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## 120 PLAYERS SET RECORD!

### DETROIT OPEN TOURNAMENT LARGEST IN USCF HISTORY

#### Strong Field Includes Nine National Past And Present Title-Holders

The 51st U. S. Open Championship Tournament at Detroit began on July 10 with an unprecedented entry list of 120 players from 22 States, the District of Columbia, three Canadian Provinces and Puerto Rico. Countless State and Regional Champions were among the contenders, which also included nine former or present national title-holders: U. S. Champion Herman Steiner, U. S. Open Champion Albert Sandrin, Jr., U. S. Junior Champion Arthur Bisguier, U. S. Women's Co-Champion Gisela Gresser, former U. S. Open Champions Anthony Santasiere and Weaver W. Adams, former Western Champion L. Stolzenberg, Puerto Rican Champion Rafael Cintron and Canadian Champion Maurice Fox.

Other outstanding entrants included Larry Evans, H. Berliner, George Kramer, Robert Steinmeyer, John Ragan, Jack Soudakoff, Povilas Tautvaisha, George Eastman, Albert S. Pinkus, Lewis J. Isaacs, Dr. A. Mengarini, M. Guze, Richard Kujoth, Eliot Hearst, A. DiCamillo, Paul Poschel and a host of others scarcely less well known.

#### Round One

Sensations of the first round were O'Keefe's victory over U. S. Open Champion Sandrin, and U. S. Champion Steiner's win over Major Holt. In the latter, Steiner was delayed by a late train, and his clock had run for one and a half hours before he began to play! Steiner sat down, moved hurriedly, and in due time the time limit was overstepped—by Major Holt!

Few leading players met in the first round, but Bisguier defeated Kujoth and Evans won from Mrs. Gresser; Fox had a difficult win from T. A. Jenkins.

#### Round Two

Big upset of this round was Bisguier's 77 move loss to L. Spitzler of Detroit, Larry Evans won his second game from Miss Kellner (and is now dubbed the Women's Champion for his two victories over the ladies.)

At this point leading contenders with 2 points are: Evans, Kramer,

Santasiere, Steiner, and Shipman, while Adams and Donovan will probably have two points on completion of adjourned games.

### U. S. OPEN LEADERS

As we go to press, the following were the leading scorers:

L. Evans	5-0	H. Hesse	4-1
J. Donovan	4-1	G. Kramer	4-1
A. Santasiere	4-1	G. Miller	4-1
R. Steinmeyer	4-1	E. Nash	4-1
H. Berliner	4-1	W. Shipman	4-1
M. Fox	4-1	L. Stolzenberg	4-1
C. Hesse	4-1	P. Poschel	4-1

U. S. Open Champion Albert Sandrin, Jr. and his brother, Angelo, withdrew upon learning of the death of their father at Chicago.

### SALT LAKE CLUB HAS V.A. GROUP

In line with the expanded "Chess for Veterans" program, the Salt Lake City YMCA Chess Club has organized a group to play and teach chess at the VA Hospital in Salt Lake City, where it was found upon investigation that 30 patients were eager for chess activity. The local program for instructing veterans in the hospital is in the charge of Irvin Taylor and Samuel Teitelbaum, president and vice-president respectively of the Salt Lake Chess Club.

### Junior Championship Attracts Strong Advance Entry List

Despite the short notice given for the U. S. Junior Championship, as we go to press advice from Milwaukee indicates a very strong advance entry list, even with a number of probable contenders not yet heard from. The 5th Annual Junior Championship, sponsored this year by the Milwaukee Journal and conducted by the Department of Municipal Recreation of the Milwaukee Public Schools, shows every sign of being one of the strongest in line of extremely successful junior events, beginning with the tournament at the Lawson YMCA in Chicago in 1945.

Among the six known entrants from Wisconsin is the very strong junior player, Richard Kujoth, three-times Champion of Wisconsin. News from New York indicates that Arthur Bisguier, twice U. S. Junior Champion and recent South-sea victor, will defend his title; while a strong trio of New Yorkers in Larry Evans, Eliot Hearst and James T. Sherwin will also compete. Of these, Larry Evans, the Marshall Club Champion, has narrowly missed the Junior title on several occasions, being second on S-B points in 1949 at Fort Worth and tied for second at Cleveland in 1947.

Other probable entries include James Cross of Glendale, Calif., who has also narrowly missed the

title upon several occasions, being third on S-B points at Fort Worth in 1949, third at Oak Ridge in 1948, and tied for second with Larry Evans at Cleveland in 1947. Lionel Joyner of Montreal is another sure entry to add an international flavor and the probabilities also favor the entry of Ross Siemms of Toronto who hasn't missed a Junior since Cleveland, where he distinguished himself against the leaders at the age of eleven.

Paul Poschel, Illinois State Champion; Paul L. Dietz, Intercollegiate Champion; Myron Frederic, Ohio Junior Co-Champion, are also among the probable entrants, as well as a number of Cleveland's junior players.

Position No. 37  
Nash vs. Robins  
Washington, 1950



24c, p1qkPp1, lapp, 2qPS, 884, PP5Q, KR1P, R1B212  
White to play and win

Position No. 38  
Couture vs. Kuzma  
Correspondence, 1950



483, p1qkPp1, P1qk1, 2P22, Q1B22, 103, 1P4P, B4R3  
White to play and win

### Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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THE TWO positions above are simple "hot-weather" ones. In Position No. 37, which occurred in the last round of the Washington, D. C. Championship this year, White forces mate in nine moves, unless Black gives up his queen.

In Position No. 38, William Couture, of Howard, R. I., announced mate in six.

Please turn to page six for solutions.

### USCF REGISTERS PROTEST

WE REFER the reader to the text of letter by USCF President Paul G. Giers, addressed to President Rogard of F.I.D.E. in which the disapproval of the United States Chess Federation is officially made plain regarding certain decisions of the Summer Assembly of F.I.D.E. in Paris, 1949.

No comment is necessary to elucidate the various points in Mr. Giers' letter, for the text speaks for itself.

Syracuse, N. Y.  
June 27, 1950

Mr. Folke Rogard  
President, F.I.D.E.  
Kungstradgardsatan 16  
Stockholm, Sweden  
Dear Mr. Rogard:

ON BEHALF of the United States Zone of F.I.D.E. and the United States Chess Federation, I wish to communicate to you for your information and presentation at the 1950 F.I.D.E. General Assembly, the following:

1. The United States Zone emphatically protests the action taken at the 1949 F.I.D.E. General Assembly, whereby the title of International Master is awarded to all three-time participants in Soviet National Championship tournaments.
2. The United States Zone declines similar recognition for American players participating in the U. S. Championship Tournaments and generally objects to recognition of any player as International Master, except on the basis of accomplishments in international competition.
3. The United States Zone proposes and strongly urges that the 1950 F.I.D.E. General Assembly rescind the aforementioned action taken at Paris last year as inconsistent with the dictates of logic and propriety.
4. The United States views with great disappointment, the choice of Budapest in preference to Buenos Aires, which made it impossible, under the circumstances, for the U. S. Grandmasters to participate in the F.I.D.E. Candidates' Tournament.
5. The United States Zone notes with grave concern the apparent danger of increasingly disproportionate Soviet influence in F.I.D.E. affairs. It firmly believes that, for continued existence as world chess body and for fulfillment of its mission, F.I.D.E. must adhere to its original principle of equality among all member units. It proposes, therefore, that adequate provision be found to prevent the domination of F.I.D.E. by the players of one nation as was so evident at Sallsjobaden and Budapest.

Your kind cooperation in submitting the above as part of the agenda for the 1950 F.I.D.E. Assembly will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

PAUL G. GIERS,  
Vice-President, F.I.D.E.  
President, U.S.C.F.

### EVANS CAPTURES LOG CABIN TITLE

Larry Evans, Champion of the Marshall Chess Club, added to his laurels the championship of the Log Cabin Chess Club with 11 wins and two draws. Second place went to A. DiCamillo, present Philadelphia Champion, with 11-2, while former Penn State Champion Herman Hesse was third with 9½-3½.

The event was notable for its strength, including former U. S. Open Champions W. Adams and A. E. Santasiere, and other outstanding players such as Jack Collins, Dr. Ariel Mengarini, Franklin Howard, E. T. McCormick, and E. S. Jackson, Jr.

### WHITAKER WINS SOUTHERN OPEN

With a score of 6-1, N. T. Whitaker took the Southern Chess Ass'n Championship after a bad start, losing his first round game to Mugridge. In the final and sixth round Whitaker, a former Western Ass'n Champion, gained the lead and victory by defeating Kenneth Smith of Texas who had up to that point held the lead in the tourney.

CHESS LIFE columnist Eliot Hearst of New York was second with a 5½-1½ score, and third place on S-B points went to Donald Mugridge of Washington with 5-2. Mugridge, editor of a chess column in the Washington paper, was playing in his first national tournament since the Paul Morphy Memorial Tournament at Chicago in 1937.

Hearst, needing a win in the final round for first, drew with Mugridge, and Smith, who only needed a draw to win, lost to Whitaker in the most exciting finish of this event.

Martin Southern (Knoxville) was elected president of the Southern Chess Ass'n; Grady N. Coker (Atlanta) 1st vice-president; Samuel A. Agnello (Durham) 2nd vice-president; Major J. B. Holt (Long Beach) secretary-treasurer. The tournament was conducted by the Durham Chess Club.

### THREE-WAY TIE IN CHICAGO MEET

The Chicago City Championship resulted in a three-way tie for first between State Champion Paul Poschel, Angelo Sandrin, and former City Champion Joseph Shaffer.

Fourth place in the 13-man round robin went to former Western Champion Herman Hohlbohm with 8½-3½, while U. S. Open Champion Albert Sandrin finished in a tie for sixth with 6½-5½.

The three leaders will play for the title in a 3-man round robin. In the regular event, Angelo Sandrin (Albert's younger brother) drew with Shaffer and defeated Poschel, while Poschel bested Shaffer.

### RAGAN TAKES ST. LOUIS SPEED

The St. Louis Speed Championship went to youthful Missouri Champion John Ragan with an 8-2 score. Second place went to Handy with 7-3, third place to Haller with 6½-3½, while Newberry of Alton (Ill.) came in fourth.







# Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

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## Making Something Out Of Nothing

There is one type of combination which is never considered in chess manuals: the combination which, though sound, is superfluous. Chess writers take it for granted that if the combination can be declined without disadvantage, one's opponent will "naturally" do the "sensible" thing.

The annotator is concerned with what is rational and what can be determined objectively. In over-the-board play, however, "non-analytical" factors play a great role: the bluff, the dare, the gamble, the speculation cannot be analyzed variation-wise.

### PETROFF DEFENSE

Correspondence, 1946

White	Black
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3
3. KxP	P-Q3
4. Kt-KB3	KtP
5. P-Q4	P-Q4
6. B-Q3	B-Q3
7. O-O	B-KKt5
8. P-B4	P-QB3

Not quite satisfactory, for the pin can be troublesome: 9. R-K1, P-KB4; 10. Kt-B3! If now 10. . . . B-B2; 11. Kt-Kt1, BxP; 12. BxP, PxB; 13. RxP ch and wins; or 10. . . . B-K2; 11. Q-Kt3 and Black is at a loss for a good move.

9. QKt-Q2 Kt-Kt1  
Expecting 10. BxKt, O-O which leaves Black with a fair game.

10. R-K1 ch!!  
A very fine move, which requires hair-sharp calculation.

10. . . . Kt-K5  
Black accepts the dare. Devotees of the simple life would prefer 10. . . . B-K2; 11. BxKt, PxP; 12. BxP, O-O and Black has an excellent position.

11. BxKt PxP?  
11. . . . O-O was in order (12. PxP, PxP; 12. BxP, BxP ch etc.). He can hardly be blamed for not seeing the whole point of White's combination.



12. RxP ch B-K3  
Confidently awaiting 13. P-Q5, which he will answer with 13. . . . O-O! so that if 14. PxP??, BxP ch!  
13. B-K5! P-B3  
He is still trying to hold on to the extra piece!

14. RxB ch K-B2  
15. P-Q5! Px8  
Black's position is apparently quite safe, although a bit uncomfortable.

16. PxP!! PxP  
Against 16. . . . KxR. Rather had planned 17. Q-Q5 ch, K-K2; 18. R-K1 ch, K-B1; 19. PxP and wins; or 16. . . . BxP ch; 17. KxB, QxQ; 18. KtP ch!, K-B1; 19. PxPKt!, Q-R4 ch (if 19. . . . QxR; 20. PxR (Q), QxKtP; 21. Q-B3 ch with a quick mate); 20. K-Kt1 and wins.

17. Rx8 Q-R4  
18. P-B5! Resigns  
On 18. . . . QxBP Rather had intended 19. Q-Kt3 ch with crushing effect; or 18. . . . R-K1; 19. KtP ch, K-Kt1; 20. Q-Kt3 ch, K-

R1 and our old friend Philidor's Legacy turns up: 21. Kt-B7 ch, K-Kt1; 22. Kt-R6 ch, K-R1; 23. Q-Kt8 ch! etc.

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

## TROPHIES GRACE MOST U.S. EVENTS

With the addition of the Herman A. Dittmann Trophy for the U. S. Junior Championship, almost all the national USCF Tournaments are now provided with permanent travelling trophies, emblematic of championship. The sole remaining event that is trophy-less is the U. S. Lightning Chess Championship.

For the U. S. Biennial Championship there is the Herman A. Dittmann Trophy, now in the custody of U. S. Champion Herman Steiner, who won possession at South Fallsburg in 1948.

For the U. S. Women's Biennial Championship there is the Herman A. Dittmann Trophy, now in the custody of U. S. Women's Co-Champions N. May Karff and Gisela Kahn Gresser, who won possession at South Fallsburg in 1948.

For the U. S. Open Championship there is the George Sturgis Memorial Trophy, donated by Mrs. E. R. Thayer, now in the custody of U. S. Open Champion Albert Sandrin, Jr., who won possession at Omaha in 1949.

For the U. S. Women's Open Championship there is the Helen Cobb Trophy now in the custody of U. S. Women's Open Champion N. May Karff, who won possession at Baltimore in 1948.

For the U. S. Intercollegiate Championship there is the H. Arthur Nabel Memorial Trophy, now in the custody of U. S. Intercollegiate Champion Paul L. Dietz, who won possession at New Brunswick in 1949.

For the U. S. Intercollegiate Team Championship there is the Harold M. Phillips Trophy, now in the custody of the U. S. Intercollegiate Team Champions, the City College of New York Chess Club, which won possession at New York in 1948.

For the U. S. Junior Championship there is the new Herman A. Dittmann Trophy, now put into play for the first time at Milwaukee this July 24-29.

Photographic reproductions of Harold M. Phillips and the George Sturgis Trophies are published in the 1946 and 1945 USCF Yearbooks respectively. For reproductions of the various trophies in issues of CHESS LIFE, consult the following numbers:

Herman A. Dittmann Junior Trophy (C. L. July 20, 1950); H. Arthur Nabel Trophy (C. L. January 5, 1950); George Sturgis Trophy (C. L. September 20, 1947); Harold M. Phillips Trophy (C. L. January 5, 1947); Herman A. Dittmann U. S. Championship and Women's Championship Trophies (C. L. November 5, 1946). There has been no published photograph of the Helen Cobb Trophy.

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## Bill Challinor

An Appreciation by GENE COLLETT

BILL CHALLINOR, one of the grand old men of West Virginia chess, is dead. The newspapers, publishing accounts of his death July 1 at the hotel in Clarksburg, where he and his wife had lived a year or so, gave his age as 78. But no one, unless it was his wife, knew how old Bill was. His age was his most closely guarded secret, and he repulsed every effort to find out.

We do know he was born on July 1—coincidentally the day of his death—of a certain year at Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, England. He attended Glasgow Art School, Scotland, and Wedgewood Institute, Burslem, England. He had lived in the United States for many years. Until his retirement a year or more ago, he worked as an engraver and designer for various china and pottery concerns.

Bill admitted he was "past 21" when he learned chess by reading an encyclopedia. Thereafter he played in various clubs in the States and abroad. Reading a list of those clubs is like perusing a gazetteer; they're scattered all over the world.

Newspaper clippings prove that around 1908 he was in the problem field, getting his first composition, a three-mover, published in the old Pittsburgh Leader (back in those days it was spelled "Pittsburg"). From 1910 to 1913, Bill acted as referee and games adjudicator of the Correspondence Chess League of America.

Many of the players in the Clarksburg club wondered how, when they had defeated Bill time and again in wood-pushing games at a certain opening, they confidently played the same opening in a tournament and found themselves defeated, suddenly and devastatingly. Bill, grinning slyly, would admit to confidantes:

"No chess player ought to show everything he knows in every game. All the traps aren't in the little red book. Make an opponent think he knows all about a certain opening and that you don't, and he'll play that opening against you. Then all you have to do is cut his head off!"

Bill was a tremendous worker for chess in West Virginia. He was one of the founders of the Clarksburg Chess Club. He was enthusiastic in helping the infant Club bring its first state tournament to Clarksburg. When that tourney resulted in the establishment of a West Virginia Chess Association, Bill was offered the presidency, but firmly refused.

"Nobody knows me," he said. "Name somebody whose name means something in West Virginia chess. That will do more to promote the game than I could, no matter how hard I worked."

When no one could be found to edit the Clarksburg Chess Bulletin, Bill took over the job and handled it for six months. He drew covers and did artwork for the Yearbooks of the West Virginia Chess Association—until his flagging energies no longer permitted him to attempt the work. He ran a chess column each Sunday in the Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram—a popular and well-received column—until the wartime shortage of paper made the column no longer possible.

We could tell a thousand tales of Bill and chess. But we won't. We'll just give you, in closing, Bill's motto for his club which, if he is still cognizant of earthly events, he likely is still repeating: "Better chess, and more of it!"

## U. OF CHGO WINS IN CHGO LEAGUE

In a stubborn playoff battle the University of Chicago Chess Club finally won the Chicago City Chess League title. It took three playoff matches with the winners of the "B" Section, Irving Park Y Chess Club, as the first two ended in draws. The final match was a 4-2 victory of the University team which will now play the downstate champion for a State title.

The Chicago City League will be strengthened for the coming season by the addition of two new teams from the Grandis Chessmen.

Plans for an industrial division for banks and commercial firms are being laid, and interested groups in this classification may contact A. Kaufman, 5531 So. Kimbark Ave., Chicago 37 for further information.

Officers of the League elected at the annual meeting are: A. Kaufman (Hyde Park Chess) president; S. Winikaitis (Irving Park Y) executive vice-president; C. Henderson (Northwestern Univ.) secretary; Major L. Peterson (Lawson Y Chess) treasurer; and D. Abel (Chicago Chess & Checker) publicity director.

## DITTMANN GIVES JUNIORS TROPHY

Herman A. Dittmann of Salt Lake City, a master craftsman in wood, has donated to the U. S. Junior Championship a very fine permanent trophy which will be placed in play for the first time at the U. S. Junior Championship at Milwaukee this July 24-29. This is the third Dittmann trophy, donated to the USCF. The first was the unique trophy which is now in the custody of Herman Steiner as U. S. Champion. The second was an even more unique example of the blending of rare woods into a creative design which Mr. Dittmann designed for the USCF to present to FIDE for the World Championship event, and it is now in the custody of World Champion Mikhail Botvinnik.

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## Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

THE INTERVAL between the completion of the New York Metropolitan Chess League season and the beginning of the annual club championship tournaments usually finds New York chess uneventful. This year, however, things are not so dull, and there is news to report.

The Manhattan Chess Club recently held a "triple header" to honor their co-champions, Denker and Shainswit, and to celebrate Art Bisguier's triumph at Southsea, England. The feature of the evening was a rapid transit open to members of Manhattan's championship team, and so many of them entered that it was necessary to divide the contestants into two preliminary sections, from which the two top players in each qualified for the finals. The Byrne brothers, Robert and Donald, tied for first in the finals and won substantial cash prizes. Max Pavey and Arthur Bisguier finished third and fourth respectively. It is noteworthy that quite a few famous chessmasters not only did not win prizes but even failed to qualify for the finals!

At the Marshall Chess Club a number of individual contests are being played as preparation for the summer tournament circuit, which in a few weeks will attract most of the leading players in the country. Mr. A. C. Simonson defeated Dr. E. Lasker in the first of their scheduled four-game match. Simonson also intends to engage in a ten-game match with Larry Evans for high stakes as soon as Evans returns from the United States Open Championship at Detroit. A match between Dr. A. Mengarini and J. Collins is in progress and also one between J. F. Donovan and E. Hearst.

James Sherwin won the junior championship of the Marshall, 1½ points ahead of Kenneth Stern and Albert Weissman, who tied for second. Sherwin is a member of the Columbia University chess team and plays on the Marshall reserve team.

## MILW. JOURNAL DONATES TROPHY

As we go to press, we learn that the Milwaukee Journal has also donated a handsome trophy to the U. S. Junior Championship—an embarrassment of riches!

The Federation will, of course, endeavor to arrange with both the donors for effective use of both the splendid trophies. CHESS LIFE suggests that one of them might well serve for a younger Junior Champion—under 15 years.



NEW U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

Herman A. Dittmann, master artist in wood of Salt Lake City, with his latest creation—the U. S. Junior Championship Trophy, which he has generously donated to the United States Chess Federation as a permanent travelling emblem of victory.

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By Fred Reinfeld

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With The Chess Clubs

Newburyport (Mass.) Chess Club ended its season with two annual events. The Speed Tournament saw G. Herndon victor with 7 1/2-1/2...

Decatur Chess Club (Ill.) faced and defeated the Alton Chess Club by a close 3-2 score at the Elks Club Hotel in Litchfield...

Staten Island Chess Club congratulates member, Dr. A. Buschke, for being awarded prize for Best Played Game in Class B of the Metropolitan Chess League...

Jersey City YMCA Chess Club recently defeated the Jewish Union Chess Club by 6 1/2-2 1/2 with Eigen (J. C.) losing to Rosenfeld on board one...

New Jersey Chess League sees Club of the Oranges in the lead with 7-0, Irvington-Polish second with 6-2, and Elizabeth and Union tied for third with 4 1/2-2 1/2 each.

Gloucester County Chess Assn, champions of South Jersey League, continue to display their caissic prowess, defeating Woodbury by a 6-2 score, and Wildwood by 6-3.

Fresno (Calif.) Chess Club completed its annual club tournament with Kenneth Lamkin as the winner with a 15-2 score. Second place went to William Harris with 13-3 1/2...

SIMUL PRECEDES CANADA MATCH

In a gala chess week-end at Berlin, N. H., Weaver W. Adams preceded the USA-Canada match by giving on Saturday evening a two-board demonstration lecture to members of the assembled U. S. team...

After the USA-Canada match which ended in a 16 1/2-8 1/2 U. S. victory with Adams on first board for the USA, on the following evening Adams gave a simultaneous exhibition against 16 members of the U. S. team...

NORTH SHORE LEAGUE

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Score. Includes Portsmouth, Manchester, Newburyport, Haverhill, Durham.

ST. LOUIS LIGHTNING TOURNAMENT

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Ragan, Handy, Haller, Newberry, Low, Roesch.

Say You Saw It In CHESS LIFE.

USA-Canada Match Reported In Detail

From Washington to Main the cohorts gathered for this annual event on June 18th, and below are listed in a Roll of Honor the veterans of this titanic coast-to-coast chess encounter.

Washington vs. British Columbia

Table listing players and scores for Washington vs. British Columbia at Mount Vernon, Washington.

Washington vs. British Columbia at Colville, Washington

Table listing players and scores for Washington vs. British Columbia at Colville, Washington.

Minnesota vs. Ontario at Grand Marais, Minnesota

Table listing players and scores for Minnesota vs. Ontario at Grand Marais, Minnesota.

Massachusetts vs. Quebec at Montpelier, Vermont

Table listing players and scores for Massachusetts vs. Quebec at Montpelier, Vermont.

Vermont vs. Quebec at Ferrisburg, Vermont

Table listing players and scores for Vermont vs. Quebec at Ferrisburg, Vermont.

Maine vs. The Maritimes at Bangor, Maine

Table listing players and scores for Maine vs. The Maritimes at Bangor, Maine.

Michigan vs. Ontario Played at Detroit, Michigan

Table listing players and scores for Michigan vs. Ontario Played at Detroit, Michigan.

TALLY SHEET USA-CANADA MATCH

Summary table of the USA-Canada match results, showing wins, losses, and draws for both sides.

N. Y., Ohio, Penna. vs. Ontario at Niagara Falls, Ontario

Table listing players and scores for N. Y., Ohio, Penna. vs. Ontario at Niagara Falls, Ontario.

New Hampshire vs. Quebec Played at Berlin, New Hampshire

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With The Chess Clubs

Cleveland Twist Drill Chess Club was host for the Cleveland-Buffalo match which ended in a 5-5 tie. On first board John O. Hoy (Cleveland) lost to Robert Black...

North Jersey League saw Chess Club of the Oranges defeat Plainfield 5 1/2-2 1/2; Irvington-Polish best Bellevue 4-1; Union down Kearny-Progressive 4-2...

Fools Mate Chess Club scored a 7 1/2-4 1/2 victory over the Jersey City Y Chess Club in a recent encounter.

Gloucester County Chess Ass'n virtually sealed the South Jersey League championship by downing Fairview 4 1/2-3 1/2.

Syracuse (N.Y.) Chess Club was the scene of a 23-board simultaneous exhibition by Games Editor Erich W. Marchand of CHESS LIFE...

German Chess Club of Buffalo resumed team activity in an encounter with the Niagara Falls Chess Club, losing the match 7-3.

Georgetown University drew with Maryland University by 5-5 score when the first board game between R. Cantwell (Georgetown) and Robert Idertson (Maryland) was adjudicated a win for Idertson...

Downtown "Y" Chess Club (Pittsburgh) sees C. H. L. Schuette, II succeed to the presidency upon the resignation of Wm. M. Byland. In the club championship Paul Dietz with one round left to play leads with 10-0; Sorensen is second with 9-1.

University of Pittsburgh chess team has scored a very successful season drawing Altoona 5-5, besting Penn. State 7-3, downing Allis-Chalmers 7-0, beating Geneva 4-2, drawing Penn State 2 1/2-2 1/2, and defeating Gettysburg 3 1/2-1 1/2.

Lancaster County Tournament (Penna.) saw K. Kraeger win the Class A. event 7-1 with W. Stauffer second with 6 1/2-1 1/2 and M. Paul third with 5 1/2-2 1/2.

Marlboro (Massachusetts) Chess Club defeated Fitchburg recently in a match by a 6 1/2-3 1/2 score.

Hyde Park (Chicago) Chess Club has announced informal summer tournaments with restricted openings, open to all. Regular 10-second tournaments are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

Howard (R. I.) Chess Club, problemist William J. Couture won the club championship in a grueling 72-game match with John E. Howarth by a score of 39-33.

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Northampton (Mass.) Chess Club has elected Eli Bourdon president, John O'Connell vice-president, Louis Vichules secretary-treasurer, Dan Levin tournament director, Karl B. Allured representative to Western Mass. and Conn. Valley Chess Leagues, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harkness directors of Youth Chess movement. P. Lisle Graves is president emeritus.

Grandis Lithuanian Chessmen (Chicago) won a 5-1 victory over DePaul University with Estka of Grandis besting Murphy of DePaul on board one. Grandis plans to participate in the next year's Chicago City Chess League.

North City Chess Club (Philadelphia) in recent matches scored a 7-5 victory over Haverford College, an 8-2 victory over Wildwood Chess Club and a 5-4 victory over Rutgers while yielding to a 6 1/2-2 1/2 defeat at the hands of the University of Pennsylvania.

Rochester (city team) defeated the Syracuse (N.Y.) University team at Syracuse by a lopsided 9 1/2-1 1/2 score.

Lithuanian Chess Club (South Boston) received an accession of strength with the arrival from Europe of K. Skema, who celebrated his appearance by winning against Reshevsky in a recent simultaneous and then in the USA vs. Canada match by defeating J. N. Williams who placed third in the 1950 Montreal Championship.

Columbus (Ohio) Chess Club defeated Ohio State University by a 4 1/2-2 1/2 score, with Myron Frederick winning on first board against Strahl of OSU while on board two State Champion Walter Mann lost to OSU player Korngold.

North City (Philadelphia) Chess Club celebrated its 18th match by winning from the Philadelphia Rifle Club by a 9 1/2-3 1/2 score. In a rapid transit event, Saul Wachs placed first with Jos. Cotter second and Herbert Hickman third. North City is an extremely active club with a radio match scheduled against Santa Monica, Calif., Los Angeles County Champions. It is looking for matches in a 60 mile radius of Philadelphia and invites challenges. Apply Art Nickel, North City Chess Club, Cor. Park and 65th Ave., Philadelphia 41, Pa.

Marlboro (Massachusetts) Chess Club defeated Fitchburg recently in a match by a 6 1/2-3 1/2 score.

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FOX, BONE WIN IN MONTREAL

Canadian Champion Maurice Fox took the Montreal Speed Championship in an 18-man Swiss event with a 7-1 score. Second on S-B points was M. Guze, with A. Garelick as third. Miss Frida Bone retained the Montreal Women's Championship with a 6-1 score. Second on S-B points was Mrs. I. Stevens with 5-2, while Miss D. Robertson was third, also with 5-2. Mrs. R. Szawlowski was fourth with 4-3.



# Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojiam

OUR GOOD and caissie-minded friend, Dr. M. G. Sturm of Bagshot House in Trinidad, sends us the following correspondence game, notable for its brevity and its wit. We let him tell the story without interruption:

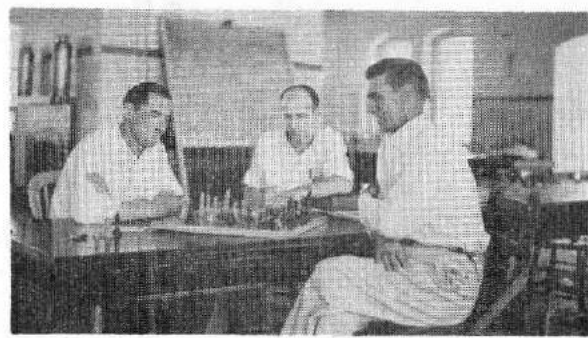
The following brevity, a friendly postal encounter, resurrects Bogoljubov's long dead Irregular Defence.—1. P-Q4, Kt-QB3, first played by B. vs. Nyholm, Stockholm 1919. Another example is Barnsted-Bogoljubov, Karlsrhuë ("Deutsche Schachblätter" No. 2, Jan., 1939).

White: DR. M. G. STURM (Trinidad)  
Black: H. KLASS (Australia)  
1. P-Q4 Kt-QB3 2. P-Q5  
2. Kt-KB3 is more usual. (Klass)  
3. B-B4 Kt-K3 4. P-KK13 P-QB4  
4. Kt-KR3 Kt-B7 5. B-Kt2 QxP??  
Adam's (not Adams') gardening career was interrupted for doing this.  
5. Kt-Q2 Q-K13 6. B-R3 K-B2  
6. O-O P-Q3 7. Q-B3 Kt-B3  
8. P-K4 P-KK13 9. P-K5 PxP  
10. P-K1 P-K4 11. R-K1 P-K4  
12. PxP e.p. Q-B3; 17. Kt-K4! or 16. Q-R4; 17. R(1)-K1, or 16. Q-Q3; 17. BxP ch, BxR; 18. RxB, QxKt(7); 19. QxP ch, Kt-Q2; 20. QxR, B-K2; 21. Q-K4!, BxR; 22. R-K7 ch and mate in a move or two.

16. B-Kt2 17. R-Kt2 Resigns  
White's position is never, to quote my erudite friend, Mr. Sprackman, "superogatory."



Final Position  
KLASS  
STURM



Final round of the Championship Match at the Howard (R. I.) Chess Club. Left, William J. Couture, defending champion and well-known correspondence chess player and problem composer; center, referee Albert Starr, editor of the Howard Times; right, challenger John Howarth, chess columnist in the Howard

## The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

MEET THE MASTERS By Dr. Max Euwe; translated by L. Prins and B. H. Wood; second edition. London & New York; Pitman, 1945. Pp viii-279, photos & diagrams.

THIS HIGHLY original idea of Euwe's was in effect a pre-game tournament book in which he introduced to the Dutch the seven giants who shortly thereafter joined him in the strongest eight-man round-robin ever played. Prins and Wood wrote the chapter on Euwe himself. Now "Mr. Chess" and his implacable rival Alekhine are dead. Two of the rest, Flohr and Euwe, are lower on the ladder than they were when this book was published in English ten years ago. Two others, Fine and Reshevsky, are still ranked by men who should know among the world's first half-dozen players. One, Keres, who tied Fine for the first in the AVRO tourney, has not fulfilled that brilliant promise. The other is now world's champion.

The 1945 revision adds a few paragraphs to the biographies; the text and the forty games and positions are as in 1940. Of these, eight, for example, are Alekhine's against Wolf at Pstyyn 1922, Bogolyubov at Hastings 1922, Grunfeld and Rubinstein at Carlsbad 1923, Reti at Baden-Baden 1925, Capablanca at Buenos Aires 1927 (final match game), Lasker at Zurich 1934, Fine at Kemerli 1937. Capablanca's opponents include Bogolyubov, Kahn, Lasker, Ragozin, Canal, Yates, Kaszdan, Maroczy, Eliskaes, Szabo and Winter are among the victims of the other six.

Euwe's introductory chapter "What Do They Like?" and his clear, sharp annotations throughout make the book instructive as well as historical. His judgment was impeccable in the selection of games both interesting and stylistically representative. Experts will enjoy comparing early and recent games of the survivors; ordinary mortals must be content with forty great games of modern chess to play over and study. Custom is not likely to stale that pleasure.

## CANADIAN TITLES CHANGE HANDS

Dr. D. C. Macdonald of North Battleford won the North Saskatchewan Championship on S-B points after tying with 1949 titleholder E. Hoehn of Meacham in the regular tournament. Both scored 7-1, but Macdonald defeated Hoehn in their game. F. J. Craddock of Saskatoon was third with 6-2.

The Calgary Open Championship was won for the third time by Harry Reeve, with the runner-up spot a tie between Allan Ambury and Peter Tiessen.

M. Jurshevskis of Vancouver repeated as British Columbia Champion with 7-0, while M. Pratt was second with 5½-1½ and L. M. Basanta of Victoria was third with 5-2.

For the fourth time Walter Holowach of Edmonton won the Alberta Championship with 5½-½, ahead of L. Barrs and H. Pedersen of Calgary who shared second place with 2½-3½ each.

## FERRIS REPEATS IN WYOMING MEET

For the second time Schuyler Ferris of Caspar won the Wyoming Championship in a 44-player knock-out tournament by defeating Ralph Hawkins in the finals. Last year's champion, Frank Dillon, lost to Hawkins in the semi-final round. The Caspar "A" Team won the State team tournament by defeating Lance Creek-Lingle-Hawk Springs while the Caspar "B" was defeating Douglas. Then Caspar "A" defeated "B" for the title.

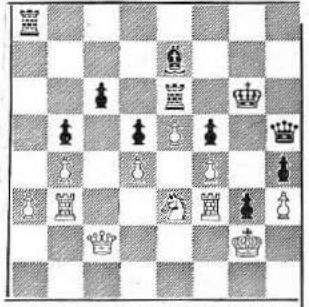
Emil F. Rohlf of Douglas was elected president of Wyoming Chess Ass'n with Frank Dillon of Caspar as vice-president, Jim Packard of Caspar as treasurer, Robert Kuns of Douglas as secretary, and Arch Bliss of Douglas as public relations officer.

Thursday, July 20, 1950

## What's The Best Move?

By Guilherme Grosser

Position No. 51



17. d6, 20. R-K1, 19. P-Q4, 18. P-K1, 17. P-K1, 16. P-K1, 15. P-K1, 14. P-K1, 13. P-K1, 12. P-K1, 11. P-K1, 10. P-K1, 9. P-K1, 8. P-K1, 7. P-K1, 6. P-K1, 5. P-K1, 4. P-K1, 3. P-K1, 2. P-K1, 1. P-K1

Send solutions to Position No. 51 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by August 5, 1950.

## Solution to Position No. 49

This position yields to a dual line of attack (as noticed at the time of publication). The more spectacular variation is that of the actual game, W. J. Couture vs. J. Howarth in the Howard Chess Club Championship, in which Couture (with White) played: 1. QxR, Q-R2; 2. R(4)-K3 ch, P-Kt1; 3. KxP ch, K-R2; 4. R-R1 ch, Resigns. However, 1. Kt(5)-K16 ch, BxKt; 2. KxR ch, P-Kt1; 3. R-K1 ch, Kt-R4; 4. PxP, P-Q4; 5. BxKt ch, K-K1; 6. Q-R1 ch wins as well and must be therefore considered a correct solution.

Correct solutions (1. QxR or 1. Kt-K16 ch) are acknowledged received from: D. Arganian (Racine), J. A. Baker (Mankato), W. J. Couture (Howard), J. E. Constock (Duluth), Dr. J. M. Erman (Detroit), A. A. Pagan (Montreal), A. Kaufman (Chicago), Bdw. J. Korpany (Woodside), E. Gault (New Brighton), J. Huss (Lancaster), D. O. McDaniel (Los Angeles), Dr. J. Malnic (Portland), C. P. Monzon (Huntington), E. Nash (Washington), G. Tanscher (Milwaukee), Wm. B. Wilson (Amherst), Joe Faucher (New Haven).

## TARPLEY WINS HAVERHILL OPEN

Victory in the annual Haverhill (Mass.) Open Tournament went to A. Tarpley of Haverhill with 6½-½. Second place went to Bartlett Gould of Newburyport with 6-1, while third was shared by two Newburyport players, G. Herndon and C. Waterman, with 5½-1½ each. Twenty players contested in the event.

## U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYERS

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## The Kibitzer Has His Day

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Mr. Major: I have before me three issues of CHESS LIFE dated May 5, 20, and June 5th respectively, in which I note petty grievances pertaining to U. S. Radio Matches with Russia and Yugoslavia... Subject—First board.

It is high time that our leading players set an example by refraining from such boyish jealousies. We need leadership in chess just as we need leadership in other sports, and according to my way of reasoning the USCF should take steps to solve the controversial first board problem.

If we're going to elevate our standards of chess mastery in this country, let us have more unity by appointing a USCF Committee who will in turn seed the top American Masters, place these masters in their respective positions (not board Nos.); then name it America's No. one Radio Team. Radio Matches are a good thing for American chess, and should be held monthly with foreign countries. As for the expenses, subscriptions to these events would take care of it.

In conclusion, may I suggest Mr. Hans Kmoch be appointed Chairman of this committee, who, by the way, is quite capable of solving America's No. one headache, namely, "board position."

IRA C. ISENBERG  
Enola, Pennsylvania

(Question of future rankings of leading players will be generally solved by the Rating System, which will be up for adoption by the USCF Board of Directors at the Detroit meeting. See CHESS LIFE, January 5, 1950—A National Rating System Planned—The Editor.)

Dear Mr. Major: I wish to express a conviction which I feel the majority of the members of the USCF have, or would have after due consideration. I refer to the scheduling of the play in the U. S. Open Tournament at Detroit, and tournaments in the future. I am unable to understand why only one game is scheduled per day. The average chess player, such as myself and many others, who attend tournaments have no objection to playing two games a day. For example, the Southwestern Open, to be held at Waco, Texas, this year, provides for two games on Saturday, three on Sunday, and two on Monday.

I honestly feel most players, if given the opportunity to vote on the matter, would express a preference for playing two games per day in order to save time and money involved in participating. I feel that many more players would find it possible to take part in

such a tournament. The argument no doubt has been, is, and will be advanced that it is not possible to play good chess in such a "short" time limit. I think this argument is the favorite of the "masters." The U. S. Open, however, is theoretically for the masters and the average player. If the average player can play two games a day, why can't the stronger player do so? I think an examination of the quality of chess played in the Southwestern Open tournaments will sustain my contention that good chess can be played at the rate of two games per day.

The idea of playing the one game at night is ridiculous and absurd. I am willing to bet dollars to doughnuts that, during the day, you will see the majority of the participants indulging in "skittles"—then that night, they will continue to play—skittles.

I should like to have an expression of opinion on this matter from other players, either readers of CHESS LIFE, or those attending the tournament at Detroit. I especially wish that the matter could be brought before one of the business meetings, with the view of setting a two-game per day rate for the next tournament in Fort Worth, I believe, in 1951.

I trust you will see fit to publish this in an early issue in order that chess players may give the matter their attention. And, I should also like to hear the other side—those who favor or advocate the one-game a day schedule; I would certainly like to see what reasons they can advance for their position. Let's hear both sides.

HOMER H. HYDE  
Belleville, Illinois

(The U. S. Open Tournaments of 1945 at Peoria and 1946 at Pittsburgh scheduled two games a day for a number of days during the tournament. In both 16 rounds were played 14 days, with off-days for the Membership Meeting and the Banquet. It was at Corpus Christi, Texas with the introduction of a straight Swiss system that the schedule was first reduced to an idea of only one game per day. This change was made largely at the request of the players, many of whom had brought their families, and wished a little time for vacationing and sight-seeing between rounds. However, the Open Tournament is a players' tournament, and CHESS LIFE will welcome an expression of various views, which it will forward to the Tournament Committee for consideration—The Editor.)

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

JOIN THE USCF



J. B. Goode, A. V. Hesse, J. Lapin, Dr. J. Platt, Fred Reinfield, A. E. Santolera, Wayne Wagner, Dr. M. Herzberger, Edw. J. Korpany, I. Rivise, J. Ragan, Dr. Bela Rozsa, J. Soudakoff

RUY LOPEZ Southsea International Tournament Southsea, 1950

Notes by Edw. J. Korpany White: 1. P-K4, 2. P-K3, 3. P-K4, 4. P-K5, 5. P-K6, 6. P-K5, 7. P-K4, 8. P-K3, 9. Q-K4, 10. Q-K3, 11. R-K1, 12. R-K2, 13. R-K3, 14. R-K4, 15. R-K5, 16. R-K6, 17. R-K7, 18. R-K8, 19. R-K9, 20. R-K10, 21. R-K11, 22. R-K12, 23. R-K13, 24. R-K14, 25. R-K15, 26. R-K16, 27. R-K17, 28. R-K18, 29. R-K19, 30. R-K20, 31. R-K21, 32. R-K22, 33. R-K23, 34. R-K24, 35. R-K25, 36. R-K26, 37. R-K27, 38. R-K28, 39. R-K29, 40. R-K30, 41. R-K31, 42. R-K32, 43. R-K33, 44. R-K34, 45. R-K35, 46. R-K36, 47. R-K37, 48. R-K38, 49. R-K39, 50. R-K40, 51. R-K41, 52. R-K42, 53. R-K43, 54. R-K44, 55. R-K45, 56. R-K46, 57. R-K47, 58. R-K48, 59. R-K49, 60. R-K50, 61. R-K51, 62. R-K52, 63. R-K53, 64. R-K54, 65. R-K55, 66. R-K56, 67. R-K57, 68. R-K58, 69. R-K59, 70. R-K60, 71. R-K61, 72. R-K62, 73. R-K63, 74. R-K64, 75. R-K65, 76. R-K66, 77. R-K67, 78. R-K68, 79. R-K69, 80. R-K70, 81. R-K71, 82. R-K72, 83. R-K73, 84. R-K74, 85. R-K75, 86. R-K76, 87. R-K77, 88. R-K78, 89. R-K79, 90. R-K80, 91. 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