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## PETERS WINS NO. CAROLINA



By G. Nikolayev and G. Orlov Shakhmaty, April 1950



## White To Play And Win!

## Conducted by William Rojam

CONTINUING our survey of modern Soviet chess strategy, we devote C this column to two brilliant recent examples which were brought devote this column to two brilliant recent exanoples which were brought to our attention by our fellow-columnist, Edmund Nash, Position No. 84 is a very fine study in the handling of minor pieces and pawns against an enemy queen with the final entrapment of the latter, which will merit close study. The simple looking Position No. 83 will also repay careful attertion, for it is not nearly so easy of solution as it appears.

Position No. 79 by Bron brought in a number of letters to indicate that the published solution was faulty and gave a win for Black rather than a draw. But only one reader, Mr. F. A. Sorenson of Pittsburgh, apparently continued the analysis further. Mr. Sorenson points out the curious fact that we inverted the sequence in the published solution and that: 1. P-Kt7, Kt-K2 ch; 2. K-B8, R-Kt3; 3. P-Kt8(Q)t, RxQ ch; 4. B-K8 ch, K-B3 draws quite easily.

Please turn to page four for solutions.


## USSR CONTENDERS <br> \section*{TIE IN MATCH}

The 12 -game match between David Brontein and Isaac Boleslavsky to determine which shall play Mikhail Botvinnik for the World Championship ended in a tie with 8 draws and 2 wins for each. Under FIDE rules two more games will be played in an endeavor to qualify a contender.

TOURNAMENT VIEWS
Top: Charles Nevada (left), Public Events Manager of the Milvaukee Journal, presenes the new Milvantee Jounral Junior-Championship Trophy to Ernest Olfe, Hunor Tournament Dinctor
Second: Edwayd 1. Treend (eenter), Stargis Trophy to U. S. Open Champion A tihur Bisgaier (right), while Tournament Director Hermann Helms (left) kibitzes.
Third, right: The 51st U. S. Open Championship in fult session at Detroit. Third, left: Clayton Walker, young Detroit chess player, who has not tet Open Championship. He analyses his position on a special peg-board, and bis opponent or a tournament official makes Fourth, right: Jack O'Kecte, yours. Roturth, right: Jack OK Kefe, young
Detroit pligyer who scored on upset vicDetroit player who scored on upset vic-
tory over 1949 U. S. Open Champion tory over 1949 U. S. Open Champion
Albert Sandrin, Jr. in the opening round. Fourth, center: Lester Spitzley, Michigan player who gave Open Champion Bisguier his only defeat in the second round in a lense 77 move struggle.
Fourth, left: Leon Stotcenberg, twice
Western Chess Association Champion in 1926 and 1928, who celebrated his return U. S. Open Championship. fifth in the

## CRITTENDEN 2ND IN 20-MAN OPEN <br> William Peters of Durham won

the No. Carolina Open with a $41 / 2$. the No. Carolina Open with a $41 / 2^{-}$
$1 / 2$ score in a 20 -man event in which Kit Crittenden of Raleigh which Kit Crittenden of Raleigh
placed second with 4-1 and and S-B placed second with 4-1 and and S-B score of $161 / 2$, while Lars N. Enequist of Baltimore was third with 4-1 and an S-B of $121 / 2$.
Fourth place went to W. C. Adickes of Asheville with $31 / 2-1 \frac{1}{2}$ while J. U. Gunter held fifth with $31 / 2-11 / 2$.
Peters lost no games but drew With Crittenden in the final round. Crittenden also drew with Ben Rudich of Charleston. Enequist lost his only game to Peters.
Ephraim Solkoff of Raleigh was elected president of the North Carolina Chess Ass'n; Dr. George C. Harwell of Durham vice-president; Dr. V. A. Davidian of Smithdent; Dr. V. A. Davidi
field sec'y-treasurer.

## U. S. TEAM FIFTH

## IN EARLY ROUNDS

## At Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia teams

 from 16 countries are participating for the World Team Championship and the Hamilton-Russell Trophy which U. S. Teams won at Prague in 1931, Folkestone 1933, Warsaw Ises and Stockholm 1037. The U. S. was not represented at Buenos Aires in 1939 when the title went to Germany.In the first three rounds the U. S. Team, captained by U. S. a draw with Holl over Italy and Argentina with a total game score of $7 \frac{1}{2}-4 \frac{1}{2}$ for fifth place in the standings. Yugoslavia and West Germany lead with 9-3 each, followed by Holland with 84 and Belgium with $7^{1 / 2}-3^{1 / 2}$ (due to an adjourned game in the match with Peru
Reshevsky on board one for the USA drew with Euwe and Najdorf and defeated Castaldi. On board two Horowitz drew with Scheltinga and lost to Nestler, while Steiner drew with Bolbochan. On board three Shainswit drew with Cortlever and defeated Giustolisi. On board three Kramer drew with Rossetto while playing board four he drew with Donner and defeated Primavera. Evans, playing board four, scored a victory over Pilnik.

Teams represented in the matches are: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Chile, Denmark, Finnland, France, Greece, Holland, Italy, Norway, Peru, Sweden, United States, West Germany, and Yugeslavia.

## CCLA WINNERS

IN 1947 FINALS
Winners of the preliminary and divisional sections in the 15th (1947) Grand National U. S. Correspondence Chess Championship, conducted by the Correspondence Chess League of America and recognized by the USCF, have begun play in the Finals. Finalists are Robert D. Hayes (Hawthorne, Calif.), California State Champion; Oscar Jungwirth (Grand Rapids, Mich.), Great Lakes Champion; Dr, Isaac Farber (Bronx, N. Y.), New York-Penn. Champion; Orlando A. Lester, Jr. (Portsmouth, N. H.), James McClure (Nashville, Tenn.), Southern Champion; and C. F. Tears (Dallas, Tex.), Western Champion.

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## THE EDITOR CELEBRATES

A FTER some four faithful years of editing CHESS LIFE, in which 1 chess pursued him on vacation and sometimes invaded his dreams, thion by going on his vacation and firmly leaving chess behind him. If this issue is a little delayed and the following issue of September 20th somewhat belated in appearance, we trust the reader will forgive these lapses, recognizing the fact that the Editor has no trusted assistant (as a matter of fact, no assistant at all!) to which these issues could be confided in his absence.

Montgomery Major

## The Reader's Road Jo Chess

INTERNATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT NEW YORK 1948-1949. With Annotations, General History of the Tournament, and Round by Round Commentary by Hans Kmoch. Published and distributed by
Albert S, Pinkus, 1700 Albemarle Road, Brooklyn 26, N. Y, Pp: vi,

## 130. Cloth, $\$ 2.50$.

$T$ HE RECENT New York International is of considerable interest to位 he had left off in 1938, partly because it introduced Mendel Najdorf, the second prize-winner, to Ameriean chess, and partly because of the
good showing in this exalted company of two of America's younger players, Kramer and the present Open Champion, Bisguier.

This tournament book does credit to the games, to the annotator, and to the publisher, Albert S. Pinkus. First, it is a highly commendable production job with hardbacked covers, sharp print, clear diagrams, and good photographs. Second, it is a complete record: all 45 games, tables, summary of openings, human interest sidelights, commentary, and excellent annotations. These particulars make it a good buy; and if this book does well (it is sub-titled "Tournament Book Series Volume $I^{\prime \prime}$ ), Pinkus will no doubt issue more of the same quality.

The introduction is plain spoken: we are told, for example, that each player received $\$ 250$ for his expenses; that there were four prizes of $\$ 1000, \$ 750, \$ 500$, and $\$ 250$; and that when invited to play, "Reshevsky sounded his customary 'no' for the usual delicate reason." The round-by-round commentaries are business-like but enlivened by such bits as that about Pilnik and Najdorf's strolling in some hours late for round three, only to discover that Fine and Steiner were willing to play anyhow.

One feature not apparent from the score-table was Horowitz's action in the last round. He had lost only one game up to that point and a draw would have put him into the prize-list. But if he beat Fine, Najdorf had a mathematical chance of first place. Fine offered him a draw at move 13. Horowitz declined, as Kmoch says, "anticipating any reproach that U.S. masters would favor U.S. masters. This is high
sportsmanship, mediocre chess, and bad business. Business is not everysportsmanship, medioct
thing in this country,"

The only weakness an amateur can see (aside from minor misprints in the annotations is Master Kmoch's hopeless passion for naming variations. Confusion and inexactitude are iron to his soul, but alas for system! Inconsistent categories and goofy nomenclature are the illogical compensation for the rigid features of chess. The notes are copious, running to at least three or four columns per game, with one to three diagrams each. These annotations are clear, relevant, and impersonal. The whole performance is distinctive.

Kmoch calls this win of Horowitz's "an impeceable game." It is also a thriller. Sicilian Defense: Horowitz-Denker: 1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3, P-Q3; 3. P-Q4, PxP; 4. NxP, N-KB3; 5. N-QB3, P-QR3; 6. P-KN3, P-QN4; 7. B-N2, B-N2; 8. P-QR4, P-N5; 9. N-Q5, QN-Q2; 10. O-O, P-K3; 11. NxN ch, NxN; 12. R-K1, Q-B2; 13. B-Q2, P-Q4; 14. B-B4, Q-Q2; 15. P-K5, N-N1; 16. B-K3! N-K2, 17. P-KB4, P-N3?; 18. P-KN4!, P-KR4; 19. P-B5!, NPxP; 20. PxBP, NxP; 21. NxN, PxN; 22. B-Q4, Q.K3 ; 23. B-R3, R-B1; 24, RKB1, R-B5; 25. BxP, RxB?, 26. BxQ, B-B4; 27. BxBP ch, K-K2; 28. QxR, BxQ ch; 29. K-N2, BxNP, 30. QR-Q1, P-Q5 ch, 31. K-R3, R-R2; 32, B-N6, R-N2; 33. R-KN1! B-KB6; 34. B-Q3!, BxR; 35. RxR ch, K-K3; 36. R-N6 ch, $\mathrm{KxP}, 37$. RxP, B-N5 ch, 38. K-N3, B-QB6; 39. R-KN6, B-K8 ch; 40. K-N2, At this point Black exceeded the time limit.

CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
Southern California Qualifying Play


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Sllver spring, Maryland.
E
C NTRIES have already begun to arrive for CHESS LIFE'S internasues ago two-mover composing tourney, which was launched two very keen competition from the initial response there is going to be ment to make that we feel will interest all followers of this column Starting with the problems in the September 20 issue of CHESS LIFE, a Solvers' Ladder will be inaugurated and prizes-donated by the United States Chess Federation-will be awarded periodically to those having the largest number of points.

For the benefit of those who have never taken part in a Ladder competition before, this is how it will work: You receive 2 points credit for the correct solution of each two-mover and 4 points for each three-mover. Extra points will be allowed for correct claims of "cook" or "no solution," Your scores will mount accordingly as you solve the problems in each issue. The solver having the highest point-score after all of this year's problems have been published will receive a money award; his score will then be cancelled and be will begin again at the bottom of the Ladder. From then on, if interest in the competition continues, prizes will be given periodically to those with the highest scores.

So come one, come all, and join in the race! Remember-it begins with the problems published in our next issue.

> Position No. 191
By James D. Burke
> Chicago, Illinois
> Original for CHESS LIFE
> Composing Tourney

By Edgar Holladay
Charlottesville, Va.
Charlottesville, Va.
Original for CHESS LIFE
Composing Tourney



 Position No. 194
By M. Havel
Zlata Praha, 1904
Black: 3 men


White: 4 mon

We must apologize for the error what crept into the diagram of Weenink's No. 190, published in the last issue. The Pawn at White's KB2 should be White, not Black. Solvers are advised always to check KB2 should be White, not Black. Solvers are advised always to check
the diagrams against the Forsyth notation which appears below each position.

Solutions to previously published problems on page four.

## The Kibizzer Has His Day <br> 

Dear Mr. Major:
Writing letters to the editor has never been my favorite indoor sport, but I think that Mr. Hyde's letter deserves a reply.
Firstly, to collect some donuts very few players spend the whole day skittling, most of them are on their vacation and prefer are on their vacation and prefer
seeing the sights to getting stale. The rounds are normally held in the evening out of consideration for the local players with jobs who would like to play or kibitz. (Incidentally, two rounds would entail either an early morning round or an evening round anyway.)
Two rounds a day means a faster clock rate and less chance to recover from losirg a game. It also means much more physical wear. Last year I was able to finish in a tie for 9th at the Open, losing
only two games in twelve rounds. The following week at the Junior, playing two games a day plus adjournments, I lost six games in ten rounds to finish tweny-seventh. The same sort of thing happened at this year's Junior . . . I adjourned a game at one a.m., went home, analysed it, slept and returned the next morning at ten. I was able to salvage half a point I was able to salvage hal a point
out of three that day. My opponent, out of three that day. My opponent,
who had lost only one game before, dropped both games later that day and was thereby also tmocked out of the running.
With incidents like this in mind, I am unwilling to believe that this was good chess being played. Furthermore, I can see no reason to ask a good player who is out for the title to cripple himself for a the title to cripple himself for a

## Alchline's Carrly <br> Chess Carear

By A. Buschke

IV. THE "MOSCOW CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT 1916" (Continued)

## NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE Moscow Chess Club Tournamen 1915, Round 4, October 30 (Nov. 12), 1915

(A rather unusual opening at the time of the fournament in which this game was played. Not even the narme of the openQg was known then and it is listed as a nyi Vestnik," 1916, no. 1-T Tansl.)
NOTE: Alekbire's opponent in this game is the well-known master and author Vladimir Iyanorich Nendtokor (born 1880), the only surviver of the particiTournament, or sixth prize. He has the distinction of having beaten the very young Alexander Alekhine in a short match which Alekhine succecsive parres (see Reinfeld's Un. known Alekhine," p. 46; in the "Summary of Results preceding Alekhmes 1923" this match has been omitted, possibly Decause the tables in thus "Summary
of Results" sumnarize only "Alekhine's SUCCESSES"-transiator's emphasishoush one of the leading Moscow plavers, Nenarobov was asiracized in Russian ers, Nenarkon was oshaczed in Russian chess becouse he withdren from the St. valid excuse. In the early Soviet Chess Championship Tournaments be played with relatively good success: in the II
Championship, Petrograd 1923, he tied or 3rd-5th with Bogatyrchuk and DuzKhotimiskiii, with $71 / 2$ points out of a
possible 12, behind Remanovsky (10) and Levenfish (9); in the III Championship: Mascow 1924, he tied for 6th-8th with Vilner and Selezner, behind Bogoliabon, Romanorsky, Bogatyrchuk, Levenfish and 1. L. Rabinovich. He was repeatedly Champion of Moscow and is authar of a number of widely distributed (although not always very avell received) books. His
name can still occasionally be found among the contributers to "Shakhmaty , SSSR."

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& \text { Notes by A. A. Alekhine (Shakhm. } \\
& \text { Vestnik 1916, p. 2). }
\end{aligned}
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ed by Black has not led to unfavorable re. ed by
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## Chess For The Iired Business Man By Fred Reinfeld <br> 

## Tchigorin's Heir

WHEN Tchigorin died in 1908, it seemed that the great Romantic tradition of attack in the grand manner had died with him. But this was not true: it will never be true so long as chess continues to be
played. It did not take long before the chess world realized that played. It did not take long before the chess world realiz
Tehigorin had a worthy successor in young Rudolf Spielmann.

Like Tchigorin, Spielmann was well grounded in the theory of the game, but like Tchigorin, he preferred the attack at all times, seasonable or unseasonable. Like Tchigorin, Spi
treasure of beautiful, combinative chess.

## FRENCH. DEFENSE



Tarrasch once made the jocular remark: "Without the King's Bishop I am like Rousseau without his cat." Spielmann needed no mas-

P-KKt3?
He wants to prevent Kt , B 5 , but this is too ambitious a plan. True, the weakness he has just created on his black squares is guarded by
his King's Bishop; but, as Spielhis King's Bishop; but, as Spielmann demonstrates with his cus-
tomary tactical skill, this is a little obstacle which can be removed very easily.
Much better was 9 ........, $0-0$
P-KR3. 10. O-O
11. $\mathrm{QR}-\mathrm{Kl}$

B-K3 was preferable, although in that case the advance P-B4-5 would leave Black in desperate straits.
The text is a decisive blunder;
but how many players could prove but how many players could prove


| 12. Rx日!! |
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| The guardian Bishop is gone, |
| OXR | and Black's fateful weakness on the black squares is opened up to a pin which leaves Black helpless. A3. Q-B3 first sight 13. ....... K-Kt2 B-B4 seems better. But after $14, \mathrm{KtxB}$, PxKt; 15. Q-Kt3!t, K-Kt2 (if 15 . $\begin{array}{ll}\ldots . . . \\ \text { Q-R4 wins); } & 16 . \mathrm{BxKt} \mathrm{ch}!, \mathrm{KxB} ; 17 .\end{array}$ Q-R4 wins); 16. BxKt chi, KxB; 17. can resign!

Naturally forced.
 K-Kt1; 15. B-RE and Black's defense caves in.
If 16.
K-R3; 17. $\underset{Q}{\text { Q-Ku }} \begin{gathered}\text { ch } \\ \text { Reh }\end{gathered}$
leads to mate.
He is defenseless against 18 .
R6. A little gem of a game.

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## The Kibitzer

(Continued from page 2)
player who puts in such a small effort that two or more games don't faze him. What do the other
players think? The Open had its players think? The Open had its largest entry in history Junior its smallest. At the open were eleven Juniors who did not go to Milwaukee. Of these eleven, ten have finished in the upper brackets
better)
As everybody knows the Junior is shorter and cheaper, but none of these boys (who are certainy in better physical shape than the
adults) felt up to the annual rat adults) felt up to
race at the Junior.
Until these points can be answered, I shall support the present system. Hurrah for status quo!

JACKIE MAYER

## Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Major
In the July 20th issue of CHESS LIFE, Mr. Homer Hyde of Beiletional Open be played off at the tional Open be played off at the
rate of two games a day. I heartily endorse that idea.
With many players, the greatest expense is not the railroad or bus fare to the place of play but room and board. Of course, some may eke out the thirteen days in a cheap hotel or by eating in "greasy spoon" restaurants but this is not conductive to good chess
Another point, would it be possible to hold a tournament in a
place such as Turkey Run State place such as Turkey Run State
Park in Indiana or at a lake resort? There must be an inexpensive place somewhere with a rural or resort atmosphere. For ments were held at Cedar Point, Ohio. The old Western Chess AsOhio. The old western Chess As*
sociation also held its meeting there in 1925.
Of course, a small town could not bear the full responsibility. A nearby city would have to assist. It seems that this should make it very pleasant for the participants and make it
C. M. BURTON

St. Louis, Missouri

## BALTIC MENACE GROWS IN CHESS

The spread of the Baltic menace each month. Not only must we in the USA and Canada contend with Lithuanian and Latvian dangers Like Povilas Vaitonis, Povilas Tautvaisas, I Zalys, etc., but even far Australia feels the menace
The 1950 Adelaide (Australia) City Championship was won by Latvian G. Berzarins; the Cup vertiser was won by Latvian Lidums, with Lithuanian Lelys third, Latvian Berzarins fourth and Lithuanian Vaitkus fifth. In Tasmania the championship was won by K. Reintals, a Latvian; and the current Victoria championship shows the leaders at the sceond round to be Crowl, Dr. Learner and K. Ozols with 2.0 each. Ozols, of course, is

## HARTLEB TAKES

 LAKE ERIE OPENThe six-round Swiss Lake Erie Open Championship resulted in a
vietory for USCF Membership Secretary Glenn E. Hartleb. Hartleb tied with Chester Fell and Morton Siegel of Buffalo at 5-1 each, but placed first on S-B points white Fell placed second and Siegel third. Richard Boyer and Vernon Gable with $4-2$ each placed fourth player event. Hartleb lost to Fell, player event. Hartleb lost to Fell,
Fell lost to Boyer, and Boyer to Hartleb
This was the first event of this nature in the Lake Erie area, and it is planned as an annual event. The tournament was noteworthy were scored in the 46 games played. Most of the players came from Buffalo, with representatives from Erie, Rochester, Jamestown, Niaga

## MARTIN LEADS

## SO. CAL. PRELIM.

The Southern California Qualify ing Tournament for the State Championship resulted in the vicory of the Los Angeles County Champion Ray Martin with a $51 / 2$ $11 / 2$ score. Also with $51 / 2-11 / 2$ but
second on S-B points was Sven Almgren. Third place went to William Steckel who led in S-B points the group scoring $41 / 2-2^{1 / 2}$ in the 14-player 7 -round Swiss. Emil Bers bach was fourth, also with $41 / 2-21 / 2$ Martin, Almgren and Steckel were Martin, Almgren and Steckel were
qualified as the Southern Californqualified as the Southern Californ
ia contenders for the California State Championship, to be held in San Francisco.
Martin lost one game to George Hunter, who placed fifth, and drew tin and drew with Bersbach.

## LOG CABIN GOES <br> CHESS CRUISING

the record book, the Log Cabin Chess Club of New Jersey (first to pounce upon their victims by airplane) have suddenly become nautical and are seeking the chess mastery of the sea, cruising from port to port in a chartered yacht First of such matches was against the New Haven Chess Club when the chartered motor yacht sped from Old Lyme to dock at the New Haven Yacht Club (under ar rangements made by Edmund Hand, president of the New Haven Chess Club). There Log Cabin eked out a $3-2$ victory over the local players with J. Partos besting J. Bolton on board one and G. Partos defeating A. Suraci.

Continuing the cruise to Hart ford, the Carlene docked at the Hartford Yacht Club on the Connecticut River where the Hartford Chess Club evened the-score by defeating Log Cabin $31 / 2-21 / 2$. J Partos on board, one lost to R Mitchell, while brother G. Partos defeated W. Donahue.
Before taking to the sea, Log Cabin earlier in the month invaded the New Haven Railroad YMCA where it defeated the New Haven Chess Club by $3-2$ with Herman Hesse besting T. Suraci on board Hesse besting T. Suraci on board
one and G. Partos losing to J. Bolton on board two. Thereafter Log Cabin journeyed to the coun try home of Log Cabin impresario E. Forry Laucks (Lauckshaven at Old Lyme, Conn.) and there drew a match $3-3$ with the Deep River Chess Club, with Herman Hesse besting H. Johnson on board one while G. Partos lost to S. Wysow while G. Partos lo
ski on board two.

## HURSCH CAPTURES COLORADO TITLE

$41 / 2-1 / 2$ score gave Jack L. Hursch, student at the Denver University the Colorado State Championship in an event played at the Denver YMCA. 1949 Denver Champion R. Huffman was second with a score of $4-1$, and current Denver Champion A. K. Underwood placed third on S-B points in the 15 -man event.

Alekhine's Career (Continued from page 2, col. 5.)

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## Hessay, September 5, 1950



## Final Position ALEKHINE



## Chess difo On $\eta_{\text {ew }} Y_{\text {ork }}$

A from concession at Times Square, did not in the least perturb any of the players. While forty firemen carried
their extinguishing equipment through the playing rooms, the games continued, the contestants oblivious to the excitement and deaf to the entreaties of the hook and ladder men to "bust up the game, fellows, don't you know there's a fire here!" The firemen made no impression on the com batants - perhaps nothing much less than an atom bomb could stay these chess addicts from their appointed rounds. But, as for the fire, that situation was soon well in hand, and the New York Academy stands intact today, as good as new despite the experience.

Metropolitan chess club championnship tournaments start early in October. is the time when preliminary sections are under way to determine the players who are
to join the seeded ones in the championship finals. At the Marshall Chess Club some well-known names are to be found among the contestants who must qualify from the five preliminary sections to join the seeded players, Evans, Turiansky, Halper, Donovan, Men garini, Hearst, Santasiere, and Fa qualifying from each of the five preliminary sections, quite a few of the strong players will have to wait till next year to have their prizes.

Albert Simonson, who may compete in this year's Marshall championship tournament (he will, of course, be seeded, should he decide to compete), defeated Edward Lasker in their four-game match, $31 / 2-1 / 2$. Simonson, who a month before had triumphed over Reshevsky in a brilliant game, has returned to chess, none the worse for his ten years of inactivity.

Edward Lasker created something of a sensation recently when he won a Marshall weekly rapid with a score of $24-0$, ahead of Simonson and Byrne (22-2). By the way, these rapid transits give the average player a chance to meet masters and also to engage in a large number of games for a very small entry fee!

## DR. COOK WINS <br> ST. LOUIS OPEN

was played this year under the Kirk Holland System (first used in the USCF Open Tournament of 1935 at Chicago in the pre-Swiss days). Winner of the final Class A Section was Dr. Robert J. Cook A Section was Dr. Robert J. Cook
who lost no games in either preliminaries or finals but conceded two draws to Daniel Danilovich. Dr. Cook, disproving the adage that practice makes perfect, has not played in any serious chess event since 1936.

Second place in the Class A (or Yannigan) went to Charles H. Hamann with 4-2, while Daniel P. Dan ilovich was third with $21 / 2-31 / 2$
in the four man double-round event.
In the Class B finals (or Lumberpushers), two Ilinois players from Alton and East St. Louis, William Homan and Richard Ling tied for first with 4-1 each. J. P Blattner was third with 3-2. Homan bested Ling in the semi-final round but lost in the final round to Blattner.

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

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FRENCH DEFENSE
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