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OPPORTUNITY KNOCKING!

CHESS FOR VETERANS WINS V.A. APPROVAL AND SUPPORT

Offers Opportunity To All Players To Promote Chess In Helping Veterans

By Montgomery Major

This is the chess news story of the year. After several discussions and a conference in Washington between USCF President Paul G. Giers and General F. R. Kerr and officials of the Special Services Staff of the Veterans Administration, General Kerr has accepted the services of the United States Chess Federation in a program to expand and broaden the whole "Chess for Veterans" program to cover all V.A. hospitals and bring chess to many veterans hitherto deprived of the facilities for chess playing.

While the Veterans Administration will cooperate in making facilities available for chess playing, the success of the program actually rests upon the clubs and individual members of the Federation who must do their part by teaching, playing and advising in the V.A. hospitals.

What this program means to the veterans can only be visualized by those who have already served in bringing chess to the hospitalized veterans in the "Chess for Veterans" program that the Federation has supported for a number of years. But what this program means to the future development of chess in creating new players, widespread interest in

the game throughout the country are potentialities that any player can visualize and understand.

Details of the expanded program will be published in an early issue of CHES LIFE, while further information is contained in President Giers' message and General Kerr's letter, published elsewhere on this page.

Chess Stars At Chicago Hobby Show When Crowds Watch Simultaneous Play

Chess played a stellar role in the recent combined Chicago Outdoors Show and World Hobby Exposition at the Navy Pier in Chicago, presented by the Chicago Tribune Charities, Inc. For the ten days of the show the chess booth was a center of attraction, drawing not only the spectators at the show but exhibitors from other booths during the more dramatic moments of simultaneous exhibitions.

The chess display was arranged by the Austin Chess and Checker Club with the Chicago Chess & Checker Club, the Irving Park Y Chess Club, and the Hyde Park Y Chess Club contributing their assistance. The attractive booth was decorated with the giant Lawn Chess Men, made by Gallant Knight Co., manufacturers of plastic chess sets, and Gallant Knight also contributed the sets and boards for the simultaneous display as well as sets for prizes.

From opening to close of each day, members of the contributing clubs played simultaneous chess against all comers, with a special 10-board simultaneous event each evening at 8:30. Performers at the special events were veteran master Lewis J. Isaacs who conceded one game out of ten to Herman Serdof of the Hawthorne Chess Club; U. S. Open Champion Albert Sandrin, Jr. who played three blindfold simultaneous events and conceded one draw to L. A. Krafft of the Austin Chess Club, former USCF President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. who lost no games, and Illinois State Champion Paul Poschel who lost four games to four strong Chicago players, Shaffer, Cohen, C. P. Adams, and Nowak.

The chess exhibit was one of three selected by the television experts for filming and broadcasting over TV. Excellent views of John Gressamer of the Austin Chess Club in simultaneous play

were telecast over a Chicago TV station.

Over 1200 names of chess players were registered at the booth, from visitors from Texas to Maine, and some 600 played chess during the course of the show. All who showed real interest in the game were given free copies of CHES LIFE, and all who asked about the game were given leaflets on how to play chess. 15,000 of these leaflets were distributed during the show.

Arrangements for the booth and direction of the whole activity was in the hands of Paul Adams of the Austin Chess Club.

By coincidence the previous week saw a very fine and popular hobby show in the downtown headquarters of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, where again one of the most popular booths was that set up by the Illinois Bell Telephone Company Chess Club under the direction of USCF Director Edwin Asmann. Feature of this show was a very impressive and novel ten-second electric clock for rapid transit chess which attracted much attention as it flashed on and off. This hobby show was open to the general public and drew quite a crowd of spectators from the whole Chicago area.

To All USCF Members

THERE IS nothing new about our Federation's bringing chess to the hospitalized veteran. That function was established in 1945 when Chess for the Wounded came into being. Without fanfare but with persistent zeal, much noble work has been done, and still is being done, on this worthy project.

What is new and important at this time is the fact that the USCF Veterans Program has won official favor with the Veterans Administration at Washington. We now have the assurance of top V.A. officials of their desire and readiness to fully cooperate in bringing the enjoyment and benefits of chess to hospitalized veterans in V.A. Hospitals from coast to coast.

This expanded Chess-for-Veterans Program, effectively backed by the Veterans Administration, holds tremendous possibilities. It also presents a great challenge to our Federation and all of its members.

I need not speak of the debt which we owe to our hospitalized veterans. All of us, I am sure, realize that debt which makes it our duty and happy privilege to help in some measure in easing the lot of those who gave their health in defense of our country.

I have assured General Kerr and the officials of his Special Services Staff that each and every member of the United States Chess Federation may be counted on to assist in making the new VA-USCF Chess Program a success. Arrangements of our side of the program will be in the hands of our vice-president, J. B. Gee, 5425 5th Avenue, Sacramento 17, Calif. Mr. Gee's committee will call on USCF members from coast to coast to assist in teaching the game to patients and hospital staff, group visits to V.A. hospitals, club-hospital matches, simultaneous exhibitions at the hospital, and entertaining the patient-on-leave at our clubs. Please hold yourself in readiness.

Never have we had a more worthy project in chess. It is up to all of us to give it our best.

PAUL G. GIERS,
President, USCF

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
Washington 25, D. C.

February 1, 1950

Mr. Paul G. Giers, President
The United States Chess Federation
Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Giers:

It was indeed a pleasure to meet with you and Mr. Snyder last Friday afternoon, and to have the opportunity of discussing your plans for an expanded program of chess for the patients in our Veterans Administration hospitals. We have been most appreciative of the excellent contribution made by Chess For The Wounded, and by many individual members of the United States Chess Federation to our hospitalized veterans, but the program that you propose directly integrating the voluntary services of the Federation with our hospital recreation program should indeed be far more encompassing than any to date.

There are approximately forty organized Chess groups in our hospitals. Many more of our hospitals report a number of individual enthusiasts among the patients. I feel certain that with the assistance of your organization our Recreation staffs may soon report Chess as an activity in the majority of our hospitals, and that eventually the roster of the Federation may include a representative number of our hospital Chess clubs.

As a means of implementing the expansion of the program, we are informing all hospitals of the generous offer of the USCF. We propose to suggest that each hospital inform us of the present status and of the potentialities of Chess as an activity at the hospital, and also of the existence of or future plans for a patient Chess club. An information copy of our letter to all hospitals will be forwarded to your office in the near future. On the basis of information received from the hospitals, your organization will be informed as to the need for assistance at specific stations.

It is hoped that you will be able to recommend standards for Chess sets in order that our hospital equipment may meet those of the Federation. We would also appreciate your forwarding to us your recommended graded bibliography of Chess publications, and if possible data concerning famous Chess players or sources thereof for us in our hospital newspapers.

I am most pleased with the possibilities of this project. Our entire Special Services program is one designed to assist the doctor in getting the patient well. As a part of our mission, we believe that those activities with a carry over value which the patient may take home with him, and those activities that integrate the community with the hospital program are exceptionally valuable. Your Chess for Veterans program, therefore, seems an ideal contribution to the fulfillment of our mission.

Your interest and that of your entire organization in our program for hospitalized veterans is deeply appreciated by the Veterans Administration.

Sincerely yours,
F. R. KERR,
Assistant Administrator
for Special Services

DENKER SHARES WITH SHAINSWIT AT MANHATTAN

In a tight finish at the Manhattan Chess Club with seven players in the running until the final round, former U. S. Champion Arnold Denker and George Shainswit tied for top honors with 7½-3½ each.

Third place went to Chess Correspondent Games Editor Jack Soudakoff with 7-4 on S-B points while fourth was shared by George Kramer and Herman Plinik with 7-4 each. Sixth place on S-B points went to defending champion Arthur Bisguler, also with 7-4, while Albert S. Pinkus placed seventh with 6-5.

BLUM IS VICTOR AT TORONTO UNIV.

In the 11-man tournament for the championship of Toronto University, S. Blum came out on top with the excellent showing of 9-1. A close second was R. F. Rodgers with 8½-1½, while L. H. Neathy placed third with 7-3 in the hotly contested event.

EVANS IN SIMUL FOR ULVESTAD

When Olaf Ulvestad cancelled his engagement for a simultaneous exhibition in Cleveland in order to fly to New York to play on the U.S. team in the match with Yugoslavia, the local committee recognized the emergency and promptly phoned long-distance to the Marshall Chess Club of New York for Larry Evans. Larry also recognized the emergency and promptly boarded a plane for Cleveland, arriving in time to play the exhibition as scheduled.

In a 35-board simultaneous the young Marshall Chess Club champion won 29, drew 1 and lost 5 in a sterling performance. Winners were Malcom Patrick, problem editor of the Cleveland Chess Bulletin; William Granger of the famous Pawns Chess Club; W. F. Clements; Ed Johnson; and Martin Levitan. Donald Latnik obtained the draw.

An extra feature of the event was an interview of Larry Evans for the "Camel's Camera Caravan" television show, with photographer Bob Blair taking a number of shots of Larry in action in the simultaneous for telecasting on the program. Study poses of Ed Johnson, Malcom Patrick, Elsie Duwe, Anne Solomon and Ohio Wayne Champion Mrs. Catherine Jones were also taken and used to describe the exhibition.

In the excitement of making the arrangements for a change in exhibiting masters, not all the spectators were notified of the change, and many were puzzled by the youthful appearance of the player they thought was Olaf Ulvestad. The Cleveland Chess Bulletin reports that Julius Goodman in particular was bewildered and remarked in a puzzled voice to William Granger: "You know, Ulvestad looks like Larry Evans!"

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

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE Hastings Christmas Tournament

Notes by Dr. J. Platz
White: 1. SZABO 2. P-Q4 3. Kt-QB3 4. P-K3
Black: 1. EVANS 2. P-Q4 3. Kt-B3 4. P-O

After 18. ... Kt-Q4
DAKE
19. P-R4 20. B-K4 21. R-K4 22. R-K4

22. OR-KK1 P-QR4?
Consistent, but that's all. White, however, must not sit back and tiddle his pawns.

After 24. Kt-B5!!
GOVEYU
24. Kt-B5!!

CRITTENDEN
24. BxKt1 25. KtPxB 26. KtPxB 27. Kt-R4

24. BxKt1 25. KtPxB 26. KtPxB 27. Kt-R4

ENGLISH OPENING
Rapid City Championship
Notes by M. F. Anderson
White: 1. P-Q4 2. P-Q4 3. Kt-QB3

After 36. ... PxR
ANDERSON
37. R-Q2 38. Kt-Q2 39. P-B4

Solutions; Mate the Subtle Way!
No. 139 (Rosado): Most solvers deduced that the Black King should be placed at Q516, but (went astray on the key, which is 1. R-Q8!

RUY LOPEZ USA vs. Yugoslavia Radio Match

Round One, Board 10
White: 1. P-K4 2. Kt-KB3 3. B-K15 4. B-R4 5. O-O 6. P-Q3 7. P-B3 8. R-K1 9. P-Q4 10. B-P3 11. P-Q5 12. QK1-Q2 13. Kt-B1 14. P-KR3 15. P-KK14 16. Kt-K13 17. K-K12 18. B-R6 19. Q-K2

After 37. Kt-R2
BISGUIER
37. Kt-R2 38. Kt-R2 39. Kt-R2 40. Kt-R2

IVKOV
37. Kt-R2 38. Kt-R2 39. Kt-R2 40. Kt-R2

QUEEN'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED
USA vs. Yugoslavia Radio Match
Round One, Board 6
White: 1. P-Q4 2. P-Q4 3. Kt-QB3 4. Kt-QB3 5. P-K3 6. BxP 7. O-O 8. PXP

After 18. ... QxP
EVANS
18. QxP 19. QxP 20. QxP

SZABO
19. RXP 20. KtR 21. BxR 22. BxKt 23. RKR 24. Kt-K4 25. B-K1 26. P-Q3 27. Kt-K13 28. QxQ 29. P-R5 30. BxP 31. Kt-K7 32. K-B2 33. B-K3 34. P-K14 35. P-Q3 36. K-K3 37. K-B2 38. Kt-K1 39. Kt-K1 40. P-R4

SICILIAN DEFENSE
USA vs. Yugoslavia Radio Match
Round One, Board 8
White: 1. P-K4 2. Kt-KB3 3. P-Q4 4. Kt-QB3 5. P-K3 6. P-K12 7. B-K2 8. O-O 9. B-K3 10. O-K2 11. O-R1 12. P-KB4 13. KtP 14. P-OR3 15. P-KK14 16. B-B1

Are You A Member?
Is Your Friend A Member?

Conducted by Erich W. Marcband
192 Seville Drive Rochester 17, N. Y.

After 21. P-K6
BYRNE
21. P-K6 22. P-K6 23. P-K6

KOSTICH
31. KtP 32. RxB 33. PXR ch 34. P-Q6 35. PXP

BLUMENFELD COUNTER GAMBIT
Canadian Championship
Arvida, 1949
Notes by J. Mayer

White: 1. P-Q4 2. P-Q4 3. P-Q5 4. P-Q5 5. QPxB 6. P-R5 7. B-B3 8. B-B3 9. B-B3 10. B-B3 11. Kt-B4 12. Kt-B4 13. Q-Q3 14. Q-Q3 15. Q-Q3 16. Q-Q3 17. Q-Q3 18. Q-Q3 19. Q-Q3 20. Q-Q3 21. Q-Q3 22. Q-Q3 23. Q-Q3 24. Q-Q3 25. Q-Q3 26. Q-Q3 27. Q-Q3 28. Q-Q3 29. Q-Q3 30. Q-Q3 31. Q-Q3 32. Q-Q3 33. Q-Q3 34. Q-Q3 35. Q-Q3 36. Q-Q3 37. Q-Q3 38. Q-Q3 39. Q-Q3 40. Q-Q3

VAITONIS
32. Q-K3 33. K-K12 34. Q-K4 35. Q-K4 36. Q-K4 37. Q-K4 38. Q-K4 39. Q-K4 40. Q-K4

RAUCH
36. QxB 37. K-R3 38. BxKt 39. Q-B7 40. Kt-K4 41. K-R5 42. BxP 43. BxP 44. Kt-K5 45. Kt-K5 46. P-K15 47. Kt-K5 48. Kt-K5 49. Kt-K5 50. Kt-K5 51. Kt-K5 52. Kt-K5 53. Kt-K5 54. Kt-K5 55. Kt-K5 56. Kt-K5 57. Kt-K5 58. Kt-K5 59. Kt-K5 60. Kt-K5 61. Kt-K5 62. Kt-K5 63. Kt-K5 64. Kt-K5 65. Kt-K5 66. Kt-K5 67. Kt-K5 68. Kt-K5 69. Kt-K5 70. Kt-K5 71. Kt-K5 72. Kt-K5 73. Kt-K5 74. Kt-K5 75. Kt-K5 76. Kt-K5 77. Kt-K5 78. Kt-K5 79. Kt-K5 80. Kt-K5 81. Kt-K5 82. Kt-K5 83. Kt-K5 84. Kt-K5 85. Kt-K5 86. Kt-K5 87. Kt-K5 88. Kt-K5 89. Kt-K5 90. Kt-K5 91. Kt-K5 92. Kt-K5 93. Kt-K5 94. Kt-K5 95. Kt-K5 96. Kt-K5 97. Kt-K5 98. Kt-K5 99. Kt-K5 100. Kt-K5

SICILIAN DEFENSE
Tri-State Championship
Pittsburgh, 1949
Notes by J. Mayer

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J. B. Gee, A. Y. Hesse, Dr. J. Lapin, Dr. J. Platz, Fred Reinfeld, A. E. Santasiere, Dr. M. Herzberger, Edw. J. Korpany, I. Rivis, J. Flagan, Dr. Bela Rozsa, J. Soudakoff, Wayne Wagner

The book's best. A true row-grabber (like one) would take the P and the other.

After 17. ... P-QR3
DIETZ
17. P-QR3 18. P-QR3 19. P-QR3

BYLAND
38. PxKt 39. PxP 40. QxQ 41. B-K5 42. QxKt 43. QxQ 44. BxR 45. Kt-B4 46. B-K7 47. B-K7 48. Kt-Q1 49. Kt-Q1 50. Kt-Q1 51. Kt-Q1 52. Kt-Q1 53. Kt-Q1 54. Kt-Q1 55. Kt-Q1 56. Kt-Q1 57. Kt-Q1 58. Kt-Q1 59. Kt-Q1 60. Kt-Q1 61. Kt-Q1 62. Kt-Q1 63. Kt-Q1 64. Kt-Q1 65. Kt-Q1 66. Kt-Q1 67. Kt-Q1 68. Kt-Q1 69. Kt-Q1 70. Kt-Q1 71. Kt-Q1 72. Kt-Q1 73. Kt-Q1 74. Kt-Q1 75. Kt-Q1 76. Kt-Q1 77. Kt-Q1 78. Kt-Q1 79. Kt-Q1 80. Kt-Q1 81. Kt-Q1 82. Kt-Q1 83. Kt-Q1 84. Kt-Q1 85. Kt-Q1 86. Kt-Q1 87. Kt-Q1 88. Kt-Q1 89. Kt-Q1 90. Kt-Q1 91. Kt-Q1 92. Kt-Q1 93. Kt-Q1 94. Kt-Q1 95. Kt-Q1 96. Kt-Q1 97. Kt-Q1 98. Kt-Q1 99. Kt-Q1 100. Kt-Q1

SICILIAN DEFENSE
U. S. Open Championship
Omaha, 1949
Notes by J. Mayer

After 18. ... PXP
DONOVAN
18. PXP 19. PXP 20. PXP

SOUDAKOFF
36. KtB 37. RxB 38. QxB 39. QxB 40. QxB 41. QxB 42. QxB 43. QxB 44. QxB 45. QxB 46. QxB 47. QxB 48. QxB 49. QxB 50. QxB 51. QxB 52. QxB 53. QxB 54. QxB 55. QxB 56. QxB 57. QxB 58. QxB 59. QxB 60. QxB 61. QxB 62. QxB 63. QxB 64. QxB 65. QxB 66. QxB 67. QxB 68. QxB 69. QxB 70. QxB 71. QxB 72. QxB 73. QxB 74. QxB 75. QxB 76. QxB 77. QxB 78. QxB 79. QxB 80. QxB 81. QxB 82. QxB 83. QxB 84. QxB 85. QxB 86. QxB 87. QxB 88. QxB 89. QxB 90. QxB 91. QxB 92. QxB 93. QxB 94. QxB 95. QxB 96. QxB 97. QxB 98. QxB 99. QxB 100. QxB

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