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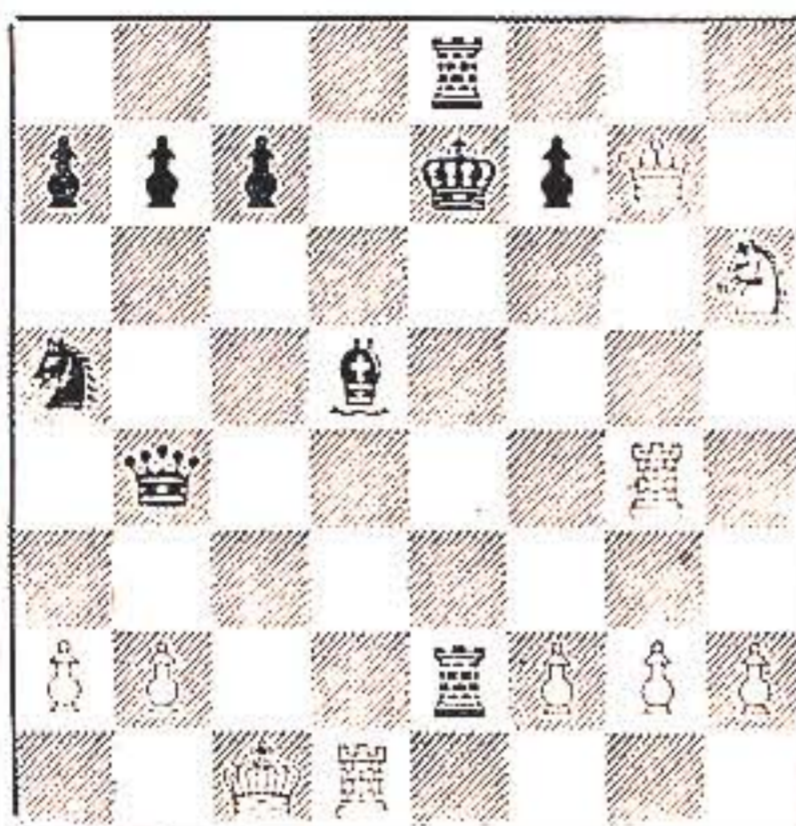
IRWIN SIGMOND

SEND solutions to Position No. 225 to reach Irwin Sigmond, 5200 Williamsburg Blvd., Arlington 7, Va., by March 5, 1958. With your solution, please send analysis or reasons supporting your choice of "Best Move" or moves.

Solution to Position No. 225 will appear in the March 20, 1958 issue.

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Position No. 225



White to play

Milwaukee Bows to Newcomer Querner

Hans Querner, a new addition to the Milwaukee chess colony was declared the winner of the 24th Annual Milwaukee Championship. Querner, a 23 year old electrical engineer and a former junior champion of Bavaria, won seven and drew two of his games in a nine round Swiss affair to finish a full point ahead of Arpad Elo, veteran Milwaukee player who had held the title on many previous occasions. Nicholajs Kampars, last year's winner failed to defend the title. The tournament is sponsored by the Milwaukee Department of Municipal Recreation and Adult Education.

In winning his first major Milwaukee event, Querner posted wins among others over Henry Meifert, Alfred Wehrley, Tibor Weinberger, Orville Francisco and Charles Weldon and drew his games with Elo and Valdemars Liepaskalns. Elo, who appeared a certain winner at the conclusion of seven rounds of play, drew in the eighth round but lost his final game to Marshall Rohland an old nemesis of his.

Meifert finished in third position followed by Rohland, Alfred Wehrley, Francisco and Ralph Abrams. Weinberger, a pre-tournament favorite, withdrew after seven rounds of play due to change of residence. Final standings of players with 4½ points or better:

Querner	8.0425	Welon	5.0232
Elo	7.0390	Powers	5.0190
Meifert	6.0322	Gardner	5.0191
Rohland	6.0320	Kuhfittig	5.0185
A. Wherley	6.0275	Liepaskalns	5.0175
Francisco	6.0274	Groves	5.0170
Abrams	6.0272	McKenzie	4.5190
Cramer	5.5247	Wienczek	4.5147
Pfister	5.5197	Kopperud	4.5125
Dr. Wehrley	5.5182	Carroll	4.5122
Mueller	5.5177	Zastrow	4.5102
Weinberger	5.0270*		

*Withdrew after 7th Round.

SUESMAN AGAIN PROVIDENCE CHAMP

In the annual Providence Chess Club Championship Tournament, just completed, the veteran Walter Suesman posted a 5½-½ score in a six-round Swiss, conceding a draw to J. DiDominico, who finished sixth.

Placing second with 5-1 was D. Stetzer, who also won five games, but lost to Suesman. O. Hoffer finished third with 4-2, while fifteen year old P. Hirons, a protege of Suesman, was the only other player in the twelve-entry event to finish with a plus score. Losing only to Suesman and Stetzer, he finished fourth with 3½-2½.

IN NATCHITOCHES—IT'S WATSON

In a seven-entry double round robin tournament for the championship of Natchitoches, Louisiana, Eugene P. Watson, with a 10½-1½ score, nosed out Carroll Fernbaugh, who, with 10-2, took second place two full points ahead of third-place winner, Russell Donnelly.

Bisguier Leads In Bogota

Arthur Bisguier has taken the lead in the early rounds of the Tournament of The Americas now being played in Bogota, Colombia. At the end of five rounds he has won four and drawn one for a score of 4½-½. William Lombardy, the other representative of the United States is in a four-player tie for fourth place, with 3½-1½. One of the others in this tie is Grandmaster Najdorf of Argentina. Second place is held by Pedro Martin of Argentina, with 4-1, while Oscar Panno, also of Argentina, is third with 3½-½ and one adjourned game.

With fifteen rounds to go, present positions on the scoreboard are meaningless in terms of possible final results, and the games between the five favorites—Najdorf, Panno, Martin, Lombardy, and Bisguier—will probably determine the sun-berths at the end of the tournament on February 20.

RIDER RIDES TO VICTORY IN NORFOLK OPEN

With a clean score of 6-0, Saul Rider topped a 38 entry 6 round Swiss to win the Norfolk Open Championship at Norfolk, Virginia. Tied for second spot on points were Andy Schoene and George Massinger, each with 5-1, Schoene losing to Rider, and Massinger to Schoene, who won the runner-up position on Solkoff tie-breaking procedure.

Others with plus scores were Claude Bloodgood, 4½-1½ and Dr. Kenneth Schwartz, David Shook, E. A. Cook, Elliott Winterfield, H. Rekontv, and Larry Robinson, all with 4-2.

USCF Bulletin Board

Guthrie McClain writes all the way from California to say: "Let's pay off the printing deficit this year."

BOOST AMERICAN CHESS

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ROBERSON ALSO FLIES HIGH

The 1957 Championship Tournament, sponsored by the Mobile Chess Club, an eleven player round robin run off in weekly rounds, was formally concluded with the awarding of prizes on January 17, 1958.

B. L. Roberson, with a 9-1 score, took first honors, followed closely by Dr. J. H. Van De Car who scored 8-2. George Hoffman with 7-3, and Morris Miller with 6½-3½, rounded out the prize list.

The Junior Championship of Mobile was won by fourteen year old George Green, who rolled up a 5½-4½ score.



Kibitzer's paradise. Grandmaster Reshevsky (R), shows Grandmaster Najdorf (seated center) what he should have done in game just won by Grandmaster Bent Larsen (seated left), while Mrs. Reshevsky and Canadian and International Master Yanofsky take notes on the lecture. (Dallas International, 1957)

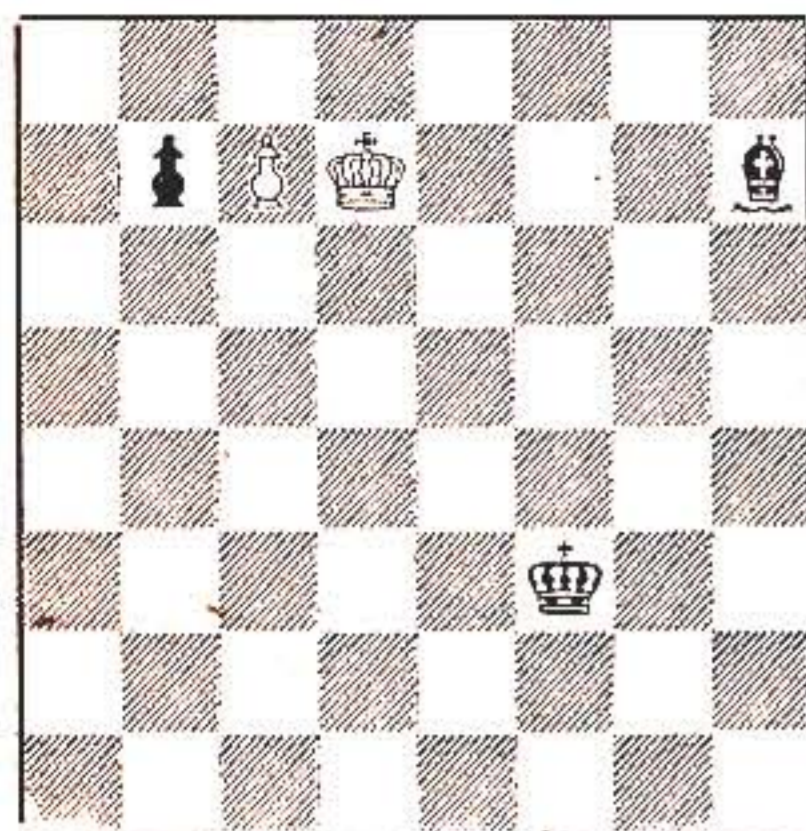
FIDE PROMOTES FISCHER

Bobby Fischer, the young United States Champion, holder of the Lessing J. Rosenwald Trophy and the Frank J. Marshall Memorial Trophy, has just added another title to his string—that of International Chess Master of F.I.D.E. This information was received from Mr. Folke Rogard, President of F.I.D.E., who stated that the award of the title was based on the fact that he had placed first in the Zonal Tournament ended in New York on January 8, 1958. Congratulations, Master Fischer!

Finish It The Clever Way! by Edmund Nash

Position No. 217

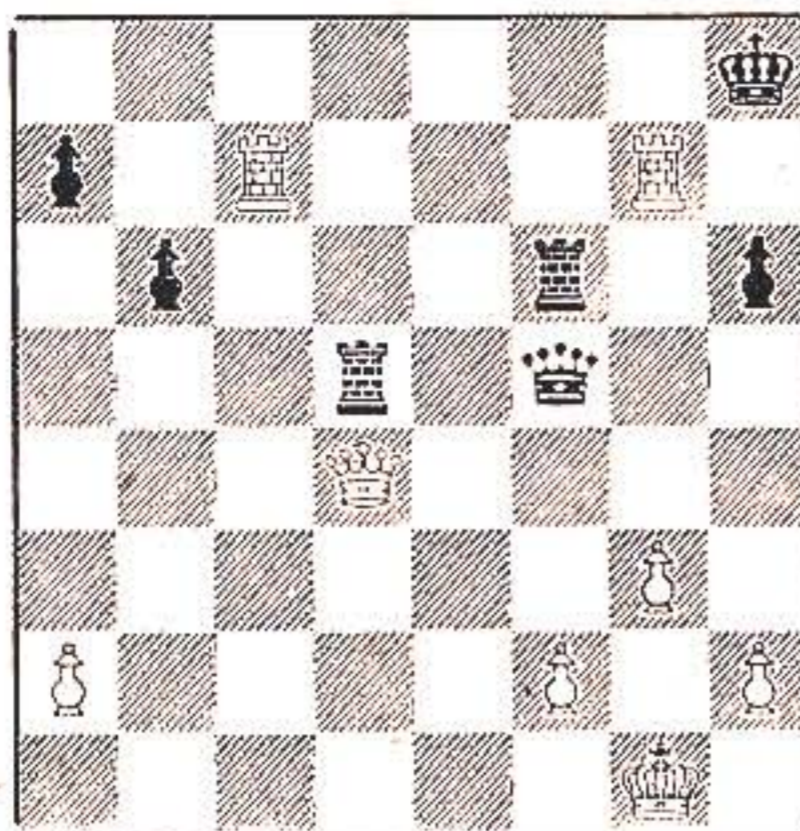
A. and K. Sarychev
USSR, 1928



White to play and draw

Position No. 218

Szabo vs. Dueckstein
Holland, 1957



White to play and win

In Position No. 217, a 4-move King manoeuvre makes the draw evident.

In Position No. 218, the power of rooks on the seventh rank is demonstrated beautifully. White mates in six or win a rook.

For solutions, please turn to page 8, column 1.

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

USCF GOLDEN KINGS

Long Island Amateur Chess Championship
Brooklyn, N.Y., Nov. 29th-Dec. 1st, 1957

Rank	Player	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Sc.
1.	R. A. Weinstein (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	W51	W39	W19	W7	W2	D3	5½
2.	E. T. McCormick (East Orange, N.J.)	W42	W17	W18	W4	L1	W10	5
3.	Sanford Greene (Elmsford, N.Y.)	W45	W24	W11	D9	W16	D1	5
4.	Brian E. Owens (Great Neck, N.Y.)	W36	W31	W21	L2	W12	W9	5
5.	E. T. Vano (New York, N.Y.)	W22	D13	D14	W11	D6	W18	4½
6.	Homer T. Jones (Newark, N.J.)	W41	L11	W35	W27	D5	W15	4½
7.	Don Hallman (Garden City, N.Y.)	W49	W38	D10	L1	W19	W20	4½
8.	Fred G. Preisinger (New York, N.Y.)	W28	L10	W45	D18	W37	W21	4½
9.	E. Steinberger (Elmhurst, N.Y.)	W50	W12	W16	D3	D21	L4	4
10.	Jim McCormick (Seattle, Wash.)	W48	W8	D7	D13	W25	L2	4
11.	A. S. Noble Jr. (Flushing, N.Y.)	W59	W6	L3	L5	W33	W28	4
12.	Wm. B. Long (New York, N.Y.)	W27	L9	W22	W14	L4	W29	4
13.	David Gladstone (Woodside, N.Y.)	W43	D5	W20	D10	L15	W25	4
14.	John Pamiljens (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	W32	D20	D5	L12	W34	W31	4
15.	Leo Kupersmith (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	W47	L19	W33	W34	W13	L6	4
16.	Wm. Fredericks Jr. (Queens Vill., N.Y.)	W26	W29	L9	W40	L3	W24	4
17.	Donald S. McIntosh (New York, N.Y.)	W30	L2	W53	L25	W32	W36	4
18.	Harry Gilgulin (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	W37	W25	L2	D8	W39	L5	3½
19.	Edward Scher (Fresh Meadows, N.Y.)	W33	W15	L1	D26	L7	W38	3½
20.	Robt. T. Durkin (Atlantic City, N.J.)	W23	D14	L13	W38	W26	L7	3½
21.	Wm. Saffern (New York, N.Y.)	W52	W35	L4	W29	D9	L8	3½
22.	Jack Sandow (Flushing, N.Y.)	L5	W30	L12	W57	D27	W37	3½
23.	Joseph Kornblum (New York, N.Y.)	L20	W32	D24	W54	L28	W43	3½
24.	Roger Martin (Flushing, N.Y.)	W24	L3	D23	D39	W30	L16	3
25.	J. Goldsmith (New York, N.Y.)	W57	L18	W44	W17	L10	L13	3
26.	Fred Snitzer (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	L16	W51	W28	D19	L20	D27	3
27.	William Steinklein (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	L12	W47	W46	L6	D22	D26	3
28.	Dr. V. Altmann (Staten Island, N.Y.)	L8	W43	L26	W55	W23	L11	3
29.	Sydney Wooldridge (Flushing, N.Y.)	W56	L16	W31	L21	W42	L12	3
30.	G. L. Hutchins (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	L17	L22	W48	W35	L24	W42	3
31.	S. B. Lilly (East Orange, N.J.)	W53	L4	L29	W42	W46	L14	3
32.	Isabel Lynne (Washington, D.C.)	L14	L23	W58	W43	L17	W44	3
33.	Wm. Ratcliffe (New York, N.Y.)	L19	W58	L15	W45	L11	W47	3
34.	Ralph Seligson (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	D44	D40	W52	L15	L14	W46	3
35.	H. M. Polstein (New York, N.Y.)	W55	L21	L6	L30	W45	W48	3
36.	M. Pagasts (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	L4	D49	D47	W52	W54	L17	3
37.	Jos. Gennuso (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	L18	W41	W38	W44	L8	L22	2½
38.	E. R. Westing (Flushing, N.Y.)	W46	L7	D37	L20	W51	L19	2½
39.	R. C. Moran (Jamaica, N.Y.)	W60	L1	W57	D24	L18	L*	2½
40.	Robt. T. Henry (Wantagh, N.Y.)	D54	D34	L42	L16	D44	W52	2½
41.	Wm. R. Schneider (Woodhaven, N.Y.)	L6	L37	L55	W50	D49	W53	2½

CHess NEWS FROM ALL OVER

The newly-formed Alabama Chess Federation certainly got its foot in the publicity door by arranging for a half hour program on "Chess Lore" over three channels of TV, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. on January 9. If promoters in other areas wonder how this program, of such tremendous potential value to the cause, was initiated, the President of the Alabama Chess Federation, Mr. F. W. Kemp, Box 114, Palmyra, Alabama, might let them in on the secret. Congratulations, Alabama!

Hey—you—with the glaze in your eyes! According to Frank Rose, Chess Editor of the Fort Lauderdale Sunday News (and a fine column, it is) that black pawn, the hat, the brown jacket, and the pair of gloves you lost recently, aren't lost at all. They are in the Broward County Chess Club, where you left them that night the twelve-year-old beginner hit you with a smothered mate.

About the best way to make sure that a baseball player will go 0 for 4, or that a hockey player will go scoreless, or that a basketball star will hit the outside rim with every shot, is to put on a special "day" or "night" for him. Not so with grandmaster Gideon Stahlberg, in the recent tournament arranged in Gothenburg, Sweden, to celebrate his 50th birthday. Russian grandmasters Ragozin and Flohr had to be content with a second-place tie with 5½ points each, while stalwart Stahlberg topped them by drawing with each of them, while winning his other five games from Swedish masters for a score of 6-1.

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HARRY CARROLL
BOX 562, TEMPLE, OKLAHOMA

KOROLJOW HIGH SCHOOL CHAMP IN NEW JERSEY

Although three players emerged from the Fourth Annual New Jersey High School Tournament with 5 points, the Solkoff ratings placed Walter Koroljow of Highland Park in the sun berth above Leslie H. Ault and Robin Ault, both of Cranford. Solkoff is also responsible for the positions of the following four players, each of whom scored 4½ points: Tom Sager of Leonia, John MacDonald (affiliation unreported), Don Valentine of Montclair, and Pete Berlow of South Orange. Bill Abbott and Bill Curn, both of Seton Hall Prep, tied with 4 points each, while Jim Yorke of Linden topped another four players who tied with 3½ points each.

The 6 round Swiss was run off December 26, 27, 28, at the Independent Chess Club in East Orange, attracting an entry of 34 boys representing more than 15 high schools and prep schools in New Jersey. Leslie F. Ault directed the event.

ORLANDO TIES TAMPA 5-5

In a hard fought battle, the Orlando chess team came from behind to tie Tampa 5-5 in a ten-board match. At first board, Glenn E. Hartleb, formerly of Erie, Pennsylvania, defeated Robert Ludlow, former Southern Junior and State Junior Champion, in an exciting combinational game. It appeared that Tampa would win the match, as they led 5-3 with two games to go. However, Don Haney, formerly of Baltimore, Maryland, pulled the score to 5-4 with an exciting victory over Arthur Montano, and Carl Dover knotted the score at 5-5 with a 5½ hour victory over Bob Bailey at Board 3. The match was played at the home of R. E. Scriver of Winter Haven, midway between Orlando and Tampa. Now in the process of planning is a gigantic 25-board North-South match, probably to be played in Vero Beach. Below are team lineups, with Orlando playing white on even-numbered boards.

ORLANDO			
Board	1	Robert Ludlow	0
	2	E. O. Fawcett	0
	3	Carl Dover	1
	4	Ken Goepper	0
	5	Don Haney	1
	6	George Heunisch	1
	7	Dolly Teasley	1
	8	Robert Ferguson	0
	9	William Brogden	1
	10	William Clapp	0
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TAMPA			
Board	1	Glenn Hartleb	1
	2	Tom Lucas	1
	3	Bob Bailey	0
	4	Helmut Norden	1
	5	Arthur Montano	0
	6	Leonard Weinstein	0
	7	Poul Nielsen	0
	8	Duane Pontius	1
	9	Bob Durrett	0
	10	Bob Szeremi	1
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LET'S SEND A U.S. TEAM TO MUNICH IN OCTOBER.

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College Chess Life

Conducted by
Frederick H. Kerr

All college clubs and players are urged to send news items to Frederick H. Kerr, 1776 Sample Road, Allison Park, Pennsylvania.

The Intercollegiate Chess League of America has announced a publicity contest for its member clubs. The prize will be official USCF tournament equipment. This will include score pads, sealed move envelopes, Swiss results charts, Swiss pairing cards, and paper tournament boards. The idea of such a contest came from Morde D. Treblow of Philadelphia, a member of the ICLA Advisory Board. The purposes are as follows: (1) To stimulate college clubs into obtaining more local publicity, (2) To encourage college clubs to hold tournaments using official USCF supplies to improve the quality of tournament administration, and (3) To obtain new members for the ICLA. To enter, a club must be or become an ICLA member; any college club may join the ICLA by sending dues of \$2 to this reporter. All entries must be received before March 5, 1958. Only publicity obtained during the month of March is eligible. This includes school paper articles, local news stories, local radio coverage, club newsletters, posters, bulletins, mailings, etc. All material for judging must be sent to the address given atop this column before April 10, 1958. Clippings with mastheads and dates for articles, originals for posters and mailings, and transcripts of radio broadcasts should be sent. Material will be judged on the basis of quality, originality, and quantity. Get your entry in immediately. Entries from non-member clubs should be accompanied by \$2 ICLA dues.

The Dartmouth Chess Club defeated the Rutland Chess Club and Keene State Teachers College in return matches. In a double-round match with Rutland, Dartmouth won 7½-6½. Grad student Marvin Bender came through with 1½ points, but the other team members were held to 1 point each by the Vermont players. After the match, J. Cotter and H. Lambert, both of Dartmouth tied with 2½-½ to win a 10-second tournament. Keene State Teachers took a 10-player team to Hanover only to go down 8½-1½ to the Dartmouth chessers. This match featured a faculty board as well as four coeds on the Keene team.

John Adler, formerly of Budapest, Hungary, tied Dennis Sims of Little Rock, Arkansas, with 5-1 in the championship of the University of Mississippi.

LEXINGTON ELECTS

The Lexington Chess Club of Lexington, Kentucky has recently elected the following slate of officers: President, Donald L. Herrod; Treasurer, James A. Roark; Secretary Dr. William A. Seay, 1636 So. Limestone Street, Lexington.



HOW CHESS GAMES ARE WON

America's Number 1 Player Illustrates the Technique of Victory

By International Grandmaster SAMUEL RESHEVSKY

A Delightful Game

Before the 9th game of my match against Donald Byrne began, I was leading by 5-3 and only needed 1/2 point of the two remaining games to win the match. With such a psychological edge I was naturally able to play with great ease and confidence.

Up to the 8th move a well known variation of the English Opening was resorted to by both sides. On his eighth turn Byrne played P-KR4 before castling with the intention of launching an attack. He withheld castling until his 13th move.

White began action on the queen side by playing 13. P-QN4. By playing 16., P-B3 my opponent's king side was slightly weakened. From thereon black's position gradually began to deteriorate. Black's KNP was brought under pressure. After the 26th move black had his king on K1 and his KR on KR1. On the 32nd move white won the KNP. On the 33rd move white offered the sacrifice of the queen or the exchange; black accepted the latter. Four moves later black's flag dropped in a hopelessly lost position.

The ninth game was the most interesting of the match.

ENGLISH OPENING

(MCO: Page 36, Col. 30, Note (N))

D. Byrne-Reshevsky Match
New York, 1957

White RESHEVSKY		Black BYRNE
1. N-KB3		P-QB4
2. P-B4		N-QB3
3. P-KN3		.....
3. P-Q4, PxP; 4. NxP, N-B3; 5. N-QB3, P-K3; 6. P-KN3, Q-N3, as in the game D. Byrne against Geller in the USA-Russia match, is slightly in Black's favor.		
3.		P-KN3
4. B-N2		B-N2
5. O-O		P-Q3
6. N-B3		N-R3

I experimented with this move last year in the Rosenwald Tournament against Larry Evans. The purpose of this move is to get this knight to KB4 where it will exert pressure on White's Q4 square.

7. P-Q3		N-B4
8. B-Q2		P-KR4

A bold move intending P-KR4-5 in order to open up the KR file. For this threat, which White easily meets, Black gave White's pieces free access to Black's KN4 square.

9. P-KR4	
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Perhaps better is 9. P-KR3, and if 9., P-R5, 10. P-KN4.

9.		B-Q2
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White's best plan is to initiate vigorous action on the queen's side.

10.		QR-N1
11. P-R3		N(B4)-Q5
12. N-KR2		.....

Exchanging knights at this point would accomplish nothing. White's knight is needed both for aggressive and defensive purposes.

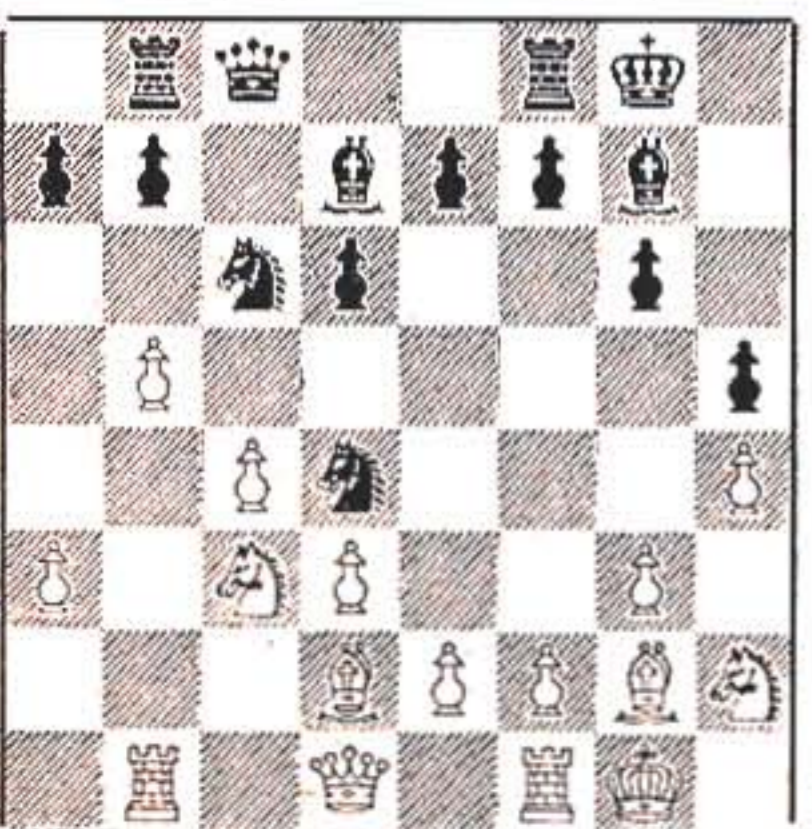
12.		Q-B1
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Castling was wiser.

13. P-QN4		O-O
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13., PxP; 14. PxP, P-QN4; 15. P-K3 wins a pawn.

14. P-N5	
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Opening up the QN file by playing 14. PxP was fruitless. The text move tends to restrict the mobility of Black's pieces.

14.		N-K4
15. N-Q5		.....

Black is slowly beginning to be faced with some problems. The KP requires protection.

15.		R-K1
16. B-N5		P-B3

Creating a serious weakness which eventually proved disastrous. Comparatively best was 16., Q-Q1, followed by N-K3, driving White's bishop away.

17. B-Q2		N-N5
18. P-K3		N-N5
19. KxN		N-B4

Black could have put up stronger resistance with 19., N-K3-B1 where the knight would have protected the KNP.

20. N-B4		K-B2
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There is nothing better. If 20., K-R2; 21. B-K4, and Black is unable to drive away the knight by 21., P-K4, on account of 22. NxRP, PxN; 23. QxPch, K-N1 (if 23., B-R3; 24. P-N4); 24. B-Q5ch, B-K3 (24., K-B1; 25. Q-B7 mate) 25. QxN and wins.

21. B-K4	
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Tying up the black knight.

21.		R-KR1
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To get to KR3 in order to protect the KNP. Impossible is 21., P-K4 because of 22. B-Q5ch.

22. Q-B3		R-R3
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Black seems to have consolidated his position but new threats are imminent.

23. P-Q4	
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Threatening P-Q5, which, if permitted, would give White effective control of Black's K3 square.

23.		P-K4
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Going after the pawn loses for Black as follows: 23., PxP; 24. PxP, NxQP; 25. BxPch, RxB; 26. QxRP, B-B4; 27. NxR, BxN; 28. Q-Q5ch, N-K3; 29. QR-K1, and Black is helpless against White's doubling rooks on the king's file.

24. PxKP		QPxP
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Worse was 24., BPxP; there would have followed: 25. B-Q5ch, K-K2; 26. NxPch, RxN; 27. P-K4, N-R3; 28. BxN, RxB; 29. Q-B7ch and wins easily.

25. N-Q3	
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25. N-Q5 was also good.

25.		R-KR1
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Better was 25., K-N1, but after 26. B-Q5ch, K-R1; 27. P-K4, N-Q5; 28. Q-N2, R-R2; 29. P-B4, Black's position remains unpleasant.

26. B-Q5ch		K-K1
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Kings County (Brooklyn) Chess Club: Kings County scored a 6 1/2-2 1/2 victory over Polytech Institute with A. Agree, H. Winston, J. Skolen, E. Finnell, and Mike Menn tallying wins for Kings County while P. Braverman, Don Botsch, and J. Norinsky drew. L. Shepp salvaged a point for Polytech, while R. Brennan, B. McInerney, and Paul Daltch drew. A USCF Club Affiliate.



It is interesting to observe that after having castled, Black has returned to the uncastled position. Bad was 26., K-B1 or K-K2 because of 27. NxBP.

27. Q-N2	
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Making possible White's next move in order to open either the king or bishop file.

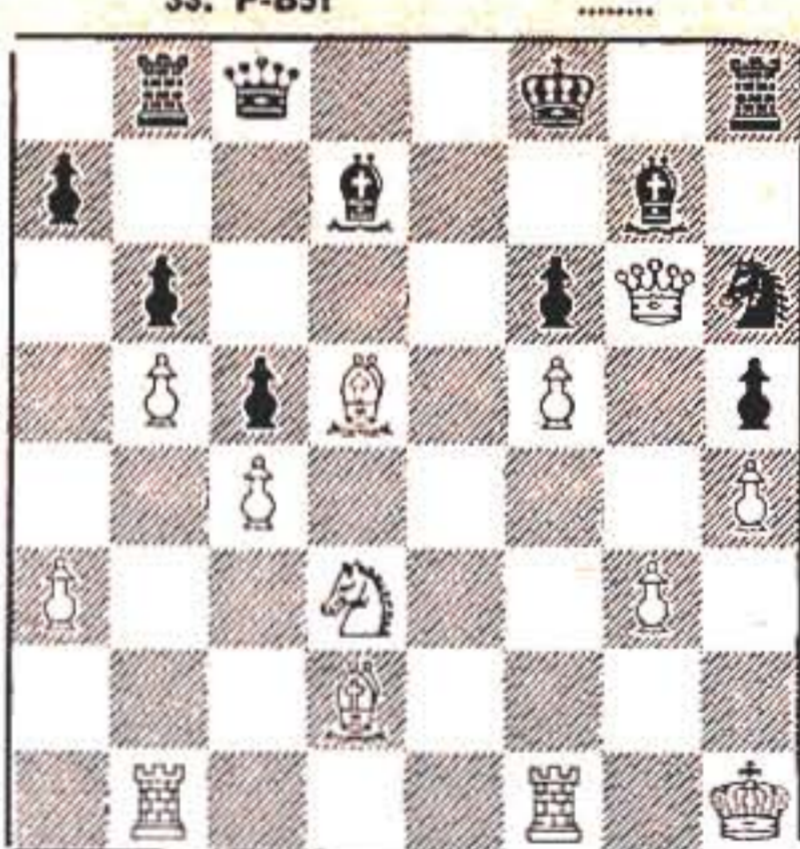
27.		N-R3
28. P-B4		N-N5ch
29. K-R1		PxP

Against 29., P-B4 the reply would have been 30. P-K4, when both the king and bishop files would have been forced open.

30. KPxP		P-N3
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This loses, but other moves are also bad. For instance, 30., P-B4; 31. QR-K1ch, K-Q1; 32. B-B7, R-R3; 33. N-K5!

31. Q-K4ch		K-B1
32. QxP		N-R3
33. P-B5!		.....



Offering the sacrifice of the queen, which Black does not accept. The soundness of this sacrifice is proven by the following: if 33., B-K1 34. N-B4, BxQ; 35. NxBch, K-K1; 36. QR-K1ch, K-Q1; 37. NxR, BxN; 38. B-B6, and the threat of R-K8ch cannot be met.

33.		BxP
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34. RxB		QxR
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35. N-B4		R-KN1
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36. R-K1		R-Q1
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37. QxQ		Forfeited on time
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In the tenth and final game, Mr. Byrne could have won a pawn on his 24th move. Having missed this opportunity, his game slowly began to disintegrate. Here is the position, with White to make his 24th move:

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After weeks of ceaseless chatter, second guessing, and unabated kibitzing, New York's chessplayers are finally returning from the wonderworld of the U. S. Championship to the more earthy, but no less satisfying, world of Routine. The Marshall Championship is now underway; the Manhattan will soon follow suit.

Moe Osher and August Rankis have both acquitted themselves well and now share the early lead of the Marshall Championship with records of 3 1/2-1/2 each. Close at their heels, though not smoking pipes of peace, are John W. Collins, Allen Kaufman, Lou Levy and defending champion Sidney Bernstein. From the looks of it, this will be quite an exciting event.

Uptown at the Manhattan, plans for the championship are being made with alacrity. Fourteen players—Baron, Brandts, Cohen, Genuso, Gore, Gresser, Guala, Koroljow, Owens, Preisinger, S. Shiller, Siegel and Vano—have qualified from the preliminaries for the semi-finals. Six players—Feuerstein, Kevitz, Kramer, Myers, Schwartz, and Shainswit—have been seeded to these same semi-finals. These twenty are to be divided into four sections, the eventual winners of which will join with Bisguier, Fischer and Lombardy to form a Final section.

If the astute observer notes a decline in "big names" in both these tournaments, he is correct. Unfortunately, the race to suburbia is taking its toll of Chessclubs, too.

In Brief: At the scene of the U. S. Championship a lone placard remains in mute testimony of that great and historic event. It reads, "Spectators are requested not to snore during play."! So help me Hanna, that's what it reads!! . . . The best anecdote from the Championship? Voici—In a playful exchange in the early rounds, Reshevsky warned Sherwin, "It looks like no one can beat you. I'll have to stop you myself." "Could happen," said Jimmy, "But maybe I'll stop you." "Not in a million years," was Sammy's quick and confident reply. Some rounds later, lo and behold, Reshevsky lost to Sherwin. "How time flies," quipped Hans Berliner. . . Bisguier and Lombardy lost no time in entering another tourney. Both flew to Bogota, Colombia to participate in the "Championship of the Americas." Bisguier reminded all doubters that he'd never had two bad tournaments in a row. With fingers crossed, he hoped this wouldn't be the first time. . . Fischer took off too, but only to "Grosinger's, the famed resort in New York's Catskill mountains. The management invited him for ten all-expense-paid days. Chess was never like this!

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Wonder If He Can Cook?

One of the most amusing movies we ever saw had Donald O'Connor playing the part of a member of a barn-storming theatrical troupe, with most of the fun caused by Donald's attempts to be in two places at once, or to do three or four different things at the same time. It was long ago, and far away, but we seem to remember that he sold tickets, collected them, played in the orchestra, raised and lowered the curtain, danced and sang on the stage, and sold peanuts and popcorn during the intermissions.

We are always reminded of this picture when we see or hear of a chess tournament in which the person who is promoting or directing it is also a contestant. We know from sad experience that it is difficult, if not impossible, to play good chess when the players from Table 4 are breathing down your neck the varied versions of a time squabble, while the players who have finished the round in which you are playing are impatiently needling you to get the lead out and to post the pairings for the next round.

We remember when J. C. Thompson, then President of the Texas Chess Association, amazed American Chessdom by placing fourth in the USCF Open Championship at Dallas in 1942—topped only by Steiner, Yanofsky and Horowitz—while carrying on the work and worry of promoting the event and acting as its master of ceremonies. Others are not so fortunate. There is no doubt that Stahlberg's otherwise unexplainable cellar score in the Candidates Tournament at Zurich, 1953, was due in part to the fact that he was reporting the event for several European newspapers, and as deadline time approached every night you could almost see his game disintegrate.

Closer to home, we remember Major G. S. Grimmer who, with some feeble moral support from your editor, was responsible for bringing the Canadian Championship tourney of 1943 to his small hometown of Dalhousie, New Brunswick—the first and only time the event was held east of Quebec. Major Grimmer had obtained playing space in City Hall, had chiseled financial backing from local industry, had arranged for gratis room and breakfast for visiting players in private homes, and at noon every day he cooked and furnished a bountiful meal to the visiting players and officials. In these circumstances, his low score on the tournament scoresheet was not unexpected—the only wonder was that he was able to score at all.

So what? So yesterday we received a copy of a new chess publication, Volume 1, Number 2, of "The Kibitzer," a mimeographed bulletin which is apparently the joint project of Pingry and Cranford High Schools in New Jersey. Editors are Jim Yorke of Pingry and Leslie H. Ault of Cranford. The front page was devoted to a report and cross-score table of the New Jersey High School Tournament, recently played at East Orange. As reported elsewhere in CHESS LIFE, Leslie H. Ault tied the winner in game points, but was relegated to 2nd place by Solkoff. Elsewhere on the page appeared the information that the tournament was directed by Leslie H. Ault.

Too much beating the drum over one high school kid? We don't think so. Even if this spoils him, he's made a bigger contribution to American Chess than most of our thousands of players. In its drive for increased membership the USCF needs the help of every player in the country. Every volunteer for committee work in the Membership Campaign helps. Every member who gets a new member helps. Everyone who promotes or directs or plays in a tournament, or who supports one financially, or who promptly and accurately reports the results of one, helps too. Everyone who teaches some other person to play chess helps. And anyone who is blessed with the ability and temperament to do several of these things at the same time should certainly come forward and take his place among the Thompsons, and Grimmers, and Aults, and the thousands of unsung heroes, who have made possible the chess events through which our growing crop of experts, masters, and grandmasters have been developed.

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Kibitzer's Mailbox

From: John D. Brattin, Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio:
Must Chess Life print articles such as Larry Evans' "On Chess" in the December 20 issue?

Mr. Evans must certainly realize that the present champion of the world is a Russian, as was the last one—yet he is sick and tired of Americans extolling Soviet chess. And he wastes the space in Chess Life with six examples of errors in the Russians' games.

Come now! Mr. Evans is not invincible, either. Chess Life could print examples of his blunders which could embarrass him, also.

I am no master, I play chess for love of the game; so I do not have the same viewpoint on the subject as Mr. Evans. If the American government begins subsidizing chessplayers, as Mr. Evans insinuates they should, he will get a far larger subsidy than I will. But, until then, I object to his kicking Russian players who are probably far better than he.

I get pleasure from playing through a good game of chess whether won by a Russian or an American; and I consider it very unsportsmanlike of Mr. Evans to devote his column to Russian blunders. Remember that Larry Evans, while writing in Chess Life, represents American chess. Certainly we can find something more mature to represent us.

GEORGE E. PRUITT, of Coffeyville, Kansas, writes:

I have read, with interest, the structural pattern set forth for the enlargement of membership in our Federation, certainly a laudable undertaking for which you have my moral support. As for activity, as one of a team, I can offer nothing. For the past five years I have tried to fan some enthusiasm into the hearts of my neighbors and acquaintances to become interested and adopt a sport and pastime that needs no fanfare to us. I am sorry to report that my efforts were a complete failure. Why???

The "why" of it is a story and a part of the same apathy that has undermined our national life in every department of education. Our generations or two of "Rip Van Winkle" existence has suddenly become awakened by our technical deficiency in "sputnik" achievement, a condition of pure apathy rather than a lack of potential ability or even necessity.

In all departments calling for mental activity, we must look to the youth for our building blocks. Building our scientific personnel or our chess dignitaries will necessarily be slow and require much patience. Youth is once more going to have to return to a period of serious-mindedness in distinction to the present indifference to all worth-while things including the sloven attire of Levi's and bobby sox get-up. There is nothing wrong with these types of clothing; we are looking at the mental pattern which necessarily precedes it.

Such a prediction cannot be denied by the sudden rise of Bobby Fischers' or Larry Remlingers'; even in the "Dark Ages" there were scintillating lights that have come thru to us. It is going to be a long road to travel to re-establish a thinking Youth who will choose with eagerness and purpose the worth-while things of life, including chess, instead of our present lure to drag races, community gangs, moll and mug combines in the early teens and a myriad of other loose practices none of which have as a basic purpose, the improvement of the individual mentally or spiritually.

You can be too deep in the forest to actually see the trees. In communities where there are millions of people closely assembled, there will be Fischers and Lombardys and many others whose names escape me that will come to a focal point of interest and one thinks that all that is necessary is to put on a campaign for membership. These are the scintillating lights of today. But when you live in small communities, the actual picture becomes more clear. These many other interests are now dearer to the heart than the sobering influence of chess and Youth, as also the Elders stick to the pattern of doing the things they most want to do; there are but twenty four hours in each of our days and as we sow, we also reap.

Today we have a scant harvest. This is not written to discourage; quite the contrary. It is to remind you that chess thruout the Nation does not have the color that you may find it has in your section where out of the millions, a few chess clubs can be maintained. If your membership plans do not materialize as you have anticipated, remember, that even our Nation is now stressing the return to the mental proclivities of life—it is a long road and patience and perseverance is our only answer.

I not only wish but I have also striven to change the order of things in my community but so far, to no avail. There is a smattering of young people who from time to time take a glance look at chess but soon abandon your efforts by leaving the board in favor of ping pong or dancing or most anything that doesn't require attention and concentration.

Now I have it off my chest—it is not rosy but it is factual and tends to give you a slant, from one section of our country at least, of the uphill battle that we all are facing to stimulate interest and membership in our organization. It will bear fruit in about the same proportion as our return to National saneness and soundness.

Thank You Philadelphia

A healthy indication of increasing civic interest in chess and its players was furnished by the City Fathers of Philadelphia recently, through the proposal and passage of a City Council Resolution commending Charles Kalme, "in recognition of the honor he has brought to himself, his family, his school, and to his adopted city," by winning the United States Intercollegiate Chess Championship. Similar recognition may have been given by other cities to other champs, but Bill Ruth informs CHESS LIFE that this is a unique honor, so far as Philadelphia is concerned.

Every USCF member who is in a position to do so should keep the ball rolling. Recognition of the exploits of individuals carries with it tacit approval of the activities in which they have gained prominence, and approval of chess at the Municipal and State level gradually leads to enthusiasm on all levels. CHESS LIFE, therefore, thanks Councilman Samuel Rose, who sponsored the Resolution, as well as the other members of the Council who passed it. And our hearty congratulations to Mr. Kalme.

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TIDBITS OF MASTER PLAY

By International MASTER WILLIAM LOMBARDY

World Junior Champion

Surprise of the Century

The past century has produced more than its share of Chess geniuses: Steinitz, Emanuel Lasker, Alekhine, Reshevsky, Capablanca and Keres, to name but a few who have indelibly inscribed their names in the pages of history. Reshevsky and Capablanca were especially noted of being child prodigies. Reshevsky was giving simultaneous exhibitions at the age of eight, and Capablanca won the Cuban Championship when he was twelve!

All these men have performed extraordinarily but none it seems has sky-rocketed to fame at so fantastic a rate of speed as Baby Fischer. Oops! Pardon moi! In his "youth" he was known by this name to a few hopeful and now greatly pleased friends. Bobby has developed into a full grown, (chessically) Robert. His play is now steady and mature with an occasional spark of brilliance. He ranks easily among the top five players in the country, and who knows but that soon he may rank tops in world competition. What has Bobby done?

At the age of thirteen he began his climb up the ladder of success by capturing the 1956 U. S. Junior Championship. For a while after this he did not seem to be able to concentrate, and failed therefore to qualify for the Manhattan Chess Club finals. He was, however, invited to the Rosenwald Tourney of that year and recouped somewhat by winning the first brilliancy prize with his game against Donald Byrne, although his tournament score was considerably less impressive than the game.

The summer of 1957 was somewhat more eventful. Bobby copped the 1957 U. S. Junior title, and the 1957 U. S. National Open Championship! This should be enough for anybody, but not for Bobby! He went to the Jersey State Championship that September, and won handily from a strong field with the score 6½ to ½.

Time went fleetingly forward and soon December with the United States Championship tournament rolled around. Reshevsky was the natural favorite to win but Bobby had other ideas. He raced Reshevsky neck n' neck to the semi-final round accumulating 10 precious points. But it is precisely here that Sammy faltered; drawing a won knight and pawn ending with Edmar Mednis he lost his grip on the lead.

The stage was set. Sammy was going into the final round of the tournament on half point behind Fischer, their respective scores being 9½ to 10. Fischer was paired with the baby-killer Abe Turner. (Previously, Abe had beaten him twice). Reshevsky was paired with no less an opponent than William Lombardy. Ahem!

Fischer watched my game for 8 or 9 moves and then grabbed a draw with Turner to clinch a tie for premiere honors. He was banking on my promise of the previous evening that I would win the tournament for him.

How I kept my promise follows:
KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

White	Black
RESHEVSKY	LOMBARDY

1. P-Q4	N-KB3
2. P-QB4	.....

At this point I thought for 10 minutes trying to decide which defense: KINGS INDIAN or NIMZO INDIAN, would Reshevsky be more unprepared to meet. I decided in favor of the former.

2.	P-KN3!
3. N-QB3	B-N2
4. P-K4	P-Q3
5. B-K2	O-O
6. N-B3	P-K4
7. O-O	.....

Reshevsky is an authority on this variation and no doubt he has seen this position many times from both sides of the board.

7.	N-B3
8. P-Q5	.....

Reshevsky in his match with Najdorf had played: 8. B-K3, N-KN5; 9. B-N5, P-B3; 10. B-B1, N-R3; 11. P-KR3, N-B2; 12. KxP, BPxP, and white managed to win only after a long and difficult struggle.

8.	N-K2
9. N-K1	N-Q2
10. N-Q3	.....

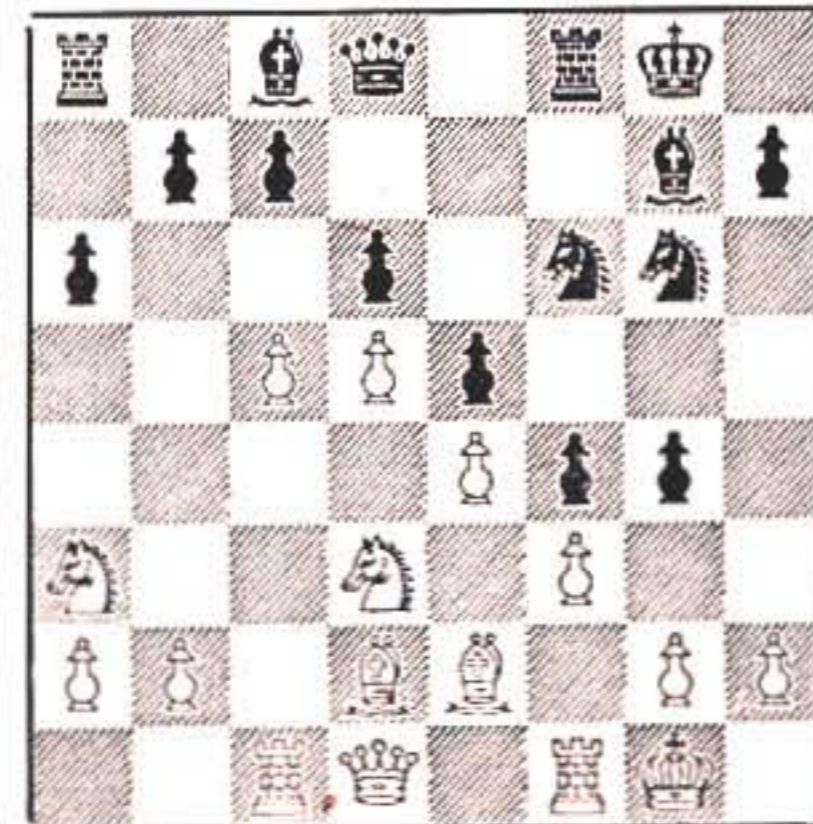
Up until now this is all old hat. The usual continuation is: 10. B-K3, P-KB4; 11. P-B3, P-B5; 12. B-B2, P-KN4; 13. N-Q3 with White attacking the Queen's flank and Black counter-attacking on the King's Wing.

10.	P-KB4
11. P-B3	P-B5
12. B-Q2!?	.....

An idea of Najdorf who played it successfully in the recent Moscow Olympics. White attempts a quick attack with R-B1, N-N5, B-R5 and P-B5 before Black has a chance to break through on the King's side. The merit of the idea has yet to be tested more thoroughly.

12.	P-KN4
13. R-B1	N-N3
14. N-N5	P-QR3!

In the game Najdorf vs. Sliwa Zagreb 1955 there occurred 14., R-B2?, 15. P-B5!, N-B3; 16. B-R5!! and White's attack became irresistible.



15. N-R3	N-B3
16. P-B5	P-N5

Black cannot afford the time to defend the Queen side.

17. PxQP
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Here White had consumed 50 minutes and could find no better move. If 17. B-R5, P-N6; 18. PxP, N-R4; 19. PxBP, Q-R5 and White can resign.

17.	BPxP
18. N-B4	P-N6!
19. P-R3	BxRP!!

The best way to continue the attack. If 19., N-R4; 20. R-K1 and B-B1 and Black's attack dies on the vine.

20. PxB	Q-Q2
21. N-B2	.....

The only move. 21. K-N2, N-R5ch.

21.	PxNch
22. K-R2	Q-K2

Threatening NxQP followed by Q-R5.

23. RxP	N-R4
24. B-N4	QR-Q1
25. Q-Q3	N-R5
26. R-KN1	.....

Interesting would have been 26. Q-R3, Q-N4; 27. R-KN1, Q-N6ch; 28. RxQ, PxR ch; 29. K-N1, N-B5 with a strong attack, I believe, for the Queen for which Black has 2 rooks anyway.

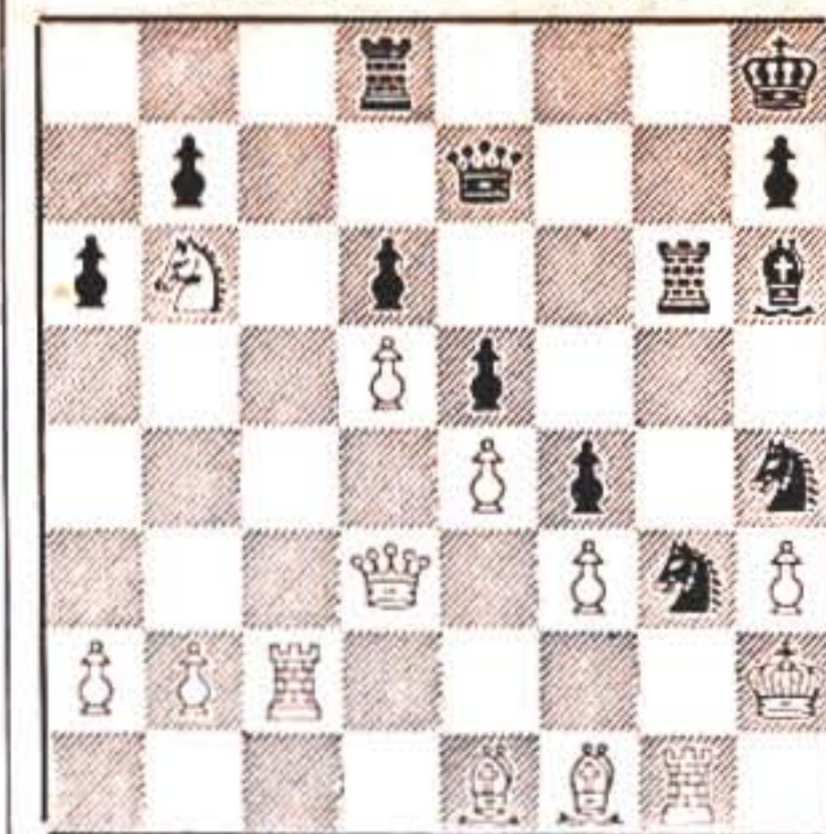
26.	N-N6
27. B-B1	R-B3

Black's attack is reaching hurricane force while White's Queen side play has completely diminished.

28. R-B2	R-N3
29. B-K1	B-R3!
30. N-N6

White tries to exchange one of the aggressive rooks.

30.	K-R1!
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Apparently White had overlooked this move else he would not have lost valuable time with 30. N-N6.

If now 31. R-B8?, RxR!; 32. NxR, Q-Q1!; 33. Q-B3 R-N1!; 34. N-R7, Q-N3 threatening both QxN and QxRch. White must lose a piece.

31. B-N2
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Defending the KBP and threatening R-B8.

31.	R(1)-KN1!
32. R-B8	B-B1!

If now 32., RxR, 33. NxR, Q-Q1; 34. Q-B2!, R-N1, 35. N-R7, Q-N3; 36. B-B2!

33. R-B2	Q-N2!
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A la Tarrasch!

34. N-R8
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White desperately tries for counter-play but it is too little and too late.

34.	Q-R3!
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The threats NxR. 36. KxN-N discovers check and wins. 35. Any, NxR. 36. RxN, QxPch; 37. KxQ, R-R3 mate.

35. B-B1	NxBch
36. RxN	Q-N2

Here N-N7 threatening QxPch also wins.

37. Q-K2
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Else RN7ch, 38. K-R1, R-N8ch; 39. K-R2, Q-N7ch; 40. RxQ, RxR mate.

37.	R-N7ch
38. QxR	NxQ
39. R-N1	NxB
40. RxQ	BxR

White resigns and Fischer is Champ. Incidentally, I needed this game to take 4th place.

WHODUNIT?

With the current accent on youth in American chess circles, and with all chess lovers enjoying the brilliancies perpetrated by teen-agers on their older opponents, we were encouraged to copy the following game and present it to you with the hope that, 1) if it is familiar to you, you will forgive us, and, 2) if you are seeing it for the first time, you will enjoy it. No prize is offered for identification of the players, but the names of readers who do write to the editor, correctly identifying them before March 10, 1958, will be published in the March 20 issue of CHESS LIFE.

WHITE	BLACK
Fourteen-year-old	Master

FRENCH DEFENSE

(Notes by White)

1. P-K4	P-K3	5. NxP	QN-Q2
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	6. N-KB3	B-K2
3. N-QB3	N-KB3	7. NxNch	NxN
4. B-N5	PxP		

Simpler is 7., BxN, as 8. BxB, NxR gives Black a level game.

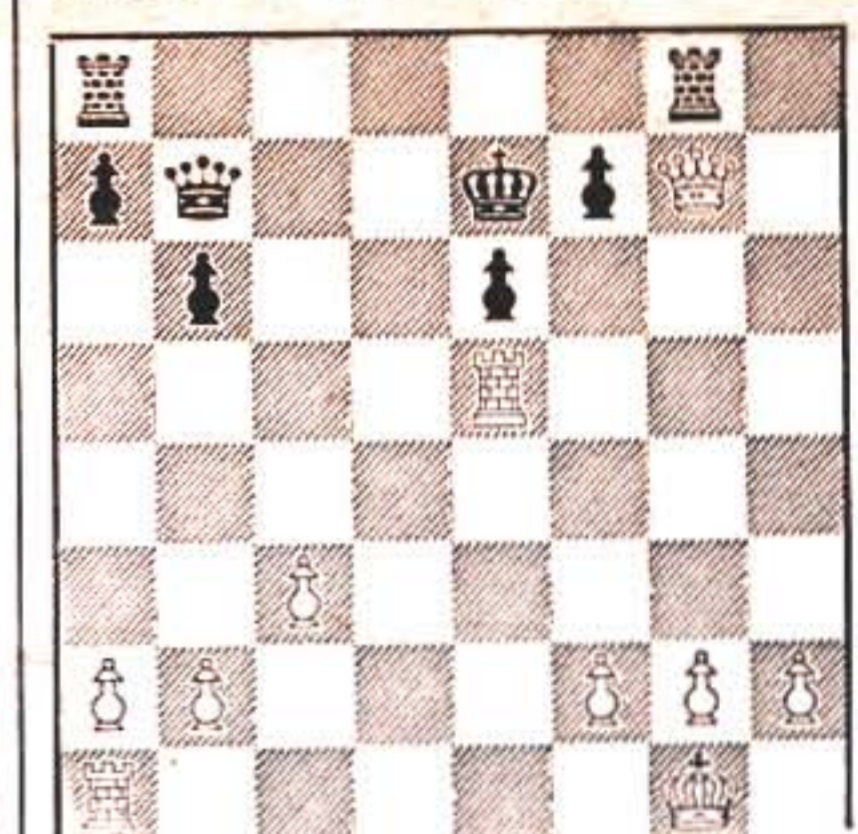
8. B-Q3	P-B4	11. O-O	O-O
9. PxP	Q-R4ch	12. R-K1	R-Q1
10. P-B3	QxP(B4)	13. N-K5!

Stops 13., B-Q2 which would give Black a solid position.

13.	P-QN3?	14. BxN!
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This move was the result of half an hour's study of the position. The rest of the game I was able to play almost rapid transit speed as I had calculated to after 22. RxPch.

14.	BxB	18. B-K4	B-N2
15. BxPch	K-B1	19. BxB	QxB
16. Q-R5	BxN	20. Q-R8ch!	K-K2
17. RxB	Q-B2	21. QxP	R-KN1



In the diagrammed position Black was looking quite happy, with White faced with mate or the loss of his queen. I shall not attempt to describe his facial expressions after my next move.

22. RxPch!	KxR	23. R-K-ch,	K-Q3
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Black has three other plausible moves: 23., K-B4, or K-Q2, or K-Q4. Each leads to quick mate or loss of queen.

24. Q-B6ch	K-B4	27. Q-Q6ch	K-B7
25. R-K5ch	K-B5	28. R-K2ch	Resigns
26. P-QN3ch	K-Q6		

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NEW TREATMENT

The game which follows is interesting, not so much in itself as in the opening which it illustrates. The King's Fianchetto has been a popular and effective weapon for White lately, perhaps because no good method of handling the Black pieces has been found. Black has heretofore modeled his play on White's systems against the King's Indian Defense, but while White is playing for the advantage Black need only play for equality. Against the King's Fianchetto Black need not prevent certain "equalizing" moves, of which P-Q4 was thought to be one. Therefore, P-QB4 does not have the point for Black that it does when played by White against the King's Indian. Furthermore, when Black plays P-QB4, he loses the opportunity of protecting his QP with a Pawn and so strengthening his center. This is the reasoning behind Black's opening in the following game.

KING'S INDIAN REVERSED

Paul Morphy Memorial Tournament
West Orange, 1957

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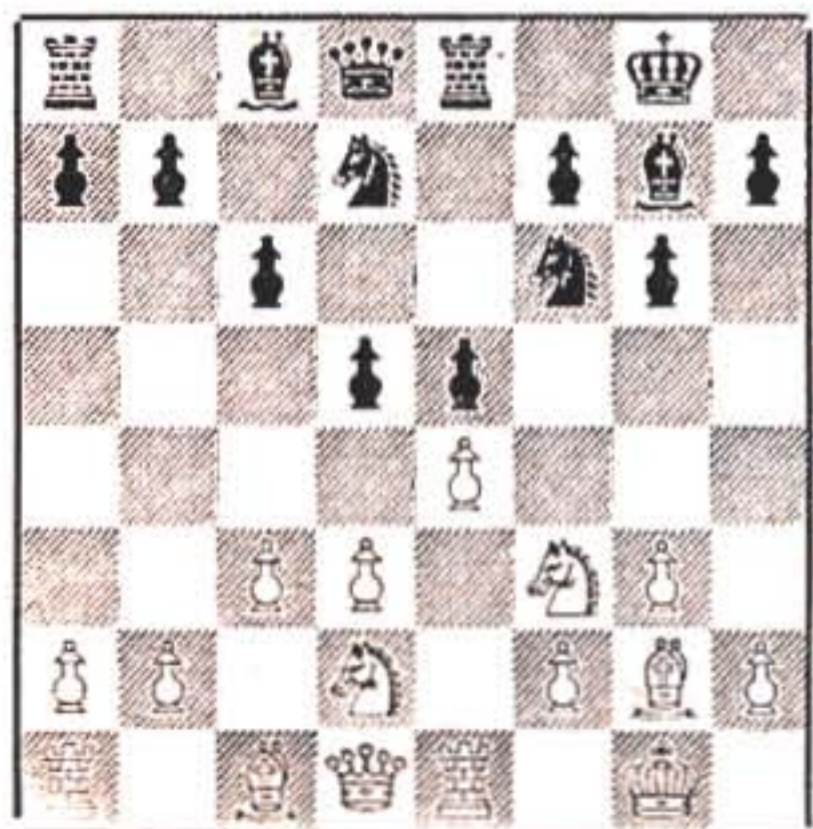
White	Black
M. TILLES	C. CRITTENDEN
Notes by winner.	
1. N-KB3	N-KB3
2. P-KN3	P-KN3
3. B-N2	B-N2
4. O-O	O-O
5. P-Q3	P-Q4
6. QN-Q2	QN-Q2
7. P-B3	.....

If 7. P-K4, Black plays P-K4, as in this game. An important possibility then is 8. PXP, but Black has a good game with NXP. For instance, Araiza-Crittenden, Oklahoma City, 1956, continued 9. N-B4, N(4)-N3, 10. N-K3, N-B4, 11. Q-K1?, R-K1, 12. Q-R5, N(N)-Q2, 13. Q-R3, N-K3, 14. N-B4, P-QR4! with the better position for Black.

7.	P-K4
8. P-K4	P-B3

The idea is to support the QP with the QBP, and even to recapture with it in case of White's KPXP. The Black KP is then very difficult to attack (unlike analogous positions in the King's Indian where the QN has QB4 available), and an immediate advance in the center is not advantageous for White: 9. PXP, PXP, 10. P-Q4, P-K5, 11. N-R4, R-K1, and preparations will have to be made for attacking the center pawns. The idea is not without promise, however, and there are doubtless improvements for White.

9. R-K1	R-K1
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The positions are exactly symmetrical except Black's QP is one square farther advanced, so that White is deprived of QB4. Because of this Black has the further option of attacking Q6, a possibility which White does not have. A good plan here for White is R-N1 and an advance on the Q-side, which is better than the play in the game. Notice that QPXP, which would lead to an even if sterile position (provided White hasn't done anything rash, as he does here) is always available to Black.

10. N-B1	Q-B2
11. P-KR3	P-N3
12. P-KN4	PXP
13. PXP	N-B4
14. N-N3	B-QR3
15. P-N5?	QR-Q1
16. N-Q2	.....

If 16. B-Q2, there will always be the threat of N-Q6 and N-QNP.

16.	KN-Q2
17. B-B1	BxB
18. RxB	.....

Better would have been KNxB, so that he can exchange at least one of the knights when Black occupies KB4.

18.	N-B1
19. Q-K2	(1)-K3
20. N-N3	N-Q6
21. Q-K3	.....

Preferable, as it was two moves ago, would be Q-N4. Black's only problem now is to open the K-side, which is the purpose of the following maneuver.

21.	Q-K2
22. P-KR4	P-B3
23. P-R5	.....

At least preventing the opening of the KB file.

23.	NxKNP
24. PXP	PXP
25. R-Q1	NxBP!
26. RXR	N(7)-R6ch

27. K-B1	RXR
28. B-Q2	N-B5
29. N-Q4	Q-Q2
30. N-R1	P-QB4
31. N-QN3	Q-N5
32. N-N3	R-Q6
33. Q-B2	R-B6
34. B-K1	QxN

Resigns.

AN UNUSUAL OPENING

Long Inland League Championship,
ship, 1957

FRENCH DEFENSE

(MCO 9: p. 110, a:A)

White	Black
V. GUALA	R. L. BENEDICTO
Notes by Winner	
1. P-K4	P-K3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. P-QB4	.....

The Diemer-Dhum Gambit, always played by Guala against the French Defense.

3.	PxKP
4. B-K3	P-QN3
5. P-B3	B-N2
6. N-B3	N-KB3
7. Q-B2	B-N5
8. O-O-O	QN-Q2

If 8. PXP, 9. NXP gives White a strong kingside attack for the pawn. Guala had won a previous game with this line.

9. NXP	Q-K2
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Inviting 10. P-QR3, B-Q3, 12. P-B5?, PXP, 13. PXP, BxN! and Black wins a pawn or more.

10. B-Q3	O-O
11. N-K2	.....

If now 11. P-QR3, B-Q3, 12. P-B5, PXP, 13. PXP, BxN, 14. PxB, PXP! and if the QB is taken, R-B1 recovers the piece while retaining the pawn.

11.	QR-B1
12. P-QR3	B-Q3
13. KN-B3	P-QR3
14. P-KR4	P-K4
15. P-B5	NPXP

16. PxBP	BxB
17. B-KN5	.....

White can recover the pawn by 17. BxB, NxB, 18. NxN ch, QxN, 19. BxP ch, K-R1, 20. B-B5, R-QN1, but he prefers to play for the attack, as these trades would leave him with little advantage.

17.	P-R3
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White threatened 18. NxNch, NxB, 19. BxPch recovering the pawn without giving up the attack. Black's text move prevents the loss of the pawn, but does not threaten the QB, which cannot be taken.

18. N-N3	B-Q5
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So as to answer 19. N-B5 with Q-B4, trying to force the exchange of queens without giving up the pawn.

19. B-R7ch	K-R1
20. N(B)-K4	BxN
21. NxB	BxPch!



The winning move, which White had overlooked. Note that all the Bishops are en prise! If now 22. QxB, KxB relieves the pressure, while R-QN1 is threatened. Or, 22. QxQ, KxB, 23. BxN, QxP, and Black is three pawns ahead.

22. KxB	R-N1ch
23. K-R2	Q-K3ch
24. K-R1	NxB
25. B-B1	.....

If 25. QxP, Q-N6 wins.

25.	N(R)-B3
26. RxN	.....

A desperate attempt at a swindle. White is lost, as 26. N-N5 or QxP, are answered by Q-N6.

26.	NxR
27. N-N5	Q-KN3
28. N-K4	.....

White sees too late that his intended 28. QxP, is answered by Q-N8 mate.

28.	N-B3
29. P-R5	Q-B4
30. Loses on time.	.....

He is lost anyway, since he is down the Exchange and two pawns, with King in precarious position.

FANTASTIC!

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(MCO 9:p. 296, c. 43, (i))

GRUENFELD DEFENSE

Notes by U. S. Master Curt Brasket

White	Black
M. OTTESON	C. BRASKET
1. P-Q4	N-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-KN3
3. N-QB3	P-Q4
4. Q-N3	PxP
5. QxBP	B-N2
6. P-K4	O-O
7. N-B3	P-B3
8. B-K2	P-QN4

All very cozy, so far. So what's fantastic? Wait. With his next move White departs from "Book," and instead of the usual Q-N3, he plays

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9. Q-Q3	Q-R4	12. Q-K3	N-N5
10. O-O	P-N5	13. Q-Q2	B-R3
11. N-N1	B-QR3	14. Q-B2

If here, 14. Q-Q1, BxQB; 15. BxB, BxP; 16. B-N7, BxR; 17. BxR, QxP wins.

14.	P-N6!	15. Q-B3!	QxP
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The "point" of the preceding play, 15. QxQ; 16. NxB obviously favors White.



16. KBxB	NxB
17. BxB	QxR

Better than QxR; 17. B-N7.

Now obviously forced.

18. BxB	RxB	20. N-Q2	R-N1
19. N-R3!	Q-R7	.....	.....

Instead of "Resigns," which deserves serious consideration in this position.

The best chance, although it loses a piece immediately. Otherwise, the Black position crumbles after 22. QxBP.

21. R-N1	N-N5!
22. Q-N3!	R-Q1
23. QxN	RxP
24. Q-Q1	.....

Oddly enough there seems nothing better for White. If 24. N-B3?, QxRch, or if 24. N-B1, N-B7.

24.	N-B7!	25. Q-B1
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Although it releases the Black Queen, 25. QN-B4 may be better.

25.	NxN
25.	RxN;
26. QxR,	NxN
regains a	piece for
the ex-	change,
but gives	White
a win-	ning
attack	after
R-Q1	and
Q-Q8	ch,
etc.	.....

26. R-R1! Winning the Queen — the point of White's last move.

26.	QxR
27. QxQ	RxN
28. PxN	R-R7
29. Q-N1	P-QB4
30. P-N3	P-B5
31. K-N2	RxP?
32. Q-Q1!	.....
33. Q-Q8ch	K-N2
34. QxP	R-R3

Should lose for Black. 31., P-K3 gives good drawing chances.

Forcing Black's reply. Otherwise the QBP goes (Q-Q8ch, Q-Q4ch, etc.)

Else P-K5-K6 wins.

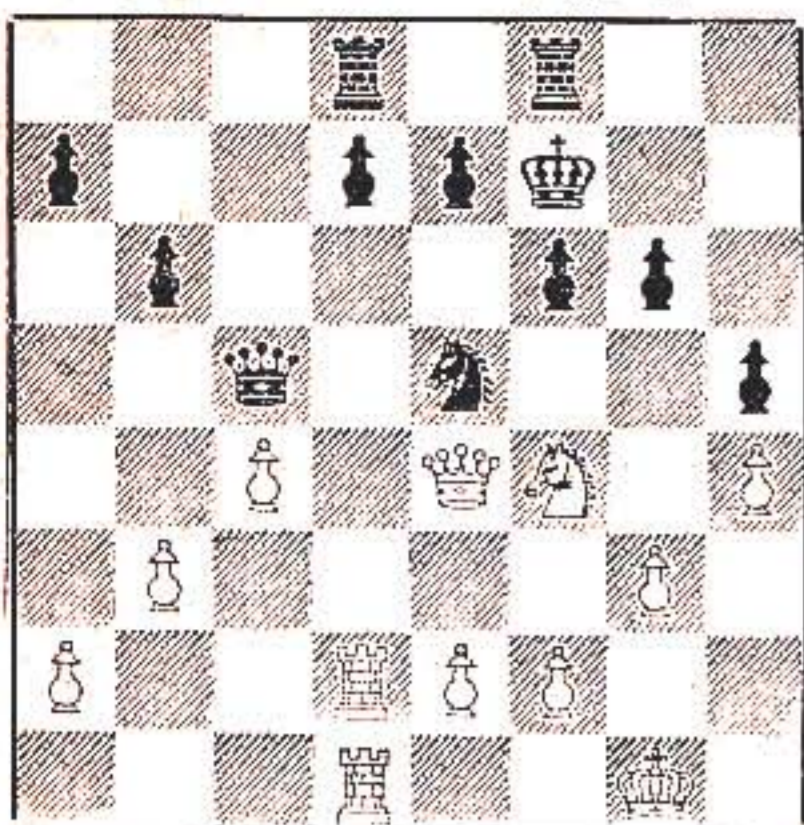
Blunder, for Q-B7 or N7 wins easily.

White resigns.

Editorial comment: We still don't know whether the "Fantastic!" label was pinned on this game by Master Collins or Master Brasket. It's some game, all right, although hardly reassuring to the Woodpushers, who now realize that it's not enough to outguess and outplay a master to the point where if he were playing another master he would resign—we have to dot the i and cross the t and administer mate before we can chalk up our win on the score-sheet.

LATEST FROM BOGOTA

Grandmaster Panno moved into 1st place when Bisguier lost his 5th round game to Cuellar of Colombia. Bisguier, with 4½-1½, is tied with Cuellar, Martin, and Najdorf, for 2nd place. Lombardy, with two won and four draws, is next.



White: BYRNE
Black: RESHEVSKY

24. Q-N7?
24. RxP wins a pawn by force. For if 24., RxR; 25. RxR, NxR; 26. QxNP mate. The best Black would have had after 24. RxP, would have been 24., P-B4; 25. Q-Q5ch, QxQ; 26. R(Q7)x Q, RxR; 27. RxR, R-B1 with some hope of holding the game.

24. P-R4
25. R-Q5 R-QN1
Saving the situation. 24., Q-B3; 25. QxQ wins a pawn; 24., Q-N5; 25. R-N5, Q-R6; 26. QxNP also wins a pawn.
26. Q-R6 Q-B3
27. P-B5 PxP
28. QxP
28. QxQ, NxP; 29. RxQP, KR-Q1 leads to very little. Also 28., PxQ; 29. RxP, R-QR1 or R-N4 maintains the balance.

28. P-Q3
29. Q-B3 Q-R3
Black's pawn position is stronger than White's.
30. Q-B2
Threatening RxN followed by QxNP mate.

IN SHREVEPORT IT'S NOEL

James S. Noel took the 1957 Championship of Shreveport, Louisiana, scoring 18½-3½ in a twelve-player double round robin. Second place went to last year's Champ, W. W. Crew, with a 17-5 score. USCF stalwart A. Wyatt Jones' 15-7 score required tie breaking points to place him in third place over Val Dimac, who also had 15-7. Other plus scores were those of Hugh Stevens (14-8), Mike Adkins (12½-9½), and Tom McElroy (12-10).

30. R-KN1
31. N-N2 P-B5
Forcing isolation of either the QRP or QNP.
32. R(Q5)-Q4 PxP
33. PxP Q-B3
34. Q-N1
Exchanging queens would have offered White better drawing chances, but White is still playing for an attack.
34. KR-QB1
35. N-K3 Q-N4
One pawn must go.
36. Q-K4 QxKP
37. K-N2 Q-N4
38. Q-B4
38. R-QN1 was better, but White was in time trouble.
38. Q-B3ch
39. P-B3 RxP
40. R(Q1)-Q2 Q-N2
41. N-Q5 K-N2
Resigns.

SWING THAT MUZIO!

Captain Luther Henry, a sophomore accounting major and star chess player at the University of Pittsburgh, has begun to swing all the way during his games. Players at the Metropolitan Pittsburgh Championship were speechless after Henry set up a tape recorder and listened to modern jazz over earphones during his games. According to the Captain, this will be a regular practice from now on. He claims that he can best get started in the opening to the tune of James Moody on the Sax. During the middle-game, Henry goes for Dave Brubeck followed by Jimmy Smith and his Hammond Organ in the end-game.

O'KELLY DE GALWAY WINS IN SPAIN

Count Alberic O'Kelly de Galway, the Belgian master, assumed one of his frequent giant-killing roles in a recent tournament at Tarragona, Spain. Winning his game with Grandmaster Rossolimo enabled him to top the field, undefeated, with seven wins and two draws, for a score of 8-1. Rossolimo was second with 7-2. Klaus Darga, the young German master, took third honors with 6½-2½, two full points above the two Spanish masters, J. M. Bas, and Juan Llado, who tied for fourth place with 4½-4½.

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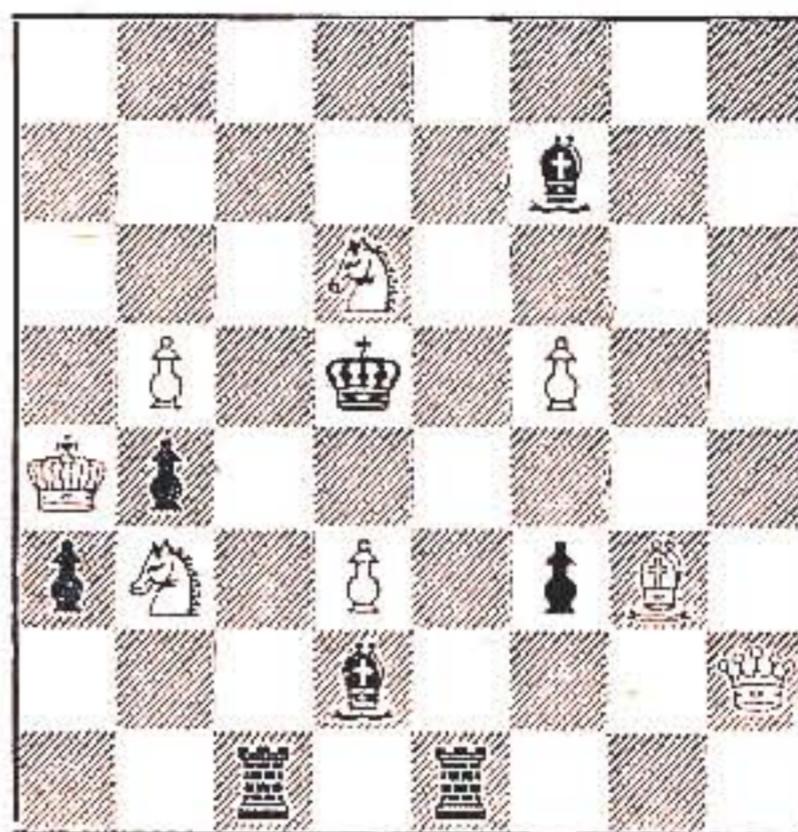
Mate The Subtle Way!

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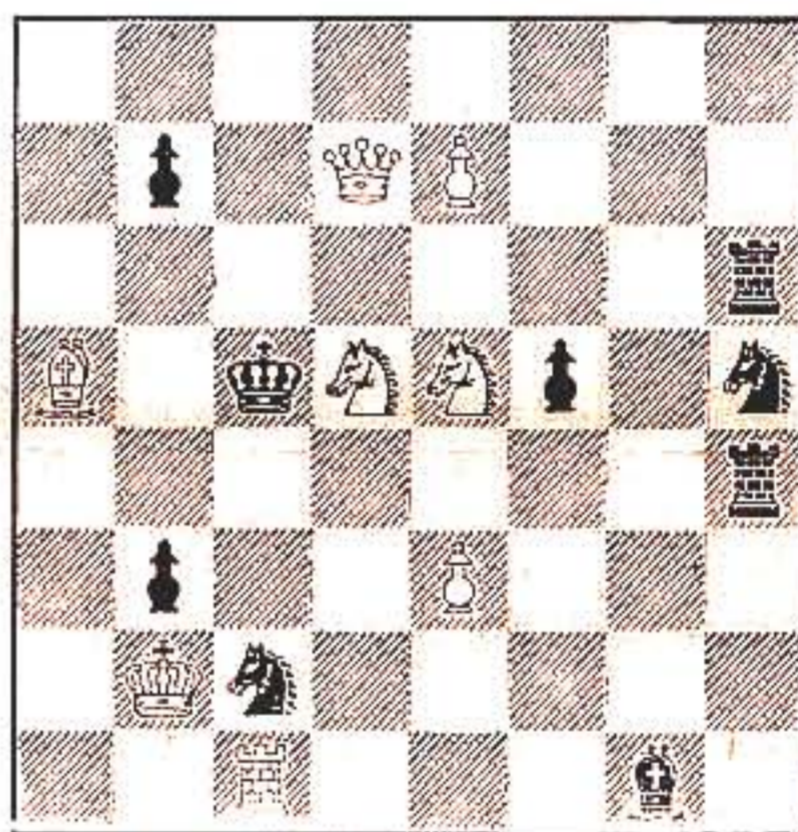
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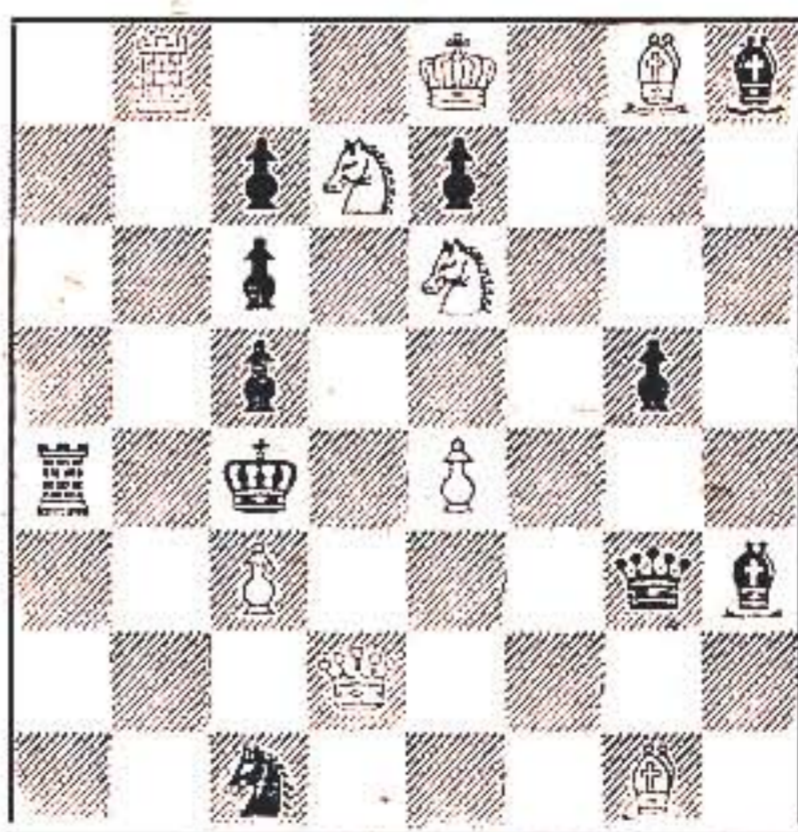
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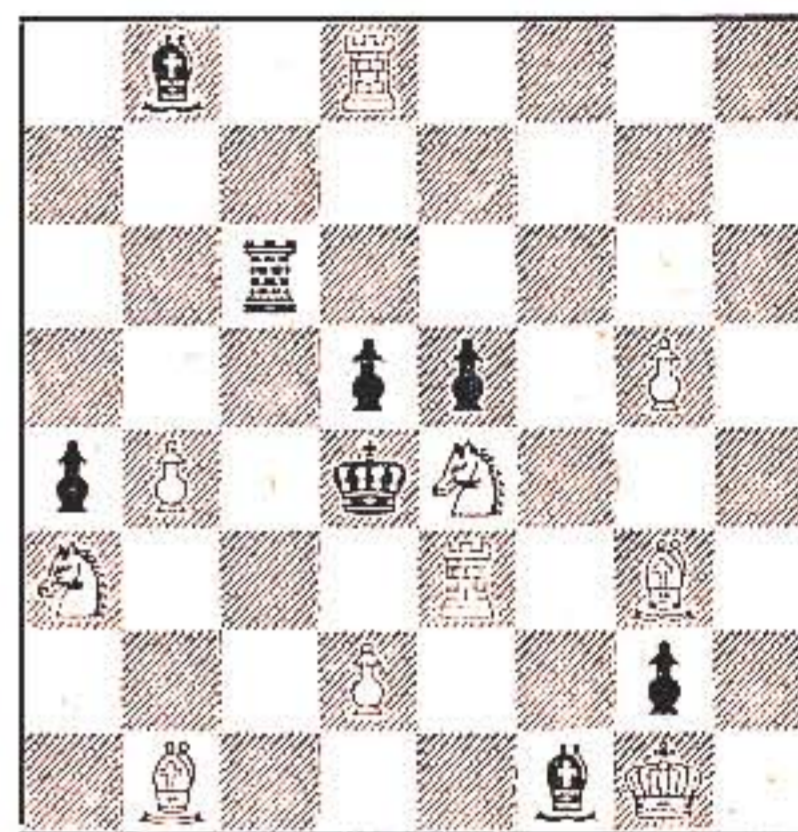
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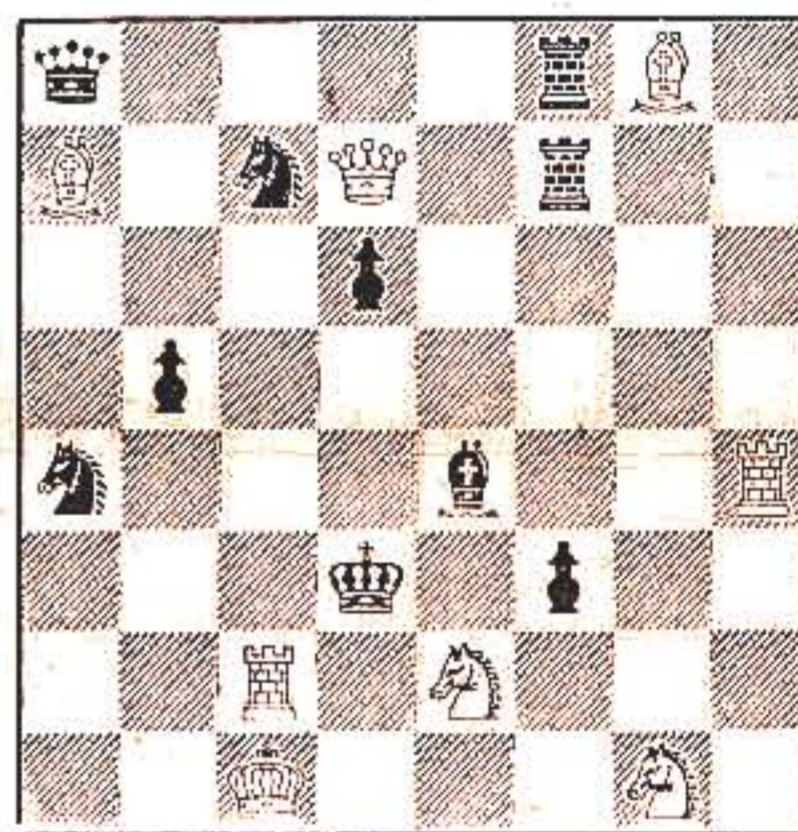
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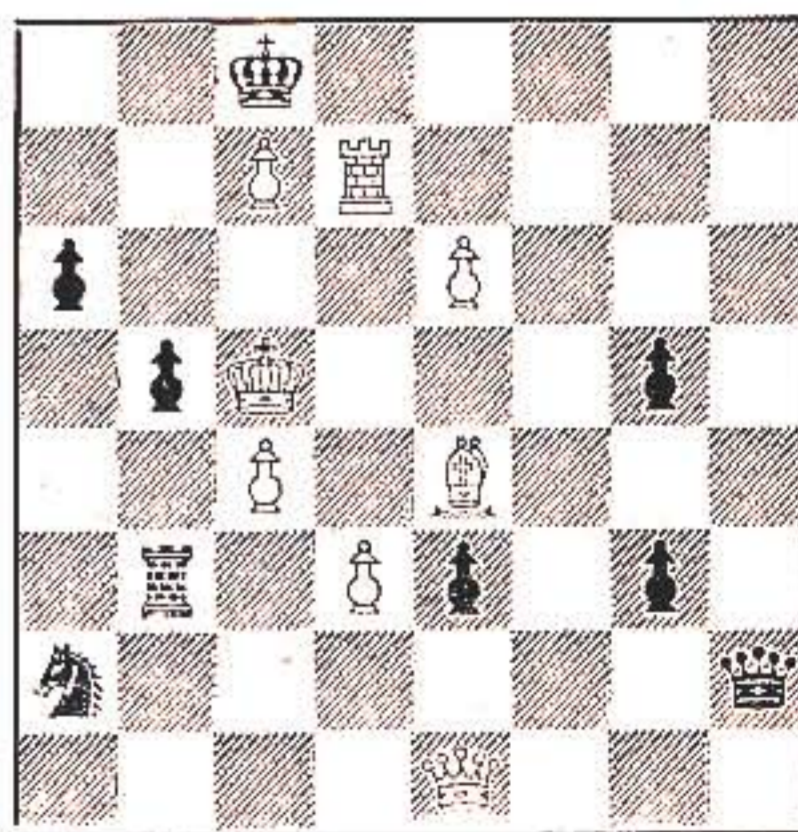
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Mate in three

Solutions to "Mate the Subtle Way."

The "Solvers' Ladder" will appear in the next column. No. 849 Haring: key 1. Q-QR8 waiting. No. 850 Preziosi: apparently after the kt-s moves 2. Q-R8 or 2. QxB mate. Try 1. NR4-N2-P-K4? Key 1. NB4-N2 threat 2. P-B3 mate. No. 851 Musante: key 1. Kt-K2 threat 2. QxN. 4 good tries do not work: 1. N-KB5-B-Q7? 1. N-B3-Q-Q3? 1. NxR(5)-N-N5? 1. NxR(3)-N-B2? Zagorujko theme combined with correctcoins. No. 852 Fox: key 1. K-B5 threat 2. K-N6 mate. No. 853 Petrovic: intention 1. Q-Bsq. with 2 threats: 2. N-N6 ch! and 2. Q-B5 ch! etc. This fine and complicated work contains Reciprocal Grimshaw interferences with good dual-avoidances, but unfortunately after 1., RxR, 2. PxR (Qu) there is no mate following B1's second move: 2., N-KR3?? Addition of a black P on this square would correct it. No. 854 Duff: key 1. B-Bsq. threatening 2. Q-KB5 ch! etc. 1., RK8-K3, 2. N-B6 ch! etc. 1., RR3-K3, 2. N-K7 ch! etc. 1., RK8-K7, 2. B-N2 ch! etc. 1., Q-K2, 2. R-K5 ch! etc. In all these 4 thematic variations the moves interfere with another black piece moving along the same lines. Plachutta interferences doubles! Going back: No. 838 Ravenscroft is cooked by 1. QxP. No. 841 Zappas is cooked by 1. N-Q6 and 1. N-QR5. Both Nos. 847 Eaton and 848 Fillery are cooked as most solvers pointed out. Double points are given to all!

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

TARTAKOWERS GLANZPARTIEN 1905-1930. Translated from the French by Rudolf Teschner. Berlin 35: Walter de Gruyter, Genthiner Strasse 13. 227 pp., numerous diags., DM 12.

ONE of the first discoveries of the beginner in chess history is the charm of Tartakover's personality. Editors and annotators unflinchingly mention his originality, his whimsicality, his endless inventiveness—and the liveliness of his company. Insiders may indeed know of hostilities comparable to the Alekhine-Capablanca feud, but these have never appeared in any account of Tartakover's play or his personal relationships with other masters. With his death chess apparently lost one of its most engaging artists. The anthologies of famous games always include some of his; and though his match and tournament record does not entitle him to rank with the Alekhines, the Capablancas, and the Laskers, he fought them all and at one time or another held his own or better with the finest. The German edition of his games, profusely annotated by Tartakover himself, merits the same praise bestowed upon the English edition in this column some months ago. The same delightful and instructive comments that made the English edition so valuable a record clarify and explain these 75 games, not one of which is dull or conventional. It is to be hoped that the Polish-French grandmaster completed the story from 1930 to the present before his death; for despite his decline from the status of world championship challenger (which he enjoyed in 1930), he played some wonderfully interesting games against the younger generation who learned hypermodernism from his books, his articles, and his games.

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Tournament Life

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February 28-March 2

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100% USCF rated event.

LARSEN 3 1/2-3 1/2 AT CITY TERRACE

International Grandmaster Bent Larsen took on 38 opponents simultaneously at the City Terrace Cultural Center Chess Club in Los Angeles recently. After three hours and ten minutes he had rolled up the impressive score above. He lost games to Ben Kakimi of the City Terrace Club; Mr. W. W. Hayes of Whittier, and champion of the Standard Oil Chess Club; and to Miss Clementine Drew of Hollywood. Morris Gordon, of the Steiner Chess Club, obtained the lone draw.

Solutions

Solutions to Finish It the Clever Way:

Position No. 217: 1. K-B8, P-N4; 2. K-Q7!, P-N5; 3. K-Q6, B-B4; 4. K-K5, B moves and 5. K-Q4 draws.

Position No. 218: 1. R-R7ch, K-N1; 2. R(B)-N7ch, K-B1; 3. RxQRP, K-N1 (to avoid mate by either rook) 4. (R(KR1)-N7ch, K-R1 (if), K-B1 5. (R(N)-B7ch, RxR; 6. Q-R8 mate) 5. R(N)-KB7! and either mates or wins Black Rook on B3.

Solution To What's The Best Move?

Position No. 222

Kotov-Ragozin, Moscow 1949

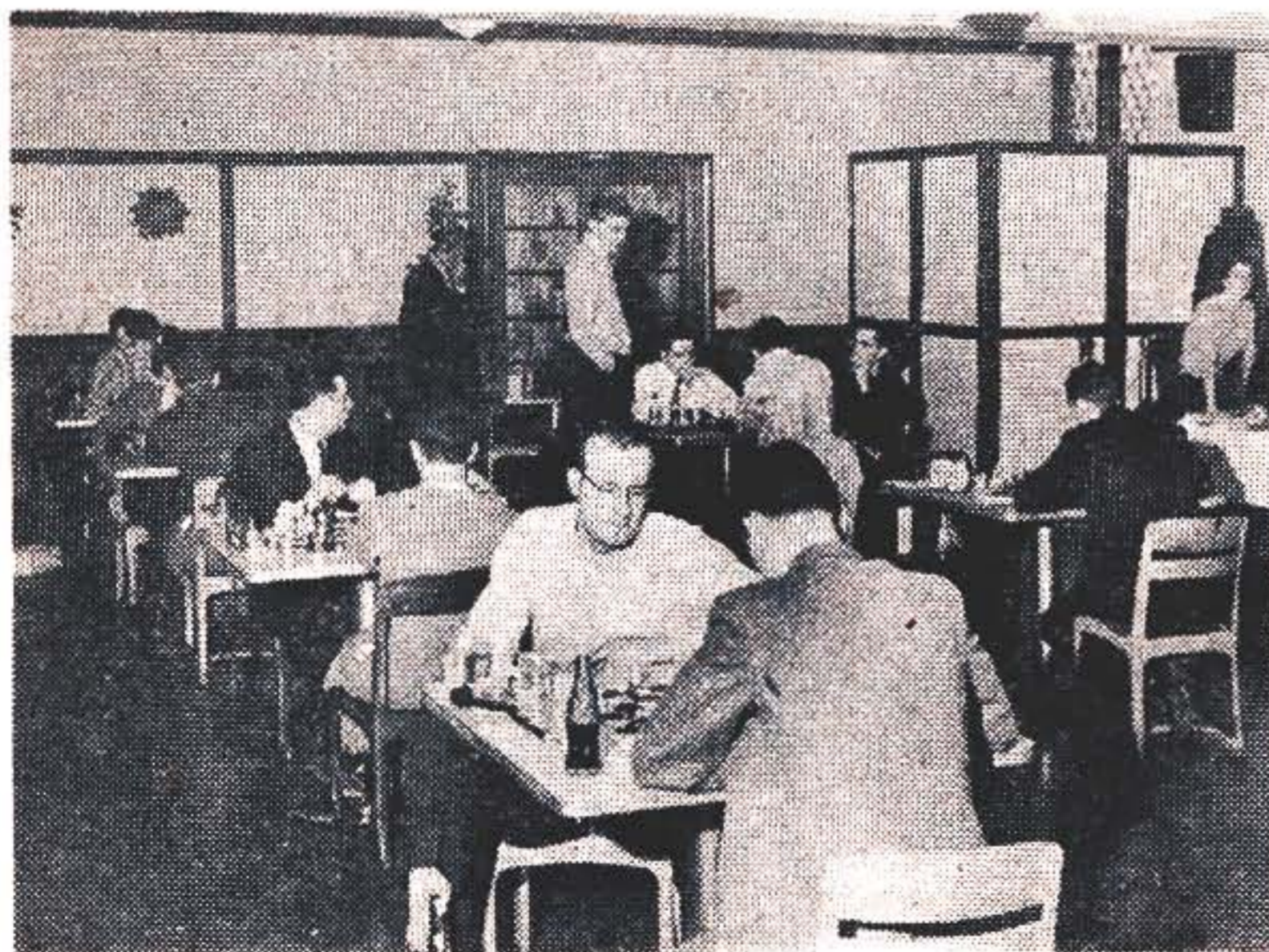
Kotov, and most of our solvers, concluded neatly with 1. R(Bsq.)xN!, BxR; 2. RxPch, K-R3 (if K-Rsq; 3. B-R7 and there is no satisfactory defense against the threatened mate); 3. P-B4!, QxPch; 4. K-R2, QxN; 5. BPxQ, and Black resigned.

The try by 1. BxP, QxRch; 2. K-R2 is met by 2., Q-R6. Both 1. R-QB5, NxN; 2. PxN, KxB; and 1. R-Nsq, NxN; lead to winning positions for Black.

Correct solutions are acknowledged from: Phillip Albert, Forrest Athey Jr., Robin Ault, James E. Barry, M. D. Blumenthal, Abel R. Bomberault, Marshall E. Brooks, Bill Bundick, Curtin, Thomas W. Cusick, Jesse Davis, Carl Dover, A. Dunne, Haig J. Eshow*, Steve P. Forster*, Ivan Frank, Charles W. Geertz, J. B. Germain, Richard Gibian, Edmund Godbold, Rea Hayes, John W. Horning, Vikton Ikauniks, John E. Ishkan, D. W. Johnson, Andy Kafko, Robert A. Karch, H. Kaye, C. C. Keffer*, Fred D. Knuppel, E. J. Korpanty, John Kreuger, Jack Matheson, Robert R. McIntyre, M. Milstein, Pete Muto, Ed Nash, George W. Payne, John A. Pranter, Herbert J. Roberts, Edmund Roman, George Ross, Frank C. Ruys, Barry R. Schimel, Max Schloeser, Richard C. Schneider, Ernest E. Schnoor, Barry Schuller, I. Schwartz, J. G. Scripps, Bob Steinmeyer, Walter Stellmacher, W. E. Stevens, Dave Taylor, George Tiera, Francis Trask, Hugh C. Underwood, Walter Unterberg, Gene Warren, Paul Wagner, Joe Weinger, William B. Wilson, Neil P. Witting, Robert Woodworth, Robert G. Wright*, and Robert L. Zing. We also received one correct but unsigned solution post-marked Center Moriches, N. Y.

The solvers defeat this position by 67-3.

*Welcome to new solvers.



Second round view of 1957 U. S. Intercollegiate Tournament at Gannon College, Erie, Pa. Standing (in dark suit) Kenneth Harkness, business manager of USCF; (in light sweater) Charles Kalme, tournament winner; (far right) Miss Eleanor Canonge, assistant director of tournament. (Photo Credit—Mort Rubin, Erie, Pa.)

The Old Woodpusher's Tip for Today

We have no doubt that the cry "Treason!" will be raised by some of our most devoted members and friends. The committee set up to investigate un-USCF activities will probably issue a subpoena as soon as this appears in print. We are, however, consecrated to the idea that anything which is good for American Chess is good for the USCF. We do not even claim to have exclusive or top-secret knowledge of what is good for American Chess, although we have a few ideas on the subject which we have been known to express after a short period of arm-twisting. How about these for starters?

Raising the level of our national playing strength to the point where we can successfully challenge the Russians for world supremacy; promoting chess among shut-ins, American soldiers in veterans' hospitals, etc.; more tournaments and matches; more chess facilities for youngsters; more encouragement for masters and grandmasters.

Worthy objectives, all, in our book. And now, our tip for the day: **AFTER YOU HAVE PAID YOUR USCF DUES, AND AFTER YOU HAVE SIGNED UP THAT NEW MEMBER FOR THE USCF, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ONE OF THE BEST BARGAINS IN CHESS CIRCLES AND BUY YOURSELF A LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN CHESS FOUNDATION, FROM WHOSE PROSPECTUS THE PROJECTS LISTED IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH WERE FILCHED.** The life membership fee is \$5.00, deductible for income tax purposes, and should be sent to American Chess Foundation, 1372 Broadway, New York City.

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