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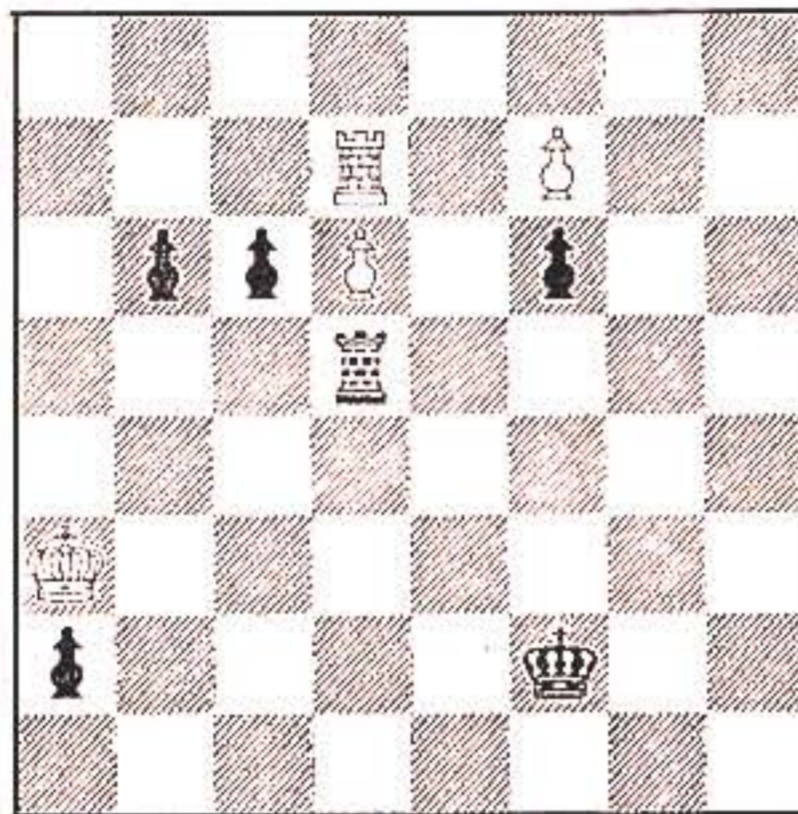
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Position No. 198



White to play

Sandrin Wins 106 Player North Central Open, Tums 2nd

With a total of 106 players, headed by three masters and twenty experts, the Third Annual North Central Open was played in Milwaukee over Thanksgiving weekend and former U. S. Open Champion Albert Sandrin of Chicago was the winner. Tied with John Tums, also of Chicago, at 6-1 game points each, he went ahead on tie-breaking points to win the largest and strongest North Central ever held. Each man suffered one defeat with Sandrin losing to John Penquite of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Tums losing to Sandrin.

Third to seventh with 5½-1½ each were Penquite, whose loss in the last round at the hands of Tums cost him the championship; Povilas Tautvaisas of Chicago; Jack O'Keefe of Ann Arbor; Miroslav Turiansky of Chicago; and Jerome Kraszewski of Milwaukee. Eighth to eighteenth with the strong score of 5-2 were Kazimieras Jakstas of Chicago; Milton Otteson of St. Paul; Henry Meifert of Milwaukee; Mikolajs Kampars of Milwaukee; Aleksandras Zujus of Chicago; I. Theodorovitch of Toronto, Canada; Angelo Sandrin of Chicago; Marshall Rohland, James Mangan and Frank Inbusch of Mil-

waukee; and Leonard Frankenstein of Chicago.

The Junior prize was won by Mitchell Sweig of Chicago with a score of 4½-2½ while the women's prize went to Mrs. Asta Christiansen of Milwaukee. The tournament was sponsored by the Wisconsin Chess Association and was directed by Ernest Olfe with Miss Pearle Mann assisting.



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WISHES ALL READERS
A HAPPY NEW YEAR



NORTH CENTRAL CHAMPION
Former U. S. Open Champion Albert Sandrin of Chicago in a very characteristic pose.



Miroslav Turiansky, Chicago, who finished sixth (left), facing North Central Junior Champion Mitchell Sweig, Chicago. Kazimieras Jakstas, Chicago, is kibitzing.

The Tulsa Story

By International Master **GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI**

USCF Tournament Administrator

THIRTY-TWO players—foolhardy at that—dared to come from all parts of Oklahoma and neighboring states, to participate in the Open State Championship. In all my travels I can't remember ever having run into a storm like this one, that has been raging for three days now in Tulsa.

Baker Bonnell took 10 hours to get from Sayre, Okla., where it usually takes 4. He missed two rounds. Natch, the players from Oklahoma City just didn't get through. And through all the bad weather, we played three solid rounds on Saturday and two on Sunday.

Complaints? Sure. The weather may account for some minor ones, but in one game White's King was on KN5 and his pawn on KR4. Black's King was on QB1, and his Knight on KN6. It was adjournment time. A draw. Big protest—by White. He wants to continue playing same—he can win it. That the next round has to be played is no concern of his. He feels he was robbed. Another participant, in the 3rd round, comes in the playing room with his set and pieces. Is mad that there is another set already waiting for him. I rule—the set on the table is perfect. Outcome—loud-voiced complaint—worst run tournament he ever played in. The grumbler won easily! And so it goes.

The Tulsa tournament was made possible by the hard work of Bob Virgin and his charming wife, and they were ably abetted by his brother Jerry and his wife. Anderson is the Tulsa Champion and hales from New York where years ago he played at the Marshall Chess Club. When I arrived in New York for the first time he was one of my opponents at the blindfold exhibition at the Marshall Chess Club.

Bela Rozsa, I hear, is giving up correspondence chess, at which he has always been a master. Color Photography is his great weakness now. The inseparable youngsters from Fort Smith, Ark., Ronnie Taylor and Dick Long, were here and they brightened up things with their keen rivalry. Dale Ruth is a youngster who deserves close watching. This Midwest City, Okla. player is improving fast.

The tournament had many young men, and the Douglas Airplane Factory Chess Club had five of its members participating. Bob Hilburn and Bob Horne flew in from Plainview, Tex. and did quite well. The oldest player was Ludwig Dryer, 86 years young, and the youngest was Butch Wagner, 9 years old! All became members of the USCF. Not bad, says I.

By the way, in the simultaneous exhibition I won 21 and lost one to Arthur C. Anderson. That evening the chess tribe of Tulsa made me an honorary Chief! Don't believe it—see the following photo and gasp—as I did—I had to play the whole exhibition that-a-way.

My next show's in Phoenix—I'm keeping my fingers crossed, hoping (Please turn to page 7, col. 2)



Big Indian Chief Koltanowski on the warpath—and he scalps clean! Bob Virgin is the valet and Butch Wagner the awe-inspired spectator.

Photo: Bela Rozsa

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

Mastering the End Game

By **WALTER KORN**, Editor of MCO

Giving Is Holier Than Taking

THE Yugoslav influence overflows from Diagram No. 35 in the preceding issue into our Diagram No. 36, inasmuch as it represents a position from Wexler-Gligorich, Mar del Plata, 1953. It also belongs in the sector of Rooks and Pawns Endings, and White lost after: 1. KxP?, P-B6; 2. R-R2.

Diagram No. 36



(It should now be noted that without White's Pawn on N4 the position arrived at now would be a draw after 2. R-R4 ch, etc., and our next column will show another practical example of an almost identical maneuver), K-B5; 3. K-R2, R-R2 ch; 4. K-N1, K-N6; 5. P-N5, R-Q2; 6. R-R1, R-Q7; 7. R-QN1, R-N7 ch; 8. K-B1, R-KR7; 9. K-N1, P-B7 ch wins.

The correct procedure was to get the White surplus pawn out of the way at once with 1. P-N5!, P-B6; 2. R-R4 ch, K-K4; 3. P-N6, R-KB2; 4. R-R1, P-B7; 5. P-N7, RxP; 6. R-KB1 with a draw.



Lawrence C. Gliden and Billy Adams tied at 4-1 for the Maryland State Junior Championship at Baltimore. Gliden drew with R. Cunningham and Adams, who drew also with F. Kelly. Frank Kelly was third with 3½-1½, while fourth to eighth with 3-2 scores in the 14-player event were Richard Cunningham, Marshall Kramer, Charles Butler, David W. Yarbrough, and John B. Jammey. William C. Koenig directed the event for the Maryland Chess Federation at the Maryland Chess Club.

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INTERCOLLEGIATE SET FOR PHILA.

The Franklin-Mercantile Chess Club, 1616 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa. will be the scene of the biennial Intercollegiate Team Championship Tournament this December 26th through December 30th. This is only the second time in recent years that the Intercollegiate has been held outside New York (the Individual Championship, won by Paul Dietz, was held at New Brunswick, N.J. in 1949). This year Fordham, winners in 1954, will attempt to duplicate the feat of City College of New York (victors in 1946 and 1948) and Columbia University (winners in 1950 and 1952) and tally its second consecutive championship.

The event will be directed by USCF Master Attilio DiCamillo, and will be preceded by the annual business meeting of the Intercollegiate Chess League of America at which officers for the next three years will be elected. A special feature will be a banquet at the Franklin Institute, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, who holds a special place in the hearts of American chess players as America's first chess author.

Chess 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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RAMIREZ TOPS CALIF. STATE

Gilbert Ramirez, 17 years old, of San Francisco won the California State title at Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco by a score of 6-2 (four wins and four draws) in a tournament of nine finalists qualified in various preliminary events. Ramirez also holds the California Open title, being the only player except the late Herman Steiner to hold both titles concurrently. Second with 5½-2½ was Jim Schmitt, while William Addison with 5-3 was third, both from San Francisco. Tied for fourth with 4½-3½ were Robert Cross and Irving Rivise, both of Los Angeles, and sixth was 15-year-old Larry Remlinger of Long Beach with 3½-4½.

HASTINGS OFF THEN ON AGAIN

The annual Christmas Tournament at Hastings, which was cancelled because of world tensions, has been declared a going event again. In the Master event participants include Alberic O'Kelly de Galway of Belgium, Fridrik Olafsson of Iceland, Laszlo Szabo of Hungary, Svetozar Gligoric of Yugoslavia, Roman Toran of Spain, Bent Larsen of Denmark, and the English players: Hugh Alexander, Peter Clarke, Derek Horseman, and Jonathan Penrose. It is not certain, however, that Szabo can attend, and the Russian masters Tigran Petrosian and Alexander Kotov declined invitations. An effort is being made in New York to finance the participation of 13-year-old Bobby Fischer, since the USA has not been represented in the past two years despite annual invitations.

ROBERTS TAKES MID-WEST OPEN

Dr. A. Dudley Roberts of Lexington, Ky. tallied 4½-½ to win the Mid-West Open held at Louisville, Ky. This event should not be confused with the event of identical name held at Lincoln, Neb., won by A. Liepnieks. In winning Dr. Roberts drew one game with Richard Muller. William Batchelder of Bloomington, Ind. was second with 4-1, losing one game to Col. Pope Blackshear. Third and fourth with 3½-1½ each in the 15-player event were Jack Mayer of Lexington, Ky. and R. W. Shields of Louisville, Ky., who also shared the responsibility as tournament directors. The event was sponsored by the USCF Affiliated Louisville Chess Club.

OHIO TO TEST AFFILIATIONS

The Ohio State Chess Federation is experimenting with a state affiliation plan for Ohio clubs based on the general system of USCF Affiliation. This idea for a more closely united federation of local units in the state will bear close watching by other Associations since its success will suggest ways and means of strengthening local chess ties in other states where no linking between state organization and local organizations now exist.

College Chess Life

Conducted by
Frederick H. Kerr

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

SINCE most active collegiate chess clubs have been working to find a way to participate in the United States Intercollegiate Team Championship, there have been no matches to report during the fall semester. After the Christmas tournament is finished, these clubs will schedule matches again.

In the first meet of the year of interest to this column the Pennsylvania State University Chess Club went down to its annual defeat at the hands of the Altoona Chess Club. This year Altoona was the scene, and the Nittany Lions put up their best fight in many a moon. George Baylor, who finished fifth in the last United States Junior Championship, is getting to be quite a player. He is a junior at Hollidaysburg High School and a future Penn Stater. Adding strength to the undergraduates of the Nittany team were Dr. Orrin Frink, Head of the Department of Mathematics; Dr. Fred H. Brock, research chemist; and Arthur Weinstein, graduate student in psychology. The totals were 4½-2½.

ALTOONA CC	PENN STATE U
W. Buck ½	Dr. O. Frink ½
G. Baylor 1	A. Weinstein 0
G. Bender 1	E. Herr 0
J. Raber 0	C. Deltrich 1
J. Donaldson 1	F. Kerr 0
J. Seeds 0	Dr. F. Brock 1
M. Rutter 1	R. Dejaiffe 0

When three feet of snow hit Erie, Pennsylvania, a few weeks ago, one group did not bother to dig out. The new Gannon College Chess Club just kept on playing chess. The organization of this club can serve as a case study of how such a group can become one of the most active clubs, both on campus and in the chess world, in a few weeks. Mr. Mordecai S. Rubin of Gannon's Foreign Language Department got the idea and started things rolling. The new club began meeting on Thursday nights with Mrs. Rubin serving coffee and doughnuts. Frank Necci was elected president; he found a capable helper in the person of Dave Thaler. As the club grew, Dr. Tihomil Drezga accepted an invitation to act as lecturer and technical advisor. Dr. Drezga, now on the Gannon faculty, is a former champion of Paris. The new group has received warm encouragement from Father Lorei, Dean of Humanities; Father Levis, Director of Student Services, and other members of the faculty and administration at the Erie college. The Gannon-Knight has given very good newspaper publicity. Sponsorship of one of the weekly dances at Gannon will net the club over \$100. In addition to this, the administration has given the club funds for chess sets and clocks. Frank Necci and Dave Thaler constructed a four-by-four demonstration board. The Chess (Please turn to page 8, col. 4)

CFC PUBLISHES RATING LIST

In a special mimeographed bulletin the Chess Federation of Canada has published a new Rating List, as of October, 1956, prepared by CFC Rating Statistician A. J. van Lieshout. The new list (the third issued) lists five Masters and 16 Experts with its numerical values for classes based on the groupings used by the USCF prior to the last USCF Rating List. The Canadian Rating System is identical with the system used by the USCF, established by USCF Business Manager Kenneth Harkness.

MASTERS (Above 2300)

Anderson, F. R. (Toronto, Ont.)	2468
Yanofsky, D. A. (Winnipeg, Man.)	2463
Bohartirchuk, Dr. F. P. (Ottawa, Ont.)	2375
Vaitonis, P. (Hamilton, Ont.)	2374
Joyner, L. (Montreal, P.Q.)	2327

EXPERTS (2100-2299)

Fuster, G. (Toronto, Ont.)	2293
Krznaric, R. (Garson Mine, Ont.)	2256
Matthai, H. (Montreal, P.Q.)	2254
Draxl, R. (Toronto, Ont.)	2240
Siemms, R. E. (Toronto, Ont.)	2240
Suk, I. (Toronto, Ont.)	2200
Butkov, E. (Toronto, Ont.)	2196
Fox, M. (Montreal, P.Q.)	2188
Richardson, D. (Toronto, Ont.)	2185
Jursevskis, W. (Vancouver, B.C.)	2173
Williams, J. N. (Montreal, P.Q.)	2156
Holowach, W. (Edmonton, Alta.)	2120
Rauch, Dr. J. (Montreal, P.Q.)	2120
Zerkowitz, G. (Vancouver, B.C.)	2115
Engel, J. (Montreal, P.Q.)	2106
Fielding, G. (Saskatoon, Sask.)	2100

Forty-three tournaments are listed as the basis for the new listing with 679 participants. A breakdown by classes shows 5 master, 16 experts, 103 Class A, 182 Class B, 180 Class C, and 66 Class D with the list restricted to members of the Chess Federation of Canada.

CHESS LIFE FUND ALMOST \$500.00

Recent contributions to the CHESS LIFE Printing Fund have raised its total to almost \$500—still somewhat short of the desired goal of retiring a deficit of over \$3000. But to USCF officials it is an encouraging sign that so many chess players are willing to express their belief in the future of chess in the USA by making contributions to the cause. It is still not too late to make a donation, however small—all will be welcome. Address contributions to USCF Business Manager Kenneth Harkness, 80 East 11th Street, New York 3, N. Y., marking them for "Chess Life Printing Fund."

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Previously reported	\$440.28
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Dudley Hosea	1.00
Leif Owren	1.00
Bob Hilburn	.57
Total	\$482.55

Chess Friends of Northern California: The East-West Match of the CFNC at the Live Oak Community Center, Berkeley resulted in a 17-12 victory for the East Team, representing Berkeley, Richmond, Hayward, Livermore, Oakland, Los Gatos, Concord, Piedmont, Pleasant Hill, El Sobrante. The West Team represented San Francisco, Palo Alto, San Carlos, Los Altos, Daly City, Mountain View, Sacramento, and Oakland. Winners for the East were: L. E. Perry, Arthur Wang, Mrs. M. Baryholomew, Gary Peterson, Dr. E.



SHERWIN RIDES OUT ROUGH WEATHER

U. S. Master James T. Sherwin, enrolled in the Officer Candidate training program at the U. S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. meets three members of the New London Chess Club in a simultaneous match at the Academy. Seated, left to right, are Harry Snow, Lloyd Sharp, and Stanley King, president of the Club. Sherwin defeated Snow and Sharp but lost to King.

Official U. S. Coast Guard Photo

The Kibitzer Has His Day

A CHANCE TO DO GOOD

Gentlemen:

In this institution there is a great and growing interest in Chess—as a matter of fact, we have just completed one Chess tournament.

I am wondering whether your group, or any member thereof, might have a chess set which might be made available to the Chess Club in this institution.

Any consideration you might be able to give will be genuinely appreciated.

EDWARD M. FAY, Warden

By Harold L. Dunn

Educational Supervisor

Green Haven Prison

Stormville, N. Y.

(Editorial Note: Encouragement of chess in correctional institutions is one of the finest contributions that a chess player or a chess club can make. If you have a discarded board and set, it can be given new life and purpose by donating it to this worthy cause. Any elementary books on chess that you do not need might also find a very welcome place in the library.)

Dear Sir:

Next year marks 100 years since the New York tournament of 1857. It seems only proper that the Postal Department should issue a commemorative stamp in 1957 in honor of Morphy who more or less began his career with this tourney. I believe that, if a large part of the correspondent and OTB players in the U. S. would write to the Postmaster General in support of such a stamp, it would be persuaded to issue a commemorative stamp for Morphy and the 1857 tournament.

I hope that the chess publications of the U. S. will actively support such a deluge of mail to the Postal Department.

L. A. WARE

Iowa City, Ia.

(Editorial Note: Letters to the Postmaster General would certainly gain attention, if sent in sufficient quantity. BUT according to my information, it is necessary to have a commemorative issue authorized by a bill passed by Congress. Does any chess player have a friendly Senator or U.S. Representative on his Christmas Card List? If so, tell him what chess players want for Christmas!)

Dear Mr. Major:

I have just been reading in the recent issue of CHESS, the English publication, their several pages devoted to the International Tournament at Moscow . . . and how "they packed the immense auditorium of the Red Army Theatre"—but this is what gets me:

"The absence of the U.S.A. left a sad gap at the tables . . . More nations competed, however, than ever before, and the arrival of the Philippines, Mongolia, Persia and other newcomers into the lists certainly added picturesqueness. That the United States of America could not afford to come, whereas its little 'protectorate' Puerto Rico could, reminds us that chess is often a plaything of politics still."

I wish you could take a half page (foolish, of course) and display this above quotation—so that America's chess players could more clearly recognize how stingy they are.

CHARLES S. JACOBS

Winchester, Mass.

Kupka, Arthur Willis, Steven Anderson, R. Ausmus, Ted Snavelly, James Schmerl, Lincoln Brown, Carl Bergman, William Rebold, Frank Jolly. Victors for the West were Leslie Wheeler, Edward Rupp, A. Hill, Ernst Anders, Marian Schwartz, John Ramirez, M. Wells, R. Trenberth, John Carson. Draws for the East were recorded by R. Tracker, E. Canfield, Leslie Talcott, Dan Dalessi, Steve Joplin and C. T. McGinley respectively with West players Wm. Pattullo, Carl Huneke, Wade Henricks, Wm. Montford, Dallas

Burch, and William S. Stevens. A USCF League Affiliate.

York (Pa.) Chess Club tallied a 6½-4½ victory over the Red Rose Chess Club of Lancaster. Winning for York were Jack Schultz, Dimitro Grenda, Dave Schatanoff, Tim Holahan, Karl Aldinger, and Wnada Prause while Horst Bottstein drew on board one against Morrell Shields. For the Red Roses wins were tallied by Howard Shader, Russ Shurlig, Roth Hafer, and Steve Kirsch.

Chess Life In New York

By Allen Kaufman

HAVING returned from Washington, D. C. with equal second prize in his pocket, Bobby Fischer resumed his rapid transi-play at the Manhattan Chess Club with a victory in the weekly event. In Washington he tied with Rosolimo, Lombardy, Feuerstein, etc., behind Berliner. In New York he won the rapids ahead of local masters. Bobby has definitely arrived.

His style of play is difficult to describe. His moves are confident and aggressive. In the Rosenwald Tournament he displayed tactical brilliance (vs. Byrne), as well as the ability to "kvetch" out a positional game (vs. Seidman).

His manner of kibitzing is clearer. All his opponents' moves are blunders. "Bobby keel!" he shouts. "Look at that move," he exclaims. "Boy, is he weak!" But don't believe that Bobby is anything but a nice kid; his kibitzes are all in fun.

Away from the board, Bobby (known to his chess-friends as "Baby Fusch") is quite like other thirteen year olds. He is a Rock-and-Roll fan ("I like music with the Big Beat") and loves comic books and cookies. Witches scare him more than a powerful King-side attack.

Rumor says he may play at Hastings in the Christmas Tourney. He is a master player, and afraid of no one. Watch his results!

IN BRIEF: Collins had to drop out of the Marshall Finals. Santasiere is not playing for the first time in umpteen years . . . Manhattan Prelims: Section I—Vano 5-1, Owens 4-1. Section II—Benedicto 4½-½, McCormick 2-0. Section III—Ephron 3½-½, Myers 4½-1½. Section IV—Siegel 3-0, Phillips 1½-½ . . . Shimon Lasslo, a Hungarian refugee of master strength, visited the Marshall C. C. . . . Schyler Broughton, returning to Florida from Europe, stopped in at local clubs here and told of his chessic experiences in France, Spain, and Germany.

SULLIVAN TAKES TENNESSEE OPEN

Jerry G. Sullivan of Knoxville tallied 5½-½ to win the Tennessee Open Championship at Kingsport, drawing one game with Robert S. Scrivener. Robert R. Coveyou of Oak Ridge was second with 5-1, losing one game to Sullivan. Rhea B. Hayes of Signal Mountain placed third with 4-2, while fourth and fifth in the 14-player Swiss with 3½-2½ each were Ben Batson of Knoxville and Robert S. Scrivener of Memphis.

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The permanent health and prosperity and future growth of every newspaper depends upon the strength of the editorial genius, courage, industry and perseverance that exist in it.

E. W. SCRIPPS

OF the editorial qualities proclaimed essential by E. W. Scripps, himself a genius of the newspaper world, this Editor confesses that he lacks the first and last elements—genius and perseverance. He believes that even his most venomous enemies (such as Byland, Graves, Jones, and McClain) will grant that he possessed courage and industry, although their opinions are totally unimportant. For an opinion to have value, one must possess respect for the holder of the opinion.

Perseverance indeed this Editor lacks, for after ten years he is willing to call it quits—the task of instilling courage, honor and self-respect into the U.S. Chess Federation has been one too arduous for accomplishment and is a task he obviously has lacked the genius to attain. Nor can he stomach further the complacent surrender of chess players to the shameful policy of disgraceful appeasement (misleadingly termed peace) initiated by the present administration, and adopted as a poor substitute for courage.

But since twice previously the Editor has attempted to resign and each time been recalled because no successor had been found to succeed him, it is the Editor's hope by an early announcement of his permanent retirement on December 31, 1957 this time the hitherto impossible will be achieved and a successor found. Under no conditions will this Editor consent to remain beyond the term of his contract as caretaker for Chess Life while the administration fumbles for a successor, as he has served on two previous occasions.

To discourage the incompetent but at the same time encourage the possible competent candidate for office of Editor, it will be perhaps advisable to state precisely what an Editor of CHESS LIFE should be prepared to do in order to fulfill the full responsibilities of the office. It would be unfortunate for the USCF if an Editor was appointed who failed to realize the full scope of his activities in advance and therefore found himself unable to spare time and effort to accomplish all that must be done.

1) Because Chess Life is a semi-monthly paper with all its business transacted by mail, the editing of Chess Life is an almost continuous process. The Editor has barely proof-read the final page proofs on one issue before he is preparing copy for the next issue. This means that several evenings of every week must be devoted to work upon the copy. While most of the news is submitted, over 80% of the copy must be typed by the Editor for the printer (since only certain of the contributors submit copy that can be sent to the printer without any retyping). It takes approximately 50 pages of typed copy (double-spaced) to make an issue—or 100 typed pages per month. The Editor must write all heads (seldom one is submitted that will fit copy requirements) and rewrite practically all the news copy submitted. In other words, no one who cannot reconcile himself to devoting at least three evenings a week to Chess Life should apply for the job.

2) Aside from the purely technical task of preparing Chess Life copy, reading galley proofs, making the page dummy and correcting the page proofs, there are numerous other duties that have devolved upon the Editor, principally because no one else has been willing to shoulder them. Unless the candidate is willing to assume these responsibilities as well, the USCF will be the loser unless someone can be found to assume this burden for the Editor.

First, custom has made the reader rely upon his newspaper as a fountain of information. Consequently, the Editor of Chess Life must expect to answer many letters that seek information which has no connection with his job; he is not fulfilling his function as the Publicity Agent of the USCF unless he willingly becomes its general information bureau. He will be asked to interpret rules, settle disputes about procedure, advise on the organization and by-laws of a newly formed chess club; he will be expected to be an authority on past champions and past chess events. For example, a recent letter to this Editor stated that the writer's father as a young man had seen a mechanical man in New York who played chess, but the writer had been informed that no such machine could exist. It was a pleasure to confirm this reader's memory of her father's tale—he had undoubtedly seen at the Eden Musee in New York (where it was once displayed) the famous von Kempelen Automaton

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Chessplayer—a device that purported to be a machine playing chess (and fooled multitudes) but was actually operated by a hidden player. (Those interested may consult the very excellent article on this device by Kenneth Harkness and Jack Straley Battell, republished in Reinfield's "The Treasury of Chess Lore".)

Second, the Editor must maintain a record of USCF Affiliates, publishing tournament announcements of only those organizations which are properly affiliated with the USCF; in addition he must maintain a check list to make sure that all tournaments announced as USCF rated events fulfill their obligations by submitting rating fees and rating reports as required—and if they do not, it is his unpleasant duty to trace down these missing reports and demand their submission.

Third, the Editor must cooperate with the Business Manager in the promoting of USCF membership and USCF Affiliation. While properly, such inquiries should go to the Business Manager, in practice the Editor receives many such requests for information and it is his duty to supply the information of membership privileges, rating, and USCF Affiliation as readily as the Business Manager.

These subsidiary but essential tasks can frequently consume several evenings a week and can often extend into Saturday and Sunday when the mail is heavy. But since they are an essential part of the job of editor, they cannot be by-passed if the job is to be done properly. No reader should submit a question without receiving an answer promptly.

3) Editing a paper is not altogether the mechanical tasks of preparing copy, dummied pages, correcting proof. Nothing is so perishable as a set form of procedure in the newspaper world. For an Editor to perform his functions properly, he must be asking himself eternally if each feature in the paper is serving a worthwhile purpose—he must watch his reader's interest as a doctor watches a patient's pulse—as interest changes, he must be prepared to change his features. There can be nothing static in a newspaper. The alert Editor is always prepared to introduce new features and discard old ones as he senses changes in the attitude of his readers.

The fulfilment of these qualifications is more important than technical expertness in editing; any intelligent individual can be taught how to prepare copy, write heads, estimate copy, select type sizes, scale a picture, or make a dummy. But the ability and willingness to devote time and energy in the unrewarding work not directly connected with technical tasks is not so easily found and in its rarity becomes more important as a qualification. An Editor can succeed without genius or initial technical training or skill; he cannot make CHESS LIFE a success without the other three qualifications demanded by W. E. Scripps—courage, industry, and perseverance.

If you know someone who fits the bill, you might bring his name to the attention of the USCF Executive Committee at the next annual USCF meeting.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

INTERNATIONAL CHESS CONGRESS, BLEDE, GERMANY, 1931. Spence Limited Editions: Foreign Tournament Series Volume V. Mimeo, 43 pp. \$2.

INTERNATIONAL CHESS CONGRESS, CARLSBAD, BOHEMIA, 1929. Spence Limited Editions: Foreign Tournament Series Volume IV. Mimeo, 62 pp. \$3. Order from Jack Spence, 208 So. 25th Ave., Omaha 2, Neb.

WITH these additions to his long shelf of tournament books Jack Spence once more contributes substantially to chess literature in English. Bled has hitherto been available only in scarce Russian and German copies. Carlsbad 1929, Nimzovich's greatest triumph, has been similarly inaccessible. All games of both tournaments are quoted, 182 for the 14-man double round at Bled, 228 for the 22-player single round at Carlsbad. Bled is presented without notes but a round-by-round summary; Carlsbad notes are from those of Nimzovich, Spielman, Becker, Tartakower, Brinckmann, and Kmoch. Some connoisseurs prefer Bled to San Remo as Alekhine's outstanding performance, for he went through twenty-six rounds undefeated and concluded 5½ points ahead of runner-up Bogoljubow. Nimzovich lost to Yates at Carlsbad, but squeaked in half a point ahead of Capablanca and Spielmann. These are the twenty-second and twenty-third of Spence's mimeographed collections.

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The belated report of the Chicago City Championship shows Povilas Tautvaisas victor and Alfred Krumins second with equal 6½-1½ scores. Tautvaisas lost one game to John Tums and drew with Albert Sandrin, while Krumins lost to Tautvaisas and drew with James Warren. Third to sixth with 5½-

2½ each were K. Jakstas, John Tums, Albert Sandrin, and Daniel Fischheimer. Seventh to twelfth in the 40-player Swiss with 5-3 each were Svend Oleson, Kimball Nedved, K. A. Czerniecki, L. Frankenstein, James Warren, and Robion Kirby. The event was directed by Robert A. Sandberg.

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CHESS TACTICS FOR BEGINNERS

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

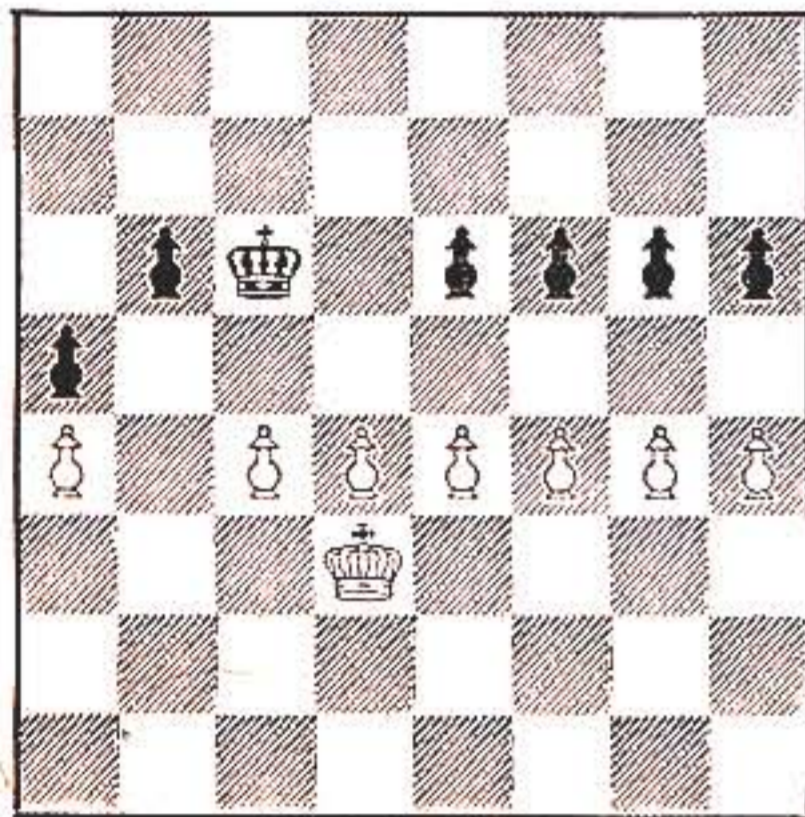
Dr. Marchand will answer beginners' questions on this page, if of sufficient general interest. Those wishing a personal reply should enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope. Address: Dr. Erich W. Marchand, 192 Seville Drive, Rochester 17, N.Y.

1. Answers to Readers' Questions

John Davies, Philadelphia, Pa., asks about the gambit line 1. P-K4, P-K3; 2. P-Q4, P-Q4; 3. P-QB4. He would like suggestions on good variations for White. **Answer:** This line is not discussed in the standard opening books. The probable reason is that it is simply not satisfactory for White. After 3., PxKP, if 4. P-B3 (hoping for 4., PxP; 5. KtxP), Kt-KB3; 5. Kt-B3, B-Kt5 it does not seem that White gets enough attack for his P.

Other lines do not seem promising for White. For instance 3., PxKP; 4. Kt-QB3, Kt-KB3; 5. B-Kt5, B-Kt5; 6. Q-R4ch, Kt-B3; 7. BxKt, QxB; 8. P-Q5?, BxKtch.

W. Koenig and his colleagues in Baltimore, Md., have pointed out a correction in our analysis of the following endgame position published in Chess Life, Oct. 20, 1956.



Black to Move

It was stated in our column that White has a forced win, which is true. However, it was asserted that after 1., K-Q3; 2. P-Q5, P-K4 White could not win. Is this correct? **Answer:** No. The variations given by Mr. Koenig (and friends) show an ingenious winning line beginning with 3. P-Kt5! The variations are A: 3., K-K2; 4. PxRP, K-B2; 5. P-R7, P-Q6; B: 3., P-R4; 4. PxBP, PxP; 5. P-K5ch!, K-Q2; 6. K-K4; C: 3., BPxP; 4. PxPch, KxP; 5. PxP, P-R4!; 6. K-K3, K-Q3; 7. K-B4, K-Q2; 8. P-K5, K-K2; 9. P-K6, K-Q3; 10. K-K4, K-K2; 11. K-K5, K-K1; 12. P-Q6, K-Q1; 13. P-K7ch, K-Q2; 14. K-Q5, P-R5 (or 14., K-K1; 15. K-K6); 15. K-K4.

The most interesting line, however, is D: 3., RPxP; 4. P-B5! PxRP; 5. PxP, P-R6; 6. P-Kt7, P-R7; 7. P-Kt8(Q); 8. Q-Q8ch, K-B4; 9. Q-K7 mate.

2. Weaknesses on the White or Black Squares

One of the most important abstract principles of positional play deals with a so-called weakness on squares of a certain color (white or black). This type of weakness can occur on the Q-side, K-side or in the center. When it arises near a castled King, as in the illustrative game given below, it can be especially serious and even bring on immediate punishment.

When Pawns are placed in diagonal and triangular formations rather than in side by side positions, they stand on squares of a single color. To be sure some of them are then protecting others, but these Pawns then have no con-

trol on the squares of the opposite color in that area of the board. This makes it relatively easy for the opponent's pieces to enter on the weakened squares.

For instance, when White has castled on the K-side, if for some reason he should play P-KKt3 and also P-K3 (as in the game given below), then the four Pawns near his K are all on Black squares and the White squares around his K are weak. If by good fortune, White has a B (moving on white squares) or a Q or both operating near his King, this helps to alleviate the condition. If he does not, and if by chance the opponent has a B (operating on white squares) and a Q or both bearing on the weak squares (as in the game below) then the weakness is greatly aggravated.

3. How to Exploit a Positional Advantage

A positional advantage is seldom enough to win a game by itself. Usually it is necessary to convert this advantage into something more tangible. Most frequently one hopes by having a strong position to lay the setting for favorable combinations where material advantage can be gained. With even so little as a Pawn ahead one can usually simplify by exchanges and steer for the endgame with confidence of having good winning chances.

At times a positional advantage can be converted into a fierce attack (perhaps sacrificial) on the opponent's King so that a win in the middle-game is possible. More often, in close competition, one must be content to carry the positional advantage into the endgame and hope to capitalize on it there. If one plays for small advantages, there is greater hope of achieving them.

4. A Game with Weak White Squares

COLLE OPENING
Eastern States Open Tournament
Washington, 1956

White R. CUNNINGHAM Black E. MARCHAND
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. P-K3
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3

This is the beginning of the Colle Opening. The idea is to play P-QB3, QKt-Q2, B-Q3 and R-K1 with P-K4 to follow. Starting slow but gathering momentum

this variation can blossom out into a strong K-side attack, and often plausible opening moves by Black are not sufficient to resist it. There are, however, two basic systems whereby Black can take the sting out of White's planned procedure. These are based on 3., B-B4 and 3., P-KKt3, respectively.

3. P-KKt3 5. P-B4
4. QKt-Q2 B-Kt2

White changes horses in mid-opening, abandoning the customary Colle formation.

5. O-O 6. P-QKt3
This is the logical method of developing the QB now that his QKt and KP are impeding the other outlet. However, with Black's fianchettoed B on KKt2, White would think twice about weakening the squares on the long diagonal regardless of what material is blocking the center squares of this diagonal.

With Black's next move it is seen how he can take immediate advantage of this slight weakening to strike an important blow at the center.
6. P-B4 7. B-Kt2
Or 7. PxBP, Kt-K5; 8. Kt-Q4 (not 8. R-QKt1, Kt-B6), KtxQBP.

7. BPxP 9. B-K2 Kt-B3
8. KtxP B-Q2 10. BtxKt

Not to be recommended. There is a hidden loss of time here for White. He exchanges a piece which has been moved twice for one which has been moved only once. What is more he permits the improvement in Black's QB's position.

In any case Black's position may be regarded at least as equal to White's. How can we tell? His center is just as strong; he is not behind in development; and his pieces are just as well posted as White's.

10. BxKt
Also to be considered was 10., PxKt to strengthen the center. However, it was tempting to give the QB an active position. Furthermore 10., PxKt; 11. PxP, PxP would leave White the possibility of creating a remote passed Pawn on the Q-side, owing to his Q-side majority, which can be very valuable in an endgame.

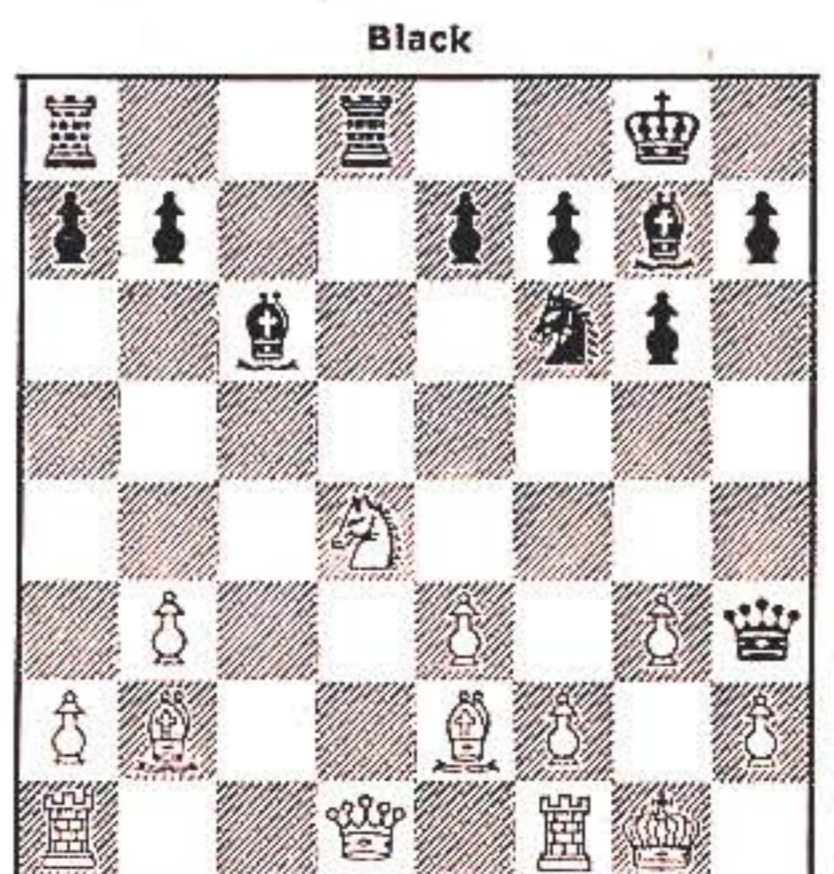
11. O-O Q-Q3 12. P-Kt3
White was afraid of 12., Kt-Kt5 (threatening Mate); 12. BxKt, BxB gaining the advantage of the 2 Bishops and also getting control of the open long diagonal. But the text-move creates a serious weakness on the white squares near the King. Simple and good was 12. Kt-B3.

12. KR-Q1 13. PxP
Probably best is 13. B-KB3 to help control the weak White squares.

13. QxQP 14. Kt-B3
The only move to protect the Kt and also prevent mate.

14. Q-KR4 15. Kt-Q4
The Q cannot be moved since 15., BxKt would win a piece. However, 15. B-Q4, Q-R6 (threatening Kt-Kt5 followed by BxKt as well as P-K4) was White's best hope.

15. Q-R6



White
White to Move

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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.

1956 was a good year for women's chess, though it was an "in-between" year for major tournaments.

The national title tournament, which occurs every other year, and the Zonal, which occurs every three years, both missed 1956 but will come together with a bang in 1957. The Zonal is the tournament which qualifies the U. S. representatives to the Women's World Championship Candidates Tournament. FIDE rules allow member countries to name a regularly established tournament as the official Zonal Tournament. In 1954, the United States Women's Open Championship was named the Zonal Tournament. The 1957 Women's Championship Tournament will be the next Zonal. This was decided at the Women's Meeting in New Orleans in 1954, and confirmed at the Women's Meeting in New York in 1955.

Since the United States Women's Championship is an invitational tournament restricted to the 12 highest ranking U. S. women players available, competition for invitations to this tournament will be keen. Let me tell you ladies who are interested in playing in this tournament, that the only way to secure an invitation is to get your USCF rating up to where you will be automatically invited. No pleas or cajolery nor pointing with pride to records in tournaments of former years will avail. Your USCF rating as of the date the invitation are sent out will be the only deciding factor.

And it is later than you think! It was recommended at both the 1954 and the 1955 meetings that the Women's Championship be held in early Fall and that the invitations be sent out six months ahead. This means that you have about four months in which to fatten up your rating if yours looks as skinny to you as mine does to me. Pick out a few rated tournaments (the woods are full of them) descend upon them with a gleam in your eye, and knock them cold. That will do it.

I started to review the year in a sort of hit or miss way, when the sudden urgency of the Zonal hit me. There was nothing spectacular to report of our four International Women Masters—Mrs. Gisela Gresser, Mrs. Sonja Graf Stevenson, Mrs. Mary Bain and Miss Mona May Karff, except that Mrs. Stevenson won the Women's Open Championship with the score of 6½-5½ in the USCF Open. Mrs. Mary Selen-sky also scored well in the Open with 5½-6½. That tournament introduced two women new to national tournaments—Mrs. Frances Frazier and Mrs. Mildred Morrell.

The big success of the year was Mrs. Irene Vines' winning the (Please turn to page 8, col. 3)



GAMES BY USCF MEMBERS

Annotated by Chess Master JOHN W. COLLINS

USCF MEMBERS: Submit your best games for this department to JOHN W. COLLINS, 91 Lenox Road, Brooklyn 26, N. Y. Space being limited, Mr. Collins will select the most interesting and instructive for publication. Unless otherwise stated notes to games are by Mr. Collins.

GREETINGS!

Another year rolls around and it is time again to wish Everyone A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thanks to all who helped with the column in 1956—Guest Annotators, game contributors, correspondents, and readers.

We hope for your cooperation in 1957. Let us make it an even better year!—JWC.



ONE OF THE GREATEST

Robert J. Fischer, the prodigious U. S. Junior Champion, a full-fledged master at thirteen, fashioned this sparkling gem against one of the country's top players, Senior Master Donald Byrne, former U. S. Open Champion. "Bobby's" quick appreciation of tactical possibilities, exemplified by Queen, exchange, and Knight sacrifices, has drawn the highest praise from the critics. It certainly seems safe to say that the game is one of the greatest ever produced by a boy of thirteen—including those by Morphy, Capablanca, and Reshevsky!

Bobby's notes (written in collaboration with the Editor) represent his first effort in this field. They are pungent and concise and afford interesting data on his understanding and approach to chess.

This one is for the books!

GRUENFELD DEFENSE

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Rosenwald Trophy Tournament
New York, 1956

Notes by Robert J. Fischer

White: D. BYRNE; Black: R. J. FISCHER
1. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3 4. P-Q4 O-O
2. P-B4 P-KKt3 5. B-B4 P-Q4
3. Kt-B3 B-Kt2

The opening has transposed into a Gruenfeld Defense.

6. Q-Kt3 PXP
7. QxBP P-B3
8. P-K4 QKt-Q2

Another system, popularized at Saltsjobaden, is 8., P-QKt4; 9. Q-Kt3, Q-R4.

9. R-Q1

If 9. P-K5, Kt-Q4! 10. KtxKt, PxKt; 11. QxP, KtxP!

10. Q-B5? Kt-Kt3

A risky move. Simpler is 10. Q-Kt3.

11. B-Kt5? B-Kt5

The object of this move is to apply pressure on the KP. However, it neglects development and White immediately finds himself in serious trouble.

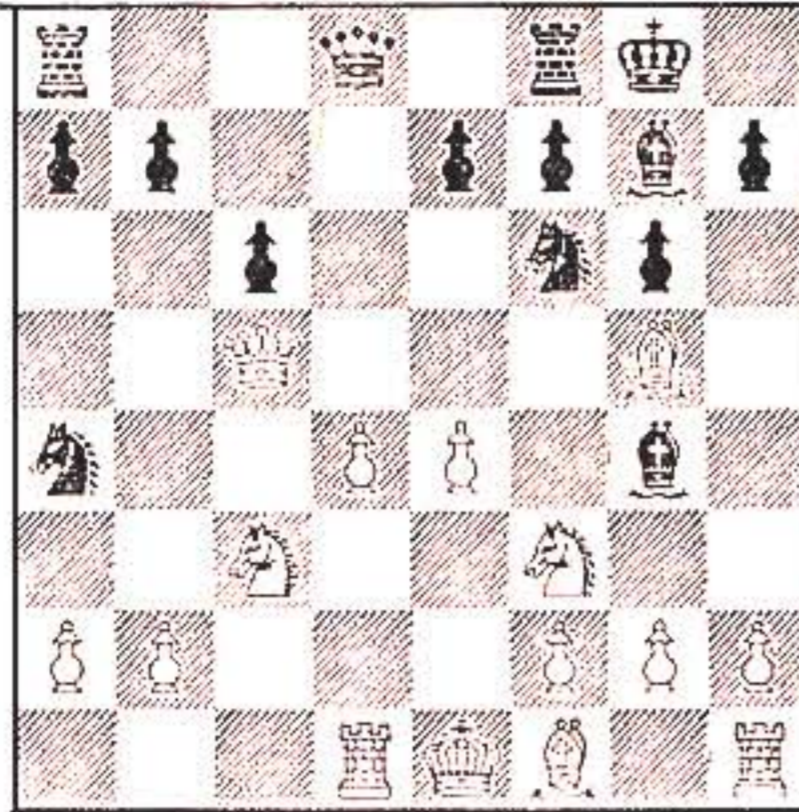
11. Kt-R5!!

(See diagram top next column)

With this strong and surprising move, Black quickly exploits the lag in White's development and the position of the Queen.

12. Q-R3

If 12. KtxKt, KtxP; 13. Q-Kt4 (13. QxKP,



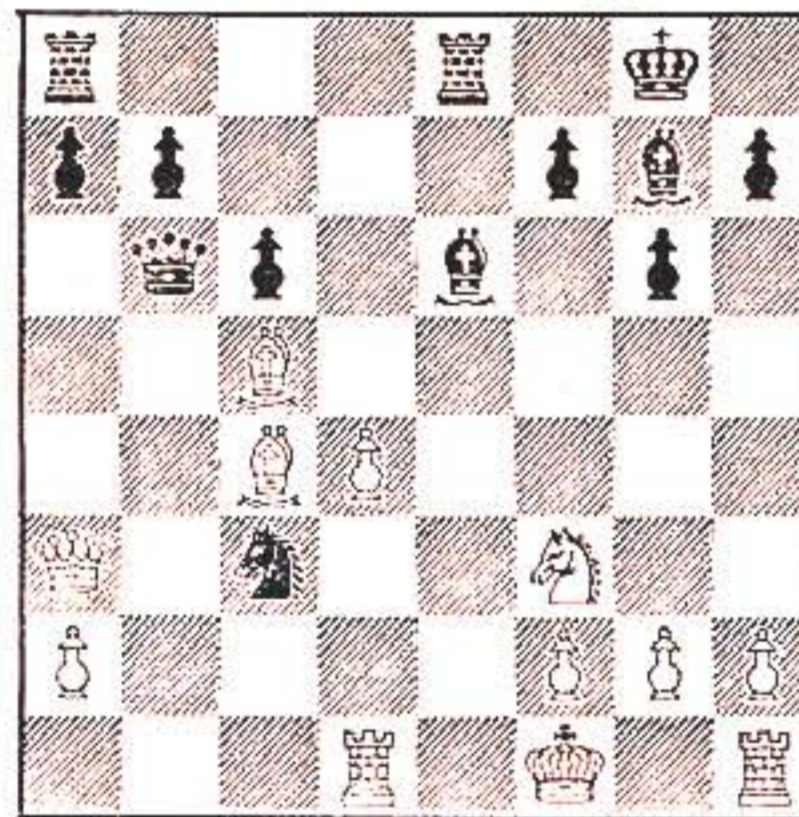
QxQ; 14. BxQ, KR-K1; and wins) KtxB; 14. KtxKt, BxR; 15. KxB, BxP; 16. Q-Q2, BxBP; and with a Rook and three Pawns for two Knights Black has a winning material advantage.

12. KtxKt
13. PxKt KtxP
Black sacrifices the exchange for a Pawn and a strong attack.

14. BxP Q-Kt3!
White overlooked this move. If 14., Q-K1? 15. B-B4

If 15. BxR, BxB; 16. Q-Kt3, KtxQBP! 17. QxQ, (17. QxKt?? B-Kt5; wins) PxQ; 18. R-R1, R-K1 ch; 19. K-Q2, Kt-K5 ch; 20. K-B2, KtxP; 21. R-KKt1, B-B4 ch; wins.

15. KtxQBP
16. B-B5 KR-K1 ch
17. K-B1 B-K3!!



A startling Queen sacrifice which wins by force! Not, however, 17., Kt-Kt4?? 18. BxP ch, KxB; 19. Q-Kt3 ch, B-K3; 20. Kt-Kt5 ch, K-Kt1; 21. KtxB, KtxP; 22. KtxKt ch, QxQ; 23. KtxQ, and White wins.

18. BxQ
White has nothing better. If 18. BxB, Q-Kt4 ch; 19. K-Kt1, Kt-K7 ch; 20. K-B1, Kt-Kt6 ch; 21. K-Kt1, Q-B8 ch! 22. RxQ, Kt-K7 mate! If 18. QxKt, QxB; wins. And if 18. B-K2, Kt-Kt4! wins easily.

18. BxBch 20. K-B1 KtxPch
19. K-Kt1 Kt-K7ch 21. K-Kt1
If 21. R-Q3, PxB; 22. Q-B3, NxN; and Black comes out a Rook and two Bishops ahead. (23. QxB, R-K8 mate).

21. Kt-K7ch 24. Q-Kt4 R-R5!
22. K-B1 Kt-B6ch 25. QxP

If 25. Q-Q6, KtxR; 26. QxKt, RxP; and 27., R-R8 (ch); wins.

25. KtxR 30. KtxR B-Q4
26. P-KR3 RxP 31. Kt-B3 Kt-K5
27. K-R2 KtxP 32. Q-Kt8 P-QKt4
28. R-K1 RxR 33. P-R4 P-R4
29. Q-Q8ch B-B1 34. Kt-K5 K-Kt2
Threatening 35., B-Q3; 36. Q-K8, B-K3; and the win of the Knight.

35. K-Kt1 B-B4 ch
36. K-B1

Now Black mates in six moves. But on 36. K-R1, Black mates in three.

36. Kt-Kt6ch 39. K-B1 Kt-K7ch
37. K-K1 B-Kt5ch 40. K-Kt1 Kt-B6ch
38. K-Q1 B-Kt6ch 41. K-B1 R-B7 mate
Black received the first Brilliancy Prize for this game.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

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Long Island Amateur
Brooklyn, 1956

White: E. STEINBERGER; Black: J. McCORMICK
1. P-K4 P-QB4 23. P-K5 P-Q4
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 24. Kt-B5 Q-Kt3
3. P-Q4 PXP 25. KtxR KxKt
4. KtxP Kt-B3 26. Q-Q4 P-B4
5. Kt-QB3 P-Q3 27. Q-R4ch K-K2
6. B-K3 P-KKt3 28. RxP BxR
7. B-K2 B-Kt2 29. RxB R-QB3
8. Q-Q2 KKt-Kt5 30. P-KR3 R-B2
9. KtxKt PxKt 31. Q-KKt4 Q-Kt3
10. BxKt BxB 32. P-QB4 Q-Kt8ch
11. B-R6 BxB 33. K-R2 Q-Kt3
12. QxB Q-Kt3 34. P-B4 Q-Kt2
13. O-O O-O 35. QxPch QxQ
14. Q-R4 B-K3 36. PxQ K-K3
15. QxKP P-KR4 37. P-Kt3 PxPch
16. KR-Q1 R-Q2 38. KxP K-B4
17. Q-B6 R-Kt1 39. P-KR4 P-R3
18. Kt-R4 Q-R3 40. K-B3 P-R4
19. P-QKt3 P-Kt4 41. K-Kt3 R-B3
20. R-Q3 P-R5 42. R-Q7 K-K3
21. QR-Q1 R-Kt3 43. R-Q6ch
22. Q-QB3 K-B2 Resigns



QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

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Long Island Amateur
Brooklyn, 1956

White: J. SOUDAKOFF; Black: J. WESTBROCK
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 25. QR-QB1 P-QKt4
2. P-QB4 P-K3 26. PXP RPXP
3. PXP PXP 27. R-R2 K-B3
4. Kt-QB3 P-QB3 28. R-R6 K-Kt2
5. Kt-B3 B-KB4 29. R/1-R1 Q-K2
6. B-B4 Kt-B3 30. Q-B3 P-R4
7. P-K3 B-Q3 31. R/1-R5 K-R2
8. BxB QxB 32. Q-R3 K-Kt2
9. B-Q3 BxB 33. R-R8 Q-Q2
10. QxB QKt-Q2 34. R/5-R6 RxR
11. O-O O-O 35. RxR R-B1
12. P-QR3 KR-K1 36. R-R7 R-B2
13. P-R3 Kt-K5 37. R-R6 Q-B1
14. P-QKt4 Kt-Kt3 38. R-R8 Q-Kt2
15. KR-Kt1 KtxKt 39. Q-R5 R-Q2
16. QxKt Kt-B5 40. K-B1 R-B2
17. P-QR4 P-QR3 41. Q-R1 R-K2
18. Kt-Q2 KtxKt 42. K-Kt1 K-R2
19. QxKt P-KKt3 43. Q-R5 R-Q2
20. Q-B3 R-K2 44. K-B1 K-Kt2
21. R-QB1 K-Kt2 45. K-Kt1 K-R2
22. QR-Kt1 R-Q1 Adjudicated a
23. Q-Kt3 R-B2 draw
24. R-B2 KR-QB1



KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

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Long Island Amateur
Brooklyn, 1956

White: J. McCORMICK; Black: E. ENGELMAN
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 19. BxKt Q-K7
2. P-QB4 P-KKt3 20. R-Q2 Q-R4
3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt2 21. BxB KxB
4. Kt-B3 P-Q3 22. K-R2 Q-B4
5. P-KKt3 O-O 23. Q-B3ch Q-K4
6. B-Kt2 QKt-Q2 24. R-Q4 P-B3
7. O-O P-K4 25. B-B3 P-R4
8. P-K4 PXP 26. K-Kt2 R-K2
9. KtxP P-QR4 27. Q-Q2 QR-K1
10. P-KR3 Kt-B4 28. R-B1 P-Kt3
11. B-K3 R-K1 29. P-B5 KtPxP
12. Q-B2 B-Q2 30. PXP PxP
13. P-Kt3 P-R3 31. RxP Q-Q3
14. P-R3 Q-K2 32. Q-B3 Q-K4
15. Kt-Q5 KtxKt 33. P-Q6 BxPch
16. KPxKt P-QR5 34. K-R2 Q-K3
17. P-QKt4 Kt-Kt6 35. PxR RxP
18. R-Q1 KtxKt 36. R-K4 Resigns

The Cincinnati Enquirer discovered the advantages of correspondence chess and related them recently in an article by staff reporter Libby Lackman in the Sunday, November 11th issue. Subject of the article was Mrs. David Milne Willard interviewed concerning the sociability of postal chess.

GUEST ANNOTATORS

Robert J. Fischer

CORRECTION

In the November 5th issue of CHESS LIFE inadvertently the Atlantic Coast Championship was mentioned as an "amateur" event. The term "amateur" in this instance was not intended to imply that it was an event restricted to players under master level, but was used in the real meaning of "amateur" in the sports world—namely an event of any strength from master to beginner in which trophies and medals replace cash prizes, as opposed to "professional" events in which prizes are in cash—the Olympic Committee definition of "amateur."



For the record, Dr. A. A. Carlyle with 6-1 score won the Southern Association Championship at Miami, with Dr. Jose Fernandez Leon second, also with 6-1. Third to eighth with 5-2 each in the 39-player event were 1950 Florida Champion Clarence Kalenian, J. L. Cabe, Dr. Gustave L. Drexel, Robert Ludlow, Dr. N. M. Hornstein, and Charles Wisch. The event was directed by Dr. Hornstein. Report was delayed by the unfortunate passing of Southern Association Secretary Major John B. Holt and has just now been submitted. Robert Ludlow, 17, of Orlando became junior champion, and Mrs. Morrill Goddard of Miami women's champion. Officers elected for the Ass'n were Prof. L.L. Foster of Columbia president, Frank Rose of Ft. Lauderdale 1st vice-president, H. B. Gambrell of Birmingham 2nd vice-president, Major J. B. Holt of Sarasota secretary-treasurer. Following the death of Major Holt, Robert C. Eastwood of Homestead was appointed acting secretary-treasurer.

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Chapel Hill (N. C.) Chess Club edged out Raleigh 4½-3½ to open the 1956-57 team play sponsored by the North Carolina Chess Ass'n, a USCF Affiliate. Winners for Chapel Hill were Margolis, Gallik, Pinney and Wilson, while Raleigh's full points were scored by Crittenden, Jenkins and Rich.

THE TULSA STORY

(Continued from page 1, col. 4) that I'll be able to get through—something about "... the show must go on ..."

WIRE FROM PHOENIX: Arrived just an half hour before show time in Phoenix. Still can't believe it!



A much delayed report on the Tartakower Memorial Tournament at Detroit was received just barely in time to permit its being accorded USCF rating. For the record, D. Byrne tallied 7½-½ to win the event, drawing with runner-up A. Bisguier. Second and third with 6½-1½ each were Bisguier and Povilas Tautvaisas. Fourth to sixth with 6-2 each were S. Popel, W. Shipman, and Dr. A. Mengarini. Seventh to ninth with 5½-2½ each were Dr. E. Marchand, K. Skema, and K. Jakstas. The event drew seventy contestants, and was directed by Raphael Rogers.

Shadows of Things To Come

By International Master **GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI**

USCF Tournament Administrator

MY tour is far from over, and by the look of things I shall most probably have to prolong my intended length of time for touring. In other words, we shall have to start all over again right after New Year, thanks to the great number of clubs desiring a Koltanowski evening!

This is one of the few reasons why I have not been able to report some of the projects that have been formulated and are being worked out for the benefit of chess in the United States. You read recently about the projected year-round match between Teenagers vs. Old-timers (also a match in the intermittant ages). This is being worked out by Jose M. Calderon of New York and his committee and the many helpers all over the United States. I will leave the details for this proposed match on at least 5000 boards to my friend Calderon.

Something that will start in the month of March, I hope, will be the tournament called "Champion of Champions." The idea is identical to the Davis Cup competition in tennis. All States will be asked to enter their champions, who will play champions of another state, on the knock-out system. The East, North, South, and West will each reach the finals, and these four champions will each play in the finals, in a city to be designated, sometime in December, 1957. That will be a double-round robin tournament; the winner will be CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS. Full details will appear in February. A committee is now being formed to work out the full details. Here are some of the committeemen already (the full list will be given in my next article): J. F. Addington, Birmingham, Ala.; Andrew M. Lockett, Jr., New Orleans, La.; Henry Gross, San Francisco, Cal.; John R. Beitling, Kansas City, Mo.; Milton Blumenthal, Houston, Tex.; Dr. Max Herzberger, Rochester, N. Y.; Lewis E. Wood, Haddon Heights, N. J.; Jos. J. Chavayda, Cleveland, Ohio; Victor V. Masters, Phoenix, Ariz.

The next Junior Championship will be held in San Francisco in July, 1957. I can give you a hint right now, this Junior Championship will most likely be the greatest ever! The 1957 U. S. Open? Yes, that is almost assured too! The East will have it this time, and you chess fans can start making your plans right now to attend it! The venue? The city's name starts with a C!!!! (not Chicago, by the way). More about that next time.

In over 30 clubs so far, where

we have given exhibitions, we have stimulated and promoted the idea of Amateur Open Tournaments, in which the Federation gives the prizes. The one in Hammonton, South Jersey, was a success for its initial start, and by 1957, I feel sure that many of these tournaments will be the order of the day. We are getting new members. It is only through promotion ideas that the Federation will succeed in getting thousands and thousands of chess fans to join its ranks. Unity makes force, and a strong Federation with Unity can and must succeed.

About my tour? My scores are very good and the success self-evident. The stories? There's one about wet pants! At dinner at Baytown, Texas, at the home of Harold Bone, a great chess promoter, a telephone call from a neighbor told him that his garage was on fire... we all ran out, with water buckets, hose, etc. The fire was squashed fast enough, and so were my pants... I performed in them that a-way... A tip of my hat to some of the outstanding chess promoters I have met so far on this trip: C. J. Cucullu, Jr., New Orleans; Dr. L. Streitfeld, Hammonton; E. F. Daigle, Atlantic City; Dr. E. Marchand, Rochester; Sam Laird, Camden; Roy Daniels, San Benito; Henry Youngman, Corpus Christi; Adam K. Bert, Pittsburgh; Mrs. M. Morrell, Kansas City; C. H. Stewart, Boise; M. Davis, Atlanta; Prof. M. Anthony, Macon; Underwood, Lubbock; Wm. Bill, Plainview; Bill Bonnell, Sayre; and many, many others.

But enough of this, my next show is a beckoning!

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Nicholas Gabor

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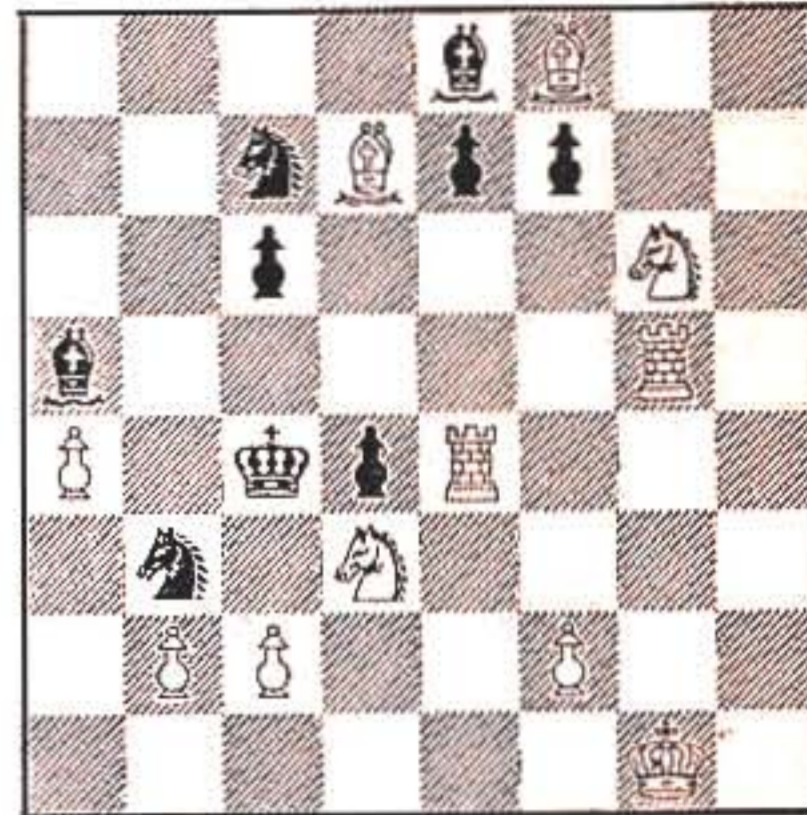
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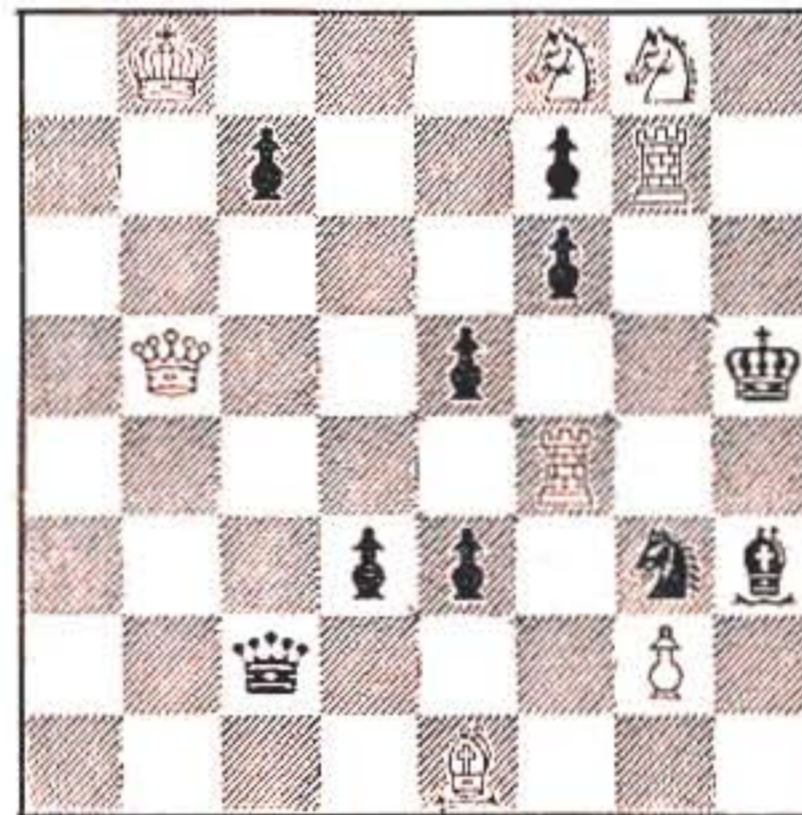
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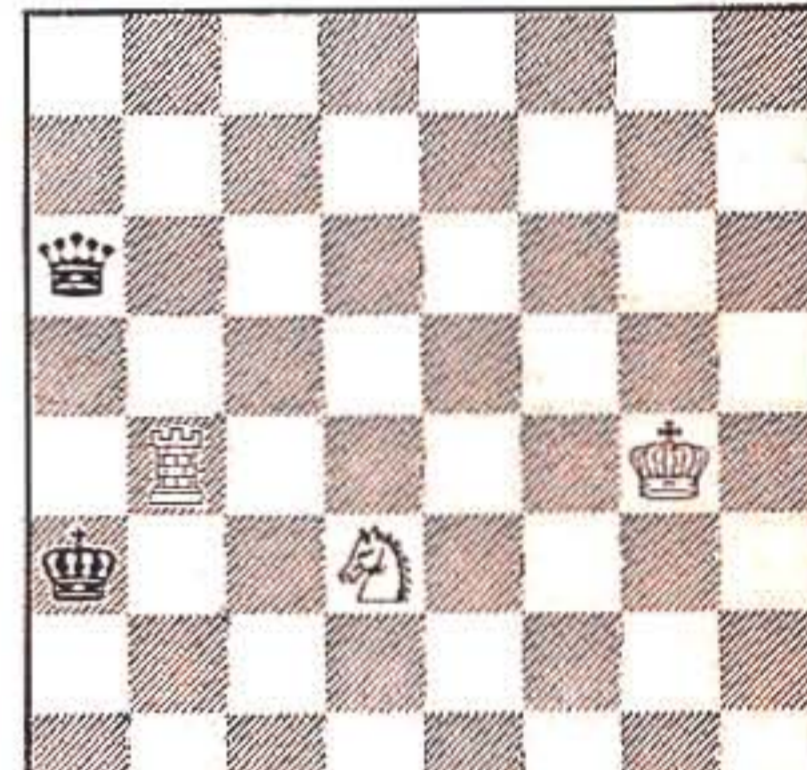
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Mate in three moves

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Helpmate in two moves

- a) as on diagram;
b) replace black queen with rook;
c) replace black rook with bishop;
d) replace black bishop with knight;
e) replace black knight with pawn; always helpmate in two!

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To all our Solvers and Followers:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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WE present above 3 original contributions to Chess Life's problem department by 3 well known composers of this continent: 1 two-mover and 2 three-movers. We hope our followers will enjoy all! With No. 740 we continue our experimental publication of help-mates and will do so until we see our solvers' response to this type of problems. We found No. 740 in a book entitled: "Miracles on the Chessboard" and believe that all solvers who successfully tackle this work will agree with us that it is a "miraculous" accomplishment. It is simple: Black moves first and plays in such manner as to help White mate in 2. By changing the black piece on QR3 as indicated, we arrive at 5 different solutions. (20 points for complete solution.)

The Solvers' Ladder will appear in our next column.

Solutions-Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 723 Groeneveld: Set: 1., R-K7, 2. PQ3; 1., BQ7, 2. QK3. Close tries: 1. Kt-K2, Kt(B4)Q3, KtR5 etc. do not work. Key 1. Kt-K6, threat 2. R-K5. No. 724 Zilahi: Intentional solutions: 1. P-Kt3 and 1. QxP with thematically interrelated variations. Cook 1. Kt-Q4 dbl. ch., KxP and 2. Kt-K2 mate, unintentional! No. 725 Ravenscroft and Hawes: key: 1. K-B8, threat 2. R-B7. Moves of the black R pin the threat-piece producing 3 good variations. No. 726 Vaughan: key 1. Q-QB! (1. Q-B2? 1., Q-Kt8 ch!) No. 727 Walton: key 1. B-B5, threat 2. BxP. No. 728 Neumann: set; 1., B-K5, Kt-Q4 and 1., Kt-K5, 2. Q-K2. Key 1. Q-K6 threat 2. Kt-Q2.

North Carolina Chess Ass'n: Seven team matches were played in Clinton with the following results: Chapel Hill "A" drubbed Wilmington "A" 4-0 and Clinton 3-1; Raleigh "A" blanked Fort Bragg 4-0 and tied Wilmington "A" 2-2; Raleigh "B" downed Clinton 3-1 and Fort Bragg ½-1½; and Chapel Hill "B" shut out Wilmington "B" 4-0. Matches were sponsored by the NCCA. A USCF Affiliate.

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*Solution To
What's The Best Move?*

Position No. 195

Talmanov-Szabo, Zurich 1953

In the game, Black forced a draw by 1., P-K8(Q)ch; 2. BxQ; RXP ch; 3. KxR, NxB ch leading to perpetual check. As many of our solvers showed, he could have forced a win by 1., N-B5! This Knight cannot be captured by either Rook or Bishop because 2., P-K8(Q) ch then leads to mate. If 2. P-K8(Q), P-K8(Q) ch; 3. BxQ, RXP ch; 4. K-Rsq, -QxR; and White, despite his two Queens, is unable to defend against all of the threatened mates. Or 2. B-Ksq, R-B8; 3. P-K8(Q), RxB ch; 4. K-R2, R-KR8 ch; etc. In this line, 3. K-B2, RxB; 4. KxR, NxNP ch is also a loss for White. Finally, there is 2. Q-B5 ch, QxQ; 3. P-K8(Q), R-B8 ch; 5. K-R2, Q-N8; and Black wins.

Other tries for Black are not convincing. One solver suggested 1., P-K8(N); 2. BxN, NxB; but then White wins by 3. Q-B5 ch. A similar result follows 1., R-B8 ch; 2. K-R2, P-K8(Q); 3. BxQ, RxB; 4. R-B7. On 1., P-K8(Q) ch; 2. BxQ, N-B5; White saves himself by 3. B-E2. And on 1., Q-N3; White has a sufficient defense with 2. Q-B5.

Correct solutions are acknowledged from: Billy Adams, Robin Ault, M. D. Blumenthal, A. Bomberault, K. A. Czerniecki, Alex Dunne, J. B. Germain, Richard Gibian, Edmund Godbold, John W. Horning, Andrew Kafka, Bill Koenig, E. J. Korpanty, Lucien Krasewski,* H. Leef, S. C. Marshall, M. Milstein, C. Musgrove, Ed Nash, Albert F. Nika, George W. Payne, Edmund Roman, Frank C. Ruys, Barry R. Schimel, I. Schwartz, Robert E. Seiden, Paul Smith, Bob Steinmeyer, W. E. Stevens, Miss Katherine R. Stintz,* W. A. Thomasson, F. Trask, H. C. Underwood, Alexis Valueff, William B. Wilson, Rudolph W. Wittemann III, and Ammon O. Young.* The solvers win by 37-6.

*Welcome to New Solvers.

The Qualifying Prelims of the New Orleans Championship saw A. Buckland win Section A 5½-½, with J. Settle 2nd with 5-1; A. L. McAuley Section B with 7-0, M. Dufaut 2nd with 5½-1½; D. Waldorf Section C with 7-0, A. M. Lockett 2nd with 6-1; Mrs. Irene Vines Section D with 6-0, with F. Chavez 2nd with 4½-1½; Kenneth Vines Section E with 7-0, with H. Wynberg 2nd with 5-12 (besting Biallas in a play-off game to break a section tie at 5-2); and J. Bick tied with C. J. Cucullu in Section F with 5-1 each. The 12 players will play in semi-finals to qualify for a 4-player round robin finals.



Preliminaries of the New Haven Open Championship saw James M. Belton win Section I with 5½-½, drawing one game with Stanley Wysowski. Michael H. Gottesman was second with 5-1, losing to Bolton, and Wysowski was third with 4½-1½, a loss to Gottesman and draw with Bolton. Section 2 saw a 5-1 tie for first between D. Stauvers and William Mills, while John Baldrige was third with 3½-2½. Stauvers lost a game to E. E. Hand, Mills to Stauvers, and Baldrige to Stauvers and Mills while drawing with Richard Friedenthal. The top three in each section will compete in the finals.

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February 3

**North Carolina 30-30 Open
Championship
Raleigh, No. Car.**

Open; at Pullen Park Recreation Center, Raleigh; 6 rd Swiss, 30 moves in 30 minutes; entry fee: \$2 and NCCA \$2 dues; 1st prize \$25 and other cash prizes; register 9-10 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 3; for details, write: Dr. Stuart Noblin, Route 1, Garner, N.C.

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February 16, 17 & 23, 24

**Chicago City Championship
Chicago, Ill.**

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February 22-24

**Missouri Open & Missouri State
Championships
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**Minnesota State Open Championship,
Minneapolis, Minn.**

Open; at Coffman Memorial Union on University of Minnesota campus; Major tmt open to all, entry fee \$5 with \$3 entry fee for high school students; Minor tmt restricted to Class C players and unrated, entry fee \$1; registration in advance or at door from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Saturday; play begins 9:00 a.m. Sat. and ends 10:30 p.m. Sun.; 1st prize Major tmt \$50 and trophy, 2nd prize trophy, Class B trophy and Class C trophy; trophies for first 3 prizes in Minor tmt.; State title to ranking resident in Major event; for details, write: Sheldon Rein, 6901 S. Cedar Lake Rd., Minneapolis, Minn.

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CHESS TACTICS

(Continued from page 5, col. 3)

If now 16. P-B3 (or 16. B-KB3), then 16., Kt-Kt5!

16. KtxB RxQ 17. KtxPch K-R1
One must not be too greedy. On 17., K-B1; 18. KRxR, KxKt; 19. B-R3 ch Black's K comes under severe attack.

18. KRxR Kt-Kt5
With 18., Q-K3 in hopes of trapping the white Kt; 19. B-R3, B-B1; 20. B-B4 gives White a strong initiative. The text-move forces a simple position where Black's material advantage and White's weakness on the white squares will be severely felt.

19. BxKt QxB 21. Kt-Q5 R-QB1
20. BxBch KxB 22. QR-B1 R-B7
This unexpected move brings things to a rapid conclusion. If White could ever get his pieces placed so that everything is protected, the ending could become long and not easy to win. Of course 23. RxR, QxR ch would be fatal.

23. P-QR3 Q-B6 25. RxR QxKt
24. R-B1 RxR 26. Resigns

WOMEN'S CHESS

(Continued from page 5, col. 4)

Louisiana Open and the State Championship.

Miss Lucille Kellner's scores of 5-3 in the Michigan Open and 5-3 in the Tartakower Memorial were

praiseworthy and Mrs. Eva Aronson's score of 4-4 in the latter tournament was a healthy one.

Mrs. Mary Bain is active in planning the big nation-wide chess festival. These matches will be rated, so watch for them. There will also be many area and local tournaments in the coming months, in which to garner nourishing points.

Happy New Year!

COLLEGE CHESS

(Continued from page 2, col. 4)

Club is now the most active club on the Gannon campus!

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