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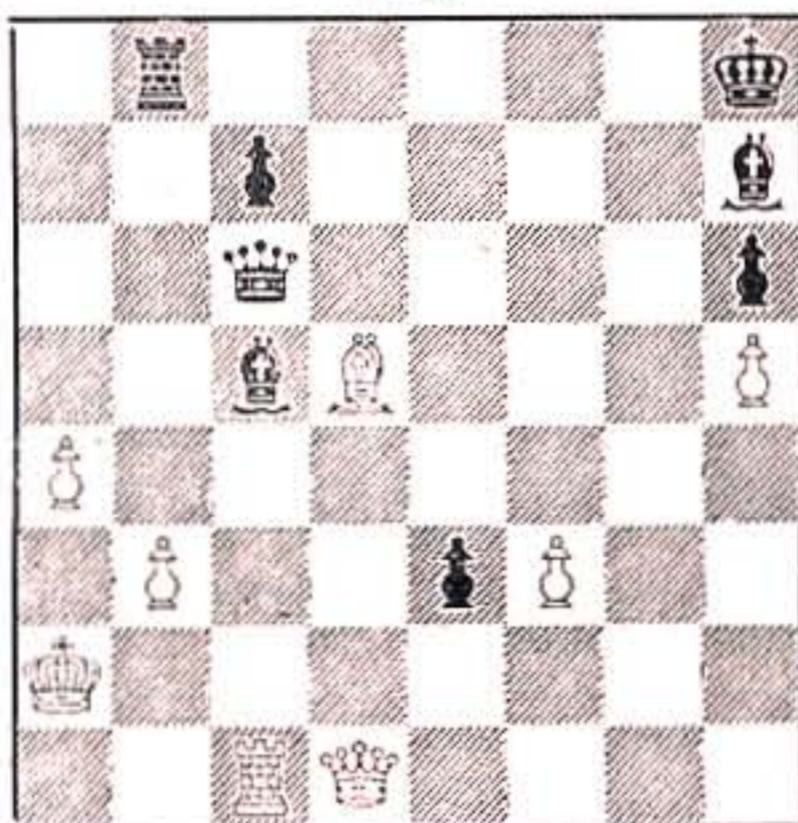
## It Wasn't The Best Move

Conducted by  
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### IT WASN'T THE BEST MOVE

The position in the diagram at right was reached after a very exciting game in which the British champion had outplayed Reti almost from the start. The latter had just played 41. BxP, to which Yates replied 41. ...., Q-Q3, the losing move, according to grandmaster annotator Amos Burn. Decide on what you, as Black, would have played. Then turn to page 8, col. 1, for actual game sequence, and Burn's analysis.

Hastings, 1923  
Yates



Reti

## BIELICKI OF ARGENTINA NEW WORLD JR. CHAMP

Carlos Bielicki, nineteen year old Argentinian master, scored 8½-2½ to win the Junior World Chess Championship at Munchenstein, Switzerland, in a convincing manner, two full points above his nearest competitor in the twelve man field. Tied for second place with 6½-4½ were Parma (Yugoslavia), Rumens (England) and Stefanoff (Bulgaria). Tied for 5th to 7th places were Clemens (West Germany) who handed Bielicki his sole defeat, Hamann (Denmark) and Kuttner (East Germany) each with 5½-5½. Naranja (Philippines) and Tomson (USSR) tied for 8th and 9th with 5-6. Kuijpers (Netherlands) with 4½ points, Phillips (New Zealand) with 4, and Erny (Switzerland) with 3, completed the list of finalists who had qualified in three preliminary sections. 25 nations were represented in the battle for the only world title in chess which the United States has held in more than twenty years, and which we allowed to go by default through financial inability to send a representative.

Features of the tournament were the unexpected strength of Rumens, the British junior, and the equally unexpected low placement of the Soviet representative, Tomson, who is reported to be a protégé of Grandmaster Kotov.

## BULGARIA WINS WORLD STUDENT CHAMPIONSHIP

The Sixth World Student Team Championship, played at Budapest, saw seventy-four players, representing fourteen countries, locked in battle-royal. With her three top boards (Padevsky, Tringov, and Popov) scoring 10, 12, and 10 points, respectively, out of a possible 13, Bulgaria nosed out the favored defending champions from the USSR, who sorely missed grandmasters Tal and Spassky who had contributed so much to their last few drives to the title. Final standings follow: Bulgaria—40½; USSR—39; Hungary—37½; Roumania—36; East Germany—32½ (this team included four of the five international masters of the country's senior team which took sixth place at Munich in 1958); Czechoslovakia—31; England—26½; Mongolia—21½; Poland—21½; Israel—20; France—19; Sweden—18½; Finland—15; Ireland—5½ (including a big point taken by Kennedy from the USSR top board player, Gurgendze, who lost also to Penrose of England).

## SHIPMAN N.J. OPEN CHAMP

Walter Shipman of New York City won the State Open Championship held at the Hotel Douglas, Newark, over the Labor Day weekend. Shipman went undefeated in the 7 round Swiss tournament, winning 5 and drawing 2. His score of 6-1 was matched by Raymond Weinstein of Brooklyn, and Herbert Avram of Adelphia, Maryland. Tie breaking placed Shipman first, Weinstein second, and Avram third.

Dr. Orest Popovych of Lakewood, George Meyer of Washington, D.C., Brian Owens of Great Neck, N.Y., and Leroy Dubeck of Maplewood finished in fourth through seventh places respectively, with scores of 5½-1½ each. Dr. Popovych, as highest ranking New Jersey player, won the state closed title. The three highest scorers received cash prizes of \$93.33 each. Fourth through seventh place winners collected \$18.75 apiece.

Ninety-nine players attended. This was the second largest turnout in the history of the event. Competent observers, however, believed that a record was definitely set for the number of rated masters competing in a state championship tournament. Hans Kmoch directed the event.

(With reference to the possible record, fourteen of the masters listed in the Aug. 20, 1959 rating list competed in this event. If any other state chess organization can top this I'll be glad to receive the story (and to print it) from any responsible official. FMW, Editor)

## SILLS TOPS S.E. FLA. OPEN

Marvin Sills of Miami emerged undefeated and untied from the five round Swiss at the Southeast Florida Open played in Miami Beach at the Biltmore-Terrace Hotel in August. Sponsored by the Florida Chess League, the ten-player event was directed by Robert Eastwood, who also found time to play, and to take 3rd place.

Sills won five in a row for the top score of 5-0. Ted Zwerdling won three, lost only to Sills, and drew one for 3½-1½. Eastwood nosed out Charles Shaw for third place after their 3-2 tie had been broken. Ted Zwerdling, 15 years of age, won Junior and Class AA titles. Shaw won the Class A title. Sixteen year old Jeff Rohlf of Miami won each of the three games he played, but had to forfeit in rounds 2 and 3 when unexpectedly called away.

In a concurrent Amateur tournament, an 8 player event limited to those with ratings below 1800, Harold Zwerdling took the top spot with 4½-1½.

# Operation M = 1000 NEW MEMBERS

### NEW MEMBERSHIP LISTS—HOW TO USE THEM

The new September 5 membership lists are now in distribution. Each State Membership Chairman receives his state list, which he divides into local lists for his Local Membership Chairmen. Each name on the list is, in the eyes of the local chairman, a **prospective Membership Committeeman**. But there is also much other information, important to the local chairman, coded into the lists.

The membership lists are made up of the stencils used to address Chess Life, so each reader may also understand his own stencil, from the following explanations.

Each stencil begins with a code to show the **type of membership**. Stencils beginning with LM or LIFE are those of the 91 elite, who are fully paid-up **Life Members** of the United States Chess Federation. Needless to say, no expiration date appears on these stencils, but on all other stencils the membership expiration date appears at the end of the top line.

### WATCH YOUR EXPIRATION DATES

Each state and local chairman should watch these **expiration dates**, to be sure renewals are in on time. When renewing, by the way, remember that a two-year membership is only \$9.50, and a three-year membership only \$13.50 (compared with the regular \$5.00 a year), so when renewing, why not do it for two or three years this time? Save money and save trouble. So renewals are a project for our state and local chairmen: get them in and get them for as far into the future as possible.

Stencils beginning with SUS are **Sustaining Memberships**—\$10.00 a year, becoming fully paid-up Life Memberships after ten years. Why don't we have more Sustaining Memberships, on a bargain basis like this? Here is another project for State and Local Chairmen: (a) Convert more ordinary memberships into Sustaining Memberships, and (b) Convert more Sustaining Members to Life Members. (After the SUS code there appears a number, showing how many years the sustaining member has to his credit. He can get his Life Membership at any time by paying up only the remaining years, to bring his total up to 10.)

Stencil codes beginning with M are regular memberships, and those beginning with AF are organizational memberships, all of which count in the score as figured for OPERATION M.

Stencil codes beginning with CL are non-member subscribers to Chess Life. These do not count in our membership totals. These fellows pay \$3.00 a year for Chess Life, but do not have the privileges of USCF membership nor are they contributing to the organized support of the game in which they obviously are interested. Altho there are not a great many of this class, here is still another project for state and local chairmen: convert these non-member subscribers into full-fledged USCF members!

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Finally, stencil codes beginning with FL or EXCH are non-paying recipients of Chess Life, for one reason or another—perhaps obsolete or forgotten in some cases. There are several dozen of these in all; some of them are or were columnists. In any event, these men have important interest in chess; even tho they may be supporting it in other ways, such as by a column, they should be eager to set an example by taking up full USCF membership, when the need is so great and the price is so small. So here is another project for our chairmen: convert these free-listers, if you have any on your tape, into full first-class memberships!

## ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

### Mastering the End Game

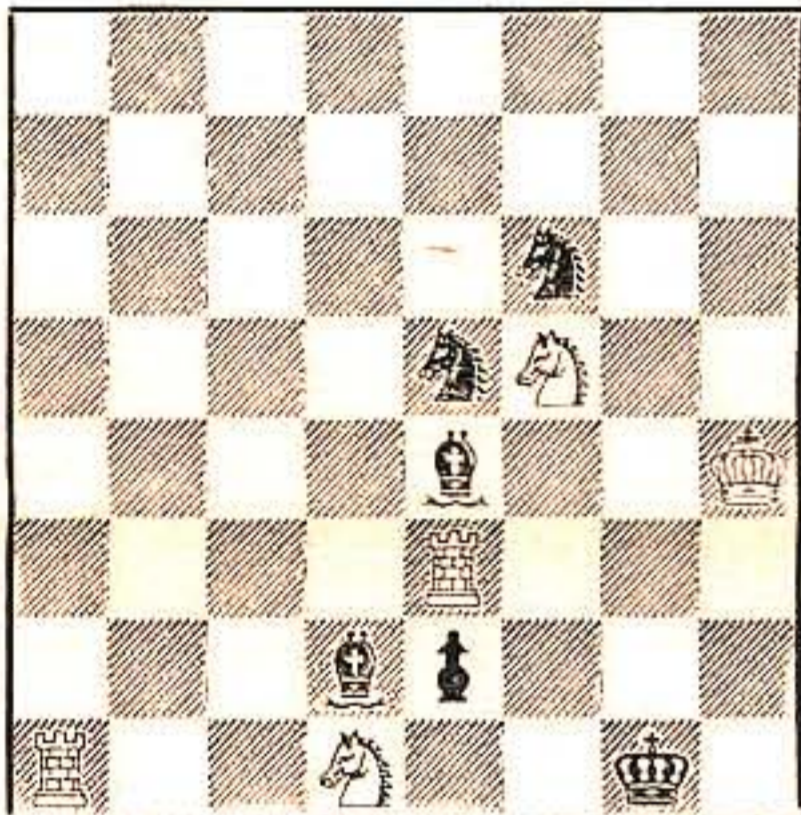
By **WALTER KORN, Editor of MCO**

#### First Responses to a Challenge

Following up on the quintet of studies which we published a while ago, a pair of neophytes in the field of studies sends us a joint effort in study-making as shown in diagram No. 71, demanding White to win, and calling it: "The Nightmare Quadrille."

No. 72

Nonmacher and Brieger



White to move and win.

The solution runs 1. N-B3 dis ch, P-K8(Q) ch; 2. RxQch, BxRch; 3. RxBch, K-N7; 4. R-K2ch, K-B6; 5. N-Q4ch, K-B5; 6. RxBch, NxR; 7. N-Q5 mate. A very neat final position and a fitting sequel to the aforesaid quintet.

The composers also include an innocent try 3. ...., K-N7; 4. NxB? N-B6 mate.

Equally suicidal is 1. RxP, N-N3ch; 2. K-R3, BxNch; 3. K-N3, B-B5ch; 4. K-B3, B-N5ch.

So far so good as the unfolding of the play after 3. RxBch is concerned, disclosing a clear theme. We are however not satisfied in regard to the opening play, which violates another basic rule for end game studies, namely that they should have a natural resemblance to actual play, and show no "dual" deviation in its sequence.

As to the latter point we deplore that after 1. ...., P-K8(Q) there is an ambiguous possibility of either Rook capturing the Queen and that White's second and third move can be interchanged.

As to the former point, the likelihood of the position, this is a more serious matter. The question for us arises: how did the diagrammed position come about? Which was Black's preceding move that would have prevented him from capturing either of White's pieces now "en prise"? The position of White's R-K3 and Black's Pawn on K-7 are especially suspicious.

If the composers will succeed in constructing a more acceptable "overture" the study will have acquired stature and the editors encouragement of study composing will have paid a dividend.

### BRASKET ST. PAUL OPEN CHAMP

Curt Brasket of Minneapolis swept through the 7 round, 49 player, 5th Annual St. Paul Open, which was played at the St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press Building, with a 7-0 score to lead the field by 1½ points. He had built a full point lead after round 5.

Second place went to Milton Otteson of St. Paul on Median Points with 5½-1½, and third went to George Kenny, Minneapolis, with 5½-1½ and a draw with Otteson in the final round.

Fourth to seventh respectively with 5-2 were K. N. Pedersen, Minneapolis, winner of class "A" trophy; Fred Kurz, St. Paul, winner of class "B" trophy; Somner Sorenson, Moorehead, Minn., returning to the chess wars after a 2 year absence, and William Kaiser, West St. Paul. Winner of the class "C" trophy was Keith Smith, St. Paul, with a 3½-3½ score.

### KANDEL TOPS 44 TO TAKE NYC AMATEUR

Irving Kandel of Baltimore, Maryland scored 5½-½ to take the second annual NYC Amateur Championship conducted by USCF, and held at the Chess and Checker Club of N.Y. Tied with Kandel at 5½-½ was Charles Gersch of New York City, a member of the Morningside Heights Chess Club. Gersch was awarded the 2nd place award on the basis of tie-breaking points. The third place award went to the player who copped 3rd the previous year, Raoul Benedicto of Elmhurst, Queens. Benedicto, 5-1 was slightly ahead in Median points of Joe Richman of New York, also at 5-1.

Forty-four players competed in the weekend event, and they were honored by such kibitzers as Abraham Kupchik, Larry Evans, and Geza Fuster of Canada. International Master William Lombardy acted as adjudicator and Frank Brady directed.

## THE BIRMINGHAM STORY

by **Bob Eastwood**

The Southern Chess Association's Congress at Birmingham, Alabama, played early in July, saw several new champions crowned, Mrs. Kama Martin of Sarasota, Fla. being the only defending champ to repeat, as she took the Ladies Championship for the third time.

Dr. Roger A. Carlyle of St. Petersburg, the 1956 champion and a close contender every year, recaptured the Southern Chess Championship in a seven round Swiss tournament held July 2-5, 1959, at the Dinkler-Tutwiler Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama. Carlyle won five, including the first four in a row, and drew twice with third and fourth place finishers, O. C. Dupree and D. Brad Wade.

Bob Eastwood of Homestead, Florida, took second on tie-breaking from D. Brad Wade of Birmingham, a former Georgia champion, who was third; and from O. C. Dupree of Shreveport, La., who was fourth; after each of the trio had scored 5½-1½. Eastwood lost to Carlyle and drew with Dupree in the final round. Wade lost to Eastwood and drew with Carlyle. Dupree was undefeated but drew with Carlyle, Eastwood, and Charles Stallings of Huntsville, Alabama.

Mike Robinson of Miami Beach was fifth with 5-2, losing to Carlyle and Dupree.

Sixth to tenth, each with 4½-2½, were: Joel Chalifoux, 18, of Tampa, Fla., who won the Junior Championship; Frank Chavez, New Orleans; Dr. Leon Poliakoff, Bonham, Texas; W. Troy Miller, Natchez, Miss.; and Dr. Kenneth Vines of New Orleans.

A total of 64 competed, the second highest for the Southern but considerably below last year's 85 at Sarasota, Fla.; 39 were in the Open, and 25 in the SCA Championship.

Selden Y. Trimble, V, of Hopkinsville, Ky., was the surprise winner of the SCA Class A Championship. The very talented 16 year old won six while losing only to Peter Lahde of Nashville. John R. Poole of Jackson, Miss., was second with 5½-1½. Prof. L. L. Foster, SCA President, was third; and Drew Downey of Arlington, Va., the defending champion, was fourth; after each tallied 5-2.

The list of title winners and their titles are: Southern Open and Resident Champion, Dr. R. A. Carlyle; Class AA, Bob Eastwood; Class A, Selden Trimble; Class B, John Poole; Class C, Barney H. Roberts, Athens, Ala.; Junior, Joel Chalifoux; Ladies, Mrs. Martin; Amateur, John F. Jacobs of Gainesville, Fla.; New Players, Woodrow James, Biloxi, Miss.; and Speed Championship, Mike Robinson. The team titles: State, Florida; Club, Dade County, Fla.; Junior, University of Florida; and Family, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Jacobs, also University of Florida.

Bob Eastwood directed the program with the assistance of Larry Gray and Charles Cleveland.

State Team scores: Florida 44½, Louisiana 39½, Alabama 39, Mississippi 39, Georgia 22.

Club Team scores: Dade County 31, Gainesville 30½, Birmingham 30, Mobile 22, Atlanta 22, New Orleans 22, Jackson, Miss., 18, Memphis 17, Huntsville, Ala., 14, Shreveport, 13½.

Junior Team scores: Gainesville 29½, Mobile 22, Birmingham 8½, Homestead, Fla., 7½.

Bids for 1960 were received from Natchez, Miss., and Atlanta, Ga.

At the Association's 38th Annual Meeting, presided over by Professor Lanneau L. Foster, the following bits of tournament administration policy were approved:

**Offer Of Draw:** Any player on move may offer a draw. His opponent is not required to answer, and if he does not, or if he refuses the proffered draw, the offer is considered cancelled unless the player on move, as he moves, but before he stops his clock, announces (in effect) "With this move I offer a draw." It is decidedly improper to offer a draw when one's opponent's clock is running, and such action is subject to penalty by the Director.

**Adjudication:** As the Laws of Chess specifically prohibit anyone from giving or receiving any assistance during the play of his game, adjudication as commonly practiced is not only immoral but illegal. Since the player may not receive help, any player requesting adjudication may NOT be assisted but must adjudicate his own side alone; and moreover since he is in fact declaring that he can win or draw (as claimed) against the best play and regardless of who is in opposition, therefore he is authorizing the strongest

available players to work for the other side. Under the circumstances we have not had any adjudication requested by our Southern or Florida players for many years. The SCA sincerely requested all players to complete all games, and reminded them that a game may be concluded by agreement or resignation at any time, and further that the player who continues unduly a hopeless game is both tiring himself, and also his tie-breaking points (this drew a laugh). In any case where a game was unduly extended to the point where it would interfere with preparations for the succeeding round, the director had the power to conclude it, however no such case occurred.

The veteran R. S. Scrivener, formerly of Memphis, now a resident of Nesbitt, Miss., (remember the Scrivener story in May 20 and July 20 CHESS LIFE) was appointed a Life Director of the SCA.

Although the expenses of the tournament exceeded income from it by about \$100.00, the prizes and trophies awarded the various winners exceeded the \$800.00 promised by the Association in its pre-tournament announcements.

# CONTINENTAL QUICKIES

by  
David Spiro

## SICILIAN Moscow 1953

**PANOV** White  
**SIMAGIN** Black

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| 1. P-K4  | P-QB4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | P-Q3  |
| 3. P-Q4  | PxP   |
| 4. NxP   | N-KB3 |
| 5. N-QB3 | P-KN3 |
| 6. B-K3  | ..... |

The order of the first dozen moves are conjecture on my part as these are not available to me. However, it is likely that Panov tried 6. B-K3 to coax the premature 6. ...., N-KN5? 7. B-N5ch! and White wins either a piece or the exchange and a Pawn.

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| 6. .... | B-N2  |
| 7. P-B3 | O-O   |
| 8. Q-Q2 | QN-Q2 |

A point of departure: is ...., N-QB3 necessarily the best continuation—or is it merely the standardized one? The Black QN may be a more valuable piece in this opening than White's KN, (which is usually filed away at White's QN3 square in other variations of the Sicilian where White tries P-KB4).

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| 9. O-O-O | ..... |
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Another worthwhile consideration is simply 9. R-Q!

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| 9. .... | N-QN3 |
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The logical follow-up to his 8. ...., QN-Q2.

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| 10. N-N3 | ..... |
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The continuation in 1953 . . . Today, current theory favors the White KN remaining at Q4 in the Yugoslav Attack.

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| 10. ....  | B-K3  |
| 11. P-KN4 | R-QB  |
| 12. B-R6  | ..... |



After 12. B-R6

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| 12. .... | B-Rsq!! |
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An astonishing conception, apparently original with Simagin, and quite a jolt to Panov . . . after all, does not White have his "initiative" to defend?

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| 13. BxR  | QxB   |
| 14. N-Q4 | B-B5  |
| 15. P-N5 | KN-Q2 |
| 16. B-R3 | P-K3  |
| 17. K-N  | N-K4  |
| 18. P-B4 | N-B6! |

Another sacrifice: Although the text seems a bit too "rich", the Black attack hurtles through at a break-neck pace. Here is line-clearance in a very elegant form.

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| 19. NxN | BxN! |
| 20. PxP | P-Q4 |

Opening the diagonal for the Black Queen; the threat is a quick ...., Q-R6; with knockout.

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| 21. Q-B | N-R5    |
| 22. PxP | BxRPch! |

So that if 23. KxB, NxPch; 24. K-N3, Q-B4 and wins.

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| 23. K-R     | Q-B4   |
| 24. PxP     | NxPI   |
| 25. R-Q4    | BxKP   |
| 26. BxB     | PxB    |
| 27. R-QR4   | NxR    |
| 28. P-B4    | R-Q    |
| 29. K-R2    | Q-N5   |
| 30. R-K     | R-Q6   |
| 31. RxKP    | N-B6ch |
| 32. Resigns | .....  |

For Black Mates in two moves.

## SICILIAN DEFENSE Azherbizhan, 1958

**B. ARTUNOV** White  
**O. ERMAKOV** Black

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| 1. P-K4          | P-QB4 |
| 2. P-QN4?!       | ..... |
| The Wing Gambit. |       |
| 2. ....          | PxP   |
| 3. P-QR3         | P-Q4  |
| 4. PxQP          | QxP   |
| 5. N-KB3         | P-K4  |
| 6. PxP           | BxP   |



After 6. ...., BxP.

In this position, Marshall in his book: *My Fifty Years of Chess*, Pp. 238-239, gives the following analysis:

I: 7. P-B3, B-B4; (If 7. ...., B-Q3; 8. N-R3, QN-B3; 9. B-B4, Q-K5ch; 10. B-K2, KN-B3; 11. N-QN5, B-N; 12. R-R4, Q-B4; 13. B-R3, with a good game for White. Here, if 12. ...., Q-N8; 13. P-Q4 wins); 8. N-R3, P-K5; 9. QN-N5, K-Q; (apparently best); 10. KN-Q4, QN-B3; 11. Q-R4, N-B3; 12. B-R3 and White can castle on the Q-side with a good game.

II: 7. B-R3, N-QB3; (If 7. ...., BxB; 8. R or NxR); 8. BxB, NxR; 9. N-QB3, Q-B4; 10. B-N5ch, N-B3; 11. R-R5, P-KB3; 12. Q-R, N-K2; 13. N-K4, QxP; 14. P-Q3! and the Black Queen is in danger of being captured.

7. N-R3 N-KB3  
Here, Marshall's analysis considers: 7. ...., P-K5; with the following continuation: 8. N-QN5, K-Q; 9. KN-Q4, QN-B3; 10. P-QB4, Q-Q2; 11. B-N2, N-B3; 12. Q-R4, B-B4; 13. N-N3, P-QN3; 14. NxR, PxN; 15. B-K2 or 15. B-B3 and White threatens to castle with good prospects. (However, in all fairness, it should be remembered that Marshall's analysis here quoted, was published in 1942.)

8. N-N5 O-O!  
And Black shows he has something new up his sleeve: (it had better be good in view of 9. N-B7 and 10. NxR) . . . and it is!

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| 9. N-B7 | Q-QB4 |
| 10. NxR | P-K5! |

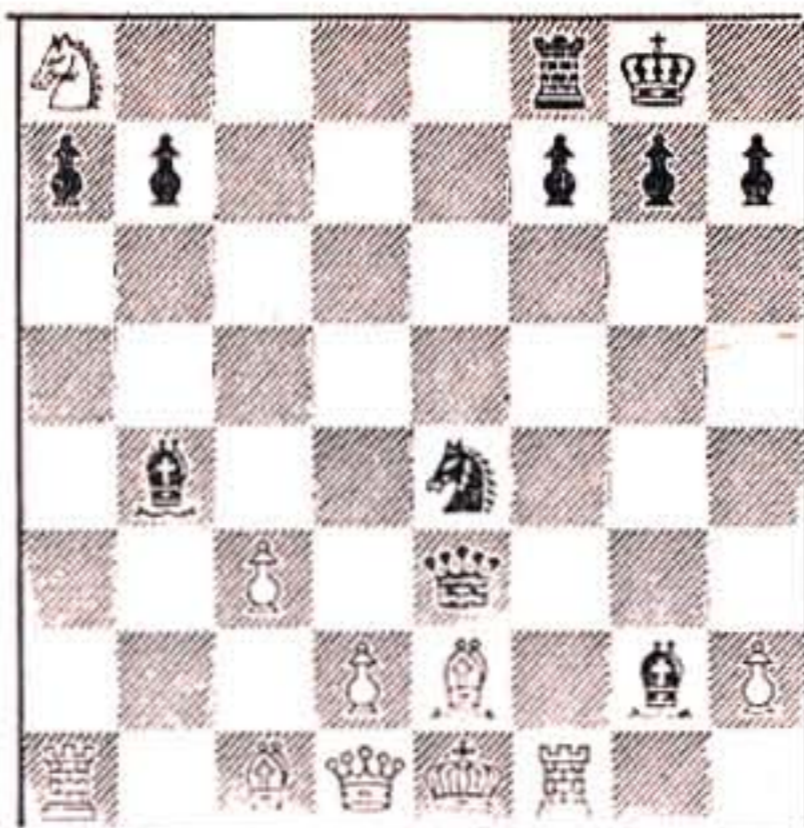
Crushing!

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| 11. N-N  | P-K6!  |
| 12. BPxP | QxKPch |
| 13. B-K2 | N-K5   |

One blow after another; Black's game is overwhelming.

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| 14. N-R3  | BxN   |
| 15. R-B   | BxNP  |
| 16. P-QB3 | ..... |
| 16. ....  | B-K2! |

(See diagram top next column)



After 16. P-QB3

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| 17. Q-N3 | B-R5ch    |
| 18. K-Q  | N-B7ch    |
| 19. RxN  | QxR       |
| 20. B-B4 | B-K5      |
| 21. P-Q3 | B-B6 Mate |

Energetically played!

## MORAN WINS "HEART OF AMERICA"

Richard Moran of Jamaica, New York, won the annual "Heart of America" in Kansas City, Missouri, in September. Airman Moran arrived on weekend furlough from Wichita Falls, Texas, to win six straight games. He forfeited 7th round to arrive back on air base before furlough expired. Thus Moran scored 6-1 and won 1st prize of \$100.

Tournament was held at Downtown YMCA, 404 E. 10th Street, in the Youth Center. There were 32 entrants in the 7 round Swiss. 19 USCF memberships were collected.

Three players tied at 5½-1½: Dan Allen, Bob Beitling and Gerald Banker. All three live in Greater Kansas City. Allen and Beitling tied for 2nd and 3rd. This tie was unbreakable by any point system. Banker placed 4th. Jack Hardy of Kirkwood, Mo., placed 5th with 4½-2½ and high S.B. points form the 4½ group.

Prize money of \$50 for 2nd, \$25 for 3rd, \$15 for 4th was divided equally between Allen, Beitling and Banker.

Dan Allen lost to Moran, drew Beitling. Bob Beitling lost to Jack Hardy, drew Allen. Gerald Banker had no losses, but three draws vs. Hart, Hurlbent, and Pranter.

John A. Pranter of University City, Mo., scored 4½-2½ to win Class A prize of \$10.00.

Edward C. Burgess of North Kansas City, Mo., won Class B prize of \$10.00 with 4-3 score.

Paul Custer of Independence, Mo., won Class C prize of \$10.00 with 4-3 score.

All entrants received book prize.

Tournament was sponsored by YMCA Chess Club of Kansas City, Mo. The tournament director: Lou Graham.

## TOURNAMENT REMINDERS

- Oct. 31-Nov. 1 — **Indiana Open**, Central YMCA, Indianapolis. (CL-9/20/59)
- Nov. 7-8 — **Central Washington Open**, 6 rd Swiss, not USCF rated, YMCA, Yakima, Wash.; 50 moves 2 hrs; entry fees—\$3 seniors, \$2 juniors; guaranteed prizes—1st \$50 and trophy, 2nd \$35, 3rd \$20, junior prize and trophy, and prizes for highest scoring in Class A, B, C, and unrated. For details write: Ric Jerome, 1508 W. Yakima Ave., Yakima, Washington.
- Nov. 26-27-28-29 — **First Northwestern States Open**, Hotel Florence, Missoula, Montana (CL-10/5/59)

## KAUSE WINS OHIO TITLE

The 1959 Ohio Chess Championship played at Columbus, September 5-7 resulted as follows:

Winner — Richard Kause, Cleveland. 7-0. Won from Sprague, Fink, Patrick, Wolford, Stearns, Hanken, Pietrzak.

Second—Ross Sprague, Cleveland (1958 Champion of Ohio). 6-1. Won from Brand, Heising, Snyder, Hanken, Bahr, Goldsberry.

Third—Jerry Fink, Dayton. 5½-1½. Won from Harkins, Gray, Noterman, Johnson, Stearns; drew with Brand.

Fourth—Mal Patrick, Bedford. 5-2. Won from Wilson, Markowski, Ling, Heising; drew with Zukaitis and Brand.

Fifth—James Harkins, Jr., Cleveland. 5-2. Won from Miles, Goldsberry, Zukaitis, Markowski, Snyder; lost to Fink and Brand.

Woman Champion (3rd time)—Alina Markowski, Toledo.

Second—Lucy Schroeder, Columbus.

Highest Class A Player—Jerry Fink.

Highest Class B Player—Allan Frost, Columbus. 4½ points.

Highest Unrated player—Lester Brand, Cincinnati. 4½ points.

## 1959 Ohio Jr. Chess Championship Seven Round Swiss System

Winner—Michael DiLillo, Cleveland. 6-1. Won from Wozney, Presser, Opalek, Underhill, Berry; drew with Thomson and Townsend.

Second—Thomas Wozney, Parma. 5-2. Won from Presser, Thomson, Underhill, Berry, Townsend; lost to DiLillo and Opalek.

Third—David Presser, Cleveland. 5-2. Won from Opalek, Thomson, Underhill, Berry, Townsend.

## RANKIS 1959 NEW YORK STATE CHAMP

August Rankis of the Bronx won five and drew four games for a 7-2 score in the New York State Chess Association Congress at Schenectady, N.Y. Dr. Milton Finkelstein of Long Island City won six, drew two, and lost one, also scoring 7-2, but Rankis took the State title by one half of a tie-breaking point, 26.5 to 26. Dr. Finkelstein placed second. Dr. Philip Schlesinger of Glen Falls, handed Dr. Finkelstein his only loss in the last round (thus depriving his Glen Falls colleague of the State Title) while compiling a 6½-3½ score which was good for third place. Frank Valvo of Guilderland Center was fourth with 6-3. Tied with 5½-3½, and placing 5th, 6th, and 7th respectively on tie-breaking, were former state champion Tony Santasiere, Michael Valvo, and Mark Rosenbloom. Topping a three-way tie for 8th-10th places with 5-4, was CHESS LIFE correspondent Dr. Erich Marchand, closely followed by Joseph Rosenstein and Dr. Bruno Schmidt.

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*No Medals For This One*

The August 20, 1959 issue of CHESS LIFE carried the score of a game played in the U.S. Open at Philadelphia in 1936, in which a master, playing the Black pieces, mated his opponent on the fifth move. Contributor Paul Leith stated that it was probably the shortest game and mate in any U.S. Open event since 1900.

Several readers have sent us the score of the following game, played in the 1959 U.S. Open at Omaha.

<b>White</b>	<b>Black</b>
1. P-K4	P-KN4
2. N-QB3	P-KB4
3. Q-R5 mate.	

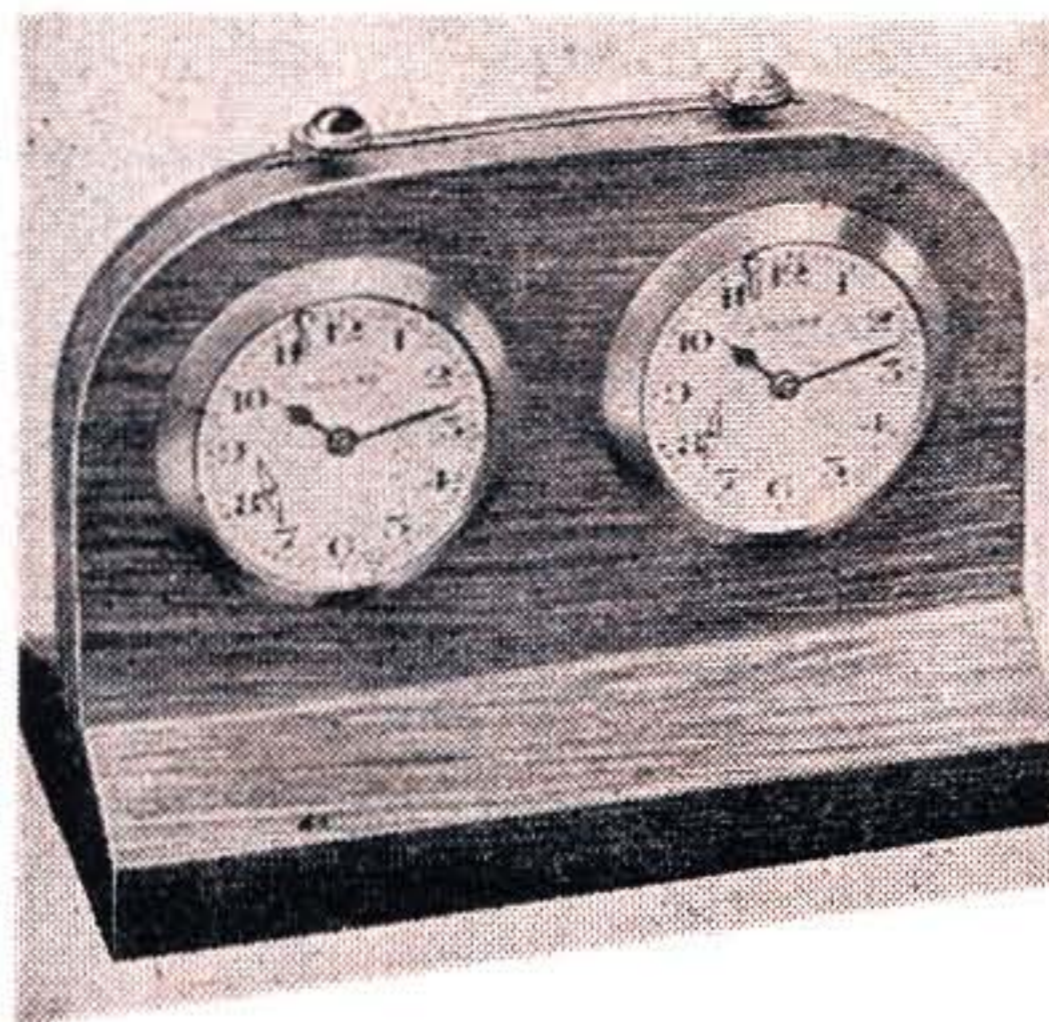
It is reported that George Koltanowski, who directed the Omaha tournament, used this game in one of his newspaper columns, stating that it was actually played in the 12th round of the Open. If this report is true it would appear that the strategic and tactical gem above has officially replaced the 1936 game as the shortest game and mate in U.S. Open history. Out of respect for the player of the White pieces, who did only what any chess player is supposed to do, the names and home towns of the opponents in this fiasco are not printed here. As to Black—who traveled hundreds of miles to reach Omaha, who had played through eleven previous rounds reportedly winning three,—we can only conclude that he is as ashamed of his record sui-mate as he should be. Let's hope that next year, as White, he does not try to beat his own record, by setting up the classical shortest possible mate, using the same opening moves, and permitting Black to mate in two.

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**WREN WEST VA. CHAMP**

Micojah "Mike" Wren of Charleston collected handsome dividends in the West Virginia Chess Congress, played September 5, 6, 7, 1959 at the Daniel Boone Hotel, Charleston, W. Va., on his aggressive style of play by annexing the 1959 West Virginia Championship without even a draw, with a 6-0 score. Wren was generally considered the "unofficial West Virginia Champion" in the early '30s before the first state championship was held.

Dr. S. Werthammer of Huntington, the defending champion, finished second with 4½-1½, losing to Wren and drawing to Charles Morgan of Philippi.

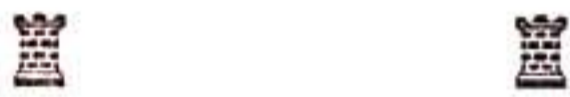
John Hurt of Pittsburgh, Pa., Richard Lee of Morgantown, and Morgan tied for third at 4-2.

Chuck Boggs of Huntington and Robert A. Murtha, Jr. of South Charleston were declared W. Va. Junior Co-Champions after tying for first place with 5½-½. Earl Hude of Charleston was third with 4-2.

The minor tournament was won by Helmut Gramberg of Charleston with 5-1. Richard Petso and Allen Veasey, both of Morgantown, and John Swint of Charleston, tied for second with 4-2.

Dr. V. S. Hayward, for many years the editor of the West Virginia Chess Bulletin, was elected an honorary Life Member of the state association.

Newly elected officers were: President — Thomas Bergquist; Vice-President—Charles L. Bishop; Secretary-Treasurer — Charles T. Morgan.



**"IF YOU MUST PLAY CHESS!"**

Former U.S. Champion Arnold Denker wrote a book with this title, showing how it should be done. Former World Checker Champion, and master chess player, Newell Banks, is presenting a different exposition of the same theme—in effect, "if you must play chess, why not play with beautiful de luxe equipment?" His idea is that with exquisite pieces on a beautiful inlaid table, the game will become more attractive to all. As a practical demonstration of his theory, he is establishing in St. Petersburg, Florida, a chess and checker club which he hopes will become known as the largest and finest equipped club of its kind in America. He invites all 1960 Florida tourists to come in and look it over any time after Feb. 1, 1960. Similar work is going on at the University of Detroit, where he has established a chess and checker school, and where every Monday night is "open chess night" which the public is cordially invited to attend. He believes that this is developing into the finest equipped college chess and checker club in the country, saying that the enthusiasm among students and faculty at the University is wonderful to behold. Drop in any Monday night before he leaves for Florida on Jan. 1, 1960, and see for yourself.

**POPEL MICH. OPEN WINNER**

S. Popel of Detroit won five and drew two in the seven round Swiss sponsored by the Michigan Chess Association at Ann Arbor in September, and emerged with a score of 6-1, and with the 1959 Michigan Open Title. A total of 76 players competed. The event was directed by E. A. Dickerson.

M. Zweig of Chicago took second place with 5½-1½, nosing out G. Martin of Ypsilanti, and K. Nedved of Racine, Wisconsin, each of whom also scored 5½-1½, and who were placed third and fourth, respectively, by tie-breaking.

Albert Sandrin of Chicago took fifth place, also on tie-breaking, over a group of eleven others who scored 5-2, and who finished as listed: Bugar, Detroit; Finegold, Detroit; Ang. Sandrin, Chicago; Poschel, Royal Oak; O'Keefe, Ann Arbor; Skema, Detroit; Warren, Chicago; Stolzenburg, Detroit; Weiderbaum, Detroit; Penquite, Ann Arbor; Wasserman, Grand Rapids.

Wesley Bugar of Detroit took the State Junior Title. Lucille Kellner of Detroit won the title of Women's Champion. Other winners: Class A—G. Abrams, Detroit; Class B—R. Mekus, Inkstev; Class C—J. Cohen, Alpena.



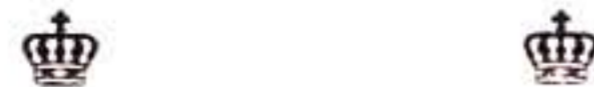
**BORNHOLZ PITTSBURGH C.C. CHAMP**

Robert Bornholz won the championship of the Pittsburgh Chess Club, scoring 9-2 in a twelve-man round robin, ahead of several former champions, from whose number only two, William Byland, and George Baylor, were able to dent his otherwise perfect score.

Baylor took second place with 8-3, compiled by winning seven, and drawing two, while losing two, to Glenn Waltz and Henry Luther. Martin Lubell was third with 7-4.

Andrew Schoene (who has since won the Virginia State Championship) took fourth place with 6½-4½. Bill Byland, Fred Foreman, and J. Glenn Waltz share an unbroken tie for fifth place with 6-5, the only other plus scores.

In the Class B tournament, a six-player round robin, Elwood Armstrong placed first by the simple expedient of winning every game he played. Earl Clary Jr. came second, winning four, and losing only to Armstrong. Richard Hollenbaugh was third with an even score of 2½-2½.



**KENNETH SMITH WINS PANHANDLE OPEN**

Kenneth Smith won five in a row to take 1st place in the Panhandle Open, played in Amarillo, Texas, in late August. The following players, each of whom scored 4-1, placed 2nd-5th in the 34-player event, which was directed by George Koltanowski: Terry Millburn, David Beckedorff, D. Underwood, and Jack Shaw.

R. Killough of Russell, Kansas, took the prize for the highest scoring junior.

**CRITTENDEN WINS NORTH CAROLINA CLOSED TITLE**

Charles C. (Kit) Crittenden of Raleigh nosed out Dr. Norman M. Hornstein of Southport by one and a half Solkoff points to win the annual North Carolina closed Championship Tournament. Drawing their individual encounter, these two scored 5½-½ to lead a field of 28. Dr. A. M. Jenkins of Raleigh, with 5-1, finished third.

Oliver Hutaff of Wilmington, Paul Newton of Raleigh, and Henry Jones of Charlotte shared the 4-2 bracket in that order. Bunched at 3½-2½ were Dr. George Harwell of Durham, Ronald Simpson of Fayetteville, Vernon Robinson of Charlotte, Daniel Richman of Greensboro, David Steele of Raleigh, and Dr. Stuart Noblin of Garner. Mrs. Gilliam Hornstein, who scored 2½ points, received the woman's prize. The largest "closed" in five years, the tournament was held in Raleigh and was directed by Paul Newton. Six of the players became USCF members for the first time.



**BERLINER BOOSTS USCF MEMBERSHIP IN DENVER**

Hans Berliner, in agreement with the Colorado State Chess Association gave an unusual type of simultaneous exhibition in Denver, August 22, 1959. At Hans' suggestion, players could either pay \$2 per board, or could join the USCF. In the latter case none of the money went to Hans. On 20 boards Hans won 15, drew 4 and lost 1. Ten players paid \$2 each which went to Hans, the other 10 joined the USCF. Of this \$50, \$10 went to the Colorado State Chess Association, and the remainder to the USCF.



The San Antonio (Texas) Chess Club Tournament was played July 18 and 19 at the Gunter Hotel, drawing the largest number of contestants ever participating in the annual event. Blake Stevens, Jr., the new City Chess Champ, won first place closely followed by the 1958 City Chess Champ, J. Bob Payne, Jr., who finished second, and Henry Davis, the 1959 Junior Champion of San Antonio, won third place.

Clif Jewell won first place in the "B" group, and Carlos Mangus won first in Class "C".

The tournament was directed by Leo Warshaw and Frank Massoth, and it was sponsored by the San Antonio Chess Club which has over 100 active members. Chess meetings are held every Thursday evening at the Lions Recreation Hall, 2800 Broadway.

The results of the South Jersey Chess Association elections were as follows. President—Lew Wood, Woodbury; Vice President—Paul Tanner, Moorestown; Treasurer—Stanley Kalmavitz, Camden; Secretary—Alan Spielman, Atlantic City.

The following clubs will enter teams in the South Jersey Chess League: Moorestown, Woodbury, Camden, Atlantic City, Wildwood, Ancora.

**TAUTVAISAS REGAINS CHICAGO CHAMPIONSHIP**

P. Tautvaisas, 1956 Champion of Chicago, and a charter-member of Chicago's "Terrible T's" (Tautvaisas, Tums, and Turiansky), scored 7-1 (six wins and two draws) to win the Greater Chicago City Chess Championship tournament for 1959. The following players placed as listed after their 6-2 tie had been broken: R. Kirby, 2nd; J. Tums, 3rd—he was the 1958 champion; Al Sandrin, 4th—he was champ in 1957; T. Pizzi, 5th; K. Czerniecki, 6th. The third member of the above-mentioned triumvirate, M. Turianski, topped a four-way tie to take 8th place with 5½-2½. Others with the same score—M. Rogan, W. Donnelly, and P. Wolf. Five who scored 5-3 placed as follows: Ang. Sandrin, V. Paliaskas, J. Nowak, V. Vierosta, and K. Jankauskas. Charles Henin topped the eight who scored 4½-3½, followed by P. Skuris, H. Stanbridge, P. Morell, R. Kaegi, M. Maslovitz, Mrs. P. Morell, and P. Kneip.



**BERLINER WINS COLORADO TITLE**

Hans Berliner, USCF Master and recent addition to the Colorado Chess scene, won the state title by scoring 7-0 in a seven round Swiss tournament sponsored by the Colorado State Chess Association and held at Boulder, Colorado on September 5, 6 and 7.

Five tied for second place with 5-2 scores and finished in the following order after applying the median tie breaking system: Rudolf Potters, Dr. George Pipiringos (1958 Champion), Charles Haas, Dennis Naylin and Robert Shean.

At the Annual Meeting of the Colorado State Chess Association held between rounds of the tournament officers elected to serve for the coming year were: J. J. Reid, Colorado Springs, President; Ben Kriegh, Boulder, Vice-President; and Al Hulmes, Denver, Secretary-Treasurer.



**ROZSA WINS OKLA. OPEN**

The veteran USCF worker, Bela Rozsa, won six in a row to take the 1959 Oklahoma Championship played at Tulsa over the Labor Day weekend. A. C. Anderson won five and lost to Rozsa for the 5-1 score which gave him 2nd place. D. Higginbotham, with 4-2 topped Bob Latta, with the same score, for 3rd place, on tie-breaking, Latta placing 4th. Sandor Davidson and Jack Gibson placed 5th and 6th respectively after their 3½-2½ tie had been broken. Tulsa players monopolized the top berths, with four of the first five places going to them. Possibly five, since Bob Latta's place of residence was not reported to CHESS LIFE. The event was directed by John I. Blair of Tulsa, and seven of the twenty contestants became new USCF members.



# GAMES BY USCF MEMBERS

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## GRANDMASTER BENKO

Working into good shape to fight in the Challengers Tournament in Yugoslavia in September, Grandmaster Pal Benko registered 5½-½ to finish first in the large, strong field of the Greater New York Open. Here he wins in the ending when his opponent miscues with a probable draw in sight.

### SICILIAN DEFENSE

1959 Greater New York Open  
MCO 9: p. 125, c. 21 (a:B)

White	Black
DR. E. EPP	P. BENKO
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. Nxp	Q-B2

Black invites the Maroczy Bind and an off-beat Russian line—5. P-QB4, P-K3; 6. N-QB3, N-B3; 7. Nxn, PNxn; 8. B-Q3, B-N5. But White steers into the usual. 5. N-QB3 P-K3 8. B-K3 B-K2 6. B-K2 N-B3 9. P-B4 O-O 7. O-O P-QR3 10. K-R1

If 10. P-K5, N-K1 followed by P-Q3. 10. P-Q3

A standard position of the Scheveningen Variation (a favorite of Benko) has been reached. 11. B-B3 B-Q2 12. Q-K1 QR-B1 13. R-Q1

13. P-QR4 first, controls the q-side. 13. P-QN4 14. P-KN4

This is the typical violent attempt to smash the Scheveningen which so often rebounds. Black's position is cramped, not weak, has latent power, and is not easily smashed. A calmer continuation (14. P-QR3 and 15. Q-N3) is preferable. 14. Nxn 15. BxN P-K41 16. P-N5

With the KNP doubly attacked, this is forced. If 16. PxP? PxP; 17. P-N5, PxB; 18. Pxn, BxP and Black wins material. 16. PxP 17. Pxn PxN

White is no worse off after 17. BxP; 18. N-Q5, Q-Q1 (18. QxP?? 19. NxB ch, Pxn 20. R-N1ch, K-R1 21. Q-R4 and White mates); 19. Q-Q2. 18. PxP KR-K1 19. QxP QxQ

The exchange of Queens cannot be avoided; e.g., 19. Q-N3; 20. Q-Q4. 20. PxQ RxKP 21. RxP RxBP 22. RxP

There is nothing better. If 22. R-B2, R-R6 and if 22. R/1-Q1, RxB; 23. RxB, RxR; 24. RxR, K-B1. 22. B-B3

Black provides against 23. R-R7, and also develops the possibility of 23. RxB; 24. RxR, BxP. 23. K-N1??



Position after 23. K-N1??

White errs when 23. K-N2! assures equal chances. Then, if 23. RXP ch (23. P-B4; 24. P-K5! or 23. BxP?? 24. BxB, RxB; 25. R-R8 ch, and mate in two) 24. R-B2, R-B6; 25. P-K5!

23. P-B4! This secures a passed-pawn (at least) and a winning position. 24. R-Q1

Now White loses a piece. Relatively best is 24. B-Q1. 24. B-N21 26. R-N6 PxP 25. B-R5 P-N3 Resigns

## A GRANDMASTER DRAW

The only game Benko did not win was the one against World Junior Champion William Lombardy — a grandmaster draw.

### QUEEN'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED

MCO 9: p. 168, c. 12

White	Black
P. BENKO	W. LOMBARDY
1. P-Q4	N-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. N-KB3	P-Q4
4. P-K3	PxP
5. BxP	P-B4
6. O-O	P-QR3
7. Q-K2	P-QN4
8. B-N3	B-N2
9. P-QR4	QN-Q2
10. RPxP	RPxP
11. RxR	QxR
12. N-B3	P-N5
13. N-QN5	Q-N1
14. B-Q2	B-K2
15. PxP	BxP
16. N/5-Q4	Drawn

## JUNIORS MARCHING

Whether it is Cuba, Texas, or elsewhere, the Juniors are on the march. Edward Heras and Billy Patterson are two such moving along.

### SICILIAN DEFENSE

MCO 9: p. 156, c. 174

1959 Texas Junior

White	Black
W. Patterson	T. Cunningham
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. P-Q4	

White sacrifices a Pawn for quick development and attacking chances with the Danish Gambit-like Sicilian Center Gambit. 2. PxB 3. P-QB3 PxB

More cautious is 3. Nxp, P-Q4. 4. NxB N-QB3 5. N-B3 P-Q3

A promising program of development is 5. KN-K2, 6. B-B4, 7. KN-K2, and 8. O-O. 6. B-QB4 P-K3 7. O-O B-K2

Or 7. N-B3; 8. Q-K2, P-QR3; 9. R-Q1, Q-B2; 10. B-B4, N-K4; 11. B-QN3, B-K2; 12. QR-B1, with a slight advantage to White. 8. Q-K2 P-QR3 9. R-Q1

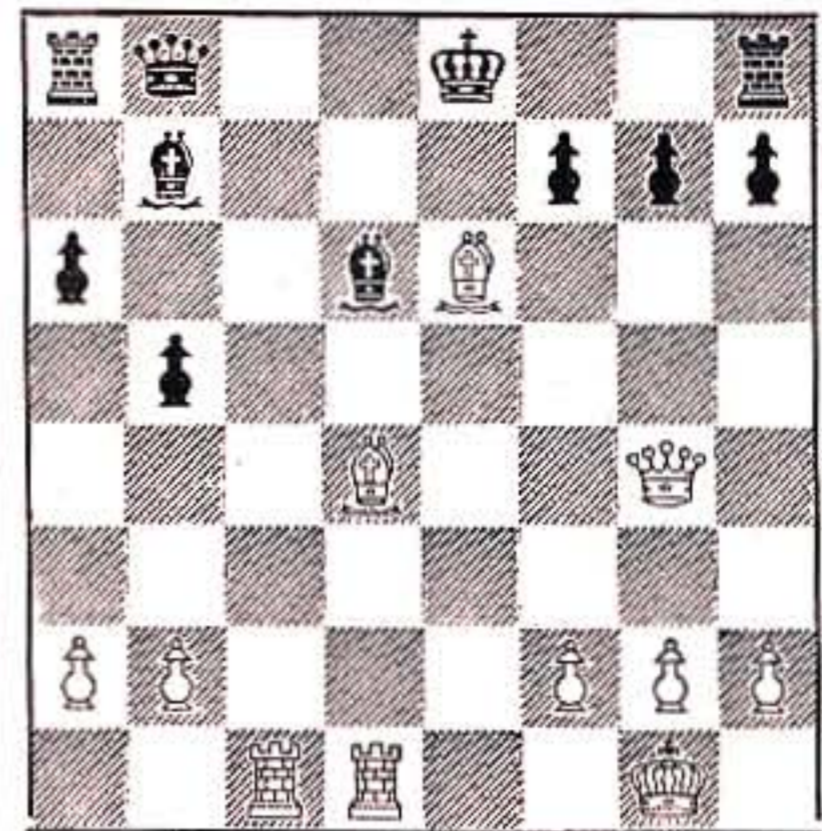
Threats against the QP are endangered. 9. Q-B2 10. B-B4 N-B3 11. QR-B1 Q-N1?

Danger lurks on the QB file, but it is not imminent, so Black ought to castle and play 12. R-Q1. 12. P-K5 PxP 13. Nxp

Threatening 14. N-N6. 13. Nxn 16. B-K5 Q-R2 14. BxN Q-R2 17. B-Q4 Q-N1 15. B-Q4 Q-N1 18. N-K4

No draw! 18. P-QN4 19. B-N3 Nxn? Black will be under heavy fire no matter how he plays, but 19. B-N2 offers more chance of survival. 20. QxN B-N2 21. Q-N4 B-Q3

No defense is available. If 21. B-KB3; 22. BxB, PxP; 23. Q-N7 wins, and is 21. B-KB1; 22. BxKP wins as in the game. 22. BxKPII



Position after 22. BxKPII

Just like Tahl! The two Bishop sacrifices are completely sound. 22. PxB

The picture would not change with 22. BxP ch; 23. K-R1. 23. QxP ch K-B1

If 23. B-K2; 24. B-K5, Q-R2; 25. R-Q7 wins. 24. BxP ch! KxB 25. RxB

Now the threats of 26. Q-K7 ch and 27. R-Q7 ch win the Queen and/or mate. 25. R-Q1

If 25. Q-K1 or R-K1 26. R-Q7 ch wins. 26. Q-K7ch K-N1 27. R-B7 QxR

Forced. 28. QxQ KR-QB1 29. Q-Q71

Also forced! 29. R-B8 ch 33. R-Q7 R-B8 ch 30. R-Q1 R/1-QB1 34. K-R2 BxP 31. P-KR3 R/B-B2 35. Q-B6 ch 32. Q-K6 ch K-R1 Resigns

### SICILIAN DEFENSE

MCO 9: p. 135

U. S. Junior

Omaha, 1959

White	Black
D. JORDAN	E. HERAS
(U. S. A.)	(Cuba)
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. Nxp	N-B3
5. N-QB3	P-Q3
6. B-QN5	
7. B-K3	P-QR3
8. Nxn	BxN
9. B-Q3	P-K3
10. Q-K2	B-K2
11. P-B4	O-O
12. B-Q4	P-QN4
13. P-QR3	B-N2
14. N-R2?	

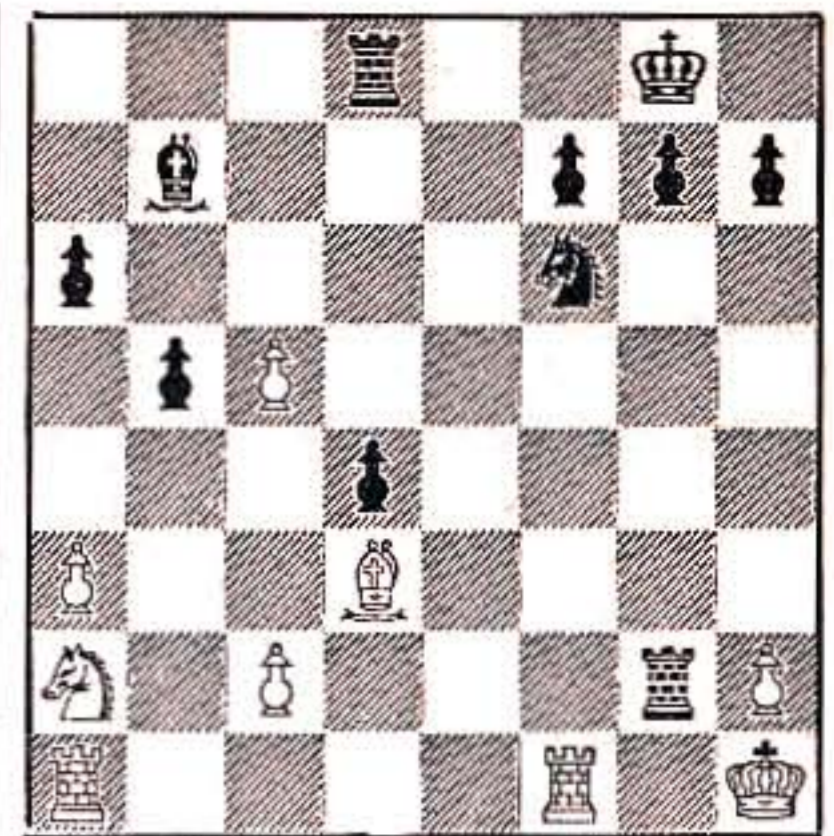
Like this move, 6. N-N3, 6. KN-K2, 6. P-KN3, and 6. B-K3, are seldom seen. 6. B-Q2 11. P-B4 O-O 7. B-K3 P-QR3 12. B-Q4 P-QN4 8. Nxn BxN 13. P-QR3 B-N2 9. B-Q3 P-K3 14. N-R2?

Why decentralize? White should complete his development with 14. O-O and 15. QR-K1. 14. Q-B2 17. RxP P-Q4 15. O-O P-K4 18. P-K5 KR-K1! 16. B-B3 PxP 19. R/4-B1

Not 19. Pxn?? B-B4# and Black wins the Queen. 19. QR-Q1 20. B-Q4? 21. P-B3? RxP! 21. QxB# 22. K-R1 P-Q5 23. P-K6?

Giving the KP loses. Best is 23. QR-K1. 23. RxP 24. P-QN4 RxQ 25. PxQ RxNP

(See diagram top next column) Threatening 26. R-N4 ch and mate in three. Black soon has a four Pawn lead and wins going away. 26. N-N4 RxBP 31. R-K3 RxP 27. P-B6 BxP 32. R-Q1 R-R8 28. NxB RxN 33. P-R3 P-Q7 29. QR-K1 R-B6 34. R-K2 RxB 30. B-N1 P-Q6 Resigns



Position after 25. RxNP.



### SICILIAN DEFENSE

MCO 9: p. 138, c. 83

3rd Western Open

Milwaukee, 1959

Notes by J. Wasserman

White	Black
J. WASSERMAN	THEODOROVICH

1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. Nxp	P-K4
5. N-KB3	N-B3
6. B-QB4	P-QN4
7. B-N3	B-B4
8. O-O	P-Q3
9. N-B3	R-QN1
10. B-N5	
11. BxN	P-KR3
12. N-Q5	QxB
13. N-K1	Q-Q!

This "gambit", combined with Black's 4. P-K4, gives Black a very free and open game (too open, it turns out.)

And now White starts to exploit the holes in Black's "open" game! 10. P-KR3 11. BxN QxB 12. N-Q5 Q-Q! 13. N-K1

This move begins a four-move sortie into the Black queen-side camp. 13. P-R3 14. N-Q3 B-R2 15. P-B3 O-O 16. P-QR4!

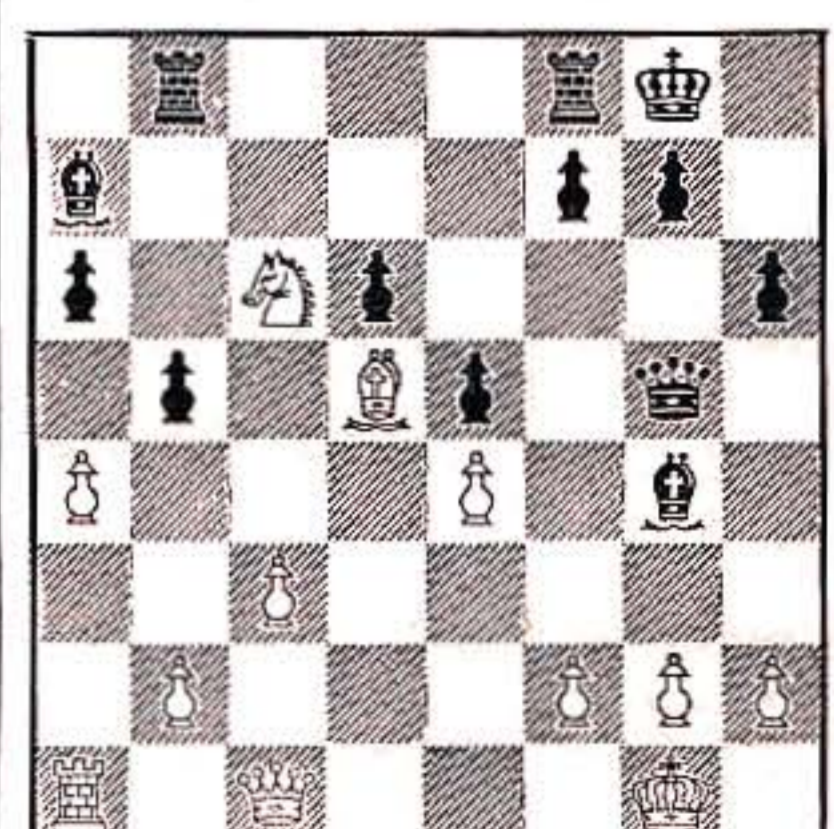
This inaugurates the queen-side attack enhanced by Black's white-square weaknesses on this side. 16. N-K2 17. N(3)-N4! 17. Nxn 18. BxN

Threatening to win the exchange. 18. Q-N4 Still threatening the exchange, also the QRP. A desperate effort to create countermeasures, but White has the most effective reply up his sleeve. 19. N-B6 B-N5 20. Q-B1!

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which will win another pawn shortly.  
23. .... P-R4

If Black had attempted instead 23. ...., B-K7, then 24. P-N6!

24. P-B3 B-Q2?  
Hemming in his queen Rook badly.

25. P-QB4 R-B1?  
And now losing it, probably gladly, for White's powerhouse bishop!

26. P-QN3 .....  
The reason for not playing 26. P-N6 at once will soon be seen.

26. .... K-B1?  
This was Black's last chance to play R-N1, but White's doubling of rooks soon would win the last Black fortress against White's formidable queen-side pawn structure.

27. P-N6! R-R3  
28. B-N7 R x NP  
29. B x R B x B  
30. R x P! .....

The point of the entire combination. The threat of winning his bishop by 31. R-R8 prevents Black's pawn recapture.

30. .... B-K3  
And now, refer to the note after White's 26. P-N3. If this had not been played first, and White's QN pawn were still on QN2, both attacked pawns could not now be defended!

31. R-R3! K-K2  
32. K-B2 P-N5  
33. K-K3 P x P  
34. P x P P-N4  
35. K-Q3 P-B4

Black is struggling to create a king-side pawn structure with possibilities of getting a passed pawn, but in vain.

36. K-B3 P-B5  
37. KR-QR1 B-R6  
38. R-KN1 K-B3  
39. R-R8 B-K3  
40. R-R8 R-R3  
41. K-N2 K-N3  
42. R-K8 .....

Attempting to win another pawn by losing the exchange, but creating a passed king-rook pawn. Black, in seeking to prevent this, loses the second pawn anyhow.

42. .... B-B2  
43. R-K7 B-N1  
44. P-R4 K-B3  
45. R-B7 B-K3  
46. R x P R-R  
47. R-R5 .....

Threatening mate. If 47. ...., K-N3; 48. R(B7)-KR7!

47. .... R-KN1  
48. R-R6ch R-N3  
49. R x Rch K x R  
50. R-B6 B-R6  
51. R x Pch K-B2  
52. R-Q3 Resigns

**RATINGS SUPPLEMENT**

The first supplementary rating list proved to be a harder and slower task than had been expected, with over 100 tournaments, some of them big ones like the US Open—and necessitating a lot of work at a time when Frank Brady is exceptionally busy in his capacity as USCF Business Manager. Look for it in Nov. 20 CHESS LIFE.

**A FEW FACTS ABOUT THE "MATE THE SUBTLE WAY" VOTE**

The request contained in the September 20 issue of CHESS LIFE for your votes to decide the future of this column has given rise to a few misconceptions and many doubts in the minds of the members who have responded so far. Let's settle a few of these points.

The Editor of CHESS LIFE has nothing but respect and admiration for Mr. Gabor and his column. The Editor realizes perhaps better than most of the USCF members the high esteem which is accorded Mr. Gabor and his column in European chess centres, for during his years outside the United States, your editor has been a member of several clubs, and has visited many others, and in most of them "Mate The Subtle Way" was conspicuously in evidence. The suggestion that few if any USCF members were interested in this column, and that a vote open only to members would demonstrate this fact, was not made by your editor—it was made by other USCF officials who were honestly and sincerely concerned with the improvement of the paper. The item in the September 20 issue, and the request for the vote, were printed not only with the knowledge and consent of Mr. Gabor—he insisted that they be printed, and agreed to abide by the results of the vote.

**SCHOENE VIRGINIA STATE CHAMP**

After Andrew Y. Schoene of Norfolk and Jack W. Mayer of Arlington had tied for 1st place in the 39-player 7-round Swiss tournament sponsored by the Virginia Chess Federation in September, it took three sets of tie-breaking points to determine a winner. The 6-1 tie in game scores continued with 21. Median points each, 30. Solkoff points, but finally yielded to the S-B system, with Schoene garnering 24.5 to Mayer's 24. Nineteen year old Carnegie Tech student Schoene is, therefore, the new Virginia State Champion with Mayer about as close a second as could be imagined. Schoene won six, losing to the defending champion, CHESS LIFE correspondent Irwin Sigmond, who finished in third place with a 5½-1½ score. Mayer also won six, and lost only to Schoene. Sigmond won five, losing only to Mayer, but conceding a draw to Ernest Knapp.

After tying Sigmond in game score, Richard Callaghan placed 4th on tie-breaking. Callaghan went through the tournament undefeated, the only player to do so, winning four and drawing three. Peter Henderson took 5th place with a 5-2 score, winning five, and losing only to Schoene and Sigmond.

Players scoring 4½-2½ placed 6th-10th as listed; S. Matthews, Jr., J. T. Campbell, David Shook, R. A. Chermiside, Jr., Josef Ullmann. Eight others scored 4-3, placing 11th-18th on tie-breaking, as listed: Charles Rider, Robert Vassar, Col. John Matheson, Norman Cantor, Jesse Burke, Irving Yaffa, Larry Efird, and James Stowe. The tournament was directed by William Plampin of Alexandria.

A total of 48 players participated, which is a record high for the event which traditionally takes place over Labor Day weekend. This year it was held at the South Gate Motel in Arlington.

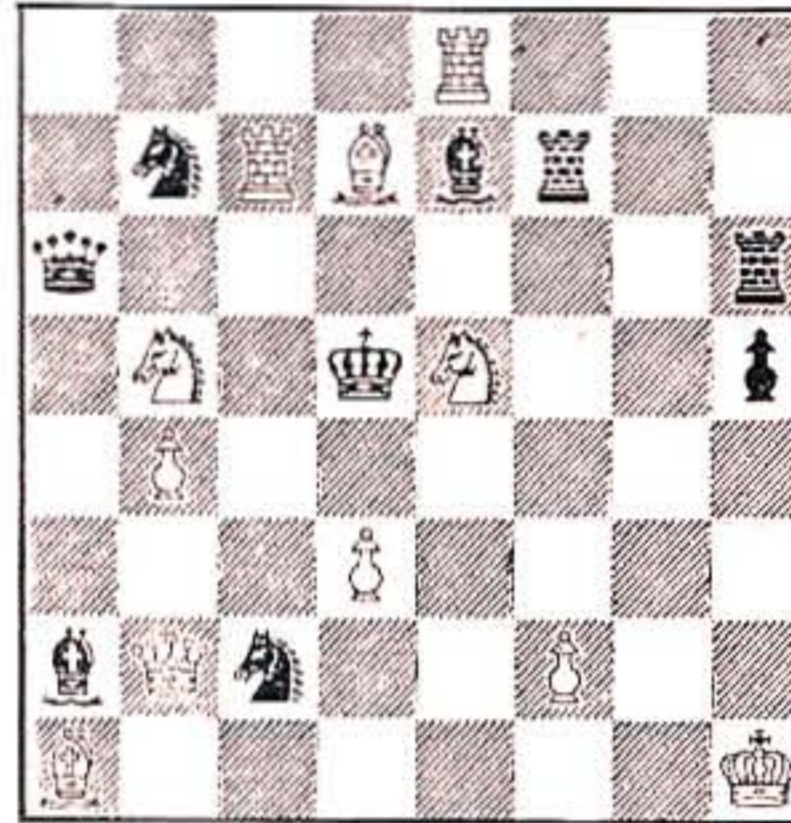
The members voted to accept Norfolk's invitation for the 1960 tournament, and elected Claude Bloodgood III, President, Charles W. Rider, Secretary-Treasurer, and David Shook, Tournament Director.

*Mate The Subtle Way!*

by Nicholas Gabor

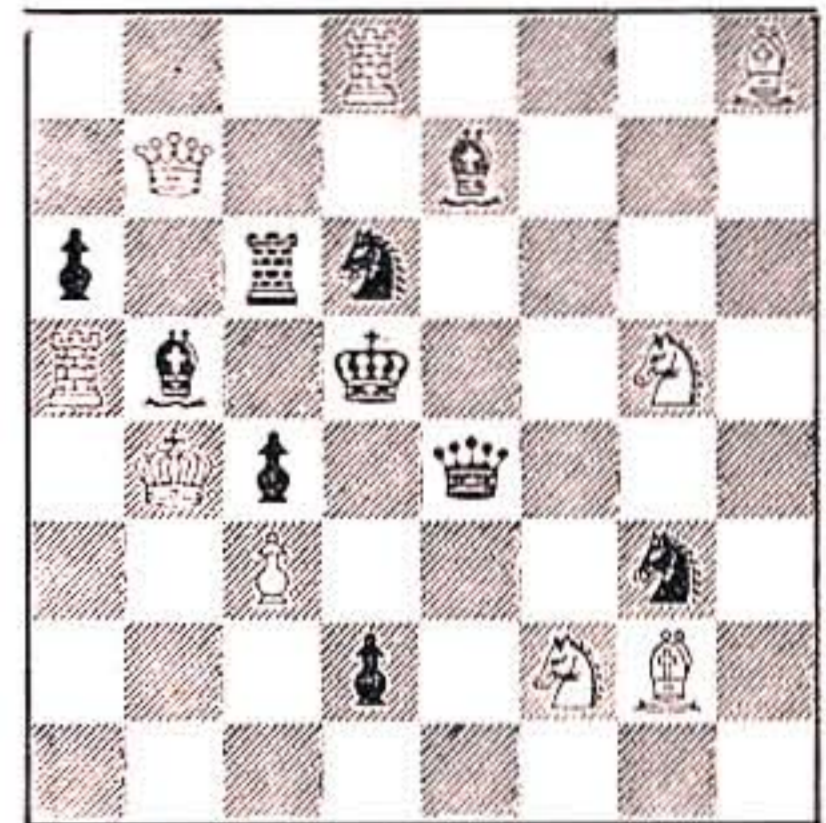
All communications concerning this problem-column, including solutions as well as original compositions for publication (two- and three-mover direct mates), from composers anywhere should be sent to Nicholas Gabor, Hotel Kemper Lane, Cincinnati 6, Ohio.

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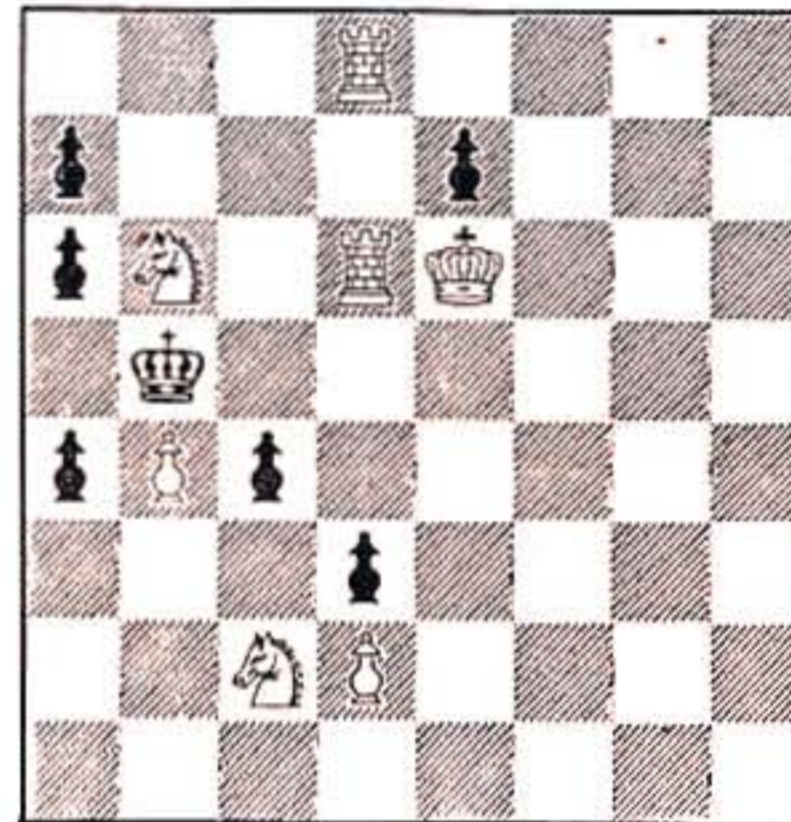
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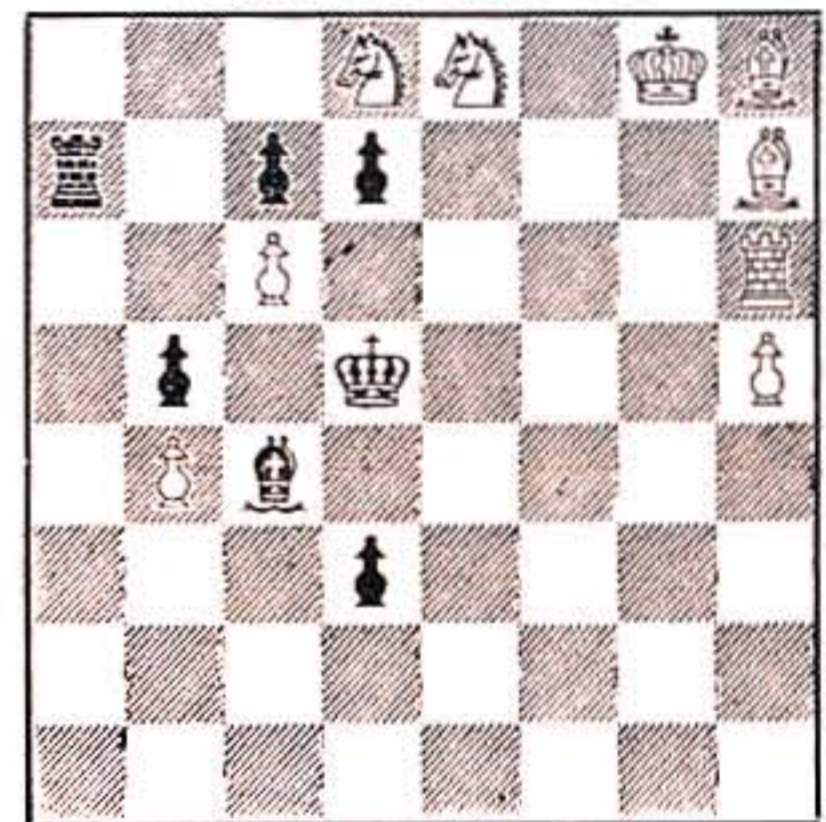
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Mate in three moves.

**SOLUTIONS TO "MATE THE SUBTLE WAY"**

No. 1017 Nagy: Key 1. N-R4, threat 2. R-B3. 1. ...., R-K4, 2. P-Q5; 1. ...., B-K4, 2. N-B5; 1. ...., R-K3, 2. Q-N3; 1. ...., B-K3, 2. P-B5. Mutual line-interferences of R and B on a "critical square" (B1's K3 and K4) Grimshaw Theme doubled! No. 1018 Barclay: Tries 1. N-Q4-QxNch? 1. B-KB3-Q-K5? Key 1. B-K etc. No. 1019 Novis: Set: 1. ...., QxR, Q-K3; 1. ...., Q-B5, 2. P x P. Key 1. K x P. Threat 2. Q x P. 1. ...., QxRch! 2. Q x Q; 1. ...., Q-B5ch! 2. RxQ; and 4 other variations. No. 1020 Seilberger: set play after 1. ...., B x P, 2. N-B3 (not to B6!) Try: 1. K-B2, threat 2. Q x Pch etc. Now if: 1. ...., B x P, 2. N-Q3 etc. But 1. ...., P x B-Q? Solution: 1. K-R4, and if 1. ...., B x P, 2. N-B6 etc. Cooked by 1. N-K8 and/or 1. N-K4.

Quite naturally, he does not wish to devote the time and work and money which he regularly has devoted to the column if his free-will contribution to the advancement of the art of chess is neither wanted nor appreciated by USCF members. And now a word of cheer to those devoted problem fans who realize that they are probably in a minority as compared with over-the-board fans and tournament players among the USCF membership, and who, being in a minority, fear that a natural majority vote against the continuance of the column might cause its disappearance from the pages of CHESS LIFE, without any regard to minority rights and wishes. Nothing of the sort will happen. The results of the vote will be turned over to President Jerry Spann and his USCF executive, from whom your editor will await instructions before making any changes, even though there should be a majority vote for change of any kind. Incidentally, the polls will close on this vote on November 1—so if you have not voted, please do so. If you can't find the coupon, just send along a postcard to Frank Brady—in order that your name may be checked against the membership files in his office—indicating your preference for one of the three suggestions outlined on the referendum ballot: 1. That the column appear only once a month; 2. That the column be discontinued entirely; 3. That the column be continued "as is" twice a month.

Incidentally, Mr. Gabor is now confined to his home following a period of hospitalization. Why not drop him a card or letter to show him that you appreciate his labors to bring you enjoyment? His address appears above in the heading of his column.

**GOLDEN HEART OF ALASKA  
EVENT WON BY GEORGIEF**

This first major chess tournament since Alaska became a state was sponsored by the Greater Fairbanks Chess Club, and was played at the USO as a part of the Golden Days celebration. Bulgarian expert George Georgief, and Swiss immigrant Oscar Weber battled through the six round Swiss to a 5-1 tie in game score, Georgief having lost a game to Ronald Dodge, Alaskan co-champion and champion of Ladd AFB, and Weber having lost only to Georgief. SB points gave the title to Georgief, although prizes and trophies for 1st and 2nd places were divided between them.

Rory Mackey topped a five-way tie at 4-2 to take third place. Tournament director Robert Morgan, Snavely, Magnussen, and Marlin were the other 4-2 scorers.

Fourteen year old Paul Rogers of Healy won the prize as high scoring junior.

*Solution To*

*"It Wasn't the Best Move"*

In annotating this game for "THE FIELD" Amos Burn gave the following comment on 41. ...., Q-Q3. "An unfortunate lapsus by which Black throws away the fruits of his previous fine play. 4. ...., P-K7 would have won, e.g. 41. ...., P-K7; 42. Q-Q2 (threatening mate by Q-N2ch), Q-KB3; 43. RxB, Q-K4; 44. Q-K (if 44. R-B, R-Q wins the bishop), P-B3 wins." From the diagrammed position the play continued: 41. ...., Q-Q3; 42. RxB, R-KN (if QxR; 43. Q-QR mate) 43. Q-Q4ch, R-N2; 44. QxP, B-B4; 45. Q-K8ch, K-R2; 46. B-N8ch, RxB; 47. Q-B7ch, K-R; 48. QxB, and White won easily after a few more moves.

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November 20-22

**FOURTH ANNUAL SOUTH  
JERSEY AMATEUR OPEN**

Will be held at the Midway Diner, Rt. 206 and White Horse Pike, Hammenton, New Jersey. 5 or 6 round Swiss, open to all with ratings below 2200. Entry fee for members of the USCF is \$3.00, special entry fee of \$2.00 to Juniors under 21. Title of South Jersey Chess Association Amateur Champion will be restricted to highest SJCA member. Prizes include trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Junior, Class A, B, C, Unrated. A special trophy will be awarded to highest SJCA member. Address entries and inquiries to Lewis E. Wood, 1425 Sycamore Street, Had-don Heights, N. J.

November 26-29

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Will take place at the Hotel Astor, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Seven round Swiss, with a time limit of 45 moves in two hours, 25 moves per hour thereafter. Entry fee is \$10 for USCF members. Non-members must pay an additional \$5. Prizes include \$250 first prize, \$150 second, and \$100 third. All players with a score of 5 points or better will share in merit prizes at the rate of \$25 per point scored over 4½ points. Special cash prizes for juniors. A speed tournament will be held Friday afternoon, November 27. For further information write to: Arpad E. Elo, 3935 North Fiebrantz Drive, Brookfield, Wisconsin.

November 27, 28, 29

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Will be held at the Parkway YMCA, Cincinnati, Ohio. Six round Swiss with a time limit of 50 moves in two hours. Adjudication after four hours of play. Entry fee is \$5.50 plus 30c USCF rating fee. Non-members of the USCF pay an additional fee of \$5.00. Prizes for top A, B, C and Juniors; cash or trophy, as desired. Pre-registration before November 23 rates a \$1.50 discount. Bring own sets and clocks. Address advance entries and inquiries to Jerry Hanken, 209 W. McMillan St., Cincinnati 19, Ohio.

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**SO. CAROLINA CLOSED  
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The 1959 Closed Championship of the South Carolina Chess Federation, open only to bona fide residents of South Carolina, to be held on the Mes-sanine Floor of the Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 27, 28 and 29, the first round to start Nov. 27 at 1 p.m. There will be a total of 6 rounds, ending Sunday in the early evening. For information and arrange-ments, write Robert F. Brand, Secretary, S.C. Chess Association, The Citadel, Charleston, S. C.

November 27-29

**INDEPENDENT CHESS CLUB  
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Will be held at the Independent Chess Club, 102 North Maple Ave., East Orange, N. J. 5 round Swiss, with a time limit of 50 moves in 2¼ hours for the next 13 moves. Games will be adjudicated after 63 moves. Entry fee is \$10, plus USCF membership. Prizes include \$125 first, \$75 second, \$55 third. New Jersey Master Points will be awarded to the prize winners. Bring sets and clocks.

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To be held at the King Edward Hotel, Capitol St., Jackson, Mississippi. 5 round Swiss, open to all, with a time limit of 45 moves in 2 hours. Entry fee of \$5.00. Prizes include 10 trophies in two divisions, A and B. The latter division for rating of 1799 and below. Address entries and inquiries to Joe Richard, 314 Broadview St., Jackson, Mississippi.

**CORRECTION RE OMAHA  
OPEN STANDING**

"The Omaha Story" in the Sept. 5 issue of CHESS LIFE stated that Donald Siefert had won the Class B award at the 60th U.S. Open. We are informed that this was an error which was discovered by TD George Koltanowski after the tournament and banquet had passed into history, but in time for Jimmy Stallings of Dallas, Texas, to take the Class B award home with him. Stallings' 6½ points topped Seifert's score by a full point. Congratulations to Jimmy Stallings, and to CHESS LIFE contributor Bill Slater whose story on page 7 of the Sept. 5 issue correctly reported the Class B results.