rated should confirm that the announcement of a tournament or match states that it will be rated by the USCF.

Under the USCF National Rating Regulations, contests sponsored by unaffiliated organizations (or Chapters whose charters have expired and have not been renewed) are not rated. Charters issued prior to 1952 are no longer in effect and do not authorize the conduct of rated contests.

Any chess organization may apply for a franchise as an affiliated USCF Chapter. For details of the various privileges of affiliation, and application blank, write to the United States Chess Federation, 81 Bedford St., New York 14, N.Y.

REGIONAL CHAPTERS

New England Chess Association (July 31, 1957).

Annual championship Labor Day weekend restricted to New England residents. Inquiries to Walter B. Suesman, 160 Broad St., Providence, R.I. Southern Chess Association (June 30, 1957).

Annual championship over July 4 holiday. Inquiries to Dr. M. Hornstein, Southport, S.C.

STATE, LEAGUE, CITY AND CLUB CHAPTERS

ALABAMA

Birmingham Chess Club (Jan. 31, 1957). Open state championship Labor Day weekend. Meets Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. at Central YMCA. Address J. F. Addington, 5533 Ave. Q, Central Park, Birmingham 8, Ala.

ARIZONA

Encanto Chess Club (July 31, 1957).

Conducts state championship. Meets Vednesdays 7:30 p.m., Saturdays 1:30 p.m. at 2700 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix. Address Bob Muir, 2531 E. Brill, Apt. 2, Phoenix 22, Ariz. CALIFORNIA

California State Chess Federation (Sept. 30, 1956).

Sponsors state championship qualifying tournaments in October, finals at Thanksgiving; open state championship Labor Day. Address Kyle Forrest, 853 27th St., Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Chess Friends of Northern California Inc. (March 31, 1957).

Open championship February, Sonoma tournament August, team tournaments. Address Wm. J. Pattullo, 2236 46th Ave., San Francisco 16, Calif. San Francisco Bay Area Chess League (April 30, 1957)

City championship May-July, team tournaments Jan.-May. Address Guthrle McClain, 244 Kearny St., San Francisco 8, Calif.

Inglewood Chess Club (June 30, 1957). Open championship, usually in Spring. Meets Wednesdays 7 p.m. at Recreation Center, 621 N. La Brea Blvd. Address Hans Zander, 419 W. Olive St., Inglewood 1, Calif.

Lincoln Park Chess and Checkers Club

(Sept. 30, 1956).

Meets daily 9 a.m. to midnight at Lincoln Park clubhouse. Address club. Lincoln Park, Long Beach, Calif. Herman Steiner Chess Group (June 30, 1957).

Conducts S. Claif. championship Aug.-Oct., S. Calif. Junior championship August. Meets Sundays 2-11 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays 7 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Saturdays 2-6 p.m., at 108 N. Formosa Ave., Los Angeles 36. Ad-

dress Mrs. Lena Grumette, 1539 Laurel Ave., Hollywood 46, Calif. C.R.A. Chess Club (May 31, 1957). Meets 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Convair Club House, Pomona. Address C.R.A. Chess Club, Convair Recreation Assn.,

att. H. Goodwin, Zone 24-1, P.O. Box 1011, Pomona, Calif. Golden Gate Chess Club (Apl. 30, 1957). Meets Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. at Hotel Somerton, 440 Geary St., San Francisco. Address club secretary at meet-

ing place. Mechanics Institute (March 31, 1957). Meets daily at 57 Post St., San Francisco. Address club at meeting place.

COLORADO

The Denver Chess Club (May 31, 1957). Conducts Colorado Open over July 4, city and state championships Labor Day. Meets daily noon to midnight at YMCA, 16th Ave. at Lincoln St., Denver, Colo. Address club at meeting place.

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut State Chess Association

(March 31, 1957).

Open championship Mar.-Apl. Dues include USCF membership. Address Robt. R. Allen, Ridgewood Rd., Bristol, Conn.

Hartford Chess Club (Sept. 30, 1956). Meets Fridays 7 p.m. at 45 Church St., Christ Church Cathedral, Address Alton E. Smith, 22 Edison St., E. Hartford, Ct.

New Haven Chess and Checker Center (January 31, 1957).

Meets Thursdays 8 p.m. at YMCA, 52 Howe St. Address John Whiting, 291 Edward St., New Haven 11, Conn. New London "Y" Chess Club (April 30,

1957). Meets Mondays 7:30 p.m. at YMCA, Meridan St. Address Stanley King, YMCA, Meridan St., New London, Conn.

DELAWARE No affiliates in this State. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

No affiliates in D.C. FLORIDA

Florida Chess League (June 30, 1957). Annual state championship over Labor Day weekend. Address M. G. Cohen, 1838 S.W. 21st Terrace, Miami,

Fla. Inter-American Chess Club (July 31, 1956).

No information on meetings. Address Mr. Scheuplein, Alcazar Hotel, Miami, Fla.

GEORGIA

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ILLINOIS

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retary at meeting place.

Southern III. University Chess Club (March 31, 1957).

Address Student Union, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill. Greater Chicago Chess League (January

31, 1957). Annual team tournament January-

April. Address Dr. M. W. Nathans, 6444 N. Troy Ave., Chicago 45, Ill. Austin Chess & Checker Club (March

31, 1957). Conducts Great Lakes Open over July 4 holiday. Meets Mondays, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. at Austin Town Hall, 5610 W. Lake St., Chicago 44. Address club sec-

University of Chicago Chess Club (January 31, 1957).

Meets Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. at Burton-Judson Courts, 1005 E. 60th St., Chicago 37. Address c/o Joe Golden at meeting place.

Decatur Chess Club (Dec. 31, 1956).

Meets Wednesdays 7 p.m. at Recreation Center, 234 S. Water St. Address R. L. Fletcher, 1833 N. Maple, Decatur, ш.

Peoria Chess Association (January 31, 1957).

Open championship in April. Meets Friday evenings at YMCA, 700 Hamilen Blvd. Address Dean Lybarger, 3015 Indiana, Peoria, Ill.

INDIANA

Indiana State Chess Association May 30, 1957).

State championship at Logansport in May. Address Glen C. Donley, Lake Cicott, Ind.

Fort Wayne Chess Club (Oct. 31, 1956). Open championship in October. Meets Fridays 7 p.m. at YMCA, 226 E. Washington. Address F. H. Vietmeyer, 6251/2

E. Washington, Fort Wayne 2, Ind. American Serbian Chess Club (May 30, 1957).

Meets Tuesdays 7 p.m. at 1044 Broadway, Gary. Address M. Issilovich, 1421 Pennsylvania, Gary, Ind.

IOWA Iowa State Chess Association (April 30,

1957).

State championship in April, Open championship Labor Day, Address Arthur W. Davis, 1217 Marston Ave., Ames, Ia.

Tri-City Chess & Checkers Club (April 30, 1957).

Conducts Trans-Mississippi Open, Memorial Day weekend, Quad City Chanpionship, March. Meets daily at Hickey Bldg., 3rd floor, 2nd and Brady Streets, Davenport. Address club at meeting place.

KANSAS

State Association's franchise has expired.

K. U. Chess Club (July 31, 1957). Meets Thursdays, Saturdays at Memorial Union Bldg. Address club secretary, Memorial Union, University of

Kansas, Lawrence, Kans. Wichita YMCA Chess Club (Sept. 30, 1956).

Open championship November, Meets Fridays 7:30 p.m., Sundays 2:30 p.m. at Central YMCA, First Ave. at Emporia. Address W. D. McLaughlin, 638 Drury Lane, Wichita 18, Kans.

KENTUCKY Lexington Chess Club (May 31, 1957).

Conducts state championship. Meets Thursdays 7 p.m. Saturdays 1 p.m. at YMCA, 239 E. High St. Address James A. Roark, 455 Clifton Ave., Lexington,

Louisville YMCA Chess Club (January 31, 1957).

Conducts state Open April, Midwest Open October, Meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday nights, Saturday afternoons at Central YMCA, 3rd and Broadway, Address J. L. Godfrey, 301 Crescent St., Louisville 6, Ky. LOUISIANA

Louisiana Chess Association (March 31, 1957).

State championship Labor Day, Open championship July 4. Address A. L.

McAuley, 4225 S. Liberty St., New Orleans 15, La. Natchitoches Chess Club (May 31, 1957). Meets first Thursday each month, 7:30

p.m., at V.F.W. Home, 410 Touline St. Address Carroll R. Fernbaugh, 220 St. Denis St., Natchitoches, La. New Orleans Chess Club (July 31, 1957).

Meets Fridays 7:30 p.m. at YMCA, Lee Circle. Address C. J. Cucullu, 8121 Panola St., New Orleans 18, La.

No affiliates in this State.

MARYLAND Maryland Chess Federation (Aug. 31, 1956).

State championship in May. Address Kenneth M. Benjes, 1312 Third Rd., Baltimore 20, Md.

Arion Chess Club (March 31, 1957). Meets Thursdays 7:30 p.m. at 11 North Carey St., Baltimore 29. Address Wm. C. Koenig, 810 Breeside Rd., Balti-

more 29, Md. Glenn L. Martin Chess Club (January 31, 1957).

Meets Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. at Victory Villa club rooms. Address Harry H. Douglass, 1610-H Doolittle Rd., Baltimore 21, Md.

MASSACHUSETTS Massachusetts State Chess Association

Inc. (February 28, 1957). State championship February, Open

championship May. Address Lilian Alden, Secy., 820 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge 39. Mass. North Shore Chess League (January 31,

1957). Team tournaments among clubs in Mass., N.H., etc. Address, Bartlett

Gould, 15 Walnut St., Newburyport, Mass.

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Boston Metropolitan Chess League (May

31, 1957). Club team tournament November-February annually, Address Eric Nitzechs, 300 Salem St., Medford 55, Mass. Western Massachusetts and Connecticut Valley Chess Association (March 31, 1957).

Individual championship February and team tournaments. Address Mrs. Irene E. LaMontague, 20 Grandview St., Springfield 8, Mass.

Boylston Chess Club (April 30, 1957). Meets daily 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Young Men's Christian Union, 48 Boylston St., Boston 16, Mass. Address club at meeting place. Cambridge YMCA Chess Club (January

31, 1957). Meets at YMCA, 820 Massachusetts Ave. Address club secretary at meeting

place. South Boston Lithuanian Citizens' Assn.

Chess Club (July 31, 1957). Meets Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. at Lithuanian Citizens' Assn., 368 W. Broadway, South Boston 27, Mass. Address secre-

tary at meeting place. MICHIGAN Michigan State Chess Association (July

31, 1956). Will renew in August, Annual open championship, July or August. Address Edward I. Treend, Secy., 12203 Arch-

dale Ave., Detroit 27, Mich. Detroit Chess, Checker and Bridge Club (Oct. 31, 1956).

Meets daily noon to midnight at 2467 Grand River Ave., Detroit 1, Mich. Address secretary at meeting place. Edison Chess and Checker Club (Janu-

ary 31, 1957). Meets daily at noon and alternate Friday evenings at 2000 Second Ave. Address Edward I. Treend, Rm. 460, Service Bldg., 2000 Second Ave., Detroit

26, Mich. Jewish Community Center Chess Club

(January 31, 1957). Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 7 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m., at 4000 Tuxedo, Detroit 4, Mich. Address club at meeting place.

Kingemen Chess Club (April 30, 1957). Meets every other Wednesday evening at members' homes. Address Carl Haessler, 39 Massachusetts, Detroit 3, Mich.

MINNESOTA

Minnesota State Chess Association (Dec. 31, 1956).

Open championship in February. Address Fred Galvin, 840 Algonquin, St. Paul, Minn.

St. Paul Chess Club (March 31, 1957). Open championship over Labor Day. Meets Wednesdays 7 p.m. at Downtown YMCA, 9th & Cedar Streets. Address club at meeting place.

MISSISSIPPI No affiliates in this State.

MISSOURI

Missouri Chess Association (March 31, 1957).

Open championship November. Dues include USCF membership. Address Charles M. Burton, 5706 Maffitt Ave., St. Louis 12, Mo.

Kansas City YMCA Chess Club (January 31, 1957).

Conducts Heart of America Open Labor Day weekend. Meets daily at YMCA, 10th and Oak Sts. Address club at meeting place. St. Louis Chess League (March 31,

1959). Team tournaments and District Individual Championship March-May. Address C. M. Burton, 5706 Maffitt Ave., St. Louis 12, Mo.

Downtown YMCA Chess Club of St. Louis, Mo. (July 31, 1959).

Meets Thursdays, Saturdays, 7:30 p.m., Sundays 2:30 p.m. at Downtown YMCA, 1528 Locust St., St. Louis 3, Mo. Address club secretary at meeting place.

MONTANA

No affiliates in this State. NEBRASKA

State association not affiliated. Lincoln Chess Club (Dec. 31, 1956).

Meets Tuesdays, Fridays 7:30 p.m. at Central YMCA, 13 and "P" Sts. Address Alexander Liepnieks at meeting place. Omaha Chess Club (August 31, 1956).

Conducts Swenson Memorial September. Meets 1 to 5 p.m. daily, except Sunday, and 7 p.m. to 12 m. Tuesdays and Saturdays at Room 317, Central YMCA, 17th and Harney Sts., Omaha 2. Address club at meeting place.

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By

Montgomery Major

Let the Reader Speak

Those only deserve a monument who do not need one; that is, who have raised themselves a monument in the minds and memories of man,

HAZLITT—Characteristics.

C INCE, whether he deserves one or not, the format, content and special characteristics of a publication serve as a monument to its editor, we have always had the wish to fashion CHESS LIFE according to the image that the Readers would behold, letting the publication become more a monument to the intelligent selectivity of the Reader than to the accidental achievements of the Editor.

Therefore, in this last year of our stewardship, we would like to fashion CHESS LIFE according to the stipulated tastes of our audience, so that our successor in his first months of office may postpone his experiments in subject-matter while becoming familiar with the many unsuspected (by him) burdens that afflict an editor. He may not have to dodge with agility the shining blades of some of his associates, aimed at his back,—a performance in which we eventually gained considerable skill through practice—but he will have numerous other problems even more serious, including the handicapping interference of incompetent layman control which has been deftly inserted in the proposed text of the By-Laws.

The problem of CHESS LIFE remains the problem of limited space for unlimited objectives-if there were more pages, there would be little serious difficulty in apportioning the news, features, and articles to the satisfaction of almost everyone-no editor will ever quite satisfy all readers.

Therefore, the question of what types of articles and features should occupy this limited space is a question that should be considered and answered by every reader. We cannot expect that all readers will agree; we can only hope that their responses will indicate with sufficient clarity what is predominantly desired-what features appeal to a majority or to a sufficiently large minority to be maintained or introduced.

We have, for example, been under considerable pressure from various readers, in whose judgments we repose considerable confidence, to restore the publication of complete cross-tables of all important USCF rated state and regional tournaments. We have hesitated to do so, merely because the insertion of such cross-tables might mean the sacrificing of other worthy material. There is also considerable extra labor involved in preparing such tables for the printer, since they can seldom be published in the form submitted. But if the demand from readers for such cross-tables is sufficiently convincing we are willing to undertake the extra effort involved.

To indicate the questions in our mind regarding what should or should not be published, we have prepared a questionnaire. We earnestly urge that all readers who have preferences indicate their tastes, and that those who have ideas for new or different features suggest them. Those who do not wish to mutilate their copies of CHESS LIFE by clipping out the questionnaire and returning it, may use it as a guide in writing out their preferences and suggestions.

It may be noted by some that "Major Topics" and "Under the Chessnut Tree" are not mentioned in this questionnaire. The first, hereafter, will only appear when the Editor has something to say that he feels is vitally necessary to be said for the good of the Federation or chess; the second is permanently discontinued. When the USCF Board of Directors elected Mr. McClain to office at Oklahoma City, they, in effect, endorsed (whether that was their intention or not) the slanderous attacks of Mr. McClain upon the Federation and the Editor. The Editor, therefore, does not feel authorized hereafter to express himself generally upon subjects concerning chess and will only do so rarely and with great reluctance under extreme necessity. The endorsements by the USCF Board of Directors and by the USCF Ways & Means Committee of Mr. McClain's foul attacks ("a character assassin", etc.) constitute the final reason (although there are others) why the Editor will not accept any renewal of his contract when it expires in December, 1957.

(Interested readers are requested to turn to page seven and fill out the questionnaire printed there, or answer the questions in their own way by letter.)

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REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Oklahoma City, July, 1956

REGRET that I am unable to be present in person. The International Affairs Committee was established in 1953 to formulate the rules for USCF participation in international chess and to further such participation by providing a channel for negotiation with the F.I.D.E. in general and the individual affiliates in particular. It will be seen from what follows that the biggest obstacle to our international chess participation is lack of funds.

In October 1955, three women representatives of the USCF, Mrs. G. Gresser, Miss M. Karff, and Mrs. Sonia Graf-Stevenson participated in the Women's Chailengers Tournament for the World Championship in Moscow, USSR. All the travel expenses of the ladies were paid by the host country. We still owe the FIDE the

entry fees for these women's participation in the tournament.

In the Spring of 1956, a team of 5 undergraduates participated in an international students team tournament under the auspices of the World Student Union in Uppsala, Sweden. All the details of team selection, the raising of the necessary travel funds were handled by Mr. E. Hearst as President of the U.S. Intercollegiate Chess Association to whom the invitation was issued. The entry fee for this may still not have been paid to F.I.D.E.

The International Team Olympics (Men's World Team Tournament) to be held August 31 to September 25, 1956 in Moscow, U.S.S.R., engaged our attention early in the Spring. It was soon apparent that the important question of how to select our team was subordinate to the practical problem of gathering the funds for the sending of such a team. With the sanction of the President, Mr. Graves, I spoke to a representative of the American Chess Foundation with a view to enlist their aid in financing the venture. This aid was refused. An appeal was made to the U.S. Department of State for financial aid. This week their reply came. In it they expressed the greatest interest in the project. However, they had no funds available for such projects. Meanwhile, the USSR has granted us an extension of time in which to notify then as to our final intention to send or not send a team (Originally we were supposed to let them know by June 1). If the USCF members or officers or directors can devise some method of raising the necessary funds for traveling expenses, etc. to send a team, we may still be able to do so, if we act quickly.

The U.S. Department of State transmitted to the USCF an invitation to send an "outstanding" US player to an International tournament in Montevideo to begin July 15, 1956. We received this invitation about June 14. Again, the Department of State expressed enthusiasm for the project. Both Mr. Harkness and I replied to express our great interest, but requesting financial aid from the Department of State. Thus far no reply has been received, which in this case is equivalent to exceeding the time limit.

Lastly, I should like to present the problem of selecting a Junior Representative for the World Junior Tournament in 1957. The Canadian Chess Federation has been granted permission to act as hosts for this event. Last year our committee decided that the USCF Junior Champion of 1957 should be the representative. Our reasons were two fold:

1. It would enhance the status and prestige of our Junior Tournament.

2. For youths whose ability change so rapidly with time, the rating method of selection is possibly not so reliable.

The disadvantages of the method lie in the possibility of conflict of date for the two tournaments and the danger that our winner would be ineligible because of age, since the maximum age for the International Tournament is 20, whereas it is 21 for our tournament. Perhaps the Board of Directors might settle this problem. The relatively short distance between U.S. and Canada affords us the hope that the money to send a representative to the World Junior Championship Tournament in 1957 might be successfully raised. This makes the method of selection of our Junior Representative no longer an academic problem. By the way, we still owe FIDE the dues for the last World Junior Representative entry fee, to the best of my knowledge.

As a matter of fact, to the best of my knowledge we still owe FIDE our regular dues for the year. If we do not pay our dues plus all the back entry fees we owe, we may be dropped from membership in FIDE. Some means should be

devised to pay all these dues and fees.

Also in all future events in which we may participate on an international basis, we should always make it our business to raise the entry fees for our participation and pay them, in addition to raising the necessary traveling expenses for the players. We should always remember to try to get the money for the entry fees before or at the time of our participation in the event. I believe it is easier to get the money for these entry fees at that time then to try to raise it after the event is over.

MAX PAVEY

Chairman.

International Affairs Committee USCF

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NEVADA

Reno Chess Club (April 30, 1957).

Conducts State and Open tournament Match. Meets Mondays 7 p.m. at Recreation Center, 303 South Center. Address K. R. Jones, 1664 California Ave., Reno, Nev.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

State Association's franchise expired. Phillips Exeter Academy Chess Club (Feb. 28th, 1957).

Meets Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, 6:45 p.m. at Room 5, Academy Bldg., Front St., Exeter. Address H. P. Gates, Phillips Exeter Academy, Exter, N.H. NEW JERSEY

New Jersey State Chess Federation (June 30, 1957).

Open championship Labor Day weekend. Dues of \$7 include USCF membership. Address William Walbrecht, Secy., 6 Webster Ave., Jersey City, N.J. North Jersey Chess League (Sept. 30, 1956).

Annual team tournament among northern N.J. clubs. Address John L. Biach, 10 Indian Spring Rd., Cranford,

South Jersey Chess Association (Nov. 30, 1956).

Individual championship and team tournaments. Member clubs required to become USCF Club Chapters. Address L. E. Wood, 1425 Sycamore St., Haddon Heights, N.J.

Atlantic City Chess Club (Oct. 30, 1956) Member club of S.J. Chess Assn. Meets Mondays, Thursdays, 8 p.m. at Jewish Community Center, 138 S. Virginia Ave. Address E. F. Daigle, 224 N. Rosborough Ave., Ventnor, N.J.

Camden City Chess Club (Aug. 31, 1957). Meets Friday evenings at Police and Fireman's Association Club, 1175 Whitman Ave. Address Joseph J. Powell, 809 Fairview St., Camden 4, N.J.

Chess Club of the Oranges (Oct. 30, 1956).

Meets at 102 N. Maple Ave., East Orange. Address Edgar T. McCormick at club meeting place. (Continued in next issue.)

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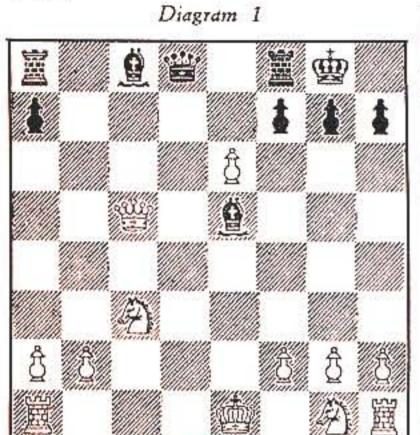


LARRY EVANS ON OPENINGS

By International Master LARRY EVANS

Second Thoughts

R ETURNING to that pesky Dutch Variation of the Q's Gambit Declined, which was precipitously disposed of in our last column—it appears that the simple line suggested by reader Pence is not so simple after all if Black meets it correctly: E.G., 1. P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. P-QB4, P-K3; 3. N-QB3, N-KB3; 4. B-N5, P-B4!?; 5. PxQP, BPxP; 6. QxP, B-K2; 7. P-K4, N-B3; 8. B-N5, O-O; 9. BxQN, PxB; 10. BxN, BxB!; 11. P-K5, P-B4!

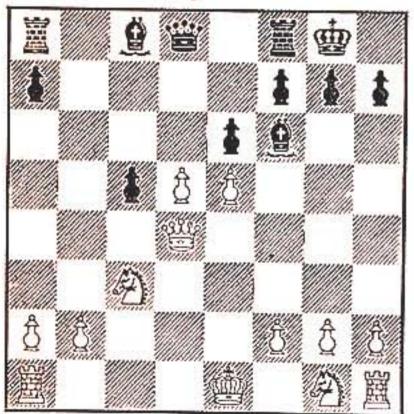


Position after 11., P-B4!

The point is that 12. Q-K3 is methal by the simple PxP (13. PxB, R-K1). 12. Q-K4, PxP; 13. QxP (if 13. NxP, BxP; 14. QxB, R-K1), QxQ; 14. NxQ, BxP leads to an advantage for Black after 15. O-O-O, R-N1.

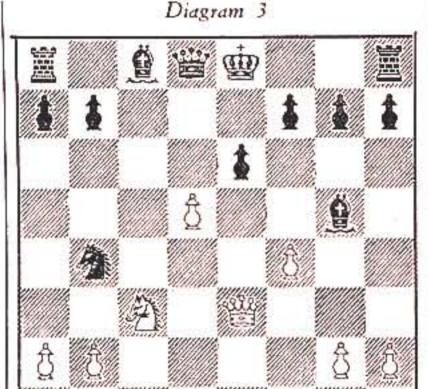
The most feasible continuation is 12. QxP, BxP; 13. PxP (this attempt to win material seems to exert the most pressure on Black), and now Black has several moves, such as 13., B-Q5 or, R-K1.

Diagram 2



Position after 13. PxP— Who stands better?

It certainly seems that Black has compensation for his material inferiority, but this position deserves some practical tests before a final verdict can be rendered. If it really is decisively in White's favor after all (which is highly doubtful), then this variation may be considered refuted and finally laid to rest. Until then, White may still go a-experimenting on his eighth move. Aside from 8. Q-Q2, which we have already considered in a previous article, there is the very interesting 8. Q-K3, which resulted in several devastating experiences in the latest women's world championship. E.G., 8. Q-K3, NxQP!; 9. PxN, BxB; 10. P-B4, N-N5.



Position after 10., N-N5

Now White has several continuations, the most plausible of which is 11. B-N5ch, K-B1; 12. O-O-O, Q-N3 (if 13. QxQ, BxPch), after which Black has vigorous counterplay.

All in all, this variation still remains a mighty enigma.

"TEN AGAINST ONE"

A Chess Tour of Europe, continued from August 20 issue By PAUL LIGTVOET

Next to London. It's in the phonebook—a large cellar-type restaurant. You traveled thousands of miles, you get the best. No wonder

I lost.

Not like in Paris there is the lady president who asked me how strong I was and gave me my choice—stronger or weaker opponent.

Next to Geneva, Switzerland. Broke even in our Hotel Lucerne at the lake. There was the place both for chess and vacation. I got beat, so what, but the scenery was terrific.

Basel. He wasn't strong but played hard and serious; no nicer man I ever beat.

Heidelberg. Only one hour in the snitzelbank cafe against three medical students who knew more about U.S. politics than I did, and how correct they were in their analyses, but they arise to save people not the world.

Manhattan (N.Y.) Chess Club: A sixplayer independent Class A tourney resulted in a 6-4 tie for first place between Richard A. Einhorn and Victor A. Guala. Third place was shared by Edgar T. McCormick and Mitchell Saltzberg with 51/2-41/2 each. A USCF Club Affiliate.

The Kibitzer Has His Day

Dear Sir:

Over the past couple of years, I have noticed several proposals for tie-breaking systems to be used in place of the Swiss method of adding up tie-breaking points based upon the number of wins accumulated by the opponents each player is able to defeat.

The alternate proposals differ in method, yet all seem to have one basic similarity. They each attempt to take cognizance of the fact that losses are also significant, and that it is worse to be beaten by a poor player than by a good one.

It would seem that by the same process of reasoning by which one is able to claim the wins of his defeated opponents, one should also assume the losses of his victorious opponents. To take a specific case, here is the record of two players who participated in the recent U. S. Junior Championship in Philadelphia:

	Sanford Greene		Kenneth Blake	0
Op	ponents: W	L	Opponents: W	L
D	1123/4	1 21/4	W 272	
D	923/4	21/4	D 723/4	21/4
D	1221/2	21/2	L 2	2
D	24	1	W 85½	
L	21	6	W 224	
W	155		L 3	2
D	63	2	W 184½	
D	8234	21/4	D 43½	11/2
W	1741/2	A-1-1 601	L 1	11/2
D	431/2	13/2	D 142½	21/2
	Totals303/4 Net wins11	19¾	Totals243/4 Net wins	113/4
n1.			enth with 30% tie breaking points,	

Blake was ninth with 24%. Had losses been given equal consideration, their positions would have been reversed; Blake with 13 net wins would have been seventh, while Green with 11 net wins would have finished ninth.

The positions of the other 26 who competed in this event would not have been affected, so the Swiss system might still be considered 93% accurate compared with this system, in this competition.

Considering the number of proposals for tie-breaking systems which have been proposed in the past, it is rather doubtful that this method is original with me, however, I do not remember having seen it suggested before. It would seem that the accuracy obtainable would well justify the small amount of additional work necessary to compile and add the figures.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Franklin (Phila.) Chess Club: The club reserve tournament was won by Anthony Cantone with 13-0 score. Albert Quindry placed second with 10-3, losing games to Cantone, Jack Lieberman, and Jack C. Ricca, Third place

was a tie between Frank Berlin, Charles Sprague, and Jack Lieberman with 8½-4½ each, while sharing sixth with 8-5 each were Leland A. Quindry and Jack C. Ricca. A USCF Club Affiliate.

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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.

By MILDRED MORRELL

Guest Columnist

THE most wonderful vacation my husband and I ever had was spent at the U.S. Open at Oklahoma City.

I was most anxious to meet other women who played in chess tournaments, curious as to what they were like. I found the women very charming and friendly. I am happy that one woman has written to me since arriving home.

certainly were The women "fighters," had their share of games that were fought to adjournment. If not won, they were proud that their opponents did not win easily. Mrs. Mary Selensky's last game of the tournament has the distinction of being the longest game, lasting seven and one-half hours without a break. I admired her fighting spirit. Mrs. Selensky, incidentally, lives in Philadelphia, my home town. When visiting relatives there, I am looking forward to visiting her.

It was a wonderful experience to meet so many chess masters whose games I have seen in publication, so much fun to see them analyze games in the "Skittle room." I could see that in comparison to these players, I don't know much about the game. However, I learned some new "tricks" and am most certainly going to continue to learn more.

The chess players from foreign lands held a particular fascination for me. I sought each out to talk to—about their countries. I found the man from India spoke excellent English and had a most interesting conversation with him. He plays the flute and drums and I am a piano teacher, so we talked about the varied rhythms in Indian music, etc.

Mr. Fuster, from Canada, told many interesting stories of playing some chess masters in Europe and some chess jokes from actual experiences. Some from other countries could not speak very good English, but all played excellent chess and had ready smiles. English just wasn't necessary.

A very contagious friendly spirit prevailed throughout the tournament that made us feel everyone there—chess players, their wives, all who helped run the tournament, and our very fine, quick witted tournament director were our friends. So enjoyable was the Open, we intend to go each year. We hope to bring members of our club to share our fun, also hope to meet more women chess players next year.

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GAMES BY USCF MEMBERS

Annotated by Chess Master JOHN W. COLLINS

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BISGUIER—AGAIN!

U. S. Champion Arthur B. Bisguier lengthened his string of titles by again winning the Open Championship. An early loss to D. Fischheimer of Chicago spurred him on to a series of wins and an ultimate tie for first and second with James T. Sherwin. The Median Tie-Breaking System then gave him the title.

Bisguier's game with U. S. Expert C. F. Tears of Dallas, Texas, a top correspondence player, was one of his most interesting. Black used a little known opening system, sacrificed the exchange, and missed a good chance. White tied up his opponent's queen-side, sacrificed a Pawn, then the exchange, and finally won with a subtle Queen triangulation theme. The score-

DUTCH DEFENSE MCO: page 28, column 23 U. S. Open Championship Oklahoma City, 1956

White Black A. BISGUIER C. TEARS 1. P-QB4 P-KB4 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3 3. P-KK13 P-KKt3

This is the Dutch Indian Defense, a cross between a Dutch and a King's Indian Defense. One of White's best procedures against it is the posting of the KKt at KB4, via KR3, and the opening of the KR1-QR8 diagonal, a way not available in this case.

4. B-Kt2 Or 4. P-Kt3, B-Kt2; 5. B-QKt2, O-O; 6. B-Kt2, P-Q3; 7. O-O, P-B3; 8. P-Q4, K-R1; 9. Q-B2, Kt-R3; 10. QKt-Q2, Kt-QKt5; 11. Q-B1, P-QR4; with equal chances: Zagoryansky-Kopilov, USSR Champ., Prelims., 1949.

4. B-Kt2 5. 0-0 0-0 6. Kt-B3 Kt-B3?

This anti-positional move cannot be good, whether it is played by Stoltz, Seitz, Sherwin, or Vinogradov, who have all tried it. Better is 6., P-B3.

P-Q3

PxKt

PXP

7. P-Q4 8. P-Q5

Less enterprising, but quite sound, is 8. P-Kt3, Kt-K5; 9. B-Kt2, P-K4; 10. PxP: Thomas-Seitz, Nice, 1930.

Kt-K4 9. KtxKt 9. Q-Kt3! Kt(K4)-Q2; 10. B-K3, R-K1; 11. QR-Q1, Kt-B1; 12. Kt-Q4, K-R1; 13. B-B1, (Alatorsev-Vinogradov, Odessa, 1951) gives White a clear positional advantage.

10. P-K4 10. Q-Kt3!

P-B5 If 10., P-K3? 11. KPxP! KPxBP; 12. B-K3, P-K5; 13. B-Q4, R-K1; 14. R-K1, P-Kt3; 15. P-B3! (Collins-Sherwin, Marshall C. C. Champ., New York, 1952) and White has a very distinct advantage.

11. PxP Safe is 11. P-B3. 17.

12. P-K5!? 12. P-B3 is still safer. 12. BxP, KtxKP; 13. KtxKt, RxB; 14. Q-Q2, however, seems to be best. The text has a flaw

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Kt-Kt5 13. P-K6

And it certainly looks as if Black's bottled-up queen-side must lose the game. Not so!

13. Kt-K4 14. P-K+3 R-B4?

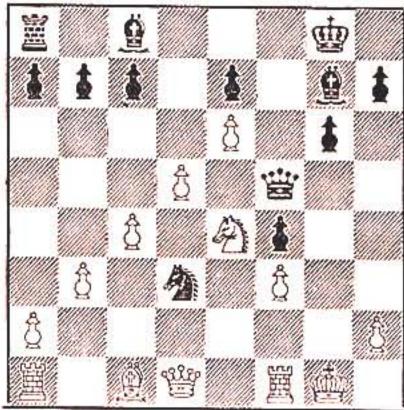
This is wrong on two counts, first, it prepares an unsound sacrifice of the exchange and, second, it overlooks a very good try.

Correct is 14., P-B6! 15. B-R1, (15. B-R3 is worse) P-KKt4!! Now if 16. BxKtP, (otherwise Black can play 16. P-Kt5; or go ahead anyhow with 16., Q-K1! (threatening 17., Q-Kt3; or 17., Q-R4) and White is extremely hard pressed to find an adequate defense.

Conversely, if 14., KtxP? 15. PxKt, BxKt; 16. R-Kt1, and White can build a murderous attack with Q-Kt4, R-Kt3, K-R1 and R-KKt1, and B-K4.

After the text, Black never has a second chance.

15. B-K4! Q-B1 Having said A . . . 16. BXR QxB 17. P-B3! Kt-Q6 18. Kt-K4!



A mark of a master is his willingness to return material—for a consideration. BXR 20. B-R3 19. QxKt P-Kt3 21. KtxBch QxKt If 21., PxKt; 22. QxQ, PxQ; 23. B-K7, K-Kt2; 24. K-B2, B-Kt2; 25. R-Kt1 ch, K-R3; 26. BxP, wins easily.

22. R-B2 23. B-Kt2 24. Q-Q4

B-Kt2 Q-R5

White begins the triangulation maneuver (threatening mate) which ends the game.

24. 25. Q-K4

White plays for mate, not a Pawn. 25. Q-B1

If 25., Q-B4; 26. QxQ, PxQ; 27. R-Kt2 ch, K-B1; 28. B-Kt7 ch, K-Kt1; (28. , K-K1; 29. B-R6 and 30. R-Kt8 mate) 29. B-R6 ch, K-R1; 30. BxP, R-KB1; 31. B-K5 ch, R-B3; 32. BxR ch, PxB; 33. P-K7, and mate in 3.

26. R-K+2 Resigns The threat is 27. RxP ch, PxR; 28. QxP ch, Q-Kt2; 29. QxQ mate. On 26., Q-R3; White completes the triangulation with 27. Q-Q4 and then mates at KR8 or KKt7.

TRIPLE O WINS

KtxP

After White chooses an inferior variation, Black castles on the Q-side and secures a winning K-side attack.

CARO-KANN DEFENSE MCO: page 8, column 3 5th Mid-West Open Championship Omaha, 1955

Notes by U.S. Expert Stanley B. Winters White Black LAINSON J. SPENCE 1. P-K4 P-QB3 Kt-Kt3 B-Kt3 2. P-Q4 P-Q4 6. Kt-B3 Kt-Q2 3. Kt-QB3 7. PXP B-QB4

B-B4

The Bishop is superficially placed here as any threats to Black's KB2 are easily parried. The initiative remains with White after 7. P-KR4, P-KR3; 8. B-Q3, BxB; 9. QxB, Q-B2; 10. B-Q2, P-K3; 11. 0-0-0, with K-Kt1 and P-QB4 to follow.

7. KKt-B3 P-K3 9. R-K1 B-Q3 8. 0.0 10. B-K+3 Incomprehensible. The absence of this Bishop from the diagonal KB1-QR6 is clearly exploited by Black. Q-B2 12. Q-K2

11. Kt-K5 Kt-B1 Somewhat better was 12. Q-B3, O-O-O; 13. Kt-B4, when the win of the QP by Black might prove risky; i.e., 13., BxKt; 14. RPxB, RxP; 15. B-B4 (not B-K3, B-R4!), Q-K2; 16. Kt-K5, with a variety of possibilities based upon the

unprotected Black Rook and the exposed position of the Black King. 12. 0-0-0 13. P-QR4 A waste of time.

P-KR4 Not a waste of time. 14. Kt-B3

More prudent was 14. P-R4.

P-R5 16. B-Kt5 Kt-Kt3 15. Kt-B1 17. P-R3 B-R4! QR-KI The Rook was well placed at Q1. 18. BxKt PxB 19. P-Q5!? Kt-K4



20. PxBP? QXP B-B5 KtxKtch 23. Kt-Q2 21. PxKt 24. Kt-K4 P-84 QR-Kt1ch Resigns

A crushing finish by Black, aided by the absence of the White KB.



KRASZEWSKI'S COMEBACK

Kraszewski was one of the most promising young players developed by the Milwaukee program in the 1930s. After dropping out of chess for several years, he has returned, apparently not the least bit rusty, and has recently won the Wisconsin Championship. Here is a clever specimen of his play in an exhibition.

SICILIAN DEFENSE MCO: page 292, column 140 (q:A) Simultaneous Exhibition Milwaukee, 1956

Notes by U. S. Expert Alex Suchobeck White G. KOLTANOWSKI J. KRASZEWSKI P-QB4 2. P-QB3 P-K4 To invite the opponent into new "chess territory" might be the only justification for such awkward moves. Some of the great chess authorities (Tarrasch) were positively against P-QB3 at such an early stage of the game. And quite rightly so! This move fits in a very few opening systems-and even then not as a second move.

2. Kt-KB3 3. B.Q3 Kt-B3 Black, disregarding all the fanciness of White's strategy, makes sound moves. No wonder he is ahead in development after the fourth move! 5. PXP QxP 8. Q-K2 P-K3 6. Kt-B3 B-Kt5 9. Kt-R3

7. P-KR3 **B-R4** As a result of White's artificial second move-the good square for the QKt is occupied by its own pawn, which has no useful function at present and be-

comes a good target for Black in the future. P-QKt4 9. B-K2 13. QKt-K5 KtxKt 10. B-Kt3 Q-Q2

11. Kt-B4 Kt-Q4 14. QxKt 14. KtxKt, BxQ; 15. KtxQ, BxP; 16. Kt-K5, B-B4 is not a very attractive continuation for White. Minus a pawn combined with a minus in position would lead to a loss. Yet this alternative seems to be better than the text move which also gives a pawn away. BxKt 16. Q-K2

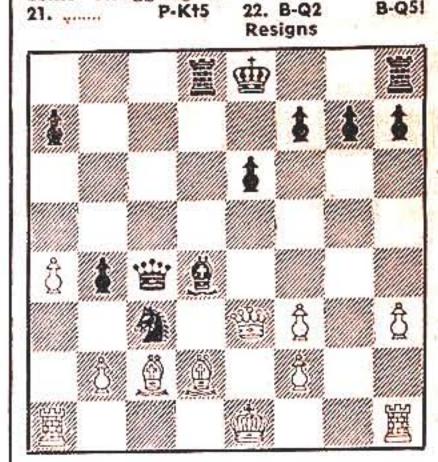
B-B3 15. PxB Why not 16., KtxP gaining a pawn? Trying to win it back would be fatal for White: 17. Q-B2, Kt-Q4; 18. QxP?? (18. P-R4, Kt-Kt5), R-QB1; 19. Q-R3, B-K2; 20. Q-R6, R-B3; 21. QxKtP, RxB ch winning the Lady.

17. P-QR4 The losing move. White should castle right away, thus keeping material even and not exposing himself to a strong attack. True, the White Ruler would have plenty of air conditioning around him, yet the immediate assault on him is not possible.

P-B5! Forceful and beautiful. No matter what White replies, he gets in trouble.

KtxP 19. Q-Q2 18. QPXP Giving away the exchange would be just as hopeless, while 19. Q-B2 would be answered by 19., PxBP winning at least a piece.

21. B-B2 Q-B3 QXQBP! 20. Q-K3 White is shocked by all these sacrifices and loses without a fight. He overlooks that 21. B-Q2 leaves him some struggling chances.





HEARST TAKES CAROLINA

The Carolinas' Open Championship has proven a yearly attraction for Northern players. The Yankees commend our Southern hospitality and efficient tournaments. Perhaps no other winner was as popular as the noted Master, Eliot Hearst, who won first prize with a 7-0 score. The following unusual game with the outstanding West Virginia Expert, Don Burdick, is so intricate that at times it seems to challenge the powers of analysis. (This variation is not listed in MCO or PCO).

SICILIAN DEFENSE Carolinas' Open Championship Myrtle Beach, 1956

Notes by Norman M. Hornstein, M.D. White D. BURDICK E. HEARST 1. P-K4 P-QB4 2. Kt-KB3 P-QR3 Tartakower had a predilection for this move. The only theoretical way for White to take an advantage is to play 3. P-B4 with a para-Maroczy bind. Alapin's 3. P-B3 is more adventurous and probably sound.

3. P-Q4 4. KtxP Kt-KB3 A favorite move with Hearst who does

not concur with the opinion of some

experts that 6. KKt-K2 is the best move

GUEST ANNOTATORS

Norman M. Hornstein, M.D. Alex Suchobeck Stanley B. Winters

and that Black should wait until B-K2 is played before advancing the KP. 6. KKt-K2! P-Q3

In a Mednis-Hearst game, 6., B-B4 was refuted by 7. B-K3!

7. P-KKt3 Burdick chooses the best method of development.

B-K3

Hearst states that 7., P-QKt4 and B-Kt2 gives Black more terrain. 8. B-Kt2 QKt-Q2 9, P-KR3

Like many prophylactics, this one may have holes in it. The move is excellent, however, as a base for the typical attack of P-KKt4, P-B4 after suitable fortifying of the King position. 9. R-B1 10. P-B4

This move makes the game interesting but opens the White position drastically. White should take advantage of Black's (we believe) premature 9th move by O-O, B-K3 and P-KKt4. Hearst is taking big chances by not castling. 10. P-QKt41? 11. P-R3

White is slowly moving to the point where it will be unsafe to castle on either wing. 11. P-B5, B-B5; 12. P-Kt3, BxKt; 13. KtxB, Q-B2; 14. P-B3 is preferable. Hearst's next move makes this sequence impossible.

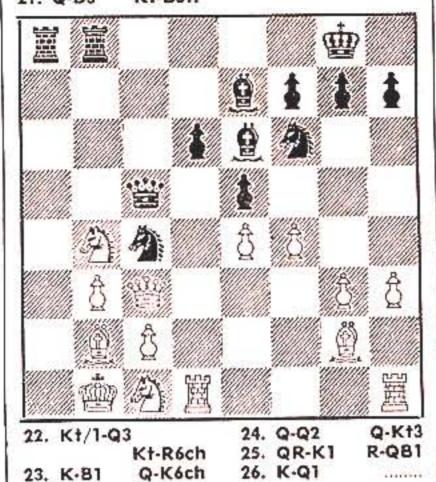
Q-B2!! 12. P-K+3 Weakening the pawn position for the sake of a trap. O-O is still possible. 12. Kt-Kt3! 13. B-Kt2? With this excellent move, Hearst gets an overpowering attack. If 14. P-QKt4, White's QB4 is later seized by the Black Knight.

14. Q-Q2 B-K2 17. PXP PXP 15. O-O-O P-QR4! 18. Kt-R2 0-0 16. K-K+1 P-Kt5 19. KtxP

This win of a pawn should have been delayed until P-B5 was played to force the QB from a sensitive diagonal. P-B5 could also have been played several moves later. 19. R-R1

Hearst states that P-Q4 was tempting but replete with a multitude of complications. Probably it was more effective since either: 20. BPxP, KtxP; 21. BxKt, PxB; 22. Kt-R2. Kt-Q4 with many Black threats; or 20. KPxP, KR-Q1!: 21. Kt-R2, KKtxP; 22. BxKt, BxB and White must at the very least lose the exchange. 20. Kt-B1! KR-Kt1

Very ingenious as the obvious tactic KR- QBI would have led nowhere. 21. Q-B3 Kt-B5!!



This loses quickly. 26. BxKt, RxB; 27. K-Q1 was unappetizing but necessary. KtxBP! 30. QXQ RXQ 27. KtxKt 31. KtxB RxKt/6 BxKtP R-Kt7 32. R-K3 Q-B3 28. B-QB3 33. K-Q2 QXB 29. Kt-B1 R-QB3 holds slightly more defensive possibilities. B-Kt4 PxP! 36. RxKt 33. 37. R/4-B3 R-QB1 Kt-R4 34. PXP R/7xKt KtxP! 38. K-Q1 35. R-KB1

For the QR cannot move due to the mate threat. A fine performance by Eliot Hearst although Burdick was not seen at his best in this game.

Resigns

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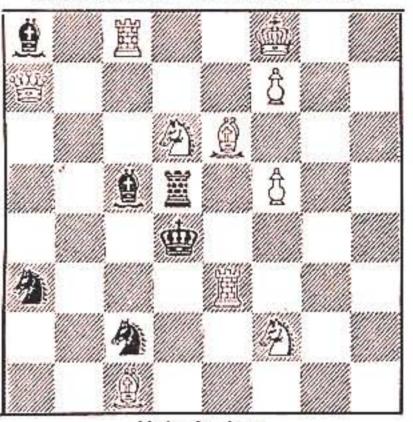
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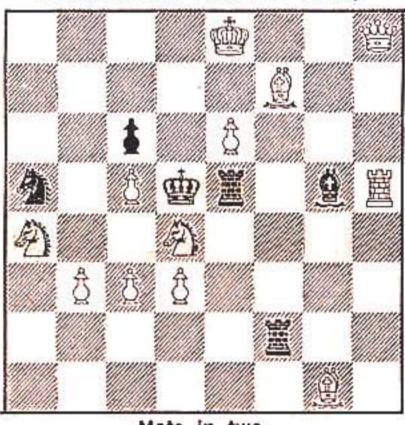


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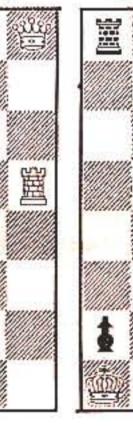
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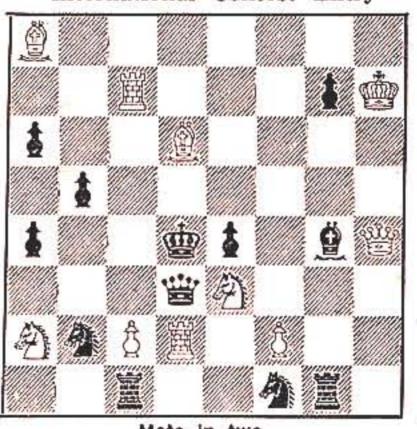
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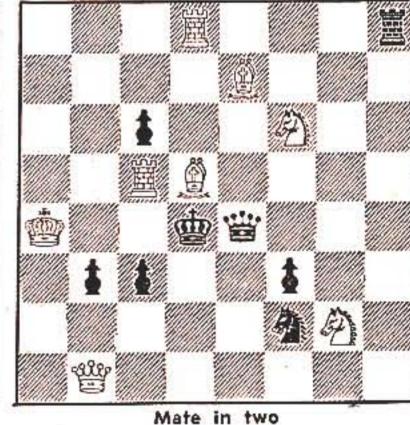
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Solutions - Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 687 Holladay: try 1. Q-K, only defeat 1., RxR. Key 1. Q-QB threat 2. RxR mate. 5 good variations. No. 688 Ravenscroft-Hawes; Key 1. Q-N2, threat 2. Q-N6. The key unpins a black piece which, in turn, pins the keypiece—an old classic theme. No. 689 Zappas: apparently: 1., N random, 2. Q-B5 mate; 1., N-Q5, 2. QxP mate. Actually: key 1. R-Q, complete block waiting. Now after 1. N random, 2. B-B5; 1., N-Q5; 2. B-Q2. After 1., K-B7, 2. B-B5 and 1., K-Q5, 2. Q-B5, two changed and 1 added mates. No. 690 Korponay: key 1. RxQP, threat 2. RxKp. Five good variations. No. 691 Petite: set: 1., RxQP, 2. NxP mate and 1., NxQP; 2. R-K3 mate. Key 1. N-K6 threat 2. R-K5. If 1., RxR, 2. R-K3; 1., NxR, 2. NxP; 1., RxQP, 2. NxP; 1., NxP, 2. NxNP; major thematic dual after 1., PxP, 2. NxNP or NxBP. No. 692 Taliani: key 1. B-B7, threat 2. N-K5.

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Solution Jo What's The Bost Move?

Position No. 188

Johner-Bogoljubow, Berlin, 1928 White played 1. Q-N3 and actually lost this game. Instead, analysis by A. Aman provides the more encouraging line, 1. QxP, R-R8ch; 2. B-B! (the point), RxBch; 3. K-B2, QxPch; 4. K-Q3, QxPch; 5. K-B4 and the King escapes,

leaving Black in the mating net.

The solvers who sought to carry out a similar idea by 1. Q-QB, R-R8; 2. B-B, K-N; 3. QxP, RxBch; 4. K-B2, QxPch; K-Q3, overlooked the fact that with the White Queen not occupying her KN6, Black can now continue 5. QxPch; 6. K-B4, Q-R4ch; 7. K-B6, Q-QR4, and White apparently cannot win, since 8. Q-K7, Q-R6ch forces White, whose King must play only on White squares, to submit to perpetual check. All of this is avoided in the main line, which thus seems the only true solution.

1 point to Paul H. Smith for submitting position.

Correct solutions are acknowledged from: Milton Blumenthal, Abel Bomberault, Alwyn Buckland, Thomas Cusick,*, Eric Gans, James Germain, Howard Grant Jr.,*, Richard Gibian*, Dennis E. Hamilton,*, Rea Hayes, Dick Hellbut, W. I. Lourie, Ed Nash, Ronald O'Neil, Dr. I. Schwartz, W. E. Stevens, William Wilson, and L. E. Wood. 1/2 point to T. W. Beasley IV.

The solvers again won a narrow verdict, 181/2-151/2.

We deeply appreciate the many kind wishes on the occasion of our retirement from What's the Best Move. It has been a pleasant experience. Thank you.

-Final column submitted by Russell Chauvenet. Future reports will come from Irwin Sigmond. *Welcome to New Solvers.

SICILIAN DEFENSE MCO: page 282, column 89 First Game, Practice Match New York, 1956

"A fighting draw"

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1.	P-K4	P-QB4	22. P-Kt5	PXKP
2.	Kt-KB3	P-Q3	23. PXKP	Q-K6
3.	P-Q4	PxP	24. PxKt	QXP
4.	KtxP	Kt-KB3	25. R-KR4	B-Kt5
5.	Kt-QB3	P-KKt3	26. 0.0.0	R-K3
6.	B-K3	B-Kt2	27. Kt-Kt3	Q-B5ch
7.	P-B3	0-0	28. R-Q2	QxQ
8.	Q-Q2	Kt-B3	29. RXQ	R-R3
9.	B-QB4	Kt-QR4	30. QR-R2	R-Q1
10.	B-Kt3	B-Q2	31. R-Q2	R-R8ch
11.	B-R6	R-B1	32, K-B2	B-Q8ch
12.	P-KR4	BxB	33. RxB	R/1xR
13.	QxB	P-K4	34. Kt-K2	P-K5
14.	KKt-K2	P-QKt4	35. R-R3	R-B8
15.	P-R5	KtxB	36. R-K3	RXP
16.	RPxKt	P-Kt5	37. RxP	PXP
17.	Kt-Q5	KtxKt	38. PxP	KxP
18.	PXP	Kt-B3	39. Kt-B4	R-R8
19.	P-Kt7	R-K1	40. P-B4	R-R5?
20.	P-Kt4	Q-Kf3	41. Kt-K6ch	RxKt
21.	P-B3	P-Q4	Drawn	

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Position No. 183: 1. Q-K5!, B-B3; 2. P-N3! and Black resigned.

Position No. 184: 1,, P-K5!; 2. Q-Q1 (not 2. Q-Q2, P-K6; 3. Q-Q3, P-K7, etc. If 2. PxP, PxP; 3. Q-Q1, Q-K6 ch, etc.), P-B5 ch; 3. KxP, Q-N4 ch; 4. KxP, Q-K2 ch; 5. K-Q3, QxP ch, and drew, Bad for Black was 1,, P-B5 ch because of 2. K-N4, P-K5; 3. PxP, and White has the escape square B3.

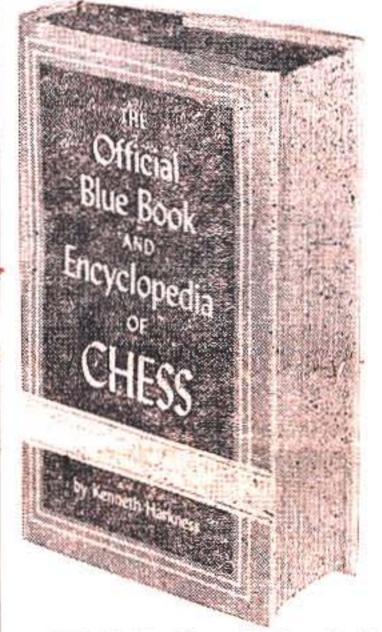
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