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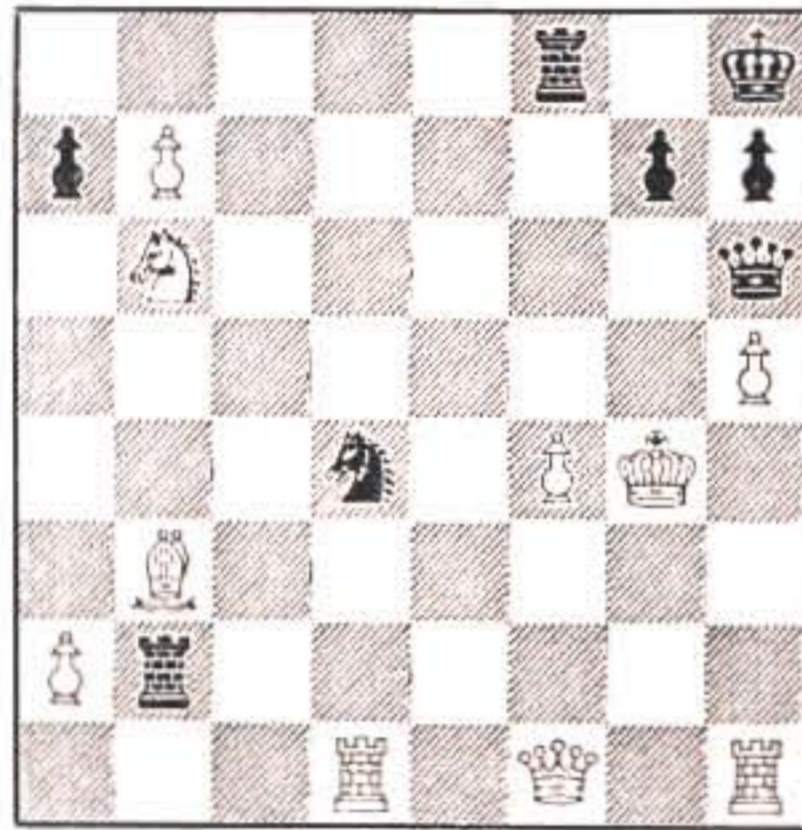
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Solution to Position No. 226 will appear in April 5 issue.

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Position No. 226



Black to play

ALLEN WINS SECOND TOURNAMENT IN ROW

John Allen of Independence, Mo. who won the Greater Kansas City Chess Championship on Dec. 24, was still in good form for the Christmas Holiday Tournament in Kansas City from Dec. 26-28 winning with a score of 5½-1½. Allen allowed three draws: to R. C. Parnell, Harry Hardy, and Charles Weldon. Alpen Murphy of Topeka, Kansas also had a score of 5½-1½ but finished lower because of less Solkoff points. Murphy lost to Allen and drew with Ralph L. Hall. Third to fifth with 4½-2½ were Harry Hardy of Kansas City, Kansas; Charles Weldon of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Jerry Arnold of Kansas City, Mo. Weldon was the highest ranking junior player in this event. Other prize winners were Robert Bartalos of Mission, Kansas; Morton Luebbert Jr., of Grain Valley, Mo.; Fred Glover of Raytown, Mo.; and Gary Labowitz of Kansas City, was the new "find" of the tournament. He reeled off 4 straight wins in the first 4 rounds before he was stopped by Allen in the fifth round.

JACKSON AND HENCIR DOMINATE MICHIGAN AMATEUR EVENT

Lawrence Jackson of Toledo, Ohio, scored 5½-½ to top the 42 entry First Annual Michigan Amateur Tournament in Lansing. Edward Hencir, with 5-1, was second, and as the Michigan player with highest score, won the title of Michigan Amateur Champion, and a year's custody of the Jerry Smith Memorial Trophy. Richard Jourdan, Don Napoli, and David Clark, each with 4½-1½, placed in this order through median point application.

The state's first amateur tournament, restricted to players either unrated, or below expert rating, was a great success, with some surprising results. While winner Jackson topped only two players with pre-tourney ratings higher than his 1921, Hencir, rated as a 1600 Class B player, finished ahead of twenty-three players who were rated higher than he. Don Napoli, 16-year-old from East Lansing, won the state junior amateur title, by finishing fourth, well ahead of the ten other junior players in the tournament, as well as several adults whose pre-tourney ratings surpassed his.

BOYLSTON CLUB LOSES VALUABLE MEMBER

Charles R. Acorn, well-known player and for many years President of the Boylston Chess Club of Boston, died at the age of 62 on January 17.

USCF BULLETIN BOARD

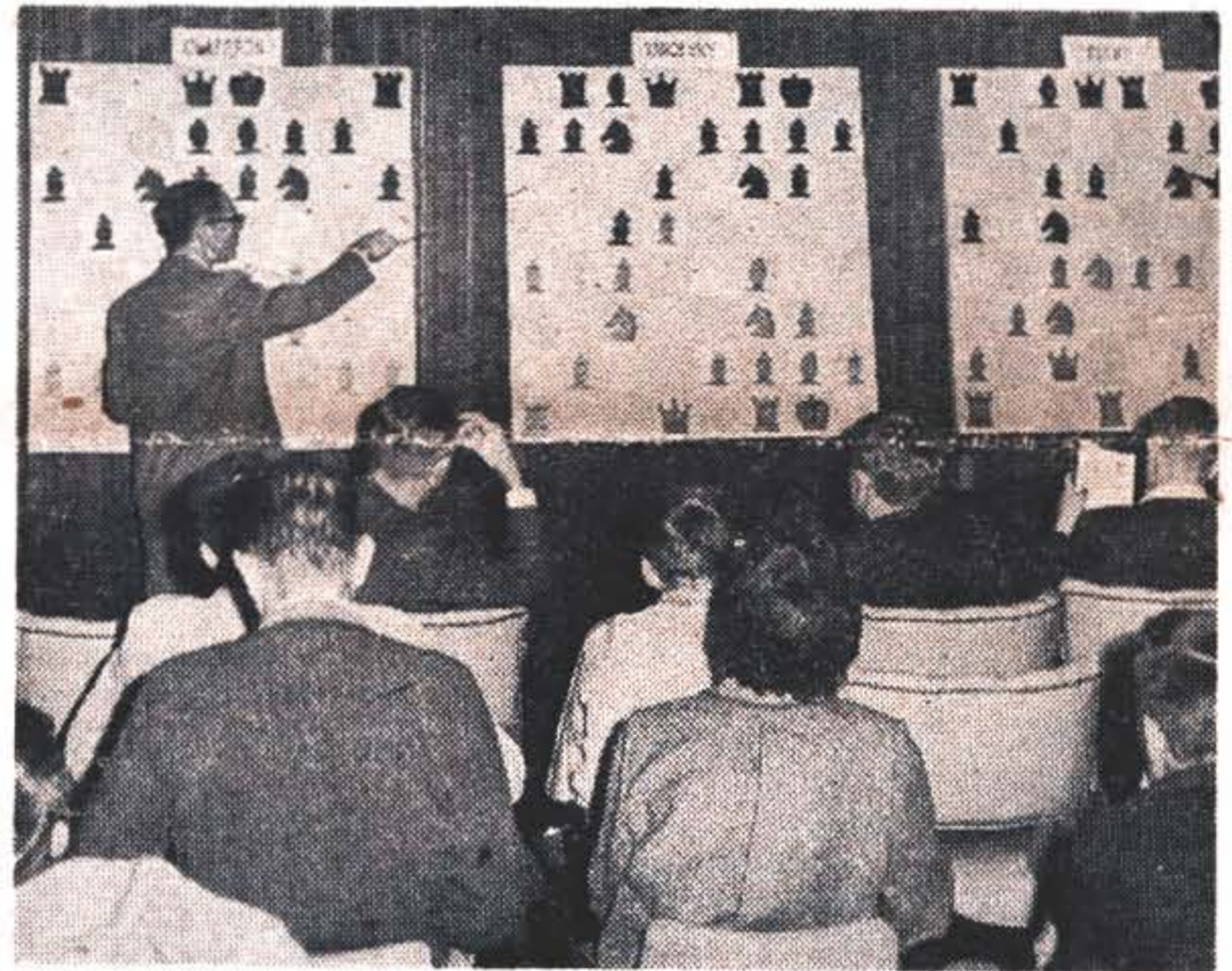
President Jerry Spann says, "I promise to get a new member every month in 1958. How about you, pal?"

His January convert was ACF President, Walter Fried; with an Oklahoma City banker lined up for February. Nice going Jerry!

Panno-Cuellar Leading In Tournament Of Americas

Grandmaster Oscar Panno of the Argentine holds a comfortable lead at the end of the 15th round of the Tournament of The Americas in Bogota, with 13-2. Miguell Cuellar of Colombia, whose only defeat came at the hands of Panno in the 1st round, justifies his recently awarded FIDE title of International Master, by occupying second place with 11½-2½, after winning from Bisguier and drawing with Lombardy, the two North American representatives, who occupy third and fourth places with 11-3, and 10½-3½, respectively.

Grandmaster Najdorf, with two adjourned games, including one with Bisguier which the experts believe will be drawn, is in fifth place with 10-3, closely followed by Pedro Martin of Argentina with 10-4, Antonio Medina of Venezuela with 9-4, and Luis Sanchez of Colombia with 9-5.



If he plays P-QR3—Grandmaster Isaac Kashdan tells interested fans what next move will probably be, and why. Dallas Master Kenneth Smith alternated with Kashdan in analysing games being played throughout the tournament—a service appreciated by the kibitzing fans. (Dallas International—1957).

BYLAND TAKES PITTSBURGH METRO

In a six round Swiss, played for the 1958 Pittsburgh Metropolitan Championship, USCF Director W. M. Byland conceded a single draw to finish 5½-½, a half-point above R. L. Bornholz, who also won five games, but who lost to Byland, Fred Foreman also finished 5-1, taking third place on tie-breaking points. S. C. Marshall was fourth with 4½-1½. The five players tied for fifth place with 4-2 were: K. A. Firfaroff, Luther Henry, Wayne Wagner, Alex Spitzer, and Dan Miscevic.

Dave Spiro, who won his first three games, drew with Byland in the fourth round, and lost to Bornholz and Marshall in the final rounds, led a group of eight players who finished with plus scoring of 3½-2½.

KAUSE WINS IN TOLEDO

Richard Kause of Garfield Heights, Ohio, and David Kerman of Detroit, Michigan, swept through the five round Swiss of the Glass City Open at Toledo, undefeated and untied. Sonnenberg-Berger points gave Kause the title, and placed Kerman second. Bozydar Pehnec of Elkhart, Indiana, finished third with 4½ points. George Kellner of Lima, Ohio, Morrie Wiedenbaum of Detroit, Tony Archipoff of Toledo, Richard Ling of Sayton, Ohio, and Lajos Szedlasek of Cleveland, tied with 4 points each, but were listed in the above order by tie-breaking points. Tony Archipoff, the only Toledo resident to finish in the first twenty, won the title of Toledo City Champion. Earl Mowery directed the 56 entry event which was sponsored and conducted by the Toledo YMCA Chess Club.

REVISED RATING REGULATIONS REVISED AGAIN!

USCF President Spann reports that the "anguishing" and rehashing has finally ended with two steps taken: (1) Minor modifications; (2) Postponement of effective date to May 1, 1958. The revised-revised regulations will be printed with clarification in March 5th issue of CHESS LIFE.

BOOST AMERICAN CHESS

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ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

Mastering the End Game

By WALTER KORN, Editor of MCO

ROOK VERSUS TWO PAWNS

With diagram 49 we are getting into a fascinating series of both artistic beauty and practical impact. The diagram is a replica of a study by Keidanski, (BCE No. 290, b).*

Fine's solution runs 1. R-B8!! P-K7; 2. R-Q8 ch, K-K5; 3. K-B4, K-K6 (or 3., K-B6; 4. R-K8, K-B7; 5. K-Q3); 4. R-K8 ch, K-Q7 (or 4., K-B7; 5. K-Q3, P-B6; 6. K-Q2); 5. R-Q8 ch, K-B7; 6. R-K8, P-B6; 7. R-K3! and Black cannot avoid perpetual check.

It should be noted that White has an alternative drawing line in 1. R-B5 ch! K-Q5 (or 1., K-K5; 2. K-B4! P-K7; 3. R-KB8); 2. R-B4 ch, K-Q6; 3. RxP, P-K7; 4. R-B3 ch, K-Q5; 5. R-B4 ch, K-Q4; 6. R-B8 etc., drawn. The lure of this alternative consists in White's threat of even winning the game after 1., K-K3? 2. R-B6 ch, K-K2? 3. R-B1, P-B6; 4. K-B4, P-B7; 5. K-Q3 etc. Our forthcoming examples will show some more of this theme of "walking along the fence." Footnote:*) Fine's Basic Chess Endings.

WHODUNIT?

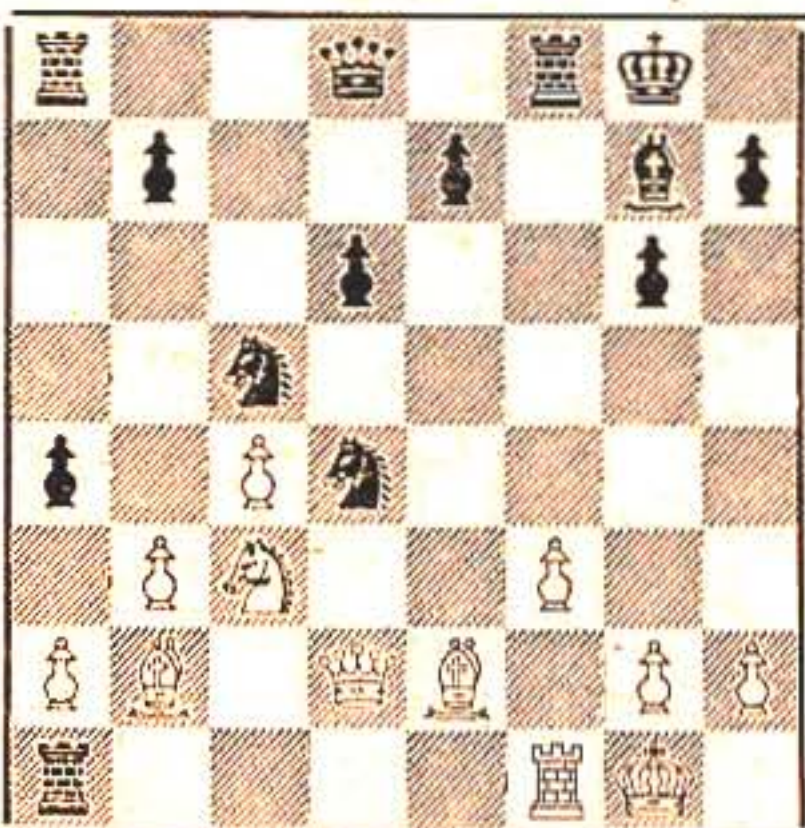
WHITE BLACK

International Grandmaster Thirteen-year-old

RETI OPENING

(Notes by Black)

1. N-KB3 N-KB3 2. P-B4 P-B4
I took a bit of time over this move as this was the first time I had given serious thought to this opening. Not knowing better, I copied White's move which may (and does) allow White to obtain a favorable variation of the Sicilian Defense.
3. P-Q4 PXP 5. N-QB3 P-KN3
4. NxP N-B3
Better would be 5., P-K3, as after 6. P-K4, B-N5 is quite satisfactory, and 6. NxN, QPxN; 7. QxQ ch, KxQ is very drawish.
6. P-K4 B-N2 7. N-B2
White has obtained one of the ideal positions against the Sicilian, as it is very difficult for Black to play P-Q4 or P-QN4, and these are the best chances Black has in the Sicilian of opening files for his rooks, particularly as long as White keeps the QB file valueless.
7. O-O 12. P-QN3 P-B4!
8. B-K2 P-Q3 13. PXP BXP
9. O-O N-Q2 14. B-N2 QBxN!
10. Q-Q2 N-B4 15. QxB N-Q5
11. P-B3 P-QR4 16. Q-Q2 P-R5!
17. NxP



White to move and draw

WEIDNER EDGES KIME IN RACINE

In a seven round Swiss for the Racine City Chess Championship, Jim Weidner clinched the title by a narrow margin after tie breaking points were applied to the 6-1 scores which he and Russ Kime had amassed during the tournament. Weidner's 6.0210 topped Kime's 6.0205 by just enough to place the latter in the runner-up position. Bernard Gill, with 4½-2½ was third, while Rudy Kunz, with 4-3, was fourth.

to the defense of the backward King pawn before advancing the passed pawn.

24. K-B2 27. Q-Q2 K-N1
25. R-K4 Q-QB1 28. P-KR3 R-KB4
26. QR-K1 Q-N2 29. R-K6 K-N2
Black nonchalantly bides his time until White gives up the idea of winning.
30. Q-Q4ch K-N1 32. Q-KR4 R-B7!
31. K-R2 R-B2
This abrupt counter brings White's previous manouvres to naught.
33. R(K6)-K2
On 33. RxKP, QxP gives Black an easy draw.
33. RxR 35. P-R4
34. RxR K-B1
White's only winning chance—but no win!
35. Q-Q4 40. R-R2 R-B4
36. Q-QN4 Q-QB4 41. P-R6 R-B1
37. QxQ PxQ 42. K-N3 P-B6
38. R-QB2 R-B4 43. P-R7
39. P-R5 P-B5
Hoping for 43., P-B7; 44. RxP!
43. R-R1 and Draw agreed.

WHAT'S THE SCORE?

Among the suggestions received upon which immediate action can be taken is one which came from several different points of the country: Run a box-score on Page 1 to show the readers how the drive for new members is progressing.

The figures, as released once a month by Business Manager Ken Harkness, will be printed in future issues of CHESS LIFE.

In order to give a fair basis for comparison, the first report (as of Dec. 31, 1957) is presented together with three previous ones.

USCF MEMBERSHIP

June 30/57—2072
Sept. 30/57—2164
Nov. 30/57—2233
Dec. 31/57—2340

The tireless and unselfish work of the members as mentioned in an editorial of this issue, justifies hope that the January report will show encouraging gains.

Chess Life In New York

By Aben Rudy

Adding yet another rung to his personal ladder of success, International Master Bill Lombardy made off with the First Brilliancy prize in the tournament for the U. S. Championship. The award, announced somewhat belatedly by Maurice J. Kasper, treasurer of the American Chess Foundation, was given in recognition of Lombardy's overwhelming last round victory against Samuel Reshevsky. This was the win which nailed down the championship for Bobby Fischer.

Fischer, not to be forgotten, captured the Second Brilliancy prize for his defeat of Jimmy Sherwin. Brooklyn's Herbert Seidman, no newcomer to brilliancy, took the third prize for his "creaming" of Grandmaster Bisguier.

In Brief: At the Marshall Chess Club a beginner, participating in his first tournament, was overheard to complain, "Whenever I win a peice or two my opponents resign." I wish I could make the same complaint!! . . . The eightieth anniversary of the Manhattan recently slipped by without so much as an official mention. . . Winter visitors to New York chess circles have included David Arganian of Wisconsin and James McCormick of Washington. McCormick, a strong expert, intends to make his permanent home here. . . Arthur Feuerstein's new svelte figure (he's lost forty pounds over the past few months) encouraged Erwin Sobin to comment, "He's so thin he could walk through a harp." . . . Although no New Yorker has seen hide nor hair of Fischer since he copped the U. S. title, Boston's David Ames claims he saw a small boy on the Staten Island Ferry carrying a placard: "Russia or Bust!" . . . I must immodestly report that M. J. Kasper's annual contest to pick the order of finish of those participating in the Rosenwald tourney was won by this observer. . . In explaining the reason so many blunders are made in master chess tournaments, David Lawner offered the excuse to end all excuses, "The players are all clock-eyed."

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

MCO: page 92, column 61 (bB)
Dallas International Tourney
Dallas, 1957

White	Black
L. SZABO (Hungary)	S. GLIGORIC (Yugoslavia)
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3	14. PXP PXP
2. P-QB4 P-KKt3	15. QxKP R-K1
3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt2	16. Q-Kt3 B-B4
4. P-K4 P-Q3	17. O-O Q-Kt3ch
5. B-K2 O-O	18. K-R1 BXP
6. P-B4 P-B4	19. KtXB RxBt
7. Kt-B3 PXP	20. RxP KXR
8. KtXP Kt-B3	21. Q-B3ch K-Kt1
9. B-K3 Kt-KKt5	22. QXR QXP
10. BxKt BxKt	23. P-QKt1 R-KB1
11. BxKB BxB	24. P-KR3 QxRP
12. Q-Q2 KtXB	25. Q-K6ch R-B2
13. QxKt P-K4	26. R-KB Resigns

LET'S SEND A U.S. TEAM TO MUNICH IN OCTOBER.

College Chess Life

Conducted by Frederick H. Kerr

All college clubs and players are urged to send news items to Frederick H. Kerr, Thompson Hall, Box 1185, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania.

The red hot University of Pennsylvania team less Kalme defeated Fordham 4-1. The Quakers also lead in both the championship and reserve sections of the Philadelphia Metropolitan League.

PENNSYLVANIA	FORDHAM	
Sobel	1	Saidy 0
Bross	½	V. Klessling ½
Cantor	½	Toth ½
Hazenfuss	1	T. Klessling 0
Kelly	1	Kawas 0

The Penn team used an evening student in the Fordham match. As regular readers realize, there has been a great deal of controversy about the proposal to open the United States Intercollegiate to graduate or part-time students. At the 1957 meeting of the ICLA Assembly, a resolution was passed setting up a special study committee to look into this problem. As ICLA president, I have appointed the following members of the Assembly to that committee: Eldon Mohler of Brigham Young University, Anthony Cantone of the Ogontz Undergraduate Center of Pennsylvania State University, and Virgil Rizzo of the University of Pittsburgh. Readers are invited to send their views to the committee chairman, Eldon Mohler, 255 East 6th North, Provo, Utah.

The first intercollegiate match ever held at Long Island University was with St. Peter's College of Jersey City. The Brooklyn team was victorious 4½-2½. On the first board, President A. Berkowitz of the LIU Club drew with K. McBride. Winners for LIU were A. Markowsky, N. Rubinstein, H. Fenson, and G. Seligman. The lone winner for St. Peter's was J. Clark.

Bloomington, Illinois, was the scene of a match between the University of Illinois and the Peoria Chess Club. The Illini won 9-2 with wins of Valdis Tums, Kazimieras Jakstas, Alan Clark, Eriks Leitis, Karl Simon, Eugene Radzimovsky, Bob Donahue, Howy Jackson, and Roland Cassata.

The annual Illini Club Championship was won by Valdis Tums with a score of 5½-½; he won 5 and drew with Kazimieras Jakstas who placed second. Jakstas with 5-1 also drew with Karl Simon. Third prize went to Alan Clarke with 4½-1½. The tournament attracted 32 players and was a 6-round Swiss.

Thanks to Sam Laird, chess columnist of the Camden Courier-Post. In addition to fine coverage in his column of the 1957 Intercollegiate, he printed many games from the event. Several of those games may reach print elsewhere, but the Philadelphia area players were able to see them first in the Laird column.



LARRY EVANS ON CHESS

By International Grandmaster LARRY EVANS

A LESSON IN PSYCHOLOGY

The two Bishops are an advantage in open positions. This is the axiom.

When your opponent has the two Bishops on an open board, he possesses an advantage. This is the myth.

That the Grandmaster as well as the Grandpatzer labors under this delusion is well illustrated in my game with Najdorf from the last round of the Dallas Tournament. Najdorf with Black seizes the initiative, but with a few indifferent moves allows me to construct the semblance of an attack. Najdorf chooses a defense which leads to full equality but relinquishes the two Bishops. The myth triumphs. Just as I am debating with myself whether to offer a draw, he errs. Why? Because in his own mind he believed his position to be inferior.

RETI OPENING (Barcza System)

Dallas International, 1957

White	Black
EVANS	NAJDORF

1. N-KB3	P-QB4
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Challenging White to enter the Sicilian with 2. P-K4. Having said "A" White says—

2. P-KN3	N-QB3
3. B-N2	P-KN3
4. O-O

This is White's last chance for 4. P-Q4, PXP; 5. NxP, B-N2—and now White must either exchange Knights or lose a tempo.

4.	B-N2
5. P-K4	P-Q3
6. P-B3	P-K4

To prevent 7. P-Q4.

7. P-Q3	N-R3
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Though not bad, this is artificial. 7., KN-K2 would accomplish the same end and free the KBP as well. As played in the game, this Knight moves four times to QB5 where it exchanges for a White Knight on QR3 which has moved but once!



This is a critical position, for when White enters this variation it is virtually forced. P-KB4 is Black's major threat after castling.

8. N-K1	O-O
9. P-KB4	PXP

This came somewhat as a surprise because it surrenders the center. I had expected P-B4 immediately.

10. BxP	N-KN5
11. N-R3	KN-K4
12. K-R1	Q-N3
13. Q-Q2	B-K3
14. N(1)-B2!	Q-R3

Najdorf played the previous moves briskly, confident of his advantage. But now it became apparent to him that Black has lost the fight for the center. The threat of P-Q4 forces him to re-group his pieces. Incidentally, 14., QxP? loses to 15. KR-N1.

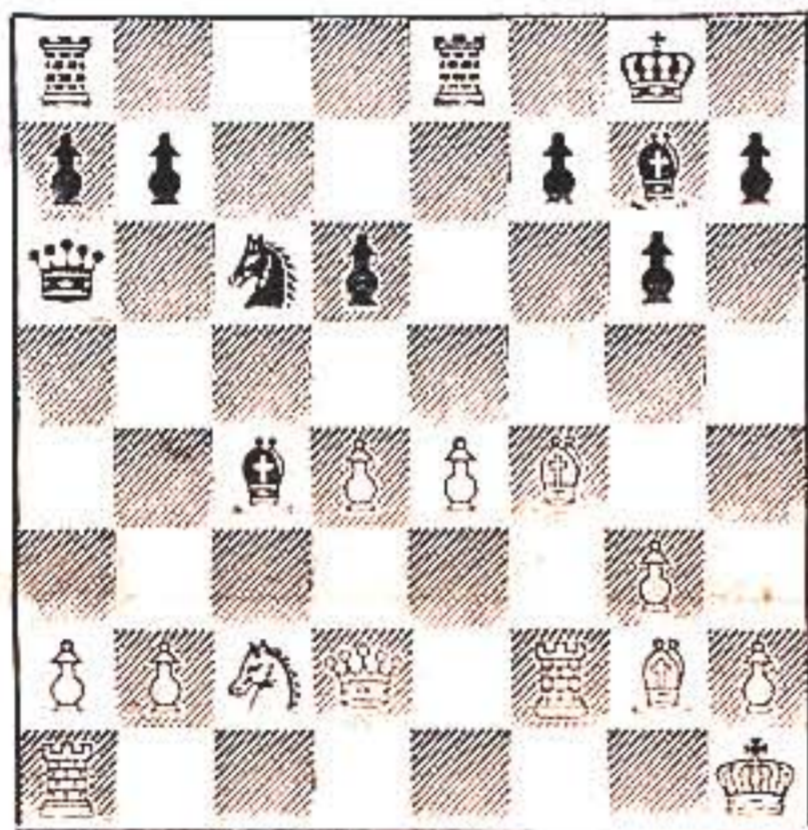
15. P-Q4
16. NxN	BxN
17. R-B2

A difficult decision. White can sacrifice the exchange with 17. BxP, KR-Q1; 18. PXP, BxR; 19. BxB, but after Q-R5 he lacks a forcing continuation. Theoretically, White has a hanging center and should reinforce it with his Rooks. Thus 17. KR-K1 is the logical

choice. However such a move is passive. White must try to make something of his pressure on the KB file. The text is played more on feeling than calculation.

17.	PxP
18. PXP	KR-K1

Active defense! Now 19. BxP loses to NxP. Black threatens B-Q6 winning a Pawn. White's position is quite difficult. What can he do?



Position after 18., KR-K1

19. B-R6!
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This is the bolt from the blue. Najdorf thought over 45 minutes on his reply. The main point is that 19., BxB; 20. QxB, B-Q6; 21. N-K3!, BxP; 22. N-N4 wins at least the exchange owing to the threat of N-B6 ch. What is most remarkable about White's 19th move is that it withdraws the Bishops from a seemingly important threat against Black's QP.

19.	Q-R4
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A sly defense whereby Black improves the position of his Queen by the threat to exchange. The only other important alternative was 19., B-R1—the move 3 out of 4 players, would make with little hesitation. There would follow 20. P-N3, B-Q6 (....., B-K3?); 21. P-Q5; 21. Q-B4, R-K2; 22. B-N5! (not 22. QxP, R-Q1), R-Q2; 23. B-R3 (even B-B6 is strong).

20. Q-B4
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The only move to maintain the pressure. This is the defense which relinquishes the two Bishops but leads to equality.

21. NxB	NxN
22. QxQP

In this position Black can play either N-B3 or N-K3 after which White has nothing. 22., Q-K4 is slightly inferior but also sufficient. I was just about to offer a draw when Najdorf quickly played—

22.	QR-Q1?
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The losing move. The only other try is 24., Q-K4 after which either 25. R-QB1, P-N3 or P-QN4 are all strong possibilities.

23. Q-KB6	Q-K4
24. B-N5!	QxQ
25. BxQ	R-Q3
26. R-Q1	N-B4
27. RxR	NxR
28. R-Q2!

Not so accurate is 28. P-K5, B-Q6!; 29. PxN (if 29. R-Q2, N-K5!); 30. RxB, N-B7 ch; 31. K-N1, NxR), R-K8 ch; 30. B-B1, BxB with a probable draw.

Now 28., NxP can be met with 29. BxN, RxB; 30. R-Q8 mate.

28.	N-B1
29. P-N3	B-K3
30. P-K5	P-N3
31. B-B6

Now we really see the power of two Bishops in full glory. Black is completely tied up and his Rook is hemmed in.

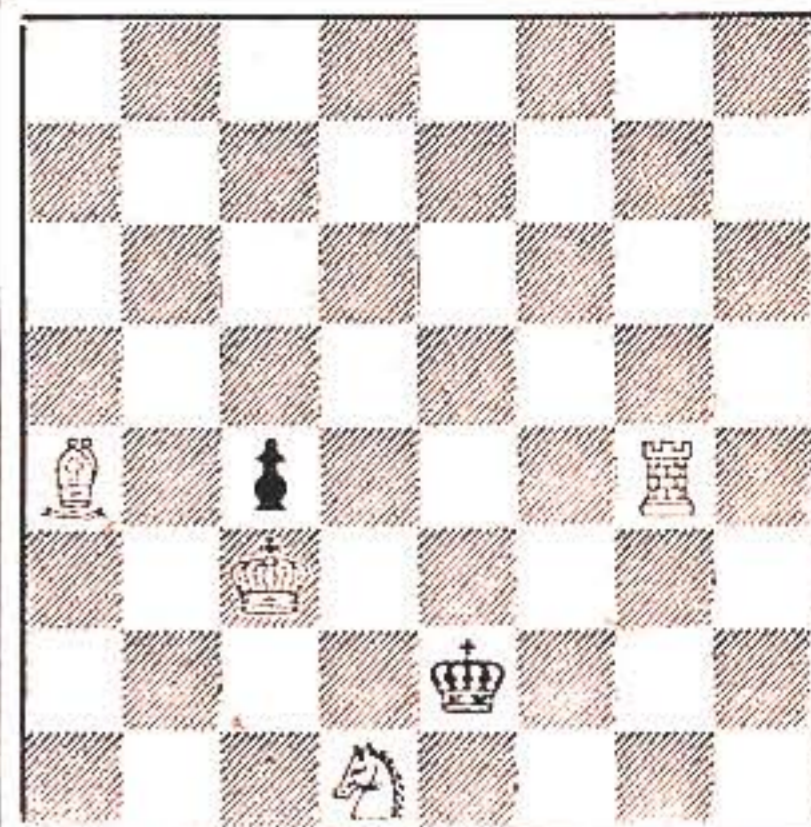
31.	R-B1
32. K-N2

The winning motif. White merely walks his King to the Q-side.

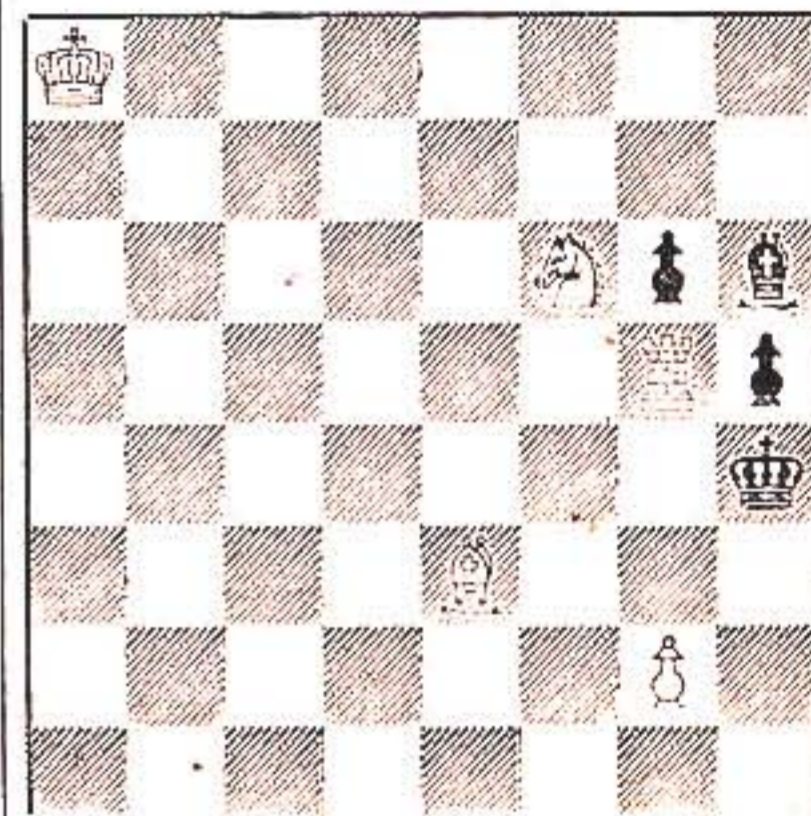
32.	P-KR3
33. K-B3	K-R2
34. B-Q7	Black Resigns

Najdorf has a distaste for losing positions and resigns them promptly, unlike Reshevsky, and this difference in temperament may account for a lot in results. Black's plight becomes quite evident in the following variation: 34., BxB; 35. RxB, K-N1 (the threat was P-K6); 36. K-K4 followed either by P-K6 or a march with the King to the Q-side. Black's Knight is totally passive in all variations. E.g., 36., R-K1; 37. P-QR4, K-B1; 38. K-Q5, N-K2 ch; 39. BxN ch, RxB; 40. RxR, KxR; 41. P-QN4, (or 41. K-B6, K-K3; 42. K-N7, KxP; 43. KxP, P-B4; 44. P-QN4, P-N4; 45. P-R5, PxP; 46. P-N5 and White queens with check first), K-Q2; 42. P-N5, P-KR4; 43. P-KR4 and Black is in zugzwang.

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Problem for Beginners by DOMINO
White to move and checkmate in 3 moves



Problem by Charles White of Sunbury
White to move and checkmate in 4

BEFORE YOUR TIME?

While browsing through the book-stalls of Paris' famous Left Bank about thirty years ago, we spotted a bound volume of CASSELL'S ILLUSTRATED FAMILY PAPER, a London publication, with the complete issues of 1857 and 1858. Although interested in the latest news from the Sepoy Mutiny, and in the scale drawing of the innards of the SS LEVIATHAN (later to become the GREAT EASTERN), it was not until we found that each weekly issue of the paper contained a chess column that the deal was made, and the crazy American millionaire went home with his seventy year old volume.

This addition to the family library was greeted with well-controlled enthusiasm on the part of Mrs. Wren, since its tattered and time-worn condition ("filthy" was her description) gave justifiable grounds for suspecting that between its covers one might find the germs of any disease which had scourged England or France since 1857. The book was, therefore, consigned to quarantine in a case containing World War I souvenirs—a case that remained in storage in various attics, cellars, and warehouses until very recently. Now that the period of incubation for most disease germs has presumably run out (Correction, please, Dr. Hornstein, if we're wrong!) we have been spending some time with this interesting volume. It is simply terrific in its educational scope, and we'll venture a wager that no monthly magazine today, regardless of price, gives its readers such a variety of fiction, non-fiction, and helpful information, as that 15 page weekly of 100 years ago. And—in the upper right-hand corner—appears the price-tag, "Price One Penny."

A close scrutiny of all the chess columns fails to disclose the name of the author or editor. The column usually consists of two diagrammed problems, the answers to two or three previously-published problems, answers to individuals who have asked questions on chess, and an occasional game. The favorite problem composers seem to have been R. B. Wormald, Charles White, W. Greenwood, William Airey, Henry Turton, and pseudonyms Mona and Domino. The problems are mostly four-movers, with some of three and many of five and more moves.

The players whose games most often appear are Wormald, Pindar, Rainger, C. F. Smith, Cadman, and some ringer who played under the name of "Alpha." Although Staunton and Harrwitz are mentioned once or twice, none of their games appear, and, although he must have been making chess history in England in 1858, there is not a single reference to Morphy.

Your editor is not a problem expert, and the samples about to be presented are probably puerile to the Nth degree. After failing to solve either of them, we thought that you might like to see what was published almost exactly 100 years ago, one as a problem for beginners, and the other presumably for a more advanced class of solvers. So here they are, from CASSELL'S ILLUSTRATED FAMILY PAPER of Saturday, January 23, 1858. (See above—right).

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We Can't Miss!

In CHESS LIFE of April 20, 1947 there appeared a list of members who had won prizes in an intensive membership drive in February, 1947, which had been designated as "National Chess Month." The late Herman Steiner of Los Angeles topped the field by signing up sixty-seven new members during that month. The numbers signed by Antonio Balducci of South Fallsburg, N.Y., and John L. Costello, Jr., of Hummelstown, Pa., were not reported, but they took second and third places, respectively. Sixteen members received prizes for having signed three new members each; eleven members signed between five and ten each; while another eleven enrolled ten or more new members. Thus, forty-one members personally accounted for more than three hundred new members in one short month. When we think of the singletons and doubles which didn't make the prize list, but which must have been scored by dozens of members, if not by hundreds, we realize that they really had a nice month exactly eleven years ago.

But let's not get an inferiority complex. We have some members who are making every day, CHESS DAY; every month, CHESS MONTH. From your President, who has pledged a-new-member-a-month through 1958, down to the correspondence player who writes that he thinks he can sign an opponent in another state, they are working. David ReVeal of Springfield, Ill., promises to sign five new members in 1958. R. B. Hayes founds a new affiliate at the University of Cincinnati, with fifteen individual and one family membership applications. With membership, and CHESS LIFE circulation, at all-time highs, and with public interest in chess growing daily, we can't miss.

Correction, Please!

In the January 20 issue of CHESS LIFE it was reported that Bisquier gave Kramer his queen as a Christmas present, in their tenth-round game in the U. S. Championship tournament. Several have written to inform us that these two players did not meet in the tenth round; that when they did meet, Bisquier won from Kramer; and that Turner was the recipient of Bisquier's tenth-round gift. Among those who wrote was our reporter, Aben Rudy, who says, "Yipes—did I goof! It was Abe Turner who won by a 'queen snatch.' I'm very sorry for any trouble this may cause." We are sorry, too, and we hereby apologize to Masters Turner, Bisquier, and Kramer, for any embarrassment which may have been caused by this reportorial "goof."

The following report on the 1957 U. S. Women's Chess Championship Tournament in Los Angeles was received from Mrs. Lena Grumette, who posted a respectable 6-5 score:

A woman's tournament is always a thrilling experience. Aside from the encouraging indication of the growing importance of women's chess, it provides an intriguing atmosphere of suspense and inconsistency, like the blend of French perfume and Virginia tobacco that pervades the playing room, or the incongruity of a group of women and complete silence. In such a hush of silence, so perfect you could have heard a pawn drop, an exciting battle was being waged. Champion Gisella K. Gresser was defending her title against strong competition.

Though it was a neck and neck struggle from beginning to end between Mrs. Gresser and Mrs. Sonja Graf Stevenson, U. S. Women's Open Champion, the final outcome was still problematical when the midway point was reached. Mrs. Kathryn Slater of New York and Mrs. Eva Aronson of Chicago running uncomfortably close seconds. However, Miss Mona M. Karff of New York, who had lost to Mrs. Gresser in an earlier round and thus appeared out of the running for one of the top places, bravely made up lost ground, gaining third place, by defeating Mrs. Stevenson, a game for which she was awarded best-played-game prize.

The surprise of the event was Mrs. Nancy McLeod of San Francisco, a newcomer to national tournament chess. She played fine chess throughout, being held back only by inexperience. She will bear watching. Miss Lucille Kellner of Detroit, and Mrs. Mary Selensky of Philadelphia, both played better chess than their scores indicate, unfortunately losing won games through outright blunders. But, as they say in the trade, it's the point that counts. Mrs. Selensky vindicated herself by being awarded the special brilliancy prize for her win against Mrs. Aronson.

Our hats off to three stalwart players, Mrs. Olga Higgins of Santa Barbara, Mrs. Mildred Morrell of Haddenfield and Mrs. Lenore Simon of Los Angeles, for the splendid fight they put up against very tough competition, giving even the top-notchers some rather bad moments. Yours truly played her usual brand of chess, finishing in the middle.

The co-champions Mrs. Gresser and Mrs. Stevenson, qualified to represent the U.S.A. in the Women's World Championship Tourney in Holland next year.

The tournament committee and the players extend their thanks and appreciation to Mr. Isaac Kashdan, official tournament director, and to his aides, for their generous cooperation.

On behalf of the players, I also express deep gratitude to Mrs. Jacqueline Piatigorsky, chairman of the committee, and to her able assistants, Mrs. Edythe Langdon, Mr. George Goehler, Mr. Irving Rivise, and Mrs. Selma Steiner.

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ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash in Manufacturers Trust Company	\$ 438.01
Petty Cash Fund—New York Office	50.00
Petty Cash Fund—Chicago	50.00
Accounts Receivable	312.73
Merchandise Inventory (submitted by management) ..	1,412.70
Supplies Inventory (submitted by management)	517.75
	\$ 2,781.19
OTHER ASSETS	
Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 317.20
Less Reserve for depreciation	75.53
	\$ 241.67
Security Deposits	115.00
Prepaid Expenses	610.31
	966.98
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,748.17
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,882.00
Accounts Payable—Telegraph-Herald	2,407.59
Accrued Expenses Payable	387.23
Taxes Payable	162.95
	\$ 4,839.77
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 4,839.77
NET WORTH	
DEFICIT—JULY 1, 1957	\$ (2,107.00)
Less—Donation by Frank Graves and A. Wyatt	
Jones of loans originally payable to them	\$ 550.00
—Net Income for the Six Months Ended December	
31, 1957	465.40
	1,015.40
	\$ (1,091.60)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH	\$ 3,748.17

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1957

INCOME FROM SALES	
Sales of Merchandise	\$ 6,203.64
Less—Cost of Sales:	
Inventory—July 1, 1957	\$ 1,859.94
Purchases	4,044.63
	\$ 5,704.57
Less—Inventory—December 31, 1957	1,412.70
	\$ 4,291.87
GROSS PROFIT ON SALES	\$ 1,911.77
OTHER INCOME	
Earmarked Donations	231.64
Individual Membership Dues	5,680.84
Affiliation and Club Dues	673.00
Chess Life Subscriptions (non-members)	848.50
Rating Fees	529.70
Income from Tournament Fees	1,180.82
General Donations	37.18
Chess Life Advertising	22.80
Commissions on Foreign Magazine Subscriptions	15.70
	\$11,131.95
TOTAL INCOME	
EXPENSES	
Publication of Chess Life:	
Printing and Mailing	\$ 2,897.51
Editorial Fees and Expenses	846.72
	\$ 3,744.23
Membership Promotion and Retention:	
Printing and Mailing	\$ 478.02
Advertising	622.31
	1,100.33
Selling and Shipping Expenses:	
Printing of Catalogs	\$ 403.36
Parcel Post and Freight	252.99
Shipping Supplies and Expense	318.55
	974.90
Inventory of Supplies	
July 1, 1957	\$ 440.20
Less Inventory, Dec. 31, 1957	517.75
	(77.55)
Administrative Expenses:	
Printing and Mailing	\$ 155.50
Miscellaneous	216.40
	371.90
Business Manager's Commissions	1,754.87
Tournament Expenses	510.57
F.I.D.E. Dues and Entry Fees	470.18
Statistician's Commissions on Rating Fees	264.85
Rent	660.00
Stationery and Office Supplies	112.99
Travel Expense	169.20
General Postage	145.58
Telephone and Telegraph	72.77
Accounting	125.00
Taxes	48.22
Miscellaneous Expense and Bank Charges	218.51
	\$10,666.55
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,666.55
NET INCOME FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DEC.	
31, 1957	\$ 465.40

Ralph Rosenblatt
Certified Public Accountant
New York, N.Y.

We Have Deadlines, Too

We sometimes get a request to print notice of a coming chess event with so little advance notice that it is absolutely impossible to get the printed item in the hands of the members before the event will have been completed. So please send your notices for the Tournament Life column as early as possible—at least six weeks before the starting date of your event, if you are writing for announcement forms, and four weeks if you use the forms.

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*Solution To
What's The Best Move?*

Position No. 223

Heinicke-Geller, Helsinki, 1952
Geller played 1., NxP! Heinicke, seeing that on 2. PxN, R-B6!! he could not meet the threat of 3., B-N5, tried 2. QxN. The forced continuation was 2., B-B4; 3. Q-N4, BxR; 4. RxB, R-B7; 5. Q-Ksq (if B-N6 or R7, RXPch forces mate), RxB; 6. QxR, QxR. Now Black has won both a pawn and the exchange without giving up his attack. The concluding moves were 7. N-Q3, B-Qsq; 8. Q-K2, B-N3; 9. N-B2, Q-N3; and Heinicke resigned.

By 1., N-R5 Black can win an exchange, but we cannot accept this as a second "best move" because it allows White considerable counterplay. After 2. R-N7, N-B6; 3. Q-N2, our solvers suggested a variety of continuations, none of which we find to be wholly convincing. Examples are 3., NxP; 4. RxB, and 3., B-KR5; 4. B-B7, and 3., N-Q8; 4. Q-K2. Best seems 3., NxR; 4. RxB with a long hard struggle ahead.

"Slower" tries such as 1., B-KR5 can be met by 2. BxN and 3. B-N2.

Most solutions received giving 1., NxP as the "best move" have not included adequate supporting analysis. The main point in this position is the refutation of 2. PxN by 2., R-B6. Solvers who missed this point are being awarded only half credit.

On this basis, the following receive 1 point: Abel R. Bomberault, Ed Gault, Edmund Godbold, Fred Knuppel, and John A. Pranter. 1/2 point goes to: M. D. Blumenthal, K. A. Czerniecki, Donald C. Hills, Robert McIntyre, John Ralston*, Edmund Roman, Frank C. Ruys, Ernest E. Schnoor, I. Schwartz, W. E. Stevens, Francis Trask, Hugh C. Underwood, Joe Weininger, and William B. Wilson.

To our surprise, Position No. 223 outpoints the solvers 29-12.

*Welcome to new solver.

Correction in Position 225, as given in Feb. 5 issue: Place additional black pawn at White QB4. Regret error, and will allow extra two weeks for solvers.

Tournament Life

Send to CHESS LIFE, Gove House, Perry Maine, for application form for announcing tournament in this column.

Unless otherwise specified, all tournaments announced in this column are 100% USCF rated. Rating fees, if any, are included in specified entry fee; no additional rating fee for non-members USCF.

March 2-March 30

Connecticut Individual Championship Tournament

Restricted to members of Connecticut chess clubs, and residents of the state. Six round Swiss; Rds. 1 and 2 at Hotel Bond, Hartford, Sunday, March 2. Rds. 3 and 4 at Student Union Building, Univ. of Conn., Storrs, Sunday, March 16; Rds. 5 and 6 at YMCA, 52 Howe St., New Haven, Sunday, March 30; Rds. begin at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Classes A and B. Entry fee \$4.00 for USCF members; \$8.00 for non-members; \$1.00 of entry fee returned to each entrant completing six games. Prizes: guaranteed \$30 minimum for Class A, plus one-year custody trophy, plus State title for year; Class B prizes determined by entry fees. Time limit for play: 40 moves in two hours, games to be played to finish. Bring own sets, boards, and clocks. Send entry with fee to T. R. Putsche, Treas. Conn. State Chess Ass'n., 27 Lexington Road, West Hartford, before 9 a.m. March 2, 1958.

March 1-2 and 8-9

1958 Chicago City Championship

Restricted to residents of Chicago and suburbs in Illinois. 8 Rd. Swiss; played at Ukrainian Sports Club, 2410 W. Chicago Ave.; two rounds at 1 and 7 p.m. on March 1-2 and 9; entry fee \$9.00 plus \$5.00 if not USCF member; prizes \$100 minimum for first; cash prizes from guaranteed minimum fund of \$250 for second and third places, and for each player scoring 5 1/2 points or more; time limit for play; 45 moves in 2 hours, 12 moves an hour afterwards; tourn. director, E. Gutmanis; Entries and inquiries to E. W. Buerger, 2119 Parkview Court, Wilmette, Ill.

March 30-31, April 1-2

Cleveland Junior Open

Open to players under 21; Swiss, 8 rds; 45 moves in 2 hrs: played two rds. per day on March 30-31 and April 1-2; at Cleveland Chess Center, 1610 Euclid Ave. Entry fee \$2.00 plus rating fee; 1st prize guaranteed \$50; other cash and book prizes; Cleveland Junior title, with special trophy to resident of Cleveland finishing highest in final score; tourn. director, Richard Kause; entries and inquiries to Richard Hollenbaugh, Cuyahoga Savings and Loan, 920 Prospect, Cleveland, Ohio.

May 30 to June 1

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The Old Woodpusher's Tip For Today

In the three issues of CHESS LIFE in which this column has appeared, it seems to have clicked with the readers. Several have written to say that they have followed, or are following, the tip and have thanked us for it. A larger number of readers have tried to buy space in the column to advertise their products. In order to avoid misunderstanding and useless correspondence this statement of column policy is necessary. *The views expressed herein are the personal views of your editor. They may, or may not, coincide with those of any member or official of the USCF. The opinions and recommendations and advice are written only with the thought that they may be of benefit to the readers—they are not for sale.*

A few weeks ago we received a letter from a man in Lewiston, Maine, asking us to recommend a few books which would help his four children learn to play chess. There was never any doubt or hesitation about our recommendation for a beginner's text, AN INVITATION TO CHESS, by Harkness and Chernev. Since author Harkness is now Business Manager of the USCF, we forestalled a possible accusation of collusion by sending with our recommendation a tear-sheet from CHESS REVIEW, March, 1948, in which our article on chess books contained a similar stamp of approval for this fine book.

A little later we had a chance to examine briefly Irving Chernev's new book, LOGICAL CHESS, MOVE BY MOVE. This book is a goldmine for the average player, from Class C up to Class A. As indicated by the title, each move is explained. If, like your editor, you have puzzled over the unannotated move in a master game, wondering why White played his knight from KB3 to K1, rather than grabbing the unprotected pawn at K5, this book is for you. Here, then, are the Tips for today: If you are learning to play, or teaching someone, you can't beat AN INVITATION TO CHESS as a textbook. If you wish to improve your game by understanding the reasons behind the masters' every move in 33 well-chosen games, try LOGICAL CHESS, MOVE BY MOVE. (Both available from USCF Business Department.)

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Since the list of National Chess Ratings for 1957 is scheduled for publication in the March 5 issue of CHESS LIFE, and since we are still receiving reports and rating applications for tournaments as far back as July, 1957, it is obvious that some of the players in those events are going to be disappointed when they search for their names in the list.

It is almost unbelievable that tournament organizers can work so hard obtaining advance publicity for their events, and knock themselves out with work and worry in attempts to run them off smoothly, only to forget to report them until months later. But they do, and if you do not find your name on the rating list, after having played in a rated event in 1957, it may well be that the official responsible for reporting the event and applying for ratings for its players, has cause to exclaim, in the immortal words of Aben Rudy, "Yipes! Did I goof?"

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