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## Fischer Wins U.S. Championship Third Year In Succession Robert Byrne Second — Reshevsky Third — Benko Fourth

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP, 1959-60  
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	W	L		W	L
1. Fischer	9	2	7. Seidman	5½	5½
2. Byrne	8	3	8. Sherwin	5	6
3. Reshevsky	7½	3½	9. Mednis	4½	6½
4. Benko	7	4	10. Bernstein	4	7
5. Bisquier	6½	4½	11. Denker	3	8
6. Weinstein	6	5	12. Ault	0	11

### FISCHER A THREE TIME WINNER

by  
PAUL LEITH

Robert Fischer's star shines ever brighter. Our phenomenal 16-year-old International Grandmaster made it three in a row by winning the 12th U.S. Championship played from Dec. 18, 1959 to Jan. 4, 1960 in New York City under the joint auspices of the U.S. Chess Federation and the American Chess Foundation. His score was 9-2: W7, L0, D4, an improvement over last year's score of 8½-2½. When the smoke had cleared from the playoffs of 12 adjourned games from Rounds 4 to 10 the title was already his, unaffected by the outcome of his game with Reshevsky in the final round. Fischer's drawn games were with Reshevsky, Robert Byrne, Sherwin and, surprisingly, with the 18-year-old Raymond Weinstein of Brooklyn, N.Y., 1958 U.S. Junior Champion.

As the tournament opened, the question on every chess player's lips was: "Will Fischer repeat, or will the veteran Reshevsky make a comeback?" After the first three rounds, International Grandmaster Reshevsky led 2½-½, while Fischer with 2-1 was in a four way tie for second place. In the fourth round, however, Reshevsky met with an unexpected and shattering double piece sacrifice by Seidman and fell into a tie for 4th-5th places. He soon recovered ground and for most of the time, and after the 10th round, was in second place.

But International Master Robert Byrne was breathing heavily down Reshevsky's neck. From a 6th-9th place tie after three rounds, he mounted steadily, and before the eventful eleventh round had tied Reshevsky for second place. For on the night before the final round, Arnold S. Denker, 1944 U.S. Champion, had beaten Reshevsky in a playoff of their adjourned game. Miguel Najdorf (of Poland, Argentina and now Venezuela) once said: "When Reshevsky offers you a draw, look around; you can probably mate him in two." When before adjournment the previous day Reshevsky had offered a draw, Denker could find no mate in two, but believing that he had the advantage, he refused the offer.

Thus second place was decided in the final round, when Byrne beat Robin Ault of Cranford, New Jersey, 1959 U.S. Junior Champion; and Reshevsky accepted Fischer's offer of a draw. Few anticipated second place for the hero of the Helsinki Chess Olympics of 1952, for last year, he merely tied for 9th-10th places. Byrne's score was 8-3; W5, L0, D8; he was the only player outside of Fischer who did not lose a game.

Reshevsky in third place scored 7½-3½; W6, L2, D3. He drew with Benko, Byrne and Fischer; he lost to Seidman and Denker. This marks the first time in the history of the U.S. Championships since 1936 (he competed in nine of them) that he has finished lower than second. But no one can take from him his brilliant simultaneous exhibitions as a child prodigy, his splendid record in the long history of the U.S. Championships and in international tournaments, both individual and team, and his great contribution to the development of chess in the USA.

Pal Benko was fourth with 7-4; W5, L2, D4; his losses were to Byrne in the 5th round to Fischer in the 10th. Last year, he was in eighth place.

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

### MEMBERSHIP AT NEW HIGH, BUT HELP NEEDED

USCF membership crossed the 4000 mark for the first time, hitting an all-time high of 4002 with the Dec. 5 mailing of Chess Life. These membership tapes have been distributed to all State Membership Chairmen for use in the all-out effort to hit 5000 before OPERATION M closes on June 5.

Texas, under the chairmanship of C. Harold Bone, has taken the lead in number of members gained since June 5, 1959, the starting date for the second hitch in OPERATION M. Texas has added 43 members in that period. During the same period California, Harry Borocho, chairman, added 35 (on top of the 236 they added in the previous year)!

Sensational gains have been shown in Colorado, Indiana, and Missouri, each of which added more than 20 members, for a percentage gain of as high as 104% (Colorado). Tabulation of the leading states follows:

State	6-5-59	12-5-59	Gain	Membership Chairman
Texas	211	254	43	C. Harold Bone
California	496	531	35	Harry Borocho
Colorado	26	53	27	Juan Reid
Indiana	57	79	22	Mildred Morrell
Missouri	43	64	21	J. Donald Define
New York	477	495	18	Jose Calderon

A call for more volunteers and for renewed effort on the part of every committeeman was issued by Fred Cramer, Membership Chair-

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Arthur B. Bisguier, 1954 U.S. Champion was fifth with 6½-4½; W4, L2, D5; he lost only to Fischer and Reshevsky. He made fifth place by scoring four out of five points in adjourned games before the final round (three wins and two drawn). Last year, he was in a four way tie for fourth place.

Truly astonishing was Weinstein's capture of sixth place, scoring 6-5; W5, L4, D2, a vast improvement over last year when he tied for the last two places. He drew against Fischer and Bisguier, and defeated such old timers as Bernstein, Denker and Seidman. His win over Bernstein in round four (Game No. 22) was a particularly fine one, putting his Queen en prise on the 22nd move, forcing his opponent to resign three moves later.

Herbert Seidman of Brooklyn, N.Y. was seventh with an even score of 5½-5½; W4, L4, D3, better than his ninth place two years ago. He will be long remembered for his startling defeat of Reshevsky in the fourth round (Game No. 19), in which he broke up the castled King's defenses by a one-two punch, a Bishop and then a Knight sacrifice, while Black's pieces, a Sicilian Defense, were concentrated on the Queen side.

Sherwin's eighth place with 5-6; W2, L3, D6 was a drop from third place in the championships of the last two years. His two victories were over the teen-agers Ault and Weinstein; he did however draw with Fischer.

Edmar Mednis was 9th with 4½-6½; W3, L3, D5. Last year, he tied for the last two places, but he was 8th the year before. In 10th place was Sidney Bernstein, who from 1936 on, has played in seven U.S. Championships; his score was 4-7; W3, L6, D2. Denker was 11th with 3-8; W2, L7, D2; to his credit—defeating Reshevsky and drawing with Benko.

And in last place, Ault with eleven defeats. Like Weinstein last year, Ault was invited to play because of winning the 1959 U.S. Junior Championship. He feels that he has learned a great deal by playing against our Masters, and believes that future U.S. Junior Champions should be similarly invited.

While duly hailing Fischer's third straight victory, we should not forget that Reshevsky won four times in a row (1936, 1938, 1940, 1942) and again in 1946. Thereafter, however, the latter finished second (1951, 1957-8, and 1958-9).

The best attendance (admission two dollars) was about 200 at the final session at the West Side YMCA, where the first three sessions were also held. Two rounds were at the Marshall CC, and five rounds plus the playoffs were at the Manhattan CC. Demonstration boards were put up.

The New York Times on Dec. 16th blazoned a six column headline on one of the sports pages: "Fischer Dropped from Title Chess in Pairing Dispute". The champion had demanded, in line with international practice, a public drawing. Anthony Saidy was substituted for Fischer. USCF President Jerry Spann flew to New York and straightened it out. Hereafter, drawing will be public. Fischer defended his title. And on Dec. 19th, the New York Times' five column headline was: "Fischer Decides to Defend Chess Laurels".

The New York Times printed daily articles prepared by the 90 year old Hermann Helms. To get into the next morning's paper not only who won, but the moves of several games, verifying them by playing them over from players' score sheets, often illegible and sometimes inaccurate, and meeting a deadline is no mean journalistic accomplishment. (David R. Stevenson, please note).

Among the contestants were four International Grandmasters: Benko, Bisguier, Fischer and Reshevsky; and two International Masters: Robert Byrne and James T. Sherwin. The best score against the IGM's was made by Byrne, 2½-1½; next best by Denker and Seidman with 1½-2½, thanks to their victories over Reshevsky. The latter could well remark to these two co-veterans: "Yours were the most unkind cuts of all." Against the six holding international titles, the best record was made by Seidman, 2½-3½.

The percentage of games drawn is quite low, 30%; it does not reflect exactly the determination of the players to win, but to a great extent, the comparative weakness of the last three players in the final standing.

Was the level of play as high as in previous tournaments? Only a detailed comparison of the games can decide. But it should be noted that some outstanding players like International Grandmaster Larry Evans and International Master Lombardy declined to play.

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### TOURNAMENT REMINDERS

- Feb. 12-14 USCF MONTHLY RATING IMPROVEMENT TOURNAMENT, 212 West 42nd St., New York 36, N.Y. (The Chess and Checker Club of New York). For details call or write Frank Brady, USCF, 80 East 11th St., N.Y. 3.
- Feb. 20-22 EL PASO OPEN, Hilton Hotel, El Paso, Texas. (CL-12/20/59).
- March 11, 12, 13 The March USCF MONTHLY RATING IMPROVEMENT TOURNAMENT. Same locale as first item in this list.

## CONTINENTAL QUICKIES by David Spiro

### MARIANSKE LAZNE, 1959

#### Reti Opening

L. SZABO (Hungary) M. HERINK (Czechoslovakia)

1. N-KB3 P-Q4  
2. P-KN3 N-QB3

This unusual and interesting defense against the Reti is a recent development of Czechoslovak master-players. An analysis of this opening was published in *Ceskoslovensky sach*, 1959/4 by J. Vesely.

3. P-Q4 B-N5  
4. B-N2 P-K3

More consistent was 4. ...., Q-Q2; followed by a subsequent ...., P-B3 and a later advance of the King's Pawn.

5. O-O Q-Q2  
6. P-B4!

This fine aggressive move should have been a warning for Black not to castle Queen-side.

6. .... PxP  
7. Q-R4 O-O-O

Black concentrates his fire on the Queen Pawn. He hopes for 8-PK3, shutting in the QB. If 7. ...., BxN; 8. BxB, NxQP? 9. QxQch, KxQ; 10. R-Q winning a piece.

8. QN-Q2 K-N  
9. QxBP P-B3

Faulty would have been 9. ...., NxP? Because of 10. N-K5, NxPch; 11. K-R and Black loses material.

10. N-QN3 Q-Q4

A vain attempt at simplification as after 10. ...., BxN; 11. BxB, NxQP; 12. NxN, QxN; 13. QxKP, the Black King would be exposed to a concentrated attack of White's two Bishops.

11. Q-R4 Q-KR4  
12. R-K

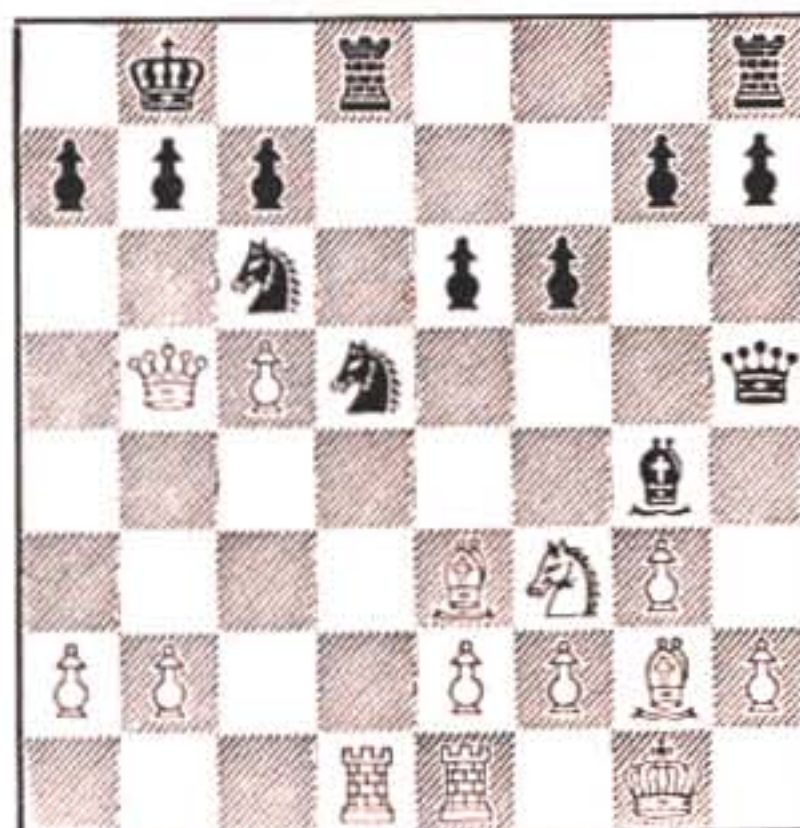
To avoid the exchange (12. ...., B-R6) of his good Bishop.

12. .... KN-K2  
13. N-B5 N-Q4  
14. Q-N5 N-N3

Loses a tempo. Better was the immediate 14. ...., BxN; 15. PxN, N(Q4)-N5; 16. B-Q2, P-QR3; If 16. ...., N-B7; 17. N-K5! 17. Q-B4, and White retains a sound attack.

15. B-K3 KBxN  
16. PxN N-Q4  
17. QR-Q?

#### HERINK



#### SZABO After 17. QR-Q?

White misses 17. N-Q4 which gives him the advantage. He relies on the following "trap"—which his opponent completely overlooks!

17. .... NxP?

A real blunder in a position where Black can actually save his game! Black gains the advantage after 17. ...., P-QR3; 18. Q-N3, N-R4; 19. Q-Q3, B-B4; 20. Q-Q4, N-B3; 21. Q-Q2, N-B5.

18. N-Q4!!

An unexpected surprise and a fitting conclusion to this striking game.

18. .... K-B

Loses quickly, but there was nothing better:—

If 18. ...., NxR; 19. BxN, is decisive,

and after 18. ...., NxR; 19. NxNch, K-B; 20. NxRPch, K-N; 21. N-B6ch, K-B; 22. Q-R5! Now if 22. ...., R-Q4; 23. N-K7ch, K-N; 24. NxR, NxR; 25. QxPch, K-R; 26. P-B6, and wins.

If 18. K-R; 19. NxN, fails after 20. RxR, BxP!

Nor is this line satisfactory: 18. ...., K-R; 19. PxN, PQR3; 20. Q-B4, N-N! With a difficult, but by no means hopeless game.

18. ...., K-R; 19. BxN, PxN; 20. QxPch, K-N; 21. R-Q3, RxN; 22. RxR, N-B7; 23. R-Q7, Q-K4; (If 23. ...., R-QB instead, 24. R-Q3) 24. R/K-Q, R-QB; 25. R-Q8 and wins.

18. ...., K-R; 19. BxN, R-QN; 20. PxN, PxN; 21. QxBPch, R-N2; 22. N-N3! K-N; (Iw now 22. ...., Q-K; 23. R-Q7, P-K4; 24. N-R5, Q-QB; 25. RxNP; or 22. ...., BxP; 23. N-R5, B-B6; 24. P-K4, or 22. ...., BxP; 23. N-R5, Q-B6; 24. RxN, wins) 23. N-R5, RxNP; (If ...., R-N5; 24. P-QR3), 24. R-QN, Q-K4; 25. N-QB4, and wins.

19. BxN PxN  
20. Q-R6ch K-Q2  
21. QxBPch K-B

No better was 21. ...., K-K2; 22. QxBPch, K-K; 23. N-B6 winning prettily.

22. N-N5

And Black resigns. On 22. ...., Q-K4? 23. Q-R8 mate; On 22. ...., N-Q4; 23. RxN and mate follows, .... A charming miniature!

### MINSK, USSR, 1958

#### Dutch Defense

LITVINOV VERESOV

1. P-QB4 P-KB4  
2. P-Q4 N-KB3  
3. N-QB3 P-K3  
4. N-B3

More elastic is 4. P-K3, to be followed by KN-K2. This plan would permit the option of a later P-KB3 and P-K4, to challenge the center. Also good is the King-side fianchetto coupled with N-R3.

4. .... B-N5  
5. Q-B2 O-O  
6. P-K3 P-QN3

Despite P-KB4 at his first move, Black is really playing a Nimzo-Indian complex.

7. B-K2

Unduly tame and lack-lustre.

7. .... B-N2

Black is setting up an ideal formation against the somewhat old-fashioned development adopted by his opponent. This Black position, with its Nimzovitchian overtones can be deadly in the hands of an understanding player.

8. O-O

Uninspired. Worth considering was 8. B-Q2 and possibly O-O-O.

8. .... BxQN

Consistent play to undermine White's control of K4.

9. QxB

Rather a loss of time—the position is not as closed as it may appear at first glance!

9. .... N-K5  
10. Q-B2 R-B3!

Brutal and forcing—but why not? The Black Knight, a blockader at K5, simply paralyzes the White camp. White's pieces stand by helplessly as the attack suddenly accelerates.

11. N-Q2 R-R3  
12. P-N3

Apparently directed against 12. ...., Q-R5.

(Diagram

12. .... Q-R5!

Not only brilliant—but overwhelming! If now 13. PxQ, R-N3ch; 14. K-R, NxP mate.

13. N-B3 N-N4!

Incisively played. The threat is 14. ...., QxPch; 15. NxQ, N-R6 mate. If

14. NxQ, N-R6 mate.

If 14. PxQ, NxNch; 15. BxN, R-N3ch; 16. B-N2, RxNch; 17. K-R, RxBPch; and

wins. There is no defense:

White Resigns

A rollicking scherzo!





# TIDBITS OF MASTER PLAY

By International MASTER WILLIAM LOMBARDY

World Junior Champion—1957-1958

## THE NEXT WORLD CHAMPION?

How many have foreseen the startling event that came to pass at the Candidates Tournament in Yugoslavia? I suggest that few had picked the winner for that one! Who is this man? His record speaks for itself.

For a future world champion he began his international chess career at a relatively late stage. This is not to belittle his accomplishments. At the age of eighteen he carried off the prize for third board at the World "Students" Team Championship, Upsala, 1956. His score was no less than 81%! Similar feats were recorded at Reykjavik, 1957 and Varna, 1958. Successive firsts in the Russian Championships of 1957, 58 can be considered no mean achievement.

The story only begins at this point. Mikhail Tal sky-rocketed to fame with victories at Portoroz and Zurich 1959. Not satisfied with "minor success," he flashed through the Candidates Tournament winning sixteen games while drawing eight and losing only four. First prize and the right to challenge Botvinnik for the World Title is his.

The game selected is not necessarily Tal's best performance, but it does reveal a strong fighter with understanding of the intricacies of positional play. His patience, endurance and ambition may well lead him to the World Championship.

### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CANDIDATES TOURNAMENT, 1959

Sicilian Defense

F. Olafson (Iceland) M. Tal (USSR)

White Black

1. P-K4 P-QB4
2. N-KB3 P-K3
3. P-Q4 PXP
4. NXP P-QR3
5. P-QB4 N-KB3
6. N-QB3 P-N5
7. B-Q3 N-B3
8. KN-K2

All is quite familiar to us up to move seven. White's eighth move has yet to be proved correct. 8. NxN followed by Q-B2 is better although even this does not guarantee a lasting superiority.

8. .... Q-B2
9. O-O N-K4
10. P-B4!

An interesting but unnecessary pawn sacrifice. (a) 10. B-B4, B-Q3; 11. R-B1 (NXP?, 12. BxB and wins) is a possibility. (b) 10. B-B4, N-KR4; 11. BxN, QxB; 12. P-B4 is approximately even.

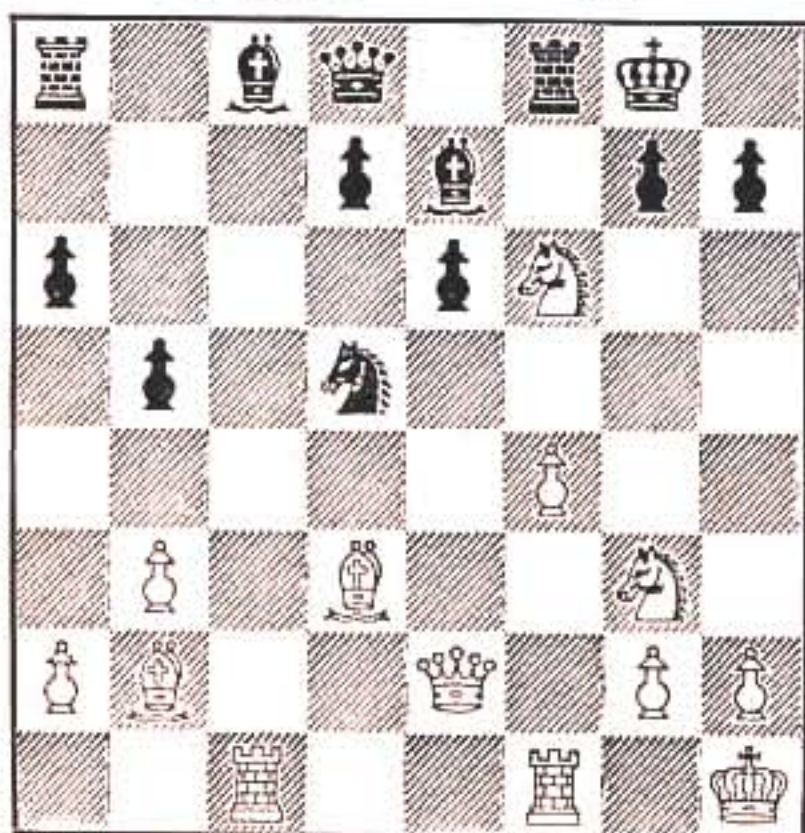
10. .... NxBP
11. K-R1 B-K2
12. P-QN3 N-N3
13. P-K5 KN-Q4
14. N-K4 P-B4!

Black makes full use of his extra pawn to free his game.

15. PXP e.p. NXP(3)
16. N(2)-N3 QN-Q4

We're having a nite out.

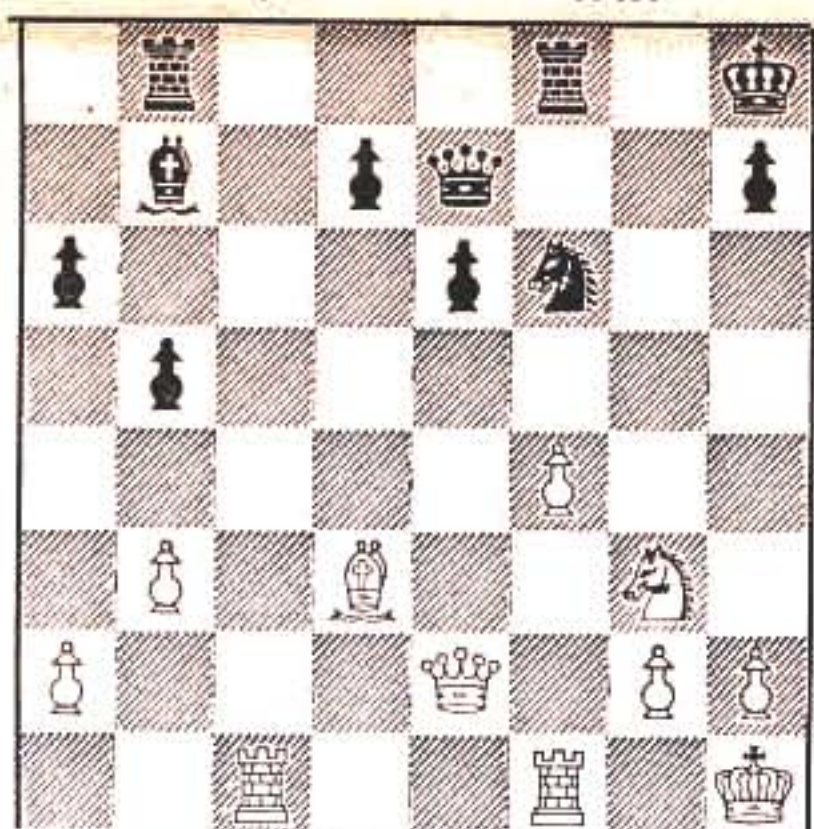
17. B-N2 O-O
18. R-B1 Q-Q1
19. Q-K2 P-QN4
20. NxNch



Position after 20. NxNch

Anxious for the return of his long lost pawn, White proceeds with a combination to recover it. However, 20. P-B5! gives him excellent winning chances as Black's development is still retarded.

20. .... BxN
  21. Q-R5 P-N3
  22. BxKNP Q-K2
- Naturally not 22. .... PxB; 23. QxPch and White has at least a perpetual check.
23. BxB NxB
  24. Q-B3 R-N1
  25. B-Q3 B-N2
  26. Q-K2 K-R1



Position after 26. .... K-R1

... And one has the impression that it is Black who has intentions of attacking.

27. QR-K1 QR-K1
28. N-B5?

A complete waste of time. 28. Q-N2 with the intention of Q-Q4 and P-B5 is better. Also should White care to neutralize Black's bishop, he may do so by B-K2-B3.

28. .... Q-N5
  29. Q-N2 R-B1
  30. N-N3 Q-B6
  31. Q-K2
31. QxQ, RxQ; 32. B-N1 is better.
31. .... R-KN1
  32. N-K4 Q-Q5
  33. N-N5 R-N2
  34. Q-K3

White is in a quandry. First he says he doesn't then he says he does. R-Q1 is better.

34. .... QxQ
35. RxQ R-B6
36. R-R3 P-N5
37. K-N1

Either White is in extreme time pressure or he is thinking of opening a chicken farm, without the heads.

37. .... P-K4!!
38. R-N3 P-K5!
39. B-B4 P-Q4!

(See diagram top next column)

All of a sudden a bad game has become a lost one.

40. B-K2 P-Q5
41. B-B4 P-K5



Position after 39. .... P-Q4!

42. R-Q1 B-Q4!
42. .... R-Q2; 43. RxQP!, RxB; 44. N-B7ch, RxN; 45. R-Q8ch etc.
43. B-B1 R-K2
44. B-K2 P-Q6
45. BxP RxB
46. RxR P-K7
47. R(N)-K3 P-K8=Qch
48. RxQ RxRch
49. K-B2 R-QR8

The rest of the game is not without some interest as far as technique is concerned; however the result is obvious and so no further comment is necessary.

50. R-Q2 P-R3
51. K-K3 R-K8ch
52. K-B2 R-K2
53. K-B PxN
54. PXP N-N5
55. P-KR3 N-K6ch
56. K-B2 BxKNP
57. R-Q4 P-R4
58. P-KR4 K-N2
59. P-R5 N-B4
60. R-QB4 R-Q2
61. R-B5 B-K5
62. R-K5 R-K2
63. RxP R-QB2
64. R-R6 R-B7ch
65. K-K1 N-Q5
66. R-R7ch K-B1
67. P-N6 N-B6ch
68. K-Q1 R-Q7ch
69. K-B1 R-R7
70. R-B7ch K-K1
71. K-Q1 B-Q6

And White resigns.

## BENKO WINS U.S. RAPID TRANSIT CHAMPIONSHIP

After just returning to this country from the Candidates' Tournament in Yugoslavia, Pal Benko captured the first U.S. Rapid Transit Championship conducted at the Log Cabin Chess Club, and sponsored co-jointly by that club and the U.S. Chess Federation. This was still another event conducted in the honor of the Log Cabin Club's Silver Anniversary.

Benko went undefeated in an extremely strong field, and proved that he is one of the strongest rapid-transit players in the country. At ten seconds per move Benko was undefeated, winning nine and drawing only one with Grandmaster Arthur Bisguier, for a total score of 9½-½. Bisguier was awarded the second prize for his score of 8-2. Third place went to the U.S. Champion Bobby Fischer who scored 7-3. Fischer lost to Benko, Sherwin and Matthew Green. Dr. Karl Burger and Matthew Green shared 4-5 place honors with their scores of 6-4.

The other scores were 6th, James T. Sherwin, 5½-4½; 7th, Paul Brandts, 4-6; 8th, William Hook, 3-7; 9th and 10th, Miro Rodocicij and A. Nedelkojvic, 2-8; and 11th, Robin Ault, 1½-8½.

E. Forry Laucks presented the cash prizes to the winners. Frank Brady directed the event.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

**EAST SIDE OPEN** (16 players), City Terrace C.C. (Los Angeles). 1. Gordon Barrett (5-1) 2. Paul Klaus (5-1) 3. D. Young (4½-1½) 4. Ben Kakimi (4-2) 5. C. Edward Swett (3½-2½).

**WICHITA OPEN** (27 players), Y.M.C.A., Wichita, Kansas. 1. George Krauss, Jr. (5½-½) 2. J. D. Brattin (5-1) 3. L. T. Brewster (4½-1½) 4. Ralph L. Hall (4½-1½) 5. A. Murphy (4-2).

**SANTA MONICA OPEN** (18 players), Santa Monica Bay C.C. (California) 1. Dr. Sidney Weinbaum (8-0) 2. Emil Bersbach (6½-1½) 3. T. M. Straus (6-2) 4. Al Michaelson (5-3) 5. Unbroken three way tie with (4½-3½) between Donald Benge, Dr. Bruce Collins, and Brett Hamilton. As highest scoring club member, Emil Bersbach won trophy as club champion.

**THANKSGIVING 30-30** (10 players) Cedar Valley C.C., Waterloo, Iowa. 1. Roger Holler (5-1) 2. Willis Vanderberg (4½-1½) 3. Unbroken tie with 3½-2½ between Richard Runke and Richard Bullard, 5. Jack Donath, Vaylard Smith, and Clay Robison, each with 3-3.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP

In a 44 player event Tibor Weinberger scored 7-1 to win the title, and qualify for the state championship tournament. Zoltan Kovacs, who was the only one to win from Weinberger, scored 6½-1½, and placed 2nd. Third was James Cross, who beat out Saul Yarmak on tie-breaking, after each had scored 6-2. Irving Rivise with 5½-2½ placed fifth.

## TIBOR WEINBERGER CALIF. STATE CHAMPION

Tibor Weinberger scored 7-2 to take the California State Championship by a margin of 1½ points over his nearest competitors, Jim Cross and Zoltan Kovacs who tied for 2nd and 3rd places with 5½-2½. J. H. E. Loftsson, a young Ic-lander who came to California two years ago, handed Weinberger one of his two defeats while scoring 5-3 and taking 4th place. Kovacs, who had also beaten Weinberger in the Southern California Championship in September, won the other point from the new champion. Saul Yarmak, with 4½-3½, placed 5th.

Since Weinberger, former New Jersey Open champ, has now won about every major California chess title (he took the California Open over a distinguished field in September—see CHESS LIFE front page, Nov. 5 issue) it would seem that he has done everything necessary to qualify for an invitation to play in the next U.S. Championship.



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## Attention—Bisguier, Evans, Rossolimo, Reshevsky and Jerry Spann!

With further reference to the article on the 1958 Munich Olympiad by Mr. K. F. Kirby, which CHESS LIFE reprinted in the October 5, 1959 issue, from the Australian CHESS WORLD, we are pleased to print this letter from the author. After expressing an author's normal delight at the thought that his brain child had reached a much larger audience than was originally intended, (the readers of the "SOUTH AFRICAN CHESS PLAYER"), he makes l'amende honorable for what appeared to many of us as unfair criticism of several of the members of the United States Olympic Team. He says, in part,

"I do regret exceedingly that my casual comment on such fine players and gentlemen as Larry Evans and Arthur Bisguier should have circulated widely through United States chess circles, and may well have caused them some displeasure. Carlyle states that 'to vilify a great man is the only way in which a little man can achieve the semblance of greatness,' but I assure you and them that this was not my object! I was writing for the interest and amusement of the South African chess public, very unprofessional comments. It is, I feel, legitimate for a journalist, under the circumstances, to comment critically, and make distinctions between performers who have forgotten more than he ever knew. However, had I had any idea that the players disparaged would ever read what I had said about them, I should certainly have been more diplomatic. And now, in view of the fact that I have already received a letter from New York expressing resentment of my statements, I should be most grateful if you would publish as much or as little of this as you think fit, with a sincere apology to the players concerned. I may say that I shall be only too delighted if in 1960, at Leipzig, with Bobby Fischer and Benko as reinforcements, the U.S. Team gives the Russians a fright, or even a beating. And, on mature reflection I am prepared to agree with you that I could profitably find places in my world team (against the Russians) for Messrs. Evans, Bisguier, and Rossolimo!"

Thanks, Mr. Kirby. I'm sure that CHESS LIFE readers will be looking forward to another interesting commentary from you on the play and the extra-curricular events at Leipzig, 1960.



BOBBY vs SAMMY: Although the outcome of this final-round game in the 1959-1960 U.S. Championship and Rosenwald Trophy Tournament could not affect Bobby's already-assured third championship in a row, he apparently gave it all he had in the way of concentration. A win for Reshevsky would have earned him a tie for second place with Robert Byrne. The game was, however, a 40-move draw. (Photo by Harkness)

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## THE EDITOR'S BOOKSHELF

by  
Fred M. Wren

Since its appearance many years ago I have touted (without "payola") the Harkness-Chernev "Invitation to Chess" as the best and easiest text by which a beginner could learn to play chess. A few months ago Larry Evans wrote to me saying he was working on a book for beginners. I remember thinking as I read his letter that if his book was half as good as the one mentioned above, it would be a real contribution to the world of chess. Now the book is out. "CHESS in ten lessons" published in December by A. S. Barnes and Co., New York, and while I am not prepared to say it is better than the old standby, I honestly believe it is just as good, and, of course, it has the advantage of being able to bring to the beginner of today developments and finesses in chess thought up to and through 1959.

The dust-cover blurb states "This book, by an acknowledged chess genius, assumes that the student knows absolutely nothing about chess, and leads him to the point where he can conduct an intelligent game." I think that it can do just that, and I can heartily recommend it to any parent who wants a textual guide for his child's first struggles with the intricacies of chess, or to the chess teacher as a text for his disciples to study. Any book written by Larry Evans would attract attention throughout the English-speaking chess world, even if mediocre. And this one, far from being mediocre, is **very, very good**.

(This book is now being stocked by the USCF Business Office in New York, and while it retails at \$2.95, the special price to USCF members is \$2.66)

"THE WAY TO BETTER CHESS" by Fred Reinfeld. The Macmillan Co., New York, 1959. 229 pp, 119 diagrams. \$4.95.

It is no news, and it is almost redundant to report that Fred Reinfeld has just had another chess book published. They have been appearing for years, and sometimes before the readers have learned the name of "Reinfeld's latest chess book" there has been another new one demanding attention. Some of them have been very good, and, in my humble opinion, some of them have been awful. There was one of these not too many months ago, which you did not hear about from me, because if I can't honestly recommend a book to my friends, you'll never see it mentioned in this column of CHESS LIFE.

"The Way To Better Chess" is one Reinfeld book which I am happy to recommend. Divided into three main sections ("What The Chess Master Thinks About"—a stream-of-consciousness analysis of several games, 35 pp; "Winning Traps in The Openings" 140 pp; "How To Find Creative Resources," 50 pp) the book will be of interest and of value to almost any player below the master rating. The crisp, easy-on-the-eyes type, the firm, attractive binding, the fine stock on which the book is printed, all combine to make this one of Macmillan's choice publications. The instructive games and positions chosen by Reinfeld, and his down-to-earth analysis of them, combine to make it one of his most enjoyable and helpful books. I think that at \$4.95 it is overpriced, but so are at least 75% of the good chess books being sold today. And this is a very good chess book!



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# U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT GAMES

The almost overwhelming approval with which our special games issue (Jan. 5, 1960) was received (so far we have received nine letters on the subject—eight approving, and one suggesting that we allocate our space to games played in the U.S. tournaments) has prompted us to agree to publish every game played in the U.S. Championship and Lessing J. Rosenwald Trophy Tournament, from Dec. 18, 1959 to Jan. 3, 1960. Fifteen games from the first three (of 11) rounds are presented without notes elsewhere in this issue. Although the tournament will be finished by the time you read this, the other games will be printed as soon as they are received from New York, where Paul Leith is burning the midnight oil after every session, playing the games over, correcting faulty game scores, and laboring in other ways to give you a picture of what actually happened in the annual fixture. Those of you who have had tournament experience, and those of you who have had a batch of tournament game scores dropped on you, (some originals and some carbon copies) with instructions to "straighten out these scores, so the game will "play," know what Paul has been up against in this project. Readers who have had no experience in these lines may take your editor's word for it that about half of such scores are cockeyed, with moves omitted, with Black's moves appearing in the White column, and with ambiguous move notations, such as Pxp, when there are four different parts of the board on which Pxp could be played. And when both players are in time trouble—both scores are likely to be messed up, either by transposed moves, or by illegible notations.

Worthy of note is the fact that of the 15 games presented in this issue none is subject to possible criticism as a "grandmaster draw." We have always believed that such games are insulting on all levels—particularly to the other players in the tournament whose final standings may be adversely affected by such tame tactics, and to the chess public in general, including the promoters of the event, who have a right to expect the best efforts of such highly-rated (and, in some cases, such highly paid) masters of the game.

## ROUND ONE Dec. 18, 1959

No. 1

Denker White		Seidman Black	
1. P-Q4	N-KB3	2. P-QB4	P-KN3
3. N-QB3	P-Q4	4. Pxp	Nxp
5. P-K3	B-N2	6. B-B4	P-K3
7. N-B3	O-O	8. O-O	P-N3
9. Q-K2	P-QB4	10. R-Q1	Pxp
11. Pxp	B-N2	12. B-KN5	NxN
13. Pxn	Q-B2	14. QR-B1	N-B3
15. B-R4	QR-B	16. B-KN3	Q-K2
17. B-N5	Q-R6	18. R-B2	N-K2
19. N-K5	N-B4	20. N-B4	Q-K2
21. N-K3	NxB	22. RpxN	KR-Q
23. B-R6	BxB	24. QxB	P-R4
25. P-R4	R-B2	26. Q-N5	B-R3
27. R-K2	Q-R6	28. P-QB4	BxN
29. RxB	Q-R7	30. R-QB3	R-B4
31. Q-N4	R-B4	32. P-B3	R-N4
33. R(3)-Q3	R-QB	34. P-B4	R-R4
35. P-QB5	QxRP	36. Q-K1	Q-B5
37. Pxp	Pxp	38. K-R2	R-R7
39. R(1)-Q2	R(1)-R1	40. Q-K5	RxR
41. RxR	Q-QB8	42. P-KB5	R-R8
43. Q-N8ch	K-N2	44. Q-K5ch	P-B3
45. Resigns			

No. 2

Ault White		Weinstein Black	
1. P-K4	P-K3	2. N-QB3	P-Q4
3. P-Q3	N-KB3	4. B-Q2	B-K2
5. P-B4	P-B4	6. N-B3	N-B3
7. P-K5	N-Q2	8. P-KN3	O-O
9. B-R3	P-QN4	10. NxNP	R-N1
11. P-QR4	P-QR3	12. N-B3	Rxp
13. Q-B1	R-N1	14. O-O	Q-B2
15. N-K2	N-N5	16. P-Q4	Pxp
17. N(2)xP	N-B4	18. N-K1	B-Q2
19. P-QB3	N-B3	20. Q-B2	R-N2
21. N-Q3	N(3)xN	22. Pxn	N-N6
23. QxQ	RxQ	24. R-R2	Nxp
25. R-Q1	N-B6ch	26. K-B2	NxB
27. R(1)xN	R-B5	28. B-B1	Rxp
29. R-B2	QB-N4	30. R-B7	B-Q1
31. R-N7	B-R4	32. R-B2	R-B5
33. RxR	PxR	34. N-B5	R-Q1
35. K-K3	P-N3	36. N-K4	P-B6
37. BxB	P-B7	38. N-B6ch	K-N2
39. Resigns			

No. 3

Sherwin White		Byrne Black	
1. P-Q4	N-KB3	2. P-QB4	P-KN3
3. N-QB3	B-N2	4. P-K4	P-Q3
5. N-B3	O-O	6. B-K2	QN-Q2
7. O-O	P-K4	8. R-K	P-B3
9. R-N	P-QR4	10. B-B	R-K
11. P-QN3	Pxp	12. NxP	N-B4
13. P-B3	KN-Q2	14. B-K3	N-K4
15. Q-Q2	Q-K2	16. QR-Q1	P-B3
17. K-R1	N-B2	18. P-QR3	B-Q2
19. R-N	Q-B1	20. B-B2	N-K3
21. N(4)-K2	B-R3	22. Q-B2	N-N2
23. N-R4	P-KB4	24. N-N6	QR-Q
25. NxB	RxN	26. N-B3	N-K4

27. QR-Q	Q-B4	28. Pxp	N(2)xP
29. N-Q5	B-N2	30. Q-K4	R-KB2
31. P-N3	R-Q	32. B-R3	K-R
33. P-B4	N-B3	34. B-N	B-N7
35. Q-N	B-N2	36. R-K4	R-K
37. RxR	QxR	38. R-K	Q-Q
39. Q-K4	R-B	40. B-B2	B-N7
41. P-KN4	N-N2	42. N-K7	NxN
43. QxN	QxQ	44. RxQ	Bxp
45. B-N3	P-R4	46. RxP	Pxp
47. Bxp	B-B8	48. B-K	Bxp
49. Bxp	B-K4	50. K-N2	N-B4
51. B-Q2	R-R	52. K-B3	Bxp
53. BxN	PxB	54. B-B4	BxB
55. KxB	R-KB1	56. R-N6	R-B3
57. P-N4	K-N2	58. Pxp	Pxp
59. P-N5	K-N3	60. RxP	R-K3
61. RxP	R-KB3		Draw

No. 4

Fischer White		Bisguier Black	
1. P-K4	P-K4	2. N-KB3	N-KB3
3. NxP	P-Q3	4. N-KB3	Nxp
5. Q-K2	Q-K2	6. P-Q3	N-KB3
7. B-N5	QxQch	8. BxQ	B-K2
9. N-B3	B-Q2	10. Q-Q-Q	N-B3
11. P-Q4	P-KR3	12. B-R4	O-O-O
13. B-B4	QR-KB1	14. QR-K1	B-Q1
15. P-Q5	QN-N1	16. N-Q4	R-K1
17. N(4)-N5	BxN	18. BxB	RxRch
19. RxR	Nxp	20. NxN	BxB
21. P-KN3	B-N4ch	22. P-B4	P-QB3
23. PxB	Pxp	24. R-K7	PxN
25. RxBP	RxRP	26. RxKNP	N-B3
27. RxKNP	N-K4	28. R-N7	R-N7
29. B-Q3	N-B5	30. BxN	PxB
31. P-QR4	P-Q4	32. P-QB3	R-N8ch
33. K-Q2	R-N7ch	34. K-B1	R-N8ch
35. K-B2	R-QR8	36. R-N5	Rxp
37. RxP	K-B2	38. P-KN4	K-B3
39. R-Q2	R-R4	40. K-Q	R-Q4
41. K-K2	RxRch	42. KxR	K-Q4
43. K-K3	K-K4	44. K-B3	P-R4
45. K-K3	P-R5	46. P-N5	K-B4
47. K-Q4	KxP	48. KxP	K-B5
49. K-N4	K-K6	50. KxP	K-Q7
51. K-N3	Q-K6	52. P-B4	K-Q7
53. K-R4	K-B7	54. K-R3	K-Q6
55. K-N3	P-N3	56. K-N4	K-B7
57. K-R3	K-Q6	58. K-N3	K-Q7
59. K-R4	K-B7	60. P-N4	Resigns

No. 5

Bernstein White		Reshevsky Black	
1. P-Q4	N-KB3	2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. N-KB3	P-B4	4. P-Q5	Pxp
5. Pxp	P-Q3	6. N-B3	P-KN3
7. P-KN3	B-N2	8. B-N2	O-O
9. O-O	P-QR3	10. P-QR4	QN-Q2
11. B-B4	Q-K2	12. Q-B1	R-K1
13. B-R6	R-N1	14. BxB	KxB
15. P-R5	P-QN4	16. Pxp e.p.	NxNP
17. N-Q2	P-KR4	18. P-R3	N-R1
19. N-B4	N-B2	20. Q-B4	R-Q1
21. R-R3	R-N5	22. P-N3	N-N4
23. NxN	PxN	24. Q-K3	QxQ
25. NxQ	R-Q5	26. R-R8	R-K1
27. R-N8	R-QN5	28. R-N1	B-B4

29. NxBch	PxN	30. R-N6	P-QB5
31. RxP	RxNP	32. RxR	PxR
33. R-N6	N-Q2	34. Resigns	

No. 6

Mednis White		Benko Black	
1. P-K4	P-QB4	2. N-KB3	P-Q3
3. P-Q4	Pxp	4. NxP	N-KB3
5. N-QB3	P-QR3	6. B-KN5	P-K3
7. Q-B3	B-Q2	8. O-O-O	N-B3
9. B-K2	B-K2	10. Q-N3	Q-B2
11. K-N1	O-O	12. P-B4	KR-QB1
13. P-K5	Pxp	14. Pxp	Nxp
15. B-KB4	B-Q3	16. K-R1	N-B5
17. BxB	QxB	18. QxQ	NxQ
19. NxP	N-B4	20. N-Q4	NxN
21. RxN	B-B3	22. B-B3	BxB
23. PxB	R-Q1	24. KR-Q1	RxR
25. RxR	R-QB1	26. P-N3	P-KN4
27. K-N2	K-N2	28. N-K4	NxN
29. RxN	K-B3	30. P-QR4	K-B4
31. R-QN4	R-B2	32. K-B1	P-KR4
33. P-KR3	R-Q2	34. R-QB4	K-K4
35. R-K4ch	K-B4	36. R-QN4	K-K4
37. R-K4ch	K-B4		Drawn

## ROUND TWO Dec. 19, 1959

No. 7

Seidman White		Benko Black	
1. P-K4	P-QB4	2. N-QB3	N-QB3
3. P-KN3	P-KN3	4. B-N2	B-N2
5. P-Q3	P-Q3	6. B-K3	N-Q5
7. Q-B1	N-KB3	8. N-Q1	P-Q4
9. P-QB3	N-B3	10. P-KB3	P-Q5
11. Pxp	Pxp	12. B-R6	N-QN5
13. K-K2	O-O	14. BxB	KxB
15. Q-Q2	Q-N3	16. P-QR3	N-B3
17. R-QB1	N-QR4	18. Q-N4	N-N6
19. R-B2	QxQ	20. Pxp	B-K3
21. N-R3	KR-B1	22. RxR	RxR
23. R-K1	R-B7	24. K-B1	N-Q7ch
25. K-B2	NxBPch	26. KxN	B-N5ch
27. K-B4	RxB	28. N(3)-B2	BxN
29. NxP	RxRP	30. K-K5	R-N7
31. Kxp	RxKNP	32. P-N5	P-KR4
33. N-B3	P-K4ch	34. Kxp	Rxp
35. K-B4	N-Q2	36. P-K5	N-B4
37. R-QR1	K-R3	38. R-KB1	P-QN3
39. R-B2	RxN	40. Resigns	

No. 8

Reshevsky White		Mednis Black	
1. P-Q4	N-KB3	2. P-QB4	P-KN3
3. N-QB3	B-N2	4. P-K4	P-Q3
5. B-K2	O-O	6. N-B3	P-B3
7. O-O	P-K4	8. R-K1	Q-N3
9. P-Q5	P-B4	10. N-KR4	Q-Q1
11. P-KN3	N-K1	12. B-B1	N-R3
13. P-QR3	P-B4	14. Pxp	Pxp
15. P-B4	P-K5	16. B-K3	B-B3
17. N-N2	N-N2	18. P-R3	N-B2
19. P-KN4	N-K1	20. P-N5	BxN
21. PxB	Q-R4	22. B-Q2	K-B2
23. P-KR4	R-KN1	24. P-R5	N-B3
25. Pxn	N-K	26. R-K3	Nxp
27. B-K1	B-Q2	28. B-R4	Q-R5
29. QxQ	BxQ	30. BxN	KxB
31. K-B2	B-Q2	32. R-N3	RxR
33. KxR	R-KN1ch	34. K-B2	B-K1
35. B-K2	B-Q2	36. N-K3	B-R5
37. B-Q1	B-Q2	38. P-R4	B-B1
39. P-R5	R-N2	40. R-N1	R-N1
41. B-K2	R-N2	42. N-B2	Adjourned
43. Mednis	resigned		without resuming play.

No. 9

Bisguier White		Bernstein Black	
1. P-Q4	N-KB3	2. P-QB4	P-B4
3. P-Q5	P-QN4	4. Pxp	P-K3
5. Pxp	BPxp	6. N-QB3	B-N2
7. N-B3	P-Q4	8. P-K4	P-Q5
9. P-K5	N-N5	10. P-KR3	N-KR3
11. BxN	PxB	12. QN-N1	B-N2
13. B-B4	O-O	14. Bxpch	K-R1
15. QN-Q2	Q-K2	16. Q-N3	Bxp
17. NxP	R-B3	18. O-O	RxB
19. P-B4	N-Q2	20. N(2)-B3	R-KN1
21. R-B2	BxN	22. NxP	R-K5
23. Q-R3	N-B3	24. R-QB	R-K6
25. QxBP	Q-KN2	26. QR-B2	N-K5
27. QxQP	QxQ	28. NxQ	NxR
29. RxN	R-Q	30. N-B6	R-Q8ch
31. K-R2	P-KR4	32. P-B5	K-N2
33. P-B6ch	K-B	34. NxP	P-R5
35. R-B4	R-Q7	36. RxP	RxNP
37. P-R4	R(6)-K7	38. R-N4	P-R4
39. R-N7	R-R7	40. P-QN6	Rxp
41. P-N7	Resigns		

No. 10

Byrne White		Fischer Black	
1. P-Q4	N-KB3	2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. N-QB3	P-Q4	4. Pxp	Nxp
5. N-KB3	P-QB4	6. P-K3	N-QB3
7. B-B4	NxN	8. Pxn	B-K2
9. O-O	O-O	10. Q-K2	P-QN3
11. R-Q	Q-B2	12. P-K4	B-N2
13. B-K3	QR-B	14. B-Q3	Pxp
15. Pxp	B-R6	16. P-K5	N-N5
17. N-N5	P-KR3	18. B-R7ch	K-R

19. Q-R5	N-Q4	20. B-Q3	Q-K2
21. N-R7	NxB	22. Pxn	KR-Q
23. R-KB	R-Q2	24. P-R4	R-B6
25. N-N5	RxB	26. RxP	R-Q7
27. P-K4	QxR	28. NxQch	RxN
29. QxR	Bxp	30. R-K	Rxpch
31. K-B	B-Q4	32. R-K2	R-N5
33. R-QB2	K-R2	34. P-R5	R-N4
35. K-K2	R-N7ch	36. K-Q3	R-N6ch
37. K-K2	R-N7ch	38. K-K3	R-N6ch
39. K-B2	R-N4	40. K-K2	Drawn

No. 11

Weinstein White		Sherwin Black	
1. P-Q4	P-Q4	2. P-QB4	Pxp
3. N-KB3	N-KB3	4. P-K3	P-K3
5. Bxp	P-B4	6. O-O	P-QR3
7. Q-K2	P-QN4	8. B-N3	B-N2
9. P-QR4	QN-Q2	10. Pxp	Pxp
11. RxR	QxR	12. N-B3	P-N5
13. N-QN5	Q-N1	14. P-K4	Pxp
15. N(3)xP	N-B4	16. P-K5	KN-Q2
17. QB-B4	NxB	18. NxN	B-Q4
19. R-R1	N-N3	20. N-Q2	B-B4
21. R-QB	N-Q2	22. B-K3	QxKP
23. RxR	NxR	24. P-B4	QxNP
25. BxN	Q-B8ch	26. Resigns	

No. 12

Denker White		Ault Black	
1. P-Q4	P-Q4	2. P-QB4	P-QB3
3. P-K3	N-KB3	4. N-QB3	P-KN3
5. N-B3	B-N2	6. P-QN3	N-K5
7. B-N2	O-O	8. R-B	P-KB4
9. B-K2	P-B5	10. PxBP	NxN
11. RxN	RxP	12. O-O	B-N5
13. PxP	BxN	14. BxB	PxP
15. Q-B	R-B	16. R-B5	P-K3
17. B-N4	Q-Q3	18. R-K1	R-K1
19. R-B8	N-B3	20. RxP	QRxR
21. RxQ	NxP	22. QxR	Resigns





# GAMES BY USCF MEMBERS

Annotated by Chess Master JOHN W. COLLINS

USCF MEMBERS: Submit your best games for this department to JOHN W. COLLINS, Stuyvesant Town, 521 East 14th St., New York 9, N. Y. Space being limited. Mr. Collins will select the most interesting and instructive for publication. Unless otherwise stated notes to games are by Mr. Collins.

## SHIPMAN BEST MAN

Walter J. Shipman, a New York lawyer, and president of the Metropolitan Chess League, won the New Jersey Open. He won five, drew two, and came out best on a tie-break with Ray Weinstein and Herbert Avram.

Shipman springs a surprise with an old debut in this game and has the initiative from start to finish.

### SCOTCH GAMBIT

MCO 9: p. 54, c. 11, (c)

New Jersey Open

Newark, 1959

W. SHIPMAN White H. AVRAM Black

1. P-K4 P-K4
2. N-KB3 N-QB3
3. P-Q4

Now this is quite a turn, shades of Tchigorin and Blackburne!

4. B-QB4

The Gambit. The standard Game continues 4. NXP, N-B3; 5. N-QB3, B-N5; 6. N-N, NPXN; 7. B-Q3, P-Q4; 8. PXP, PXP; 9. O-O, O-O; 10. B-KN5.

4. B-QB4

Probably Black does best to transpose into the Two Knights' Defense with 4. N-B3. Then if 5. P-K5, P-Q4! with Max Lange Attack.

5. O-O

5. P-B3 is usual.

6. N-N5!

White continues to harken back to the bad old days when attacking moves were that and nothing more. 6. P-B3, B-KN5; 7. Q-N3, Q-Q2; 8. BXPch, QXB; 9. QXP, transposes into a loud line of the Giuoco Palmo.

6. N-N5!

Steinitz might well have reacted with 6. N-R3.

7. B-N3

After this White's attack really clicks. Again, the best is 7. N-R3 and if 8. P-KB4, Q-N5.

8. P-KB4!

If 8. P-Q6 ch; 9. K-R1, N-N5; 9. P-N; 10. P-N, RXP ch? 11. KXR, P-N5; 12. BXP ch wins; 10. N-KR3, Q-R5; 11. Q-B3, PXP; 12. N-B3! and White's attack starts rerolling.

9. Q-K1

Black does not put up the stoutest defense. Both 10. N-R3 and 10. B-R4 are preferable.

11. BxB

11. BxB 12. Q-N3 13. BxB 14. BxB 15. Q-NP R-KN1 16. Q-B7ch K-Q2 17. R-B6 K-B1 18. QXPch K-N1

15. Q-NP

On 18. Q-Q2, White could exchange Queens and win the ending, or remove the KP.

19. N-Q2

Good technique. Winning more material best waits while development is completed.

19. N-Q2

Threatening 21. QXRch, QXQ; 22. R-B8 ch, QXR; 23. RXPch, N-Q1; 24. RXP mate.

20. N-B4

This loses another Pawn, but if 21. R-K1 White can force a won ending with 22. QXR, QXQ; 23. R-B8.

22. NXP

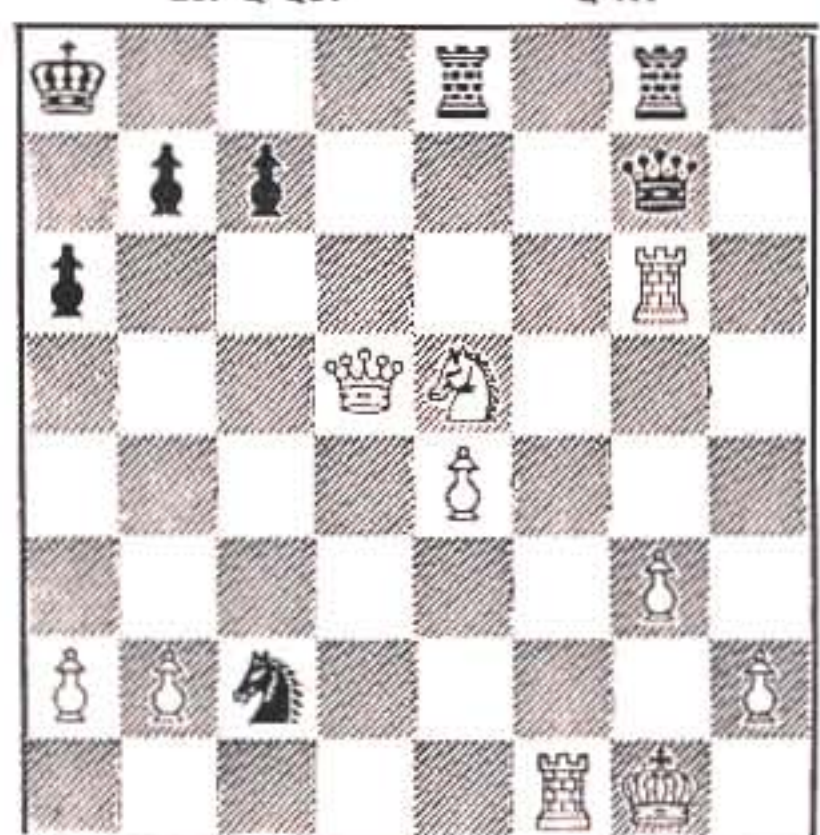
While there's life . . .

25. P-KN3

26. QXPch 27. R-KN6

If 27. QXN; 28. QXQ, RXP; 29. RXPch wins. And if 27. N-B3; 28. RXP, NXP; 29. RXP, RXP; 30. P-B3 wins.

28. Q-Q5! Q-R1



Position after 28. Q-Q5!

If 28. QXN; 29. RXP wins, if 28. RXP, RXP; 29. RXP, RXP; 30. RXPch, wins, and if 28. N-K6; 29. RXP, NXP; 30. RXP, RXP; 31. PXP wins.

29. RXPch! Resigns

Thus avoiding 29. K-N1; 30. N-Q7 ch, K-B1; 31. R-R8 mate.

## INTERSECTIONS

### SICILIAN DEFENSE

MCO 9: page 121

Notes by U.S. Master

A. Mengarini, M.D.

Commercial Chess League

New York, 1959

A. Mengarini White Appleman Black

1. P-K4 P-QB4
2. P-QR3 N-QB3
3. P-QN4

A gambit I excogitated some years ago.

3. P-QN4

Has its drawbacks, but it seems that so do other Black moves at this point.

6. PXP NXP
7. B-N5ch B-Q2
8. BxBch QXB
9. P-B4! NXP

First 9. O-O may be sounder. The idea was to utilize the QR4 to K8 diagonal, e.g. Mengarini-Fajans 30-30, 1952, which continued: 9. N-B5; 10. P-Q4, NXPch; 11. K-B1, Q-R6; 12. Q-R4ch, K-Q1; 13. Q-R5ch, K-B1; 14. Q-B5ch. (the immediate N-N5 was more accurate). K-Q1; 15. N-N5, N-K6 dbl. ch.; 16. K-K2, Q-R4 ch.; 17. KXN, N-B3; 18. K-Q3 ect.

9. O-O
10. K-B1
11. N-R3!
13. P-Q5
13. P-Q5
13. P-Q5
14. P-Q6!

To preserve his castling privilege.

15. N-K5

Time-consuming, for I had to assure myself that the rather loose placement of this N was the only way to maintain sufficient chances, and that after 15. N-N2; 16. N-N5, O-O (White was threatening P-Q7ch); 17. N-B7, Black's various possible discoveries along the long diagonal were essentially harmless.

15. N-K5
16. B-N2
16. B-N2
16. B-N2

Watch this Bishop expatiate.

16. B-N2

The best chance, Black emerging with 3 Pawns and a lead in development for a piece (not 16. QXP? 17. Q-B3, Q-K2; 18. N-B6!) Nevertheless, White's gambit has paid off.

17. N-Q3
18. P-B5
19. PxB

Both players must readjust themselves to playing a different kind of game. White's progress is particularly slow and painful hereabouts. Even though he will be under attack, he cannot think of 20. Q-B3, for his unopposed Bishop would lose much of its power after an exchange of Queens.

20. N-K5 N-K5
21. Q-K2

White would come to grief if he persisted in trying to attack now, e.g. 21. N-N4?, K-B1!

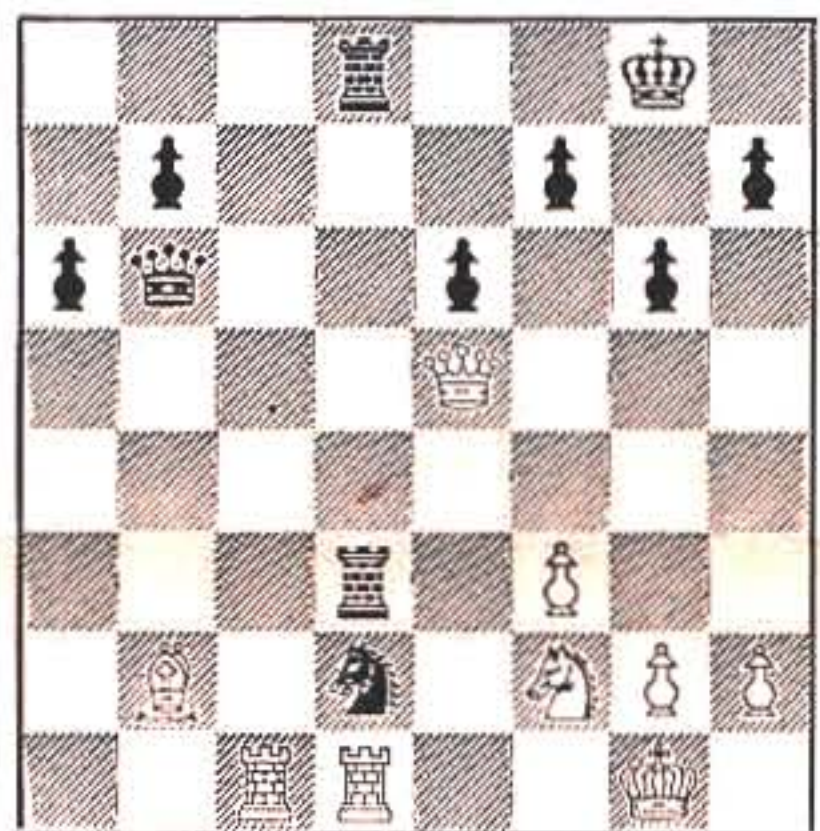
21. N-N4?
22. QN-B4
23. NXP
24. P-B3
25. N-K3
26. K-B2
27. KR-Q1
28. K-N1
29. N-N4
30. QR-B1

Threatening QXR. Both players have about 10 minutes left for twenty moves.

30. Q-Q3
31. N-B2 Q-N3

The modest R-Q4 gave better chances. Having completed his development, White regains the initiative by giving back some of his material.

32. Q-K5!



Position after 32. Q-K5!

Also 32. B-B6 winning the exchange was possible.

32. B-B6
33. PXP
34. RXP
35. K-N2
36. QXP

And Black resigned. The text is sharper than 36. Q-N8ch and NXR. If now 36. R-Q2; 37. N-N4 will mate, e.g. P-QR4; 38. N-R6 ch, K-R2; 39. Q-R8. The game is interesting for its transitions from energy-plus matter-minus, to matter-plus energy-minus, and back again. It is characteristic of chess that the road to victory lies precisely by way of such hazardous intersections.

## STONEWALL SYSTEM

MCO 9: p. 228, c. 14

U. S. Open

Omaha, 1959

O. ULVESTAD White R. SPRAGUE Black

1. P-Q4 N-KB3
2. P-K3 P-KN3
3. B-Q3 B-N2
4. P-KB4 O-O
5. N-KB3 P-Q3
6. P-K4 QN-Q2
7. P-K5 N-K1
8. P-KR4 P-QB4
9. P-B3 N-B2
10. P-R5
11. RPXP
12. P-B5
13. PXP
14. B-R6
15. B-QB4
16. BxNch
17. Q-B1

Resigns

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## SIFF CAPTURES FLORIDA MASTERS

State Champion Boris Siff of Miami tallied 6½-½ to win the first Florida Masters event held Nov. 26-29 at the DuPont Plaza Hotel, Miami.

The champion, who has been a master for many years won six and drew with runner-up Marvin Sills of Miami, who scored 6-1, after drawing also with Jeff Rohlf. Sills earned a master rating for the second time in the last three events and probably will be listed among the elite before the end of 1960.

Rohlf, 16-year-old Miami Edison sophomore, placed third with 4½-2½. The talented youngster lost only to Siff and to Duke Chinn, Florida's regular upsetter of experts.

Third through seventh with 4-3 and no tie-breaking were: A. C. Otten, 1955 state champ; Fred Borges, Univ. of Miami instructor; Frank Rose, Fort Lauderdale News chess editor; and Richard Glickman, Miami Beach expert.

The field was restricted to the top 16 players who applied for permission to compete. Borges promoted and directed the event.

An amateur event held at the same time was dominated by young players. The winner was Jerry Aranoff, 14, Miami Beach; while David Sumner, 13, Miami, and Richard Corbin, 14, Miami Beach, tied for second.

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## OPERATION M—(Continued from Page 1)

man. "Less than 5 months remain, and we have 998 new members to add. That's faster going than we have done before, and we cannot relax at this time."

"It would be very very easy," Cramer added, "if only enough USCF members pitched in and did a little recruiting. Members should not wait to be 'instructed' by their local membership chairman, or to receive written requests from me or from the state chairman. We are a volunteer committee and are too overloaded to ask everybody we should or to give everybody thanks who deserves them, or even to give the help that would be valuable."

"Each USCF member—including the new ones—may and should take it upon himself to become a member of the Membership Committee, to recruit his friends, and to urge other USCF members to do the same. If USCF is to become a strong and sound organization, if chess is to have the sort of leadership that this magnificent game deserves, then OPERATION M must reach its 5000 target. That can be done only with more help, everywhere—a little or a lot—whatever you possibly can."

## USSR CHESS MAGAZINES

by PAUL LEITH

A reader of CHESS LIFE requests information on "Russian chess periodicals" and how to subscribe to them. In the past few years, many of our players and particularly the younger ones (Fischer, Lombardy, Saidy, Weinstein) have been studying chess books and magazines in the Russian language. It is quite understandable that they should wish to absorb chess theory from that country which for a decade has demonstrated its superiority in chess. Our younger players, in particular, are imbued with the laudable determination to catch up with and surpass USSR chess players.

Most players in our country think that the language barrier keeps them from access to chess literature in the Russian language. This view was expressed most recently by David R. Stevenson in his very interesting letter in CHESS LIFE, Dec. 5, 1959. But this is not so. Our younger players are witness to this, for they knew no Russian at all when they embarked on their exploratory venture. Learn the Russian alphabet, and these words: *belie* (white), *chernie* (black), *sdalis* (resigned) and *inichya* (draw); and the games are an open book. You should, of course, know the algebraic notation, but this is as easy as eating pie.

Mr. D. J. Morgan in his informative, sparkling "Quotes and Queries" column in the BRITISH CHESS MAGAZINE, Dec. 1959, states on this point: "Hardly any difficulty in reading the problems and games. We ourselves, through exchange, see more or less regularly about two dozen different foreign magazines in a dozen or so different foreign languages. Though no linguist, the essential terms come readily from the context." With the aid of a dictionary for key words, you can get the gist of theoretical articles on openings. Further study of the Russian language will bring added dividends.

The basic USSR chess magazine is the 32 page monthly **SHAKHMATY V' SSR (CHESS IN THE USSR)**. Here is a brief summary of the contents of No. 10, October, 1959. The editorial describes the constituent congress of the USSR Chess Federation, previously the USSR Chess Section under the Council of Ministers. Features are: 1) a six page article on the Second National Spartakiad Team Tournament, in which fourteen Grandmasters, fifty-four Masters and over a hundred Candidates for Master and first category players participated; 2) a four-page article on the 1959 World Student Team Tournament at Budapest, Hungary, by International Master M. Yudovich; and 3) a two page article by International Grandmaster A. Kotov on the 1959 World Junior Championship in Switzerland.

Rounding out the issue are four annotated games, a five page section on Studies and Problems; a two page section on Checkers; several letters from readers disagreeing with some moves in books; an article on chess in East Germany; and chess news from various cities.

Important from another angle, and of special value to USA players for self study is the 32 page monthly **SHAKHMATNY BIULETIN**, consisting almost entirely of games, without notes. The No. 10, October 1959 issue contains in a five page theoretical section: 1) "Planning with a Closed Center" by Master A. Sokolsky, author of the book "Chess Openings"; 2) "On the Theory of the Sicilian Defense" by A. Christov, translated from the Bulgarian **SHAKHMATNA MYSL**, with comments by Y. Estrin; and 3) a summary by International Master A. Konstantinopolsky of Dr. Max Euwe's views on the Sicilian Defense, from the latter's Archives.

This issue of **SHAKHMATNY BIULETIN** has 184 games in algebraic notation, without notes. Sixty seven games are from USSR competition (tournament of Masters and Candidates for Master; semi-finals of the 26th USSR Championship; 1959 Kiev City Championship; and games from the career of G. Y. Levenfisch. There are forty-two games from the 1959 Yugoslav National Championship, and games from the 1959 World Student Team Championship, the 1959 Women's Candidates Tournament, etc. Included is the Brandt-Benko game, New York, 1959. And finally, a brief chronicle of events in foreign countries, and indexes according to players and openings.

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## Mate The Subtle Way!

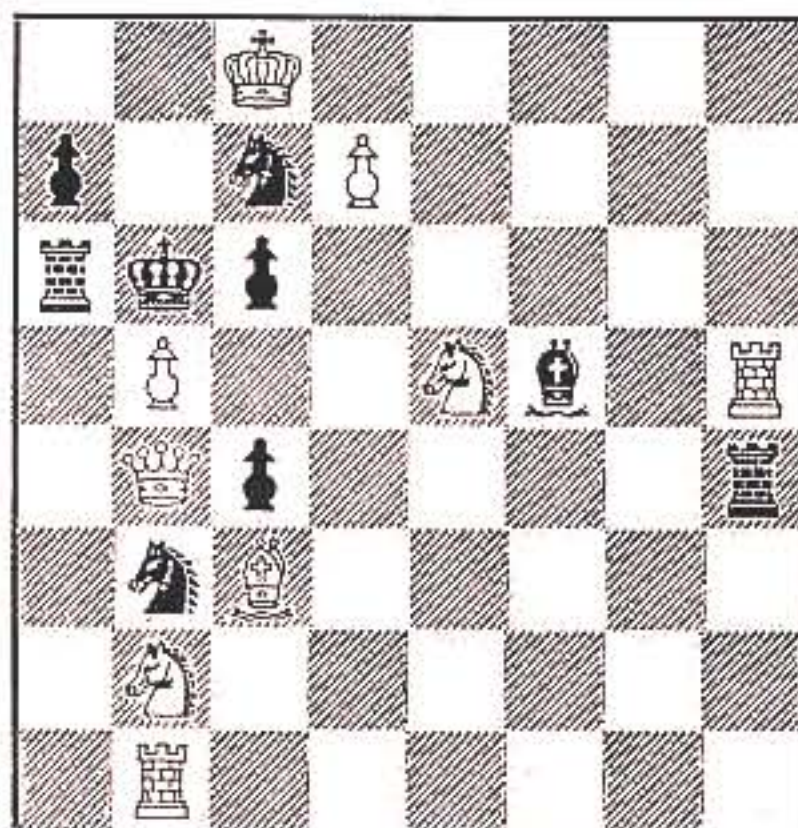
by Nicholas Gabor

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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By David Hjelle  
Volda, Norway

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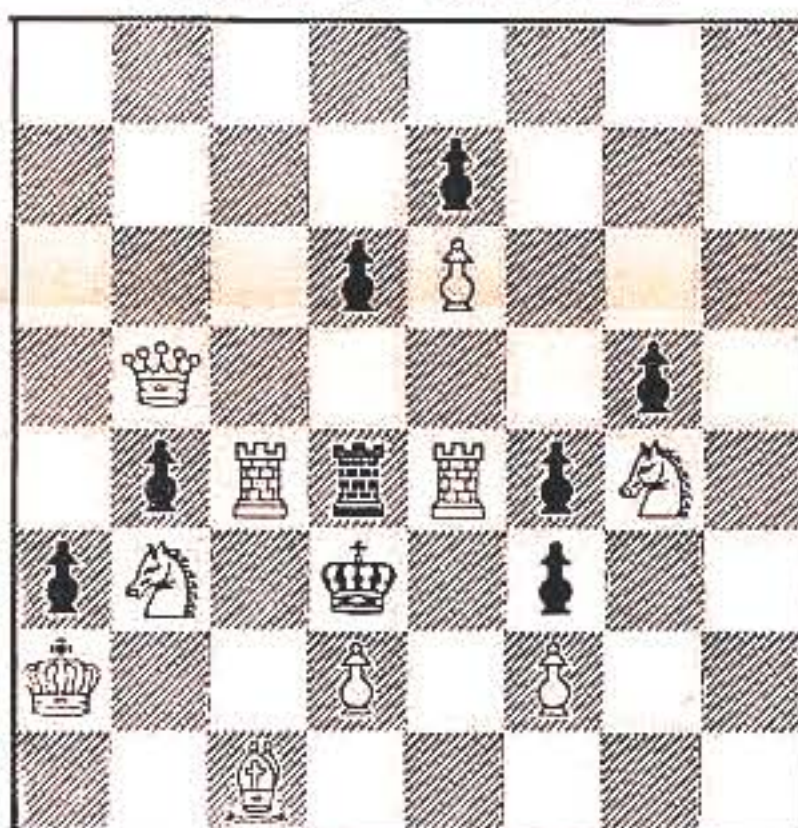


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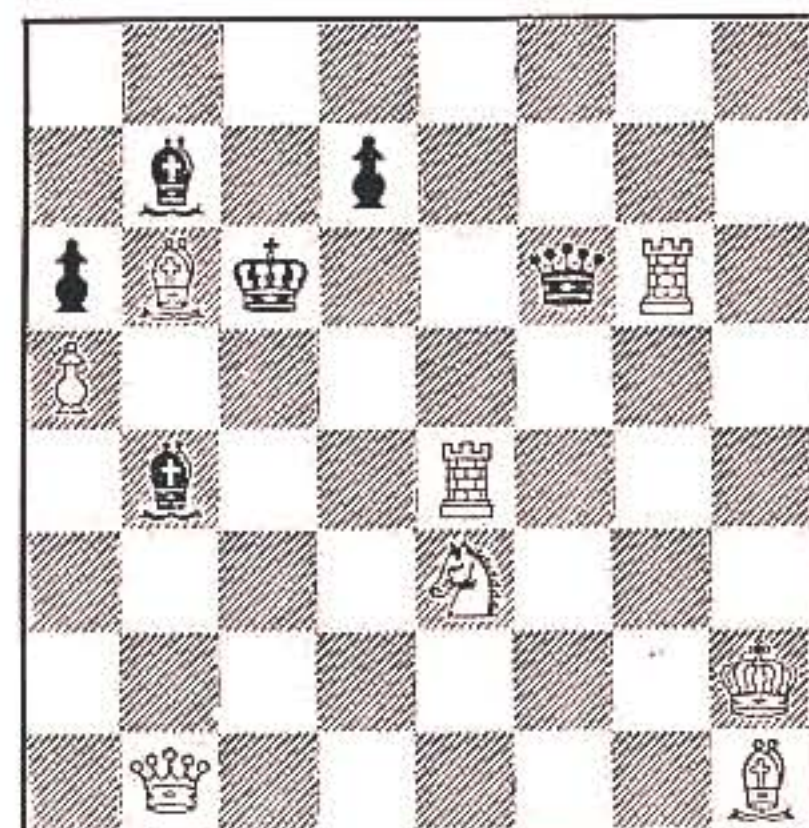


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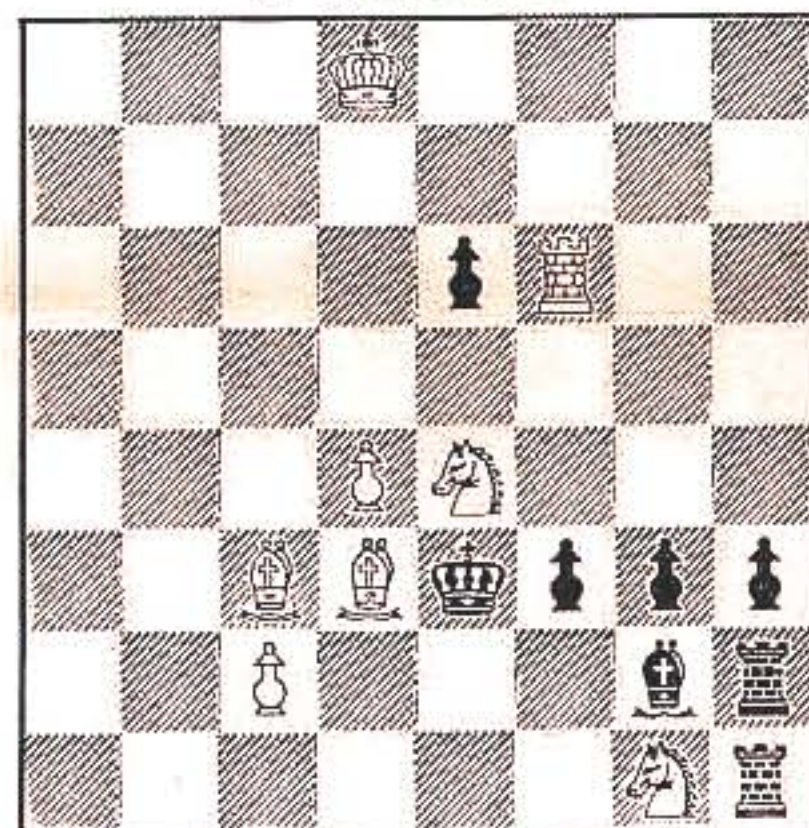
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Tourney 1959



Mate in two moves

Problem No. 1056

By the late Dr. P. G. Keeney  
Newport, Ky.  
Cincinnati Enquirer 1933  
In Memoriam!



Mate in three moves

## Solutions to "Mate the Subtle Way!"

No. 1041 Willemsens: keymove 1. R(B)Q8 waiting! 1. .... KxP, 2. B-K6; 1. .... K-K5, 2. B-B5; 1. .... P-K5, 2. B-P; 1. .... PxP, 2. B-B6; 1. .... N any, 2. QxP. No. 1042 Bata: keymove 1. Q-QR2 threatening 2. B-R4. 1. .... R-Q5, 2. N-K5; 1. .... R-K5, 2. B-Q5; 1. .... N-B2, 2. R-N6; 1. .... Nxp, 2. N-N4. The 2 rook-defences produce 2 half-pin variations both combined with self-interferences (with the 2 bishops) while the knight-defences bring about 2 block-variations. No. 1043 Beale: key 1. N-R3 threatening 2. R-B4. 1. .... P-K7, 2. R-QB3 dbl.ch.; 1. .... B-B2, 2. R-KB6; 1. .... Bxp, 2. NxB; 1. .... QxRch! 2. BxQ. A good try is 1. N-K6 with same threat, defeated by 1. .... B-B2 only. No. 1044 Michalak: key 1. Q-Q3 threatening 2. P-K4 and 3. N-B3. If, after 2. PK4-Bxp, 3. Q-N3; if 2. .... RxP, 3. N-B3 and after 2. .... K-B5, 3. N-QB4. If 1. .... R-KR4, 2. N (B6)K4 etc.; if 1. .... B-N7 or R8, 2. N(Q2)K4 etc.; if 1. .... RxP, 2. Q-K4ch! etc. After 1. .... R-Q5, 2. Q-K4 ch! etc.; if 1. .... R-KB5, 2. PxR ch! etc.

## FORSYTH NOTATION

For inexperienced solvers and followers of our problem-column, and especially for those who intend to become problem-composers, we emphasize the necessity of developing their technique in reading the Forsyth Notation used for giving chess-positions without the space-needing diagrams. In our column we intend to give, in addition to the diagrammed positions, more problems, set-ups, outlines, schemes, (combination-matrixes and patterns etc.) for the benefit of those interested in the art of composing and in giving them, use the Forsyth Notation.

Looking at any position from White's side, read the lines from the top-line going left to right. Numbers mean empty squares. Capital letters mean White pieces, while small types represent Black pieces. (To avoid mistakes, the Knights are given by the letter "N" or "n".) When a line is complete, it is separated from the next line by /. To demonstrate the notation, we give here one of the above 4 positions, No. 1056 Dr. Keeney's three-mover in Forsyth:

3K4/8/4P2/8/3PN3/2BBkppp/2P3br/6Nr Mate in three moves.

Keep all columns until at least the "Solutions" arrive, in the issues 6 weeks after publication of works. Looking into the "solutions" will give you complete insight and fuller understanding of problems.

## FISCHER A THREE TIME WINNER—(Continued from Page 2)

Weinstein's fine showing makes him a valuable addition to the U.S. Students Team now being organized by Captain Saidy to play abroad this summer in the World Students Team Tournament.

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## Tournament Life

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### USSR CHESS MAGAZINES—(Continued from Page 7)

Bobby Fischer proved the value of studying material in Russian in the Fischer-Reshevsky game, Sicilian Defense, in the U.S. Championship (Dec. 1958-Jan. 1959). This devastating variation had appeared previously in **SHAKHMATNY BIULETIN** No. 10, October, 1958 in an article "New in Opening Theory" by G. Borisenko and L. Shamkovitch.

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### SELVAGGI WINS 1959 S. J. AMATEUR

Phil Selvaggi won 4 and drew 2 to score 5-1 and to top a field of 22 players in the six round Swiss at Hammonton, New Jersey in November. This was the fourth year in which this South Jersey Amateur Open has been played, sponsored by the South Jersey Chess Association.

Bob Durkin scored 4½-1½ to take second prize. Durkin won 4, drew 1, and lost 1. Ludwig Turman, Vincent Pent and Ray Fasano placed in that order (3-4-5) after their 4-2 ties had been broken.

not later than April 15, 1960. For full information, write the Tournament Director, V. M. Kimm, P.O. Box 104, Terryville, Conn.

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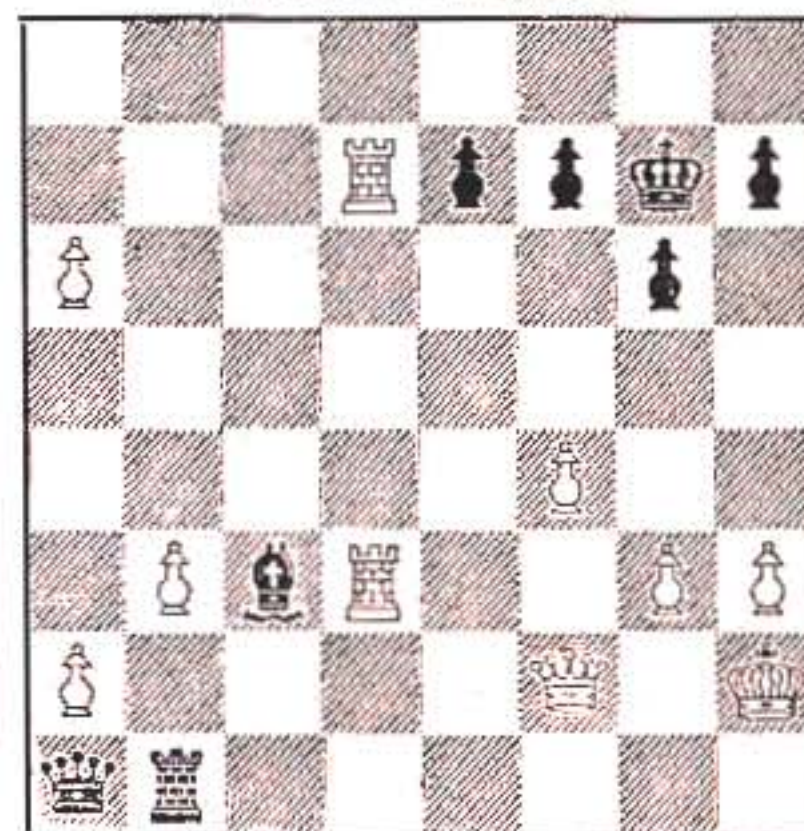
Although four players tied for the top spot in the 5 round, 13 player event, and although tie-breaking points were not used for the purposes of prize distribution (equal 1st-to 4th prizes being given) William Byland's 10 Median points topped Martin Lubbel's 9½, George Doschek's 8½, and David Spiro's 7, after each had scored 3½-1½ in the tournament, played at the Downtown, YMCA, sponsored by the Pittsburgh Chess Club.

Fifth place was taken by Enea Caravacci, over Alex Spitzer, after each had scored 3-2.

### CORRECTION

The position diagrammed below appeared in the "It Wasn't The Best Move" column in the Dec. 20 issue of **CHESS LIFE**. After Black's first move 1. ...., B-N5, the score was really loused up, giving an impossible 2nd move for Black, and a 4th mating move which didn't mate.

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The correct score (the way the game went) was 1. ...., B-N5; 2. P-R7, B-B4; 3. QxB?, R-R8ch, and White resigned, seeing the forced continuation, 4. K-N2, Q-B8 mate. Leonard Barden says that White's 3. QxB was error, and that 3. P-R8(Q), BxQ; 4. Q-Q4 would have covered against the fatal rook check at White's KR1, and that White would have won rather easily with his material plus.

(Your editor is sorry about the mistakes, but surprised and gratified to learn that so many **CHESS LIFE** readers apparently follow this column regularly, since 12 readers wrote to point out one or both of the mistakes made in the Dec. 20 score. F.M.W.)

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