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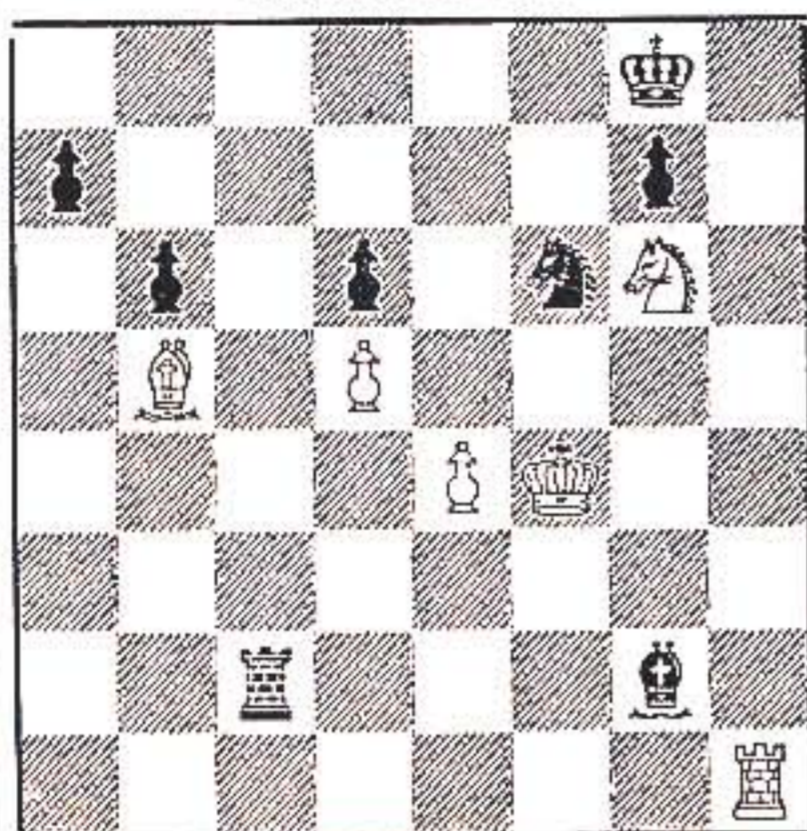
Conducted by  
**IRWIN SIGMOND**

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Solution to Position No. 252 will appear in the May 5, 1959 issue.

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Position No. 252



White to move

## THE 14TH ANNUAL U.S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE HELD JULY 13TH TO JULY 18TH IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA

### ELIGIBILITY:

Open to all chess players who are under twenty-one years of age on July 13th, 1959. No entry fee is required. All juniors must be members of the U.S.C.F. (\$5.00 per year dues).

### PLACE:

The Hotel Rome, 16th & Howard Streets. The hotel has arranged to offer accommodations to all junior players at the rate of \$1.50 per day. For those who wish meals in the coffee shop, a special 10% discount will be available to entrants.

### PLAYING CONDITIONS:

The tournament will commence with a meeting of the players at 3:00 P.M., Monday, July 13th with the first round at 7:00 P.M. The tournament will consist of either eight or ten rounds depending upon the total entry list. The time limit will be 50 moves in the first 2½ hours. 20 moves per hour thereafter. Games will be adjudicated at the end of 7 hours of play. The tournament will be conducted under the Swiss System, Harkness pairing method. A speed tournament will be held at the option of the players.

### To All Chess Players:

The members of the Omaha Chess Club extend a warm invitation to you to partake in a festive three weeks of chess in the center of North America during the month of July, 1959.

For the first time in the colorful history of American chess tournaments, the junior championship and the annual U. S. Open will be held in the same city on successive weeks. We hope that the presence of both events will bring a new record for the junior tournament, and that the geographical location of Omaha will make it possible for many players to attend the open for the first time from North America and neighboring foreign countries.

You will have the opportunity to meet Grand Masters, Masters and Experts, both national and international, and at the same time win cash prizes and trophies.

Make your reservation today.

Chessically yours,  
Jacob Feldman  
President, Omaha Chess Club

# Operation M = 1000 NEW MEMBERS

### HALF-WAY SCORE

At the half-way mark . . . last Dec. 5 . . . OPERATION M stands a fighting chance to hit target, 1,000 new members, plus one new member for every drop-out, that is, a 1,000 net membership gain between June 5, 1958 and June 5, 1959. Dec. 5 we had 465 of that!

But we have a lot less than half a year in which to finish our job! Only March, April, and May remain, before the June 5 list, when the T.D. will call "time!" (following FIDE) on OPERATION M. Let us repeat the committee duties:

**Local Committeemen:** Sign up new members. Tell them of the needs and values of membership. Bring organized chess to all your chess friends, and bring them to organized chess. Use the powerful membership brochure, "Organized Chess Needs Your Support." A postcard with your name to USCF, 80 E. 11th St., New York 8, will bring you a supply. Mail that card now!

**Local Chairmen:** Contact each USCF member and urge him to help as a local committeeman.

**State Chairmen:** Appoint the best possible local chairmen for each chess center. Divide up the membership list among the local chairmen. Divide up your quota (see Feb. 20 Chess Life.) Make plans now to be on or over target before June 5.

News and comment . . . George P. Bart of Concord has been named New Hampshire Membership Chairman . . . Richard Kujoth is Local Chairman at Madison, Wisconsin . . . Wanted dead or alive: information leading to the whereabouts of E. Forry Laucks, Deputy Chairman of OPERATION M in charge of special awards . . . last seen heading for Alaska after Rochester. . . . Ed Dickerson, Michigan State Chairman, reports a new club formed in Flint, and a new Local Chairman: Robert Snuske, Davison, Michigan . . . Ed writes, "I am putting on an amateur tourney and plan to advertise the heck out of it; we should pick up some new members. Plenty of tournament activity is the Michigan 1959 slogan, and should bring plenty new members."

USCF Secretary Marshall Rohland is another, along with Norman T. Whitaker and Harry Borochoy, who are planning simultaneous exhibitions promoting USCF membership. . . . Idea: Award USCF membership as prize in your next club tourney, to as many winners as you can afford, with or without additional trophies. . . . Frederick Cuthbert IV, new member in Pittsburgh, is Vice-President of his school chess club and has voluntarily appointed himself USCF membership chairman for the school! He likes and quotes the brochure "Organized Chess Needs Your Support."

Troy Miller, highly successful Mississippi State Membership Chairman, claims "Our state is coming forward in chess not due to my efforts, but to everyone concerned: it is just the desire of all members to be

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## THE 60TH ANNUAL U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE HELD JULY 20TH TO AUGUST 1ST IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA

### ELIGIBILITY:

Open to all chess players who are or become members of the United States Chess Federation.

### PLACE:

The luxurious Hotel Sheraton-Fontenelle, 18th & Douglas Streets. Rates at the hotel range from \$6.50 to \$9.50 for single rooms and from \$9.00 to \$13.00 per day for two persons. All rooms have shower or bath, free radio and television, and are air-conditioned. Additional information may be secured from the Reservations Clerk.

### TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

International Master, Hans Kmoch.

### PLAYING CONDITIONS:

The event will open with an advance players meeting, Monday, July 20th at 3:00 P.M. at which time the director will explain rules and regulations of play. The first round will commence Monday, July 20th at 7:00 P.M. and continue through twelve rounds of play ending Saturday, August 1st, except Saturday, July 25th when the annual speed championship will be held. Rounds will consist of 5 hours play at the rate of 50 moves in 2½ hours. Adjourned games of the first 11 rounds must be played the following morning at 9:30 A.M. unless changed by the director. The final round will be played to a conclusion. The tournament will be conducted under the Swiss System, Harkness pairing method.

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

The U.S.C.F. Speed Championship (ten seconds per move) will be held Saturday, July 25th, at 1:00 P.M. with finals commencing at 7:30 P.M. Cash prizes will be offered. Entry fee \$5.00.

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# ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

## Mastering the End Game

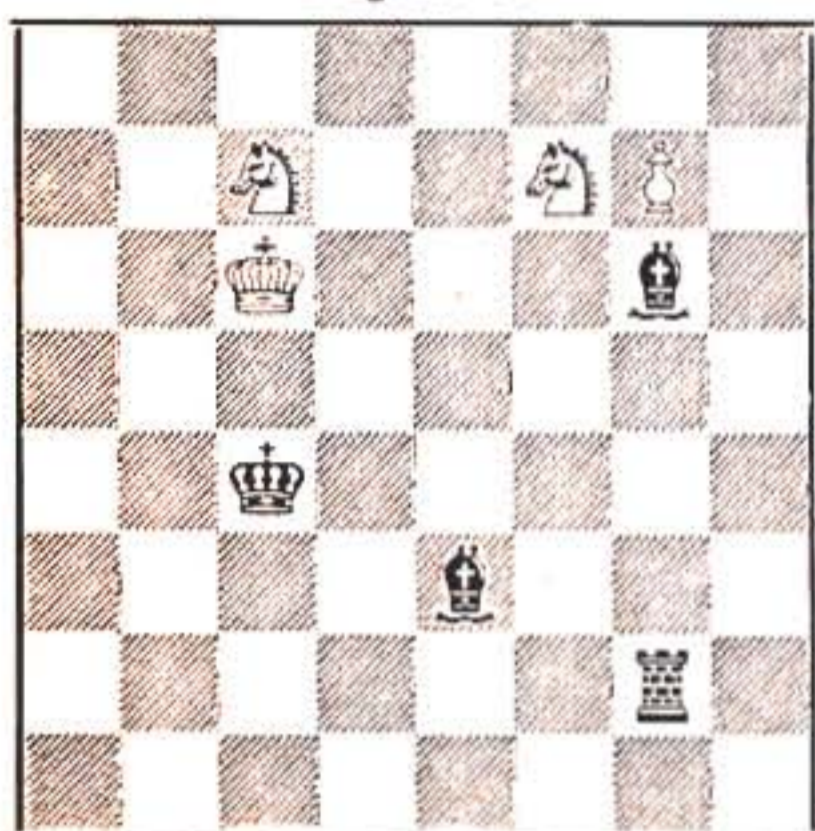
By **WALTER KORN**, Editor of MCO

### PART TWO OF A QUADRILOGY

You won't find "quadrilogy" in Webster — it is my own derivative a la "trilogy" and refers to diagram 65 as second in the series of diagrams 64-67. Twenty-two years after the Sehvrs study (Diag. 64) F. Lazare composed a more refined study, with less material and a subtle twist of "discovery" (2....., B-K5ch) culminating in "pure mate" in the middle of the board, by two minor pieces.

You will be rewarded if you try to solve the study without first looking at the solution on Page 8.

Diagram 65



White to play.



### ARTIST AT WORK

Tony Santasiere was nominated by several readers as the subject of a CHESS LIFE old-timer's article. See Tony's story below—Reshevsky and Borochoy stories soon.

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better chess players and better organized." Dan Sullivan is Local Chairman at Gulfport, Dr. Jackson at Kosciusko, Dale Jones for the Delta. And you should see the "Mississippi Chess Journal," for reflection of activity popping all over the state! A splendid state sheet.

San Francisco championship, just now starting, will be 100% USCF rated, 12-round swiss over 12 weeks. USCF master Henry Gross is making book on 50 participants. (Don't bet with Henry!) "You can count on us," the gentleman writes, "to do everything possible to put OPERATION M over the top, and we sincerely hope and expect the goal will be achieved before the open at Omaha."

### SANTASIERE'S FOLLIES

by  
Frank R. Brady

As I entered the apartment of Anthony E. Santasiere, two things competed for my attention; the wonderful smell of Italian cooking and the numerous oil paintings that seemed to occupy every spare inch of wall space. The famous Bronx school teacher was busy in the kitchen preparing dinner and so I occupied myself nosing my way through his extensive library and record collection. Editor Fred Wren has asked for a story on Santasiere for publication in CHESS LIFE, hence my pilgrimage to the netherland of the Bronx on this rainy, January evening.

During dinner, I had difficulty steering the conversation into chess lines, since my host's interests were so diversified, and his enthusiasms and talent so varied, that keeping the conversation on one subject was nearly impossible.

The one facet of his personality that impressed me most and still impresses me on reflection, was his overwhelming talent and ability with virtually anything that intrigues him. Chess, poetry, painting, music and cooking are his "spare time" endeavors, that is when he is not correcting papers and teaching school five days a week. There is no doubt that if he had directed his interests to just one artistic endeavor, he would have assuredly attained great heights in that particular field. His stature is great in the chess world and to say that he is proficient at his other interests would be a gross understatement.

After dinner, we headed for the nearest chessboard (his house has many) and began to play some skittles while continuing our talk. It was here that he opened up about chess in general and his specific role in it for the past 38 years.

### IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

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### U.S. JUNIOR AND U.S. OPEN—(Continued from Page 1)

The U. S. Women's Championship will be held concurrently with the open. If 12 or more women enter and indicate their preference for their own tournament, a special event will be held. Otherwise the entrants will play in the open division with the highest ranking player declared champion. Same rules and regulations apply. A special prize will be arranged for the victor.

The United States Chess Federation annual membership meeting will be held Wednesday, July 22nd at 2:00 P.M. The first U.S.C. Directors meeting will be held July 23rd at 2:00 P.M. The second Directors meeting will be held July 24th at 2:00 P.M.

A special banquet will be held July 31st at 4:00 P.M.

### U. S. OPEN PRIZE FUND:

FIRST .....	\$750.00	SIXTH .....	\$ 75.00
SECOND .....	\$500.00	SEVENTH .....	\$ 50.00
THIRD .....	\$300.00	EIGHTH .....	\$ 40.00
FOURTH .....	\$200.00	NINTH .....	\$ 35.00
FIFTH .....	\$100.00	TENTH .....	\$ 25.00
		11th to 20th—	\$15.00 each

The above prize schedule is subject to revision in the event additional funds become available for distribution. In addition to guaranteed prizes there will be suitable trophies and merchandise for the first three players in tournament as well as trophies for highest players in various classes. If there are ties for two or more places for which cash prizes are awarded, the sum of the prizes for these places will be divided equally among the tied players. Except for distribution of cash prizes, all ties will be broken as proved in U.S.C.F. tournament rules 72 to 75.

### MISCELLANEOUS:

Entry fee will be \$15.00 for U.S.C.F. members in good standing on July 20th. \$20.00 for non-members (which includes \$5.00 U.S.C.F. dues.) Please bring sets, boards and chess clocks.

(For advance registration or further detailed information, write to President Jacob Feldman, or Secretary Jack Spence, Omaha Chess Club, 540 Security Building, Omaha.)

A member of the Marshall Chess Club since 1920, he has competed in the club championship no less than 38 times, which is not only a record for that particular club but probably one for any chess club in the country. He has been Marshall Club Champion a total of six times. His many other titles would require a list much too long for the scope of this article, but among those that deserve extraordinary mention are: U.S. Open Champion, 1945; New York State Champion 1928, 1930, 1946, 1956; 2nd place in U.S. Open, 1949; 3rd in U.S. Open 1947; 1st place in Milano International 1953. Perhaps his greatest achievement was third prize in the U.S. Championship of 1940 — behind Reshevsky and Kashdan but ahead of such notables as Denker, Horowitz, Levin, Steiner, Kramer, Pinkus, Sandrin, etc.

In 1925, as a boy of 18, he competed in the international tournament at Lake Hoptacong. His final score was not impressive (he tied for last place) but he proved to be a dangerous opponent and a "stubborn little bother" to the prizewinners. He drew with Marshall, Janowski and Lasker and lasted 80 moves with Kupchik. Janowski was so furious at drawing with him, that he refused to eat at the same table with "that schoolboy" thereafter.

Though he threatens to retire from chess soon, he is still very active and I might add, still very strong. At last count, he was leading the Marshall Semi-Finals ahead of Sherwin, Collins, Pilnick, Weinstein, Levy, Kaufman, etc.!

The following games, with Tony's comments, are considered among his best.

"I must have played a thousand Caro-Kann Defenses, yet none was more wild than the very first one, played almost 40 years ago, and the conclusion was most unexpected."

### Metropolitan Chess League 1922

M. Levine	A. Santasiere
1. P-K4	P-QB3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. P-K5	B-B4
4. P-KN4	B-N3
5. P-K6	N-B3
6. N-Q2	PxP
7. B-K2	QN-Q2
8. P-N5	N-K5
9. NxN	BxN
10. B-Q3	B-B4
11. P-KR4	P-KN3
12. P-R5	B-N2
13. P-R6	B-B1
14. B-KB4	P-B4
15. PxP	Q-R4ch
16. P-B3	QxBP
17. N-B3	B-N5
18. B-K3	Q-Q3
19. BxPch	PxB
20. Q-Q8	BxN
21. QxR	.....

At this point, Black announced mate in seven!

22. ....	Q-R3
23. K-Q2	Q-K7ch
24. K-B1	B-K5
25. B-Q2	Q-Q6
26. K-Q1	Q-B6ch
27. K-K	B-Q6 mate

"In that long ago time, my favorite opening was the Stonewall—here's a little scherzo."

### Metropolitan Chess League 1926

A. Santasiere	E. B. Adams
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-K3	P-K3
3. B-Q3	N-KB3
4. N-Q2	B-Q3
5. P-KB4	N-B3
6. P-QB3	N-K2
7. N-R3	O-O
8. O-O	B-Q2
9. P-K4	PxP
10. NxP	N-N3
11. NxNch	PxN (forced)
12. P-B5	PxP
13. BxP	BxB
14. RxB	K-R
15. Q-R5	R-KN1

White mates in 4 (QxP ch, etc.)

"Believe it or not, I tried to invent an opening; and here is the first try of what has since caught the public's fancy as 'Santasiere's Folly'".

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# TIDBITS OF MASTER PLAY

By International MASTER WILLIAM LOMBARDY

World Junior Champion

## "THE THORNY PAWN"

Philidor has called the Pawn "The Soul of Chess". The Pawn is the lifeblood of the game but it has one other somewhat botanic feature. It carries without the thorns of the rose and, though the rose may be more beautiful, a true Chess player will consider the Pawn beyond all beauty.

But we are not here to discuss the qualities of roses as contrasted with pawns. Rather we must decide the basic usefulness of the Pawn in the Royal Game.

When the pawn reached the eighth rank it may be promoted to a Rook, Knight, Bishop or even a Queen! A Pawn may be used for attack, defense, blockade or to capture the enemy's pieces. However, the Pawn's most useful and essential quality is its ability to sacrifice itself to attain the greater glory of its monarch.

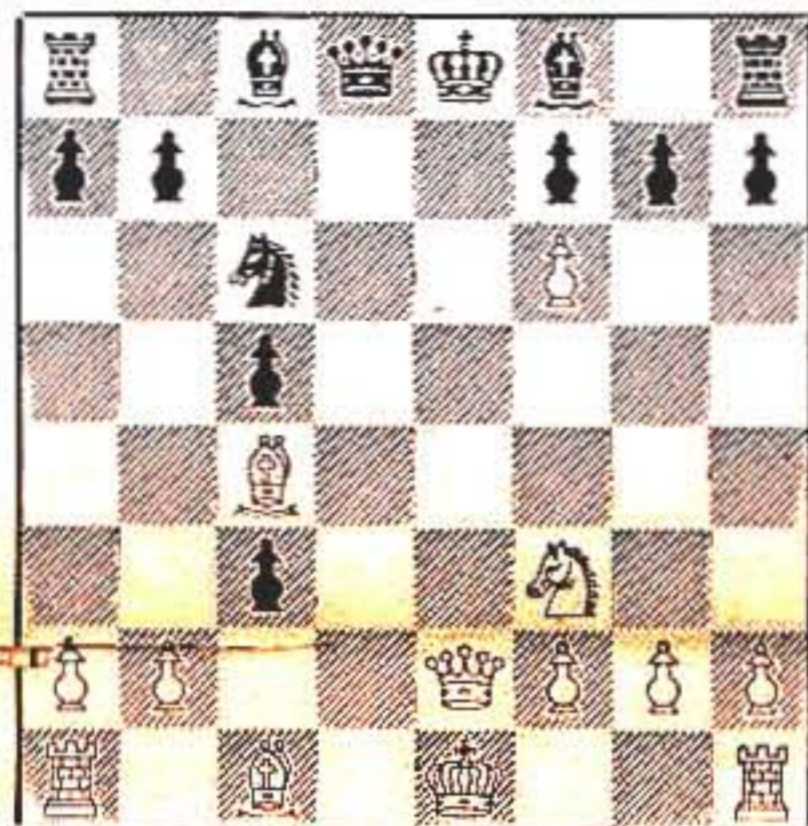
To attain mastership one must be able to judge when to sacrifice and when not to sacrifice this valuable treasure. But more important to my mind at least is the player's ability to judge when the sacrifice should be accepted or declined.

The following games are two concise examples of how a player can be all too ready to snatch at a Pawn without stopping for a brief moment of thought.

Hastings International  
Christmas Tourney 1958-1959

W. UHLMANN (East Germany) R. G. WADE (Great Britain)

White Black  
1. P-Q4 P-Q4  
2. P-QB4 .....  
Is this a Pawn sacrifice?  
2. .... PXP  
Of course!  
3. N-KB3 P-QB4  
3. ...., P-K3 is the normal continuation.  
4. P-Q5 N-KB3  
5. N-B3 P-K3  
Black intends to rid himself of this foul villain at Q5.  
6. P-K4 .....



Position after 10. Q-K2ch.

11. B-B4 .....  
White cuts off all lines of retreat. There can be no further hope of survival.

11. .... Q-R4  
12. R-Q1+ N-Q5  
13. B-N5+ Resigns

With great loss of material and mate inevitable Black gives up the ghost. This game is not meant to discourage players from playing the Queen's Gambit Accepted but merely to warn them to greater caution.

## SICILIAN DEFENSE

1959—Marshall Chess Club  
Championship Preliminaries

Nat Halper (White) Raymond Weinstein (Black)

1. P-K4 P-QB4  
2. N-KB3 N-QB3  
3. P-Q4 PxP  
4. NxP N-KB3  
5. N-QB3 P-Q3  
6. B-K2 .....

White adopts a more quiet line of development. B-QB4 and P-B4 are the other alternatives.

6. .... P-K4  
7. N-N3 B-K2  
8. B-KN5 .....

(See diagram top next column)

A new move played with success by the Danish Grandmaster, Larsen, against Gligoric at Moscow, 1956.

8. .... B-K3  
9. BxN BxB  
10. N-Q5 B-N4

Black must save his "bad bishop" or else lose his Queen pawn.

11. Q-Q3 O-O  
12. P-N4 .....

A restraining move intended to prevent P-B4.



Position after 6. P-K4.

More innocent than it looks. Black is already in serious difficulties, the compensation for which is a valueless Pawn. He cannot further develop his king side without loss of material and he has no means of attacking the White stronghold at Q5.

6. .... PxP  
Black reckons without his host. Perhaps P-QR3 was better.

7. P-K5! P-Q5

Black's attempt at counter-attack is a mere gesture. He is lost and so early in the game.

8. BxP N-B3

8. ...., PxN; 9. BxP+, K-K2; 10. PxN+, PxP; 10. QxQ+, KxQ; 11. PxBP, PxP; 12. B-KB4 and Black is not likely to survive the furious storm upon the naked King in the center.

9. PxN PxN

Else he's a piece down.

10. Q-K2+ K-Q2



Position after 8. B-KN5.

12. .... Q-B1  
Black has his eye on the pawn already, not suspicious of the danger that lies therein.

13. P-QB3 BxP  
The trap was well baited. Black no doubt intended to answer R-KN1 with BxB.

14. Q-N3! BxB  
14. .... P-B4; 15. P-B3, Q-Q1; 16. P-KR4 and White wins material. However this was a more suitable line of play.  
15. QxB Q-N5??



Position after 15. ...., Q-N5??

The conclusion of the trap. Oh! Had Black only seen P-B3!

16. N-B6+ Resigns

## CHESS

(By H. W. Reynolds, Lieutenant, U.S.N., Brookline, Mass.)

Oh, thou whose ready sneers express

The censure of our favorite Chess,  
Know that its skill is science itself,  
Its play distraction from distress;  
It soothes the anxious lover's care;  
It weans the drunkard from excess;  
It counsels warriors in their art  
When dangers threat and perils press,  
And yield us when we need them most,

Companions in our loneliness.

(This little gem traveled a tortuous path to reach the pages of CHESS LIFE. It was published in THE AMERICAN CHESS BULLETIN, in December, 1921, over Mr. Helms' editorial note, "Sent to us from Coronado Beach, Cal., by Paul B. Hanks of Wellesville, N.Y." If the then-Lieutenant is still living, he is probably a retired admiral now. Hope he still thinks kindly of chess.)

## SANTASIERE—

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Marshall C.C. Championship  
1937

A. Santasiere	F. Reinfeld
1. N-KB3	N-KB3
2. P-QN4!	P-K3
3. P-QR3	P-Q4
4. P-K3	P-QR4
5. P-N5	P-B4
6. B-N2	B-Q3
7. P-B4	O-O
8. N-B3	QN-Q2
9. Q-B2	N-N3
10. PxP	PxP
11. B-Q3	R-K1
12. O-O	P-R3
13. N-K2	B-Q2
14. P-QR4	N-K5
15. N-N3	Q-K2
16. N-R5	P-B3
17. N-N3	P-B5
18. BxN	PxB
19. N-Q4	P-N3
20. P-B3	P-B4
21. PxP	PxP
22. N(4)-K2	K-R2
23. R-B6	N-Q4
24. NxP!	B-K4
25. N-N5ch!	PxN
26. QxPch	K-R1
27. BxB	QxB
28. Q-R6ch	K-N1
29. R-N6ch	K-B2
30. Q-R7ch	K-B1
31. R-N8 mate.	

"A bagatelle wherein the arch-priest is beaten at his own opening in ten moves."

U.S. Open, Pittsburgh  
1946

A. Santasiere W. W. Adams

1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-QB3	N-KB3
3. B-B4	B-N5
4. KN-K2	P-B3
5. P-Q4	NxP
6. PxP	Q-R5
7. O-O	NxP
8. BxPch	K-B
9. Q-Q4	QxQ
10. NxQ	Resigns

Vs. one of the greatest younger American masters I had an astounding first success (4 victories); then came 2 losses. This was my last win, and it was awarded a prize.

N.Y. State Championship  
1949

A. Santasiere A. Bisguier

1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-QB3	N-KB3
3. B-B4	B-B4
4. P-B4	P-Q3
5. N-B3	N-B3
6. P-Q3	B-K3
7. B-N5	P-QR3
8. BxNch	PxB
9. P-B5	B-B
10. P-KR3	N-Q2
11. P-KN4	B-N2
12. Q-K2	Q-K2
13. B-Q2	O-O-O
14. O-O-O	K-N
15. K-N	P-Q4
16. QR-KB	K-R2
17. P-N5	P-B3
18. P-KR4	R-QN1
19. P-R5	P-R3
20. PxRP	PxP
21. N-R4	Q-Q3
22. N-R4	B-R1
23. NxB	NxN
24. P-N3	N-R5
25. K-R	Q-R6
26. R-QN1	N-B4
27. B-B1	Q-N5
28. Q-K1	Q-N4
29. B-R3	P-Q5
30. P-B4	Q-N3
31. BxN	QxB
32. KR-N	Q-Q3
33. Q-R5	R-R2
34. P-N4	B-N2
35. P-R4	Q-K2
36. R-N2	B-B1
37. R-N8	B-N2
38. N-N6	Q-Q3
39. P-B5	Q-Q2
40. RxRch	KxR
41. N-B8	Q-N2
42. NxR	QxN
43. P-N5	RPxP
44. PxP	K-B1
45. Q-R2	PxP
46. R-N1	B-B3
47. R-N8ch	Resigns

(For more Santasiere games—see page 4, col 3)

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### The Editor's Bookshelf

By FRED M. WREN, Editor CHESS LIFE

The following review by Dr. Svendsen appeared in the July 5, 1958 issue of CHESS LIFE. Read it again, and then learn why it is being reprinted here.

**"DIE KUNST DER BAUERNFUHRUNG.** By Hans Kmoch. Berlin-Frohnau: Siegfried Engelhardt Verlag. 288 pp., 346 diags. DM 12.60.

In addition to being an International Master and an International Judge, Hans Kmoch is probably the leading chess taxonomist of our time. For years in articles and tournament books, Kmoch has tried to bring some order into the confusion of chess openings terminology, a confusion worse confounded by the practice of national nomenclature. Thus we have Ruy Lopez in English, Spanisch in German; and a tribe of Indians, old, young, and Bogó, in all tongues. The present volume, which the reviewer fervently hopes will be translated for the greater benefit of chess, displays the same passion for order characteristic of Kmoch's other work, as well as a wholly convincing approach to chess strategy. All manuals offer something on pawn-play. But not until now has there been an exhaustive study and systematization of results of the relation of pawn structure to the middlegame. Every possible pawn situation is catalogued, numbered, related to general principles, and exemplified in games from recent tournaments. One must see the book to believe the relentless logic with which Kmoch relates nearly the whole of one branch of strategy to variations of the Benoni formation which features blocked or partially blocked pawns at White's Q5 and/or QB4 and K4. Fifty-two heavily annotated games, dozens of illustrative positions, and hundreds of diagrams elucidate the Philidorian axiom that pawns are the soul of chess. This is a best buy if ever there was one."

Dr. Svendsen's "fervent hope" has now been realized, and in "PAWN POWER IN CHESS" (just published by David McKay Company, Inc. 300 pp., 182 diags. \$5.50) we have Author Hans Kmoch's marvelous pawn study in English. As he says in the preface, "Our treatise on this subject was first published in German two years ago. However, PAWN POWER IN CHESS is an English treatment of the same subject rather than a direct translation of Die Kunst der Bauernfuhrung." Several games played in 1957 and 1958 have been added to the list mentioned by Dr. Svendsen, and Mr. Kmoch has revised much of his analytical text in order to present the definitive work in the pawn field in the English rather than the German idiom.

An attractive cloth binding, and clean uncrowded diagrams and text, combine to make this well-indexed book a must in the library of every serious student of chess.

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### COMPLETE BOOK OF CHESS OPENINGS

by Fred Reinfeld. Barnes and Noble, New York. (182 pp., 143 diagrams. \$1.25)

This new paperback, combining THE SEVENTH BOOK OF CHESS and THE EIGHTH BOOK OF CHESS, published by Sterling in 1956 and 1957 respectively, is published as No. 274 in the EVERYDAY HANDBOOK SERIES by Barnes and Noble, Inc. of New York.

Pages 6 to 61 deal with openings in which 1. P-K4 is answered by P-K4. Pages 62-92 present the openings in which 1. P-K4 is answered otherwise. The rest of the book is devoted to various Queen Pawn Openings, and a few irregular openings in which the first move is neither P-K4 nor P-Q4. In each opening discussed, the position reached after the moves constituting the opening have been made is the subject of a diagram, and another diagram is given for each of the principal variations. For example, the King's Gambit Declined has two diagrams, the Queen's Gambit Declined has sixteen, the Sicilian has six, etc.

This book is no M.C.O. nor was it intended to replace that essential item of chess literature. Reinfeld says in his introduction, "Opening manuals contain thousands of alternative variations with tens of thousands of annotations. Most readers shrink back appalled by this more-than-lifetime task, and despairingly conclude that they can never master the openings. The present book is based on a different, far more practical approach. What the average player needs is orientation. Here you are given a concise summary of what the opening is intended to achieve, and what it actually does achieve. Then you are shown the most characteristic variations—the ones that best illustrate the spirit

of the opening. This practical approach has two valuable advantages—it guides you to an understanding of, and familiarity with, the basic opening lines; yet at the same time it leaves you a lot of scope for your own initiative and desire to experiment."

In my opinion, the book achieves the author's declared purpose excellently. The expert and master will learn nothing from this book, except perhaps to express verbally explanations of opening techniques which he has practiced for years, but which he has never been able to get across to his pupils. Years ago I wrote that had I had access to a book like Fine's "BASIC CHESS ENDINGS" during my formative years, I might have graduated from the woodpusher class. I am now certain that this might have been accomplished if, in addition to BCE, I could have had Reinfeld's "COMPLETE BOOK OF CHESS OPENINGS" to serve as an introduction to my MCO (Griffith and White, 5th Edition) whose perpendicular columns reminded me too vividly of the tables of logarithms through which I had just struggled in Freshman Math. (Available at U.S.C.F. Business Office, 80 East 11th St., New York 3, N. Y. List price \$1.25—price to USCF members, \$1.00.)

### SANTASIERE STORY—(Continued from Page 3)

Awarded the "Best Game Played" prize.

"I've had many tough games with Larry Evans, but this one I recall fondly."

Marshall C.C. Championship  
1951

A. Santasiere	L. Evans
1. N-KB3	N-KB3
2. P-KN3	P-KN3
3. B-N2	B-N2
4. O-O	O-O
5. P-Q4	P-Q3
6. P-B4	QN-Q2
7. N-B3	P-K4
8. PxP	PxP
9. B-N5	P-KR3
10. BxN	QxB
11. N-Q2	P-B3
12. KN-K4	Q-K2
13. Q-Q6	QxQ
14. NxQ	R-Q1
15. B-R3	KxB
16. QR-Q	K-K2
17. P-B4	PxP
18. RxP	P-KB4
19. BxP	PxB
20. NxPch	K-B2
21. NxPch	K-N3
22. R-Q6ch	K-R2
23. N-K4	BxN
24. R-K4	K-R2
25. R(4)xB	R-KN1
26. N-N5	N-B1
27. R(R6)-B6	B-K3
28. KRxB	NxR
29. NxNch	K-B2
30. N-B5	QR-Q1
31. NxP	RxR
32. NxRch	K-K3
33. N-N7	R-QN1
34. N-B5ch	K-B4
35. P-N3	R-Q1
36. N-Q3	and white won.

"One of my favorite openings of modern times has been the King's Gambit. Here is a neat bagatelle."

U.S. Open, 1954  
New Orleans

A. Santasiere	E. T. McCormick
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. P-KB4	PxP
3. N-KB3	B-K2
4. B-K2	N-KB3
5. P-Q3	P-Q4
6. P-K5	N-N5
7. BxP	P-KB3
8. O-O	N-B3
9. PxP	B-B4ch
10. P-Q4	QxP
11. PxP	QxB
12. N-B3	B-K3
13. NxP	BxN
14. QxB	Q-K6ch
15. K-R	N-B7ch
16. RxN	QxR
17. B-N5	R-Q1
18. Q-K6ch	K-B
19. B-B4	Resigns

"And here finally is the most exciting drawn game I have suffered through."

Marshall C.C. Championship  
1955

E. Mednis	A. Santasiere
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. B-B4	N-B3
4. N-N5	B-B4
5. P-Q4	NxQP
6. NxBP	Q-K2
7. NxR	P-Q4
8. B-K2	PxP
9. B-K3	B-B4
10. P-QB3	O-O-O
11. PxN	PxP
12. B-KN5	B-N5ch
13. B-Q2	P-K6
14. PxP	PxP
15. O-O	PxB
16. RxB	Q-K6ch
17. K-B	N-N5
18. P-KN3	B-B4
19. BxN	Q-N8ch
20. K-K2	Q-K6ch

DRAWN

### WHITAKER AND O'KEEFE TAKE GEM CITY OPEN

With a tie score of 5.5 points, a full point ahead of their nearest competitors, Norman T. Whitaker of Shadyside, Md. and Jack O'Keefe of Ann Arbor, Mich. split first and second prize money (\$25 each) in the Senior Division of the Gem City Open held at Dayton, Ohio, January 24th and 25th, 1959. Whitaker, a chess master and member of the Washington (D.C.) Chess Divan, edged into first place with 15.5 median points to O'Keefe's 14.5.

Jerry Fink, 17 year old senior at Oakwood High School, lived up to the expectations of his fellow Daytonians by tying Ross Sprague, of Lakewood, Ohio, for third and fourth places. They divided third prize money. It was an unusual four-way tie: Score 4.5, Median—14, Solkoff—22 and S-B—14.75. According to the rules of the tournament, they were to have been ranked by the toss of a coin, but Jerry suggested using "Double Solkoff" and even added the points himself, to find that Ross had outscored him 128 to 116.5 points. Ross Sprague is 1958 Ohio Champion and Jerry Fink is 1958 Ohio Junior Co-Champion.

The Junior Division Championship and trophy was won by John Phythyon with a 5.5 score, drawing with third place Kent Heyward. Jim Martin's score of 5 put him in second place. All Juniors were from Dayton excepting Henry Gantner, from Kentucky.

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# HOW CHESS GAMES ARE WON

America's Number 1 Player Illustrates the Technique of Victory

By International Grandmaster SAMUEL RESHEVSKY

## 1958 Chess Olympics

The 1958 Chess Olympics at Munich, Germany, was again won with ease by the Russians. 36 nations participated, making it the biggest chess olympics to date.

The United States was represented by a team of five, instead of six, because of a last minute withdrawal of one of the players. Our showing at Munich was quite good, if one considers the fact that the team was not well prepared, and that it consisted only of five players.

It is not too optimistic to state that we will be able to send a team to the 1960 Chess Olympics, which will give the Russians some concern.

Alexander, of England, is a veteran who is a very hard man to beat. He is resourceful and mostly dangerous when attacking. In the following game, an English Opening, the position through the 17th move seemed to offer nothing to either side. On my 18th turn I chose a continuation which involved the sacrifice of a pawn. The position became extremely interesting. My opponent seemed to have solved all his problems. On my 24th turn, however, I made an inobvious retreat of the bishop. This surprise move decided the issue.

### ENGLISH OPENING

MCO: Page 332, Column 9  
1958 Chess Olympics  
Munich, 1958

Reshevsky White  
Alexander Black

1. P-QB4 .....  
This move has become fashionable recently. The reason for its popularity is the belief among leading chess players that it is less committing than 1. P-Q4. This is true to a certain extent. The main drawback to 1. P-QB4 is that it gives black a large choice of equalizing variations. This is only true, if black knows all the latest wrinkles of those variations.

1. .... P-KN3  
This move practically limits black to adopt either the King's Indian Defence or the Dutch Defence. 1. .... N-KB3 is, of course, less committing.  
2. P-KN3 B-N2  
3. B-N2 P-K4

Black's intentions become clear. He wants to play an early P-KB4. This set-up is a favorite of Alexander. The purpose of this maneuver is to obtain quick control of black's K5 square. If white plays P-K4 belatedly, black is able to build up an attack by replying with P-KB5.

4. N-QB3 P-Q3  
5. P-Q3 .....  
5. N-B3, P-KB4; 6. P-Q4, P-K5 with a fine position for black.

5. .... P-KB4  
6. P-K4 N-K2  
Black wants to recapture with the knight when white plays PxP. Better seems, however, 6. .... N-KB3.

7. KN-K2 .....  
7. P-B4, KPxP; 8. BxP was seriously to be considered.

7. .... O-O  
8. O-O QN-B3  
9. P-B4 .....

The position is almost symmetrical, the only difference being that white has a pawn at QB4. That difference does not give any particular advantage. The position is approximately equal.

9. .... PxKP  
10. QPxP .....

On 10. NxP, black replies 10. .... P-KR3 (in order to prevent N or B-KN5) 11. PxP, RxRch; 12. QxR, PxP and white's isolated QP is weaker than black's KP. 13. N-B6ch doesn't mean anything. Black plays simply 13. .... K-R1 followed by N-B4.

10. .... B-K3  
11. N-Q5

(See diagram top next column)

I was considering 11. P-QN3, but decided against it. White would have been compelled to make a series of defensive moves. In addition, my opponent would have been able to simplify the position by a few exchanges: 11. P-QN3, PxP; 12. PxP (12. BxP or RP would have isolated white's KP unnecessarily) B-N5 (threatening BxQN) 13. B-N2 (13.



Position after 11. N-Q5.

B-B3, BxB; 14. RxB would have overexposed white's king) N-Q5 and now black has the choice of exchanging some minor pieces after 14. Q-Q2 or play 14. .... KN-B3 or even P-B4 followed by KN-B3 with an excellent game. The primary purpose of the text-move is to get this knight to K3 where it would prevent black from playing B-KN5.

11. .... Q-Q2  
A natural looking move. Apparently, the move is made for the purpose of being able to play B-KR6.

12. R-N1 .....  
Preparing for P-QN4, in case black continues with 12. .... B-R6, as expected.  
12. .... B-N5

Apparently, my opponent concluded that white's bishop was weak anyhow, and therefore, decided to give up his bishop for a knight instead of playing B-KR6. This assumption proved wrong later on in the game, when white's KB became very much alive.

13. N-K3 BxN  
I prefer 13. .... B-R4. My opponent probably feared that the bishop at KR4 might get into trouble. There is, however, no way of endangering the bishop. White's best would have been 14. B-B3.  
14. QxB N-Q5

The position is approximately even now. White has the two bishops; black has a well-posted knight at Q5. White's problem is to find an avenue of activity for his KB.

15. Q-Q3 PxP  
In order to give the bishop greater scope.

16. PxP P-QR4  
Preventing P-QN4.  
17. B-Q2 P-B4  
18. P-KB5 .....

I decided that the time for aggressive action has come.

18. .... N(K2)-B3  
Best. For if 18. .... PxP; 19. PxP, N(Q5)xP (19. .... KNxP; 20. B-R3 wins a piece) 20. NxN, RxN (20. .... NxN;

21. B-R3, B-Q5ch; 22. K-R1 and black's KRP must fall, for if 22. .... N-R5; 23. Q-KN3ch) 21. B-R3 with sufficient compensation for the pawn. White also has in this variation 21. RxR, QxR; 22. QxQ, NxQ; 23. BxNP.

19. N-Q5 .....  
Threatening P-B6.  
19. .... N-K4  
20. Q-KR3 NxQBP



Position after 20. ...., NxQBP.

21. B-N5 .....  
Black is confronted with a serious threat: 22. N-K7ch, K-R1; 23. NxPch or P-B6.

21. .... QR-K1  
Meets that threat nicely.  
22. P-B6 QxQ  
23. BxQ .....

Here I expected 23. .... B-R1, and I had decided to continue with 24. N-K7ch, K-B2; 25. B-R6 winning the exchange, but I was aware of the fact that it still would have been a herculean task to win the game.

23. .... R-K41  
A terrific rejoinder which I had not counted on! The point is that after 24. N-K7ch, K-B2; 25. PxBch, KxP, and now black regains his piece by force. For if 26. RxR, RxBch followed by KxR. If 26. B-R4, P-KN4 again regaining a piece with a won position.  
24. B-B1



Position after 24. B-B1.

One good move deserves another in reply! This inobvious retreat meets the crucial situation surprisingly well. The point is that after black retreats his bishop—24. .... B-R1, white wins material with 25. P-N3, and the black knight is trapped.

24. .... N-K7ch  
25. K-R1 RxP(K5)

Best under the circumstances. For if 25. .... NxB; 26. QRxN black loses a piece with a worse position than after the text-move.

26. PxB RxRch.  
27. BxR KxP

Black has three pawns for the piece,

usually sufficient compensation. In this particular position, however, white's two bishops are too powerful. Add to this the fact that black's knights are miserably misplaced. It becomes clear then that black's prospects are very dim.

28. B-N5 P-R3  
29. B-Q8 N-Q7  
30. B-N2 .....

30. R-Q1, NxR; 31. RxN is also sufficient, but retaining the bishops makes the task easier.

30. .... R-QR5  
31. R-R1 .....

31. R-Q1 was tempting, but bad: 31. R-Q1, RxP; 32. RxN, R-R8ch; 33. B-B1, RxBch; 34. K-N2, R-B4! and black remains with four pawns for the piece. 31. R-K1 was, however, to be considered. For after 31. .... RxP; 32. RxN, R-R8ch; 33. B-B1, NxR (33. .... RxBch; 34. K-N2, R-Q8; 35. N-B3 winning a piece) 34. K-N2, R-Q8; 35. N-B3, R-QR8; 36. B-K7 and should have little difficulty winning.

31. .... K-B2  
32. P-QR3 .....

Threatening R-Q1 or R-K1.  
32. .... R-R5

Black was in terrific time trouble, but black's position was anyhow hopeless.  
33. BxR Resigns

## Second Rating Improvement Tourney Won by Bernard Hill

The 2nd (February, 1959) Monthly Rating Improvement Tournament, sponsored by the USCF, and played at the Chess and Checker Club of New York, 212 West 42nd St., New York City, was won by Bernard Hill, a player formerly rated as a USCF master (last published rating 2309) who has not been active in tournament play recently. He topped a 32-entry 6-round Swiss with a score of 3-1. The following players placed as listed after their 4-2 tie had been broken: Richard Friedenthal of Westport, Conn. 2nd.; William Jones of Jersey City, N.J. 3rd; Michael Hart of New York, 4th; Harold Feldheim of New York, 5th. John Pamiljens of Brooklyn, and Richard Moran of Jamaica, N. Y. finished 6th and 7th respectively after each had scored 3½-1½. The event was directed by Frank R. Brady, with adjudications taken care of by the following quartet of masters: Sherwin, Shipman, Kaufmann, and Mednis.

## Bulgaria To Host Ladies' Tournament in May

FIDE President Folke Rogard has recently announced that the tournament through which a challenger for the woman's world championship title match will be qualified, will be held at Plovdiv, Bulgaria, May 2 to 27, 1959. This event, which was originally slated for Paris, last September, has at last found a home. Mrs. Sonia Graf-Stevenson and Mrs. Gisela Gresser qualified in December, 1957, to represent the United States Zone (5) in this international tournament. Other qualified candidates are: Zone 1—Mrs. E. Pritchard; Zone 2—Mrs. E. Keller-Herrmann; Zone 3—Mrs. K. Eretova, Mrs. B. Kertesz, Mrs. M. Lazarevic, Mrs. V. Nedeljovic, Mrs. M. Pogorevici; Zone 4—Mrs. V. Borisenko, Mrs. S. Rootare, Mrs. O. Rubtsova, Mrs. L. Volpert, Mrs. K. Zvorykina; Zone 8—Mrs. S. Huguet; Zone 9—Mrs. R. Lichtenfeld.



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Annotated by Chess Master JOHN W. COLLINS

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## STUDENT

An eighteen year old Carnegie Institute of Technology student, Geroge W. Baylor, ran away with the Pittsburg Amateur Championship. He just won all his games, including this one from the First Round.

### FRENCH DEFENSE

MCO 9: p. 110, c. 78  
Pittsburg Amateur, 1958

**G. W. BAYLOR** White      **J. G. WALTZ** Black

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|---------|-------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-K3  |
| 2. P-Q4 | P-Q4  |
| 3. P-K5 | ..... |

White adopts the Nimzowitsch Variation, the idea of which is to cramp Black and then launch a king-side attack. And that is how it works out in the game.

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| 3. ....  | P-QB4 |
| 4. P-QB3 | Q-N3  |
| 5. N-B3  | N-QB3 |

An interesting idea is 5. ...., B-Q2; 6. B-K2, B-N4!

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| 6. P-QR3 | PxP?  |
| 7. PxP   | KN-K2 |
| 8. N-B3  | ..... |

The usual way to handle the threat to the QP is 8. P-QN4, N-B4; 9. B-N2. Baylor has something different, and perhaps better.

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| 8. ....   | N-B4  | 12. R-B1 | P-B3  |
| 9. N-QR4  | Q-B2  | 13. B-Q3 | B-Q2  |
| 10. P-QN4 | B-K2  | 14. O-O  | ..... |
| 11. B-N2  | P-QR3 | .....    | ..... |

White maintains the tension. 14. BxN, PxP; 15. Q-N3 is feasible.

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| 14. .... | Q-Q1  |
| 15. R-K1 | O-O   |
| 16. N-B5 | ..... |

This is an unnecessary retreat. Both 14. ...., O-O and 14. ...., R-QB1 are more logical.

Thus White obtains the two Bishops game.

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| 16. .... | BxN    | 18. PxP  | PxP   |
| 17. RxB  | N/4-K2 | 19. N-R4 | ..... |

White clears the third rank and the Q-R5 diagonal to start the direct attack against the King.

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| 19. .... | P-B4 | 21. R-N3ch | K-R1  |
| 20. R-K3 | Q-K1 | 22. B-QB1  | ..... |

Now this Bishop exerts heavy pressure on the K5-R8 and B1-R6 slants—the so-called color-complex motif.

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| 22. .... | Q-B2 |
| 23. N-B3 | B-K1 |

One would expect 23. ...., R-KN1.

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| 24. Q-K2  | Q-B3  |
| 25. B-KN5 | Q-B2  |
| 26. B-KB4 | ..... |

Threatening to win the KP with 27. N-N5.

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| 26. ....  | N-N3! |
| 27. N-N5  | Q-Q2  |
| 28. NxKP? | ..... |

Black finds a tricky defense. 26. ...., B-Q2; 27. N-N5, Q-B3; 28. R-R3, P-R3; 29. Q-R5, K-N2 might hold.

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| 27. N-N5  | Q-Q2  |
| 28. NxKP? | ..... |



Position after 28. NxKP?

As there is a flaw in this, White should settle for 28. Q-K3.

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| 28. ....   | NxB?    |
| After 28. ...., R-B3! White is obliged to sacrifice the exchange with 29. KRxN. The text-move loses quickly. | .....   |
| 29. NxN  | B-B2    |
| 30. RxN!   | QxR     |
| 31. Q-K5ch   | Resigns |

## SLAVIC MELODY

### SLAV DEFENSE

MCO: Page 217, col. 54  
Philadelphia Amateur Tourney  
Philadelphia, 1958

Notes by U.S. Expert Don Define  
**J. G. WALTZ** White      **W. SCHRAMM** Black

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| 1. P-Q4  | P-Q4  |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-QB3 |
| 3. N-KB3 | N-B3  |
| 4. N-B3  | PxP   |
| 5. P-QR4 | B-B4  |
| 6. P-K3  | ..... |

All standard so far. The Krause Attack 6. N-K5 is an alternative.

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| 6. .... | P-K3  |
| 7. BxP  | B-QN5 |
| 8. O-O  | QN-Q2 |
| 9. B-Q2 | ..... |

Another variation is 9. Q-N3, Q-N3; 10. P-K4! B-N3; 11. BxKP! PxP; 12. P-R5! BxRP; 13. QxPch with a strong attack (Euwe-Landau, 6th Match Game, 1939).

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| 9. ....   | Q-K2 |
| 10. R-K1  | N-K5 |
| 11. NN    | BxN  |
| 12. B-B3  | N-N3 |
| 13. B-R2  | N-Q4 |
| 14. N-K5  | B-Q3 |
| 15. N-B4  | B-N5 |
| 16. R-QB1 | BxB  |
| 17. PxP   | N-N3 |
| 18. N-K5  | N-Q2 |
| 19. N-B4  | N-N3 |

The "Waltzing Matilda" knights!

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| 20. N-Q2 | B-N3  |
| 21. P-K4 | ..... |

White has achieved a fine center—and with it a fine game.

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| 21. ....  | O-O    |
| 22. P-KB4 | P-KR3  |
| 23. N-B3  | P-QB4! |
| 24. Q-N3  | Q-K1   |
| 25. P-R5  | N-Q2   |
| 26. QxNP  | Q-B1   |
| 27. QxQ   | .....  |

Why not? Axiom: A pawn ahead—steer for the end game.

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| 27. .... | KRxQ  |
| 28. P-Q5 | ..... |

Or else 28. ...., PxP; 29. Nxp. Since 29. PxP, RxR; 30. RxR, BxP.

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|-----------|---------|
| 28. ....  | P-B5    |
| 29. PP    | PxP     |
| 30. QR-Q1 | N-B3    |
| 31. B-N1  | QR-N1   |
| 32. N-K5  | B-R4    |
| 33. R-Q4  | R-B4    |
| 34. NxP   | R/1-QB1 |
| 35. B-R2  | B-B2    |
| 36. N-Q6  | R/1-B3  |
| 37. NxB   | KxN     |
| 38. P-B5  | RxBP    |
| 39. BxPch | RxB     |

A note that makes life easier for White.

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|------------|--------|
| 40. PxPch  | KxP    |
| 41. P-K5   | N-Q4   |
| 42. R-QR4  | R-B7   |
| 43. P-R6   | N-B6   |
| 44. R-QN4  | N-K7ch |
| 45. K-B1   | N-B8   |
| 46. R-N7   | N-Q6   |
| 47. R-R1   | R-B7ch |
| 48. K-N1   | R-B2   |
| 49. R/1-N1 | N-B4   |
| 50. RxR    | KxR    |
| 51. R-N7ch | .....  |

Finale! White now queens by force or exacts the knight's life.

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|------------|---------|
| 51. ....   | K-K3    |
| 52. RxRP   | KxP     |
| 53. R-K7ch | K-Q3    |
| 54. RxP    | Resigns |

For the knight is skewered after 54. ...., Nxp by 55. R-N6ch. The quiet 54. P-R7! Would have thundered an end to the proceedings also.

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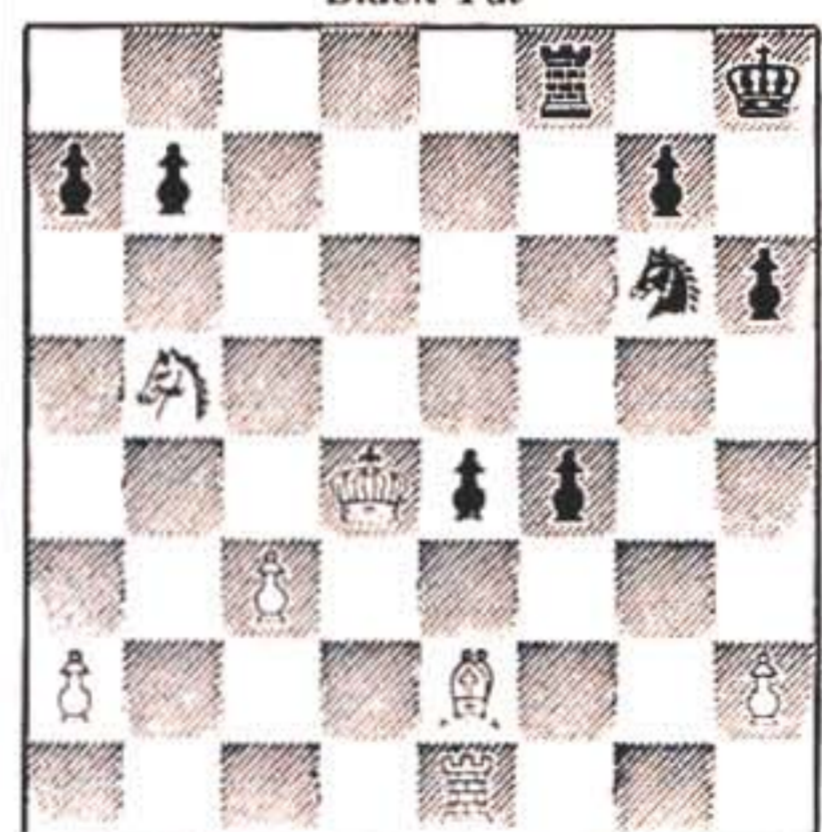
## PETROSIAN NEW USSR CHAMP

Tigran Petrosian, the grandmaster who tied with Benko for 3rd and 4th places in the Interzonal at Portoroz last summer, proved that his performance there was no fluke by winning the 26th USSR Chess Championship recently concluded at Tbilisi, with a 13½-5½ score. Grandmasters Spassky and Tal tied for 2nd and 3rd places with 12½-6½. Taimanov and Kholmov tied for 4th and 5th places with 12-7.

Among the competitors were the following USSR ex-champions: Paul Keres (three times champ); Bronstein and Tal (twice each); Averbach, Taimanov and Geller (once each).

Western players who have come to regard Tal as unconquerable may derive a modicum of comfort from the news that he lost his first-round game of the USSR championship tournament to Yukhtman, a young Moscow master, who was playing in his first national championship finals tournament. The following position was reached after Black (Tal) had played 29. ...., K-R1:

### Black-Tal



### White Yukhtman to move.

The game continued with an instructive demonstration of the power of the bishop in certain positions.

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|-----------------|--------|-----------|--------------|
| <b>Yukhtman</b> |        |           | <b>Tal</b>   |
| <b>White</b>    |        |           | <b>Black</b> |
| 30. R-KN1       | N-R5   | 36. R-KB1 | R-Q4         |
| 31. KxP         | R-K1ch | 37. K-Q3  | R-QR4        |
| 32. K-Q3        | P-B6   | 38. B-N3  | P-KN4        |
| 33. B-Q1        | N-N7   | 39. NxP   | R-KB4        |
| 34. K-Q2        | N-R5   | 40. N-Q2  | Resigns      |
| 35. N-Q4        | R-Q1   | .....     | .....        |

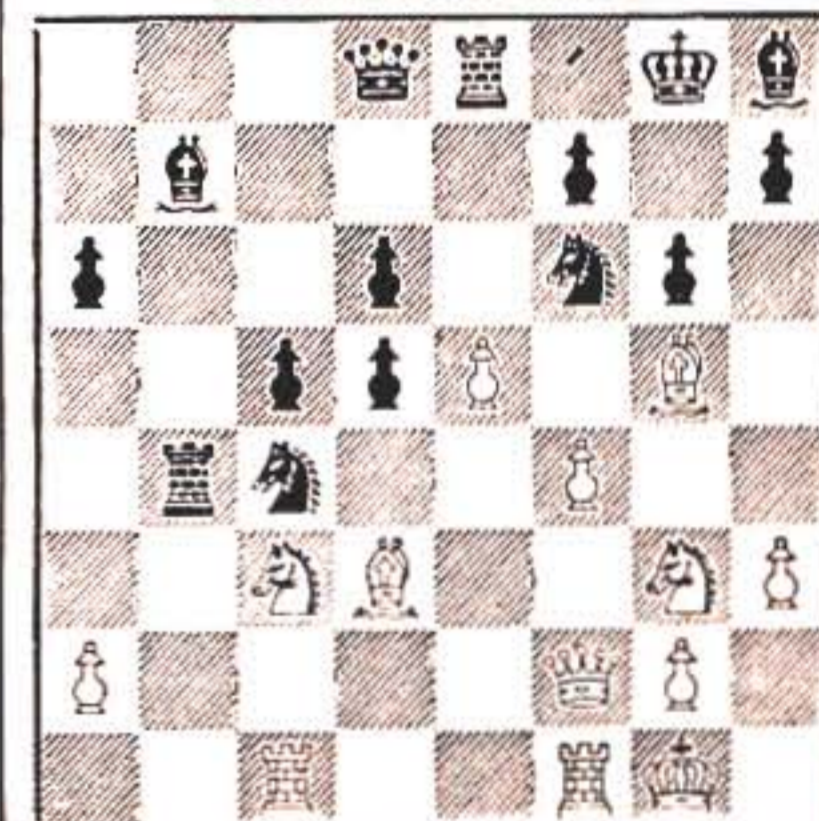
Following is a further example of the forceful and thrilling play of another young Russian master, Anatoly Lutikov from Novosibirsk,

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also playing in the big event for the first time. This game was called one of the finest played in this tournament. His opponent, International Master Rashid Nezhmetdinov, the Russian Federation Champion, expected 23. PxN, after which he planned to play BxP, obtaining three pawns for his sacrificed piece. Here is the position, with White to move.

### Black-Nezhmetdinov



### White-Lutikov-to move.

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|----------------|------|------------|---------------------|
| <b>Lutikov</b> |      |            | <b>Nezhmetdinov</b> |
| <b>White</b>   |      |            | <b>Black</b>        |
| 23. N-R5!!     | PxN  | 28. B-N5ch | K-B1                |
| 24. Q-N3       | K-B1 | 29. BxQ    | RxB                 |
| 25. B-R6ch     | K-K2 | 30. P-R3   | R-N7                |
| 26. B-B5       | N-K5 | 31. RxN    | P-K6                |
| 27. NxN        | PxN  | 32. R-B2   | Resigns             |

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# College Chess Life

Conducted by  
William F. Goetz, Jr.

All college clubs and players are urged to send news items to William F. Goetz, Jr., Box 651, Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa.

Since the meeting of the ICLA Assembly at Cleveland in December, the ICLA has been under a new administration, headed by Virgil Rizzo of the University of Pittsburgh as president, with your columnist as vice-president. The U. of Pitt is now the administrative headquarters of the ICLA. The address: Virgil Rizzo, 4853 McKnight Road, Pittsburgh 37, Pa.

Virgil has appointed six secretaries to the ICLA to cover it by regions. It is hoped that as this plan develops correspondence should increase between promoters in the various schools and that cooperation will also become closer. More details on this will appear as they become available.

All collegiate chess players in the Midwest are invited to form a four-man team from their school and attend the fourth Annual Midwest Intercollegiate Team Chess Tournament at the University of Illinois on April 4 and 5, 1959. Graduate students will be eligible. Those interested who have not already received an announcement of the tournament giving details should write to Karl Simon, Chess Club, 322 Illini Union, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois.

In a seven-round Swiss at the University of Illinois for the annual club championship, Kazimieras Jakstas took the title by a full point, with a score of 6½-1½, his lone draw being with Karl Simon, who took second with a score of 5½-1½. Simon was also undefeated, notching draws with Jakstas, Clark, and Kutko. Third and fourth on tie-breaking points, with 5-2 scores, were Jim Jackson and Alan Clark.

## Armed Services Chess

By  
Guest Editor  
Claude F. Bloodgood III

### ALL SERVICE USO POSTAL TMT —HOW IT GOT STARTED

The Norfolk USO Postal Chess Tournament was originally an idea of mine to keep in touch with a small group of players occasionally coming in for our Club Chess Class. We started one seven player section and soon had other inquiries on class. We informed all players of our Postal Tournament while teaching over-the-board Chess. We hold three sections of Postal TMT from USO Class alone. I wrote Bob Karch on one of our Military TMTS conducted at USO and mentioned that we were conducting a USO Postal TMT for Military personnel. He entered, gave us a plug in Chess Life and we began getting aspirations about a larger TMT. We were still stumped on how to obtain widespread publicity when Mr. Austin Welch, USO Eastern Representative, saw the potential in the All-Service USO Chess TMT and suggested that National USO publicize through USO Member Agencies and affiliated organizations.

Bob Karch suggested making this a USO All-Service Postal Chess Championship of 1958. Now it is closed with 10 sections, 63 players in all. These games will be closed out 18 months from date started. All players scoring four points in one section will advance into a final round. The final sections will be split into 2 or 3 sections depending on number of players advancing to this round. Final sections will have 7-11 players each.

Our All-Service USO Postal Chess Championship of 1959 is now under way with nine complete sections. Thus far we have one USCF expert (Mike N. Robinson) and several USCF Class A Players (Eugene Norflin & Bob Karch). However, most are totally new to any type competition. Thus, some may be good, fair, weak or beginners, but all improve and have a lot of fun at it.

The National USO executives and staff of the Norfolk USO join with me in expressing gratitude to Fred Wren, Bob Karch and Chess Life for the publicity on the Norfolk USO Postal Chess TMT. We are finding interesting results, the potentials far reaching.

### SOLVERS' LADDER

What's the Best Move?

(includes solutions to positions through No. 248)

M. Blumenthal 87½	L. Ware .....27	R. Leonard .....10	G. Trefzer ..... 4
M. Milstein .....70½	Curtin .....26½	D. Rystrom .....10	E. Blanchard ..... 3½
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F. Ruys .....64	R. Ault .....22½	E. LaCroix ..... 9	P. Leith ..... 3
R. Steinmeyer 62	F. Athey .....22	R. McIntyre ..... 9	R. Thien ..... 3
J. Ishkan .....58	J. Scripps .....21½	H. Wright ..... 9	W. Young ..... 3
M. Schlosser .....53	W. Wilson**** 21½	V. Noga ..... 8½	E. Hawkins ..... 2½
H. Underwood* 52½	A. Dunne .....20½	H. Davis ..... 8	H. Solinsky ..... 2½
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J. Weininger* .....46½	A. Valueff .....18½	G. Labowitz ..... 7	F. Townsend ..... 2
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K. Czerniecki .45	R. Raven .....17½	A. Caroe ..... 6½	R. Gilliam ..... 1½
E. Roman* .....42½	V. Ikauniks .....16½	J. Miller ..... 6½	C. Olson ..... 1½
N. Witting ** .....42	C. Dover .....15½	E. Korpany* .. 6	F. Pennington .. 1½
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D. Hills .....36½	R. Burry .....14	F. Koliha ..... 5½	E. Greenebaum. 1
G. Baylor .....36	J. Bohac .....13½	A. Levinson ..... 5½	C. Parmelee ... 1
D. Silver .....35½	R. Cohen .....13½	B. Schuller ..... 5½	B. Patteson ..... 1
R. Pinson .....34	F. Rose .....13½	L. Snyder ..... 5½	I. Rosenfeld ... 1
F. Lynch .....33½	M. Walters .....13	A. Welsh ..... 5½	C. Ross ..... 1
T. Cusick .....31½	O. Goddard .....12½	H. Billian ..... 5	K. Slaughter ... 1
J. Matheson .....31½	C. Cucullu .....12	D. Jones ..... 5	A. Balczar ..... ½
L. Wood .....31½	R.M.S. ....12	C. Keffer ..... 5	W. Bickham ... ½
R. Chauvenet .31	R. Smith .....11½	M. Ladackl ..... 5	R. Hart ..... ½
F. Knuppel .....31	R. Wright .....11½	H. Thompson .. 5	H. Hyde ..... ½
G. Tiers .....31	H. Bakwin .....11	H. Arneson ..... 4½	R. McGuigan ... ½
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D. Johnson .....30	O. Kornreich .....11	L. Greenbaum.. 4	D. Reithel ..... ½
H. Kaye .....29	D. Perry .....11	C. Harmon ..... 4	E. Tuchmann ... ½
G. Ross .....27	E. Godbold* ..10	R. Strasburger. 4	S. Wohl ..... ½

The published ladder includes only those solvers who have submitted at least one solution during the last three months. Other solvers may resume at any time with full credit for their previous solutions.

We congratulate Mr. Milton D. Blumenthal of Bellaire, Texas, on his successful climb to the top of our ladder. Mr. Blumenthal wins the Quarterly Ladder Prize and may start another climb from the foot of the ladder.

We take this opportunity to welcome the following new solvers who join Mr. Blumenthal at the foot of our ladder: Chuck Boggs, Thomas L. Cunningham, A. Gifford, Onas L. Hensley Jr., Pierre Hoover, Robert J. Lippman, and Bernard Nevas.

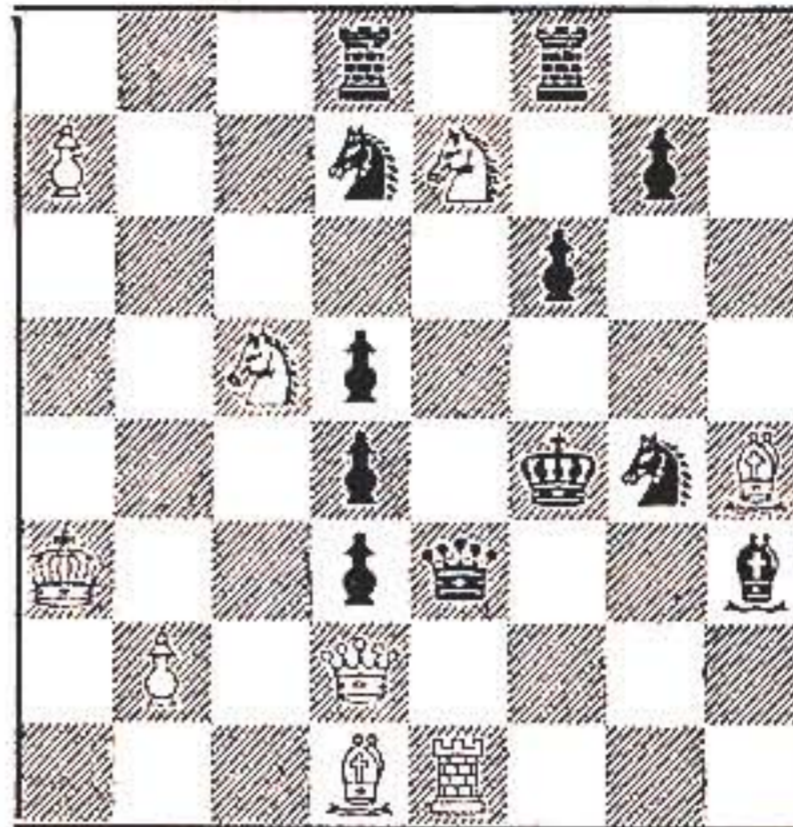
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# Mate The Subtle Way!

by Nicholas Gabor

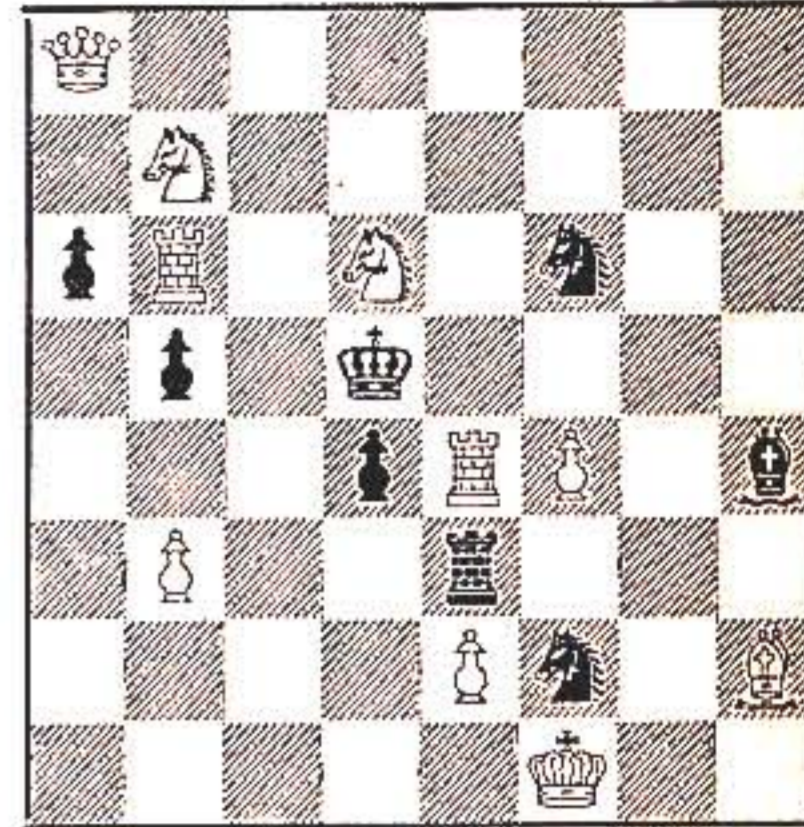
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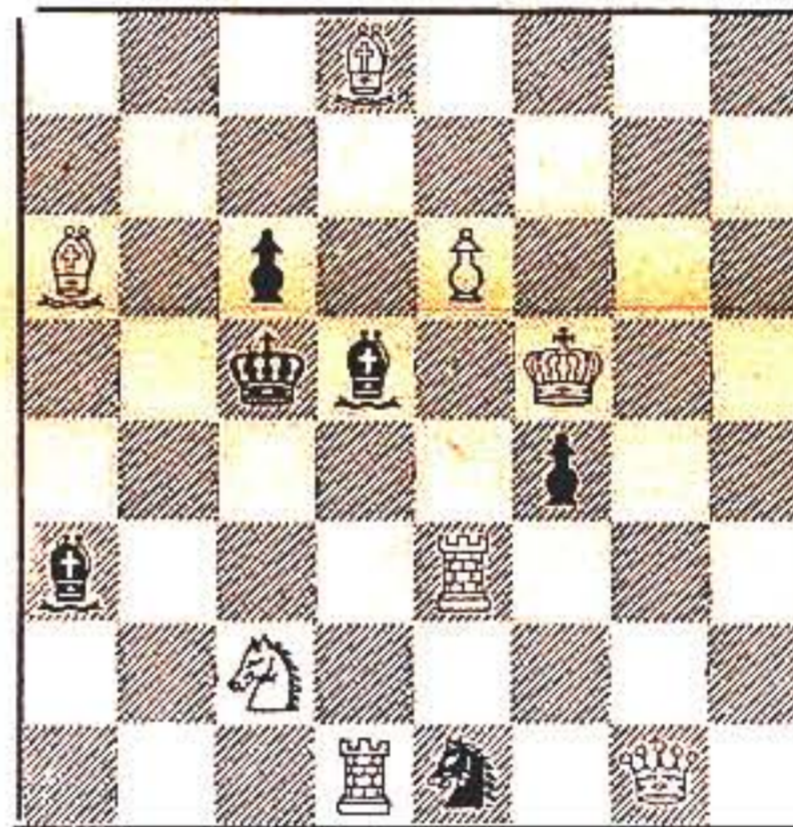
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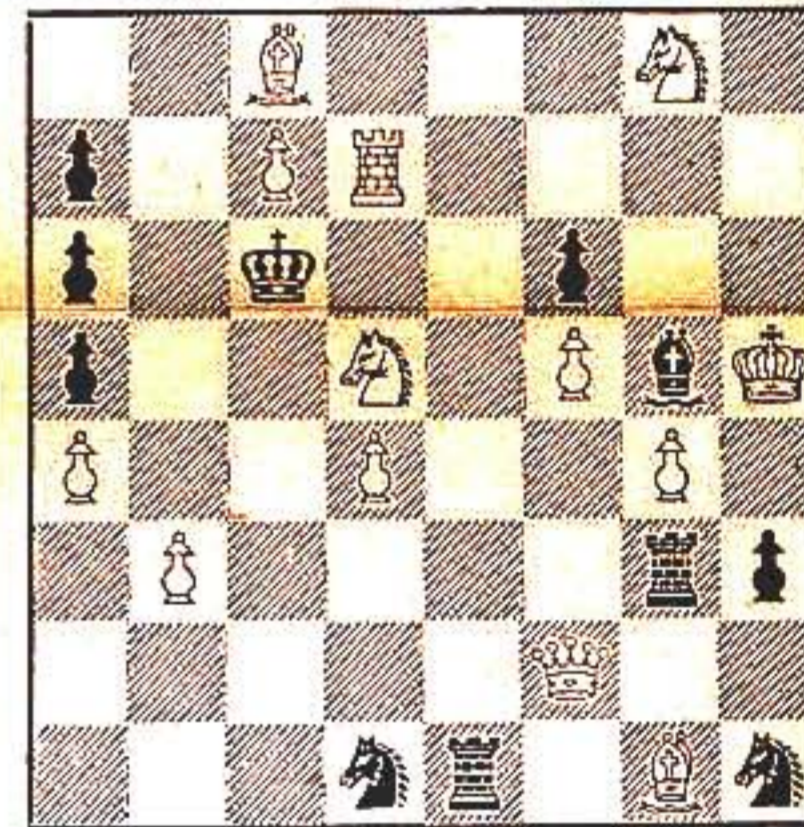


Mate in two moves

Problem No. 983  
By Pedro Fastosky  
Mendoza, Argentina  
Original for Chess Life



Mate in two



Mate in three

All two-movers published today are recent contributions from our friends abroad. The three-mover No. 984, joint work of our judges of the Three-mover Section of the "Gamage Memorial Contest" won first prize. We quote parts of the judge's comments: "A brilliant key leads up to a rarely seen strategic theme (required by the announcement of the contest) shown in four main variations. . . . A great problem, in spite of the poor part played by the N on N8. . . ."

### Solutions to "Mate the Subtle Way."

No. 969 Driver: key 1. NxP threat 2. NxN. If 1. . . . ., NxN or any random move, 2. R-K5 mate. Two other moves of this N prevent this: 1. . . . ., N-QB3 and 1. . . . ., N-KB6, permitting 2. N-KN5 and 2. N-QB5 respectively. Other mates are routine. No. 970 Spiegel: Key 1. R-KB4 waiting! Additional flight with R sacrifice. The freedom of the B1 Q and 2 moves of the B1 N produce rather nice variety. No. 971 Fastosky: key 1. P-B3, short threat 2. Q-QN4 mate, justifiable by the sharp idea: 3 Q sacrifices: after 1. . . . ., NPxP; 2. Q-QR4ch! — KxQ and 3. N-B5. 1. . . . ., N-R3; 2. QxPB6ch! — KxQ and 3. BxR mate. 1. . . . ., P-B4; 2. Q-QB4ch! — KxQ and 3. N-Q2 mate. If 2. . . . ., K-B3, 2. N-Q4 mate. No. 972 Andrade: key 1. B-R8 waiting! If 1. . . . ., BxP; 2. R-R still waiting! 1. . . . ., B any other; 2. P-N4 ch! etc. The move 1. Q-K8 with threat 2. Q-R4 mate will not work because: 1. Q-K8-P-N4, 2. Q-QR8-B-Q7 and no mate! (Many solvers were victims of the trick.)

### B.C. SLAUGHTERS WASHINGTON

A team of players from British Columbia invaded Seattle on February 9, and trimmed an all-star Washington team on nine boards by 7½-1½.

Dr. Elrod MacSkasy, who lifted the 2nd Canadian Open title from Larry Evans a few months ago, defeated E. Zemgalis at Board 1, while Murvald Jursevskis took the measure of Olaf Ulvestad at Board 2. Washington's only points were scored by V. Seglines, who defeated Gerhard Neufahrt, and "Washington Chess Letter" Editor Dan Wade, who drew with Canadian Kaj Nielsen.

### OLAFSSON OVERWHELMS BEVERWIJK

In an international tournament at Beverwijk, Netherlands, Grandmaster Olafsson of Iceland won six games (three times as many as any other contestant) and drew three to score 7½-1½ in the ten-player event. Eliskases placed second with 5½-3½, while Donner took third place with 5-4. Van Scheltinga and Barendrecht of Netherlands tied with O'Kelly de Galway of Belgium and Toran of Spain, each with 4½-4½, a half-point over Larsen of Denmark, who still has not recovered his 1957 form. O'Kelly drew each of his nine games.

*Solution To  
What's The Best Move?*

Position No. 248

**Sliwa-Stoltz, Bucharest 1953**

Sliwa played 1. QxB!, PxQ; 2. P-N7, Q-Q5; 3. P-N8(Q)!, R-Q8ch; 4. RxR, QxQ; 5. N-N7! This looks very much like a case of the trapper trapped; in any event, White now has an easily won endgame. The remaining moves were 5. ...., P-QB4; 6. R-Q8ch, QxR; 7. NxQ, K-Bsq; 8. K-Bsq, K-Ksq; 9. N-N7, and Stoltz resigned.

If White plays a less forcing third move such as R-Rsq or P-R3, Black can defend with Q-Nsq. He then threatens RxN in some variations.

With one exception, all of the solutions we have received at this writing give 1. QxB!, but to our surprise most solvers did not furnish the tactical justification for this heavy sacrifice. Solution which included 5. N-N7! in the game continuation receive a full point; all other solutions beginning with 1. QxB! receive 1/2 point.

On this basis, 1 point goes to: Forest Athey Jr., George W. Baylor, Howard Billan, Joe Bohac, Abel Bomberault, Curtin, Carl Dover, A. Dunne, O. Goddard, Clark R. Harmon, Donald C. Hills, E. J. Korpanty, Edward F. La-Croix, F. D. Lynch, Jack Matheson, Vincent D. Noga, Craig Olson, Clinton Parmelee\*, Kenneth Slaughter\*, Herbert Solinsky, Bob Steinmeyer, Reinhard H. Thien, F. J. Valvo, Herbert A. Wright, Robert G. Wright, Woodrow Young, Robert L. Zing, and Hunter Thompson.

The following receive 1/2 point: David Ames, Harold Arneson, Robin Ault, Harry Bakwin, Edwin Blanchard, M. D. Blumenthal, A. E. Caroe, Armstrong Chinn, C. J. Cucullu, Thomas W. Cusick, K. A. Czerniecki, Jesse Davis, Brad Dowden, S. J. Einhorn, Joseph Eisenbach, E. Gault, J. B. Germain, Richard Giblan, R. D. Gilliam, Robert Hart\*, Earl R. Hawkins Jr., J. Heatherington, Homer H. Hyde\*, Viktors Ikauniks, John E. Ishkan, Donald W. Johnson, Cam Jones, Harry Kaye, Fred D. Knuppel, M. Ladacki, Harvey B. McClellan, Robert McGuigan, Jack Miller, M. Milstein, Kenneth Neeld\*, B. Patteson, George W. Payne, Fred P. Pennington Jr., Henry C. Porter, John Pranter, Bob Raven, F. C. Ruys, Max Schlosser, I. Schwartz, J. G. Scripps, Reuel L. Smith, Virgil Smith, Larry Snyder, W. E. Stevens, Jim Stowe, G. V. D. Tiers, Fred Townsend, Francis Trask, George Trefzer, Hugh C. Underwood, Walter Unterberg, George Wall, Joe Weininger, Leslie Whitman, William B. Wilson, Neil P. Witting, L. E. Wood, and Robert R. McIntyre.

The solvers score is 59 1/2-32 1/2.

\*Welcome to new solvers.

*Solution • Korn's Endgame  
Study Diagram 65  
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1. N-K5ch, K-Q5; 2. P-N8(Q), B-K5ch;
3. K-Q6, RxQ; 4. N-N5 mate.

**The 1959 Greater New York Open**

At last, the sadly neglected Greater New York Open which was originated by USCF in 1956 is in the process of being reborn and will be conducted this year in June.

New York City with its thousands of chessplayers, has a need for a tournament of this scope, and indications show that from here on in, it should be a yearly affair. The last Greater New York Open was held in January 1956 and was won by Bill Lombardy.

There is no doubt that players not only from Greater New York but from all over the country will be attracted to the substantial prize fund now being created. An ideal time to visit New York with one's family; the prize fund, and the inevitability of a strong field, might very well produce the largest tournament ever held in the City of New York.

The dates have been set (June 26, 27 and 28) and the site plus other vital details will be announced shortly. A local committee is now being set up so that players can be advised as to suggestions on hotel reservations in the vicinity of the tournament site.

This should be a good one — set aside the weekend now!

Rev. J. MacDonald, Chairman, 1959 Manitoba Open Chess Championship, writes:

**"Re: 1959 Manitoba Open Chess Championship**

Would you kindly insert the notice in your calendar of coming chess events that the 1959 Manitoba Open Chess Championship will be held on the long weekend of May 16th to 18th inclusive. This will be a Swiss system of five rounds with a total of \$250.00 prize money. For further particulars write to Rev. John MacDonald, Chairman 1959 Manitoba Open Chess Championship, 404 Confederation Building, Winnipeg 2, Manitoba."

*Tournament Life*

Tournament organizers wishing announcements of their forthcoming USCF rated events to appear in this column should make application at least seven weeks in advance, on special forms which may be obtained from USCF Business Manager, Kenneth Harkness, 80 East 11th St., New York 3, N. Y. or from Editor CHESS LIFE, 19 Dutch Village Road, Halifax, N.S., Canada.

April 4-5, 11-12, 18-19

**Philadelphia Metropolitan  
Open Championship**

At the Franklin-Mercantile Chess Club, 1616 Locust Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa. Six round Swiss; each round starts at 2:30 p.m.; Forty moves in two hours, adjudications as necessary. Cash prizes; separate junior and womens prizes. Entry fee \$3.00, to USCF members. Non-members must pay additional \$5.00 USCF dues. Entries accepted Saturday, April 4, until 2:00 p.m. Address inquiries and entries to Edward D. Strehle, 3480 Emerald St., Philadelphia 34, Pa.

April 25 and 26

**HURON VALLEY AMATEUR OPEN**

Amateur tournament, restricted to un-rated players and players rated under 2000 in latest USCF list, sponsored by Huron Valley Chess Club, will be played at Gilbert Community House, 227 N. Grove St., Ypsilanti, Michigan. Registration from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., April 25. Five-rd. Swiss, 50 moves in 2 hrs. Entry fee: USCF members, \$5.00 (USCF Membership fee—\$5.00). Special entry fee for Juniors under 19 years of age—\$2.50 for USCF members. Trophies for winner, and for 1st place in each of: A—B—C—Unrated, and Junior (under 19). Prize for runner-up in each class. Details from (or advance entry to) Tournament Director E. A. Dickerson, 178 Liberty St., Belleville, Michigan.

April 25-26, 1959

**HURON VALLEY 'EXPERTS'  
INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT**

This will be a U.S.C.F. rated tournament running simultaneously with the Huron Valley Amateur Open. Entries will be restricted to players with a U.S.C.F. rating between 2000 and 2199 as of the latest published list. The type of tournament will depend on the number of requests for invitations received, however, full details will be mailed to entrants by April 1, 1959.

Any expert wishing an invitation should mail a card to the Director before March 25, 1959. Please give name, address, phone number and latest published rating.

Director: E. A. Dickerson, 178 Liberty St., Belleville, Michigan.

No invitations will be extended after March 25, 1959.

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April 11-12

Monthly Rating-Improvement Tournament at Chess and Checker Club of New York, 212 West 42nd St., New York City.

April 24-25-26

The First Golden Kings New England Amateur Chess Championship at Young Men's Christian Union, 48 Boylston St., Boston, Mass. (Details in next issue)

June 26-27-28

1959 Greater New York Open. Last held in 1956, won by Lombardy. Site and details to be announced, but strong entry list and big prizes assured.

**TOURNAMENT REMINDERS**

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