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# LETTERS

## EXPERIENCE

The announcement in the March issue of CHESS LIFE that Alekhine's famous book of the New York 1924 Tournament has been reprinted, brought a host of childhood memories back to me; not all of them pleasant.

I was 10 years old when I was presented with this wonderful book, and I spent many thrilling hours playing over the many exciting games and Alekhine's brilliant variations. However disaster struck soon after, when I tried to apply one of Alekhine's recommendations in a game against an adult player. I promptly lost a piece on the eighth move. It seems that I had stumbled on (or rather "over") the one and only flaw in the entire book. Here is what happened: I was playing Black in the well-known Dragon Variation of the Sicilian: (1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3, P-Q3; 3. P-Q4, PXP; 4. NxP, N-KB3; 5. N-QB3, P-KN3; 6. B-K2, B-N2; 7. O-O, N-B3; 8. B-K3, .....). Here Alekhine writes: (page 125 of the new edition; game Tartakower/Reti): "more cautious is 8. P-KR3, for now Black can play N-KN5."

Can he? After a quarter of a century I am still smarting from the sequel, which not only caused loss of a piece but also struck a fatal blow to my hitherto implicit faith in authority. After 8. ...., N-KN5; White simply played 9. BxN, leaving to Black the choice of three losing variations:

9. BxN, BxN; 10. KBxQB, BxN (or BxB); 11. BxNP, and wins. 9. BxN, NxN; 10. BxB wins.

And finally the main variation:

9. BxN, BxB; 10. NxN, BxQ; 11. NxQ, BxP; 12. KR-B, B-Q6; 13. NxNP, P-QR4; and white has now the choice between the following two continuations:

15. R-Q, B-B5; 16. B-N6, QR-N; 17. NxRP, and White remains a piece ahead, or White can proceed with the much more aggressive:

15. N-Q5, BxNP; 16. R-B7, BxR; 17. RxP ch, K-B; 18. NxQP, and Mate in Two.

I hope that any reader who is going to be one of the lucky owners of this truly wonderful book, will beware of this one gruesome pitfall.

LEONARD KLUGMANN  
New York City

## OPINION

Your comment on the amusing pictures on the front cover pages of your March issue, mentioning Bobby Fischer's interest in palmistry, was no doubt the unconscious cause for my thinking of handwriting-analysis when turning to the page which shows the photograph and the signatures of the participants in the 1924 tournament.

Uninformed opinion commonly relegates palmistry and handwriting-analysis to the field of tea leaf reading, astrology, and other intellectual garbage.

However, there is no question that a person's movements, including those which produce his handwriting, are part of his inherited distinguishing features, just like the lines of his hands, so that the attempt to read character traits into these features on the basis of the large amount of experience material available is surely a legitimate subject for scientific research. I have come across three or four most astonishing handwriting analysts myself. From a few pages of a person's handwriting they could practically tell his whole life history.

Looking at the signatures of the players with whom I was honored to compete in 1924, I was astonished to note for the first time the extraordinary similarity between Emanuel Lasker's signature and my own, and—also for the first time—the perhaps not altogether silly question occurred to me whether, lacking other evidence, this might have served as an acceptable argument for his often expressed opinion that our families were probably related, although we never could find out how. It was not until a few weeks before his death that he told me he had seen a definite proof. A young man from Australia had visited him and shown him a Lasker "family tree," and there I was, dangling from one of the branches.

On the page facing the photograph you recall Capablanca's defeat by Reti. Your description is dramatic, but as the only survivor of the players in that great tournament I may be permitted to record what actually happened, and what was no less dramatic. The onlookers did not only sit in stunned silence but started such a noisy commotion that we players, not knowing what had happened, loudly called them to order. But then Norbert Lederer, the tournament director, announced: "Capablanca just resigned," and we all rushed over to his table. There he and Reti sat, both smiling in sort of an embarrassed way, Reti looking as if he didn't really quite believe he had defeated Capablanca, the unbeatable, and the latter seemingly still a little dazed from the shock of a totally unexpected disaster. The only person entirely unaffected by all this was Emanuel Lasker who, as usual, sat at his table in such utter concentration that he remained completely unaware of anything going on around him. By the way, Capablanca was much impressed by the type of chess that Reti played, and when the two met again a couple of weeks later for their second game, the Cuban seemed a little unsure of himself, an impression he had never been apt to give anyone. Reti actually got the better of the game but failed to assume the initiative, and then Capablanca made short shrift of him.

The interesting article written for "Zvaigzne" by Tal, which Eliot Hearst reproduced in his always interesting



CHESS KALEIDOSCOPE, amusingly reveals that Tal shares with other outstanding geniuses a certain naive levity in dealing with questions outside his own field before familiarizing himself with what great thinkers in the foreign fields concerned have had to say in the matter.

Whether chess is an art or a science, or both, is a question which can no doubt be answered with greater authority by great artists and great scientists who are chess amateurs than by great chess players who are amateurs in art or science. Henri Poincare once said: "Le jeu d'echec ne peut jamais devenir une science, parceque les differents coups d'une partie ne se ressemblent pas." I would certainly love to be able to claim that chess is a science, but I don't see how Poincare's argument can be met. When my friend Averbach correctly analyzes countless variations of an ending, he has not done anything remotely resembling science, because he has not evolved a general law. He has merely worked up a table of facts, enriching the existing tabulations of variations which have erroneously been called "Chess theory" while in reality they are not theory but analysis. And when thousands of people watch a chess match in a theatre, as thousands of people listen to a symphony in an orchestra hall, it makes chess an art just as little as baseball becomes an art just because it is followed by thousands in great excitement.

It is true that a beautiful chess combination is apt to evoke in us a feeling akin to aesthetic emotion, the unfailing effect of a great piece of fine art which distinguishes it from all other types of human emotion. But I think we should be satisfied drawing this modest parallel with Art, in order not to recall Whistler's ghost from his grave and have him mistakenly include chess with the things he had in mind when once he said:

"If familiarity can breed contempt, certainly Art has been brought to its lowest stage of intimacy."

In short, unless by coining loose, meaningless definitions of our own we bring down Science and Fine Art from the high pedestal on which the Gods have placed them, all we can say about their relations to chess is that, like them, our game appeals strongly to our intellectual and aesthetic sensitivities.

DR. EDWARD LASKER

### CHALLENGE

I have noticed of late a general effort to promote chess on a junior level. In conjunction with this idea, I would like to suggest a national high school team championship, or perhaps some interstate high school competition. Speaking for New Jersey high school students, I would like to put out a general challenge to the high school team of any other state. New Jersey is prepared to field at least a five-board team.

PETER IRWIN  
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## An Important Message

*Last summer, six American students ventured into the Soviet Union, alighted from a plane in Leningrad and battled for almost a month with 13 other nations from every corner of the globe for the World's Students Team Championship. What they did there is now a part of American chess history — emerging as World's Champions — the first world's championship team that this country has had in nearly twenty-five years. Eager to defend their title and the prestige of the United States, a member of that team last year and non-playing captain this year writes:*

"The American Team is now being organized and selected and I can honestly say that it looks even stronger than last year. We have every possible chance to keep the title for the United States, but the team may not be able to compete! The Department of State financed our trip last year but there are no funds available this year. We need \$5,000 to get the team to Helsinki in order to play from July 17 to July 31. The only possible way for us to get there is by contributions from chessplayers and specifically from USCF members. Can we count on the USCF to help us get to Helsinki?"

Eliot Hearst

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# Botvinnik Regains World Championship

After two long months of grueling battle, Mikhail Botvinnik of Moscow defeated Mikhail Tal of Riga, Latvia to regain the World's Championship he had lost to Tal just one year ago. The final score of the 21 game match was 13-8 in favor of Botvinnik. Only six draws were registered in this keenly fought battle. Botvinnik originally won the World's Championship in 1948 in a special tournament organized after Alekhine left the championship vacant by his death in 1946. Since that time, Botvinnik has played two drawn matches with David Bronstein in 1951 and 1954. In 1957 he lost a match to Vassily Smyslov with a score of 12½-9½, however, he regained the title the following year by scoring

12½-8½ over Smyslov. Last year in March, Tal scored 12½-8½ after qualifying to play for the championship in the Candidates Tournament in Yugoslavia. At 23, he was the youngest person ever to win the championship of the world. Botvinnik now keeps the championship until 1963 when he must defend it against the winner of the 1962 Candidates Tournament. A special ruling by F.I.D.E. has done away with the previous practice of allowing a dethroned champion to play a rematch during the following year after losing the title. The first twelve games appeared in the April issue of CHESS LIFE. Games thirteen to twenty-one can be found on accompanying pages.

## THIRTEENTH GAME KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

BOTVINNIK White		TAL Black	
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3	22. P-QR4	PxP
2. P-QB4	P-KKt3	23. PxP	P-QR4
3. Kt-QB3	B-Kt2	24. K-B2	P-QB5
4. P-K4	P-Q3	25. R-QKt	B-Kt5
5. P-B3	Castles	26. Kt-R2	B-B4
6. B-K3	P-K4	27. BxB	RxB
7. PxP	PxP	28. Kt-B3	B-B
8. QxQ	RxQ	29. R-Kt2	B-Q2
9. Kt-Q5	Kt-Kt1	30. KR-QKt	BxPch
10. BPxKt	P-QB3	31. Kt-B	Kt-Kt1
11. B-QB4	P-QKt4	32. R-Kt8ch	K-Kt2
12. B-Kt3	B-Kt2	33. KR-Kt7ch	R-KB2
13. Castles	P-QB4	34. P-Q6	RxR
14. B-QB2	Kt-Q2	35. RxRch	K-B3
15. Kt-K2	B-KB	36. RxP	R-B
16. Kt-B3	P-QR3	37. P-Q7	R-Q
17. P-QKt3	QR-B	38. BxP	Kt-B4
18. B-Q3	Kt-Kt3	39. R-B7ch	K-Kt4
19. B-K2	R-Q3	40. B-Kt5	PxP
20. K-Kt2	P-B4	41. PxP	Resigns
21. R-QB	R-KB3		

## FOURTEENTH GAME CARO-KANN DEFENSE

TAL White		BOTVINNIK Black	
1. P-K4	P-QB3	9. BPxP	QxQP
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	10. Kt-B3	QxQP
3. P-K5	B-B4	11. Q-B3	B-QB3
4. P-KR4	P-KR4	12. B-QKt5	Kt-K2
5. Kt-K2	P-K3	13. B-Kt5	QxKPch
6. Kt-Kt3	P-KKt3	14. K-B	B-R3
7. Kt-B	KtPxKt	15. R-K	Q-Q5
8. P-QB4	P-B4	16. BxKt	KxB

17. QxBP	QR-Q
18. R-R3	Q-Q7
19. QxQBPch	Q-Q3
20. Q-B4	Q-Kt5
21. Q-K2	Q-KKt5
22. BxKt	QxQch
23. Kt-Q	PxB
24. R-R3	R-Q2
25. R-R6	R-QKt

26. Kt-Kt3	RxP
27. Kt-B5ch	K-B3
28. Kt-B	QR-Q7
29. K-Kt	RxBP
30. R-KB	RxRch
31. KxR	K-Kt2
32. RxRP	KxKt
33. RxP	Drawn

33. BxB	Kt-Kt2
34. R-Q2	Kt-KR4
35. B-B3	QR-Q
36. B-B2	K-B
37. B-Q	K-K2
38. B-KKt4	R-B2
39. P-B5	K-K
40. P-B6	P-QKt4
41. R-Q5	PxP
42. PxP	R-Kt2
43. K-B3	R-Kt5
44. BxR	Kt-B
45. BxKt	Kt-R
46. KPxKt	PxB
47. R-QKt	K-B
48. R-Kt6	K-Kt

49. K-B4	K-R2
50. K-Kt5	R-Ktch
51. KxP	R-Kt6
52. P-KR4	R-K6
53. RxQP	R-K4ch
54. K-Kt4	K-Kt3
55. K-B4	R-B4ch
56. K-K3	R-R4
57. RxP	RxRP
58. K-Q3	K-B4
59. R-B6	R-R7
60. RxP	RxP
61. R-B7	KxP
62. R-Q7	K-K4
63. R-K7ch	Resigns

## FIFTEENTH GAME KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

BOTVINNIK White		TAL Black	
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3	17. P-KR3	BxKt
2. P-QB4	P-KKt3	18. Kt-B	QxQ
3. Kt-QB3	B-Kt2	19. RxQ	KR-K
4. P-K4	P-Q3	20. Kt-Kt3	B-B
5. P-B3	Castles	21. R-K	R-K3
6. B-K3	P-B3	22. Kt-B	QR-K
7. B-Q3	P-K4	23. QR-K2	B-Kt2
8. KKt-K2	PxP	24. P-KKt4	Kt-Q2
9. BxP	P-B4	25. K-Kt2	KR-K2
10. B-KB2	Kt-B3	26. Kt-R2	Kt-B
11. Castles	P-QR3	27. B-R4	Kt-K3
12. Q-Q2	B-K3	28. R-KB	R-Q2
13. QR-Q	Q-R4	29. P-Kt5	P-KR4
14. P-QKt3	QR-Kt	30. PxP,e.p.	BxP
15. B-N	KR-Q	31. Kt-Kt4	B-Kt2
16. P-B4	B-Kt5	32. Kt-B6ch	BxKt

## SIXTEENTH GAME CARO-KANN DEFENSE

TAL White		BOTVINNIK Black	
1. P-K4	P-QB3	11. Kt-Kt	PxKt
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	12. Kt-Q4	Q-Kt
3. P-K5	B-B4	13. Q-K2	P-K3
4. P-KR4	P-B4	14. Kt-Kt3	BxP
5. PxP	Q-B2	15. Kt-B	Q-Kt5ch
6. Kt-QB3	Kt-QB3	16. P-B3	QxKt
7. Kt-B3	R-Q	17. B-K3	Q-R4
8. Kt-QKt5	Q-B	18. P-QKt4	Q-B2
9. KKt-Q4	B-Kt5	19. B-B5	Kt-K2
10. P-KB3	B-Q2	20. P-R5	P-KR3

## Champions of the World

Ruy Lopez	1570-1575
Leonardo	1575-1587
Greco	1622-1634
Philidor	1745-1795
de La Bourdonnais	1834-1840
Staunton	1841-1851
Anderssen	1851-1858
Morphy	1858-1863
Steinitz	1866-1894
Lasker	1894-1921
Capablanca	1921-1927
Alekhine	1927-1935
Euwe	1935-1937
Alekhine	1937-1946
Botvinnik	1948-1957
Smyslov	1957-1958
Botvinnik	1958-1960
Tal	1960-1961
Botvinnik	1961-

Though no "official" championship of the world was held until the time of Emanuel Lasker, the players listed above before 1894 were generally "recognized" during their day as the strongest players in the world at that time.



The scene is Moscow—outside the Tal-Botvinnik match. These are the crowds that could not get tickets to actually see the match in progress.



21. B-Q6	Q-K12	56. Q-B8ch	K-R2
22. Castles	R-R	57. Q-B7ch	K-R
23. P-K14	P-R4	58. P-B5	Q-K8
24. Q-KB2	PxP	59. Q-B8ch	K-R2
25. PxP	P-QB4	60. Q-B7ch	K-R
26. BxKt	KxB	61. Q-B8ch	K-R2
27. QxPch	K-K	62. Q-B5ch	K-K12
28. K-K12	R-QB	63. Q-K16ch	K-R
29. Q-Q4	B-R5	64. Q-B6ch	K-R2
30. R-B	RxR	65. Q-B5ch	K-K12
31. KxR	K-Q2	66. Q-Q4	Q-K7ch
32. K-K12	R-QB	67. K-R3	Q-K14
33. Q-Q3	B-K14	68. PxP	PxP
34. R-Q	Q-R3	69. Q-B3	Q-B8
35. P-R3	BxB	70. K-R2	Q-K7ch
36. RxB	K-K2	71. K-K13	Q-Q8ch
37. Q-K3	K-K	72. Q-B2	Q-KB8
38. Q-Q2	R-B2	73. K-R2	Q-K14
39. P-B4	K-Q2	74. K-R3	Q-B8
40. Q-K3	K-Q	75. Q-B3	Q-QK18
41. R-Q	K-B	76. P-R6ch	KxP
42. Q-Q3	Q-K13	77. Q-B6ch	K-R2
43. Q-Q4	Q-K14	78. Q-Q7ch	K-K1
44. Q-K3	K-K12	79. QxKP	Q-R8ch
45. R-Q4	Q-B8	80. K-K13	Q-Q8ch
46. P-R4	Q-K17ch	81. K-K12	Q-Q5ch
47. R-Q2	Q-B8	82. K-R2	QxK1P
48. R-QB2	RxRch	83. Q-K18ch	K-B2
49. KxR	Q-K17ch	84. QxPch	K-Q
50. K-K13	QxP	85. Q-B6ch	Q-K2
51. P-R5	Q-Q8ch	86. Q-B4	Q-K3
52. K-K12	Q-B8	87. K-K12	K-K
53. Q-K16ch	K-R	88. Q-R4ch	K-B2
54. Q-B6ch	K-R2	89. Q-B4ch	K-K
55. Q-B7ch	K-R	90. K-B2 Adjourned*	

\*Draw agreed upon.

### SEVENTEENTH GAME

#### KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

BOTVINNIK		TAL	
White		Black	
1. P-Q4	P-KK13	43. R-Q	R-K15
2. P-K4	B-K12	44. P-QR3	B-QK12
3. P-QB4	B-Q3	45. B-K16	R-Q2
4. Kt-QB3	Kt-KB3	46. B-K3	R-R5
5. P-B3	QKt-Q2	47. Kt-B	R-QB5
6. B-K3	Castles	48. B-K12	R-KK12
7. B-Q3	P-K4	49. Q-Q2	P-R5
8. KK1-K2	Kt-R4	50. P-R3	Q-K17
9. PxP	PxP	51. QxQ	BxQ
10. Castles	P-QB3	52. B-B5	R-Q2
11. Q-Q2	Q-K2	53. Kt-K3	R-B8
12. QR-Q	Kt-B4	54. RxR	BxR
13. B-Kt	Kt-K3	55. B-Q4ch	K-K1
14. Q-K	B-B3	56. Kt-K14	B-K14
15. K-R	KK1-B5	57. K-K1	QBxP
16. P-KK13	KtxKt	58. Kt-K5	BxB
17. KtxKt	P-KR4	59. KtxR	QBxP
18. Q-B2	P-K13	60. Kt-B5	B-B
19. P-B4	PxP	61. K-B2	K-R2
20. PxP	B-QK12	62. P-R4	PxP
21. P-K5	P-B4ch	63. KtxP(4)	B-B5
22. R-Q5	B-K12	64. K-B3	P-R6
23. K-Kt	Kt-B2	65. B-Kt	P-R7
24. Kt-B3	KtxR	66. BxP	BxB
25. PxKt	QR-Q	67. K-K4	B-Q2
26. B-K4	B-QR	68. Kt-B5	B-K14
27. Q-K13	P-QK14	69. K-Q5	K-K13
28. Q-B2	Q-Q2	70. Kt-K4	K-B4
29. BxBP	KR-K	71. Kt-B3	B-B8
30. Q-K13	R-QB	72. K-B5	B-K4
31. P-K14	K-R	73. Kt-Kt	K-K3
32. Q-B3	P-R3	74. Kt-Q2	B-Q3ch
33. K-R	P-B4	75. K-K16	B-K17
34. PxP,e.p.	KBxP	76. Kt-K13	BxP
35. BxP	Q-K15	77. KxP	B-B8ch
36. Q-Q3	R-KK1	78. K-K16	K-Q3
37. B-K4	QR-K	79. Kt-R5	B-B4ch
38. B-B3	QxP	80. K-K17	B-K7
39. Kt-K2	Q-R5	81. Kt-K13	B-K6
40. B-B2	Q-K14	82. Kt-R5	K-B4
41. Kt-K13	R-Q	83. K-B7	B-B5ch
42. B-K3	Q-K4		Resigns

### EIGHTEENTH GAME

#### CARO-KANN DEFENSE

TAL		BOTVINNIK	
White		Black	
1. P-K4	P-QB3	13. B-K3	Q-R4ch
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	14. K-B	KK1-K2
3. P-K5	B-B4	15. R-QKt	R-QK1
4. P-KR4	P-KR3	16. B-R3	Q-R5
5. P-KK14	B-Q2	17. R-Q	QxRP
6. P-QB3	P-QB4	18. K-K12	Q-R3
7. B-K12	P-K3	19. QxQ	PxQ
8. Kt-K2	B-K14	20. P-R5	K-Q2
9. Kt-R3	BxKt	21. R-QK1	R-K13
10. QxB	PxP	22. K-K13	KtR4
11. PxP	BxKt	23. P-B4	Kt-B5
12. PxP	Kt-QB3	24. RxR	PxR

25. B-QB	Kt-B3	34. BxP	R-B3
26. R-Q	Kt-K15	35. K-B4	R-R3
27. P-R3	Kt-R7	36. B-K14	R-QB3
28. P-B5	KtxB	37. R-QB	P-B3
29. RxKt	P-QK14	38. B-B5	PxPch
30. R-QR	K-K2	39. PxP	KtxKP
31. K-B4	R-QB	40. R-Q	K-Q3
32. P-K15	PxPch	41. B-K4	R-B4
33. KxP	PxP	42. Resigns	

### NINETEENTH GAME

#### KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

BOTVINNIK		TAL	
White		Black	
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3	39. R-R7ch	Kt-B2
2. P-QB4	P-Q3	40. P-QK13	R-Q7
3. Kt-QB3	P-KK13	41. K-B3	P-B4
4. P-K4	B-K12	42. P-R4	K-B3
5. P-B3	Castles	43. B-B4	P-R3
6. B-K3	P-QR3	44. P-K13	R-Q5
7. Q-Q2	P-B3	45. K-B2	P-K14
8. B-Q3	P-K4	46. PxP	PxP
9. PxP	PxP	47. R-R2	P-K15
10. Kt-R4	P-QK14	48. R-R	K-K13
11. Kt-K16	R-R2	49. R-K	Kt-K14
12. B-QB2	B-K3	50. R-K6ch	Kt-Q3
13. QxQ	RxQ	51. K-K3	K-B2
14. Kt-K2	R-K12	52. B-Q3	K-B3
15. P-B5	P-QR4	53. B-B2	R-K15
16. K-B2	B-KB	54. R-B6	K-Q4
17. KR-Q	RxR	55. R-B8	K1K4
18. RxR	KK1-Q2	56. R-QR8	Kt-K5
19. KtxKt	KtxKt	57. R-K8ch	K-Q4
20. B-Kt	KBxP	58. R-Q8ch	K-K3
21. BxB	KtxB	59. K-B4	Kt-Q7ch
22. R-QB	Kt-R3	60. K-K3	KtxP
23. P-B4	PxP	61. R-K8ch	K-Q2
24. KtxP	P-QB4	62. R-K5	K-Q3
25. K-K3	K-B	63. RxKBP	Kt-Q5
26. P-K5	K-K2	64. R-B2	KtxBch
27. B-K4	R-B2	65. RxKt	K-Q4
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30. Kt-Q5ch	BxKt	68. R-R8	R-Q5ch
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33. RxP	R-Q5	71. R-Q8ch	K-B5
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35. RxP	Kt-Q4ch	73. R-K18ch	K-R7
36. K-B2	KxP	74. R-QB8	K-K17
37. B-K2	K-Q3	75. R-K18ch	K-B8
38. R-R6ch	K-Q2		Resigns

### TWENTIETH GAME

#### CARO-KANN DEFENSE

TAL		BOTVINNIK	
White		Black	
1. P-K4	P-QB3	45. Kt-B5	KtxKt
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	46. KtPxKt	R-QR
3. P-K5	B-B4	47. K-Q2	K-K3
4. P-KR4	P-KR3	48. R-KK1	R-K12
5. Kt-K2	P-K3	49. K-B3	R-QR2
6. Kt-K13	Kt-K2	50. K-K14	P-R4ch
7. Kt-B3	Kt-Q2	51. K-R4	R-R
8. B-K3	B-R2	52. R(Kt)-QKt	R-K1
9. B-Q3	BxB	53. R(Kt)-K15	R-K
10. PxP	P-KR4	54. P-R3	R(K)-QR
11. QKt-K2	P-KK13	55. RxRP	RxRch
12. Q-Q2	Kt-KK1	56. KxR	R-QR2
13. Castles,Q	B-R3	57. K-K14	P-K14
14. K-K1	BxB	58. RPxP	P-R5
15. PxP	Kt-R3	59. P-R4	P-R6
16. P-K4	Q-K2	60. K-R3	P-R7
17. PxP	KPxP	61. R-K1	R-R
18. Q-R5	Kt-B	62. P-K16	R-KK1
19. QR-KB	Kt-K3	63. R-KR	RxP
20. R-B3	Q-Q	64. RxP	R-K16
21. Q-R4	Q-K13	65. R-R6ch	K-Q2
22. R-QB	Kt-K15	66. R-R7ch	K-B
23. Kt-B	Castles	67. P-K6	RxPch
24. Kt-K3	P-KB4	68. K-K12	R-K6
25. P-KK13	Kt-R7	69. P-K7	K-Q2
26. R-KB4	Kt-K15	70. P-Q8(Q)ch	KxQ
27. Kt-K12	QR-K	71. RxP	K-Q
28. Q-R3	R-B2	72. P-R5	R-K7ch
29. R-QB3	P-R3	73. K-K13	R-K8
30. R-K13	Q-R2	74. K-B2	R-K7ch
31. Q-Q6	Q-K1	75. K-B3	R-QR7
32. QxQ	RxQ	76. R-K16	K-B2
33. R-B	Kt-R7	77. P-R6	R-R8
34. R-B	R-K	78. K-K12	R-R5
35. KK1-B4	KtxKt	79. K-K13	R-R8
36. PxKt	Kt-K15	80. R-K17ch	K-B
37. R-K16	K-K12	81. R-K16	K-B2
38. R-R	Kt-R3	82. R-K17ch	K-B
39. Kt-B3	R-B2	83. R-QR7	R-K18ch
40. Kt-R4	Kt-B2	84. K-B3	R-QR8
41. K-B2	Kt-Q	85. R-R8ch	K-B2
42. K-Q2	Kt-K3	86. K-K13	R-K18ch
43. K-K3	R-Q2	87. K-B3	R-QR8
44. P-K14	K-B2	88. K-K13	R-K18ch

89. K-R2	R-K14	106. K-K3	R-B8
90. P-R7	R-R4ch	107. R-B8ch	K-Q2
91. K-K13	K-K12	108. R-B6	K-B2
92. R-KB8	R-K14ch	109. R-B7ch	K-Q
93. K-R4	KxP	110. K-K2	R-B5
94. RxP	R-K18	111. K-Q3	R-B6ch
95. R-B6	K-K12	112. K-B2	R-K6
96. P-B5	R-R8ch	113. P-B6	R-K5
97. K-K14	R-K18ch	114. R-B8ch	K-B2
98. K-B3	R-B8ch	115. K-Q2	K-K12
99. K-Q2	R-B8	116. K-K2	R-B5
100. K-K3	K-B2	117. K-K3	R-B8
101. R-B7ch	K-Q	118. R-B7ch	K-B
102. K-K2	R-B5	119. K-Q2	R-B6
103. K-Q3	R-B6ch	120. K-B2	K-Q
104. K-Q2	K-B	121. R-B8ch	K-B2
105. K-K2	R-B5		Drawn

### TWENTY-FIRST GAME

#### KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

BOTVINNIK		TAL	
White		Black	
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3	18. BxB	KxB
2. P-QB4	P-KK13	19. R-R4	KtPxP
3. Kt-QB3	B-K12	20. B-B2	P-R3
4. P-K4	P-Q3	21. QR-R	Q-K14
5. P-B3	QKt-Q2	22. QxQch	PxQ
6. B-K3	P-K4	23. R-R6	PxP
7. KK1-K2	Castles	24. PxP	BxP
8. P-Q5	Kt-R4	25. R-K16ch	K-B2
9. Q-Q2	P-KB4	26. R-KB	K-K2
10. Castles	P-QR3	27. R-K17ch	K-K
11. K-K1	QKt-B3	28. Kt-K4	Kt-Q2
12. PxP	PxP	29. KtxPch	K-Q
13. Kt-K13	Q-K	30. RxRch	KtxR
14. B-Q3	KtxKt	31. KtxP	B-Q2
15. PxKt	P-B4	32. R-B7	K-B2
16. B-R6	Q-K13	33. P-Q6ch	Resigns
17. P-KK14	P-K14		

## Jacobs Wins Third San Bernardino

With a half-point advantage in tie-breaking points, Robert Jacobs of Manhattan Beach, Calif., edged out Southern California High School Champ Walt Cunningham, of Arcadia, for the Third San Bernardino Open first place honors, both scoring 5-1.

An outstanding performance was turned in by J. C. Scheuerman of Claremont, California. An A-rated player, he finished in third place scoring wins over two experts and one master with a draw against another expert. He lost only to last year's champion Leslie Simon of Los Angeles, California.

Tied with Scheuerman at 4½ points were in order of tie-breaking points, Simon, Sven Almgren of Los Angeles, and Irving Rivise of Los Angeles. Following close on their heels at 4 points were: Ronald Gross of Compton, Wayne Turman of Riverside, Zoltan Kocsis of San Diego, David Gibson of Barstow and Rod Freeman of San Diego. Turman undefeated with two wins and four draws, took highest unrated player prize. Gibson was highest B player. Tim Delaney of San Bernardino, with a 3-3 score, was the highest San Bernadino Club member.

The Six-round Swiss held at Norton Air Force Base Library, San Bernardino, California, on May 6 and 7, with forty-two entrants, was one of the strongest held in this area. Tournament Director was Steve Skrypzak, of Beaumont, California. Eleven new memberships to the USCF were acquired.



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# Marshall Championship To Weinstein

U. S. Master Raymond Weinstein keeps adding titles to his name by his truly outstanding play. There is no question that he is now one of the leading American Masters. (For a biographical coverage see Page 149 for Charles Henin's column YOUNG AMERICAN MASTERS).

Scoring 10-2 in the always powerful Marshall Chess Club Championship, Weinstein lost only one game, drew two and won nine. Close at his heels was Sidney Bernstein, a former champion, with 9½-2½. Two very youthful contenders, Donato Rivera and Bernard Zuckerman, both under 21 years of age, produced scores of 9-3. Masters Charles Henin and August Rankis tied for 5th and 6th place with scores of 7½-4½. The tournament was directed by Mark Peckar. Following are two interesting games:

## FRENCH DEFENSE

S. Bernstein White	M. Valvo Black
1. P-K4 P-K3	14. PxP PxP
2. P-Q4 P-Q4	15. N-R2 O-O-O
3. N-QB3 B-N5	16. N-N4 N-B4
4. P-K5 P-QB4	17. N-B6 N/3xQP
5. P-QR3 BxNch	18. PxN NxP
6. PxB N-K2	19. K-Q1 N-B6
7. P-KR4 Q-R4	20. B-B4 P-B6
8. B-Q2 Q-R5	21. Q-N4 P-Q5
9. N-B3 QN-B3	22. QxQ BxQ
10. Q-N1 P-B5	23. B-Q3 B-B3
11. P-R5 P-KR3	24. R-R3 KR-N1
12. P-N4 P-QN3	25. NxR RxN
13. P-N5 B-Q2	26. R-N3 Resigns

## DUTCH DEFENSE

C. Henin White	R. A. Weinstein Black
1. P-Q4 P-KB4	22. P-R3 BxR
2. P-KN3 N-KB3	23. QxB N-B3
3. B-N2 P-KN3	24. Q-Q4 NxN
4. N-KB3 B-N2	25. BxN Q-N4ch
5. O-O O-O	26. K-R1 BxBch
6. P-N3 P-Q3	27. QxB Q-K4
7. B-N2 P-B3	28. QxQ PxQ
8. QN-Q2 N-R3	29. P-N5 KR-B1
9. P-B4 P-B4	30. R-B1 QRxP
10. P-QR3 B-Q2	31. P-B5 R-R7
11. N-N5 R-N1	32. B-N4 QRxP
12. PxP NxP	33. K-N2 R-N7
13. P-QN4 N-R5	34. B-B3 QRxP
14. B-Q4 P-K4	35. BxP R/1xP
15. BxRP R-R1	36. RxR RxR
16. B-K3 P-B5	37. BxP P-QN4
17. PxP N-B6	38. B-Q6 R-Q4
18. Q-K1 N-N5	39. B-N4 R-Q5
19. N/2-K4 PxP	40. B-B5 R-QB5
20. B-Q2 NxN	41. B-Q6 P-N5
21. NxN QB-B3	Resigns

## MORGAN AGAIN!

Arizona State Champion Charles Morgan won first prize in the third annual Phoenix (Arizona) Open, with 5-1, including draws with Walter Dorne of Albuquerque, N. M. and Valentin Tirman of Phoenix. Morgan tied for first place in the 1960 Open with James Smith and Tibor Weinberger but lost out on tie-breaking points to Smith. Tied with Morgan, but taking second prize on tie-breaking points was Charles Sponagle of Denver, Colorado. Sponagle also went without a loss but drew with Hector Fabela of El Paso, Texas and New Mexico Champion Max Burkett of Albuquerque.

Tied for third place was Fabela, James Christman of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Dorne; they finished in this order on Sonnenborn-Berger points. All had 4½-1½.

David Gollub and Mabel Burlingame, both of Phoenix, successfully retained their titles of Junior Champion and Woman's Champion, respectively.

Dan Gollub, David's twin brother, won the Class B prize with Richard Whittemore of Coronado, Calif. second.

Joe Harriot was declared Class C Champion with Howard Rosenbaum, both of Phoenix, being second.

David Murray was first Unrated player followed by Ken Schachter of Phoenix.

William Fox was Tournament Director of the 34 player event. Five Western states were represented in the tournament.

## IMPROVEMENT

A rating improvement tournament sponsored by the Phoenix Chess Club open to USCF players with a 1700 rating or below or unrated players was a big success with eighteen players turning out for the four round event, including seven new USCF members. Lonnie Trowbridge won first prize with 3½-½, drawing with James E. Smith, Jr. Tied with Trowbridge on game points, but second on S-B points was Henry Gazin. Gazin drew with W. B. Hopkins. Frank Olson of San Manuel was third with 3-1, losing to Bob Tennen. Miss Shirley Palchik led the event for three rounds until a last round loss to Trowbridge relegated her to fourth place. Tied for fifth and sixth place were Elmer Burlingame and W. B. Hopkins with 2½-1½ with Burlingame finishing ahead on S-B points.

A feature of the tournament was the participation of two invalids: Eugene Engelhard, a paraplegic, and Jimmy Aden, Jr., an iron lung polio victim. Their games were played at their homes under the direction of a tournament deputy.

Tournament director was William Fox.

## Membership Gains

New all-time highs in USCF membership were registered at the end of March, after one of the largest quarterly gains on record. Total membership stood at 5,132, more than 20% over the total a year ago. Of the 12-month gain, almost half was registered in the past three months. Growth was shown in every Region, and in almost every state, many of which showed sensational figures.

New York state pushed up to 659, only 7 behind the 666 hit by California. Never has this exciting first-place race been so close.

In the six-state argument for third place, Pennsylvania pulled into a commanding lead with a terrific spurt to 315, followed by New Jersey at 286, Ohio 264, Illinois 256, Texas 227, and Michigan 212.

Alaska, which had only one member at the start of Operation M, jumped from 8 a year ago to 34 currently. Other sensational jumps were Arizona, from 35 to 56, Nevada 11 to 33, Utah 11 to 30, Colorado 51 to 72, Maryland 73 to 126, Louisiana 46 to 76, New Mexico 34 to 61, Tennessee 26 to 62, and even Jerry Spann's Oklahoma finally made target going from 37 to 56.

The complete figures for the quarter which saw both the beginning of the new Chess Life format and the beginning of OPERATION M, Chairmanned by Lina Grumette of all-time champion California, follow:

### USCF Membership as of March 30

1960	1961	1960	1961
REGION I		REGION VI	
MASS. ....	149 164	ILL. ....	176 256
CONN. ....	98 103	WIS. ....	113 120
R. I. ....	15 21	MINN. ....	90 115
N. H. ....	11 15	NEBR. ....	40 56
MAINE ....	7 12	IOWA ....	31 42
VT. ....	1 3	MONT. ....	17 12
	281 318	S. D. ....	3 10
		N. D. ....	8 7
		WYO. ....	3 5
REGION II			481 623
N. Y. ....	512 659	REGION VII	
N. J. ....	241 286	TEXAS ....	261 227
	753 945	MO. ....	73 93
REGION III		LA. ....	46 76
PENN. ....	227 315	COLO. ....	51 72
MD. ....	73 126	N. MEX. ....	34 61
VA. ....	89 94	OKLA. ....	37 56
D. COL. ....	47 71	KANS. ....	32 31
W. VA. ....	27 37	ARK. ....	25 21
DEL. ....	7 6		559 637
	470 648	REGION VIII	
REGION IV		CALIF. ....	538 666
FLA. ....	105 116	ARIZ. ....	35 56
TENN. ....	26 62	WASH. ....	41 40
N. CAR. ....	49 55	ALASKA ....	8 34
ALA. ....	33 47	NEVADA ..	12 33
MISS. ....	43 43	UTAH ....	11 30
S. CAR. ....	30 35	OREGON ....	24 29
GA. ....	26 24	IDAHO ....	12 18
KY. ....	21 21	HAWAII ....	1 2
	333 403		682 907
REGION V		FOREIGN ..	84 102
OHIO ....	208 264		4128 5132
MICH. ....	208 264		
MICH. ....	197 212		
IND. ....	80 72		
	485 548		





Pictured above is U.S. Open Champion, Robert Byrne playing at Mar Del Plata, Argentina last month. After placing second in a relatively strong field, he went on to Santa Fe, where he took first—ahead of three Grandmasters—Filip, Matanovic and Rossetto. Byrne's score of 6½-½ was the highest ever scored in that International Tournament—a full two points ahead of second place.

Mar Del Plata	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
1. Najdorf .....	x	½	½	1	1	1	1	½	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12½
2. Byrne .....	½	x	1	½	1	½	½	0	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	11½
3. Dr. Filip .....	½	0	x	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	½	1	1	1	11½
4. Matanovic .....	0	½	½	x	1	½	1	1	1	1	½	1	1	½	1	1	11½
5. Rossetto .....	0	0	½	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11½
6. Letelier .....	0	½	½	½	0	x	1	½	1	½	1	½	½	1	1	½	9
7. Bielicki .....	0	½	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	½	½	1	1	½	½	1	7½
8. Dominguez .....	½	1	0	0	0	½	0	x	½	0	1	½	½	½	1	1	7
9. Reinhardt .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	x	1	0	1	½	½	1	1	6½
10. Pelikan .....	0	½	0	0	0	½	½	1	0	x	1	0	1	0	½	1	6
11. Perez .....	0	0	0	½	0	0	½	0	1	0	x	1	½	1	1	½	6
12. Wexler .....	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	½	0	1	0	x	1	1	½	1	5½
13. Goldenberg .....	0	0	½	0	0	½	0	½	½	0	½	0	x	½	1	1	5
14. Camara .....	0	0	0	½	0	0	½	½	½	1	0	0	½	x	½	½	4½
15. Quinones .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	½	0	½	0	½	x	½	2½
16. Silva .....	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	½	½	x	2

## G.W.U. BEST IN D.C.

George Washington University recently won the District of Columbia, Team Championship "Rated section" but not until they drew five games and won one from the Arlington Chess Club in a playoff-match resulting from tied match scores. The Silver Spring Chess Club took first in the Unrated section and as we go to press a three match series is being played by these two teams.

Individual prizes in the team tournament were won by Eliot Hearst of Arlington, and Jurgis Blekaitis of the Health, Education and Welfare Team. William Plampin directed the matches which are annually sponsored by the D.C. Chess League.

## Don't Be "Chicken" Go To U. S. Experts

Florida chess players are reported hilariously exuberant over their chances to monopolize most of the top honors in the sensational new U. S. Experts Championship, July 6-7-8, at the diLido Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla.

They figure that most players will be hesitant, out of "fear of the Florida Power," even to travel for a glorious oceanfront luxury vacation at modest prices. Floridians believe they'll scare away all the chickens, and massacre the little lambs and fish. The raucous view was expressed most forcefully in their latest state publication, both in words and in a front page cartoon.

However, a careful look at the USCF

ratings may not substantiate such an optimistic view, since only four Floridians were listed in the 2100's in December, and only one 2104 (who can't attend) was added in April. Moreover, the state secretary reports that their top man is overseas and can't return, the next hasn't played in a tournament since 1957, the third maintains a Florida mailing address but hasn't played here since 1959, and the other isn't expected, since Miami Beach has been very unlucky for him in the past. Thus, it may be that Florida may not be represented by a player with a USCF rating of 2100 or higher. If so, it is doubtful that other states should "fear the Florida Power."

Therefore, it might be a good idea for players from other states to organize their leading five or six experts and go down to Miami Beach for the fun and frolic of a financially opulent tourney combined with a luxury vacation, garner the lush team and individual awards; then stop off on the way home at Raleigh, N. C., and pick up more awards at the U. S. Team Championship there, July 14-15-16.

Whatever the view, it wouldn't do to let those Floridians laugh raucously at the rest of the country for being too chicken to compete against them!

The U. S. Experts is open to all players except those rated master in either the December or April lists; or, if not listed then, the last time rated. Big awards are pledged to players in each 100 point rating group. Thus, non-experts also are encouraged to attend and gain rating points and prizes as well.

## WHEEL OF FORTUNE

The 1961 Nevada State Open Chess Championship was conducted at the Mapes Hotel in Reno recently and 30 players competed. George Kirby of Reno and Harold Edelstein of San Carlos, California tied for first with scores of 6-1 in the 7 round Swiss.

Gaston Chappuis, a well known player from Salt Lake City, took clear third with a score of 5-2. Donald Benge of Burbank, Calif., Ken Jones from Reno and Dr. A. Janushkowsky of Sacramento all scored 4½-2½ and took the 4th, 5th and 6th place awards respectively after ties had been broken.

Though he didn't win an award, Robert Karg, should have received a special trophy for setting an endurance record. An entertainer with a group called the "Rounders," Karg played music every evening until 4:30 A.M. at the Riverside Hotel and was up pushing Pawns the next day at 9 A.M. sharp!

C. C. McDaniel was the Top B player in the tournament and received a beautiful trophy for his efforts as did Norma Jean Halstead for her score as Top Woman player and Raymond A. Smith for producing the best played game. Sponsored by the Reno Chess Club, the event was directed by Harold Lundstrom, noted chess columnist of the DESERET NEWS of Salt Lake City.





# CHESS KALEIDOSCOPE

by U. S. Master **ELIOT HEARST**

## THE "BOBBY FISCHER" OF ROUMANIA

One of the foreign favorites of the U.S. Student Team in Leningrad last summer was a shy, 15-year-old Roumanian schoolboy, Florin Gheorghiu, who looked even younger than he actually was. Early in the tournament he lost a heart-breaker to American Anthony Saidy; a queen ahead and having played a fine game up to that point the Roumanian youngster permitted Saidy to queen a pawn in what was surely one of the most astounding time-pressure swindles in chess tournament history. For those of you who lose heart whenever you find yourself a queen behind here is the score of that titanic struggle:

**SAIDY-GHEORGHIU (King's Indian Defense).**  
 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-K4; 7. P-Q5, QN-Q2; 8. B-N5, P-KR3; 9. B-R4, P-KN4; 10. B-N3, N-R4; 11. KN-Q2, N-B5; 12. O-O, N-B4; 13. N-N3, P-N3; 14. R-K1, NxBch; 15. QxN, P-B4; 16. PxP, BxP; 17. NxN, NPxN; 18. QR-QB1, Q-B3; 19. N-K4, Q-N3; 20. P-KR3, QR-N1; 21. P-N3, R-B2; 22. R-N1, P-KR4; 23. P-KR4, PxP; 24. BxRP, B-R3; 25. P-B3, QR-KB1; 26. K-R1, R-N2; 27. P-N3, B-B1; 28. P-QN4, R(2)-B2; 29. PxP, RxP; 30. R-N8, Q-N5; 31. RxB, QxR; 32. K-N2, Q-B4; 33. PxP, R-K6; 34. QxR, BxQ; 35. RxB, Q-B8ch; 36. K-R2, R-B7ch; 37. NxR, QxNch; 38. K-R3, QxR; 39. P-Q7, Q-KB6; 40. P-Q8(Q)ch, K-R2; 41. Q-K7ch, K-N1; 42. Q-K6ch, K-R2; 43. Q-K7ch, Resigns.

Even though the Americans were happy to snatch victory from defeat in this game, none of the U.S. players could help feeling some sympathy for the unfortunate victim of this catastrophe. The Roumanian seemed to sense these mixed emotions over the victory and from then on he would often exchange wistful head-shakes and mock expressions of grief whenever he met a member of the U.S. team. Though he spoke no English and the Americans no Roumanian, he was often a welcome addition to the post-mortem sessions of American players and was also a tricky playmaker and scorer in an American-monopolized basketball game arranged on an outdoor excursion during the tournament. Gheorghiu played excellent chess after his disastrous loss to Saidy and was undefeated thereafter in the tournament.

It was with a great deal of pleasure, therefore, that we noticed the upset victory of Gheorghiu in the recent Roumanian Championship, ahead of numerous Roumanian masters and international masters. Gheorghiu, together with 17-year-old Hort of Czechoslovakia and our own Bobby Fisher, certainly constitute a trio of international masters the youth of which would be hard to match at any time in chess history. One of Gheorghiu's most exciting victories in the Roumanian tournament follows:

**GHITESCU-GHEORGHIU (Sicilian Defense).** 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. B-QB4, B-K2; 8. Q-K2, P-N4; 9. B-N3, O-O; 10. O-O, P-N5; 11. N-R4, B-N2; 12. P-KB3, N-B3; 13. B-K3, P-Q4; 14. KR-Q1, NxN; 15. BxN, Q-R4; 16. N-N6, PxP; 17. NxR, Q-R4; 18. Q-B2, PxP; 19. PxP, BxP; 20. R-Q3, BxN; 21. R-N3, P-K4; 22. Q-K3, N-K5; 23. B-N6, NxR; 24. QxN, B-R5; 25. Q-R3, B-B7ch; 26. Resigns.

## CAISSAN COMMENTS

Robot Chessplayers: "The grandmasters who surround me are no longer chessplayers but robots. They take ten or twenty hours to prepare themselves for each game in a tourney; large groups of friends, seconds, and analysts help this one single man to win one single game. This is not chess! I imagine chess to be different: chess is a game in which two players compete without preparation and analysis, and measure their abilities directly across the chessboard. My second, Maric, can affirm that I have never prepared specifically for any game and only too often did I not know or even want to know who would be my next opponent. Equipped with this unique attitude, I inevitably lost." (Pal Benko, quoted from the Ljubliana "DELO," at the conclusion of the Challengers' Tourney 1959).

## GRANDMASTER OPINIONS

- 1) "Chess is a game of logic and logic is not a feminine thing."
- 2) "Englishmen have knowledge and they have intelligence. But they do not have endurance. You must have endurance in chess." (Svetozar Gligorich, at Hastings 1960).

## CHESS NOTES AND EQUATIONS

"To most people the outstanding fact about chess is the quaint notion that it requires superior mental powers—in particular a mathematical mind. Actually, there are some mathematical aspects of chess but they have no bearing on the game, which is what really counts. At times the mathematical attitude can be more of a handicap than a help. In much the same way cacophonous tomes have been written on the physics of music, which have nothing to do with the art of the performer" (Reuben Fine, writing on "Chess and Music," 1943).

## PETROSIAN THE DEVIL

"Sometimes Petrosian is accused of playing a drawish-type game, but such accusations are altogether unwarranted. How can anyone who relies on draws become



Soviet champion twice and several times win the privilege of playing in the challengers' tournament? Such victories can be scored only by a superexpert, a man of outstanding talent, with the perceptivity of the "devil." (Salo Flohr, who is one of the most "drawish" grandmasters in chess history, in "Moscow-News," 1961).

### MEN vs. MACHINES

"Chess-playing machines will be able to compete successfully against masters because they will have a tremendous memory as well as limitless endurance and will be indifferent to noise in the playing hall and to chess reporters.

All this is not fantasy. In time, when machines will acquire grandmaster titles at FIDE Congresses it will be necessary to hold two world chess championships—one for humans and one for machines. Of course, in the latter case the contest will not be between the machines but between the creators and programmers of such." (M. M. Botvinnik, in the Latvian newspaper "CINA," 1960).

### ALCOHOL and CHESS

"There are chess players who drink before and during the game. This is quite a normal procedure. Alcohol has the power of stimulating one's imagination and inventive capacities. It may eliminate inhibitions which should not exist. On the other hand, it also eliminates inhibitions which should be there, and in the long run it weakens one's resistance. Nonetheless, players have often attained brilliant wins under the influence of alcohol. Chess history can produce a sufficient number of instances to substantiate this statement.

Alekhine took alcohol in our first match game, presumably before the 18th game, certainly before the 21st and 30th games. Personally, I do not think that the 21st game was any worse than any other game in the match, and I am quite sure that in general the number of games Alekhine won with the aid of alcohol is at least as great as the number he lost because of alcohol." (Dr. M. Euwe, in "Canadian Chess Chat")

## Operation MM = More Members, That's All

The response to our new recruiting program ACT is, as they say in French, "tres terrific."

The increased interest in organized chess indicates that a sincere and energetic recruiting effort such as that expended by our tireless regional vice-presidents, is bound to bring in MM—more members, that is.

A MEMBERSHIP GAIN OF 442 new members is shown during the period from Dec. 5, 1960 to March 30, 1961.

After a certain amount of research, study of statistical data, and mathematical calculations, like one and one makes two, we arrived at some quota figures for 1961 recruiting, which were forthwith dispatched to our hardworking vice-presidents. The 1961 member-recruiting-quota for our eight regions came to 1970; but our alert x-president, Jerry Spann immediately spotted the bug in this quota. In effect, he said—What do you mean, 1970? It's 1961, isn't it? For a catchy slogan, change the quota to—1961 in 1961!!!

Great, Jerry—and that's why we are going to give the boys a break and make it 1961 instead of 1970.

### 1961 MORE MEMBERS IN 1961

Below, regional membership-quotas for 1961, region membership totals on Dec. 5, 1960 and March 30, 1961, and regional vice-presidents.

Region	USCF Membership Dec. 5, 1960	USCF Membership Mar. 30, 1961	Region Quotas For 1961	Reg. V.P.
1	317	318	125	H. C. Newberry
2	805	945	310	Allen Kaufman
3	559	648	265	J. D. Matheson
4	362	403	195	Lanneau Foster
5	555	548	195	Jack O'Keefe
6	602	623	260	Eva Aronson
7	612	637	280	C. Harold Bone
8	788	907	331	Henry Gross
Foreign	90	102	—	
	4690	5132	1961	

1961 NEW MEMBERS IN 1961 FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF 6651 MEMBERS

From our ACT files:

**The Southern Calif. High School League** tournament for boys and girls under 18, brought in 27 members to the federation. The tournament was a Swiss system, six rounds, 30-moves-per-hour, played at the Herman Steiner Chess Club in Los Angeles. Interesting side-light: completely coincidental pairing, 1st round—Rains versus Showers. (Rains won.)

**From Donald Define, Florissant, Mo.:** "... six new members in Missouri this month, one renewal ... Your mailing (ACT letters) went out to the following five club presidents ..."

**From K. R. Jones, Reno, Nevada:** "Am enclosing list of new memberships we have secured (nine members). As you know, the field of chess players is limited along with the small population in Nevada ... (Ed. Note:—As of April 24, this gives Nevada a total of 42 members, a gain of 55½% over Dec. 5, 1960. Good work, K. R. Jones.)

**Ralph Hagedorn, Sun Valley, Calif.:** "... please enroll the following as members of USCF. They are playing in Expert Candidate Tournament sponsored by S. C. Chess League ... (7 members)

**Frank Pye, Downey, Calif.:** "... best wishes for ACT ... Ten new members from Downey section."

**Bernard Oak, City Terrace Chess Club, L. A.:** "... five new members recently ... Also, starting Novice tournament May 19, for players with rating of 1700, or under, or no rating ... Prizes will be membership to the USCF ... Good luck with ACT."

**From George S. Barnes, Minneapolis:** "... thank you for your recent ACT mailings ... I have turned them over to our chess club president and program director ... Minnesota passed its 1961 quota with 43 new memberships ..."

**Arthur Gamlin of Las Vegas Chess Club,** writes: "This is to advise you of the tournaments planned by the Las Vegas Chess Club for the balance of 1961 ... Las Vegas Summer Tournament, June 8th, and Las Vegas City-Wide Tournament, Oct. 18 ... Both are open to all players who are members or will become members of both the L. V. Chess Club and the USCF ..."

**V. P. Jack Matheson, Arlington, Virginia,** writes: "... pondering the matter of USCF membership, I think we should set our sights higher than any I have heard mentioned so far ... ONE MEMBER PER 10,000 (U. S. pop. 179,323,175) ... is not unreasonable ... there will still be 18 countries with better ratios ..."

**V.P. C. Harold Bone, Baytown, Texas,** outlines a very fine plan for USCF growth and strength, via instructive material supplied in chess sets. (More about this next time.) He also says: "... the ACT material is being sent to the presidents of the Texas and Louisiana State Associations ... The Houston Chess Club is playing its city championship in 2 stages—A Swiss Qualifying Tourney, April 22-23, and a round-robin finals in June ... Carry on!"

**Note to Jose Calderon:** Operation MM totals for March 30 show—

New York—659

California—666

Good! You're catching up.

Lina Grumette

General Chairman of the Membership Committee



# Cross Country

## FINAL RESULTS OF AMERICA'S LEADING TOURNAMENTS

### Maryland Open—April, 1961

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. Trefzer, G. ....	W61	W48	W29	W2	D6	W7	5½-1½
2. Raven, R. S. ....	W50	W43	W3	L1	W11	W13	5-1
3. Vinje, O. ....	W36	W25	L2	W23	W15	W12	5-1
4. Hartleb, G. E. ....	W55	L11	W34	W27	W19	W14	5-1
5. Chauvenet, R. ....	W41	W32	L10	W28	W29	W6	5-1
6. Franz, H. ....	W42	W15	W9	W11	D1	L5	4½-1½
7. Hardman, G. ....	W21	D20	W30	W8	W10	L1	4½-1½
8. Erkes, R. ....	W24	D12	W20	L1	W30	W26	4½-1½
9. Hucks, L. ....	W22	W18	L6	W45	W25	D10	4½-1½
10. Tilles, M. ....	W46	W40	W5	D14	L7	D9	4-2
11. Lerch, R. ....	W45	W4	W26	L6	L2	W27	4-2
12. Thomas, G. S. ....	W59	D8	W39	W19	D14	L3	4-2
13. Garfinkel, B. ....	L39	W37	W31	W21	W16	L2	4-2
14. Braunholtz, C. H. ....	W47	W56	W28	D10	D12	L4	4-2
15. Antokol, N. ....	W53	L6	W57	W26	L3	W32	4-2
16. Borrero, G. ....	L44	W49	W22	W32	L13	W25	4-2
17. Gillies, R. ....	L31	W35	L25	W58	W34	W37	4-2
18. McClure, W. ....	W51	L9	L27	W57	W43	W36	4-2
19. Sick, W. ....	W62	W60	W44	L12	L4	W29	4-2
20. Ream, J. C. ....	W27	D7	L8	L25	W46	W39	3½-2½
21. Garey, A. L. ....	L7	W47	W40	L13	W35	D24	3½-2½
22. Popodi, A. E. ....	L9	W51	L16	W38	D28	W40	3½-2½
23. Miller, R. ....	L26	W58	W33	L3	D40	W41	3½-2½
24. J. Stermer ....	L8	L46	W42	W60	W55	D21	3½-2½
25. Mednick, H. ....	W37	L3	W17	W20	L9	L16	3-3
26. Tischtschenko, M. ....	W23	W33	L11	L15	W39	L8	3-3
27. Crowell, L. ....	L20	W50	W18	L4	W33	L11	3-3
28. Skibniauskas, V. ....	W58	W31	L14	L5	D22	D30	3-3
29. Feehly, G. ....	W49	W57	L1	W44	L5	L19	3-3
30. Pozarek, F. C. ....	W38	D39	L7	W55	L8	D28	3-3
31. Olsson, G. ....	W17	L28	L13	L35	W54	W49	3-3
32. Zellhofer, J. ....	W54	L5	W59	L16	W44	L15	3-3
33. Howard, A. ....	W35	L26	D23	W48	L27	W44	3-3
34. Rigler, R. R. ....	L57	W53	L4	W41	L17	W47	3-3
35. Marvin, J. ....	L33	L17	W62	W31	L21	W43	3-3
36. Sayre, C. F. ....	L3	W62	D41	D43	W45	L18	3-3
37. Myers, E. L. ....	L25	L13	W61	W59	W47	L17	3-3
38. Wallin, R. ....	L30	L45	W49	L22	W58	W48	3-3
39. Schreiber, G. L. ....	W13	D30	L12	W46	L26	L20	2½-3½
40. Coon, M. L. ....	W52	L10	L21	W56	D23	L22	2½-3½
41. Benjes, K. ....	L5	W54	D36	L34	W56	L23	2½-3½
42. Menkes, J. H. ....	L6	L59	L24	D51	W60	W45	2½-3½
43. DeBritto, S. ....	W48	L2	D46	D36	L18	L35	2-4
44. Roberts, Mrs. F. ....	W16	W61	L19	L29	L32	L33	2-4
45. Mershon, D. ....	L11	W38	W60	L9	L36	L42	2-4
46. Dawson, G. ....	L10	W24	D43	L39	L20	D53	2-4
47. Warner, D. ....	L14	L21	W53	W52	L37	L34	2-4
48. Caplan, J. ....	L43	L1	W50	L33	W59	L38	2-4
49. Birkenfeld, T. M. ....	L29	L16	L38	W50	W57	L31	2-4
50. Donaho, J. ....	L2	L27	L48	L49	W61	W58	2-4
51. Serbinoff, G. T. ....	L18	L22	L55	D42	D52	W62	2-4
52. Meck, H. R. ....	L40	D55	L56	L47	D51	W59	2-4
53. Rodgers, J. W. ....	L15	L34	L47	D61	W62	D46	2-4
54. Andrews, J. ....	L32	L41	L58	W62	L31	W60	2-4
55. Perry, O. M. ....	L4	D52	W51	L30	L24	F*	1½-4½
56. Saunders, M. ....	D60	L14	W52	L40	L41	W57	1½-4½
57. Ross, H. ....	W34	L29	L15	L18	L49	L56	1-5
58. Stevens, C. B. ....	L28	L23	W54	L17	L38	L50	1-5
59. McGuire, J. ....	L12	W42	L32	L37	L48	L52	1-5
60. Cianos, J. ....	D56	L19	L45	L24	L42	L54	½-5½

### Massachusetts Championship—1960-61

#### Class A

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. Lyman, S. ....	W10	W7	W14	L3	L4	D9	3½-2½
2. Platz, Dr. ....	L11	W12	W8	W6	D3	W14	4½-1½
3. Curdo, J. ....	W12	W15	W11	W1	D2	W4	5½-½
4. Freeman, C. ....	L13	W16	W15	D9	W1	L3	3½-2½
5. Ames, D. ....	L14	D17	W12	L8	L6	D11	2-4
6. Vilkas, J. Jr. ....	L15	W18	L13	L2	W5	D12	2½-3½
7. Bourden, E. ....	W16	L1	L9	D17	D11	W15	3-3
8. Calhamer ....	W17	L14	L2	W5	L9	W16*	3-3
9. Peizer, D. ....	W18	L10	W7	D4	W8	D1	4-2
10. Turner, D. ....	L1	W9	W17	W11	D14	D13	4-2
11. Makaitis, A. ....	W2	W13	L3	L10	D7	D5	3-3
12. Arbetter, E. ....	L3	L2	L5	W18	W16	D6	2½-3½
13. Eastman, W. ....	W4	L11	W6	L14	W17	D10	3½-2½
14. Lement, Dr. B. ....	W5	W8	L1	W13	D10	L2	3½-1½
15. Kramer, P. ....	W6	L3	L4	L16*	W18	L7	2-4
16. Keyes, A. ....	L7	L4	W18	W15*	L12	L8*	2-4
17. LeClerc, P. ....	L8	D5	L10	D7	L13	W18	2-4
18. Lynch, J. ....	L9	L6	L16	L12	L15	L17	0-6

### Louisiana-Mississippi Open Championship Division

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. McAuley, A. L. ....	W8	W10	W11	W2	W7	5-0
2. Acers, J. ....	W13	D5	W6	L1	W8	3½-1½
3. Poole, J. R. ....	W18	D9	D5	D7	W12	3½-1½
4. Gladney, F. ....	L5	W17	D10	W9	W13	3½-1½
5. Weeks, H. ....	W4	D2	D3	D8	D6	3-2
6. Chavez, F. ....	D11	W16	L2	W10	D5	3-2
7. Hurt, J. Jr. ....	D16	W15	W9	D3	L1	3-2
8. Fowler, W. ....	L1	W14	W13	D5	L2	2½-2½
9. Dean, R. ....	W14	D3	L7	L4	W16	2½-2½
10. Scrivener, R. S. ....	W17	L1	D4	L6	W15	2½-2½
11. Parham, F. ....	D6	W12	L1	L13	W18	2½-2½
12. Lockett, A. M. ....	D15	L11	W17	W16	L3	2½-2½
13. Erdal, G. ....	L2	W18	L8	W11	L6	2-3
14. West, J. ....	L9	L8	W18	L15	W17	2-3
15. Crew, W. ....	D12	L7	L16	W14	L10	1½-3½
16. Miller, W. T. ....	D7	L6	W15	L12	L9	1½-3½
17. Marshall, N. ....	L10	L4	L12	W18	L14	1-4
18. Francis, B. ....	L3	L13	L14	L17	L11	0-5

### Golden Triangle Open—Pittsburgh, April, 1961

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. Gilden, L. C. ....	W60	W29	W13	W12	W4	5-0
2. Bornholz, R. L. ....	W59	W19	W21	D3	W16	4½-½
3. Clayton, K. R. ....	W45	W44	W37	D2	W11	4½-½
4. Baylor, G. W. ....	W75	W22	W17	W8	L1	4-1
5. Kause, R. ....	W36	W24	D11	D7	W19	4-1
6. Sullivan, J. C. ....	W33	L21	W47	W27	W32	4-1
7. Spitzer, Alex. ....	W28	D40	W30	D5	W22	4-1
8. Szedlacsek, L. ....	W48	W14	W42	L4	W23	4-1
9. Presser, D. L. ....	W68	L18	W39	W34	W20	4-1
10. Lubell, M. S. ....	D61	D43	W49	W44	W18	4-1
11. Schoene, A. Y. ....	W63	W27	D5	W15	L3	3½-1½
12. Gabrovsek, Z. ....	W65	W35	D20	L1	W25	3½-1½
13. Noel, R. W. ....	W70	W34	L1	W37	D14	3½-1½
14. Sovel, C. ....	W57	L8	W45	W28	D13	3½-1½
15. Mayer, J. ....	W58	W50	D18	L11	W36	3½-1½
16. Harkins, J. L. ....	D43	W61	W46	W24	L2	3½-1½
17. Kuhn, T. A. ....	W64	W47	L4	D36	W42	3½-1½
18. Marchand, E. ....	W39	W9	D15	D20	L10	3-2
19. Brand, L. W. ....	W69	L2	W33	W26	L5	3-2
20. Zlizhatch, D. B. ....	W31	W38	D12	D18	L9	3-2
21. Morrell, M. ....	W62	W6	L2	L32	W48	3-2
22. Pietrzak, R. ....	W49	L4	W66	W42	L7	3-2
23. Johnson, R. B. ....	W26	L37	W48	W50	L8	3-2
24. Bragg, W. N. ....	W51	L5	W55	L16	W47	3-2
25. Beljan, A. ....	L38	W56	W62	W29	L12	3-2
26. Young, J. A. ....	L23	W76	W38	L19	W44	3-2
27. Kaufman, D. ....	W73	L11	W40	L6	W55	3-2
28. Yens, D. P. ....	L7	W52	W69*	L14	W50	3-2
29. Foreman, F. D. ....	W56	L1	W43	L25	W51	3-2
30. Witczek, J. ....	W66	D46	L7	D31	W53	3-2
31. Betza, R. F. ....	L20	D51	W61	D30	W43	3-2
32. Kolbe, A. ....	L42	W67	W54	W21	L6	3-2
33. Eads, H. O. ....	L6	W71	L19	W49	W46	3-2
34. Caravacci, E. Jr. ....	W67	L13	W63	L9	W45	3-2
35. Marshall, S. C. ....	W53	L12	L36	W66	W54	3-2
36. Mathews, H. G. ....	L5	W57	W35	D17	L15	2½-2½
37. Armstrong, J. E. ....	W52	W23	L3	L13	D39	2½-2½
38. Weierhaus, T. ....	W25	L20	L26	W58	D40	2½-2½
39. Lisac, E. ....	L18	W68	L9	W56	D37	2½-2½
40. McCarthy, S. ....	Bye	D7	L27	D46	D38	2½-2½
41. McKee, J. M. ....	L46	L66	W59	D63	W61	2½-2½
42. Larsen, R. R. ....	W32	W54	L8	L22	L17	2-3
43. Wetzel, G. H. ....	D16	D10	L29	W62	L31	2-3
44. Dilillo, M. D. ....	W74	L3	W58	L10	L26	2-3
45. Latincich, M. J. ....	L3	W74	L14	W52	L34	2-3
46. Kent, T. L. ....	W41	D30	L16	D40	L33	2-3
47. Ordog, J. ....	W55	L17	L6	W64	L24	2-3
48. Dietrich, C. H. ....	L8	W53	L23	W71	L21	2-3
49. Harakas, T. ....	L22	W59	L10	L33	W72	2-3
50. Buck, W. ....	W72	L15	W64	L23	L28	2-3
51. Dunn, D. J. ....	L24	D31	D65	W68	L29	2-3
52. Wolf, E. ....	L37	L28	W57	L45	W56	2-3
53. Bennett, J. A. ....	L35	L48	W67	W60	L30	2-3
54. Gat, D. V. ....	W71	L42	L32	W70	L35	2-3
55. Zibrida, R. S. ....	L47	W70	L24	W69	L27	2-3
56. Clary, T. ....	L29	L25	W73	L39	W69	2-3
57. Dorfman, W. ....	L14	L36	L52	W67	W70	2-3
58. Rooney, J. A. ....	L15	W72	L44	L38	W71	2-3
59. Lisak, N. ....	L2	L49	L41	W73	W68	2-3
60. Clary, E. ....	L1	L69	W74*	L53	W63	2-3
61. Hiber, C. ....	D10	L16	L31	W65	L41	1½-3½
62. Liberti, A. ....	L21	W75	L25	L43	D64	1½-3½
63. Jepson, B. ....	L11	W73	L34	D41	L60	1½-3½
64. Delahan, Franz ....	L17	W65	L50	L47	D62	1½-3½
65. Wise, W. B. ....	L12	L64	D51	L61	W73	1½-3½
66. Otteson, W. O. ....	L30	W41	L22	L35	L52	1-4
67. Prijatelj, S. ....	L34	L32	L53	L57	Bye	1-4
68. Bill, L. ....	L9	L39	W76*	L51	L59	1-4
69. Fulkerson, G. ....	L19	W60	L28*	L55	L56	1-4
70. Robinson, P. C. ....	L13	L55	W72	L54	L57	1-4
71. Norcik, V. ....	L54	L33	W75*	L48	L58	1-4
72. Oster, R. D. ....	L50	L58	L70	Bye	L49	1-4
73. Waddell, J. A. ....	L27	L63	L56	L59	L65	0-5
74. Mason, J. E. ....	L44	L45	L60	Withdrew		0-5
75. Mink, J. A. ....	L4	L62*	L71*	Withdrew		0-5
76. Shayne, J. T. ....		L26	L68*	Withdrew		0-5



## Missouri Open—April, 1961

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. Ragan, J. V. ....	W30	W8	W13	W14	W3	W5	6 -0
2. Allen, J. ....	W24	L12	W15	W16	W14	W6	5 -1
3. Hardy, J. ....	W10	W9	W12	D4	L1	W11	4½-1½
4. Wright, J. M. ....	W16	W23	W7	D3	L5	W14	4½-1½
5. Branch, H. ....	W20	W11	L14	W9	W4	L1	4 -2
6. Schaezle, W. ....	L23	W17	W21	W13	W7	L2	4 -2
7. Allen, D. ....	W25	W22	L4	W10	L6	W15	4 -2
8. Burton, C. M. ....	W17	L1	L10	W24	W16	W19	4 -2
9. Beitling, J. R. ....	W27	L3	W23	L5	W25	W20	4 -2
10. Goldsberry, Carl E. ....	L3	W27	W8	L7	WF23*	D13	3½-2½
11. Stephens, L. G. ....	W21	L5	W19	D18	W12	L3	3½-2½
12. Taylor, P. ....	W31	W2	L3	D20	L11	W21	3½-2½
13. Define, J. D. ....	W29	W18	L1	L6	W20	D10	3½-2½
14. Spies, C. ....	W26	W15	W5	L1	L2	L4	3 -3
15. Difani, Don ....	W19	L14	L2	W17	W18	L7	3 -3
16. Wolfe, J. ....	L4	W30	W22	L2	L8	W26	3 -3
17. Tull, E. ....	L8	L6	W27	L15	W30	W23	3 -3
18. Banker, G. M. ....	W28	L13	D24	D11	L15	W25	3 -3
19. Ulbrich, A. ....	L15	W26	L11	W28	W22	L8	3 -3
20. Meister, R. M. ....	L5	W32	W28	D12	L13	L9	2½-3½
21. Albro, E. ....	L11	D25	L6	W32	W24	L12	2½-3½
22. Carmody, L. ....	W32	L7	L16	W26	L19	D29	2½-3½
23. Burgess, E. ....	W6	L4	L9	W30	LF10*	L17	2 -4
24. Boham, J. ....	L2	W31	D18	L8	L21	D27	2 -4
25. Hewitt, W. R. ....	L7	D21	D30	W29	L9	L18	2 -4
26. Galbreth, D. ....	L14	L19	W32	L22	W28	L16	2 -4
27. Mayfield, A. D. ....	L9	L10	L17	W31	D29	D24	2 -4
28. Harris, C. ....	L18	W29	L20	L19	L26	W31	2 -4
29. Langer, S. ....	L13	L28	W31	L25	D27	D22	2 -4
30. Williams, D. ....	L1	L16	D25	L23	L17	W32	1½-4½
31. Robinson, M. ....	L12	L24	L29	L27	W32	L28	1 -5
32. Wilkerson, S. ....	L22	L20	L26	L21	L31	L30	0 -6

## 3rd Birmingham Open—April, 1961

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. Ronning, G. ....	W8	W3	W4	W11	W7	5 -0
2. Grant, K. ....	W23	D12	D7	W18	W9	4 -1
3. Cleveland, C. ....	W15	L1	W22	D5	W18	3½-1½
4. Williamson, K. ....	W21	W19	L1	W14	D6	3½-1½
5. Hess, B. ....	D24	D14	W20	D3	W16	3½-1½
6. Ming, E. G. ....	W27	D7	W24	D9	D4	3½-1½
7. Gambrell, B. ....	Bye	D6	D2	W10	L1	3 -2
8. Hendry, C. ....	L1	D16	W21	W13	D10	3 -2
9. Kemp, F. ....	W30	W17	D11	D6	L2	3 -2
10. Gibert, H. ....	D13	W29	W12	L7	D8	3 -2
11. Baine, Dr. R. ....	W20	W18	D9	L1	D12	3 -2
12. Taylor, J. ....	W26	D2	L10	W17	D11	3 -2
13. Kimerling, J. ....	D10	W21	D25	L8	W22	3 -2
14. Myer, Dr. W. ....	D29	D5	W26	L4	W17	3 -2
15. Whaley, D. ....	L3	W28	L17	W23	W19	3 -2
16. Loftin, E. ....	L19	D8	W29	W20	L5	2½-2½
17. Foster, B. ....	W22	L9	W15	L12	L14	2 -3
18. Long, J. ....	W28	L11	W19	L2	L3	2 -3
19. Hardin, D. ....	W16	L4	L18	W26	L15	2 -3
20. Cockrell, E. M. ....	L11	W23	L5	L16	W26	2 -3
21. McInish, R. ....	L4	L13	L8	W30	W27	2 -3
22. Robinson, O. ....	L17	W27	L3	W25	L13	2 -3
23. Peirce, L. B. ....	L2	L20	W30	L15	W29	2 -3
24. Bates, G. C. ....	D5	Bye	L6	*	*	1½-3½
25. Benjamin, W. ....	*	*	D13	L22	W30*	1½-3½
26. Andrews, H. ....	L12	W30	L14	L19	L20	1 -4
27. Gorse, M. ....	L6	L22	L28	W29	L21	1 -4
28. Chen, Dr. A. S. ....	L18	L15	W27	*	*	1 -4
29. Foster, A. ....	D14	L10	L16	L27	L23	1½-4½
30. Davies, H. G. ....	L9	L26	L23	L21	L25*	0 -5

## Cleveland Amory, Look What You've Done!

By SYDNEY J. HARRIS

In the biographical sketch of myself that our promotion department sends out to groups that have been foolish enough to invite me to lecture, the game of chess is given as one of my "hobbies."

This is an error, Chess is not, and can never be, a hobby. It is a disease or nothing. It is an obsession, an affliction, an addiction. But it is not a hobby.

"Every chess player," an ironic friend of mine said recently, "should have a hobby." This was a neat epigram. Those who are serious about the game soon become as single-minded as alcoholics: wife, family, job and other interests all become submerged in the chessboard.

I have largely given up playing the game because of its seductive powers. I used to urge others to take it up, but no longer. The peril is too great. Some serious drinkers avoid becoming alcoholics, but no serious chess players ever avoid becoming chess nuts. What we need is a secret organization called "Checkmates Anonymous."

Not long ago, Cleveland Amory came to Chicago for a few days of the most strenuous activity. His book, "Who Killed Society?" is high on the best-seller list; his anthology, "Vanity Fair," is crowding the leaders.

During his brief visit here, Amory was scheduled for several literary luncheons, receptions, dinners, radio and TV interviews, and the whole depressing gamut of mod-

ern publicity. Every hour of his time was rigidly scheduled.

Yet—owing to the evil machinations of my publisher—Amory spent five hours at my house, involved in two ferocious games of chess with me.

He ignored phone calls—including one piteous call from his wife awaiting his return at their hotel—curses, threats, promises, and cold looks from our other guests who were waiting to go out for dinner with us.

Like the lush who can't stop with the conventional two before a meal, he would have stayed all night locked in mortal combat over the chessboard. We finally had to load him into the car and drive him down to the TV station for his appearance on a panel show. He cried like a baby.

I am doing penance in this piece, for in the past, I have urged the game of chess upon strangers to it, and I still have a nostalgic fondness for it. But I rarely play it any more; the game calls for a strong will and a steady hand.

It is not for weaklings like Amory and myself. And it is not a hobby, unless you look upon opium-smoking as a harmless diversion. I thought I had kicked the habit, until Amory pulled me back into the pit.

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# Tidbits OF MASTER PLAY

## BY INTERNATIONAL GRANDMASTER WILLIAM LOMBARDY



### "ONCE AGAIN THE WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP"

"Once again The World's Championship" But who's to be the champion?

When Botvinnik and Tal met last March, it was for the first time. The general consensus of opinion, in that battle of youth versus the 'aged', was that youth would conquer; it did.

That victory was by no means as conclusive as it appeared. True that Tal scored six wins as against Botvinnik's meager two, but the games themselves indicated that the match was not at all one-sided. Fatigue, brought on by illness, caused Botvinnik to lose his once flawless technique. A number of won games were tossed away.

Now a new match, Botvinnik's revenge, is under way. There is much conjecture, most in favor of Tal, regarding this match. Is Botvinnik getting too old?

Born in 1911, Botvinnik will be fifty on August 17th; Tal is twenty-four. Should this difference in age make the difference? Hardly! Health notwithstanding, there are many men who participate in numerous strenuous activities, and quite successfully, I might add. Tomapapa, for example, is still winning professional bowling tournaments. He is in his mid sixties!

Perhaps Botvinnik has discouraged himself. In his book '100 Selected Games' he says about Alekhine, "... I must again emphasize that during the last period of his career his imaginative powers declined." Surely Botvinnik must be considered to be in that 'last period' of his own Chess career, but what possible reason should cause his decline. At the moment, I doubt if there is any reason, for he is not on the downgrade, as so many experts think. As a matter of fact, he has already downed Tal the terrible in the first game of their return match by convincingly outplaying him in the end game. The game is not so interesting from the tactical standpoint, as it is instructive from the positional point of view.

#### RAGOSIN DEFENSE (by transposition)

M. Botvinnik White M. Tal Black

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|----------|-------|
| 1. P-QB4 | N-KB3 |
| 2. N-QB3 | P-K3  |
| 3. P-Q4  | B-N5  |
| 4. P-K3  | O-O   |
| 5. B-Q3  | ..... |

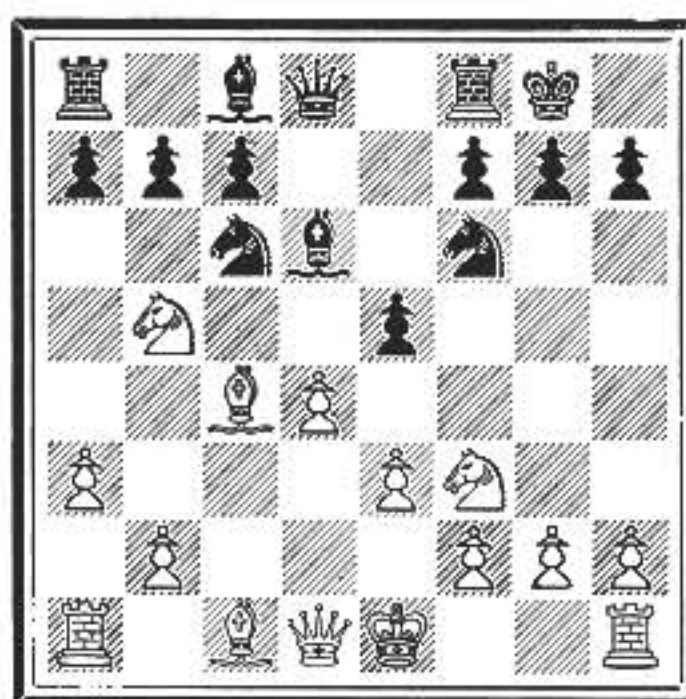
Here Botvinnik deviates from his favorite KN-K2. Since he has had great success with that continuation, he must have suspected Tal of having something special prepared. For psychological considerations it is often necessary to get off the beaten path.

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| 5. ....  | P-Q4 |
| 6. P-QR3 | PxP  |
| 7. BxP   | B-Q3 |
| 8. N-B3  | N-B3 |

Black has successfully transposed into the Ragosin Defense with a tempo gain, White's 6. P-QR3. Usually White has castled by this time.

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| 9. N-QN5 | P-K4 |
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The recommended course is 9. ...., B-K2, 10. O-O, P-QR3; 11. N-B3, B-Q3; 12. P-K4, P-K4; 13. P-Q5, N-K2 with equality. The text favors White slightly.



Position after 9. ...., P-K4

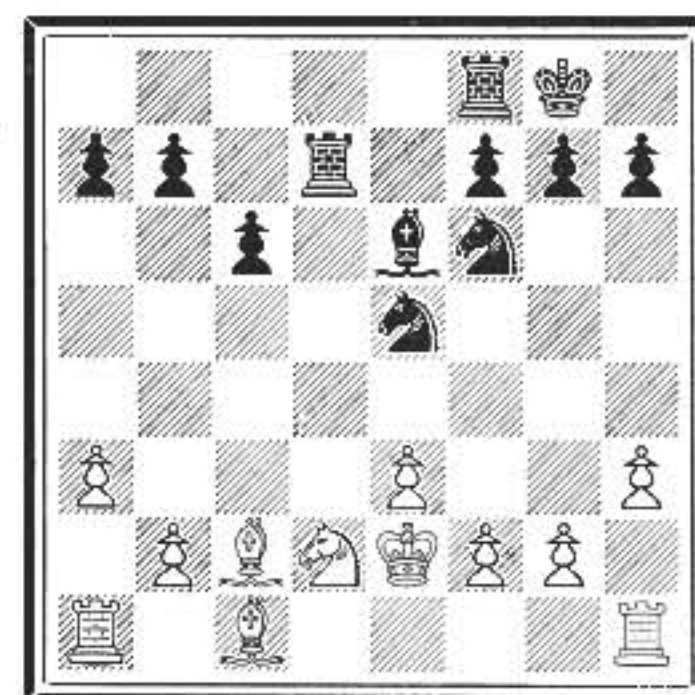
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| 10. NxP | ..... |
|---------|-------|

Much more to White's advantage is 10. PxP, NxP; 11. NxB, QxN; 12. QxQ, PxQ; 13. B-K2, where White's two bishops offer a strong initiative, especially in view of Black's weak queen pawn.

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| 10. .... | QxN   |
| 11. PxP  | QxQch |
| 12. KxQ  | N-KN5 |
| 13. K-K2 | QNxP  |
| 14. B-Q5 | ..... |

Necessary, for if B-R2 then B-B4 gives Black a good game.

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|-----------------|---|
| 14. ....        | P-B3  |
| 15. B-K4        | B-K3!   |
| 15. ...., P-QN3 | only leads to an even game, i.e.; 16. NxN, NxN; 17. P-B4, B-R3; 18. K-B2, B-Q6. |
| 16. N-Q2        | QR-Q1   |
| 17. P-R3        | N-B3  |
| 18. B-B2        | R-Q2?   |



Position after 18. ...., R-Q2?

It seems strange that such an innocent looking move should actually lose the game, but the tremendous loss of time involved allows White the effective and devastating use of his two bishops. Correct was 18. ...., P-B4; which main-



tains a slight advantage in view of his queen side majority and better development.

19. P-QN3 KR-Q1  
20. R-Q1 N-Q6?

Overlooking the fact that his rook will be in jeopardy on Q6. N-Q4 was better.

21. BxN RxB  
22. B-N2 R(6)-Q2

The threat was B-Q4.

23. BxN PxB  
24. P-QN4 B-B4  
25. N-N3 B-Q6ch  
26. K-K1 P-N3  
27. QR-B1 .....

Now Black cannot avoid a bishop versus knight end game, which, in view of his multiple pawn weaknesses, is hopeless.

27. .... B-K5  
28. P-B3 RxRch  
29. RxR RxRch  
30. KxR B-Q4

31. N-Q4 P-QB4  
32. PxP PxP  
33. N-N5 P-QR3

As will be seen, Black cannot possibly defend all his isolani. He must lose at least one pawn, and with it the game.

34. N-B7 B-B5  
35. N-K8! .....

As a squirrel gathers acorns, this knight gathers pawns. Incredible that there is no defense.

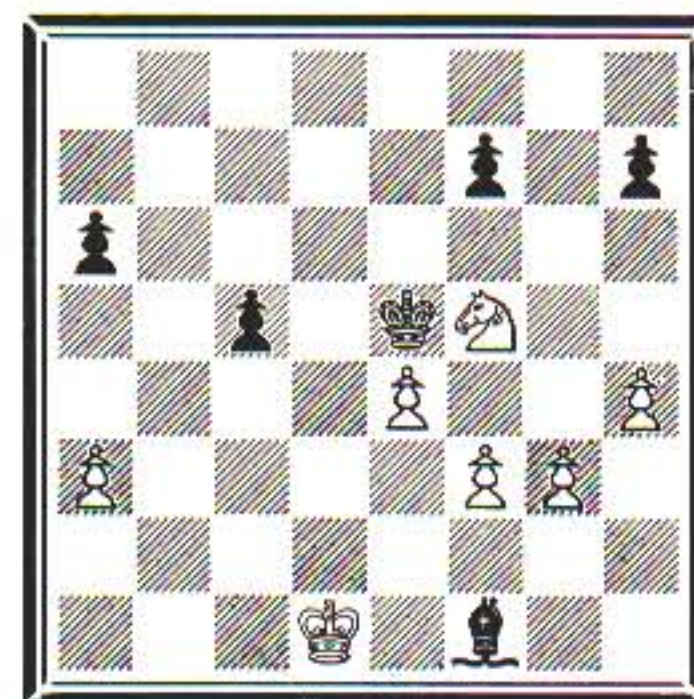
35. .... P-B4

The pawns must roam far from the defense and safety of their king.

36. P-KR4 .....

White can afford to bide his time, since Black has no counter-play.

36. .... K-B1  
37. N-Q6 B-B8  
38. P-N3 K-K2  
39. NxPch K-K3  
40. P-K4 K-K4



Final Position

Here the game was adjourned, but Tal, realizing the hopelessness of the situation, resigned without resuming play.

Up until now I have only commented on the 'age factor' in Chess but not on the 'youth factor'. Tal's youthful resiliency has caused him to bounce back and win the second game. At this writing the match stands one all. The question still remains: who's to be the champion?! It's anybody's guess.

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## 26 Years Later

Competing in the largest and strongest Wisconsin State Championship ever held, Arpad Elo of Milwaukee scored 6-1 to regain the title he had previously held five times and shared three times. His victory in Racine over a field of 86, 10 of them Experts, came 26 years after his first state championship and is evidence that Elo, like the wine he makes, improves with age.

In winning, Elo defeated Stanley Brown, Sheboygan; Henry Meifert, the defending champion, Milwaukee; Fred Cramer, Milwaukee; and John Oberg, Russell Kime and Kimball Nedved, all of Racine. His only loss was to Charles Weldon, the highest-rated player in the state and a former champion, who finished a surprisingly low 15th. Elo defeated Nedved, who had led through the fifth and sixth rounds, in the last game when Nedved needed only a draw to assure himself of a share of the title.

The other trophy winners were Nedved, a former Illinois champion, second; Dr. L. C. Young, Madison, third; Richard Kujoth, Milwaukee, fourth; and Frederic Pfister, Milwaukee, fifth. The women's title was again successfully defended by Mrs. Lois Housfeld, Milwaukee, with Mrs. Asta Christiansen, also of Milwaukee, as runnerup. The junior title was won by William Martz, Hartland, with a record of two wins and five draws.

An innovation this year was the creation of regional sub-championships. Holders of these additional titles are Elo, Southeastern; Dr. Young, Southwestern; Anthony Kasenga, Sheboygan, Northeastern; and Peter Muto, River Falls, Northwestern regional champion.

Not only was the field the largest ever assembled but the contestants all came prepared to play chess for there were no withdrawals, no forfeits and no adjudications during the entire seven-round event. The tournament chairman was Russell Kime, president of the sponsoring Wisconsin Chess Association. The tournament director was Miss Pearle Mann of Milwaukee.

## BENKO MANHATTAN CHAMPION

International Grandmaster Pal Benko scored 8½-2½ in the recently concluded Manhattan Chess Club Championship and was awarded the coveted title from a field of twelve of the strongest players in the country. Benko lost only one game—to former U.S. Champion Arnold Denker. He drew three and won seven. With scores of 8-3, youngster Howard Cohen and former champion George Kramer tied for second place. Three players tied at 6-5: Denker, Abe Turner and Ervine Farkas. Surprising was the performance of Grandmaster Arthur Bisguier in compiling an even score of 5½-5½. His loss of four games was unprecedented since he usually places very high in the event—winning it several times in the past. Hans Knoch, the club secretary, directed the contest.

## Trefzer Tops Marylandians

George F. Trefzer of Newport News, Va., topped a record entry of 62 players with a score of 5½-½ to take the 1961 Maryland Open held in Baltimore recently and conducted by the Maryland Chess Association. Directors William Koenig and Norman T. Whitaker awarded prizes to four players with 5-1 scores. They were Robert Raven, Oscar Vinje, Glen Hartleb and former U.S. Amateur Champion, Russell Chauvenet. Raven, as the highest ranking state resident, was awarded the state championship title. Mrs. Frank Roberts was named the Maryland Women's Champion. Other trophies went to Vinje for Top A Class, Robert Erkes for Top B, Alfred Popoldi for Top C and Norman Antokol for Top unrated.



# THE MASTERS' FORUM

Top Masters Annotate Their Own Games

## The Most Beautiful Game I Ever Lost

by Edward Lasker

To dispel a possible misinterpretation of the above heading, let me say right away that this is not a game an opponent of mine played so beautifully that I was enraptured into publishing it. It was I who played it beautifully. And if there were any justice up above, I should have won it, and it would have taken its place with the much publicized mate in eight moves I was lucky enough to give Sir Thomas in a game which I should *not* have won. Here, I am sure, we have a case which the great Ossip Bernstein would be eager to add to his examples of what—to his audiences' delight—he used to call “the equalizing injustice of chess”.

This game was played in Vienna, 1951, in the first International Masters' Tournament the Austrians had organized after World War II. I accepted their invitation to participate, although I hadn't played serious chess in

a good many years and, at my age, really had no business to enter anyway; but an opportunity to see beautiful old Vienna again is nothing one would easily pass up, the arguments that chess masters never know when to retire notwithstanding.

I had met my opponent, Paul Michel of Buenos Aires, in a tournament at Mar del Plata. I did not remember what openings he had played there, but Czeraniak, another Argentine participant in Vienna, told me that if I played 1. P-Q4, Michel would certainly choose the Tarrasch defense of the Queen's Gambit which he knew forward and backward. I had learned a few things about this opening myself in my match for the U.S. championship with Marshall, who had murdered me when I ventured that defense, and so I felt quite satisfied at the prospect of facing it. Michel indeed resorted to it:

Edward Lasker

Paul Michel

White

Black

- |          |       |
|----------|-------|
| 1. P-Q4  | P-Q4  |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K3  |
| 3. N-QB3 | P-QB4 |
| 4. PxQP  | KPxP  |
| 5. N-B3  | N-QB3 |
| 6. P-KN3 | N-B3  |
| 7. B-N2  | B-K2  |
| 8. O-O   | B-K3  |

Much better is O-O first—not only on general principles, because this is a move that must surely come, while the Bishop may find a square other than K3 more desirable, but also on the basis of experience, which has shown in a number of games with this opening that the King should get away from the centre of the board as early as possible.

9. PxP

9. B-N5 yields no advantage. Black castles into safety and answers 10. R-B1 with N-K5!, equalizing, as did Michel against Najdorf in Mar del Plata (11. BxB, QxB; 12. PxP, KR-Q1; 13. N-Q4, NxQB; 14. NxN, PxN; 15. Q-Q4, QR-B1).

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|-----------|-------|
| 9. ....   | BxP   |
| 10. B-N5  | P-Q5  |
| 11. BxN   | QxB   |
| 12. N-K4  | Q-K2  |
| 13. NxB   | QxN   |
| 14. R-B1  | Q-N3  |
| 15. N-N5! | ..... |



Position after 15. N-N5!

Now Black cannot castle because he would lose a Pawn through O-O; 16. Q-B2, P-KN3; 17. BxN, PxP; 18. NxB, PxN; 19. QxBP, etc. or 15. ...., O-O-O; 16. NxB, PxN; 17. Q-B2, R-Q3; 18. KR-Q1, KR-Q1; 19. QxP, QxP; 20. R-B2 and 21. QxP.

15. ...., B-Q2 does not look very appetizing either. After 16. Q-B2, P-KR3; 17. Q-K4ch, N-K2; 18. N-B3 Black will again at least lose a Pawn. Finally, 15. ...., B-B4, the move I played in one of my games against Marshall in this position, permits 16. P-K4!, B-N3 (PxP?; 17. RxB!, PxR; 18. Q-Q6, etc.); 17. P-B4, P-KR3; 18. N-R3, when the Black Bishop remains out of play for the foreseeable future. However, I thought this was Black's best chance to hold out. Michel deliberated for some time and then surprised me with

15. ....

BxP

I was wondering whether in the 28 years that had passed since my match with Marshall this move had been analyzed to give Black a satisfactory—nay! Possibly the better game!? I had planned 16. Q-R4, but upon more careful study realized that Black could reply B-N6, when 17. BxN ch, PxP; 18. QxP ch, QxQ; 18. RxQ, O-O would give me exactly nothing. Trusting in the validity of general principles, I kept on searching for a combination which would give that King in the middle of the board his just deserts, and after much analysis which wore me to a frazzle I found it!

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|------------|-------|
| 16. RxN!   | PxR   |
| 17. Q-R4   | B-N6  |
| 18. QxP ch | K-K2! |

He can't exchange Queens, because after 19. BxQ ch, K-K2; 20. BxR, RxP; 21. N-B3, R-Q1; 22. R-R1, R-Q2; 23. K-B1!, his game would suffer from the restricted mobility of his Rook which has to guard his two isolated Pawns. The immediate threat would be 24. R-R3 followed by R-Q3, as B-B5 is not possible on account of 25. N-K5. (23. N-K5 instead of K-B1 would be a bad blunder, as after R-B2; 24. RxP?, RxR; 25. N-B6 ch, K-Q3; 26. NxR, K-B4 the knight would be lost.) In turn, if I had exchanged Queens on the next move in order to regain the exchange with BxR, Black would have come out with the better ending, as he would have controlled the only open file that was worth anything, and I would



have remained with a weak Pawn to worry about. Of course, since I was after His Majesty, I did not want to exchange the Queens anyway:

19. Q-K4ch B-K3  
20. Q-KR4!



Position after 20. Q-KR4!

The key of the combination. Black's Rook is still attacked, and if he moves it, the discovered check NxB forces the King out into the centre of the board.

20. .... QR-Q1  
21. NxBch KxN  
22. R-B1!!

Bringing the Rook into play without losing a tempo, as Black must guard against the check on B6. After Black's reply all is forced.

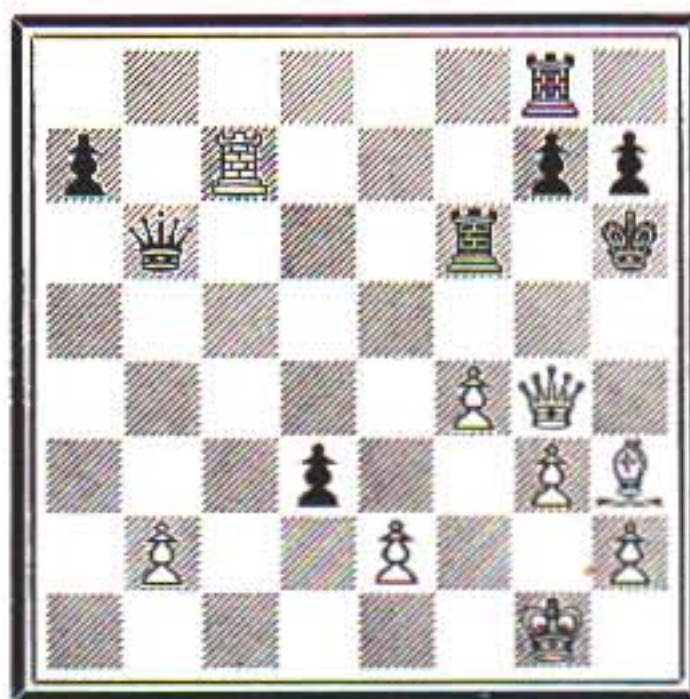
22. .... R-Q3  
23. B-R3ch P-B4  
24. Q-K4ch K-B2  
25. QxPch R-B3  
26. Q-Q7ch K-N3  
27. R-B7 R-KN1

For some strange reason which seems quite inexplicable to me today, I wasted a half-an-hour and with it the last ounce of mental energy I had left by trying to figure out a forced mating combination beginning with the obvious move Q-N4ch, instead of saving time and making that move which was necessary to

prevent Black from opening a hole at R2 in any case. Young reader, when you are 65, my age at the time I played this game, think of the horrible things you will now witness and avoid a similar fate by husbanding your energy!

28. Q-N4ch K-R3  
29. P-B4 P-Q6ch

This is the move the analysis of which had worn me out. I had come to the conclusion that after I move into the long diagonal he must play his Queen to N4 or R4 to defend the mate threatened on his KN4. Then would come P-B5, threatening mate through Q-R4, and since upon check in the diagonal I would interpose my King's Pawn, winning the Queen, his only defense would be P-N4. After that I trusted the precarious position of Black's King and my phalange of Pawns to help seal Black's fate and I prayed to Goddess Caissa to lift the fog from my brain. But she would not listen:



Position after 29. ...., P-Q6ch

30. K-R1??? Q-R4

Suddenly I saw that what I had considered of no particular importance, a proper choice between the squares R1 and N2, actually meant winning the game or not. My move permitted Black to threaten perpetual check and thus gain the tempo to stop me from playing P-B5.

Had I gone to N2 with the King, Black would have had no way of preventing that move. As post mortem analysis showed, the reply P-N4 would have led to a beautiful mate in four moves: 32. Q-R5 ch, KxQ; 33. RxPch, R-R3; 34. P-N4ch, K-R5; 35. RxR mate. After the move of the text, I could no longer revive the threat P-B5. 31. PxP, of course, allows perpetual check. So does 31. P-QN4, Q-Q4ch; 32. K-N1 (B-N2?, P-Q7!), Q-Q5ch, etc. Seeing the game slip out of my hands naturally heightened my fagged-out condition—if I remember correctly that happens even when one is young—and I became so demoralized that instead of taking one of the drawing lines available I added blunder to blunder and even lost the game. I did not see that I really had a sly winning chance if Black was not satisfied with a draw. After 31. P-QN4, Q-Q4ch; 32. K-N1 Black might have tried to win with P-Q7, which looks indeed murderous. But then 33. Q-R4ch would have forced Black to interpose his Queen (K-N3?, 34. P-B5ch, and in the end Black loses his Queen.) Then, 33. ...., Q-R4; 34. QxQch, KxQ; 35. R-Q7, R-QN3; 36. RxQP, RxP; 37. R-Q7 would have won at least another Pawn, and the black King's exposed position would still have made him subject to all sorts of mating attacks.

I don't recollect the few remaining moves of the game. I believe I played 31. R-K7, hoping for another chance to play P-B5, and he replied Q-KR4, forcing the exchange of Queens. Then, after 33. PxP, he won my Knight's Pawn with R-N3, and I failed to pull my King out with K-N2 and 35. K-B3, which would have been my last chance to draw. The rest was dead silence.

I hope the reader will enjoy this game as much as it made me suffer. Even Michel—by the way one of the nicest of chess masters—expressed great regret at the blunder with which I spoiled a little work of art.

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# Chess in the "Walled-Off"

by FRED M. WREN

*All that we know who lie in gaol  
Is that the wall is strong;  
And that each day is like a year,  
A year whose days are long.*

THE BALLAD OF READING GAOL  
by OSCAR WILDE

Some of you probably know more about Billy Couture than I do. He has been mentioned occasionally in various chess publications, including CHESS LIFE, as an expert or master chess player who, for the past eight years, has been residing in one or another of Massachusetts' less exclusive penal institutions. Being a firm believer in chess as a panacea for almost any physical or mental ailment, and knowing from experience that when a guy is playing chess he isn't getting into trouble anywhere else, he has organized and promoted chess activity wherever he has been.

Without any snide references to "a captive audience" it appears that he has actually taught more than a hundred other prisoners to play chess. He has played correspondence chess whenever he could raise the price of enrollment in a section. He has written a book on chess traps. He has organized a representative team, on which he usually played Board No. 1, to compete with any club team which might visit the prison. Through his efforts, tournaments among the prisoners, and chess columns in the prison papers have become the accepted order of the day.

He wrote to me recently, expressing thanks for a few old chess magazines I had sent, and informing me, "My club now boasts of a line-up of 35 good players who are constantly battling for ladder positions. Some person unknown sent us some broken chess pieces, and we made six sets from it by carving duplicates for the broken and missing pieces. Soon we should have at least enough for all members of our club to be matched at one setting, something we are unable to do now. The boys here just love playing. Keeps their minds occupied and away from trouble. I have two complete peg-in sets that I fixed up out of old and broken odds and ends of sets that came in. I am putting them up as prizes for the highest scorers in our next round-robin tournament."

When asked where and when he learned to play chess he said that when he was a kid in Rhode Island he used to earn a little spending money by mowing the lawn and tending the garden of a doctor who was a keen chess player. When Billy saw the chess pieces set up on a table in the garden, he asked the doctor about them, and about the game. The genial old gentleman insisted on teaching the boy to play, and apparently he took to the game like the proverbial duck to water. Billy says, "I was pretty close to the master class, having played over the board and won from the following well-known players: Walter Suesman and Albert Martin of Rhode Island, Sven Brask, Frank Rubens, Arthur Freeman, and W. W. Adams of Massachusetts, Ed Roman and Stanley Wysanski of Connecticut, and George Partos and Ed Trull of New Jersey." He modestly qualified this report with the statement, "Of course, that was before I came here, and all of these games mentioned were friendly informal games, not league or tournament games."

This is not a plea for a pardon or a parole or a commutation of sentence for the incarcerated chess expert. It's not even a request for a new trial for him, although he says that he is now in possession of evidence proving that he was innocent of the crime for which he is serving a sentence of fourteen to seventeen years. He wrote recently: "The State Supreme Court is considering the affidavits of the two men who are guilty of the crime I've been serving time for. All the papers have been in the Chief Justice's hands since the middle of March. Hope they reach a decision soon."

He has composed a few problems, several of which have been published in various papers and magazines. Here is one

he sent me on a Christmas card. I am not enough of a problem fan to know whether it is good or not, but "Chess Life" problemists may get a kick out of it.



White mates in three

His letters are remarkably free from bitterness, and he realizes that such matters must take their appointed course, through the channels of constituted authority. All he can do is to keep plugging, trying by the application of chess principles to turn his losing game of life into a win—or at least a draw.

I was going to ask that some of our generous readers arrange to send this chess enthusiast a batch of old chess magazines or books, or perhaps an old set of chess pieces which would not have to be repaired before being used. But the Superintendent of his institution informed me that they must frown on singling out one of their inmates for special attention. Supt. Gavin wrote in part, "We allow Chess for the benefit it may be for the men playing it, in taking up time constructively, while learning and participating in a very involved game. We do not favor personal correspondence growing out of the chess games, because of some bad experiences we have had in this and other lines. On several occasions when our guard has been down, and our hearts have ruled our heads, inmates have solicited money, gifts, emotional entanglements with innocent outsiders, to the grief of the outsider and the embarrassment of the institution authorities."

So if any reader feels inclined to assist the cause of institutional chess without entering into emotional correspondence with Billy Couture, any material of the sort mentioned above may be sent to CHESS CLUB, Box 100, South Walpole, Massachusetts. If anyone would like to play a game of postal chess with Billy, giving him a chance for competition for which there would be no vexing section entry fee, confining correspondence to the bare game moves, I'm sure he would appreciate it, so send your first move to him at the address above.

Here is a sample of the opposition which you may expect.

## FRENCH DEFENSE

(Notes by Couture)

Earl Howard White		W. J. Couture Black
1. P-K4		P-K3
2. P-Q4		P-Q4
3. PxP		PxP
The exchange variation, with open lines, favoring Black.		
4. N-KB3		B-KN5
A pin is always helpful.		



5. B-K2 B-Q3  
 6. N-QB3 N-K2  
 Here 6. ...., P-B3 would protect the QP.  
 7. P-KR3 .....  
 White should have completed development first. Text leads to trouble.  
 7. .... B-R4  
 8. O-O O-O  
 9. N-QN5 .....  
 Bothersome, but not serious for Black.  
 9. .... B-QN5  
 10. B-Q2 P-QB4  
 11. P-QB3 .....  
 Best is 11. BxB, PxB, making the pawns weak by doubling them.

11. .... B-R4  
 12. PxP P-QR3  
 13. QN-Q4 QN-B3  
 14. N-R2 .....  
 Preparing for 15. P-KB4.  
 14. .... B-KN3  
 15. P-QN4 B-B2  
 16. P-KB4 N-KB4  
 Trying to provoke another weakening pawn advance by White.  
 17. KN-B3 N-N6  
 This could, and should have been prevented.  
 18. R-K1 N-K5  
 19. P-B5 B-KR4  
 20. P-N4 B-N1!!

A deep move which pays off.  
 21. PxB Q-B2!  
 Not too bad either.  
 22. B-KB1 .....  
 22. B-K3 would be no better. Black now announced mate in 10.  
 22. .... Q-N6ch  
 23. B-N2 Q-B7ch  
 24. K-R1 N-N6ch  
 25. K-R2 N-K7 dis.ch.  
 26. K-R1 Q-N8ch  
 27. RxQ N-N6ch  
 28. K-R2 N-K5 dis.ch.  
 29. N-K5 BxNch  
 30. B-B4 BxBch  
 31. K-R1 N-B7 mate

# Chess Life

## IN THE UNITED STATES

The Midland Michigan Chess Club defeated the Flint Gambiteers on 12 boards recently with a smashing score of 11-1 and became the Saginaw Valley Champions.

Attempts are being made to arrange a Fischer-Reshevsky match of 16 games—8 to be played in New York and 8 in Los Angeles. The total prize and expense purse is \$7,000—half of which is to be supplied by the American Chess Foundation and the other half by the Herman Steiner Chess Club. There is no doubt that this would be one of the most interesting of all chess matches ever played in this country.

The Dallas Chess Club, headed by Texas State Champion, Ken Smith, trounced the University of Texas with a score of 8½-1½ recently.

International Grandmaster Arthur Bisguier will leave on May 28th to compete in the international tournament being conducted in Moscow. He is the first American Master to compete in an international tournament in the Soviet Union in many years.

In the Fourth Annual Lake Ontario Open held in Rochester, Paul Vaitonis of Hamilton, Ontario, a former Canadian Champion, took first place with 4-1.

The traditional Connecticut-Massachusetts match was won by Connecticut with a score of 17½-12½. It was played in New London.

Matthew's Chess Shop in New Orleans has all types of chess sets, boards and paraphenalia. Morphy's chess set and chess cabinet are among some of the items that can be seen there.

A luncheon conference of the USCF College Chess Committee was held recently in New York City. ICLA President Peter Berlow and Chairman Mordecai Treblow conducted the meeting. Past USCF President Harold M. Phillips attended as did CHESS LIFE Editor Frank Brady.

LeRoy Johnson won the championship of the Westchester California Chess Club with a score of 5-1.

The Rockland Chess Club in Spring Valley, N. Y., boasts Samuel Reshevsky as an honorary member and as an active advisor.

The Michigan Chess Association passed a resolution at their board of directors meeting recently, 1) that regional tournaments be held in that area and 2) that USCF be congratulated on the new format of CHESS LIFE. Thanks to Jack O'Keefe, Fred Morningstar, V. E. Vandenburg and the entire state of Michigan!

Daniel Gutman is the Princeton Chess Club Champion. He scored 8-0 in their annual tournament recently. Peter Berlow was proclaimed undergraduate champion for his score of 5-3.

USCF member Bert Brice-Nash died recently. He resided with his wife, in Webb City, Mo.

In a letter to the U. S. Chess Federation, F. L. Cooper, Director of Advertising of the N. Y. Life Insurance Company, stated: "We have the impression that we have already heard from all the chessplayers in the country . . . our photographer set up the chess board improperly (in their full page ad that ran in most publications in the United States) . . . I have told those who have taken the time to write that we are thinking of forming a chess club here and at the advertising agency so that we wouldn't make such a goof again."



Tom Wiswell giving a mixed simultaneous exhibition in Reading, Pa. Wiswell has held the Free Style World Championship in checkers since 1951. He is one of the few players in this country who will take on both chess and checker players in mass competition and fare well against both. His next exhibit will be at the Chess and Checker Club of New York, 212 West 42nd St. on June 25th, 1961 at 2 PM. Reservations to play may be made in advance by writing John Fursa in care of the club. The fee is \$2.00 per board.



James Warren won the speed tournament of the Gompers Park Chess Club in Chicago—breezing through his section with a perfect score.

FIDE Vice-President Jerry Spann gave a Rotary speech recently on the American victory in Leningrad which was hailed as "instructive, pleasant and of the most interesting ever given before the Oklahoma City Rotarians."

William Peters, who now carries the mantle of the late Frank Lloyd Wright, is reported to have a remarkable collection of old Indian rugs, interested in thorobred cattle and is a chessplayer of tournament caliber.

Due to the great increase and activity in USCF—the Business Office has expanded with the leasing of additional space. Members are always welcome, of course, to visit the office anytime between 9 and 5, from Monday to Friday.

Jerome B. Hanken writes that he is now teaching in a camp for wayward children and that Bobby Fischer visited the boys and gave an exhibition while in California. Desperately in need of equipment,—boards, sets, books, etc., Hanken makes a plea to the USCF membership for anything and everything to do with chess. Send your old set to J. B. Hanken, Camp Afflerbaugh, 6631 Stephens Ranch Road, Laverne, Calif.

Cyril Ritchard, actor-director of "The Most Happy Girl in the World" is a very avid chessplayer and has actually organized a small league of Broadway actor chessplayers. They phone their moves back and forth between acts and whenever they are off stage.

The following game occurred in the New England Amateur Championship in Boston: 1. P-KB4, P-K4, 2. P-KN3, PxP, 3. PxP, Q-R5 mate.

In a recent social chess gathering at the home of Dr. Ariel Mengarini, James T. Sherwin placed first in a speed event.

The city Challengers Tournament in Lincoln, Nebraska, conducted quite some time ago, was won by Anton Sildmets with a score of 7-1. The Lincoln City Chess Club sponsored the event.

A match between the Finger Lakes Chess Society and the Bath-Hornell, N. Y. Chess Clubs ended in 3½-3½ draw.

Colonel Edward P. F. Eagan, Chairman of the People to People Sports Committee, requests that anyone interested in playing a postal game can do so by writing to Manfred Strohlein, Kauerndorf 51, Uber Kulmbach, Germany. Mr. Strohlein is very interested in establishing a postal chess and correspondence relationship with several Americans.

The new Providence Chess Club Champion is Peter Gould.

Receiving mail for years from New Orleans Chess Club Treasurer, Jean Lindsey, CHESS LIFE has asked several times whether Lindsey was male or female. Never receiving a reply—we now implore an answer from the membership—is Lindsey a man or a woman?!

George "Bundy" Baylor of Pittsburgh, has been invited to Holland by Prof. A. D. de Groot to help translate a chess-psychology book from Dutch to English. He will work on the project for three months.



At left is the South Boston Lithuanian Chess Club playing against the Brooklyn Lithuanians. At first board was G. Sveikauskas (left) against Edward Staknys.

Out of the news for awhile, Robert "1.N-QR3" Durkin has been making himself known in Jersey chess circles again. He has just won three tournaments in a very short span of time: The Atlantic City Chess Club Championship, the South Jersey Chess Association Championship and the recently concluded Rating Improvement Tournament.

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# Young American Masters

by Charles Henin

Undoubtedly the brightest meteor on the American chess scene in recent months has been 20-year old Raymond Weinstein. The Brooklyn College sophomore has just added the strong Marshall Chess Club championship to his belt with a 10-2 score, after starting off the year with an outstanding 3rd place finish in the U. S. Championship, in which he defeated three international grandmasters and qualified to represent the USA in the interzonal tournament to be held later this year.

Prior to these recent successes Raymond had already earned the right to represent our country in two international events—the student team tournament in Leningrad and the international team tourney at Leipzig. Ray's 7½-2½ score at Leningrad helped the U.S. team win the title and shared the prize for the best score on third board, while at Leipzig he chipped in 6½-1½ to help lift the team to its 2nd place finish.

Weinstein's rise to chess stardom has been achieved with a rapid string of tournament successes in the last few years. In 1957 he won the Marshall Junior and Long Island Amateur titles, and the next year he copped his first major event—the U.S. Junior at Homestead, Fla. In the U.S. Open at Omaha in 1959, Raymond after a slow start put on a burst at the finish and by defeating Benko in a sensational last round game cata-

pulted himself into a tie for 2nd prize with a score of 9½-2½. The same year he tied for 1st in the New Jersey Open and last year he tied for the Marshall title and won the strong North Central Open at Milwaukee.

A double thrill for Raymond was his defeating Reshevsky in the final round of the U.S. Championship and thereby clinching the third prize. It was a fine



Raymond Weinstein

game, but the ending was rather striking. Reshevsky, in a difficult but hardly hopeless position, let his time expire with several moves left to be made. He was obviously worn out, after a long and tough tournament. Young Weinstein however looked fresh as a daisy!

Raymond is affable and energetic, quite enthusiastic and "collegiate" in manner. His major is psychology, which he hopes to enter as a profession. Other than chess he likes gymnastics and weight-lifting, and is currently taking mambo lessons.

Ray lives in Brooklyn with his family, and a chess-enthusiastic family it is. His father Harvey, no mean player himself, is a regular participant in tournaments, and deserves a good deal of credit for tutoring Raymond, though the pupil rather surpassed the teacher in this case! Father and son often travel together to tournaments, and for larger events the whole family generally goes along, including Ray's mother and his 12-year old brother William, an "up and coming player" according to Raymond. We'll watch out!

Weinstein has an aggressive, positional chess style common to many of the younger masters. He knows the openings very well and employs a wider range than many other leading players, but always plays to gain and hold the advantage from the opening bell.

The following is Raymond's best game from last year's student team tournament. His opponent is subtly outplayed, so that despite making no obvious errors he soon finds himself in an untenable position.

## NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE Leningrad, 1960

Raymond Weinstein (USA) White  
Berthold (East Germany) Black

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| 1. P-Q4  | N-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K3  |
| 3. N-QB3 | B-N5  |
| 4. P-K3  | P-B4  |
| 5. B-Q3  | O-O   |
| 6. N-B3  | P-Q4  |
| 7. O-O   | PxBP  |
| 8. BxP   | P-QN3 |
| 9. Q-K2  | B-N2  |
| 10. PxP  | BxP   |
| 11. P-K4 | QN-Q2 |

White's game is slightly more comfortable, though the chances are approximately equal.

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| 12. B-KN5 | Q-N1  |
| 13. K-R1  | P-QR3 |
| 14. QR-Q1 | P-N4  |
| 15. B-N3  | B-Q3  |
| 16. B-B2  | B-B5  |

17. R-Q4 .....  
Developing, and with a subtle threat.  
..... B-B3  
Black overlooks the threat. Better is  
....., BxB; 18. NxB, Q-B5.

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| 18. BxB   | QxB   |
| 19. N-Q5! | ..... |

A surprising and effective shot. Black had anticipated only 19. P-K5? BxN! winning a pawn.

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| .....    | PxN   |
| 20. PxP  | Q-Q3  |
| 21. PxP  | QxP   |
| 22. Q-Q2 | ..... |

The net result of White's "positional" combination has been simply to leave him with the better development. Black's game is worse than it looks.

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| .....     | QR-K1 |
| 23. R-B1  | Q-N2  |
| 24. Q-B4  | R-K2  |
| 25. P-KR3 | KR-K1 |
| 26. B-N3  | R-K5  |

This proves to be fatal. 26. ...., P-KR3 was essential.

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| 27. RxR  | RxR   |
| 28. Q-Q6 | ..... |

White has steadily built up the pressure, and the numerous threats (R-B7, N-N5,

Q-B6) cannot all be defended.

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| .....      | N-K1  |
| 29. Q-QB6! | ..... |

Forcing a winning simplification.

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| .....   | QxQ  |
| 30. RxQ | P-R3 |

Black must lose a pawn since BxPch! was again threatened. Weinstein now concludes the game with admirable technique.

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| 31. RxQRP  | N-B4    |
| 32. B-Q5!  | R-K7    |
| 33. R-R8   | K-R2    |
| 34. BxP    | N-Q3    |
| 35. B-N8ch | K-N3    |
| 36. R-KB8  | N-Q6    |
| 37. K-N1   | N-K5    |
| 38. R-K8   | N(6)xBP |
| 39. B-Q5   | .....   |

Zugzwang!

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| .....      | K-B3    |
| 40. R-K6ch | K-B4    |
| 41. N-Q4ch | Resigns |

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Not all of Raymond's games are so "quiet." Here is a Weinstein brilliancy.

# KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE Metropolitan League Match, 1958

Brian Owens (Manhattan) White  
Raymond Weinstein (Marshall) Black

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|----------|-------|
| 1. P-Q4  | N-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-KN3 |
| 3. P-KN3 | B-N2  |
| 4. B-N2  | O-O   |
| 5. P-K4  | P-Q3  |
| 6. N-K2  | P-B4  |
| 7. P-Q5  | N-R3  |

The Benoni setup is very popular among many of the young masters.

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| 8. O-O   | R-N1 |
| 9. QN-B3 | N-B2 |

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| 10. P-QR4    | P-QR3 |
| 11. P-R5     | P-QN4 |
| 12. PxP e.p. | RxP   |
| 13. N-B4     | P-K4  |
| 14. PxP e.p. | ..... |

This capture is usually an error, as it is here. The backward QP is easily defended, and the opening of the position favors black.

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| .....     | QNxP  |
| 15. KN-K2 | R-K1  |
| 16. P-B4  | N-Q5! |

Black attacks with swift violence!

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| 17. NxN  | PxN  |
| 18. N-R4 | NxP! |

A pleasing disregard for material! And quite effective.

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| 19. NxR  | QxN   |
| 20. Q-B3 | B-N5! |
- Very pretty indeed. Even White must have been impressed by now!
21. Q-Q3  
.....
21. QxB, P-Q6ch; 22. K-R1, N-B7ch; 23. RxN, QxR, leads to a quick demise.

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| .....     | N-B4   |
| 22. Q-R3  | P-Q6   |
| 23. Q-R5  | QxQ    |
| 24. RxQ   | R-K7   |
| 25. P-R3  | B-B4   |
| 26. P-KN4 | B-K5   |
| 27. BxB   | NxB    |
| 28. R-Q5  | P-Q7   |
| 29. BxP   | RxB    |
| 30. KR-Q1 | RxR(4) |
| 31. RxR   | BxP    |

And Black won.

## Chess in Irving Park

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President Harold C. Stanbridge is also one of the club's leading players, winning both the club championship and rapid transit events recently. Assisted by advisor Alan Anderson and Treasurer Michael Smoron, Mr. Stanbridge is proud of his club's record of USCF membership—"almost 100%." The club meets at the Irving Park YMCA every Friday night and spectators, visitors and potential members are invited to attend.

## Kandel Best Amateur

Irving Kandel of Baltimore, Maryland won the New York City Amateur Championship two years ago. Last month he added a second title to his domain—the New Jersey State Amateur Championship. Scoring 5½-½ in a six round, 14 player Swiss, Kandel edged out Larry Wagner of Toms River, N.J., by just .5 of a Median point. Both has similar scores. Dr. Milton Danon was third with 4-2 and Myron Frederic clear fourth with 3½-2½. Edwin Faust's score of 3-3 earned him the fourth place award. Conducted by the New Jersey State Chess Federation, Lew Wood officiated as tournament director.

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## 400(!) Vie

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Over 400 contestants competed in the senior and junior divisions, which were narrowed down to 20 finalists in each. Skoff, a teacher at Lake View, represented Gompers Park in the senior group, while Guetl, though also a member of the same club, represented River Park.

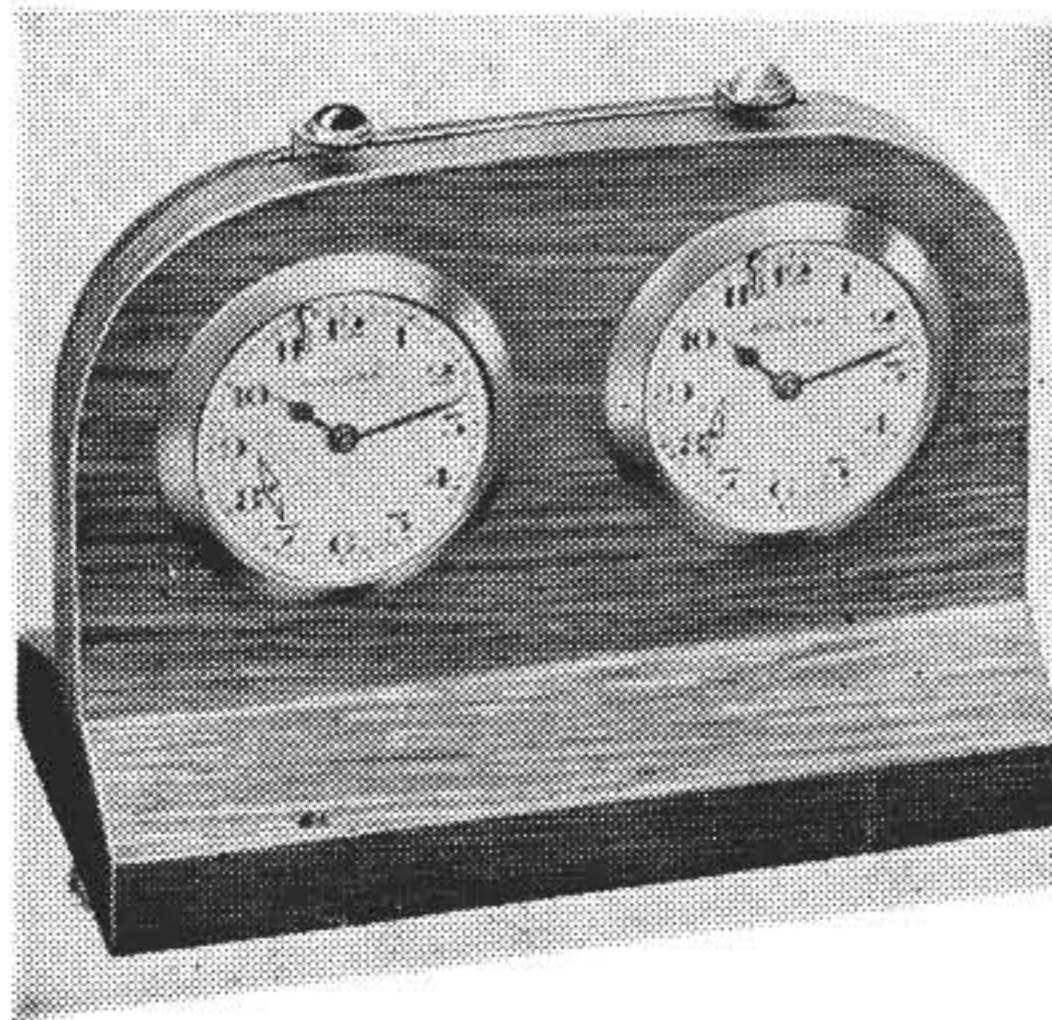
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## JEWELL SPARKLES

In the recent South Texas Open Championship, the third of seven Qualifying Regional Tournaments conducted by the Texas Chess Association, Cliff Jewell won four, lost none and drew one to take first place, though he was tied by J. B. Payne with the exact same  $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

score. Median-Solkoff points determined the tie-break. Henry Davis and Mark Preisman scored 4-1 to take third and fourth respectively while E. Folk Weaver's score of 3-2 earned him the 5th place award. Major Edmond B. Edmondson directed the event which was held in Kinsville, Texas.

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