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# What's The Best Move?

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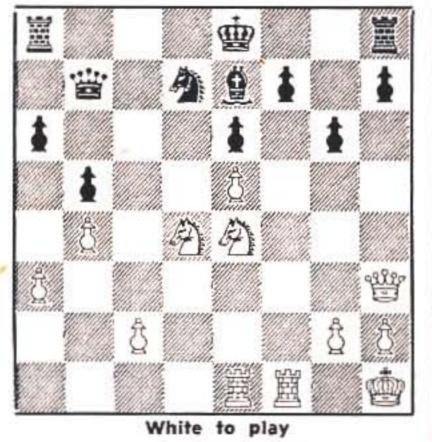
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Solution to Position No. 228 will appear in May 5 issue.

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### Steinmeyer Tops St. Louis Club Annual

Bob Steinmeyer went undefeated through a seven round Swiss sponsored by the St. Louis Chess Club over a two month schedule. Conceding draws to Hardy and Burton, who finished fourth and seventh, respectively, he won from Ragan and Define, the two runnersup, to finish a half point above them with 6-1. Ragan and Define drew their individual game, and they tied for second and third places with game scores of 5½-1½, but median points gave the top spot to Ragan. Hardy took fourth place with 41/2-2½. A four-way tie for fifth to eighth places with scores of 4-3, was broken in the following order: Alpiser, (18 med.); Darrough, (17 med.—24½ Solk.); Burton, (17 med.—24 Solk.); Smith, (121/2 med.)



## Berliner D. C. Rapids Champ

Hans Berliner celebrated Washington's Birthday by making a clean sweep of the District of Columbia Rapids Championship Tournament to score 10-0. In second place, with 8-2, was US Master and CHESS LIFE contributor, Eliot Hearst. US Master Herbert Avram came third with 71/2-21/2. George Meyer and Russell Chauvenet tied for fifth and sixth with 5-5. The strength of the event is demonstrated by the fact that C. C. Crittenden and Doctor Richard Cantwell finished with minus scores, 4-6, and 31/2-61/2, respectively.

# **Botvinnik Overwhelms Smyslov** Takes First Three Games In Return Match

# For World Championship

Mikhail Botvinnik, former world champion, appearing in the role of a challenger for the first time since he won the title in 1948, has taken a commanding lead in the return match with Vassily Smyslov, who won the crown from him a year ago. The match now being played in Moscow is to be a twenty-four game affair, unless one of the players scores 12½ points in fewer games. Botvinnik has taken the first three games, to lead 3-0.

Playing the Black pieces in the first game, he adopted the Caro-Kann Defense, refrained from castling, and at adjournment after 40 moves, he was two pawns ahead. The following day, when play was resumed, Smyslov tried desperately to equalize, but Botvinnik clung doggedly to his pawn plus, and won after 62 moves.

In the second game Smyslov played a King's Indian Defense, obtained a cramped position, and had to yield a pawn while fending off Botvinnik's powerful attack. At adjournment, Botvinnik was a pawn ahead, with connected and supported passed pawns. His sealed 41st move, described by the Soviet commentators as being "problematical in nature" caused Smyslov to resign without further play.

Playing Black in the third game, Botvinnik again chose the Caro-Kann. After an end game in which he pitted his bishop and knight against Smyslov's rook, he forced the latter's resignation in 66 moves. The first two games of this match are found on page 6, column 4, of this issue.

### Brice-Nash Captures Kansas Title

Bert Brice-Nash of Galena, Kansas, won five and lost one at Wichita, to take the Kansas State Chess Tournament, sponsored by the Kansas State Chess Association, with a score of 5-1. Alpen Murphy, of Topeka, whose only loss was to Brice-Nash, but who conceded a draw, finished second with 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>.

Tie breaking points placed the following-named players, each of whom scored 4-2, in the order in which they are listed: Carl A. Weberg, of Salina; Dr. Wesley A. Perkins, of Topeka; Gayle Hershey of Wichita; Robert V. Leewright, of Wichita.

Other players with plus scores were William P. Gillespie, of Fort Riley, and William D. McLaughlin, of Wichita, each of whom had 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>.

The eighteen-entry event was efficiently directed by King MacDonald.

## Otten Sweeps Gold Coast Open

August C. Otten of Miami, 1955 Florida State champion, registered a convincing 8-0 victory in the 18 player Florida Gold Coast Open February 1-9 at Hollywood, Fla.

Second, with 7-1, was Marvin Sills, Miami. Third to fifth on Solkoff points, after each scored 5-3, were: Bob Eastwood, Homestead; Schuyler Broughton, West Palm Beach; and Warren Teitleman, Miami.

Morrill Goddard of Miami scored  $3\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$  to win the "Amateur" title by pacing those rated 1799 or low-er.

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### MARSHALL-MANHATTAN-MAR DEL PLATA TOURNAMENTS UNDER WAY

The big news from the Manhattan Chess Club is that U.S. Champion Robert Fischer decided not to compete in the annual event in which he was a seeded entrant. His withdrawal, the day before the tourney began leaves nine players, headed by the defending champion Arthur Bisguier, who is favored to retain his crown.

The Marshall Chess Club tourney is in full swing, and, as indicated in Aben Rudy's column in this issue, the fight for the title is wide open, with six players covered by a half-point score spread at the top of the list.

The annual International Masters Tournament at Mar del Plata opened with sixteen players from six different countries, including William Lombardy from the United States, who drew his first round game with Herman Pilnik of Argentina, a previous winner of the event. Bent Larsen of Denmark is the only European representative this year. Oscar Panno, the Argentine grandmaster who recently captured the First Tournament of the Americas at Bogota, is favored to win the title.

Perseverence Pays Off

For more than 6 months Paul Leith has been fighting an apparently losing battle with the City Fathers of New York, trying to wangle from them some official recognition of the astounding chessboard feats of U.S. Champion Robert Fischer, and World Junior Champion, William Lombardy. To one letter he received the reply that "prior official commitments" precluded compliance with his request. To others he received no replies at all. He finally clicked, however, in a letter which contained a reference to our editorial "Thank You, Philadelphia" in the Feb. 5 issue. In a letter dated March 3, Mr. William R. Peer, Executive Secretary to the Mayor, wrote as follows:

Dear Mr. Leith: We have set aside Wednesday, March 19th, at 10:45 AM on Mayor Wagner's calendar at which time he will be happy to greet 14-year old Robert Fischer and 20-year old William Lombardy, as you requested in your letter of February 22nd. The Mayor looks forward to the occasion.

Too bad Lombardy will be in Argentina then. And we hope Champ Fischer's teacher will let him off for the occasion.

# ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL Mastering the End Game By WALTER KORN, Editor of MCO

#### The Perpetual Cycle

Further to our theme R versus 2 Ps, Diagram 50 is considered an appropriate practical case of the typical draw. It is from the game Keres-Eliskases, Noordwijk, 1938.

K-N1, R-R3! 3. P-N7. We should

remember this characteristic set-

up of the pawns in one row, as it

is the ever-recurring landmark in

these end games. 3. ...., R-N3ch;

4. K-B1 (4. K-R1 R-R3ch with a

"perpendicular check"), R-KR3; 5.

K-Q1, K-Q6; 6. K-K1 K-K6; 7. K-B1,

K-B6; 8. K-N1, R-N3ch; 9. K-B1,

R-KR3! 10. K-K1, K-K6! and so

which abstracts the very essence

of the leading motif, may bring

the valid points of the position into

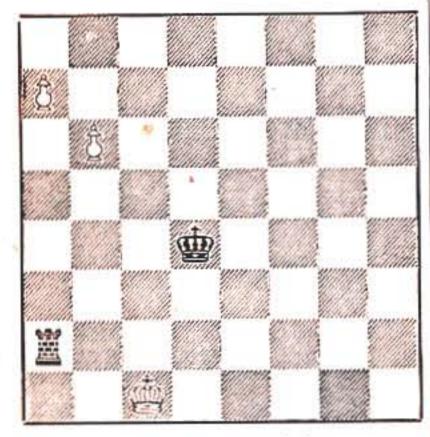
still better focus, and our next

diagram 51 will be devoted to such

As usual, artistic composition,

forth into infinity.

illustration.



Black to move and draw

Initiative Oscillates

Readers who were interested in the article, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE INITIATIVE IN CHESS, which appeared in the November 20, 1957 issue of CHESS LIFE, will enjoy the following comments by Q. M. Hussain, Professor of Statistics, Dacca University, East Pakistan. The comments, which appeared in the form of a letter-to-the-editor in the February, 1958, issue of THE AMERICAN STATISTICIAN, are reprinted here through the courtesy of Mr. Rubin, author of the original article, and CHESS LIFE columnist Ed Nash, who collaborated in obtaining the necessary permission from the copyright owners.

ment of 1953: He asserts that there "Dear Sir: I have greatly enjoyed appears to be a greater variation the article entitled 'The Signifiof strength among the players cance of the Initiative in Chess' in than the difference between the your publication No. 3, Vol. II, first and second moves. When this 1957. The conclusions drawn by is true for a selected group of the the contributor are in agreement Grandmasters, how much more with expectations from the pretrue it must be in general! sumptive knowledge (or assumption) that initiative constitutes an My chief objection to the methadvantage in games of skill. But od used by the author is connected I think the magnitude of the initiwith his ignoring the drawn games ative also comes into consideration. and considering only the won and Can an initiative obtained by lost games. This is tantamount to having the first move be mainthrowing away valuable recorded tained throughout the course of a information. The test if skill is game, or can it be exchanged by reflected in all possible results force with some other form of adwhich are rightly assessed by vantage? I think, it was Tartakowawarding 1, 0 and 1/2 points to the er who remarked that the winwon, lost and drawn games, rener of a game of chess is that spectively. Drawing is half-winplayer who makes the next to last ning, and is by no means a mean blunder! Though chess is preachievement! Of course, in the dominently a game of skill, it may instances cited in his statistical equally well be regarded as a analysis, the final conclusions game of blunders of all shades of would have remained substantially intensity. In other words, one may the same, though the levels of say that initiative is an oscillating significance would have been less function taking alternatively posistringent in all cases, had he contive and negative values. sidered the drawn games in their I agree with the contributor true status of half-won games. I about the complex nature of the think, a more relevant criterion study of initiative; and, in fact, for decision of the point at issue think it to be such a confounded would be the number of 'points' business that it is impossible either gained with white pieces rather to isolate the single factor of 'the than the number of games 'won.' advantage of the move' or to design Capablanca's Hundred Best a balanced experiment with many Games of Chess, The Russians Play factors permitting separate evalu-Chess, Chess Marches On, My Best ation of the effects due to the Games of Chess, and World's Great different factors. Not only are Chess Games-or similar compilathese factors difficult to estimate tions-cannot be considered as unand allow for, but some of them biased samples. Short and brilliant are actually more important than games have a greater chance of the effect we seek to assess. This inclusion in such treatises. Drawn is virtually admitted by the congames and games won by Black tributor while discussing the re-(Continued on page 7, col. 1) sults of the Grandmasters' Tourna-

Chess Life In New York By Aben Rudy

Grandmaster Arthur Bisguier arrived home in fine fettle from his latest jaunt to South America. Having regained much of his stature in the eyes of numerous admirers, Bisguier found himself the center of a vigorously brewing controversy. Would this former U.S. Champion be able to turn the tide of recent events and prevent Bobby Fischer from making off with his Manhattan Chess Club crown? Opinion on this hot question has been sharply divided.

Matters will soon come to a head however, and this realm of conjecture will be quickly replaced by the sixty-four square battlefield. From all indications events have moved swiftly at New York's Manhattan Chess Club. The preliminary round of its championship has concluded; the finals are about to begin. Eight players-Howard Cohen, Vic Guala, George Kramer, Eddie Schwartz, George Shainswit, Abe Turner, and that grand veteran, Harold M. Phillips-all have survived the introductory skirmishes. These eight, along with Bisguier and Fischer, will form the Final Section of the Max Pavey Memorial Tournament for the Manhattan Championship.

Readers will note that the name of World Junior Champion William Lombardy is missing from this line-up. From the kibitzer's angle this is to be greatly regretted. The participants however are much delighted, for in these inflationary times Lombardy is but another Bill they could 'just as well do without.

College Chess Life Conducted by Frederick H. Kerr

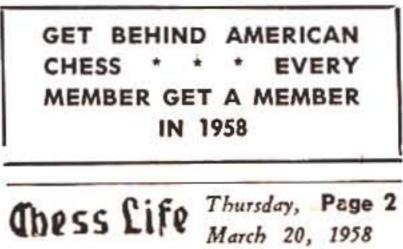
Att college clubs and players are urged to send news items to Frederick H. Kerr, Thompson Hall, Box 1185, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania.

President David A. Harris of the reorganized Tulane University of Louisiana Chess Club reports that his group now has 118 active, duespaying members! It holds three five-hour meetings every week at the Tulane Student Center. The tremendous resurgence of chess interest at the New Orleans school is proof that an active chess program will produce a large, active membership. During the past month, simultaneous exhibitions have been held by two of the outstanding players in Louisiana, A. L. McAuley, and Andy Lockett. The Tulane team was soundly beaten by the New Orleans Chess Club, but the event gained many new members through good publicity. Big things are in store for chess at Tulane. Follow the 'details right here in Chess Life.

The University of Pennsylvania team defeated Dickinson College 5-2 in a recent seven-board match. Penn played without their two star players, Charles Kalme and Robert Sobel, but the Quakers continued on their winning ways. PENNSYLVANIA DICKINSON Frederick 1 Hollinger 0

#### IN BRIEF:

Play at the Marshall Chess Club in its annual Championship has so far failed to produce a run-away leader. In fact the opposite is true. All those in the top half of the tourney are just about stepping on each others toes. Leading, on a percentage basis, with 61/2-21/2 is New York State Champion August Rankis. He is very closely followed by Sydney Bernstein, Allen Kaufman and Lou Levy, all with 7-3. In their shadows, but certainly not completely eclipsed, are Moe Osher and Anthony Santasierre with 61/2-31/2. There are not many rounds left to this event so an exciting finish is naturally in the offing. . . . Arthur Feuerstein, the slowest 10 second player on earth, again has shown his strength. He captured both the Marshall and Manhattan "Rapids," two weeks running. . . . Robert Coveyou of Oak Ridge, Tennessee was the latest "foreigner" seen touring New York chess trails. He seemed to be having a fine time too.



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Cantor	ĩ	McKee	C
Kelly	1	Thomson	0
MacNamara	0	Davis	1
Zobler	1	Dollar	3
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Virgil Rizzo, Lester Shapiro, and Norman Belle came through with wins as the University of Pittsburgh drew a match 31/2-31/2 with the McKeesport YMCA. Gerald Orner, who has just returned from Fort Knox, scored a draw against Ray Dennis of McKeesport. In another match, the same Panthers swamped the Pittsburgh High School All-Stars 61/2-31/2. Winners for Pitt were Virgil Rizzo, Gerald Orner, Paul Love, Norman Belle, Ron West, and Ron Trautman. On second board, Lester Shapiro of Pitt drew with Ed Becker of the scholastic squad. Winners for the All-Stars were Emmett O'Hara, Howard Spodek, and Tom Roth. More college clubs should encourage high-school chess and play against such all-star teams.

In a similar match, Rutgers University lost to the Union County High School All-Stars 4-1. M. Richter was the lone winner for the state university of New Jersey. L. H. Ault, R. Ault, R. LeBow, and J. MacDonald scored for Union County.

Dem's da chances ya takes! Play 'em, but watch out!

Will the person who mailed a five dollar bill and a membership renewal blank in a USCF business reply envelope from North Hollywood, California, on March 5, please send name and address to USCF, 80 East 11th St., New York?



# TIDBITS OF MASTER PLAY

By International MASTER WILLIAM LOMBARDY

World Junior Champion

# **Bisguier Recoups**

As of late our former United States Champion, Arthur Bisguier has been in surprisingly poor form. His showing of tenth in the last United States Championship and Rosenwald tourney showed him to be thoroughly out of practice, losing some eight games straight.

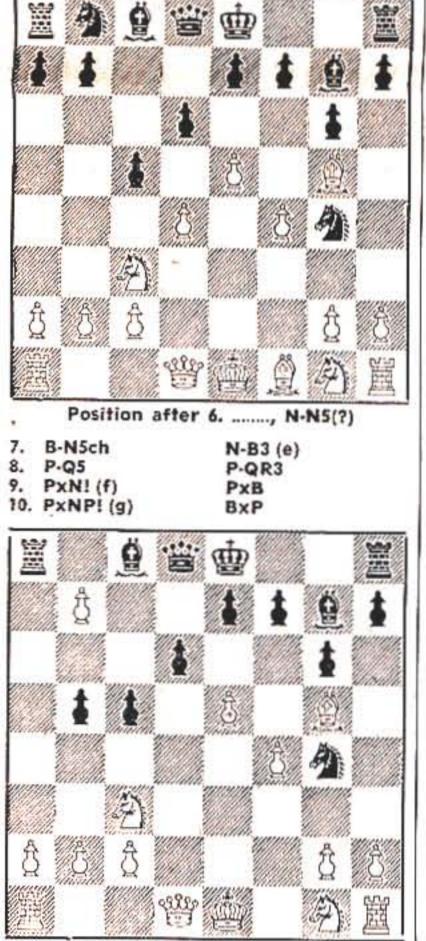
After this disastrous performance Arthur decided to participate in the Championship Tournament of the Americas in Bogota, Columbia. Here he didn't lose any time piling up the points and although he only came equal fourth and fifth with Najdorf, International Grandmaster from Argentina, his play was by no means disappointing. Bisguier played some fine tactical chess and this play was rewarded by the production of a number of pretty games.

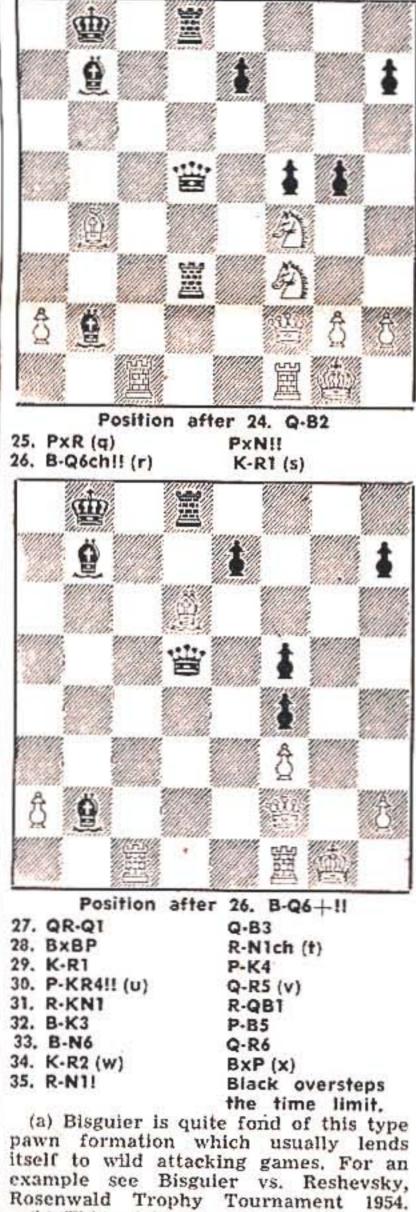
In the following game played against Walter Ader of Chile, Bisguier obtains an immediately decisive advantage in the opening but with one move throws this advantage entirely to the wind. But this is our fortune, for because of this blunder there is produced a most interesting tactical game in which Arthur managed to maintain the upper hand, by a hair, to a neat conclusion.

1st Tournament of the Americas

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W	hite	
	HINC .	Black
1. F	P-K4	P-Q3
2. F	P-Q4	N-KB3
3. 1	N-QB3	P-KN3
4. B-N5 5. P-B4 (a)		B-N2
		P-B4 (b)
	P-K5! (c)	N-N5(?) (d)





(b) This might be considered the los-

ing move, although to be sure, it takes

accurate play on White's part to re-

fute it. Better would have been an

immediate 0.0 followed by P-B4 on the

(c) The refutation, a move which

(d) If 6. ....., KN-Q2; 7. PxQP, BPxP;

8. N-N5, Q-R4ch; 9. K-B2 and Black ap-

pears lost. If 6. ....., N-N1; 7. QPxP

and Black is in difficulty. If 6. ....., N-

R4; 7. QPxP. The only move seems to

Black undoubtedly thought would weak-

next turn.

en the White center.

be 6. ...., QPxP; 7. QPxP, KN-Q2 and Black can hope for salvation. (e) This loses a piece. Correct and only was K-B1.

(f) Evidently Black had not considered this reply when he played 7. ....., N-B3. He must have thought 9. B-R4, P-QN4! or B-K2, N-Q5!

(g) The cruel point. Black must abandon the defense of the King Knight.

(h) Here Black can safely resign. But that's the beauty of Chess. One may play without any money in the bank; not so in roulette.

(i) 12. N-Q1 is safer and offers Black no counter chances at all.

(j) White has permitted himself to get involved in unnecessary tactics when he has a simple win with a piece more.

(k) Black must go all out for an attack since he is a piece down; he therefore can waste no time castling King's side.

(1) Obviously White already has some difficulty, as the penguin is mightier than the swordfish!

(m) Arthur would rather be ingenious than play the simple QxNP!

(n) 23. R-QB2 was simple and good. Now Black reacts violently! White must now work to win this game!

(o) This is the move White has failed to foresee. If now 25. NxP, Q-Q5ch regaining the piece and kf 25. QxNP, BxR!

(p) The point of P-KN4. Black is in the game again!

(q) If 25. QxB either RxN or RxRch will suffice.

(r) White's only chance to win. If Rook moves B-Q5 is too strong and if QxB, R-N1ch is annoying to say the Chess Life Thursday, Page 3 March 20, 1958

#### WHODUNIT?

Our "Whodunit" game from Feb. 5 issue of CHESS LIFE, was correctly identified by the following readers, listed in the order in which their letters and postcards arrived at the Editor's office:

- 1. J. Donald Define, Florissant, Missouri
- Clifford S. Phillips, Flint, Michigan
- Richard S, Callaghan, Charlottesville, Virginia
- Gerald Fielding, Regina, Sask., Canada
- 5. Mike Valvo (or Valos), New York, N.Y.

The game was Yanofsky (Canada) vs Dulanto (Peru), International Team Tournament, Buenos Aires, 1939. The game and notes were reprinted from Yanofsky's book, CHESS THE HARD WAY, by special permission of the author.

Two of the five chess-sleuths listed above claimed that we were wrong in stating that the winner of the game was only fourteen years old. Each thought he was fifteen. The probable explanation is that in the introductory paragraph to this game in the book Yanofsky quoted a laudatory newspaper report written by the late Grandmaster Tartakower, reading in part ". . . Yanofsky-only fifteen years old-created a sensation, and his elegant style will lead him to become a great star in chess." While Dr. Tartakower might have been a year off on the boy's age, he scored 100% on his prophesy, for Yanofsky went on to win many national and international titles. Now one of Winnipeg's legal lights, he is also Editor of CANADIAN CHESS CHAT, the official monthly publication of the Chess Federation of Canada. Too bad CHESS LIFE doesn't have an Editor who could boast, as could Yanofsky, were he the boasting type, that, in major international tournament play, he defeated Botvinnik, drew with Smyslov, and actually administered mate to Reshevsky! No correct identification has yet been received of the game published in the February 20 issue of CHESS LIFE. This may be our own fault. In view of the hassle over Yanofsky's age at the time Game 1 was played, we did a little checking on the participants in Game 2. We are sorry to have to report that our "Thirteen-year-old" had been a fourteen-year-old for about four months at the time that game was played.

	Position	after	10.	PXNPI
11.	QxN (h)	2	P-N	5
	QN-K2 (1)	8	PxP	5
13.	PxP	1	BXK	P

13. PXP BXKP 14. P-B3 P-B4 (1) 15. Q-R3 Q-R4 16. B-Q2 0-0-0 (k) 17. N-KB3 R-Q6(1) 18. PxP PxP 19. Q.R4 KR-Q1 20. B-- 021 (m) Q-Q4 21. R-B1ch K-N1 22. 0.0 BXQNP 23. N-B4(?) (n) P-N4! (0) 24. Q-B2 RxNI (p)

least!

(s) If 26. ...., RxB; 27. QxB, R-N3ch;
28. K-R1 and White is safe because of the pin on the Black Bishop.
(t) Black connect of the black bishop.

(t) Black cannot afford the exchange of Rooks because of White's Passed QRP.

(u) White has freed himself of all mating threats on the long diagonal.

(v) A last gasp now Black is lost.
(w) A neat little trap. If 34. ....., BxP;
35. R-QN1 wins a piece.

(x) Black falls for the cheapo.

A remarkable and thrilling performance by Bisguier and one of the best games in the tournament despite the fact that it was marred by many blunders in the early stages.

## Scholastic Chess In Florida

A record-breaking total of 51 students participated in the fifth annual Dade County Interscholastic January 27th at Homestead, Fla.

Warren Teitelman, Miami High senior, with  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  retained his title. Teammate Mike Lieberman was second with 6-1. Joe Sokooff of Miami Beach was third and topped the 11th graders with a  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  score.

High scorers in the other school grades were: 10th, Alan Levinson, Miami Edison; 9th, Teddy Zwerdling, Miami Beach; and all from Homestead, 8th, Danny Peskoe; 7th, Anthony Peluso: 6th, Janice Englehardt; 5th, Martha Sue Hendley; 4th( Jon Englehardt; and 3rd, Joe Englehardt.

Miami High retained its team-offive title with 25 points; South Dade was second with 22. In Junior High, Homestead won the team title for the third (but not consecutive) time, as Miami Beach placed second.

The turn-out included 31 players from Homestead, a city of 6,800; the remaining 20 came from that 750,000 person suburban area north of the city called Greater Miami.

Bob Eastwood as usual was promoter and tournament director for the event.

Homestead is to be the site of the 1958 U.S. Junior, July 7-11. From the size of this county tournament, it appears that the attendance record for the national event may be shattered this year.



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Monkey See - Monkey Do!

Remember the theory expressed by some famous mathematician that it was within the realms of mathematical possibility that an ape, tapping away at random on the keys of a typewriter, might come up with an exact copy of any literary classic, Darwin's ORIGIN OF THE SPECIES for example. This theme was developed entertainingly by one of our favorite humorists, who ended his satire by having the scientist conducting the experiment shoot the accomplished animal just as the latter was pounding out the word FINIS to the final volume of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

We recall discussing the application of this theory to chess one night in the bygone days, after a hot session at the Boston City Club. The consensus of the assemblage, composed of two masters and several woodpushers, was that while they would not venture to charge the mathematician with being off his rocker, they would be willing to bet that the ape would give up in frustrated disgust before finishing **Griffith** and White, as the then recently-published Fifth Edition of **MCO** was familiarly known. We then went on to more difficult problems, one of which dealt with the mathematical chances which would permit two apes, moving chess pieces at random, to duplicate the moves of any of the classic immortal games. As the proprietor shooed us out into the chill, foggy dawn, we agreed that mathematician or no mathematician, that was one feat absolutely beyond the limits of imaginative possibility. Little did we know that we should live to face the accomplished fact in the 2nd Round of the 1957-58 Hastings Congress.

Keres and Filip, who eventually finished in first and third places, respectively, embarked upon a Ruy Lopez. Barden and Clarke, who finished fourth and eighth, deciding that any variation good enough for Keres and Filip was good enough for them, played the same game. CHESS, the British magazine, reports, "Soon the spectators noticed that each time a move by Keres went up on the demonstration board, it was copied by Barden; each reply by Filip was as faithfully duplicated by Clarke." In reporting the game for The British Chess Magazine, Heidenfeld wrote, "There was quite a buzz in the audience when Barden perfectly openly left his own game alone occasionally to have a look on the proceedings on Keres' board; since the line played was new, it was only natural that the great theoretican should be interested in how one of the greatest contemporary masters handled it, and that he happened to play the same line on the same day was just a minor detail." Keres and Filip called it a day and a draw after sixteen moves, while Barden and Clarke, to quote again from Heidenfeld's report, "battled on (if this is the term I mean) for another seven moves." The game, which is printed elsewhere in this issue, (see page 7, column 2), appears to be a legitimate draw, so far as Keres and Filip are concerned. As for Barden and Clarke, although we personally feel that if the facts are as reported, each should be charged with a loss for that game, we realize that their offense was against an unwritten code, rather than against the FIDE or the BCF rules of chess. Their punishment-if any-will, therefore, have to be of an unofficial nature-probably consisting entirely of gnawing consciences, needled a bit by the contemptuous sarcasm which we seemed to detect in British reports of the event. We hope that after thinking it over, and realizing the implications of their actions, they will find the intestinal fortitude to make joint apology to their fellow competitors and to the spectators who had paid for the privilege of watching the farce. And, if they can't think of any good excuse, we can even suggest one-although the British commentators did not mention this possibility-the game(s) took place on New Year's Eve!

To those who have been holding back waiting to see whether Joe Doaks becomes a USCF member, or whether the 100% USCF-rated Open at Caratunk Forks, Maine, will draw as many entries as the unrated Open at Magnolia Blossom, N.C., it will indicate the need for immediate action. To those who have been flirting with the idea of secession, it is hoped, and believed, that this timely and inspiring item will serve as proof of the fact that in addition to the publicized CHESS LIFE subscription, and the rating privilege, USCF membership carries with it the more abstract but no less valuable item of self-respect, with each member secure in the knowledge that he has done his part, not only for USCF chess, in the organizational sense, but also for American chess, in the fullest patriotic sense.

It should be mentioned that the USCF is not selling cut-rate memberships to the entrants in the Southern Association's tourney. The Association is simply waiving its legal commission of \$1.00 per member, in order to make their private membership drive more attractive to prospective members.

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Most of these unessentials are now being swept away by the young, vigorous, and extremely friendly and co-operative administration of new USCF President, Jerry G. Spann. A new editor, a former diplomat who came out of retirement because he realized the patriotic importance of the job he is now performing, has taken charge of CHESS LIFE. Old quarrels are being forgotten, enemies are shaking hands and smiling together.

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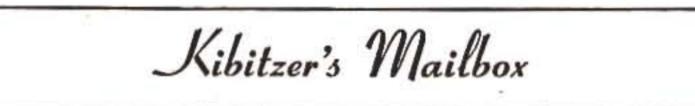
# Inspiration From the Deep South

As the event draws nearer we shall have more to say about the Major J. B. Holt Memorial and 37th Annual Championship of the Southern Chess Association, scheduled for July 3-6, 1958 at Sarasota, Florida. At this time, however, we wish to call to the attention of every USCF member, and every officer of a USCF affiliate, the following message, which was lifted from the 1958 Spring Report of the Southern Chess Association. To those members and officers who are already doing their utmost to obtain new members for the USCF, and to give the new Ratings Regulations a fair trial, the message will be reassuring, to say the least.

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# **CHESS TACTICS FOR BEGINNERS**

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

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#### 1. Answers to Readers' Questions

Dr. R. Y. Hubbard, Holly Hill, Florida, asks about the solution of the following problem which he says originated in the fertile mind of the famous problem composer, Sam Lloyd.

(Answer: The move which Dr. Hubbard suggested, namely 1. R-R6, is correct. He verified most of the variations but had trouble with one or two. Here are a few: 1. ....., KxB; 2. R-B6 Mate; 1. ...., PxB; 2. B-Kt5 Mate; 1. ....., RxB; 2. RxR Mate; 1. ...., P-K7; 2. Q-B2 Mate; 1. ....., RxR; 2. Q-B1 Mate; 1. ....., KtxB; 2. B-Kt5 Mate. A very pretty problem. Try it on your friends.

#### 2. Having a Plan

In the opening, as everyone knows, there is one plan which must always be adopted. This is the development of the pieces. There are, of course, some minor plans which suggest certain ways of carrying out the development. This might be (1) build a strong center (2) prepare for a K-side attack (3) prepare for a Q-side attack (4) create a blocked position for defensive purposes (especially if playing Black), etc.

Many players, however, are guided through the opening by their memory of book variations. Whether or not they know the reasons behind their moves, they often get safely into the middle-game with a satisfactory position. The question then is What Next? The player must formulate a plan. Sometimes this must be short-range only. Immediate threats must, of course, be met. But usually short-range plans must be supplemented in a player's mind by long-range strategy as well. Who was it who said that tactics is knowing what to do when there is something to do, while strategy is what to do when there is nothing to do?

In choosing a plan one must be guided by the special features of the particular position at hand. Don't try to launch a vigorous K-side attack if your pieces are not properly in play, your center is weak, your own King is in grave danger and your opponent's King is more than amply defended. In short don't choose a plan which is too ambitious. If you try for too much, you may end up with nothing. Some reasonable plans might be (1) improving the prospects of certain pieces (2) discommoding certain of the opponent's pieces (3) forcing open a file (4) gaining control of a file (5) creating a hole or other weakness in the opponent's Pawn formation (6) exchanging dangerous attacking pieces (7) strengthening the center. In most games both sides castle on the K-side and keep a rather solid defense around their castled Kings. When a K-side attack does not seem promising and improvement in one's center control does not offer any particular prospects, a good third alternative often is a Q-side advance. This is particularly attractive since one does not fear pushing the Q-side Pawns fairly daringly, whereas, of course, advancing Pawns in front of one's castled King would ordinarily leave him in considerable danger, either immediately or for the future. King's Indian. However, it has a considerable impact in practice because (1) it differs considerably 例 ŝ ė from the standard methods of operation for White against this de-fense, so that Black, when meeting this idea for the first time, must revise his habits and thinking and adopt new measures and (2) di di because White's rather long and subtle plan is not revealed much in advance, and Black has a hard time perceiving what the plan is site // until it has been carried out. This procedure has been tried with considerable success against several of the top players in the country. White to move and mate in 2

2. Kt-KB3 P-KKt33. Kt-B3 B-Kt2 If Black tries to grab a share of the center with 3. ....., P-B4, then 4. P-K4, Kt-B3; 5. P-Q4 leads to the Maroczy Bind Variation of the Sicilian Defense, long considered favorable to. White because of his strong center. In recent years methods have been found for Black to survive in the Maroczy variation, but White still seems to have distinctly the better chances. 4. P-K4 P-Q3

On 4. ....., P-B4; 5. P-Q4 the Maroczy line again arises. After the text-move a regular King's Indian Defense is reached which might have come from 1. P-Q4 etc.

It should be pointed out that in the regular King's Indian White often holds the KP back and plays P-KKt3 and B-Kt2. Against this Black has adequate strategies based on (1) the advances P-K4 and P-KB4 and (2) the eventual action of Black's KB on the long diagonal. So already the present game illustrates a deviation from the most common treatment of the White side of this opening.

5. P-Q4 0-0 6. B-K2 P.K4 This is the classical freeing move for Black. The pawn sacrifice is only apparently daring since 7. PxP, PxP; 8. KtxP, QxQch; 9. BxQ, KtxP recovers the P with a good game. Most White players, therefore, avoid the exchange of center Pawns hoping to gain advantage by maintaining the tension in the center.

Here is the second place where our 31. R-Q8 suggested procedure departs from common practice. By exchanging center Pawns White bottles up Black's KB leaving White free for his intended 34. R(8)-R8 Kt-Q3 operations on the Q-side. 7. PxP PxP 8. B-K3 ...... On 8. B-Kt5, P-KR3 White gains noth-37. RxB. 36. RxPch ing. Besides, the text-move is in line with White's plan. Note that 8. ....., 37. R-B7 Kt-Kt5; 9. B-B5, R-K1; 10. P-KR3 favors White, Also 8. ...., QxQch; 9. RxQ gives White an extra developing move (the development of the Rook). 40. RxB. 8. ..... QKt-Q2 9. P-KR3 38, ..... Not 9. P-B5, Kt-Kt5. In fact the textmove is, of course, intended to prevent Kt-Kt5 (and also later B-Kt5) by KtxPch. Black. 9. P-B3 Here Black seems to be led astray by his habits in the standard variations where this move is normal. 9, ....., P-B4 would leave a strong point for White at his Q5 but would also leave Black one at his Q5. 10. 0.0 Q-B2 Even now (or on the next move) Black should play P-B4. 11. Q-B2 Not yet 11. P-B5 because of 11. ....., Q-R4; 12. Kt-QR4, KtxKP. R-K1 11. ..... An error in planning due partly to the fact that White has not yet revealed what his strategic Idea is going to be. 11. ....., R-Q1 would not only control the Q-file but also leave K1 free for the KKt if need be. 12. P-B5 ...... The first stage of the plan. White clears his QB4 square for use and, what is more important, creates an outpost at Q6. This does not seem significant at the moment. How can White get any advantage out of it? So Black

placidly continues in a normal man-

ner when he should play 12. ....., P-

The second move of the plan. It in-

cidentally prevents 13. ....., P-QKt4 or

13. ....., P-QR3 (the latter creating a

bad hole at Kt6). The real point of

White's move is, however, the leisurely

sequence P-QKt4, Kt-Kt2, Kt-B4, and

Kt-Q6. But who would guess it even

Incidentally Black's best strategy

aside from deterring White's intentions

before they get started on the Q-side,

should be action on the K-side. How-

ever, 13. ....., Kt-R4; 14. R-K1, Kt-B5;

15. B-B1 will provide White with a

fairly solid K-side position.

Kt-B1 13. Kt-QR4

QKt4, as later events reveal.

12. .....

now?



B-K3 14. P-QKt4 B-Q2 13. Not merely vacillation on Black's part. He felt that 15. P-Kt5 was threatened. Actually White's real plan is not yet clearly revealed. On the next move it is. P-B3 KR-Q1 17. P-QR4 15. Kt-Kt2 16, Kt-B4 Kt-K1 Probably better was 17. ....., Kt-K3 or 17. ....., P-B4 18. P-R5 QR-Kt1

Relatively better was 18. ....., P-QR4 yielding the hole at Kt6 for a blocked formation.

19. P-R6-\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Sacrificing a Pawn for some promising pressure. For instance 19. ....., PxP; 20. RxP, RxP; 21. B-Q2, R(5)-Kt1 (21. ......, Q-Kt2; 22. Kt-R5 and the KB protects the R(6)); 22. B-R5, Q-Kt2; 23. BxR, QxR; 24. Kl(4)xP (or 24. Kt-Q6).

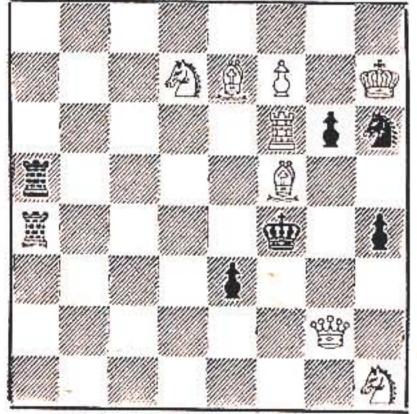
B-K3 19. .....

Not 19. ....., P-Kt3; 20. PxP, PxP; 21. P-R7, R-R1; 22. BxP. Black's game is now very backward because his Kt's and B's are hardly in the game. The present situation illustrates well an advantage of space, an abstract concept which can lead to very real results. White has lots of squares to maneuver over, and this soon leads to the win of a Pawn. B-B2 22. Kt-R5 R(2)-Kt1 20. KR-Kf1 RxP 23. Q-R4 B-K3 21. PXP Or 23. ....., R(Kt1)-B1; 24. B-QR6. Black prefers to invite the variation 24. KtxP, B-Q2; 25. Kt-K7ch, K-B2! R(Q1)-B1 Kt-Kt3 27. P-B6 24. QXP RXQ 28. Kt-Kt7 R(1)xKt 25. QXQ 26. P.Kt5 Kt-Q2

Desperation. Black prefers to be the Exchange down with some freedom instead of being two Pawns down and completely tied up.

29. PxR 30. R-Q1 RXP \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* White relaxes a bit. Black could make the win more difficult now by 30. pawns. 30. Kt-Q2 getting the Kt into play was better. 32. BxKt RxP 30. ..... K-B2 B-81 The only hope was in 32. ....., PxP. Giving a Pawn and the 8th rank with check was pure charity.

Kt-B1 33. RxPch B-K2 35. R-R8



#### 3. A Procedure against the King's Indian

The illustrative game given below shows not only a rather long and subtle strategical plan but also an effective method of operating against the popular King's Indian Defense. The plan is objec-· tively no better than a number of others and cannot be regarded as a theoretical refutation of the

#### 4. A Man with a Plan **KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE** ROCHESTER CITY CHAMPIONSHIP PRELIMINARIES Rochester, N.Y., 1958 White Black E. MARCHAND L. M. SHUPP 1. P-QB4 Kt-KB3

There is nothing wrong with the regular English Opening which follows after 1. ....., P-K4. However, players who have learned the King's Indian Defense for use against the Queen's Gambit often like to convert into their prepared defense,

Or 35. ....., K-Kt2; 36. RxBch, KxR; K-B1 38. Kt-R4 R-Kt1 A cute alternative was 38. R-R8ch, K-Kt2 (38. ....., B-Kt1; 39. B-B4); 39. RxBch! KxR (39. ....., KtxR; 40. RxR); Resigns Because of 38. ....., B-B2; 39. R-R8ch, B-Kt1; 40. B-B4 or 38. ...., B-Q3; 39.

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	FR	ENCH	DEFENSE	
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١	Nhite			Black
1.	P.K4	P-K3	19. BXN	QXB
2.	P-Q4	P-Q4	20. RxP	R-QN
3.	N-QB3	B-NS	21. RxRch	QXR
4.	P-KS	P-QB4	22. Q-KN4	K-B
5.	P-QR3	B-Nch	23. RxN	P-N4.
6.	PxB	NxK2	24. PxP, e.p	. K-N2
7.	Q-N4	N-84	25. P-KR4	P-R4
8.	B-Q3	P-KR4	26. P-N3	Q-N8ch
9.	Q-R3	PxP	27. K-N2	Q-N2
10.	N-83	Q-82	28. P-R5	P-Q5ch
11.	R-QN	PXP	29. B-K4	B-B3
12.	P-N4	N-K2	30. BxB	QxBch
13.	PXP	QN-B3	31. K-N	Q-Q4
14.	B-KB4	N-N3	32. Q-B4	Q-K4
15.	B-N3	KNXP	33. P-R6ch	RxP
16.	NXN	NXN	34. QxRch	KxQ
17.	K-B	B-Q2	35. P-N7	QxRch
	Q-R4	P-83	Resigns	a rey come



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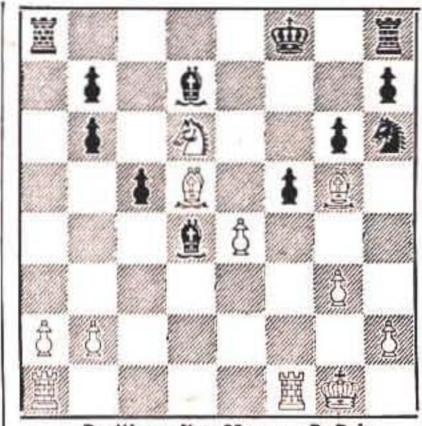


(c) Preparing for the Knight maneuver which is too slow, particularly since castling has neither been achieved nor is contemplated in the immediate future. Black would need all his pleces in a Queen's side thrust, so perhaps castling K-side would prove the lesser of two evils.

(d) 16. ....., PxP e.p. 17. KtxP (B3); 0-0; 18. R-QB followed . . . by P-KKt4 and Black is still beset with the problem of obtaining freedom in the center, though some measure of attack on the Q-side is possible.

(e) 17. Q-B2 is too defensive and exposes the Q to attack via ....., P-R5 followed by P-Kt6. White therefore decides to lose tempi against his KKtP advance to maintain the pressure and over-defend, if necessary, the K Pawn. (f) 21, ....., Kt-B4 is now indicated, for 22. BxKt, PxB; 23. KtxP, B-Q3 etc. would win. White's KP being under attack by four pieces with only three defenders, he couldn't afford the laborious task of Q-K3 etc., because Black's attack on the Queen's wing would become a problem. Hence 22. BxKt giving up the good bishop and retaining the poor one, should about give Black equality, although in that case, White's K-side Pawn advance would still give him more winning chances, as Black's blockade of pawns would preclude a strong attack on the Queen's wing. The text permits the reply that brings White's QR into active play.

(g) This Kt becomes subject to attack, but Black cannot establish a de-



	Position	after 20, BxPch
21.	K-Kt2	K-Kt2
22.	P-K5	Kt-Kt5. (H)
23.	P-K6	B-QB3
24.	BxB	PxB
25.	P-K7	BxP (i)
26.	QR-K (J)	KR-K
27.	KtxRch	RxKt
28.	P-KR3 (k)	Kt-K4
29.	R-QKt	Kt-B5
30.	R-B4	B-Q5
31.	R-R4	P-R4
32.	P-Kt4	P-Kt4
33.	PXRP	PxP
34.	RxRP(1)	K-Kt3
35.	R-R6ch	KxB
36.	RxBP	RxP
37.	P-R4ch	KxP
38.	R-Kt6	R-K7ch
39.	K-B3 (m)	R-B7 mate

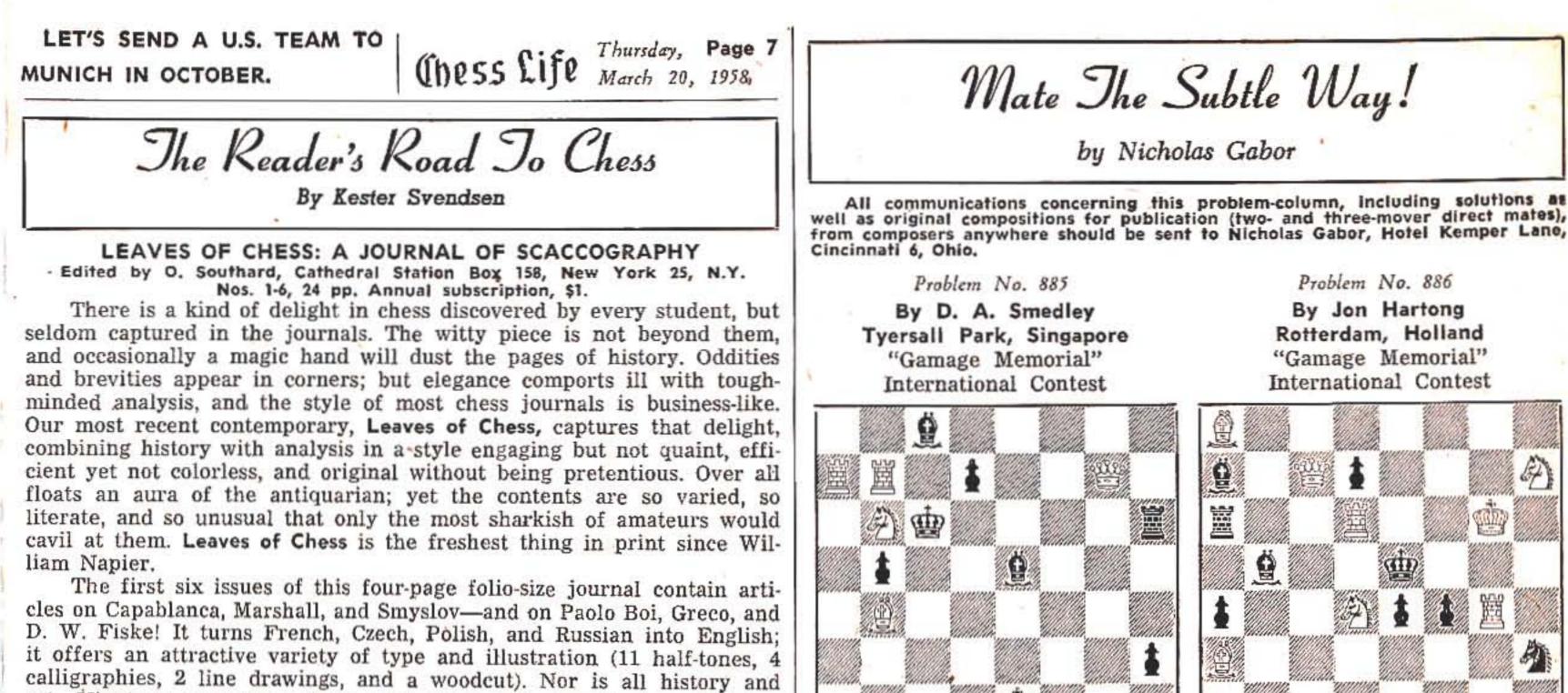
(a) Audacious, but where can Black hope for an important Pawn win, so early in the game, with White far from

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White			Black
1. P-K4	P-QB3	33. Kt-K2	B-K6ch
2. Kt-QB3		34. K-R	Kt-K4
3. Kt-B3	B-Kt5	35. Q-KB	Q-Q3
4. P-KR3	BxKt	36. P-KB4	KtxB
5. QxB	Kt-B3	37. PxKt	RxP
6. P-Q3	P-K3	38. Q-B3	R-Q7
7. B-K2	QKt-Q2	39. R-KB	QxKtP
8. Q-Kt3	P-KKt3	40. P-K5	Q-B5
9. Castles	B-Kt2	41. Kt-Kt3	
10. B-B4	Q-Kt3	42. P-B5	R-88
11. QR-Kt	Castles	43. P-K6	PXKP
12. B-B7	Q-Q5	44. PxKtP	RxRch
13. B-B3	P-K4	45. KtxR	PxP
14. B-Q6	KR-K	46. Q-B6	P-Kt5
15. B-R3	PxP	47. K-R2	P-Kt4
16. PxP	P-QKt4	48. KtxB	PxKt
17. KR-Q	Q-Kt3	49. QxKtPc	h K-B2
18. P-Kt3	Kt-B4	50. QXP	P-Kt6
19. B-B	Q-B2	51. Q-K5	P-84
20. B-K3	Kt-K3	52. Q-B7ch	K-Kt3
21. P-QR4	P-QR3	53. Q-Kt8	K-B4
22. P-Kt4	QR-Q	54. Q-B8ch	K-K5
23. B-K2	Q-K2	55. Q-86	Q-Q4
24. PxP	RPxP	56. Q-B3ch	K-Q5
25. RxR	RxR	57. Q-Qch	K-K4
26. B-Kt6	R-R	58. Q-K2ch	K-Q3
27. P-B3	R-R6	59. Q-R6ch	K-K2
28. Q-K	R-R3	60. Q-R7ch	K-B3
29. B-B	Kt-Q5	61. Q-R7	Q-K4ch
30. B-B5	Q-K3	62. K-R	P-Kt7
31. B-Q3	Kt-Q2	Resigns	
32. BxKt	PxB		
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KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

	tack, but Black cannot establish a de-	early in the game, with White far from	BOTVINNIK SMYSLOV
	fense of both his KP and KBP with- out hopelessly cramping his game	fully developed for attack?	White Black
	against an impending K-side onslaught.	(b) 8. PxKt, W-R5ch; 9. K-B, P-Q3; 10.	1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 22. PxP Kt-B2
	(h) The only other possible move	P-B4 (forced), B-R6ch and White's posi- tion is sickly.	2. P-QB4 P-KKt3 23. P-Q5 PxP
	was 33, B-K which is hopeless	(c) Of course not 13. BxKtP, BxB;	3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt2 24. PxP B-Kt2
	against 34. P-Kt5 to be followed by	14. QxQ, PxQ; 15. Kt-Q6ch, K-Q; 16.	4. P-K4 P-Q3 25. R-KB Q-Q2
<b>+</b>	P-Kt6.	KtxBch, K-B2 and the Kt has no es-	5. P-B3 Castles 26. Q-Q4 P-K3
2 Q	(i) 35 K-Bis of no help either,	cape.	6. B-K3 P-QR3 27. PXP KtxP
28 Mar 14 AN 1997 A	because of P-Kt6.	(d) An illusion carried over from	7. B-Q3 Kt-B3 28. Q-Kt4 KR-K
	(j) An error under time pressure.	the prior position, that costs a valu-	8. KKt-K2 R-Kt 29. Kt-Q4 Q-Kt2
	However, on 36, Q-BP; 37. BxR and	able tempo and almost the game, 15.	9. P-QR3 Kt-Q2 30. QR-Q Kt-B2
8 8 8 8	thanks to the important Q5 square, as well as the passed K Pawn, Black	, K-K2! and if White wins back his	10. B-Kt Kt-R4 31. Q-B4 R-K4 11. B-R2 P-QKt4 32. Kt-B6 BxKt
	would get there first because of all	Pawn, he has but two developed pieces,	12. PXP PXP 33. QXPch P-Q4
	his material advantage. White threat-	while, Black is fully developed, far off-	13. P-QKt4 Kt-B5 34. QxB R-Q
「日本」を見ていていた。	ens Mate at KKt8, as well as the QR,	setting the value of the Two Bishops. If White chooses 16. Kt-B4 or Kt-Kt5	14. BxKt PxB 35. Q-Kt6 Q-K2
a state of the sta	whereupon Black might well resign, but	he has no compensation for the sacri-	15. Castles P-QB3 36. Q-Q4 Q-Q3
Position after 21, B-Q	he has a few tricky traps up his sleeve,	fleed Pawn.	16. Q-Q2 Kt-Kt3 37. KR-K QR-K
22. P-B5 PxP	which, under time pressure. White	(e) The temptation to sacrifice for a	17. B-R6 BxB 38. RxR RxR
23. BXP KtxB	might overlook. (Time limit 50 moves	winning position is certainly there. But	18. QxB P-B3 39. P-Kt5 Kt-K3
24. RxKt Kt-Q2	in 2½ hours.)	simple 16. P-Q3 would have posed more	19. P-QR4 Kt-R 40. Q-R7 P-Q5
25. QR-B 0-0	(k) Of course not 41. Q-K5, B-KB3	problems for Black in view of the	20. KR-Kt P-KB4 41. Kt-K4 Resigns
26. B-B4 Kt-B3 (g)	and White must lose his Queen to	line White actually follows.	21. Q-K2 PxP
27. Q-QB2 BxK	avert mate.	(f) Black acknowledges the error of	
28. Kt-B P-R5 29. KtxP P-Kt6	(1) Tantamount to resigning, but	his way almost too late! The QP is	
	played because of the final trap of 44. QxB, R-R; threatening, if White is	poison, for after 16, PxP; 17.	Game From USSR Championship
30. PXP PXP 31. QXP Q-R2	careless with Kt-B2, Q-R7 mate.	PxP, BxPch; K moves, his K is hope-	Tournament, 1958, Won By Tal.
32. P-Kt4 B-R5	enteress with https, gritt mate.	lessly exposed to mating encirclement.	(More games on pages 5 and 7)
33. Q-Q3 Q-K2 (h)	AN EARLY PAWN WIN	(g) Had White played 16. P-Q3, this P would still be alive, White could	
34. KtxP RxKt		then possibly continue with the forced	
35. P-Kt5 K-R (i)	VAN'T KRUYS OPENING	win of the Exchange and have winning	KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE
36. PxKt RxP (1)	MCO 9: page 353, col 3	as well as drawing chances in the ac-	BRONSTEIN KROGIUS
37. Q-Q5 R-KB	MASTER'S TOURNAMENT, HER-	tual line taken. Of course he had hoped	White Black
38. QXR Q-Kt5		for the opening of the center files	1. P-Q4 N-KB3 24. K-Q2 R-KN
39. Q-Q5 B-KKt4	MAN STEINER CHESS CLUB,	earlier, with drastic effect,	2. P-QB4 P-KN3 25. KN-K2 QR-K
40. Kt-K3 RxQ 41. Q-K6 (k) R-QKt	LOS ANGELES, 1958	(h) Obviously not 22, BxKP; 23.	3. N-QB3 B-N2 26. KR-KN Q-B2
In Dista	Notes by Harry Borochow	BxKtch, KxB; 24. Kt-B7ch winning	4. P-K4 P-Q3 27. K-B2 B-B
		the B.	5. P-B3 P-K4 28. N-B QR-B
43. R-B3 B-Q2 (1) 44. QXB R-R	EUGENE LEVIN HARRY BOROCHOW	(i) Now Black can take the Pawn with Impunity, for look at all the	6. KN-K2 KN-Q2 29. B-K2 B-Q2 7. B-K3 Castles 30. B-Q2 Q-K2
45. B-Q5 Q-R7ch	White Black	with Impunity, for look at all the time White lost pushing his KP for	7. B-K3 Castles 30. B-Q2 Q-K2 8. B-B2 B-R3 31. N-Q3 B-K
46. K-B BxKtch	1. P-K3 P-QB4	the mere win of an exchange.	9. P-KR4 P-QB4 32. P-B4 B-B2
47. R(1)xB Q-R8ch	2. P-OB4 Kt-QB3	(j) 26. QR-Kt. B-B3; 27. P-K8(Q), KRx	10. P-Q5 R-K 33. PxP PxP
48. K-Q2 R-R7ch	3. Kt-QB3 P-KKt3 4. P-B4 B-Kt2	Q; 28. KtxRch, RxKt; serves no purpose,	11. P-KN4 N-R3 34. N-Q P-R3
49. K-Q3 Q-Q8ch	5. Kt-B3 P-K4	for R-K7ch is threatened, and if the B	12. P-N5 B-N2 35. B-QB3 R-K
50. K-B4 Q-KB8ch	6. PXP KtxP	trades, also Kt-K6ch to win the Ex-	13. N-N3 N-B2 36. P-R4 KR-B
51. K-Kt4 RESIGNS	7. B-K2 KtxKtch (a)!?	change.	14. B-K3 N-B 37. R-B B-N2
(a) With threats such as P-Kt6. It	8. BxKt (b) Q-R5ch	(k) Black likewise threatened P-R3	15. Q-B2 R-N 38. BxRP PxP
would seem here, however, that Black	9. P-Kt3 QxBP	so there is little hope of holding the	16. P-R3 P-N3 39. RPXP NXNP
prepares for more threats with Q-Kt3	10. B-Q5 Q-R3	advanced Pawn.	17. P-N4 P-B4 40. PxN P-B5
rather than the text.	11. Q-Kt3 Kt-R3	(1) White had but 10 minutes for 17	18. PxP, e.p. BxP 41. N-N4 PxB 19. Q-KR2 P-KR4 42. RxKB KxR
(b) As the freeing move for Black,	12. Kt-K4 Q-Kt3	moves, hence the hasty move, but he is lost anyway.	19. Q-KR2 P-KR4 42. RxKB KxR 20. P-N5 N-R2 43. N-B8 Q-Q3
P-Q4, is not available, the text tends	13. O-O (c) P-B4	(m) Hoping for 39,, RxP; 40, R-R	21. R-R2 K-R 44. NXP N-B3
to keep Black more cramped, particu-	14. OXQ PXQ	mate.	22. R-KN2 Q-K2 45. RXN QXR
larly since castling KR is quite hazard- ous in the face of the impending P-	15. Kt-Q6ch K-Q? (d)		23. B-Q3 B-Q2 46. N-Q7 Resigns
KR3, P-KKt4, B-K3, Kt-Kt3, P-KKt5	16. P-Q4 (e) K-K2! (f) 17. Kt-Kt5 P-Q3	BOOST AMERICAN CHESSI	
threat by White, whose pieces are bet-		and the second	The Dame Is
ter placed for attack on the King's			
France for arcack on the King s	19 B.KtSch K.B	Are You a Member? '	Thursday, Page 6
side than Black's on the Queen's side.	19 B.KtSch K.B	Is Your Friend a Member?	Thess Life March 20, 1958





Initiative

(Continued from page 2) tend to be inconveniently lengthy and are therefore usually excluded from such collections. This makes the apparently favorable pictures for White, as derived by the author from an examination of the games included in the above-mentioned

that I delight in her until I die."

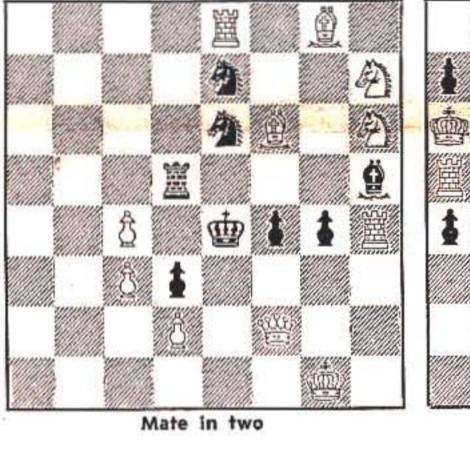
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White		Black
1.	P-K4	P-K4
2.	N-KB3	N-QB3
3.	B-N5	P-QR3
4.	B-R4	P-Q3
5.	P-B3	B-Q2
6.	P-Q4	P-KN3
7.	0-0	B-N2
8.	PxP	PxP
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art. Nineteen games are given, with notes and excerpts from Alekine, Botvinnik, Bronstein, Smyslov, and A. Rabinovich. Leaves of Chess is scholarly, allusive, and irresistible; it is for lovers of the game, like that one who said, "At last I have found my voice to tell her once more that I court her, that I covet her, that she is inexhaustibly beautiful, and

Mate in two

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allections, rather suspect and statistically invalid.

The long and short of the conclusion boils down to what the author has aptly described as sugtestive rather than conclusive: I to not, however, share the author's implied optimism about the future possibility of arriving at a conclusive judgment. It is true that 'initiative in chess' does not belong exclusively to the first player. (Alekine's Defense has been described as conferring the 'initiative' of the defense!) It may be true that the first move has something like 50.05% chance of maintaining the initiative between two 'exactly' balanced players. But this may not be sufficient for a win. I think that Tartakower is right, after all, and that a win is, as a rule, achieved by the gift of the opponent who makes the last decisive slip, aided, perhaps, by a last-minute flash of genius of the winner in discovering the winning line!

> Yours truly, Q. M. Hussain."

#### **Those Century Old Problems**

We must admit that we have not received any indication that any reader saw, solved, or was unable to solve the problems appearing on Page 3 of the Feb. 20 issue of CHESS LIFE. In case anyone is interested, and to close the account, the solutions are: 3 mover by DOMINO-1. B-K8; 4 mover by White-1. K-N7.

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9.	Q-K2		KN-K2	
10.	R-Q1		0.0	
11.	QN-Q2		N-Q5	
12.	NxN		BxB	
13.	N(Q4)-N3	1	Q-Q3	
14.	N-84		Q-K3	
15.	N-K3		BxN	
16.	PxB (a)		QR-QT	
17.	Q-B4		RxR	
18.	NXR		R-Q1	
19.	N-K3		Q-Q2	
20.	K-BT		P-KR4	
21.	Q-K2		Q-K3	
22.	Q-B2		Q-Q2	
23.	Q-K2	Draw	agreed	

(a) At this point Filip offered a draw, and Keres agreed, throwing Barden and Clarke on their own resources.

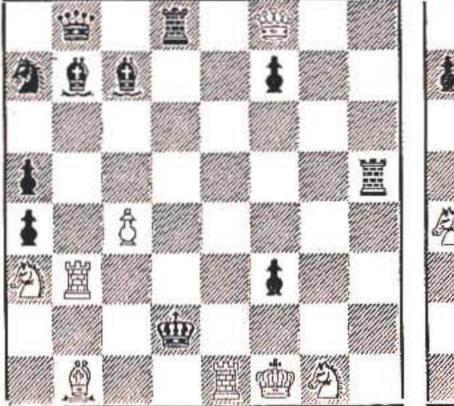
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White	(A)		31	Black
1. P-QB4	N-KB3	18.	N-K2	R-N
2. N-QB3	P-KN3		N-N3	P-85
3. P-Q4	B-N2		B-QB2	QNXP
4. P-K4	P-Q3		PxN	RxP
5. P-B3	Castles		N-N5	
6. B-K3	P-K4	23.	N(5)-K4	
7. P-Q5	P-84		BxP	N-N5
8. P-KN4	N-K		B-N5	Q-QB2
9. P-KR4	P-QR3		Q-R7ch	
10. B-Q3	P-QN4		R-R6	NxBch
11. Q-Q2	PxP	28.	K-B	N-Q5
12. KBXP	N-Q2		QxPch	
13. P-R5	N-N3		Q-R7ch	
14. B-Q3	P-R4		NxPch	
15. PxP	BPxP		RxQ	
16. Q-R2	N-B3		N-B5	R-R
17. N-R3	Q-K2		N-R6	Resigns
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White			FURMAN		
2.	Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	13.	R-R3	R-B4
3.	P-Q4	PXP	14.	Q-K3	Q-B
4.	KtxP	Kt-B3	15.	RxB	QXR
5.	Kt-QB3	P-Q3	16.	BxKt	PxB
6.	B-KKt5	P-K3	17.	Kt-K4	R-K4
7.	Q-Q2	B-K2	<b>T8</b> .	B-Q3	K-F
8.	Castles	KtxKt	19.	Q-R6	RxK
9.	QxKt	Castles		BXR	P.B.
10.	P-K5	PxP	21.	B-B3	R-QE
11.	QXKP	B-Q2	DRAWN		

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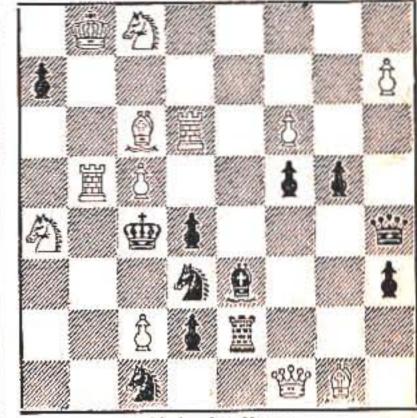
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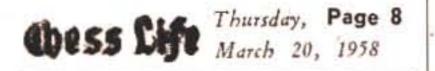
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Mate in three

Mate in three

No. 867 Petite: close tries 1. Q-B2-R-K6? and 1. Q-R4-B-B5? Keymove: 1. Q-R8 threat 2. Q-Q4 mate. 4 variations. No. 868 Montanari: apparentty: 1. ....., R-B5, 2. N-N5; 1. ....., B-B5, 2. N-QB2. Key 1. N-QB5 threat 2. R-K4 mate. 1. ....., R-Q3, 2. BxP and 1. ....., B-Q3; 2. N-K6. Mutual interferences of B-B8 and R-B3 (Grimshaw) are changed to those of BN and R. No. 869 Wirtanen: set: 1. ....., NB5, 2. B-N4; 1. ....., N-B3, 2. B-N6. Try 1. N-QB3 only defeat 1. ....., R-Q5. Key 1. N-B7 threat 2. Q-Q5. (Zagorujko theme.) No. 870 Berd: key 1. Q-B5 threat 2. N-B4 mate. 1. ....., B or RxQ, 2. R-Q2. 1. ....., N-Q4, 2. QxB. 1. ....., N-K3, 2. QxNP. No. 871 Riesveld: key 1. Q-QB2, threat 2. NxPB7 ch! followed by 3. N-N6 mate. Main plays after 1. ....., QxBP, 2. N-N7 ch! and 1. ....., BxBp, 2. N-KB4 ch. etc. No. 872 Ravenscroft-Hawes: due to confused and confusing requests of the composers, this problem was published in unsound form. It will be re-published soon. Apologies!



Solution Jo What's The Best Move?

#### Position No. 225

Because of the omission of a Black pawn from White's QB4 in Position 225, as originally printed, and the extension of time allowed to solvers, the solution will appear in the next issue, instead of this one.

# By Paul Leith

March-April. At Moscow. Return match for world title. World Champion Vassily Smyslov (USSR) defends against Mikhail Botvinnik, World Champion, 1948-57. Twentyfour games. Botvinnik must get 12½ points to win.

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#### April 12-13

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April 12-13, 19-20, 26-27

#### April 12-13

#### KENTUCKY STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Open to USCF members; non-members may become members by payment \$5.00 dues up to time entries close at 1 P.M., Saturday, April 12, 1958, at Y.M.C.A., E. High St., Lexington, Ky. Sponsored by Lexington YMCA Chess Club; 5-rd Swiss; time limit, 45 moves in 2 hours, or 41/2 hour playing session. Entry fee, \$3.00 plus USCF membership card or dues receipt. Guaranteed prizes: \$25 to winner, and Showalter Trophy to highest ranking state player. B Division, entry fee \$2.00 and proof membership USCF; prizes according to receipts from entry fees. Ties to be broken by Sonnenborn-Berger points. Tournament director, James A. Roark, 352 Clifton Ave., Lexington, Ky., to whom entries and inquiries may be addressed.

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#### April 26 8 27

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For additional information write to: President Arthur W. Davis, 1217 Marston, Ames, Iowa; Vice-President Milford M. Mott, 2116—35th St., Des Moines, Iowa; Secy.-Treas. John M. Osness, 606 Longfellow Ave., Waterloo, Iowa.

#### July 3, 4, 5, 6

#### Second New Western Open Tournament

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