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TABOR WINS AT SALT LAKE

Message From USCF President Paul G. Giers

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November 18, 1950

Gentlemen of the Executive Committee:

Personal circumstances have developed which compel me to ask that I be permitted to retire from the presidency of the United States Chess Federation.

I am tired and weary. The constant demands and volume of chess work during more than seven years of USCF office have depleted my energy and physical resources. Much as I have enjoyed my labors in the vineyard of chess, I cannot now reconcile them with the state of my health and the demands of earning a livelihood. Also, I am not without the secretarial services of my good helpmate. My wife recently underwent a serious operation and will have to remain under doctor's care for an extended period.

I will do my best to carry on in a limited way for the balance of this year. However, I will have to relinquish my office on December 31, 1950.

The selection of a president pro tempore to serve until the next general election is in your Committee's hands. Past-president Wagner has kindly agreed to ascertain your wishes in the matter and will communicate with you.

I deeply appreciate the loyal support which you have accorded me. Your friendly spirit, your gracious readiness to accept any and all tasks, and the complete harmony prevailing among all Federation officers have made it a happy privilege to serve as your president.

Very sincerely yours,
PAUL G. GIERS
President,
United States Chess Federation

ADAMS INVITED TO HASTINGS

U. S. Master Weaver W. Adams has been invited to participate in the annual Christmas Trournament at Hastings, England — scene of one of Pillsbury's greatest triumphs. Adams is now giving simultaneous exhibitions in order to raise funds to finance the trip.

BIENNIAL INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

December 26-30, 1950
John Jay Hall,
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New York City, N. Y.

Sponsored by Intercollegiate Chess League of America and United States Chess Federation, for custody of the Harold M. Phillips Trophy, emblematic of Collegiate Team Championship of USA.

Seven round Swiss team tournament for teams of four players; open to any college team in the Western Hemisphere (Canadian teams especially invited.)

Deadline for filing entries: December 20th, 1950.

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per team (including alternates) — all contestants are expected to be USCF members.

Limited accommodations for teams available at Columbia University Fraternity houses. Requests must go to:—Rhys Hays, 430 W. 116th Street, New York, N. Y. promptly.

Send entries and enquiries to:—

Rhys Hays
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FACTOR MEMORIAL AWARDS PRIZES

Special prizes in the Factor Memorial Tournament were awarded as follows: to Einar Michelson the brilliancy prize of a chess set donated Gits Molding Corp., for his victory over P. Poschel; to Paul Poschel for the best played game a chess set donated by the Chicago City Chess League for his victory over H. Hahlbohm.

SIEBERT WINS NORTH CITY MEET

John Siebert topped a strong 26 player entry to win the North City (Philadelphia) Chess Club title with a 6-1 score in a 7 round Swiss, drawing with Ross Nickel. Second place went to Joseph N. Colter with 5½-1½, while Herbert Hickman, Metropolitan Pittsburgh Champion, placed third on S-B points with 5-2. Fourth was Louis Brickman, also with 5-2.

SAN JOSE LEADS CALIF. LEAGUE

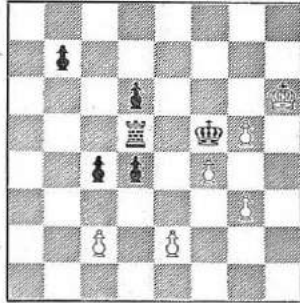
Off to a flying start the San Jose Chess Club leads the Central California Chess League by a 3-0 match score while last year's winners, fielding the same team, are in the cellar with 0-3.

Sacramento holds second with 2-0, and Fresno is third with 2-1. Other teams in the league are: Stockton, Oakdale and Pittsburg.

SALT LAKE HAS GERMAN MATCH

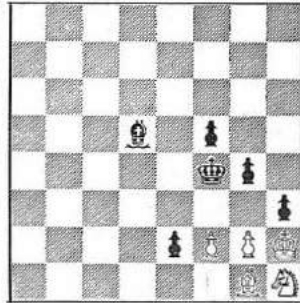
Through an exchange student at Las Vegas High School, Gustave Bodensieck, the Salt Lake YMCA Chess Club has received a challenge or a postal match with Lesum-Burgdamm Schachklub of Germany.

Position No. 89
By Milor Marysko
Czechoslovakia
Original



White to play and win
8, 1p6, 3p3K, 3r1kP1, 2pp1P2,
6P1, 2F1P3,0

Position No. 90
By Milor Marysko
Czechoslovakia
Original



8, 8, 8, 2h1p2, 5kpl, 7p,
4pPP, 6BS
White to play and draw

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

POSITIONS NOS. 89 and 90 represent original contributions by the noted Czech composer of endgame studies and problems, Milor Marysko. In No. 89 White's passed Pawn nullifies the Black Rook, and after both queen aspiring Pawns there is an intricate duel between the newborn Queens. In No. 90 the threat of stalemate is a lever whereby White gains valuable tempi to command a well-earned draw. Add White to Play

Reader Neil Bernstein points out in Position No. 85 by Emil Richter that the suggested line of 4... B-R5 for Black maintains the defense even after White's Kt reaches K4 by the simple expedient of playing the B to B1; and we have found no line to refute his suggestion. Comments from other readers on this position are invited. Mr. Guy in BCM speaks of this position as being very difficult but undoubtedly sound, but his analysis as published does not cover the defensive move of 4... B-R5! Please turn to Page four for solutions.

BOSTON LEAGUE STARTS PLAY

With 6 teams in the A Division and 12 teams in the B Division play has started in the Metropolitan Chess League of Boston. In the A section the former League Champion Boylston Chess Club has scored a 4½-½ victory over Newton Y Intruders and a 3-2 victory over Cambridge Y. The Lithuanian Chess Club has also tallied a double victory — a 3-2 win over Lynn Chess club and a 3½-1½ victory over the defending champion Harvard University.

RESHEVSKY FLIES TO AMSTERDAM

Samuel Reshevsky flew to Amsterdam to participate in the International Tournament there which includes such leading lights as Najdorf, Dr. Euwe, Rossolimo, Tartakower, Trifunovic, Gligoric, Stahlberg, and Pilnik in the 20-player list. At round four Svetozar Gligoric was leading with three wins and a draw, while Reshevsky, Nicholas Rossolimo and Gideon Stahlberg were tied for second with 3-1 each. Reshevsky lost no games but drew with Najdorf and Kottbauer while winning from Donner and Van den Berg.

After fourteen unfinished rounds Najdorf was leading with 11½-2½. Other scores: Stahlberg 9½-3½; Reshevsky 9-4; Euwe 9-5; Gligoric 8½-4½; Rossolimo 8½-5½; Pirc 8-6; O'Kelly 7½-6½; Pilnik 7-5; Trifunovic 6½-6½; Tartakower 6½-7½; Donner 6-8; Foltys 5½-8½; Gudmundsson and van Scheltinga 5-8 each; Van den Berg 5-9.

WEBERG WINS WICHITA OPEN

The first annual Wichita (Kans.) Open Championship drew 26 players, including two each from Texas and Nebraska for a most successful beginning.

Carl Weberg of Salina placed first with 5½-½ in the six round Swiss event, drawing with runner-up Ludwig and besting Mechem, third place winner. Second place went to Alfred Ludwig, former Nebraska State Champion and winner of recent Swenson Memorial at Omaha, with a 5-1 score, drawing with Weberg and Mechem.

Kirke Mechem, Kansas State Champion was third on S-B points with 4½-1½, losing to Weberg and drawing with Ludwig, while former State Champion J. M. Stull was fourth, also with 4½-1½, losing to Ludwig and drawing with Kennedy. A. J. Kennedy was fifth with 4-2 on S-B points.

LEAGUE PLANNED AT BATTLE CREEK

Plans for a 14 to 20-team league are under way with the Post Office, High School, YMCA, Enquirer and News, and various business concerns, such as Post Cereals, Clark Equipment, Buskager Beauty Salon and Welsh's Decorative Specialties represented. The Battle Creek Chess Club will not enter as a unit, but members will be on the various teams. USCF Director Reuben Buskager is largely responsible for promoting the League idea.

TABOR REPEATS IN UTAH OPEN

William F. Tabor, Reno, Nev., took home the Utah State Open Championship for the second successive year with victory in the final round of the three-day invitational tournament. For his triumph Tabor became the first holder of the Sam Teitelbaum perpetual huge gold trophy which will be awarded annually to the tournament champion.

Runner-up was Lloyd Kimpton of Twin Falls, who is number two ranking player of Idaho. His brother, LeVerl, Idaho State Champion, finished seventh in the Utah tournament. Louis N. Page took third place to retain the title of highest ranking Utah player. He has been Utah Champion eight times. Bronze medals were presented to Lloyd Kimpton and Page.

The tournament represented winners in three regional state tournaments held over Labor Day plus the top players of Idaho, Nevada and Wyoming. In the regional events, Alma A. Madsen and Joseph Openshaw topped the 20-player event at Provo, while Richard Durham, three-time state champion, and Judge Leon Fennesbeck topped the 18-player event at Logan. In Salt Lake City Gaston Chappuis, Ted Pathakis, Irwin M. Taylor and Sverre Gridseth topped the 30-player tourney; and when the Wyoming players were unable to attend, Farrell L. Clark and Phillip Neff were asked to play in their place. Page was seeded as ranking Utah player.

The tournament ended with a banquet for the players and their wives in which two top magicians of Utah gave a hilarious half-hour entertainment and the versatile chess editor of the Desert News, Harold Lundstrom, obliged with several piano solos. Teitelbaum and Lundstrom acted as tournament directors for the event which was sponsored by the Salt Lake City YMCA Chess Club.

ORGANIZE WOMEN INTO CHESS CLUB

USCF Director James B. Gibson, Jr. of Tampa has organized the women players of Tampa into the Tampa Women's Chess Club, an affiliate of the Tampa Chess Club. President is Helen Williams, vice president, Mrs. Eleanor Baker, secretary Suzanne Newell, and treasurer Flo Ann Roberts. The Tampa Women's Chess Club now joins the select group, consisting of the Queen's Women's Chess Club of Cleveland and the Women's Chess Club of New York, of chess clubs exclusively composed of women players.

TWENTY COMPETE IN USSR EVENT

The annual Soviet Championship is under way in Moscow with the following distinguished list of competitors: A. Kotov, I. Boleslavsky, Yu. Averbakh, R. Borisenko, I. Lipnitsky, T. Petrosan, V. Smyslov, D. Bronstein, I. Bondarevsky, P. Keres, S. Flohr, A. Tolush, V. Alatorstev, L. Anonin, E. Heller, A. Konstantinopolski, V. Lublinski, V. Mikenas, A. Sokolski, A. Suetin.

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CIRCUMSTANCES ALTER CASES

WE CALL attention with regret to the letter of USCF President Paul G. Giers, addressed to the Executive Committee, of which the text appears upon page one of this issue.

Knowing the seriousness of the recent illness of Mrs. Giers and its resultant strain upon Mr. Giers at a time when the activities of the Federation itself demanded more than usual attention, we cannot quarrel with Mr. Giers' desire for relief from a burden that has become more exacting than his personal commitments now permit him to assume. He has devoted much effort and much time over a period of some seven years to the task of placing the Federation upon a sound organizational basis; and the Federation can express nothing but gratitude for the unselfish service he has rendered, frequently at personal loss, over these trying years.

Now is not the time to summarize the achievements that Mr. Giers accomplished during his stewardship, but rather to express the regret that circumstances beyond the control or planning of man have rendered it necessary for him to retire for a time from his great activity in promotional work.

We know that the Federation and its work will always be a matter of great concern to Mr. Giers, and from his place on the Executive Board as Past President he will continue to render valuable and valued service.

We can only trust that, as time often cures, the health of both Mr. and Mrs. Giers will find improvement, and that in a not too distant day we will once again be able to call Mr. Giers back into a more active role as organizer and promoter of chess.

Montgomery Major

AM I NOT A MAN AND A BROTHER?

THUS ASKS the great Wedgewood medallion, which the Anti-Slavery Society of London adopted as its seal. But, alas, the question often remains unanswered, for it is still possible to be a Christian without becoming christian. One can always find plausible excuses for a selective religious belief that denies the existence of any tenets contrary to those desired—and it is always much easier to profess any creed than it is to live up to its demands.

But the question of racial tolerance is not to be solved by vindictive measures that are in themselves as intolerant as the intolerance they profess to eradicate (but never succeed in quelling). Tolerance is a matter of education, not of law; and "fair practice" acts, however well intended, will always be evaded and ignored until education has accomplished the necessary task of removing the misapprehensions upon which almost all intolerance is based.

It is sufficient for the moment that the United States Chess Federation does not countenance intolerance in the tournaments over which it exercises control, that in many enlightened communities no barrier has been placed to bar any group because of race or creed or color. To ask more, is to ask too much. The Federation cannot erase the prejudices that exist, it cannot remove the artificial bars of local ordinances; it can only express its disapproval of such barriers.

And it must be noted that these barriers are gradually breaking down, if rather more slowly than could be wished. The evidence is not always negative.

CHESS LIFE has never advocated the advertising of race as being important in reporting chess. Whenever we have referred to a player as a "Lithuanian" or "Hungarian," it has been in the nationalistic rather than racial sense, for we consider our players as being American rather Irish, German, English, Dutch, Italian, etc. For that reason, perhaps, many may not be aware of the fact that players of the negro race have participated in the U. S. Open Championship, the U. S. Junior Championship, the State Championship tournament of Ohio, the Chicago City Chess League, the Tennessee Open Championship, the Cleveland Chess League, to name but a few places and events.

For the same reason, most state and club by-laws ignore the question of race, but it is perhaps pertinent to note the Tennessee Chess Association (which borders upon a region where less tolerance is to be anticipated) specifically states in its By-Laws:

Any person, regardless of residence, citizenship, race, creed or color without formal application or formal acceptance, by presenting his name to the Secretary with the dues will be enrolled as a member of this Association.

This is a beginning—it need not also be the end if advocates of tolerance extend that tolerance to their methods of promoting by education rather than violence.

Montgomery Major

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

Address all communications to this column to Vincent L. Eaton, 612 McNeill Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.

WE present below several more "conventions" governing chess problems, based on the thoughtful remarks of reader Robert L. Smith:

"4. To have in the initial setting a flight square for the Black King for which no mate by White is provided is considered a serious weakness of construction, especially in a two-mover." (The solver will straightway look for a key that will take care of this, and the problem therefore loses on the score of difficulty.)

"5. If the White King in the initial setting is exposed to a potential check by Black against which no answering mate is provided, that is also a blemish." (The solver will concentrate his attention on finding a way to avert, or answer, the check.)

To which we would add one more "tip" that may help in solving one out of every thousand problems you may encounter:

"6. In any problem, either White or Black may Castle according to the rules of a normal game—unless it can positively be demonstrated by analysis of the position that at some point in the previous play King or Rook must have been moved.

Problem No. 211
By Burney M. Marshall
Shreveport, La.

Entry in CHESS LIFE
Composing Tourney
Black: 11 men



White: 8 men
3B4, p4q1r, 3p1p2, R4P2, 1Pk2SRp,
2p1s, K1SS, 5b1r
White mates in two moves

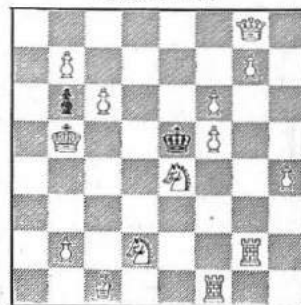
Problem No. 213
By Walter B. Suesman
Providence, R.I.
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Composing Tourney
Black: 9 men



White: 12 men
q6, 6R1, 3s, R21kS1, b1QsS3,
1p1B7B1, 6K1, 8
White mates in two moves
Solutions to previously published problems on Page four.

Problem No. 212
By Richard Kujoth
Milwaukee, Wisc.

Entry in CHESS LIFE
Composing Tourney
Black: 2 men



White: 14 men
1p2P2, 1K2K2P2, 4S2P, 8,
1P1S2R1, BR2R2
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 214
By L. Loshinsky
First Prize, USSR
Championship
1946-47
Black: 10 men



White: 8 men
1qbs3B, 8, 1s5p, 1Q2S3, 3P1kP, 3R2S1,
B1P2R1, K1S2R1
White mates in three moves

The Editor Reads A Book

By Montgomery Major

WE HAVE been variously accused, according to a learned correspondent who kept tally, of being "1) a Communist, 2) a reactionary Fascist, 3) the tool of certain chess masters, 4) a dope who is antagonistic to all chess masters," etc. So, for the record, as well as for the information of those who protested that we should not inject politics into chess, we quote the following paragraphs from "Bulletin International des Informations Echiquennes," edited by Karel Opocensky, concerning "Popular Chess Education in the Popular (East) German Republic":

The chess section of the German Sports Committee in September organized several courses of popular education in chess. The courses give advanced instruction. Masters analyze games, establishing thus the weaknesses of the pupils and thereafter directing the instruction according to the needs shown. At the end of the course each participant is given a certificate specifying the degree of his maturity and giving advice on how to master his established weaknesses. Besides the theoretical instruction in chess, there is also ideological education in a progressive sense. Each participant in the course takes part in free discussions. The courses are conducted in the spirit of world-wide progressive opinions. Each player ought to explain how together with all democratic sportsmen he is a factor political by his participation in the life of society and in sports not so much as an individual as a member of a group and that all his actions have a political meaning.

All the courses will be held around Grethen and will be conducted in several groups. The provincial sports committees will send their chess directors, organizers of tourneys and the outstanding young players. Each provincial federation of the Democratic German Republic will send six members as delegates. The courses will last from September 1st to October 2nd. The pupils will profit from their apprenticeship by educating the popular masses in the different provinces of the republic. We feel that further comment is quite unnecessary.

Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data
By A. Buschke

IV. THE "MOSCOW CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT 1916" ANOTHER ALEKHINE LEGEND SHATTERED

(Continued)

STILL, not even the Russian authors Belavenets and Yudovich, in their monograph on the French Defense in the Russian Chess Yearbook for 1936 (published in 1938), p. 263-304, give Alekhine credit for this "innovation."

(This, as has only recently been called to our attention by Mr. E. Kriseh of Cleveland, has been done only by Le Lionnais in his book "L'Ouverture Francaise.")

It is true, they do not claim encyclopedic coverage of all variations of the French Defense in this monograph, according to the introductory paragraph on p. 263: "its more modest goal consists in an attempt to summarize the latest developments of the theory in this particularly common (literally "wide-spread") opening; prompted by considerations of practical expediency, the authors have dwelled in detail only on variations which are encountered more or less often in serious tournament practice of the immediate past; outmoded variations (or variations which for other reasons do not present practical interest) are only very superficially treated, or no attention whatever has been paid them."

However, as Lisitsyn points out in his notes to the game Belavenets-Bondarevsky (X Soviet Championship 1937, game no. 55, p. 89 of the tournament book; see also p. 236-37), the McCutcheon variation became the subject of special study in the Soviet Union after Bondarevsky's "sensational" victory over Lillienthal in the 8th master tournament in Moscow 1937, and Belavenets and Yudovich in particular made the Chigorin attack (6.PxP) with its "poisonous" continuations "their own", including one of the sharp variations beginning with 9. Q-Kt4, which was played in the game between Belavenets and Bondarevsky.

Now, even these top experts who, one would think, should have scanned through all the games played with this variation, especially through those published in Russian and therefore (for them) easily accessible sources, such as "Shakhmatnyi Listok" of 1927, do not even mention Alekhine's recommendation of 9. Q-Kt4 in their monograph, and the reason for this omission can certainly not be that (a very common, yet unfounded misconception) mentioning Alekhine or giving him credit for anything is "taboo" in the Soviet Union—the opposite can immediately be proved: on the page preceding the page mentioning the line 9. Q-Kt4, a "brilliant" combination demonstrated by Alekhine in connection with an earlier move is produced and full credit given to Alekhine.

However, Belavenets and Yudovich are, as far as we can see, the first ones to devote a full line to 9. Q-Kt4 and they credit the move...to Grigoriev giving as their source Grigoriev's game against Verlinsky (Tournament of Moscow Masters, 1930). They are correct in doing so, for when Grigoriev annotated this game for the Russian chess magazine "64" (1930, p. 52), Grigoriev had the following to say apropos the move 9. Q-Kt4: "This somewhat bizarre (the Russian word has also the meaning "fantastic" — translator's note) move had not been studied by the theory and has almost not been tested in the practice so that it is (Please turn to page 3, col. 5)

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

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From Orthodox to Unorthodox

The Orthodox Defense to the Queen's Gambit is famous for its solidity and staying power. An unusual twist or two on White's part confuses his opponent to such an extent that a slashing finish becomes available in only 15 moves.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED New York, 1926

A departure from the Orthodox Variation, which continues 7 R-B1, P-B3 etc.

7. P-QR3
8. Kt-K5i7
9. Kt-K5i7
10. Kt-R5i
11. Kt-B6
12. Q-B3i

Playable, although 8 ... P-B4 is the natural and logical reply.

An inexactitude which is refuted in masterly style. 9 ... P-B4 was still in order.

White continues energetically. He threatens to win a Rook with 13 KtxBeh. 12 ... B-Kt2 is of course out of the question.

12. Kt-K4i
13. Kt-K4i
14. KtxBch

There was no defense. A piquant variation: 13 ... B-Kt2; KtxBeh, QxKt; 15 KtxKtch, PxKt; 16 Q-R5 and Black must resign.

14. KtxBch



15. Kt-Bch!! Resigns
Bowling to the inevitable. If 15 ... PxKt; 16 BxPchl, KxB; 17 Q-R5ch, K-Kt1; 18 BxP, Kt-Kt3; 19 Q-R6 and mate next move. A miniature classic!

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

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An Unpublished Adventure of

Charlick Helmos

BY G. AUTHIER

(Translated from French by the author)

I HAVE often stressed the profound powers of observation of my friend, Charlick Helmos, but I think I have omitted to point out that he was an expert on chess and that his wonderful gifts made him, indeed, a very subtle analyst.

I remember the day when, as Charlick Helmos had nothing particular to do, we decided to be present at a game of chess in which Lord Whitehall (White) was pitted against Sir Peter Goldcross. I found my friend at home, holding a test-tube and surrounded by a tobacco smoke-screen, as was often the case. This day has remained graven in my memory all the more deeply as the same evening a gentleman knocked at Charlick Helmos' door and inveigled him into the most dramatic and singular affair in his surprising career... But that is another story.

Well, that day, we took a cab so as not to be late for a tournament which promised originality. Alas! Fate did not decide as we did, for our cab crashed into a cart at a crossroads. While the drivers upbraided one another and the policemen carried out their duties, time was going by. We therefore went into the hall in which a crowd of amateurs was reproducing on their own chessboards the moves played in the tournament room, at the very moment when Lord Whitehall was declared loser for having unduly exceeded his time for reflection. Comments rained upon us:

"The game has taken a surprising turn, indeed!"
And indeed, the final position was very strange.

I pride myself on knowing chess pretty well, and wishing to show my friend how much my relations with him had developed in me the



gift of observation, I threw a rapid glance at a chess-board which stood near. On it was disposed the final position, which I reproduce here. I then stated, in the confident manner of the man who has taken in everything at a glance: "It is surprising that Lord Whitehall wavered so long, since he had at his disposal twenty possible moves, many of which were right."

For the fraction of a second, Charlick Helmos' eyes settled upon the chess-board, and his lips took on a sarcastic curl:

"My dear Matson," he said, "I see that my lessons have not yet been sufficient. For myself, I have no more information about the moves that have been played than you have, nevertheless, I can state that Lord Whitehall had at his disposal twenty-one possible moves, not twenty. This is clear at the first glance, and I am surprised you did not notice it."

Solution
White, as Charlick Helmos said, may play twenty-one moves. Of these, twenty are obvious, namely Pa3, Pa4, Pb3, Pb4, Pd3, Pd4, Pe4, Qxg1, Rg6, Rf6, Re6, Rd6, Rc6, Rb6, Ra6, Rxb7, Kix7 and Kix6+.

Such an assumption is evidently wrong, as the white Pawn at g7 would have been the one that was initially at c2 (naturally), and for this Pawn to go from c2 to h8, five captures are necessary, which is incompatible with the fact that the absent black Rook, initially at a8, was obviously taken at a8 or b8 and that there are still eleven black chess-men on the chess-board.

5. Hence, the Pg5 came directly from g7, and this was the last black move.

Ohio State Chess Club defeated the Columbus YMCA Chess Club in a close match by 5-4 with top-board-man Stephan of Ohio State besting Ohio Champion Schroeder while Myron Frederic, Ohio Junior Champion, evened the score by defeating Meiden on board two.



White, as Charlick Helmos said, may play twenty-one moves. Of these, twenty are obvious, namely Pa3, Pa4, Pb3, Pb4, Pd3, Pd4, Pe4, Qxg1, Rg6, Rf6, Re6, Rd6, Rc6, Rb6, Ra6, Rxb7, Kix7 and Kix6+.

Such an assumption is evidently wrong, as the white Pawn at g7 would have been the one that was initially at c2 (naturally), and for this Pawn to go from c2 to h8, five captures are necessary, which is incompatible with the fact that the absent black Rook, initially at a8, was obviously taken at a8 or b8 and that there are still eleven black chess-men on the chess-board.

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Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

ON FRIDAY evenings the bed-ridden children in the cardiac wards of Bellevue Hospital buzz with excitement at the entrance of the "chess lady"—Miss Edith Weart, outstanding woman player and author of the "Royal Game for Children," who pays weekly visits to these eager boys and girls, ranging in age from eight to twelve, and teaches them many new "tricks" on the chessboard. The youngsters are quick to grasp the fundamentals of the game, and, in the seven or eight weeks since Miss Weart began her weekly visits, quite a few of them have developed far enough to study with understanding the advanced lessons in her book. All the "students" treasure the red and white Bellevue Chess Club button—a reward for mastering the fundamentals.

At Miss Weart's invitation your correspondent and several of his teammates also visit the hospital weekly, and thus many more children can be taught individually. The girls' ward, previously accustomed to seeing movies on Fridays, now is a center of chess activity on that night; they are just as pleased and excited about the Royal Game as about "Donald Duck!" Your reporter was cheerfully dubbed the "toy man" by some of the girls he taught, and a few boys persist in calling him "Santa Claus!"

Let Peter, a ten year old, tell the story of this chess program as he wrote it for the Bellevue Children's Newspaper: "On Friday the chess lady came to play chess with us and I played good. I played with the toy lady and she won one game and I won one. On Monday she came again and learned us a new trick but I surprised her because I knew it already. I learned it from her book."

How about it, readers of CHESS LIFE? Why not start similar activities throughout the nation? Chess and the children would certainly benefit!

In brief: At the end of five rounds M. Hanauer leads the Marshall championship tournament with 4½-½; A. Santasiere and B. Hill are tied for second with 4-1... Don't forget the Intercollegiate Team Championship at Columbia's John Jay Hall, December 26-30... A young player to watch is thirteen year old Ed Mednis, who is setting the pace in the Marshall Junior Championship; many Marshall experts are saying, "I wish I had been as good as he when I was thirteen"... Recent college match results—CCNY 2½, Yeshiva 2½; Columbia 5, CCNY 2.

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Inadvertently in listing the teams participating in the Washington (D.C.) Chess League on November 5, the names of the Library of Congress team and the University of Maryland team were omitted.

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CATALAN SYSTEM Blindfold Exhibition Match New York, 1950

Notes by J. E. Howarth
White: 5. RHEVSKY Black: 1. P-Q4 2. P-K3 3. P-KK3
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The idea of the text is to fianchetto the B and maintain pressure along the long diagonal.
Good! It hits the center aggressively. White must not be left with too much authority here. An alternative was 3... P-B1. If then 4... Q-Q2, P-P3, P-Q4; 6... B-K2 and now 6... P-Q3 with White perhaps a little better after 7... P-Q4, P-K5; 8... K1-Q2, Q-K2; 9... K1-B4, etc.

since all his P's will be on Black squares. That is why he should have played 6... B-B1.
10. O-O B-K2 12. P-B4 P-B4
11. K1-Q2 K1-K1 14. B-K12 P-K15
12. P-K15 tempting but not good because K1-B4 and B3 and one of those K1's become a thorn in White's side.
14. B-B3 16. R-R3 K1-K2
15. R-B3 K1-K5 17. K1(3)XK1
This does mean out to be good as it will make room for Black's QK1 to control new squares.
17. Q-Q4 19. Q-R5?
18. Q-K2 K1-Q4
A threat which is no threat at all; in fact it is a blunder, but it was not easy to see. R-QB1 or even K1-B4 would have stopped the next combination.

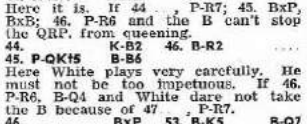
20. P-B5! This stops the threat but he must lose a P.
21. K1XK1 P-K1 25. B-B1 Q-K15
22. P-KP BxP 26. Q-K2 R-B6
23. P-K1P PxP 27. B-K2 K1-B4
24. BxP Q-R6
Here Black can win back a P with 27... R-K1P; 28. QxQ, RxQ.
28. R-B4
White runs no real danger in taking the R. 28. BxR, Q-R5, Q-R6, Q-R7, Q-B1. The White Q and the B hold the two vital diagonals. But with his move White evidently hopes to trap the Black R on his KB3.

After 29. QxR! KRAMER



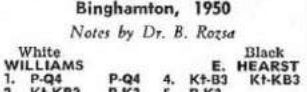
29. ... K1-K7 ch 32. B-B2 R-KB1
30. K-R1 QxQ 33. P-QR4
31. BxR PxB
The K is now safe enough. It's time the passed P's show their strength.
33. P-K14 37. R-Q7 RxB
34. P-R5 R-R1 38. BxR P-R5
35. P-K14 P-R4 39. R-KB1 K1-B6
36. R-B7 P-K15
It's hard to find a real effective move here.

After 30. R-B1 OTTESON



Something is getting lost so White makes a brilliant move.
30. QxR!! 33. R-K1 RxQ
31. QxQ BxK1 34. RxB BxP
32. Q-Q1 R-B8 Resigns
The moral of this game is that it is easy for annotators to retrograde and show that had White moved 21... K-B1 the game wouldn't have come to such a brilliant finish.

After 36. B-K6 FINE



26. R-Q6 ch
As H. Helms points out 36... Kt-B7 would have saved the Kt and the game, (perhaps as well; e.g., 36... Kt-B7 ch; 37. K-B4 (forced), PxB, 38. QxK1P ch, K-B1; 39. Q-B6 ch, K-K1; 40. QxP ch, K-Q1; 41. Q-K18 ch, K-B2; 42. Q-K17 ch, R-Q2; 43. Q-B3, Kt-Q5 and the ending is difficult for White!
37. K-K2 PxB 40. QxP ch K-Q1
38. QxK1P ch K-B1 41. Q-B6 ch Drawn
39. B-C4 K-K1
Black must submit to perpetual check or else his Kt falls.

ALEKHINE'S DEFENSE U. S. Open Championship Detroit, 1950

Notes by Edw. J. Korpany
White: H. BERLINER Black: G. KRAMER
1. P-K4 K1-KB3 3. P-Q4 P-Q3
2. P-K3 K1-Q4 4. K1-KB3 P-K13
Having played 3... P-Q3, it looks more natural and developing to play 4... B-K15.
5. B-K2 B-K12 7. P-B4 K1-K13
6. O-O O-O 8. PxP BxPxP
7. P-B4 K1-Q4
This is a danger of the QP becoming backward and weak.
9. K1-B3 K1-B3 11. P-QK13
To support the BP if BxKt, BxB.
11. P-B4 P-K5
12. Q-Q2 P-K4
As was to be expected Black's QP is held in check and becomes weaker than before.
12. BxB BxK1 15. B-K2 K1-Q2
13. K1-Q2 K1-Q2
Threatens White's B by 16... P-B5. But White foresaw this by playing his B-K2. An interesting continuation is 15... P-B5; 16. BxK1, QxR; 17. K-K4, Kt-B4 and the game becomes more open, though White seems to have better possibilities.
16. P-B4 K1-KB3 17. Q-RB1 P-K13
Fearful of 18. P-B5.
18. KR-Q1 Q-Q2 19. P-K13 QR-K1
The QB file is more open. Therefore 19... QR-B1, to be followed by KR-K1, appears much better.
20. K1-K5
There is strength in this move. White now threatens 21. B-K15.

DUTCH DEFENSE New York State Championship Binghamton, 1950

Notes by Dr. B. Rozsa
White: WILLIAMS Black: E. HEARST
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 4. K1-B3 K1-KB3
2. K1-KB3 P-K3 5. P-K3
2. P-B4 K1-B4
The usual procedure for White is to develop his KB on K12 which gives his B much better scope on the diagonal.
5. B-Q3 P-B2 7. K1-K5
6. This looks premature and not very clear as to what his intention is. In the light of what followed Q-K2 or some similar developing move would have been wiser.
7. O-O O-O
It looks harmless enough but P-KR3 is called for and perhaps after Black's castling White might have tried a K-side P-attack.
8. PxB BxK1 10. P-B4 P-Q5
9. K1-K15
The point is that PxpP, QxP ch; 12. K-R1, Kt-B7 ch loses the exchange at least.
11. P-KR3 12. P-K12 P-K15
White decides in favor of quick development instead of PxpP and a disrupted P formation.
13. K1-Q2
Black figures he can win that KP anyway.
14. QxP Q-B2 15. P-K4 QxP
This nullifies White's 15th move, 16.

SLAV DEFENSE U. S. Junior Championship Milwaukee, 1950

Notes by Dr. B. Rozsa
White: H. GOODMAN Black: M. OTTESON
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. K1-QB3
2. P-QB4 P-QB3
K1-KB3 has always been the main line. This line will lead White into the exchange variation.
3. PxB K1-B3 5. P-KB3 K1-B3
4. PxB PxB 6. P-B3
This is too passive. B-B4 is the strong move which leads White to a superior game.
6. B-B4 8. QxB P-K3
7. R-Q3 BxB 9. P-QR3
Preparing to play P-QK1 but the future of White's QB is not very promising.

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PxP, QxQ; 17. P-Q3, K1-K4.
16. B-Q1 P-B5
PxP is no good because of 17. RxB1 ch, KxR and White gets counterplay for the P.
17. B-B2
Of course White cannot take the P. QxQ, KtXQ and the KB has to be protected.
18. K-R1 Q-B4 ch 20. QR-Q1 K1-B3
19. P-QK1 P-K4 21. B-K1 P-KK4
In the face of Black's K-side P attack, this move seems hardly adequate.
22. B-B5 R-K1 24. R-Q2
23. B-B5 Q-K12
This was enough! But it is difficult to say just what else. P-KK4 is not much better because of P-B2.
25. R(1)-Q1 P-K13
The wrong square, should be to Kt1 and gain a tempo.
26. P-K16 27. B-KK1 B-K15

After 27. ... B-K15! HEARST



27. ... B-K15!
The B cannot be captured because of threat of mate Q-R3.
28. R-K1
Better R-K1 and trying to challenge that B on K15 with B-Q1. Also to stop the following combination.
28. Q-R3 29. P-B5
Obviously White is still unaware of Black's threat.
29. BxP1 33. R-K12 K1-K15
30. PxB QxP ch 34. B-Q1 K1-B3
31. B-R2 QXR ch 35. R-K1 Q-R6 ch
32. B-K11 K-R1 Resigns

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE CBMA Correspondence Class Tournament, 1950

Notes by John E. Howarth
White: J. E. HOWARTH Black: E. SAROSY
1. P-Q4 K1-KB3 4. Q-B2 P-Q4
2. P-QB4 P-K3 5. PxB
3. K1-QB3 B-K15
Also good is 5. P-QR3. 5. P-K3 leads to an even game after 5... O-O; 6. K1-B3, P-QK13; 7. P-QR3, BxK1 ch; 8. PxB, P-B4, etc. White on 5. B-K15, PxB; 6. K1-B3, P-QK14; 7. P-QR4, P-B3; 8. BxK1, PxB, etc. leads into a favorable game for Black—as he can hold the P. 5.

It would be better for Black to recapture with the Q. For after the text Black's P formation in the center will be permanently weaker.
6. B-K15
6. P-K3 is also good; though not as appropriate here as the text.
6. P-KR3
Perhaps 6... P-B3 would avoid the weakening P structure and give Black better chances. If here 6... Q-KK3; White gets the advantage. If 6... Q-Q3; 7. BxK1, QxB; 8. P-QR3, BxK1 ch; 9. QxB, O-O; 10. P-K3, etc. Or 7. P-K3, Kt-K3; 8. B-K15, Q-K3; 9. B-Q3, P-KK4; 10. K1-K2, O-O; 11. O-O, etc. with White slightly best.
7. B-R4 P-B4 8. PxB
If here 8. O-O-O, BxK1; 9. QxB, P-EK14;

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