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## JUNE BORDER MATCH SET

### HENIN, MILGRAM WIN MASS. TITLES

In the High School Championship of Massachusetts victory went to 14-year old Charles C. Henin of Springfield who defeated D. M. R. Rosenbaum of Brookline High School in a playoff for the title and custody of the Dr. Godfrey Lowell Cabot Cup.

In the Massachusetts Grammar School Championship the victory went to Elliott Milgram, 11-year old youngster from Boston, who defeated 15 contestants from seven to eleven years old for the title.

Both events were conducted by the Massachusetts State Chess Ass'n and directed by Robert W. Reddy. The High School event drew a field of 44 contestants, and upon both occasions lunches were served to all the contestants.

### HERZBERGER WINS ROCHESTER CITY

Dr. Max Herzberger of the Eastman Kodak Research Laboratory and a CHESS LIFE annotator broke the long string of victories of perennial Rochester Champion Erich W. Marchand, CHESS LIFE columnist, by winning the Rochester (N.Y.) City Championship in a 10-man round-robin event. Dr. Herzberger conceded one draw. Runner-up was 1949 Champion Erich W. Marchand, who lost his only game to Dr. Herzberger.

### OHMAN TAKES OMAHA TITLE

Howard Ohman annexed the 1950 Omaha City Championship with a 7½-1½ score in a 10-man round-robin event, losing one game to Nebraska State Champion Alfred Ludwig and drawing with Paynter. Second place was a 7-2 tie between Ludwig and 16-year old Jerry Belzer; Ludwig lost to Magee and drew with Ackerman and Godden, while Belzer lost to Ohman and Ludwig.

D. Ackerman took fourth place with 6½-2½, while Lee Magee, winner of the Swenson Memorial Tournament and Experts Tournament at Omaha, placed in a surprise fifth with 5-4.

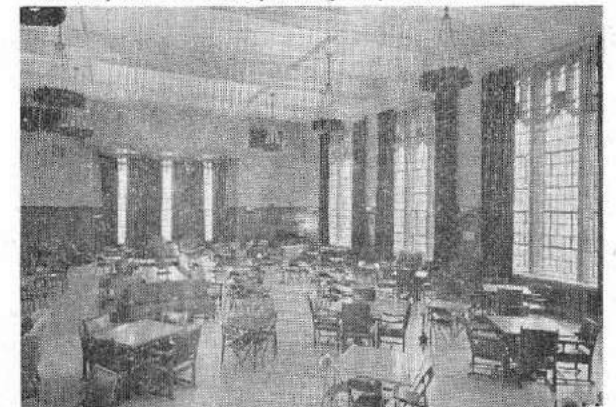
Sensation of the tournament, however, was the play of young Belzer who led all the way, losing in the final round to Ohman.

### WATZL WINS ICCA WORLD TITLE

Leopold Watzl of Vienna won the finals of the International Chess Correspondence Ass'n World Championship. Second place went to A. Viaud of Blosseville-Bonscours, while third place was taken by Olaf Barda of Oslo. Th. D. van Scheitlinga of Amsterdam was fourth and the redoubtable C. J. S. Purdy of Sydney fifth in this event. John W. Collins of New York, the U. S. representative in the finals, placed tenth.



Detroit skyline, viewed from the Detroit River, international boundary line—scene of the Detroit-Windsor section of the USA-Canada 3000 mile border match, and locale for the 1950 U. S. Open Championship Tournament.



Spacious and elegant assembly room of the Detroit-Edison Company in which the 1950 U. S. Championship Tournament will be played in July.

### Position No. 33 Rubinstein vs. Hirschbein Lodz, 1927



r1br1k1, pplsng2, 2p1p1pp, 8, 4S, P1Q1P1,  
1P3PPP, 1BR2K1  
White to play and win

### Position No. 34 Smyslov vs. Kottbauer Groningen, 1946



1q2kbr, 1r1s1pp, 2Q1P3, 8, S7, 8, 1PP2PPP,  
1BR2K1  
White to play and win

### Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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**I**N POSITION No. 33, White by three forceful moves brought about Black's resignation. In Position No. 34, White with a brilliant move initiates a combination which in the game resulted in a resignation after White's fourth move.

Thanks go to Edward Kirsch (Cleveland) and Joe Faucher (New Haven) for identifying Position No. 32 as from a game played by V. Rohneck and G. Stoltz in Munich, 1942. The game actually continued: 65. R-B7 ch, K-K1; 66. R-B5, P-Q7; 67. R-QB5, K-B1; 68. K-B6, K-K1; 69. R-B8, K-R2; 70. K-B7, Resigns. In response to queries, I gave the second main line in my solution to No. 32: 1. R-KR7, K-K1; 2. R-KR4, K-K1; 3. R-Kt4 ch, K-B1; 4. K-B6, B-Q7; 5. R-R4, K-K1; 6. K-7, B-Kt4 ch; 7. K-K8, B-Q7; 8. R-Kt4 ch, etc.

Please turn to page four for solutions.

### ELLISON TOPS AT CLEVELAND

Thomas Ellison, former Ohio State Champion, won the Cleveland City Championship by a narrow margin in a 7-round Swiss event with 26 entrants by a 6-1 score and 28 S-B points. Second place went to E. M. Wyman with 6-1 and an S-B of 20.50, while ranked third to fifth on S-B points with equal game scores of 5-2 were A. Nasvytis, R. McCready and A. Robboctoy.

Ellison lost his only game to Nasvytis on adjudication, and gained his final point for victory by an adjudicated win over William Granger. It is interesting to note that A. Nasvytis, a recent arrival from Lithuania, who had criticized the quality of chess in Cleveland came very close to proving his point by finishing third with only one loss and two draws, while scoring a victory over the eventual champion.

Wyman, who placed second, led the field most of the way but lost an all important game to Ellison in their individual encounter.

### VANNENBERG WINS WASH. WOMEN'S

Mrs. Eunice Vannenberg of Tacoma won the first Washington State Women's Championship with 3 points and an S-B of 5 in a 9-entry Swiss event directed by Charles Joachim. The victory entitles Mrs. Vannenberg to a place in the invitational West Coast Tournament, scheduled for May 20-21.

Second place went to Kay Allen of Seattle with 2 points and an S-B of 3.

### HURT WINS AGAIN AT CHARLESTON

John F. Hurt, Jr. added his sixth Charleston (W.Va.) City Championship to his collection, which includes victories in 1934, 1935, 1942, 1947 and 1948. Hurt was undefeated in the 12-man round-robin event conducted by the Charleston Chess Club, drawing one game with Edward Foy for a 10½-½ score. Second place went to Edward Foy with a 9½-1½ score, drawing with Hurt, Hartling and Holt.

William Hartling and Reid Holt tied for third with 9-2 each. Hartling drew with Foy and Holt, while losing to Hurt; Holt drew with Foy and Hartling, and also lost to Hurt. Edwin Faust, last year's co-champion, finished fifth with a 7-4 score, losing outright to the four players above him and winning his other contests. Co-champion Al DuVall of 1949 did not compete in the event, but is currently leading in the Carbide (South Charleston) Chess Club Championship.

### GEE IS VICTOR AT SACRAMENTO

USCF Vice-President J. B. Gee by virtue of a last round draw with M. O. Meyer retained the Sacramento City Championship in the 16-man, 6 round Swiss event conducted by the Capital City Chess Club with a 5½-½ score. Gee, who is chess editor of the Sacramento Union, is chairman of the USCF committee on "Chess for Veterans." Second place went to George Flynn with 5-1, while M. O. Meyer finished third with 4½-1½, his lowest spot since 1941.

### FORM FINAL LINK FOR USA-CANADA

Final links in the USA-Canada 3,000 mile border Chess Match for June 18th have been forged in two more key sections. Washington State Chess Federation Officials have given their assurances that the traditional Washington-British Columbia Chess event will be conducted again this year as part of the International tilt and will represent the Western extremity of the competition. British Columbia players have challenged the Washington aggregation and in accordance with their amicable policy the Canadians are hosts this year and will designate the site of the match, which will be Vancouver or some point South.

Midwestern preliminaries were completed with the appointment of D. C. Macdonald, as State Team Captain for North Dakota. Mr. Macdonald may be contacted in connection with this event c/o Lock Box 603, Grand Forks, N. D. and early predictions are "Mac" will be making great strides this year with his Saskatchewan adversaries.

Recent reports of activity from the other side of the border indicate the Canadians are out to avenge last year's 116½-86½ defeat. D. M. LeDain, Chess Federation of Canada Team Captain, in charge of their overall planning, is concluding his Regional appointments and our U.S.C.F. State Team Captains have been alerted.

### MERRILL TAKES SALT LAKE TITLE

Duane Merrill, former City Junior Champion, won the Salt Lake City Championship by a 5-1 score in a 6-round Swiss with 12 entrants. The 18-year old champion is a student at South High School. He lost no games but conceded draws to Utah State Champion Louis N. Page and to Salt Lake Junior Champion Ted Pathakis.

Tied at 4-2 but rated second to fourth on S-B points were Ted Pathakis, Irwin Taylor and Sam Teitelbaum, while Louis N. Page placed fifth with 3½-2½. The tournament was held at the Salt Lake City YMCA.

### SOMLO CAPTURES CLEVELAND SPEED

In the Rapid Transit Championship, held in connection with the City Tournament, the honors went to Ernest Somlo with an 8-1 score in the 10-man round-robin event. Somlo lost a game to Nasvytis, but staged a comeback by defeating Nasvytis in a playoff game for the title. Second place went to Algirdas Nasvytis with 8-1, losing one game to William Granger. J. Goodman and E. Wyman tied for third with 6-3 each.

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

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### L. G. HARRISON

AS WE go to press, we receive the unwelcome news that Mr. L. G. Harrison, once a very active director of the Federation, has passed away from a sudden heart attack. Until his coronary affliction prescribed a more inactive life, Mr. Harrison served valiantly upon the USCF Board of Directors. His most valuable contribution to chess in Chicago, however, lay in stimulating and building the Austin Chess & Checker Club into one of the largest and strongest chess clubs in Greater Chicago. Serving several terms as president of Austin, Mr. Harrison wisely stepped aside from active leadership of the club in order to permit others to develop organizational talent and responsibility—being one of the few chess club founders who realized that the final survival of a club rested in its ability to supply more than one capable leader. That his judgment was sound in this decision is in evidence by the continued growth of the Austin Chess Club after Mr. Harrison had relinquished the leadership. But to his last days, Mr. Harrison was an active member of the club, and its membership will miss his cheerful friendliness and sound advice, as the Federation will miss his ever willing counsel and support.

### PATIENCE AND SHUFFLE THE CARDS

WE HAVE scrupulously refrained from commenting upon the violent debate in "The Kibitzer Has His Day" regarding the management of the recent USA vs. Yugoslavia Team Match. We have no intention now of breaking silence to comment or criticize the views of either group, but shall continue instead to offer to both space for the free expression of ideas.

There is some justice to the point of view that the U. S. Champion should play first board by titular right; there is also reason in the opposing view that players in an international match should be ranked according to their actual known playing strength. The catch (and it is a pointed one, well barbed) is that the ranking of players according to their known ability is dependent upon the fallible judgment of other players, who may be mistaken or prejudiced. And the chances for an honest error in judgment are quite as great as the probability of malice or prejudice ruling the final opinion.

Therefore, it seems to us that the most important item on the agenda of the USCF Board of Directors at their annual meeting in Detroit will be the consideration of a National Rating System for chess players whereby by purely mathematical means the comparative strength of all chess players will be determined without recourse to personal opinion or prejudice.

Such a system of rating has been perfected and will be presented to the Directors at Detroit for their consideration. And such has been the diligence of USCF Vice-President Wm. M. Byland, in charge of the devising of a rating system, and his associates that, if approved, the system can be made immediately effective, covering the ranking players of the country at once and extending down into the rank and file by degrees as sufficient data is developed and analyzed.

Such a system, once adopted, will automatically govern the ranking of players in all international matches which the Federation sponsors and will simultaneously obviate the criticism of the order of selection and remove the onus of responsibility from any committee.

So we say to all critics in the words of Cervantes: Patience and shuffle the cards.

Montgomery Major

### The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

CHESS MASTERY BY QUESTION AND ANSWER. By Fred Reinfeld; New York, Pitman Publishing Company. 175 pp., numerous diagrams. \$2.

(This is the first of a series of "retrospective reviews" of old favorites still in print—The Editor.)

THE NEW generation of chessplayers perhaps needs to be told about this extremely valuable book, recently taken over from the original publisher by Pitman. It is for the player who has left off trying to memorize lines of play and is beginning to try to think for himself. In the first 75 pages, Mr. Reinfeld offers 16 games in as many lessons, each illustrating some major feature of strategy or tactics, and each annotated with dozens of questions, 347 in all. At the back of the book are 100 pages of answers and explanations, together with summaries of the salient points of each lesson.

The games are introduced with notes identifying the players and the chief interests of the play, and after nearly every move Reinfeld poses his queries. These are not vague and general and they do not

require "book knowledge"; they are carefully specific and based always upon the facts of the position, yet they are always tied in with general principles. One definition of a great teacher in any subject is one who knows what questions to ask. Reinfeld is a chessmaster at your elbow, forcing you to think moves out and explaining just what you need to know about motives or possibilities. After working through this book, one learns to ask some of the right questions of himself in his own games. As one who has profited from it tremendously, the reviewer can recommend it highly.

The games range from Steinitz-Sellman 1885, which ends in a typical Steinitzian zugzwang, to Sergeant-Alekhine 1938, which concludes with a slashing sacrifice of the exchange; from Reti-Grau 1927 in 17 moves to Piazzini-Euwe 1937 in 48. The motifs are varied and interesting, and the games are admirably suited to pedagogical purposes. The game from Lesson I appended here was "selected with a view to helping to break down the prejudice which so many amateurs have against an early exchange of queens."

White: R. Reti—Black: R. Grau: 1. P-QB4, P-QB4; 2. Kt-KB3, Kt-KB3; 3. P-Q4, P-Q4; 4. B-PxP, B-PxP; 5. QxP, QxP; 6. Kt-QB3, QxQ; 7. KtxQ, P-QR3; 8. P-KK3, P-K4; 9. Kt-K13, Kt-B3; 10. B-K2, B-Q2; 11. O-O, B-K2; 12. B-Kt5, O-O?; 13. KR-Q1, KR-Q1; 14. QxBxKt!, PxB; 15. Kt-Q5, QR-K1; 16. Kt-B5!, K-B1; 17. KtxBP!, Resigns.

### Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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THE FOUR problems presented below give quite an international flavor to our column, being the work of a Canadian, an Irish-born American, a native of the United States, and a great Argentine composer, respectively. No. 166 is particularly interesting as being a rare three-move effort by a two-move expert who has won more first prizes for compositions in the shorter length than anyone else in the world. The apparent play by 2. QxB after 1. . . . , P-B4 ch is completely changed by the keymove, which substitutes an exceptionally brilliant line of play. In No. 164 there is also rather unusual changed play, which occurs after Black's move of 1. P-Q4 ch.

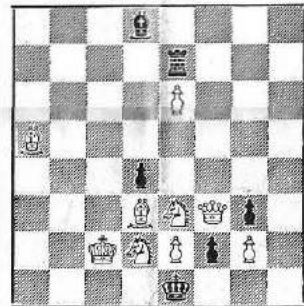
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Problem No. 163

By A. A. Fagan  
Montreal, Canada

Composed for Chess Life

Black: 6 men

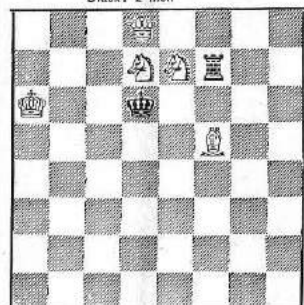


White: 5 men  
Bc4, d4, f3, g7, h4  
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 165

By Dr. G. Dobbs  
Pittsburgh Post, 1925

Black: 2 men



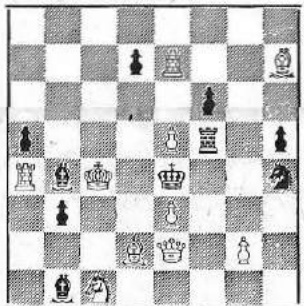
White: 5 men  
K, R, B, N, P  
White mates in three moves

Problem No. 164

By James D. Burke  
Chicago, Illinois

Composed for Chess Life

Black: 10 men

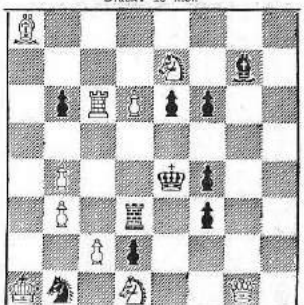


White: 10 men  
K, R, B, N, P, P, P, P, P, P  
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 166

By A. Ellerman  
First Prize, Westminster Gazette, 1918

Black: 10 men



White: 10 men  
K, R, B, N, P, P, P, P, P, P  
White mates in three moves

### The Kibitzer Has His Day

From the Editor's Mail Bag

Dear Montgomery:  
I dare you to publish this letter in CHESS LIFE.

How is an American team chosen? And what part does the United States Chess Federation play in its choice? I say that the team is chosen by a dictator called Al Horowitz, and that the USCF plays little or no part in its choice. I say that Al Horowitz chooses his friends or those he is interested in, makes it a point to ignore those he dislikes.

I take you back to 1945. The team to play Russia was to be chosen. Horowitz made the

choice, and refused to include me on the team, even though I was then U. S. Open Champion. Only a strenuous effort by USCF president (then) Elbert Wagner forced my choice. Every member of that team except Seidman (and myself) was a member of the Manhattan Chess Club. Every member of that team was a New Yorker (we, who know Steiner, still count him as such.)

The night before play, I had an operation in the mouth. The day of play I was still sick. I explained all this to Harkness, and offered (Please turn to Page 3, col. 2)

### Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data  
By A. Buschke

### III THE MATCH WITH LEVITSKY (Continued)

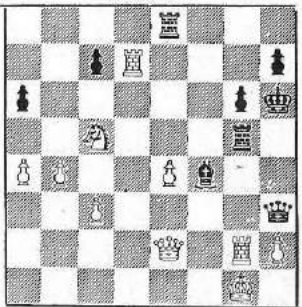
#### GIUOCO PIANO

Third Match Game, St. Petersburg, February 28 (March 3), 1913.

Notes by A. A. Alekhine in "Nouvelles Vremis" (N.V.) of March 5 (18), 1913 and "Shakmatnyi Vestnik" (Sh.V.), no. 5 of March 1 (14), 1913, p. 70. This game is published in Reinfeld's "Unknown Alekhine" as game no. 66 with Reinfeld's notes.

White: S. M. LEVITSKY Black: A. A. ALEKHINE  
1. P-K4 P-K4 4. O-O P-Q3  
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 5. P-B3 B-KK5  
3. B-B4 6. P-K4 P-Q4  
(N.V. note to White's moves 6 and 7): This pawn attack does not attain its usual goal, in this position—White does not succeed in making use of the opposition of bishops on the diagonal Kt-QR1. Incidentally, also in general the variation chosen by White leads at best to even games; it is considerably stronger to play P-B3 in the fourth move.  
7. P-QR4 P-QR3 10. PxP KtxP  
8. P-Q3 Kt-B3 11. Q-KB1? (N.V.) This audacious although not fully correct combination is probably still White's best, practical chance. In all other continuous White would have to reconcile himself to getting the decidedly poorer position, e.g.: 11. BxRt, QxB; 12. B-B4, Q-Q1; 13. P-B3, B-B2; 14. Kt-Q5, Kt-Q5; 15. BxRt, PxB; 16. R-K1 ch, B-K3; 17. Q-B2, Q-Q4; or 11. BxB, PxB; 12. Q-K13, BxKt; 13. PxB, Kt(B3)-K2, etc. (Sh.V.): A very audacious, although not fully correct combination, which leads to interesting complications. In any other continuation, White gets the somewhat worse game.  
11. BxKt 12. PxB KtxB  
(N.V.) Another very good move was 12. BxB; 13. PxB (or a), KtxP; 14. BxP ch, Kt-B1; 15. R-B2, Q-K4 ch; 16. K-R1, Q-B3; or (a) 12. BxRt, B-B3; 14. Bxch, Kt-B1; R-Q1, Q-B3, etc. In both cases Black has the considerably better game; he preferred however the extra pawn to an attack which is not quite clear in its consequences.  
13. BxP ch K-B1 16. K-R1 B-B5  
14. PxKt QxP 17. B-B4 Q-Q7!  
15. Kt-R3 BxP ch  
(N.V.) This makes it difficult to double the White rooks on the important queen's file; in case of Q-Q1 Black would have to retreat entirely on account of the threat P-K13.  
18. R-R2 Q-Q3 21. Kt-B4 P-KK3  
19. R-Q1 Q-K2 22. Kt-Q2! (The I only in N.V.)  
20. B-Q5 Kt-Q1 23. Kt-K4!  
(The I again only in N.V.)  
23. R-KB1? (N.V.) White made excellent use of his slight chance and got a rather threatening position, which however was not sufficient to force Black to give back the pawn—Black had several counter-attacks, e.g.: 23. P-B3; 24. R-B4, P-R2; or 23. R-R2; 24. Kt-B5 (24. P-R5, P-QR4); P-B3! After the committed blunder, there is nothing left for Black but to plunge into a desperate counter-attack which, however, in normal development of the game, could not lead to favorable results. (Sh.V.) With 23. R-R2; 24. Kt-B5, P-B3; 25. B-B4, P-R3, etc., Black could have defended himself satisfactorily, keeping the extra pawn. After the text move it is already impossible to save the pawn.  
25. P-R3 Q-R5 27. O-O R-B4  
26. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 28. Kt-B5 R-R4  
(N.V.) If 28. Rt-Q6, then R-R4, etc.  
28. P-KK2 K-R3 30. Q-K4 R-R4  
29. Kt-K2 K-R3 31. R-Q7 R-R4  
(N.V.) This thoughtless move lets the advantage slip out of White's hand while he could have kept it by simply playing 31. Q-R3; after this, Black had no appropriate continuation of the attack, and on the other hand, was hardly in a position to defend his weak queen's side. (Sh.V.) Lets the chances to win slip out of his hands while 31. Q-R3 would have prevented them, because this move would stop all further attempts on Black's part to attack.  
31. R-R4 R-KK4  
(N.V.) Wards off the threat 32. R(Q7)xP ch and forces the queen to move away because after 32. R-KB2 Black has already at least a draw with 32. B-K6; 33. R-KR2, B-B5, etc.  
32. Q-K2 P-K5! 33. PxB (N.V.) Again forced (33. R-R1, PxP!); there is no chance to win left for White.)  
After 33. PxB

#### ALEKHINE



LEVITSKY  
33. R-R4 R-KK4  
(N.V.) "A" gross blunder which is based on the assumption that White commits the variation 34. Q-K4, QxQ; 35. R-Q, R-P; 36. RxB, etc. with a draw ahead. The continuation 33. R-R4; 34. QxR, QxR; 35. R-K3; 36. Q-R5 ch; 36. Q-R5, QxQ and not 32. Q-K2; 37. Q-R4, Q-R5 ch; 38. Kt-K12, Q-R2 ch; 39. K-B3, etc.; 37. KxQ, RxB; 38. RxB, RxB; 39. P-Q15, P-Q15; 40. PxP, Q-Q15; 41. BxB; RxB, etc. would clearly have led to a draw.  
(Please Turn to 4, col. 5)

# Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

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## Quiet Moves

IT WAS that exuberant phrase-maker and paradox-monger Dr. Tartakover who once remarked that a Pawn sacrifice requires more skill than does a Queen sacrifice. The reason? Sacrificing the Queen calls for exact calculation of a quick finish. The Pawn sacrifice involves a necessity of judgment which as a rule is the monopoly of the great masters.

On a par with the subtle Pawn sacrifice is the surrender of the exchange followed by a clever series of "quiet" moves. Precisely because of their lack of flamboyant qualities, such combinations are generally "born to blush unseen."

### GIUOCO PIANO Nuremberg, 1892

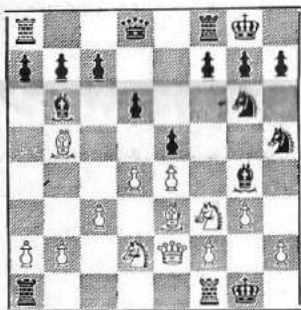
White: S. TARRASCH  
1. P-K4  
2. Kt-KB3  
3. B-B4  
4. P-Q3  
5. B-K3  
6. B-K3  
7. QK-Q2  
8. B-QK5

Black: S. TAUBENHAUS  
P-K4  
Kt-QB3  
Kt-B3  
B-B4  
P-Q3  
B-K3  
B-K3

Indicating that despite the planissimo beginning, he means to attack later on.

After a deceptively tranquil beginning, the crisis has arrived; can Black be allowed to post a Knight powerfully at KB5? (12. KtxP?? is no help, for then 12... Kt(4)-B5 wins a piece.) 12. P-KK3 is too risky because of 12... B-Kt5 threatening such moves as... P-KB4 and... Q-B3 with a tremendous attack.

12. P-KK3!  
Nevertheless!  
12... B-K5  
Of course. White's predicament is now very serious.



13. P-KR3!  
14. Kt-K5!!  
Black cannot believe his eyes. Why this generosity?!

White has given up the exchange for a consideration. His Queen and two Bishops are strongly entrenched, and his Knight will soon join the attack. None of Black's pieces is effective, and his King is without a friend in the world.

Thus if 17... Q-B1 (of course not 17... P-KB3?; 18. B-B4 ch etc.); 18. B-QB4 (threatens 19. Qx Kt), P-B3 (if 18... Kt-R1; the entry of White's Knight wins quickly); 19. Kt-K3 (not 19. QxKt, P-Q4), PxP; 20. Kt-Kt4 (threatens 21. Kt-B6 ch), P-Q4 (if 20... B-Q1; 21. Kt-R6 ch!); 21. K-Kt2, PxK; 22. R-R1 (et tu, Brute?); P-B3 (or 22... R-K1; 23. Q-R7 ch, K-B1; 24. Q-R8 ch! and mate next move); 23. Kt-R6 ch, K-R2; 24. Kt-B5 ch, K-Kt1; 25. Kt-Q6 and wins.

17... Kt-K2

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# Chess Life

Abroad

By Guilherme Groesser

**Argentina:** Gligoric won the strong Mar del Plata tournament with 11½-5½, losing one game to Bolbochan and drawing nine. Second place was a tie at 11-6 between Guimard and Rossetto, while fourth place was also a tie between Julio Bolbochan and Pirc at 10½-6½. Elikases and Pilnik tied for sixth at 10-7 each, and Rosiolino was eighth with 9½-7½. Surprise of the event was the poor showing of Trifunovic who tied for ninth at 9-8 with Czerniak and Michel. There were eighteen contestants in the event.

**Belgium:** The match between Holland and Belgium resulted in a 14-6 victory for the Dutch, led by Euwe, van Scheltinga, Cortlever and Kramer. Belgium was represented on top boards by Dunkelblum, Devos, Lemaire and Thibaut. On Board 11 Mlle. Bussers of Belgium scored twice against Mme. Heemskerck of Holland.

**England:** M. N. Barker (Birmingham) won the British Boys' Championship at Hastings with 7½ points. Second place was a tie between I. A. Bradley, N. T. Honan and H. Morton with 6½ each. In the Birmingham Junior International Tournament first place went to Bjorn Haggqvist (Sweden) with 8½ points; tied for second in the 11-round Swiss event were J. Alexander (England) and E. Klager (Germany) with 8 each; fourth was M. Olafsson (Iceland) with 7½.

**India:** Two tournaments were held at Delhi: in the first (played Indian rules) Charan Dass won with Bundu Khan second; in the second (played by international rules) the places were reversed with Khan winning and Dass the runner-up.

**Italy:** Fletzer won the championship of Venice with 10-1; second place went to Zoppetti with 8½-2½. Fletzer will play a deciding match with the present titleholder, Szabados.

**Columbus Y Chess Club** staged an exhibition for Weaver W. Adams on his recent tour. In his two-game lecture, Adams bested both Walter Mann and Jim Schroeder in thirty moves, while explaining his intentions as he moved. In a straight simultaneous exhibition on the next evening, Adams was again in fine form, conceding losses only to Prof. Meiden, Myron Frederic and Rex Naylor, while drawing with Waldo Barnhiser. At the annual club election, Leon Goodman was elected as president, Mrs. Catherine Jones and Alex Seabrook as vice-presidents, Selden Trumbull as secretary, Jim Stevens as treasurer, and Rex Naylor and Joe Terrible as trustees.

**Staten Island Chess Club** sent a team visiting West Point and scored a 7-1 victory over Uncle Sam's cadets, conceding only two draws.

**Quincy (Mass.) Chess Club** swept the first 11 boards in a match with Newton Chess Club for 10½-4½ victory.

**Greenfield (Mass.) Chess Club** tallied a 5-2 victory over the Northampton Chess Club.

In 1946, also, I won the N. Y. State Title ahead of Lasker, Kramer and Soudakoff. In 1947 I was second to Kashdan in the U. S. Open at Corpus Christi. In 1949 I was second to Sandrin in the U. S. Open at Omaha. But in 1950, I am not asked to be on an American team — nor were two previous Open Champions, Adams and Sandrin. Why? Why were masters like Pinkus, Robert Byrne, Ulvestad and Dake named in preference? Why did Bisguier play ahead of me, when my score against him in match play is 4 to 0?

Incidentally, I believe that these radio matches should be discontinued. They are not contests

ANTHONY A. SANTASIÈRE  
New York, N.Y.

## PRINTING SCHOOL ADDS CHESS TEAM

The New York School of Printing, one of that city's 26 vocational high schools, now holds the honor of being the first trade school in the East to boast a functioning chess team. The team, consisting of William Gibb, Seymour Orenstein, Joseph Hansen and John Sherrock, has entered intercollegiate competition against 12 local academic high school teams. Should the team prove at all successful in its efforts, it is expected that several other vocational schools will begin chess activity. Principal Ferdy J. Tagle of the school has been very active in encouraging this new aspect of chess organization in New York. USCF Vice-President Milton Finkelstein is acting as team coach.

## CHICAGO LEAGUES FINISH SEASON

In the Greater Chicago Chess League the Austin Chess & Checker Club topped the roster with 8½-1½ in match score, winning 42½ game points. Second place went to Berwyn Chess Club with 7-3 in matches, while Hawthorne Electric finished third with 6-4 in the six team league.

In the Chicago City Chess League, the University of Chicago finished in the "A" Section with 7-0 match score, while Lawson Y Chess Club was second with 5½-2½. In the "B" Section first place went to Irving Park Y Chess Club with 5½-2½, while Chicago Chess & Checker Club finished second with 4-3. In the "C" Section (Collegiate), victory went to Roosevelt College with 7½-½, while Ill. Inst. of Technology finished second with 5½-2½.

A playoff for the Chicago City Chess League championship will be held between the University of Chicago team and the Irving Park Y team, and the victor will contest for the State title via radio with the Rock Island Chess Club team, victors in the downstate league.

## With The Chess Clubs

**Lansing (Mich.) Chess Club** remained undefeated this season after holding a 10½-10½ tie with the Battle Creek Chess Club in a 21-board match, largest match played between two Michigan cities. Lansing scored an upset on board one when B. Collins bested R. Buskager of Battle Creek, lost on the next five boards, but salvaged enough points thereafter to hold the tie.

**Louisville Chess Club** has elected R. W. Shields president, succeeding Merrill Dowden, chess editor of the Courier-Journal, who held the office for two terms. Hudson W. Hatcher was named vice-president; C. Raymond Emler secretary-treasurer; W. H. Meadows referee; and Judge Henry Tilford general counsel. Dr. Clell G. Fowler became chairman of the membership committee and Dr. Max Blum chairman of the finance committee.

**Jersey City "Y" Chess Club** elected William Walbrecht president; Paul Neumann vice-president; Louis Eigen team captain; and Paul Helbig secretary-treasurer.

**Portland (Me.) Chess Club** bowed to defeat before the strong Portsmouth (N.H.) Chess Club by a 5½-1½ score. Lee Jones salvaged the point and Dwight Parker the ½ point, while teammates were being bowled over by New Hampshire big guns like Alex Sadowsky and Orlando Lester.

**Federal Chess Club (Washington, D. C.)** saw CHESS LIFE, columnist Edmund Nash capture the club championship with a 5-1 score. Nash drew with Nucker and Boschan but was undefeated. Second place went to W. J. Nucker with 4-2, while third was shared by J. F. Collins and G. S. Thomas with 3½-2½ each.

## Chess Life

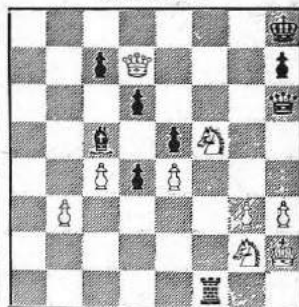
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## What's The Best Move?

By Guilherme Groesser

Position No. 47



7k, 7pQd, 8pQ4, 8b1pQ2, 8fPp3, 1P4PP, 8K, 8f2  
Black to move

Send solutions to Position No. 47 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by June 5, 1950.

Solution to Position No. 45

This pretty combination came in a game between E. Z. Adams and C. Torre in New Orleans, 1920 (in the actual game Black's QRP was on QR4, but this does not alter the winning procedure). Adams with White played 1. Q-KR4!; Q-R4; 2. Q-QB4, Q-Q2; 3. Q-B7, Q-R4; 4. P-QR1, QxR3; 5. R-K4, Q-R4; 6. QxKtP, Resigns.

Some solvers went slightly astray on details of the winning procedure by not seeing Black's best defensive moves, but almost all found the startling offer of the Queen by 1. Q-KR4! Correct solutions are acknowledged from: Josiah A. Baker (Mankato), Dale A. Brandrich (Mignon), J. E. Comstock (Duluth), W. J. Couture (Howard), Dr. Joseph M. Erman (Detroit), Joe Faucher (New Haven), George G. Gallagher (Glendale), Eddie Gault (New Brighton), Joseph Huss (Lancaster), A. Kaufman (Chicago), Edw. J. Korpany (Woodside), D. C. McDaniel (Los Angeles), Dr. J. Melnick (Portland), Walter P. Murphy (Chicago), Ed Nash (Washington), Robert Nash (Howard), John W. Rodgers (Baltimore), Wm. H. Wilson (Amherstburg).

## For The

## Tournament-Minded

June 9-11

### South Carolina Open Championship Charleston, So. Carolina

Will be open to all; So. Carolina championship to go to ranking resident player, open championship to first place winner; to be held at George St. YMCA, beginning 1:30 p.m., June 9; trophies to winners of both titles; for details write: Prof. Alexander Lewis, Box 1252, Clemson, So. Car., tournament director, defending champion Paul L. Cromelin.

July 1-4

### South Chess Association Championship

Durham, North Carolina  
Annual Southern Ass'n tournament, host the Durham Chess Club; details later; or write: J. B. Holt, Long Beach via Sarasota, Fla.

**Grand Rapids (Mich.) Chess Club**, which had previously lost only one match in the past ten years, went down to defeat before the Lansing Chess Club by a 7-5 score. On board one Boyd Collins of Lansing lost to E. J. Van Sweden, but on board two G. Bogue, Michigan State College student from East Lansing, scored a sensational victory over O. Jungwirth of Grand Rapids, a former strong Austrian player now an American citizen.

**Log Cabin Chess Club (West Orange)** played a triple-header match with three New York teams. Log Cabin "A" bested the Intercollegiate Chess League team 6½-1½ with G. Parmalee, H. Jones, F. Howard, Weaver Adams, J. Mager and A. Bramson turning in victories for Log Cabin and E. T. McCormick drawing with B. Trink of the Intercollegiate. M. Burn salvaged the point for Intercollegiate. Log Cabin "B" team, however, was less fortunate and lost to Sunset Park Chess Club by a 9-2 score, while the Log Cabin "B-C" team was being defeated by the Queens Bryant Chess Club by a 5½-3½ score.

Saturday, May 20, 1950

ALBIN COUNTER GAMBIT Marshall Chess Club vs. Mercantile Library Chess Ass'n, New York, 1950

Notes by A. E. Santasiere
White: B. BLUMIN (Mercantile)
Black: A. E. SANTASIERE (Marshall)



Here castles would not do because of BxP1 if then BxKt7, B-R6 ch. But the text is also a losing move. The best chance was 15. Q-KB4.

Tournament Life

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

39. R-R5 ch 42. R-R8 K-B4
40. K-B3 R-R5 43. R-R5 ch K-K13
41. R-Q7 P-R5 44. R-R8 P-K15 ch

RUY LOPEZ Manhattan Chess Club Championship Preliminaries, New York, 1949

Notes by J. Soudakoff
White: E. S. JACKSON
Black: J. SOUDAKOFF

11. BxP P-Q2 12. Kt-K3
12. Kt-K3 P-K4 13. R-K1 P-Q4
13. R-K1 P-Q3 14. P-B3 Kt-QR4

35. PxP oh P-P 37. RXP?
36. R-Q7 P-K15
The decisive error 37. P-R6 was sufficient for a draw.

After 42. P-K8(Q) SOUDAKOFF



42. Q-K16 ch?
A pity. I could have spared wear and tear on my nervous system with the simple and precise 42. Q-R6 ch (A) 43. K-R3, Q-K6 ch; 44. K-R4, RXP mate; Or (B) 43. K-R5, B-R7 ch; 44. K-R3, R-R ch and mate in two.

mate of 28. Q-K8 ch, K-R2? 29. R-R3 ch, K-K13; 20. R-K6 mate.
26. Q-K8 K-R1 28. R(3)xQ
27. Q-K3 QxQ

RUY LOPEZ Hastings Christmas Tournament Hastings, 1949

Notes by Erich W. Marchand
White: J. A. FULLER
Black: L. EVANS

10. B-B2 P-B4
11. P-Q4 Q-O 13. P-P P-P
12. Q-K1-Q2 B-O2 15. P-KK4

After 37. KxRP EVANS



SLAV DEFENSE Bay City vs. Midland Bay City, 1950

Notes by J. Lapin
White: J. YASCOLT (Bay City)
Black: F. MICKLICH (Midland)

1. P-Q4 P-Q4
2. P-Q4 P-Q3 4. P-K3 B-K15

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SLAV DEFENSE South Dakota Championship Rapid City, 1950

Notes by M. F. Anderson
White: M. F. ANDERSON
Black: D. EMIGH

1. P-Q4 P-Q4 6. B-K15 B-K2
2. P-Q4 P-Q3 7. P-K3 Q-O
3. P-P P-P 8. P-Q3 P-K3

After 19. P-Q5 EMIGH



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Black: F. MICKLICH (Midland)

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YASCOLT

11. KxKt 15. O-O R-QB1
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13. P-Q4 P-K4 17. O-Q6 ch Q-K2

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Alekhine's Career

(Continued from page 2, col. 5.) (Sh.V.) A gross blunder: 28. ... Rxt; 34. Q-K1, QxR; 35. Kt-Q8(1), Q-B5 ch; 36. Q-K1, QxR; 37. KxQ, RXP would have secured at least a draw for Black.

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