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A NEW USCF—A NEW CHESS LIFE

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In the last two years USCF has doubled its membership, increased its tournament activity, published more rating lists and has taken a more active interest in American representation in International events. In other words, a truly organized group of chessplayers has been formed—an organization on the move and one lacking the dissent and acrimony of years ago. USCF members are now proud of their organization and as a result of this USCF continues to grow as it never had in the past.

The voice of USCF has always been CHESS LIFE, our official publication. Founded in 1946, CHESS LIFE has always given our members the opportunity to express their opinions and ideas in addition to serving as a direct-line communication from those responsible for organized chess in any one part of the country to every other part. The Editors of CHESS LIFE have always attempted to give USCF members as much news, articles, games and general chess lore as was available and as could be secured by our limited budget. Mainly, however, they have always tried to have CHESS LIFE serve as official spokesman of USCF through its membership.

Now we are faced with a "new" organization and many members have been complaining and rightly so, that we must have more news of pertinent events, more articles, a better grade of paper, more up-to-date coverage of events of interest, in addition to serving as the natural voice of USCF. The idea of accommodating a new "voice" for our publication, a new medium for the printed word, has been foremost in the minds of USCF officers for over two years. Ken Harkness, two years ago, first drew up a rough dummy of an improved format of CHESS LIFE but nothing could be done about it at that stage—our finances and our whole organization was too weak to accommodate such a radical change.

Later on, it became the discussion and responsibility of every USCF officer to explore the possibilities of improving CHESS LIFE—not only as an improvement to offer our already existing members but also as a possible source of larger USCF membership.

AN IMPROVED CHESS LIFE

The time has come, I'm happy to say, when we feel that we should now make the move to an improved format and change in many ways the entire nature and presentation of CHESS LIFE. First of all, we will increase the total number of pages that we now print (8 pages per issue or 16 pages per month) to 24 and on some issues as many as 32 pages will be printed. In order to pay for this larger issue we will publish only once each month rather than twice as we are doing now. Secondly, the actual mechanical format will be changed radically: New diagrams and characters have been ordered and the old dispensed with; our typography will be improved after consultation with experts in the field; new cuts for column headings have been ordered; a new masthead is being designed. Thirdly, and many members will welcome this change more than any, our publication will be printed on coated glossy stock similar to those national publications that we know so well like TIME, SPORTS ILLUSTRATED, etc. Fourthly, the editorial operation will be moved to New York City so that faster and more complete coverage of important national and international events can be secured.

In addition to all of the changes indicated above, the USCF Executive Committee at St. Louis recommended a set editorial policy in relationship to more games, more cross-tables of national, regional and local events and a continuance of extensive publication of ratings.

The new CHESS LIFE will go to monthly publication concurrently with the changes and improvements indicated above—the last twice-monthly issue to appear December 20th and the first of the new monthly series (Vol. XVI) No. 1.) to appear January 20, 1961. We hope you like it!

U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM IN LEIPZIG FINALS

After 9 rounds of preliminary qualifying play, the following teams had won places in the finals (11 rounds): Section 1—Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, East Germany; Section 2—USSR, Argentina, Netherlands; Section 3—Czechoslovakia, England, Hungary; Section 4—USA, West Germany, Rumania. The USSR took a 32-4 score into the finals, compared with the USA's 29-7.

FLASH!! USSR Wins Olympic Title With 34-10 Score. USA 2nd with 29-15. Yugoslavia 3rd With 27-17.

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP SHOWS GOOD GAINS

by
USCF President Fred Cramer

Membership on September 20, 1960, was well ahead of membership a year ago in all of the eight new USCF Regions. Outstanding gains were shown in the North Central Region (26%), in the Great Lakes and Mid Atlantic Regions (both 19%), and in the Southwestern Region (17%). Membership chairmen in many states and localities are carrying forward the work of OPERATION M pending the naming of a new National Membership Chairman. The urgency of continued growth in membership remains very great, and USCF can survive and grow only if all members contribute to the recruiting performance, and continue contributing.

The Regions and states, with the 1959 membership figures (first) and the 1960 figures follow:

REGION I—NEW ENGLAND			REGION VI—NORTH CENTRAL		
Mass.	139	143	Ill.	160	226
Conn.	106	99	Wis.	98	115
R. I.	17	29	Minn.	93	84
Maine	7	11	Neb.	37	51
N. H.	8	10	Iowa	37	38
Vt.	5	2	Mont.	3	18
	282	294	So. D.	3	9
			N. D.	3	7
			Wyo.	3	4
				437	552
REGION II—EASTERN			REGION VII—SOUTHWESTERN		
N. Y.	468	553	Texas	235	235
N. J.	246	248	Mo.	46	93
	714	801	Colo.	30	60
			La.	50	41
REGION III—MID-ATLANTIC			Okla.	36	40
Penn.	213	221	Kans.	31	39
Md.	60	96	N. M.	30	33
Va.	66	92	Ark.	25	23
D. C.	45	45		483	564
W. Va.	23	30			
Del.	6	7			
	413	491			
REGION IV—SOUTHERN			REGION VIII—PACIFIC		
Fla.	97	93	Calif.	540	580
Tenn.	26	47	Wn.	40	34
N. C.	52	46	Ariz.	38	30
Ala.	39	38	Ore.	26	25
Miss.	51	32	Utah	20	23
S. C.	19	27	Nev.	11	20
Ky.	24	25	Alaska	4	14
Ga.	22	24	Idaho	11	13
	330	332	Hawaii	2	2
				692	741

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ARTICLE I—NAME

The name of the corporation shall be the United States of America Chess Federation, commonly known as the United States Chess Federation or the Federation.

ARTICLE II—PURPOSES

The purposes of the Federation shall be educational and instructional, to broaden and develop chess as art and recreation, as a significant element of culture in America. The Federation shall cooperate with schools, colleges, hospitals, military bases, community centers, recreation departments, and other groups and institutions in teaching chess, conducting tournaments, and other activities; the Federation shall disseminate information through its publications and representatives; and the Federation shall select the official USA representatives in all international chess affairs. The Federation is pledged (a) to operate exclusively for educational, recreational, and social welfare purposes; (b) that no part of its contributions, dues, or net income shall inure to the benefit of any individual, except that trophies or prizes awarded in the course of its educational and promotional program shall not be so construed; and (c) that the Federation is not operated for profit, and that neither principal nor income of any of its funds may be used in any attempt to influence legislation.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

1. **Regular Membership:** Any person may become a Regular Member of the Federation upon payment of \$5.00 dues for one year, \$9.50 for two years, or \$13.50 for three years.

2. **Life Membership:** Any person may become a Regular Member for life upon payment of \$100.00 dues, payable at once or in ten annual "sustaining" installments.

3. **Special Memberships:** Special Memberships shall be available at half the regular dues to every member of the household of any Regular Member, and on such terms and to such groups as the Executive Committee may designate.

4. **Rights and Privileges:** Each Regular Member shall be entitled to receive a regular copy of Chess Life, and each Member shall be entitled to have his tournament play officially rated, to participate in the annual membership meeting, to enter the annual open tournament and any other open tournament sponsored by the Federation, and to enjoy all other rights and privileges of membership not herein enumerated.

5. **Revocation of Membership:** The Executive Committee may revoke or suspend the membership of any Member for cause, including anything tending to discredit the Federation.

6. **Annual Membership Meeting:** The President shall call and preside at an annual meeting of the membership, held in conjunction with the U.S. Open Tournament, for the purpose of hearing reports and making suggestions to the Board of Directors. Twenty-five members present in person shall constitute a quorum. The Secretary shall publish in Chess Life advance notice of the meeting and a proxy form for members who do not expect to attend.

ARTICLE IV— REGIONAL ORGANIZATION

The membership and the Federation shall be divided geographically, for administrative purposes, into USCF Regions which shall be (a) compact enough for administration by personal contact, (b) conformant with conventional groupings of states, (c) approximately equal in membership, (d) about eight in number, and (e) numbered, described, and composed as follows:

- I New England Me NH Vt Mass RI Conn
- II Eastern NY NJ
- III Mid-Atlantic Penn Del Md DC Va WVa
- IV Southern NC SC Ga Fla Ky Tenn Ala Miss
- V Great Lakes Ohio Mich Ind
- VI North Central Ill Wis Minn Ia ND SD Neb Mont Wyo
- VII Southwestern Mo Ark La Kans Okla Texas Colo NM
- VIII Pacific Wn Ore Calif Id Ut Nev Ariz Alaska Haw

NEW USCF BY-LAWS

Chess Life presents here the complete official text of the new USCF By-Laws, adopted by the Board of Directors at St. Louis August 12, 1960.

The text comes after almost ten years of intermittent work by several by-laws revision committees, including even attempts to adopt new texts by mail voting by directors. High controversy surrounded the subject at times. This long-standing difficult problem was cracked in the report of the final by-laws committee, headed by Thomas A. Jenkins, together with C. Harold Bone, A. Wyatt Jones, and Irving Rivise. The report was adopted with only one dissenting vote.

Since the official texts of the earlier by-laws (adopted about 1948) and of innumerable amendments thereto have been lost from the records as time went on, it may be said that now USCF for the first time in years actually does have by-laws, extant in print! With the printing of the text here and the printing in Chess Life of all subsequent amendments (as minutes of Directors meetings), the "lost text" problem will not recur.

Except for one major change—the adoption of Regional Organization (on which subject see special article in Chess Life)—USCF organization and operations are not greatly altered by the new by-laws.

ARTICLE V—STATE USCF DIRECTORS

1. **Number:** Each state having more than 10 USCF Members on April 5 shall be entitled to one USCF Director for each 50 Members or fraction thereof. Officer-Directors and Life Directors shall not be counted as State Directors.

2. **Selection:** In those states which are USCF Affiliates on April 5, the State Directors shall be certified in writing to the USCF Secretary by the authorized state officer before June 30. In non-affiliated states, the State Directors shall be elected at the annual USCF Membership Meeting by the USCF Members residing in the state and present at the meeting, in person or by proxy.

3. **Term:** the term of each State Director shall commence on July 1 of the year in which elected and continue for one year and thereafter until a successor is elected or appointed. Should a vacancy occur on the Board of Directors, through failure to certify or elect per Section 2 above or between Annual Meetings, such vacancy shall be filled promptly by appointment by the USCF President.

ARTICLE VI—BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. **Responsibility:** The Board of Directors is responsible for the management of the Federation: it shall formulate general policy, write the By-Laws, and elect the officers.

2. **Composition:** The Board of Directors shall be composed of the State Directors named under Article V above, the Life Directors designated under Section 3 below, and the Officer-Directors. (Each elected officer shall also be a Director by virtue of office.) All Directors shall have equal right, privilege, and responsibility.

3. **Life Directors:** Life Directorship, including honorary Life Membership, shall be conferred (a) automatically upon each Federation President upon completion of his term of office and (b) upon contributors of outstanding service to chess, up to a total of twenty, who are so designated by the Executive Committee.

4. **Annual Meeting:** The President shall call and preside at an annual meeting of the Board of Directors, held in conjunction with the U.S. Open Tournament, for the purposes of hearing annual reports, election and installation of officers, and consideration of other Federation business. Twenty-five Directors present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum. The Secretary shall mail to each Director on May 5 notice of the meeting and a proxy form for Directors who do not expect to attend.

ARTICLE VII—OFFICERS

1. **President, Vice-President and Secretary:** At the 1960 Annual Meeting and every third year thereafter the Directors shall elect a President, a National Vice-President, and a Secretary.

2. **Regional Vice-Presidents:** At each Annual Meeting the Directors from each Region shall elect one Regional Vice-President. Each year the President shall designate one of the three Vice-Presidents in each Region as First Vice-President and chief executive officer for the Region.

3. **Terms:** The terms of Officers shall begin with the annual Directors Meeting of the year in which elected and continue three years and thereafter until a successor is elected or appointed.

ed. The President shall appoint a successor to serve the unexpired term of any Vice-President or Secretary who becomes unable, unwilling, or ineligible to serve. The National Vice-President shall serve the unexpired term of any President who becomes unable to serve.

4. **Election of Officers:** a. **Nomination:** Any Member shall be eligible for nomination for elective office, except that no incumbent elected officer other than the Secretary shall be eligible to succeed himself. Nomination may be by report of the Nominating Committee or by motion from the floor at the Annual Directors Meeting.

b. **Nominating Committee:** Before December 1 the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of five Directors, no two from one Region. The Committee shall advertise in Chess Life for candidates, carefully review the qualifications of all candidates, obtain permission from candidates to become nominees, and report its nominees to the Secretary postmarked before April 6.

c. **Absentee Ballot:** The Secretary shall mail to each Director on May 5 an absentee ballot, listing all appropriate nominees and carrying instructions for absentee voting. Absentee ballots in sealed envelopes identified on the outside by the voter's name and the words "Ballot for Officers" will be voted by Secretary if mailed to him postmarked before July 6 or if personally delivered to him at the Annual Directors Meeting.

d. **Balloting:** Each Director present at the Annual Directors Meeting shall be eligible to vote for officers. Prior to the voting, the Secretary shall return unopened any absentee ballots on hand from Directors present at the meeting. Each Director present shall cast one written ballot, and the Secretary shall certify to and cast all valid absentee ballots. In case of tie the President shall cast a deciding vote.

5. **Appointed Officers:** The President shall appoint a Treasurer, Business Manager, Editor, Tournament Administrator, a Women's Chess Chairman, Membership Chairman, International Affairs Chairman, Nominations Chairman, and chairmen for college chess, junior chess, industrial chess, and such other portfolios as may advance Federation purposes. The First Vice-President in each Region shall, upon request of any officer so appointed, appoint a Regional Officer of the same stripe to report to the officer appointed by the President.

ARTICLE VIII—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. **President:** The President shall execute all Federation business and affairs, call and preside at all meetings of the Membership, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee, carry out all requirements of these By-Laws, execute employment and other contracts for the Federation, represent the Federation officially on occasion, and report annually to the Board of Directors.

2. **National Vice-President:** The National Vice-President shall assist the President and carry out assignments received from him. He shall execute the duties of the President when the President is unable to serve.

3. **First Regional Vice-President:** The First Vice-President in each Region is the chief executive officer of the Region, responsible for all phases of the Federation program within his

Region. He shall maintain personal contacts by visiting tournament and chess affairs; he shall endeavor to strengthen and develop Federation organization and communication within his Region.

4. **Regional Vice-President:** Each Regional Vice-President shall assist the First Vice-President, carry out assignments received from him, and endeavor to strengthen and develop Federation organization and communications within his Region.

5. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Membership, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee, act as custodian of the corporate seal and of such documents as the President may entrust to him, carry out all duties prescribed by these By-Laws, file the annual report with the Secretary of State of Illinois, and carry out such other duties as the President may assign.

6. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall file an annual report with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, obtain daily reports of all money received by the Federation, reconcile all statements from the Federation depository, obtain audited statements of the Federation, make an annual report to the Board of Directors, carry out all duties prescribed by these By-Laws and any duties assigned by the President, and give bond for performance of his duties (with premium paid by the Federation.)

7. **Other Officers:** The duties and objectives of the Business Manager, the Editor, each Committee Chairman, and each other officer shall be set forth in written memoranda by the President, a copy of which shall go to the Secretary for the minutes of the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

8. **Executive Committee:** The National Vice-President and the First Vice-President from each Region shall constitute an Executive Committee, to counsel the President on appointments and Federation policy, and for purposes stated in these By-Laws. Committee meeting minutes shall be reported to the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX—AFFILIATES

1. **Affiliation:** Any organization of chess players may affiliate with the Federation upon payment of the fee of \$10.00 per year.

2. **Rights and Privileges:** Each Affiliated Organization shall (a) receive a regular copy of Chess Life, (b) be entitled to conduct USCF-rated tournaments in accordance with USCF tournament rules, and (c) be privileged to issue Federation memberships per Article III above, to collect and forward to the Business Manager the dues, and to retain commission thereon at a rate set by the Executive Committee.

3. **Revocation:** The Executive Committee may revoke or suspend any affiliation for cause, including anything tending to discredit the Federation.

ARTICLE X—SUNDRY BY-LAWS

1. **Office:** The Registered Office of the Federation shall be at such address in the State of Illinois as designated by the Executive Committee.

2. **Publications:** Chess Life, a periodical, is designated an Official Publication.

3. **Fiscal Period:** The fiscal period shall be the year ended June 30.

4. **Bank Account:** All general funds shall be deposited in a national bank in the Federation name, disburseable only by check signed by both the Treasurer and the Business Manager.

5. **International Affairs:** The Federation is the official USA unit of FIDE and shall be represented officially in all FIDE affairs by the President or his delegate.

6. **Procedure:** Roberts Rules of Order shall be used at all meetings of Membership, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee.

7. **Authority:** These By-Laws have been adopted by the Directors under authority of the charter issued to the United States of America Chess Federation by the State of Illinois.

8. **Amendment:** These By-Laws may be amended by majority vote of the Directors at the Annual Directors Meeting. For By-Laws amendment, one-half of all the Directors, to be present in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum.

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John M. Osness, Secretary-Treasurer, Iowa State Chess Association writes:

"There are thousands of chess players who would like to play in the U. S. Open. Naturally there are many reasons why most of them can't. That still doesn't mean that they wouldn't like to know what is going on at the tournament. I partially solved this problem last year by subscribing to an Omaha newspaper. This year I intended to do the same with a St. Louis newspaper, but somehow I just didn't get around to it. That meant that I learned little about it, except the winner, for about 4 weeks. Is it possible that other enthusiasts would like to 'follow the Tournament' by newspaper? I would like to suggest that USCF Members be given this opportunity at the time that entry blanks for the next U. S. Open are mailed. Whether the subscriptions were to be handled through the USCF or direct with the newspaper would seem to be inconsequential. The cost probably wouldn't be more than \$2. This arrangement might also make more newspapers realize that there are a lot of players that are interested in chess news.

The Iowa Open grew a little this year in spite of or because of the change to require USCF membership. Our restricted State Tournament next spring may give us a better idea of the real effect on the number of entrants. It is possible that more players will choose to enter the unrated minor division of the tournament. Perhaps that might be a good thing in some ways. Certainly there are quite a few players that don't belong in the Class A division until they have proven their ability. The USCF has suffered in Iowa the past year for several reasons. There is little doubt that the coming year will be quite a bit better."

(Editorial Comment: Good idea about newspapers. F.M.W.)

Mr. Osness also writes in his capacity as President of the Cedar Valley Chess Club, of Waterloo, Iowa:

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SICILIAN DEFENSE

R. Ault v. Donovan

1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3, N-QB3; 3. N-B3, P-K3; 4. B-N5, N-B3; 5. P-K5, N-Q4; 6. O-O, B-K2; 7. P-QN3, Q-R4; 8. BxN, NxN; 9. PxN, QPxB; 10. Q-Q3, B-Q2; 11. B-K3, O-O-O; 12. P-QR3, P-B3; 13. P-QN4, Q-B2; 14. BxP, BxB; 15. PxP, B-K1; 16. Q-K3, P-B4; 17. N-Q2, P-KN4; 18. N-B4, P-B5; 19. Q-K2, B-N3; 20. QR-N1, K-Q2.

21. KR-Q1ch, K-K2; 22. R-Q6, P-KR4; 23. N-R5, QxN; 24. RxNPch, K-B1; 25. Q-Q2, R-K1; 26. Q-Q4, QxRP; 27. P-KR4, Q-B8ch; 28. K-R2, P-B6; 29. RxRP, PxNP; 30. KxP, Q-K8; 31. R/6-Q7, B-K5ch; 32. P-B3, Q-K7ch; 33. Q-B2, QxQ; 34. KxQ, B-N3; 35. PxP, P-R5; 36. K-N2, R-R4; 37. P-B4, R-QN1; 38. R-KN7, B-K5ch; 39. K-R3, B-B4ch; 40. K-R2, R-N7; 41. R/R7-N7, RxPch; 42. K-N1, B-N3; 43. R-B3ch, B-K1; 44. P-N6, Resigns.

NIMZOVICH ATTACK

H. Ohman v. S. Lyman

1. P-KB4, N-KB3; 2. N-KB3, P-KN3; 3. P-QN3, B-N2; 4. B-N2, P-B4; 5. P-B4, O-O; 6. P-K3, P-Q4; 7. PxP, NxP; 8. BxB, KxB; 9. Q-B2, N-QB3; 10. P-QR3, B-B4; 11. P-K4, P-K4; 12. PxP, P-K5; 13. N-K5, N-Q5; 14. Q-N2, NxBP; 15. P-N3, Q-B3; 16. PxN, Q-R5ch; 17. K-Q1, QxBP; 18. N-B3, QxN; 19. N-K2, QR-Q1; 20. R-B1, QxBP; 21. Q-B3, K-N1; 22. NxN, RxN; 23. B-K2, KR-Q1; 24. R-B2, R-Q6; 25. QxP, RxPch, 26. Resigns.

CORRECTION

On Page 9 of the October 20 issue, the name of John Nowak should have appeared at the top of the list of USCF Vice Presidents for District VI, for although his term expires in 1961, he has been designated as First Vice President of the district for the current year.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

J. Sherwin v. J. Collins

1. P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. P-QB4, P-QB3; 3. N-KB3, N-B3; 4. N-B3, P-KN3; 5. P-K3, B-N2; 6. B-Q3, O-O; 7. O-O, P-N3; 8. Q-N3, P-K3; 9. R-Q1, B-N2; 10. P-K4, PxKP; 11. NxP, NxN; 12. BxN, N-Q2; 13. B-B4, N-B3; 14. B-B2, N-R4; 15. B-K5, P-B3; 16. B-N3, NxP; 17. RPxN, Q-B2; 18. P-B5, QR-K1; 19. R-K1, B-B1; 20. Q-B3, R-K2;

21. B-K4, P-QN4; 22. P-R4, P-QR3; 23. B-B2, R-Q1; 24. R-K2, QR-K1; 25. PxP, RPxP; 26. QR-K1, K-B1; 27. P-QN4, B-Q2; 28. B-N3, B-B1; 29. K-B1, B-Q2; 30. N-Q2, P-K4; 31. PxP, RxP; 32. RxR, RxR; 33. N-K4, B-B4; 34. N-Q6, RxRch; 35. QxR, Q-Q2; 36. Q-R1, B-Q6ch; 37. K-N1, Q-Q1; 38. Q-R7, Resigns—a memorable game.

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PHILIDOR'S DEFENSE



Position after 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. N-KB3, P-Q3.

Black locks in his K-Bishop — leading to a cramped position

Black's game, while sometimes solid, is always cramped, and for that reason the defense is seldom seen. Black's setup has appealed to such diverse temperaments as Nimzovitch (who liked to maneuver behind closed lines) and Alekhine (who reveled in open games). Alekhine, however, came to the conclusion that against logical and sound play the Philidor is not altogether satisfactory. Black must be well-versed in the intricacies of this defense, as White may create many pitfalls and complications based on the weakness of Black's KB2 square (see the note to move 6 below). This is the reason the Philidor should be handled by a specialist.

MAIN LINE

White	Black
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	P-Q3
3. P-Q4	N-KB3

More forcing than 3., N-Q2, the Hanham Variation (see game No. 1), although this frequently transposes into the text. 3., Pxp is playable, but self-defeating since it relinquishes the center.

4. N-B3
4. Pxp, Nxp; 5. Q-Q5, N-B4; 6. N-N5, Q-K2! is better for Black. If 5. QN-Q2 (instead of Q-Q5), NxN; 6. BxN, B-K2; 7. B-QB4, O-O =

4. QN-Q2
5. B-QB4 B-K2
If instead 5., P-B3; 6. N-KN5, P-Q4; 7. Pxp, N-N3; 7. B-N3 is in White's favor. Black's timing must be very accurate.

6. O-O
6. Pxp is best met by QNxP. 6. Bxpch?! leads to enormous complications after KxB; 7. N-N5ch, K-N1; 8. N-K6, Q-K1; 9. NxBP, Q-N3; 10. O-O (not 10. NxR, QxP; 11. R-B1, Pxp!; 12. QxP, N-K4!), R-N1; 11. Q-Q3, P-KR3; 12. P-B4, PxpP; 13. QxP, P-Q4.
If 6. N-KN5, O-O; 7. Bxpch, RxB; 8. N-K6, Q-K1; 9. NxBP, Q-Q1; 10. NxR, P-QN4! (11. NxP, Q-R4ch; 12. N-B3, NxP +). Black will obtain (after B-N2) two pieces for a Rook and two Pawns—an extremely delicate problem of evaluation—although the pieces are preferable in the mid-game. These complications discourage many an amateur from trying the Philidor, since he must be prepared to accept either of these positions when entering the main line.

6. O-O
Game No. 2 illustrates the alternate 6., P-KR3; game No. 3 offers

a likely continuation from this position.

Game No. 1

Evans-Joyner, Montreal, 1956

White Black

1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	P-Q3
3. P-Q4	N-Q2
4. B-QB4	P-QB3

4., KN-B3 is not playable because of 5. N-N5. 4., P-KR3 is dubious: 5. Pxp, Pxp; 6. Bxpch, KxB; 7. NxPch, with a fierce attack. 4., B-K2 loses to 5. Pxp, Pxp; 6. Q-Q5! The text, therefore, virtually is forced.

5. N-B3
5. N-N5, N-R3; 6. P-QR4, N-N3! (6., B-K2? 7. N-K6!, PxB; 8. BxN, N-N3; 9. Bxp, R-KN1; 10. Q-R5ch, K-Q2; 11. Bxpch!, KxB; 12. Q-B5 mate); 7. B-N3, B-K2; 8. Q-R5, O-O =

5. B-K2
6. Pxp NxP?
Correct is 6., Pxp whereupon White intended 7. N-N5!, BxN; 8. Q-R5, P-KN3; 9. QxB, with a small advantage owing to the two Bishops. The text loses a Pawn by force.

7. NxN PxN
8. Q-R5 P-KN3
9. QxKP P-B3
Not 9., N-B3; 10. B-N5, O-O; 11. R-Q1.

10. Q-N3 Q-Q5
11. B-N3 B-Q3
12. B-KB4 BxB
13. QxB Q-K4
14. Q-K3 N-K2
15. O-O-O BLACK RESIGNS

Black is not only a Pawn behind, but his King is confined to the center and he cannot properly develop his pieces.

This game confirms the difficulty even masters encounter in trying to essay the Philidor. Black must play carefully and, at most, equalize without further hopes.

Game No. 2

Morrison-Tartakower,
Buenos Aires, 1939

White Black

1. P-K4	N-KB3
2. N-QB3	P-K4
3. N-B3	P-Q3
4. P-Q4	QN-Q2
5. B-QB4	P-KR3
6. O-O

6. Pxp, Pxp; 7. Bxpch?!, KxB; 8. NxPch, K-N1 is a speculative try for White.

6. P-B3
7. P-QR4 Q-B2
8. Q-K2 B-K2
9. P-R3 P-KN4?!

This is Black's only aggressive setup in this defense: he is trying to exploit the weakness created by 9. P-R3.

10. Pxp PxP
11. N-KR2 N-B4
12. Q-B3 B-K3
13. BxB NxR
14. N-K2 O-O-O
15. N-N4 NxN
16. PxB B-Q3
17. B-K3
17. N-N3 is met by N-Q5; 18. Q-Q3, Q-Q2.
17. N-Q5
18. BxN PxR
19. KR-Q1 B-R7ch
20. K-B1 B-K4
21. N-B1 Q-K2
22. N-Q3 P-B3
23. P-KN3 Q-K3
24. P-N3
White's winning try is 24. K-N2.

24. P-KR4!
25. Q-B5 QxQ
26. NPxQ B-Q3
27. K-N2 QR-K1
28. P-KB3 P-R5
29. Pxp RxP
30. R-R1 R(1)-R1
31. RxR RxR
32. R-R1 RxR
33. KxR P-N4
34. Pxp PxP

35. P-N4!	K-Q2
36. K-N2	K-K2
37. K-B2	K-B2
38. K-K2	K-K2
39. K-Q2	K-Q2
40. P-B3	Pxpch
41. KxP	B-B2
42. K-Q4	DRAW

White can make no headway after 42., P-R4; 43. Pxp, Bxp; 44. K-B5, B-B6; 45. KxP, K-Q3.

Game No. 3

Pilnik-Benko, Iceland, 1957

White Black

1. P-K4	P-Q3
2. P-Q4	N-KB3
3. N-QB3	QN-Q2
4. N-B3
4. P-B4 leads to Pirc's Defense.
4.	P-K4
5. B-QB4	B-K2
6. O-O	O-O
7. Q-K2	P-B3
8. P-QR4	P-QR4
9. R-Q1	Q-B2
10. B-N5

Better is 10. P-R3, keeping Black's Q-Bishop cramped.

10. N-N3
11. B-N3 B-N5
12. P-R3 B-R4
13. B-K3 QN-Q2
14. P-Q5 P-B4
15. P-N4?
Giving Black unwarranted counterplay.

15. B-QB4 maintains a clear edge.

15. NxNP
16. PxB BxP
17. K-R2 P-B4
18. R-KN1 N-B3
19. Pxp Q-B1
20. RxB NxRch
21. K-R1 QxP
22. N-R2 NxN
23. KxN B-N4
24. BxB QxB
25. R-KN1?
The losing move. After 24. N-K4 followed by P-B3 the outcome of the game still remains in doubt. Black is better, but no forced win.

25. Q-R5ch
26. K-N2 R-B5
27. K-B1 RxPch!
28. QxR R-KB1
29. N-Q1 P-B5
30. B-R2 Q-Q5
31. QxRch KxQ
32. N-B2 P-R4!
33. R-N3 P-K5
34. R-QB3 P-K6
35. RxP Q-B3
36. K-K2 QxNch
37. K-Q3 Q-Q7ch
38. K-K4 P-K7
WHITE RESIGNS

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Brasket v. Evans

1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3, P-Q3; 3. P-B3, N-KB3; 4. P-Q3, P-KN3; 5. P-KN3, B-N2; 6. QN-Q2, O-O; 7. B-N2, P-K4; 8. O-O, N-B3; 9. P-QR4; P-KR3; 10. N-R4, P-Q4; 11. P-KB4, PxBP; 12. PxBP, Pxp; 13. Pxp, Nxp; 14. NxN, QxN; 15. NxP, Q-K2; 16. N-K4, R-Q1; 17. Q-B3, B-K3; 18. Q-B2, P-B4; 19. N-B5, B-Q4; 20. R-K1, Q-KB2;

21. B-K3, P-N3; 22. N-N3, K-R2; 23. N-Q2, R-Q2; 24. P-R3, QR-Q1; 25. K-R2, B-B3; 26. R-KN1, R-K1; 27. Q-N3, BxB; 28. RxB, R-Q6; 29. R-K1, N-K2; 30. N-B3, N-Q4; 31. B-Q2, RxR; 32. BxR, B-R5; 33. QxB, RxN; 34. B-Q2, Q-B3; 35. Q-K1, NxKBP; 36. BxN, RxB; 37. R-K2, P-KR4; 38. R-K6, Q-R5; 39. R-K7ch, K-R3; 40. QxQ, RxQ;

41. RxP, R-K5; 42. P-N4, R-K7ch; 43. K-N1, R-K6; 44. R-QN7, RxBP; 45. RxP, RxP; 46. P-R5, R-R6; 47. P-R6, K-N4; 48. P-N5, P-R5; 49. R-N7, K-N5; 50. P-R7, K-N6; 51. K-B1, P-B5; 52. P-N6, P-R6; 53. R-R7, P-N4; 54. R-R8, R-R8ch; 55. K-K2, P-B6ch; 56. K-Q2, P-B7; 57. R-KB8, P-R7; 58. P-N7, R-Q8ch; 59. K-B2, R-B8ch; 60. K-Q3, R-Q8ch, Drawn.

BERNSTEIN-VALVO GAME—

(Continued from Col. 4, Page 6)

8. P-B3
Not 8., B-KN5; 9. B-KB3, BxB; 10. QxB, P-K5; 11. BxN, QxB; 12. QxQ leaving Black with weaknesses as well as weak Pawns.

9. N-KB3	P-K5
10. N-N5	R-K1

Rightly avoiding 10., B-KN5; 11. BxN, QxB (11., PxB; 12. QxB, PxB; 13. Bxp threatening Q-B5 and White emerges at least 2 P's ahead with the attack to boot) 12. QxB, QxR; 13. O-O and now there are 2 main defenses:

I. 13., Q-K4; 14. Bxp (threats 15. P-Q4 or 15. Bxpch) P-R3; 15. N-R7 winning back the exchange and retaining the attack because of the threat 16. P-Q4 (15., P-B4? 16. NxR, PxB; 17. B-R7ch etc.)

II. 13., P-B4; 14. Q-R5, P-R3; 15. N-QB3, Q-N7; 16. QNxP (threats 17. NxR or 17. N-K6) RPxN; 17. NxP, R-B3 (only hope); 18. Q-R7 ch, K-B1; 19. Q-R8ch, K-K2; 20. Qxpch, K-K1 (20. K-Q3? 21. N-K4 ch etc.) 21. QxP (never take the QNP with the Queen) and wins.

11. O-O	QN-Q2
12. N-QB3	N-K4
13. QNxP	NxN
14. NxN	B-KN5
15. Q-K1	B-N5
16. P-QR3	B-KB1
17. Pxp	Pxp
18. R-B4

Solves the problem of how to drive off the Bishop (not 18. N-B2? N-B6ch)

18. B-R4

Setting a nice trap . . .

19. R-B5	N-B5
20. B-B6	PxB
21. NxPch	K-R1
22. NxR

Rejecting the tempting "brilliance" 22. Q-KB1? B-N3 (not 22., NxQP? 23. RxB) 23. QxN, BxR; 24. QxKBP, B-N2; 25. NxR, QxN and the White R is en prise.

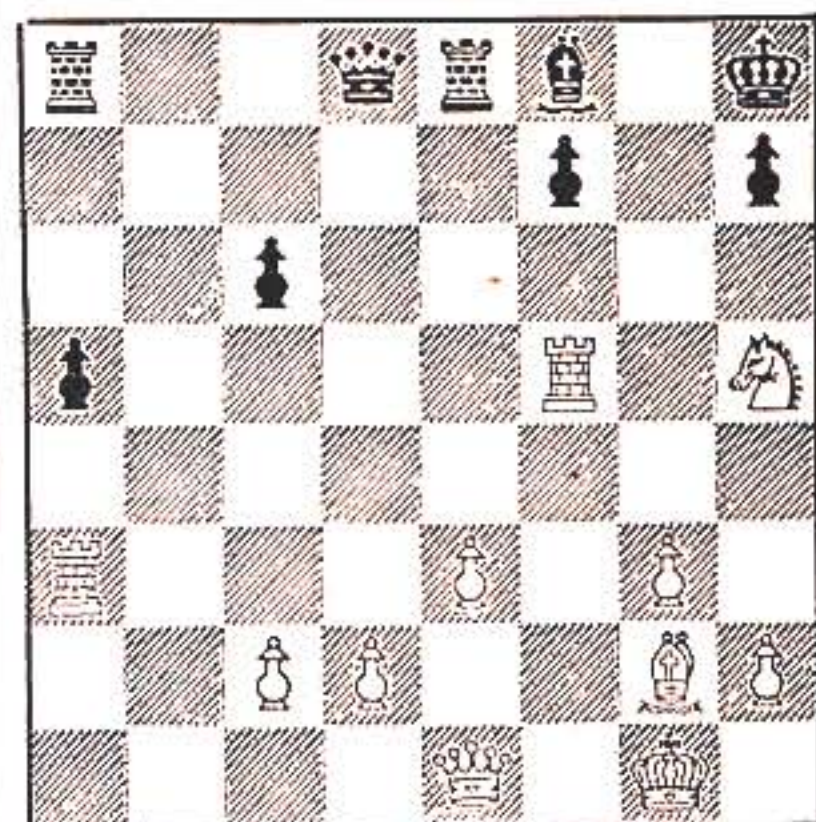
22. NxRP

Desperation—he threatens 23., NxP whilst obtaining a passed QRP.

23. RxN
The "miserably" placed White Queen is deadly in the corner.

Note that White never moved his QP or QBP—how hypermodern can one get?

B-V-1



Final Position
Black to move, resigns

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KING'S GAMBIT DECLINED

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Manhattan vs. Marshall Match
New York, 1960

Notes by Norman M. Hornstein, M.D.
and La Rochefoucauld

A. E. Santasiere I. A. Horowitz
White Black

1. P-K4 P-K4
2. P-KB4

Tony, the philosopher of Love, displays the killer instinct. "Truly, if love be judged by most of its visible effects, it resembles hatred rather than friendship."

2. B-B4

Personally, I feel that declining the Gambit gives Black his best chance of developing an attacking game.

3. N-KB3 P-Q3

Neither MCO or PCO mention 3. N-QB3! This powerful move was re-introduced after condemnation in the Handbuch, by German correspondence players and reviewed in the October, 1953, issue of the Chess Correspondent by Kurt Lowenstein. One sequel (Vogt-Kuester) is 3. N-QB3; 4. PXP, P-Q3 (P-Q4 is also good); 5. PXP, B-KN5; 6. B-N5, QxP; 7. P-N4, B-N3; 8. P-B4, B-Q5; 9. P-B5, Q-N3; 10. BxN ch, PxP; 11. N-B3, N-B3!; 12. Q-R4, BxQN; 13. PxP, QxP ch; 14. K-B2, BxN; 15. PxP, Q-R5 ch; 16. K-N2, O-O, with a big Black plus. The games with 4. N-QB3 have a wildness only matched by the Wilkes-Barre Counter attack and may be even better.

4. P-B3

Can this be Love? "No disguise can conceal love for long, nor counterfeit it where it is not." Tony adopts the most virulent move.

4. N-QB3

A novelty introduced in the 1946 U. S. Championship (Santasiere-Reshevsky). MCO states that it leads to equality.

5. P-Q4 PXP

6. PxP B-N3

7. B-N5 B-Q2

8. N-B3 KN-K2

Editor Horowitz kindly resurrected the Reshevsky game from the Chess Review files which now proceeded: 9. O-O, O-O; 10. K-R1, B-N5; 11. P-Q5, N-Q5; 12. B-K2, NxP; 13. QxN, P-KB4; 14. B-Q2, Q-Q2; 15. QR-K1, QR-K1; 16. Q-B4, BxN; 17. RxP, PxP; 18. RxP, N-B4; 19. R-B1, RxR; 20. NxR, R-K1; 21. R-K1, P-KR3; 22. Q-Q3, Q-B2. Reshevsky accepted a draw here, but it is plain that White has all the winning chances. The threat is N-B6 ch!.

9. B-K3!

A marked improvement on the O-O of the Reshevsky game and a tribute to the youthfulness of Santasiere's mind. This variation, at least, supports the Maxim that there is only one sort of love, but there are a thousand copies, all different.

9. O-O

10. Q-Q2 P-Q4

This move removes the already stifling

bind on Black's pieces, but sets up a powerful White central phalanx.

11. P-K5 N-R4

Threatening the exchange of white-squared Bishops and N-B5 with freedom of motion. But Santasiere interposes another restricting move. Note that N-B4 would be weak for Black as he would ultimately lose a tempo from P-KN4.

12. P-QN3! BxB

13. NxB Q-Q2

14. N-B3 QN-B3

15. O-O N-Q1

P-B4 may be more promising.

16. P-KR3

A prelude to moving the kingwing pawn majority into the attack.

16. N-K3

17. P-KN4 P-QB4

18. N-QR4!

This alert tactic on the opposite side of the board causes further damage to Black's position just as he is about to free himself.

18. NXP

PxP is much worse.

19. NxB PxN

20. NxB PxN

21. BxP P-QN4

The result of the opening is clear. Due to White's kingside pawn majority and Black's weak Q pawns, White will win in an end game. However, if Black should be able to invade the area behind Santasiere's extended pawns, anything could happen. The text move is made, not to save a pawn, but to get the rook on the third rank.

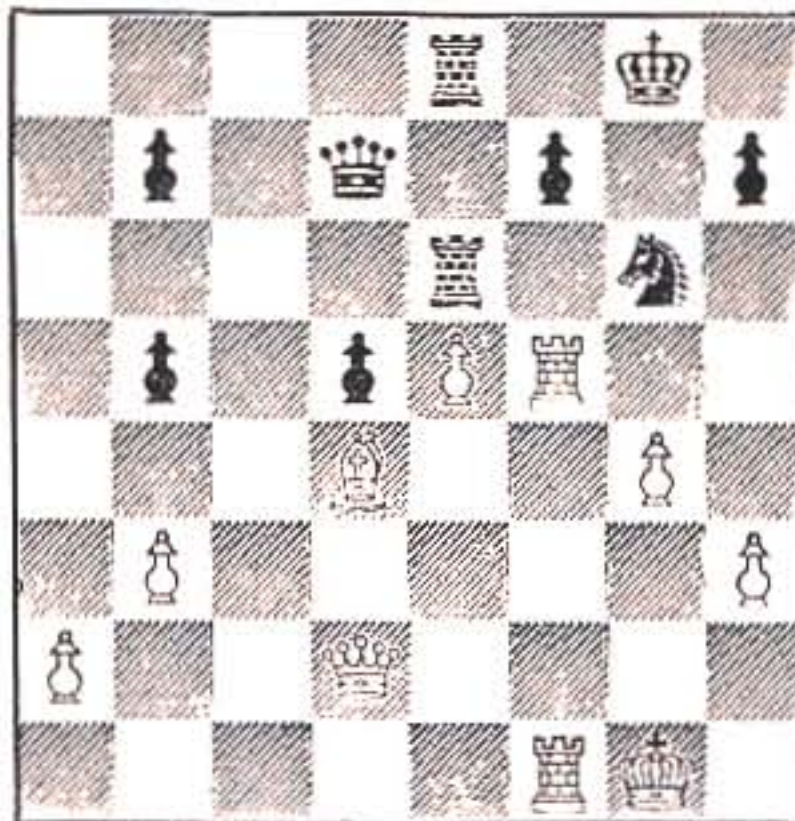
22. P-B5 R-R3

23. P-B6 N-N3

24. PxP R-K1

25. R-B5 QR-K3

Well, gentle reader, what would you do now? It looks as if White's attack has bogged down mainly because his Bishop is obstructed by his king-pawn. It took Tony an hour to decide on the next move involving the sacrifice of a central pawn.



Position after 26. QR-KB1

26. QR-KB1! NXP

27. Q-B4! N-N3

28. Q-B2 KR-K2

29. B-B5 R-K7

30. Q-N3 Q-B2

The ingenious exchange of Queens staves off immediate disaster.

31. QxQ

If 31. B-Q6, Q-N3 ch and KR-K6!

31. RxQ

32. RxQP KxP

If 32. RxP; 33. R-Q8ch, KxP; 34. B-Q4 ch, K-R3; 35. R-Q5 and mates. Santasiere adds proof that the Bishop is stronger than the Knight in an open endgame.

33. R-B2 R-K5

34. B-Q4ch K-B1

35. B-B6 P-N5

Black is now forced into a sort of zugzwang because of the mating threats.

36. KR-Q2! R-K1

37. R-Q8 R-B1

38. R-Q7! N-B5

Black loses on time forfeit.

"He died of a rose, in aromatic pain!" The two pawns on the Queenside must fall. A possible continuation given is 39. K-R2, R-K6; 40. R-Q8 ch, R-K1; 41. R/8-Q4. The foolhardiness of playing against a Santasiere's King's Gambit, whether accepted or declined, is established, yet one wonders . . . where is Tony's Philosophy of Love displayed in this game? The answer is, "True love is like a ghostly apparition: on everybody's tongue, but seen by very, very few." Nevertheless, a game with classic Greek lines.

MARCHAND STATE CHAMPION

Dr. Erich W. Marchand of Rochester scored 8-1 to win the New York State Championship.

Dr. Marchand, 46, is a Research Associate for Eastman-Kodak Research Laboratories. He is a vice-president of the U.S.C.F. and conducts CHESS TACTICS FOR BEGINNERS in CHESS LIFE. He has played on the Harvard chess team, won the St. Louis and Missouri championships, the Great Lakes Open, Rochester, Lake Erie Open, and the 1958 U.S. Amateur Championship. Having sought the state title several times before, heady, steady play in the clutches brought it to him this time, and marked him as the only up-stater to accomplish it.—JWC.

New York State Championship Cazenovia, 1960

Notes by Dr. Erich W. Marchand
ENGLISH OPENING

MCO 9: p. 336, c. 27 (d)

Dr. E. Marchand A. Kaufman
White Black

1. P-QB4 P-QB4 4. NxB N-B3

2. N-KB3 N-QB3 5. N-QB3 P-KN3

3. P-Q4 PxP

This allows White, by his next move, to transpose into a favorable form of the Maroczy Bind variation of the Sicilian Defense. Better is 5. . . .

P-Q4.

6. P-K4 P-Q3 12. P-QN3 N-Q2

7. B-K2 NxN 13. O-O R-B1

8. QxN B-N2 14. P-B4 N-B4

9. B-K3 O-O 15. B-B3 R-K1

10. Q-Q2 B-K3 16. K-R1 Q-R4

11. QR-B1 P-QR3

This is Black's only real hope of stirring up complications. And this is urgently needed since White's strong grip on the position, particularly in the center, may soon become overpowering.

17. P-Q4 BxB

18. QxB P-QN4

A clever attempt to break out, but not quite correct as the sequel shows.

19. PxP BxP

Not 19. . . . PxP; 20. P-QN4.

20. PxP

This appears to be the flaw in the ointment. 20. PxP, NxNP actually leads to a gain of material for Black.

20. B-K3

21. P-B5 BxRP

If 21. . . . PxP; 22. PxP, BxBP; 23. B-N7, NxB; 24. PxN, R-N1 and Black's Queen protects his Bishop. But his exposed King and also White's passed pawns would make Black's game difficult.

22. NxB QxN 25. PxP RPxP

23. R-R1 N-N6 26. P-R7

24. RxQ NxQ

White considered 26. P-K5, which practically forced NxB to prevent 27. B-N7. However, the consequences of the Pawn sacrifice was difficult to assess.

26. P-K4

27. R-QN1

Perhaps 27. R/1-R1 was preferable in order to force R-R1, tying up Black's QR.

27. K-B1 31. R-KB2 K-N2

28. B-N4 P-B4 32. RxN R-K2

29. PxP PxP 33. R-N5ch

30. BxP NxB
If 33. R-R1, R-QR1 (not 33. . . ., RxP?
34. RxR ch, K-N3 35. K-N1 preventing
the mate).

33. K-B3 35. R-B1ch K-K3
34. P-R4 RxP 36. R-N6ch K-Q4

Of course not 36. . . ., K-K2 37. R-N7
ch winning the Rook.

37. R-Q1ch K-K5 39. K-R2 R-KN1
38. R/6xP R-R7 40. R-KN1

Doubtless better is 40. R/1-Q2. There
were still five moves to go until the
time control.

40. K-K6 44. P-N4 K-Q6ch
41. K-R3 K-B7 45. K-N3 P-K6

42. K-R2 P-K5 46. R-Q6ch K-K5
43. R-B6ch K-K7 47. R-K6ch

This was the sealed move.

47. K-Q6

48. R-K1

When the position was set up after the adjournment, White was shocked to learn that he had copied down the adjourned position incorrectly, placing his Rook on KB1 instead of KN1. In the present position he had planned on 48. R-B3! So now he had to play most of the ensuing endgame extemporaneously.

48. P-K7

49. P-N5 R-KR1

50. R/1xP

It would be wise to get one more tempo for the Pawn rush before making this sacrifice, but it is hard to see how to do it. On 50. K-N4, R-R5 ch things are not as clear as we would like.

50. RxR 53. P-R5 K-K5

51. RxR KxR 54. P-N6 K-K4

52. K-N4 K-K6 55. K-N5 K-K3

Position after 55. . . ., K-K3

This lays a drawing trap, but loses by force. Correct is 55. . . ., R-R1 after which there appears to be a problem-like draw. We leave the tricky endgame to the reader, if he is an endgame expert.

56. P-R6

Not 56. P-N7? RxP ch 57. K-N6 (57. KxR

K-B2 58. K-R6, K-N1 59. K-N6 stale-

mate) R-N4 ch! (not 57. . . ., R-R8

58. P-N8-Q ch).

56. R-R1

57. P-R7 Resigns

LIKE RETI

Sidney Bernstein of Brooklyn,

former champion of the Marshall

and Manhattan Clubs, finished second in the State Event. He was

the only one to defeat Dr. Marchand, the winner. Bernstein

played fine chess, some of his wins (Rankis, Saltzberg, and the fol-

lowing one) being reminiscent of Reti's strategical masterpieces.

POLISH OPENING

MCO 9: p. 353, c/5 (K:B)

New York State Championship

Cazenovia, 1960

Notes by

U.S. Master Sidney Bernstein

S. Bernstein M. Valvo

White Black

1. P-QN4 P-QR4

2. P-N5 N-KB3

3. P-KN3 P-Q3

4. P-KB4 P-K4

5. PxP PxP

6. B-KN2 B-QB4

7. B-N2 O-O

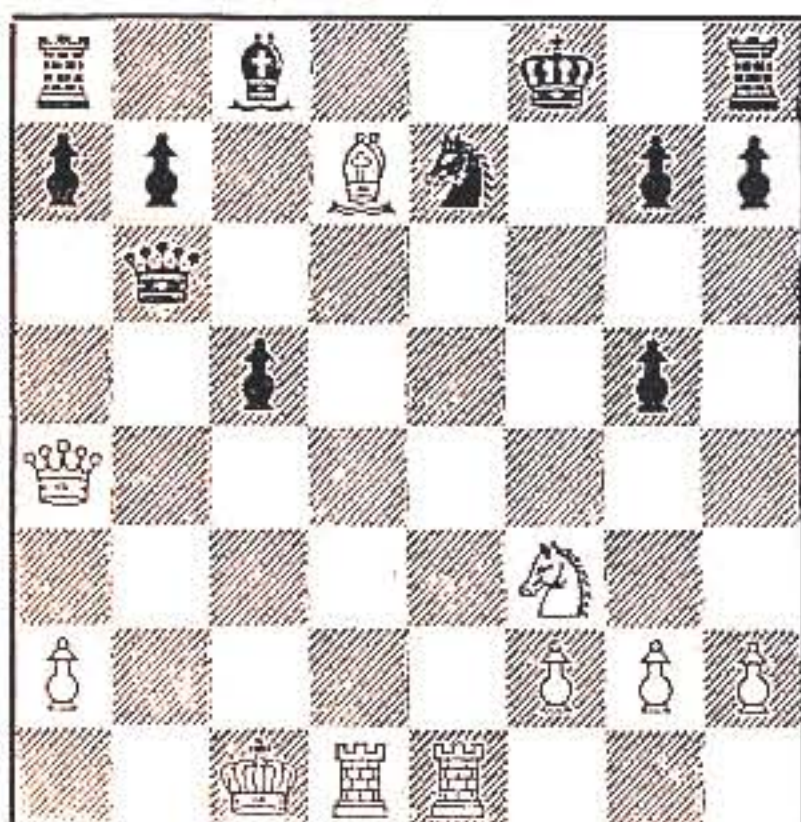
8. P-K3

Of course not 8. BxKP? N-N5; 9. P-Q4, N-K6.

(Continued on Col. 4, Page 5)

Finish It The Clever Way! by Edmund Nash

Diagram 267
TAIMANOV vs. POLUGAYEVSKY
Leningrad, 1960



White to play and win

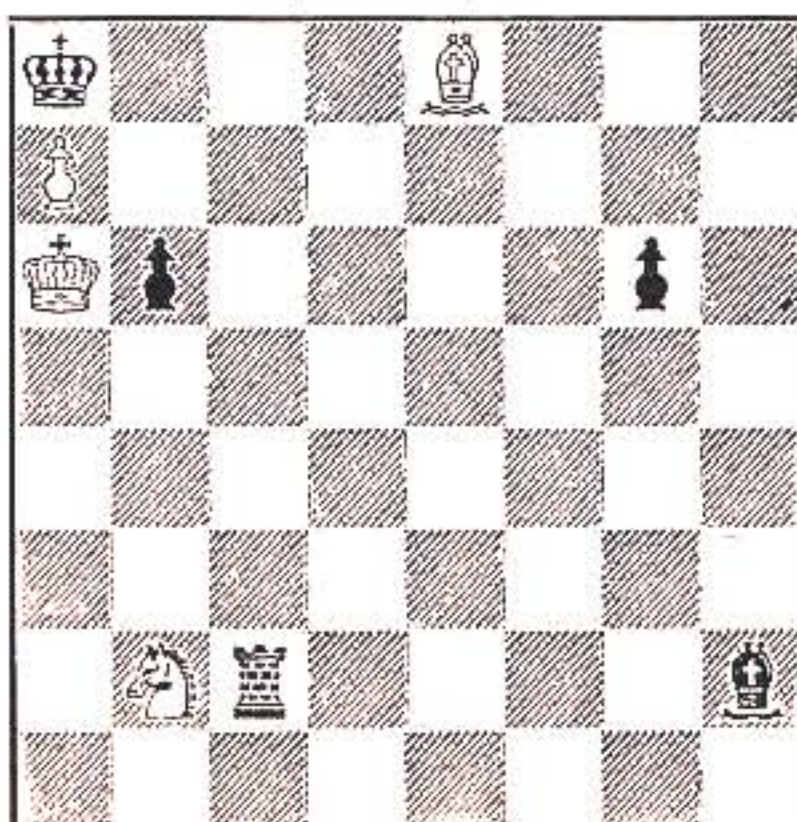
White had sacrificed two pawns to reach his superior position in No. 267. Then another sacrifice led to Black's resignation in six moves.

Position No. 268 is a tantalizing composition, with brilliant quiet moves. The win becomes clear in three or four moves, as the Black Rook and Bishop get in each other's way.

For solutions, please turn to page 8.

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

Diagram No. 268
By THOMAS F. MOSIMANN
Hyattsville, Md.



White to play and win

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.

Four "battery-mates" combined with White's "Self-Line-Closing" constitute the main thematic play in No. 1109. Black's defensive moves in trying to defeat the threat enable Wh to close the lines of his other pieces. (The "Java Theme") No. 1110 has some subtle tries. After finding the key to No. 1111, solvers will recognize the name of mechanism. The composer of No. 1112 has contributed to our column mostly two-movers. Herewith he presents one of his rare attempts in the realm of three-movers.

Problem No. 1109

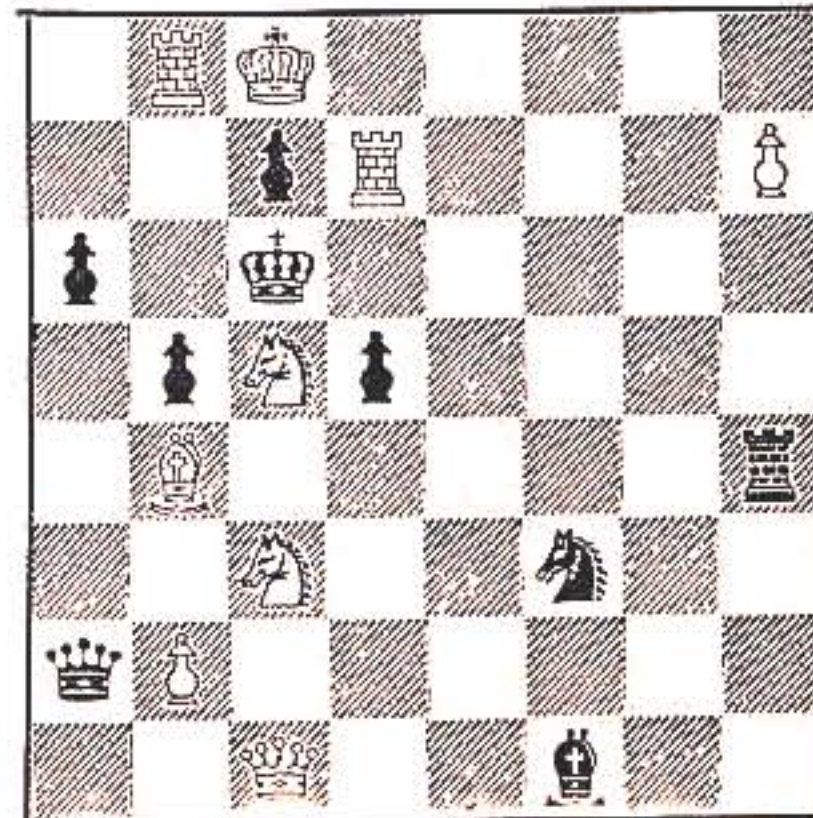
By F. Bohm, Hungary
Skakbladet 1933



Mate in two moves

Problem No. 1110

By H. Hermanson
Unbyn, Sweden
Original for Chess Life



Mate in two moves

Problem No. 1111

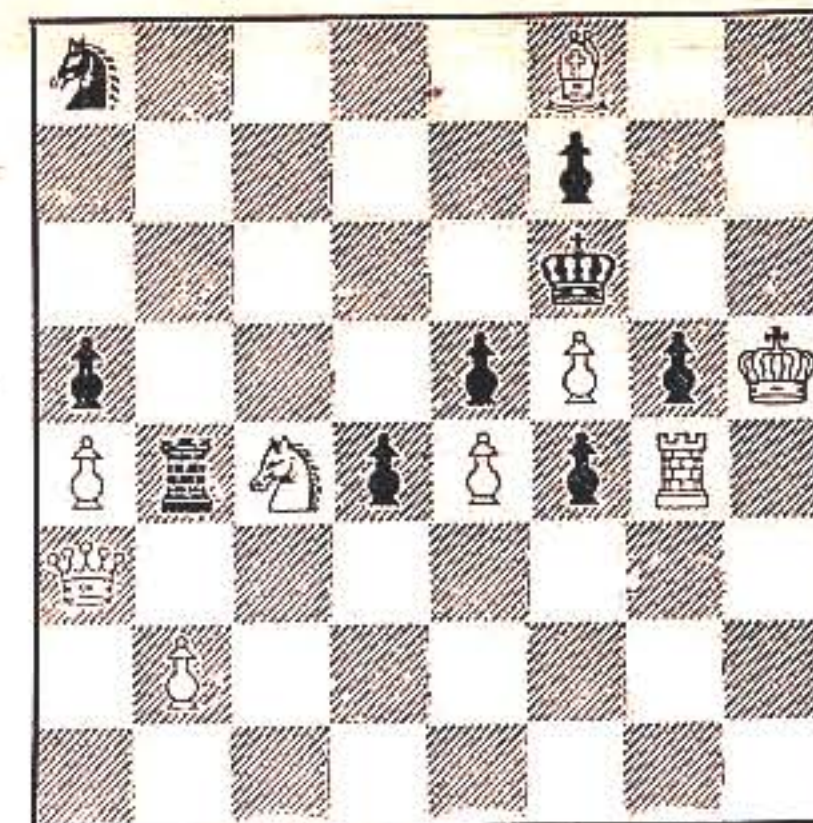
By J. Hartong, Holland
J. Kroponay, Hungary
Original for Chess Life



Mate in two moves

Problem 1112

By W. E. Frank Fillery
Vancouver, Canada
Original for Chess Life



Mate in three moves

SOLVERS' LADDER "MATE THE SUBTLE WAY".

The Ladder shows credit-points for solutions received up to the 20th of October, 1960 and covers problems from No. 1049 of the January 20 column until and including No. 1100 of the Sept. 5 column. (2 points for two-movers, 4 points for three-movers; double points for correct claims of "cooks", "No solution" etc., provided they are given together with the intended solution; extra points as offered at the publication of some of the problems.) Names marked with * asterisks have reached the top earlier. Solvers who climbed above the 850 bracket in this Ladder are entitled to the usual book-award. (Kenneth Lay reached top the second time!) Their points are canceled and they may climb again. Solvers whose names were eliminated from this list may continue climbing provided they send solutions again.

Handy, Uvan	2	Lincoln, Bob	50	Lussie, L. L.	238
Lewis, Richard	2	Ouchi, F. K.	50	Leef, Harold	250
O'Dell, R. L.	6	Webster, Peter	52	Dr. Britain	252
Whitman, R. L.	8	Woodworth, R.	54	Rev. Shiek	277
Yee, James	8	Donner, Michael	60	Schramm, H.	234
Bischoff, J. E.	10	Thompson, Wm. A.	60	Haliburton, J.	320
Hadley, G. L.	14	Thompson, H. F.	70	*Sullivan, T. J.	349
Bullockus, T.	14	Meyer, Stephen	70	Heimberg, G.	358
Gribovsky, V.	16	Ault, Robin	74	*Roman, Ed	427
Sgt. Miller	16	Cridger, J. E.	75	Wright, H. A.	445
Olte, George	22	Labowitz, G.	84	*Payne, G. W.	472
Hoffman, Wm.	24	Wiester, J. M.	90	Ishkan, J.	483
Hood, C. G.	26	Trefzer, Geo.	93	Buchanan, O. R.	487
Allen, D.	26	Burly, R. E.	104	*Dr. Schwartz	504
Cunningham, T.	28	Dr. Joachim, Ch.	110	*Dana, E. T.	516
Scorza, Syl	30	Rev. Leonard	112	*Salmon, A.	555
Halgren, Don	32	Roether, Emil	122	Fillery, W. E.	575
Wood, T. J.	34	Neeld, Kenneth	135	VanDragt, Wm.	580
Thompson, D. J.	34	Schmerl, James	150	*Strazdins, A.	658
McGilvary, A.	34	*Dr. Reider, N.	154	*Korpany, E. J.	677
Riesenberg, N. R.	38	Benge, D. E.	168	Couture, Wm.	782
Biggs, D. L.	38	Farrell, Wm.	174	Ware, L. A.	791
Dr. Herzberger	38	*Sigmond, Irwin	189	Heinemann, S.	820
Pearson, J.	44	Wolford, D. G.	195	*Lay, Kenneth	857
O'Quin, M.	46	Leith, Paul	196	*Horning, J. W.	878
Sneider, Edgar	48	Sfc. Karch	222	*Spiegel, S.	879

Welcome to new solvers entered recently: Gary Cherlin, John E. Silveira, Varnik Andrus each 2; James Wakeman 4; Michael H. Ryan and A. E. Plueddemann each 8; Steve Myzel 20; J. Kulyk 26; Tr. Watson 30; S. H. Langer 32; Forrest Athey 33; R. L. Zing 38; H. S. Elliott 43; J. Xenakis 61; J. A. Hansen 63; Dr. Wm. J. Pervin 66.

FREDERICKS TAKES OCTOBER RATING TOURNAMENT

William L. Fredericks of Queens Village, N.Y. won the USCF November Rating Tournament with a score of 5-1, equal to Dr. Mordecai Schwartz but ahead in tie breaking points. Schwartz was awarded the 2nd place trophy. At 4½-1½ were Sanford Greene and Charles Muller who placed third and fourth respectively.

Thirty-two players competed in this first of the new rating series conducted at the Chess and Checker Club of New York. It was directed by Frank Brady and James T. Sherwin served as adjudicator.

TOURNAMENT REMINDERS

- Nov. 19-20—MIDWEST OPEN, Louisville, Kentucky (CL-11/5/60)
24-27—ANCHORAGE CHESS CONGRESS, Anchorage, Alaska (CL-11/5/60)
25-27—CHINA LAKE OPEN, China Lake, California (CL-11/5/60)
25-27—TEXAS AMATEUR OPEN, San Antonio, Texas (CL-11/5/60)
25-27—MID-SOUTH OPEN, Memphis, Tennessee (CL-11/5/60)
Dec. 2-3-4—USCF RATING TOURNAMENT, 212 West 42nd St., N. Y. City (CL-10/5/60)
9-10-11—"INDEPENDENT" RATING TOURNAMENT, E. Orange, N.J. (CL-10/5/60)

Tournament Life

Tournament organizers wishing announcements of their forthcoming USCF rated events to appear in this column should make application at least six weeks before the publication date of the issue of **CHESS LIFE** in which you wish to have the announcement appear. Special forms for requesting such announcements may be obtained only from USCF Business Manager Frank Brady, 80 E. 11th St., New York 3, N. Y.

November 24-25-26-27

North Central Open

Place: Lorraine Room of the Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, Wis. Play starts Thursday, Nov. 24, 8:00 P.M.

Type: Seven round Swiss; 100% USCF Rated.

Prize Fund: \$800. Guaranteed to be divided as follows: \$400 between the top three players in the standings and \$400 in class prizes and merit prizes. Merit prizes will be paid on a basis of \$40 per point scored over 4½ points.

Entry fee: \$12.00; for junior players \$10.00. Those not members of the USCF must also pay the membership fee of \$5.00.

Sponsor and Guarantor: Wisconsin Chess Association.

Tournament Director: Ernest Olfe, Pearle Mann Assisting.

For further information write to: Arpad E. Elo, 3945 Piebrantz Drive, Brookfield, Wisconsin.

November 25-26-27

South Carolina Closed

South Carolina Closed Championship, open to S.C. residents and Army or Navy personnel stationed in this State, to be held at the W.M.C.A., Sumter, S.C., Nov. 25-27. First round starts Friday, Nov. 25, at 1 P.M. A 5-round Swiss type tournament with the 5th round ending in the early afternoon of Nov. 27. Entry fee \$3, plus \$2 for SCCA membership. USCF membership required of all entrants. All fees collected go into trophies. For further information, write: Mr. Haskel Sikes, 21 S. Blanding St., Sumter, S.C.

November 25-26-27

Second Annual Motor City Open

Detroit, Michigan, Student Union Building, University of Detroit, Livernois and Florence Streets. Six round Swiss; 50 moves in two hours. Cash prizes and trophies to various class winners. Champion's name on Father Celestin J. Steiner trophy, plus individual trophy. Entry fee to USCF members \$7.00 juniors (under 19) \$5.00. Entry deadline 11:30 A.M. Friday, November 25. Address Advance Registration or Inquiries to Director Dr. William A. Henkin, 19209 Mendota, Detroit, Michigan.

SIGNALS OFF!

Sponsors of the Wichita Open, announced in this column in the Nov. 5 issue, have informed **CHESS LIFE** that they will be unable to hold the event as planned.

ATTENTION, NEW JERSEY

Mrs. Margaret M. Llewellyn, 911 Cherry Lane, Riverton, N.J., admits that she is a widow, seventy-six years old, who doesn't play chess. She writes that she has an antique chess set which she would like to parlay into a television set.

AMERICAN MILITARY CHESS IN EUROPE

KAISERSLAUTERN—Don Halgren reports seven players entered the Service Club tournament which ended in a three-way tie between N. N. Hoffman, Eugene Leininger and Don Halgren. Leininger and Hoffman won the playoffs, thus qualifying for round two in the European Army championships.

LENGGRIES—Bill Webbert directed an eight player event won by Major L. D. Laughlin with new USCF member Richard F. Barnes runner-up. Both are seeded into the Munich area championship in early October. Laughlin lost his first round game to a four-move Scholar's Mate, but recovered from the shock and won all his remaining games!

GERMANY—An almost sure-fire promotion device is the simultaneous exhibition. Every Service Club has reported an increase in chess enthusiasm immediately following my visit. The average USCF-rated Class A Player can do as well as I have in the overseas area where he is stationed.

Augsburg 5-0 (25 min.)
Landshut 8-0 (1 hour)
Lenggries 12-1 (90 min.)
Munich 7-0 (1 hour)

WORLD WIDE—The All Service Postal Chess Championship is now in its third year. Any Service person, on active duty or in the Reserves (including Retired) may enter up to three preliminary sections each year free of charge simply by sending his name and address to the ASPC Director David Shook, Norfolk USO Club, 259 Granby St., Norfolk 10, Virginia.

The 1958 Finals has only seven unfinished games. Here are the current standings:

Robert G. McSorley 7-1
Herbert J. Evans 6-0
Robert A. Karch 5-0
Siebert A. Ungemach 5-1
George M. Rybarezyk 5-1

SEMBACH—Peter A. C. Leuthold reports that a 12-player Base level tournament, which qualified the winner into the Germany District championship next November, was held with the following result:

1st A/IC Leuthold 5-0
2nd A/IC Bedford
3rd A/IC Butler

MUNICH—The second European Army-Air Force, USCF-Rated invitational tournament is tentatively scheduled for 16-18 December. It will follow both the Army and Air Force individual championships being held in November.

Princeton Will Host 1960 Intercollegiate Team Championship Event

One of the more important chess events of any year is the National Intercollegiate Team Championship, which has brought into prominence such players as the Ault brothers and Charles Kalme. This year the tournament will be played at Princeton University, according to advance information from Mordacai Treblow, President of the Intercollegiate Chess League of America. Details and definite dates (usually during the Christmas vacation period) will be announced soon by Mr. Peter Berlow, President of the Princeton University Chess Club, which will act as host to the representative teams of other American institutions of learning.

PLEISS BEST AT OAK PARK

The 1960 Oak Park CC championship tournament resulted in a surprise victory for Walter Pleiss, Jr., playing through the ten-player round robin without a loss, and conceding one draw, for a fine 8½-½ score. Paul Adams, with 7-2, was 2nd. **CHESS LIFE's** former editor, Montgomery Major, and Bernard Hanfling shared an unbroken tie for 3rd place.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

Building a chess library often follows hard upon an otherwise sensible man's introduction to the game. If his pocketbook and his wife's patience hold out, he is likely to buy everything in sight, even the stuff that will do him no good until he has reached the intermediate stage or has begun serious correspondence chess. Every now and then an author or a journal will offer a selected list of best books; but generally the beginner buys indiscriminately. In this state of affairs the paperbacks are a godsend. For one thing, reprint publishers choose books of as wide appeal as possible. For another, almost any chess book is worth two dollars. All of which brings me to three recent republications by Dover Press (180 Varick Street, New York 14). The first of these, Fred Reinfeld's **THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CHESS GENIUS** (277 pp., numerous diags., \$1.35) reprints **THE UNKNOWN ALEKHINE** with a new ten-page introduction. Students of the subject will recall that Reinfeld annotated 102 games from the period 1905-1914, most of them omitted by Alekhine from his two collections and not generally available in book form.

The second reprint, also with a new introduction for this edition by Fred Reinfeld, is Eugene Znosko-borovsky's **THE ART OF CHESS COMBINATION**, as translated by Philip W. Sergeant (212 pp., 200 diags., \$1.45). Though the author was never one of the great masters of his era, his book, as Reinfeld says, "has withstood and will continue to withstand the passage of time." Modern chess pedagogy has relied chiefly upon the bang-bang system of presenting a couple of diagrams or one diagram with the combinational moves beneath it or in an appendix. Znosko-borovsky, like DuMont, patiently analyzes the elements in each illustrative position, all of which are drawn from actual games. The student who works through this with the usual two chess boards, one for the main line, one for variants, will begin to think combinatively. Thenceforward his improvement will depend upon the kind of chess brains he has, for he will now have the instruments of imagination at his command.

The third reprint to hand is one of the first genuine masterpieces of chess instruction, Edward Lasker's **CHESS STRATEGY** (282 pp., 167 diags., \$1.50). Lasker's new preface mentions that a number of famous grand masters, including Paul Keres and Reuben Fine, received their first induction to strategy from this book. The games are old and some of them are old-fashioned, but the principles hammered at by Lasker are still a revelation to the strongest club players. It may be surprising, when one realizes that this book was written fifty years ago, that much of what Lasker says about the center is still sound doctrine despite the hypermodern revolution and the axioms about distant control. The explanation is probably that the moves of the pieces have not changed; i.e., the concept of dynamic chess depends upon the same principles of force and form it always did. The new theory of a weakness as being any piece or point that can be attacked relies upon the same principles previously developed to describe static or potential weaknesses. The modern grand master may find more weaknesses in any given position than Lasker did, but it is unlikely that weaknesses pointed out by Lasker on principle will turn out otherwise.

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