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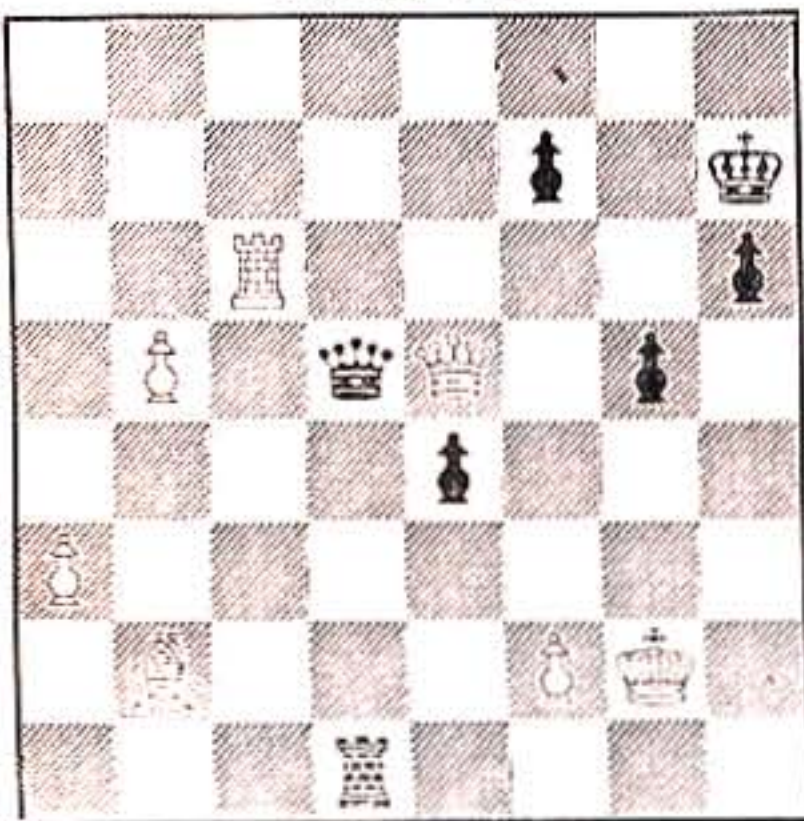
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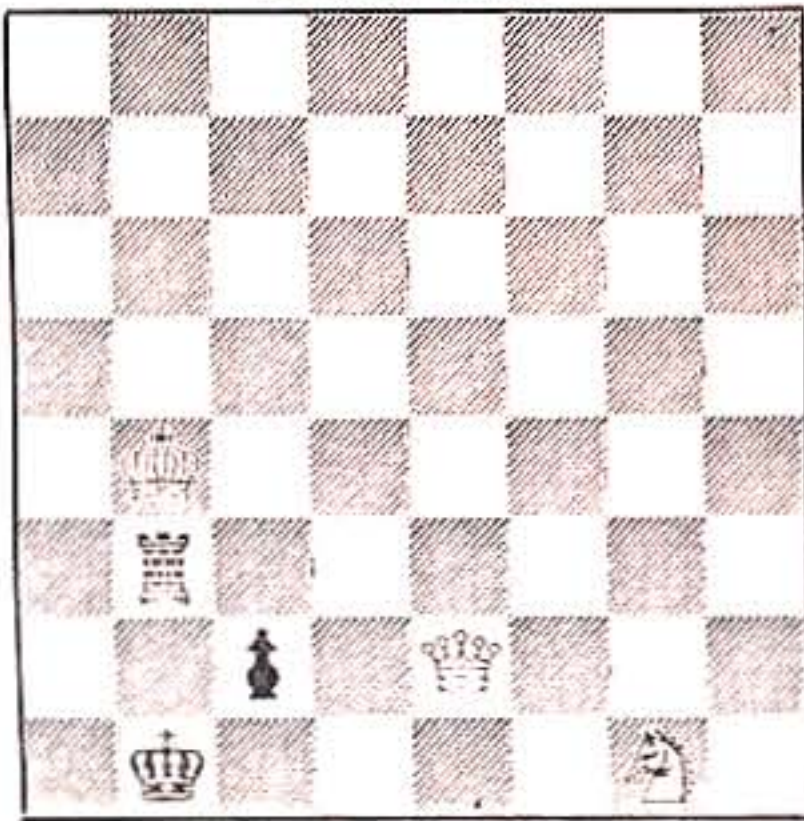
Finish It The Clever Way! by Edmund Nash

Position No. 231
Smyslov vs. Tal
Zagreb, 1959



Black to play and draw

Position No. 232
By Robert Brieger
Houston, Texas



White to play and win

In Position No. 231, one move by Black makes the draw evident. In this ending, time pressure appears to have deprived Smyslov of a win (the position occurred after White's 38th move).

Robert Brieger has contributed another intriguing endgame study. The King cannot capture the Rook because the Black Pawn will promote to a Knight with a check; White must provide for Black's next move (R-K6!).

Endgame composers will be interested in knowing that the New Statesman (Great Turnstile, London) has announced an endgame study competition, closing February 29, 1960. All entries are to be sent in duplicate. Several prizes will be awarded. For solutions, please turn to page 2.

Send all contributions to this column to Edmund Nash, 1530 28th Place, S.E., Washington 20, D. C.

RESULTS OF CANDIDATES' TOURNEY FORECAST

Forrest Athey, Jr., Brooklyn, N. Y., and Rick Melton, Queens Village, N. Y., tie for top honors among the twenty-six Chess Life readers who submitted forecasts, and each gets a book prize from your editor's private library. Each picked Tal, Keres, and Petrosian for the 1, 2, 3 spots. Athey finished with Gligoric and Smyslov for 4 and 5, while Melton chose Fischer and Smyslov. Since Fischer and Gligoric tied for 5th place, their names are interchangeable in our forecast scoring, and the two lists are, therefore, identical for that purpose.

Stanley Wohl of Bronx, N. Y., was nosed out only by your editor's hard-boiled and arbitrary tie-breaking system. He had all the right names, and he even had three correct placements, with Petrosian, Smyslov, and Gligoric for 3, 4, and 5, missing out only by choosing Keres for first place and Tal for second. We decided, however, that the ones who picked the 1, 2, 3, players correctly should take precedence over the 3, 4, 5, forecaster. Another with three correct placements, the 1, 3, and 5 spots, was Gilbert Raich of Philadelphia, the self-styled "Seer Without a Peer", who picked Tal, Smyslov, Petrosian, Keres, and Gligoric.

Others who picked the top five players:

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
Harry Borochoff Los Angeles, Calif.	Smyslov	Petrosian	Tal	Fischer	Keres
Ralph Hall Norfolk, Neb.	Tal	Fischer	Smyslov	Keres	Petrosian
Ronald Elmquist St. Paul, Minn.	Smyslov	Tal	Gligoric	Petrosian	Keres
Norman Nikodym Rapid City, S. Dak.	Petrosian	Tal	Gligoric	Smyslov	Keres
Kirill Firfaroff McIntosh, Ala.	Smyslov	Tal	Keres	Gligoric	Petrosian

Billy Patteson of Houston, Texas and Marta Wolfe of Albuquerque, N. M., chose Tal and Keres for the 1 and 2 spots, but went wrong later, the former leaving out Smyslov, and the latter forgetting Petrosian, while including both Gligoric and Fischer.

Although only two contestants picked Fischer to win, twenty picked him to finish in the top five. Ten didn't think that Keres would finish in that group, while eight thought that Benko would. Eleven picked Tal to win, nine thought that Smyslov could do it again, three chose Petrosian, while only one liked Keres for the top spot.

Your editor finished out in left field with Smyslov, Tal, Gligoric, Petrosian, and Fischer. Thanks, everyone. See you in the 1961 Interzonal.

TOURNAMENT REMINDERS

- December 4-5-6—ILLINOIS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, Irving Park YMCA, Chicago (CL 11/20/59)
- December 5-6—JACKSON INVITATIONAL OPEN, King Edward Hotel, Jackson, Miss. (CL 10/20/59)
- December 11-12-13—USCF RATING IMPROVEMENT, 212 W. 42nd. St., New York. (CL 10/20/59)
- December 13—RALEIGH 30-30 OPEN, Pullen Park Community Center, Raleigh, N. C.

1959-60 ROSENWALD AND U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP STARTS DECEMBER 18

The Committee for the U.S. Championship for the Lessing J. Rosenwald Trophy has received definite acceptances to play from the following:

Arthur Bisguier
James T. Sherwin
Sidney Bernstein
Herbert Seidman
Arnold Denker

Pal Benko
Edmar Mednis
Raymond Weinstein
Robert Byrne
Robin Ault

Twelve players will compete for the national championship, and although formal acceptances have not yet been received from Robert Fischer or Samuel Reshevsky, it is assumed and hoped that these two grandmasters will compete. The tournament's first round will be played December 18 at the West Side YMCA, 5 West 63rd St., New York. Tickets for the four rounds to be played at this location (comfortable theatre seats from which to watch the games and demonstration boards) may still be obtained from the New York office of the USCF, at 80 East 11th St., as advertised in CHESS LIFE for Nov. 20.

Operation **M** = 5000 MEMBERS By July 1960

California has done it again! This time they added 44 new members, raising their membership from 496 on June 5 to 540 on September 5, to continue leading the nation, not only in membership but in rate of increase! "We are shooting at more than 1000 members by next June 5," Harry Borochoff, California Membership Chairman has stated. "The USCF is on its way, and a wonderful thing for chess it is!"

Texas has begun to move upward, following the promise by Texas Membership Chairman Harold Bone to "give New York a kick in the pants" on the matter of membership totals. Over the summer Texas moved from 211 to 235, passing up fourth-place Pennsylvania (213), moving very close to third-place New Jersey (246), and maneuvering towards high-heel boot range of second-place New York State, still well up there at 468.

Indiana showed substantial progress, from 57 on June 5 to 71 on September 5, the momentum developed earlier continuing, "and we're continuing the committee work gladly and hopefully," added State Chairman Mildred Morrell.

The September 5 membership list showed gains in 38 states, and small losses in the remainder, for the summer quarter. "This is an encouraging report," according to Fred Cramer, General Membership Chairman, "because we pushed hard last spring, to crowd everything in before the closing list June 5, for our first year of OPERATION M. In crowding everything into that June report, it is not surprising that we borrowed something from July, in some places. We'll pick up our pace again, as we're already doing."

New state targets were announced by the membership committee, designed to raise USCF membership to the overall 5000 target by next June 5, as follows: (Continued on Page 2)

Just as this issue of CHESS LIFE was going to press, word was received of the passing of two grand veterans of American chess—USCF Master Emeritus Charles S. Jacobs of Winchester, Massachusetts, and Dr. Palmer G. Keeney of Newport, Kentucky.

Although both were, in their younger days, players of master strength, both became internationally famous in the problem field. Master Emeritus Jacobs was a problem composer of merit, whose compositions have won acclaim and prizes in almost every chess publication in the world. Dr. Keeney, also a composer of note, was CHESS LIFE's first problem editor, a post which he filled with genial efficiency for several years. A practicing physician, a disabled veteran of World War I, he served for many years as President of the Cincinnati Chess Club, and he never lost interest in chess.

CHESS LIFE, the USCF, and every American chess player, have lost two valuable friends.

OPERATION M—

(Continued from page 1)

California700	Oklahoma 50
New York650	Kansas 50
New Jersey300	New Mexico 50
Texas300	Colorado 50
Pennsylvania300	Oregon 50
Ohio250	Tennessee 40
Michigan200	Arkansas 40
Illinois200	Kentucky 40
Mass.200	W. Virginia 40
Connecticut150	Georgia 40
Wisconsin150	Utah 40
Florida150	S. Carolina 40
Minnesota150	Rhode Island .. 40
Indiana100	Nevada 20
Virginia100	Idaho 20
Maryland100	Maine 10
Missouri100	N. Hampshire .. 10
N. Carolina 75	Vermont 10
Mississippi 75	Delaware 10
Louisiana 75	S. Dakota 10
Dist. of Col. 75	N. Dakota 10
Washington 75	Montana 10
Alabama 50	Wyoming 10
Arizona 50	Alaska 10
Iowa 50	Hawaii 10
Nebraska 50	

*Solutions To
Finish it the Clever Way:*

Position No. 231: 1., R-KN8ch! 2. K-R2, R-R8ch; 3. K-N2, R-N8ch. Draw.
Position No. 232: 1. K-R4! (not K-B4? R-K6! draws), R-K6! 2. Q-N5ch, K-R8; 3. Q-B5! K-N7; 4. Q-N4ch, K-R7 (if K-R8; 5. Q-Q2! K-N8; 6. N-K2, R-K5ch; 7. K-R3! RxN; 8. QxR, P-B8ch; 9. K-N3 wins); 5. Q-B4ch, K-R8 (if K-N8; 6. N-Q2, RxN; 7. QxR, K-R8; 8. Q-Q2, K-N7; 9. K-N4, K-N8; 10. K-N3 wins); 6. QxP! R-R6ch; 7. K-N4, R-N6ch; 8. K-B4, R-N5ch; 9. K-Q3, R-N6ch; 10. K-Q4, R-N5ch; 11. K-K3, R-N6ch; 12. K-B4, R-N5ch; 13. K-N3, R-N6ch; 14. N-B3! RxNch; 15. K-N4, R-B5ch; 16. K-N5, R-N5ch; 17. K-B6, R-B5ch; 18. K-K5, R-B4 or K5ch; 19. QxR, wins.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

The Soviet School of Chess. By A. Kotov and M. Yudovich, 390 pp., hundreds of diagrams. \$3.50. Order from USCF, 80 East 11th St., New York 3, N.Y.

Despite its wretched English, cheap production, and insistent propaganda, this is the chess book of the year. For this reviewer's money, it is also the best collection of games published in several decades. One may raise an eyebrow at the derivation of the Russian school Chigorin, and he may smile at the recent and continued rehabilitation of Alekhine as the greatest Russian player; but whatever the mystique by which chessic genealogy is produced or those in disfavor restored to eminence, the results achieved by Russian players since the 1930's are monumental. State support of the game has developed an army of grandmasters against whom geniuses like Reshevsky, Gligoric, and Fischer can win only skirmishes, as the candidates' tournament abundantly testifies. The book is a golden treasury of the great successes of Russian chess.

So we may dismiss the puerilities inevitable to an official reconstituting of history and fasten upon the profound analysis and the games, many of which have never before appeared in English. Kotov and Yudovich divide their text into two parts. The first, in six chapters, traces the course of chess in Russia from Petrov and Jaenisch to the present. It is a little strange to find Alekhine bracketed with Chigorin as tireless workers to raise chess to the status of a people's art, but the chapter on his contribution to the theory of openings is a masterpiece. Similarly, chapter five on the main features of the Soviet school gives dozens of innovations in open and close games produced by Botvinnik, Smyslov, Bronstein, and others.

The authors point out, with justice, that many of these have not been credited to the men who discovered them and tested them in tournament play. The amount of systematic analysis that goes on in Russia is staggering; and as Reshevsky's famous losses to Smyslov and Fischer indicates, woe betides even the greatest player who does not keep up with it.

Part two is a galaxy. Beginning with Botvinnik and concluding with eight women players, the authors sketch the biographies and illustrate the play of fifty-one Soviet grandmasters and masters. These games, added to those of the dozen or so stalwarts treated in part one, comprise the most exciting and most profound chess ever put between covers. Whatever the shortcomings in format and production by American standards, the book offers in addition what many American volumes lack, comprehensive analytical indices.

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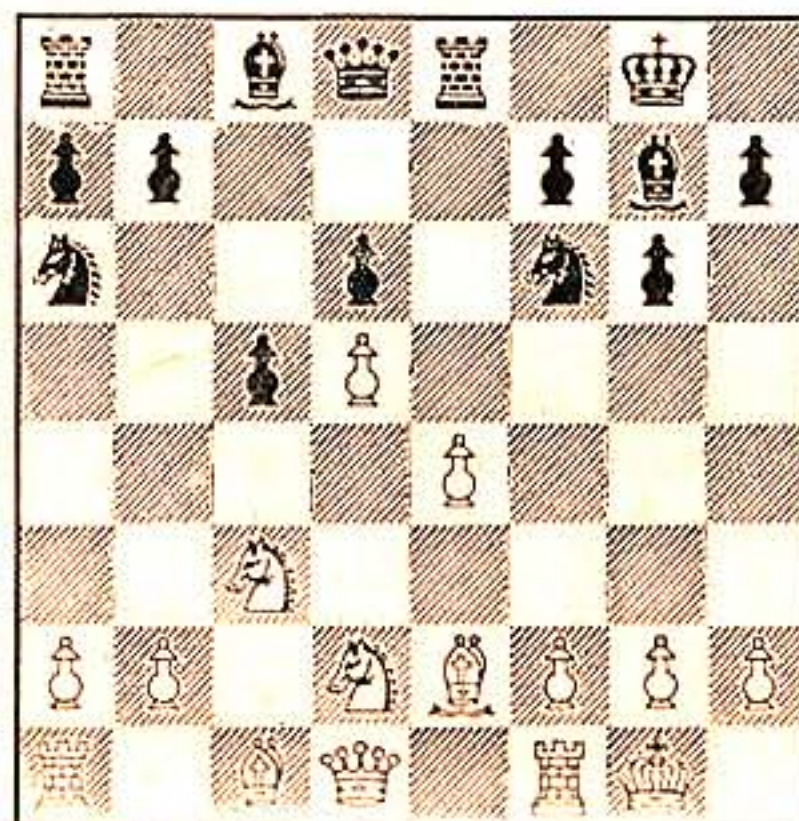
by
David Spiro

**Student's World Chess Tournament
Budapest, 1959**

BENONI DEFENSE

Kreidman (Israel)	Kanko (Finland)
WHITE	BLACK
1. P-Q4	N-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. N-QB3	P-B4
4. P-Q5	PxP
5. PxP	P-Q3
6. P-K4	P-KN3
7. N-KB3	B-N2
8. B-K2	O-O
9. O-O	R-K
10. N-Q2	N-R3!

KANKO



KREIDMAN
After 10., N-R3!

Played with considerable verve! Black proposes a seemingly modest transaction: he is willing to accept doubled QR Pawns in return for the half-open QN file, plus the two Bishops. This strategic idea gives the game exceptional interest:

11. BxN	PxB
12. P-B3	B-Q2
13. P-QR4	R-QN
14. N-QB4	N-R4

Black stands better . . . White's somewhat stereotyped strategy does not suit this "new" position.

15. P-KN4?

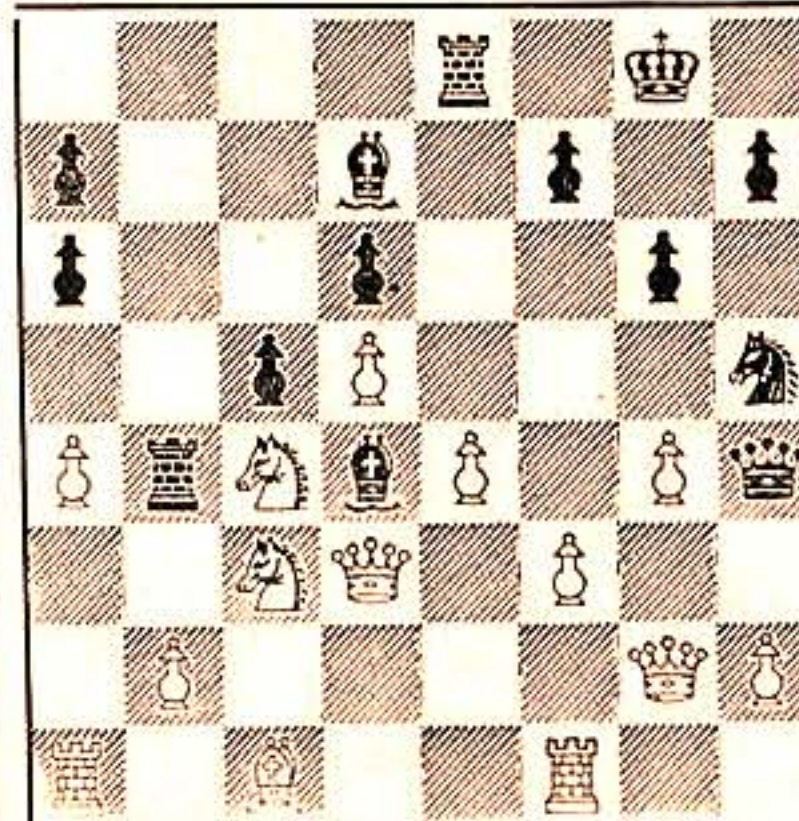
An impulsive error in what is already a critical position. Since his dark squares are being "pressured", more logical was 15. B-K3.

15. B-Q5ch

Invading the dark squares—and the White position is starting to "teeter". Now comes a series of sharp moves.

16. K-N2	R-N5!
17. Q-Q3	Q-R5!

KANKO



KREIDMAN
After 17., Q-R5!

Exquisite: A sound piece offer which can hardly be accepted:

- I:
18. PxN, R-K4! 19. NxR, BxN (K4); 20. R-R, B-R6ch; 21. K-N, Q-K8ch; and Mates next move.
II:
18. PxN, R-K4! 19. N-K3, RxKRP; 20. R-KR, B-R6ch; 21. K-N, Q-K8ch; and Mates next move.

- III:
18. PxN, R-K4! 19. Q-K2, B-R6ch; 20. K-R, BxR; 21. QxB, RxKRP; 22. Q-K2, RxN; 23. B-Q2, B-K4; 24. R-KB, BxRP with the exchange ahead and a strong attack as well.

Not always is the prettiest chess played by the well-known masters!

18. B-Q2 RxN!
19. QxR BxNPI
Line clearance in its most elegant form.

20. PxB QxNPch
21. K-R N-N6ch!

Pretty: This Knight has a charmed life; it still cannot be captured.

22. K-N2 NxR dis. ch.
23. KxN Q-B6ch
And now—the last pas-de-deux.
24. K-K B-B7ch
25. K-B B-N6ch
Resigns

In a world of Caissic oysters—a pearl of a game!

**XXV U.S.S.R. CHAMPIONSHIP
Riga 1958**

**F.I.D.E. Zonal Tournament
Modern Benoni**

Averbakh White **M. Tal Black**

1. P-Q4	N-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. N-QB3	P-B4
4. P-Q5	PxP
5. PxP	P-Q3
6. P-K4	P-KN3
7. B-K2

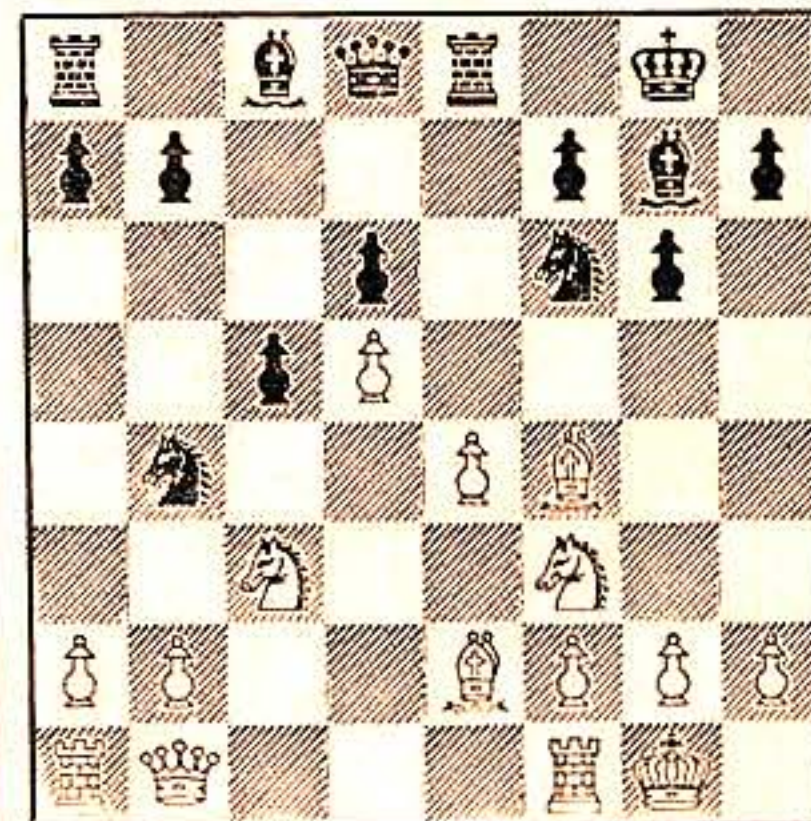
The more 7. B-K2, has become fashionable since Smyslov's win over Filip in 1957. White intends simply to solidify his centre against attack by the Black minor pieces before committing himself.

7.	B-N2
8. N-B3	O-O
9. O-O	R-K
10. Q-B2

The alternative was 10. N-Q2, N-R3; 11. P-B3, N-B2; 12. P-QR4, P-N3; 13. N-B4, B-QR3; 14. B-N5, Q-Q2; 15. Q-Q2, BxN; 16. BxB, P-QR3; 17. Q-Q3 and White has a strong grip. (Birbrager-Tal, 1955). A suggestion by Schachmaty is 12., N-Q2; 13. N-B4, N-K4; for a more active variation.

10.	N-QR3!
11. B-KB4	N-QN5
12. Q-N

TAL



AVERBAKH
After 12. Q-N

12. NxKP?!
Averbakh is reported to have said after the game that the sacrifice was not (Continued on page 3, col. 4)



TIDBITS OF MASTER PLAY

By International MASTER WILLIAM LOMBARDY

World Junior Champion—1957-1958

PLUGGER BOBBY

At this writing there does not seem to be any chance of Bobby's attaining an even score in the Candidates Tournament. He can however finish with a respectable score, and as has often been demonstrated, there isn't anyone he isn't capable of beating.

Naturally his showing is not that of a top-top notcher, but one must bear in mind Bobby's age and limited experience. Above all Bobby has proven himself a true fighter. When he is at a game he works harder than anyone. His burning determination to win blended with a keen alertness and sticktoitiveness has assured the downfall of a goodly number of rivals.

It seems certain that Bobby aspires to the World Championship. There is no doubt that he shall achieve this in the not too distant future. If he continues to display the brilliance without a doubt evident in his games, there can be no question as to what the future holds for Grandmaster Fischer.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Fischer White	Benko Black
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. N-KB3	K-QB3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. NxP	N-B3
5. N-QB3	P-Q3
6. B-QB4

For two years or more Bobby has relied on this move. Many are those who have burned the midnight oil preparing against it but few are those fortunate enough to have as much as half a point.

A new move the merit of which must be more thoroughly investigated. P-K3 appears sounder.

6.	Q-N3?!
7. KN-K2	P-K3
8. O-O	B-K2
9. B-N3	O-O
10. K-R1	N-QR4
11. B-N5	Q-B4
12. P-B4	P-N4
13. N-N3	P-N5?



Position after 13., P-N5

Black neglects his natural developing moves such as R-Q1 and B-N2. He must now stand for a very strong attack.

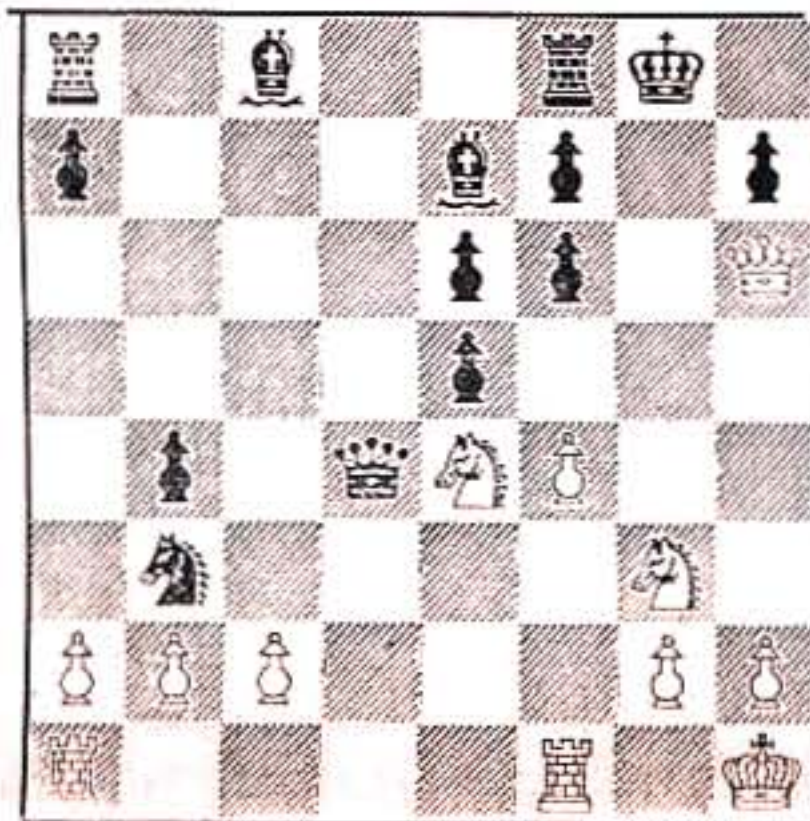
14. P-K5!	PxP
15. BxNI	PxB
15., BxB; 16. N(B)-K4, Q-K2; 17. N-R5, K-R1; 18. N(4)xB, PxN; 19. PxP, PxP; 20. Q-B3, B-N2; 21. Q-N3! and wins.	
16. QN-K4	Q-Q5
17. Q-R5	NxB?!

I don't think Black expected White's next. But if 17., K-N2; 18. QR-Q1, Q-N3; 19. PxP, P-B4; 20. R-Q6!, Q-B2; 21. N-N5!, BxN; 22. QxBch, K-R1; 23. Q-B6ch, K-N1; 24. N-R5 and mate next move.

18. Q-R6!
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(See diagram top next column)

18.	PxP
19. N-R5	P-B4
20. QR-Q1	Q-K4
21. QN-B6ch	BxN
22. NxBch	QxN
23. QxQ



Position after 18. Q-R6!

White has obtained a winning advantage seemingly out of thin air. But if on his 13th turn Black had attended to his development all this would not likely have happened.

23.	N-B4
24. Q-N5ch	K-R1
25. Q-K7	B-R3
26. QxN	BxR
27. RxB	Resigns

Keres is one grandmaster on whom Bobby really has the Indian sign. From four games Bobby has three victories to one defeat. Not bad for a young player! Watch how the Estonian is demolished.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Keres (USSR) White	Fischer (USA) Black
1. P-Q4	N-KB3
2. N-KB3	P-KN3
3. B-B4	B-N2
4. QN-Q2	P-B4
5. P-B3

5. P-K3 is considered better. P-B3 is necessary only if the Black Knight is already developed at QB3 preventing White's B-Q3.

5.	PxP
6. PxP	P-Q4!

Excellent! There is little chance that White will gain any advantage now since his Queen Knight is most ineffectively posted for aggressive action.

Instead of completing his development White decides to chew off a pawn. P-K3 is more logical. However, White is in no particular dangers.

7.	RxB
8. Q-R4ch	B-Q2
9. QxP	N-K5
10. P-K3	NxN
11. NxN

11. KxN is answered by B-N5 and P-K4 after White's defense to the Black squares is removed.

11.	P-K4
12. N-N3	O-O
13. Q-B5	R-B1

14. Q-N4 R-K1

Black has obtained tremendous pressure at the cost of only a pawn. White soon becomes helpless against the Black attack.

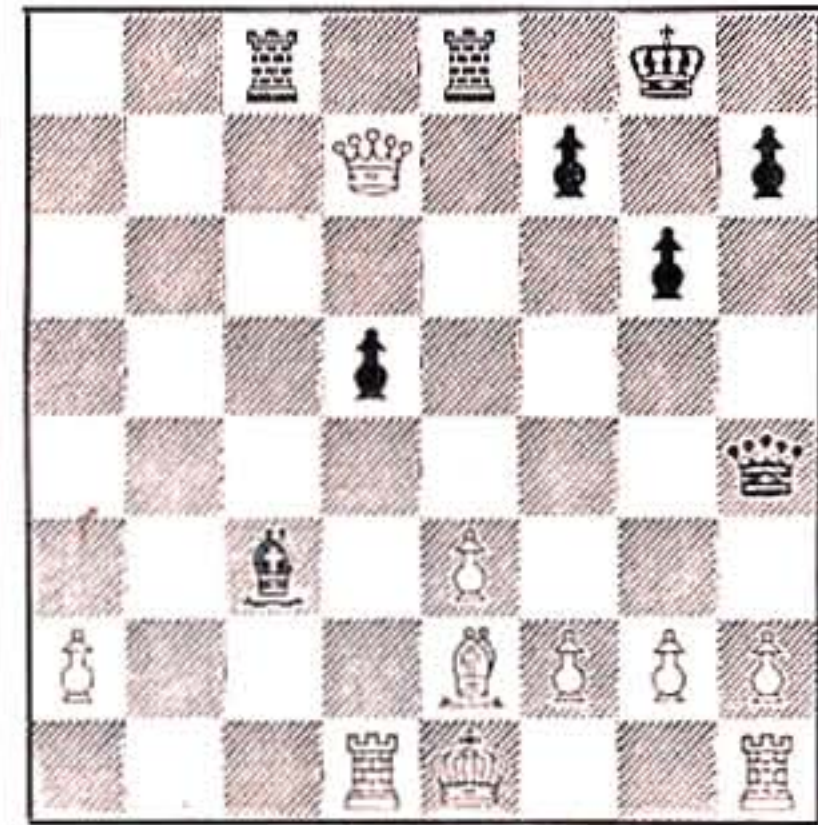
15. B-K2 PxP
16. NxP Q-R5!

Now Castling is impossible. 17. O-O, BxN!

17. QxP

17. R-Q1 is no better, RxP; 18. O-O, RxB!

17. BxN
18. QxB BxNP
19. R-Q1 B-B6ch



Position after 19., B-B6ch

The bishop of opposite colours avail white nothing since for all practical purposes he is a rook down. However, White still has something to say.

20. K-B1 P-Q5!

Black opens the position to take advantage of his greater mobility.

21. PxP Q-K5

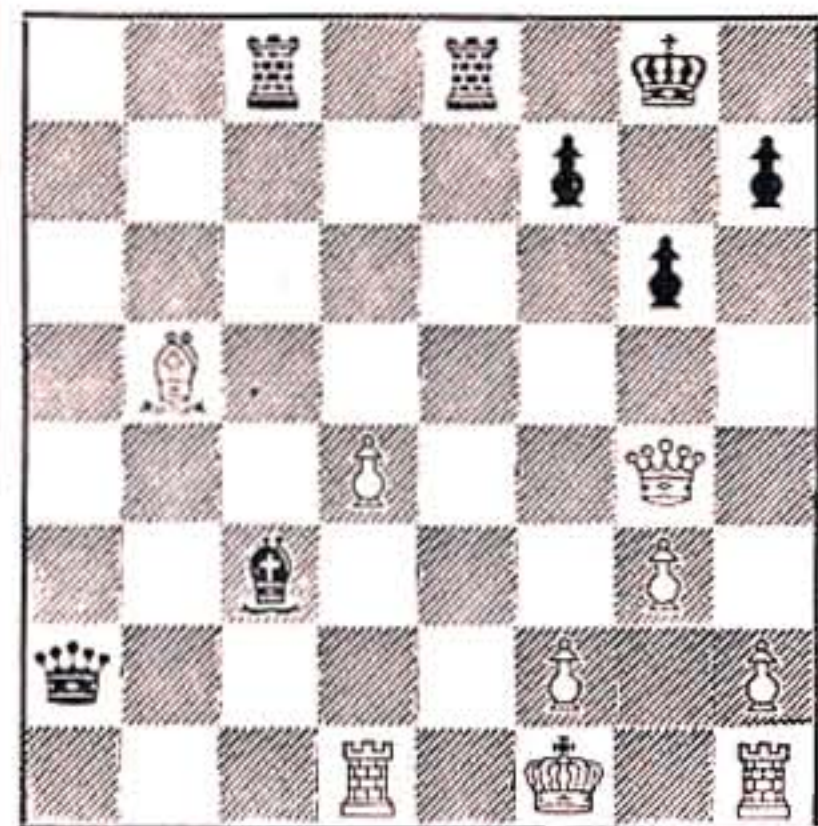
22. Q-N4 Q-B7

23. P-N3

Surprising that White still has a good defense.

23. QxP

24. B-N5??



Position after 24. B-N5?

Was White in time pressure at this early stage? 24. B-B3 followed up K-N2 seems to give him a tenable if not better position.

24. Q-Q4!
25. BxR QxRch
26. K-K2 RxBch
27. K-Q3 B-K8!

And White, having lost a piece, resigns. A most surprising result. Not the player but his personality won this game!

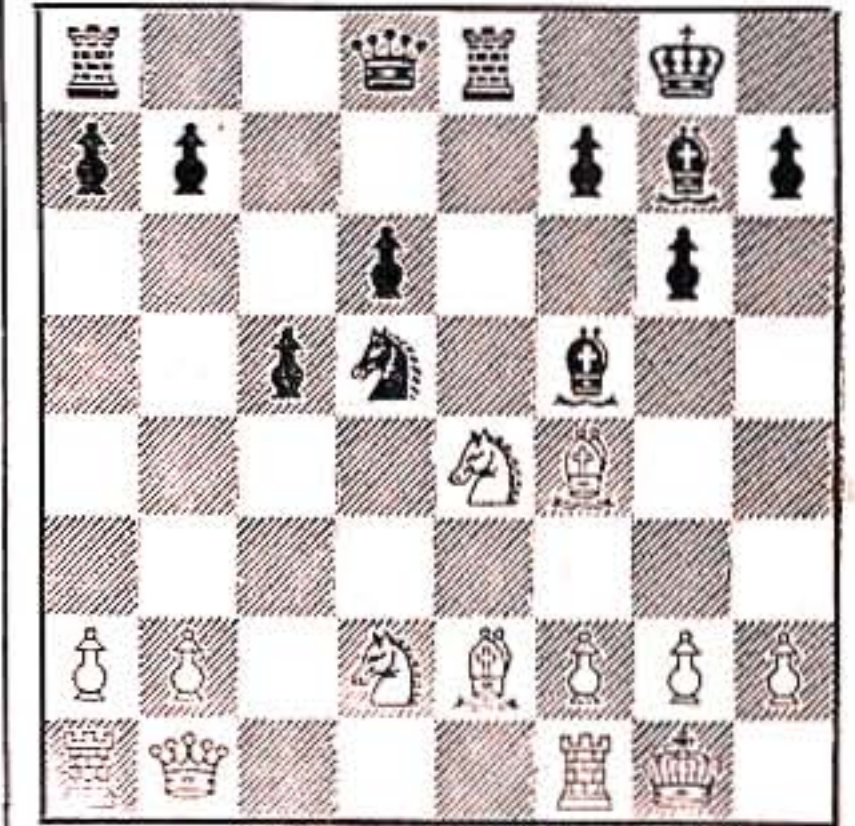
AVERBAKH-TAL

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completely sound, but that he did not find the best defense. These speculative sacrifices, unfortunately for Averbakh, are not always correct, but to refute them in over-the-board play is a much harder task than to analyze them at leisure afterwards!

13. NxN B-KB4
14. KN-Q2 NxQP

TAL



AVERBAKH After 14., NxQP

15. BxQP?

But this does not solve his problem. As played, White's actual move takes him into a position where he is simply a Pawn down. At this stage, 15. P-KN3? will not do after NxP; 16. PxN, P-Q4; wins; also 15. B-N3, N-N5; 16. BxQP?, BxN; 17. NxP, P-B4; regaining the piece.

However, White does well to play: 15. B-N3, N-N5; 16. P-QR3, N-B3; 17. B-Q3, (and if 15. B-N3, N-B3; 16. B-R4.)

In addition, 15. B-KN5, works out well for 15., QxB fails after 16. NxQ, BxQ; 17. B-B4!

Thus, after 15. B-KN5, Q-N3; 16. B-QB4, N-B2; 17. B-Q3, BxP; 18. N-B6ch, BxN; 19. QxBx, BxB; 20. QxB, P-Q4; and here White's extra piece outweighs Black's three Pawns.

In F.I.D.E., Tal suggested 15. B-N3, as better, and after 15., Q-K2; 16. N-QB3, QR-Q; or 16. B-QN5, BxN; 17. NxP, QxN; 18. BxR, QxB; 19. BxQP, Q-B3; 20. B-N3, P-B5; Black has a Pawn advantage and an active position for his sacrificed exchange.

15. N-B3
16. B-KB3 NxN
17. NxN BxN
18. BxB QxB
19. Q-B2

From a positional standpoint, White is quite lost.

19. R-K2
20. B-B3 QR-K
21. QR-Q B-Q5
22. P-QR4 P-QN3
23. P-QN3 R-K4
24. R-Q2 P-KR4
25. R-K2 RxR
26. BxR P-R5

There is no respite. Tal is in his element—he just loves to attack!

27. K-R Q-B5
28. P-KN3 Q-B3
29. Q-Q R-Q
30. B-N4

Since 30. Q-K, B-B6; punctures the position—he goes in for a last-ditch swindle. Now follows a quippish point:

30. BxP
31. Q-K2 R-Q7!

A pretty counter; Tal has the last laugh . . . If now 32. QxR? Q-B3ch and mates in two.

32. Q-K8ch K-N2
33. PxP Q-Q5
34. B-R3 Q-Q6
35. B-N2

If now 35. Q-K5ch, K-R2; 36. Q-B4, Q-Q4ch! 37. B-N2, QxBch! 38. KxQ, B-K6 dis.ch, etc.

35. R-Q8
White resigns.

(Notes based on analysis appearing in "The Manchester Guardian Weekly," and also by L. Pachman in F.I. D. E. Quarterly, 1958/2, as well as suggestions by M. Tal, the current Russian champion.)

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BY

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As Others See Us

The editorial-article "An Elephant Is Like a House" in the October 5 issue has inspired several readers to write to your editor. Without exception they praised the story of South African player Kirby's impressions of the 1958 Munich Olympiad, and without exception they thought that Mr. Kirby's commentary on the American team members ranged from "candor" to "ignorant unfairness." My editorial note at the end of the article should have confirmed the fact that I, too, thought that Mr. Kirby had written off some of our team members a bit too cheaply. For some time before publication of the article in CHESS LIFE I seriously considered the advisability of deleting those lines to which some of our readers made impassioned objection. Then I decided that most of our readers were old enough to read something which, even if untrue, or unfair, or otherwise divergent from their own views, apparently represented the viewpoint of master chess outside the United States. Consequently you got the unexpurgated edition, exactly as it was taken from CHESS WORLD.

Over the years there has been a considerable amount of published material on the subject "What's Wrong With American Chess?" Answers to the question have been many and varied in details, and in suggestions for improvement. Most of the answers, including that given in my article in CHESS REVIEW (November, 1949) dealt with only one of the many problems traditionally inherent in American chess. It is now my personal belief that there is nothing wrong with American chess which could not be remedied by attention and direction from a competent United States Chess Federation executive, backed by a membership 20,000 strong. In this belief, I take pleasure in presenting the views of Mr. David R. Stevenson, a graduate student at Yale, who, while admitting that he has never competed in a formally organized chess tournament, wrote to comment on the above-mentioned editorial, and who, *en passant*, gives us an objective and literate summary of some of our weak points, as they appear to a non-combatant.

"Your editorial article in the October 5 issue, "An Elephant Is Like a House" is worth the subscription price of the entire year. It is the best article that I have seen in your newspaper since I began reading it two years ago. The candor of Mr. Kirby's commentary on American chess players was a refreshing contrast to the cautious critiques now and then revealed to the close reader of your "American" columnists. As for the information and insights concerning the Russian players, particularly "the legendary Tal" and the "blitz champion" Petrosian, I reveled in the incisive description and the brilliant, if controversial, value judgments.

As a graduate student cloistered away from the pulsing center of chess life by demands of study, lack of human chess contacts, and skill of limited potential, I welcome your newspaper games and articles. From even this restricted acquaintance with "Chess in America", I sense three (3) conditions that chain the United States to mediocrity in the world of chess. First, of course, is the apathetic attitude that most Americans have toward the game. Second, there is the unbridled selfishness or "individualism" of the American chess players from the top to the bottom. Third, there is our self-imposed isolation from the

intellectual chess developments that are taking place in Russia.

America's apathy toward the game of chess is often attributed to our pragmatic, practical approach toward life that leaves no room for a mere intellectual game of skill. That the Soviet Union espouses this game with the fervor of religion, and that no one in this world is more hard-headed and realistic than the technological Russian Communist, should dispose of this excuse. While the American culture is more oriented to bridge or poker, there is nothing about the game itself that is alien to the "American mind". Nothing succeeds like success in Russia or the United States; and if Bobby Fischer had been able to win a shot at Botvinnik's title, chess like missiles and the decathlon would become nationally important. Bobby Fischer would have become another Vann Cliburn. Therefore publicity surrounding the quiet efforts of dedicated men is the answer. And this means more than the tantalizingly vacuous articles in the **New York Times** and the dull prosaic analyses of games that occasionally appear in other publications (**Saturday Review**, **Christian Science Monitor**, etc.). I would note that "Operation M" is a step in the right direction, at the "grass-roots" level, but I would emphasize that Mrs. Fischer's letter to the **New York Herald Tribune** reveals the value of publicity (for she did get the money for her son!).

Then there is the selfishness of some American players that permits Fischer, only a 16-year-old prodigy and not a seasoned genius, and Pal Benko, hardly an "Olmedo of chess", to struggle alone valiantly against the Russian colossus in Yugoslavia. At the crucial stage, at the Portoroz Interzonal Tournament last year, only Sherwin was there to support the American cause. National interest, if only from the viewpoint of chess, dictated that the United States make a concerted effort to propel at least two men into the World Champion Challengers' Tournament, to enable one of them to win. A world championship match with an American (or simply a non-Communist) competing with Botvinnik! This would do more for American chess, and indirectly for the intellectual prestige of the Western world, than all the "Operation M's" and Olympiads put together.

The United States Chess Federation must become as powerful as the corresponding organization controlling amateur athletics, and maybe as in professional athletics, in order to channel the energy, talent, and ambition of the American chess genius for the good of American chess. Moscow can compel Botvinnik to go to Munich (which was as painful for him as it was for Neville Chamberlain twenty years before), but the United States could not compel Reshevsky to go to Portoroz. Knowing chess players in the lower echelons and gathering the same impression about the top-flight players from the allusions made in CHESS LIFE, chess breeds individualists. Usually they are hyper-sensitive about their intellectual ability as reflected on the chess board, and often this makes them arrogant and petty. With ability comes responsibility! **We Americans should not be required to merely hope that minimal loyalty will suffice where maximal ambition falls short.** Only by assuming power, as it is gradually doing, will the United States Chess Federation acquire power. Only after sufficient power has been accumulated, always recalling that we are Americans and not Russians, American chess will become an intellectually respectable national past-time and only then will it become a practical weapon in the national competition with the Soviet Union.

For whatever opinions and value judgments of an unproven unknown are worth (I have not even competed in a formal tournament), I am convinced that a major revolution in chess history has oc-

curred at this World Champion Challengers Tournament. Since this revolution is characterized by the return to the P-K4 type of games (referring to the opening move), this revolution may be of the magnitude of the Nimzovitch-Reti revolution which turned to the "closed-games". And we in America are missing this intellectual transformation through our failure to have access to Russian chess literature. For this is a "Sputnik", or "Russian revolution". Bobby Fischer is in step with this revolution because he has immersed himself in the Russian literature. Fischer, an immature Tal, has made his spectacular ascent in American chess by adopting the return to the P-K4 openings and becoming the master of the "Sicilian Defense". Look what he did to Reshevsky's outmoded use of the "Sicilian Defense", and remember where he discovered the particular trap.

Mikhail Tal, a throwback to Paul Morphy, has put the "kill" back into chess, and the game will become thrilling once more. I had predicted to myself and a few other people that Tal would be the next world champion from my own amateurish analysis of his games from Portoroz, and the few previous games of his, that appeared in the **New York Times**; but now I believe that his impact will be even greater than merely being the next champion of the world. As he dethrones Botvinnik, he will inaugurate a new era in chess. The success of Paul Keres at the Challengers Tournament (he alone leads Tal in their games, by 2-1, at this

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LARRY EVANS ON CHESS

By International Grandmaster LARRY EVANS

THE ADVANTAGE OF BLACK!

It is generally held that Black is at the mercy of White's initiative. When confronted with the dread prospect of handling the black pieces in a tournament game, one scours opening manuals in a frantic search for equalizing variations. This defeatist attitude has persisted despite the narrowing margin of White victories since 1851. (For an analysis of whether the first move really is an advantage, see chapter seven of "New Ideas in Chess" by this writer.)

Among the recent crop of masters, however, a remarkable number of counter-attackers have sprung up. Black fights with his pieces instead of merely developing them. Actually, Black is the master of what course the game shall take once White commits himself with the opening move. This the hypermoderns hoped to avoid with the wishy-washy 1. N-KB3. Black's "defenses" are so dynamic, in fact, that perhaps they ought to be renamed. In a recent offhand game my opponent opened with 1. P-K4, I instantaneously replied with 1., P-QB4 and added: "What defense do you have against the Sicilian?"

In the present game, Cross fails to find a defense against the King's Indian. Black's pieces spring to life with amazing rapidity. This victory is particularly satisfying because it is the first time that I have defeated the Californian master in a half dozen tries dating back to 1946. Now we have an even score.

King's Indian "Defense"

Log Cabin Seeded, 1959

Jim Cross WHITE Larry Evans BLACK

1. P-QB4
White hopes to steer the games into channels of his own choosing by starting with the English Opening. The possibility of transpositions is abundant. But all Black has to do is close his eyes and set up the K's Indian formation, if he so desires.

1. P-KN3
If Black intends to play the K's Indian, he may as well start now with this irregular move—thus reserving the option of developing his K-Knight on K2 instead of KB3. Lombardy also adopted the same development against Botvinnik at the Munich Olympics.

2. N-QB3 B-N2
3. P-KN3
An ultra-positional reaction. The straightforward 3. P-Q4 is equally good. Cross is cagey and does not yet wish to tip his hand.

3. N-KB3
Black rejects the opportunity to play P-K4 because he has another setup in mind. The text is non-committal.

4. B-N2 O-O
5. P-K4
This is the first break which gives the game its character. 5. P-Q4 leads to conventional variations. As I remember, Botvinnik adopted this setup for White in his title match against Smyslov.

5. P-B4
The most aggressive reaction. Black tries to control his Q5, the square on which White has just created a whole.

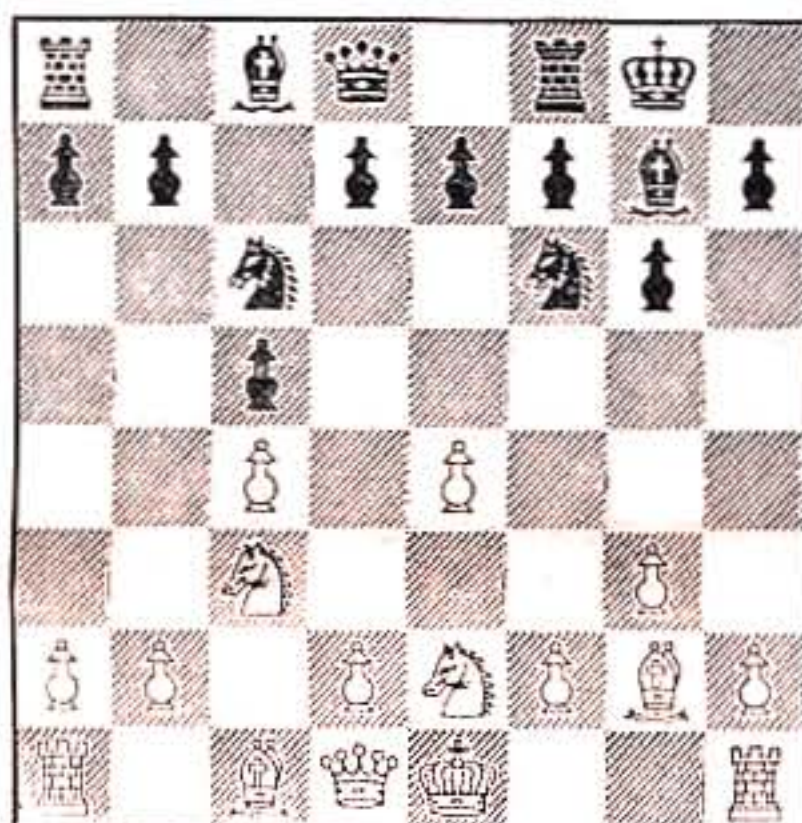
6. KN-K2
After 6. P-K5, N-K1; 7. P-B4, P-Q3; 8. PxP, NxP; White is thrown on the defensive and his position is too loose.

6. N-B3
(See diagram top next column)

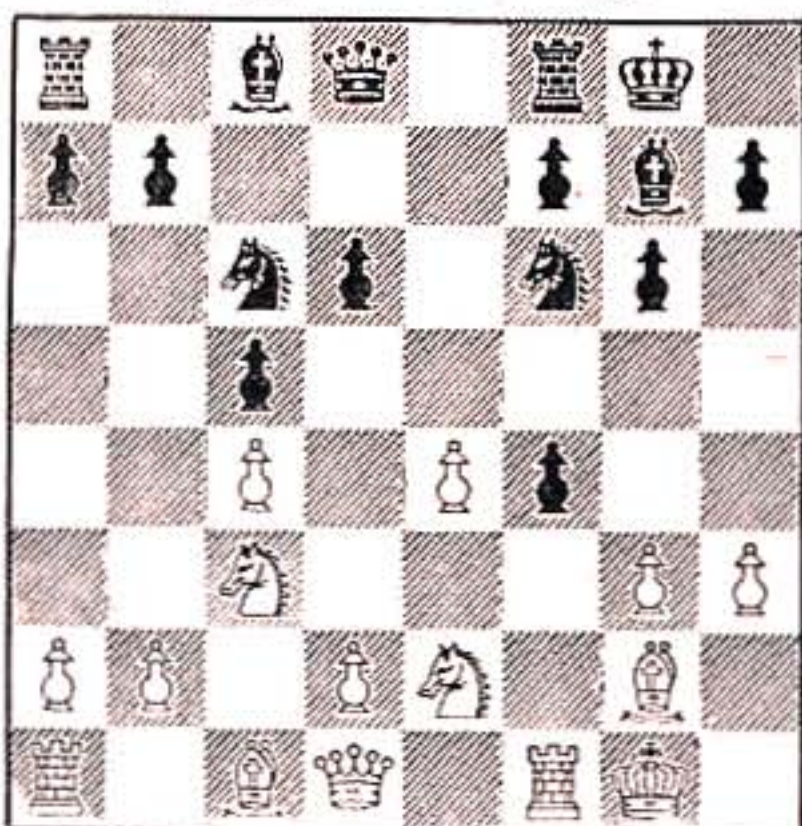
Notice how the two best defenses at Black's disposal — the Sicilian and King's Indian — bear a striking resemblance to each other. This position could have also been arrived at after 1. P-K4, P-QB3, etc.

7. P-B4
White has purposely delayed castling in order to probe his chances of a K-side attack.

7. P-Q3
8. P-KR3 P-K4
Super-accurate. Black's long-range plan is to break on the Q-side with P-QR3 and P-QN4. If he pursues this immediately, for example with 8., P-QR3; then after 9. O-O, P-K4; 10. P-B5! with advantage. Now 9. P-B5 can be met simply with PxP; 10. PxP, BxP.



Position after 6., N-B3



Position after 9., PxP

Now White is confronted with a dilemma: how to recapture. Black's last move was automatic, since he had no intention of permitting White to set up a Pawn wedge with P-B5.

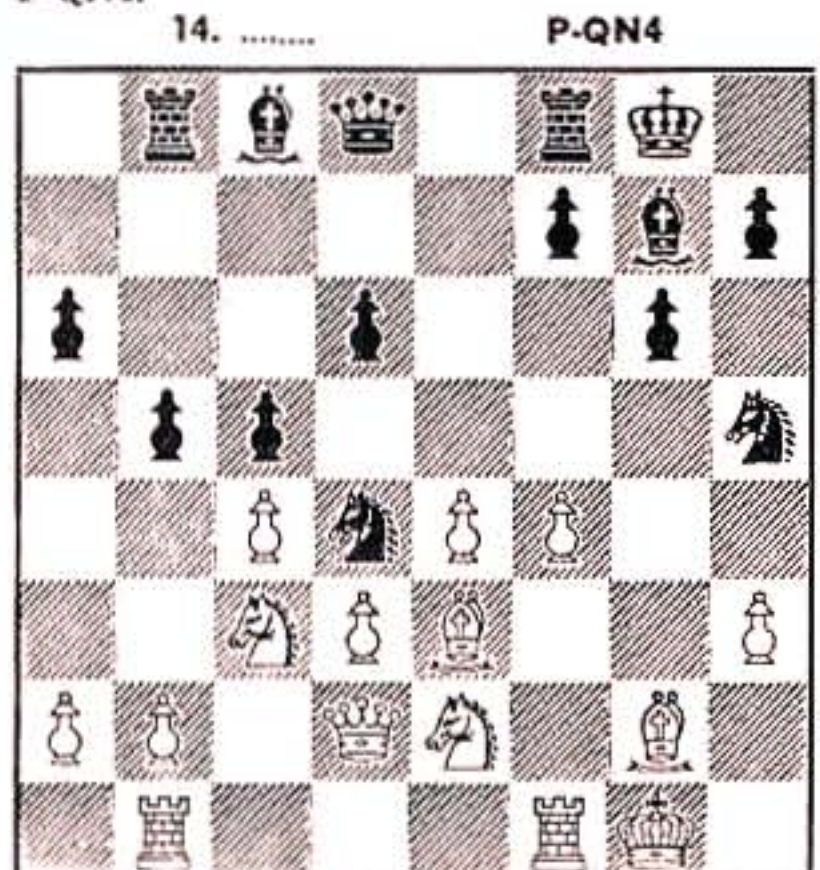
10. PxP
Keeping mobile center Pawns is probably the right choice. After 10. NxP, Black has two holes on which the operate: K4 and Q5. Black, on the other hand, has only one whole on his Q4.

10. N-KR4
Black's strategy is still to break with P-QR3 and P-QN4, but he takes time out to put a stake on the K-side. The text move takes all the sting out of a possible White K-side attack beginning with N-N3.

11. P-Q3 N-Q5
12. R-N1
A necessary evil, in order to free the Q-Bishop. If 12. B-K3?, NxN+; 13. NxN (13. QxN?, N-N6 wins the exchange), BxP; winning a Pawn.

12. P-QR3
Finally!

13. B-K3 R-N1
14. Q-Q2
I had expected 14. P-N4, which probably would have been answered with P-QN4.



Position after 14., P-QN4

Black has all the play. White's pieces are developed on passive posts. The beauty of Black's position is he can take action on the King or the Queensides, depending upon what course the game takes.

15. PxP
Avoiding a little trap. If 15. P-N3 (to keep the position closed), P-N5! wins material: e.g., 16. N-Q5, NxN+; 17. QxN, N-N6; or if 16. BxN, BxB+; 17. NxN, PxQN!; 18. QxP, PxN; wins a piece.

15. PxP
16. BxN PxP
17. N-Q5
White apparently has solved his troubles. He has forced Black to occupy the hole on Q5 with a Pawn. He has a strong outpost with his Knight on Q5 himself. Last, the threat of Q-N4 will win Black's advanced Pawn.

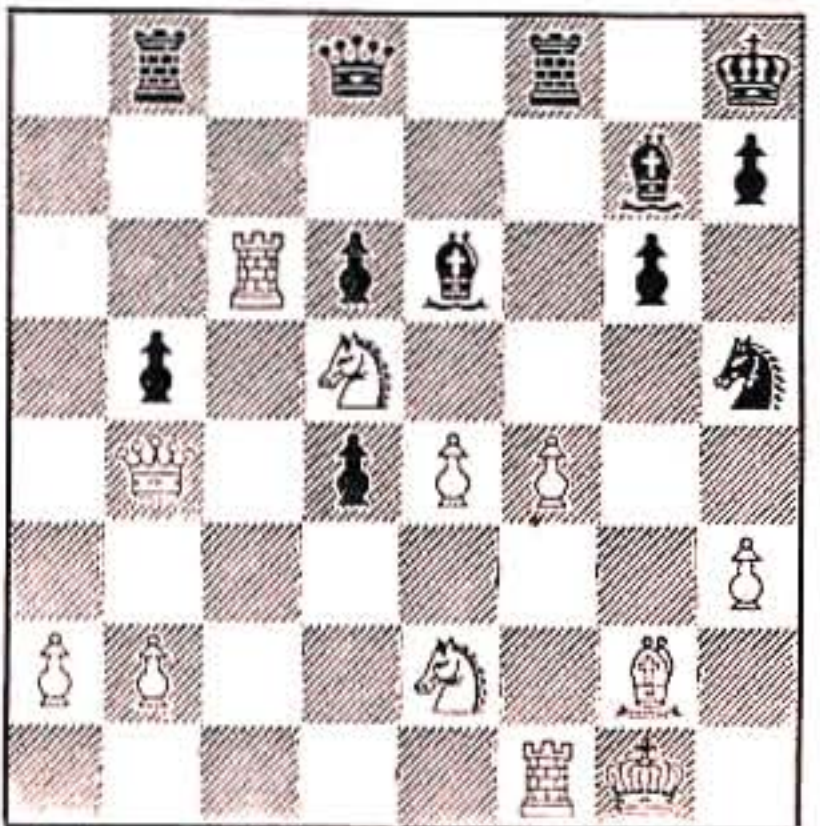
17. P-B4!
Now that White has designs on the Q-side, Black attacks on the opposite wing.

18. QR-B1
18. Q-N4 is met by PxP; 19. PxP (not BxP, BxN), P-Q6!

18. K-R1
Black has decided that White has no real threat, so he decides to consolidate. Besides, he has no good square on which to develop his Q-Bishop. If 18., B-K3; 19. N-B7 is hard to meet.

19. Q-N4
White rises to the bait by going after a poisoned Pawn. He should probably try to repair his K-side weaknesses with a move like 19. K-R2.

19. PxP
20. PxP B-K3
21. R-B6



Position after 21. R-B6

Not 21. NxP?, BxN; 22. PxP, Q-N3; winning a piece. White apparently now has the better game. In reality, he is lost.

21. BxN
22. PxP
Not 22. RxP, Q-K2; 23. PxN, QxN; winning a piece.
22. P-Q6

23. N-B1
This is the position White was looking forward to. He seems to win a Pawn, but

23. Q-K2
24. R-K1
No better is 24. NxP, Q-K6+; 25. N-B2, NxP.

24. Q-R2
This is the move White overlooked when he entered this variation. Suddenly his position crumbles.

25. K-R1 NxP
26. B-K4 Q-B7
27. R-Q1 Q-N6
28. Q-Q2 NxP
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December 18-20

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December 18, 19, 20

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Jan. 30 & 31, 1960

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The Ratings Supplement, promised for this issue, may or may not be in this issue. At the time this is being written the first eight pages of a regular issue have been completely filled, and the material from the Rating Statistician has just been received. In an attempt to give you the new ratings, we are asking our printers to make up an extra four pages, and to mail out a bonus 12-page issue containing the newly-arrived material. This, as stated above, may or may not be possible. If the technical printing difficulties can be overcome, on short notice, without any proof-reading on the part of your editor, you will find the ratings on pages 9-10-11- and 12 of this issue. If you receive only the regular 8-page issue, you may have the satisfaction of knowing that the Ratings Supplement will appear as a part of our December 20 CHESS LIFE.

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Annotated by Chess Master JOHN W. COLLINS

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K. O. OK

K. O. Mott-Smith, lawyer and one-time Harvard chess star, was compelled by illness to give up the game for twelve years in the Forties and Fifties. Due to physical strain, an attempted comeback in 1958 failed and his national rating suffered badly. It is heartening to report that a second try has been quite successful and now he is playing Board 1 for his team and is regularly beating masters and experts alike!

Chicago Chess League, 1959

Play-Off Match

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

MCO 9: p. 238, c. 64, (h:F)

R. KIRBY (U. of Chicago) K. O. MOTT-SMITH (Evanston)

White Black

1. P-Q4 P-KN3

This is the Robatsch Defense. Quite modern.

2. P-K4 B-N2

3. P-KB4 P-Q3

4. B-K3

A troublesome weakening of the queenside results from the development of the Bishop. Correct is 4. N-KB3.

4. N-KB3 P-QB4

5. P-B3

The opening is not recognizable, but somewhat resembles the Four Pawns Attack in the King's Indian.

5. PxB PxP

6. PxP Q-N3

7. N-QB3! N-QB3

Not 7. QxNP?? 8. N-N5, N-QB3 (8. Q-N5ch; 9. B-Q2, Q-N7; 10. B-B3 wins) 9. R-N1, QxRP; 10. R-R1, Q-N7; 11. RxN, PxR; 12. N-B7 ch and White wins.

8. N-B3 B-N5

9. B-N5 P-QR3

10. N-Q5

10. B-R4 would now be answered by QxNP.

10. Q-Q1 14. B-N3 P-K3
11. B-R4 BxN 15. N-B3 Q-N3
12. PxP P-QN4 16. N-K2

White must blame his compromised position—weak QP and doubled BPs—on his 3rd, 4th, and 5th moves.

16. KN-K2

17. Q-Q2 P-Q4

White threatened 18. P-Q5.

18. R-KN1

Seeking an attack on the KN-file is understandable, but not wise. As it is the control of the QB-file which is basic, White ought to play 18. K-B2 or 18. O-O.

18. O-O 22. QxR R-B1
19. P-KR4 N-R4! 23. Q-Q2 P-R4
20. P-R5 NxB 24. RPxP RPxP
21. PxN RxR ch 25. N-N3

This is a wasted move. Better is 25. K-B2.

25. N-B3

26. N-K2 N-N5

Threatening 27. R-B7.

27. N-B3 Q-B3

Black can win a Pawn with 27. BxP; 28. BxB, QxB; 29. QxQ, N-B7 ch; 30. K-B2, NxQ.

28. P-B5 KPxP

29. PxBP R-K1

Threatening 30. BxP.

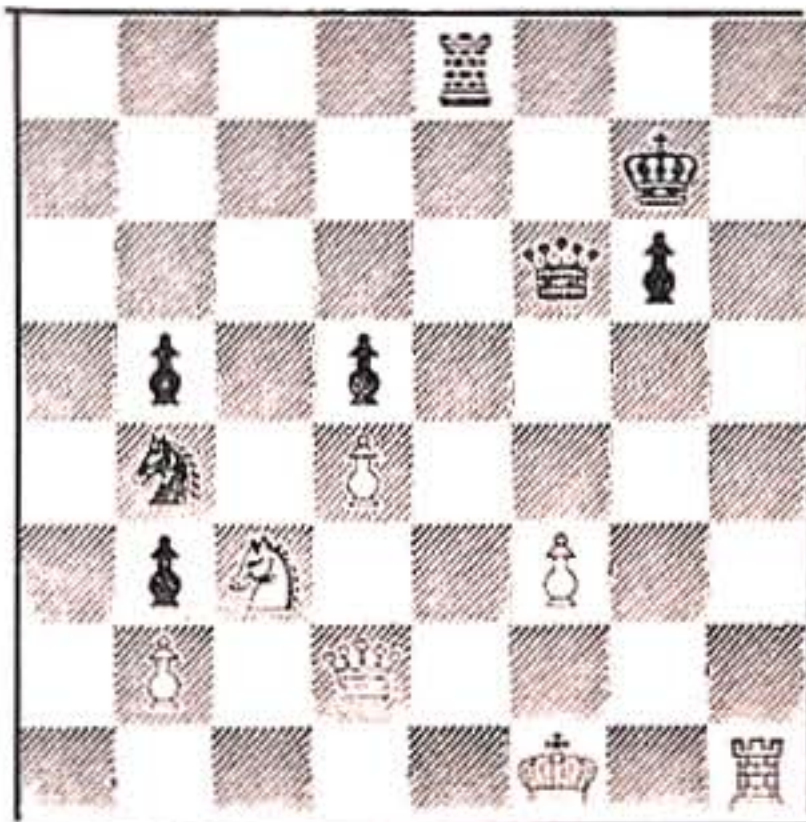
30. K-B1 P-R5

31. B-R6

Better is 31. NPxP, QNPxP; 32. PxP.

31. PxNP 33. BxB KxB

32. PxP PxP 34. R-R1 Q-B3!



Position after 34., Q-B3!

Black combines defense and offense.

35. Q-R6 ch K-B2

36. Q-R7 ch K-K3

37. K-N2?

Now White is soon lost. There are drawing chances with 37. Q-R3 ch, Q-B4; 38. QxQ ch, KxQ; 39. NxNP.

37. Q-N4 ch

38. K-R3 N-Q6

Threatening mate in two with 39. N-B5 ch and 40. Q-N7.

39. N-K2 N-B7 ch

40. K-R2 NxR

41. Q-QB7

If 41. KxN, R-QR1 decides.

41. R-R1 ch

Resigns

AGGRESSIVE

Aggressive play by the tournament winner.

Greater Chicago City

Championship, 1959

QGD: TARRASCH DEFENSE

MCO 9: p. 195, c. 73

White Black
Al Sandrin P. Tautvaisas

1. P-QB4 P-K3

2. N-QB3 P-Q4

3. P-Q4 P-QB4

Black switches into the Tarrasch. Keres used it in the Candidates.

4. N-B3 N-QB3

5. BPxP KPxP

6. P-KN3 P-B5

This is the Swedish Variation. If 6. N-B3; 7. B-N2, B-K2; 8. O-O, O-O; 9. PxP, (or 9. B-K3) P-Q5; 10. N-QR4, B-B4; 11. P-QN4! with a slight advantage for White.

7. B-N2 B-QN5

8. O-O KN-K2

9. N-K5!

Keres recommends 9. P-K4.

9. O-O

10. P-K4?

Correct is 10. NxN, PxN; 11. N-R4.

10. PxP 13. NxP B-N5
11. NxN NxN! 14. P-B3 Q-N3ch
12. P-Q5 N-K4 15. K-R1 B-KR4

This involves the sacrifice of the KBP.

16. P-N4?

White is too impetuous. He ought to develop with 16. Q-K2, 17. B-K3, and 18. QR-Q1, withholding the advance of the BP and KNP until a more appropriate time.

16. P-B4!

This meets all the requirements of the position and provides black with a lasting initiative.

17. PxP

If 17. PxP, PxN; 18. PxP, RxRch; 19. QxR, R-KB1; 20. Q-K2, R-B7 and Black has a winning attack.

17. QR-Q1 19. P-QR3 B-B4

18. B-N5 R-Q2 20. Q-R4

Safer is 20. NxN, QxN; 21. Q-B2.

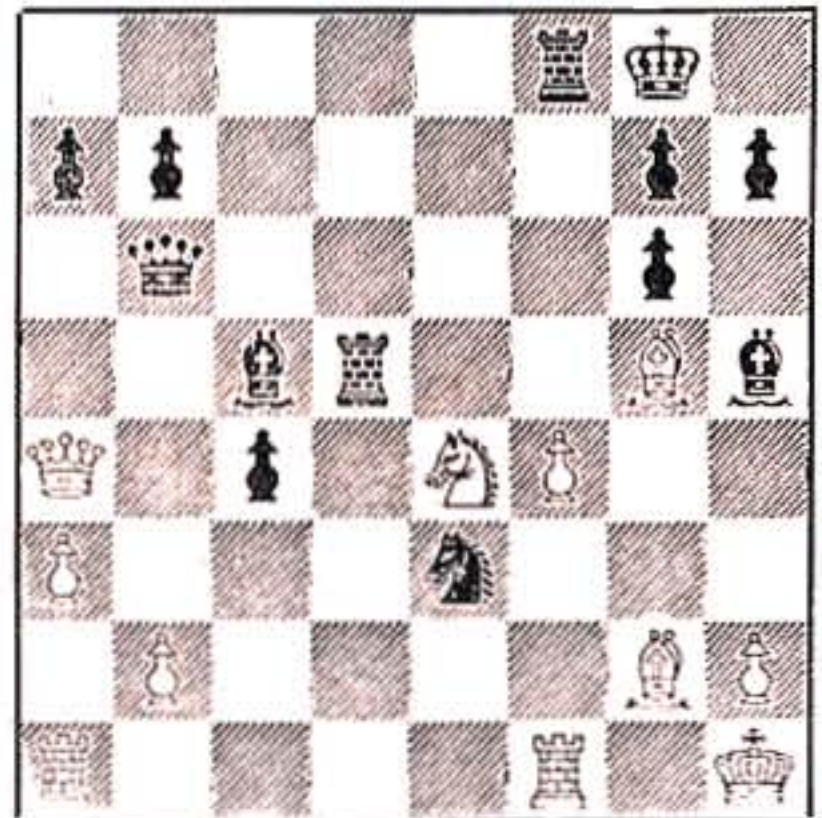
20. RxQP!
Black plunges headlong into heady complications.

21. P-B4 N-N5

22. P-B6

If 22. N-B6ch, NxN; 23. BxN, RxP; 24. B-K5, B-K7; 25. KR-K1, B-Q6 and Black wins. Or if 22. QxBP, N-K6; 23. N-B6ch, PxN; 24. BxRch, NxN; 25. QxNch, B-B2; 26. Q-N2, PxP; 27. QxPch, K-R1 and Black's rangy Bishops win.

22. N-K6!



Position after 22., N-K6!

Threatening to win the Queen with 23. B-K1.

23. PxP KxP

24. N-B6 RxN

25. KBxR

Or 25. BxRch, KxB; 26. BxR, NxN; 27. QxBP, N-K6; 28. Q-K4, QxP; 29. QR-N1, Q-Q5; 30. QxQ, BxQ; 31. R-B2, B-QN3 (threatening 32. B-K1 and 33. B-B3ch) and Black wins.

25. NxB

26. Q-Q7ch

Again, after 26. BxRch, NxN the Black Bishops win. So, White tries to "fish in troubled waters."

26. B-B2 28. RxB R-N3

27. R-KN1 BxR 29. P-B5 RxB1

Not 29. R-Q3?? 30. P-B6ch!!, NxP (best); 31. BxNch, KxB; 32. R-B1ch, and White has counter-chances.

30. RxRch K-B3

31. P-KR4 N-B5

32. R-N4

And the end is sudden. But the game is lost anyway, e.g., 32. Q-Q2, B-Q4ch; 33. K-R2, N-Q6; 34. Q-B3ch, N-K4—with the winning threat 25. Q-B7ch.

32. B-Q4ch

33. K-R2 Q-B7ch

34. R-N2 QxR mate

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AS OTHERS SEE US—

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date) is another indication of the revolution. Keres has always preferred the wide open assault to the cautious "closed-games" of his own day. And Fischer, ironically, is probably the single factor (he leads Keres 2-1 at this date) that deprived Keres of what may be his last chance to challenge for the world championship. Tal and Keres have dominated play at the Challengers Tournament, and this, to my mind, demonstrates that the old order is passing away. Fischer's success in the United

States points the way for us, and now I hope that Bobby will take a two year vacation from the game for his own benefit (and his rivals will benefit too!). Petrosian, Smyslov, Gligoric, Botvinnik, and Reshevsky are the last of the old school. Keres, the fossil of a distant past, Tal, the herald of the new era, and Fischer, the immature—not premature I hope—expression of the wave of the future: This is the significance of what is happening in Yugoslavia now.

My hope is that CHESS LIFE'S panel of columnists (especially Larry Evans) and reporters will bring the revolution to the American "wood-pusher". Not only am I a woodpusher, and therefore selfishly want to learn more, but we woodpushers are "grass-roots" too. After your comprehensive coverage of that epochal tournament, we can receive an introduction into the Russian chess literature that is unavailable to those of us who do not know Russian or do not have access to Russian chess journals. More articles like the one that prompted this letter are needed to counterbalance the heavy dosage of analysis. Only Evans seems to impregnate "idea" into his analysis—to paraphrase Kirby's quotation of Bronstein's paraphrase of Fischer's quotation about Reshevsky. Verbalized "ideas" of chess strategy are needed for those of us who cannot spend every afternoon following out every variation of every variation

Revolution or no, chess has become a more exciting, and therefore a more appealing, game now that Tal and Fischer have put the "kill" back into respectability. By simply playing over Tal's games, my own style has acquired a "bite" that it did not have before. His games recall my first thrilled appreciation of great chess: not Alekhine's 100, but Botvinnik's twin slaughters over Denker right after World War II. Alekhine was in the book (I came to appreciate him later), but Botvinnik was flesh and blood, and those two 20-plus move games were masterpieces for me. Tal's savagery—and Fischer's American version—may quite possibly give chess the popularity it deserves, because people have to be moved emotionally before they move intellectually. Maybe the Russians have sown the seeds of destruction for their supremacy by making the games more exciting. For when the Americans take up chess en masse, Tal's own throne will tremble. May CHESS LIFE provide the impetus!"

"MATE THE SUBTLE WAY" VOTE RESULTS

TOTAL VOTES CAST—90

1. Once a month—9
2. Discontinue—20
3. To remain "as is"—61

Votes from a representative cross-section of USCF members, as well as comments from non-member subscribers to CHESS LIFE, have made it clear that the column should be continued "as is" just as long as Mr. Gabor can continue to devote to it the tremendous amount of time, work, correspondence, and technical ability which have combined to make it an outstanding feature of the paper.

Some of the comments which accompanied the votes are presented below:

"Contrary to the suggestion in the Problem Column, September 20, here is at least one member of the USCF who is very much interested in the regular appearance of the column. To me it is the best part of "Chess Life". I have neither the time nor the talent for tournaments; I am long past improving my game to any extent but I feel I must support chess through membership in the Federation. In return I ask for one feature in the paper that will appeal to me, though I may be in a very small minority.

I learned chess through problems. I knew the game through solving problems in newspapers, before I had ever played a real game. I learned analysis and the powers of the pieces from solving the composed positions and I learned also to appreciate the beauty and complexity of the game. When the time came for actual contests, I was already a fair player solely from my solving efforts. But solving is in itself sufficient reward and my love for the problem art has lasted all my life.

Last week I re-discovered an old problem by Arthur Ford MacKenzie. He has been dead for more than fifty years but as I solved, I admired and marvelled at the beauty he had wrought. When a man, through a creative effort, can give pleasure to later generations, he achieves a minor immortality, whether his field be poetry, painting, music or chess problems. Such creative spirit deserves encouragement, not banishment from the pages."

"To eliminate chess problems from Chess Life would be very much disappointment to me. I've played over the board and by correspondence in tournaments for many years, but I also loved chess problems, endgames, and various positions to solve and, now that I quit playing, depriving me of these things will be tough on me.

I feel confident that the amount of space given to problems in Chess Life is not too much for the number of problem lovers who subscribe."

"I suggest that "Mate the Subtle Way" be discontinued entirely. Suggest more un-annotated games!"

"As far as I am concerned the discontinuance of this column is a long needed improvement in Chess Life."

"To continue as is—But I prefer the solutions to be printed in the same issue as the problem."

"I am a player, not a problemist. But a chess publication without a regular section would be a discredit to the USCF. It is very helpful! !"

"I am a paid-up member of the USCF and would like to suggest a fourth alternative, concerning continuance of "Mate the Subtle Way." Why don't we have the column once a month, but as a full-page feature? Then there might be room, should Mr. Gabor be willing, to run articles which would encourage and attract beginning solvers. I don't think problems should be discontinued for lack of interest, but rather be made interesting."

"While I appreciate anybody's efforts to promote any phase of chess, problems show me little, wherefore I believe this column may be discontinued entirely."

"Mate the Subtle Way in Gabor's section is all I use in Chess Life."

"I am a USCF member solely because of this column excellently conducted by Mr. Gabor. Am also a regular "ladderite" for six or seven years."

"Please exert your influence to save "Mate the Subtle Way". We must appeal to all chess players. The number of people interested in problems is no doubt much less than those interested in actual playing competition but nevertheless the enjoyment received is the same! Do we want it said that the USCF official newspaper is going to remove the "apt" from chess? Incidentally Gabor does an excellent job!"

"It is impossible for me to conceive of anyone being so narrow minded as to suggest any change in Mr. Gabor's fine column. It shows not only an International Flavor in contributors, but also has helped me enlist several new members to the USCF. I am afraid that if this column is dropped I will have to discontinue my membership and also urge many others to do likewise."

"I have become increasingly irritated with the policies of Chess Life since the accession of Mr. Wren to the editorship. If the problem column is dropped or curtailed, it may be the last straw. I should like to see more space given to problems, and to see the USCF encourage them in other ways as well."

"Am surprised that anyone (unless it be Mr. Gabor) would suggest dropping this column. It must be quite a chore and I could understand that. Any way the vote goes, may I congratulate him on conducting the column with much merit, getting responses from all over the world. Mr. Gabor's conducting of the column has been magnificent and we cannot afford to let it drop."

"May I vote strongly against changing your editorial policy regarding problems. I fully expect that you will find that relatively few subscribers want them, yet for those that do. I feel you should maintain the column, for Chess Life ought to satisfy all chess tastes. I am already embarrassed about the few publications in the U.S. offering problems. We need hardly to suffer more embarrassment, especially after the successful Gamage Memorial Tourney recently concluded."

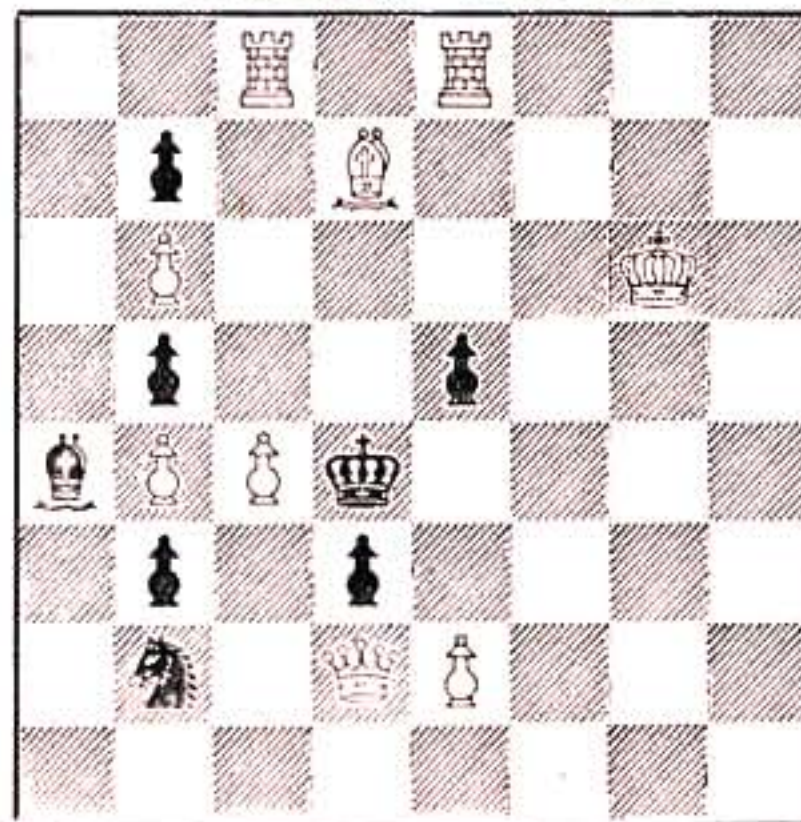
"In my considered opinion, it would be a tragic mistake to reduce the size or frequency of the "Mate the Subtle Way!" feature of Chess Life. Hence, I enclose herewith my vote in favor of retention of this splendid feature "as is", twice a month. I carry full membership in the USCF although I am interested principally in the chess problem feature, because of a genuine desire to help to support organized chess to the full extent of my ability; but if the frequency of Mr. Gabor's excellent column is curtailed or his space diminished drastically, I shall renew my subscription to Chess Life only, dropping USCF membership. If the problem feature is suspended entirely, I shall have no further interest in the USCF or Chess Life."

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Nicholas Gabor

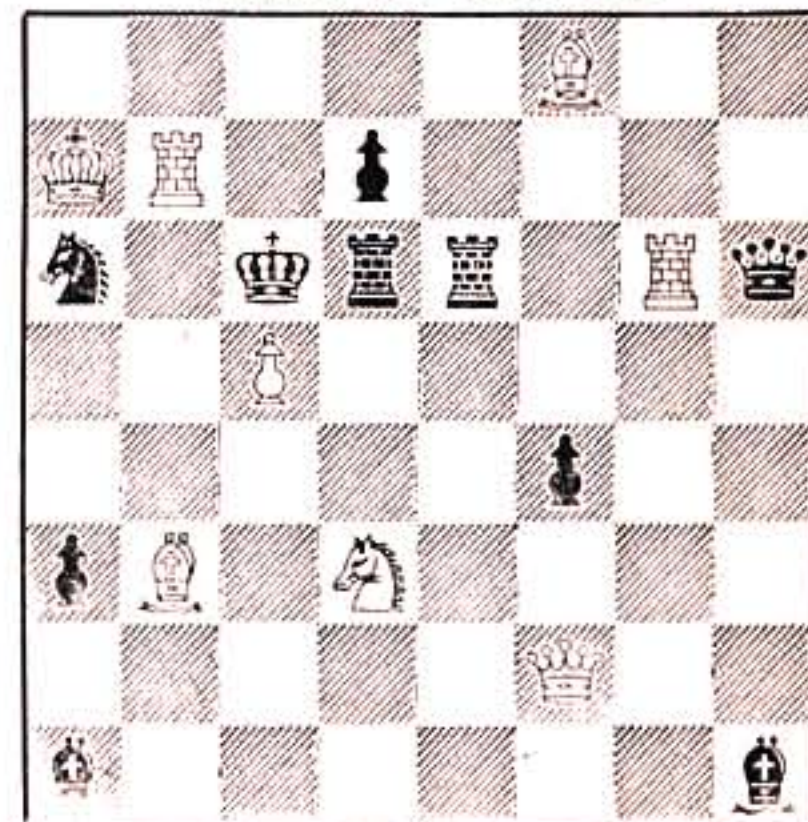
All communications concerning this problem-column, including solutions as well as original compositions for publication (two- and three-mover direct mates), from composers anywhere should be sent to Nicholas Gabor, Hotel Kemper Lane, Cincinnati 6, Ohio.

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Utrecht, Holland
Original for Chess Life



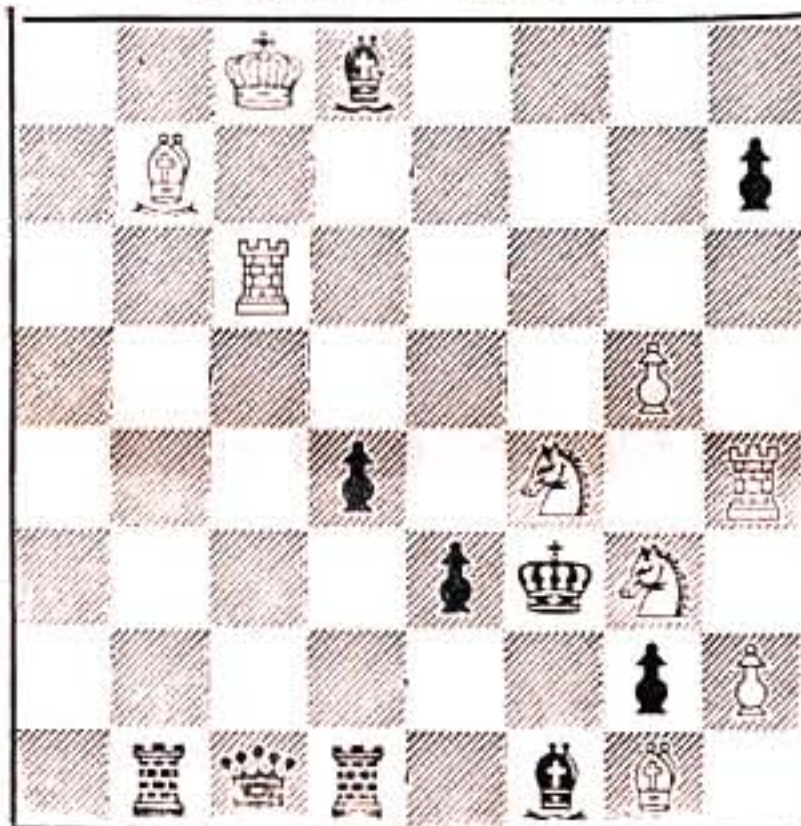
Mate in two moves

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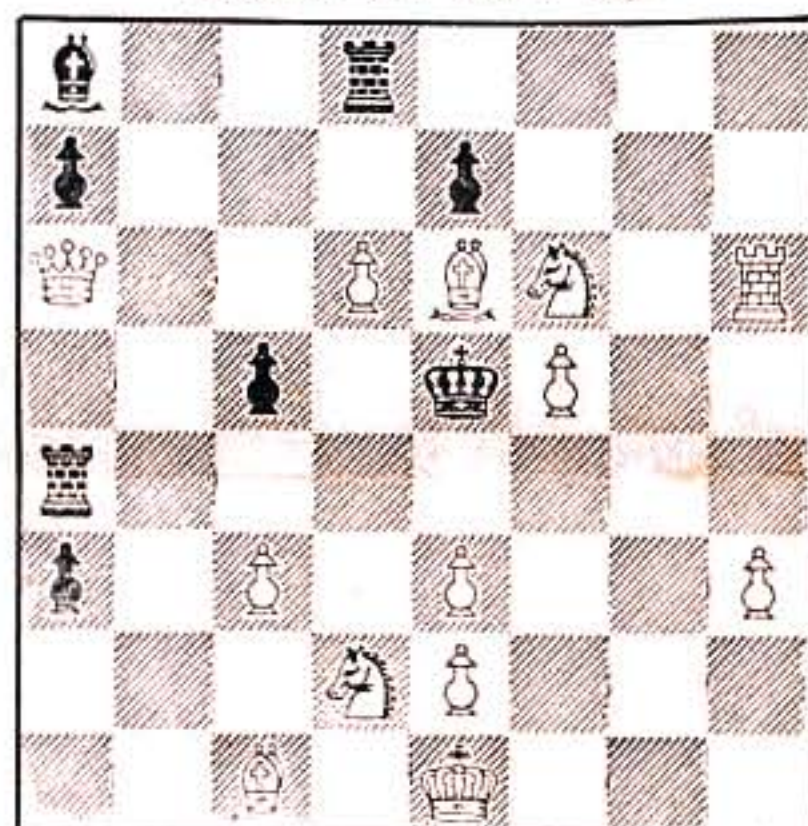
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By J. L. Beale
Melbourne, Australia
Original for Chess Life



Mate in two moves

Problem No. 1044
By Witold Michalak
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Original for Chess Life



Mate in three moves

Solutions to "Mate the Subtle Way."

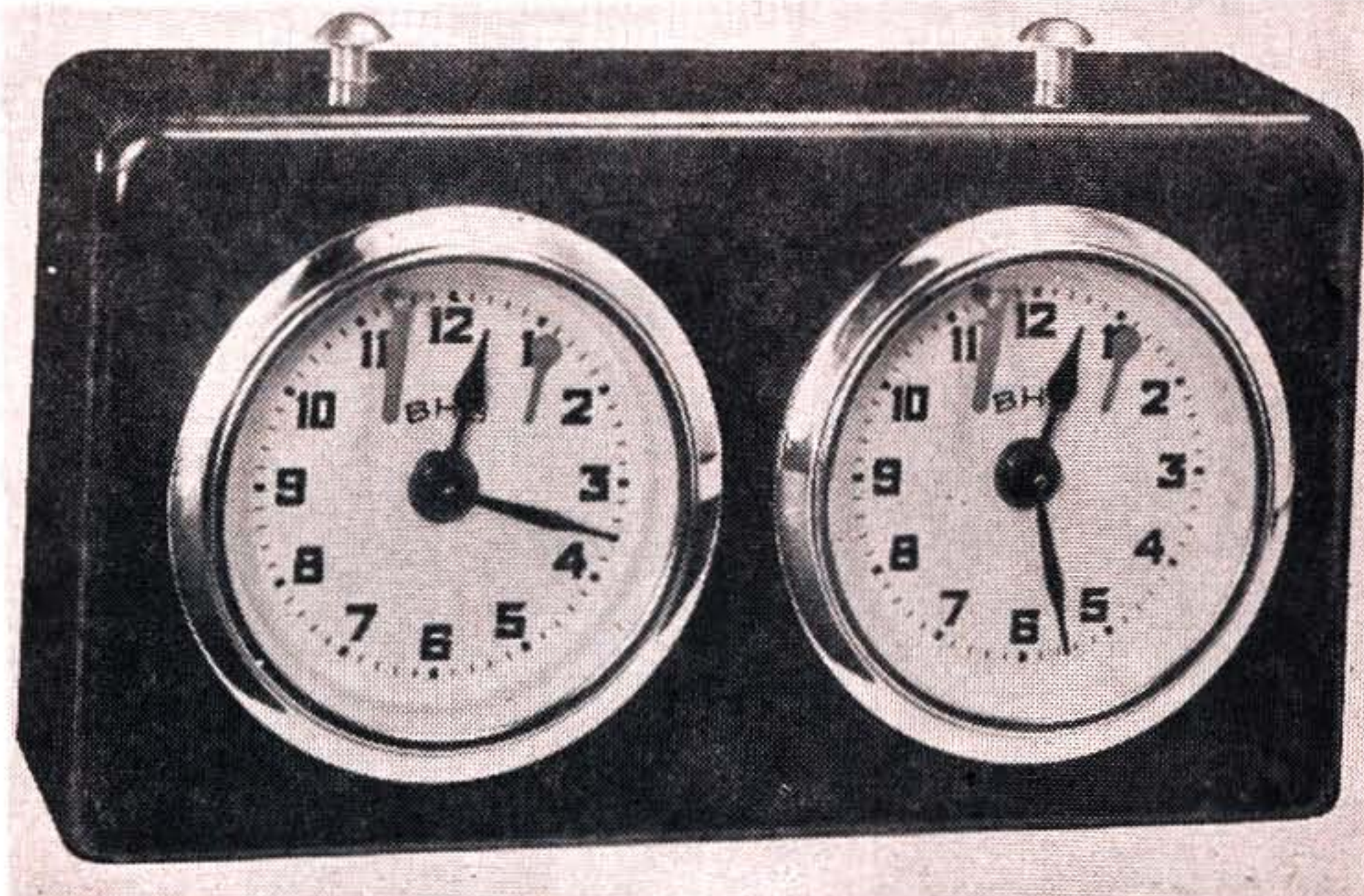
No. 1029 Betesa: try 1. N-B6 with threat 2. Q-K5 defeated by 1., R-K3. Solution 1. N-N6 with same threat. Five variations. **No. 1030 Spiegel:** tries: 1. QxB, (K2)-R-N3? 1. N-N4, P-Q8 knt!? 1. NxQ, BxR? 1. N-R3, B-B3? Key 1. N-Q3 threat 2. N-B4. **No. 1031 Petkow:** key 1. N-Q5 with 5 threats. Fleck mechanism. Multiple threats reduced to a single mating move after every possible black move. **No. 1032 Szwedowski:** intention 1. R-B6 giving the B1K 2 flights with discovered checks and threatening 2. R-B4 and 3. R-Q4 or B-K4 mate. If 1., K1K4ch! 2. R-B7ch! -K-Q4 and 3. RxB mate. If 1., Q-Q5ch! 2. R-K6ch! -K-Q4 and 3. B-K4 mate. If 1., R-R. 2. R-Q6ch! -PxR and 3. N-QB7 mate. The fine idea is ruined by the cook: 1. PxB with the threat 2. R-QB6 and 3. R-B5 mate, against which there is no defense.

"In regard to your recent request for suggestions re chess problems, I would like to add to my signed statement enclosed my urgent request that you not only continue all chess problem columns, but add to same contests in composition such as we see in foreign publications. My only reason for belonging to USCF is my interest in the field of chess problems. I have little or none in the game of chess itself."

"As suggested in Chess Life—to write concerning problem section, I would like to state that it is the best feature of the paper, instead of thinking of doing away with it, it should be enlarged. I certainly have subscribed to the paper because of this section, so count my vote to continue it."

"Please add my vote to those who want "Mate the Subtle Way" continued "as is" twice a month. I realize that this is the members' paper and that, while the problem column occupies only 1/16th of the space somewhat less than that fraction of members may vote to have it continued. Nevertheless, Mr. Gabor has published many delightful problems and the column has given me, and probably many others, much enjoyment."

"I know that many chess players are not interested in problems (to some extent, I am actually one of that many), but I also know that there are many others whose primary interest is problems rather than practical play or composed endings (my own favorite). In my opinion you have far and away the best problem column published in the USA, perhaps even the best problem column published in English anywhere, and I suspect we must have some USCF members whose main reason for belonging to the organization is to receive this column. I certainly hope that the followers of the column take the trouble to cast votes and that there is no change in the frequency of its publication."



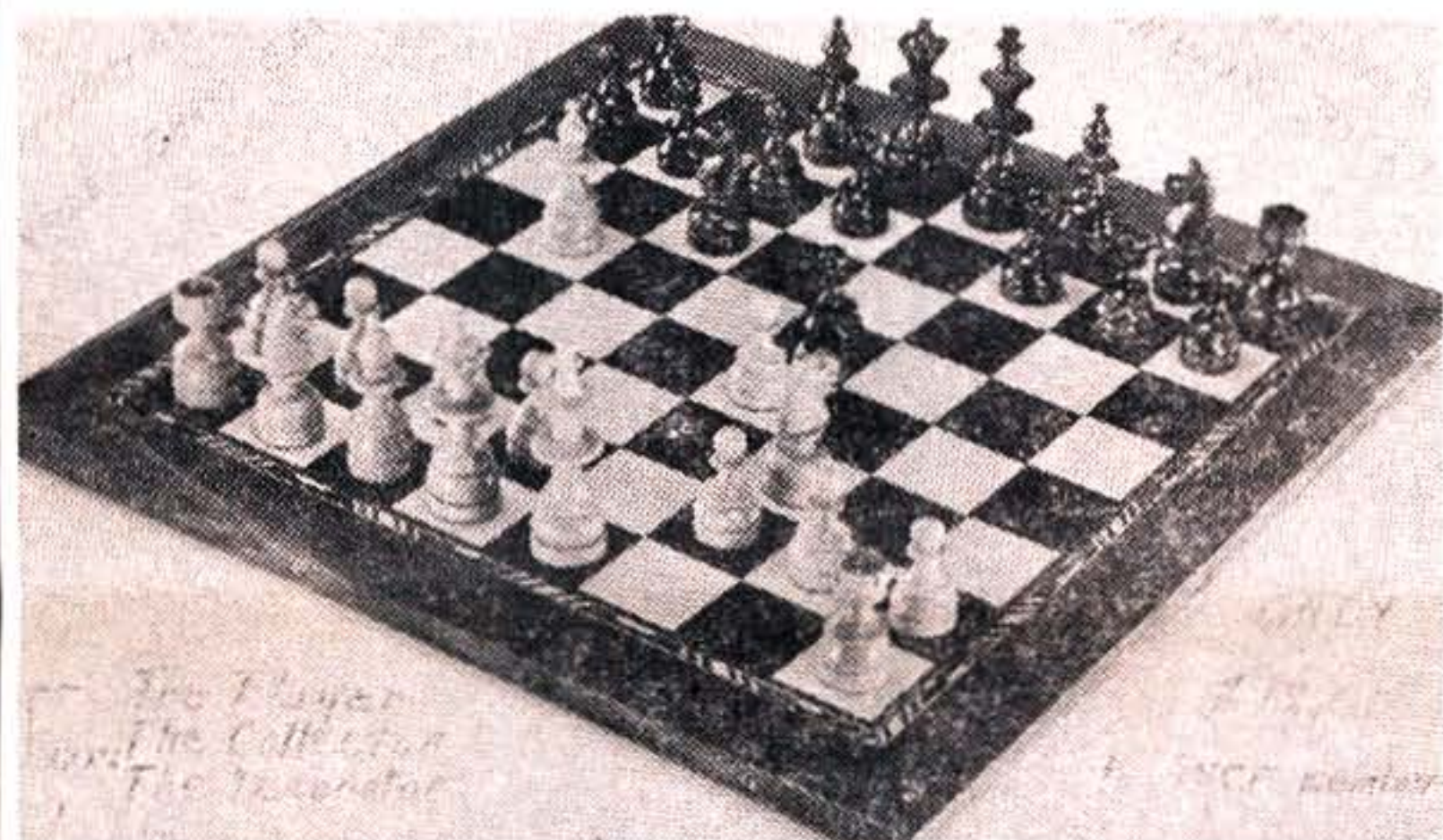
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USCF NATIONAL RATING LIST SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

by
FRANK R. BRADY
USCF Rating Statistician

This list is the first attempt by USCF to publish up-to-date rating averages on a month-to-month basis. As you will notice in the list of events that were rated, we are still far behind being caught up to the point whereby we can publish a monthly list that is a truly pertinent and up-to-date list, with players being able to see their new ratings one month after they actually play in a rated tournament. This is an ideal which USCF is striving for but there are many barriers to be crossed before an up-to-date monthly list becomes an actuality. Though I had worked on one previous list with my predecessor, Kenneth Harkness, I had no idea of the enormous amount of computation and clerical work involved, until I alone had the responsibility of meeting a deadline, as I did with the current list. As a brief sample of what is entailed in the computations, I would like to present a breakdown of the amount of time that went into the rating of one particular event, namely the District of Columbia Team Matches, with 262 players competing:

Locating cards of previously rated players and making out new cards for unrated players: 5 hours.

Recording ratings on tournament report form and averaging performance ratings of those players who competed in other events in this list: 2 hours.

The actual computation for each player: 12 hours.

The recording of the performance rating onto the cards and refileing into master file: 2 hours.

Total time: 21 hours.

As you can easily see, even though this one particular event is an extreme example, the publishing of a rating list can easily assume nightmare proportions, especially when one must spend no less than one half of an entire work-week in finalizing just one event. There is no question that if USCF members feel that the publishing of a list every month (or even every two or three months) is a necessary and desirable objective, as I do, then some radical improvisations and changes may be in order. For instance, it may be necessary to raise the rating fees or to charge a blanket rating fee of \$1.00 per year for every USCF member, in the future, so that competent clerical assistance may be hired to work on the lists. But this may not be necessary if with the cooperation of tournament organizers and directors, we are able to "catch up" with the ever-growing backlog of tournaments that pour in from all parts of the country continuously. Organizers and directors could render invaluable assistance by simply (and strictly) following the following procedures:

1. Before any contestant is entered in any tournament, make certain that he is in fact, a paid-up USCF member in good standing. There is only one way to do this and that is to check the expiration date of each membership card. Tournaments that have players that are not USCF members must be returned and this may very well hold up the rating of a particular tournament for months.
2. Report the results of every tournament as soon as possible, never wait longer than two or three days.
3. Submit all results on the Official USCF Tournament Report Form (which the USCF will be glad to supply, free of charge, together with mimeographed instruction sheet on how to report the various types of tournaments and matches) and print all names and addresses of players, legibly.
4. Make sure that your report is accompanied by the correct rating fees (10 cents per game actually played) and membership dues for every player that joins the USCF at the time of the tournament. **NOTE:** When a player joins the USCF in order to play in a tournament, he expects to be receiving CHESS LIFE within a reasonable amount of time—organizers should immediately forward membership dues collected from new members.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE CURRENT SUPPLEMENT

This list contains the names of 4 Senior Masters, 32 Masters, 152 Experts and 762 Class A, B and C Players. Well over 1200 players were rated in this list, but almost 300 non-members (mostly from team matches) were weeded out before publication. Three players who have never appeared on the Master list before have graduated into "The Magic Circle," namely "Kit" Crittenden of Raleigh, N. C.; Larry Gilden of Tacoma Park, Md. and George Meyer of Washington, D. C. Many of the Masters and Senior Masters listed, still retain their exact ratings, since they competed in tournaments that were not ratable for Masters (more than one round per day played).

NEXT RATING SUPPLEMENT IN JANUARY

Another supplement will be published in CHESS LIFE in January, 1960, which will include such tournaments as the U.S. Open, U.S. Junior, U.S. Seeded and many State and Regional events conducted over Labor Day weekend. An attempt will be made (we're hoping that it is not in vain) to rate all tournaments that have been reported up until September 30th, 1959. As I am writing this, there are 72 tournament reports, involving the performances of 2,162 players, that have come into this office, but have not been rated as yet—all of the reports reaching here during the months of August, September and October.

The USCF Rating Committee, headed by Prof. Arpad Elo, with Dr. Erich Marchand and Guthrie McClain as members, will announce shortly some basic changes in the computations of the ratings that will tend for greater accuracy for all performances involved. It is our desire to

incorporate these changes, as soon as it is possible and practical. Watch CHESS LIFE for full explanation of the revised rating system.

I would like to thank Mr. Joseph Reinhardt of the Staten Island Chess Club for the invaluable assistance that he gave me in doing a great deal of clerical and computing work and Sybilla Harkness for the painstaking job of checking through the completed list and weeding out all non-members—both reduced the entire work involved by many, many hours.

LIST OF EVENTS RATED IN DECEMBER RATING SUPPLEMENT

CALIFORNIA—Central California Individual Championship and State Qualifying Section, April 18-19, 1959; Expert Candidates Tournament, Santa Monica Bay Chess Club, May 13 to June 17, 1959; San Bernadino Open, June 20-21, 1959; Convair Chess Club Championship, San Diego.

CONNECTICUT—New Haven Open Championship, October 2, 1958 to May 13, 1959; Connecticut Championship—play-off, April 19 to May, 1959; Connecticut Team Championship, October 25, 1958 to May 25, 1959; Connecticut-Massachusetts Team Match, May 24, 1959.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—D.C. Team Championships, October 17, 1958 to April 3, 1959; 1959 District of Columbia Open, April 5, to May 31, 1959; National Capitol Open, July 4 to 6, 1959.

FLORIDA—Florida Shores Invitational, May 15 to May 17, 1959; 1959 Florida Gold Coast Championship, June 12 to June 14, 1959.

IDAHO—Idaho Open Championship, May 30-31, 1959.

INDIANA—Indiana State Championship, May 16-17, 1959.

ILLINOIS—Chicago City Championship, May 2-10, 1959.

KANSAS—2nd Mid-Continent Open, May 2-3, 1959.

MASSACHUSETTS—8th Annual Western Massachusetts Championship, April 19-26, 1959; Massachusetts-Connecticut Team Match, May 24, 1959.

MICHIGAN—1959 Lansing Class A Tournament, March 12 to May 21, 1959; 1959 Michigan Amateur Open, May 24-31, 1959.

MISSISSIPPI—Mississippi State Team Championship, April 15, 16, 1959; Mississippi State Championship, June 5, 6, 7, 1959.

NEBRASKA—OPEN SPRING, Lincoln Chess Club, Class A, May 16-17, 1959.

NEW JERSEY—New Jersey State Junior Championship, June 26-28, 1959; Junior Fund Raising Tournament, Independent Chess Club, June 13-14, 1959.

NEW MEXICO—Albuquerque Open, May 30-31, 1959.

NEW YORK—New York State Susquehanna Cup Team Matches, April 11 to 12, 1959; London Terrace Chess Club Championship, December 10 to April 22, 1959; Marshall Chess Club Amateur Championship, April to May 10, 1959; Lake Ontario Open, May 16-17, 1959; Greater New York Open Championship, June 26-27-28, 1959; Staten Island Open Championship, July 10-11-12, 1959; Individual Match—Everett Raffell vs. Charles A. Reinwald, July, 1959.

NORTH CAROLINA—1959 Carolinas Open Championship, June 26-27-28, 1959.

OHIO—1959 Cincinnati Championship, February 26 to May 3, 1959; 1st Midwest Amateur Championship, July 3-4-5, 1959.

PENNSYLVANIA—Central Pennsylvania Open, April 18-19, 1959; Tri-State Intercollegiate Chess Championship, May 16-17, 1959; Pittsburgh Gateway Open Championship, July 3-5, 1959.

RHODE ISLAND—1959 Rhode Island State Championship, Class A & B, February 25 to June 20, 1959.

TEXAS—Dallas City Championship Qualifying Tournament, May 30-31, 1959; West Texas Open Championship, June 20-21, 1959.

WASHINGTON—1959 Puget Sound Open.

WEST VIRGINIA—Huntington-YMCA Annual Club Championship, May 16 to June 20, 1959.

WISCONSIN—Wisconsin Championship, May 1-3, 1959; Milwaukee County Championship, May 4 to June 29, 1959.

SENIOR MASTERS

(2400 to 2599 points)	
Benko, Paul (New York City).....	2496
Bisguier, A. B. (Elmhurst, N.Y.).....	2507
Lombardy, W. J. (Bronx, N.Y.).....	2509
Sherwin, J. T. (New York City).....	2408

MASTERS

(2200 to 2399 points)	
Addison, W. G. (New York City).....	2338
Avram, H. (Adelphi, Md.).....	2344
Blonarovich, L. (Newark, N.J.).....	2234
Brandts, P. (New York, N.Y.).....	2254
Crittenden, C. (Raleigh, N.C.).....	2204
Curdo, J. A. (Lynn, Mass.).....	2218
Dubeck, L. (Maplewood, N.J.).....	2247
Gilden, L. C. (Takoma Park, Md.).....	2217
Gore, J. P. (New York City).....	2235
Hearst, E. S. (Arlington, Va.).....	2316
Kirby, R. C. (Chicago, Ill.).....	2279
McCormick, E. T. (E. Orange, N.J.).....	2232
Marchand, Dr. E. (Rochester, N.Y.).....	2230
Mengarini, Dr. A. (Bronx, N.Y.).....	2200
Meyer, Geo. (Wash., D.C.).....	2204
Mugridge, D. H. (Wash., D.C.).....	2276
Owens, B. E. (Great Neck, N.Y.).....	2214
Pilnick, C. (Hempstead, N.Y.).....	2304
Pizzi, Dr. T. (Santiago, Chile).....	2230
Popel, S. (Detroit, Mich.).....	2346
Popovych, O. (Lakewood, N.J.).....	2248
Sandrin, A. N. (Chicago, Ill.).....	2252
Schmidt, Dr. B. (Homer, N.Y.).....	2250
Shipman, W. (New York City).....	2253
Tums, J. (Chicago, Ill.).....	2222
Tautvaisas, P. (Chicago, Ill.).....	2303
Ulvestad, O. (Seattle, Wash.).....	2253
Wanefick, S. (Philadelphia, Pa.).....	2200

Weinberger, T. (Glendale, Calif.).....	2294
Weinstein, R. (Brooklyn, N.Y.).....	2373
Whitaker, N. T. (Shadyside, Md.).....	2212

EXPERTS

(2000 to 2199 points)	
Alexander, J. (Phoenix, Ariz.).....	2049
Allen, D. W. (Independence, Mo.).....	2060
Amneus, D. A. (Monterey, Calif.).....	2169
Bacynski, C. (Brooklyn, N.Y.).....	2022
Baker, Harry (Brooklyn, N.Y.).....	2106
Bolton, J. M. (New Haven, Conn.).....	2117
Bond, Robt. (Meridian, Miss.).....	2045
Brady, Frank (Staten Island, N.Y.).....	2001
Brooks, Don O. (South Bend, Ind.).....	2100
Budowski, G. (Costa Rica).....	2125
Burger, E. W. (Wilmette, Ill.).....	2008
Cantwell, Dr. R. S. (Falls Church, Va.).....	2033
Carlyle, Dr. R. (St. Petersburg, Fla.).....	2111
Clayton, K. (Washington, D.C.).....	2020
Cimermanis, H. E. (Tacoma Park, Md.).....	2042
Clark, D. L. (Detroit, Mich.).....	2002
Crowder, L. P. (Starkville, Miss.).....	2049
Czernieki, K. A. (Chicago, Ill.).....	2082
Donnelly, W. H. (Valparaiso, Ind.).....	2024
Dorschell, G. T. (Madison, Wisc.).....	2031*
Douglas, B. (Dallas, Tex.).....	2005
Ducharme, J. (Easthampton, Mass.).....	2039
Durkin, R. T. (Lyons, N.J.).....	2132
Eastwood, R. C. (Homestead, Fla.).....	2051

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Wright, J. M. (Kansas City, Mo.).....2002
Wright, R. G. (Midland, Texas).....2005
Zimmerman, A. (Bronx, N.Y.).....2049

CLASSES A, B & C

Classifications as follows:

- CLASS A: 1800 to 1999 points
- CLASS B: 1600 to 1799 points
- CLASS C: Below 1600 points

A

Abbott, Wm. (Wayne, N.J.).....	1858
Abeles, N. (E. Lansing, Mich.).....	1609
Abram, Gary (Detroit, Mich.).....	1964
Abrams, R. B. (Milwaukee, Wisc.).....	1990
Adair, R. D. (Albuquerque, N.M.).....	1605
Adams, Chas. (Chicago, Ill.).....	1862
Akin, W. B. (Dallas, Tex.).....	1679
Alexander, Jas. (San Diego, Cal.).....	1700
Alexander, P. Jr. (China Lake, Calif.).....	1788*
Allen, D. (Sturgeon Bay, Wisc.).....	1849
Allen, Capt. J. H. (Lincoln, Neb.).....	1816*
Allured, K. B. (Northampton, Mass.).....	1742
Altman, Dr. V. (Staten Island, N.Y.).....	1959
Altucher, S. (New York City).....	1800
Ambrufsky, M. (Wichita, Kans.).....	1868
Ames, D. (Quincy, Mass.).....	1872
Anderson, G. F. (Wash., D.C.).....	1844*
Anderson, P. (Pittsburgh, Pa.).....	1601*
Anderson, R. (Jackson, Mich.).....	1844
Anderson, S. (Whittier, Calif.).....	1700
Andreyev, P. (Binghamton, N.Y.).....	1611
Arbette, E. (Brookline, Mass.).....	1882
Archambeault, R. Jr. (Florence, Mass.).....	1449*
Archambeault, R. J. (Florence, Mass.).....	1559
Arden, Leon (New York City).....	1939
Arganian, D. (E. Lansing, Mich.).....	1877
Arthur, L. C. (E. Northport, N.Y.).....	1642*
Atkinson, M. L. (Anderson, Ind.).....	1770
Armstrong, T. (Memphis, Tenn.).....	1749*
Augenstein, H. (Warwick, R.I.).....	1947
Ault, L. H. (Cranford, N.J.).....	2084
Ault, Robin (Cranford, N.J.).....	2036

B

Bacardi, Dr. J. F. (Wash., D.C.).....	1901
Bachmayer, C. (Toledo, Ohio).....	1522
Baer, K. A. (Wash., D.C.).....	1929
Bagley, R. (Fullerton, Calif.).....	1735
Bagwell, R. (R. S. Bend, Ind.).....	1600
Bahr, F. (Cincinnati, Ohio).....	1813
Baker, R. E. (Fresno, Calif.).....	1869
Balding, D. H. (Evansville, Ind.).....	1614*
Balding, J. B. (Evansville, Ind.).....	1797
Baldridge, J. H. (E. Haven, Ct.).....	1743
Banker, G. M. (Kansas City, Mo.).....	1912
Bannister, J. (Midland, Texas).....	1668*
Baptist, A. S. (Ypsilanti, Mich.).....	1723
Barner, R. D. (E. Lansing, Mich.).....	1641
Barrett, G. (Los Angeles, Calif.).....	1973
Barron, Lem (Crystal Springs, Miss.).....	1800*
Bartels, W. (Oshkosh, Wisc.).....	1776
Barwick, E. (Lansing, Mich.).....	1900
Bates, D. H. (Appleton, Wisc.).....	1809
Baylor, G. W. (Pittsburgh, Pa.).....	1985
Beckner, R. R. (Brookfield, Conn.).....	1929
Beitling, J. R. (Kansas City, Mo.).....	1956
Bell, J. (Portland, Ore.).....	1806
Bender, F. (Maywood, Ill.).....	1753*
Bender, G. (Altoona, Pa.).....	1861
Benge, D. E. (Culver City, Calif.).....	1870
Benjamin, R. H. (Stratford, Conn.).....	1955
Bennett, J. R. (Ft. Worth, Tex.).....	1845
Berg, J. (Sturgeon Bay, Wis.).....	1450
Berquist, T. O. (Huntington, W.Va.).....	1809
Bernstein, A. (Woodhaven, N.Y.).....	1766
Bersbach, E. (Los Angeles, Calif.).....	1961
Bervaldi, P. (Miami, Fla.).....	1875
Berzarrins, V. (Cleveland, Ohio).....	1903*
Bickham, W. (Univ. Park, Pa.).....	1812
Biggs, D.S. (Indianapolis, Ind.).....	1950
Birns, L. (New York City).....	1993
Bitzer, C. W. (China Lake, Calif.).....	1872
Blachuta, J. (N. Britain, Conn.).....	1789
Blackshear, L. P. (Millersburg, Ky.).....	1772
Blackstone, J. (Saratoga, Calif.).....	1966
Blanchard, E. (Raleigh, N.C.).....	1738
Blanchard, J. (Raleigh, N.C.).....	1400
Blanchard, S. (Raleigh, N.C.).....	1500
Blatt, R. (Brooklyn, N.Y.).....	1581*
Bledsoe, Dr. J. M. (Dallas, Tex.).....	1628
Bodker, W. (Jackson, Miss.).....	1637
Boggs, C. (Huntington, W.Va.).....	1400*
Boginski, F. (APO, N.Y.).....	1547
Bohley, D. (Grand Rapids, Mich.).....	1848
Bonnell, B. (Sayre, Okla.).....	1617
Borges, F. (Coral Gables, Fla.).....	1835
Borrero, G. (Balt., Md.).....	1766
Boschan, E. (Wash., D.C.).....	1838
Bourdon, E. L. (Holyoke, Mass.).....	1888
Bourke, M. (Waterbury, Conn.).....	1769
Boyd, D. (Toledo, Ohio).....	1450*
Brace, J. (Evanston, Ill.).....	1749*
Brady, L. (Flint, Mich.).....	1802
Brazeal, J. (Amarillo, Tex.).....	1623
Brewer, W. E. (Toledo, Ohio).....	1422
Brice-Nash, B. (Webb City, Mo.).....	1919
Brickey, V. (Redlands, Calif.).....	1504*
Bricher, J. (College Grove, Ore.).....	1652
Brooks, B. (Miami Beach, Fla.).....	1800
Brown, O. (Quaker Hill, Conn.).....	1615
Buck, W. S. (Altoona, Pa.).....	1770
Buckner, J. E. (Kansas City, Mo.).....	1853
Burger, H. J. (Springfield, Mass.).....	1888
Burgess, E. C. (N. Kansas City, Mo.).....	1649
Burkett, Max (Memphis, Tenn.).....	1946
Burlingame, M., Mrs. (Phoenix, Ariz.).....	1830
Burnette, W. (Gosport, Ind.).....	1664
Burroughs, Wm. (Southington, Ct.).....	1755
Burrus, J. O. (Biloxi, Miss.).....	1714
Butler, W. (Evanston, Ill.).....	1824

C

Cabot, F. J. (Madison, Wisc.).....	1985
Cadden, E. (Leland, Miss.).....	1475
Cairncross, R. W. (Portland, Ore.).....	1823*

Callhamer, A. B. (Cambridge, Mass.).....	1907
Callaway, J. E. (Springfield, Va.).....	1959
Campbell, D. (Detroit, Mich.).....	1790
Cantone, A. (State College, Pa.).....	1980
Capen, F. (W. Haven, Conn.).....	1774
Caravacci, E. (Alliguiqua, Pa.).....	1818
Cariin, W. (Bellwood, Pa.).....	1625*
Carlton, A. G. (Silver Spring, Md.).....	1916
Carlton, H. F. (Rochester, N.Y.).....	1765
Carter, R. D. (Santa Monica, Cal.).....	1781
Cartier, R. (Elsinore, Calif.).....	1906*
Cassett, B. (Cincinnati, O.).....	1570
Casten, F. (Norfolk, Va.).....	1795
Castor, C. Jr. (Southport, N.C.).....	1470
Cendrowski, J. (New Britain, Ct.).....	1763
Chappuis, G. (Salt Lake City, Utah).....	1935
Chassan, J. (Forest Hills, Md.).....	1947*
Cheever, J. (Cambridge, Mass.).....	1885
Cherestes, A. J. (Santa Monica, Calif.).....	1699
Chinn, A. (Miami, Fla.).....	1800
Chittenden, E. H. (Wash., D.C.).....	1827
Christiansen, A. (Milwaukee, Wis.).....	1509*
Cochrane, J. H. (Toledo, Ohio).....	1879
Christoffersen, S. (Norfolk, Neb.).....	1616
Church, R. M. (Providence, R.I.).....	1896
Coady, G. F. (Toledo, O.).....	1830
Coburn, W. (Newark, N.J.).....	1773
Cohen, M. G. (Miami, Fla.).....	1963
Cole, L. R. (Valparaiso, Ind.).....	1635*
Condon, A. S. (Koskiusko, Miss.).....	1723
Connelly, M. (Jersey City, N.J.).....	1818
Convis, D. L. (Wichita, Kans.).....	1584
Cooper, C. (E. Lansing, Mich.).....	1697*
Cooper, R. (Elsinore, Calif.).....	1737*
Corr, R. H. (New Britain, Conn.).....	1400*
Cosho, J. (Boise, Idaho).....	1753*
Cotarelo, J. (Staten Island, N.Y.).....	1865
Cotto, G. (Brooklyn, N.Y.).....	1896
Cowan, E. (Driggs, Idaho).....	1753*
Cox, M. E. (Oaklawn, Ill.).....	1939
Cramer, F. (Milwaukee, Wisc.).....	1822
Creekmore, H. (Greenville, Miss.).....	1691
Crites, R. (Dallas, Tex.).....	1510*
Culbert, F. J. (Bethlehem, Pa.).....	1646
Cumming, K. (Irving, Tex.).....	1710*
Curtis, T. (Mt. Vernon, Ohio).....	1722
Custer, P. E. (Independence, Mo.).....	1576

D

Darbes, A. (Huntington, W.Va.).....	1794
Darnell, R. M. (Clarksdale, Miss.).....	1667
Davis, Mrs. D. (Lincoln, Neb.).....	1816*
Davis, H. B. Jr. (Jackson, Miss.).....	1663
Dawson, R. (Wheaton, Md.).....	1994
Day Harry (Lansing, Mich.).....	1579
Deitrich, C. H. (Bellafonte, Pa.).....	1743
de La Torre, A. M. (Norman, Okla.).....	1906
Delson, B. (Thompsonville, Conn.).....	1625
Denne, J. (Chicago, Ill.).....	1540*
Denny, D. W. (Irving, Tex.).....	1745
Deren, M. C. (Seymour, Conn.).....	1804
Derring, H. (Pt. Pleasant, N.J.).....	1835
Detrich, J. (San Diego, Cal.).....	1573
Dick, Jack (Jackson, Miss.).....	1581*
Dicerson, E. A. (Maplewood, Mo.).....	1846
Dickson, D. (Bridgeport, Ct.).....	1705
Di Domenico, J. (Providence, R.I.).....	1797
Dobies, P. (Riverside, Calif.).....	1744
Dolph, P. (Boise, Idaho).....	1752
Domont, R. (Indianapolis, Ind.).....	1550*
Donsky, A. (Racine, Wisc.).....	1907
Donins, A. (Grand Rapids, Mich.).....	1900*
Donley, G. C. (Logansport, Ind.).....	1738
Douglas, B. G. (Dallas, Tex.).....	1767
Downes, J. (E. Lansing, Mich.).....	1949
Downey, A. F. (Arlington, Va.).....	1767
Doyle, D. M. (Barstow, Calif.).....	1525*
Duggins, E. (Gary, Ind.).....	1679
Duhaime, E. (Bristol, Conn.).....	1901
Duming, E. A. (Jackson, Miss.).....	1710
Dyba, P. (Springfield, Mass.).....	1760

E

Ebert, R. G. (Indianapolis, Ind.).....	1592
Eckman, G. (Millersville, Pa.).....	1734
Eddy, Buzz (Seattle, Wash.).....	1727
Edelsburg, A. (Columbia, S.C.).....	1800
Edmonson, E. B. (Randolph, AFB, Tex.).....	1943
Edwards, D. (Seattle, Wash.).....	1561
Egan, R. A. (Jackson Hgts.).....	1939
Ellis, A. B. (Nampa, Idaho).....	1803*
Emile, P. (Wash., D.C.).....	1905*
Engdahl, H. (Kenosha, Wisc.).....	1711
Enrione, E. (Coral Gables, Fla.).....	1948
Epstein, J. (New Haven, Conn.).....	1636
Erdody, T. (Toledo, Ohio).....	1444*

F

Farkas, J. R. (Bridgeport, Conn.).....	1781
Fasano, R. (Red Bank, N.J.).....	1827
Feld, F. (Indianapolis, Ind.).....	1521
Feld, J. (Indianapolis, Ind.).....	1510
Felts, E. A. (Jackson, Miss.).....	1831
Fengers, Otto (Chicago, Ill.).....	1918
Ferguson, D. (Chicago, Ill.).....	1877
Ferguson, Y. C. (Wash., D.C.).....	1738
Fegucher, K. (Columbus, Ohio).....	1967
Filipovich, A. (Minneapolis, Minn.).....	1685
Finkelstein, J. (Long Branch, N.J.).....	1917*
Finn, Daniel (New York City).....	1895
Fisher, R. (West End, N.J.).....	1578
Fitzgerald, J. (Springfield, Mass.).....	1770
Fitzgerald, R. (Milwaukee, Wis.).....	1678
Foote, F. (Lansing, Mich.).....	1494
Formanek, E. (Cicero, Ill.).....	1689*
Forrest, K. (Manhattan Beach, Calif.).....	1700
Forsberg, C. (Altoona, Pa.).....	1670
Foster, L. L. (Columbia, S.C.).....	1823
Foster, R. (Wash., D.C.).....	1794
Fredenburgh, M. (Providence, R.I.).....	1821
Freed, J. (Los Angeles, Calif.).....	1935
Freed, Mrs. J. (Los Angeles, Cal.).....	1540
Freeman, A. (Cambridge, Mass.).....	1989
Freitag, H. L. (Buffalo, N.Y.).....	1977
Fries, T. (Los Angeles, Calif.).....	1978
Frisch, J. (Indianapolis, Ind.).....	1435*
Frost, A. (Columbus, Ohio).....	1577
Fuchs, Mrs. M. B. (New York City).....	1694
Funderburg, D. (Albuquerque, N.M.).....	1736

G

Gallagher, F. (Bristol, Conn.).....	1500
Gallik, D. (New York City).....	1969
Gardner, L. C. (Arlington, Va.).....	1859
Garfield, H. (Atlantic City, N.J.).....	1489
Geary, C. T. (Eugene, Ore.).....	1844
Gelder, J. W. (Bath, N.Y.).....	1736
Germain, B. H. (Oakdale, Conn.).....	1951
Germer, A. (Wilbraham, Mass.).....	1659*
Gilliland, A. A. (Wash., D.C.).....	1933
Gish, Chas. (Salina, Kansas).....	1773*
Gister, S. (Bound Brook, N.J.).....	1757
Gladstone, R. (Bklyn, N.Y.).....	1694*
Goldbold, E. (Chicago, Ill.).....	1962
Goddard, M. (Miami, Fla.).....	1677
Goddard, Mrs. M. (Miami, Fla.).....	1656
Goddard, O. (Plymouth, Mass.).....	1624
Goldsberry, C. (Springfield, Ohio).....	1694*
Goldsmith, J. (Rego Park, N.Y.).....	1849
Golla, R. W. (Chicago, Ill.).....	1986
Goodin, R. P. (San Diego, Cal.).....	1657
Gordon, R. (Albany, N.Y.).....	1650
Gorman, J. (New York, N.Y.).....	1877
Gould, P. H. (Providence, R.I.).....	1903
Gould, S. H. (Providence, R.I.).....	1885
Gould, W. (Providence, R.I.).....	1858
Grande, P. M. (Wash., D.C.).....	1450*
Grant, N. (San Diego, Calif.).....	1958
Gray, L. (Homestead, Fla.).....	1803
Green, L. (Dallas, Texas).....	1580
Greensite, A. (San Diego, Calif.).....	1879*
Grinnell, W. C. (Dallas, Tex.).....	1705
Groenig, Dr. D. (Spokane, Wash.).....	1923
Gropp, A. E. (Wash., D.C.).....	1818
Gross, G. (Milton, Fla.).....	1800
Goetzman, M. (Jamaica, N.Y.).....	1964
Gunderson, G. (Seymour, Conn.).....	1767*

H

Haberland, H. (Chicago, Ill.).....	1860*
Hadley, G. (Chatham, N.J.).....	1765
Haffner, L. W. (Crawfordsville, Ind.).....	1774*
Hagen, J. (Lansing, Mich.).....	1859
Haines, R. (Albuquerque, N.M.).....	1885
Haines, W. C. (Sacramento, Calif.).....	1969
Halkides, B. (E. Lansing, Mich.).....	1717*
Hall, R. L. (Norfolk, Neb.).....	1793
Hamilton, L. C. (E. Lansing, Mich.).....	1854
Hand, E. E. (W. Haven, Conn.).....	1897
Hanlen, John (Somerville, S.C.).....	1661
Hardman, G. W. (Baltimore, Md.).....	1901
Harmon, C. R. (Portland, Ore.).....	1890
Harrell, R. (Wash., D.C.).....	1988
Harris, C. G. (Arlington, Va.).....	1740
Harris, D. A. (Jackson, Miss.).....	1807
Harris, J. (Philadelphia, Pa.).....	1704
Harshbarger, R. (Ocean Pk., Cal.).....	1970
Hart, R. E. (Wichita, Kans.).....	1827
Hartigan, J. B. (Elkhart, Ind.).....	1948
Harwell, Dr. G. (Durham, N.C.).....	1781
Harwell, K. (Durham, N.C.).....	1452
Hayes, R. C. (Erie, Pa.).....	1907
Hayward, Dr. V. (Elmhurst, N.Y.).....	1600
Heap, D. C. (Abilene, Texas).....	1813
Heckman, R. (Norfolk, Neb.).....	1716*
Hedgecock, Dr. R. (Frankfort, Ind.).....	1590
Heilbut, R. P. (Salt Lake City, Utah).....	1875
Hencir, E. (Grand Rapids, Mich.).....	1965
Henderson, E. (Wyoming, Ohio).....	1505
Henderson, P. S. (Lynchburg, Va.).....	1880
Hendy, Dr. A. (San Bernardino, Cal.).....	1635
Henry, L. L. (Pittsburgh, Pa.).....	1953
Henry, W. P. (Ft. Wayne, Ind.).....	1877
Hickman, M. (Raleigh, N.C.).....	1450*
Hidalgo, C. J. (New York, N.Y.).....	1944
Hill, M. (Cleveland, Ohio).....	1887*
Hirons, P. G. (Providence, R.I.).....	1761
Holbrook, S. (Santa Monica, Cal.).....	1672*
Hollenbaugh, R. (Meadville, Pa.).....	1620
Holodny, E. (New York City).....	1949
Hopkins, W. B. (Phoenix, Ariz.).....	1703
Horning, J. W. (San Diego, Cal.).....	1719
Hornstein, Dr. N. (Knightdale, N.C.).....	1912
Horton, J. (Albuquerque, N.M.).....	1619*
Housewith, G. H. (Detroit, Mich.).....	1891
Housfeld, L. R. (Milwaukee, Wisc.).....	1663
Houston, W. E. (Columbia, S.C.).....	1704*
Howard, F. M. (Seattle, Wash.).....	1735
Howell, W. H. (Jackson, Miss.).....	1500
Hubbell, R. (Lansing, Mich.).....	1560*
Hughart, H. (Boise, Idaho).....	1867
Hume, V. (Shelburne Falls, Mass.).....	1710
Hunt, R. M. (Danbury, Conn.).....	1695
Hurvitz, J. H. (Chestnut Hill, Mass.).....	1736
Hutaff, O. C. (Wilmington, N.C.).....	1963

I

Irwin, P. (Summit, N.J.).....	1830
Ishkan, J. E. (Fairfield, Conn.).....	1761

J

Jackson, L. C. (Toledo, Ohio).....	1938
Jaffray, J. W. (Los Angeles, Calif.).....	1943
James, W. (Biloxi, Miss.).....	1565*
Jankauskas, K. (Chicago, Ill.).....	1985
Jankowski, Z. (New Britain, Conn.).....	1890
Jenkins, T. A. (Huntington Woods, Mich.).....	1961
Jetzer, C. G. (Sheboygan, Wisc.).....	1674
Jewett, H. R. (Ft. Wayne, Ind.).....	1677*
Joachim, Dr. C. (Seattle, Wash.).....	1835
Johnson, Mrs. C. (Dallas, Tex.).....	1464*
Johnson, G. D. (Chicago, Ill.).....	1930
Johnson, H. M. (Albuquerque, N.M.).....	1759
Johnson, L. (Los Angeles, Calif.).....	1954
Johnson, O. W. (Dallas, Texas).....	1822
Johnson, R. B. (Mercer, Pa.).....	1968
Johnson, R. E. (Felding Hills, Mass.).....	1848
Jollensten, R. (Millersville, Md.).....	1739
Jones, Dale (Clarksdale, Miss.).....	1923
Jones, D. C. (Ft. Wayne, Ind.).....	

Chess Life

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Karpuska, W. (Chicago, Ill.).....	1855
Katz, W. (New York City).....	1735
Keller, F. W. (Northampton, Mass.).....	1940
Kellner, L. (Detroit, Mich.).....	1840
Kelly, J. (Lansing, Mich.).....	1867
Kern, G. (Paramount, Calif.).....	1918
Kerr, F. H. (Uniontown, Pa.).....	1546
Killian, P. W. (Wilmington, N.C.).....	1715
Killough, Mrs. H. (Russell, Kans.).....	1619
Kime, R. (Racine, Wisc.).....	1843
Kimp, V. M. (Terryville, Conn.).....	1960
King, P. F. (Dallas, Tex.).....	1560*
King, R. E. (Vicksburg, Miss.).....	1634
King, S. (Groton, Conn.).....	1897
Kirwan, J. D. (Newark, N.J.).....	1835
Kisiel, C. (Providence, R.I.).....	1694*
Klavins, A. (Hartford, Conn.).....	1883
Klein, M. (Cicero, Ill.).....	1887
Knapp, E. E. (Gig Harbor, Wash.).....	1724
Knapp, E. M. (Arlington, Va.).....	1996
Kneip, P. (Chicago, Ill.).....	1744
Kolosso, P. M. (Appleton, Wisc.).....	1829
Koss, E. (Belleville, N.J.).....	1968
Kotlan, M. C. (San Diego, Calif.).....	1719
Kramer, E. (Rochester, N.Y.).....	1814
Kronstedt, S. B. (Arlington, Va.).....	1943
Kucefski, A. (Westfield, Mass.).....	1657
Kurman, S. (Dallas, Texas).....	1660*
Kuff, F. (Lansing, Mich.).....	1643

— L —

Lajcikt, T. (Cincinnati, Ohio).....	1831
Lake, R. G. (Toledo, Ohio).....	1720
Lardon, R. T. (Middle Village, N.Y.).....	1676
Le Clerc, P. (Wethersfield, Conn.).....	1830
Leder, G. (Cincinnati, Ohio).....	1635
Leewright, R. (Wichita, Kans.).....	1856
Le Elore, R. (Shiprock, N.M.).....	1667*
Lewis, L. R. (Newport, R.I.).....	1735*
Liepaskalns, V. (Milwaukee, Wisc.).....	1936
Lilly, S. (E. Orange, N.J.).....	1825
Ling, R. (Dayton, Ohio).....	1955
Livingstone, A. I. (Olympia, Wash.).....	1505*
Lockhard, S. Jr. (Altoona, Pa.).....	1719*
Lockhart, S. (New Haven, Conn.).....	1831
Lodi, G. (E. Meadow, N.Y.).....	1617*
Loera, A. (Hawthorne, Calif.).....	1877
Logelin, W. (Providence, R.I.).....	1743*
Long, D. (Bensonville, Ill.).....	1698*
Long, J. W. (Okla. City, Okla.).....	1659
Lovata, C. (Peoria, Ariz.).....	1613*
Love, D. (Rochester, N.Y.).....	1791*
Ludowiak, W. (Belleville, N.J.).....	1889
Lutes, W. (Indianapolis, Ind.).....	1961
Lutz, A. H. (Long Beach, Calif.).....	1602
Lynch, J. T. (Upland, Calif.).....	1977*

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McAtee, L. G. (Dallas, Tex.).....	1705
McCafferty, J. J. (Riverside, R.I.).....	1581
McClellan, R. S. (New York City).....	1908
McCoubrey, R. (Springfield, Mass.).....	1874
McCracken, C. (Columbus, Ohio).....	1741
McGuigan, R. (Winnetka, Ill.).....	1725
McIntyre, R. (San Diego, Calif.).....	1580
McKenna, J. (Ft. Meade, Md.).....	1637
McMillin, C. W. (Arlington, Va.).....	1708
MacDonald, J. A. (Union, N.J.).....	1937
MacGrady, D. (Staten Island, N.Y.).....	1965*
Maiath, A. (Gary, Ind.).....	1400*
Maiorano, K. (New Haven, Conn.).....	1773*
Makens, T. E. (Seattle, Wash.).....	1903
Makutenas, S. (Indianapolis, Ind.).....	1988
Marches, C. (New Haven, Conn.).....	1834
Margulies, I. P. (Silver Springs, Md.).....	1806
Markowski, S. L. (Toledo, Ohio).....	1599
Markson, T. (New York, N.Y.).....	1850
Marshal, N. (Natchez, Miss.).....	1737
Martel, H. (Springfield, Mass.).....	1805
Martin, J. G. (Cincinnati, Ohio).....	1760
Martin, R. Q. (New York City).....	1973
Maslowitz, Dr. Max (Chicago, Ill.).....	1986
Mathews, H. G. (Ligonier, Pa.).....	1717*
Mauer, G. J. (Buffalo, N.Y.).....	1963
Mayer, H. (Chicago, Ill.).....	1825
Mayo, J. (Highland, Calif.).....	1877*
Mazuchowski, T. (Toledo, Ohio).....	1569*
Meador, D. (Vancouver, Wash.).....	1995
Mease, A. (New York City).....	1962
Meincer, J. H. (Huntington, W.Va.).....	1515*
Meister, R. N. (Hutchinson, Kans.).....	1773
Mena, H. (Lubbock, Texas).....	1714*
Mengel, A. (Chicago, Ill.).....	1955
Mercer, D. (E. Lansing, Mich.).....	1701
Merkis, K. (S. Boston, Mass.).....	1870
Merrill, R. J. (E. Weymouth, Mass.).....	1890
Metz, F. (Riverside, Calif.).....	1824
Meyers, D. A. (New York City).....	1860
Miazzi, L. A. (Jackson, Miss.).....	1581
Michaelson, A. (Los Angeles, Cal.).....	1815
Milburn, J. (Lubbock, Texas).....	1969
Miller, D. (Los Angeles, Calif.).....	1759*
Miller, G. F. (Washington, D.C.).....	1935*
Miller, M. B. (Albuquerque, N.M.).....	1705
Miller, O. (FPO, N.Y.).....	1798
Miller, R. F. (Hays, Kans.).....	1707
Miller, W. (Albuquerque, N.M.).....	1969
Miller, V. T. (Natchez, Miss.).....	1921
Mills, T. (Maumee, Ohio).....	1563*
Mills, T. Sr. (Maumee, Ohio).....	1594*
Mills, W. H. (New Haven, Conn.).....	1893
Mintz, B. (Los Angeles, Calif.).....	1751
Mitchell, J. F. (Jackson, Miss.).....	1750*
Mitchell, T. (Chicago, Ill.).....	1640
Menath, N. (New York City).....	1638*
Monath, Mrs. N. (New York City).....	1632
Moore, Dr. R. H. (Jackson, Miss.).....	1731
Moore, Tim (Ypsilanti, Mich.).....	1746
Moore, Tom (Ypsilanti, Mich.).....	1519*
Morey, R. B. (Indianapolis, Ind.).....	1828*
Morrell, Mrs. M. (Gary, Ind.).....	1903
Morrison, R. (Hammond, Ind.).....	1713
Morrow, B. (Dearborn, Mich.).....	1432
Moshier, D. (Erie, Mich.).....	1400*
Muff, W. A. (Albuquerque, N.M.).....	1781
Mullen, E. (Millville, N.J.).....	1442*
Munana, R. (San Bernardino, Cal.).....	1707*
Munson, A. (El Cajon, Calif.).....	1804*
Murphy, B. (San Diego, Calif.).....	1755
Murray, Dr. A. (Olympia, Wash.).....	1870
Murray, J. A. (Alexandria, Va.).....	1831
Myers, B. (Dallas, Texas).....	1610*

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Karpuska, W. (Chicago, Ill.).....	1855
Katz, W. (New York City).....	1735
Keller, F. W. (Northampton, Mass.).....	1940
Kellner, L. (Detroit, Mich.).....	1840
Kelly, J. (Lansing, Mich.).....	1867
Kern, G. (Paramount, Calif.).....	1918
Kerr, F. H. (Uniontown, Pa.).....	1546
Killian, P. W. (Wilmington, N.C.).....	1715
Killough, Mrs. H. (Russell, Kans.).....	1619
Kime, R. (Racine, Wisc.).....	1843
Kimp, V. M. (Terryville, Conn.).....	1960
King, P. F. (Dallas, Tex.).....	1560*
King, R. E. (Vicksburg, Miss.).....	1634
King, S. (Groton, Conn.).....	1897
Kirwan, J. D. (Newark, N.J.).....	1835
Kisiel, C. (Providence, R.I.).....	1694*
Klavins, A. (Hartford, Conn.).....	1883
Klein, M. (Cicero, Ill.).....	1887
Knapp, E. E. (Gig Harbor, Wash.).....	1724
Knapp, E. M. (Arlington, Va.).....	1996
Kneip, P. (Chicago, Ill.).....	1744
Kolosso, P. M. (Appleton, Wisc.).....	1829
Koss, E. (Belleville, N.J.).....	1968
Kotlan, M. C. (San Diego, Calif.).....	1719
Kramer, E. (Rochester, N.Y.).....	1814
Kronstedt, S. B. (Arlington, Va.).....	1943
Kucefski, A. (Westfield, Mass.).....	1657
Kurman, S. (Dallas, Texas).....	1660*
Kuff, F. (Lansing, Mich.).....	1643

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Nagin, Dr. H. (Falls Church, Va.).....	1933
Napoli, D. (E. Lansing, Mich.).....	1863
Nasca, R. J. (Buffalo, N.Y.).....	1732
Nash, E. (Washington, D.C.).....	1978
Nylin, D. G. (Denver, Colo.).....	1960
Neel, R. T. (Huntington, W.Va.).....	1777
Neeld, K. (Mt. Holly, N.J.).....	1588
Neil, W. (Pampa, Texas).....	1712
Nevid, M. (Grand Forks, N.D.).....	1909
Newberry E. (W. Haven, Conn.).....	1600*
Newberry, K. (W. Haven, Conn.).....	1400
Newberry, W. (W. Haven, Conn.).....	1969
Newton, P. C. (Raleigh, N.C.).....	1911
Nitschke, E. (Belleville, Mich.).....	1590
Noblin, Dr. S. (Garner, N.C.).....	1841
Noel, L. (Yucaipa, Calif.).....	1797*
Noel, R. (Chagrin Falls, Ohio).....	1969
Noga, V. D. (Bronx, N.Y.).....	1936
Norman, J. V. (Midland, Texas).....	1642

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Oberg, J. E. (Racine, Wisc.).....	1858
O'Donnell, P. (Arlington, Va.).....	1650*
O'Flaherty, G. (Staten Island, N.Y.).....	1865*
Oganesov, Y. V. (Mont. Pk. Calif.).....	1924*
Olefer, N. (New York City).....	1723
Olevson, S. A. (Providence, R.I.).....	1793*
Olin, E. (Milwaukee, Wisc.).....	1967
Oliver, Ed. (Southport, N.C.).....	1664*
Olte, G. (Bridgeport, Conn.).....	1948
Ordog, Jos. (Steeltown, Pa.).....	1775*
Oren, R. (Muncie, Ind.).....	1882
Ormond, J. (Providence, R.I.).....	1672
O'Rourke, Geo. Sr. (Wash., D.C.).....	1697
Orphanidis, M. E. (Schenectady, N.Y.).....	1801
Osmond, D. H. (Providence, R.I.).....	1743*
Owen, J. C. (Avon, Conn.).....	1900

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Paqasts, M. (Brooklyn, N.Y.).....	1758
Palrich, A. F. (Bristol, Conn.).....	1775
Palmi, A. H. (Springport, Mich.).....	1851
Palucius, B. (Waukegan, Ill.).....	1857
Papadeas, N. (Merchansville, N.J.).....	1810
Parham, F. P. (Natchez, Miss.).....	1935
Parker, R. (Nampa, Idaho).....	1654*
Parnell, R. C. (Kansas City, Mo.).....	1779
Peafe, C. H. (Biloxi, Miss.).....	1667
Pearson, A. (Charlottesville, N.C.).....	1550*
Pearson, J. (Lafayette, Ind.).....	1586
Peck, E. (New York City).....	1468
Pederson, A. (Miami, Fla.).....	1821
Penner, J. D. (Stratford, Conn.).....	1865
Pent, V. (Matawan, N.J.).....	1856
Perkins, L. (Valparaiso, Ind.).....	1575
Perry, Oran (Ft. Worth, Texas).....	1824
Perry, W. (Midland, Texas).....	1892
Persinger, L. (New York City).....	1926
Peskoe D. (Homestead, Fla.).....	1670
Petit, A. (Bellevue, Wash.).....	1907*
Petras, J. (New York City).....	1608
Pinkham, P. (Westfield, Mass.).....	1738
Plampin, W. (Alexandria, Va.).....	1767
Plaskow, J. (New Haven, Conn.).....	1752
Pleiss, W. H. (Oak Park, Ill.).....	1776
Polk, J. Sr. (New York City).....	1776*
Polukis, J. (Rochester, N.Y.).....	1885
Poole, J. R. (Jackson, Miss.).....	1938
Poulos, A. (Harrisburg, Pa.).....	1757*
Powell, E. M. (Washington, D.C.).....	1778
Powers, E. M. (Cincinnati, Ohio).....	1625
Pozarek, F. (Kensington, Md.).....	1853
Preisman, M. (Dallas, Texas).....	1710*
Pressman, F. (Cincinnati, Ohio).....	1623
Price, D. (Hawthorne, Calif.).....	1816
Priebe, S. (Denver, Colo.).....	1951
Prill, D. (Providence, R.I.).....	1639*
Pullen, K. (Albuquerque, N.M.).....	1925
Putsche, T. R. (W. Hartford, Conn.).....	1849

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Quast, T. (Chapel Hill, N.C.).....	1937*
Quigley, C. (Toledo, Ohio).....	1450

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Raber, J. (Altoona, Pa.).....	1824*
Racz, E. (Santa Monica, Calif.).....	1733*
Raffel, E. M. (Bayside, N.Y.).....	1861
Raich, G. (Philadelphia, Pa.).....	1922
Rainoha, V. (Lincoln, Neb.).....	1910
Ramsey, J. (N. White Plains, N.Y.).....	1791
Rapuno, R. E. (W. Hartford, Conn.).....	1857
Raschen, L. W. (Brooklyn, N.Y.).....	1785
Rasnack, M. (New York, N.Y.).....	1754*
Ratcliffe, W. (New York, N.Y.).....	1921
Raven, R. S. (Catonsville, Md.).....	1910
Ray, P. (New Haven, Conn.).....	1746
Raymond, A. E. (Lancaster, Calif.).....	1936
Ream, J. C. (Washington, D.C.).....	1745
Reeder, S. W. (Lincoln, Neb.).....	1766*
Rehberger, P. (Denver, Colo.).....	1796
Reinhardt, J. (Staten Island, N.Y.).....	1915
Reinwald, C. (Flushing, N.Y.).....	1962
Rieffel, D. (Ontario, N.Y.).....	1896
Reitze, G. (Jersey City, N.J.).....	1771
Remus, F. (Hammond, Ind.).....	1700
Reynolds, D. B. (Ann Arbor, Mich.).....	1909
Rhead, D. (Gary, Ind.).....	1923
Rice-Wray, V. (Los Angeles, Cal.).....	1569*
Richard, J. (Jackson, Miss.).....	1752
Richardson, T. (McComb, Miss.).....	1500*
Richman, D. (Greensboro, N.C.).....	1716*
Riddel, Dr. R. J. (Lubbock, Tex.).....	1771
Rider, J. (Irving, Texas).....	1710*
Riesenbeck, J. (Cincinnati, Ohio).....	1907*
Riley, Kenneth (Lansing, Mich.).....	1400*
Robinson, N. (Los Angeles, Calif.).....	1936
Robinson, V. (Charlotte, N.C.).....	1728*
Rock, H. (Beckert, Mass.).....	1789
Rockwell, J. (Depew, N.Y.).....	1763
Rodin, L. (Chicago, Ill.).....	1832
Rodriguez, J. (Albuquerque, N.M.).....	1872*
Rodriguez, M. (Washington, D.C.).....	1778*
Roman, E. (New Britain, Conn.).....	1650
Rosenbloom, M. (Rochester, N.Y.).....	1680
Rubin, S. (New York City).....	1880
Rudzitis, E. (Lockport, Ill.).....	1820
Ruelka, J. (Lyons, N.J.).....	1675

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Savery, C. (Memphis, Tenn.).....	1650*
Scates, R. T. (Dallas, Texas).....	1612
Schey, D. (New York City).....	1723
Schlanger, D. (Flushing, N.Y.).....	1877
Schlesinger, W. (Absecon, N.J.).....	1499*
Schlosser, Dr. M. (San Bernardino, Calif.).....	1776
Schmitt, E. (Buffalo, N.Y.).....	1863
Scholland, J. S. (Jersey City, N.J.).....	1707
Schramm, H. (Sheboygan, Wisc.).....	1701
Schroeder, L. (Columbus, Ohio).....	1580
Schropp, J. (Toledo, Ohio).....	1711
Schuller, B. (Temperance, Mich.).....	1643
Schumann, W. (Sheboygan, Wisc.).....	1617
Scott, J. P. (Hattiesburg, Miss.).....	1681
Scrivener, R. S. (Nesbit, Miss.).....	1933
Seale, K. (Greenville, Miss.).....	1545
Sequin, E. (Temperance, Mich.).....	1664
Seifert, D. R. (Kansas City, Mo.).....	1710
Sekac, A. (Indian Orchard, Mass.).....	1590
Self, A. R. (Newton, Kansas).....	1929
Sendeckyi, G. (New York City).....	1774*
Serbinoff, G. (Rockville, Md.).....	1733
Serra, E. F. (Bloomfield, N.J.).....	1739
Sethe, L. (Madison, Wisc.).....	1713
Shaffer, B. A. (San Bernardino, Calif.).....	1959
Shaffer, F. B. (Somerset, Pa.).....	1685
Shalio, A. (Cincinnati, Ohio).....	1670
Shapiro, A. (Brooklyn, N.Y.).....	1790*
Shaw, C. A. (Miami, Fla.).....	1914
Shean, R. (Denver, Colo.).....	1869
Sherrill, P. T. (Madison, Wisc.).....	1808*
Shoven, J. (Midland, Texas).....	1837
Shultis, R. T. (Fontaine, Wisc.).....	1572
Siao, S. (University, Miss.).....	1872*
Sildmets, A. (Lincoln, Neb.).....	1930
Skiba, V. (Detroit, Mich.).....	1703
Skoff, F. (Chicago, Ill.).....	1984
Skrypak, S. (Beaumont, Calif.).....	1788*
Skuris, P. G. (Chicago, Ill.).....	1958
Slattery, J. A. (Westfield, Mass.).....	1784
Slaughter, K. R. (Wichita, Kans.).....	1760
Sliva, J. (Staten Island, N.Y.).....	1602
Sloan, C. (Chester, Va.).....	1782
Sloan, S. (Lynchburg, Va.).....	1670
Sloan, T. (Greensboro, N.C.).....	1637
Smith, B. (Greenville, Miss.).....	1600*
Smith, O. M. (Madison, Wisc.).....	1738*
Smith, F. E. (Amarillo, Tex.).....	1722
Smith, H. (Detroit, Mich.).....	1715*
Smith, H. E. (Elkhart, Ind.).....	1922
Smith, R. J. (Hebron, Neb.).....	1714
Smith, R. L. (Cincinnati, Ohio).....	1793
Smith, W. (Amarillo, Tex.).....	1549*
Smits, V. (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.).....	1810
Smolej, A. (Milwaukee, Wisc.).....	1923*
Snuske, R. (Davison, Mich.).....	1676
Soendlin, Bill (Cincinnati, Ohio).....	1410
Sokoloff, J. (Miami Beach, Fla.).....	1999
Solinsky, H. (New York City).....	1880
Somerville, R. (Alexandria, Va.).....	1827
Spann, J. G. (Norman, Okla.).....	1734
Spear, V. (Ann Arbor, Mich.).....	1799
Speights, J. (Raleigh, N.C.).....	1810*
Spielman, A. (Ventnor, N.J.).....	1915
Stacy, J. (W. Hartford, Conn.).....	1723
Stanberg, A. (South Bend, Ind.).....	1627*
Stanbridge, H. (Chicago, Ill.).....	1977
Stearns, E. E. (Cleveland, Ohio).....	1873
Steele, D. (Raleigh, N.C.).....	1856
Stein, M. (Hyde Park, Mass.).....	1867
Stein, R. (Chicago, Ill.).....	1798
Steinberg, W. F. (Miami, Fla.).....	1771
Stevenson, W. (Greenville, Miss.).....	1580
Stewart, C. (Boise, Idaho).....	1721
Stockhold, E. (Lakewood, N.J.).....	1400
Stockhold, H. F. (Lakewood, N.J.).....	1991
Stowe, J. R. (Arlington, Va.).....	1911
Suhr, E. H. (Fresno, Calif.).....	1734*
Suhs, G. W. (Hammond, Ind.).....	1692
Sveikauskas, L. (W. Roxbury, Mass.).....	1791
Swain, D. (Southport, N.C.).....	1500*
Swain, J. (Southport, N.C.).....	1500*
Swick, F. (Howell, Mich.).....	1462
Szabo, S. (Denver, Colo.).....	1400*

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Taylor, D. (Cincinnati, Ohio).....	1400*
Taylor, G. (New York City).....	1909*
Taylor, M. (S. Bend, Ind.).....	1570*
Taylor, O. S. (Milford, Mich.).....	1856
Taylor, R. L. (E. Lansing, Mich.).....	1787

HENRY JAMES AND CHESS

by
Robert L. Gale

One might suppose that Henry James, psychological novelist, linguist, western-world traveller, and rounded gentleman in many ways, was a chess enthusiast. He would have been a ponderous adversary, immovable in defense, imaginative in attack, almost telepathic as he stroked his beard or—later—felt his bald head. His advance would have resembled his famous conversation, uncheckable, irresistible, and surprising. But, alas! his use of chess as the basis for several similes and metaphors in his fiction proves that he knew little or nothing about it. If he had known the game as well as he knew, say, Renaissance painting, think of the splendid tropes he would have devised based upon daring gambits, gauche knights, perpetual check, even mate among other activities, and Titian and Veronese would have been forked.

You must agree that only a novice without a rating would write of chess in the way James does in the two passages which follow. In the first, the narrator of the short story "The Liar" is at a country-house where the conversation at dinner is full of gambits. We read that

*The gentleman on his left at last risked an observation as if it had been a move at chess, exciting in Lyon (the narrator) however an apparent wantonness. This personage played his part with difficulty: he uttered a remark as a lady fires a pistol, looking the other way. To catch the ball Lyon had to bend his ear . . .*¹

The second tells why an aging revolutionary in the novel **The Princess Casamassima** has lost his idealism:

*The figures on the chessboard were still the passions and jealousies and superstitions and stupidities of man, and their position with regard to each other at any given moment could be of interest only to the grim invisible fates who played the game—who sat, through the ages, bow-backed over the table.*²

The first image is inappropriate because the gentleman conversationalist in the story is adept in his field, whereas usually a chess-player who "risks" a move to note its effect—to say nothing of "looking the other way" the while—is not. And the second figure, though more dramatic than the first, is still general, and in addition betrays James's unawareness that the slow game of hunched chess-players can be of interest to vast audiences—if not to James.

Our novelist conceived a highly dramatic situation in his story "The Figure in the Carpet;" in it a brilliant literary critic is trying to discover the hidden pattern which a celebrated novelist has said that his work contains. Perhaps a writer as gifted as James could have pictured this supreme intellectual challenge in chess-play terms, but only if he had understood—in addition to the problems

of writers and critics—the intricacies of chess. At any rate, we have only this:

*The hours spent there by Corvick [the critic] were present to my fancy [the narrator's] as those of a chessplayer bent [bow-backed again!] with a silent scowl, all the lamplit winter, over his board and his moves. As my imagination filled it out the picture held me fast. On the other side of the table was a ghostlier form, the faint figure of an antagonist good-humouredly but a little wearily secure — an antagonist who leaned back in his chair with his hands in his pockets and a smile on his fine clear face. . . . He [Corvick] would take up a chessman and hold it poised a while over one of the little squares [i. e., he would try to fit a work or a theme into the baffling pattern of the novelist's canon], and then would put it back in its place with a long sigh of disappointment.*³

But we all know that in professional and even competent amateur chess tilts no player ever touches a piece without moving it. James must not have been aware of this rule, as may be further shown if we look at still another image. This one comes from **The Golden Bowl**, the plot of which incidentally might challenge the trope-making fancy of a chess-playing novelist, having as it does an aging American—rich as King Croesus—his powerful young "queen," and a Principe (if not an Italian king) and his stay-at-home wife. At one point in the novel, a Bloomsbury shopman is showing his precious old wares to the Prince and the wife of our Croesus; as he dots his counter with the objects, we read that his hands

*"touched them at moments, briefly, nervously, tenderly, as those of a chess-player rest, a few seconds, over the board, on a figure he thinks he may move and then may not . . ."*⁴

Finally, we may sadly suggest what James missed if we delve into one of his little-known tales, "The Story of a Year" (1865), and note that he never learned to appreciate the masterful maneuvers of chess knights. Lizzie, the sweet little heroine of the story, envisage her life as the battleground of a psychic struggle between two gentlemen who love her. This pregnant situation James tries — but fails—to suggest in the following rather complex simile deriving from chess:

These two figures [the gentlemen] stood like opposing knights, (the black and the white [already the overtones are wrong, even though the story is cast in Civil-War days],) foremost on the great chess-board of fate. Lizzie was the wearied, puzzled player [who is her opponent?]. She would idly finger the other pieces ["Licence my roving hands . . ."], and shift them carelessly hither and thither; but it was of no avail: the game lay between the two knights. She would shut her eyes and long for some kind hand to come and tamper with the board; she

*would open them and see the two knights standing immovable, face to face.*⁵

As can readily be seen, the image is faultily developed. No game of chess is likely to involve a duel of knights. Further, poor Lizzie has one knight—either the white or the black—on her side and can fight with it against the opposition, which includes the other knight. Yet James wrongly suggests that the girl is playing only against herself—solitaire chess is really not much fun—and also that for some reason she must touch neither knight. She really wants to have her cake and eat it too, as you will discover when you read the story.

And so Henry James was many things—psychological novelist, linguist, western-world traveller, and rounded gentleman—but he was not a chess-player. His was the loss, and so is ours.

Footnotes

¹ **The Novels and Tales of Henry James**, New York Edition, 26 volumes (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1907-1917), XII, 320. The original version of this passage begins as follows: "The gentleman on his left at last risked an observation, and they had some fragmentary talk"—Henry James, "The Liar," **Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine**, XXXVI (n.s. XIV) (May, 1888), 125. But it is unnecessary to get into the knotty problem of the revisions—to try to prove an incorrect theory that the later, revision-minded James forgot what chess he might have known as a youth—since from his first signed story until his last major completed novel James could be counted upon to employ inaccurate chess figures. See the last two images quoted below. For the record, I have quoted all the chess figures James devised; do not therefore see **The Novels and Stories of Henry James**, New and Complete Edition, 35 volumes (London: Macmillan and Company, 1921-1923) or elsewhere.

² **The Novels and Tales of Henry James**, VI, 104.

³ *Ibid.*, XV, 245.

⁴ *Ibid.*, XXIII, 107.

⁵ **Atlantic Monthly**, XV (March 1865), 272.

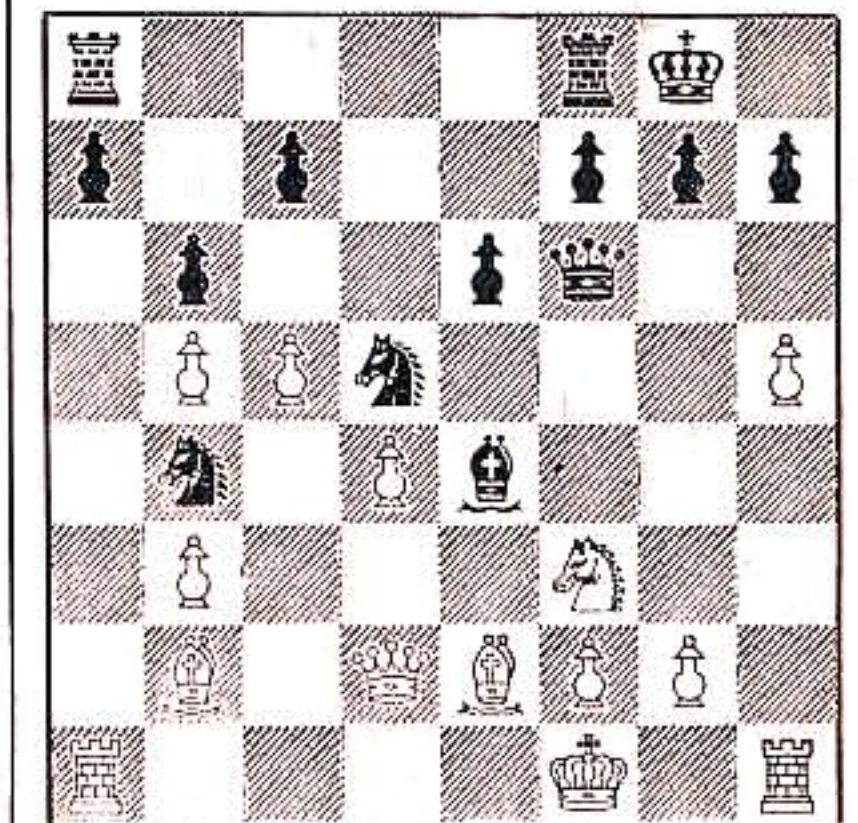
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A RETI GAME FROM RIO

On Feb. 7, 1925, Richard Reti established what was then a world's record at blindfold simultaneous play by taking on 29 opponents in Sao Paulo, Brazil, winning 21, drawing 6, and losing only 2. The number of opponents was chosen with the idea, successfully carried through, of topping by one the 28-opponent record set by Alekhine a few weeks before at Paris. Although this fact is fairly well known throughout the chess world, it is probable that most of the readers of **CHess LIFE** have never seen the following game which was played a few days later in Rio de Janeiro. Three of the leading Brazilian players of the day arranged a consultation game

in which Barbosa de Oliveira and Marcello Kiss played Reti and Luiz Vianna. This account of the game, and of the Brazilian newspaper report, was taken from the **American Chess Bulletin** of March, 1925. We got a kick out of the Brazilian chess editor's references to Reti: "His brilliant tournament reputation is fairly well known, if somewhat unduly enhanced by his winning a game from Capablanca in the New York Tournament in 1924." And, "His book on **'New Ideas in Chess'**" is well worth reading, even if, according to Dr. Lasker, there is nothing very new in it." We also enjoyed the note following Black's 1st move, (1. P-K4, N-KB3) "We don't believe in allowing the K's N to be driven over to QN3 at the outset. Sooner or later this line of play will join the other freaks in limbo." And the note added to this note, by the Editor of ACB, "Nevertheless, the new edition of **Modern Chess Openings** gives full recognition to this freak by devoting three pages to it." It appears that a chess master is, like a prophet, not only without honor in his own country, but also in his own generation. Here is the game.

Oliveira and Kiss	White	Reti and Vianna	Black
1.	P-K4	N-KB3	
2.	P-K5	N-Q4	
3.	P-QB4	N-N3	
4.	P-QN3	P-Q3	
5.	B-N2	PxP	
6.	BxP	N-B3	
7.	B-N2	B-B4	
8.	P-Q4	P-K3	
9.	B-K2	B-N5	
10.	K-B	Q-Q2	
11.	P-B5	N-Q4	
12.	P-QR3	BxN	
13.	PxB	B-N3	
14.	P-N5	QN-N5?	
15.	Q-Q2!	Castles	
16.	N-B3	Q-K2	
17.	P-KR4	Q-B3	
18.	P-R5	B-K5	



OLIVIERA and KISS (to move)
Position after 18., B-K5

19. N-N5

Here Black undertakes a combination designed to get his back into safety—and loses!

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| 19. | BxPch |
| 20. KxB | N-B5ch |
| 21. K-B | QxN |
| 22. R-KN | Q-B4 |
| 23. P-Q5 | Q-R6ch |
| 24. K-K | QN-Q6ch |
| 25. BxN | NxBch |
| 26. QxN! | Resigns |

The Brazilian chess editor's note to White's last move—"A tragic surprise. Reti on hearing the move 'QxN' announced by the umpire, shouted across the room, 'Repeat your move. You are going to lose your queen!' The move was confirmed and then . . . Reti saw! His face was a study."