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It Wasn't The Best Move

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In the diagram at right White tossed away a fairly easy win by playing 1. Q-B8ch. After deciding what he should have played, turn to page 8 (col. 1) to see how Black turned his lost game into a draw.


# Operation $]=\begin{aligned} & 1000 \\ & \text { NEW } \\ & \text { MEMBERS }\end{aligned}$ 

OPERATION M EXTENDED AT OMAHA
OPERATION M was the belle of the ball at Omaha! In the membership meeting, in the directors meeting, in the informal gatherings-in the President's report, in the Secretary's report, in the reports of other officers and committee heads, and in statements from the floor-it was OPERATION M, over and over again.

Speaker after speaker, in making their points, in developing their subjects, found it necessary to allude to OPERATION M, to the growing membership, to the improving finances, to the heightening esprit-decorps, to the developing of a chess organization in fact and in function, as well as in name.

There were laudatory resolutions enough, and the official reports will carry them for all to read. But the indirect acclaim given the membership campaign-reflected by the frequency it was mentioned in other organizational aspects-shows the broad substance of the real accomplishment. Every State Membership Chairman, every Local Membership Chairman, and every Membership Committeeman may be assured that his work in OPERATION M is deeply appreciated by the organization, and that he is contributing to a major break-through in the problem of chess organization in America.

Story of OPERATION M Is Traced
In what was to have been his "final" report to the membership on the floor at Omaha, Fred Cramer, General Membership Chairman, reported a $43 \%$ gain in membership for the year ended June 5, 1959. (For statistical details, see CHESS LIFE July 20.) Cramer traced the story of the membership campaign, which was first approved at Rochester in August, 1958, with most of the next six months spent in the organizing phase.

Organizing a campaign in 50 states on an amateur basis is not an instantaneous affair, Cramer pointed out. Some states had begun work in September, others later, and still others were barely getting under way in April and May, with the official campaign almost at an end. Even in those states which had started earliest-notably Californiamomentum seemed still to be building up as the end of the planned campaign, June 5, 1959 approached.

Spann Calls for Extension
"It seems that this grand membership campaign is just getting started," President Jerry Spann observed, "and I think we ought to allow it to continue until June 5, 1960." Full approval to such extension was endorsed by the membership by unanimous vote.
"The response shown in the field makes it obvious that the members themselves want a membership campaign," Fred Cramer commented, in looking forward to a second year of OPERATION M. "Chess players have been 'ripe' for an organization they could respect enough to support with their hearts and time and effort, and they are beginning to do
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## Lombardy Wins U.S. Seeded Event

William Lombardy, former World Junior Chess Champion, achieved one of the greatest triumphs of an already brilliant career, by winning the U.S. Seeded Championship of 1959, topping nine other masters and grandmasters in this star-studded event sponsored by E. Forry Laucks in honor of the Log Cabin Chess Club's 25th Anniversary. Lombardy won five games and drew four for his 7-2 score, and for the 1st Prize of $\$ 1,200$.

The favored international grandmaster, Pal Benko, who had finished a half-point ahead of Lombardy in the recent Greater New York Open, had to be content with a reversal of standings, which found him in second place with a score of $61 / 2-21 / 2$, compiled by winning four and drawing five games. Benko's grief at finishing out of first place was probably somewhat assuaged by the magnificent second prize of $\$ 1,000$.

Also undefeated, with three wins and six draws, and a score of 6-3, came grandmaster Larry Evans, former U.S. Champion, to take third place and a $\$ 500$. prize.

The only human-interest news item to reach CHESS LIFE from this event was the report that Evans arrived one hour and five minutes late to play his last-round game with Mednis, and that Larry won in thirty-three moves within the prescribed time limit.

FINAL STANDINGS
U.S. SEEDED CHAMPIONSHIP

| 1. | Lombardy ..................... 7 -2 | 6. Kalme ........................... $4^{1 / 2}-41 / 2$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. | Benko ..........................61/2-21/2 | 7. Shipman |  |  |
| 3. | Evans .......................... 6 -3 | 8. Cross |  | -6 |
| 4. | Bisguier ....................... 5 -4 | 9. Mednis | 2 | -7 |
| 5. | Byrne .......................... 5 -4 | 10. Sherwin |  | -7 |



ACTION IN THE U.S. SEEDED CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT. PLAYING THE WHITE PIECES IS RAYMOND WEINSTEIN, USCF MASTER, AND 1958 U.S. JUNIOR CHAMP. HIS OPPONENT, PAL BENKO, INTERNATIONAL GRANDMASTER. SEATED, REAR CENTER, E. FORRY LAUCKS, PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER LOG CABIN CHESS CLUB, AND SPONSOR OF THIS IMPORTANT TOURNAMENT. STANDING (L TO R) USCF STALWARTS A. LIEPNIEKS OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA AND R. G. HOUGHTON OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY.

## CANDIDATES FOR WORLD TITLE BATTLE AT BLED

Fischer beat Keres, Keres beat Smyslov, Smyslov beat Tal, Tal beat Olafssen, Olafssen beat. Fischer-they are really playing for keeps in the early rounds; but at the end of six, none had beaten Petrosian, who led with $41 / 2-11 / 2$, followed by Keres and TaI, each with $31 / 2$, Benko with 3, Fischer, Gligoric, and Smyslov, each with $21 / 2$, and Olafssen, with 2. Fischer had won from Keres and Gligoric, lost to Petrosian, Tal, and Olafssen, and drawn with Benko.

# ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL <br> Mastering the End Game By W ALTER KORN, Editor of MCO 

## AMERICANA

That study composition is not confined to the European shores even in our days is borne out by the efforts of some American authors, although we may admit that there are not too many of them.

One who consistently appears on the horizon is Joseph E. Peckover, a portrait artist living in New York, one of whose works is diagrammed here:
(Solution appears on page 8)

OPERATION M-
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just that in more and more places. Much, much more enthusiasm for this project has risen up to me from the state and local chairmen than has been dispersed out from the top. This is a grass-roots natural, and it's bound to grow if we give it decent plans and promotion."

Will Shoot for 5,000 Membership
Cramer announced that many State Chairmen had already volunteered for the second tour, and that he felt able to speak for the balance of his committee, that they would reenlist $100 \%$ for their second hitch. The new target planned is 5,000 members (compared with approximately 3,800 members currently), as a "graduation present" for President Spann. Details of state targets will follow in this column in future issues.


Robert T. (1. N-QR3) Durkin of Lyons, New Jersey won four and drew two in the District of Columbia Amateur, sponsored co-jointly by the USCF and the D. C. Chess League, played at Rockville, Md. Two Washington players, R. Grande, and Larry Gilden, came up with identical scores, to create a three-way tie for top honors. Durkin's 17 median points gave him the title and the 1st place trophy. Grande, with 15.5 , took second place, while Gilden, who had recently attracted nation-wide notice by his strong play in the U.S. Junior and the U. S. Open at Omaha, placed third. J. Mayer, J. Orzano, C. Wagner and L. Wagner placed 4th-7th in the order listed after their $41 / 2-1 \frac{1}{2}$ tie had been broken. A seven-way tie for 8th-14th places was broken with the participants placing in the following order, after each had scored 4-2: G. Anderson, A. Spielman, R. Turetsky, R. Harrell, H. Rousseau, G. S. Thomas, and D. Walter.
Other plus scores (each with $31 / 2$. $21 / 2$ ) went to players who finished as listed after tie breaking: Dr. Hardman, R. Naylor, J. Callaway, F. Kelly, J. Hanken (Cincinnati City Champ), C. Bitzer, E. Schara, and W. Martin.
C. Wagner and A. Spielman received prizes for 1st and 2nd highest scoring Class A players. G. Anderson (British diplomat and author of "Are There Any?") and R. Harrell took prizes for the highest scoring unrated players.
The tournament was directed by USCF Business Manager Frank Brady, and USCF President Jerry Spann flew in time to award the prizes at the closing ceremonies, a few hours after he had done the honors similarly at the U.S. Seeded Tournament in New York.
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## WORLD CORRESPONDENCE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

## by DAVID C. HEAP

Thirteen countries have started for the Fourth World Team Correspondence Championship. In the preliminaries, they are split into two sections:

I
East Germany
Hungary
Czechoslovakia
Sweden
Denmark
India
Argentina
Canada
Yugoslavia
West Germany
Spain
United States
Australia
The United States Team:
Board 1. I Kandel, Baltimore, Maryland. Rated Expert.
Board 2. Michael Gottesman, New Haven, Conn. Rated Class A.
Board 3. Kozys Merkis, Boston, Mass. Rated Class A.
Board 4. Charles Braun, Aiken, South Carolina.
Board 5. W. Grank Gladney, Baton Rouge, La.
Board 6. James N. Donato, Utica, New York.
Reserves: Larry Ware, Steetwater, Texas.
David C. Heap, Abilene, Texas.
Captain: David C. Heap, 1526 S. 7th Street, Abilene, Texas.
R. D. Sanguinetti is playing first board and acting as Team Captain of the Argentina Team.

The only result to date is that James Donato on Board 6 defeated Frank Casault of Canada in sixteen moves. (This game will be printed soon in CHESS LIFE).

## Jhe Reader's Koad Jo Chess By Kester Svendsen

MODERN OPENING CHESS STRATEGY. By H. Golombek. New York: Pitman Publishing Corporation. 304 pp., 109 diags. $\$ 5.50$.

The postwar revival of chess has produced so much analysis of openings that serious club players will welcome the judicious display provided by this British internationalist's latest book. Golombek divides his work into eight chapters on the open and closed games, with particular attention to the Ruy Lopez and the English for White, the Sicilian, the Nimzovitch, and the Queen's Indian defenses for Black. Players who remember what a benefaction Reuben Fine's Ideas Behind the Chess Openings conferred upon us all will discover how agreeably Golombek combines the best features of MCO and Ideas. For each opening, indeed for each 'variation, he outlines the objectives for Black and White, analyzes the lines of play, and exemplifies them from recent matches and tournaments. Forty-four of the sixty-two illustrative games distributed through the text are from the 1950 s, most of them from Russian tournaments or Russian play.

The introductions are, of course, properly dispassionate. Thus Bird's engaging debut is bad, despite the historical successes enjoyed by its eponym and its current espousal by Larsen. Golombek not only says so but shows why the underdevelopment of White's Queen side and Black's fianchetto of his KB make it bad. Because the Sicilian is so popular and effective a defense today, Golombek emphasizes that for Black instead of the less frequently played Caro-Kann, his own almost invariable preference. His book is therefore not simply a guide to opening strategy, but a reflection of today's interests and practice. Its usefuiness is enhanced by the typography and format. Main lines and major variations are given in boldface type, and they are easily lceated by the extensive analytical index.

For the average player, this is the best of recent books of its kind. It must be used, of course, with discretion, and not as a collection of formulas. Everyone knows, to paraphrase Hamlet, that no opening is either good or bad but the players' thinking makes it so.

## WOODPUSHER'S SCOREBOOK

The following note and game was received from Stuart Noblin, Sec.-Treas. North Carolina Chess Association, and USCF Director for that state:
"As Head Woodpusher, you will understand the thrill and excitement I felt last night when I was able to deliver the coup below. My opponent and I were engaged in an unofficial challenge playoff of our third and fourth place tie in the recent Raleigh City Championship. We are both Class A players.
You will see that this is a varia-tion-and a rather pretty one-of a well-known trap in the Budapest Defense."

RALEIGH, 1959

| V. PIKNER |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | P-QB4 | S. NOBLIN |
| 2. | P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 3. | P×P | P-K4 |
| 4. | N-KB3 | N-N5 |
| 5. | B-B4 | N-QB3 |
| 6. | N-B3 | B-N5ch |
| 7. | B-N5 | Q-K2 |
| 8. | P×P | P-B3 |
| 9. | B-Q2 | PxP |
| 10. | N-Q5 | KN-K4 |
|  | N-Q6 mate |  |

Although Dr. Norman Hornstein probably will not be flattered to find one of his games in this column, the circumstances surrounding his sacrificial 15th move make this game a natural for this space. How many times, oh Lord, can we woodpushers come up with such a plausible excuse for what I call "chameleon moves"-so-called because as we release the piece we see that it has changed during the move, the brilliancy which we picked up having turned into blind stupidity on route.

## SICILIAN WING GAMBIT

1949 Correspondence


The "chameleon" move. Deep strategy? Speculative sacrifice? None of these. During the three months which had elapsed between White's 14th move and Black's reply, the pawn at White's Q2 had slipped out of its slot in White's Recorder, thus accidentally giving apparent rook support to the aggressive knight. On Black's Recorder, however, there was a pawn at White's Q2, enabling him to make what should have been the winning reply.

| 15. |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 16. P-Q4 | QxN | 21. B-Q3 | N-B2 |
| 17. PxP | Q-K2 | 22. R-KB4 | 23. R-R3 |
| 18. Q-Q2 | B-K1 | 24. N-N5 | N-K2 |
| 19. P×P | QxP | 25. N-K6 | R-Q2 |
| 20. R-R4 | R-Q1 | 26. Q-QB3 | Resigns |



# HOW CHESS GAMES ARE WON <br> International Grandmaster SAMUEL RESHEVSKY <br> Illustrates the Technique of Victory 

## QUICK ATTACK

R. Persitz of Israel is the best prospect among the young chess players of that country. He is calm, cool and collected. He is capable of initiating and carrying through an attack with precision. When the situation calls for it, he is just as able to defend himself in tight spots. The enviable combination of his chess ability and fine personal qualities should carry him far in the chess field.

Fortunately for me, he had an off-day when we met in the second round. The opening turned into an unusual form of the English Opening. My opponent developed his pieces slowly. This enabled me to attack quickly by advancing my KN and KB pawns to my fifth rank. My opponent's position became unbearably cramped. On my 16th turn I posted my queen strategically so that a mating threat could be set up. The offer of a knight on my 23rd move brought the game to a sudden end.

## English Opening

MCO: Page 336, Col. 29, Note (K) International Chess Tournament Haifa, 1958

6. P-Q4, PxP; 7. NxP or 7. QxP leads into familiar lines of the Queen's Indian Defence. The text move leads into lessknown ground in which black has to play very accurately to obtain equality. White's immediate objective is to build up a wonderful center with P-K4, etc. 6. ....... ${ }_{\text {B-K2 }}$ 6. ....., P-Q4 is indicated, in order to prevent 7. P-K4. The intended reply to
 good attacking chances) 8 . N-R4 to be followed by N-KB5
7. P.K4

White has now achieved his objective The freeing move of $7 . . . . . . . . ., ~ P-Q 4$ is not anymore available to black, on account of 8. BPxP, PxP; 9. P-K5, KN-Q2; 10. P-Q4! O-O; 11. N-B3 with much the better of it.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { 7........ } \\
& \text { 8. } \mathrm{B} 3 \\
& \text { 9. } \mathrm{N} \cdot \mathrm{KI}
\end{aligned}
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## $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{O}$ $\mathrm{N} \cdot \mathrm{B} 3$



Position after 9. $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{K} 1$
Undertaking an immediate pawn-push-P-KB4 and P-KN4. This aggressive threat, although at an early stage, is difficult to meet.
9. ........

## Q.B2

My opponent apparently decided to ignore the threat. Ineffective would have been $9 . . . . . . . . .$, P-Q4, because of 10 . BPxP, PxP; 11. PxP, N-QR4 (11. ........ N-Q5); 12. P-Q6 wins material) 12. Q-B3, Q-Q2; 13. N-B2, QR-Q1; 14. N-K3, white remaining a pawn ahead with an excellent position. Relatively best was 9 ........ N-K1; 10. P-B4, P-B4.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { 10. P-B4 } \\
& \text { 11. P-KN4 }
\end{aligned}
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QR-Q1
The onrush of the pawns is a serious matter for black; his position will become steadily more cramped.

More prudent was 11. ........, N-K1, in order to meet 12. P-N5 with 12. ....... P-B3, at least, attempting to break-up White's formidable pawn formation. My opponent's complacency causes a rapid deterioration of his game.

$\mathrm{N} \cdot \mathrm{K} 1$
$\mathrm{P} \cdot \mathrm{N} 3$
Black's position is aiready untenable. Ineffective is 13. ........, PxP; 14. PxP, BxB ; 15. NxB, and the threat of N-Q5 is hardly pleasant. Neither is 13. P-B3 playable, on account of 14. P-N6, P-KR3; 15. Q-R5 followed by the sacrifice of a piece with BxRP.
14. B-B4


Position after 14. B-B4
14. ......., B-Q3 is impossible, because of 15. P-K5 winning a piece; also, 14. P-Q3; 15. P-B6 wins a piece. 14. P-K4 dangerously hands over control of Plack's Q4 to White.
15. P-B6
16. BxB
Q-B1
B-Q3
16. P-K5, B-N1 followed by P-Q3 would have freed Black's pieces unnecessarily.

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\text { 16. O...... } 4
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\mathbf{N \times B}
$$

Black's timidity in the opening has completely immobilized his forces
P.K4

Relatvely best was 18. ........, P-KR4, but after 19. PxP, e.p., (or 19. R-B2 followed by N-B3 with concentration on Black's KRP would also have been decisive) K-R2; 20. N-B3, and white is a clear pawn ahead, plus the superior position.

## 19. Q-R6

Black's position is now hopeless. White can bide his time in building up a mating net either at KN7 or at KR7.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { 19. ..... } \\
& \text { 20. }-\mathrm{K} 2 \\
& \text { 21. R-B3 } \\
& \text { 22. } \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{B} 2
\end{aligned}
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## $\stackrel{\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{K} 3}{\mathrm{Q}} \mathrm{B}$ <br> B-B1

I could have won a piece with 22 . R-R3 but black would have gotten two pawns, after 22. ........, NxP (N4); 23. QxN, QxP, The text-move is more decisive.


The threat of 25 . R-R3 can not be

Mr. S. Burnstein of France lacks international experience, but is, nevertheless, a dangerous opponent. His style is extremely aggressive. He would rather lose beautifully than win monotonously. In my game against him in the same tournament he was on the defensive during the entire game.

## Sicilian Defence

M.C.O.: Page 148, Col. 6, Note (b) Tel-Aviv, 1958

## S. BURNSTEIN S. RESHEVSKY White Black <br> 1. P-K4 <br> 2. N -KB3 <br> 3. $\mathrm{P} \cdot \mathrm{Q} 4$ <br> 5. N -QB3 <br> B-K2 <br> PB 4 $\mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P}$ <br> $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{KB} 3$ <br> P-QR3 P-K4

Some are of the opinion that 7. N-N3 gives White a better chance of obtaining an opening advantage.
8. 0.0

B-K2
0.0
9. B-KN5
9. B-K3 is more usual.

## 9. $\begin{aligned} \text { Q-Q2 } & \text { QN-Q2 } \\ \text { 10. } & \text { B-K3 }\end{aligned}$

11. B-R4 is more consistent with White's 9 th move.

## $\begin{array}{lr}\text { 11. } & \text { P-QN4 } \\ \text { 12. QR-Q1 } & \text { P-N5 } \\ \text { 13. N-Q5 } & -\ldots . . .\end{array}$

If 13. N-QR4, P-QR4; 14. B-Q3, B-N2 wins a pawn.
14. $\mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{N}$
$\mathbf{N} \times \mathrm{N}$
If 14. PxN, P-QR4 followed by P-KB4 with the nasty threat of P-B5.

| 14. | R-N |
| :--- | :--- |
| 15. | R-Q2 |
| 16. Q-N3 | B-N2 |
| 17. P-KB4 | N-B |

Possible was 17. QxNP, BxP; 18. Q-R4, B-N2 with equal chances.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { 17......... } \\
& \hline \mathrm{PxP}
\end{aligned}
$$

17. ........, PxP; 18. BxBP, NxP; 19. NxN, BxN ; 20. Q-N3 leads to very ilttle for black.


Position after 19. ........, N-N5
My opponent admitted that this move never occurred to him.

## 20. RxP

Best. After 20. BxPch, K-R1; 21, K-R1 (what else?) NxB; 22. QxN, B-N4; 23. Q-QN3, QR-Q1 Black wins a piece. For if 24. B-Q5, BxN.

| 20. $\ldots \ldots .$. | R×R |
| :---: | :---: |
| 21. BxRch | K-R1 |
| 22. N-B1 | $\cdots \cdots .$. |
| nly possibility. | B-B4 |
| 22. ...... | Q-N3 |
| 23. B-Q5 | BxB $(\mathbf{Q} 4$ |
| 24. R-K1 |  |

 better.
26. P-KR3?

Up to now White put up stiff resistence in a precarious position, but now he slips. Indicated was 26 . BxB, QxBch; 27. N-K3 with an even game.
27. $\mathrm{N} \times \mathrm{N}$
$\mathrm{N} \times \mathrm{B}$
$\mathrm{Q} \cdot \mathrm{N} 3$

27. ........, R-KB1 was even stronger.

## 28. Q-B4

White's position is critical. If $28 . \mathrm{K}-\mathrm{R} 2$, B-Q3ch; 29. K-N1, Q-N6; 30. R-K2 (30. R-KB1, B-B4) Q-R7ch; 31. K-B1 (31. K-B2, $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{N} 6 \mathrm{ch}$ ) $\mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{R} 8 \mathrm{ch}$; 32. K-B2, R-KB1ch. If 28. K-R1, Q-N6; 29. R-K2, R-KB1 threatening BxN followed by R-B3ch. If 28. P-N4, R-KB1; 29. K-N2, R-B6 with a fatal pin. 28. Q-K2
29. QxB, QxRch; 30. K-R2 was, of course, much better, but Black would have won after a long struggle. The text-move loses immediately. My opponent was in terrific time trouble at this point.
29...... $\quad$ R-KB1
30. K-R1
Resigns
31. $\mathrm{QxB}, \mathrm{R}$-B8ch wins.

## HAYES WINS IN CINCINNATI

Central Parkway Y.M.C.A. was the scene of the Cincinnati Open Chess Championship on August 1 and 2. Cincinnati players gave a good account of themselves as they turned back visiting experts from as far away as Chicago. Rea Hayes, local chess playing actuary and chess organizer, placed first with a perfect $6-0$ score in the tournament directed by Jerry Hanken, current Cincinnati champion.

Second and third places were also awarded to two Cincinnatians tied with $41 / 2-11 / 2$-Robert McCready, former Ohio champion, and Fred Bahr, one of our promising younger players. Even in an 8 -way tie for 4 th place with $4-2$, Tom Lajcik and Jack Riesenbeck upheld the local colors. Others sharing this honor were Doyle Satterlee, Elmhurst, Ill.; Jerold Fink and Richard Ling, Dayton; Donald Jones and Walter Henry, Fort Wayne; and Pat Forsee of Louisville.

Pat Forsee and Jerold Fink also divided a prize for the top player, age 18 or under. Ron Weidner, Cincinnati; Chuck McCracken, Columbus; and Selden Trimble, Jr., of Hopkinsville, Ky., shared a special prize for the best score (3) made by a class $B$ player according to the rating system used by the United States Chess Federation.

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## An Clephant $I_{s}$ dile $A$ Housa!

Did you ever stop to realize, when describing, or listening to a description of a certain event, that someone else might have seen the same event, and might have obtained an entirely different impression of it? Remember the story of the three blind men who were asked by a fourth to describe an elephant. One groped and found a leg, and immediately stated that the elephant was like a tree. Another found the tail, and announced that the first man was mistaken, since the elephant was simply a living rope. The third sightless individual, who had run his hand over the beast's broad side and flank, said, "You are both wrongan elephant is like a house!" While you are trying to visualize the impression which the fourth man must have obtained from the three reports of what an elephant is like, let's turn to chess.

The Munich Chess Olympiad of 1958 must have seemed like a lot of things to a lot of different people. To USSR's Tal it must have seemed to be an almost complete success. To Hungary's Barcza it must have seemed like an unmitigated waste of time and money. To USA's nonplaying captain, Jerry Spann, it must have been a frightful headache. I thought CHESS LIFE readers might be interested to read what a member of the South African team reported on his return down under, The following comments were made by Mr. K. F. Kirby, as originally reported in "The South African Chessplayer" and as reprinted in Australia's "CHESS WORLD," edited by C. J. S. Purdy, international master, and former World Correspondence Chess Champion.

## WE DISCOVER THE LIGHTNING WORLD CHAMPION

Shortly after my arrival I was thrilled to the marrow to recognize from their photographs the famous figures of Flohr, looking very old; Kotov, who looks like nothing so much as a cheerful, chubby teddy bear; and Boleslavsky. The latter is short, stout, and balding, and his peering, blinking look gives colour to the story that he is nearly blind. I am assured, however, by Wade and Alexander who know him well that this is quite untrue, and that he is very annoyed about the rumour.

By the time Dreyer arrived a crowd had collected around one of the tables where Kotov and a slight dark individual were playing fiveminute games with a clock. Petrosian was easily recognizable, dark too, and like Kotov full of fun. Kotov's opponent could only be the legendary Tal, winner of two consecutive Russian championships and the strongest of all the Interzonals which had recently been completed at Portoroz. Among the onlookers were the mighty Botvinnik, a little reserved and self-conscious ${ }_{+}$Bent Larsen who seemed rather upset and morose after his bad showing at Portoroz, and young Cardoso of the Philippines.

While Dreyer and I watched, entranced by the brilliant combinations that Tal and Kotov were conjuring up in split seconds, the plump, rather moonfaced figure of Lombardy appeared. After a word or two from Tal, Kotov made way for the newcomer and we settled down to see the American (junior world champion) massacred by the Latvian tiger. It did not happen. To our amazement Tal's brilliant sacrifices were calmly refuted by Lombardy who afterwards attacked decisively him-self-all this played, it must be remembered, at rather faster than five seconds a move! After three consecutive defeats Tal made way for Petrosian. At first Lombardy said "No! No!" in horror, but eventually agreed to play. And then we did indeed see the world's greatest lightning player in action. No fireworks from him but a gradual remorseless encroachment like the work of a horde of termites. We left after Lombardy's fifth consecutive defeat!

## RUSSIANS POPULAR

At the end of the dining-room was a long table filled entirely with Russians. In addition to the team-members, Botwinnik, Smyslov, Keres, Bronstein, Tal, Petrosian, there were Kotov, team captain, Flohr and Boleslavsky as seconds, and sundry other personnel, doctor, masseur, trainer, commissars, chess dignitaries and the like. One could not help feeling that some of them had wangled a foreign holiday!

And now something about the players as individuals. The Russians were generally enormously popular, and most deservedly so. Botwinnik seemed rather unhappy: he was in poor form and conscious of a tremendous load of responsibility as World Champion. Scrupulously polite and well-behaved, he was rather aloof and reserved otherwise. Smyslov was charming. He speaks excellent English as does Keres, and one of his first actions was to come over to the English table to present his friend Alexander with a jar of Caviar. (Alexander pushed aside all

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inquiries, saying that he was going to eat it all himself first!) Alexander on another occasion asked Smyslov how long it would take him to win his adjourned end-game with Filip: "I've still got to play it, you know!" replied Smyslov refusing to count his chickens. Needless to say he won it. Keres is perhaps the most likeable of all. A top-class tennis player and extremely handsome, he always had a kind word for everybody.

Heidenfeld, Dreyer, and I were walking back to the hotel after an adjournment session when Keres and Petrosian overtook us. Keres at once moved over to Heidenfeld, put his arm around his shoulders in the friendliest manner, and inquired, "Well, how are you boys getting on in your first Olympiad?" Bronstein is just the same. Heidenfeld, who knows them all introduced me to him and he told us to our great amusement: "Bobby Fischer says 'Reshevsky has no idea.'"

Bronstein, alas, who at his best has probably produced more real genius and originality over the board than any player since Alekhine, is but a shadow of himself. There is a persistent rumour of heart trouble and certainly it is not the real Bronstein who produced fifteeen mainly colourless draws in a single tournament at Portoroz or who could only win three out of seven as number four in a team tournament.

Tal, though a teacher of Slavic languages, speaks little English. (When presented at the final ceremony whh a handsome chessboard, Lombardy congratulated him saying, "Now you'll really be able to play a decent game of 'blitz.'" Tal put his arm in Lombardy's and said, "Let's go!") This is a real genius whose brain works like lightning; he was, of course, ludicrously under-matched at number five. A loud burst of applause after about an hour's play (the first session was five hours) usually meant that Tal's opponent had been duly mated somewhere in the middle of the board.

Russell, of Ireland, was recounting with real pride that Tal had actually used half an hour on his clock in their game when he was silenced by somebody pointing out that Tal had spent most of that half-hour in looking at games at other boards! He may well be the strongest player in the world.

Petrosian is another genius of a different type. So quick and certain is his judgment that Alexander was quite serious in saying that if he played simultaneously at four boards in the Olympiad he would have no difficulty in qualifying for the top twelve! His only fault is lack of the "killer" instinct which Tal possesses in so marked a degree. It may prevent him from becoming world champion. As soon as he heard that Grivainis was a Latvian Tal took an interest in him and they had at least one long conversation at Tal's request. Tal says he has had to give up his teaching post as he is away six months at a stretch playing chess. But he has no economic worries!

A final story. In our match with Iceland we were very anxious to analyze out a win for Isaacson in his adjourned game with Jonsson. To our surprise Petrosian cheerfully came over to help but after a brief glance declared it was a draw. In spite of further intensive aid from Golombek and Franck (champion of Belgium) Petrosian was proved correct.

## RUSSIANS NERVOUS

The teams and the tournament come next. The enormous strength of the Russians, with Tal and Petrosian, who would be numbers one and two in any other country except Yugoslavia, as fifth and sixth boards, is only too obvious. Yet they looked at one time in real danger of losing and were undoubtedly very worried themselves. As the finals progressed and the Yugoslavs continued to lead, the evening summonses "Herr Kotov, telephone to Moscow," "Herr Tal, telephone to Riga" became more frequent, and jokes about accommodation in Siberia began to go the rounds.

Botwinnik was in wretched form. He had difficulty in drawing his first round game with Donner, and provided a colossal sensation by losing to Duckstein of Austria. Although he improved considerably in the finals he never looked like a world champion and the general opinion is that he has little chance of holding on to his title in the next world championship, whether his opponent is Smyslov, Tal, Petrosian or Gligorich.

Smyslov, too, while clearly a very great player, did not show the zest and imagination of his earlier days, and we have already remarked on Bronstein's loss of form. It was therefore most fortunate for the Russians that they had two such tremendous reserves.

The nervousness of the Russian command was strikingly illustrated by what Alexander christened "the Great Package Deal." In the match Russia vs. Argentina Smyslov made a quick draw at first board with Pilnik. Keres sacrificed a piece against Panno and Tal the exchange against Sanguinetti. Bronstein had a very slight end-game plus against Eliskases. At this stage Kotov, as team captain, offered Pilnik three draws on the remaining boards which the latter accepted. Panno, expecting to win, was furious, so, for the same reason, was Tal. The deal was criticized, but appears to be well within the rules.
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# CHESS TACTICS FOR BEGINNERS 

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

Dr. Marchand will answer beginners' questions on this page, if of sufficient general interest. Those wishing a personal raply should enciose stamped, self-
addressed envelope. Address: Dr. Erich W. Marchand, 192 Seville Drive, Rochester 17, N.Y.

## 1. Answers to Readers' Questions

kciward hanz, Westfield, New Jersey, wants to know how to withstand the following procedure by White against his Alekhine's Defense: 1. P-K4, N-KB3; 2. N-QB3, P-Q4; 3. P-Q5, P-Q5; 4. PxN, PxN; 5. PxNP, PxPch; 6. BxP, BxP; 7. P-QB3, Q-Q4; 8. Q-B2. Answer: There are at least two methods of meeting the above line. The first is to transpose by 2. ........, P-K4 into the Vienna Opening, which is considered satisfactory for Black. The other is to meet 8 . B-B2 with 8 . $B-B 4$. After that, $Q$-side castling would be very risky for White

William Gould, Providence, Rhode Island, asks for an evaluation of the position after the Gruenfeld Defense variation 1. P-Q4, N-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-KN3; 3. N-QB3, P-Q4; 4. PxP, NxP, 5. P-K4, NxN; 6. PxN, B-N2; 7. B-QB4, O-O; 8. N-K2, P-N3; 9. P-KR4, B-QR3; 10. BxB, NxB; 11. P-R5, P-QB4; 12. RPxP, RPxP; 13. Q-Q3, Q-B1; 14. Q-N3, PxP; 15. PxP, N-N5; 16. Q-R4, P-B3; 17. Q-R4ch, K-B2; 18. B-R6, R-KN1; 19. N-B4! Answer: White seems to have the advantage. For instance, since mate in 4 is threatened, Black might try 19. ........, Q-N5; 20. P-B3, Q-N6ch; 21. K-B1, but the threat of 22 . R-R3 would be too streng.

No better is 19. ........, K-B1; 20. NxPch (or 20. P-Q5!), K-B2;21. N-B4. And Black cannot get a perpetual check by 19. ........, Q-B6ch; 20. K-K2, Q-B7ch; 21. K-B3, Q-B6ch; 22. K-N4, Q-N1ch; 23. K-N3, Q-B6ch; 24. P-B3. An interesting try is $19 . . . . . . ., \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{B} 6 \mathrm{ch} ; 20$. K-K2, Q-B5ch; 21. K-B3, P-KN4; 22. BxP (not 22. Q-N6ch, K-B1; 22. BxBch, RxB; 23. R-R8ch, R-N2; 24. RxRch, QxR), PxB?; 25. Q-N6ch, K-B1; 26. N-K6ch.

## 2. The Importance of the

## Endgame

Beginners usually do not have an appreciation of how important endgames are and have even less understanding of how to play them. This is not only due to general lack of chess experience but also to the fact that what games they have played have seldom reached an endgame. Or, if they did, there was usually such a great difference in material left that the finer points of endgame strategy and tactics did not play a part.

The following game illustrates just a few of the many endgame ideas which a tournament player needs to know. Here especially the importance of bringing the King forward (especially toward the center) is emphasized.

## 3. Illustrative Game

## ENGLISH OPENING

U. S. Open Tournament Omaha, 1959

## White <br> E. MARCHAND <br> Black H. HERBST

One characteristic of this opening move is that it can transpose, in many cases, to other openings such as the Queen's Gambit, the King's Indian Defense, or even the Caro-Kann Defense.

This makes it a classical English Opening (at least for the time being). By 1 N-KB3 Black can almost force the game into a King's Indian Defense With 1. ........, P1QB3; 2. P-Q4, P-Q4 the Slav Defense to the Queen's Gambit is reached, but here 2. P-K4, P-Q4; 3. KPxP, PxP; 4. P.Q4 converts the game into a Caro-Kann Defense (Panov-Botvin nik Variation).
2. N-QB3 N-KB3 3. P-XN3

The classical line goes 3 . N-B3, N-B3; 4. P-Q4. The next move declares White's intention to transpose into a Sicilian Defense with colors reversed. In short he will be playing the Dragon Variation with an extra move in hand.

| 3. |  | P-Q4 | 6. P-Q3 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4. | P×P | $\mathrm{N} \times \mathrm{P}$ | 7. B-N2 |
| 5. | $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{B} 3$ | $\mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{QB} 3$ |  | A standard position of the Dragon Var-

extra move for White. This move makes possible an interesting combination which is not playable in the normal Sllician. Unfortunately it seems to lead to no more than an equal game.
8. N×P! $N \times Q N$ 10. $N \times Q$ NXBP! 9. $\mathrm{N} \times \mathrm{N} \quad \mathrm{N} \times Q \quad$ 11. $\mathrm{K} \times \mathrm{N}$

Here White had originally planned 11. N-B6 since 11. ......... NxR; 12. NxBch would win material or 11. ........, PxN; 12. KxN would leave Black with weak Pawns. But 11. N-B6; NxPch; 12. PxN, BxP leaves both sides with weak Pawns. 11. $\ldots$ R $\times$ N $\quad$ 13. QR-QB1 P-B3 Here Black offered i4. P-N3 Draw, which Here Black offered a draw, which doubtless is the logical outcome of this position. White, however, has a small advantage based on the opportunity to control the center with Pawns.
15. B×B R×B 19. P.Q4 P-KN3 $\begin{array}{lllr}\text { 16. KR.Q1 } & \text { B-K3 } & \text { 20. R-Q2 } & \text { P-KR4 } \\ \text { 17. P-K3 } & \text { R-Q3 } & \text { 21. P.KR4 } & \text { B-R6 }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { 18. B-B3 QR-Q1 } & \text { 22. K-N1 }\end{array}$ In view of a possible R-B3 and B-N5 by Black.
22. ....... B-K3 24. R-B3 B-Q4 Before making this move Black again offered a draw which probably is still offered a draw which probably is still
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which White had been walting for.


Position after 25. ........, B-K3 26. P-Q5!

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After 26. ........ PxP; 27. PxP, B-B4 (27. BxP ? $\mathrm{R}(3)-\mathrm{Q} 3$ wnning) Black is badly $\begin{array}{ll}\text { 27. K-B2 } & \text { K-B1 } \\ \text { 29. R-K3 }\end{array}$ 28. P-R4

K-K2
cause of the pin on Black's Blshop. $\begin{array}{lll}\text { 30. } & \text { R(2)-K2 } & \begin{array}{lll}\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{N} 1 \\ \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{B} 1\end{array} \text { 31. PxP }\end{array}$
This leaves Black with isolated Pawns, but 31. ........, RxP; 32. P-K5, R-K3; 33. BxP would lose a Pawn.
$\begin{array}{lllr}\text { 32. } \begin{array}{lll}\text { P.K5 } & \text { P×P } & \text { 35. R-QB2 }\end{array} & \text { R-Q5 } \\ \text { 33. R×P } & \text { R-B3 } & \text { 36. } \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{K} 4 & \text { R(5)-Q3 } \\ \text { 34. } \mathrm{K} \cdot \mathrm{N} 2 & \text { B-B2 } & & \end{array}$ The position is still probably drawn with careful play. But White has the better chances, and also Black happened to be getting short of time on the clock. 37. R-K3 R-Q5 38. RxP

Not 38. BxBP, RxB; 39. B-Q4ch winning a piece.
Black cannot try the trap 38. 39. RxB, (39. KxB, B-Q4ch; 40. K-B2, BxR) and Black's Bishop is pinned.

## 39. B×R R×NP 41. K-B2

40. R-QB3 R-N3

White avoids like poison the line 40 . P-R5, RxB; 41. R $\times$ R, B-Q5ch winning for Black. One has to see these things! 41. ........ R-N7ch 42. K-K3 R-N6

A serious error since Black will have no way to annoy White's King as it takes an active role in the endgame. 43. R×R B×R 45. P.R5 K.Q3 44. K-Q4

BXR
$\mathrm{K}-\mathrm{K} 2$
Black cannot prevent loss of a Pawn. 45. ........, B-Q8 (intending 46. B-N7, B-K7); 46. B-K4, K-B3; 47. B-Q3 also wins the QRP.

| 46. B-N7 | B-R5 | 50. P-R7 | B-B3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 47. BXP | K-K3 | S1. B-K4 | PxP |
| 48. B-Q3 | K-B3 | 52. B×B | Resigns |

49. P-R6 P.N4

Resigns

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## Dear Ladies:

It is my pleasure to invite you to the U. S. Women's and International Zonal Championship co-sponsored by the Log Cabin Chess Club in honor of its Silver Anniversary and the United States Chess Federation to be held from November 30th to December 12, inclusive. This event will be staged in the New York City area with some rounds at the New York City clubs and some at the Log Cabin Club in West Orange, New Jersey per schedule below:
Monday night, Nov. 30-First Round, Log Cabin Chess Club, W. Orange, N. J. Tuesday night, Dec. 1 -Second Round, Mary Bain Studio, New York City Wednesday, Dec. 2-Adjourned Games, Mary Bain Studios, New York City Thursday night, Dec. 3-Third Round, Mary Bain Studio, New York City Friday night, Dec. 4-Fourth Round, Mary Bain Studio, New York City Saturday, Dec. 5-U. S. Women's RAPIDS, Log Cabin Chess Club, W. Orange, N. J. Sunday, 2:00 P.M., Dec. 6-Fifth Round, Log Cabin Chess Club, W. Orange, N. J. Monday, Dec. 7-Adjourned Games, Mary Bain Studio, New York City Tuesday night, Dec. 8-Sixth Round, Manhattan Club, New York City Wednesday night, Dec. 9-Seventh Round, Marshall Club, New York City Thursday, Dec. 10-Adjourned Games, Mary Bain Studio, New York City Friday night, Dec. 11-Eighth Round, Mary Bain Studio, New York City Saturday, 2:00 P.M., Dec. 12-Final Round, Log Cabin Chess Club, W. Orange, N. J.

Round trip airplane tickets will be furnished to all players outside of the New York City area, which will be good news to the contestants from California, Arizona, Louisiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania. In addition to the large U. S Women's Championship Trophy there will be cash prizes as follows: $\$ 100.00$ for 1st place, $\$ 75.00$ for 2nd place, $\$ 50.00$ for 3 rd place, $\$ 35.00$ for 4 th place and $\$ 25.00$ for 5th place. In addition, the USCF will assist the 1st and 2nd place winners on travel expenses to the 1961 Interzonal Championship in Europe by means of a fund drive to be conducted for that purpose during 1960.

You will notice that this invitation has been addressed to 11 women players. This was necessary since Mabel Burlingame and Nancy McLeod are tied in the Rating List with 1864 points each. It is my guess that there will be one player out of the first 11 that will be unable to accept. If not, it may be necessary to have a 10 round roundrobin . . . which we hope will not be necessary, as we have tried to keep the event within a two week's period allowing 24 hours on each end for air travel time; and also to allow enough free days to take care of adjourned games.

Another famous Log Cabin FIRST is the U. S. Women's Open RAPIDS Championship scheduled, as you will note, for Saturday, December 5th. You are, of course, invited to help make history by participating in this historic event but it will be "open" and it is hoped that the entry list will be large for this one-day affair.

If you know now that you can and will accept this invitation I would very much appreciate hearing from you by return mail. If you need time to consider, know by no later than October 1, so that other invitations can be extended if same are necessary.

Warmest personal regards,
Jerry G. Spann

# GAMES BY USCF MEMBERS 

Annotated by Chess Master JOHN W. COLLINS

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## THE BAPTISM OF A

## VARIATION

The Cunningham Gambit has long been one of Black's strongest replies to the King's Gambit. In the May, 1953 issue of the Chess Correspondent, Anthony Santasiere of Folly fame, prescribed an unusual riposte by White which seems invincible. Readers of Chess Life have recently had the pleasure of seeing some of the early Santasiere games with this opening which I call "Santasiere's Dally". Here is another convincing proof against a leading German postalite.

## KING'S GAMBIT

MCO 9: p. 65, c. 10
SANTASIERE'S DALLY
4th World Correspondence Championship-Semifinals Notes by Norman M. Hornstein, M.D. Dr. N. M. Hornstein
J. Dalk

White

## Black

| 1 | P.K4 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. | P-KB4 | Px |
| 3. | N-KB3 | B-K2 |

The Dally is more conservative than the Folly but even more provoking. Another unanalyzed reply suggested by Walter Korn recently in Chess
Review, but used extensively by Review, but used extensively by
Southern
Champion Dr. Steven Shaw Southern Champion Dr. Steven Shaw
is 4. P-Q4! with terrific complications.
The logical move, but it seems to fail in all variations. 4. ......., P-KN4 may be better. Santasiere gives 4. $\ldots, \mathrm{N}$.KB3; 5. P-Q3, P-Q4; 6. P-K5, N-R4; 7 K. O-O, P-KN3!; 8. N-K, N-N2; 9. BxI
poesy.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { 5. } & \text { PxP } \\ \text { 6. } & 0.0 \\ \text { 7. } & \text { P.B4! }\end{array}$
$\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{KB} 3$
$\mathrm{~N} \times \mathrm{P}$
7. P-B4!

N-N5
Here my opponent leaves the immortal Anthony, who gives 7. ........, N-KB3; $8 . \quad P-Q$
White.
8. P-Q4

Ach, I would wissel a shilling that 'twould woo a wince if the Black Knight were allowed to Q6.
8. $\quad \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{R} 3$

A necessary evil. Black's pieces look better developed, but White has more control of the center.
Necessary. If Black allows BxP, White's Necessary. If Black allows BxP, White's
control of the center becomes decontrol
cisive.
${ }^{10} \mathrm{C} \times \mathrm{N}$ !
In the "Art of Sacrifice", a tome which is wrongly regarded as esoteric instead of fundamental, Spielman calls this a false sacrifice' since White wins back his material in short order. The point of this sack is not vulgar ostentation, but the disruption of Black's King wing.


The only move to counter the double threat at QB7 and KB5.
15. P-B5

The Bishop is sacrificed by white so that all the Dowers of the Queen are demonstrated. On the other hand, 15. Qx.... Qxch; 16. $\mathrm{K}-\mathrm{R} 1$, and the threat to both Bishop pawns is too awful to behold.
15.

Q×B
accept perpetual check).
18. $\mathrm{K} \cdot \mathrm{RI}$
20. $\mathrm{N} \times \mathrm{R}$

As the next move shows, this is a decisive tactical move-quite untainted by materialistic greed.
Now if Black can hold the position, his two pieces for the Rook will show to a strong advantage.
21. Q-N5!! R-QB1

The only move to stop an early mate.
We are now offered a treat of the original Dusseldorf sitzfleisch.

| 23. Qusseldory | sitzfisch. |
| :--- | ---: |
| K-K1 |  |
| 24. B-N5! | QxB |
| 25. R×Bch | N-K2 |
| 26. R-K5 | Resigns |

Vive le King's Gambit! Vive Le Defense Cunningham! Vive Santasiere's Dally!

## PERSONAL SERVICE

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This move leaves Black with an artificially isolated pawn which must eventually fall. 19. ........, QxN however would have given white control of the QB file with tempo after elther 20. B-N3 or R-QB1 ( 20 . ......., QxRP loses the queen after 21. B-N3.)
$\begin{array}{lr}\text { 20. R-QB1 } & \text { Q-N2 } \\ \text { 21. B-N1 } & \text { KR-B1 } \\ \text { 22. PR3 } & \text { B-Q1 }\end{array}$
Looking for counterplay on White's queen side pawns.

| side pawns. | P-R4 |
| :--- | ---: |
| 23. B.R2 | P×P |
| 24. B×P | B-R4 |
| 25. B×P | 26. $\mathbf{B \times P !}$ |



## COLLEGE CHESS LIFE

 Conducted by
## William F. Goetz, Jr.

All college clubs and players are urged to send news items to William F. Geetz, Jr., Box 733, Wartburg College, Waverly, lowa.

A group of schools which should experience growth in chess activities in the coming year is the Big Ten Conference. The Unversity of Illinois, which has a strong and active club, should be joined by the others in a series of matches that could produce some fine chess.

The University of Iowa has organized a club which last school year established itself in three matches as one of the strongest teams in the state, defeating the Cedar Valley Chess Club 11-3 and winning a return match from the Cedar Rapids Chess Club 13-11 after tying their first match 12-12. Ray Ditrichs, who edged Leo Raterman on tiebreaking points for the school championship, proved his strength in the Third Western Open at Milwaukee this summer by emerging with a plus score in a strong field. Raterman and Ditrichs placed second and third in that order in the 1959 Iowa Championship, both miss ing first place by tie-breaking points. Clubs interesting in contacting the Iowa team should write: University Chess Club, Memorial Union, State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa,

The West Virginia University Chess Club took matches by one-sided scores from Wheeling (9-3), and Bridgeport (9-2) last spring. Double winners for WVU against Wheeling were Richard Lee, Paul Styles, Joe Mechem, and Robert O'Dell. King of Wheeling took both his games. At Bridgeport WVU winners were Phil Gallo, Cletis Pride, Richard Lee, Carl Wade, Robert O'Dell, Allen Vease, Paul Styles, Allen Gibbard, and Neil Cohen. Winners for Bridgeport were David Ellis and Bob Jones.

Clubs that participated in the U. S. Intercollegiate Team Tourney last December that have money for travel expenses due them should contact the Chess Club, Case Institute of Technology, 10900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 6, Ohio, giving information on who is to receive the refund and where it is to be sent.
News items are the life blood of this column. Readers will be interested in your club's activities, which will be promptly included in this column if you'll take the time to send them to your columnist.

FINAL RESULTS OF THE
1959 MARSHALL CHESS CLUB (N.Y.) SUMMER 30-30 TOURNAMENT
1st - William G. Addison $51 / 2-1 / 2$ (drew with Collins)
2nd - Jack W. Collins 5-1 (drew with Weinstein and Addison) 3rd - Raymond Weinstein $41 / 2-11 / 2$ (lost to Goldwater, drew Collins)
4th - Walter Goldwater 4-2
5th - Peretz Z. Miller 4-2
6th - Harry Fajans 4-2
18 participants-directed by Frank Brady and Paul Baronecki conducted over the weekend of Aug. 14-1516.

On Saturday night the tournament presented Mrs. Carrie Marshall a bouquet of flowers in celebration of her birthday. Refreshments were served and the pleasant Marshall Chess Club garden was opened for

## SOUTH AFRICAN PLAYER'S REPORT ON MUNICH

TEAM TOURNAMENT, 1958. (Cont. from page 4)

## THE RUNNERS-UP

The Yugoslavs rivalled the Russians in popularity as in chess. On the whole they were exceptionally good-looking, well-built with fine heads of dark hair. Without any doubt Gligoric was the outstanding player and personality of the tournament. A fine athlete, a gentleman of modesty and charm, he is also a great linguist and speaks perfect English. (So indeed does Fuderer and pretty well all the Yugoslavs can make themselves understood due to their frequent visits to England): At chess his style is quite different from that of Tal. Dreyer has aptly named him the "Positional Miracle-worker." He played every round in the finals at first board and it seems more than a coincidence that the other "big guns" such as Reshevsky, Botvinnik, Smyslov, Uhlman, Neikirch and Kupper chose to have their rest-day when due to play Yugoslavia! Just look at his score: wins against Pachman (twice!), Lombardy, Duckstein, Unzicker, Bobozow, (Bobotzof), Blau, Anderson and (the only "mug") Syngelakis of Greece who had a nervous breakdown after, if not because of, the game! Draws against Malich, Keres, Alexander, Pilnik and Pomar-no losses. Eleven points out of 14 games. Few doubt but that he is at least the equal of any player in the world. Will he win the world's championship?

When we congratulated him on his achievement in making the best score at board 1, I said: "I hope I am shaking the hand of the next World Champion." He answered: "I have no chance, . . . you see, I am all alone." I suppose he is right. There are four great Russians in the Candidates' Tournament, there will be many others in the analyzing rooms, and all Russia will be working to dig up opening innovations. But it is a pity . . . no man could do the game more credit.

## ARGENTINA AND U.S.A.

The Argentine did much better than expected as they were without Najdorf or the unbeatable Bolbochan. Pilnik, Panno and Sanguinetti did most of the work. The newcomers Redolfi and Emma were not very successful and we were often amused to see the two unfortunates sitting miserably at supper while Panno and Pilnik recounted their sins to them.

One evening Panno came along to Alexander almost speechless with anger: "What do you think of this Redolfi? He plays the King's gambit, sacrifices a piece, and then asks us helplessly: 'How do I continue now?'!"

Although the U.S.A. took fourth place they were much below expectations. Curiously enough, by far their best player was their only non-grandmaster, Lombardy. Reshevsky seems clearly on the down-grade and the other Americans told us that they have known it for some time. His performance was really almost too bad to be true. He played only three games in the preliminaries, and as the Americans had only five players this imposed a considerable strain on the others. They did not conceal their displeasure!

These games resulted in draws with Pomar and the second-graders Vestol and Johansson. In the finals he lost to Unzicker, drew with Pilnik (by the skin of his teeth), Pomar, Duckstein, Bobozow, Kupper, and beat Alexander and the demoralized and exhausted Pachman. He allowed Lombardy to face Botvinnik and Gligoric!

Bisguier is surely the weakest of the active grandmasters. (I say this although I am depreciating my stock as I managed to draw with him!). Larry Evans and Rossolimo are also hardly deserving of the grandmaster rank.

Unfortunately Bobby Fischer was not available, and Benko, who has since become a citizen of the USA was present but not available. With them as reinforcements the USA may be a very potent force next time.

## USSR VS. "REST"?

This tournament, and even more the Interzonal at Portoroz has shown that Russia has no longer a virtual monopoly of great chessplayers. All of which causes one to speculate on the chances of a team representing the Rest of the World against Russia.

I spent a good deal of time on the bus, which took us to visit Ludwig II's castle at Lindenholf, discussing this with the English team. Clearly on ten boards the Rest would have no chance, and Alexander thinks the same would hold good at any number. But Barden and Clarke give the Rest good prospects on twenty boards. So when I inherit a few million pounds or dollars I shall lose no time in issuing a challenge to the Russians. I have more or less picked my side: Gligoric, Szabo, Reshevsky (on reputation only), Benko, Matanovic, Olafsson, Fischer, Panno, Pachman, Filip, Uhlmann, Duckstein, Lombardy, Larsen, Yanofsky, Pilnik, Euwe, Unzicker, Donner, and Lothar Schmid. A pretty impressive line-up I think. (But where's Najdorf?-Editor)
(The foregoing parenthetical question was probably posed by the editor of CHESS WORLD. Although author Kirby's team is strong, we agree that Najdorf would strengthen the "Rest" team-so would Arthur Bisguier, Larry Evans, and Rossolimo! Editor CHESS LIFE.)

## Mate The Subtle Way!

by Nicholas Gabor

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Problem No. 1025
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Problem No. 1027
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Mate in two moves
SOLUTIONS TO "MATE THE SUBTLE WAY".
No. 1013 Marvsko: keymove 1. N-K2 threat 2. QxR. 1. ......., RRxP, 2. QxR; 1. ..., BRx1, 2. N-R4; 1. ......., KxP, 2. BNxNP; 1, ......., RxN, 2. Q-B4. No. 1014 Hielle: set: 1. ......., NN any 2. Q-B4; 1. ......, BN any, 2. Q-Q3. Tries: 1. 1. Q-K defeated by 1. ....., BPXP; 1. Q-K2 is defeated by1.......,BPXP. 1. KxN defeated by 1........, B-R3. Key 1. Q-N2 threat 2. Q-N7. The main play follows the 3 thematic moves of the NN. 1. ......., N-Q2, 2. N-K6; 1. ......., NxP, 2. QxN; 1. ......, N-B5, 2. N-N3 etc. No. 1015 Wiesel: set: 1. ....... PxP, 2. NK6; 1. ......., N-K4, 2. B-K3; 1. ........ K-B4, 2. B-K3.
Key 1. R-B3 threat 2. R-B4. Play: 1. ......, PxP, 2. N-N4; 1. ......., N-K4, 2. N-K2; 1. Key 1. R-B3 threat 2. R-B4. Play: 1. ......., PxP, 2. N-N4; 1. ......., N-K4, 2. N-K2; 1. B1 double checks by N-Q4 or N-K5. The sharp idea accounts for some short threats.

## MILWAUKEE PLANS FOR THANKSGIVING EVENT

## (By Special Correspondence)

Milwaukee, Wis.-Always alert to ways of improving their tournament, the Wisconsin Chess Association has completely revised and expanded the highly-popular, Thanksgiving North Central Open into a four day event.

According to Hans Huse, president of this organization, this innovation is the result of the Milwaukee Tournament Committee's observation that many players were hesitant to attempt the grueling effort necessary to finish a seven-round event of this strength in three days.

With constant striving to improve tournament setting and conditions of play but still face the realities, the following schedule has been put inte effect for the Sixth North Central. Play will begin on Thanksgiving Day at 2:30 in the afternoon with another game at 8:30 that evening. On Friday, to accommodate those local, Chicago and other nearby players who must work, only one game will be played at $7: 30$ p.m. Saturday's schedule calls for games at 12 noon and 7:00 p.m. while on Sunday play will be at 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. allowing for early departure time.
For the pleasure of those players free Friday during the day, a seven-round North Central Speed Championship will be held. It will have a $\$ 2.00$ entry fee and all of the proceeds will be returned as prizes. Distribution will be made
on this basis: $50 \%$ of the entry monies will be given the winner, $25 \%$ will be (Continued on page 5)
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## Solution Jo

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## Position No. 260

Kotov-Bofvinnik, Moscow 1955
Botvinnik played 1. ........, P-N4!; 2. BPxP (If 2. RPxP, P-R5; 3. B-Q6, B-B4; 4. P-N6, BxP; 5. P-B5, BxP; 6. KxP K-N7; Black wins easily), P-Q5ch!; ${ }^{3}$ PxP (3. BxP is no better), K-N6! (But
not K-N5? because 4. P-Q5, BxP; 5 . not K-N5? because
B-B2 draws); 4. B-R3
(Or 4. B-K7, KxP;
4. B-B2 draws); 4. B-R3 (Or 4. B-K7, KxP;
5. P-N6ch, K-N5; and Black wins), KxP; 5. P-N6ch, K-N5; and Black wins), K×P;
5. K-Q3, KxP; 6. K-K4, P-R5; 7. K-B3 5. K-Q3, KxP; 6. K-K4, P-R5; 7. K-B3
(If 7. P.Q5, then BxPch), B-Q4ch; and Kotov resigned.
Note that 2. ........, P-Q5ch! is essential to protect the QNP. If 2. ......., K-N6; 3. $\mathrm{KxP}, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 5 \mathrm{ch}$ (If KxP , white plays simply 4. K-B3, 5. K-Q4, and 6. B-Q6 with
 else?); 5. K-Q2, P-Q6 (Again, what else?); 5. K-Q2, P-Q6 (Again, what else?); 6. P.K.
But note too that 1. ........; P-Q5ch? throws away the win. The reply is 2. BxP, and if then 2. ......., P-N4; White holds the draw by 3. RPxP. Black's three main tries are 3. ......., P-R5; 3. is....., B-B4; and 3. ......., K-K5. The first is met easily by 4. P-B5. The second try leads to more complicated play, but 4. P-N6 is sufficient. If then 4 . or $4 .$, BxP; 5. KxP, P-R5; 6. P-B5, etc.,
or B-Q4; 7. K-Q3, etc. Finally, 3. 6......., K. K5 is met by 4. K-Q2. White then threatens to block the RP with his King. If Black permits this, he can win White's Bishop by supporting the NP with his King, but the advance of White's pawns will eventually force Black's Bishop to abandon the defense of the last Black pawn.

Other tries at Black's first move also fail. 1. ........, K-K5 is met by 2. B-Q4, and the QNP falls. 1. ........, K-N5 or 1. ........ K-N6 is met by 2. B-K7. Now 2. P-N4 accomplishes nothing because of 3. BxP, nor can Black force a return to the original position because 2 . K-B7; 3. K-Q2 draws! (Kotov had the opportunity to obtain this position in the game by playing K-Q2 instead of B-B5 reaching our Position No. 260.) The drawing idea is illustrated by the
 6. K-B3, K-K6; 7. B-N5ch, K moves; 8 . K-Q2 (Q4), etc.

Only one solver, Mr. George Ross, submitted a complete and correct analy sis of this position, including 1. ........, P-N4!; 2. ......., P-Q5ch!; and 3........, K.
N6! in the main variation. Mr. Ross is N6! in the main variation. Mr. Ross is awarded two points on our ladder.
Solutions which included 1........, $P$. N4!; and 2. ........, P-Q5ch! in the main variation are credited with one point, and other solutions with the correct first move receive $1 / 2$ point.

On this basis, 1 point goes to: Harry Bakwin, Bill Bundick, Jesse Davis, Al fred Donath, John T. Hamilton, John E. Ishkan, Tommy A. Nard*, Vincent D. Noga, Henry C. Porter, Edmund Ro man, Max Schlosser, Herbert Solinsky, and Joe Weininger. The following receive $1 / 2$ point: George W. Baylor, M D. Blumenthal, Joe Bohac, Abel Bomberatilt, William J. Couture, Rezneat M. Darnell, Rea Hayes, Viktors Ikau niks, H. Kaye, M. Ladacki, Leonard L. Lussier, Algis Makaitis, Ken Neeld, Oran Perry, Joseph Platz, Edward P Powell, Vernon Robinson', and Woody Young. The solvers score a stand-off by $24-24$.

The Quarterly Ladder due at this time will be published after credits have been awarded for analyses of Position No. 258.
*Welcome to new solvers.

## IT WASN'T THE BEST MOVE! (Reprint from Sept. 20)

In the diagram we see that White has a three-pawn plus to compensate for the lost exchange. With the best move 1. B-N5, threatening B-R6ch, he should win easily. But he played.

## 1. Q-B8ch? <br> Q.K1 RRPCh! <br> 2. $\mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{RP}$ <br> Q-K3ch! <br> 3. 4. Q-K3ch!

## Jourament Life

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To be held at the Florida Union, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. Five round Swiss, Open to all, first 2 hours. Entry fee for USCF members is $\$ 4.00$, with a special entry fee of $\$ 3.00$ to all students and jun. iors. Prizes include trophy to first and second; choice of chess book to first through eighth; $\$ 20.00$ best team of five from any club; top player and Junior title. For entries and inquiries write to Bob Szeremi, 3475 University Station, Gainesville, Florida.

## Oct. 17-18

## LAKE ERIE OPEN

## CHAMPIONSHIP

Hotel Touraine, Buffalo, N.Y. 5 round Swiss. Sponsored by the Queen City Chess Club. 50 moves in 2 hours. Entry fee: $\$ 7.00$ to USCF members, plus $\$ 5.00$ to non-members. Guaranteed 1st prize: $\$ 75$ and trophy; other prizes awarded on the absis of income. Tournament director: Norman C. Wilder, Jr. For further details or advance entry, write to Ralph J. Nasca, 111 Whitney Place, Buffalo $1, \mathrm{~N} . \mathrm{Y}$.

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## Nov. 26-27-28-29

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sen, Missoula, Montana Laucks, West Orange, New Jersey.


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& \text { Solution to Korn's End } \\
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This is the complete solution: 1. KN4, NxP; 2. N-B5ch (2. KxB? R-R8ch; 3. K-N3, R-R6ch; 4. K any, RxN wins), K-K5; 3. N-B3 (3. NxB R-N8ch; 4. N-N2 RxNch; 5. K any, K-B4 and mate next RxNch; $5 . \mathrm{K}$ any, K-B4 and mate next
move), RxN (3. ......., B-K8; 4. N-Q2ch); move), RxN (3. ......., B-K8; 4. N-Q2ch); N×B, R-KR6; 7. N-B5, R-KB6; 8. N-R4, and draws.
If White plays the alternative $2 . \mathrm{N}$ B , he is downed by 2 , ........, B-B7! 3 . N-B5ch, K-K7; 4. KxN, B-K6ch; 5. K-N4, RxN; 6. N-N3ch, K-B7; 7. N-K4ch, E-N7, Also without avail is N-B5, N-Q4!

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ACTION IN U.S. OPEN AT OMAHA. AT RIGHT IS WINNER ARTHUR BISGUIER, (MRS. B. IN BACKGROUND) PLAYING OLAV ULVESTAD IN THE LAST ROUND. A DRAW OR A LOSS WOULD HAVE BEEN FATAL TO A HALF-POINT AHEAD OF BENKO.

WITH THE CLUBS
The Pittsfield, YMCA, Mass., team which has never defeated the Albany YMCA, N.Y., club at Pittsfield in 15 years of competition, continued its jinx by losing $5-3$ to the visitors. Dave Hecht, Marshall Crounse, Lester Haas, Rufis Burlingame, and Dave Johnson won for Albany, while Fred Townsend, Dr. Kurt Hirschmann, and Tom Bishop won for Pittsfield.

Turning the tables in a return match at Albany, the Pittsfield team scored its most decisive victory of the long series, a $4-1$ victory. John Semeniw, Fred Townsend, Henry Niedzienski, and Fred Townsend, Henry Niedzienski, and
Henry Rock won for Pittsfield while Henry Rock won for Pittsfield while
Marshall Crounse salvaged the loser's Marshall C1
lone point.
Pittsfield and the New Haven, Conn. YMCA chess club held a pienic-match at Wadham's Picnic Grove in Goshen, Conn. Between intermittent showers the New Haven team scored a $4-2 \mathrm{win}$, with Bill Newberry, Egil Jentoft, Richard Lettick, and Roger Williamson scoring for the victors. Fred Townsend and Robert Bilodeau tallied for the losers.
John Semeniw captured the Pittsfield YMCA Chess Club championship for the second straight year by scoring 8-2 in the round robin event. James Yunker and Dr. Kurt Hirschmann tied for second place with 7.3 scores in one of the club's strongest tournaments on record since Dr. Grigorieff was a member.

In other championship events, Isaac Ables won the Class A title with an 11-0 record; Henry Rock won the Class B title with a 5-1 mark; and Woody Fuller took first place in the Beginners tournament with a 5-1 tally. Glen Jost won the Junior championship with a 9-1 score; and Douglas Young won a newcomers tournament with a perfect $8-0$ tally.

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2nd. Brad Dowden won 4 lost 2

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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## July 23, 1959

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Jerry Spann. It was moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved as published previously in Chess Life. Motion passed.

There were 72 present at the meeting. The Credentials Committee reported that proxies were assigned to the following members present:
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## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Spann reviewed the marked progress that the USCF has made in the past few years, and commended the volunteer committees, particularly the Membership Committee which successfully exceeded its goal of 1,000 new members. Mr. Spann pointed out that aside from all the successes of the USCF
in the past year, the only dark spot in the USCF picture was the delay in in the past year, the only dark spot in the USCF picture was
publishing ratings. Two points for future improvement were listed:
(1) The USCF hopes to improve Chess Life, not only in content, but in format and paper quality.
(2) The new Business Manager intends to initiate the policy of publishing monthly rating supplements in Chess Life in addition to a full national list each year.
Mr. Spann announced the retirement of Kenneth Harkness and the appointment of Mr. Frank Brady as his successor as Business Manager. Mr. Spann stated that Mr. Harkness as Business Manager had greatly improved the USCF. The change in Business Manager was interpreted as heralding a new era which has already brought about two changes in the USCF.

One change was the formation of the new Rating Committee and the proposed plan of publishing monthly rating changes. The Rating Committee,
which would be of an advisory nature, will consist of Arpad Elo, Milwaukee, Chairman, Dr. Erich Marchand, Rochester, N.Y., and Guthrie McClain of San Francisco.

The second change is that USCF pollicy will be completely returned to the officers of the USCF. Mr. Spann told the group that the USCF officers, during a free hand in the Harkness Promotional Plan, gave the Busiless operation a free hand in policy making changes in order USCF policy would be completely returned to the officers of the USCF.

Mr. Spann introduced Mr. Frank Brady, the new Business Manager and Rating Statistician. Sybilla Harkness will continue to act as Membership Secretary.

## BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

After the year's financial reports were distributed to the members, the Business Manager's Report, written by Kenneth Harkness, was read by Mr. Brady. (See complete report in Sept. 5 and Sept. 20 issues of Chess Life.) Mr. Brady commented and elaborated on the Business Manager's Report. Mr. Brady explained that total USCF expenses had risen considerably over Fiscal 1959, and that a portion of this added expense was shown in the increase in office salaries. He pointed out, however, that the additional staff not only paid its own way in rendering better service to members, but also increased income in certain departments, which before the expansion of personnel, was very small. During Fiscal 1959 the New York office conducted over twelve officially rated tournaments and raised the gross income from tournament fees from $\$ 1,927$ in 1958 to $\$ 4,170$ in 1959. Many new members joined the USCF as a result of these tournaments and a substantial profit was made on the sale of books and supplies at these events. Also, since there had been such an enormous increase in membership through the efforts of operk involved in the processing been literally impossible to handle the extra work involved in the pro
and servicing of these new members, unless the staff had been enlarged.

Mr. Brady stated that it will be a major objective of the Business Office during Fiscal 1960, not only to increase income from all departments of the USCF, but to engage in exacting analysis with the aid of executive-appointed committees, of methods by which we can reduce our normal operating expenses.

Mr . Brady viewed the matter of books and supplies as a service to members, and considered that as long as

Mr. Brady said two other objectives will be the publishing of monthly rating supplements in Chess Life starting October 5th, in addition to one Mr. Brady lauded the work of Jerry Spann, Fred Cramer, and Fred Wren, and enjoined the members to take example of these men and to aid in promoting chess and the USCF.

## EDITOR'S REPORT

The Editor's Report, written by Mr. Fred Wren, was read to the group by Dr. Erich Marchand. In his report Mr. Wren ennumerated the successes in Chess Life during the past year: columns written by masters, the Operation M column which was instrumental in successfully achieving its goal of 1,000 additional members, and the improvement in delivery time of Chess Life. On the minus side, Mr. Wren mentioned the failure to reimburse Anthony Saidy for expenses incurred in the World Student Team Tournament, and the failure to initiate USCF Postal Chess. Mr. Wren recommended that the subscription price of Chess Life be raised from $\$ 3$ to $\$ 4$ for non-members, and reminded the members that his term as Editor expires in 1960.
TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
The 1960 U. S. Junior Tournament will be held in New Jersey and will be sponsored by Mr. E. Forry Laucks and the Log Cabin Chess Club. The 1960
U. S. Open Tournament will be held in St. Louis, in 1961 in San Franclsco, in
1962 in Atlanta, and in 1963 probably Colorado Springs. Mr. Spann explained 1962 in Atlanta, and in 1963 probably Colorado Springs. Mr. Spann explained the procedure necessary for cities to submit bids for future U. S. Opens.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

The International Affairs Committee Report written by Violet Pavey was read to the $g$
chess events:

1. WORLD STUDENT TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP-Varna, Bulgaria, July 1958. Our team placed 5th. Due to lack of funds we were not represented this year.
2. MEN'S INTERZONAL TOURNAMENT-Aug.Sept. 1958. P. Benko tied for 3rd; Bobby Fischer tied for 5th; J. Sherwin placed 17th out of a total of ${ }_{21}$ players. P. Benko and R. Fischer qualified to play in World Candidates Tournament in 1959.
3. MEN'S OLYMPIC TEAM-Oct. 1958. Our team consisting of Reshevsky, Lombardy, Evans, Bisguier, Rossolimo, with Jerry Spann as non-Playing
captain placed 4th. The 1960 Olympiad is scheduled for Leipzig from Oct. 16 captain plat
to Nov. 9.
4. LADIES WORLD CANDIDATES TOURNAMENT-Bulgaria, May 1959. We were entitled to two representatives: Mrs. Gisela Gresser and Mrs. Sonja Graf Stevenson. Mrs. Stevenson could not participate. Mrs. Gresser placed 11th out of 15 players.
5. WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP-starts July 17, 1959. We will not be represented.
6. FIDE CONGRESS-Aug. 1958, Dubrovnik. William Lombardy represented us. 7. BOBBY FISCHER played at Mar Del Plata in March 1959 and tied for 3rd, at Santiago, Chile tied for 4th, and in Switzerland in May 1959, where he tied for 3rd in a strong international tournament. The host countries paid for his travel expenses as well as his stay there.
INTE of International Grandmaster-P. Benko and R. Fischer were awarded title of International Grandmaster, and J. Sherwin, the title of International Master, based on their performances in the Interzonal Tournament, M. Guttman
and V. Wilson were made Arbiters for Compositions, and M. Guttman was named a member of the Chess Composition Committee.
7. I. Kashdan is our representative on FIDE Review. For the coming year
there will be the following International events: Men's World there will be the following International events: Men's World Candidates Tournament, Sept.-Oct. 1959, Yugoslavia. We will send R. Fischer and P. Benko. Men's Zonal, 1960; Women's Zonal, 1960; World Student Team, 1960; Men's Olympic, 1960: FIDE Congress.
Our main problem has been raising the necessary funds to send representatives to international events. It appears that this problem will still be with us

## VIOLET PAVEY

Chairman,
International Affairs Committee,
USCF
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The Membership Committee report was given by the Chairman, Mr. Fred Cramer. Mr. Cramer reported that from June 1958 to June 1959, USCF membership
had increased from 2,668 to 3,820 , an increase of 1,152 , so that Operation M had successfully gone over the top. California had the greatest percentage gain: $43 \%$. An account of the progress of the membership drive was distributed. (See Chess Life, July 20th). Mr. Cramer gave the State membership chairman great credit for their work, and promised that the campaign will continue for another year. Mr. Cramer recommended, however, that in the future, By-laws should provide for regional Vice-Presidents who can take over his position in the
future, and advised that the entire job would be too much for one person. future, and advised that the entire job would be too much for one person.
Mr. Cramer also advised that the USCF should attain a status wherein donations would be tax deductable.

Mr. Spann mentioned that the Armed Forces Committee of the USCF, and particularly Col. John Matheson and Eliot Hearst, had cooperated with the American Chess Foundation in promoting Armed Forces Chess. Thomas Emery OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Hartleb (Fla.) said that he had been asked to convey a message from Dr. Hornstein who would be glad to act as Chairman of a USCF Postal Depart ment, only under the condition that moneys received in the USCF Postal Chess
Dept. would be allocated only for that Dept. would be allocated only for that department. Mr. Hartleb mentioned his personal objection to a proposed USCF Postal Chess Dept.: the USCF would be competing with the Chess Review Postal Dept. and also the CCLA.

Dr. Marchand (N.Y.), a former officer of the CCLA, said that some years ago, the CCLA was affiliated with the USCF, and was considered the official correspondence chess organization of the USCF. As far as is known, this agreement still exists. Dr. Marchand stated that Postal Chess is a specialized business which would require someone to run it who is experienced with its special prob lems. Dr. Marchand advised cooperation with the CCLA in a joint effort rather than competition.

Mr. Brady (N.Y.) produced a letter from Virgil Kimm of the Courier Chess Club of Connecticut who had volunteered to run a USCF Postal Section.
st neglected group in chess, and that future plans should provide were the most neglected group in chess, and that future plans should provide greater
incentive for them. Mr, Laucks (N.J.) announced his plans to run a Women's incentive for them. Mr. Laucks (N.J.) announ
Rapid Transit Tournament in the near future.

In a general discussion concerning printing of a national rating list, Mr. Van Gelder (Calff.) proposed that a photostatic negative be made of the rating list, and that anyone who would wish this list for permanent use (on durable paper) could obtain a positive for two or three dollars,

Mr. Barnes (Minn.) made the following motion: "MOVED; that the members present go on record to recommend to the Directors that in ensuing U. S. Open Tournaments, the play be conducted at a rate of 45 moves in $21 / 2$ hours, and 18 moves per hour thereafter." After extensive
of this proposal, the motion was carried $32-23$

The following motion submitted by letter by Mr. Paul Leith (N.Y.) was read to the members by Mr. Rohland and was passed unanimously: "MOVED: that the members of the USCF adopt a resolution

1. Greeting Helms on his 90 th birthday.
2. Naming the Chess Year 1959-60 "The Hermann Helms Chess Year"
3. Recommending to all clubs in the by the USCF, as "Dean of U. S. Chess" Recommending to all clubs in the USA to greet Mr. Helms immediately,
and to arrange a special tournament in his honor during the 1959-60 Chess Year (as part of the Membership Drive) and recommending to all chess Year (as part of the Membership Drive) and recommending to all chess
players to send messages of congratulations to Mr . Helms on Jan. 5, 1960.
4. Dedicating the Chess Life issue of Jan. 5, 1960 to Mr. Helms, with an up to-date biography of him."
Mr. McClain (Calif.) made the following motion which was passed unanimously: "MOVED: that we, the members and players of the USCF, extend a vote of thanks to the Omaha organizing committee and to the Sheraton-Fontenelle Hotel for their fine work in making this U. S. Open Tournament possible."

Mr. Treblow (Pa.) made the following motion which was passed unanimously: "MOVED: that the membership of the USCF hereby acknowledges grateful appreciation to its officers who have given unstintingly of their efforts to the advancement of American chess, particularly President Spann, Membership The meeting was then adjourned.
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## Oct. 9-10.11

Independent Fall Open Tournament. 5 rd . Swiss, at Independent Chess Club, 102 N. Maple St., East Orange, N.J. Write or phone Edgar MeCormick at that address for details.

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Oct. 9-10-11
USCF Monthly Rating Improvement Tournament, 6 rd. Swiss, at Chess and Checker Club of NY, 212 West 42nd St., New York. For details write or phone Frank Brady, USCF, 80 East 11th St., New York 3, N.Y.

# 14th ANNUAL U.S. JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 

OMAHA, NEBRASKA
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## DIRECTORS' MEETING

## July 24, 1959

The meeting was called to order by President Spann. There were 46 Directors present. A motion was made and passed to dispense with the roll call and the reading of the previous Directors' meeting.

Mr. Spann announced the 25th anniversary of the Log Cabin Chess Club, and briefly recounted its history and achievements. Mr. Spann suggested that Mr. E. Forry Laucks, founder and guiding light of the Log Cabin Chess Club, be elected as an honorary Vice-President and Assistant to the President. Mr. Spann put the suggestion in the form of a motion which was carried unanimously.

## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Spann elaborated on his report given the day previously, and announced that a special meeting of the Rating Committee would be held the following day. Mr. Spann repeated that USCF policy making had not been in complete control of the elected officers, but that now it had been returned to them. He pointed out that the writing of a new Constitution and By-laws had been deliberately postponed until this policy-making problem was solved. Mr. Spann appointed a committee to write a new Constitution and By-laws. This committee consists of Thomas Jenkins (Mich.), Chairman, C. Harold Bone (Texas),
A. Wyatt Jones (La.), and Irving Rivise (Calii.). It was urged that the By-laws A. Wyatt Jones (La.), and Irving Rivise (Calif.). It was urged that the By-laws not be in "lawyer's language," but that legal advice may be necessary if the
USCF is to achieve a status where donations are tax exempt. Mr. Alexander USCF is to achieve a status where donations are tax exempt. Mr. Alexander
(Callf.) and Mr. Bone (Texas) recommended that proposed By-laws be submitted for approval in parts rather than in toto, else they may be rejected because of one offending part.

Mr. Spann spoke of the difficulties in promoting Junior Chess, and told of his experiences in this field. He stated that we all have a responsibility toward promoting Junior Chess, and that there is a story to sell to youngsters, teachers, and parents. In this age of conformity our thinking is done for us to too great an extent. As we grow up we parrot our teachers and parents. Chess, however, requires independent thinking, and teaches us to think for ourselves. Chess, therefore, is a gymnasium for the mind, and fulfills an important function for youth, since it stimulates independent thinking. Mr. Spann said that youthful delinquency was a type of mental unemployment. Other players' experiences in promoting Junior Chess were related, and it was generally agreed among order to expect substantial results. The group suggested that a Junior Chess Committee be formed and recommended for its personnel: Mr. Borochow (Calif.), Mr. Eddy (Wash.), Mr. Bone (Texas), Mr. Ruskin (N.Y.), Mr. Barnes (Minn.), and Mr. Van Gelder (Callf.), Chairman.

Mr. McClain (Calif.) made the following motion which was passed unanimously: "MOVED: that the President appoint a committee to study and. report and other ways to ships, and a high school program which will give USCF recognition and backing to high school members on a state and national level."

## BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Brady, the Business Manager, answered extensive questions concerning the year's Financial Report, and explained in detail what constituted the various categories of expense and income. Mr. Sherwin (N.Y.) suggested that next year's financial report be presented in a more comprehensive manner so that it would be easier for the members to see where various expensies are allocated.

Mr. McClain (Calif,) made the following motion which was seconded by Mr. Gross (Calif.) and passed unanimousiy: "MOVED, that President Spann appoint a committee to make careful study, and report on profit status of book and supply sales."

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Nominating Committee:

Mr. Spann appointed Mr. Shaw (N.Mex.), Mr. Sokoler (N.Y.), and Mr. Lee wright (Kans) as tellers to count the ballo
cers. The following officers were elected:
Vice-Presidents: George S. Barnes, Minneapolis, Minn
Heorge S. Barnes, Los Anneapois, Moles, Calif.

## Secretary: Marshall Rohland, Milwaukee, Wis.

2. Membership Committee:

Mr. Cramer reported that the USCF presently had 3800 members, and that next year's goal for the Membership Committee would be 5000 .

## OLD BUSINESS

It was suggested that a collection be taken during the tournament to help reimburse Anthony Saidy for the
American Student Team last year,

Mr. McCormick (N.J.) recommended that the President appoint a committee for plaques, awards, titles, etc., which would bestow titles such as highest ranking high school player, highest ranking veteran, etc. This committee could be called the Titles \& Awards Committee.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Barnes (Minn.), newly appointed Chairman of the Committee on Promotion and Pubiic Relations, told the group that if the USCF is to enable chess to have a good future, we must get away from individual solicitation of funds in a limited area. Organized chess cannot progress if it relles on the contribution "hand-out" method to get money for chess events. Chess has a contribution to be made to industry provided it is on a value received basis. Mr. Barnes explained how this worked with IBM at Rochester, Minn. last year. Since IBM had been working on a chess playing machine, and since the State of Minnesota was
celebrating its centennial, the IBM "celebrated" the opening of its plant by sponcelebrating its centennial, the IBM "celebrated" the opening of its plant by spon-
soring the 1958 U. S. Open Tournament. Mr. Barnes suggested that it might soring the $1958 \mathrm{U} . \mathrm{S}$. Open Tournament, Mr. Barnes suggested that it might
even be desirable to find out what brand of cigarettes chess masters smoke. Just as chess, the thinking man's game, has been connected with "THINK", the IBM phrase, so might it be connected with the "thinking man's cigarette". Of course, organized chess must give something of value to any commercial organization that would support chess events. Mr. Barnes explained how such an arrangement would be plausible if people in organized chess, possibly advertising men, set to work to implement this idea.

Mr. Barnes (Minn.) made the following motion: "MOVED, that the USCF sponsor Postal Chess." After extensive discussion the motion was tabled.

Mr. Treblow (Pa.) made the following motion which was passed unanimously: "MOVED, that a committee be appointed to study the present state of Collegiate Chess with the definite aim of amalgamating the Intercollegiate Chess League of America into the United States Chess Federation."

Mr. Smith (Texas) made the following motion: "MOVED, that a committee be appointed to study the possible change in speed of play in U. S. Open Tournaments." The motion was carried.

Mr . McCormick (N.J.) made the following motion which was passed unanimously: "MOVED, that the members of the USCF thank the parting VicePresidents, Mr. McClain, Mr. Hearst, and Dr. Rozsa, for thelr efforts and services in the USCF.

The meeting was then adjourned.
Respectfully Submitted,
MARSHALL ROHLAND
Secretary, USCF

## Second Annual <br> Dayton Chess Club vs. Columbus ' $Y$ ' Chess Club <br> Columbus, Ohio - July 26, 1959

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