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ROZMAN, BRUNET WIN EVENTS

Chess Club Activities Take Spotlight As Fall Tourney Season Begins

Lincoln (Nebr.) Chess Club came to life at a reorganization meeting at the YMCA. And an ominous note was sounded for Nebraska titleholders in the news that Alexander Liepnies, former Latvian champion, gave a simultaneous at the Lincoln Club, winning 22 and drawing 1. Liepnies, a D. P. recently arrived at Lincoln, won titles in the British and American Zones of Germany before coming to the United States.

Hyde Park (Chicago) Chess Club had a simultaneous exhibition by Lithuanian master Povilas Tautvaisas in which the star of the Grandis Chessman lost only one game and drew two while winning 20 games.

Hart House (Toronto) Chess Club saw Dr. F. P. Bohatirchuk emerge from a simultaneous exhibition with 24 wins, 3 losses and 2 draws. J. Kagetsu, H. M. Armstrong and J. Patterson Smith tallied the wins, while H. Anto and J. K. Mann drew. The exhibition followed presentation of the Toronto University Championship Trophy to winner Sydney L. Blum. Trophy for the annual pyramid tournament went to Robert G. Buck.

Central YMCA (Toronto) Chess Club Championship went to H. Anto who placed fifth in the recent Ontario Provincial Championship.

Duluth (Minn.) Chess and Checker Club is planning to sponsor chess activity in the recently reopened Napeming Sanatorium, which is devoted to T.B. patients. The Duluth Club has already convinced the Sanatorium management that chess is peculiarly adapted to the requirements of such patients. Duluth's example of seeking such worthwhile outlets for humanitarian activity might well be copied elsewhere.

Racine (Wis.) Chess Club was host to Wisconsin State Champion Averill Powers who returned the hospitality by trouncing 11 members of the Racine Club in a simultaneous.

Rapid City (S.D.) Chess Club plans an ambitious season with a continuous ladder, a round-robin club championship, a 2-loss knockout, and an odds tournament all going at the same time. M. F. Anderson, P.O. Box 1466, Rapid City, S.D. will be glad to furnish other clubs copies of the rules used to govern these special events.

Louisville (Ky.) Chess Club is conducting its annual chess school at the YMCA under the direction of Jack Moyses, Dr. Max Blum and R. W. Shields, the reigning and two former State Champions. Classes will be held for eight weeks.

Rochester (N.Y.) Chess Club has moved into new and elegant quarters at 360 Main St. E, where the club rooms will be open at all hours, day and night. Celebrating the new abode, the club plans special events such as special instructions in chess for ladies, a handicap tournament, and a match with Syracuse University on Nov. 5th. In a recent encounter Rochester defeated Syracuse by a 9-1 score with one game to be completed by correspondence.

Boylston Chess Club (Boston) held a series of 5 speed tournaments recently. Gates won the first with 7½-½ and K. Skema was second with 5½-1½. In the second K. Merkis was first with 8½-1. In the third Lyman was first with 7-1 and Skema second with 6-2. In the fourth Churgin was first with 8-1 and Lyman second with 7-2. In the final of the series Skema was first with 7-1 and Gates second with 6-2.

Federal Chess Club (Washington) elected the following slate of officers: Vito Mirabile president; Rudolph Stahelin, Albert L. Pierce, W. W. Keller vice-presidents; Frank S. Howell secretary-treasurer; Hugh C. Underwood and William Plampin directors.

Firestone (Akron) Chess and Checker Club saw Peter J. Seitz win the annual tournament with 7 pts. Wallace Zimmerman was second and Ernie Slater third in the 20-man event. Earl Dennison, of the Firestone Club, will teach chess at the Akron University in a course lasting for 18 lessons with evening sessions.

Cleveland Chess Ass'n saw the unanimous election of the following officers: Ed F. Johnson president, S. S. Keeney 1st vice-president, T. A. Kelly 2nd vice-president, Robertson Sillars secretary, A. C. Proberg treasurer, Norda Troy corresponding secretary. Ed Johnson also became director for match play and Willis Van Sickle for Industrial League play.

Log Cabin (Orange) Chess Club continued to place firsts in the record with a four-man blindfold championship, won by H. Jones with 2½-½ with H. Hesse a close second with 2-1. Other entrants were F. Howard and M. Danon.

Decatur Chess Club (Ill.) encountered the Peoria chessplayers at Bloomington YMCA and inflicted a 4-2 defeat with Hugh Myers (Decatur) besting Dean Lybarger on board one while Gerald Garver drew with John Hodge on board two and Max Schlosser defeated C. A. Lyon on board three.

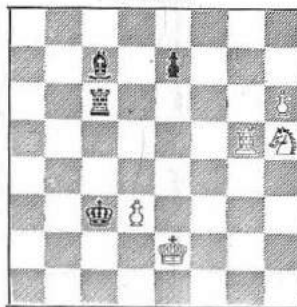
SCHOLARS EYE HELBIG TROPHY

November 6 begins the 5th Interscholastic Chess League Championship of Hudson County, sponsored by the Jersey City YMCA Chess Club, and excitement runs high as the Paul Helbig Trophy goes into permanent possession of the first three-time winner, and both Memorial and Demarest High Schools have two legs on the event. Sweeney High is the third member of the league, and is scheduled for a special rapid transit match with Memorial on Nov. 13th. Matches are played at Jersey City YMCA.

OTTAWA TITLE TO BOHATIRCHUK

The Ottawa (Ontario) City Championship went to Dr. F. P. Bohatirchuk with a perfect 13-0 score. L. Richard finished second with 11-2, while S. Kitces was third with 10-3 and A. Weiner fourth with 9-4.

Position No. 87
By G. Kasparyan
Soviet Chess Compositions
1945-1947



8, 2b1p3, 2r4f, 6RS, 4, 2kP4, 4K3, 8
White to play and win

Position No. 88
By V. Bron
Soviet Chess Compositions
1945-1947



8, 6P1, 1p1Pb5, 7k, 7p, 2P3r1, 1B5K, 7B
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojman

PROBABLY all readers of this column discovered without difficulty that the diagrams for the Emil Richter and Ladislav Prokes positions in the issue of October 5th were juggled by this writer. (We cannot this time blame a long-suffering printer!)

Solver Neil Bernstein of Brooklyn has questioned the validity of the solution to the Richter position, suggesting that after 4. Kt-Kt4, Black should play B-R5! rather than B-Q3. Then 5. Kt-B6 (or Kt-Q5, Kt-Q3) can be answered by B-R3! recently observing that in this manner White's Kt can be excluded from Q3, K5 and Q4 with the Black B always protecting the P at Kt2. What Bernstein overlooked was the second string to White's bow. If Black plays B-R5 to prevent invasion of Q3, K5, etc., White then maneuvers with the idea of reaching K4 at a time when Black cannot simultaneously protect Q6 and KK5. The variations are too long to publish, but they are worth a little discovery on the chessboard by practical experimenting.

If, for instance, Black maneuvers so that he can answer White's Kt-K4 with B-K2, protecting both Q6 and KK5, a third string becomes apparent after White's Kt has reached K4, for White plays Kt-Kt3, then Kt-B5, and Black cannot simultaneously protect the P, guard Q6 and prevent White from playing P-R6.

The examples in this issue are two more from the flourishing school of modern Soviet composers.

For solutions please turn to page five.

KOTOV TOPS ALL AT VENICE EVENT

Kotov (USSR) won the International Tournament at Venice, Italy with 12½-2½, while Smyslov (USSR) was second with 12-3. Third place went to Rossolimo (France) with 10-5 and fourth to Pachman (Czechoslovakia) with 9½-5½. Tied for fifth with 8½-6½ each were Herman Steiner (USA), Letelier (Chili) and Wade (New Zealand). Other scores were: Donner (Holland) 8-7, Castillo (Chili) 7½-7½, Czerniak (Israel) 7-8, Golombek (England) 6-9, Nestler (Italy) 5½-9½, Paoli (Italy) 5-10, Muller (Austria) 4½-10½, Primavera and Sabadash (Italy) both 3½-11½.

MANHATTAN BESTS HAVANNA PLAYERS

A visiting team of players from the strong Capablanca Chess Club of Havana suffered a 5½-2½ defeat at the hands of the Manhattan Chess Club Plans for a return match at Havana are being made for the future.

Manhattan Chess Club vs. Capablanca Chess Club of Havana, Cuba	
Manhattan	Capablanca
Shainswit	Florida
Denker	Jimenez
Horowitz	Estenger
Bisguier	Garcia
Kramer	Lopez
E. Byrne	Quessada
Pavey	Gonzales
Shipman	Cobo
Manhattan .. 5½	Capablanca .. 2½

GOOD START SEEN IN D. C. LEAGUE

The District of Columbia Chess League was off to a flying start this season with 11 teams participating, consisting of Bald Eagle Chess Club, Federal Chess Club, George Washington University, Naval Communications, Naval Gun Factory, Paragon Club, and Washington Chess Divan "A" and "B" teams.

FREEDMAN HEADS CANADIAN CHESS

At the annual meeting of the Chess Federation of Canada Bernard Freedman of Toronto was unanimously reelected President. Other officers elected were: D. M. MacAdam 1st vice-president, Clarence Carroll 2nd vice-president, J. F. West treasurer, Osias Bain secretary, Reappointed as FIDE representative and auditor respectively were Bernard Freedman and Max Guze.

SYRACUSE TOPS TRI-TEAM MATCH

By a top score of 6½-5½ Syracuse (N.Y.) won a three-way match with teams from Buffalo and Rochester. Buffalo scored 6-6 and Rochester 5½-6½ to indicate how close the match was on all sides.

ROZMAN TAKES MARITIME MEET

D.I. D. Rozman, a D.P. from around Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia where the International Team Matches were held, won the Maritime Chess Championship at the Brunswick Hotel, Moncton, New Brunswick with 5 pts and an S-B of 15.00, while James Davidson of Dieppe, also with 5 pts, placed second on 12.00 S-B points. Third to sixth on S-B points with equal 4 pt scores were O. M. McConnell of Halifax, M. Elman of St. John, George Cross of Halifax and V. Ditmars of St. George in the 17-man Swiss event, directed by C. F. C. Vice-President D. A. MacAdam, editor of Canadian Chess Chat. The brilliancy prize went to V. Ditmars for his victory over McConnell.

Much thunder was stolen from the major tournament by the performance of Jimmy Davidson, 10, and Barbara Ann Davidson, 9, who tied for first in the Junior event and proved a stellar attraction by the excellence of their play.

BRUNET CAPTURES QUEBEC PROVINCE

Philippe Brunet, frequent contender, took the Quebec Provincial Championship at Montreal with 5½-½. Second place went to Dr. J. Rauch with 5-1, while Lionel Joyner, recent contestant in the U. S. Junior Championship, placed third with 4½-1½. Fourth to eighth with equal 4-2 scores on S-B points were J. N. Williams, J. Therien, H. Mantin, Montreal City Champion I. Zalus, and C. Podlone.

The 28-player Swiss event was unusually strong and well attended, and among the other entrants included such well known players as M. Guze, J. Gersho, A. L. Poirier and A. Garelick.

HOLLOWACH MAKES WINNING HABIT

Once again Walter Hollowach of Edmonton has repeated as Champion of Alberta — now the fourth time — without a loss in a 20-player 8 round Swiss event sponsored by the Edmonton Chess Club. J. Ronean placed second and C. Erickson third.

HOLLADAY FACES NEW PROBLEMS

Edgar Holladay, youthful problem editor of the American Chess Bulletin and one of America's outstanding problem composers, has deserted the problems of peace for those of war. He was recently drafted and is now undergoing basic army training.

"Everything comes if a man will only wait."

—Benjamin Disraeli

The November 20th issue of CHESS LIFE will contain a long-awaited National Rating List, covering tournament play up to and including July 1, 1950. The same issue will also see the first of a series of articles explaining the procedure and purpose of this National Rating System.

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AN INVESTMENT IN CHESS

LIFE MEMBERSHIP in the USCF is an investment in chess and an investment for chess. It indicates that its proud holder believes in chess as a cause worthy of support, not merely in words but also in deeds. For while chess may be a poor man's game in the sense that it does not need or require expensive equipment for playing or lavish surroundings to add enjoyment to the game, yet the promotion of organized chess for the general development of the game always requires funds. Tournaments cannot be staged without money, teams sent to international matches with funds, collegiate, scholastic and playground chess encouraged without the adequate means of supplying advice, instruction and encouragement.

In the past these funds have largely been supplied through the generosity of a few enthusiastic patrons of the game—but no game remains healthy and thriving that must rest upon the patronage of a few, however generous and willing these may be.

The opportunity now arises, and for a short time will exist, for the less wealthy but equally enthusiastic believer in chess to invest in chess by becoming a Life Member of the USCF. He need not underwrite the expenses of a team tour in Europe, but may achieve the same end more modestly by becoming a Life Member and contributing his part in making chess promotion less dependent upon the generosity of a few.

By the decision of the Board of Directors at Detroit for a limited time Life Memberships in the United States Chess Federation may be obtained for \$50.00 until the number of 250 Life Members are entered upon the books; thereafter Life Memberships will be \$100.00 apiece.

So enthusiastic were the Directors at the concept of placing for a time Life Memberships within the grasp of most chess players that at the meeting where the decision was taken thirteen Directors immediately subscribed for Life Memberships.

This investment in chess is not for an empty title that may carry a certain prestige, but is more definitely an expression of belief in chess and a belief in the program of the United States Chess Federation for promoting chess in these United States. Nor is the title empty, for it bears many prerogatives, including an absence thereafter of all membership dues and subscription fees to CHESS LIFE. Beyond that, it indicates to the chess playing world that the Life Member was willing to back his own judgment in declaring that chess was worthy of support and fulfilled a definite and creative function in this troubled world in which we live.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

THE BRILLIANT TOUCH. By W. Korn with a Forward by J. du Mont. New York: Pitman Publishing Co. Pp. 101, 240 diagrams. \$2.25.

Readers who know Cordingley's *The Next Move Is . . .* Mieses' *Instructive Positions from Master Chess*, or Reinfeld's *Challenge to Chessplayers* will welcome this addition to that group. Mr. Korn, best known for the latest revision of *MCO*, has collated and commented upon 240 chess brilliancies. Each position offers a diagram, the moves, some analysis, and a remark or two about the players or the circumstances. Twenty sections group the motifs; the positions are chiefly from games of the past fifty years. The section "P-Kt4!", like the one "Q-R6!", illustrates the way in which this move initiated or crowned a combination. The section "Coincidences" shows identical positions between Pollock and Allies, Buffalo 1893 and the game Post-Anon., Berlin 1931; Tchigorin-Rubinstein, Lodz 1906, and Lundin-Smyslov, Groningen 1946, are the same, with colors reversed; and of course everyone knows the duplication Janowski-Chajes, New York 1916, and Mikenas-Kashdan, Prague 1931. The outrageous pun in one title, "With Knight and Fork," is more than compensated for by the elegant illustrative positions in that section. "Getting One's Own Back" contains only two diagrams: Blackburne-Tarrasch, Leipzig 1894, in which "The Black Death" opened a winning combination with RxRPch; and Tarrasch-Blackburne, Hastings 1895, in which the good doctor retaliated with RxRP leading to a win.

Many of the positions are familiar to readers of the books previously mentioned or of the best of them all, Reinfeld-Chernev's *Winning Chess*; but some have not, so far as I know, been published elsewhere. The book combines the pleasure of watching combinations unfold with the instruction that comes in following them out from the diagrams. The duffer who has often wondered why he gets black so often when his friend holds the pawns out for choice will pick up an additional tip: his friend probably holds the black pawn in his left hand, so that the right-handed duffer just reaches out and touches the hand facing his

right hand. Of the corrupt practice of holding out two black pawns nothing is said, nor should be; for such people are not chessplayers!

It should be added that the price of this good little book is a little more than a comparable American book would cost; but the novelty of the organization and the freshness of many of the positions perhaps will warrant the difference.

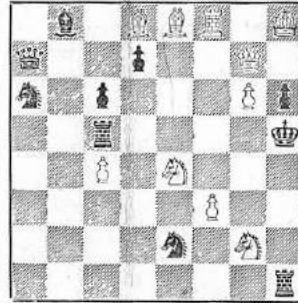
Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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PROBLEM No. 201 was erroneously captioned a mate in three moves, but as many readers deduced, it should have been called a two-mover. We apologize for the misprint, which has caused some confusion among you solvers. To all who had sent in solutions in three-move length by the time this issue was prepared for the press I have tried to send post-cards explaining the situation. As for scoring on the Ladder, No. 201 will count as a two-er, and two points will be allowed for solving it; but those who, misled by our caption, gave correct methods of effecting a mate in three, will also be credited with two points. This seems the fairest way of dealing with a rather complicated situation. We shall, by the way, continue to publish three two-movers and only one three-mover each issue until further notice.

Problem No. 203
By A. A. Fagan
Montreal, Canada
Entry in CHESS LIFE
Composing Tourney
Black: 10 men



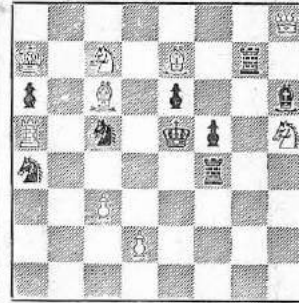
White: 10 men
1b1BBR1K, c2Q1, e1B3P, 2r4k, 2P1S3,
5P2, 4s1S1, 7c
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 205
By J. A. Schiffmann
1st Prize, British Chess Federation
1930
Black: 10 men



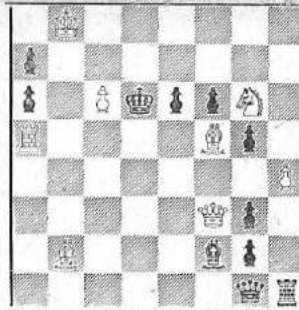
White: 11 men
3R3q, K4pr1, 1P2, 1R5PQ2, 2P2S2R,
BEP1, 3p1P2, 6s1
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 204
By Knud A. Rasmussen
Richvale, Ontario, Canada
Entry in CHESS LIFE
Composing Tourney
Black: 9 men



White: 9 men
7Q, K1S1B1r1, p1B1c2, R1s1kP1S, s4r2,
2P3, 3P4, 4c
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 206
By G. H. Drese
1st Prize, Ruy Lopez
1935
Black: 12 men



White: 8 men
1K6, p7, p1K5P1S1, R4Epl, 7P, 5Qp1,
1B3bp1, 6qr
White mates in three moves

Solutions to previously published problem will appear in next issue.

The Voice Is Botvinnik; The Words Are??

The British publication CHESS in its September issue quotes the following statement made by World Champion Mikhail Botvinnik over the Moscow radio recently:

"The peoples of the world are demanding peace. The word peace is now on the lips of all honest men on earth. The campaign for signatures in support of the Appeal of the World Peace Congress Permanent Committee is making tremendous headway in all countries. This appeal has been unanimously signed by all Soviet people.

"During the Second World War sportsmen-patriots did not spare their lives in fighting against Fascism; we shall always remember those who fell in battle for our homeland.

"Today also it is the duty of sportsmen in all lands to struggle selflessly for peace. The Congress of the International Chess Federation, which was held in Copenhagen, adopted a declaration of peace and friendship. It has been decided to forward this declaration to all the national chess federations.

"Today I appeal to all chess players in Britain, the United States, France, Holland, Sweden, Argentina and other countries, whom have met, to uphold peace against all the attacks of the aggressors. By our united efforts we shall achieve the ban of the atomic weapon.

"I call on sportsmen all over the world to follow the example of sportsmen of the Soviet Union, and to support firmly the appeal for an army of peace supporters and the vanguard of fighters for happiness and a brighter future for all mankind."

CHESS adds: "Comment is unnecessary"; and with our own eyes upon Korea, we feel that any discussion is superfluous.

It is a mistake to think that combination is solely a question of talent, and that it cannot be acquired.

—Richard Reti

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

WITH Chess activity in New York in recent weeks at its highest peak of the year, there are so many events to cover that, in reporting everything, some exhibitions and matches are likely to be treated less importantly than they really deserve.

Reuben Fine and Samuel Reshevsky have played many tournament games with each other in their long careers, but until recently they never met in a match game, and this was a blindfold one at that. In spite of the "sans voir" handicap and perhaps partly because of the inducement of a substantial prize to a winner (no award for a draw!), both contestants played daring chess, and the Manhattan C. C. patrons thrilled to brilliant exhibition. Fine once again missed a win at the crucial moment, as he often has in the past against Reshevsky, and he allowed the five-time U. S. champion to force a perpetual check. Fine's Q sacrifice as well as subsequent play with minor pieces, Reshevsky's stolid defensive play, and the final moves in time pressure prove that this was no pacific "grandmaster draw".

The afternoon preceding this blindfold exhibition, the Manhattan C. C. welcomed to their rooms a team from the Capablanca C. C. of Havana, this Cuban Government sponsored team being accompanied by the Cuban Minister of Education. The New Yorkers won in a closely contested match by 5½-2½.

A high point of the occasion was Jaun Gonzales' "swindle" draw against Max Pavey; Gonzales, a former Manhattanite and erstwhile U. S. speed champion, when he played for Manhattan, was known for his sharp tactical play abounding in "swindles". An amusing incident was Shainswit's offer of a draw to Florida, who, unable to understand English, simply sat back smiling enigmatically at his opponent until an interpreter finally cleared up the misunderstanding and the players split the point.

In Brief: Samuel Reshevsky, 2½-½, and Walter Shipman, 1½-1½, were the top two finalists in a twenty one man rapid transit held to celebrate Alexander Bisno's election to the Presidency of the Manhattan C. C. Almost all of the Manhattan's eligible "talent" completed. . . In recent simultaneous exhibitions, Larry Evans scored 26 straight wins at the Marshall C. C., and E. Hearst scored 12 wins, 2 draws, at the West Side C. C. . . Nick Bakos, who placed consistently high in recent Marshall championships, expects to receive his "Greetings" soon and will join Marshallites George Krauss and Dick Vogel as members of our Armed Forces. . . Art Bisguier declined an invitation to compete in an international tournament at Amsterdam late in November. . . Columbia defeated Yale, 3-2.

The Kibitzer Has His Day

Dear Mr. Major:
Your article in the Oct. 5th issue of Chess Life seems to me to be rank injustice to my husband and were he here he would need no defense by his wife.

In the interval it would seem that considering his long devotion to chess (sometimes to the detriment of his own personal fortunes), it would be simple justice for his friends to without judgment.

MRS. HERMAN STEINER
Los Angeles, California

We bow to the reproof, feeling that our U. S. Champion can find no abler champion — if he needed one — the Editor.

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BOARD OF STRATEGY OF THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION

Seated (left to right): USCF Vice-President Edward I. Treend, USCF Vice-President William M. Byland, USCF Past President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., USCF President Paul G. Giers, USCF Vice-President Herman Steiner, USCF Secretary Phil J. Mary, USCF Vice-President Frank R. Graves.
Standing: Members of the USCF Board of Directors, present at the annual meeting at Detroit, 1950.

THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING held in conjunction with the 51st Annual Congress and Open Championship Tournament of the United States Chess Federation convened at 1:30 p.m. in the Sales Assembly Room of the Detroit Edison Company in Detroit, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by President Paul G. Giers. As a part of his opening remarks he explained the use of the Gray "Audograph" recorder, pointing out the immense help afforded the Secretary thereby in the preparation of the minutes Mr. Giers then presented to the meeting those present at the speakers' table:

William M. Byland, Vice-President
Frank R. Graves, Vice-President
Herman Steiner, Vice-President
Edward I. Treend, Secretary and Treasurer
Thomas A. Jenkins, Director, and Finance Chairman of the Detroit Tournament Committee

President Giers commented on the excellence of the preparations that had been made for the Tournament then in progress and expressed his personal appreciation and that of the Federation for the work done by the Detroit Committee.

Secretary Treend read the minutes of the 50th Annual Membership Meeting held at Omaha, Nebraska on July 13, 1949. There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as read.

Mr. Frank R. Graves, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported that he had examined the proxies submitted to the Secretary and found them to be in order as well as the Secretary's tabulation thereof.

President Giers reported on the various activities of the past year, commenting on the 1949 Open Championship Tournament held at Omaha and won by Albert Sandrin, Jr., of Chicago; the 1949 Speed Championship also held at Omaha and won by George Kramer of

New York City; the 1949 Junior Championship held at Fort Worth and won by Arthur Bisguier of New York City; the 1949 Collegiate Individual Championship held at Rutgers University and won by Paul Dietz of Pittsburgh; the appointment of a special committee to draft plans for the United States Championship (Messrs. Helms, Horowitz, Knoch, Roosevelt and Wertheim); the adoption by the Directors of the report of this committee which provided for a three-year cycle of play starting with 1951; and for an invitational tournament for the U. S. championship to be played in 1950; the U.S.A.-Canada International Match played on June 18, 1950 captained by Phil Mary of Buffalo and won by the United States by a score of 132 to 83; the participation of Miss Karff and Mrs. Gresser in the Women's World Championship Tournament; the participation of Larry Evans in the Hastings Christmas Tournament where he finished in fourth place; the participation of Arthur Bisguier in the Southsea International Tournament where he tied for first place; the radio match between United States players and Yugoslavia which was lost by a score of 8½ to 11½; the revision of the By-Laws of the Federation and their adoption by the Directors; the death of Maurice S. Kuhns, President-Emeritus of the Federation, also Maurice Wertheim and L. G. Harrison; the activity of the Veterans Program; the progress in the preparation of the Rating System; the adoption of the National Chess Coordination Program by the states of Pennsylvania and Tennessee; the position of the United States in international chess affairs; and the presentation of our viewpoint as submitted to the F.I.D.E. General Assembly.

Treasurer Treend presented a report of receipts and disbursements for the year ending June 30, 1950. President Giers pointed out that in view of the limited funds available the officers of the Federa-

tion had agreed a year ago that they would personally assume all travel expenses in connection with Federation business. The report was accepted as read.

Miss N. May Karff spoke at some length on the subject of the Women's World Championship Tournament which she attended in Moscow in company with Mrs. Gisela Gresser, commenting on the lack of interest displayed by the Federation, the lack of cooperation, and the failure of the Federation to finance the trip, either in the whole, or in part. President Giers pointed out that the original request by Miss Karff was for \$700.00 for her fare and that at no time had any lesser amount been mentioned. It was also pointed out that an effort had been made to secure the funds for this trip from certain New York enthusiasts but this was not available. The Executive Committee of the Federation would not authorize a fund raising campaign due to the uncertainty of the entire situation, the details of the Tournament being in an unsettled state for over a year. Inasmuch as the treasury of the Federation could not stand this expenditure, Miss Karff and Mrs. Gresser were so informed. Miss Karff then inquired why the Federation had not made at least a token payment towards the expenses of the trip. Mr. Giers replied that had a token payment been suggested at the time it might have been acted upon. Miss Karff then stated that she was asking for it at this particular time. Mr. James B. Gibson, Jr., asked Miss Karff for a statement as to the total expenses of her trip and was told that it was in the neighborhood of eight to nine hundred dollars. Mr. Newell Banks suggested that a fund raising campaign be started at once through "CHESS LIFE" and offered to start it with \$5.00. Comments were offered by Mr. Sandrin, Mrs. Jones, Messrs. Holt, Di Camillo and others. Mr. DiCamillo moved, seconded by Mr. Pa-

lon, that the Board of Directors initiate a fund raising campaign to reimburse Miss Karff and Mrs. Gresser and that the Federation contribute from the Treasury the sum of \$100.00 to each of them. After remarks by Messrs. Holt, Palon and Ohman the motion was amended to withdraw the monetary feature and to serve only as a recommendation to the Board of Directors. The amended motion passed.

Mr. Treend announced the banquet for the following evening and extended an invitation to Miss Karff, Mrs. Gresser, Messrs. Steiner, Sandrin and Bisguier to attend as guests of the Detroit committee. President Giers appointed Messrs. Jenkins and Isaacs as tellers to count the ballots for the election of officers, the tabulation to be presented at the first meeting of the Board of Directors.

President Giers reported that an accord had been reached between the Federation and the Correspondence Chess League of America; that any differences heretofore existing had been adjusted, and that a tentative working agreement had been drawn up between Mr. Giers and Major J. B. Holt, President of the C.C.L.A., this document to be referred to the respective Boards of Directors for approval.

Mr. Alfred C. Ludwig spoke of the excellence of the conditions surrounding the tournament and asked that a rising vote of thanks be extended to those responsible for the event. Such vote was enthusiastically given and Mr. Treend responded on behalf of the Detroit committee.

Mr. E. Forry Laucks suggested that a group photograph be taken of the entire tournament. Mr. Treend promised to look into the matter.

Secretary Treend conducted the election of the Board of Directors. A tabulation of those elected will be found appended to these minutes.

Mr. Ludwig read to the meeting a communication from Mr. Herman Steiner setting forth many of the details relative to the selection of the team to play in the recent radio match against Yugoslavia, commenting in particular on the personal relations between Mr. Steiner and Mr. I. A. Horowitz. The chief point of argument developed on the position in which the champion of the United States was placed. Mr. J. Paul Quillen moved that the meeting recommend to the Board of Directors that in future matches approved by the United States Chess Federation the current champion be placed on board No. 1 if he so chooses. Motion seconded by Mr. A. R. Phillips. The matter was offered for discussion and Mr. Harold M. Phillips proposed an amendment deleting the words "if he so chooses" making it mandatory that the champion should play on the first board. Motion passed.

Mr. Carl Cohen moved that the meeting recommend to the Board of Directors that in all future matches approved by the United States Chess Federation the United States Open Champion play on the second board. Motion seconded by Mr. Montano. Discussion was offered by Messrs. McCormick, Quillen, Harold M. Phillips; Giers, Steiner, Bisguier, Palon, Donovan, Payne, Holt and Sandrin. An amendment was offered by Mr. Harold M. Phillips providing that the Open Champion be given consideration in the form of a team representing the United States. The amendment carried by a vote of 25 to 24. Mr. Graves clarified the matter as to the motion and amendment, there being lengthy discussion. Opinions were also offered by Messrs. Jones, Harold M. Phillips and Gibson. To completely settle the matter the motion as amended was put to a vote and was carried.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion made by Mr. Gibson.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors Detroit, Michigan, July 13, 1950

THE MEETING was called to order by President Paul G. Giers at 1:50 p.m. in the Council Room of the Detroit Edison Company.

The following were in attendance:

President: Paul G. Giers
Past President: Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.
Vice-Presidents: William M. Byland, Frank R. Graves, Herman Steiner
Secretary and Treasurer: Edward I. Treend
Life Directors: Lewis J. Isaacs, S. S. Koenig, Anthony E. Santasera
Directors: W. O. Winston (Alabama); James B. Gibson (Florida); Dr. Ralph H. Kuhns, J. V. Reinhart (Illinois); Weaver W. Adams (Massachusetts); Reuben Buskager, Thomas A. Jenkins, John Lapsin, Glen W. Palon, Virgil E. Vandenberg (Michigan); Alfred C. Ludwig (Nebraska); Edward P. Lebzelter (New Hampshire); E. Forry Laucks, Edgar T. McCormick (New Jersey); Jeremiah Donovan, Phil J. Mary, Albert S. Piekus, Harold M. Phillips, Harry D.

Snyder (New York); Selden L. Trumbull (Ohio); Glen E. Hartleb (Pennsylvania); James A. Creighton, John B. Payne (Texas); A. H. Hobson (Vermont); Dr. Vincent S. Hayward (West Virginia); Rafael Cintron (Puerto Rico).

Inasmuch as the minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Directors had been mailed to all Directors, the reading of same was omitted. President Giers gave opportunity for questions or corrections. None being forthcoming, the minutes were therefore approved.

President Giers reported on the activities of the Federation, commenting on the 1949 Open Championship, the 1949 Speed Championship, the 1949 Junior Championship, the 1949 Individual Col-

legiate Championship, the 1950 Border to Border Match with Canada, the participation of Miss Karff and Mrs. Gresser in the Women's World Championship, the participation of Arthur Bisguier in the Southsea International Tournament, the participation of Larry Evans in the Hastings Christmas Tournament, the Radio Match with Yugoslavia, plans for the United States Championship Tournament, the death of the President-Emeritus of the Federation, Mr. Maurice S. Kuhns, and the death of Life-Director Mr. Maurice Wertheim, the progress of the Veterans Program, the Rating System, the

adoption of the National Chess Coordination Program by the states of Pennsylvania and Tennessee, the participation of the United States in international chess affairs, and the presentation of our viewpoint to F.I.D.E. by President Giers, and the reaching of an accord between the U.S.C.F. and the C.C.L.A.

Secretary Treend reported verbally on the activity of his office. Special mention was made of the assistance rendered by Mr. Glenn E. Hartleb who was appointed Membership Secretary a year ago, and who had rendered valiant service.

Treasurer Treend presented a report of Receipts and Disbursements for the year ending June 30, 1950. There being no exceptions taken to the report it was accepted as read.

The report of the College Chess Committee as submitted by Vice-President Milton Finkelstein was read by Secretary Treend. This commented in particular on the activities of the past year, and the forthcoming Intercollegiate Team Tournament to be held in December of 1950. Incorporated in the report was a request for a sub-

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sides of \$100.00 to help promote this tournament.

Report on the election of officers and the tabulation of the votes cast by mail was rendered by Mr. Thomas A. Jenkins, Chairman of the Tellers Committee. The results were as follows:

Vice-Presidents	
William M. Byland, Pittsburgh, Pa.	51*
Milton Finkelstein, New York, N. Y.	46*
J. B. Gee, Sacramento, Calif.	58*
Edward I. Trend, Detroit, Mich.	45*
Francis Steiner, New York, N. Y.	2
Anthony E. Santasiere	2
Fred Harris	2
Thomas B. Eckenrode	1
Secretary	
Phil J. Mary, Buffalo, N. Y.	52*
Edward I. Trend	1

President Giers then assigned the following functions to the various Vice-Presidents:

N.Y.C. Division (Youth)	Frank R. Graves
Publications	Montgomery Major
Membership	Martin Southern
Tournaments	Hans Knoch
Finance	George Emile Roosevelt
Publicity	Herman Steiner
Rating System	William M. Byland
Collegiate	William Finkelstein
Veterans	J. B. Gee
National Chess Coordination Program	Edward I. Trend

President Giers appointed Edward I. Trend as Treasurer, to continue in that post.

President Giers announced he had been informed that USC Director Alexander Bisno of Los Angeles, Cal., had been offered, and had accepted the office of President of the Manhattan Chess Club of New York.

President Giers requested Mr. Santasiere to draft a resolution expressing the sentiment of the Board of Directors of the United States Chess Federation in connection of the death of Mr. Maurice S. Kuhns, this resolution to be acted upon by the Board, incorporated in the minutes, and sent to Mrs. Kuhns. Mr. Albert S. Pinkus was requested to draft a similar resolution in regard to the death of Mr. Maurice S. Wertheim. These resolutions were to be presented at the second meeting of the Board of Directors for suitable action.

President Giers offered for discussion the matter of the Inter-

national Team Tournament to be held in Yugoslavia starting August 20, 1950. He told of the preliminary steps taken to send a team to represent the United States in this tournament, the problems attending such an action, in particular the raising of the necessary finances, and offered the question for general discussion. Comments and suggestions were offered by Messrs. Steiner, Giers, Phillips, Santasiere, Ginson, Kuhns, and Ludwig. At this point Mr. Santasiere offered a resolution providing that the American team be known as the "Team of the United States", that the current United States Champion be offered Board No. 1 on this team if he wishes to play in that position, that the United States Open Champion be offered a place on the team, that the balance of the team should be chosen according to the Rating System if that is then in effect, if not in effect the balance of the team to be chosen by a committee appointed by the President and consisting of two Federation officers, two Life-Directors of the Federation, and one other individual. President Giers asked Mr. Santasiere to defer his resolution for the time being until after decision had been made as to whether or not a team could actually be sent to Yugoslavia. Comments were offered by Messrs. Adams, Wagner, and Giers. Mr. Giers gave a summary of the financial condition of the Federation which would have a definite bearing on the advisability of conducting a fund-raising campaign to send this team abroad. Comments were then offered by Messrs. Donovan, Gibson and McCormick. Mr. McCormick suggested that Mr. Steiner be authorized to accept pledges towards this fund. Mr. Giers suggested that the entire matter be prospected by Mr. Steiner with a report to be made at the second meeting of the Board of Directors, appropriate action to be taken at

that time. Both suggestions were approved by the meeting.

The resolution offered by Mr. Santasiere referring to the make-up of international teams as reported earlier in these minutes was then offered for discussion. Mr. Santasiere restated the resolution which was then seconded by Mr. Palon. Comments were offered by Messrs. Donovan, Phillips, Wagner, Giers, Santasiere, McCormick, Kuhns and Steiner. Mr. McCormick offered an amendment to the motion to provide that the United States Champion be the captain of such teams, and that the number of individuals on the committee to select the team other than the officers and Life Directors be left to the President, and that the Captain of the team have the right to place the members in such playing order as he deemed advisable. The resolution as amended was restated by Mr. Santasiere and provided the following points: the American Team shall be known as the "Team of the United States", the United States Champion shall be the captain of the team, the United States Open Champion shall be a member of the team, and the remaining members of the team shall be chosen in accordance with the Rating System if that is in effect, if that is not in effect the team shall be chosen by a committee appointed by the President to consist of two Federation officers, two Life-Directors of the Federation, and as many individuals as deemed advisable, and that the placing of the team members be left to the discretion of the Captain. Upon being placed before the meeting for vote the resolution was passed unanimously.

The matter of the 1950 United States Championship Tournament was offered for discussion. President Giers gave some additional data on the background of this event and commented in particular on the financial aspect. It was

pointed out that there was considerable difficulty in arranging for the underwriting of the expenses, and until such time as proper financial arrangements were made that the plans were at a standstill. Mr. Giers asked the directors for their expression regarding the Championship Tournament and the ways and means to properly conduct such a tournament. Discussion was offered by Messrs. Santasiere, Giers, Kuhns, Laucks, Phillips, Hayward, Steiner, Pinkus, Palon, Hartleb, Adams, Creighton and Gibson. Acting upon a course of procedure suggested by Mr. Giers, Dr. Hayward moved that a letter be addressed to the leading players who might be expected to play in this tournament to ascertain whether or not they would be willing to play if the tournament were conducted along moderate financial lines and under an operating budget consistent with the contributions raised, and that the officers of the Federation thereupon be entrusted with the responsibility of arriving at a logical and sensible conclusion. The motion was properly seconded and passed unanimously. An interesting point that came up in the general discussion of the matter was the attitude displayed by three players of the Master class then present, Messrs. Adams, Pinkus and Santasiere, each of whom expressed the thought that he would be willing and happy to play irrespective of the size of the prizes, or even if there were no prizes at all, other than the title.

President Giers placed before the meeting the resolution developed at the Membership Meeting relative to the initiation of a fund-raising campaign to reimburse Miss Karf and Mrs. Gresser for the expenses of their trip to Moscow, with the Federation contributing from the treasury the sum of \$100.00 to each of them immediately. Contributory data was offered by Mr. Giers concerning the

details of this matter. Motion was made by Mr. Santasiere that the matter be dropped, which motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Steiner requested that the Board of Directors, in view of their decision relative to the United States Champion playing first board on United States teams, indicate their approval of his action in connection with the recent United States-Yugoslavia Radio Match in refusing to play in a lesser position. Comments were offered by Messrs. Trend, Wagner, Gier, Phillips and Adams. Motion was made by Mr. Gibson that a committee of three men be appointed to investigate the entire matter and report their findings to the President. Motion was seconded by Mr. Buskager and passed unanimously.

Mr. James B. Gibson, Jr., of Tampa, Florida extended an invitation to the Federation to hold its 1951 Open Championship Tournament in Tampa. Mr. Frank R. Graves indicated that an invitation would be forthcoming from Fort Worth, Texas and that it would be presented at the second meeting of the Board of Directors. President Giers expressed thanks for the invitations but pointed out that the decision would rest with the Executive Committee of the Federation.

Vice-President William M. Byland spoke briefly on the subject of the Rating System and distributed to those present a summary of the plan. Request was made that the Directors study this material prior to the next meeting of the Board so that they might be prepared to discuss it.

Mr. Trend made an announcement concerning the Banquet that was scheduled for that evening to take place in the Colonial Ball Room of the Detroit-Leland Hotel.

The meeting was then adjourned to be resumed the following day at the same hour in the same location.

Minutes of the Second Session of the Board of Directors July 14, 1950

THE SECOND session of the Board of Directors convened at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Detroit Edison Company on July 14, 1950.

Those attending the first session were again present with the exception of Messrs. Pinkus and Snyder. Present at this session but not at the first session were:

Life Director: Herman Helms
Director: Edmund Nash (Dist. of Columbia)
J. G. Sullivan, Jr. (Tennessee)

Upon invitation by Mr. Giers and prior to the opening of the formal meeting, Major J. B. Holt, President of the Correspondence Chess League of America spoke of the agreement reached between the U.S.C.F. and the C.C.L.A. He expressed, in well chosen words, his gratification over the prospects of close cooperation between the two organizations and his remarks were enthusiastically received. Proper response was made by President Giers.

The meeting was then officially called to order.

President Giers appointed Mr. Glenn E. Hartleb as Membership Secretary and Mr. Hartleb agreed to continue in that capacity. Mr. Wagner spoke in commendation of the work done in the past year by Mr. Hartleb and moved that a vote of thanks be extended to him. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Anthony E. Santasiere presented to the meeting the resolution having reference to the sentiment of the Board of Directors in connection with the death of Mr. Maurice S. Kuhns. Those present stood for a moment in silence in memory of Mr. Kuhns. Following is the complete text of the resolution:

WHEREAS our good friend and President Emeritus, Mau-

rice S. Kuhns, departed this life during the past year, and WHEREAS Maurice S. Kuhns organized and headed the Hamilton Club in Chicago, and WHEREAS Mr. Kuhns inspired and brought into being the magnificent chess activities at the World's Fair in Chicago, 1933; these activities included the best intercollegiate tournament in America up to that time, a game of living chess, an excellent exhibition of historic chess sets, and the awe-inspiring blindfold simultaneous exhibition by Dr. Alekhine on 32 boards, and WHEREAS Maurice S. Kuhns organized and headed the National Chess Federation, created for it the beginning of a permanent trust fund, and WHEREAS as president of that organization, he brought about our membership in the international Federation, and further sponsored the activities of masters internationally, and WHEREAS Maurice S. Kuhns, in a vision of true statesmanship, realized the necessity for national chess unity, and, together with Elbert Wagner, of the N.C.F. and the A.C.F. engineered the amalgamation into the U.S.C.F.

BE IT RESOLVED that we express our deep gratitude for his long life devoted unflinchingly to a love of chess, and that we share with those dear relatives and friends of Maurice S. Kuhns the sadness of his passing, but also the inspiring and undying influence of his loving and generous soul. Adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors

of the United States Chess Federation at Detroit on July 14, 1950.

Mr. Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., read the resolution which had been prepared by Mr. Albert S. Pinkus in connection with the death of Mr. Maurice Wertheim. Those present stood for a moment in silence in memory of Mr. Wertheim. Following is a complete text of the resolution:

RESOLUTION With great regret the U. S. Chess Federation has the sad duty to record the passing away in May of this year, of its esteemed fellow-member and friend, Mr. Maurice Wertheim of New York. His labors in the cause of chess and especially in the cause of the U. S. Chess Federation have already been well recorded on the hearts of everyone. To the Federation, as a Director and as Chairman of the Tournament Committee, he brought a mind, rich in ideas and rich in the love of chess. Of his time and financial support he gave unstintingly. His generosity in this regard has contributed in no mean measure in bringing the U. S. Chess Federation a long step forward to greater strength and renown. May his spirit continue to guide us to even greater events.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the U. S. Chess Federation (through its President) extend its sincerest condolences to Mr. Wertheim's family. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the U. S. Chess Federation record the memory of Mr. Maurice Wertheim by causing to be placed in competition a suitable trophy to

be known as the "Maurice Wertheim Memorial Trophy". The trophy to be held by the winner of the U. S. Championship under such conditions as the Directors of the Federation deem suitable.

Adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the United States Chess Federation at Detroit on July 14, 1950.

President Giers told of a conference held that morning for the purpose of exploring what could be done in the field of women's chess. Participating in the conference were Miss N. May Karf, and Messrs. Wagner, Trend, and Giers. While no definite plans were announced, Mr. Giers suggested that a committee be appointed to have this function as their responsibility. This committee would be composed of Mr. Glen Palon, Chairman, Miss N. May Karf, Mrs. Mary Bain, Mrs. Paul Harmat and several other members. Comments were offered by Messrs. Gibson, Helms, Donovan and Palon. Mr. Frank Graves moved that this committee be appointed by the President. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson and passed unanimously.

Mr. Steiner was asked to report on the progress made in the matter of financing the trip to Europe of the team to play in the International Team Tournament as discussed in the first meeting of the Board. He stated that he had talked with a number of players and had secured several pledges, bringing the availability of the players and the possibility of raising the funds well within the range of probability. Discussion was offered by Mr. McCormick, Dr. Kuhns and Mr. Helms. Mr. Jenkins moved that a team be sent to Yugoslavia

if at all possible, that Mr. Steiner should be the Captain of the team, that Mr. E. Fory Laucks should be custodian of the funds collected for the trip, and that the selection of the team should rest with a committee consisting of Mr. Steiner, Chairman, and Messrs. Harold M. Phillips, Albert S. Pinkus, William M. Byland, and Glenn E. Hartleb. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Vice-President Byland addressed the meeting on the subject of the Rating System. Opportunity was given for asking questions that might have developed after the study of the plan as outlined in the material given to the Director at the close of the previous day. Questions were asked by Messrs. Lapin, Steiner, Kuhns, Donovan, Jenkins, Ludwig, McCormick, Helms, and others, all of which were answered. Motion was made by Mr. Ludwig and seconded by Mr. Santasiere that the Rating System submitted by Mr. Byland be adopted by the Federation. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

President Giers introduced the subject of the finances of the Federation. He suggested that the meeting discuss the matter of the granting of Life Memberships, the creation of a strong Finance Committee, and the institution of a vigorous membership campaign. He also stressed the importance of an operating budget to be prepared by the Finance Committee.

Mr. Gibson moved that the present rate for Life Membership in the Federation remain at \$50.00 until a quota of 250 such memberships had been granted, and thereafter be raised to the sum of \$100.00, and that the appropriated

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section of the By-Laws be so amended. Motion was seconded by Mr. Palon and passed unanimously. Mr. Giers then circulated a paper among the officers and directors then present to enable those who were so minded to sign up for Life Memberships. Thirteen signatures were secured. Two Life Memberships were paid in cash, the balance to be paid by January 1, 1951.

Various suggestions as to raising money were offered by Messrs. Steiner, Buskager, Kuhns, N. S. H. Mary, Laucks, Gibson, Creighton and others. These were discussed and referred to the Finance Committee for possible action.

President Giers asked Dr. Kuhns if he were willing to serve on the Finance Committee. Dr. Kuhns accepted the responsibility graciously.

The matter of a budget was offered for discussion. Constructive suggestions and remarks were given

by Messrs. Payne, Phillips, Kuhns, Wagner, Jenkins, Palon, Graves and Gibson. It was decided to give full publicity to our budget and our financial needs through the medium of CHESS LIFE and to publish the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors in CHESS LIFE. It was further decided that all financial problems be left to the Finance Committee.

President Giers reviewed the subject of his correspondence with F.I.D.E. and the stand of the U.S.C.F. with reference to certain actions taken by F.I.D.E. A vote of confidence was given to Mr. Giers, as United States delegate to F.I.D.E. and all actions so far taken by him were ratified by unanimous vote.

President Giers also reported on the granting of international titles by F.I.D.E. to Reuben Fine and Samuel Reshevsky as International Grand Masters and Arnold

S. Denker and Isaac Kashdan as International Masters. Mr. Giers stated that he had made recommendation to F.I.D.E. that the title of International Master be conferred on Arthur Bisguier, I. A. Horowitz, Hans Knoch and Herman Steiner. This action was confirmed by the Board. Mr. Giers also indicated that it was his intention to appoint a committee of Master players to act in an advisory capacity with regard to future recommendations for international titles.

President Giers reported on the status of the Veterans Program. He stressed the need for volunteers to act on the national committee headed by Vice-President J. B. Gee. Mr. Giers pointed out that a set of instructions had been prepared covering the proper method of making contact with the various V. A. Hospitals and that this information would be placed in the hands of the chess group nearest

to any particular hospital for their guidance. Dr. Hayward was asked if he would be a member of this committee, which appointment was graciously accepted by him.

Motion was made by Secretary Mary that the President of the U.S.C.F. write a letter to the proper person in the Detroit Edison Company expressing the appreciation of the Federation for the services and accommodations provided by the Detroit Edison Company for the comfort and entertainment of those present at this Congress. Mr. Treend suggested that these thoughts be expressed in person to the man under whose jurisdiction this event was promoted. This suggestion meeting with approval, Mr. Syl Leahy, Director of Employee Relations of the Detroit Edison Company, was invited to join the Directors for a few moments. Mr. Leahy was introduced to the board by Mr. Treend. Thanks on behalf of the

Federation were extended by President Giers for the many services provided by the Detroit Edison Company. Response was given by Mr. Leahy.

Mr. Frank Graves extended an invitation from the City of Fort Worth, Texas to the Federation to hold the 1951 Congress and Open Tournament in that city. President Giers expressed the thanks of the Federation for the invitation and promised to lay it before the Executive Committee.

Mr. James B. Gibson, Jr., renewed his invitation to hold this event in Tampa, Florida, in 1951. Thanks were expressed for this invitation with assurance that it would be placed before the Executive Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD I. TREEND
Secretary
The United States Chess Federation

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What's The Best Move?
By Guilherme Groesser

Position No. 58



rsr2, pp4kp, q2p1pp1, 3b4, P7, 2Q2SP1, 2R1PPBP, 5RK1
White to play

Send solutions to Position No. 58 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by December 5, 1950.

Solution to Position No. 56

We are deferring publication of solutions to No. 56 until the November 20th issue, and will defer solutions to No. 57 until the issue of December 5th, and thereafter allow a full month for the submission of solutions since a number of solvers have complained that the uncertain delivery of second class mail in some localities does not give them adequate opportunity for studying the position. In place of solutions in this issue, we will publish the Solvers' Ladder, including position No. 55.

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Solutions:

White To Play and Win

Position No. 57: 1. Kt-K17 (Not 1. P-R7, R-K3ch; 2. R-B2, R-KR3 and draws), R3P; 2. R-B2ch, K-Q5; 3. R-B4ch, K-K4; 4. RxB, K-B2; 5. Kt-K3ch, K-B7; 6. R-B8, R-K3ch; 7. K-Q1! (if 7. K-Q2, R-KK3; 8. Kt-B7, R-QB3; 9. P-Q4, R-B5; 10. P-Q5, K-K3; and draws), R-KK3; 8. Kt-B7, 8. R-QB, R-QB3; 9. K-K2, R-B7 ch; 10. K-K3, R-B5; 11. P-Q4, R-B7; 12. Kt-Q6, PxK4; 13. K-K4, R-Q7; 14. P-Q5, R-Q8 draws), R-KB6; 9. K-Q2! zugzwang!, R-B4; 10. R-B8ch, KxR; 11. Kt-K6ch, and wins. If 9. ... K-K3; 10. Kt-Q5, RxR; 11. KtxPch, if 9. ... P-K3; 10. Kt-K6(ch or K5), RxB; 11. Kt-Q6ch.

Position No. 58: 1. P-B4, BxP; 2. P-Q7, R-Q8; 3. B-K3ch, K-R3; 4. B-Q5, R-Q7 ch; 5. K-K1, RxB(Q); 6. P-Kt8(Kt) ch, K-K4; 7. B-B1ch, K-B4; 8. Kt-K7ch, K-K3; 9. KtxR, KxP; 10. KtxP and wins.

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"Continued in our Next" Regretfully, we abandoned for this issue further explorations in "Chess for a Tired Business Man" and the mystery surrounding Alekhine's quaint five-Queen position. But these popular features will return on November 20th, perhaps refreshed by the vacation.

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

U. S. Open Championship Detroit, 1950

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White R. STEINMEYER A. DICAMILLO
1. P-Q4 K1-KB3 3. K1-QB3 B-K15
2. P-QB4 P-K3 4. P-K3 K1-B3
One of the lesser known variations of the Nimzo-Indian.

Rather slow... White probably has the advantage but in order to exploit it she should try to develop quickly and open the position.

After 24... P-R4!
MAYER
Black suffers from the inability to play P-Q4. He has no good moves at his disposal and has to wait and see what White will do.

After 32... B-K3 DICAMILLO
This is practically forced as 32... B-B4 is met by 33. R-K7 R-R
34. RxB Q-RK1 R-R
35. P-QK4 Q-KB4 37. Q-Q4 P-R5?

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NIMZOVITCH DEFENSE
U. S. Junior Championship Milwaukee, 1950
Notes by Jackie Mayer
White MARLENE KUJOTH J. MAYER
1. P-K4 K1-QB3 3. P-Q5
2. P-Q4 P-K4
This should equalize... the book refutation is 3. PxP; KtxP; 4. P-KB4, Kt-K3; 5. B-K3.

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31. R-K1 P-Q4 36. Q-Q3 Q-R3
32. K1-K16 Pxp 37. P-B3
33. R-Q7 Q-B3
Modern tournament play is quite difficult. To play for hours, trying to secure an advantage in Time or Space, requires an even balance of one's mental and physical powers.

After 56... P-B3
PINKUS
This is stronger than 11. P-Q4 (11. Kt-B4 is inferior). It's to be remembered that the defender (White in this case) can quite often return the P at an opportune moment and secure the better position.

After 32... P-B5
WINANS
This is a trifle unenterprising; White needs only a draw and tries to achieve it with a Galic-like formation which proves a trifle unsatisfactory. P-B4 is best—then if P-Q4; 4. P-P, KtxP; 5. P-K4, B-K12; 4. B-K12 with an even position—nonetheless this is best; furthermore, how could Black make any headway after 6. Pxp, Pxp!

FOX
57. K1-B3ch K1xK1 65. R-K6 R-R
58. KxK1 R-QB2 66. BxR K-B3
59. P-B4 R-B4 67. B-Q7 P-R4
60. B-B7 R-RP 68. K-K4 K-K14
61. R-KK18 K-R3 69. K-B3 B-B4
62. RXP ch K-R2 70. R-B3 B-B1
63. RXP K-K2 71. B-Q1 Drawn
64. P-K5 RXP

TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENSE
Rochester Club Championship Rochester, 1950
Notes by J. E. Howarth

White W. WAGNER Black W. WINANS
1. P-K4 P-K4 2. B-B4
The Bishop's Opening. The idea is to develop quickly and institute an attack against the Black K position.

WAGNER
33. P-K61 KtxKP 39. Q-Q7 Q-B6
34. BxP Kt-B7ch 40. QxRch K-R2
35. R-K1 Qx41 41. G-Ktch KxQ
36. PxK1 QxB 42. P-K8(Q)ch K-R2
37. P-K7ch R-B2 43. Q-K4ch Resigns
38. R-K1 Q-B3

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After 19... KtxBP
MAYER
This is stronger than 11. P-Q4 (11. Kt-B4 is inferior). It's to be remembered that the defender (White in this case) can quite often return the P at an opportune moment and secure the better position.

LEVY
20. R-KB1
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21. ... Kt-R6 ch; 22. RxQ, Kt-B7 mate.

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