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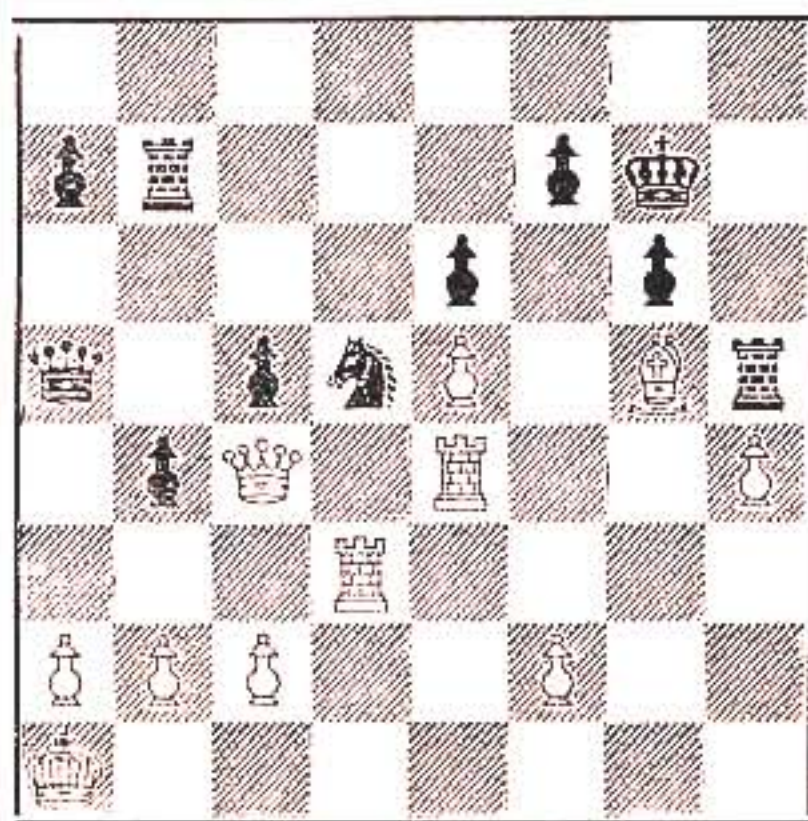
Saturday, January 5, 1957

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What's The Best Move?

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Position No. 199



Black to play

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Solution to Position No. 199 will appear in the February 20, 1957 issue.

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May Peace Come to All--The Message From FIDE President Folke Rogard

We publish herewith the text (in translation by the Editor) of an Open New Year Message from FIDE President Folke Rogard, addressed to all affiliated units of the World Chess Federation:

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ECHecs

Stockholm, December, 1956

Dear Friends:

I send to you my best wishes for the year 1957.

During the years in the course of which we have collaborated, our friendship has only grown and affirmed itself, and we have been proud of having erected together an international federation in which the members have worked, in harmony and with a reciprocal respect, for the good of all.

But today we have a heart heavy with pain and full of pity for all people who, innocent, have suffered in consequence of measures that one can only explain as being the consequences of fear and misunderstanding which, unfortunately exists still despite the desire for peace that animates all men.

May the New Year change the evil into good of a kind that the way will open to a collaboration in spirit and in truth for the best exploitation of the world: a fertile world which in the fine days of amity can overflow for all men but which in the shadows of enmity yields only a poor stalk of grain.

We hope that we will find ourselves at Vienna animated with our traditional friendship and that at this time reflection and good will will give to the great and the small peoples of the world a new hope that the generations to come can live without fear—with the respect of all for the good rights of all.

FOLKE ROGARD, President
World Chess Federation

WEBERG TAKES WICHITA OPEN

Carl Weberg of Salina scored 5-1 to win the 7th annual Wichita Open at Wichita, Kans., drawing with runner-up Dale Ruth and A. R. Self in the final round. Second and third, also with 5-1 scores, were Dale Ruth of Mid-West City, Okla., noted as among the most promising of midwest young players, and former Kansas Champion A. R. Self of Newton. Ruth drew with Weberg and Henry B. Berg; Self with Weberg and Bert Brice-Nash.

Fred Swan of Midwest City, Okla. was fourth with 4½-1½, losing a game to Kenneth Weberg and drawing with Robert Hart. Fifth to eighth with 4-2 scores in the 30-player Swiss were Dick Thompson, Lynn Hershey, Robert V. Lee-wright, and Roy N. Meister. The event was sponsored by the Wichita YMCA Chess Club and directed by K. R. MacDonald.

JORGENSEN WINS SO. JERSEY OPEN

Tom Jorgenson of Wildwood tallied 4½-½ to win the South Jersey Open Championship at Ham-monton, N.J., drawing with runner-up Ed Carlson of Woodbury. Carlson also drew with John Hildebrand for a score of 4-1. G. Krauhs was third with 3½-1½, while fourth and fifth in the 15-player event with 3-2 each were John Hildebrand and Frank Brown. William O'Donnell of Camden won the Class B prize with 2½-2½ score and John Yehl of Hammonton the Class C prize with 2½-2½ also. The event was directed by International Master George Koltanowski and was cosponsored by the USCF and the South Jersey Chess Ass'n. This tournament was the first in a series which will be co-sponsored by the USCF in collaboration with various local chess organizations.

CHICAGO WINS COLLEGIATE

City College of New York Second,
Defending Champ Fordham Third

By FREDERICK H. KERR

College Life Editor

The University of Chicago won the 1956 United States Intercollegiate Team Championship with a score of 22½-5½. Second with 21½-6½ was City College of New York. Fordham University, the defending champion, took third honors with 19-9.

Fourteen colleges and universities entered teams in this tournament, which was held at the Franklin-Mercantile Chess Club in Philadelphia. The following schools entered teams: Case Institute of Technology, University of Chicago, City College of New York, Columbia University, Fordham University, Harvard University, Muhlenberg College, Ohio State University, University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State University, Pennsylvania State University Ogontz Center, University of Pittsburgh, St. Joseph's College, and Temple University. The event was the twenty-sixth annual championship of the Intercollegiate Chess League of America. Attilio DiCamillo, a USCF master, acted as tournament director.

The winning Chicago team consisted of Mitchell Sweig, Robion Kirby, Leonard Frankenstein, and Michael Robinson.

At the end of the first round the battle shaped up as one between four teams. Chicago defeated Muhlenberg 4-0; Fordham scored over Ohio State 4-0; Harvard took St. Joseph's 3½-½; and CCNY defeated Penn State 3½-½.

Chicago kept the lead in the second round by taking a match from Pennsylvania 3½-½. Fordham had a difficult time in turning back Harvard 2½-1½. CCNY walked over the Ogontz Center 3½-½.

The new champions lost the lead by losing to CCNY 2½-1½. In that match, Sweig lost to Arthur Feuerstein on first board. Fordham defeated Columbia 3½-½ to take the lead. Temple threatened to knock Harvard from the running but the Crimson won 3-1.

CCNY Takes Lead

The fourth round saw CCNY take the lead by beating Fordham 3-1. On first board Arthur Feuerstein of City College defeated Anthony Saidy, the Fordham master. Chicago regained second place when they defeated Harvard 2½-1½. Mitchell Sweig and Shelby Lyman drew at the top board.

USCF Master William Lombardy was added to the CCNY team for the last three rounds. Pennsylvania held City College to 2½ points in the fifth round. Robert Cantor drew with Feuerstein at the top board. Lombardy and Joseph Tamargo won for CCNY on second and third, but Edward Holodny was defeated by Larry Dinerstein of Pennsylvania on the

INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

	Games	Matches
1. Chicago	22½-5½	6-1
2. C.C.N.Y.	21½-6½	6-1
3. Fordham	19-9	5-2
4. Harvard	16-12	3-4
5. Pennsylvania	15-13	4-3
6. Columbia	15-13	3½-3½
7. Penn State	14½-13½	3½-3½
8. Ohio State	13½-14½	4-3
9. Temple	13½-14½	3½-3½
10. Case Tech	13½-14½	3-4
11. Ogontz Center	9½-18½	3-4
12. St. Joseph's	7½-20½	2½-4½
13. Muhlenberg	7-21	2-5
14. Pittsburgh	7-21	0-7

last board. Chicago defeated Fordham 3-1 as Saidy and Sweig drew. Harvard moved up to third position when they handed Columbia a 4-0 defeat.

Chicago Regains Lead

Chicago regained the lead by defeating Ohio State 4-0. CCNY defeated Harvard 3-1 and fell one-half point behind the midwesterners. Shelby Lyman drew with William Lombardy on first board. Feuerstein defeated Malcolm Wiener on second. Fordham remained in contention by scoring 4-0 over Temple.

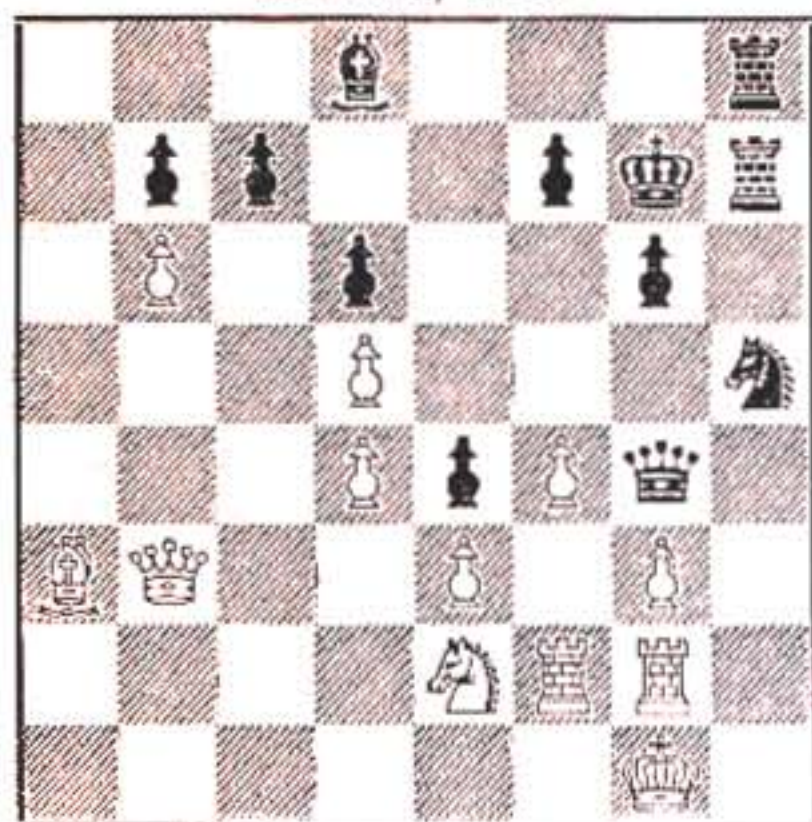
In the final round CCNY defeated Case Tech 3½-½. Fordham defeated Pennsylvania 3-1 to place third. Harvard was relegated to fourth place by Ohio State, who beat them 2½-1½. Chicago took four points from Ogontz Center to clinch the championship.

Chicago is the first school outside New York City to win this title since 1921. That year the Massachusetts Institute of Technology won. To Chicago goes the Harold M. Phillips trophy.

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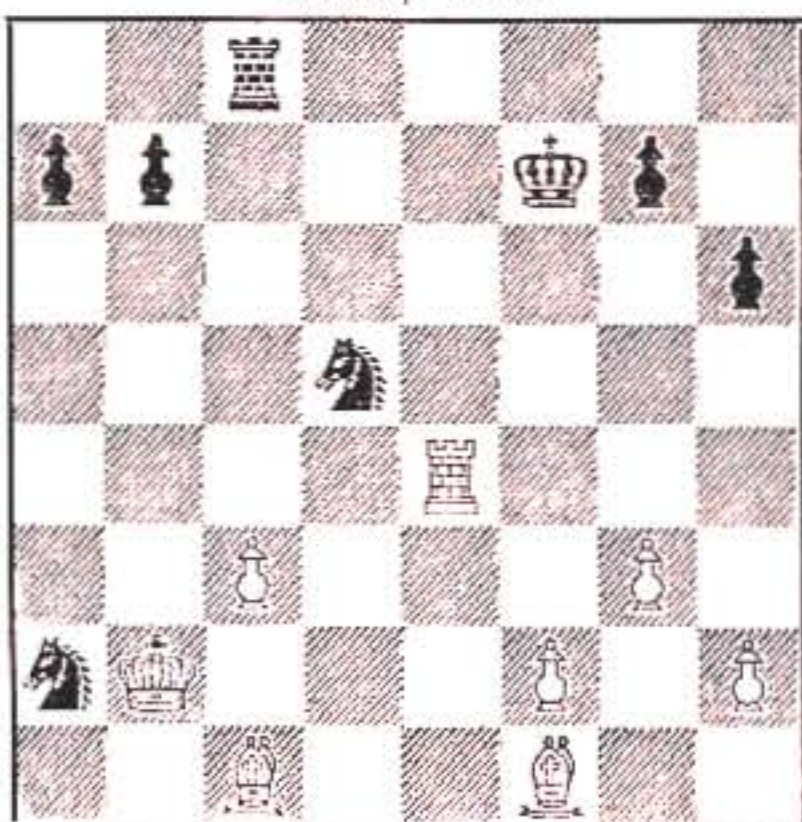
Finish It The Clever Way! by Edmund Nash

Position No. 191
Donner vs. Pachman
Holland, 1955



Black to play and win

Position No. 192
Tolush vs. Kholmov
USSR, 1956



White to play and win

IN Position No. 191, Black missed a quick win in two moves. In Position No. 192, which occurred in the 23rd USSR Championship, Tolush reportedly thought about an hour and offered his opponent a draw which was accepted. White can win a decisive material advantage with a seven-move combination.

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.



Yale (New Haven) Chess Club: Finals of the club championship saw Julius Spellman score 5-0 to win the 6-player round robin. Earl R. Muntz was second with 4-1, while Richard J. Plock was third with 3-2, losing to both Spellman and Muntz. John R. Power and Robert C. Baker scored 1½-1½ each for a tie for fourth.

Herman Steiner (Los Angeles) Chess Club: Sam Geller tallied 4-1 to win the club Experts event in a 6-player round robin, losing no games but drawing with Goehler and Hufnagel. Tied for second with 3½-1½ each were George Goehler and Frank Hufnagel, while Jacqueline Platigorsky was fourth with 2-3. A USCF Club Affiliate.



Ohio State University Chess Club: Tim Anderson tallied 6-0 to win the O.S.U. Championship. Mark Hopkins, a graduate student, was second with 5-1, a loss to Fidler. Third and fourth with 4½-1½ were Daniel Fidler and Prof. Walter Meiden; both lost to Anderson and drew with each other. Fifth to ninth with 4-2 each were John Brown, James Cline, Dr. Leonard Eisner, Phil Rothman, and Nelson Slagle.

PERMANENT COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS

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New York, December 1956

Dear Friends:

We are proud to announce a new Chess event, the first of its kind in American Chess history—the

NATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL

organized under the auspices of the United States Chess Federation, by authority of the Tournament Administrator, Mr. George Koltanowski.

The sole objective of the National Chess Festival is to stimulate interest in the Royal Game through the public curiosity it will arouse and the publicity it is certain to evoke.

No fees are required; no prizes are offered. The slogan is "Chess for Fun across the Nation". Our goal is to muster a minimum of 5000 boards. Contestants are paired according to age groups.

It is self-evident that the success of the National Chess Festival will depend largely, if not wholly, upon ardent support and active collaboration by Chess Organizations across the nation. For this reason, we of the Central Organizing Committee request your support and collaboration by asking you to constitute yourselves into a District Organizing Committee for the area now under your jurisdiction.

Play can begin, at your convenience, any day after January 1st, 1957. For the time being there is no dead-line to meet, since some districts will be able to organize more rapidly than others. However, a dead-line will have to be determined at a later date, which we will do after consultation with you.

Basic rules and qualifications are attached hereto, but it is our desire that each District interpret rules and qualifications at their discretion so as to facilitate the task of organizing and to add such ground rules as they may deem proper in their best judgment in order to simplify the task of supervision.

While the Central Organizing Committee has no wish to intrude, it wishes to make clear that it is always willing to help. Under this heading, it takes the liberty of informing you of the steps it has taken to be of help to your Committee, since it believes that you are well advised to similarly organize your own function activities.

No. 1. It has organized a Central Tournament Committee whose twin task is to aid and encourage the District Tournament Committees as well as to resolve problems which fall under its jurisdiction.

No. 2. It has organized a Central Statistical Bureau which will receive and classify the match statistics received from District Bureaus.

No. 3. It has established a Central Liaison Office which will disseminate progress reports and other important data among the Districts.

No. 4. It has established a Central Public Relations Office, which will seek syndicated national and international publicity based on local publicity reports sent in by the Districts.

Because the task of the Central Organizing Committee is to "Organize the Organizers", its work, as such, will have been accomplished when the 70 Districts begin to function. It will then change its title to—CENTRAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE and will be charged with the task of supervising the work of the Committees, Bureaus and Offices which it has created.

Six Districts have already been established. These are: MANHATTAN, BROOKLYN, BRONX & WESTCHESTER, QUEENS, RICHMOND and NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. Thus a start has already been made in the Metropolitan area of Greater New York.

The District Tournament Committees will contact Clubs, Associations, Fraternal Organizations, Public Parks, Institutions of Learning, Hospitals, Commercial Enterprises, Recreation Centers, Penal Institutions (optional), Religious Organizations, in fact wherever chess is played. They will ask these entities to organize as many boards as possible. Where pairings under the age group system is difficult (Please turn to page 7, col. 3)

MARSHALL TOPS LONDON CENTER

By a score of 26½-17½ the Marshall Chess Club of New York tallied a victory over the National Chess Centre of London in a two-round correspondence chess match on 22 boards. Each player conducted two games, one with Black and one with White, and all moves were sent via air-mail. John W. Collins captained the victorious Marshall team and Edgar Brown was captain for the National Chess Center.

Kaufman won two games by forfeit on board seven and DeLeito lost both games by forfeit on board 13. Double draws were adjudicated on board 1 and board 10 for Bisguier and Dunst. Sibbett won his second game by forfeit and Calderon received a win and drew upon adjudication.

Marshall C.C.		National C.C.	
1. A. Bisguier	1½-½	J. Fuller	1½-½
2. E. Hearst	1-1	M. Franklin	0-0
3. J. Collins	1½-½	P. H. Clarke	1½-½
4. C. Pilnick	1-1	F. Parr	0-0
5. Lombardy	0-0	W. Veitch	1-1
6. Camp'm'nes	1½-½	G. Wheatcroft	1½-½
7. A. Kaufman	1-1	D. Mackay	0-0
8. N. Halper	0-0	E. Brown	1-1
9. H. Helms	0-½	Noel-Johnson	1-½
10. T. Dunst	1½-½	M. Slot	1½-½
11. G. Gresser	1-0	H. Felce	1-1
12. Persinger	0-½	R. Stevenson	1-½
13. M. De Leito	0-0	J. Gilchrist	1-1
14. M. Fleischer	1-½	T. Casswell	0-½
15. D. Sibbett	1-1	E. Coad-Pryor	0-0
16. K. Slater	1-1	T. Pruchnicki	0-0
17. J. Battell	1-1	J. Doulton	0-0
18. J. Calderon	1-1	H. Ennis	1-0
19. Eckstrom	1-0	M. Wylie	0-1
20. W. Slater	1-1	Dr. A. Thorley	0-0
21. P. Driver	1-0	A. Stammwitz	0-1
22. H. Ruckert	1-1	Elliot-Fletcher	0-0
Marshall 26½		Chess Center 17½	

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.

THE University of Pittsburgh Chess Club elected George Svaranowic president. With the assistance of graduate student Gerald Orner, he has mapped out an active program of activities for the panther chess bugs. The Pitt group began their activities with a simultaneous by USCF Expert William Byland. Byland was able to win 13 games while losing only 3. Donald Averback, Nestor Kohut, and George Svaranowic defeated the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation prexy. A team from West Virginia University then visited Pitt for a match. The result was a 4-0 sweep for the Pittsburgh men.

PITT		WEST VIRGINIA	
N. Kohut	1	T. Baker	1
L. Henry	1	C. Lancaster	0
T. Kent	1	F. Adams	0
V. Rizzo	1	K. Hatfield	0

The Williams College Chess Club championship went to N. Van Devsen and R. C. Schneider. Both players finished the tournament with scores of 4½-1½.

At West Point the Highland Park Chess Club of Brooklyn defeated the Cadet Chess Club of the United States Military Academy by a score of 6-3.

Congratulations are extended to Eliot Hearst, the USCF vice-president for college chess. He received his Ph.D. in psychology from Columbia University before being inducted into the Army. Readers may be interested to hear that Charles Witte, Columbia's star player, has married Eliot's sister, Marlys. "College Chess Life" sends the very best wishes to the new couple.

BERLINER WINS EASTERN STATES

Hans Berliner of Washington, D.C. scored 6-1 (two draws) to win the semi-annual Eastern States Open Championship. Second to fifth with 5½-1½ each were Bobby Fischer, Nicholas Rossolimo, Arthur Feuerstein, and William Lombardy. Sixth to tenth with 5-2 scores were Ralph Hurltlen, Saul Wanetick, C. Mott, H. Avram, and H. Jones. Eleventh to fourteen in the 56-player Swiss with 4½-2½ each were R. McComas, G. O'Rourke, and CHESS LIFE contributors Edmund Nash and Dr. Erich Marchand. The event was jointly sponsored by the District League and the Log Cabin Chess Club. N. T. Whitaker served as director.

Columbus Y (Ohio) Chess Club: In a match between the Col. Y and O.S.U. chess teams the "Y" was victorious by the small margin of 6½-5½. On board one Jim Schroeder and University Champ Tim Anderson played to a draw. Winners for the "Y" were: V. Mutschall, A. Zurichencho, J. Corsiglia, K. Feuchter, and S. Haban. For O.S.U. they were: L. Eisner, N. Slagle, A. Kahn, and R. Falk. A USCF Club Affiliate.

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.)

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LAWS OF CHESS REVISED

Rules on Recording Games Clarified, FIDE Adds New Article on Draws

By KENNETH HARKNESS

Author of "The Official Blue Book and Encyclopedia of Chess"

At the 27th Congress of the International Chess Federation (FIDE), Moscow 1956, the General Assembly adopted some modifications of the Laws of Chess.

Article 13 on the recording of games has been rewritten and amplified. The writer's translation from the original French is as follows:

Article 13 Recording of Games

1. In the course of play, each player is required to record the game (his own moves and those of his opponent), move after move, as clearly and legibly as possible, on the score sheet prescribed for the contest.

2. If, extremely pressed for time, a player finds it obviously impossible to meet the requirements of section No. 1 above, he must check on his score sheet the number of moves made. As soon as his time trouble is over, he must complete immediately his record of the game by recording the omitted moves. However, he will not have the right to claim a draw, on the basis of Article 12(3), if the moves in question were not recorded in conformity with the stipulations of section No. 1 above.

New Article Added

The General Assembly also adopted a new Article 17A to settle some of the confusion caused by various interpretations of Article 12(2) permitting a draw by agreement, and Article 12(3) on the subject of draws by repetition. The new article, as translated by the writer, reads as follows:

Article 17A The Drawn Game

1. The offer of a draw under the provisions of Article 12(2) can be made by a player before or after he has made his move on the board, but in the second case only when his clock is running.

2. If a player claims a draw under the provisions of Article 12(3), his clock must continue to run until the Director has verified the legitimacy of the claim.

If the claim is found to be correct, the game will be declared drawn, even if the claimant, in the interval, has overstepped the time limit.

If the claim is found to be incorrect, the game will continue, unless the claimant has, in the interval, overstepped the time limit, in which case the game will be declared lost by the claimant.

USCF Translation Of Laws Approved

With a very slight modification of wording, the Official American Translation of the Laws of Chess, copyright 1954 by the U. S. Chess Federation, was approved by the FIDE Congress.

The modification concerns the description of the Knight's move (Article 6). Apparently the FIDE did not understand the meaning of the word "contiguous" and has

asked us to change the description to read as follows:

THE KNIGHT

The Knight's move is composed of two different steps: first, it makes one step of one single square along the rank or file, and then, still moving away from the square of departure, one step of one single square on a diagonal.

Final Approval Awaits Revision

To receive final approval, the revision of Article 13 and the new Article 17A must also be included in our version of the Laws. The translations that appear above have been submitted to the FIDE for this purpose.

FIDE is also checking to make sure that the purely linguistic changes in the original Laws (published in French), as presented by the French Federation in 1954, have no bearing on the American text. In our opinion, they do not.

When FIDE has given its final approval, the entire Laws, with all supplements and recent changes, will be published by the USCF in pamphlet form. They will also be published in the second edition of "The Official Blue Book and Encyclopedia of Chess".

USCF Tournament Rules Affected

The new changes in the Laws, particularly the revised Article 13, will necessitate corresponding changes in the USCF Tournament Rules.

Unfortunately, as in so many other cases, the new Article 13 is much too vague and indefinite. One day, we hope that FIDE will give explicit rules which can be enforced by a Director, and will specify the penalties to be incurred for infractions. In the meantime, the units of FIDE must interpret the Laws to the best of their ability.

The crucial question, which has never really been defined by the FIDE, is whether or not a player should be penalized for not keeping score, and if so, how this should be done. The new Article 13 legalizes checkmarks but does not say how many should be permitted. Nor does it specify whether or not the opponent of a player who is checking his scoresheet should be time-forfeited on the basis of checkmarks.

In the present USCF Tournament Rules, an attempt is made to give definite regulations on the subject of time-forfeits and its relationship to keeping score. These rules may not be perfect, but at least they give the Director a procedure to follow. Without such

INTERCOLLEGIATE

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USCF Senior Master George Kramer gave a simultaneous exhibition at the University of Pennsylvania in connection with the tournament. He took on forty-seven opponents and scored 25 wins, 17 draws, and 5 losses.

Another special event was the 10-second rapid transit tournament. This speed event was won by William Lombardy of CCNY with a score of 5-0 in the finals. Joseph Tamargo of CCNY was second with 4-1, and Arthur Feuerstein, also of CCNY, was third with 3-2.



ROGER TRIUMPHS IN MIAMI VALLEY

Oren Rogers of Muncie, Ind., scored 3½ - ½, drawing with runner-up Thomas Brown in the last round, to win the Miami Valley Open Championship at Xenia, O. Second and third with 3-1 each were Thomas Brown of WPAFB, O., and Harold Snyder of Columbus, O. Fourth and fifth in the 14-player Swiss with 2½ - 1½ each were Oliver Taylor of Springfield, O. and W. D. Pittenger of Dayton, O. Dr. Harvey B. McClellan directed the event, sponsored by the Greco Chess Club of Xenia.



EASTWOOD TOPS FLA. GOLD COAST

Robert C. Eastwood of Homestead tallied 5½ - ½ to win the Florida Gold Coast Championship at Ft. Lauderdale, drawing with runner-up Charles Wisch in the semi-final round. Second and third with 5-1 scores were Charles Wisch of Miami, Miami Club Champion, and Marvin Sills of Miami, Florida Junior Champion. Fourth and fifth in the 35-player Swiss with 4½ - 1½ each were Aristides Agüero, Florida State Champion, and George Propp, West Palm Beach Champion. Sixth to tenth with 4-2 each were Jacob Fischheimer, Warren Teitelman, Rudolph Eckhardt, Ernest Mezey, and Fred Borges.

In placing second Wisch drew with Eastwood and John Harvey, while Sills drew with Agüero and Reidar Zeiffert. Agüero lost a game to Eastwood and drew with Sills, while Propp lost to Eastwood and drew with Eckhardt. The event was directed by Robert C. Eastwood and sponsored by the Florida Chess League.



rules, a state of utter confusion exists. Each tournament, or each Director, interprets the vague FIDE Laws in a different way.

However, the USCF Tournament Rules must now be changed because the FIDE Laws legalize checkmarks. The whole subject is being studied. In a future article we will announce the changes that are adopted. In the meantime, we recommend that the present USCF Tournament Rules be followed.

Chess Life In New York

By Allen Kaufman

IN BRIEF: Lou Levy leads the Marshall Championship 3-0. Each Sunday Lou operates his car washing business in New Jersey, then hops across the Hudson River and wins his game in the Marshall event . . . Anyone who considered this reporter's praise of Bobby Fischer's talents somewhat excessive, should consider the following results: in a field of eleven strong players, including U. S. Champion Arthur Bisguier, William Lombardy, Carl Pilnick, and other masters, Kid Fischer scored 10-0, a clean sweep at the Manhattan Rapids! . . . The Marshall Chess Club has concluded its postal match with the London National Chess Center. The New Yorkers won 26½ - 17½ under the direction of their capable captain, Jack Collins . . . Fordham and C.C.N.Y. plan to send teams to Philadelphia for the Intercollegiate Team Championship. As in the past, there can be no substantial cash awards, and, with so much homework assigned over the Christmas vacation, many of our best local collegiate masters will be unable to participate. One who loves chess and knows these boys is torn between a feeling of pity that they cannot participate, and a sense of gratification for their wisdom in putting school work first. It is not often that a student can be tops in chess and scholarship as well, and if one is to be postponed, then it should be chess.

Your reporter was severely criticized for praising the direction of the Rosenwald Tournament when it included a double-forfeit. The facts of the case remain unclear, and it is still being discussed. It is said that each member of the tournament committee who voted to uphold the double-forfeit did so for a different reason. It is clear that the tournament director double-forfeited the two players involved because he honestly believed neither had lived up to his obligations—the ability to prove he had made the required number of moves in time.*

With his limited knowledge of the facts of the case, it is difficult for your reporter to say anything more than this: most players, including myself, seem to be opposed to the idea of a double forfeit as being illogical and out of line with the basic concepts of the game.

*Editorial Note: The FIDE Laws of Chess (Official American Translation provide: 1) Article 13; Recording of Games: In the course of play, each player is required to record the moves (Please turn to page 7, col. 2)

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Major Topics

By
Montgomery Major

What is Honor? A Word.

GUARANTEE: spec. to undertake with respect to (a contract, the performance of a legal act, etc.) that it shall be duly carried out.

OXFORD UNIVERSAL DICTIONARY

IN the feature entitled "The Kibitzer Has His Day" we publish a letter from a group of tournament players voicing protest in regard a reduction in the "guaranteed" prize fund for the Mid-West Open Tournament held at Lincoln, Neb. We have postponed publication of this letter, dated November 24th, and comment upon it while we awaited a statement of the tournament committee's position which we understood that Mr. Liepnicks was preparing. In fairness we would wish to publish both statements simultaneously; but we cannot longer await the missing document from the management of the Mid-West Open.

While we can sympathize with the problems that face the promoters of any chess tournament when the anticipated entry is not attained, particularly when the failure to draw contestants is due in large measure to adverse weather conditions on the critical day, we must plainly indicate that we find much justice in the complaints of the disappointed tournament players who have written the letter under discussion.

There is much (too much!) truth to the cynical dictum of La Rochefoucauld that "We promise according to our hopes, and perform according to our fears". That is to say that we promise according to our optimistic anticipations, frequently beyond our power to fulfill those promises under adverse conditions. There is not any intentional dishonesty in such procedure, but the result may be dishonest in effect.

Therefore, we must express clearly our belief that when a tournament states plainly that it offers a "guaranteed prize fund", it is under definite obligation to fulfill that pledge. No accident of storm or failure to attain the anticipated entry-list excuses the failure of the tournament to fulfill its pledge. Where a tournament (as many tournaments must plan) bases its prize fund on an anticipated entry without any large reserve of funds to protect against a disaster, it is plainly the duty of such tournament to indicate clearly that it anticipates disbursing a prize fund of a certain amount, based upon number of entries. When a tournament actually guarantees a certain prize fund, it must expect to make good on its pledge without regard to other circumstances—otherwise the term "guaranteed" loses all meaning.

Since hitherto there has been no definite statement made on the subject of "guaranteed" prize funds, we do not propose retroactively to penalize the promoters of the Mid-West Open for what was probably in their honest opinion an equitable arrangement. But we must make unmistakable the position of CHESS LIFE in regard to future tournaments given publicity in "Tournament Life" and accepted for USCF rating.

Hereafter, any organization, which advertises in CHESS LIFE a tournament stipulating a specified "guaranteed" prize fund, which does not in fact fulfill in every respect its pledges in regard to distributing prizes as guaranteed, will be permanently barred from further advertising in CHESS LIFE for future tournaments, and its future tournaments will not be accepted for USCF Rating.

In addition, any organization, which advertises in CHESS LIFE or in other media that its event will be 100% USCF rated, which fails thereafter to comply with all USCF regulations in regard to USCF rating and the prompt submission of rating reports and fees (when required), will thereafter be permanently barred from announcement in CHESS LIFE of future events which will be denied USCF Rating.

Neither "Guaranteed Prize Fund" nor "100% USCF Rated Event" have any meaning unless the meaning of these terms is strictly enforced. To permit any tournament management to use these terms laxly without fulfilling the obligations assumed by use of these terms is to permit chess players to be lured by false promises and irresponsible claims. CHESS LIFE will never lend its name intentionally to the support of such questionable practices. What is honor? A word. But it is a word that men must keep if man is to retain confidence in man.



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The Kibitzer Has His Day

Dear Mr. Major:

We, the undersigned, wish to bring to the attention of the USCF and of individual players the following unpleasant occurrences at the Midwest Open Tournament in Lincoln, Neb.

At the close of registration on Thursday, Nov. 22, it was found that 18 players had entered. Thereupon an announcement was made that the sponsors would not award the guaranteed prizes and that players having any objection should "withdraw". Some of us had come from as far as St. Louis and Denver, driving 500 miles or more over icy roads.

In the announcements for this tournament a first prize of \$150 and second prize of \$100 had been guaranteed. The total prize fund was indicated as containing a minimum of \$500. We now were told that first prize would be \$60, second \$35 plus a scattering of other prizes bringing the total to \$140, \$40 less than had been collected in entry fees. In other words, an out-of-town player spending 1 or 2 days on the road and 4 at Lincoln and losing at least one day from his work, had to come in first to just meet his expenses.

Our feelings upon hearing this announcement need hardly be described. Left with the choice of facing the long, bleak trek home or staying, we decided to stay. However the undersigned players decided to urge the tournament committee to honour their obligations. When Mr. Claude Hillinger, on behalf of the others, attempted to convey their views to Mr. Liepnicks and Mr. Spence he was curtly informed by Mr. Liepnicks that he should have availed himself of their earlier splendid offer to go home.

We feel that the USCF should take definite action in this case, for otherwise what is to prevent the repetition of this unfortunate incident at future tournaments. Surely, it would be a sad day for American Chess if rival tournaments were to lure players by promising "pie in the sky" prizes.

A copy of this letter has been given to the Lincoln Tournament Committee for any reply they may wish to make.

JOHN H. ALDEN, Independence, Mo.
J. D. DEFINE, St. Louis, Mo.
CLAUDE HILLINGER, Denver, Colo.
RUDOLF PETTERS, Dacono, Colo.
JAMES PLUNKETT, St. Louis, Mo.
CARL SPIES, St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Harkness:

Enclosed is \$3.00 in cash for Chess Life Printing Fund. This is in addition to \$2.00 which I previously sent you, making a total of \$5.00 donated.

This worthy cause does not receive the attention it deserves. Putting CHESS LIFE on a firm basis is necessary to further the cause of chess in the USA. It seems to me, to allow this shortage to continue is a reflection on the chess players of America. Let's clear the books, and put the U.S. Chess Federation on a current basis. Only \$1.00 from each player would do the trick.

D. J. GRAY
Arvada, Colo.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

TROPHY CHESS: AN ACCOUNT OF THE LESSING ROSENWALD TOURNAMENT, NEW YORK 1954-55. By Larry Evans. New York: Scribner's, 113 pp., numerous diags. \$2.95.

RESHEVSKY won the first of the tourneys planned by the American Chess Foundation, but not without losing a game to Bisguier and nearly one to Donald Byrne. Annotator Evans was runner-up, Bisguier scored 6-4, Byrne broke even, James Sherwin finished with 3-7 and George Kramer, rusty from inaction, 2-8. Evans includes an appendix on theoretical contributions developed in the thirty games, most of which were of course queen pawn openings. Sherwin won a Lopez which Byrne should not have lost; Reshevsky won with the Sicilian from Evans, who won with the French against Sherwin. Otherwise the King's Indian was the popular debut. Only five games were drawn.

ADOLPH J. FINK

DEATH came on December 15th at San Francisco to Adolph J. Fink, noted both as problem composer and master player. Born in 1890, Fink published his first problem composition in 1908. This was followed in ensuing years by over 1000 other problems for which he was awarded approximately 100 prizes. In the years between 1908 and 1922 he had published more than 300 problems and been accorded some 40 prize awards.

He was not less noted as a player, being one of the top men in the Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco until a recent illness (cerebral hemorrhage about three years ago) curtailed his activity. It was in 1922 that he first won recognition as a master in the Chicago Masters' Tournament which included Marshall, Torre, and Kashdan. In recent years his ability was recognized by the Federation in nominating him a Master Emeritus. Many will lament his passing, for he was one of the few remaining links the present held to a glorious past epoch of American chess.



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The FIDE Congress -- Moscow, 1956

A Summary of the Congress Minutes

Submitted by MAX PAVEY

Chairman, USCF International Affairs Committee

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(Australia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, Mongolia, Philippines).

Mr. Jakse was appointed to the Central Committee of FIDE (He is from Yugoslavia).

FINANCIAL QUESTIONS: From now on each Federation should pay its contributions for the current financial year by November 1st, at the latest. The contribution for May 1, 1956 to April 30, 1957 is to be paid before November 1, 1956 to Folke Rogard, FIDE.

ZONAL TOURNAMENTS, 1957: Vice-President of each zone is to organize both a Gentlemen's and a Ladies' Zonal Tournament in 1957. (This means Mr. Graves, who is Vice-President of FIDE for USA Zone is to organize these tournaments in 1957 in USA).

(In Europe, based on suggestion by Mr. Dahne, Western Germany, they divided Europe, outside of USSR, into 3 zones and admit to each one of the zonal tournaments for gentlemen certain players from Federations belonging to other European Zones. In this way it would be possible to keep the number of participants in each of the zonal tournaments to 18 while still allowing certain very strong chess federations to be represented by a total of 4 (or in the case of Yugoslavia even 5) players. Regarding the Ladies, the 3 European Zones should jointly organize only 2 zonal tournaments.)

INTERZONAL TOURNAMENT, 1958: Will be played in Yugoslavia. Each Zone will be entitled to send to the Interzonal Tournament of 1958 the following number of participants: Zone 1-3; Zone 2-3; Zone 3-3; Zone 4-4; Zone 5-2 (USA); Zone 6-1; Zone 7-1; Zone 8-3; Zone 9-1. In addition, the organizing Federation will be entitled to nominate a participant, provided that the player nominated is a grand-master or an international master and that his Federation is not already represented in the tournament. The number of participants from any Federation will be restricted to 4. Vacancies may only be filled by players from the same zonal tournament.

GENTLEMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, 1957: The match between Botvinnik and Smyslov will be played at Moscow, starting on March 5th, 1957.

LADIES' WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, 1956: Mrs. Rubtsova has won the world champion title. In conformity with certain transition rules, Mrs. Bykova will be entitled to challenge Mrs. Rubtsova for a revenge match to be played before 1959.

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP, 1957: This tournament will be played at Toronto, Canada, starting about August 5, 1957, in order to coordinate it with Students' World Championship.

WORLD STUDENTS' CHAMPIONSHIP, 1957: Will be held at Reykjavik, Iceland, starting on July 15, 1957. The living costs are calculated at \$2 a day for each person; for 4 players from each participating nation the organizers will pay 3/4 of their travelling costs by sea or by air from Glasgow or Copenhagen to Reykjavik and back.

GENTLEMEN'S WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP, 1958: Preliminary invitation was presented to the Congress by the U. S. Chess Federation; it will have to be confirmed or withdrawn by April 1, 1957, at the latest. The conditions offered are analogous to those for the Chess Olympics of Moscow, 1956, with the sole exception that the offer of the U.S. Chess Federation to pay the costs of the sojourn during the tournament as well as the travel-

ling costs from the USA border to the tournament place and back will comprise seven persons instead of eight. Should this invitation not be confirmed, the Federation of Eastern Germany will have a priority for organizing this tournament in 1958 or 1959.

LADIES' WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP, 1957: Each team will consist of 2 players. The first tournament will probably be organized in the Netherlands in 1957.

EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: The finals will be held at Vienna in August, 1957, immediately after the FIDE Congress—4 participating teams.

FIDE REVIEW: Federation of Czechoslovakia will publish it for another 2 years. The Central Agency in Western Europe will be transferred from the Netherlands to France or Denmark.

CONGRESSES FOR 1957 and 1958: The Congress of 1957 will take place in Vienna. The Committees will sit from August 11th; the General Assembly will open on August 18th and will close on August 22nd. The Congress of 1958 will be held at Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, starting in the middle of August.

COUNCIL OF ARBITERS: President—Mr. Ari Ilmakunnas, Finland; Members—L. Balogh, Hungary; Arnost Poisl, Czechoslovakia; Jakob Rokhlín, USSR; Friedrich Stock, Western Germany; Secretary and Expert: Paavo Lihtonen, Finland.

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A title of International Judge for Chess Composition was instituted and awarded to a number of persons. There is also to be held world tournaments of composition for which medals and diplomas will be bestowed by FIDE.

MONUMENT TO ALEKHINE: Only 20 Federations have contributed. There is a deficit of nearly 10,000 Swiss francs. All Federations that have forgotten to give their contributions, please send them (with a minimum amount of 100 Swiss francs for each Federation) to the FIDE Bureau, Kungstradgardsgatan 16, Stockholm, as soon as possible.

DONATION FROM ISRAEL: Lord Mayor of Haifa had offered to donate a beautiful area for the erection of a house of the FIDE where a recreation home for old chess masters could also be included. A commission will study this and report to the Congress of 1957.

EXCHANGE OF CHESS MAGAZINES: Aiming at the creation of a regular system for the exchange of copies of

the official chess magazines of the FIDE Federations. The number of copies sent out by one Federation to the others should be dependent on the size of the organ and the frequency of publication. Independent magazines should be invited to join the exchange scheme.

RULES OF THE GAME: Following proposals from the Dutch and the Austrian Federations, the Assembly decided to apply to the Rules of the Game the following modifications: a) The text of Article 13 was clarified with a special clause for cases of extreme time-pressure, and b) After Article 17 there was inserted a new Article 17A containing regulations for the procedure of offering or claiming a draw when the game is being played with a clock. Mr. Harkness is preparing an English text for these new regulations which will appear with explanatory text in an early issue of CHESS LIFE.

AMERICAN TRANSLATION OF LAWS OF CHESS: The U.S. Chess Federation's translation of the Laws of Chess was approved with some slight modifications.

GENTLEMEN'S CANDIDATES' TOURNAMENTS: From 1959 onwards this tournament will be played with 7 participants and quadruple rounds. 5 will come from the preceding interzonal tournament; the other 2 places will be filled according to the prize list of the candidates' tournament preceding, with the exception that priority for one of them will be given to a player who has in the meantime become ex-champion of the world or to a player who has played a drawn match with the champion of the world. The number of participants from any Federation will be restricted to 4. In quite exceptional cases, the President can submit to the Qualifications Committee a proposal for the admission of an eighth participant; in order to be accepted such a proposal must receive at least 75% of the votes of the said committee. According to the new stipulation concerning the final competition for the gentlemen's world championship, this competition will in the future never be organized as a "match tournament of three" but always as a match of 24 games with two competitors. In the first instance, these will be the World Champion and the winner of the last Candidates' Tournament. Should the latter refuse to exercise his right, the match will be fought between the World Champion and the second-prize winner of the Candidates' Tournament (or, generally, the highest on the prize-list of that tournament who is willing to play); should the World Champion refuse to play, the match will be fought between the two first prize-winners of the last Candidates' Tournament (substituted in the case of refusal, by other participants according to the prize list). In any case the match shall start before July 1st of the year after the last Candidates' Tournament. If at the starting date one of the partners proves with the support of a medical certificate that he is unable to play, the match will be postponed for a period not exceeding 6 months; if the player has not recovered by then, the match will then be played between two persons who will be substituted according to the above rules. If the World Champion loses his title either in a match or because of duly attested illness, he will be entitled to play a revenge match against the new World Champion at a date to be fixed by the FIDE President. If the Ex-Champion makes use of this right but if nevertheless no revenge match is brought about, certain specific stipulations that were fixed by the Congress will be applied. As it would carry too far to give a full account of these, I must confine myself to the following statement: In certain cases one of the players will be considered to have lost the revenge match without play; consequently, the other one will be World Champion. If, however, no decision has been arrived at in this way and if the match cannot be fixed to start on February 1st of the third year after the preceding Candidates' Tournament at the latest, the revenge match must be suspended in view of the imminence of the next Candidates' Tournament. In this latter case the title of World Champion will be declared vacant, and the new World Champion will be entitled to participate in the Candidates' Tournament, whilst the Ex-Champion will be entitled to take part in the match for the title which will be organized after the said Candidates' Tournament.

LADIES' CANDIDATES' TOURNA-

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.

A GLOWING tribute to Herman Steiner written by Mrs. Jacqueline Piatigorsky is the feature article in the current Herman Steiner Chess Group News. A man who is so alive in people's hearts, is not really gone from this world. The H.S. Group News, incidentally, is edited by Mrs. Lena Grumette.

Women's chess activity in California seems to be setting a fast pace for the rest of the nation. Playing for the 1956 California State Women's Championship are: Jacqueline Piatigorsky, Lena Grumette, Goldie Erus, Henrietta Page, Lee Ralston and Estelle Wagner of Los Angeles; Sonja Graf Stevenson of Palm Springs, Olga Higgins and Lilly Milton of Santa Barbara, and Clara Hurt of Orinda.

This is a very strong tournament.

The press of business has finally forced me to take a leave of absence from CHESS LIFE. Don't cry or cheer too loudly, though. I'll be back in a month or two.

MENT and FINAL COMPETITION FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Simple round for Ladies' Candidates' Tournaments. 18 participants, 15 of whom will come from the zonal tournaments; the other 3 places will be filled according to the prize list of the preceding Candidates' Tournament with the exception that a priority for one of them will be given to a lady who has in the meantime become ex-champion of the world or to a lady who has played a drawn match with the lady champion of the world. For the Candidates' Tournament in 1958, the 15 from the zonals will be selected: Zones 1, 2, 3—6 players (3 from each of 2 zonal tournaments); Zone 4-3; Zone 5-2 (USA); Zone 6-1; Zone 7-1; Zone 8-1; Zone 9-1. As to the final competition for the ladies' world championship, the regulations will be essentially the same as for the gentlemen's competitions, with the exception, however, that the ladies will have to play only 16 games and that after 1959 an ex-champion will have no right to a revenge match.

ZONAL TOURNAMENTS: Zone 1 will be held in Ireland in 1957 (Spain is alternate). Zone 2 will be held by Dutch Federation. Zone 3 will be organized by Bulgarian Federation.

INTERZONAL TOURNAMENT, 1958: (Gentlemen)—Yugoslavia towards the end of August, 1958.

LADIES' CANDIDATES' TOURNAMENT, 1958:—No invitation for this tournament.

GENTLEMEN'S CANDIDATES TOURNAMENT, 1959: Graves asked that a priority for USA to organize this tournament in case the first offer for organization of Chess Olympics 1958 could not be confirmed. This priority was granted.

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP, 1957: Appeal to Federations to give preliminary information as soon as possible to the Canadian Federation about their intention regarding participation.

GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR STUDENT CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS were modified:

1) Each participant must produce evidence that he will not be more than 30 years old on September 1st of the tournament year, and that he is an active student at a University or another college, or has been so as late as in the said year.

2) The organization of the competition (Please turn to page 7, col. 1)



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Annotated by Chess Master JOHN W. COLLINS

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A COSTLY MOVE

Sherwin's fifteenth move loses the game. And, quite possibly, it also lost the U. S. Open title because he eventually tied at 9½-2½ with Bisguier for first and second places, the latter then winning first with a clear margin of tie-breaking points.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

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USCF Open Championship
Oklahoma City, 1956

White: R. STEINMEYER
Black: J. T. SHERWIN
1. P-K4 P-QB4 4. KtXP Kt-KB3
2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3 5. Kt-QB3 P-QR3
3. P-Q4 PXP 6. B-K2 P-K4

This is the Najdorf Variation.
7. Kt-K3 B-K2
If 7., B-K3; 8. O-O, QKt-Q2; 9. P-B4, Q-B2; 10. P-B5, B-B5; 11. P-QR4, R-B1; 12. B-K3, B-K2; 13. P-R5, P-R4; 14. BxB, QxB; 15. R-R4 (Geller-Najdorf, Candidates Tournament, 1953) and White has a slight advantage.

8. B-K3
Or 8. O-O, QKt-Q2; 9. P-QR4, Q-B2; 10. Q-Q3, P-QKt3; 11. Q-Kt3, B-Kt2; 12. B-Q3, O-O; 13. B-R6, Kt-R4; 14. Q-B3, Kt/4-B3; 15. B-K3, KR-K1; 16. KR-Q1, B-KB1 (Matanovich-Bertok, Yugoslav Championship, 1955) with equality.

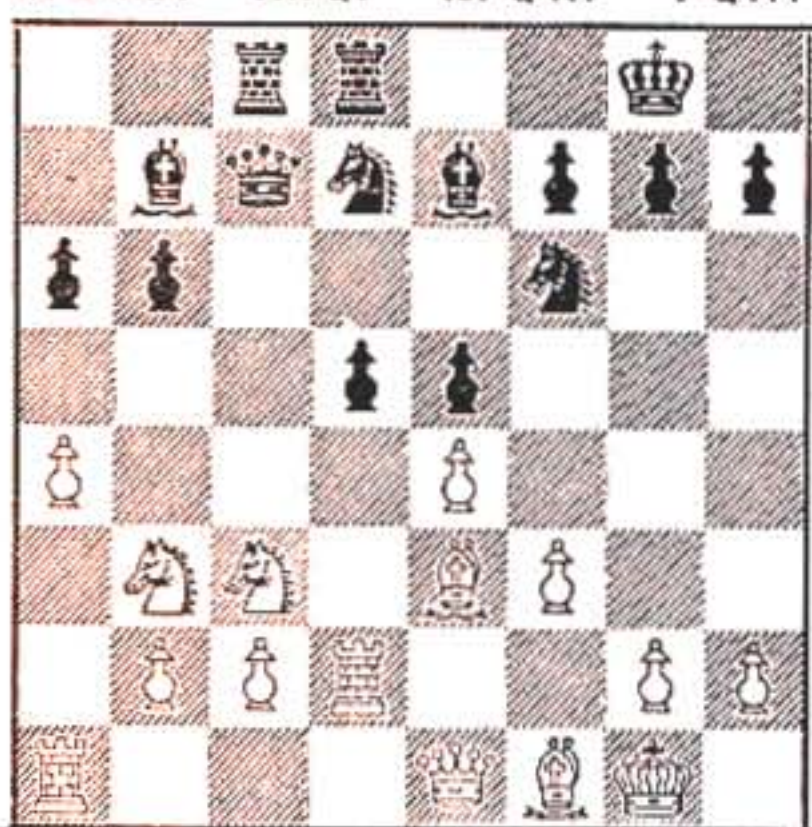
9. O-O QKt-Q2
Better are 9., Q-B2; and 9., P-QKt3.

10. P-B3
Stronger is 10. P-QR4, P-QKt3; 11. P-B3! B-Kt2; 12. Q-Q2, Q1B2; 13. KR-Q1, KR-B1; 14. B-B1, B-B3; 15. Q-B2, Q-Kt2; 16. B-QB4, Kt-B4; 17. KtXKt, QPXXKt; 18. Q-K2 (Shcherbakov-Spasky, USSR Championship, 1954-55) with a slight advantage for White.

10. Q-B2
More precise is 10., P-QKt4.
11. P-QR4! P-QKt3
12. R-B2!

12. Q-Q2, B-Kt2; leads into the Shcherbakov-Spasky game. Posting the KR at Q2, the idea behind the text move, is original and logical.

12. B-Kt2 14. R-Q2 QR-B1
13. B-KB1 KR-Q1 15. Q-K1 P-Q4??



A costly move! Miscalculating, usually Black lunges forward with the desirable, thematic, freeing move. Relatively best is 15., Kt-B4; although White maintains the edge.

16. KtXP KtXKt
17. PxKt Kt-B3
18. P-QB4!

Black evidently figured this move was impossible.

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18. B-Kt5
Insufficient!
19. Q-B2
Now the flaw in 15., P-Q4; is apparent.

19. R-Q3
If 19., BxR; 20. BxP, Q-K2; 21. BxR, RxB; 22. QxB, and White is two Pawns ahead.

20. R/2-Q1 P-QKt4
21. KR-B1 Q-K2

If 21., PxBP; 22. RxP, wins the KB. Or if 21., PxRP; 22. RxP, P-QR4; 23. R/1-R1, and White wins another Pawn.

22. BXP P RxB RxR
23. RxB PXP

Or 23., P-QR4; 24. B-B5, BxB; 25. QxB, and wins.

24. BxP KtXP 26. KtXB Kt-B5
25. B-B5 BxB

This move (which hopes for counterplay with 27., R-KKt3) loses a second Pawn. Nothing helps. If 26., P-B3; 27. KtXB, QxKt; 28. Q-B5, Q-Kt3 (if 28., R-Q1; 29. B-B6, wins) 29. QxQ, KtXQ; 30. P-QKt4, wins.

27. KtXB QxKt 30. K-R1 Kt-K3
28. Q-B5 R-Q1 31. Q-K2 P-R4

29. QXP Q-Kt3ch
Or 31., Kt-Q5; 32. Q-K3, and wins.

32. R-Q1 RxRch 35. B-B4 Kt-Q5
33. QxR P-R5 36. P-R5 P-R6

34. P-QKt3 Q-K6 37. PXP! P-Kt3

If 37., KtXP; 38. Q-Q8 ch, K-R2; 39. Q-Q3 ch, QxQ; 40. BxQ ch, P-Kt3; 41. P-R6, wins.

38. P-R6 Kt-B4 41. Q-B6 Q-B7
39. B-Q5 Q-Kt3 42. QxBPch K-R1

40. Q-R1 Q-R2 43. Q-Kt8 mate

A vigorous game by Steinmeyer and instrumental in his taking third place with 9-3.

AN ENDING: A LA RUBINSTEIN! QUEEN'S PAWN GAME

MCO: page 207

Canadian Open Championship
Montreal, 1956

Notes by U. S. Master William Lombardy

White: V. ZIZYS Black: W. LOMBARDY

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-KB3 P-B4
2. P-QB4 P-K3 4. P-KKt3

P-Q5 is sharper and does not allow Black to equalize so quickly.

4. PXP 5. QXP

5. KtXP, P-Q4 give Black an easy game.

5. Kt-B3 7. B-Kt2 B-Kt5ch

6. Q-Q1 P-Q4 8. KKt-Q2 O-O

On 8., PXP; 9. O-O and White recovers the pawn with a better game due to the pressure along the KR1-QR8 diagonal. If 9., P-B6; 10. KtXP, BxKt;

11. PxB, O-O; 12. R-Kt1, Black has to endure pressure on his Q-side and suffers a weakness on the black squares.

9. O-O B-K2

9., P-Q5 is playable but allows White to expand on the Q-side with P-QR3—P-QKt4.

10. P-Kt3

10. PXP, PXP (not, KtXP because of 11. Kt-K4) and White has reached an inferior position in the Tarrasch Defense because of the unfortunately passive position of his KKt. But still the line chosen is not as good as the above-mentioned.

10. P-Q5

Temporarily cramping White's game.

11. B-Kt2 P-K4 13. Q-B2

12. P-QR3 P-QR4

White prevents B-KB4 but his whole conception has been faulty from move 10. He might have tried another idea: the maneuver Kt-KB3-K1-P-K4-Kt-Q2-Kt-Q3 and prepare the break P-B4.

13. B-KKt5 14. R-K1 BxKt!

Immediately refuting White's plan. In the resulting endgame Black possesses a small but adequate advantage.

15. BxKt

Forced, else Black remains a pawn to the good.

15. P-Q6 20. QxBP QxQ

16. Q-B3 PxB 21. BxQ B-QKt5

17. QxKP R-K1 22. B-B3 P-KB4

18. Kt-K4 BxP! 23. BxB PxB

19. KtXKtch PxKt

This is the position which Black envisioned on his 14th move. The following is both interesting and instructive. Black's advantages are: 1) His Bishop is stronger than the Knight, since the latter is thoroughly restricted; 2) Black has greater mobility, due to control of more space; 3) A strong passed pawn; 4) The Black King can more readily enter the play.

24. Kt-Q2 K-B2

The beginning of the winning maneuver.

25. P-B3 K-K3 27. RxR RxR

26. K-B2 K-K4 28. K-K3

White must prevent the immediate entry to QB6 via Q5 by the Black King.

28. K-Q3 29. P-Kt4

White must obtain counter-play.

29. R-Ktch 32. PXP K-Q5

30. K-B4 PXP 33. R-QB1 R-B1ch

31. P-B5ch! K-Q4! 34. K-Kt3 R-KKt!!

If 34., K-K6; 35. Kt-B4 ch, K-Q5;

36. P-R4-Kt5-R5 later.

35. P-R3 P-R4! 37. K-Kt3 PXP

36. K-B2 R-B1ch 38. PXP R-B2!!



Amusing! Anything White does loses, i.e.: 1) 39. R-B4 ch, K-K6!; 2) 39. Kt-B4, R-Kt2!; 3) 39. K-R3, K-K6; 40. Kt-B4 ch, K-B7 and mate cannot be avoided.

39. P-Kt5 B-R4!

White is helpless against the threat of K-K6.

40. P-Kt6 BXP 42. KxR B-R4ch

41. Kt-B3ch RxKtch

42. KxR Resigns

THEORETICALLY INTERESTING.

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

MCO: page 107, column 33

Central California League
Oakland, 1956

Notes by U.S. Expert Philip D. Smith

White: P. D. SMITH Black: L. TALCOTT

(Fresno) (Pittsburg)

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 6. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

2. P-QB4 P-K3 7. O-O O-O

3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt5 8. P-QR3 BxKt

4. P-K3 P-B4 9. PxB QXP

5. B-Q3 P-Q4

Recent Russian and Yugoslav games have shown a tendency to keep the center fluid by avoiding exchanges of pawns in this Normal Variation.

10. BxP Q-B2 11. B-Q3

It is probably harder for Black to equalize against this move than after the alternatives, P-QR4, Q-K2, R-K1, or B-R2.

11. P-K4

Not 11., P-QKt3; 12. P-K4!

12. Q-B2 R-Q1

Euwe said in Chess Archives two years ago that 12., R-Q1 is best; but because of 13. P-R3! this judgment is probably faulty. Either 12., R-K1 or Q-K2 (both threatening P-K5, which R-Q1 does not do) are sufficient to equalize after complicated play, as the 1953 World Candidates' Tournament proved.

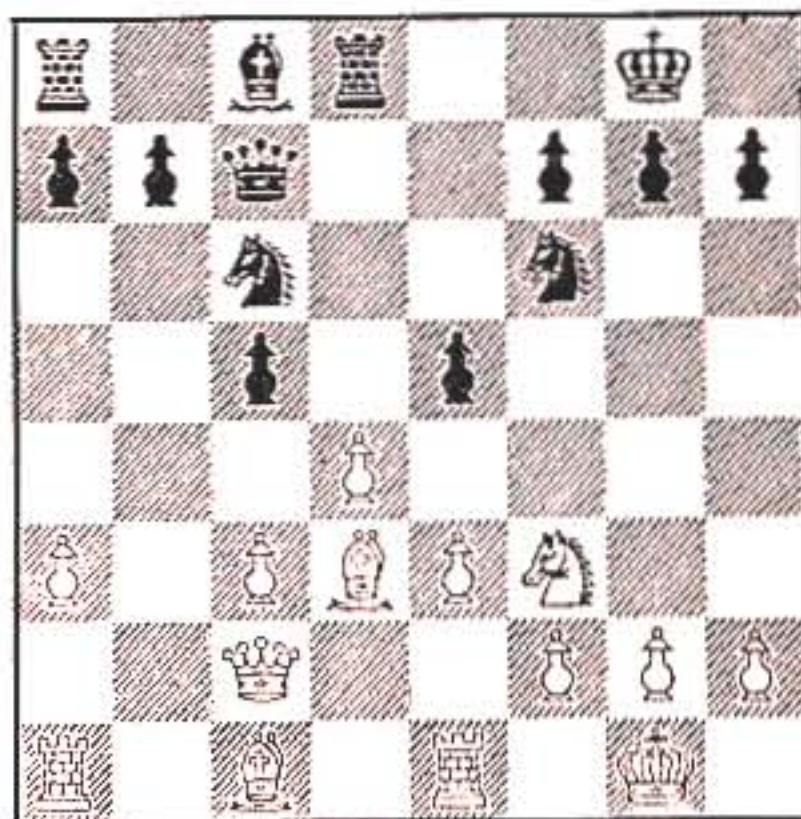
13. R-K1

This move, although long considered the "main line", is not as strong as

13. P-R3!—although Gilgoric has played

13. R-K1 as recent as this year. For a thorough analysis of 13. P-R3 and of

13. R-K1, see opening notes by Leonard Barden in the 1953 Candidates' Tourney Book of Chess, p. 301.



13. Q-K2

Better is 13., B-Kt5; 14. KtXP, KtX

Kt; 15. PxKt, QXP; 16. P-B3, B-K3; 17.

R-Kt1, P-B5; 18. B-B1, Kt-Q4; 19. B-Q2,

Q-B2; 20. P-K4, Kt-K2!; 21. B-K3, Kt-B3;

22. Q-B2, P-QKt3; 23. R-Kt5, P-B3; 24.

R-KR5, B-B2; 25. R-R3, Kt-K4!; 26. Q-R4,

P-KR4; 27. Q-B4, QR-B1; 29. P-Kt4,

Kt-Q6! Rabar-Janosevic, Belgrade, 1954.

14. KtXP KtXKt 16. P-K4! Kt-Q4!?

15. PxKt QXP 17. B-Q2! Kt-K2

If 17., Kt-B5; 18. B-B1, Q-Kt4; 19.

K-R1! and Black is in trouble.

18. P-KB4 Q-B2 20. P-QR4 P-QR3

19. B-B4 B-Q2 21. Q-R2 B-K1

Now, White bottles Black up on the

Q-side and the White Bishops give him

a sharp attack. Better is the specula-

tive 21., BxP!

22. P-R5 K-B1 24. Q-KB2 Kt-K2

23. B-K3 Kt-B1

Black is hoping for 25. BxQBP, QR-B1,

etc.

25. P-B5! QR-B1 32. B-K5ch K-B1

26. P-B6 Kt-Kt1 33. B-Q6ch K-Kt2

27. B-B4 Q-B3 34. Q-Kt3ch K-R1

28. PXPch KXP 35. B-K5ch P-B3

29. B-Q5 RxB 36. R-Q6 Q-Kt4

30. PXR QXP 37. RxBP! Resigns

31. QR-Q1 Q-B3

DUTCH DEFENSE

MCO: page 27, column 19

Lexington Championship
Lexington, 1956

Notes by U.S. Expert Jackie Mayer

White: J. MAYER Black: G. ANDERSON

1. P-Q4 P-KB4 4. P-QB4 B-K2

2. P-KKt3 Kt-KB3 5. Kt-QB3 O-O

3. B-Kt2 P-K3

Black delays the decision between P-Q3

and P-Q4 till White commits his KKt

to either KR3 or KB3. P-Q4 immediately

would evade White's continuation.

6. P-Q5 P-K4 8. KKt-K2 PXP

7. P-K4 P-Q3 9. KtXP B-B4

Black must struggle to overcome

White's control of K4. KtXKt was

played by Gilgoric against Flohr, but

also falls short of equalizing.

10. Kt/2-B3 11. O-O Q-K1

This is possible now that B-Kt5 can

be played in reply to Kt-Kt5.

12. P-QR3

P-QR4 and P-QB3 seems the best plan.

13. R-B1 P-QKt3 14. P-B3

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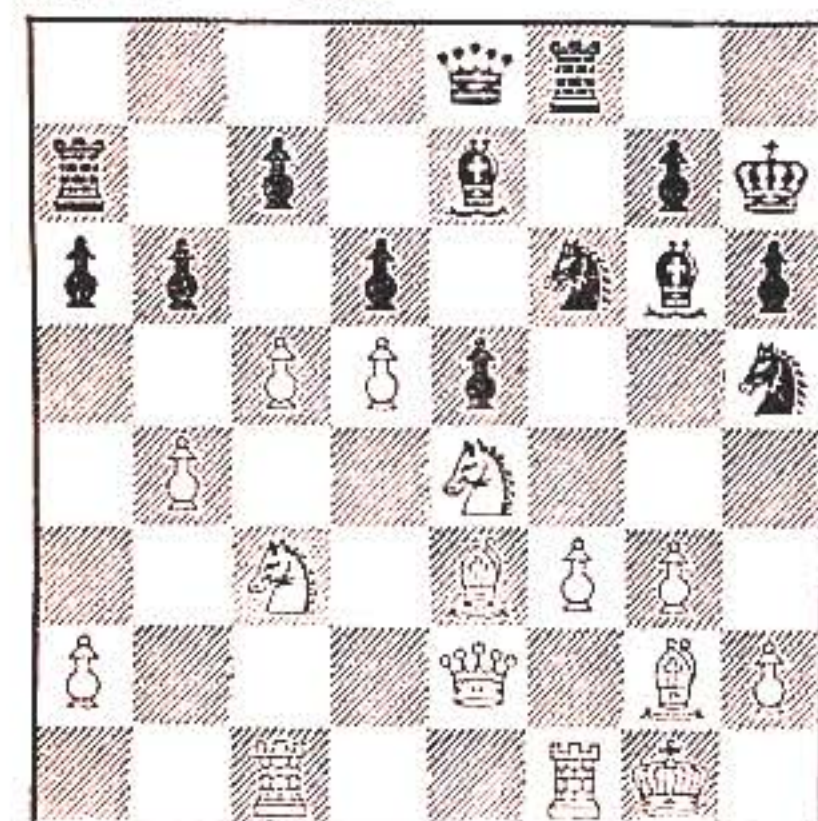
It may be helpful to have P-KKt4 in reserve.

14. P-R3 16. Q-B2 B-Kt3
15. Q-Q2 K-R2 17. Q-K2 Kt-R4
This adventure ignores the debilitated condition of Black's Q-side.

18. P-QKt4

Kt/2-B3

P-QR4 is still the best palliative.
19. P-B5



19. P-Kt4 21. PxB P-QKt4
20. Kt-Kt BxKt 22. PXP RxRch
BxP loses after RxR ch.
23. KxR BxP 26. R-B6 Q-KB1
24. B-B5 Kt-B3 27. K-K1 P-Kt4
25. BxB PxB
R-B1 should have been philosophically preferred.
28. B-R3 P-KR4 30. R-B7 R-K1
29. B-B5ch K-R3 31. P-KR4 Resigns
Just in time! If PXP; 32. Q-K3 mate.
If Kt-Kt5; 32. R-R7 mate. If R-K2; 32.
PXP ch wins. If Q-Kt1; 32. Q-K3, R-
KB1 (else 33. R-B7!); 33. QxP ch, QxQ;
34. PxQ ch, KxP; 35. R-Kt7 ch, K-R3;
36. R-Kt6 ch, K-R2; 37. RxKt dis.ch. and
wins.

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FIDE CONGRESS

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tion must be undertaken by a national Federation affiliated with FIDE in collaboration with the I.U.S. and not by a committee or group of students.

GENTLEMEN'S CHESS OLYMPICS: Further offers for organization were presented, by Eastern Germany for the Olympics of 1960 and by Czechoslovakia for those of 1962.

LADIES' CHESS OLYMPICS: Every third year, starting in 1957. Ladies' team will consist of only 2 players and the rate of play for ladies will be 45 moves (instead of 40) in 2½ hours. As soon as experience has been gained, endeavors should be made for increasing number of players to 4. A preliminary offer for the organization of the competition in 1957 was presented by the Dutch Federation; it will have to be confirmed before December 31, 1956.

INTERNATIONAL TITLES: were awarded as follows:

International Grandmaster: Alberic O'Kelly de Galway (Belgium); Victor Kortchnoi (USSR).

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Cosmopolitan (Los Angeles) Chess Club: Tom Cragg won the club tournament with 8½-½, drawing with Fisher. McRae was second with 7-2, and Fisher third with 6-3, while Gray was fourth with 5½-3½ in the 10-player event.

Ohio State University Chess Club: Ft. Wayne Open Champion Jim Schroeder of Columbus gave a simultaneous exhibition at the O.S.U., winning eight, losing one to Tim Anderson, and drawing three—with Prof. W. Meiden, A. Kahn, and J. Shiban.

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of his game in a clear and legible manner on a prescribed score sheet. 2) Article 17; Loss of the Game: A game is lost by a player: 1. Who has not completed the prescribed number of moves in the time specified . . . 4. Who, during the game, refuses to comply with these laws of chess. Comment: If both players had failed to record their games in full and the time-limit had passed for the completion of a specified number of moves, the tournament director cannot be criticized for interpreting the above rules as demanding a double-forfeit, however unsatisfactory such a procedure may be. FIDE has recently recognized that Article 13 is not completely satisfactory and has revised its provisions to accept check-marks in lieu of recorded moves in periods of great time-pressure—but this new provision was not in force at the tournament in question.

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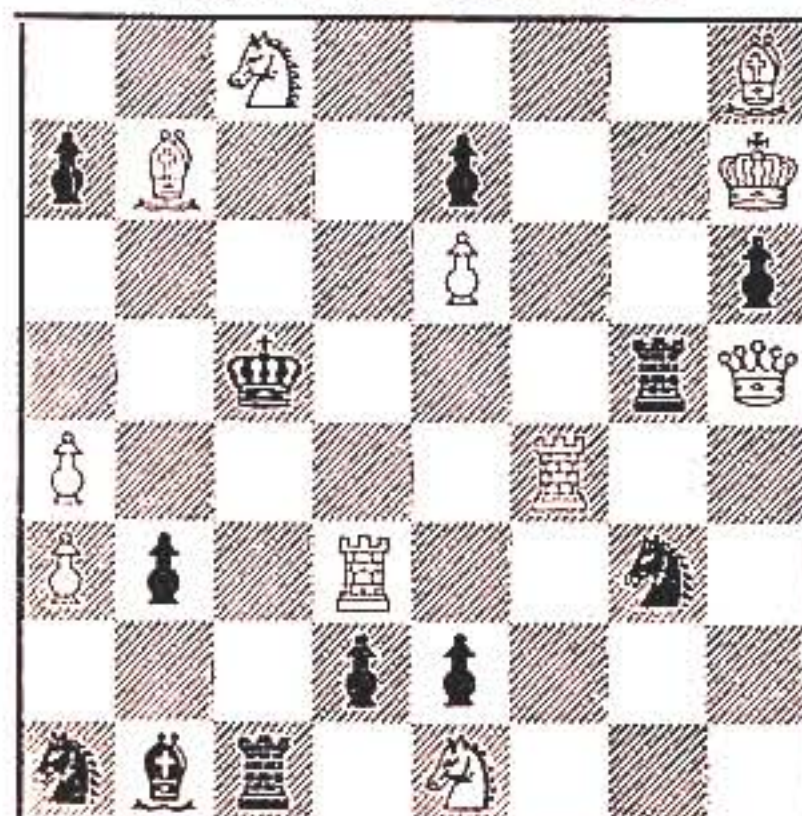
Mate The Subtle Way!

by Nicholas Gabor

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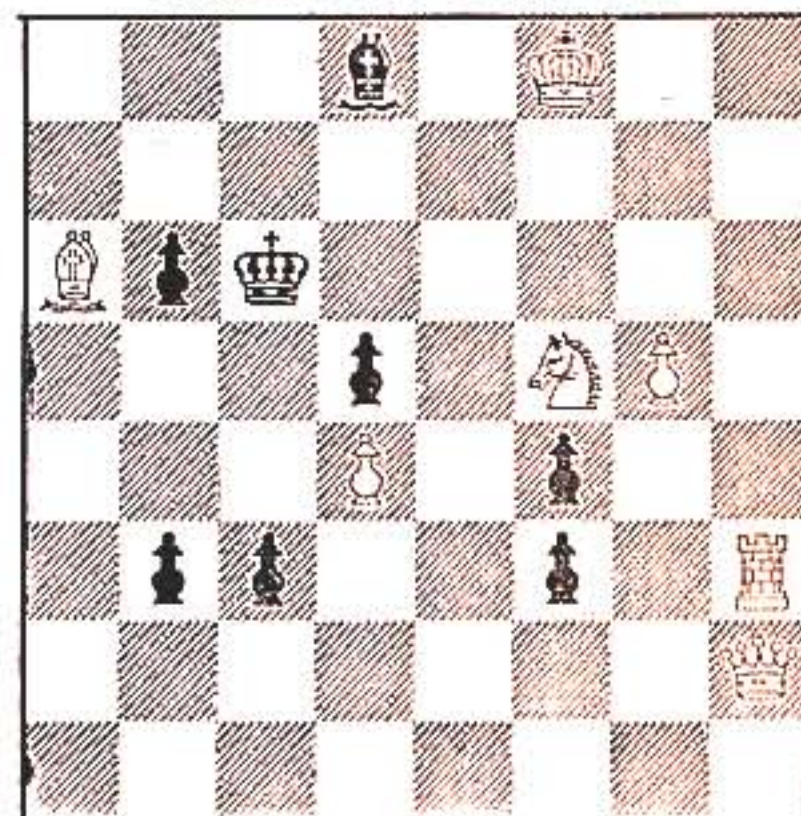
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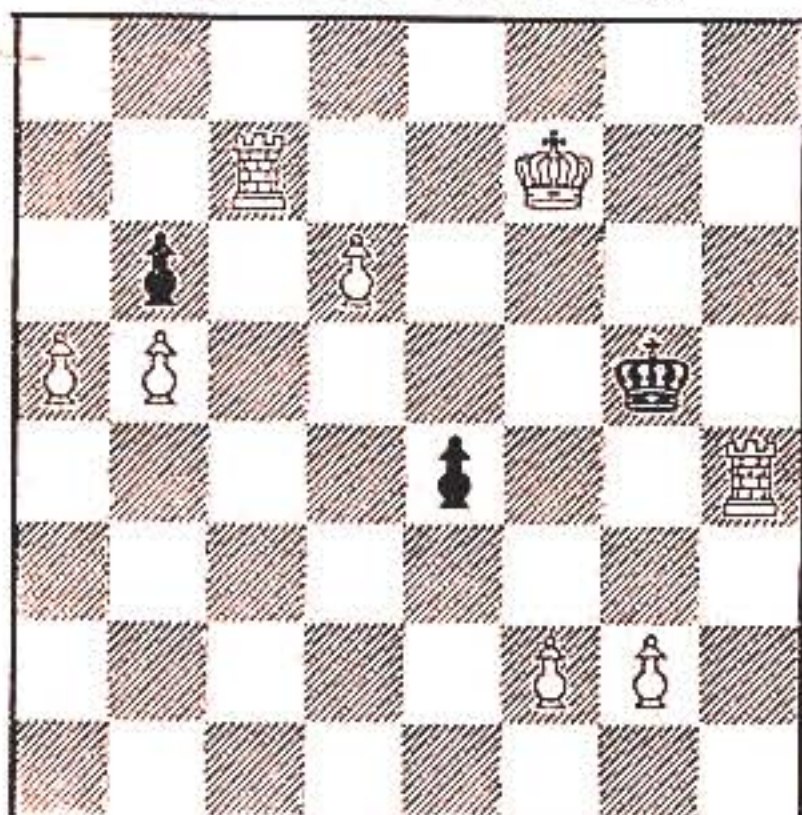
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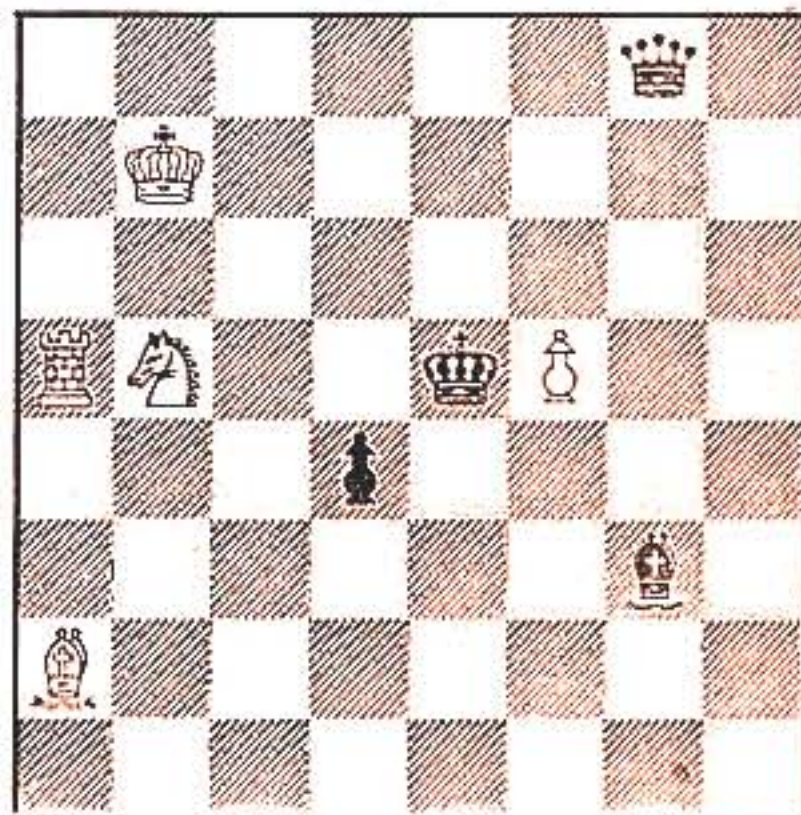
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Mate in three

Problem No. 744

By J. A. Schiffmann
Falkirk Herald Tourney
1930



Helpmate in two
Black moves first and "assists"
White to mate.

TODAY'S column is still in our experimental pattern. No. 741 came too late for our contest. No. 742 has points which indicate real talent of its composer, a well known practical chessplayer of Ohio. No. 743 has some very subtle plays. No. 744 continues our helpmate adventure. It is a work of a master problematist and the strategy shows that often the seemingly least "helpful" moves help the most.

Solutions-Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 729 Fleck: Key 1. P-Kt8 Knight! Threat 2. QxKp. The composer facetiously calls the idea "White Fleck Theme". His name, so well known in the problem world, means "Spot". All the thematic defenses create a white spot. Hence: "White Spot." No. 730 Kun: key 1. BxKtP, threat 2. Kt-B6. No. 731 Korponay: key 1. Kt-Kp threat 2. Kt-Q6. Removal of B1-Kt constitutes the chief defence, allowing 2. Kt-Q5 with 2 corrections. Fringe: 1., Q-Q6, 2. QxP. No. 732 Szoghy: key 1. PXP threat 2. Kt-Rp. The "Cross-valve theme."



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difficult, the District Tournament Committees will endeavor to supply suitable opponents.

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NATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL



Solution To What's The Best Move?

Position No. 196

Bivshv-Furman, Kiev 1954
The best move is 1., N-Q7ch; and Black forces a quick draw by perpetual check. If 2. RxN, R-QN5ch; 3. K-Rsq, B-N7ch; 4. K-Nsq, B-R6ch; etc. If 2. K-Rsq, R-QN5. Now White can give a few 'spite' checks, but to avoid the threatened mate he must soon play RxN allowing the perpetual check. In the game, Black passed up this opportunity and played 1., R-KN5; after which White won easily.

Correct solutions are acknowledged from: Billy Adams, Robin Ault, George W. Baylor, M. D. Blumenthal, Abel R. Bomberault, C. J. Cucullu, Thomas W. Cusick, K. A. Czerniecki, Fredric Foote*, J. B. Germain, Wallace F. Getz, Rea B. Hayes, John E. Ishkan, Russell H. Kime, Bill Koenig, E. J. Korpanty, F. D. Lynch, S. C. Marshall, M. Milstein, Charles Musgrove, Edmund Nash, Earl R. Nitschke, George W. Payne, Herbert J. Roberts, Frank C. Ruys, Barry Schimmel, I. Schwartz, J. G. Scripps, Robert Seiden, Paul Smith, Robert J. Stachowski, W. E. Stevens, W. A. Thomasson, Hugh Underwood, and William B. Wilson. The solvers score a 35-1 victory.
*Welcome to new solver

Solutions

Finish It the Clever Way!

Position No. 191: 1., KtxBP!; 2. RxKt, QxKt! and mate is unavoidable. In the game, Black played 1., KtxKtP; 2. KtxKt, QxKt; 3. K-B1, R-R8 ch; 4. K-K2, Q-R6, and won in seven more moves.

Position No. 192: 1. B-Q2, Kt(7)xBP; 2. BxKt, KtxP (if RxKt; 3. B-B4 wins exchange); 3. R-QB4, Kt-Q8 ch; 4. K-B2, R-Q1; 5. B-K2, KtxP; 6. R-KB4 ch wins Kt.

Tournament Life

February 22-24

Missouri Open & Missouri State Championships St. Louis, Mo.

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With a score of 17-3 Woodrow W. Crew won the Shreveport City Championship in a double round-robin event. O. C. Dupree placed second with 14-6, Hugh Stephens was third with 13-7, A. Wyatt Jones fourth with 12½-7½ and James S. Noel fifth with 12-8 in the 11-player event.

Tournament Life

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January 23-April 17

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February 3

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Not USCF rated—speed event.

February 9-10

Chess Friends of Northern California Championship Oakland, Calif.

Open, but membership in CFNC required; at Central Y, 2101 Telegraph Ave., Oakland; 5 rd or more Swiss in Expert-A, Class B and Class C divisions; 1st rd starts 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9th; entry fee: \$2 to CFNC members, \$4 to non-members including CFNC membership and year's subscription to Chess In Action; trophies awarded winners of each division, book prizes to runners-up; send entries to CFNC Treasurer William Pattullo, 2286 46th Ave., San Francisco, Calif.
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February 16, 17 & 23, 24

Chicago City Championship Chicago, Ill.

Restricted to residents of Chicago and suburbs; at International House, 1414 East 59th St., Chicago; 8 rd Swiss, 50 moves in 2 hrs 15 mins; entry fee: \$7; guaranteed 1st prize \$75 and trophy, cash prizes thru 5th place and for 1st and 2nd Class A, Class B, and Junior players; TD John A. Nowak; bring boards, sets, and clocks; for details, write: R. C. Kirby, 5639 S. University, Chicago 37, Ill. Phone: Bu 8-9870.
100% USCF rated events.

March 7-28

Annual Toledo Silver Knights Tournament Toledo, Ohio

Open to all; at Toledo YMCA; 7 rd Swiss, 50 moves in 2 hrs.; ties broken by Solkoff; entry fee: \$2 for students, \$4 for adults, advance entries welcomed; registration 7 to 8 p.m., Thurs. March 7th; one round to be played each Thurs. evening and Sun. afternoon on following 3 Thurs. and Suns. at 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. respectively; trophies and cash prizes depending on no. of entries; TD Steve Markowski; for details, write: Dr. Mark E. Pence, 109 E. Maumee St., Adrian, Mich.
100% USCF rated event.

St. Paul (Minn.) YMCA Chess Club: Victor in the annual club tournament was Glen Proechel with 4½-½, drawing with Tom Brennan in first round. George V. D. Tiers was second with 4-1, losing a game to Fred Galvin. Tied for third with 3½-1½ each were Fred Galvin and Roger Seeland, while tied for fifth with 3-2 each were Harry Field, Leonard Hauer, Jerry Feichtner, and Rene Repasky. Fred Galvin was tournament director. A USCF Club Affiliate.

Solvers' Ladder - Make The Subtle Way

The list below includes solutions received up to the 10th December ending with Problems No. 728 of the October 20th column. Names marked with asterisk * indicate solvers who reached the top during our editorship.

Our congratulations to solver E. Korpanty who tops the present Ladder with 731 points. He receives the quarterly award, a book on chess of his choice. His present points are canceled and he starts the climb again.

While working on the Solvers' Ladder, we received the sad news of the passing away of William I. Lourie of St. Petersburg, Fla., one of our staunchest solvers and himself a problem-composer of distinction. This accounts for the omission of his name from our solvers' list. His score was very close to reaching the top the second time, giving him a double star **.

*Korpanty	731	Roman	310	Besen	94	Heinemann	44
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