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#### CONTEST IS HOT IN MSCA ELECTION

The Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts State Chess Association developed into a very hot contest one disgruntled candidate circulated prior to the meeting an open letter in which he charged officers with various acts of misconduct. That the charges were seriously considered by the bulk of the membership became apparent when the candidate failed of election at the meeting which showed confidence in its officers of the past year by electing a slate which supported the policies of the past administration.

Part of the new program of the MSCA includes a State Championship Tournament to be played over four week-ends and an increased emphasis upon the already developed program of chess for grade and high school ages. Interscholas-tic Director Robert W. Reddy was successful in obtaining the gift of a suitable trophy for the grade school championship from Dr. Godfrey Lowell Cabot and a similar trophy for the high school championship will be acquired.

Officers of the MSCA elected at the annual meeting were: Jeremy Coulter president; Sidney Wool-Coulter president; dridge, Paul Worchester, John Egan and Roger Curtis vice-presi-dents; Charles Acorn treasurer; J. Leland Cawthorne secretary; Waldo L. Waters publicity and tournament director; and retiring president Robert W. Reddy interscholastic director.

#### MORGAN WINS AT HUNTINGTON

Victory in the Huntington (W. V.) City Championship went to Charles Morgan with an 11-1 score. Morgan, state junior champion, lost his to veteran only game Scott and in a tournament marred by large number of forfeits benefited only from one (Dr. Werthammer) while besting Landis Marks, Tyson Cobb and other leading players.

Tyson Cobb placed second with 10%-1%, while Paul Dunn and H. Landis Marks tied for third with 9-3 each. Nineteen forfeits marred the event with Dr. Werthammer losing 7 games in that manner and Mark two. There were 13 entries in the event.

#### NSW TEAM BESTS SO. AUSTRALIA

In a 10-board telegraph match, a team from New South Wales with Australian champion Purdy facing So. Australian champion Arlauskas on board one, defeated the South Australian group by a 7-3 score. Purdy and Arlauskas drew on board one, but Koshnitsky bested Endzelins on board two for NSW while teammate Pilker was de-feating Bowman on board three. Arlauskas and Endzelins represent recent Lithuanian arrivals who have strengthened Australian chess immeasureably, while Koshnitsky has now become almost an old timer.

#### RESHEVSKY HOLDS OLD TIME MAGIC

As reports on the simultaneous exhibition tour of Grandmaster Samuel Reshevsky pour in, it becomes evident that he has lost little of his old time magic touch. Victories scored against him have

At the Edison Chess & Checker Club (Detroit) Reshevsky scored 37 wins and 3 draws in a 40-board simultaneous, and his only loss was his hat which Mr. A. R. Brauer of Midland had taken in mistake for his own. Despite this loss (of the hat) Reshevsky scored a 40board victory at Bay City on the following night. In Detroit, the event was notable for the excellent press notices, including a feature story in the Detroit News on the loss of his hat and the whole of the Monday column "The Umpire" by H. G. Salsinger, relating his chess career.

#### STAGE SUPER-SIMUL AT MILWAUKEE

Samuel Reshevsky gave a supersimultaneous exhibition in Milwaukee in the gymnasium of Lapham Park against a galaxy of 86 local and state players in an exhibition sponsored by the Milwaukee Public Schools, and drew over 400 spectators.

Former Wisconsin state champion Arpad E. Elo was the only player to defeat the American Grandmaster, a feat which was accomplished in 20 odd moves. 18 other players succeeded in gaining draws. These were: Mark Surgies. Jerome Kraszewski, Dr. O. M. Wehrley, Ben Zukrow, David Ar-gatian, Ralph Abrams, Heinz Loewy, Rev. Raymond de Dobay, Paul Diebold, William Oneby, Rob-ert Schmidt, Paul Engberg, John Paul Diebold, William Carl, John ert Schmidt, Paul Engberg, John Carl Bauer, George Thompson, Carl Bauer, George Wamboldt, Maurice Kuchinsky, Sally Eisenberg and Marlene Kujoth.

#### **BOSTON ADDS** CHESS COLUMN

A new chess column has made its appearance in Boston in the newspaper Darbininkas, as a tribute to the number of Lithuanian chess players now in New England. Editor of this Lithuanian language chess column is Kazy Merkis who placed third in the recent Boston City Championship, won by his fellow-countryman, Povilas Tautvaisha.

#### MYERS CAPTURES DECATUR TITLE

Victory in the annual Decatur (III.) City Championship went to Hugh Myers with a 14½-1½ score, nosing out defending champion Gerald Garver by one-half point. Third place went to Max Schlösser with an 11-5 score. 17 players were entered in the round-robin event.

Washington, 1950



G. E. Hartleb vs. C. M. Burton Correspondence, 1949-50



riberki, ppp@pp, 4s3, 2sSpp2, 2P5, BiP3Pi, PiQiPPBP, iRiReRi

#### Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

Send all contributions for this column to Edmund Nash, 1530 28th Place, S.E.,

Washington 20, D. C.

THE solutions to the two positions above do not call for immediate knockout blows. In Position No. 29, White with his first move paralyzes Black's rook (a problem-like position!). In the game, Black resigned after White's fifth move.

In Position No. 30. a quiet threatening first move by White leads to a position when; white stands to win a pawn while at the same time undoubling and uniting his Q-side pawns. In the game, Black avoided this unpleasant possibility and met disaster, resigning after White's fourth move.

Please turn to page four for solutions.

#### The Kibitzer Has His Day From the Editor's Mail Bag

#### The Truth Prevails? But Does It? Mr. Harvey Finds His Defenders

What the reader thinks is important, even when there may be doubts about the validity of his viewpoint—what he thinks is even more important when he may possibly be correct in his views. Therefore, we make no apology for intruding upon front page space with these various critical comments—The Editor. Dear Mr. Major:

I have in the past enjoyed and admired your Editorials, they have been sharp and refreshing but the one attacking my fellow Kibitzer, CCLAer Mr. Harvey Jr., is not worthy of your signature. I had to read it several times before I believed my eyes. I also read Mr. Harvey's letter to the above department, I read it very carefully but failed to find anything that should cause such an outburst of distemper. Every member present on our last meeting of the Attleboro Chess Club was asked to give his opinion about the letter and the verdict was unanimous, they Mr. Harvey to be correct in all of his statements.

I am also a Kibitzer, so I will side in with Mr. Harvey. I know it is hard for a chess editor to stay clear of the "Cold War" 100 per cent, but to make an issue of it is a different story.

And furthermore, I question your source of information. Dr. Bogatyrchuk was on the staff of the Russian "Quisling" Vlasov at Kiev six years ago. Or in other words, he was a "Nazi" sympathizer at the time our country was at war with the Nazis.

For my money, Mr. Harvey's criticism is worth more to us than

half-truths supplied by Dr. Bogatyrchuk.

It will always be difference of opinion between nations, religions, politicians, people and kibitzers. It should be a sad world indeed if we all agreed on everything.

You have made "Chess Life" one of the most interesting magazines of our time, keep it that way. Let's not start any foolish arguments about things that have nothing to do with chess.

SVEN BRASK Attleboro, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Major:

For a long time now I have refrained from writing you a letter. believing that the very arguments I'd have to use in the letter would arguments against my writing you in the first place! But what little intellect I possess has finally been battered to death by my emotions-I must write in protest against your policy of vitriolic attack on anyone and everyone who happens to displease you.

Your treatment of Mr. Harvey to the February 20th issue of "Chess Life" was just about the most vicious piece of backstabbing I've ever run across. It was obvious that Mr. Harvey's reasoning was

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#### CHOOSE CAPTAINS: SET MATCH DATE

As we go to press, formal ac-ceptance of a coast-to-coast team match between the USA and Can-ada has been made by both the United States Chess Federation and the Chess Federation of Canada.

Plans for a bigger and better battle along the 3000 mile border are being laid in the hopes of surpassing last year's encounter which

passing last year's encounter which saw the victory go to the USA by a score of 116½ to 86½.

The U. S. Team Captain for the 1950 battle will be Phill J. Mary, 43 Gallatin Ave., Buffalo 7, N. Y. The date of Sunday, June 18th has been set for the encounter.

Both the USCF and the CFC have hopes that contacts can be made this year for more representa-tive groups from those regions which supplied few or no players in the in the engagement of last year.

# DOMSKY TAKES RACINE TITLE

Art Domsky, 26 year old veteran became the Racine (Wis.) City Champion in a 7-round Swiss event, winning five and drawing two for a 6-1 score. Also unde-feated was 18 year old David Arganian, the runnerup, who won four but permitted three draws for a 51/2-11/2 score. Defending champion Rudy Kunz suffered a 1st round upset defeat from Nielson and lost to Domsky in the 5th round, but was otherwise victorious for a 5-2 score and third place. Twenty-eight entered the Swiss event, and Domsky not only captured the title but become Racine's official entry in the Wisconsin State Championship in May.

#### OMAHA ROUTED BY RESHEVSKY

In a brilliant performance at Omaha, Samuel Reshevsky stunned the local chess talent by winning 24, drawing 1 and losing none in his simultaneous exhibition at the site of the 1949 U.S. Open Championship. Howard Ohman salvaged the only draw, while such local stars as Lee Magee and Jack Spence went down to defeat. Before the exhibition Reshevsky lectured upon an ending he had played against Alatortsev in a Russian tournament some years before in which he achieved the almost legendary feat of drawing with two pawns minus in every variation.

## CLEVELAND ROUTS

Ey a one-sided score of 22-7 a 21-man team from Cleveland routed the Columbus team in a recent inter-city match. State Champion Walter Mann went down before former Cleveland Champion John Hoy on board one while Larry Friedman was besting Jim Schroeder on board two.

#### SAVE THESE DATES! July 10 - July 22 FOR THE

51st Annual U. S. **Open Tournament** AT DETROIT, MICH.

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#### THE REVERSE OF THE MEDALLION

N THIS issue we publish in "The Kibitzer Has His Day" several In this issue we publish in the kinds of the leaft vigorously to the defense of Mr. Harvey and his presumed cause. We will not comment upon these epistles individually, for we believe that each one speaks for itself in revealing what emotions passed through the mind of its author and prompted him to write.

From the college undergraduate, who has not yet learned that logical thinking can be clothed in rhetoric without ceasing to be logical (we recommend a perusal of "In L. Catilinam" or "Pro A. Licinio Archia Peeta"), to our still highly esteemed colleague from New England—one strangely common factor is apparent in all these comments: One is not permitted to voice a criticism of any Soviet action without being denounced as contributing to the "Cold War."

To our mind it is both striking and slightly appalling that this admittedly too vehement editorial on Mr. Harvey (who did not merit the space and probably did not deserve the excessive declamation) has brought torth such a flood of denunciations when an equally (or even more) vigorous editorial about a certain American chess player of note, which was published some months ago, was permitted to pass without adverse comment from any reader. One can but assume, therefore, that Mr. Harvey gains his host of belligerant defenders merely because he speaks on behalf of the Soviet Union; and not because his communication was severly criticised in print. Else we would expect disapprobation for the two other occasions (yes, there were only two; although some readers have magnified the numbers), when we by name criticised the actions and words of other chess players.

We have been accused of anti-Russian propaganda, merely because we have been accused or anti-reason propagation, morely because we reprinted portions of Dr. Bohatirchuk's letter regarding chees conditions in the Soviet Union with a few restrained comments of our own. (The British magazine "Chess" received several caustic letters for publishing the letter originally, although the editor made no comments.) But none of our accusers deems it to be propaganda when chess conditions in the Soviet Union are lauded as ideal and held up as an example of a perfection that we in our lands must strive to attain. Since when has the reverse side of the medallion been so much less important than the face?

We have no objection to what has been written voluminously about the fine features of chess promotion in the Soviet Union, for this prothe fine features of chess promotion in the Soviet Union, for this promotion has many very striking characteristics which we can well study to advantage and endeavor to adapt for use in our own country. On the other hand, there is no need (and certainly little intelligence) for us to become disciple of the literary ostrich and hide our heads in the sand at the slightest suggestion that there may be some disadvantages also in the Soviet chess regime. Only a very bigoted person (and apparently, we have a number of these among our readers) can object to parently, we have a number of these among our readers) can object to a simple statement of a certain number of disadvantages which have developed during the course of Soviet chess promotion. We cannot have a clear picture of the situation unless we see both sides of the medallion; and we cannot judge without knowing both disadvantages and advantages. That the Soviet sympathizers cannot bear the revelation of the reverse of the medallion is in itself a stronger criticism of the Soviet chess situation than any that could be written.

But, of course, the Soviet enthusiast, like every righteous zealot, cannot bear even the hint of criticism, however honestly offered and however restrained in tone. To him the Soviet Union can do no wrong, and the slightest suggestion that Communism in common with every other man-created ideal must have a few practical defects in its organism is a mortal heresy that he cannot bear.

Most interesting of all is the united reaction that our criticism of certain FIDE resolutions becomes a move in the "Cold War"—a thought so preposterious that we did not even foresee the possibility of this accusation until our zealous readers enlightened us.

Certainly, we do not intend to let a group of delegates at the FIDE assembles ride rough-shod over the rights of other nations, merely to avoid a ridiculous charge of participating in the "Cold War." Our criticism of the FIDE decisions would have been made equally vigorously, if the recipients of the favors had been England, France or Norway or even the United States. The criticism of what happened at the FIDE Assembly last summer bore then and bears now no relation to the political situation abroad. Only those extremely devoted partisans of the Soviet cause, to whom all criticism becomes an "act of war," however kindly intended, could so interpret an objection to certain decision which placed the interests of one would also of the interests of one would be also one of the interests of one would be also one of the interests of one would be also one of the interests of one would be also one of the interests of one would be also one of the interests of one would be also one of the interests of one would be also one of the interests of one of the country of the interests of one of the interests of the country of the interests of the country of the interests of the country of which placed the interests of one group ahead of the interests of all other groups within the FIDE organization.

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We confess we have found the letters of "complaint" and "accusation" most interesting and enlightening. To quote another correspondent, whose letter we do not publish because it is among those which

endorse our policy; "It is an ever amazing thing to me to observe who hollers when the Soviet is pinched."

In closing, we must accord the scoring of a point to Mr. Lester, who is quite correct in commenting that "rising luminary" hardly is an adequate description for the veteran Levenfish. Frankly, the editor did not recognize the noted Lowenfisch in Levenfish until too late. But in conceding this point, we must still maintain that while we would accept the nomination of Levensish as grandmaster upon the basis of past achievements, we still object vehemently to the form in which he and Ragozin were accorded the title of grandmaster—not on past performance, but separately as "Russian grandmasters" in a category by them-selves. (To forestall comment from those who have read the resume of the FIDE meeting in an English reprint from "Tidskrift for Schack," the article is very misleading on this point, indicating that Ragozin and Leventish were included in the group of Duras, Rubinstein, etc; whereas the official draft of the minutes of the FIDE meeting definitely indicates that the nomination of Ragozin and Levenfish was a separate act.)

It is reported that Reshevsky is having difficulty in obtaining a visa for Hungary, as the State Department seems to eye with disfavor the entry of U. S. nationals since the Vogler affair. The British editor B. H. Wood failed to attend a FIDE committee meeting in Europe recently because he could not obtain a visa from the British Foreign Office. We report these incidents as news, and we trust that we are not held personally responsible for them, as we seem to be held responsible for all other acts displeasing to the Soviet Union.

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# The Kibitzer Has His Day

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not altogther sound, but the unsoundness could have been pointed out without tearing Mr. Harvey to bits in your editorial. Besides, his main point was a good one; your attempts to make "Chess Life" a medium for anti-Russian propaganda are positively disgusting. How about cancelling our subscription to Montgomery Major and renewing our subscription to "Chess Life?"

A college freshman, with one course in psychology, is acquainted with the fact that calling one's opponents names doesn't immedi-ately effect their reform. Rather, it is apt to anger them, keep them from seeing any logic you may have used along with your namecalling. So if you are so intent upon proving that all who oppose you are indisputably wrong, tame down your Winston Churchillesque rhetoric and try a little common courtesy. You remind me of some teachers who take advantage of their position to heap sarcasm and abuse upon the pupil who dares to disagree with them. Harvey gets a half-column and you take more than two columns to answer him, and then you have the colossal nerve to say, "we have ac-corded to Mr. Harvey's comments space and notice beyond their importance." Talk about idiotic denunciations and intolerance—Har-vey couldn't begin to compete with The famous Major logic operating again!

And talking about logic, you buld stand a little grooming yourself! Remember your attempt to belittle Ragozin and Levenfish because of their failure in one particular tournament? Levenfish is over 60 years old, was accorded the grandmastership because of past performances, not because anyone thinks he is currently in the running for the world's championship. Why not quibble about Vidmar and Mieses if you're going to find fault with the selection of the Russian grandmaster? But then, anyone who would designate Levenfish "a rising luminary" (Chess Life editorial, Jan. 5th) is not very likely to be conversant with the facts in the case. Ragozin is admittedly erratic, but his second to Botvinnik in the Tchigorin Memorial Tourney (only 1/2 point behind the winner and ahead of Smyslov, Boleslavsky, Keres, Ko-tov, etc.), his overwhelming defeat of Bondarevsky in a match, his 4 points out of a possible 4 in the U.S.A.-U.S.S.R. matches, and his fine showing against the grand-masters in the Moscow 1935 Tournament ought to be convincing proof of his talent. I have great respect for Kashdan's ability, but where

do you think he'd have finished in the Tchigorin Memorial?

Isn't it bad enough that most of our newspapers, magazines, and radio programs are stuffed full of flag-waving and truth distortion without lousing up our chess journals with the same sort of junk? And even if you honestly believe that everything you say is true, does it need to be couched in terms that inspire hate and distrust? Wouldn't an attitude that tries to see both sides lead to more understanding in the long run? Or are you one of those guys who glibly dismiss this possibility by saying. "Oh, you can't reason with those Russians!", meaning. of course, that they aren't going to try to!

I realize that in this letter I have stooped to the same name-calling I accused you of, but, as I stated in the first paragraph, my emotions have finally overcome my reason. Reason tells me that this letter will do nothing to change you, will instead serve as a springboard from which you will leap to new name-callings, but my emotions demand that something be said about your mud-slinging tac-

ORLANDO A. LESTER, JR. Portsmouth, New Hampshire

I am convinced that J. W. Harvey is fundamentally wrong and you are fundamentally right in the recent argument (I don't suppose you'll print this letter, but if you do for heaven's name don't leave out that first phrase). However, before you condemn Harvey too severely for his emotional and illogical letter, I would advise you to reread your own article.

Such statements as "intolerance s the idiotic denunciation," "thoughtless correspondent," "folly of his remarks," "fantastic argu-ments," "religious zeal," "impenetrable immunity to both logic and common sense," "devoted zealot," "the chimaeras that exist in the stygian darkness of ignorance and prejudice," "(not) the remotest prejudice," "(not) the remotest semblance of intelligence," "false and pidding accusations," etc. etc., throughout the next twelve paragraphs or so may or not be true. But they are certainly not logical restrained or unprefudiced. Their use of simple namecalling, exageration, and metaphor (I beg you to reconsider that "styglan darkness" phrase) is certainly contrary to all logical principles of which I know.

I am amazed and extremely displeased that you should have con-

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### Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data By A. Buschke

THE FIVE games of this 10 game match, which were not publish-ed in either Alekhine's "Best Games 1908-1923" or Reinfeld's "Unknown Alekhine," follow here, with Alekhine's own notes.

We are certain that Alekhine would have found many of his own notes loquacious and open to revisions in later years, but we be-lieve that by publishing just these early commentaries in complete translation and with as little absolutely necessary changes as pos-sible for a conscientious translator, we are throwing more light on the character of the young Alekhine than by substituting "modern" notes for those of a young and not quite mature genius of the first

We shall later publish also the original Alekhine notes, as given in Novoe Vremia and Shakhmatnyi Viestnik, to those three games which are now easily available in Alekhine's "Best Games 1908-1923" with his own later notes (i.e., in addition to the "doctored" game No. 8 published in an earlier article, the second match game) or in Reinfeld's "Unknown Alekhine" (i. e., in addition to the first game shortened by Reinfeld, and published by us in complete form in an earlier article, the third and fifth games).

At least for the third, fourth and fifth games, Alekhine's notes in the two early publications of the match games are not identical; for the fourth game our readers will find both versions of Alekhine's notes below; and by comparing them with each other one can gain rarely encountered insight into the working methods of the mind of a genius. We believe that it is quite significant that the 3 games doubly annotated by Alekhine fall into that period of the match which must be considered the weakest for Alekhine: in the third game, he made what he calls himself a "gross blunder" in the 33rd move and is saved only by his opponent's weak 37th move; the fourth and fifth games went to his opponent in a row-there certainly was rea-son for young Alekhine to take stock at this particular juncture and to find out what was wrong with him at this moment.

#### VIENNA GAME

Fourth Match Game, St. Petersburg, February 19 (March 4), 1913.
Notes by A. A. Alekhine in Novoe
Vremia (marked "N.V.") of March 5
(18), 1913 and in Shekhmatnyi Viestnik
(marked "S.V.") No. 5 of March 1
(14), 1913.

Vrema (marked N.V.) of March 1
(18), 1913 and in Shakhmatnyi Viestnik
(marked "Sh.V.") No. 5 of March 1
(14), 1913.

White
A. A. ALEKHINE
S. M. LEVITSKY
1. P-K8
A. P-K4
A. P-Q3
2. K.LQB3
A. K.LB3
3. B-B4
Black
A. A. BLEKHINE
S. M. LEVITSKY
2. P-K8
A. P-K4
A. P-Q3
2. K.LQB3
A. K.LB3
3. B-B4
Black
A. A. BLEKHINE
S. M. LEVITSKY
3. B-B4
Black
A. B-KB3
S. B-B4
Black
Black
A. B-KB3
S. B-B4
Black
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Send solutions to Position No. 43 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by April 5, 1950.

Solution to Position No. 41

This very pretty position occurred in a game between Grunfeld and Dr. Tarrasch at Balen-Baden in 1925. Grunfeld (with White) won very neatly by: 1. B-R4! P-R8 (if I. B-R3; 2. B-B5 ch, K-R1; 3. K-R-6 mate); 2. Q-B8 ch, K-R2; 4. R-R4; 4. K-R4; 6. R-R5 (b, K-R1; 6. R-R5 d); 6. R5 d); 6. R5 d); 6. R5 d)

2. Q. 188 ch, Ktxi; 3, B. 185 ch, Ktxi; 6, Ktxi;

RACINE CITY
CHAMPIONSHIP
Leading Scorers

Art. Domsky
David Arganian
Rudy Kuna
Edwin Poetschke
John Ober
John Ober
John Ober
John Ober
John Aroka
Ed Erdman
H. C. Zierke
E. W. Jensen
John Abt
Bernard Adonsum
Wilfred Jacobi
Emanual Nielsen
Warren Spencer

AUSTRALIAN TELEGRAPH South

New South Wales
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Koehnitsky 1 Endo
Pilker 1 Bown
Kruger \$ Lydra
Klass

Aunt

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m HIS}$  BOOK of the Budapest International Tournament of 1948 (won by Szabo) is a treat for the chess polyglot. With the assistance of Dr. Paul Garvin, a colleague in linguistics, I am able to report that it is

Like so many continental chess books, this one is quite elaborate. There are long sections dealing with the history of chess in Hungary

paratively modest, and the book as a whole will make a novel addition

Mate The Subtle Way!

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Chess For The Tired Business Man

#### To The Victor

W SEE here a game between two very enterprising players. One takes risks based on bluff, his opponent is careful to see that every move is substantiated by sound calculation. Many of the games between Spielmann and Tartakover (part of a thirty-year duel!) have this sharply contrasted character. Here it is Tartakover who shows to advantage but on many an occasion it was Spielmann who carried off the spoils of victory!

#### RUY LOPEZ Vienna, 1909

White R. SPIELMANN S. TARTAKOVER 1. P-K4 2. Kt-KB3 3. B-Kt5 The inferior Cozio which leaves White with a choice of many good continuations.

4. Kt-B3 P-KKt37 5. P-Q41 PxP 6. KtxP? Amazingly thoughtless for such an ingenious player as Spielmann. 6. Kt-Q5! (incidentally threatening 

QxP etc. or 6. . B-Kt2; 7. B-Kt5! and White's game plays itself, B-Kt2

6. E-K2
7. E-K3
0-0
8. P-KR47
A first (and last!) gesture toward attack. Better was 8. Q-Q2. 9. PXP KtxP! 10. Kt(4)xKt After 10. BxKt, KtxKt!; 11. PxKt,

PxB Black has an ideal two-Bishop situation.

10. .... 11. BxBP



Counterattack is the best defense. If 12, QxQ, KtxBPch with a vastly superior game no matter how White replies.

12. PxKt R-Ktl
13. QxQ
He scurries for safety. The abject 13. Q-B1 would be hopeless: 13. ...... BxKtch; 14. PxB, Q-B3;
 15. B-B3, QxBPch; 16. K-B2, R-Kt7; 17. B-Q1, R-Q1 and White is

13. 0-0 On 14. Kt-Q1 the continuation might be 14. B-QR3 (more forcing than 14. BxP; 15. R-QKt1, R-Kt3); 15. R-QKt1, R-Kt3; 16. B-B3, R(3)-Q3 with decisive pressure.

crushed.

14. KI-05 B-QR3
16. OR-Q1
16. KR-Q1, K-B1 offers no hope, Black's Bishops being too strong and White's Pawns too weak. A possibility: 17. KtxP?, R-B1!; 18. KtxB, RxB or 18. R-Q7, R-Kt3

winning a piece in either event. 16. \_\_\_\_ R-Q3 Stronger than 16. ..... BxR; 17.

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Kt-K7ch, K-B1; 18. RxRch, KxKt; 19. R-Q7ch followed by 20. KxB and White has a game of sorts.

17. R-B2 17. Kt-K7ch, K-B1; 18. RxR costs White the exchange. After 17. KR-K1 Black wins neatly with 17. B-B6!; 18. KtxB, RxB and White should resign.

17. K-81
18. 8-R4
White resigns, for if 19. Kt-B3,
BxKt!; 20. RxR, R-Kt8ch; 21. KR2. B-K4ch with a piece to the good. What Bishops!

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

#### The Kibitzer (Continued from page 2)

descended to Mr. Harvey's own type of reasoning, especially since the first sentence of your article was a quotation directed against "passion and prejudice." that you consider yourself a fight-ing editor, and I greatly prefer your attitude to a neutral one. But it is possible to fight, and fight hard, without throwing mud in bucketfuls.

Let me point out finally that you defeat your own purpose by your unsympathetic style. The rements in your favor are overheiming; if you had simply preented them clearly and calmly ie vast majority of your readers besitatingly. But the reader who reads phrase after phrase of the type indicated above may be excused for wondering whether you are trying to cover a weak position with verbal bombardments.

"I realize that I have accorded to your comments space and notice beyond their importance; but there so much muddled thinking in these days . . . "-I think you owe your readers, though perhaps not

Mr. Harvey, an apology.
RAY SACHS
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Major:

I feel compelled in the interest of Chess to express to you my opinion of your Editorial in Chess Life of February 20, 1950, which takes up half a page of valuable space to answer a few lines written to you by Mr. J. W. Harvey,

Jr., Manistee, Michigan.

I have no quarrel with your opinion of the FIDE decisions.
You expressed it before and I agree with it. However, in looking beneath the heavy layer of high sounding words and phrases I cannot discover any particularly brilliant display of logic—the absence of which you so violently object to in Mr. Harvey's letter. Such expressions as "The false magic of mass Chess production" simply leaves me wondering, but then that is a matter of opinion and I may be wrong.

On one point though, I feel very

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Address all communications to this column to Vincent L. Eaton, 3901 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C. N 0. 154 is a little oddity which we thought might give you some fun as an "April Fool" novelty. Before solving it, see if you can guess the square on which the Black King will be mated on the eighth

by Vincent L. Eaton

move. The key is one that is not often found in problems, but the play is quite orthodox and legal, I have not been able to verify that it was composed by Shinkman, and if anyone can supply more information about the author I should be glad to have it.

annual two-mover prize, shows engaging play by the Black Rooks and

By Edgar Holladay Charlottesville, Va.

Composed for Chess Life Black: 7 men



6rl, 1P1Rd, 1Skp1sRt, 3P5, 2P5, slSp1KtQ, 5B1b, 7B White mates in two moves

Problem No. 153 By Julius Buchwald Jackson Heights, N. Y. First Prize, Two-Mover, American Chess Bulletin, 1949



White: 10 men 1B6, 3Pp3, 2BsP3, disR4, 4kiKp, 1prRP3, 1Q1:3S, 57 White mates in two moves

sure of my ground: If a letter addressed to the Editor appears to be dishonest, or not up to the high mentality expected, it is his privilege to ignore it. However, if he answers, it must be assumed that the correspondent has expressed an honest opinion, and to publicly call him a fool, idiot, and other names is not worthy of a gentleman and a Representative of The United States Chess Federation.

You have built up a great reputation and have earned the high respect of Chess Players all over the land through hard work and a life long devotion to the cause of Chess-for this we will always be grateful to you, but I have always found a true Chess Player a humble and friendly soul, and this letter is written in the hope that somehow it may help you shed some of your superiority complex and try to be one of us.

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# The Reader's Road To Chess

CENTENARIS NEMZETKOZI SAKKMESTERVERSENY (CENTEN-NIAL INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT). Edited by Istvan Kossa. Annotations by Geza Maroczy and others. Magyar Sakkvilag, 1949. Paper covers, 168 pp., 2 photographs.

written in six languages: English, French, German, Czech, Yugoslav, and Hungarian. English-speaking readers familiar with the algebraic notation will find their way around in it without trouble, however, because the game scores are given with small chess figures instead of Hungarian symbols.

the banquets and other welcomes for the contestasts, and the theoretical value of the openings used in the tournament. One section reviews the play of the non-prize-winners. Each round is introduced with a journal-istic headline ("Round Two: Gligoric is ahead!") and comment on the games. These are annotated by Pachman (who also did the openings analysis), Szily, Barcza, Tartakover, and other contestants, and by the grand old man of Hungarian chess, Geza Maroczy. The concluding 40page section publishes the prize-winning problems and analysis from the Centennial Task Tournament: 8-move direct mate, 2-movers, etc., with a special prize awarded H. Varkonyi for his 137-mover in the competition calling for at least 25 moves.

The selection of games is generous, the political overtones are comto the chessplayer's library.

about the author I should be glad to have it.

The other three problems exhibit the recent work of three presentday American composers. In No. 151 Edgar Holladay presents a rather
original combination of Black half-pins and White King battery mates
with his usual finesse. No. 152 is by a well-known composer who has
made a specialty of building up difficult two-movers into three-move
problems, making the main line hard to see and quite surprising once
it is hit upon. No. 153, which has just won the American Chess Builetin's
annual two-mover mire shows engaging they by the Black Books and

Solutions to previously published problems on page four.

Problem No. 151

By H. C. Mowry Malden, Mass. Composed for Chess Life Black: 11 mer



Problem No. 152

White: 12 men 5esl, 3p2Qp, P1p2rbP, Rp6, 1p85, 1P2B2B, 1K38 White mates in three

Problem No. 154 By W. A. Shinkman (?)



White: 8 men

k7, P7, P7, P7, P7, P7, P7, R3K3 White mates in eight moves Boost American Chess! By Joining the USCF

## Tournament Life

P-Q6!

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he text is prol xP, R-B71 i. Kt-Kt5 Kt-Kt1, Kt-Ra

29. R-R6!
Threatening both the KP and R-B6,
Meeting one the

Threatening both the KP and R-186.

30, QR-KBI

Meeting one threat, and intending R-182 to free the other R.

30. — P-QR-BI

But mow that the White Rs are busy on the K-side, Black begins a Q-side attack, The attack, Black Black R-182, R-183 and R-183, K-184 and R-183, K-184 and R-184, R-184 and R-184, R

His scaled move, played after fifteen of deliberation, He offers a P in an to reach the weak K-side with his Black\_alakes the P, he must lose passed P.

wins it. R-R2 R-Kt2 ch K-K5 K-K4 R-R2 he 48. 49. 50. 51.

K-Kt5

the text, of P-Kt6 R-QKt7

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Canadian Championship Arvida, 1949

Notes by J. Lapin

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P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-QB3 P-Q4
P-Q84 P-KKB 4. B-B4

-OB4 P-KKD 4, B-84
popular
4, Kt-KBS, B-Kf2; 5, Q-Kf5, PAF;
9, O-0; 7, P-K4 as in Botvinnik-Smys
6 Grotingen 1946 and the World Char
h 1948. The text move is good pay
ally—not weak but giving the imp

R-R5 ch 43, KxP K-B RxP 44, K-Kt5 K-B so good, Black chose the text be realized that the White K canno ent return in time. K-B4 47, R-K2 K-Kt5

K-Kt5!

53. R-QKt2 P-R5
54. R-R2 R-B8
55. K-K3 R-KR8:
56. K-B4 R-KP
57. R-R3 oh
course, is hopolese.
59. R-R4 R-Kt4 oh
60. K-B4 P-Kt7
Resigns

23. 24. P×Kt 25. K-Q2 26. P×P

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27. KR-QB1 R-KB4! 28. P-B4 R-KR4 29. R-KR1 .....

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#### He weakens White's third rank, If instead, R-KE4; Ri-Kt5, R-R5; P-B5, R-B5; Kt-K6 and Black probably cannot win. 19, P-Kt3 F-Q61 NIMZOVITCH DEFENSE Hasting Christmas Hasting, 1949

Notes by Edw. J. Korpanty

Black
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5. PxP Kt-QB3
6. Kt-KB3 Kt-K5
7. B-Q2 KtxBP White DR. M. EUWE 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 2. P-Q84 P-K3 3. Kt-Q83 B-Kt5 4. Q-Kt3 P-Q84

that can do is a quee 0-0 10, BxB ..... BxR a powerful post, Black must care to guard against its use

exercise great care to against his K-position. 10. P-QR4 known maneuver. P to R5 and follo

P.KKS P.B4 13, 0-0 P.R5 B.K12 Prevent 14. K.K-16, incidentally, it was the KB diagonal and frees two Ps

for action.

14. P-QKB
White's QBP is weak; the advance of Black's RP did that, He now prepares to attack it.

15. P-B4
B-B3 16. P-K4
This move has a definite bearing on the Quide situation, White's QIP and Black's RP are both weak Both are protected by the K8s that enter into the action at this point. Note how the battle for these Ps developes.

PxP 17. B-0

goint, Note how the battle for these facevelopes.

16. Pxp 17. BxP
11. Tx, Ktxl, then BxP.
This is really forced, Otherwise White gets a strong attack against the Black K.

18. Ext Regales nothing, for White could follow with 19, BxRKIP and no matter how the strong attack continues his K-position with Tshall exposed. If in answer to 10, BxR BxR BxR By plays BxRd, then 20, QxB threatening 21. Kt-R4

> After 19. . EVANS



Now the Black QP can move up. Kt-Kt6 23. Kt-Q2 Kt-B4 P-Q4 28. PxKt RtxKt. PxKt 26. B-Q4 seps trying, But Black hold his own. QxB 29, Q-K4 P-Kt3 P-K4 idate the Ps this R must retire to be KtP was moved evidently to pre-plte's P-B5.

vent White's P.35.

30, K-Kt2 R(4)-31 33, RxKtP PxP
31, 0-05 oh QxQ 34, PxP RxR eh
32, RxQ PxP 35, KxR R-QB1
And the draw is assured, If White tries to
queen his QRP Black can easily get his R
in back of st. White must R1 in that case
all Black need do is hold a P in back of
his K and the queening is impossible.

#### ALBIN COUNTER GAMBIT Marshall Chess Club Championship New York, 1950

Notes by A. E. Santasiere

Illack
A. E. SANTASIERE
5. P-KKt3 B-K3
6. QKt-Q2 B-QKt5
7. Q-B2 KKt-K2
8. P-QR3
le time, White would White WESTBROCK P-04 P-084 PxKP Kt-KB3 Kt th and O-O, 10. B-B4 11. B-Kt2 BxKt ch Kt-Kt3 BxB ne th

g move which is neither better nor as the indicated castles, QxP which leck the hetter game.

B-84 17, QxQ RxQ
QR-81 18, Kt-R3
defense. Now, although Black is a the position is such that he has ning chances, But the road to that we difficult.

P down, the position good winning chances goal is very difficult. 18. R-84!

Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!

RxB, Kt-R8; 17, P-QKt3 followed by K-K2 and White stands better than in the text variation because of his more centrally iation ated K. KtxBP 14. KtxQ QxQ RxP because of 15. BxKt and R-Q7 12. 13. Q-Kt5

Kt-R3

Ki-R3

Ki

After 23. KKt-Q6 YANDFSKY



, RxKt; 24. KtxR, RxKt;

py, If 23, P-Kd wins the exchusing and In addition the Q-sine onely threatened.

M. KLNOKIT, then R-OKIT wins KL+C1 22, P-Kd1 wins R-Kd1 23, RR-B1 R-Kd1 30, R-B8 Flouring B-B1
24. KkQKIP, then IL-QKII wins for 24. KkQKIP, then IL-QKII wins for 3. KKKRI KLKII Z. KKKRII P-KS KKKII KKKII KKKII Z. P-KS KK-KII KK-KI

RxR 32. R-B7 Kt-Kt3 33. K-Kt2 RxR 83, R RxP, then Kt-Kt forces K-went complete disruption of

Kt-K4 36. Kt (7) - Kt by R-Q1 37. K-B1 Drawn Kt-Q6 White cannot simul-check. An interesting game with calculated ending by Yanofsky.

# QUEEN'S GAMBIT Manhattan Chess Club Prelimin-aries, New York, 1949

Notes by J. Soudakoff E. S. JACP 7. O-O P 8. Q-K2 P-1 9. B-K43 E 10. R-Q 11. P-Q5 12. P-K41? After 12. P-K4!?

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is generally conceded that 12, KtxP, Ktx 1; 13, BxRt, B-K2; 14, P-QKt2, O-0; 15, Kt2 gives White a slight positional plus, hereas 13, BxP, P-Kt5 is good for Black, The tricky text move, formerly thought to very strong for White, has to be recrulual-in the light of young George Kramer's coress against it with the Black pieces, P-PP.

colt. 15. B-KB4!

ont, Q-Kt3

con worse is 15. Q-B; 16. B-Q5! Kti 17. B-Q6. Q-Q2; 18. BxP. QR-Kt; 19.
Q'ch, KtxK; 20. BxQ. Resigns: Najdorfristoffel, Groningen, 1946.
B-Q5:
b-Q5: transfer.

dy is that now Black can not castle wing because of 17, BaKt followed

QXKB.

R-Q
s next best out, but how his K must move.
BxKt ch BxB 19. R-Q ch K-K
RxR ch KxR
19. ....., B-Q2; 20. Q-R8 ch and mate next

move, with the loud threat of B-BxKt 21. 0xB

Vainly seeking an exit for the K at B2, 22, Q-B8 ch! . Q-H5 chl
rom here on Black's replies are forced,
B-Q 23, R-Q6l
ot 23, Q-B2; 24, R-K6 ch, Now Black moentarily threatens Q-K8 mate.

Not 23, Q-192; 98, 16-103 cm mentarily threatens Q-KS mate, 24, P-QK44 A beautiful problem-like conception which parries the threat, while forcing Black to block the avenues of his Q. P. 24. P. P. 25, fixed problem like to block the avenues of his Q. P. 10 to the problem like to the pr

SICILIAN DEFENSE Manhattan Chess Club Champion-

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White
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A. S. P.B4
P.OB4
J. P.184
P.OB4
J. P.184
J. P.184
J. P.184
J. P.185
J. P.184
J. P.185
J. P.1

(P-10-7).

13. S. S. P. P. K.

14. B.RS. ed. P. K.

15. S. S. P. K.

17. Q.H4. B.R.

18. K.R.

19. Q.H4. B.R.

18. K.R.

19. Q.H6. B.R.

19. K.R.

19. K.R.

19. K.R.

19. K.R.

19. K.R.

19. R.R.

18. RsP, KtaR; 19. KtaKt ob, K-B1; 29.

17. KtaKt Barkt 20. R-B3 F-QB1
18. B-R6 Barkt 21. QR-KB1 R-B3
19. P-KRM White now "loacs the thread" of the game completely. Why bother now with the Q-stde when the K-shde attack wins? The correct ideas there were P-B5 and B-Kt5 and, when not play P-KKt4 for BaP wins (Q-KKt1; Ktx g-etc.)

2. PolKt4 2 PsP. 8.64

P. etc.) 22. P-KB P 23. P-KB P P-QKt4 24, PxP Black time to increase his defensive resources, 25. R-kt3 B-B1 26. Bx8 QxB 27. R-kt7 P-B4 28. PxP 29. Q-K2

After 29. ....., R-KK13

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30. RxKt ems to win, but Black finds an in QxP ch R(2)-Kt2 34. Kt-K3 35. Kt-K3 36. P-Kt4 37. K-R2 38. K-Kt3 39. K-B2 40. K-B3 41. K-Kt3 42. K-B3 44. K-B3 44. K-B3 45, K-Kt2 ( 46, K-B3 47, K-Kt2 48, K-B3 49, K-Kt3 50, Q-K3 51, Q-K8 eh 52, Q-K5 53, Q-Kt8 ch 54, Q-Kt2 Drawn R-B3 Q-K12 ch Q-QK17 ch Q-B6 ch Q-B7 ch Q-Q8 ch Q-K18 ch Q-B8 ch Q-B8 ch Q-B8 ch Q-B6 ch

#### Alekhine's Career

(Continued from page 2, col. 5.)

n chosen by Black, White gets a decisive attack on the queen's side.

PKP 20, PxP P-83

(Si.V., note to both 19th and 20th moves:)
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innove: K.R.I.). II. as assert."

26. — P.B. 28. Q-R2?

27. Kt-Q5 ch. K-Q2

(N.V.) And now there presented itself a completely simple win in 28. P-B3, which not only would have won an important pawn; but would also have deprived the opponent of the chance for a counter-attack.

(Sh.V.) 28. P-B3, as can easily be seen, would have won a pawn, and consequently, needless to stress, the game. Now White begins to lose his advantage little by little.

28. — Q-B2 50, Q-Q2 Kt-B5

29. C-K2 Q-B4 51. Kt-K3

\*N.V.) In this position White already had a world the draw, which was very would be seen the control of the counter of the control of the counter of t

ferable.

16. September 17. September 18. September 18. September 19. Se (Sh.V. has only the exclanation point missing in N.V.)

35. Kt.B7 ch

K.B2 40. RxPch

K.Ktld.ch

J. Kt.R6

R.KB1 41. R.KS

(N.V.) s note is almost identical with the

(SA.) 8 note is almost identical with the following:)
(Sh.V.) The game is lost, Black took very energetically advantage of his material superiority, II 41, K.K.II, there would follow: 41, Q. 18, P. 18, Q. 18, P. 18, R. 18, R.

## R. Pawns.

### R. P. S. 43. Ktr.P. P. Kt.

### R. P. S. 44. R. O. T. M. F. P. P. Kt.

### R. P. S. 45. Ktr.P. P. P. Kt.

### R. P. P. S. P. S

R-B8 ch Q-K7 ch win! 51. R-02 52. K-Kt3 R-Kt8 ch 53. R-Kt2 RxR ch 54. KxR QxBP 55. P-Kt7 QxKtP ch 56. K-B1 Resigns

#### Solutions:-

Finish It The Clever Way! Position No. 29: 1, PAP, Rt-B3 (II 1, ......, B-R6; 2, Rxkl1); 2, Rxk, QxR; 3, R-KB1, Qx(B; 4, QxQ, BxK; 5, Rxkx, Resigns, Position No. 30: 1, R-Kf6, P-B3; 2, BxKt, RxkXt; 3, Rxkt, PxP; 4, RxB1, Resigns,

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