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# YUGOSLAVIA WINS MATCH 

## Denker And Bisguier Star For U.S.A. As Yugoslav Team Wins Radio Bout

## Wy By Special Correspondent

 the United States took a beating by $111 / 21 /$ from Yuor short wave match played on February 11-14, A few days before match word was received that Isaac Kashdan had had to be rushed to the hospital because of a perforated ulcer; and on the day before the match began, Herman Steiner announced his withdrawal from the team because of a difference of opinion with the match committee regarding what board he was to play.All alibis and explanations aside, it should be said categorically that the Yugoslavs played with determination, skill and courage and fully erned their victory. On the American side, Arnold S. Denker received a prize for the most brilliant game (against Rabar); Arthur Bisguie Details about the match will follow in a later article.

## ULVESTAD FLIES TO AID U. S. TEAM

Cancelling the date for a simul taneous exhibition in Cleveland, Olaf Ulvestad flew to New York to join the U. S. team in the radio match with Yugosiavia. Larry champlom in tarn flew to Cleyeland champlom, in sarn fex to
In round one, Yugoslavia had the Wbtie pigane on the even-rumber ed boards, and on the odd-numbered boards in round two. Round one openings were: 1. Nimzowitch Defense, 2. King's Indian, 3. Ruy Lopez, 4. Sicilian, 5. Catalan, 6 Queen's Gambit, 7. King's Indian, 8. Sicilian, 9. Caro-Kann, 10. Ruy Lopez, In round two: 1. Nimzovitch Defense, 2. King's Indian, 3. Queen's Gambit Decl., 4. King's Indian, 5 Nimzovitch Defense, 6. Sicilian, Nimzovitch Defense, S. Albin Count er Gambit, 9. Ruy Lopez, 10. Sicilian.
In round one three games were unfinished and decided by adjudication, when Louis J. Wollff, chairman of mateh committee, after consulting with referce Hans Kmoch, proposed that board six be declar ed a draw, board nine conceded to Yugoslavia and board ten to the USA.
In round two, as we go to press, two boards are under adjudication and the results given upon boards six and seven are unofficial.

## QUICK TOURNEY NEWS ROUNDUP

Argentina: Najdorf won the match for the Argentina Champion ship narrowly besting Julio Bol bochan $51 / 2-41 / 2$. There were draws. The Gran Memorial Tournament was won by H, Reinhardt with $8-8 ; 2$. R. Chocron $71 / 2-31 / 2: 3-4$, L. Marini and J. Pelikan 7-4 each etc. Argentina won a onesided vic tory over Spain in a telephone match by $13-2$. Najdorf defeated Rico; Bolbochan bested Medina, Guimard downed Perez, Rossetto won from Sanz and Marini blanked Pomar on the first 5 boards, Spain's 2 points came from four draws.

SAVE THESE DATES!
July 10 - July 22 FOR THE
51st Annual U. S. Open Tournament AT DETROIT, MICH.


Australia: The Australian Open, held by the Melbourne Chess Club was won by K. Ozols, champion of Victorin, with 9 pts.; second was L. Endzelins with 8. Both players are recent arrivals from Latvia.
Bulgaria: The Prague Championship fell to Zita with $101 / 2 \cdot 11 / 2$, with Filip 10-3, Pithart $91 / 2-31 / 2$; Kott nauer 9-4, etc.
Holland: The Beverwijk Tournament resulted in a surprise victory for Donner ( 22 years old), playing in his first international tourney with 7-2. Second was D: Euwe and Rossolimo (France) with 6-3 each. Cortlever was fourth with $51 / 2-31 / 2$, losing no games but drawing 7 .
ay: The Norwegian Championship went to a new-comer, Aage Vestol, with 5 pts. Barda, 1949 Champion, was second with $41 / 2$.

Poland: Plater won the Polish Championship with $121 / 2$ pts; 2. Tarnowski with $101 / 2$. The Warsaw Championship went to Litmanowicz with $81 / 2-21 / 2$.
Roumania: L. Pachman won the international torrnament at Budapest with $141 / 41 /$ Second was Benko with $131 / 2-51 / 2,3$, 3 . Sajtar with 13-6. Among the players was S. Szabo, a Roumanian player frequently confused with Laszlo Szabo of Hungary
Switzerland: Blau won a smal international toruney at Lacerne with 5 pts, Second was Rabar (Yugoslava) and Unzicker (Germany) with $41 / 2$ each.
London: The London Boys Championship ended in four-way tie for first place between Hiron (Latymer), Honan (Cardinal Vaughan), Lines (Whitgrift), and Lofts (Leyton) at 8 pts . each in
the 79 -man Swiss event.

## Position No. 28

## Daniuszewski v. Pawlocki



## Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nasb
Washington ${ }^{\text {all }}$ con
$T$ HERE IS a miate in 5 in Position No. 27 that Rudolf Spielmann over1 looked in the game, but pointed out later in his excellent book, The Art of Sacrifice in Chess. To the aspiring player who already has some knowledge of opesings and endings and desires to improve his standing and at tho same time find delighc in advencurvus playimg, I unvervedty recommend this simply written but profound book.

In the innocent-looking Position No. 28 White forces mate in 6. unis smooth and pleasant, and there are several clever variations, depending on how Black defends.

## VINCENNES PLAYS VINCENNES TEAM

## HARVARD TOPS

 METRO LEAGUEIf plans mature Vincennes will be the victor in a match, whoever wins, for Vincennes, Indiana is planning a cable match against its namesake, Vincennes, France with the details of the match arranged by J. W. Kimmell of the USA city. Dr. M. L. Curtner will be in charge of the team arrangements.

## DEMAREST GAINS HELBIG TROPHY

In the Fourth Annual Tournament of the Interscholastic Chess League of Hudson County (N.J.), the Demarest High School team regained custody of the Paul Helbig Trophy by winning a playoff match against the rival Memorial High School team after they had tied at $2-1$ in the regular league play. Both Demarest and Memorial have held the trophy twice, and the one that wins it the third time gains permanent possession. The league is sponsored by the Jersey City Y Chess Club.

## PITT WINS TITLE IN PGH LEAGUE

With a perfoct score of $5-0$ in matches, Pitt walked off with the Pittsburgh League championship. Westinghouse Research was a close second with a 4-1 score in the 6 team event, and Tech finished third with 3-2. How close the battle was is shown by the fact that Pitt totaled 16 wing in games while Westinghouse had 15

Harvard University Chess Club Tops the Boston Metropolitan Chess League with a $6-2$ match score, 26 14 in games, in the final standings. The comparatively newly organized Lithuanian Chess Club placed second in a tie with Boyleston Chess Club at $51 / 2-21 / 2$ each and with equal game scores of 26-14. Best individual scores were made by Tautvaisha and Merkis (both Lithuanian) with 6-2 each.
Incorrectly reported as winning the Boston City Club title in the issue of January 20, Povilas Tantvaisha actually won the Boston City Championsihp, which was held at the Boston City Club.
In the "B" division of the Metropolitan League at the hall-way mark, Cambridge Y Chess Club and Arlington Chess Club battle for first place with $6-0$ each in matches, while Brattle Chess Club holds third with 5-1.
I. A. Horowitz

250 West 57 th Street
New York, N. and may the best team win.

PAUL G. GIERS,

## ANDERSON WINS TORONTO TITLE

For the third time in four years Frank R. Anderson, youthful Ontario expert, won the Toronto City Championship with an 8.1 score.
Losing to R. F. Rodgers in the Losing to R. F. Rodgers in the opening round of the 10 -man event,
Anderson was thereafter unbeatAnderson was place went to Arnold Lidacis with $7-2$, losing to Anderson in the 6th round and to Ivan Suk in 8th. Suk placed third with 6-3; and fourth was a tie between T. Joonase and H. Anto with $41 / 6-41 / 2$ each. 1949 City Champion C. A. Crompton did not compete in the

## WEST SUBURBAN WINS LIGHTNING

In the annual Team Lightning Chess Tournament of the Greater Chicago Chess League the West Suburban team walked away with the victory by a $31 / 2-1 / 2$ score, winning 31 games and losing 17. Hawthorne Chess was second with 3.1 and Berwyn Chess third with 2.2. Last year's champions, Austin Chess and Checker, scored $11 / 2-2 \frac{1}{2}$ or fourth place in the 6 team ven
In individual honors for the best score on each of the six boards the following topped the list: J. Nowak (Austin) 8-0; W. Norin (Austin) $61 / 2-11 / 2$; M. Lajcik (Berwyn) 7-1; E. Gulanick (Berwyn) 6-2; E. Laube (Hawthorne) 7-1; Venesaar (West Suburban) 8-0.

## IDAHO, MONTANA HOLD TOURNEYS

In a 7-round Swigs at the Boise YMCA, C. H. Stewart of Boise re peated last year's victory with a $51 / 2-11 / 2$ score to retain the title. Mel Sehubert of Pocatello, former daho champion, and William Taber, champion of Nevada, tied for the second honors with 5-2 each.
In Montana at a round-robin tournament held at Deer Lodge, Bernard Copping of Bozeman won the title. H. Lowndes Maury of Butte was second in the event.
Taber, second in the Idaho event, recently won the Open Championship of Utah.

## USCF President Paul G. Giers Wires Greetings To Players In Radio Match

Syracuse, N. Y.

To the participants in the USA-Yugoslavia Radio Mateb-
My greetings on behalf of the United States Chess Federation, its directors, officers and members. Our Federation is happy to join in sponsoring this important chess encounter between teams of two great nations. Regardless of outcome, this Match should serve to bring the chess players of the United States and Yugoslavia together in closer friendship and umderstanding. Our Federation has the highest regards for Yugoslavia's increasing leadership in international chess affairs. Congratulations to Chess Review for arranging this event. I am sorry that circumstances prevent me from being with you in person, Good Luck,

President, The United States Chess Federation

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## UNDER THE NAME OF REASON

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Normaly, wo would emied a thoughthess corresponident trom the fouly of his remanks and retrain foom disphay yng hisi ginorance and his Intierangeo to the worla (hot beacase wo aro partiouarly benitg, but because it is susalys an ace of superergaton to reveal $A$ tool in his mot. ley); but the false magic of mass chess production in the USSR has charmed so many (like the seductive pipings of the Pied Piper of Hamelin) that it becomes expedient to demonstrate as an interesting scientific fact just how fantastic become the arguments of those who have accented an idea with religious zeal and thereafter abandon all reasoning in regard to it, developing an impenetrable immunity to both logic and common sense.

Our correspondent, Mr. Harvey, resents the comments in this editorial column regarding the recent FIDE decisions, and possibly more particularly is infuriated by the publication of portions of Dr. Bohatyr-
chuk's letter upon the bureaucratic conditions governing the playing of
 chimaeras that can best exist in the stygian darkness of ignorance and prejuadice.

Mr. Harvey is, of course, entitled to his beliefs; and had he defended them with the remotest semblance of intelligence, he would have been entitled to our respect as well, however mistaken those views might
seem to others. But when Mr. Harvey finds his only defence in an at tempt to cloud the issue with false and piddling accusations, endeavoring to bewilder his readers with statements that are misrepresentations of fact (we will not starkly term them lies) in the best style of polemic
tactics recommended by Karl Marx and praised by Lenin, he forfeits tactics recommended by Karl Marx and prais
thereby all right to respect and consideration.

Considering the text of his communctation, first, it is not germane to the issue in question (the validity of the FIDE decisions) whether CHESS LIFA misjudged the respective talents of Keres and Smyslov in
the recent World Championship Tournament. Since both players were from the Soviet Union, we cannot see how the misappralsal of their respective talents as reflected in the final standings can be construed in any way as an attempt to belittle Soviet players, as Mr. Harvey seems event have any bearing whatever upon the moot point of whether the recent FIDE decisions regarding the playing of the Candidates Tournament at Budapest and the awarding of the Grandmaster titles to Ragozin and Levenfish were justified or not.

Parenthetically, it might be remarked that the misjudging of the final ranking of players in a tournament is not unusual but rather other wise. If we had made a forecast on the recent USSR Absolute Championship (Which we wisely avoided, we might have indicated that e. Geller (Heller) seemed to be playing out of his class on the basis of his brief
tournament record. Geller, of course, finished in a tie for Third after tournament record. Geller, of course, finished in a tie for Third after leading the field for many rounds. But we are consoled by the thought that our own miscalculation of his ability was shared by the various Soviet chess publications, which were equally surprised at his unexpected achievements. Are we to assume therefore that, the Soviet chess periodicals also make a practice of "belittling" Soviet chess players?

The curious logic (or rather the lack of it) which indicates that since six players besides Smyslov finished ahead of Keres in the recent Soviet Championship, this fact necessarily means that they "rnust rate as well as our best," of course, is a typical example of that muddled
thinking (if we may dignify it by terming it thinking) which universally betrays our fellow travelers whenever they engage in serious polemics

There is no question but that the USSR can master a group of able

 chess publication to deny this obvious fact. But the endeavor to en-
throne therefore all the Soviet masters as demigods is as futile as it throne there
is ridiculous.

For example, Dayid Bronstein, co-champion in the recent Soviet event, in the 1946 team match with the USA lost one game out of two to Olaf Ulvestad. If we were to follow the unreasoning precedent of Mr. Harvey's substitute for logic, we might complacently conclude that since Ulvestad finished in a tle for third in the U. S. Biennial Championship, George Kramer (who tied with Ulvestad in this event) also definitely ranks as the equal of Bronstein, while both Herman Steiner (who won
the tournament) and Isnac Kashdan (who pleced second) must therefore be superior to Bronstein since they tinished ahead of Ulvestad. We are not tempted, however, to draw such hasty conclusions upon the basis curious method of ratiocination

But we must comment, in passing, that in this same team match of 1946 Kotov (who finished in a tie for filth in the Soviet Championship)
lost one point and a half out of two to Isaac Kashdan, while Boleslavsky (who also finished in a tie for fifth) drew both his games against I. A. Horowitz. The sovjet team won the match by a very comfortable mar the worship of all Soviet masters as demigods beyond defeat-supermen of the chessboard.

Whether or not it is "obvious that the Russians have the world's outstanding chess masters or grandmasters", this statement is definitely a very specious argument when advanced to justify the naming of Ragozin and Levenfish as grandmasters as a special act of favoritism. The obvious outstanding quality of a number of Soviet grandmasters can not disguise the fact that Ragozin and Levenfish finished 17th and 18th respectively in the isst Soviet Championship behind a number of Soviet players whom even the most ardent Russophiles do not consider grand-masters-a fact which was the pertinent basis of our remarks in the editorial "Great Is Truth And It Prevails.

Unfortunately logic is no longer a standard part of the educational curriculum, or Mr. Harvey might have learned that the converse to a syllogism is not necessarily also true. Even if we were to grant without quibble Mr. Harvey's magniloquent thesls that all outstanding grandmasters are Russian (forgetting the Reshevskys, Fines, Euwes, Tartakowers), it does not follow that all Russians are grandmasters

Nor does the general very high quality of Soviet chess bear any relationship to ouf previous comments upon the decisions of the FIDE Assembly. What we protested then, as we will again and again if need be, was the favoritism extended to a particular group-and we would protest that favoritism quite as strenuously if it were exerted on behali of the United States rather than to fts disadvantage. Only a very bemused mind can accept the idea that favoritism is ever justified; only a very bigoted one can consider that mere quality of play automatically renders any group so sacrosanct that all must bow down and worship it. In the USA we have progressed beyond that semi-civilized mentality which accepts the divine right of kings who can do no wrong; but lortunately we are not yet so sufficiently civilized to accept the substitute dogme of the divine right of the Soviet Union, which also to its adherents can do no wrong.

As we have never contested the remarkable talent of the various the U. S. is masters (having rather bewailed at times the fact that in chess), we will sogs Harvey that we are guilty of "constant attempts to belittle soviet. players" as being representative of the type of non-sequitur statement which people of Mr. Harvey's mentality normally substitute for the processes of logical reasoning when confronted with facts which they find unpalatable for which they find no legitimate rofutation.

We realize that we have accorded to Mr. Harvey's comments space and notice beyond their importance; but there is so much muddled thinking in the world these days when rash and prejudiced accusations are substituted for legitimate arguments in the hope that the listener is no more intelligent than the speaker, that we felt it expedient to indicate at least once thay the appeal to the tricks of the demagogue with its reliance upon false accusations and the substitution of unsubstantuated charges for reasoned arguments remains an answer that neither logic nor sanity can "accept.

We do not speak ex cathedra and do not expect our opinions to go

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## The Kibitzer Has His Day <br> Foom toe Eitaros Mat bas

## TRUTH PREVAILS - YES

-but different people can, and do, draw different conclusions from the same set of facts.
Before the big Worlds Championship Tourney you considered Keres as oue of the three most probable winners. In the recent USSR tourney he came sth! Smyslov, who you didn't consider "helonged a.gain beat hlm out. The other must rate as well as of them could finish in front of him.
Your constant attem
Your constant attempts to be-
little Soviet players and drag the Cold War tactics into a Chess pub lication is getting rather tiresome.
Truth prevails alright and to most of us it seems pretty obvious that the Russians have the worlds outstanding chess masters or grandmasters.

In trying to prove otherwise in the face of all the facts you make
yourself ridiculons! yourself ridiculous!

> MARVEY, TR.

Dear MII. Mntor
As a member of the United States Chess Federation and therefore a reader of CHESS LIFE, just thought I would tell you how much I enjoy the magazine and espec ially Dr. Buschlce's articies, Alek
hine's Early Chess Career, and hine's Early
Chess Abroad.

These very interesting articles contain games, facts and figures, probably unobtainable from any
other source, about some of the
great masters an
the chess world.
I am pleased to see that the Alekhine series will be continued, and am looking forward to these articles which not only furnish little-known biographical detalls of this great master's early career, but also an insight into his character as well. Please keep up the good work GEORGE R. STONEY Omalka, Nebraska


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## Alehkine's Early <br> Chess Carrear <br> Addicional Data

## III. THE MATCH WITH LEVITSKY, 1913

## Another Alenkine "Revision"

zovitch game.
A s outlined in our previous January 5, 1950), the Tenner incident reported by Reinfeld in "Unknown Alekhine" (p. 93) and the omission of two moves in the Alekhine-Nimzovitch game played In the All-Russian Master's Tourn ament in January 1914 are no the only cases in which an altera tion of the correct sequence on the games were played can be observed in the final version of these games as edited by Alek hine in his collection of "Bes Games 1908-1923.'
Another case in point is the sth game of Alekhine's Match with Levitsky. Before we give this game in its original version with Alekhine's original notes, as pub lished in "Novoe Vremia" and "Shakhmatnyi Vestnik" of 1913 We wish to point out the followin regarding the other match games The first game of the match played on February 15 (old style e. February 28, new style) 1913 is published by Reinfeld in "Un known Alekhine" as game no. 65 but only the first 26 moves are given. The original publication has 40 moves, and since the young Alekhine's way of annotating such games might be quite interesting we will repeat the entire game later with Alekhine's notes.
The second game was played on February 17, 1913 (i.e. March 2 published by Alekhine in "Best rames," no. 40. The original pub ication in "Shakhmatnyl Vestnik" K4; 28. QxR, Resigns.
The third game is Reinfeld's no. 66 (February 18 -March 3 1918). The fourth game (February reprinted by either Alekhine or Reinfeld and will be included in our later republication of unpub ished games Alekhine lost. The fifth game is Reinfeld's no. 64; the original publication has still Alekhine's 25th move "QR-K and resigned"; it was played on Feb ruary 21 (Mareh 6) 1913. In other words, the order in which Reinfeld brings the three games is not quite correc
The sixth game, the longest of the series ( 90 moves) was played on February 22 and 25 (March and 10), 1913 and has not beer pubished in either Alekhine's or Reinfeld's collections. The sam is true of the 7th game, played on
February 26 (March 11), 1913, the last of the three games lost by Alekhine in this match (games 4 us lator

The eighth game is Alekhine's o. 41 and the one which wil interest us below on account of
Alelchine's arbitrary alteration of the original sequence of moves In Alekhine's "revised version" this game has only 30 moves; the original has 50
The ninth game, 60 moves, 3 (March 13 and 16), 1913 and the tenth game, played also on March 3 (16), 1913, will be included in yet reprinted.
Alekhine's victory over such a strong pläyer as S. M. Levitsky who had won first prize in the Amateur Tournament of 1911 third prize behind Rubinstein and Bernstein in Vilna 1912, was con

# Chess Jor The Jired Business Man By Fred Reinfeld <br>  

## Riddle

$I^{1}$
IS something of a psychological riddle when an aggressive player like 1 Keres adopts apparently conservative French Defense. But the riddle is easily explained. As we have seen in earlier games, this opening is a standing invitation to adventurous spirits to indulge in premature at tacks while lazy optimists are tempted to phay second rate moves.

Aguinst a player of Keres' brilliant stamp, weak treatment of the opening is likely to recoil with saivage effect.

## FRENCH DEFENSE

## Correspondence, 1935

 G. Whenke

Whites insipid play has kielded Black an easy initiative.
 Castle when you have to," saia
the great Pillsbury, "or when you want to." The ability to be discriminating about when to castle, shows the hand of a master. It will soon be clear that Keres avoldance of castling is intentional. 11. B.es
Offering a Pawn to open p.op the long diagonal.

miserable square for the Knight; but if 12. KtxQP, Q-R5; 13. P-KKt3 (or 13. B-K3, KtxP with a beautiful game for Black), Q-R6; 14. P-B3, $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{t} 4!; 15$. BxP,
$\mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Kt}$ and wins.
Now we see why Blaek avoided castling. The threat is 13
Kt4; 14. B-Kt3, P-KR4 forcing a file on the Kingside
3. Kterp

Too bad; Keres anticipated 14. PKK-t3, P-Kt4!!; 15. B-K3, Q-K5 and wins!
White resigns! Bishop moyes are decisively answered by $15 . \ldots$ Q K5 An original game all the way
(One of many brilliant games included in RELAX WITH CHESS by Fred Reinfeld, published by th

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## ALEKHINE'S CAREER

(Continued from page 2, col. 5.) sidered a splendid success for the young master. The match was ar ranged by a sponsor who insisted in remaining anonymous and imposed the condition that all the games were to be open games but excluded Ruy Lopez and Four Knights Games.

## VIENNA GAME

Eighth Match Game, St. Petersburg. February 27 (March 12), 1913 "Refers to notes by Alekhine in "My No. 41. Notes between quotation marks (" .. ") are those written by Alekhine publishad in the chess column No. 10 , dated March 20, 1913, in the newspaper of March 22 (April 4), 1913-and reprinted in "Shakhmatnyi Viestnik" No. 7
of April I, 1913. Alekhine's opponent was Stepan Mikhailovich Levitsky (1876t923).








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 $\begin{array}{llll}\text { 77. } & \text { R-K1 R-R1 } & \text { 29. KtxP } \\ \text { 78. }\end{array}$

30. $\mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B} 7$

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in "Rest Games" as the nie actualty plased)
1y; the text move which wins only the ex-
chanise, leads to an endgame, which to not

## Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton
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One of the cardinal tenets of problem composing is that no extra pieces be used beyond those which are needed to express the composer's idea and to make the problem sound. Some very complex themes, of course, require a large number of White and Black pieces for their basic mechanism and cannot be done in what would be called an "economical" setting. Some relatively simple ones, on the other hand, need only a few pieces to show their outlines, but in order to get them in a sound presentable setting on the chessboard the composer finds he has to introduce additional White and Black material that are quite extraneous The White King, for example, often does not figure at all in a problem idea, but is placed on the board because he belongs there; and frequently men must be added to protect him from a chance check in the course of the solution.

Whether his Cheme be simple or complex, the wise composer tries to hold down the number of Pawns he uses; a Pawn-cluttered position repels the solver and lessens the pleasure one gets from a problem idea. The four positions given below achieve "economy" through having no White Pawns at all-in No. 143, in fact, Cheas Life's editor succeeds in eliminating Black ones as well, which is a rare feat indeed.

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\begin{array}{ll}
\text { Solutions to previously published problems on page four. } \\
\text { Position No. 143 } & \text { Position No. 144 } \\
\text { By Montgomery Major } & \text { By Edgar Holladay } \\
\text { Oak Park, Ilinols } & \text { Charlottesville, Virginia } \\
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\end{array} & \text { Composed for Chess Life } \\
\text { Black: } 7 \text { men } & \text { Black: } 8 \text { men }
\end{array}
$$




White: 8 men $, 4 \mathrm{kIBp}, \mathrm{S}, 3 \mathrm{q}$,


K4BE1, 19G, White: ${ }^{7}{ }^{7}$ men 2 R2rlr, 828201
White mates in two moves

## With The Chess Clubs

Firestone Chess \& Checker Club (Akron) played host to Grandmas ter Samuel Reshersky who gave a Reshevsky simultaneous exh but al Reshevsky lost no games, but al
lowed three draws: to Dr. Jos. M. Lucas and Ernie Slater of the FireLucas and Ernie Slater of the Firestone Club and to Charles Sitz of the Goodrich Chess Club. Players from Cleveland, Alliance, Young stown
event.
Vale and Towne Chess Club (Philadelphia) saw former champion Otto Nietschmbann regain the title, he failed to defend in 1949 when he swept to victory in all five games of the 1950 club champion ship. Frank Bennett placed 2nd with 4-1, and 1949 champion Edward Qnill was 3rd with $21 / 2-21 / 2$ in a tie with John Di Ilio.


Philadephia Chess Association is already laying plans for the 1950 Pennsylvania Chess Federation Tournament to be held in Philadelphia on the Labor Day weekend. At a recent meeting attended by 18 representatives from 6 Philadelphia clubs the following were elected to handle the arrange Y ments. Walter fall (Germantown Y) chairman, Philip B. Driver (Franklin Chess) vice-chairman, W. Leon Arkless (Germantown Y) secretary, E. Raymond Glover (Mercantile Library) treasurer, and John Hudson (Univ, of Penna.) publicity manager.
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Monday, February 20, 1950

## Whats The $B_{\text {est }} M_{\text {ove? }}$ ?

By Guilherme Groesser


Send solutions to Position No, 41 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by March 5, 1950.
Solution to Position No. 38: In this position Dr, Bernstein set a very
neat trap for his opponent Kahn, Parim,
 widh 2,
her mume
Fancher
White
H-qur;
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## With The <br> Chess Clubs

Lithuanian Chess Club (So. Boston) was organized some five months ago by the numerous Lithuanian chess players in the Greater Boston area. Charles Merkis, who placed third in the recent Boston City Championship, was elected president, Andrius Keturakis secretary, and Jonas Starinskas treasur-

Portland (Me.) Chess Club repelled invaders from three communities with the loss of only one game When a combined group from biddleford, Lewiston and Turner invaded the YMCA stronghold of the or) er) scored the only victory for the invaders, who lost 5-1. Portland vic tors were Dr, J. Melnick, Gurdon
Spofford, Dwight Parker, Lee Jones, and Dr. William Shanahan.

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