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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

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 hospital-ized 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, wider-spread interest in

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

Details of the expanded pro-

gram will be published in an early issue of CHESS LIFE, while fur-ther information is contained in President Giers' message and President 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 Out-doors Show and World Hobby Exposition at the Navy Pier in Chicago, presented by the Chicago Tribune Charities, Inc. For the ten days of presented by the Chicago Tribune Charlies, 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 Gallart 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 Serdoz of the Hawthorne Chess Club; U.S. Open Champion Albert Sandrin, Jr. who played three blind-fold 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 Gregsamer of the Austin Chess Club in simultaneous play

SAVE THESE DATES! July 10 - July 22

51st Annual U. S. Open Tournament were telecast over a Chicago TV

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 the show. All who showed real interest in the game were given free copies of CHESS LIFE, and all who asked about the game were given leaflets on how to play chess. 15,000 of these leaf-lets were distributed during the

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

To All USCI Members

THERE IS nothing new about our Federation's bringing chess to the A 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 Administra-tion 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 Veterans Administration, holds tremendous possibilities. 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 Federa-tion 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 8th 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.

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 hospitls, and that eventually the roster of the Federation may include a representative number of our hospital

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 inforamtion received from the hospitals, your organization will be informed as to the need for assistance at

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 Federa-We would also appreciate your forwarding to us your recommended graded bibliography of Chess publications, and if possible data con-cerning famous Chess players or sources thereof for us in our hospital newspapers.

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 Admini-

> 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 71/2-31/2

Third place went to Chess Correspondent Games Editor Jack Soudakoff with 7-4 on S-B points while fourth was shared by George Krumer and Herman Pilnik with 7-4 each, Sixth place on S-B points went to defending champion Arthur Bisguier, 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 81/2-11/2, while L. H. Neatby 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 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 recog-nized 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 Bul-William Granger of the famous Pawns Chess Club; W. F. Clements; Ed Johnson; and Martin Levitan. Donald Latnik ob tained 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 simultaneous for delecasting on the program. Study poses of Ed Johnson, Malcom Patrick, Elsie Duwe, Anne Solomon and Ohio Woman 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 Ul-vestad. 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!"

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CARPE DIEM

Seize upon today, as Horace suggested in one of his more philosophic moods, putting as little trust as may be in the morrow! For even while we speak, the poet muses, envious Time has sped.

Seize upon today, o readers of these lines, to write and mail that annual check for your USCF dues. The procrastinator waits for tomorrow, and as tomorrow never comes, he waits. But the work of the Federation pauses not in its course as the needs of chess in these United States admits no holiday.

Remember as you write, that the program for expanding chess activity awaits your support as it awaits the support of your fellow chess players. For whether the planned program of the Federation for 1950 can be undertaken in its entirety or must be trimmed parsimoniously to fit a curtailed budget depends upon the prompt response of all USCF members to the annual statement mailed to them by the Membership

Remember as you reach for your checkbook that "deficit" financing Is saidom recommended for any organization which wishes to avoid the threatening rocks and reefs of financial disaster. Therefore, your Federation can only plan to spend the money that it receives in the early months of the current year it cannot spend the money that may months of the current year — it cannot spend the money that may pour in when the year is half gone from those who simply forgot to mail their dues sooner because it cannot know that it will receive these funds. The Federation must plan according to what it receives in the first months of the year.

* And now there is one additional reason why the wise USCF member will send in his annual dues promptly — his dues now include his subscription to CHESS LIFE. He may find no harm in letting his dues lapse until he needs his membership card for entry in a tournament, but his chess newspaper is another matter. Postal Regulations do not encourage the sending of publications to subscribers whose subscrip-tions have expired. So don't wait until you are reminded of your dues by the failure to receive your usual copy of CHESS LIFE.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

LET'S PLAY CHESS. By the Editors of Chess Review. New York: Published for Chess Review by Pitman Publishing Company. illus, \$1.

HE international revival of the royal game has produced some mas-THE international revival of the royal game has proved the first latest is in terpieces of ingenuity in chess primers, of which this latest is in many ways the best. The magazine format is attractive, with six to fourteen diagrams and photographs on nearly every page, about three hundred in all. The pages are large and the type is clear and varied: the text in roman, diagram numbering in large boldface, and annotations under the diagrams in italic, which is also used elsewhere for emphasis. This is expensive printing to sell for so small a sum as one dollar. The organization and profuse illustration of the material are supported by physical arrangement of it on the page. The sections follow another logically: first the elements and the moves of the pieces, then how to checkmate, then chess notation, and then refinements like pawn promotion and en passant. A survey of twenty-eight openings is followed by a list of recommended readings and a brief account of chess masters and the world's championship. Everything necessary for the beginner is here: drawn games, stalemate, values of the chess pieces, and so on. The "chess movie" technique originated by Chess Review

makes it possible for one to learn without board or men.

A comparison of this primer with one of the older, Staunton-type books reveals in a moment the progress that has been made in chess instruction. A child can learn from this generous book. Next time one of your uninitiated friends remarks how difficult chess must be to learn, spend a dollar on him and see how soon he challenges you.

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

THIS ISSUE we reproduce two endgame compositions by American composers which recently were published in the Endgame Section edited by Richard K. Guy in the British Chess Magazine. Both composers had their initial efforts first published in CHESS LIFE in 1948.

Position No. 71 represents the usual tricky style of Guilherme

Groesser in which the threatened queening of the Black pawn is averted

indirectly by threatened action against the Black king, until White maneuvers into position to eradicate the pawn without losing the power for an ultimate mate.

In Position No. 72, where White is happy enough to draw (not win), Chess Life editor Montgomery Major indulges in some rather flashy proffering of the bishop as a gift in order to command a final draw.

For solutions please turn to page two.

Position No. 71 By Guilherme Groesser British Chess Magazine, 1950

Position No. 72 By Montgomery Major British Chess Magazine, 1950



2s6, p7, kSpp2, P6B, 1K2b1R1, 8, White to play and win



Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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N 0.148 INTRODUCES a new composer to our ranks, who writes that he made the problem some years ago but has not been certain whether it would merit publication in any journal. Now that he has, in his own words, "taken the plunge" and submitted it to us, we wonder that he was in doubts about it. It is a very clever version of a well-known theme, banded with a subtlety that solvers will appreciate.

We don't often go out on a limb, but in the case of No. 149 we are willing to bet that nobody will hit upon the solution on his first try. It is one of those deceptively open positions which defeat ordinary methods of analysis and in which, though White actually only has a few plausible first moves at his command, the key is the most unlikely looking one on the board.

Solutions to previously published problems on page four.

Problem No. 147 By J. T. Lightbourn Hamilton, Bermuda Composed for Chess Life Black: 5 men

Problem No. 148 By Brian Owens New Haven, Connecticut Composed for Chess Life Black: 4 men



White: 9 men 186, kIKIBER, 2BpSS, 1p2pp2, r7, q7, 5Pp1, R5Q1 White mates in two moves

Problem No. 149 By G. H. Drese Artium, 1942 Ars

Problem No. 150
By Godfrey Heathcote
Illustrated London News, 1902

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CLEVELAND INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE Final Standings

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Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data By A. Buschke

III THE MATCH WITH LEVITSKY, 1913 (Continued)

S MENTIONED in an earlier article, the first game of this match has been incompletely re-ported by Reinfeld in "Unknown Alekhine." The complete score of the game, with Alekhine's own notes, is herewith published.

BISHOP'S GAMBIT First Match Game, St. Peters

First Match Game, St. Peters-burg, February 15 (28), 1913. Notes by A. A. Alekhine-Shakhmai-nyi Viestnik 1913, p. 69; Novoe Vremia, February 23 (March 8), 1913, Reinfeld's "Unknown Alekhine," game No. 65, gives only first 26 moves.)

bit. Kt-KB3

Obviously the best defense against White's threats 7, GB3 and 7, Q-RKi3; a had nove is 6. B-B4 on account of 7, P-IKK6, The pawn saerifice is only temporary; within a few moves, Black is forced to give the pawn up again in order to complete his development.

the necessary to counteract Black's in the King-side by setting the c Queen-side in motion: 22, P. odd have started a double-edged obt. where well in the control of the contro

For The Journament-Minded

April 14-16 Western North Carolina Open Championship Winston-Salem, No. Car.
Will be held at Winston-Salem

YMCA under auspices of No. Caro-lina. Chess Ass'n, beginning Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. 5-round Swiss event; entry fee \$2.00 plus membership in NCCA (\$1 annually); prizes for first three places; defending champion, William C. Adickes. For further information write: Arthur G. Ashformation write: Artinur G. Asi-brooke, Jr., 4762 Duke Station, Durham, No. Car. (Western and Eastern Opens are held in alter-nate years in No. Carolina; 1949 Eastern title went to Kit Crittenden.)

Adelaide, Australia: In a recent six-man tournament, a Latvian Berzarins won first place with 4-1; Krueger, champion of New South Wales, was second with 3½-1½; while former South Australian champion Bowman finished third with 3-2. Neither of the recent Lithuanian arrivals, Arlauskas and Endzelins, played in this

Solutions:

By Fred Reinfeld

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The Power Of The Pin

THE pin is perhaps the strongest and most common of all tactical motifs. It is, fortunately also one of the motifs. It is, fortunately, also one of the easiest to understand and apply. Its undoubted power over the enemy's pieces results in a psychological advantage as well: nothing is so depressing as being subjected to an irritating pin which gives every indication of being permanent. It is a kind of death sentence for one's pieces.

As far as the aggressor is concerned, the pin has a psychological

effect of a different kind. Being a valuable asset, the pin gives him a feeling of confidence in his game and often forms the basis of a winning

QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE Budapest, 1921

White B. KOSTICH 1. P-04 2. KI-KB3 3. P-KK13 4. B-K12 A. STEINER Kt-KB3 P-QKt3 B-Kt2 P-Kt3? At the time this game was played,

the Indian defenses were just be-ginning their vogue; hence inexact were to be expected. 4. gives Black an P-B4! game, 5. P.Q5 being impossible.

5. 0-0? More exact 5. P-B4!, so that if 5. P-B4; 6. P-Q5 and Black's position is very cramped.

P-Q5!).

7. Kt-B3 Since it is now clear that Black's position will be constricted, he should have tried to free himself somewhat with 7. Kt-K5.
White's next move!

8. Q-82 9. R-Q1 Preventing the intended P-K4 (why?).

9. H-K1 10. P-K4 P-K47 11. Pxp Black's game is hopeless. If 11. KtxP; 12. KtxKt; 13. B-B4, R-KtxKt, RxKt; 13. B-B4, R-K1; K1: 14. P-K5! winning a piece! 12. B-Kt5!



Now both of Black's Knights are pinned-a desperate situation.

To stop Kt-Q5; but meanwhile creates a point of invasion for White at Q6. He cannot free himself by 12. P-KR3, for then comes 13. BxKt, BxB; 14. B-R3, B-B1 (if 14......B-B3; 15. P-QKt4 wins; if 14.....R-K2; 15. Q-Q2, B-B1; 16. Kt-Q5, R-K1! 17. QxP with an easy win); 15. R-Q3 and Black's position is hopeless.

13. BxKt!
Strengthens the pin on the remaining knight.

13. BxB 14. B-R3! B-B1; 15. R-Q6, B-K2 White can win a Pawn with 16. BxKt!, BxR (or 16. BxB; 17. R-

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O2. O-B2: 18. KtxP!): 17. BxP!

If 15. R-Q6 B-Kt2; 16. QR-Q1, B-QB1; 17. Q-Q2 winning a piece!

16 QR-Q1 A trap: if 17. BxKt, R(2)xB; 18. RxB?, RxRch; 19. KtxR, K-Kt2 and the Rook has no escape!

17. Q-Q2!

The loss of a piece was unavoidable.

18. RxB Resigns
(One of many brilliant games Included in RELAX WITH CHESS by Fred Reinfeld, published by the Pitman Publishing Corporation.)

The Kibitzer From the Editor's Mail Bag

Dear Sir:

I have just heard that the United States champion was not allowed to play first board against Yugoslavia, and finally did not play at all. This is to record my complete support of our champion, and vehement opposition to everything represented by that confounded committee. Since when is the champion not the champion? Does the Biennial Championship mean nothing when opposed by selfish prejudice? Did or did not Steiner win the right to be considered our strongest player in a fair and honest tournament established to determine that question?

For some time past I have observed the encroachments of a certain regional chess clique actuated by self-interest, and aiming to destroy that democratic, competitive system of chess tournaments which was introduced by the U.S.C.F., and in its place re-vert to the obsolete invitational method, which so long stiffled the rise of new players. This trend must stop, and I will support all efforts to stop it.

Indignantly JAMES BOLTON Champion of New Haven

HIRAM WALKER FIRST AT PEORIA

The Hiram Walker chess team, captained by Henry Cramer, won the Peoria (III.) chess league title by one-half match point over its nearest rivals, the Northern Laboratory team. The race was very close and everything hinged on the final round meeting between the two leaders, with Hiram Walker needing a draw and Norelab a win. With Reinhart and O'Russa winning for Walker and Hafner and Darnell scoring for Norelab, the match and title hung on the last game, Cramer vs. Babcock, which finally ended in a draw, giving Hiram Walker 4½ match points to 4 points for Northern

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VAN SWEDEN WINS AT GRAND RAPIDS

The 1949 Open City Tournament, sponsored by the Grand Rapids Chess Club and held at the Mertens Hotel, 35 Oakes SW, resulted in the victory of E. J. Van Sweden with a 10-1 score to become 1949 City Champion, Second place went George Knoll with 81/2-21/2, while Charles Hansen placed third with 71/2-31/2. Oscar Jungwirth acted as tournament director.

On February 18, the 1950 Open City Tournament got under way at the Grand Rapids Chess Club headquarters at the Mertens Hotel, with tournament play scheduled for every Saturday night. The 1950 winner will become custodian of a beautiful loving cup, now in play, which will rotate among the winners from year to year.

CONDON IS CHAMP AT BARTLESVILLE

Winning a double-round robin tournament among Bartlesville (Okla.) club members, W. F. Coneditor of The Pawn Roller of the Oklahoma Chess Ass'n, became the champion of Bartlesville with an 8-2 score. Second place went to W. Whitney with 5½-2½, while Paul Hogan took third in the six-man event with 5-5.

CLOSE FINISH IN INDUSTRIAL

The Cleveland Industrial Chess League had a close and exciting finish in both Eastern and Western Divisions, with Thompson Products barely nosing out Lubrizol in the Eastern and Post Office besting its rival Ohio Bell Telephone in the final found for the Western title.

The Industrial League Championship will be determined by a playoff tournament between the top two teams in each division: Thompson Products, Lubrizol, Post Office, and Ohio Bell Telephone, beginning February 13 and continuing through March 17th. matches are not completed in the regular schedule of the Western Division yet, but those unfinished will have no bearing upon the top standings.

MIAMI ORGANIZES CHESS LEAGUE

new Metropolitan Chess League has been formed in Miami (Fla.) with four 5-man teams representing Greater Miami Chess Club, University of Miami Chess Club, Coconut Grove Chess Club, and Miami Military Academy Chess Club. Other teams are expected to join the league as the season gets under way.

Chess The Clubs With

Greater Miami Chess Club (Fla.) has moved to Recreation Flamingo Park, 13th and Meridian, Miami Beach. Correspondence, however, should be addressed to N. B. Church, 38 N.W. 79th St., Miami. The club calendar holds for February-March the annual Gambit Tournament, with April-May devoted to a Ruy Lopez tourney for "B" class players, and scheduled for Nov.-Dec.-Jan. the City Championship event.

Lithuanian Chess Club (Boston) which placed in a tie for second in the Metroplitan League tournament, would have been first if the matches between the three leading clubs had been the only ones counted. Standings of results between the three leading teams only show Lithuanian 2½-1½ with 101/2-91/2 in games; Harvard 2-2 with 10-10 in games; and Boylston 11/2-21/2 with 91/2-101/2 in games.

B. F. Goodrich (Akron) Chess Club held its election in February with Harold Tucker chosen as president, Phil Hunsicker as vice-president and Bob Harrington as secretary. Fourteen players are entered in the club prize tournament which is now in its early rounds.

Durham (No. Car.) Chess Club opened its 1950 season very suc-cessfully with a stirring 8-4 victory over the Raleigh Chess Club in match played at Raleigh. On board one Walter Rudin bested Kit Crittenden, winner of the 1948 Eastern No. Carolina Open and Durham took four points out of the first five boards and four points out of the last five boards in the 12-man team match to show strength both in top and bottom

Downtown Y Chess Club (Pittsburgh) celebrated the Reshevesky simultaneous exhibition with 26 boards and an equal crowd of kibitzers. Paul Dietz won the only game Reshevsky lost, while USCF game Reshevsky lost, Vice-President Wm. Byland drew. Other draws were conceded to Hobbs, Priscilla, Sorensen and Columbus (Ohio) Chess Club bowed in defeat before the talent of Grand Master Samuel Reshevsky in his simultaneous exhibition on 35 boards. Prof. W. Meiden and Dale Beery salvaged draws from the master but all other players went down in defeat including such local stars as Ohio State Champion Mann, runner-up in the State tournament B. Kaplan, and Ohio Junior Co-Champion Myron Fredericks.

North City (Philadelphia) Chess Club journeyed to Wilmington, Dela. and won a tidy 6½-3½ match from the Wilmington Chess Club. From the Wilmington Chess Club.

A. Koppany of North City bested
Wilmington City Champion Hart
while teammate J. Cotter of North
City drew with Delaware State
Champion Tinker, On 19th board the 12-year old Ross Nickel won his game for North City.

Youngstown (Ohio) Chess Club won a 5-3 victory from the Alliance Chess Club in an 8-board match, scoring 21/2 points on the first three boards.

Portsmouth (N.H.) Chess Club defeated the combined Dover and Durham team at Portsmouth by a 4½-2½ score with O. Lester best-ing D. Wallace on board one. R. Hux gained one of Durham points by defeating A. Sadowsky on board two, while C. Hux salvaged the other point for

Wekearny (N.J.) Chess Club of Western Electric invaded the New York stronghold of the Weatt Chess club of Bell System Head-quarters for the third annual match between the clubs. Following tradition, the home team emerged victorious by a 101/2-81/2 score, giving Weatt two out of three matches in the series.

JOIN THE USCF

United passed pawns are a lot stronger than a lone passed pawn. Join the USCF and get unity in

MANHATTAN CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP Arnold Denker
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What's The Best Move? By Guilherme Groesser

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ržqrlki, pbisžpp, lpžpsž, žpiSpž, 3BiSŽ, PPŽQPPP,R4RKi White to move

Send your solutions to Position No. 42 to the Editor, LIFE, by March 20, 1950. 42 to the Editor, CHESS

Solution to Position No. 40

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NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE Hastings Christmas Tournament

Hastings, 1949

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

A clever way to simplify.

15. B-KU! P.KB.

Forcet; because P.Kt loses a P., i.e. 16.

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15. P-P.

KIAKUP 17. Q-K2

Bakkt

This move must be condemned for two
reasons: 1) without necessity he gives up a
well posted B for a Kt—as Tarnsich called

it, losing the minor exchange; 2) he goes
for the laolated QP which was weak anyhow, The right procedure in positions like
this is not to out of the doubling Rs, etc.

50 17. ..., QKt-Q4 would be the move called
for.

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K-B3 34. R-R2
ngs the Rs belong behind the

ings the its belong beams for the control of the co

47. K-K5 48. K-B6 49. KxP 50. R-B3

R-Q7 ch have saved himself the follow-

RUY LOPEZ

Tennessee Open Championship

Oak Ridge, 1949 Notes by K. Crittenden

K-Q4 52, R-R3 K-B4 K-K5 53, P-Kt4 ch Resigns

Binck
R, R, COVEYOU
11. QKt-Q2 K+83
12. P-Q5 K+Q1
13. Kt-B1 0-0
14. P-Kf73 Kt-K1
15. P-Kf44 P-K19
16. Kt-K13 Kt-K2
17. K-R2 P-B3
18. B-K3 Kt-B2
19. Q-Q2 B-Q2
20. R-KK11 moves to this point.

reatening BxRt and R-K4.
P-QR4 20, B-K4
is best to give the P right back

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QR-B1

Q-QKt5

K-B4 RxP ch R-KKt7

OxP

DAKE

After 18.

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for. 18. QxB

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19. R-R4t Threatenis 19. It is best

draw, 33. P-Kt5 In R-end

50. 51. KxP

White CRITTENDEN P-K4-P-K1-KB3 K1-Q B-K15 P-Q B-R4 K1-0-0 B-R-K1 P-QK B-K13 P-P-B3 K1-Q B-B2 P-P-D04 P-D04 P-D04

B-Bz P-Q4

P-K4 Kt-QB3 P-QR3 Kt-B3 B-K2 P-QKt4 P-Q3 Kt-QR4 P-B4 Q-B2

Black L EVANS P-04 P-B4 Kt-B3

22. QR-KKt P-QR4?
Consistent, but that's all. White, however, must not sit back and twiddle his pawns. If he dues, Black will finish him on the Q-side. Since Black has nothing opposing White's Rs on the KKE file, White reasons that he must open up the game now or never, This reasoning produces the following move: White
L. SZABO
L. P. Q4
L. P.

never. This reasoning produces the following move: 23, P-KK15! Q-B1
23, P-KK15! Q-B1
19 24, ..., P-K151; 24, P-KP, P-KP; 25, KK1
BP11, B-KR1; 25, B-KR, KTK2; 27, P-K16; with a winning attack, (Ye olde KKt file) The best elemes a Kt-Kt2; B-B11; (26, P-KB4)
—though even then While still has a strong game, as Black's Bs are out to play for the noment. The text is not too bad, for by it Black exchanges several of the attacking piecess. pieces, 24. Kt-B5!!

After 24. Kt-B5!!
COVEYOU



CRITTENDEN

24	BxKt!		
Not 24,	PxKt; 25	KtPxP.	BxP; 26, B-
		Q-B1; 28.	Kt-Kt51, Bx
Kt; 29, Rx	B and wins,		
25. PxB	KtxBP	28. PxP	BxP
26. BxKt	QxB	20. KtxP	
27. Kt-R4!	0-06		

ENGLISH OPENING Rapid City Championship Rapid City, 1950 Notes by M. F. Anderson

Notes by M.	t. Anderson
White M. H. SEMRAU 1. P-QB4 P-K4 2. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3	6. KtxKt BxKt ch
3. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 4. P-Q4 PxP 5. KtxP B-Kt5	7. PxB QPxKt 8. QxQ ch KxQ 9. B-B4 B-K3 10. R-Q1 ch
0-0-0 was better, 10. K-81 11. P-K3 Kt-K5 12. R-81 R-01 13. R-82 Kt-03 14. BxKt PxB 15. B-K2 K-B2 16. 0-0 R-02 17. R-01 P-0R3 18. B(2),02 B-084	19. PxP RPxP 20. B-Q3 P-R3 21. R-Kt2 R-R6 22. R-Q81 K-Q1
13. R-B2 Kt-Q3 14. BxKt PxB 15. B-K2 K-B2 16. Q-O R-Q2	22. R-Q81 K-Q1 23. B-Kt1 R(2)-R2 24. R(1)-B2 B-B4 25. R-Q2 R*BP 26. RxP ch K-B2
17, R-Q1 P-QR3 18, R(2)-Q2 P-QK4 Or 26,, R-Q2; 27, BxB ch.	
	32, K-K2 P-Kt5 33, K-Q2 K-Kt4 34, K-B1 P-B5 35, R-Q2 R-Q6 36, RxR PxR

36,, PxR ANDERSON



SEMRAU

33, R-Q2 11 57, K-Q2, Black plays R-R6-B0, and K-Ri-R6, then R-B7 eh permits the KtP to queen. Walte meanwhile cannot get his K-side majority rolling in time, as if these Ps get too far advanced, Black attacks them with

fensive is dependent on the Art Inc.
21. R-Kt2 KR-QK12
A had move for two reasons: it does nothing for the King's defense, and it indicates that Black does not understand the proper defensive system, K-R and R-KKt is imperative.

Review, December, 1949, page 370.

R2 ch., No. 341 (Hartong). I. KixP, threat: 2. Q-R2 ch. If J. — QxKt ch; 2. P-K4 (threat 2. Q-B34), QxQ or Q-Q4 ch; 3. P-K5 mate. If 1. — Q-K18 ch; 2. K-B2 ch, Q-Q6 ch; 3. K-K4 mate. If 1. — Q-K18 ch; 2. K-B2 ch, Q-Q6 ch; 3. K-K4 mate. If 1. — Q-K18 ch; 2. K-B2 ch, Q-Q6 ch; 3. K-K4 mate. If 1. — Q-K18 ch; 2. K-B2 ch, Q-Q6 ch; 3. K-K4 mate. If 1. — Q-K18 ch; 2. K-K4 ch, K-K4; 3. KsY mate. And other variations. No. 142 (Antrade): 1. Ki-B9, threat: 2. Ki-K4, R-K4; 3. BxRt, (II 2. — BxRt; 2. QxP.) If 1. — R-B6; 2. Ki-K4, R-K5; 3. BxRt, (II 2. — BxRt; 3. QxP.) If 1. — R-B3; 2. QxP.) If 1. — R-B3; 2. QxP. BxRt; 3. RxK; (II 2. — RxK1; 3. RxK2). If 1. — R-B3; 2. P-Q4, RxP; 3. KsP.) RxP; 3. KsP. (II 2. — RxP; 3. KsP.) RxP; 3. KsP.) RxP; 3. KsP. (II 2. — RxP; 3. KsP.) RxP; 3. KsP. (II

RUY LOPEZ USA vs. Yugoslavia Radio Match Round One, Board 10

Wihte		В	Black
IVKOV (Yugoslavia) 1. P. K4 2. Kt. KB3 3. B. K15 4. B. R4 5. O-03 7. P. B3 8. R. K1 10. B. B2 11. P. O5 12. QKL Q2 12. KL B1 14. P. KR3 14. K. KL 15. P. KK4 16. K. KL 16. K. KL 17. K. KL 18. K. K. K. KL 18. K. K. K. KL 18. K.	P-K4 Kt-QB3 P-QR3 Kt-B3 B-K2 P-Q3 O-O K-R1 P-QK4 B-Kt5 Kt-Q2 Q-B1 P-Kt-Kt2 R-Kt2 R-K	B 20. Kt-Q2 21. KK-Kt-B1 22. Barkt-ch 23. Kt-K3 24. Rt-R1 25. Pt-QR4 25. Pt-QR2 27. PxP 28. KR-R1 29. Rt-KK11 30. Pt-B3 31. RPXP 33. R-KR1 33. R-KR1 34. K-KR1 35. K-KR1 36. R-B1	(USA) Kt-Q1 Kt-B2 KxB P-B5 B-Q1
18. B-R6 19. Q-K2	Kt-Kt2 P-B3	37. Kt-R2	

After 37. Kt-R2 BISGUIER



37	RxKt	50. K-Kt3	B-KKt3
38, KxR	Q-RI ch	51. R-R5	KtxP
39. K-Kt2	Kt-R6	52. RxP	Kt-K6
40. K-K£3	Kt-B5	53. B-Kt1	Kt-B8 ch
41. Q-R2	OxQ ch	54. K-K14	Kt-Q7
42. Kx0	BxKt	55. B-B2	KtxP
43, R-R6	B-0B4	56. B-R4	K-B3
44. R-R8	K-B2	57. R-Kt8	B-B4 ch
45. R-R1	K-K2	58. K-B3	Kt-Kt4 ch
46. K-R1	P-84	59. K-Kt3	P-Q4
47. KtPxP	PxP	60. B-Q1	and White
48. K-R2	PxP	resigne	d without
49. PxP	B-K1	further	play.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED USA vs. Yugoslavia Radio Match Round One, Board 6

White PUC (Yugoslav 1. P-Q4 2. P-Q84 3. Kt-K83 4. Kt-83 5. P-IG 6. P-OR4	Kt-KB3 P-K3	10. Kt-K5 11. P-84 12. Q-K2 13. B-K3 14. P-85 15. R×P	Black DAKE (USA) B-K2 0-0 P-QKt3 B-Kt2 PxP R-B1
7. BxP 8. 0-0 9. PxP	Kt-B3 PxP Kt-QKt5	16. QR-KB1 17. K-R1 18. B-KKt5	R-B1 Q-B1 KKt-Q4
	14- 10	O. P	

After 18. EVANS ..., QxP



SZABO

19. RxP RxB 41. K-K3 K- 20. KtxR RxB 42. Kt.R3 E- 21. BxB R-B2 43. Kt.K5 ch K- 22. BxKt RxKt 44. Kt.K4 B- 23. RxR KxR 44. Kt.K4 B- 24. Kt.K4 Q-B2 ch 46. P.K15 Ch 25. B-K1 Q-B3 ch 46. P.K15 Ch 27. Kt.K5 Ch 28. K1 48. K-Q5 Kt.K2 B- 27. Kt.K5 Ch 28. K1 48. K-Q5 Kt.K2 B- 27. Kt.K5 Ch 28. K1 48. K-Q5 Kt.K2 B- 28. K1 48. K1 48. K-Q5 Kt.K2 B- 28. K1 48.		
28. QxQ PxQ 50. Kt-K4 Kt-Y29. PxP 51. B-K1. Kt-K4 Kt-Y29. PxP 51. B-K1. Kt-K5 30. Bxp Kt-B5 52. P.K13 31. K-K11 Kt-K7 ch 53. Kt-B5 52. P.K13 32. K-B2 54. B-B2 34. P-K14 Kt-P3 56. Kt-K6 B-B3 44. P-K14 Kt-P3 56. Kt-B4 B-B3 56. Kt-K3 B-K47 58. Kt-Q3 37. K-B2 B-Q4 59. Kt-B5 B-B3 59. Kt-B5 B-B3 59. Kt-B5 B-B3 59. Kt-B5 B-B4	161 K3 B5 B5 B5 B7 B5 B7 B6 B7 B6 B7 B6 B7 B6 B7 B6 B7 B6 B7 B7 B7 B7 B7 B7 B7 B7 B7 B7 B7 B7 B7	
36. K-K3 B-Kł7 58. Kt-Q3 B- 37. K-B2 B-Q4 59. Kt-B5 B- 38. Kt-B3 Kt-B2 60. B-K1 39. Kt-K11 Kt-Q1 61. Kt-K6 B-	K7 B5 K7 B6	
40. P-R4 Kt-83 62. Kt-84 Dray	vin.	

SICILIAN DEFENSE

USA vs Yugoslavia Radio Match

Ro	ound On	e, Board 8	
White KOSTICH (Yugoslavia)		R.	Black BYRNE (USA)
1. P-K4 2. KI-KB3 3. P-Q4 4. KtxP 5. Kt-QB3 6. P-KKt3 7. B-Kt2 8. O-O 9. B-K3	P-QB4 P-K3 P×P Kt-KB3 P-03 P-QR3 Q-B2 B-K2 B-O2	17. P-KKt5 18. Kt-Q5 19. KR-K1 20. Kt-B3 21. PxP 22. Kt-Kt1 23. K-R1 24. Kt-Q2 25. P-K5	Kt-Q: B-O: Kt-B- P-Kt: PxF B-Kt: KR-O: P-Q: B-R:
10. O-K2 11. QR-Q1 12. P-KB4 13. Kt-kt 14. P-OR3 15. P-KK14 16. B-B1	Rt-B3 QR-B1 P-OKt4 B+Kt 0-0 Q-Kt2 P-QR4	26. B-B3 27. P-R4 28. P-R5 29. Q-Kt2 30. P-B5 31. P-Kt6	R-02 KR-82 B-Kt- Kt-02 RxP

Are You A Member? Is Your Friend A Member? After 21. P-Kt6 BYRNE



KOSTICH

31	KtxP	36. QxP	R(B8)-B2
32. RxKt	RxB	37. R-Kt5	RxP ch
33. PxRP ch	K-R1	38. K-Kt2	0-OB2
34. P-86	P-Kt3	39. B-R5	Q-KB5
35. PxP		40. Kt-B3	Drawn
DI 113.4	PAIREL	COLIN	

BLUMENFELD COUNTER GAMBIT Canadian Championship Arvida, 1949

Notes by J. Mayer

17.

8-81

9-93 is not only aesthetic but is much stronger as it keeps the B on the long (and weak) diagonal.

9-93 19. P-KK13 R-KU P-B4 0-03 19 P-KK3
ther obscure since White's plan
de P-QK13,
P-B57
B-B8 Q-B4 ch P-05 P-06 BxBP Q-04 ch P-R3 QR-K1 BxKi Kt-K5 RxR KtxP 21. B-B2 22. K-Kt2 23. Q-K1 24. B-Q1 25. P-KR4 26. K-R2 White con could resign with no qualm

34. Q-Kt4 35. QxBP ch, K-R1 32. 33. K-Kt2 Q-K3 ch R-KB1 After 35. ...



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	36. QxB	Q-B7 ch	39. BxP	R-B6 ch
	37. K-R3	Kt-K7!	40. K-Kt4	Q-Kt7 ch
	38. BxKt	PxB	41. K-R5	P-Kt3mate

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

White
M. BYLAND
P. L. DIETZ
P.K4
P-QB4
P-Q

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The book's best. A true pawngrabber (like mp) would take the P and then suffer. 4, 4KpxP QxP S. Kt.KB3 P-K4 P-K3 is probably better. 6, PxP BxP 7. Kt-R3 ——This seems better on principle than its rival R.R.S. Both moves, of course, originate in Frank Marshall.

Hoth moves, of course, originate Frank Marshall.

Kt-QB3
Wher than PCU's P-K6 which wastes futher time, opens lines, and exposes the KI S. B-K12
B-K12
B-K12
B-K15
B-K2
B-K2
B-K5
B-K2
B-K5
B-K2
B-K5
B-K6
B-K7
B-K7 and exposes the KP.

11. BxB KKt-K2

12. P-B3 B-B4

13. G-O G-O

1 and should be able Q-Q1 II B-Kt5 II B-Kt I to weather the

rficially bad but looks playable analysis. An excellent game to with the King of Arabia.

PXP 17. P-Q5 P-QR3

B-Kt5

After 17. , P-QR3

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18. PxKt 19. PxP 20. QxQ 21. B-K5 OxKt OR-01 PxO Kt-84 22. B-B7 23. B×R 24. KR-Q1

SICILIAN DEFENSE U. S. Open Championship Omaha, 1949

"Not for the Sleepy"

White

J. MARTIN
P-K4 P-QB4
Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3
P-Q4 PxP
Kt-P Kt-B3
Kt-QB3 P-K4
Kt(4)-Kt5 B-Kt5 H. 10. 0-0 11. P-B4 12. K-R1 13. B-Q3 14. Q-K1 15. B×P 16. Q-Kt3 17. Kt-Kt5 18. P-R3 BxKt ch 0-0 P-KR3

After 18. PxP



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18.		KtxB	28.	RxP	0x0
19.	QxKt(3)	Kt-B7ch	29.	PxQ	B-B3
20.	RxKt	QxR	30.	P-K6	K-Ktl
21.	R-KB1	Q-K13	31.	B-K5	P-KKt4
22.	BxQP	B-Q2	32.	R-Kt7 ah	K-B1
23.	P-K5 oh	K-KEL	33.	R-R7	B-KI
24.	Kt-B7	QR-B1	34.	B-86	R-BS ch
25.	Kt-Q5	Q-Kt4	35.	K-R2	B-B2
26.	Kt-K7 ch	K-R1		RxB ch	Resigns
27.	KtxR	RxKt	E-Ri	-mi - 1	

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