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AMPIO CROWN STATE

Early Start Marks The Planning In 1950 USA-Canada Border Match

The 1950 USA vs. Canada 3000 mile Border Match was off to a flying start with the announcement that accommodations had been arranged for the Oshawa-Toronto-Hamilton vs. New York-Pennsylvania-Ohio forces at the lovely honeymoon Mecca, the "General Brock Hotel," at Niagara Falls, Ontario. The respective team captains were heartened by the fact such a truly international site had been secured. A perfect view of Niagara Falls may be had from the "General Brock" and the the boundary line dividing the two countries bisects the Falls

lends color to the general theme of this event.

Plans on the U.S. side are progressing rapidly and the appointment of the following State Team expected, with devel Captains have been made by Phil Mary, who is in charge of overall

Mary, who is in charge of overall arrangements this year:
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ticipate in this event are en-couraged to write their State Team Captains and to keep in mind the main emphasis is to get out all chess enthusiasts along our 3,000 mile border Sunday, June 18th. Those living in states where the Team Captain has not yet been announced are most cordially invited to contact Phil Mary, 43 Gallatin Ave., Buffalo 7, N.Y., who will see best possible a ments are made for them.

Border competition this year is expected, by those in close touch with developments, to be more intense this year than last, and on a much larger scale. In 1949 fifty-three boards were played at Buffalo, N.Y., but this year up to 200 are expected at Niagara Falls, Ont. where the same teams will meet June 18th, though much augmented by both experts and

HANS KMOCH FINDS A HOME

Perseverence wins in apartment-hunting, even as it does in chess; and USCF Vice-President Hans Kmoch has at last conquered the housing problem which threatened to send him back to Europe merely to find a roof for his head. In the future, he may be addressed at 360 Central Park West, New York 25,



Recent meeting at Buffalo of a USCF Board of Strategy. Left to right: Phil Mary, William M. Byland, Montgomery Major, Paul G. Giers, Martin and Harry D. Snyder. Invisable but present as well was Edward I. Treend, was too busy taking the photograph to appear in person.



Chess players competing in the 1950 USA-Canada Chess Match at Niaga Falls, Ontario on June 18th will have this inspiring view from the General Brock Hotel. The international boundary line bisects the Falls—U. S. side left, Canadian side right.

J. Howarth vs. F. Ashley Correspondence, 1950 声中

Europe 9 8

Position No. 32 Rohacek vs. Stoltz

Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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IN Position No. 31, White by an immediate investment of material gets A an irresistible attack. As played, White mated in seven. Some of the possible variations lead to brilliant mates.

I found Position No. 32, arising in a game between two well-known

European players, intriguing and tantalizing. Can any reader help put the date and place of this game?

Please turn to page four for solutions.

WILLIAMS LEADS AT MONTREAL

After nine rounds J. N. Williams After nine rounds J. N. Williams is leading by a 6½-1½ score in the Montreal City Championship. P. Brunet and Dr. J. Rauch are tied for second with 5½-2½ each, while I. Zalays has 5-2 for fourth. E. Baikovitz, E. Davis and M. Guze

have 4½-3½ each.
Canadian Champion Maurice Fox of Montreal, not playing in the current city championship, has been invited to represent the Dominion in the first Commonwealth Champi-onship tournament, to be held in New Zealand next spring.

LITHUANIANS WIN TORONTO LEAGUE

Championship of the premier section of the Toronto City Chess League went to the Lithuanian Chess Club by virtue of a 3½-2½ playoff victory over the Ukrainian Chess Club. In the regular league season the Lithuanians and Ukrainians tied for first place with 3-1 each, while Gambit Chess Club and Hart House tied for third with 2-2 each. Last place went to Central YMCA with no wins and four

CHESS DIVAN TOP IN D.C. LEAGUE

With an unbeaten match score 11-0, the Washington Chess Divan won the District of Columbia League championship, scoring 94½ points against 29½ losses, Second place went to Federal Chess Club which won 101½ games, but only managed a 9½-1½ match score. Third place was a tie between Naval Communications and Bald Eagle Chess Club at 8½-2½ each while fifth place went to George Washing-ton University with 61/2-41/2. Twelve teams competed in the league contest, although Army Map Service dropped out of the battle after six

LOG CABIN CHESS RIDES AGAIN

Never too happy at home, or rather blessed (?) with incurable wander-lust, the Log Cabineers of West Orange (N.J.) took to train a automobile to meet the Pittsburgh Downtown Y Chess Club at Bedford Springs, Pa. The final score was 2-2, with two games left for adjudica-tion. On board one F. Howard downed USCF Vice-President Byland, on board six G. Partos mastered M. F. Mueller; but on boards four and five H. Jones and E. T. McCormick lost to J. Stargle and H. Hickman. Contests on boards two and three with Log Cabineers H. Hesse and J. Partos facing P. Dietz and F. A. Sorenson remain undecided, awaiting adjudication.

In a Rapid Transit match the next day, Log Cabineers scored heavily with the four leading scorers being Log Cabin players. Top scorers were J. Portos 10½-½; H. Hesse 8½-2½; F. Howard 8-3; E. T. McCormick 7-4; W. Byland 6-5.

CHICAGO LEAGUE **NEARS FINISH**

Nearing the finish line in the Chicago City Chess League, the probable winners are University of Chicago in the A Section, Irving Park Y Chess Club in the B Section and Roosevelt College in the Collegiate Section. Winners of A and B Sections will play off for the city title, and the victor will meet the victor in the downstate league (Tri-Cities Chess Club) for the State team title.

DENNISON WINS AKRON CITY TITLE

Victory in the 15-man Akron City Championship went to Earl Dennison, one of Ohio's ranking junior players, who drew with Zimmerman and Slater, and lost to Seitz, but was otherwise unbeatable

IN MASSACHUSETTS

Holding the lead that he had established in earlier rounds, Schoen-feld won the Massachusetts State Championship with a 7-1 score, ceding his only loss to Tautvaisha, who finished second with a 6½-1½ score. Tautvaisha, current Bos-ton City Champion drew with Kagan and lost to Merkis. Third place went to Kagan with 5½-2½, fourth place to Keturakis with 4½-3½, and fifth place to Merkis with 4.4. The last named is chess editor of the Lithuanian language paper Darbinankas. In a tie for sixth were veteran Daly, Underwood and Fliegel with 3½-4½ each.

The tournament was extremely well conducted under the direction of Waldo Waters, chess editor of The Sun The strength of the Boston Sun. The strength of the newly organized Lithuanian Chess Club of Boston was demonstrated by the fact that three members, Tautvaisha, Keturakis and Merkis, were among the five top players in the 12-man tournament

STORK TRIUMPHS IN WASHINGTON

Victory in the Washington State Championship went to Robert Stork of Olympia with a 5-0 score in a 5round, 20-man Swiss event. Second place fell to Vernon Holmes of Tacoma with 4-1, while third place was a tie between L. Allyn of Wen-atchee, Jack Finnigan of Bremerton and D. Seiter of Philadelphia (Pa.) with 3½-1½ each.

BARNES REGAINS MINNESOTA TITLE

George S. Barnes of Minneapolis regained the Minnesota Champion-ship with a 6 pt. score in a 23-man Swiss event, scoring 22 S-B pts. Dr. Giles A. Koelsche, frequent titleholder, was second with 5 pts. Third place went to Wm. R. Jones with 4 pts. and an S-B of 14, while fourth place was held by Robert Ott with 4 pts and an S-B of 11. Milton Otteson scored 3½ with 12½ S-B for fifth, and a three-way tie in pts. for sixth was deter-mined in the following order by ¼ S-B point differences: Ted Jer gensen, Kris N. Pederson, and U. gensen, Kris N. Federson, and C. S. Smith with 3½ each. With lower S-B ratings, C. F. Weaver, Wm. Bland, and Dr. L. T. Knapp also scored 3½ each.

OTTESON WINS MINN. CLUB TITLE

Victory in the Minneapolis Chess Checker Club for custody of the L. E. Streater Trophy went to Mil-ton Otteson with 111/2-21/2 in a 14-round round robin event. R. R. Gueydan and Dr. G. A. Koelsche tied for second with 10½-3½ each. L. P. Narveson placed third in the 15-man event with 91/2-41/2, while fourth place was taken by D. Rosenberger with 8-2. E. C. Johnson was fifth with 71/2-31/2.

SAVE THESE DATES! July 10 - July 22

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

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POSTSCRIPT TO ARGUMENT

T BECOMES increasingly certain that the United States will not be represented at the World Championship Candidates Tournament at Budapest this year. The reason why Samuel Reshevsky and Dr. Reuben Fine will not compete for the right to play Mikhail Botvinnik for the World Championship title is neither financial nor a matter of indif-- it is a political reason.

We have been advised by readers that politics has no place in We have been advised by readers that politics has no place in chess, when we ventured to suggest that chess has no place in politics. But our readers failed to suggest how they would keep politics out of chess. Now we face a political situation which cannot be ignored in which two of the principal contenders for the World Championship title are barred from participation because the U.S. State Department is refusing travel visas for Hungary. For this reason the U.S. table tennis team was recently unable to compete in a world championship held in Budapest; for this reason neither Fine nor Reshevsky will be able to expell the property for the proportionity of meeting the context for the opportunity of meeting the context for the conte avail themselves of their right to contest for the opportunity of meeting the World Champion in a title-match.

The validity of the Candidates Tournament and its prestige is, of course, greatly impaired—the right of the winner of the Candidates Tournament to meet Botvinnik in match play is one that will be subject to question so long as outstanding contenders have been denied the possibility of competing.

USCF President Paul G. Giers has called this situation to the attention of FIDE, requesting a response that has not at this date been received. But it seems doubtful if FIDE at this late stage can rectify its original mistake.

We cannot but repeat that the decision of the FIDE Assembly in Paris, which cancelled the assignment of the Candidates Tournament to Buenos Aires and substituted in its stead Budapest, was both illadvised and indefensible. Having lifted the status of the world championship from the chaos of the past by initiating a workable plan of world championship contests, in Paris FIDE cast the world championship back into the chaos from which it had briefly rescued it. For a world title, conferred by contests from which ranking contenders are barred, is not a world title at all.

Montgomery Major

The Kibitzer Has His Day

From the Editor's Mail Bag

Dear Mr. Major: Whereas the editors of CHESS Whereas the entitle of Chess LIFE have in the past very kindly invited me to contribute if I wished to its editorial columns, heretofore I have not felt that I heretofore I have not tell that I had anything to say which would be deserving of taking up space in this manner. Now, however, a matter comes before the directors of the USCF which vitally affects every chess player in the country. I refer to the new plan for con-ducting the National Championship Tournament.

At the meeting in Omaha last July, which I greatly regret I was unable to attend, it was voted that a committee be appointed to draw up recommendations to be submitted to the directors of the USCF for their approval.

This committee met twice during the month of November 1949, and a report of these meetings has just to hand. The directors are asked to note yes or no on the pro-posals which it contains, and submit their ballots within a few day's time. I, personally, have marked mine "No", and I sincerely hope that a majority of directors did

In brief the plan outlined is as follows: That the Championship be held every three years instead of two, beginning in 1950. That those qualified to play in 1953 shall be the current titleholder, the Open Champions of the years 1952, 51, and 50, the top seven in the 1950 tournament, plus nine players who shall be qualified by a preliminary tournament to be held in 1952. In this preliminary tournament may play the second seven best scorers in the 1950 event, five players to be seeded by the Central Committee, plus the winners of various state and regional tournaments to held in 1952.

All of this seems quite simple and logical. But note that the de simple tails are extremely vague and il-lusory, due, no doubt, to the fact the Committee's major concern is the tournament for 1950. Unfortunately, there is not time to hold qualifying tournaments for the 1950 Championship. However, this detail can be nicely taken care of by making the 1950 tournament a strictly invitational affair. What I greatly fear is that a similar regreatly rear is that a similar situation is only too likely to arise in 1953. Tournaments don't run themselves. Probably not more than a few of his personal friends know of the immense amount of (Please turn to page 3, col. 2)

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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(Delay in the mails prevented Mr. Eaton's column here published from appearing in the issue of April 5—The Editor.)

A LAIN Campbell White, great American composer and benefactor A LAIN Campbell White, great American composer and benefactor
of chess problems, celebrated his seventieth birthday on March 3.

No man living has done more to advance the art and the science of
problem composing than Mr. White. Over a period of eighteen years,
from 1908 to 1926, he built up a definite collection of some 300,000
chess problems, scientifically classified, which have served to map out
the possibilities of the various themes and point the way to original research in them. From 1905 to 1938 he published at his own expense and distributed as Christmas gifts to composers all over the world a and distributed as Christmas gifts to composers all over the world a distinguished series of books—collections of the work of one of the experts, or studies of some phase of composition—which created a definite body of problem literature. These are his two most conspicuous achievements; there are many others, not the least of which is the stimulus he has given to countless composers by the personal correspondence he has carried on with them over a period of fifty years. At seventy, though his health is not of the best, his outlook is youthful and his zest undimmed. All honor to him!

Problem No. 155 By Malgolm Sim

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Toronto, Canada Composed for Chess Life Black 8 men

Problem No. 156

By J. T. Lightbourn

Hamilton, Bermuda

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Black: 6 men 今 闔

Problem No. 158

White: 9 men Qlrr4, p7, 5bBl, B-Ip4, 1Pk5, p7, P45K1, 14TR4

White mates in two moves Problem No. 157

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By Alain White First Prize, Good Companions, 1918

By Alain White Tidskrift for Schack, 1908 Black: 7 men

White: 7 men

S, 2pQ2b1, K18qp3, 8, 4R3, S2k4, 3P3R, 8 (K1R1R2, 8, 8, p3k1S1, 3p1p2, 1P5r, 2PPPPb,

White mates in two moves

The Reader's Road To Chess

A SHORT HISTORY OF CHESS. By Henry Davidson, M.D. New York:

Greenberg, 228 pp., illus, \$2.75.

THE STRUCTURAL history of chess is here for the first time made available to the middle income brackets. Dr. Davidson traces the history of the men, the board, the moves, notation, and vocabulary from about 500 A.D. to the present form of the game. The first chapter, "The Kaleidoscope of Chess History," briefly recapitulates what is detailed in the next six chapters on the separate pieces. Chapter eight recounts the the next six chapters on the separate pieces. Chapter eight recounts the development of checkmate and stalemate, the most startling fact of which will be that "it is only since about 1600 that checkmate was the sole way of winning." Chapter ten relates the various improvements in size of board and number of men: Bird's "Guard" and "Equerry," Foster's "Chancellor," etc. Chapter eleven, on the geography of chess, examines the theories of origin and radiation of chess, concluding that it began in theories of origin and radiation of chess, concluding that it began in western India and moved west to Persia and thence to Europe. Chapter fifteen, "Chess Charivari," describes novelties like the automaton, the eight-queen problem, and the knight's tour. Chapter seventeen, "Chess Polyglot," gives the chess terms in the forty major languages of the world. The book is illustrated with twenty photographs, diagrams, drawings, and end-papers.

This, like "The Fireside Book of Chess," must be on the shelves of every lover of the game. Even before he realizes his limits as a player, the ordinary chesser begins to collect books bearing on the romance, the history, and the plain fun of the game. Dr. Davidson's book is useful in some ways (witness the polyglot dictionary), but its chief appeal will lie elsewhere. He must indeed be a player only for blood who can resist learning how the queen's move developed or why the bishop is called a runner in Germany and a fool in France. The book does not attempt the history of openings, tournaments, cless promotion or literature, though these do crop up occasionally. It performs admirably what it promises, a short structural history of chess. There is no other book like it in Eng-

Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data By A. Buschke

III THE MATCH WITH LEVITSKY

GIUCCO PIANO Seventh Match Game, St. Peters-burg, February 26 (March 11), 1913. Notes by A. A. Alekhine in "Novoe Vremid" of March 22 (April 4), 1913, reprinted in "Shakhmatnyi Viestnik" 1913, No. 6. **

No. 6, p. 89.

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White

No. LEVITSKY

P-44

S-44

S-45

S-R KI which P-Q4 or KtxP!, atth

RLAY: although better than 9. B-B2 average of the RLAY: although better than 9. B-B2 and 11. QKI-Q2 P-KI47
10. R-KI P-R3
There was no need for such an impetuosity; the continuation 11. 0-0; 12. KI-B1. P-Q2 would have provided Black with a good came; the opening of the KI-IIIe on the other hand does not lead to any immediate rosults and letters about weaknesses in the center and on the queen's side.

12. KI-B1 P-KI5 14. B-FO KKB.

13. PAF KLKKP 15. KLKKI BxKI(KS)?

After 15., BxKt(K3)?
ALEKHINE



LEVITSKY

after which Black by 18., Q-

37. R-KH 38. K-K3 39. BxKt 40. P-05 o 41. R-Kt2 42. R-Kt2 44. R-Kt2 44. R-Kt4 45. P-04 47. P-07 49. R-Kt6 50. R-P 50. R-P 50. R-P 50. R-R7 50. R-R7 50. K-K4

VIENNA GAME Tenth Match Game, St burg, March 3(16), 1913.

Notes by A. A. Alekhine in Vremia" of March 31 (April 13), 1913, reprinted in "Shakhmatnyi Viestnik," reprinted 1913, No. 7 (April 1).

game, White was striving for a game,
P-Q3 5. B-K3
aginning of an original, but not sufy well considered plan: Black decides open to the opponent important lines a order to force (again under loss of pl) a slight weakening of his king's chich, however, cannot have particular ance because after these maneuvers in pleese still stand on their original The consequences of this faulty evaluated the position very soon begin to

14. 0-0 15. R-R5!

Rt-B3 Rt-R2 and the strives get also attack on the ouer's side; the all counter-chances which Black gets, as (Please turn to page 4, col. 5)

Grand Illusion

W HEN we play over Capablanca's games, we are irresistibly reminded of Morphy. Both had Spanish blood, both learned the moves at an early age, both were child prodigies, both journeyed from the New World to the Old in search of glory. The games of Morphy and Capablanca enchant us with their Mozartian grace and their delightful air of effortless inspiration.

A first-rate Capablanca game gives us the feeling that chess is a very easy game indeed: his finest victories seem simple, lucid, inevitable. It is an illusion, but a delicious one. Champions, like other mortals, yearn for the secret of eternal youth; and before every champion there stands the specter of eventual decline and dethronement.

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White		Black
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1. P-04		Kt-KB3
2. P-0B4		P-K3
3. Kt-083		B-Kt5
4. O-B2		P-B4
S. PxP		Kt-B3
6. Kt-B3		BxP
7. B-B4		P-04
8. P-K3		Q-R4?
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This turns out badly, partly be-cause the Queen is exposed to 'attack later on, partly because Black's Kingside will lack adequate defense. Better 8. Q-K2.
9. B-K2 B-Kt5
Another unfortunate maneuver.

He hopes to weaken White's Pawn position by the following exchange, but the upshot is that Capablanca makes good use of his two Bishops, the open lines and Black's weakness on the black squares.

16. 0-0				DXIVE
II. PxB				0-0
12. OR-Kt1!				Q-R6
13, KR-01!			P	-OKt3
14. PxP				KtxP
	PxP;	15.	P-B4!	is very
strong (15.	Px	P?;	16. B	-Q6).
15. Kt-Kt5!				P-B4



Black is confronted with the tremendous problem of meeting the threatened 17. RxKt

There is no good defense: on 16. Kt(3)-K2; 17. P-B4 wins the exchange, while if 16. Kt(4)-K2?; 17. B-Q6 wins at least a piece. 16. KtxB?; 17. BxKt also costs Black a piece. 16. R·Q1 is re-futed by 17. P·B4, Kt(4)-Kt5; 18. RxKt, RxRch; 19. QxR, QxR; 20.

What defenses remain? If 16. QxBP; 17. QxQ, KtxQ; 18. BxKt with an overwhelming material advantage. Finally, if 16. P-KR3; 17. Rxt!, PxKt; 18. B-Q6, Q-R3; 19. BxR, PxR; 20. BxPch, KxB; 21. Bx Kt, R-Kt1; 22. Q-Q2!, K-K2; 23. R-Q1 and wins. Q1 and wins.

This stops 17. RxKt, but it has no further value.

17. P-B4!! Kt(4)-Kt5
True, White was not threatening 18. PxKt?; but there was a definite

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menace in 18. R-Kt5 winning a piece.

In the event of 17. 17. R-Q1; 18. R-Kt5 would have won a piece. Even more elegant would have been 17. KtxB; 18. R-Kt5!, Q-K2; 19. BxKt; 20. Px Kt1 and it is all over.

18. Q-Kt3
Something must be done about the devastating threat of 19. B-Q6. 19. P-QR3!! Kt-R3 Or 19. PxB; 20. PxKt win-

PXB; 20. PXRt Will-ning a piece.

20. BxKt
For if 20. QxB; 21. P-B5ch,
K-R1; 22. Kt-B7ch, K-Ktt; 23. KtR6ch, K-R1; 24. Q-Kt8ch! etc.

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

> Chess Life Abroad By Guilberne Groess

U.S.S.R.: Elizaveta Bykova won the 12th Woman's Championship of the USSR with a score of 12½ 2½ -10 wins and 5 draws. This was her third victory. Second place went to V. Belova with 11-4, who lost her game to Bykova. Neither O. Rubtsova nor L. Rudenko par-ticipated in the event.

Argentina: S. Gligoric is leading in the annual Mar del Plata tourna-ment with 6½-2½ while fellow countryman Dr. P. Trifunovic is a close second with 6-2. C. Guimard and H. Pilnik have 5½-3½. Eighteen players are entered in the event. Argentina bested Uruguay 10-2 in the annual Copa Rio de la Plata team match. On board one Najdorf bested Traismonte 1½-½ while on board two Julio Bolbo-chan scored 2-0 against Laphitz.

Czechoslovakia: In Prague a new type of tournament was held in memory of Professor Zmatlik, a noted chess player. Only players over 60 years of age were eligible. Chodera won with 1014-14.

Holland: Dr. Max Euwe won a four-game match with Donner, youthful victor in the Beverwijk tournament by 21/2-11/2. Dr. Euwe won the second game and the other three were drawn. Plans for a great international tournament rivalling Groningen to be held at Amsterdam from October 21 to November 20 this year are being made. Possible contestants to be invited include: Reshevsky, Botvinnik, Keres, Fine, Stahlberg, Szabo, Euwe, Najdorf, Tartakower, Rossolimo, Pachman, Tartakower, Rossolimo, Pachn Gligoric, Pirc, Foltys and Book.

Hungary: In the absence of Szabo, Barcza won the Hungarian Championship overwhelmingly by a score 13½ 3½. Second was Koberi with 11½-5½, followed by Pogats and Szilagyi with 11-6 each. Benko, who won last year, tied for 8th with 91/2-

England: The Stevenson Memorial Tournament at Southsea has a distinguished list of entrants. The USA will be represented by U.S. Junior Champion Arthur Bisguier. Noted foreign masters include: Bogol-juboff, Niephaus, Prins, Schmid, Tartakower and Wade. Among English players will be Aitken, Golombek, O'Hanlon, Penrosc, Rhodes and A.R.B. Thomas.

With The Chess Clubs

Hyde Park Y Chess Club was host to Weaver W. Adams in a 25-board simultaneous exhibition. The New England champion won 20, drew 2 and lost 3. Winners were Wm. Silton, Royal Kingsbury and A. Kauf-

Fitchburg (Mass.) Chess Club drew Haverhill 3-3 in a match played at the Lowell YMCA, with one game to be adjudicated. In March Fitchburg defeated Townsend Chess Club by a 3-1 score; and in February bested Greenfield Chess Club at the Athol YMCA by 3½-1½, while drawing with Worchester Chess Club at Worchester YMCA by a 4-4 score.

Brown County Chess Club of Berlin (N.H.) journeyed to Farmington, Me. to meet the Queen City Chess Club of Bangor. The match ended in a 3-3 tie.

Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club has set Wednesday evenings aside for serious chess. All comers will be assigned one serious game of which a record will be kept, and on the following Wednesday selected games from the previous week will be played over the wall-board and analysed.

Indiana State Chess Association has elected the following officers: Glen C. Donley (Logansport) president, Bert Hofman (Indianapolis) vice-president, Fred Flanding (Portland) treasurer, and D. E. Rhead (Gary) secretary. The annual state tourna-ment will be held at Logansport on May 20-21.

Illini Chess Club (Urbana) defeated the visiting Decatur Chess Club by a 3½-2½ score with Wm. Pratt besting Decatur City Champion Hugh Myers on board one.

The Kibitzer (Continued from page 2)

time and money out of his own pocket which was put forth by Dick Wayne in order to successfully stage the tournament at So. Fallsburg, N.Y. in 1948. Who will go to this trouble in 1951 or 1952? Where will such tournaments be held?

inis trouble in 1951 or 1952? Where will such tournaments be held? Who will finance them? Must players from all over the country travel to New York and live there for several weeks at their own expense? These and many other questions I want to know the answers to.

In the spring of 1948 many qualifying tournaments were held in various parts of the country including New York City to determine the candidates for the final in So. Fallsburg. A considerable number of strong nationally known players, though living in New York, and who therefore could easily, and at hittle express have blood in these who therefore could easily, and at little expense, have played in these preliminaries, nevertheless, failed to do so. For their courage, good sportsmanship, and devotion to the cause of chess, it is these players in particular, I haven't the slightest doubt, who are now to be expended for their actions he being

rewarded for their action by being seeded in the Championship for

To further show their contempt for the USCF and its 1948 Championship Tournament, this same group of players recently staged a radio match with Yugoslavia. Mr. Herman Steiner, winner of the 1948 tournament and therefore current champion of the U.S. was invited to narticipate by playing sixth to participate, by playing sixth board. Mr. Steiner very politely but firmly indicated the U.S. Title had not been accorded proper respect, and that he, the holder thereof, would not sully it, regard-less of whatever inducements might be offered him.

In this action I am certain that Mr. Steiner will be applauded by every decent and right minded chess player in the country.

Is it not high time that the Directors let it be known that the United States Chess Federation is also "Not for Sale"?

WEAVER W. ADAMS Dedham, Massachusetts

Ohio State Chess Club downed the University of Cincinnati Chess Club in a six-board match played at Co-lumbus by a 5-1 score. Kaplan, lumbus by a 5-1 score. Kaplan, Strahl, Korngold, Loening and Nimitz won for Ohio State while Martin turned in the sole win for Cincinnati.

New Jersy State Chess Federation plans its annual State Championship tournament as a probably 7-round Swiss to be held at Princeton, either on Memorial Day or early in June (probably on two consecutive weekends).

North Jersey League in recent matches show Belleville besting Elizabeth by 3½-2½, Union defeating Jersey City 4-2; Plainfield downing Kearny-Progressive 4-2; and Irvington Polish swamping West Es-sex 7-1. The Club of the Oranges still holds the lead with 4 wins and no defeats. In the South Jersey League Gloucester County Chess Ass'n continued its winning ways by besting Haddon Blue Chess Club

Irvington (N.J.) Chess Club defeated the Westinghouse Chess Club 6-3; but succumbed to Irvington-Polish Chess Club by a 3½-8½ score.

Louisville Chess Club visited Lexington to defeat the Lexington Club by 11½ 6½ in a double round match. Schields won two games on board one, Moyse two games on board two to give Louisville a decided edge.

North Shore League (Mass.-N.H.) North Shore League (Mass. N.H.) started the new season with cham-pion Portsmouth (N.H.) defeating Durham 4½-1½, while Haverhill (Mass.) got off to a running start by besting Newburyport 4-2.

VINCENNES PLAYS WITH VINCENNES

On April 2 Vincennes (Ind.) waged a four-board match with Vincennes (France) by trans-Atlantic cable, but the results were inde-cisive after eight hours of play, and cisive after eight hours of play, and the games will be adjudicated by I. A. Horowitz, editor of Chess Re-view, to determine the final score. Several hundred spectators drop-ped into the American Legion hall at Vincennes to view the play, while the Chicago Tribune Press Service reported that an equal crowd of spectators gath-ered at the city hall annex in Vincennes. France. Players for Vincennes, France. Players for the U. S. team were Dr. M. L. Curtner, William Arganbright, Kirk Holland and Cornelius Phillips; while the French team consisted of Robert Caro, Marc Devouassoud, Pierre Guyot and Andre Iscovici.
Of these contestants, Kirk Holland
may be remembered as a former
president of the American Chess Federation who was quite active in national tournaments as a player some fifteen years ago.

NORMAN TOPS OKLA. LEAGUE

With a number of incompleted matches on the schedule, Norman Chess Club tops the standings in Oklahoma Chess League with a 5-1 score. Second place goes to Tulsa Chess Club with 3½-3½, while Stillwater Chess Club is third with 21/2-21/2. No decision was reached regarding the finish of the 1949 schedule, but a regional plan for league competition in 1950 seems probable.

EVANS SCORES AT HACKENSACK

Larry Evans, champion of the Marshall Chess Club, gave a bril-liant simultaneous exhibition at Hackensack, N. J., under the spon-sorship of the Northern Valley Chess Club, scoring 38 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses. The exhibition was held at the Hackensack YMCA and arranged by Ernest W. Tyler. Winners against the youthful exwere A. Bohrer and Walter Dill of the Norther Valley Club while Alexander Mesoras obtained the draw.

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Thursday, April 20, 1950

What's The Best Move? By Guilherme Groesser

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Position No. 45 童 曲 * \$ \$ å 今 國方 å

2ririki, pplqippp, 3pib2, 3P4, 5S2, PP2RPPP, 4RIKI White to play

Send solutions to Position No. 45 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by May 5, 1950.

Solution to Position No. 43

Again the position No. 43

Again the position seems to have been easy or our solvers very clever in their solutions. In this position Johner had White against Misees in the Berlin 1924 tournament Johner played: 1. BxPl, Q-R3 (best, for if 1., KFrlin; 2. KrP ch, PxR; 3. Q-K6 ch wins); 2. B-Qs, KR-KB1; 5. P-155, resigns.

Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: Josish A. Balter (Markato), Dale A. Hyntsville), J. E. Charlett, J. Coudure (Howard), Dr. Joseph M. Erman (Detroit), Joe Faucher (New Haven), Eddie Gault (New Brighton), Edw. J. Korpanty (Woodside), Dr. J. Menick (Portland), Walter P. Murphy (Chicago), Hugh Myers (Decatur), Edmund Nash (Washington), Mm. B. Wilson (Amherstburg), John Huss (Lancater).

One solver failed narrowly by interposing the move 1, Q-KB2 before playing BxP, an annacessary preparation, The same solver suggested the play 1. K-K-B, callion Ko. 41 cm also be won a machine the first play 1. K-K-B, callion Ko. 41 cm also be won then play 1. K-RO, and Robert Can then play 1. R-RQ and B-RCS; 2. B-B6, Kt-Kt2! as Black ne longer must guard against the threat of Q-B8 mate.

For The Tournament-Minded

April 16-30 Connecticut State Championship

Middletown, Connecticut
Open to Connecticut residents: will be played on consecutive Sun-days; entry fee \$1.00; A and B classes; 6-round Swiss; entries close 1 p. m. Sunday, April 16; played at Middletown YMCA.

April 22-23
Kentucky State Championship
Louisville, Kentucky
Will be held at Louisville Chess
Club in YMCA; play in championship, Class A and Class B divisions; winner of title gains custody of Courier-Journal Showalter Trophy.

April 29 Massachusetts State Championship for Grammar School Players Boston, Massachusetts

Will be held at Boylston Chess Club, 48 Boylston Street, Boston on April 29; no entry fee; players must bring own set and score sheet; must bring own set and score snees, winner obtains permanent posses-sion of the Dr. Godfrey Lowell Cabot Silver Cup; for further in-formation, write Robert W. Reddy, 228 Pleasant Street, Brookline 46,

May 5.7 Kansas State Championship Topeka, Kansas

Will be held at YMCA as a 7round Swiss; cash prizes; Entry fee \$2.00 for Kansas State Ass'n members; first round Friday, May 5 at 1 p.m.

May 20-21 Indiana State Championship Logansport, Indiana

Open to Indiana residents; probably Swiss System; players' meeting begins 6 p.m. Saturday, May 20 at Barnes Hotel; for details write: D. E. Rhead, Sec'y, 2715 Green St., Gary, Ind.

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Thursday, April 20, 1950

RUY LOPEZ Chicago City Championship Chicago, 1950

White
SHAFFER
P.K4 P.K4 6. P-Q4
KK1-KB3 K1-QB3 7. B-K5
S. B-K45 P.QB3 8. PxP B-A
S. B-K5 P.QB3 8. PxP B-A
S. B-K5 P.QB3 8. PxP KER4
K.B-R4 K.B-R9 9. Q-K2 KER4
K.B-R4 K.B-R9 9. Q-K2
K.B-R4 M.B-R9 9. Q-K3
K.B-R4 M.B-R4 M.B-R9 9. Q-K3
K.B-R4 M.B-R4 M.Bor, compretely, raps apart mack; typical celeites formation. In this game, these are brought out crystal clear, and the ling short of perfect chess mastery. - P.Q84 are formation of the property of the prop



1. P.84:

complete surprise to all who saw the same. The R pin stops QitxP, as well as the same of the R pin stops QitxP, as well as KKR; 12. P.KK was suggested, but it is hard to see then how Black would desired against the open QR file and the hard-reased QPP.

12. B-B2 B-B4 et al. P-QR4 R-QK11
The P must be protected, for if B-K2; 14.
PAP, PAP; 15. R-R, Q-R; 16. P-Q-R3 and
Tl. QAP en follows. Or if 13. ..., P-K15;
then 14. P-R51, B-R2; 15. B-R4 eh, K-B1;
16. B-B6, etc.

18. P-Py 15. B-B4; pressed (11. 12. B-B2

15. B-16, etc.

14. P-P

The finishing touch. To see the "Lepes
Bisloop" given up willingly for a R is rarethis idea, as well as the other motifs in this
game, should change the thoughts of many
who play this opening with monotonous, and came, should change with monotonous, and who play this opening with monotonous, and therefore dull, regularity, Montonous means repetitions, dull is used as in the zense of an opening often played and yet not

BxRt; 17. QxB, P-Q5; 18. R-B7, B-R2; PxKt 18. QxP B-K2 opening play has given him all open lines possible, while uncastled, These advantages with the same exact technique still

he opening.
Kt-03
had to be blocked, for if 0-0 or
Kt-03 KtxP 22. B-84 K-B1

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SICILIAN DEFENSE U. S. Championship Preliminaries Area 7, New York, 1948

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

S. BERNSTEIN
4. KtxP Kt-B3
5. Kt-QB3 P-Q3
6. B-KKt5 White L. J. PLATZ P-K4 P-QB4 Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 P-Q4 PxP e Richter Attack. Ki-KU OKO 15 OKU
henever carafulur on different wings takes are one can be sure of a hard struggle eve, each player is aiming his attack at e enemy K-position, White's position is perior because 1) he is better developed, he has better control of the center, 3) has more mobility and space, and 4) is K-position in better protected, the control of the center of the control of the center of the K-position is better protected, position of the center of the K-position of the center of the K-position of the center of the center and attack the Q-side undistribed, but White has a warprises up his sleeve.

sar center and attack few surprises up his alexed, but White has a 17. BaP! BAB etc. 17. BAP! BAB Bad would be 17. PAB; 18. KtxQP, Q-Kt2; 19. DAB, KtxD; 20. KtxRt ch, K-B1; 18. RPAB B-Kt2
To according to the control of the control

21. Kr.Q5 ch.

18. RPxB 8-Kt2

To accept the sacrifice would again lead to disaster, i.e.; 18. _____, PxB; 19. KtxQP, Q-Kt2; 20. Q-105, Kt-H1: 21. Kt-H6 ch. PxKt;

92, RNR, KtxR; 23, KtPxP, QKt-K3; 24, P-B5 and White retains a strong attack, 19, B-K4 P-K43

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After 19., P-Kt3
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spparently Black had the feeling that the acceptance of the R-sacrifice would be disasterous for him. Although he has several lines of defense, it seems that none of them is satisfactory, After 20. —— KRE: could follow 21, Q-B2 ch, K-KRI; 22, Q-B6I Now the best seems to be 22. —— KR-B1: 23, LRI, P-B4: 24, Q-B8 ch, K-B2: 25, R-B7 ch, K-B1: 27, Q-B8: 28, Q-B8 and White should win. The right square. 21. —— RKP at 22. Kr.—— RKP at

2. Q-R3
prance of the sacrifice
in 2 by Q-R8 and R-R7,
prance by Q-R8 and R-R9,
prance by Q-R8 and R-R9,
prance by Q-R9,
prance by

FRENCH DEFENSE U. S. Intercollegiate Championship New York, 1949

Notes by J. Mayer

Kt-B3 little kr

on Black

B-B1 QxKt QxB Q-R4 KR-K1 Kt-B1 P-QR3 RxR B-K3 Q-B2 Kt-Q2

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After 35. BxB SHERWIN

DIETZ

38. 39. 40.

is rather a disappointing game to because White's play is so clear that there is nothing to be said m

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PxP: 32 R-R7 KxP 35. I Kt-K8 36. I BxB K-Kt2: 37 R-K7. Resigns most com-1.

23. Q-R3 24. BxP!

R-R7 ch wins 35. Kt(Q) xB 36. R-R7 ch

most combinations appear in the ions and not in the actual game, this one of my best games,

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P-KS J. SHEWKN

P-Q4

wanted to change the course of the alently, he could try PxP; 4. KtxP, 5. KtxRt, PxRt.

such better in my opinion, it by the only way to defend the vuriation.

6. KKt-B3

Black, 9. Kt-Kt3 10. QKt-Q4

e whole var r his isola 13. QR-4 14. B-Ki 15. P-Ki the them ek of cou

26. Q-KR4 27. R-K3 28. P-K84 29. Kt-B3 30. Q-K1 31. Kt-Q4 32. Kt-B5 33. QxR 34. Q-B5 35. BxB

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B-Q3

out, but

B-Kt

Kt-B1 R-K1 P-B3 Q-Kt3 Q-Q1 B-B2

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PxKt Q-R8 ch QxQ B-Q3

DIETZ

25. PzKt 26. Q-RS c 27. QxQ 28. B-Q3 1f 31. 32. PxP 33. Kt-Q2 34. B-K4 1f 36. 37. R-RS c Although

CATALAN OPENING Omaha City Championship Omaha, 1949

Notes by J. Lapin H. OHMAN
1. P-04
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1. Regardless of which of the several Catalan variations White may prefer 2. P-084 should be played. This restricts Bisek's options. After QP. The Budapest-like 2. P-K4 might also complicate matters for White 2. P-04
1. Budapest-like 2. P-K4 might also complicate matters for White 2. P-K4 Might also complicate matters for White 2. P-04
1. B-04
1. B-04
1. P-05
1. J. SPENCE

4. Kt-Q2

Mistakenty preparing for P-Q54. 4. P-QB4 can be played at once, Black dare not capture 4. ... PAP because of 5, Q-R4 ch, etc. The text move hampers the QB and requires another move for the development of the QKt. of the QK1.
4. B-Kt2
5. P-QB4 P-B3
With the KB develop 6. P-K3

th the KB developed on Kt2, this more not necessary. Often, if deferred, P-K4 y later be made in one store 10. Kt-Kt3 11. Kt-B5 12. Q-R4 e made in one step.
Q-84 19. Kt-Kt5 Q-Q
PRP 11. Kt-85 P-Kt
Kt-83 12. Q-R4 R-QB
B-Kt5
..., PxKt: 13. Kt-K5 is terrific.

After 12. ____, Pxkt; 13. Kt-K5 is terrific. D. Kt-Q3 ____, Pxkt; 14. KtxKt, B-Q2; 15. KtxQ, BxQ and Black is ahead on all counts. counts, 13. 14. R-K1 If 15. K 0-0 15. Kt-Q2

Heading QRP. This White Kt. 20. P-QKt4 21. Q-Kt3 22. P-B4 22. P-B4

25. RxR 26. R-QB1 27. BxR 28. B-Q2 29. K-B2

mt n P.
Kt-K5 ch 33. K-K2
BPxB 34. Kt-B2
K-Kt2 35. KtPxP
s better. Black has the
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num lines for bis Q. 35. Kt-Kt4

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QxP 42. B-B3 After 42. B-B3 SPENCE 4 THE P ŝ

OHMAN B-R5 ch22 Q-Kt7 ch Q-Kt8 ch QxP Q-K7 ch QxP K-Kt5 h KxP

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Notes by Wayne Wagner

As agner
Black
F. HOWARD
(USA)
PAP
B-84 White
P. BRUNET
(Canada)
1. P-Q4
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3
3. P-Q4
3. P-B4
3. P and at the same time keeps a weather eye on Black's Kit-Q4 I B. P-QKt4 QR-Q1 II. B. PQ Kt4 QR-Q1 II. B. PQ Kt5 II. B. PQ Kt5 III. B. PQ Kt5 I

Earlt, QSE 20. QI-QRII and White gets command of the 7th rank, 19. P-K15
This move now would be more powerful with White B at Q3 (See note to move 16).

19. — PFP 21. P-K4
20. P-R5 (Q-Q)
Here White misses an opportunity to seize the initiative. The text is the right move but played too soon. The move 21. QR-R11 presents Dlack with difficulties, e.g.: 21. QR-restance with 23. Ext. However Black has in reply (instead of 21. — P-QR3) 21. — P-K15: 22. ExRt, QxB (forded): 22. QxQ, PxQ: 34. BxP, KP-R1: 25. B-Q6t with excellent chances for White: also on 21. — R-QB1: 22. ExRP1, R-B7; 23. ExRt, ExB; 24. ExRRP1 with a good game. 21. — K-K2 22. KR-Q1
Virtually thumbing one's nosel and rightly so as 23. D-15 would be met by the elever only counter chances lie in direct seamly confidence of the continuation steep 23. Rx1 K1-K4 Back land in mind.

28. 29. **Q**-KB3



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J-B2 and she 35. Q-K2 36. Q-Kt5 37. Q-Kt3 38. Q-Kt2 OxKt B-B2 RxP RxP

QxP s to get rid of the adverse quickly, Perhaps 38, P-45 little pressure would hol on 38, R-Q6; 39, Q-R4 w

thus losing quickly, Perhaps 38, P-85 maintaining a little pressure would hold out lenger, as on 38, R-Q6; 29, Q-84 with an eve on KK64, S-Q6; 42, R-97, R-9

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BUDAPEST DEFENSE U. S. Intercollegiate Championship New York, 1949

Notes by J. Mayer

White E. KENNY
E. KENNY
P. Q4 KI-KB3 J. P. P. KROMAYER
P. Q4 KI-KB3 J. P. P. KI-KIS
n inferior move which is normally played
avoid prepared lines, White's best move
II-BI which maintains the P and makes
impossible for Black to equalize the posi-

Hon.

P-Q3

But this also is entirely unnecessary, B-B4;

But this also is entirely and regain the P with an
entirely adequate game.

S. P-KS, R-K-QB would regain the P with an
entirely adequate game.

S. P-KB3?

This is obviously a blunder—with K-B3

White could maintain his P and it is difficult
to see where Black could hope to make
hondyny. KtxP

After 6., KROMAYER KexP



of the game and ruthless

fion of Rlaci
7. 0-B2
8. 8-Q2
9. Kt-QB3
10. KxKt
11. R-Q1
12. Kt-KKt5
13. K-Kt1
14. P-K4
15. R-K1
16. Kt-B3
17. Kt-Q5

Alekhine's Career

(Continued from page 2, col. 5.)

a consequence of this plan (see Black's 17th and 18th moves), prove, as could be ex-pected, insufficient to ward off the eventual

catastrophe, and the continue of the continue

19. Kt-Q1 and k-Ha, k-Bai etc.

This move which, on superficial investigas
from, looks somewhat strange (the editor of
the chess column of the paper "Den" (Day),
for instance, provides it with a question
mark) is nevertheloss the only one which
secures for White a serious superiority. The
continuation 19. Kt-Q7, which at first glance,
looks more energetic. Leads after. looks more energetic, leads after 19.

KR-Q1; 20. Kt-Ktff, QR-Kt1; 22. RxRP. Kt
Kr2; 22. Kt-Q7, QR-B1, to a very proba-

sequivalent to resignation, which is somewhat premature; Black could still try to play 22. ..., BaY; 23. Kt-K6, KR-B1; 24. RxRP, RsR; 25. RsR, R-K1 and let White show him how be makes use of his material advantage.

KR-K1 26. RxKtP BxP 27. RxKt RxKt 28. RxP

Solutions:

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Position No. 31: 1. RxKt!, RxR; 2. RxP; ch, K-B1; 3. Q-R5, B-Q3: 4. B-R66, B-Kt2; 5. Q-R8 ch, K-R2; 6. QxP ch, R-B2; 7. 5. Q-RS cft, R-R-2; 6. QNP cft, R-B2; 7. QNR matto.
Position No. 82: J.R-KR7, B-B8 (or Qd): 2. R-KR4, B-K6; 8. K-B6, K-K1; 4.R-R8 cft, K-Q2; 6. K-B7, K-Q3; 6. R-K8, B-C6; 7. R. K, B-K4; 8. K-Kt6, K-R3; 9. K-Kt6, and 10. RxP and wins.

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Solutions: Mate The Subtle Way!