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STEINER WINS PITTSBURGH OPEN

Larry Friedman Wins Title In First USCF Junior Tournament

Ohio Shows the Way with Four Players Qualifying for Championship Finals

Thirty-two eager youngsters, ranging from fourteen to nineteen years in age, gathered in the ballroom of the Lawson YMCA in Chicago to inaugurate the first USCF National Junior Chess Championship Tournament. They represented the strength of junior chess in fourteen states, and the official contestant from each state came as the guest of the Illinois State Chess Association. From July 1st to July 6th the battle raged, and not until the last chess piece was removed from the board were the respective final positions of all of the players decided, so close was the struggle and so evenly matched the players.

Best known among the contestants was Hans Berliner of the Washington Chess Divan (Champion of the Federal Chess Club) to whom tournaments were no novelty; but he had many rivals with formidable records. Among them were Larry Friedman (1945 Junior Champion of Cleveland); Harold Miller (1946 Cleveland Junior Champion) and his twin brother, George Miller, (1946 Cleveland City Champion); Philip LeCornu (Detroit Junior Champion); Paul Poschel (Illinois State Junior Champion and Champion of the Austin Chess Club of Chicago); Larry Evans (Junior Champion of the Marshall Chess Club of New York); Julian Leavitt (top man of the Harvard University Chess Team and winner of the brilliancy prize in the Daniel Levinne Memorial Tournament in New York); Eugene Levin (victor in the Scholastic Tournament in the 1945 Pan-American Tournament in Hollywood); and Donald Kilgore, whose tournament experience dated back to the 1942 Open Tournament in Dallas in which he played at the age of fourteen.

But the competition was so keen that not all of these players qualified for the Championship Finals; some were forced to yield place to lesser known contestants in one of the liveliest preliminary battles in tournament records.

Round by round the final contest in the Championship Division was fought with grimness, and only three and one-half points separated the winner from the holder of sixth place when the smoke of battle finally cleared to emphasize the tightness of the struggle.

Larry Friedman of Cleveland hit a winning stride at once; he drew with Philip LeCornu, Larry Evans and Carl Driscoll, lost to Paul Dietz (Pittsburgh Scholastic Champion), but won his other games, including those against his old rivals, the Miller brothers, to place first with a clear one-point advantage.

Hans Berliner drew with Philip LeCornu, lost to Larry Friedman, Larry Evans and Richard Kujoh of Milwaukee, and won his remaining games to hold a tie for second place. In a brilliant fashion Phillip LeCornu rallied from a bad start



Photo by V. E. Vandenburg

Harry Fajans (left) meet his first defeat at the hands of Herman Steiner (right). The Pittsburgh Open Tournament.

Larry Friedman (left) of Cleveland faces Paul Poschel (right) of Chicago in the Junior Chess Championship. In the background, left to right, are William Grossman (San Diego), Larry Evans (New York), Romana brothers (Milwaukee), Herman Steiner, one of the Miller twins (Cleveland), and John Carron (St. Louis).

Photo: Courtesy Chess Review.

PAN-AMERICAN TOURNAMENT AT YANKTON, S. D.

Starting off with a burst of dazzling speed, the newly organized South Dakota State Chess Association inaugurates its program with a three-ring tournament from September 15th to September 22nd at the Hotel Charles Gurney, Yankton, So. Dak.

A Pan-American Tournament, endorsed by the United States Chess Federation, tops the bill with invited participants from South and Central America. Those invited include F. Planas (Cuba), A. Loynaz (Venezuela); M. Citron and M. Colon (Porto Rico); and Fred Reinfeld, O. Ulvestad, Sol Rubinow, Hans Berliner, Averill Powers, and William Byland from the United States.

In addition there will be the

1ST USCF CHESS PROBLEM TOURNEY HAS 226 ENTRIES

Judges Kenneth S. Howard and Geoffrey Mott-Smith cannot complain of a dearth of chess problems for many days to come. In selecting the winning problem compositions submitted in the first USCF Chess Problem Tournament they must study 226 separate compositions, some from distant countries; and pick the best.

There were 134 entries received in the Two-Move Tourney; and 92 compositions in the Three-Move Tourney. The names of the winning composers will be announced in *Chess Life* as soon as the judges have rendered their decision.



South Dakotan Chess Championship Tournament, the Woman's Championship for South Dakota, and a tournament open to all players who wish to enter. Those interested should write to Nancy W. Gurney, Secretary, Hotel Charles Gurney, Yankton, So. Dak.

Tournament Director for all the events will be George Koltanowski, and a visit to the Black Hills with a rapid transit tourney and simultaneous exhibitions are a part of the elaborate program for entertainment.

SEIDMAN RAN A CLOSE SECOND VETERAN KUPCHIK WAS THIRD

Ulvestad Sensation of Preliminary Rounds Fails to Maintain the Pace in the Finals

Herman Steiner of Los Angeles added the 1946 Open Tournament Championship to a long list of distinguished achievements. He won the title impressively with only one loss and five draws for a total score of 13½ points out of a possible 17 points. Steiner has held the title once before (in 1942) when he shared first place with A. Yanofsky at the Dallas Open Tournament.

Second place went to Herbert Seidman, co-champion of the Marshall Chess Club, who totaled 12½ points. His encounter with Steiner was a hard and long-fought draw of 117 moves. Third place was held by veteran Abraham Kupchik with 12 points. Kupchik played sound and solid chess, losing only two games, to Steiner and Ulvestad.

Fourth and fifth place were shared by the 16-year-old Donald Byrne of the Manhattan Chess Club and Olaf Ulvestad of Seattle, Washington. Byrne played with the maturity an older player might envy, and Ulvestad lived up to his reputation as an analyst and advocate of original play. During the preliminaries it seemed likely that Ulvestad would sweep the meet as he scored 6½ points out of a possible 8 points, including his victories over Steiner, Robert Byrne and Seidman. But in the early rounds in the finals he met Steiner again, built up an overwhelming advantage, sacrificed his

one of the strongest fields ever assembled for an Open Tournament. There were fifty-eight entrants in the preliminaries from 13 states and two foreign countries.

Due to the number of the preliminaries were conducted as an eight round Swiss System with the ties broken by the Sonneborn-Berger "weighting" method. Then the finals were divided into six separate round-robin tournaments, according to the Sonneborn-Berger scores of the entrants in the preliminaries.

An indication of the strength of the entire field is best illustrated by the known players who failed to qualify for the final championship division. Among them was Anthony E. Santasiere (defending Open Champion), George Koltanowski (world-famous blindfolded expert), Weaver W. Adams (New England Champion), George Kramer (New York State Champion), Miguel Aleman (Cuban Champion).

It was decided by the tournament committee to carry over the point scores compiled in the preliminary rounds as a part of the final score—for which a precedent had been established by the 1914 St. Petersburg Tournament. This gave an added importance to each game in the preliminary rounds and made the competition tight throughout the whole tournament. Eight players withdrew after the preliminaries were completed, and the finals began with an even fifty contestants.

Even more than at Peoria in 1945, this Open Tournament was remarkable in the fact that Youth was pitted against established reputations—and did not suffer in the conflict. Three teen-age players fought

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BOTVINNIK LEADS GRONINGEN MEET

At the end of five rounds of play Botvinnik leads at the Groningen Tournament with five wins and no losses. Euwe is second with 4½. Denker holds a tie for third with Stoltz at 4½. Other scores: Smyslov 3½-1½; Tartakover 3½-1½; Flohr 3-2; Kotov 3-2; Najdorf 3-2; Szabo 2½-2½; O'Kelly 2-3; Lundin 2-3; Bernstein 1½-3½; Boleslavsky 1½-3½; Guimard 1½-3½; Kottnauer 1½-3½; Yanofsky 1½-3½; Christoffel 1-4; Vidmar 1-4; Steiner ½-4½. Fourteen rounds of play remain.

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THE FEDERATION FINDS ITS VOICE AND THE VOICE HAS A PURPOSE

MUCH has been written, praising the value of silence; and often has it been suggested that actions give speech in louder tones than words. Yet in all its aspects our daily life gives constant denial to these hoary maxims from the ancient copybooks; otherwise the air-lanes, the newspapers and the mails would not ever seek to prompt us, coaching us daily about the quality of products or the virtues of people whose own actions or worth cannot apparently speak for them after all.

Perhaps we are a forgetful race, grown more so in the hurried atmosphere of business which pervades even those hours reserved by us for our leisure, and therefore need and relish the prompting. At least, it must be confessed that the voiceless seldom find their actions noted or their virtues heeded in a world that has grown noisy and impatient with activity.

The USCF has long felt the need of speech to give tongue to its earnest endeavors. Between each Yearbook of the Federation lay a vast expanse of industry and achievement, unexplored by the members of the USCF, of which the Yearbooks could do no more than chart the greater contours in a brief summary. The members of the USCF and chess players as a whole have always been entitled to a more detailed and dramatic story of the Federation's many engrossing activities on behalf of chess; but hitherto there has been no medium of expression to convey that intriguing story to them. Now the silence is broken.

CHESS LIFE is published for the chess players of the nation. It is dedicated with this inaugural issue to these certain aims:

- 1) A constant story of the USCF program for the development of chess, as it unrolls—tournaments, Chess for the Wounded, education in chess, encouragement of junior chess, increased appreciation of chess problems with emphasis on problem composition, and promotion of chess in colleges and schools, in playground and in recreational board schedules;
- 2) A continuous reporting of the current news about chess and chess players (amateur and master) with a particular emphasis placed upon the varied activities of chess clubs and associations throughout the country;
- 3) A thoughtful consideration of the problem that may confront the individual player or his club; and a department devoted to his quandries where he may ask his questions freely and have them answered fully;
- 4) Game scores, chess problems and other departmental activities for the chess reader, running the gamut from the ridiculous (probably) to (we hope) the sublime.

The precise nature of the news and features in the future issues of CHESS LIFE will be guided by suggestions from the readers. This is no solemn program of Adult Education (?) in which the Editorial Board decides gravely what the reader should have to improve his game or mind. CHESS LIFE exists as a cooperative venture in which the reader has a voice and a vote.

But it is also well to define at once the limitations set for CHESS LIFE. It will not be a magazine and will not attempt to perform the functions of a magazine. The various chess magazines now in circulation merit your continued support and we hope that you will continue to read your favorite magazine as well as CHESS LIFE.

Many voices in the past have clamored for the USCF to grow articulate. Here is the voice at last, but that voice has a body that must be fed. It eats paper and postage and printer's ink. Feed it with your subscription and those of your friends.

Guest Editorial

By

Maurice S. Kuhns

President Emeritus, The United States Chess Federation

To the Editor of CHESS LIFE:

"Piece out our imperfections with your thoughts."

Thank you for the opportunity of addressing our members and friends in this, the first issue of the first newspaper published by a national chess organization in the U. S. A.

I bespeak for CHESS LIFE the success for which you and our Federation so earnestly hope.

It will be successful because it is dedicated to the interests of all who worship at the shrine of Caissa. The masters, the experts and the rank and file of chess players.

It will be successful because its columns will be open to those to whom it is dedicated, and I am confident that they will make it their forum.

It will be successful because it will be the mirror reflecting the chess life of the United States.

It will be successful because it will be the channel in which will flow the stream of thoughts, hopes and plans of our Federation, which in turn will give renewed chess life wherever it touches.

CHESS LIFE will likewise take its place in European chess centers, as our Federation is one of the foremost Units of F. I. D. E. (Federation Internationale des Eschecs), from the President of which CHESS LIFE will soon contain greetings.

CHESS INTEREST REACHES NEW PEAK

(Monthly Letter No. 33)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

President, United States Chess Federation

INTEREST in chess in the United States is at a height never before attained and is still going up. This growth represents nothing of the mushroom variety, or, to change the metaphor, is no sudden boom. It is rather the normal consequence of a unification of effort, the result of cooperation on the part of people everywhere who love chess.



This fact remains true no matter from which side a cross section is taken. Approach the question on a geographical basis, and we find bee-hive activity on the Pacific coast as well as the Atlantic and innumerable points between. In this respect the Federation has attained ideal representation with its Executive Committee composed of men in eight principal cities of the United States and active Directors in 40 States.

Consider the matter on the basis of age and we find a typical answer in the Open Tournament recently held at Pittsburgh where the youngest contestant was only 14 years of age and the senior was a ripe and vigorous 78.

Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.
Our program has expanded so that it now embraces every field of known chess activity. The Junior Program. Chess for the Wounded. The Problem Department. Correspondence chess, through a closer relationship with the Correspondence Chess League of America. The Collegiate Program. A long list of national championship and sectional tournaments, either conducted directly under the Federation auspices or with its endorsement.

When the matter of playing skill is regarded, we find once more that the Federation is made up of every class. Masters, experts, ordinary wood pushers and beginners taking their first lessons. And the Federation program is for every one of these. The master players are an important part of American chess and many of them are included in the officers and directors of the Federation and in committees which are doing constructive work.

It is our purpose to work in closest harmony possible with everyone whose goal is the same as ours: The promotion of chess as a recreation and the development of the game so that the United States will always be at or near the top in the international program. We now have the benefit of and enjoy such cooperation.

These statements are not intended to present a picture of Utopia. Differences of opinion are as much a part of chess as they are the whole of life. These have in general contributed to our growth rather than otherwise. When they cease to exist, so shall we, for then the germ of our life will have atrophied and we shall no longer constitute a living body.

Such differences as may here and there exist, which cannot honestly be regarded as constructive, are likewise part of human experience, but in any field of human endeavor, sports, industry, politics, even religion, is without them, it fails to come to mind at this writing.

The overall picture, however, is most encouraging and we look for a year of growth compared with which all that have gone before will seem but veriest beginnings, as indeed they are.

Forward, together, for American chess.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

For the original issue of *Chess Life*, the comments have been selected from the questionnaires sent to members, asking for suggestions in making the work of the USCF more effective. Hereafter, this column will be devoted to the opinions of the readers who are invited to express their ideas freely.

Continue to put good sound thought into every phase of Federation work, as you are now doing.

James F. Murphy
Bradford, Pa.

The Yearbook is fine. The USCF publication idea dealing with matters within the Federation, inter-club news, plans, boasting for national or international corrections in chess thought needed. Something to knit into one voice the thoughts of thousands, an ideas clearing house.

S. J. Alexander
Manhattan, Mont.

Console the Chess Masters, pacify their pride and urge some Amateur to take their measure.

Judge B. C. Jenkins
Gary, Ind.

I would suggest the designing and manufacture for sale to members at minimum cost of a striking lapel button which would show (first) that the wearer was a chess player and (second) that he was a member of the U.S.C.F.

Charles W. Seaman
Hollywood, Calif.

We should all of us teach more persons—old and young how to play chess. Inspire in them the lure and excitement of the game.

Henry G. Tyer
Andover, Mass.

I would like to see U.S.C.F. make it obligatory for any organized State Association to hold an annual State (open) Championship same approximate time annually, properly publicized, or else U.S.C.F. does not recognize said association. The minimum that organized chess can do for the players is to hold such tournaments.

Dr. Harold W. Tower
Petaluma, Calif.

Your program of democratized chess should be continued. You are on the right track. Look at the results in Russia.

Averill Powers
Milwaukee, Wis.

None—Games are fun and relaxation; when they become too serious they lose both features.

F. N. De Leyer
New York, N. Y.

Who's Who in American Chess

Maurice S. Kuhns

It is only proper to begin this series of chess biographies with the name of Maurice S. Kuhns, for that name has been identified with almost every important movement for the organization of chess in America for many years. Mr. Kuhns was one of the organizers of the National Chess Federation of the United States of America, chartered by the State of Illinois in 1926, and was its only president. When the NCF united with the American Chess Federation to form the present USCF in 1939, Mr. Kuhns became the President Emeritus of the latter organization, an office which was conferred upon him for life in recognition of his services to chess in America.



It was under Mr. Kuhns' guidance that the present series of biennial tournaments for the chess championship of the United States was planned, and the first of such tournaments was held in 1936 when the U. S. Champion Frank Marshall graciously designated the winner of such a tournament his successor in the championship.

Mr. Kuhns was also active in the promotion of the London-Chicago cable match of 1926 and the London-New York cable match of 1927. For these he originated an improved system of notation for transmission by wire which was used with great success in both these matches and many others since that date.

Active as well in international chess affairs, Mr. Kuhns is vice-president of Federation Internationale des Eschecs (FIDE), an office which he has held for many years. To Mr. Kuhns' credit may be added further the fact that he was in large measure responsible for the establishment of the international team tournaments, brought to an abrupt conclusion with the Argentina tourney of 1939 by the outbreak of the war.

In private life Mr. Kuhns is a certified public accountant, holding one of the first certificates ever issued by the State of New York. And the Kuhns tradition in chess is in its second generation, for a son, Dr. Ralph H. Kuhns, is a USCF director for California.

JR MEET FUN SAYS WINNER FRIEDMAN

The general sentiment of those who played in the first USCF Junior Championship Tournament is concisely expressed by the winner's letter to President Emeritus Maurice S. Kuhns:

Dear Mr. Kuhns:
I would like to thank you very much for the beautiful chess set you gave the winner of the Junior Chess Championship. I like it very much and shall always cherish it in the years to come.

The tournament was a lot of fun for all the boys who participated. We certainly would like to thank the U. S. Chess Federation for the wonderful opportunity the tournament gave us, not only for playing some good chess but for giving us an opportunity to meet boys from all over the country.

In my opinion the tournament was a great success. The first of many to come.

Sincerely yours,
Larry Friedman

Pittsburgh Open Chess Tournament

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their way into the Championship Finals: Donald Byrne (16) who created the biggest sensation by tying for fourth place, Arthur Bisguier (16) who placed sixth, and Walter Shipman (17) who held a four-way tie for seventh.

First honors in the Masters' Reserve were divided by Robert Byrne (18) and George Kramer (17), while defending Champion A. Santasiere placed third, S. Almgren fourth, and Weaver Adams fifth. In this division Eugene Levin (16) of Los Angeles and Larry Evans (14) of New York were among other promising teen-agers who held their own in fast company.

The Major Tournament was won by Albert Sandrin (1946 Chicago Champion and former Illinois State Champion). Second and third places were shared by James Cross (16) of Glendale, Calif., and Oscar Shapiro (1946 Washington, D. C. Champion). In this same group played Hans Berliner (17) who tied for second in the U. S. Junior Championship in Chicago.

The Major Reserves was won by Paul Poschel (17) who holds the Championship of the Austin Chess Club of Chicago and is Illinois State Junior Champion. Joseph Rauch (Montreal Champion 1941) and Donald J. Sibbett of Brooklyn, N. Y. shared second and third.

The Minor Tournament was won by F. H. Stoppel of Cicero, Ill. Morton M. Schaffer of New York City was second, while third and fourth were divided by Paul Dietz (16) the Pittsburgh Scholastic Champion and Alexander Spitzer, also of Pittsburgh.

In the Minor Reserves first place went to Ambrose D. Gring (known as a problemist) of Brookline, Mass. James B. McCord (second in 1944 New England Championship) was second. McCord, who has a second in the 1924 South African Championship to his credit as well, is a spry 76 and hails from Oakham, Mass.

Herman Helms, the "Dean of American Chess" served again as the Tournament Director with Milton Finkelstein once again acting as the Assistant Tournament Director. Exceptionally full coverage of the event through press releases was handled by Gene Collett and L. A. Scholpp.

The entrants in the 1946 Open Tournament at Pittsburgh were:—Weaver W. Adams (Dedham, Mass.); Miguel Blas Aleman (Havana, Cuba); Sven Almgren (New York City); Hans Berliner (Wash-

ington, D. C.); Arthur Bisguier (New York City); Donald Byrne (Brooklyn, N. Y.); Robert Byrne (Brooklyn, N. Y.); James Cross (Glendale, Calif.); Charles Deaktor (Pittsburgh); Paul L. Dietz (Pittsburgh); Thomas Eckenrode (Lancaster, Pa.); Dr. Karl Ertzman (Pittsburgh); Arpad E. Elo (Milwaukee); Larry Evans (New York City); Harry Fajans (New York City); Milton Finkelstein (New York City); Karl Forster (New York City); Jack Gilbert (Pittsburgh); Hyman Gordon (New York City); Newton Grant (Monroe, La.); Richard C. Grimm (South Charleston, W. Va.); Ambrose D. Gring (Brookline, Mass.); William E. Grossman (San Diego, Calif.); LeRoy Guthridge (York, Pa.).

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CLARKSBURG HAS W. VA. STATE MEET

The Labor-Day week-end of August 31st to September 2nd will see the playing of the Annual West Virginia State Chess Championship Tournament at Clarksburg. Play will be on the Swiss System and a record number of entrants are expected, including the defending Champion H. Liggett and former Champion J. Hurt.

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First National Junior Chess Championship Tournament

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to gain a second place tie with Hans Berliner. To do this he was faced with the grim prospect of playing two adjourned games on Saturday afternoon and netting one and one-half points out of the possible two. He achieved this victory by drawing with Larry Friedman and defeating Harold Miller.

James Cross of Glendale, Calif. was fourth, losing to the players ahead of him in the final standing, but becoming practically invincible against all others. Paul Poschel of Chicago was fifth, drawing with Philip LeCornu and defeating James Cross. Larry Evans of New York drew with Larry Friedman and won from Hans Berliner, yet he could find no spot higher than sixth place in the final standings, so even was the playing strength of all the contestants.

In the Consolation Tournament Eugene Levin of Los Angeles and Jack L. Hursch of Denver tied for first place. Levin lost his games to Julian Leavitt and Gerald Roitstein; Hursch lost to Levin and Donald Kilgore. A special playoff game between Levin and Hursch awarded the title to Levin.

In the Class A Tournament William Grossman of San Diego (third in 1946 California Junior Tournament) tied with Robert Meredith of Greencastle, Ind. A playoff game between the two resulted in a draw and a continued tie for the title.

Among the odd happenings of the Tournament was the surprising fact that the delegation from Ohio consisted of four players: Larry Friedman, George and Harold Miller, and Carl Driscoll; and all four qualified for the Championship Finals. The Ohio group was also distinguished by the novelty of having its twin representatives, the Millers. There have been many pairs of brothers playing chess; in recent years we have had the Byrnes of New York and the Sandrins of Illinois, in Canada the Yanofskys; but twins playing in a chess tournament present a striking and unusual note.

The Tournament was held in the ballroom of the Lawson YMCA (scene of the 1934 Open Tournament) with several sessions in the Fullerton Avenue Day Camp in Lincoln Park, overlooking Lake Michigan. Management of the Tournamen-

ment was in the hands of Howard Ohman, USCF director of the Program for Junior Chess. He received local assistance from Bruno Czaikowski of the Chicago Chess and Checker Club, while the financial arrangements were handled by Edwin Asman of Chicago. Herman Steiner, the California master, interrupted his trip to Pittsburgh to serve as Tournament Director.

On Wednesday evening the contestants were the guests of the Gits Molding Corporation at a special banquet held at Yonkers Restaurant, at which Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., USCF President, presided; and the chess sets used in the tournament were the donation of the Gits Molding Corporation toward the development of a Junior Chess Program in America.

Winners in all divisions were presented with trophies on Saturday afternoon by President Wagner. Additional prizes in chess books, the personal gift of Fred Reinfeld (New York Chess Editor and Writer),

were awarded to place winners. And the newly-crowned champion was presented with a fine chess set in addition to his trophy, a chess set bearing with it the best personal wishes of President Emeritus Maurice S. Kuhns.

Saturday morning Herman Steiner entertained the players with a concise lecture on chess, followed by a simultaneous exhibition

against all the contestants. Unfortunately the Californian master had to dash wildly for his train to Pittsburgh, leaving the exhibition unfinished, so it will never be known how well he fared in his brave challenge against America's young masters of the future.

The players in this first USCF National Junior Championship Tournament were: Roy A. Berg (Chicago); Hans Berliner (Washington, D. C.); Henry Blume, Jr. (Milwaukee); John Carron (St. Louis); Roger Clites (Gary, Ind.); Joseph Cowan (Glen Ellyn, Ill.); Richard Crittenden (Milwaukee); James Cross (Glendale, Calif.); Paul Dietz (Pittsburgh); Carl Driscoll (Dayton); Larry Evans (New York City); Larry Friedman (Cleveland); William Grossman (San Diego); Jack L. Hursch (Denver); Melvin Janowitz (Minneapolis); Donald Kilgore (Dallas); Richard Kujoth (Milwaukee); Julian Leavitt (Brookline, Mass.); Philip LeCornu (Detroit); Eugene Levin (Los Angeles); Ted Lewis (Chicago); Lee Magee (Omaha); Robert Meredith (Greencastle, Ind.); George Miller (Cleveland); Harold Miller (Cleveland); Paul Poschel (Chicago); Sheldon Rein (Minneapolis); Gerald Roitstein (Omaha); James Romana (Mishawaka, Ind.); Stephen Smale (Flint); Maurice Stiefel (Philadelphia); Ralph Williams (Denver).

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U. S. Championship Details Set

BYRNE WINS NEW ENGLAND TOURNEY WAGMAN SECOND

In the eight-round Swiss system tournament which grants the New England Championship, the 18-year-old Yale freshman, Robert Byrne, proved to be a shade better than his rivals. In the play over the Labor Day weekend August 30th to September 2nd at Hartford, Conn., Byrne gathered 7½ points out of a possible 8 for the championship. Stuart E. Wagman of Boston was a close second with the nearly perfect score of 7 points, while Walter B. Suesman of Providence with a score of 6 points was third. Fourth to ninth were Dr. Gerald Katz, Harlow B. Daly, Charles Schoenfeld, Al. Martin, Robert G. Mitchell and Richard Brainard, whose point score was in each case 5½, alined by the Sonneborn-Berger system of "weighing" ties. In all forty-seven players participated in this annual tournament which was won in 1945 by Weaver W. Adams, now in Europe with the U. S. Team.

J. C. THOMPSON 1ST AL LIPTON 2ND IN SOUTHWEST OPEN

Seven States sent representatives to the Twelfth Annual Southwestern Open Championship Tournament at Houston, Texas, August 31st to September 2nd. Among the seventy contestants were players from Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Texas. The tournament was held at the Rice Hotel in Houston and was refereed by J. Allan Anderson, former St. Louis champion and member of U. S. Team at Hamburg in 1930.

J. C. Thompson won the title of Southwestern Champion with a score of seven wins, no draws or losses. Al. Lipton, also of Dallas, was second with 6 points. Third to sixth place went to J. W. Stapp of Dallas, James Webb of Dallas, Mevis R. Smith of Houston, and Don Kilgore of Dallas, all of whom had 5½ points, according to a Sonneborn-Berger "weighing" of their scores. Seventh to tenth place went to Alfred P. Coles III of El Paso, Alfred Wills of New Orleans, Joe Gilbert of Dallas and F. H. McKee of Dallas, with 5 points each, according to their Sonneborn-Berger score.

KOWALSKI WINNER TRENTON TOURNEY McCORMICK 2ND

Three players each from northern and southern New Jersey met at the Stacy-Trent Hotel, Trenton, N. J. to determine the finalist in the U. S. Championship from their area. Stephen W. Kowalski of Newark won with 4½ points; Edgar T. McCormick of East Orange was second with 3½ points. There was a three-way tie for third between R. F. Cotton of Camden, R. T. Durkin of Ventnor City, and J. Fleishner of Vineland with 2 points each. Sixth place went to S. Fenichel of Newark.

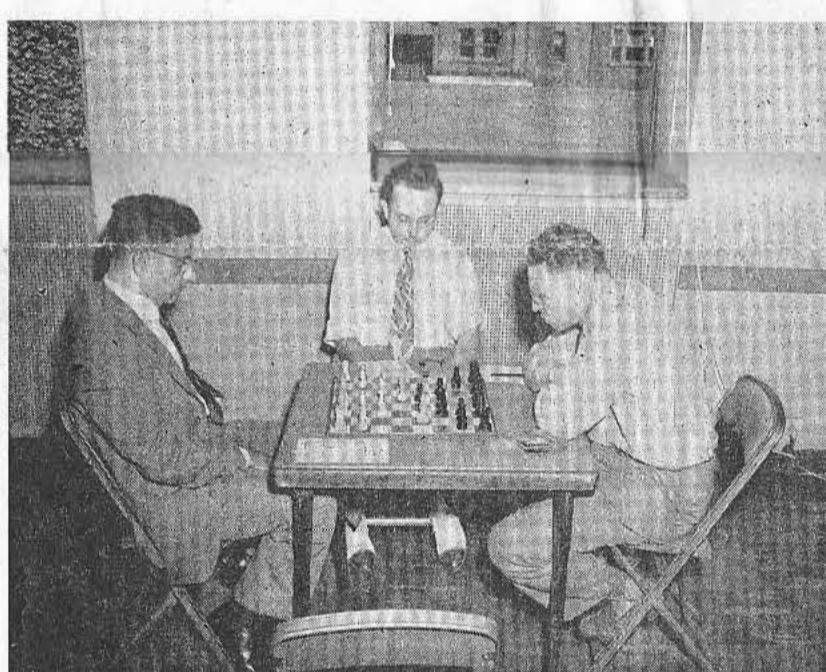
NEW JERSEY STATE CHESS ASS'N FORMS WAYNE PRESIDENT

As a result of the tournament at the Stacy-Trent Hotel players from north and south New Jersey met and organized the New Jersey State Chess Association. First president of this august body is R. W. Wayne of Ventnor City, well known for his direction of the Ventnor City Invitation Tournaments. Three vice-presidents were elected: C. B. LeCato of Haddonfield, F. E. Lauchs of West Orange, and William Van Bremen of Trenton. Robert T. Durkin of Ventnor City became secretary and S. Caplan of Vineland treasurer. It was voted to apply for membership in the USCF.

ISAACS, SANDRIN WIN PLACES IN U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP

Twelve players contested in the Area Six Tournament to decide the representatives at the U. S. Championship. The veteran Lewis J. Isaacs was first and Albert Sandrin, also of Chicago, was second. Third place went to Alfred Ludwig of Omaha, Nebr. and fourth to Mark Surgies of Milwaukee. Fifth place went to Paul Poschel of Chicago.

The tournament was conducted under the auspices of USCF Chapter, Milwaukee Municipal Chess Club, and the Tournament Director was Fritz Rathman, Editor of Wisconsin Chess Letter. The tournament was played at Milwaukee from August 30th to September 1st.



Jacob Levin (left) meets Dr. Bruno Schmidt (right) in the Area Three finals, while M. A. Kontosh acts as timekeeper.

USSR TEAM WINS SCORES 12½ - 7½ OVER U. S. TEAM

Once again the U. S. Team faced defeat when it met the USSR Team at Moscow. Heroes for the Americans were I. Kashan and A. Kevitz with 1½-½. The U. S. Team, however, showed improvement over last year when it lost the radio match by a score of 15½ to 4½.

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LEVIN, DICAMILLO QUALIFY IN AREA THREE TOURNEY

In a special tournament held in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 10th to 12th, Jacob Levin of Philadelphia won first place with three wins and two draws. Attilio DiCamillo, also of Philadelphia, was second with two wins and two draws. A four-way tie was the result in the other places between Malcolm W. Patrick of Cleveland, Dr. Siegfried Werthammer of Huntington, West Virginia, and George Eastman and Dr. Bruno Schmidt, both of Detroit.

According to arrangements, Levin and DiCamillo will represent the area in the U. S. Championship, while Eastman and Werthammer will play in the Masters' Reserve.

J. H. BELSON WINS CANADIAN TITLE; MAURICE FOX 2ND

In the 1946 Dominion Chess Championship Tournament played at the Central YMCA in Toronto from August 31 to September 7, J. H. Belson won the title in a strong tournament which included former champions M. Fox, J. S. Morrison, and R. E. Martin. Maurice Fox was second, R. E. Martin third and J. Rauch fourth. Bernard Freedman was tournament director. Twenty-eight players competed in two 14-round preliminary sections to determine those seated in the final championship round-robin. This was the second title for Belson who won the 1934 tournament.

SANTASIERE WINS NEW YORK STATE STERN TIES 2ND

In the annual New York State Championship Tournament at Cazenovia August 17th to 25th Anthony E. Santasiere won the title to qualify for a place in the U. S. Championship finals. Second place in the New York State Tournament was a tie between Adolph Stern, dark horse of the meet, and Edward Lascher. Erich W. Marchand won the Consolation Tournament.

AREAS SELECT THEIR CHAMPIONS IN LABOR-DAY WEEK-END MEETS

First Democratic U.S. Championship Meet Draws Strong Field of Promising Contenders

As the final results emerge from the smoke of battle clouding the fair Labor-Day skies, it becomes more and more apparent that the Sixth Biennial U. S. Championship Tournament will set a new record in the annals of American Chess. The Sixth U. S. Championship Tournament will be held in the Chanin Auditorium in New York City from October 26th to November 16th. At the same time plans cover a Woman's Championship Tournament and a Masters' Reserve Tournament for the players from the seven areas of the United States who barely failed to qualify for the Championship Finals.

Details of the Tournament are in the hands of a Committee headed by Maurice Wertheim while Kenneth Harkness (Co-Editor of CHESS REVIEW) will serve as Tournament Director in addition to his important duties as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Results from most of the seven areas into which the country has been divided promise that the seven seeded players will have no easy time of it. The seven seeded players are: U. S. Champion Arnold S. Denker, U. S. Open Champion Herman Steiner, Reuben Fine, I. A. Horowitz, I. I. Kashdan, Albert Pinkus and Samuel Reshevsky, who will meet in the finals of the U. S. Championship the fifteen contenders selected from the seven areas by the democratic method of preliminary contests.

First to finish its selection was Area Three, consisting of Delaware, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. In a special tournament held at Cleveland, Ohio, from August 10th to 12th Jacob Levin and Attilio DiCamillo, both of Philadelphia, qualified to enter the U. S. Championship finals while George Eastman of Detroit and Dr. Siegfried Werthammer of Huntington, West Virginia, will represent the area in the Masters' Reserve.

In Area One the annual New England Championship Tournament at Hartford, Conn., from August 30th through September 2nd provided one finalist for the U. S. Championship. This was Robert Byrne, 18-year-old Yale freshman, who became New England Champion. Stuart E. Wagman of Boston or Walter B. Suesman of Providence will compete in the Masters' Reserve.

On August 30th through September 2nd another special tournament held at the Stacy-Trent Hotel in Trenton, N. J., decided the other finalist from Area One. This was Stephen W. Kowalski of Newark, while Edgar T. McCormick of East Orange became eligible for the Masters' Reserve.

Anthony E. Santasiere in winning the New York State Championship at Cazenovia, August 17th to 25th, placed as one of the three finalists from Area Two. Alexander Kevitz of New York has been appointed as the second finalist, and the third will be decided by a short tournament to be held at the Marshall and Manhattan Chess Clubs, begin-

ning September 21st. Selection of players for the Masters' Reserve has not been announced.

Area Five qualified its contestants in the annual Southwestern Open Chess Tournament at Houston, Texas, from August 31st to September 2nd. J. C. Thompson and Al. Lipton, both of Dallas, qualified for the U. S. Championship finals, while J. W. Stapp and James Webb, both of Dallas also, qualified for the Masters' Reserve.

The veteran Lewis J. Isaacs and the youthful Albert Sandrin, both of Chicago, qualified for the Championship finals in Area Six in a tournament held at Milwaukee August 30th to September 1st. Alfred Ludwig of Omaha, Nebraska and Paul Poschel of Chicago were the two ready for the Masters' Reserve.

Area Four and Area Seven have not been heard from as yet, but it is known that both have plans under way to qualify players from their respective areas.

DR. WERTHAMMER WINS W. VA. TITLE ALLEN DUVALL 2ND

For the third time in four years Dr. Siegfried Werthammer of Huntington won the West Virginia Championship in the tournament played at Clarksburg from August 31st to September 2nd. In a six-round Swiss System he scored 6 points to regain the title lost in 1945 to Harold W. Liggett by half a point.

Second place went to Allen Duvall of Charleston with a score of 5½. Other high scorers in the fourteen-man tournament were former State Champion William F. Hartling of St. Albans 4-2; former State Champion John Hurt of Charleston, Dr. Victor J. Lemke of Morgantown and Milford B. Mott of Arthurdale with 3½-2½ each; Edward M. Foy, former Charleston City Champion, 3-3. Last year's Champion, Harold W. Liggett of South Charleston ended in a four-way tie for eighth.

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GET BEHIND AMERICAN CHESS

HERE was a time when it was considered correct to be deprecatory about all things American when compared with any European model. It was assumed that things American were inferior, and our apologists often were embarrassed by the necessity of deprecating something because it failed to conform to the pattern of inferiority.

In Chess, however, we escaped the worst phases of this pathological inferiority complex, for the deeds abroad of Morphy and Pillsbury and Marshall permitted no apologies for the American brand of chess; and the showing of our younger masters in more recent European tournaments have sustained the reputation that earlier American chess players have created.

The course of American success on the chessboard has not always been smooth and uninterrupted; we have had our moments of abrupt and rude reversal, as when the USSR Chess Team rode rough-shod over the U.S. Chess Team in the New York-Moscow Radio Match in 1945. But we face the world without need to apologize to anyone for the brand of chess that thrives in these United States.

A rosy picture for the optimist? Yes; but let us not become too lost in admiration of one single bloom. There yet remains much to be done for American Chess; and only the individual chess player can do it! The individual player in his own community by joining with thousands of other individual players in other communities to create and support a consistent program for American Chess.

Briefly, American Chess needs:

- 1) A healthy national organization, supported by every player of chess whether amateur or master, to supervise national competition and encourage the development of chess in every community;
- 2) An active State organization in every state to keep alive the spirit of local competition and foster the development of chess playing among the young;
- 3) Various alert publications to keep the news of chess alive, so that each player may know what is being said and done for chess everywhere;
- 4) A permanent sinking fund with which to promote chess upon a national organized scale without the necessity of using "hand to mouth" methods of financing.

Point one has been answered by the creation of the United States Chess Federation, but many individual players have so far failed to contribute their support to making the USCF representative of every individual player in the country. Point two has been subject to much activity, and today there are only a few areas left in which chess remains as yet unorganized. Point three is best served of all, for there are several excellent chess publications, in addition to CHESS LIFE, which give the individual player no excuse for being uninformed about chess in America.

Point four may be met affirmatively by each chess player in a simple gesture. It requires no more than clipping the coupon on Page four, filling it out and mailing it to Kenneth Harkness with a contribution to the continued cause of American Chess.

We borrow a phrase from our eminent contemporary, CHESS REVIEW—borrow it because we feel that it should be shouted from the rooftops and drummed into the ears of every American Chess player:

GET BEHIND AMERICAN CHESS!!

Guest Editorial

JUNIOR CHESS IN MILWAUKEE

By Fritz Rathmann
Editor, Wisconsin Chess Letter

MILWAUKEE'S junior chess program has received attention by many national magazines because the annual chess tournament has had over two thousand entries, all boys and girls under eighteen years of age. In a recent article in Colliers magazine, it was estimated that over twenty thousand youngsters play chess in Milwaukee.

It is possible for any other community to use the Milwaukee system with success. The Recreation Department of Milwaukee Public Schools furnishes chess teachers who teach chess on the playgrounds in the summer and in the evening schools or social centers and in the high schools during the fall and winter seasons. The Milwaukee Journal gives regular space on its sport page every Sunday for chess news and contributes one hundred chess sets each year as prizes to boys and girls who win final, runner-up and sectional championships in each age group from seven to seventeen, with separate groups for boys and for girls.

The main objective of the Milwaukee program is not to make experts but to teach the names of the pieces and the way in which they move and then to suggest that for further study a trip be made to the

main library which has a very fine section on chess books. Proof of the working out of this system is Richard Kujoth who learned only the moves a year ago on the playground and then spent many hours at the library with chess books. Only a year later, he won the right to represent Wisconsin in the National Junior Championships in Chicago.

Not so long ago, Cleveland inquired about the junior chess program in Milwaukee and then went ahead to develop the National Junior Championship winner, Larry Friedman. If other cities, large and small, follow the example of Milwaukee and Cleveland there is no reason why every state should not be well represented in the second annual junior championship.

The views expressed in this Guest Editorial are not necessarily those of CHESS LIFE.

LOOKING AHEAD

A Regular Message by

Paul G. Giers

Executive Vice-President, United States Chess Federation

THOSE who look back on past development of American Chess and deplore the fact that the Royal Game has not yet attained its full measure of well-deserved popularity, are apt to forget or minimize the brighter side of American Chess history. Through the years, an enormous amount of work has been done on behalf of chess by ardent boosters and impressive indeed is the record of their accomplishments. So let's give credit where credit is due and refrain from the attitude not uncommon among youngsters of belittling the earnest efforts of an older generation.

However, it is true that our national chess life for many years has been spasmodic and lacking in continuity and coordination. It is equally true that chess in this country has developed more slowly than in certain European countries where it enjoys much greater popularity and recognition. Whatever the reasons, we must not lose ourselves in retrospect, but concentrate on the many effective means at our disposal of making America truly chess-conscious and of building a strong and unified organization of American chess players which will lead in world chess development.

American Chess may never be quite the same as that in other countries. We may not have giant chess spectacles in opera houses, nor the opportunities to enjoy a pleasant game at our favorite coffee-house or side-walk cafe. If American chess retains its own individuality, this can hardly be criticized as Americans have always indulged in the habit of doing things in their own way.

During the past few years, the United States Chess Federation has made considerable progress coordinating chess activities from coast to coast. Whatever problems are now confronting us to place these activities on a broader and more solid footing need not cause us undue concern. After all, chess players by the very nature of their game are expected to command a fair degree of ingenuity, strategy and intelligent planning and should have no real difficulty finding a proper solution to their problems.

The Federation's Directors and Officers have given much thought to our future course and formulated definite plans to be carried out with the least possible delay. Here are some of the objectives for which we are aiming and which will be fully discussed in coming issues of CHESS LIFE:

A strong and active Chess Association in every state;
A chess club in every community of 5,000 or more population;
A vastly larger number of players through full use of all educational facilities, publicity and a country-wide membership drive;
A national rating system for rank and file players with provision for automatic merit advancement;
Regular tournaments conducted under standard rules by all clubs, state associations and regional districts tied in with the national rating system;
A vast program of instruction and competition for schools, colleges and playgrounds;
More local chess columns and general newspaper publicity for chess;
Higher standards for local clubs—location and appearance of club-rooms, equipment and effective club management.

All of these objectives will entail much constructive work and the cooperation of many. They are deserving of our best efforts and general support, because there is no sounder basis on which to build the kind of American Chess we are all hoping for.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

For the second issue of *Cheess Life*, the comments have been selected from the questionnaires sent to members, asking for suggestions in making the work of the USCF more effective. Hereafter, this column will be devoted to the opinions of the readers who are invited to express their ideas freely.

Tie in the various state organizations with the USCF. Each state organization should be a Chapter in the USCF so that one membership included all. Keep it all as democratic as possible at all times. You have made a fine beginning.

LeRoy Johnson
Los Angeles, Calif.

1) The establishment of a rating system for at least the top 100 chess players in the United States. 2) The sponsoring of at least one chess tournament in each state during each year.

M. O. Meyer
Sacramento, Calif.

Request present members to turn in names and addresses of everybody they know who plays chess and is not now a member of USCF, so they can be solicited through the mail by a letter from the USCF.

Charles C. Brokaski
Chicago, Ill.

Continue the effort to give more people an opportunity for competition in Tournaments,

Albert S. Baptist
Flint, Mich.

1) Sponsoring chess in the schools is one of the best ideas yet. This will interest children in the great game, who in turn will interest their parents, which should cement family relations, checking delinquency.

2) One of the most popular type of books printed is the 25c pocket book. They sell by the thousands. If one of these books could be published on chess, giving all the necessary information on rules, strategy, etc., in a simple, easy to understand manner, it should help popularize chess greatly.

D. F. Gray
Denver, Colo.

Who's Who In American Chess

Fritz Rathmann

Learning chess at the age of six, Fritz Rathmann has been active in Wisconsin chess ever since. The first interstate match with Illinois was a family affair between the Rathmanns, headed by the late Otto C. Rathman, Sr. (Fritz's father) and the Oak Park Chess Club.

Thirty-three years of chess activity has made many friends for Fritz who publishes the mimeographed Wisconsin Chess Letter and is about to issue Global Chess Digest, which will be a digest of chess news from publications all over the world. Fritz also contributes a chess column to Uncle Ray's Magazine, which he believes will be read by ten million children.



Fritz Rathmann

Always active in chess for children, since 1931 Fritz has been connected with the Milwaukee public schools as a chess teacher, teaching chess in the evening schools and to directors of the summer playgrounds. He serves as referee and tournament director for all tournaments held in Milwaukee, including the Area 6 tournament reported in this issue.

Fritz seldom finds time for tournament play, but makes a good showing when he does play. He placed second in the Wisconsin State Tournaments of 1939 and 1946, and second in the Class A Division of the 1935 U. S. Open Tournament in Milwaukee.

In a busy life Fritz finds time to visit the veterans at Resthaven Hospital in Waukesha and Muirfield Sanatorium. In both places he has taught chess, arranged simultaneous exhibits and tournaments for the patients.

Fritz is on the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin State Chess Association as well as the United States Chess Federation. He expects to add father of Wisconsin Champion to his titles soon, as Freddie, 13-year-old, placed one-half point behind former State Champion Averill Powers in last year's tournament. Sons Mike, aged 9, and Bobby, aged 12, are also chess players, and so is Josephine (Mrs. Rathmann) to round out a 100% chess playing family.

Arpad E. Elo

Prominent in Milwaukee chess circles for many years, Arpad E. Elo has also been active in national chess circles. For two terms, in 1935 and 1936, he served as president of the American Chess Federation (predecessor of the United States Chess Federation) during the active period of the Open Tournaments at Milwaukee and Philadelphia.

Many times Wisconsin State Champion, Elo has not been quite as fortunate in the various national tournaments he has attended, although he has always made a very respectable score. But in two of these he was handicapped by being involved in the management of the tournament. At Chicago in 1937 he placed fourth in the Consolation ahead of Suesman and the Chicago veteran, John Winter.

Recent years have not seen Elo so active in chess, although he put in an appearance at the Pittsburgh Open Tournament.



Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojam

WHERE did this Royal Game of Chess have its origin? Alas, it is still a mystery of mysteries. Its invention has been ascribed to the Babylonians, Greeks, Romans, Scythians, Egyptians, Jews, Persians, Chinese, Hindus, Arabians, Castilians, Irish, Welsh and Scandinavians. (Perhaps I slight a few races in this catalogue.)

Its fabled creators range from Japhet, Shem, King Solomon, the wife of Ravan (King of Ceylon) to the philosopher Xerxes, Aristotle, Seriramis, Zenobia, the mandarin Hansing, the brahmin Sissa and Shatrensha, the Persian astronomer.

But in any case we inherit our chess from the Persians (probably through Arabic sources), for the names of our pieces indubitably prove this to be true. The Bishop (fou in French and alfil in Spanish) descends from the pil or fil (elephant) of the Persians. Is there just a touch of malice in the transmutation of the French madman or court jester into the sober English prelate?

The Knight is but a translation of the aswa (horse) of the Persian. The Rook (or Castle) is merely an anglicized form of rokh (camel)—the camel-mounted light cavalry of ancient Persian warfare. Pawn is what its Spanish counterpart peon (peasant)—indicates—a common foot soldier.

The Queen is but a translation of the aswa (horse) of the Persian. The Rook (or Castle) is merely an anglicized form of rokh (camel)—the camel-mounted light cavalry of ancient Persian warfare. Pawn is what its Spanish counterpart peon (peasant)—indicates—a common foot soldier.



William Rojam

But strangest of all is the Queen who has changed her sex in the tangled course of the centuries. In medieval English she was fers, and already feminine, for Chaucer in his "Booke of the Duchesse" depicts John of Gaunt lamenting at the death of Blanch, his consort:

At chesse with me she gan to play
With her false draughts full diverse
She stale on me and toke my fers.

The "she" was Fortune and the "fers" Blanch, Duchess of Lancaster.

In Persian, however, firz or fazin (general or counsellor) is always masculine. Medieval French transliterated it as fierge. Then the confusion of the times made the general a virgin—vierge; and so today we have our Queen (and the French their Dame) for our most warlike amazon.

In the olden days of Latin speech in polished circles the chess player said "Cave regem" (Beware the King) or simply "Regem" as we now say "Check" today. But when Latin was banished from the game, we leapt back over the centuries, for in Persian the phrase is shah mat (the King is dead) to end the game—a sensible phrase grown meaningless in our mutilated English phonetics of "Check mate."

When 'Omer smote 'is blooming lyre
They played at chess in Babylon,
In Samarcand, Delhi, and Tyre,
In Troy unburnt, and Avalon.
There brahmin, mandarin and squire
Would squirm and twist and ponder on
The self-same problems we acquire;
Then blunder, just as we have done.

DIRECTING FIRST JR USCF TOURNEY A REAL PRIVILEGE

By Howard Ohman,
National Junior Chairman

It was a genuine privilege to work with the thirty-two junior players who met in Chicago on July 1 for the first USCF National Junior Chess Tournament.

A finer group of teen-age boys could not have been found than lads who came from all parts of the country to compete in most serious fashion for the national junior champion. They were an amazingly strong group of players and there was not a weak one among them.

Most satisfying of all was the excellent brand of sportsmanship and fine spirit displayed throughout the tournament. Despite the keenness of the competition and the tenseness of play, at no time was there a single instance of poor sportsmanship.

It was a great pleasure to have with us throughout the tournament the presence of Herman Steiner, one of the great players of the country and certainly one of the most colorful. His intense interest in the tournament and in the boys themselves added much to the enjoyment of everybody. He was most generous in the expert advice he gave to the players when they asked questions regarding the game and this they did on many occasions.

Also assisting most helpfully was Bruno Czaikowski of Chicago, another very strong player who was on hand much of the time. He, too, lent color to the tournament as well as assisting in caring for many details. Behind the scenes giving much assistance, especially before the tournament began, was Edwin Asman of Chicago. His help in preparing for the tournament was invaluable.

In talking with many of the boys when play was over, they emphatically stated that they planned to come back next year for the second annual junior tournament. They gave every indication of enjoying themselves tremendously and of receiving real benefit in the development of their game.

DIRECTORS ELECT USFC OFFICERS AT PITTSBURGH

Two changes in the By-Laws of the United States Chess Federation were enacted at the meeting of the Board of Directors during the Pittsburgh Meet to render more efficient the work of the Federation. One was the creation of the post of Executive Vice-President for a single three-year term to supervise international relationships and have direct control of the increasing publishing and educational activities of the Federation; the other was the adding of three new Vice-Presidents, to bring the total to five.

Results of the election of Officers for 1946-47 were: Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., President; Paul G. Giers, Executive Vice-President; William M. Byland, George E. Roosevelt, Herman Steiner, J. C. Thompson, and N. P. Wigginton, Vice-Presidents; and Edward I. Treend, Secretary. Paul G. Giers was reappointed Treasurer.

A. SID. TEST SAYS:

I knew a fellow once who played chess until he made a lot of money. He still has a weakness for Queens, but they aren't wooden ones now.

U. S. vs. USSR TEAM MATCH

| Board | UNITED STATES | Score |
|-------|-------------------|-------|
| 1 | Reshevsky, Samuel | ½ |
| 2 | Fine, Reuben | 0 |
| 3 | Denker, Arnold | 0 |
| 4 | Horowitz, I. A. | ½ |
| 5 | Kashdan, Isaac | ½ |
| 6 | Steiner, Herman | 0 |
| 7 | Pinkus, Albert | 0 |
| 8 | Kevitz, Alexander | ½ |
| 9 | Dake, Arthur | ½ |
| 10 | Ulvestad, Olaf | 0 |
| | Total Round One | 2½ |
| | | |
| 1 | Reshevsky, Samuel | 0 |
| 2 | Fine, Reuben | ½ |
| 3 | Denker, Arnold | 0 |
| 4 | Horowitz, I. A. | ½ |
| 5 | Kashdan, Isaac | 1 |
| 6 | Steiner, Herman | ½ |
| 7 | Pinkus, Albert | 0 |
| 8 | Kevitz, Alexander | 1 |
| 9 | Dake, Arthur | ½ |
| 10 | Ulvestad, Olaf | 1 |
| | Total Round Two | 5 |

Russia played White on odd-number boards in round one; U. S. played White on odd-numbered boards in round two.



Larry Friedman

MEET THE 1ST U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPION LARRY FRIEDMAN

The first U. S. Junior Chess Champion, 16-year-old Larry Friedman, is a quiet boy with a boy's normal interest in sports. He will tell you that he is going to defend the junior title next year, and with equal enthusiasm he will explain that he is going out for halfback when football starts this fall. Larry will be a junior at East Cleveland's Shaw High School where he has averaged a grade of "B." He is interested in all outdoor sports and won his school letter in track as a sprinter.

In chess, too, Larry has been a sprinter. Although he learned the moves when he was nine years old, it was not until the winter of 1943-44 that he began to study the game seriously. In April 1944 he played in the city tournament, finishing third in a preliminary section of five.

In March 1945 Larry won his game against Arnold Denker in Denker's 85-board simultaneous exhibition. The same year he won the Cleveland Junior Championship and the championship of the Pawns Chess Club. This last is something to brag about, as Clevelanders know, for the youngsters of the Pawns Chess Club captured the Cleveland Team Championship in the match play scheduled each year by the Cleveland Chess Association. Playing first board for the Pawns, Larry went through the twenty or more games of the 1945-46 season undefeated.

Larry Friedman placed fourth in the 1945 Ohio State Tournament and expects to compete again this year at Columbus.

LANSING LOSES TO BATTLE CREEK 3-4

By the tight score of three to four Lansing Chess Club lost a match to Battle Creek. The clubs met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Day of Charlotte, Mich.

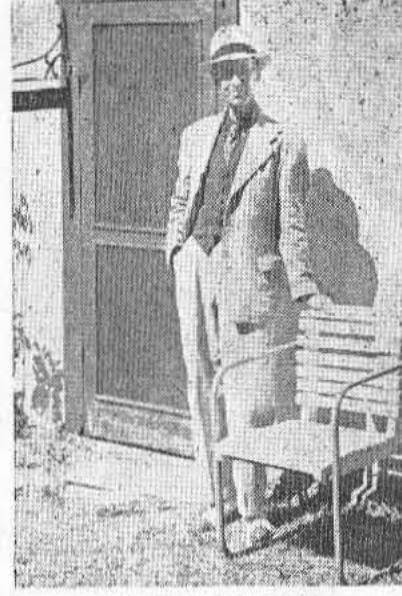
MORE DIRECTORS ARE ELECTED AT PITTSBURGH MEET

Many new names found place in the revised list of Directors elected at the Pittsburgh Meeting of the USCF. Like Representatives in Congress, Directors of the USCF are in proportion to membership and so the enlarged list offers encouraging proof of the increase in USCF membership.

The following were elected to represent their respective States: Alabama: J. T. Jackson; Arkansas: Rev. George G. Walker; California: Robert Ferer, J. B. Gee, Paul Harman, Edwin Janss, Jr., LeRoy Johnson, Dr. Ralph H. Kuhns, C. T. McKinney, M. J. Royer, Nikolai Russ, Dr. Harold W. Tower, Rev. Donald G. Weston; Colorado: Virgil Harris; Connecticut: Robert J. Campbell, Warren A. Hough; Delaware: Samuel A. Collins; District of Columbia: Charles W. Stark, N. P. Wigginton; Florida: Mrs. Mary Bain; Georgia: Lt. Col. John Soule; Idaho: Scott A. Lamb; Illinois: Samuel Factor, Lucius A. Fritze, L. G. Harrison, Arthur R. Hartwig, Lewis J. Isaacs, Montgomery Major; Indiana: Glen C. Donley, Judge Bertram C. Jenkins; Iowa: Kenneth F. Schumann; Kansas: Carl Weberg; Louisiana: Otto Claitor; Maine: Dr. J. Melnick; Maryland: I. S. Turover; Massachusetts: Weaver W. Adams, W. M. P. Mitchell, Norman E. Ward; Michigan: Frank A. Hollway, Edward I. Treend, Virgil E. Vandenburg, James R. Watson; Minnesota: George S. Barnes, Orrin M. Oulman; Missouri: M. W. Gilbert, H. M. Wenberg; Montana: S. J. Alexander; Nebraska: Howard Ohman; New Hampshire: Paul B. Kilmister; New Jersey: Sam Caplan, Steven H. Kowalski, Edgar T. McCormick, Richard W. Wayne; New Mexico: James R. Cole; New York: Severin Bischoff, Milton Finkelstein, Herman Helms, George Koltanowski, Tom McConnon, Erich W. Marchand, Harold M. Phillips, B. M. Smith, Maurice Wertheim; North Carolina: George H. Wright; Ohio: S. S. Keeney, A. R. Phillips, A. E. Pluedeman, James L. Stevens; Oklahoma: Dr. Bela Rozsa; Oregon: Rev. George H. Swift; Pennsylvania: Isaac Ash, William M. Byland, John D. French, J. W. Stevenson, Robert W. Wilson; Rhode Island: Walter B. Suesman; South Dakota: Charles H. Gurney; Texas: J. A. Creighton, Mevis R. Smith, J. C. Thompson; Vermont: Arthur H. Holway; Virginia: A. T. Henderson; Washington: R. C. Cannon, Ray LeFever; West Virginia: Dr. Siegfried Werthammer; Wisconsin:

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Stewart S. Taylor

STEWART S. TAYLOR SETS A RECORD

In the course of time quite a few chess players have gained the honorable emblem that indicates one thousand hours spent under Red Cross auspices in entertaining the wounded veterans. But few have the stamina and the heart to crowd approximately one thousand hours into a little more than one year's activity. It is even more remarkable in the case of Mr. Stewart S. Taylor, for although he seems a young sixty-five in appearance, his actual age was seventy-five on July 15th of this year.

From April 1st, 1945 to June 1st, 1946 (when the hospital closed) Mr. Taylor spent two to three hours six days a week playing and teaching chess to the wounded. For good measure he would add the same stint two or three evenings a week and throw in an occasional Sunday as a bonus. Since the closing of England General Hospital, he has been visiting the Tilton General Hospital at Fort Dix. Mr. Taylor, who resides in Atlantic City, has worked out a simple instruction sheet which he leaves with his pupils together with old numbers of chess magazines.

Now that the war is over, it is easy to forget the wounded veterans who will need in the future more care and attention than they have received in the past. But the astonishing record of Mr. Taylor should serve as an inspiration and a reminder to all.

L. R. Ayers, Fritz Rathmann, CCLA: Philip L. Gold.

TRANSCONTINENTAL TOUR

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| Sept. 23 | Sioux City |
| Sept. 24 | Huron, So. Dak. |
| Sept. 25 | Yankton, So. Dak. |
| Sept. 29 | Mankato, Minn. |
| Sept. 30 | Minneapolis |
| Oct. 2 | Winnipeg, Canada |
| Oct. 9 | Vancouver, Canada |
| Oct. 11 | Victoria, Canada |
| Oct. 13 | Mt. Vernon, Wash. |
| Oct. 15 | Washington, Wash. |
| Oct. 18 | Manhattan, Mont. |
| Oct. 20 | Boise, Idaho |
| Oct. 21 | Cheyenne, Wyo. |
| Oct. 22 | Denver, Colo. |
| Oct. 23 | Boulder, Colo. |
| Oct. 26 | Oklahoma City |
| Oct. 28 | Norman, Okla. |
| Oct. 29 | Tulsa, Okla. |
| Oct. 30 | Topeka, Kans. |
| Nov. 3 | Des Moines, Iowa |
| Nov. 4 | Chicago, Ill. |
| Nov. 6 | Peoria, Ill. |
| Nov. 7 | Chicago, Ill. |
| Nov. 8 | Gary, Ind. |
| Nov. 10 | Sturgeon Bay, Wis. |
| Nov. 14 | Toledo, Ohio |
| Nov. 15 | Akron, Ohio |
| Nov. 16 | Rochester, N. Y. |
| Nov. 17 | Sharon, Pa. |
| Nov. 19 | Pittsburgh, Pa. |
| Nov. 20 | Morgantown, W. Va. |
| Nov. 21 | Harrisburg, Pa. |
| Nov. 22 | Reading, Pa. |
| Nov. 24 | Elizabethtown, Pa. |
| Nov. 25 | Hazleton, Pa. |
| Nov. 26 | Bethlehem, Pa. |
| Nov. 27 | Lancaster, Pa. |

A few open dates are left in this itinerary; clubs interested should write at once.

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Yankton, South Dakota

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RUY LOPEZ

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| New York State Championship | |
| Notes by Erich W. Marchand | |
| White | Black |
| I. RIVISE | A. SANTASIERE |
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. B-Kt5 | P-QR3 |
| 4. B-R4 | Kt-B3 |
| 5. O-O | B-K2 |
| 6. Q-K2 | P-QKt4 |
| 7. B-Kt3 | O-O |
| 8. P-B3 | P-Q4 |

White is playing the Worrall Attack. Black, however, tries Marshall's Defense anyway. The difference is that White's Queen is at K2 instead of Q1 and his Rook at B1 instead of K1.

9. P-Q3

Probably not best. Marchand-Kramer (Consolation Tournament) proceeded 9. PxP, P-K5; 10. PxKt, PxKt; 11. QxBP, B-Kt5; 12. Q-K3, B-Q3; 13. P-B3 and Black's attack was insufficient.

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| 9. | P-Q5 |
| 10. P-KR3 | KB-B4 |
| 11. B-Kt5 | P-KR3 |
| 12. QB-R4 | Q-Q3 |
| 13. P-KKt4 | B-K3 |
| 14. BxKt | PxB |
| 15. Kt-R4 | Kt-K2 |
| 16. Kt-B5 | KtxKt |
| 17. KtPxKt | BxB |
| 18. PxP | |

The chances now appear about even.

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| 18. | K-R2 |
| 19. K-R2 | R-KKt1 |
| 20. P-QB4 | |

20. P-Kt4 is better. Then White could route the Knight from Q2 to Kt3 to R5. The text gives Black the chance to operate effectively on the QKt file.

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| 20. | PxP |
| 21. KtPxP | QR-Kt1 |
| 22. R-R2 | Q-B1 |
| 23. Q-B3 | Q-Kt2 |
| 24. Q-Kt3 | QxQ ch. |

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| 25. PxQ | R-Kt6 |
| 26. R-Q1 | KR-Kt1 |
| 27. R-Q2 | B-Kt5 |
| 28. R-Q1 | P-KR4 ! |

Reminiscent of Alekhine, who loved to manoeuvre alternately on both wings. Black plans to bring the

Bishop to K6, a pleasant conception.

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| 29. K-Kt1 | B-B1 |
| 30. RxP | B-R3 |
| 31. RxP | B-K6 ch. |
| 32. K-R1 | K-Kt2 |
| 33. R-B6 | RxKtP |
| 34. RxP | |

Too late he realizes the forcefulness of Black's play. If now he tries to save the Knight by 34. Kt-R3, R-QR1; 35. Kt-Kt6, then R(R1)-R7 forces mate. White could safely have resigned here.

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| 34. | RxKt |
| 35. RxR | RxR ch. |
| 36. K-Kt2 | R-Kt6 |
| 37. P-Kt4 | PxP |
| 38. PxP | RxP |
| 39. P-B5 | R-B6 |
| 40. P-B6 | P-Q6 |
| 41. R-Q7 | B-Q5 |
| 42. K-B3 | RxP |
| 43. P-Kt5 | R-B8 |
| 44. P-Kt6 | P-Q7 |

Resigns.

TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENSE

1st U. S. Junior Championship Finals

Notes by Donald Mugridge

White Black

| | |
|-------------|-------------|
| H. BERLINER | L. FRIEDMAN |
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. B-B4 | Kt-B3 |
| 4. Kt-Kt5 | P-Q4 |
| 5. PxP | Kt-Q5 |
| 6. P-QB3 | |

Since White is by no means immune from counter-attack in this variation, he may as well play 6. P-Q6.

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| 6. | P-QKt4 |
| 7. B-B1 | KtxP |
| 8. Kt-K4 | Kt-K3 |
| 9. BxP ch. | B-Q2 |
| 10. Q-R4 | |

After this, and in spite of the exchange of Qs, White is left with a very serious weakness on his Q3. 10. B-B1, if unappetizing, is the best under the circumstances.

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| 10. | Kt(4)-B5 ! |
| 11. BxP ch. | QxB |
| 12. QxQ ch. | KxQ |
| 13. P-KKt3 | |

The logical move, only — But af-

ter 13. O-O, Kt-Q6 White's game is very difficult and Black's well worth the pawn minus.

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| 13. | Kt-Q6 ch. |
| 14. K-K2 | KtxB ch. |
| 15. RxKt | P-KB4 |
| 16. P-Q4 | PxKt |
| 17. PxP | P-KKt3 ! |

At K4 a Kt enjoys maximum mobility and is enviably situated. But in chess there are exceptions to all the rules.

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| 18. R-Q1 ch. | K-K2 |
| 19. K-K3 | Kt-B4 |
| 20. P-KKt4 | B-R3 ch. |
| 21. K-K2 | Kt-Q6 |
| 22. P-KB4 | P-KKt4 |

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| 23. PxP | BxP |
| 24. Kt-Q2 | BxKt |
| 25. RxB | K-K3 |
| 26. QR-KB1 | KR-KB1 |
| 27. R-B6 ch. | RxR |

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| 28. PxR | R-KB1 |
| 29. K-K3 | K-K4 |

Resigns.

FRENCH DEFENSE

1st U. S. Junior Championship Finals

Notes by Donald Mugridge

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|-------------|-----------|
| White | Black |
| L. FRIEDMAN | R. KUJOTH |
| 1. P-K4 | P-K3 |
| 2. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 3. Kt-QB3 | B-Kt5 |

If this was intended as a sacrifice, White does not get his money's worth for this important pawn.

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| 9. | KtxQP |
| 10. Q-Q2 | P-QB4 |
| 11. O-O-O | P-QR3 |
| 12. P-KR4 | |
| 13. B-KKt5 | P-QKt3 |

Waste of time, since Black gets no opportunity for counter-offense.

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| 14. KtxKt ch. | BxKt |
| 15. Kt-K4 | BxB |
| 16. KtxKt ch. | |

Just what the doctor ordered — for

White. Black's game is still perfectly solid after 75 ..., B-K2.

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| 16. PxK | B-KB4 |
| 17. R-R2 | |

Much too light-hearted. 17. P-KB3 was in order, with good prospects.

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| 17. | P-B5 |

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Planas Wins Yankton Tourney



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Seated left to right: L. Marquez (Columbia), S. Averill Powers, George Koltanowski, M. Colon (Porto Rico), F. Planas (Cuba) and A. C. Margolis. Standing left to right: Charles Gurney, sponsor of the tournament through the Yankton Chess Club, H. Berliner, Dr. H. H. Savage, Wm. Byland, M. Cintron (Porto Rico), and M. F. Anderson.

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DI CAMILLO WINS PENN. STATE TITLE; WM. RUTH SECOND

After losing twice only to the Swiss system of weights, Attilio DiCamillo of Philadelphia won the Chess Championship of Pennsylvania during the 3-day session of the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation Tournament at Reading.

DiCamillo, who finished in a 6-1 tie with his fellow townsman, William Ruth, won the crown by virtue of a 26½ weighted score to Ruth's 24½. In 1944 and again in 1945, DiCamillo also finished in a tie for top honors, only to be named runner-up because of the Swiss. In third place was Joseph Shaffer, also of Philadelphia, with a 23% weighted score to lead a 3-way tie of 5½-1½. Fourth was Glenn Hartleb of Erie, and fifth Harry Morris of Philadelphia.

The new Champion was awarded possession for one year of the large silver "loving cup," joint gift of the State Federation and the Reading Chess Club, hosts to the record-setting tournament in which sixty-two players were entered.

Harry Morris was awarded a prize for the best-played-game—his victory over R. P. Smith of Pittsburgh, while the brilliancy prize went to P. B. Driver of Ridley Park for his defeat of Ralph Kneeream, Reading Club president.

TORONTO, BUFFALO MEET SEPT. 15TH SCORE 9½-8½

On September 15th the Buffalo Chess Club travelled to Toronto to meet the Gambit Chess Club in a nineteen board match. Final score was 9½-8½ in Toronto's favor with the game between H. Ridout of Toronto and S. R. Maisel of Buffalo unfinished. This adjourned game will be completed in several weeks when the Gambit Club comes to Buffalo for a return match.

WILMINGTON AND NEW ROCHELLE SET FOR RADIO MATCH

The Wilmington (Delaware) Chess Club has recently reorganized after wartime inactivity with Dr. H. H. Morris as president, E. Ramshaw as vice-president, Mrs. E. J. Montgomery as secretary and H. R. Spindler as treasurer.

New zest has been added to the reorganization by the planned match via short-wave radio with the New Rochelle (New York) Chess Club which has aroused much interest in both cities among chess players and radio amateurs. The Delaware Amateur Radio Club and the New Rochelle Amateur Radio Club are cooperating in the venture to provide the short-wave hook-up.

SAUL WACHS WINS 1ST PA. JR. TITLE; JAMES KELLY 2ND

First Pennsylvania State Junior Championship went to Saul Wachs of Philadelphia who had a perfect score of 8-0 for the round-robin tournament. Runner-up was James Kelly of Philadelphia, who defeated a fellow townsman, C. C. French, in a playoff to break their 6½-1½ tie. Both youths will be sent to the next National Junior Championship Tournament by the State Federation and the Mercantile Library Chess Club of Philadelphia.

STEINER ENTERED PRAGUE TOURNEY BOTVINNIK ALSO

October 2 sees the start of a grand international tournament in honor of the late Dr. Karl Treybal (executed by the Germans) and Vera Menchik (slain in a London air raid) at Prague in Czechoslovakia. Sixteen players are on the entry list, including Botvinnik and Flohr, Max Euwe and Herman Steiner.

KANSAS CITY TIES ST. LOUIS 2½-2½ OVER SHORT-WAVE

An experimental short-wave radio match between Kansas City, Mo., and St. Louis, Mo., ended in a draw after six hours of play, September 21. Play was over station KOJOJ (Kansas City, Kans.), Phillip Morrell, 820 Rosewell Avenue, and WOLLN (St. Louis, Mo.), Frank A. Waelterman, 415 Alma, Webster Groves.

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| Kansas City | St. Louis |
| Dr. Zellerman ... ½ | Julius Zinner ½ |
| H. G. Wessenberg ½ | Paul Rosen ½ |
| Phillip Morrell 1 | Fred'k S. Anderson 0 |
| Harold Branch 0 | L. W. Haller 1 |
| Arthur Leonard ½ | Eugene J. Roesch ½ |

Kansas City 2½ St. Louis 2½

Both cities are anxious to schedule additional matches. Contact may be established through M. W. Gilbert, 214 So. Meramac, Clayton, Mo., and Phillip Morrell, 820 Rosewell Avenue, Kansas City, Mo. Special suggestions for training radio senders, speeding up play and reception, rules for referees, etc., have been drawn up and will be sent upon request to clubs inquiring.

JERSEY CITY "Y" TIES RAYBESTOS

To open their 1946-47 season of chess activity the Jersey City "Y" Chess Club journeyed to the Passaic YMCA to confront the Raybestos-Manhattan Chess Club, September 18, 1946. Nine boards were played, and the Jersey City players had white on the odd-number boards. The match ended in a tie of 4½-4½ after three and one-half hours of play.

| Jersey City "Y" | |
|------------------------|---|
| C. Rasis | 1 |
| M. Levine | 1 |
| G. Crowley | 0 |
| F. Adelman | 1 |
| P. Helbig | ½ |
| F. Doerner | 0 |
| J. Frey | 0 |
| D. Keese | 0 |
| M. Dale | 0 |
| Jersey City "Y" 4½ | |
| Raybestos-Manhattan | |
| C. Danilevich | 0 |
| E. Krab | 0 |
| W. Berkensbosch | 0 |
| F. Krak | 0 |
| J. Harold | ½ |
| L. Lindenbaum | 1 |
| B. Sabola | 1 |
| A. Lieback | 1 |
| M. Lorence | 1 |
| Raybestos-Manhattan 4½ | |

FRANCISCO PLANAS OF CUBA 1st M. COLON TIES A. MARGOLIS 2nd

Porto Rican and Chicagoan Tie at 4 ½-2 Hans Berliner of Washington Fourth

Yankton's International Tournament closed with awards presented to winners in national and state meets in which over fifty players participated. Winner of the International Title was Francisco Planas of Cuba with five points in the Round Robin meeting between Latin-American experts and four U. S. experts. Tied for second with 4½ points each were M. Colon of Porto Rico and A. C. Margolis of Chicago. Hans Berliner of Washington, D. C. was fourth with 4 points. Thereafter came William Byland of Pittsburgh with 3½, R. Cintron of Porto Rico with 2½, and L. Marquez of Columbia, S. A., and Averill Powers of Milwaukee with 2 points each.

The South Dakota State Championship went to M. F. Anderson of Rapid City who tied for first place with Dr. H. H. Savage of Yankton with 6 points. Sidney Gurney with 6 points also was placed third on his Swiss system rating, and Mrs. Nancy Gurney with 5½ points was fourth. Fifth place went to Owen K. Sheldon of Yankton with 5 points. Sixth to ninth was a tie between Jack Osborne of Yankton, E. J. Scott of Timber Lake, Dr. Hans Janssen and Charles Gurney of Yankton; all with 4 points. Tenth went to R. R. Tincher with 3½ points.

Mrs. Nancy Gurney won the Woman's Championship with a perfect score. Mrs. H. H. Savage was second, Mrs. Averill Powers of Milwaukee third, and Mrs. A. C. Margolis of Chicago completed the section.

A major open tournament was held for players from surrounding states and ended in a 3-way tie between L. Gladstone (Boulder City, Colo.), W. Streeter (Cleveland, O.), and M. Spence (Omaha, Neb.) with four points each. Judge B. C. Jenkins (Gary, Ind.) had 2½ points; L. Kenyon (Cherokee, Iowa) had 1 point, and W. R. Brown (Sioux City, Iowa) completed the group.

In addition there was a weekend short tournament, divided into three groups with prizes for each group. George Koltanowski, the blindfold expert, acted as Tournament Director for all tournaments and unusually complete coverage was given in the Yankton Press & Dakotan.

Among the delightful and unusual features of this tournament was a 3-day tour of the Black Hills in which the players were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gurney of Yankton.

J. HOY WINS OHIO TITLE; GABOR 2ND, GEO. MILLER 3RD

In the final round of play John O. Hoy (Cleveland) snatched the title from Nicholas Gabor (Cincinnati) who led at the end of six rounds. Hoy went through the meet with only two draws—to Weiszmann and George Miller—for the best record of his career.

Nicholas Gabor was second in the forty-player Swiss system tournament held at Columbus, Ohio, over the Labor Day weekend, defeating Sheldon Myers, Carl Driscoll, Leo Sweet and Lawrence Jackson.



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Chess Players leaving Hotel Charles Gurney for Black Hills.

Back row left to right: A. Margolis (Chicago), Charles H. Gurney (Yankton), M. Colon (Porto Rico), L. Marquez (Columbia), Perry Clifford (Cresbard), Hans Berliner (Washington), Nancy W. Gurney (Yankton), W. F. Streeter (Cleveland), Lyle Kenyon (Cherokee), Wm. Byland (Pittsburgh), Rev. Bonney (Kennebec).

Front row left to right: Senator Chan Gurney (Yankton), Mrs. and Mr. Averill Powers (Milwaukee), F. Planas (Cuba), Mrs. A. Margolis (Chicago), Mr. and Mrs. A. Ludwig (Omaha), and M. Cintron (Porto Rico).

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THE FUNCTION OF A NEWSPAPER

SCARCELY was the ink dry upon the first issue of CHESS LIFE before horatene letters were on their way from various localities insisting that the news columns of CHESS LIFE be devoted to the encouragement of this or that great cause. Alas, the Press has sunk so low in public esteem, that it must necessarily be expected to espouse a cause!!!

But let us rise, gentle reader, and ponder on the true and basic purpose of a newspaper, divorced (as it should be) from the modern vagaries which sometimes afflict the Fourth Estate in these troubled days. A newspaper has one basic function, AND ONLY ONE FUNCTION:—to report what has happened truthfully without bias or prejudice. When a newspaper "slants" the reporting of an event by artful innuendo in the manner of relating the facts (as certain popular newspapers do constantly these days), it is actually betraying the trust that people have reposed in it.

This statement does not mean that a newspaper should not have any opinions; that it should not fight bitterly, even desperately, for a cause in which it believes, if need be. But it does mean that these opinions should be expressed in the editorial columns of the paper or in signed articles; and that the news columns should exclude all personal bias or opinion in reporting what has happened or is likely to occur.

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Guest Editorial

THE HERITAGE OF STAUNTON

By J. C. Thompson
Vice-President, United States Chess Federation

THE meteoric rise of Paul Morphy and his decisive triumphs over the greatest players of his day so obscured the achievements of the English master Howard Staunton that today few remember his name.

He deserved better of the chess world. His contribution to the game was even greater than that of his brilliant American rival. He wrote a fine textbook, conducted chess columns, and gave the game a tremendous impetus by organizing the first international masters' tournament, London, 1851.

Since few of us have the brilliance and genius of Morphy, we cannot aspire to equal his eminence as a player. But we can follow in the footsteps of Howard Staunton and do our bit for the advancement of chess. If we believe that chess has educational and character-building value and an important place in the cultural life of our country, there is no lack of opportunity to emulate the example of the great English booster of the game.

Chess deserves to attain in America much greater popularity and thereby a greater degree of usefulness as a wholesome, constructive pastime. This means that more of us must assume leadership in organizing classes, tournaments and other activities. We must shoulder the responsibility of initiating promotional projects and carrying them through successfully. We must work together, from the United States Chess Federation down to the local clubs and individual players.

This work is often humdrum. It sometimes means that we have to write letters, or make telephone calls, or sit on the sidelines and referee or arrange pairings, when we would prefer to indulge in some pawn-pushing ourselves. But it also has its compensations. We meet fine people. We increase our own opportunities for fun and fellowship. We make a contribution of some value to our community, or state, or country.

The USCF must have more members who are willing to take part in this work. Membership in the Federation is the minimum contribution we can make to chess. There is no maximum. The Federation's progress will depend upon the number of chess players who rally to the cause of promoting the game.

¶ The views expressed in this Guest Editorial are not necessarily those of CHESS LIFE.

RETREAT FROM MOSCOW—ADVANCE ON NEW YORK

(Monthly Letter No. 34)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.
President, United States Chess Federation

134 YEARS ago Napoleon entered the city of Moscow as a conqueror, but left it in a retreat which was a major disaster. The experience of our chess team last month was almost the reverse. Upon their entry into Moscow, they were met with a crushing first round defeat. The score of 7½-2½, inflicted upon them without a single redeeming win, was a disappointment both to the team and to the players in this country who were anxiously awaiting word of the outcome. Then, to their everlasting credit, the American team flashed a reversal of form and justified the hopes of those who had insisted that the terrific beating which we suffered in the radio match a year ago did not represent an accurate measure of the strength of the top players of the two countries. The score of the second round, 5-5, with three outright victories, enabled our players to retire from Moscow in good order and with banners still aloft, despite the defeat represented by the total of 12½-7½ in favor of the Soviet team.

To the victorious Russian team we extend our congratulations upon their victory. They have again demonstrated that their players are the strongest in the world. They established their supremacy a year ago and have successfully defended their position. We shall strive with all our might to gain a victory over them in our next meeting and meantime accord them all due honor and prestige.

We turn our attention now to New York, which on the 26th of this month will be the capital of the nation's chess players as finalists from all sections of the country gather to vie for the title of Chess Champion of the United States. The sixth championship tournament will have an aspect different from any of those which have preceded it. For the first time the players will represent the country as a whole. The recovery of the eminence which we once held can be accomplished only by the development of new playing strength, and this can be brought about most successfully by extending the base as widely as possible. The preparation for this first tournament on a truly national scope has already taught valuable lessons for future competition, but the direction is forward and we shall gather speed and force as the movement is carried along. The national junior tournament held earlier this year demonstrated that we have an untold wealth of talent among the adolescent chess players in all parts of the country. By the time the seventh biennial championship tournament comes around, these players of the younger generation will be battling for recognition in the very top flight. Some of them gave a foretaste of what is to come by their impressive showing in the Open Tournament at Pittsburgh.

So, from a dignified retreat from Moscow, we advance toward New York filled with the hope that new strength may be gathered from un-tapped resources and that the chess teams of the United States may again occupy a place at the very top of the chess players of the world.

Get Behind American Chess!

ON SATURDAY, October 26, play will begin in the sixth tournament for the Chess Championship of the United States. This is a project of the United States Chess Federation, and innumerable people in every part of the country have been working assiduously for many months to make it a success.

The Tournament Committee has made excellent preparation to present a great spectacle to the chess players of the nation, and to the public generally, worthy of the top event of the country's official chess body.

When the Directors voted to conduct the coming championship event upon a basis whereby every section of the country would be represented, they at the same time established a Finance Committee, which would likewise be representative of the country as a whole, to serve as a sub-committee of the Tournament Committee. In addition to Kenneth Harkness (one of the editors of CHESS REVIEW) who is the Chairman, there is a member of the Finance Committee in each of the seven Areas which will send players to the championship play. These members are as follows:

Area 1. W. M. P. Mitchell, Brookline, Mass. Area 2. Harold W. Phillips, New York City. Area 3. N. P. Wigginton, Washington, D. C. Area 4. William M. Byland, Pittsburgh, Pa. Area 5. J. C. Thompson, Grand Prairie, Tex. Area 6. George S. Barnes, Minneapolis, Minn. Area 7. C. T. McKinney, LaJolla, Calif.

These men are hard at work raising the money for the tournament fund. They cannot, however, do the task alone. This is a job for the entire Federation and for every member of the Federation. In addition to making your own contribution, here are some of the things which you can do to help, either through your own efforts or by assisting the Finance Committee member for your Area:

- 1) Interview secretaries of chess clubs in your locality. Arrange social intra-club matches or other gatherings at which a special fee is charged or appeal made for contributions. Promote the idea of a contribution being made in the name of the club so that the club's name will appear as a sponsor of the U. S. Championship on the program of the tournament.
- 2) Make personal appeals to potential contributors of large amounts.
- 3) Consult with the officers of your State Chess Association and ask them to circulate their membership. Mr. Harkness will be glad to make available for this purpose as many copies of the advertisement which has appeared in recent issues of CHESS REVIEW as can be used.

Just as the right to play for the chess championship of the United States is now open to every player in the United States no matter where he lives, so is the financial support of the tournament correspondingly the responsibility of all of the players in every part of the United States. Remember, a part of the monies collected for the tournament fund is to be used to reimburse the players in the tournament (in full if possible, in part at any event) for their expenses in going to New York to take part in the championship play. At least two of these players will be from your own Area.

If you have not already made your contribution, please send your check, payable to the order of the United States Chess Federation, to Kenneth Harkness NOW!

If you have already sent in your own contribution, please get in touch with the Finance Committee man for your Area and give him the benefit of your cooperation in raising funds for the rest of your Area.

Every contribution from one dollar up will be gratefully acknowledged.

Who's Who In American Chess

J. C. Thompson

Elected Vice-President of the USCF at the Pittsburgh meeting, J. C. Thompson has long been one of the staunchest boosters of organized chess activity in the southwestern area. His own record in Texas as President of the Texas Chess Association, as organizing chairman of the committee which staged the 1942 USCF Open Tournament at Dallas, and as one of the founders of the Southwestern Open Tournament which grows bigger every year proves his never failing interest in chess.

Thompson is also one of the strongest players in the southwestern region and has many titles to his credit. More recently he won the 1946 Southwestern Open with seven wins and no losses in a very strong meet which saw seventy entries from seven different states. He has held the North Texas Championship, and in 1942 at the Open Tournament at Dallas he finished in fourth place with twelve wins, three draws and two losses behind Herman Steiner, Abe Yanofsky and I. A. Horowitz and ahead of Erich Marchand.

James A. Creighton

Among the more consistent planners for Junior Chess is James A. Creighton, in charge of the running of history at Corpus Christi High Schools with a persistent campaign to have high school chess competition recognized by the Texas Interscholastic League so that local chess champions in high schools could enter district and state championship tournaments with expenses paid along with track teams, debating teams and other already recognized competitive sports.

Jim Creighton, along with Youngman, Graham and Hoover, was a founder of the Corpus Christi Chess Club, one of the strongest organizations in the state. Corpus Christi has twice sponsored the Southwestern Open Tournament.

James A. Creighton

Not the least of Creighton's accomplishments is the fact that he is really a playing chess player, for he has taken part in the last six Southwestern Open Tours and in the 1942 USCF Open Tournament at Dallas. And between games he has found time to be President of the Texas Chess Association in 1945 and currently director in the USCF for Texas.

NEW INDUSTRIAL CHESS LEAGUE IN DETROIT, MICH.

September noted the birth of a new City Industrial Chess League in Detroit, sponsored by the Detroit Industrial Recreation Association. Chairman of the organizing committee is Leo Beebe, Director of Recreation for the Ford Motor Company, whose personal efforts were largely responsible for the creation of the new League. Plans for the first season include the prospect of inter-city matches with teams from Industrial Leagues in other communities.

Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojam

FOR those who battle boredom with the weapon of correspondence chess and sometimes feel the days wax long between each move—for them let this be a tale of heartening solace and a clarion call for patience. Writing to the printer-editor, William Hone, in March 1831, one J. F. R. of Walworth, England related the following sad (we cannot say, moving) story:

There is the story of two persons of distinction, the one lived at Madrid, the other at Rome, who played a game of chess at that distance. They began when young, and though they both lived to a very old age, yet the game was not finished. One of them dying, appointed his executor to go on with the game. Their method was, each don kept a chess board, with the pieces ranged in exact order, in their respective closets at Madrid and Rome: having agreed who should move first, the don informs his fellow-player at Rome by letter, that he has moved his king's pawn two moves, the courier speedily returns, and advises his antagonist that the minute after he had the honor to receive this, he likewise moved his king's pawn two paces, and so they went on.

When of nights I have nothing better to occupy my slumbers, I dream rapturous dreams about this saddle-wearied courier, racing down the dusty roads of Europe from Spain to Italy and back again, wearing out post-horse after post-horse relentlessly. I see his hair turn grey, his fair skin darken under the hot southern sun, his face grow lean, leathery and seamed, his strong fist on the reins relax until at last he staggers and reels as he changes mounts. All this for one epochal game of Chess! Correspondence players, what have you to complain about today?

BLINDFOLDED Chess is a more ancient art than we moderns like to remember. Long before the days of Philidor or Morphy (not to mention Alekhine or Kotanowski) and their feats at chess *sans voir*, a Saracen (or Arab) named Buzecca played blindfold chess at Florence in the year 1266.

FOR CHESS IT IS A LABOR OF LOVE

Shortly after Edward I. Treend returned home to Detroit as Secretary of the USCF, Earle Treend (aged 11) found himself promoted to assistant secretary in charge of sorting mailing labels. Earle did not mind the dignity nor the work for he is a chess player, as befits the son of the USCF Secretary, and has already organized the neighborhood youngsters into an informal chess club.

But there had always been something lacking in Earle's chess career as he was wise enough to know. And when his father presented him with his first dollar in wages for his sorting, he asked very earnestly that it be used to make him a full-fledged member of the USCF. Proudly with his membership card in hand he dashed downstairs to his mother, saying: "Here is something I have wanted for a long time, and I earned it myself by working for the Federation."

The USCF welcomes member Earle Treend; we need many more brave souls like him, for whom the work of Chess is a labor of love.

'PLAY CHESS' SAYS U. S. SMITH OF THE PICCADILLY CLUB

Up in Willernie, Minn., they still remember that the Western Chess Association (grandparent of the USCF) was Minnesota-born; and lest they forget, U. S. Smith occasionally reminds them in the column "Play Chess" which he edits for the White Bear Press. When not writing chess columns U. S. Smith manages the Piccadilly Chess Club of Willernie, one of the more recent additions to the scroll of USCF Chapters.

AT EDISON CHESS DR. B. SCHMIDT OPENS SEASON

Edison Chess and Checker Club (Detroit) opens its fall season with an exhibition by Dr. Bruno Schmidt who has twice tied for the Michigan State Championship. The Edison Club is the home club of USCF Secretary Edward I. Treend and of USCF Director James R. Watson.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

I hope that you will run an article in CHESS LIFE in a box stating that anybody that will mail 25c and their name, address and telephone number or numbers, will be listed in a special individual chess players' directory. A directory listing the different individuals that are chess fans that like to play anywhere at anytime.

I frequently have to take trips and if I could have a small directory like this, I could call on Chess friends anywhere in the United States, and I certainly would like to have them call on me when they come anywhere near Dubuque.

I think that the suggestion of Charles W. Seaman of Hollywood, Calif., about the lapel button, showing a man is a chess player, or even a ring or some other jewelry that would enable us to identify other chess players, is an excellent idea.

C. E. Rhoades
Dubuque, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Years ago while I was at college, we had quite a number of students who were interested in chess and as a means of interesting non-chess



William Rojam

World Championship Tournament

USCF, FIDE Positions Stated

Syracuse, N. Y.

Aug. 18, 1946.

Dr. A. Rueb
The Hague, 16 Costduinlaan
Holland.

Dear Dr. Rueb:

It has been brought to our attention that, according to an article published in the New York Sun, a tournament for the world championship will be held in Holland in 1947, the following players being seeded: Fine, Reshevsky, Botvinnik, Euwe, Flohr and Keres. The newspaper article stated that, in addition to these six, the non-seeded players making the best showing at Groningen and Prague will participate.

If the news story is correct and based on a decision made at the recent F.I.D.E. meeting at Winterthur, we wish to point out to you that the plan of qualifying one participant each from among the players at Groningen and Prague is not entirely fair to our American chess players. We had no advance notice that the Groningen tournament would serve as a qualifying contest and, consequently, some of our strongest players made no effort to enter this tournament.

We understand that the Prague tournament will be held at about the same time as our biennial United States Championship Tournament. It is quite unlikely, therefore, that any American players will compete at Prague.

We have no wish to raise any question regarding the six players named above. Without doubt, they have been selected on the basis of their past tournament record. However, since additional players will be admitted to the world title tournament by means of qualifying tournaments, and since our American players are not afforded proper opportunity to be represented at these tournaments, we feel that a slight change in your announced plans is in order.

Permit us to urge, therefore, that a ninth place in the world championship tournament be provided and that the highest scoring non-seeded player of the coming United States Championship Tournament be allowed to fill this place. We hope that this recommendation will meet with your approval. Please let us hear from you in this respect as soon as possible so that we may make your decision known to our American players with the least delay.

With kindest regards,
Yours very sincerely,
Paul G. Giers
Executive Vice-President.

Federation Internationale
Des Echecs
(F.I.D.E.)

La Haye, le 23 Aug. 1946.

Mr. Paul G. Giers,
Executive Vice-Pres. U.S.C.F.
2304 South Ave., Syracuse 7, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Giers:

I am replying to your favour of Aug. 18th.

. . . The Winterthur Assembly decided: the first World Championship to be played for in a four-round tournament of six masters (or seven). In order to facilitate organization in this urgent matter, Holland has been entrusted with the same.

The Winterthur Assembly has qualified: Euwe, Reshevsky, Fine, Botvinnik, Smislow and Keres, leaving to the federations USA and USSR the opportunity of replacing their masters before the opening of the Groningen Tourn. I have been aware of the shortness of time for consideration and after the failure of our cable the said condition should be disregarded. In the meantime, I am pleased to read that the USCF doesn't wish to raise any question about the entrance of the six masters. The schedule USA:USSR = 2:3 has been fixed by the Winterthur Assembly after close consideration of strengths and numbers of chess masters in both dominions.

Eventual seventh entry.

The Winterthur Assembly decided to admit as the seventh participant:

Leon N. Loeb
East McKeesport, Pa.

Readers may recognize in this a variant of kriegspiel—always a fascinating offshoot of chess. Ed.

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states Championship should determine American candidates world championship Stop Clarify whether Reshevsky Fine invited as individual players or is Federation accorded privilege selecting American candidates. Please cable reply.

(signed) Giers, USCF

Sgravenhage, September 26, 1946.
Giers, 2304 South Avenue,
Syracuse, N. Y.

Reshevsky Fine as individual players selected on tournament records invited by courtesy through medium USCF read no objection from message Aug. 18 privilege select other masters formally expired any change endangering tournament confirm response Aug. 23 regret congress ignored US championship US SR opposing against any seventh entry.

(signed) Rueb FIDE,
Costduinlaan 16, The Hague.

KASHDAN, KEVITZ SCORE AT MOSCOW BUT TEAM LOSES

Russian mastery of the chess board remains unshaken by the U. S. Team invasion of Moscow as a return for the radio match of last year. By radio the USSR won a 2-round match 15½-4½; over the board the USSR won 12½-7½. But the breakdown of this second match is interesting. The U. S. Team lost the first round by a score of 7½-2½, then rallied to draw the second round by a 5-5 score. Perhaps, if there had been enough rounds the U. S. Team might have had a plus score in one of them.

Heroes this year were Isaac Kashdan who scored 1½ points against Bondarevsky with 1½ points against Reshevsky. Next in order of merit were Ulvestad who won one game against Bronstein, Horowitz who drew twice with Boleslavsky, and Dake who came from retirement to draw twice with Lilenthal.

On the sidelines encouraging the U. S. Team were Team Captain Maurice Wertheim and wife, Team Manager Kenneth Harkness and wife, Mrs. Dake and Mrs. Horowitz.

A survey of the four rounds of play (last year's radio match and this year's over-the-board) show of the U. S. players who were in both events only Horowitz and Steiner broke even with two points out of a possible four. Kashdan was next with 1½-2½, while Pinkus and Fine had 1-3, Kupchik and Reshevsky ½-3½ and Denker 0-4.

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PHILADOR'S DEFENSE

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| 1st U. S. Junior Championship | |
| Finals | |
| Notes by Donald Mugridge | |
| White | Black |
| H. BERLINER | H. MILLER |
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | P-Q3 |
| 3. P-Q4 | Kt-KB3 |
| 4. Kt-B3 | QKt-Q2 |
| 5. B-B4 | P-KR3 |
| 6. O-O | B-K2 |
| 7. B-K3 | P-B3 |
| 8. P-QR4 | O-O |
| 9. Q-K2 | Q-B2 |
| 10. B-Kt3 | P-R3 |
| 11. Kt-R4 | |

Here and later P-R5 would have served to break the impetus of Black's pawns.

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| 11. | PxP |
| 12. BxQP | Kt-B4 |
| 13. BxQKt | PxB |
| 14. P-K5 | Kt-Q4 |
| 15. BxKt | BxKt |
| 16. B-B4 | B-Q2 |
| 17. Q-R5 | B-K2 |
| 18. Kt-K4 | QR-K1 |

Black (and for that matter, White) realizes very tardily that White's chief remaining asset will be command of the open Q file.

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| 19. QR-Q1 | P-QKt4 |
| 20. B-R2 | P-B5 |
| 21. P-B4 | P-KB4 |

This might well have been omitted until forced. A more promising mode of defense was 21., B-K3; 22. Kt-Q6, BxKt; 23. RxP, B-Q4, with White's approaches fairly well blocked.

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| 22. Kt-Q6 | BxKt |
| 23. RxP | R-K3 |
| 24. KR-Q1 | RxR |
| 25. RxR | Q-Kt3 ch. |
| 26. K-B1 | B-K1 |

27. Q-K2
28. Q-Q2
29. P-QKt3

B-B2 ?

Adds a lost pawn and a shattered pawn position to his other disadvantages, which means a lost game. After 29., PxP; 30. BxP ch, K-R2 his game was difficult but not desperate.

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| 30. PxP | PxP |
| 31. RxP | |

Or 31. Q-Q4. However the exchange

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of Queens is well calculated.

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| 31. | R-Q1 |
| 32. R-Q6 | RxR |
| 33. QxR | QxQ |
| 34. PxQ | K-B1 |
| 35. P-R5 | K-K1 |
| 36. K-K2 | P-Kt4 |
| 37. P-Kt3 | K-Q2 |
| 38. K-K3 | PxP ch. |
| 39. PxP | KxP |
| 40. K-Q4 | P-R4 |

White's win is harder after 40., B-K3; 41. BxP, B-B1; 42. B-Q3,

41. BxP BxP

42. KxP K-B3

43. P-R4 Resigns

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QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Pittsburgh Open Tournament

Preliminaries

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

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| White | Black |
| H. STEINER | A. KUPCHIK |
| 1. P-Q4 | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | P-K3 |
| 3. B-K5 | P-Q4 |
| 4. P-B4 | P-B3 |
| 5. Kt-B3 | QKt-Q2 |
| 6. P-K3 | Q-R4 |

The Cambridge Springs defense, reached, however, by a rather deviating route. The common move for White now is 7. Kt-Q2, which permits Black to complicate the game. Steiner chooses a line which simplifies at the expense of giving Black the two Bishops.

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| 7. BxKt | KtxB |
| 8. Kt-Q2 | |

The standard move here is 8. B-Q3, whereupon Black soon plays P-QB4 and equalizes. Steiner's move seems no better or no worse.

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| 8. | PxP |
| 9. KtxP | Q-Q1 |

This is hard to understand. 9., Q-B2 was surely better. Black soon admits it and goes there. He probably disliked the possible pressure of a White Rook on the QB file.

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| 10. P-KKt3 | |
| Most interesting! When the Bishop already has a way out, why make another? 10. B-Q3 surely would be natural and strong. Steiner, however, decides to play for Q-side pressure with the Bishop on | |

RxP; 30. BxP ch, K-R2 his game was difficult but not desperate.

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| 30. PxP | PxP |
| 31. RxP | |

Or 31. Q-Q4. However the exchange

the long diagonal and play on the QKt file. But why not then B-K2 and B-KB3? Perhaps the answer is the old rule: Place your Pawns on the opposite color to that of your Bishop.

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| 10. | Kt-Q4 |
| 11. B-Kt2 | B-K2 |
| 12. O-O | O-O |
| 13. Q-Kt3 | KtxKt |
| 14. PxKt | Q-B2 |

If 43., BxB; 44. QxB!

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| 44. Q-B8 | B-B3 |
| 45. QxQ | BxQ |
| 46. P-B4 | K-R3 |
| 47. P-B5 | B-K2 |
| 48. K-Q3 | K-Kt2 |

49. K-B4 Resigns

A pleasing game by Steiner against Kupchik not at his best.

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FRENCH DEFENSE

1st U. S. Junior Championship

Finals

Notes by Donald Mugridge

White

Black

P. LeCORNUE

R. KUJOTH

1. P-K4

P-K3

2. P-Q4

P-Q4

3. Kt-QB3

B-Kt5

4. P-K5

P-QB4

5. P-QR3

PxP

6. PxB

PxKt

7. B-Q3

.....

This gambit attachment on an old variation (of Russian invention, of course) considerably improves White's prospects.

8.

Q-Kt3

This is so completely answered by White's next move that it can hardly be the best line of defense.

9. Kt-B3

PxP

10. BxKtP

Kt-Q2

Resigns

The counter-play which Black obtains from this move is more apparent than real.

24.

R-Kt1

25. B-K5

QxP

26. R-B2

Q-B1

27. BxR

QxB

28. RxP

K-Q2

29. RxKRP

R-Kt6

30. Q-Q2

Q-B2

31. R-QB1

Q-Q3

32. R-B6

Q-R6

33. RxP ch.

Resigns

The counter-play which Black obtains from this move is more apparent than real.

24.

R-Kt1

25. B-K5

QxP

26. R-B2

Q-B1

27. BxR

QxB

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OCTOBER 26, THE DAY OF DAYS FIRST DEMOCRATIC TITLE MEET

Seven Seeded Masters To Face Fifteen Contestants Chosen In Area Matches

October 26 is the dawn of a new day in American chess; and when play begins in the Chanin Auditorium in New York City, it will be the first truly democratic U. S. Championship Tournament in American history. Tournament Director Kenneth Harkness and Tournament Referee Richard W. Wayne of Ventnor City will be officiating at the most significant event in American chess since the first Open Tournament at the Lawson YMCA in Chicago in 1934.

For the first time since the U. S. Championship Tournament was organized, players will be seated in the event who have earned that right the hard way by qualifying in a regional tournament. From Area 1 (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont) will come Walter B. Suesman of Providence and Stephen W. Kowalski of Newark. From Area 2 (New York) Anthony Santasiere, Alexander Kevitz and George Kramer, all of New York City.

Area 3 (Delaware, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia) will send Attilio DiCamillo and Jacob Levin, both of Philadelphia. Area 4 (Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia) will be represented by Dr. Drexel of Miami and a player as yet unnamed. Area 5 (Colorado, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas) will most probably be represented by Al. Lipton of Dallas.

For Area 6 (Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin) the contestants will be Lewis J. Isaacs and Albert Sandrin, both of Chicago. Area 7 (Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming) will send Olaf Ulvestad of Seattle and A. J. Fink of San Francisco.

Entries for the Masters' Reserve Tournament are not yet finally settled, but arrangements for this division have been completed and the event will be in charge of Milton Finkelstein. The Woman's Championship Tournament is also being arranged and the entry list is in the hands of Mrs. Marshall.

GEORGE KRAMER WINS THE ENTRY FOR U. S. TITLE

By defeating Seidman in the final round of a 5-man tournament at the Manhattan Chess Club in New York George Kramer finished with a score of 3-1 and won the right to be one of the three entries in the U. S. Championship Tournament from Area Two. The others are Anthony Santasiere and Alexander Kevitz. A. A. Rothman and S. Almgren finished in a tie for second with 2½-1½ each. H. Seidman was fourth with 2-2; and D. Byrne completed the section with 0-4. Kramer is the former New York State Champion who lost his crown to Anthony Santasiere in the 1946 meeting at Cazenovia.

FIRST PANHANDLE OPEN TOURNEY AT AMARILLO, TEX.

Sponsored by the Amarillo Chess Club, the first Panhandle Open Chess Tournament will be played on October 26-27 at Amarillo, Texas. The tournament will be open to all chess players, and all contestants are requested to report to the Crystal Ballroom, Herring Hotel, promptly at 9 a. m., Saturday, October 26, for registration and drawing. Play will begin at 10 a. m. and the tournament will end Sunday evening, October 27. Entrance fee is \$2.00 and entries will be accepted up to opening of play, but players are requested to cooperate by submitting entry well in advance by mail when possible.

Inquiries and entries should be addressed to Ed Pittman, president, 305 E. 13th Ave.; A. O. Johnson, secretary, 3204 Hayden; or G. B. Marshall, chairman of tournament committee, 610 Virginia. Checks should be made payable to Amarillo Chess Club.

WHEN EAST MEETS WEST—EAST WINS IF IT'S TORONTO

Toronto East met Toronto West at the Central YMCA auditorium on September 27. There were seventy-two boards in the match; and the final score was a victory for Toronto East with 41½ points to 30½ points for Toronto West.

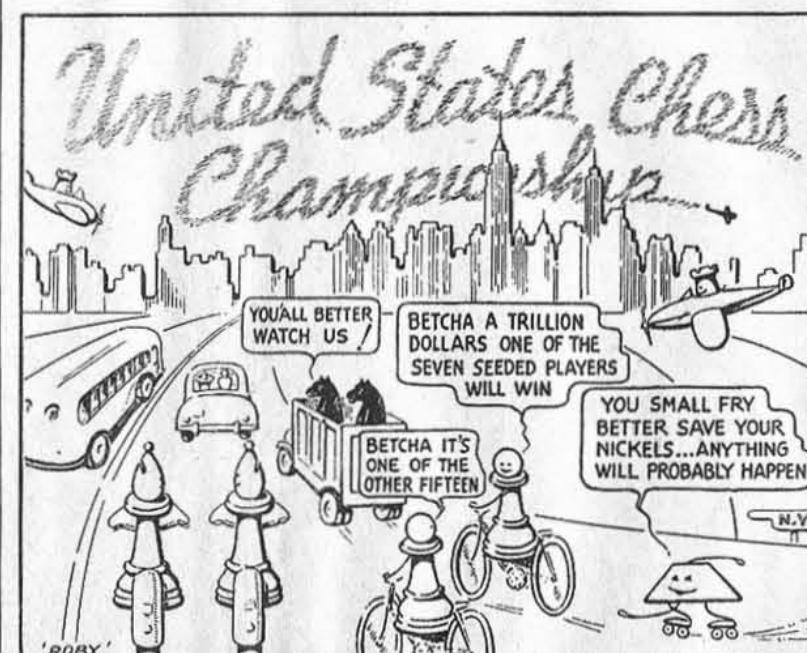
AUSTIN ELECTS CLUB OFFICERS W. J. ROLFE, PRES.

At the annual meeting on September 26 the Austin Chess & Checker Club elected a new slate of officers: William J. Rolfe, president; Samuel McHenry, 1st vice-president; Roy Gilbert, 2nd vice-president; Chester Bounds, secretary; Louis H. Condy, treasurer; Charles Brokaski, property manager; Paul Poschel, tournament director.

The Austin Chess Club (Chicago) is the home of the recently crowned Illinois State Champion Paul Poschel and the runner-up in the Illinois Championship Tournament, John Nowak. Paul Poschel won the Major Reserve Tourney at Pittsburgh ahead of J. Rauch, former Montreal Champion.

The Chess Bug Sez:-

by Robson



PENN STATE CHESS FEDERATION ELECTS OFFICIALS

William M. Byland (Pittsburgh) was reelected president of the State Federation; also reelected were Harry Morris (Philadelphia) vice-president, J. W. Stevenson (Carlisle) treasurer, and Walter Hall (Philadelphia) secretary. John D. French (Harrisburg) and Stevenson were named to edit the State Federation Bulletin.

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MARYLAND CHESS CLUB ORGANIZES JOINS THE USCF

Saturday, September 28, the first organization meeting of the Maryland Chess Club (Baltimore) convened at the Odd Fellows Temple, Cathedral and Saratoga Streets. Ira Lovett was elected president; Paul Weiner, vice-president; George M. Lapoint, secretary-treasurer.

Fifty members attended the opening meeting and voted to affiliate with the USCF, while plans for a local tournament have been arranged, commencing October 5th. Classes will be established to improve the playing knowledge of beginners and teach the game to those interested in learning. The club expressed its thanks to Mr. Paul G. Giers for his helpful cooperation and issued a general invitation to all fellow-clubs in the Federation to communicate.

O XADREZ MAKES PROBLEM CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT

The Problem Department of the United States Chess Federation takes pleasure in announcing the following tourney. The Portuguese magazine, *O Xadrez*, Mario P. J. Gomes, Quinta Brancamp, Barreiro, Portugal invites composers to submit two-movers in unlimited number, showing the Hassberg Theme, until November 30, 1946.

Example: E. M. Hassberg, 2nd Prize, *Chess Correspondent*, 1942: b7, pSs5, kpKp3R, S7, 2P5, 16, 7K. 1. Qa4 Pd5; 2. Sc5.

Definition: The key pins a White and unpins a Black piece. The thematic defense re-pins the Black and re-unpins the White piece, and the mate is given by the re-unpinned White piece because the Black piece is re-pinned — i. e., must be a pin mate.

Eric M. Hassberg will act as judge.

KOLTANOWSKI AT AUSTIN CHESS ON NOVEMBER 4 & 6

George Koltanowski, world famous blindfold expert, will give a demonstration of his skill, playing eight boards blindfolded on November 4 at the Austin Chess & Checker Club, Austin Town Hall in Chicago. On November 6 he will return to play a thirty-board simultaneous exhibition at the Austin Chess Club against members and their friends.

SO. DAKOTA STATE CHESS ASS'N FROM YANKTON TOURNEY

As a result of the enthusiasm generated at the Yankton meet the South Dakota State Chess Association was formally organized with M. F. Anderson (Rapid City) as president; M. H. Semrau (Rapid City), secretary-treasurer, and Dr. H. L. Saylor (Huron), vice-president. George Koltanowski was appointed editor of a monthly state chess bulletin.

MASTERS' RESERVE TOURNEY NOV. 9-16

Milton Finkelstein, USCF Chairman of Collegiate Chess Program, has been appointed to the U. S. Championship Tournament Committee and named as Tournament Director of the Masters' Reserve Tournament which will be held in New York from November 9 to 16. Finkelstein is an experienced worker in chess, having assisted Herman Helms in directing both the U. S. Open at Peoria and the U. S. Open at Pittsburgh in addition to directing the Collegiate Tournament in New York last Christmas Recess.

Mrs. Marshall has consented to exploit her talent in arranging details for the Women's Championship Tournament which will run concurrently with the U. S. Championship Tournament.

WEAVER W. ADAMS IS SEATED IN U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP

The Executive Committee has voted to invite Weaver W. Adams, former New England Champion, to be seated in the U. S. Championship Tournament. This action was taken in recognition of the fact that Adams was deprived of the privilege of competing for a place in the Tournament by serving as an alternate member of the United States Chess Team which journeyed to Moscow. Otherwise he would have had the opportunity to defend his title as New England Champion and in defending it qualify for the U. S. Championship.

SHAW HI. SCHOOL GRANTS FRIEDMAN LEAVE FOR TRIP

Larry Friedman, U. S. Junior Champion, has been released from his studies at Shaw High School, Cleveland, for a trip to New York to play in the Masters' Reserve Tournament, November 9-16. In excusing Friedman, Principal Dietrich told Larry that Shaw High School was very proud to have one of their students as the Junior Chess Champion of the United States and that they would contribute \$25.00 toward his expenses.

CLEVELAND GETS 2nd NATIONAL JR. CHESS TOURNEY

Larry Friedman, 1946 U. S. Junior Chess Champion, can stay at home to defend his title, for the 1947 Junior Tournament has been officially awarded to Cleveland, Ohio. This is quite proper, for Cleveland was one of the first cities to follow the example of Milwaukee and establish an adequate program of chess for juniors, reaping their reward by having the first U. S. Junior Champion come from their extensive program of chess in the schools and playgrounds.

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ALL ABOARD FOR NEW YORK

SHORTLY after this issue reaches its more distant readers on either coast, the biggest event in American chess for 1946 gets under way. For it has always been a matter of great public interest to learn who has become the recognized U. S. Champion, since first U. S. Champion Frank Marshall resigned his title and consigned it into the guardianship of the National Chess Federation (now merged in the United States Chess Federation) to be played for biennially in a Championship Tournament.

But this year a new significance has been added to the biennial U. S. Championship Tournament, for it has been at last developed into a truly democratic institution as it should be in a land that has always taken pride in its democracy. For the seven seeded players (invited upon their past tournament records, as all contestants in previous Championship Meets were invited) this year face fifteen other players who have earned their right of entry by contesting successfully with other aspirants in a group of regional tournaments that has stretched from coast to coast.

In such a manner the U. S. Championship Tournament has at last become the fitting final concourse of chess players to which all who push a pawn in any club or home may aspire and if their ability matches their aspiration no one can deny them the entry they can earn for themselves by victory in their own regional testing ground.

All aboard, then, for New York; and may the best player win!

ACCENT ON YOU

WHEN with becoming modesty the USCF at last yielded to the general clamor for a chess newspaper to publish and promote the cause of American chess as voice of the Federation, the USCF assumed the responsibility of this undertaking only because the membership had made it plain by letter and by comment that a chess publication was their desire, and nothing less would satisfy them.

In this and in many other ways the USCF has always met and fulfilled its many obligations to its membership—but has the membership always fulfilled its obligations to the USCF?

This is a message, addressed to you. Have you renewed your membership this year? Have you encouraged other chess players to join the USCF and support its program? And have you subscribed to the chess newspaper that was established to meet and satisfy your demands? These are your obligations to the Federation.

We speak of the Federation as doing this or that to improve or encourage the development of chess. But in a larger sense, it is not the Federation which does these things—but you. Not you as an individual, but you in the aggregate create the United States Chess Federation and make its power for good in chess. So give it your support, and get behind American chess.

Guest Editorial

CHESS AND WORLD PEACE

By Erich W. Marchand
Instructor, University of Rochester

CAN chess have a bearing on world peace? This writer thinks it can and does. The historians tell us what factors hold a nation or a people united and what forces tend to separate nations and cause wars. Some of the cohesive factors, for example, are (1) a common language, (2) common customs, (3) common pastimes (music, literature, games, etc.), (4) common history and tradition, and so on.

Lack of such factors will work the other way. If two peoples speak a different tongue, have different customs and different interests, each will seem strange to the other. A feeling of strangeness soon turns to one of fear and mistrust.

Chess to be sure is not a common language. And yet in a sense it is, for P-K4 on the chess-board is the same in every language. If we could send football, baseball, and basketball teams to play the Russians, how much stronger would be our friendship with them. Chess is already at work in that way, and chess happens to be the Russian national game.

But why speak of Russia alone? It is the whole world we should unify. Common sports and common interests will help to do that. In fact, U.S. chess players will soon begin a one hundred-board correspondence match with one foreign country. Let us hope that more such events will follow in the early future.

Wars, perhaps, are partly caused by a natural tendency to aggression in the makeup of human beings. Psychiatrists find evidence in that direction. Then why not let our chess-board battles burn up the urge to violence?

The Spartans and the Athenians tried to prevent their war by choosing one hundred men from each side to fight it out. Unfortunately, when

one Spartan and three Athenians remained alive, the Spartans claimed the victory, since they reasoned, one Spartan was better than three Athenians. And then the total war began after all. Had these two Greek nations played an annual one hundred-board chess match, do you suppose that they would want a war?

Chess, indeed, is not a cure-all for every international ill. But chess, along with music, literature, sports, and other common interests, can help to draw the people of the world together and help to form at least One World.

Q The views expressed in this Guest Editorial are not necessarily those of CHESS LIFE.

YOUR PART IN CHESS

A Regular Message by

Paul G. Giers

Executive Vice-President, United States Chess Federation.

NOT so many years ago, the United States Chess Federation was composed of a small group of chess enthusiasts who envisioned a bright future for American chess and took the first steps to place our chess activities on a truly national basis. One by one they were joined by other chess leaders who shared their enthusiasm and helped formulate the basic policies which now govern American chess.

From these small beginnings has now grown a strong and healthy national organization, ready to bring enjoyment of chess to many thousands of new players and to stimulate and sponsor chess competition of every kind throughout the United States.

No longer can we leave the labors of chess promotion to a small minority. The time has come for all Federation members, masters and chess novices alike, to realize that they form the backbone of this national chess movement and that the ultimate success of a national chess program depends directly on their own individual efforts.

Paul G. Giers In the past there has been a tendency on the part of many players to leave the work of chess organization to others. We have every reason to believe that this attitude is now giving way to a spirit of general cooperation. There is a vast store of dormant organizing ability and leadership qualities which is now needed in every part of the country to form new clubs, to establish or revive state chess associations and to conduct a lively program of chess activities.

Only a certain percentage of players will have the time or opportunity to accomplish major feats of chess organization. Each and every player, however, can, at small personal sacrifice, do his share for the advancement of the game, and here are some ways of doing it:

Let the world know that you play chess. You will probably find that some of your friends and neighbors have been hoping to find a chess partner and will now take renewed interest in the game.

Teach the game to at least three new players each year. Many people would like to learn the game but have been unable to find a willing teacher. Incidentally, you will improve your own game while teaching others.

Teach your own family to play chess. Most likely your wife and children will enjoy the game and soon give you some real competition.

Ask your chess friends to join the USCF. Thousands of players have not yet heard of our Federation or may be waiting for an invitation to join.

Read CHESS LIFE regularly. It will give you all the important chess news and some of the best current game scores. If you have not already subscribed, now is the time to do it.

Take an active interest in your local club, your state chess association and your Federation. They need your help and deserve it.

Improve your game and help others to improve theirs. To hold our own in world chess competition, we must have a high level of national playing strength.

And why should you do all this for chess? Because it is the greatest game you ever played, because it leads to some of your most pleasant associations, and because it brings you, at very small cost, many hours of complete enjoyment.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

All players here are strong for your new publication. Ideas from the Association and its officers should come to us undiluted now. In your game department, try to print only games which we cannot get elsewhere. Two master games of this type every issue together with the news you are sure to have, will make yours an invaluable publication.

Frederick S. Anderson,
Vice-President,
Missouri Chess Association.

Dear Sir:

Please keep on putting in articles, information and facts about schools in different parts of the country and what they are doing in regard to teaching chess.

I have been trying to get the schools of Gary to go in more for chess or chess clubs, and such articles and facts are the best ammunition we can use as school boards are prone to be hidebound and slow to adopt new methods, but even school boards sometimes believe what they can see in print.

The main problem is to convince these school boards that organized

chess, taught in the schools or on the playgrounds, would do more in the way of developing the analytical powers and mental faculties of the students than any other subject on the curriculum, to say nothing of curbing juvenile delinquency by giving their inquiring young minds something to do.

The whole point of the matter is that the future development of American chess lies in getting the youth of our schools interested in chess. See results of our Russian encounters if confirmation is needed.

Dale E. Rhead
Pres. Gary Chess Club
Gary, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

October 1st issue of CHESS LIFE continues vibrant with National and International chess doings.

To those who would like our newspaper published in the interests of certain individuals or groups, your editorial in this issue is clear as crystal and serves notice of our aims and purposes.

Maurice S. Kuhns,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Who's Who In American Chess

Erich W. Marchand

Known as a commentator on the game and theorist as well as player, Erich W. Marchand applies an analytical and mathematical mind to his study of the game. He began it in earnest at Phillips Exeter Academy in 1928 and continued at Harvard 1932-36 where he was captain of the Harvard Chess Team for three years. In these years he often played long sessions with his brother John, and scarcely stopping the game to eat.

A touch of heresy in his nature made Erich a mathematician whereas his mother, father, brother and sister were united in devotion to biology. Erich turned almost at once to teaching mathematics in between his games of chess and is at present instructing in analytical geometry and calculus at the University of Rochester.

But he has never let teaching interfere too seriously with his devotion to the game. His tournament record includes four U. S. Open Tournaments—a ninth at Chicago in 1937, a tie for third at Dallas in 1940, a tie for fifth in 1941 at St. Louis and seventh at Dallas in 1942. Erich explains the poor showing at Chicago by mentioning the fact that he met his future wife there! And at St. Louis he organized the tournament in which he played.

In addition Erich has won the championship of St. Louis three times, of Missouri twice, and of Rochester three times. He has been active in the Correspondence Chess League of America, and his most recent chess endeavor was in the 1946 New York State Tournament in which he won the Consolation Turney.

Thomas McCannon

Chess has been the principal hobby of Thomas McCannon who finds the moves on the board rather simple after designing tools at the International Business Machine Corp. Being unable to find enough chess players to satisfy his needs, Tom McCannon with the aid of Harold Thayer organized the I.B.M. Chess Association at the I.B.M. Country Club and proceeded to entrap members and then teach them how to play the game. As a result of this shrewd plan the I.B.M. Chess Association now has as many as 200 players with thirty-five to forty at each weekly meeting.



Thomas McCannon

Elected president of the New York State Chess Association after serving as publicity director and then secretary, Tom McCannon plans big things for the future of New York chess which include a tournament at the I.B.M.

Country Club, and enlarged plans for the Genesee Cup Team Tournament which he hopes to elevate to a major chess event.

Tom McCannon believes definitely in the need for closer cooperation between various chess organizations and has pledged the full weight of the New York State Chess Association behind any project of the USCF to further chess in America.

Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojam

MOSLEM jurisprudence is ever dubious as to the respectability of chess. In the United States we boast that no chess player of the first rank has ever been convicted of a crime. Only one player of tournament standing has ever been convicted of any felony; and he (poor soul) was a lawyer who became entangled in his client's misdemeanors.

There is no need to refer to Aaron Burr, whose own journals betray his love for chess, for Burr was acquitted of the charge of treason.

But in the Moslem world the playing of chess alone may brand its devotee as a person of light understanding and questionable integrity whose testimony may not be admitted in a court of law. Any Moslem who plays a game for a wager or stake falls under the stern ban of the Koran against gambling. But even a chess player who plays for fun and mental stimulation alone is confronted by the sharp injunction against idle amusements. Tradition admits only three diversions as innocent: a man's horse, his bow, and his wives.

William Rojam
Despite this risk to personal reputation, the Moslem plays his chess. So Moslem law has considered the game gravely and disputed heatedly over its legal status. Abu Hanifa (circa 767), who founded one school of Moslem legal thinking, condemned the chess player as an idler and wastrel; Ash-Shafi'i (circa 817), founder of another school of legal practice, conceded that a man might play chess solely for the benefit of his mind and yet retain his respectability. But for good old Ash-Shafi'i and his followers "dog of a chess player" might have replaced "dog of an infidel" as a choice Moslem epithet.

Call me rat or call me snake,
Accuse me of finesse,
Wife-beater, thief, or even rake;
I will forgive it, yes.
But never dare, for slander's sake,
To hint I play at Chess'

CAISSA reigns, notes Chess-nutter Maurice S. Kuhns. In a poem by Sir William Jones (1763) he elevates the Dryad Caissa to the rank of "Tutelary Deity of Chess."

World Championship Tournament Misunderstanding Is Clarified

Syracuse, N. Y.,
October 2, 1946.

Dr. A. Rueb,
The Hague, 16 Costduinlaan,
Holland.

Dear Dr. Rueb:
This will confirm the following cable sent to you today:

Rueb, FIDE, The Hague, 16 Costduinlaan, Holland — U. S. Chess Federation holding national tournament October 26 to determine two USA representatives for World Championship Tournament. USCF has definite prerogative to select USA candidates. Final date naming candidates not binding because no official advance notice. Writing. (signed) Giers, USCF

We appreciate the information contained in your cable of September 26th to the effect that the time has formally expired during which our Federation was privileged to designate the USA candidates. President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. completely agrees with me, however, that we cannot be held to any such limitation in the absence of timely and official notice from your office. We, therefore, cannot conceive any objection to determination of the USA candidates by means of the forthcoming U.S. Championship Tournament.

It is unfortunate that we have not yet received the official account of the proceedings of the Winterthur Assembly. As we learn from the magazine "Chess" and the "British Chess Magazine," the Winterthur Assembly clearly conceded the United States the privilege to nominate its own two candidates for the World Championship. Even if the Winterthur Assembly had not so expressed itself, there could be no question that the United States Chess Federation, as officially accredited Unit of FIDE and representing the American chess players, has the moral and actual right to designate the American representatives.

We are a democratic country and consider chess a democratic game. It is only proper, therefore, that not only Reshevsky and Fine, but all of our American masters shall have equal opportunity to compete for the two places reserved for the

United States in the coming World Championship Tournament.

We trust that you will respect our position as outlined above. Promptly upon conclusion of our forthcoming tournament, we shall certify to you the names of the two top-scoring players as USA representatives to the World Championship Tournament.

Your early acknowledgement of this letter will be appreciated. Permit us to assure you of our desire to cooperate with you to the fullest extent toward the complete success of the first World Championship Tournament.

Yours very sincerely,
Paul G. Giers
United States Chess Federation,
Executive Vice-President,

Sgravenhage, October 12, 1946
Giers, 2304 South Avenue,
Syracuse, N. Y.

Impossible reconcile USCF and USSR claims with Winterthur resolutions W C Tournament FIDE management stopped.

Rueb, Pres.

Syracuse, N. Y., October 12, 1946
Rueb, FIDE, The Hague,
16 Costduinlaan, Holland

Agree on only two USA players clarifying apparent misunderstanding. Doubt USSR will object to USCF certification two strongest USA players through national tournament giving Reshevsky Fine proper opportunity to prove eligibility. We urge your endorsement of USCF arrangements. Also awaiting Winterthur report Kindest regards.

Giers, USCF

ERRORS MADE IN REPORTING SCORE

Confusion caused by the fact that Fine played the first game ahead of schedule resulted in an incorrect radio and wire report of results of Moscow Team Match. Fine's draw with Keres belonged in the first round, making the score 7-3; and his loss to Keres in the second round, making the score 5½-4½. Total score remains unchanged at 12½-7½ in favor of USSR.

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INSPECTING THE OHIO CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY AT COLUMBUS

Left to right:—C. A. Berry (Cleveland); M. H. Allison (Columbus); S. S. Keeney (Cleveland); P. J. Wortman (Dayton); A. R. Phillips (Cleveland); James L. Stevens (Columbus), Chairman of the Tournament Committee; Colonel B. F. Vandervoort (Columbus), Vice-President of Ohio Chess Association.

ED. N. ASMANN MADE 7TH USCF DIRECTOR IN ILL.

Edwin N. Asmann of Chicago, Ill., was appointed the seventh USCF Director from Illinois in recognition of his fine work for chess and in particular for his part in arranging the 1st National Junior Chess Championship Tournament at the Lawson YMCA earlier this year.

Ed. Asmann first learned his chess at the mature age of 26 and confesses to the influence of Reti's *Masters of the Chessboard* as dominant in his early chess. Enlisted in the Navy in 1941 he abandoned chess play until he was transferred to Washington in 1944 and came under the potent influence of the Washington Chess Divan, where he met Fine, Alexander, Mugridge, Stark, Berliner, and many others. As a result he firmly believes that all chess clubs should be fashioned after the Divan and run by N. P. Wigginton.

When increase in membership since the Pittsburgh meeting entitled Illinois to another director there was no hesitation in choosing Ed. Asmann, for although he is a recent arrival in Illinois after some years of absence, his activity in chess has been felt in the short time he has been in Chicago, and his work in arranging the financial details for the Junior Championship Tournament were only the highlight of many activities for chess.

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION BY DR. B. SCHMIDT

Dr. Schmidt, Co-Champion of Michigan, displayed his talents at the Edison Chess & Checker Club (Detroit) October 4. His record for the evening was: Won 14, Drew 2, Lost 1. Frank Shaw won his game, and Russ Watson and Doug Lewis drew theirs. Spectators and players alike seemed to enjoy the show.

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U. S. PLAYERS IN GRONINGEN MEET BUT DEFEAT

As a tune-up round for the Moscow Team match the International Tournament at Groningen, Holland, did not promise too well. U. S. Champion Denker was in a tie for tenth with Tartakower and Kotov, while Open Champion Steiner as the result of a stumbling start was eighteenth. The Canadian player, Abe Yanofsky (Co-Champion, 1942 U. S. Open Tournament at Dallas), was fourteenth but distinguished himself with a brilliant win over Botvinnik.

Final results at Groningen were: Botvinnik (Russia) 14½-4½; Euwe (Holland) 14-5; Smyslov (Russia) 12½-6½; Najdorf (Poland) and Szabo (Hungary) 11½-7½ each; Flohr and Boleslavsky (both Russia) 11-8 each; Lundin and Stoltz (both Sweden) 10½-8½; Denker (USA), Tartakower (France) and Kotov (Russia) 9½-9½ each; Kottauer (Czechoslovakia) 9-10; Yanofsky (Canada) 8½-10½; Bernstein (France) and Guimard (Argentina) 7-12 each; Vidmar (Yugoslavia) 6½-12½; Steiner (USA) 6-13; O'Kelley (Belgium) 5½-13½; Cristoffel (Switzerland) 5-14.

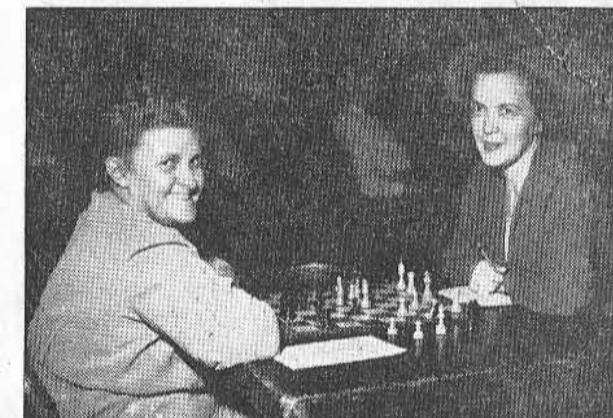
FRITZ RATHMANN EDITS CHILDREN'S CHESS COLUMN

Chess players with children now have the answer to many questions for Fritz Rathmann (long an instructor in chess for the Recreation Department of Milwaukee Public Schools) now edits a chess column especially designed for children in the new publication entitled *UNCLE RAY'S MAGAZINE*. Ray Coffman, known as "Uncle Ray" to millions of children in the USA because of his syndicated feature, "Uncle Ray's Corner," which appears in many newspapers, is the publisher and editor. Inquiries may be addressed to Fritz Rathmann, 4124 South Austin St., Milwaukee 7, Wis.

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Ohio's 1946 Woman's Chess Champion, Mrs. Catherine Jones (left) of Columbus playing with Eva Otto (right), member of Queen's Chess Club (all-woman chess club of Cleveland), who tied for second place.

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SICILIAN DEFENSE
Yankton International Tournament
Notes by William Rojman

White Black
H. BERLINER M. COLON
1. P-K4 P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3
At the moment one of the most popular variations for Black and definitely in the spirit of the opening for it bids immediate defiance to White's aspirations to gain control of the center with the threat of P-K4 in the near future.

3. P-Q4 PxP
4. KtxP Kt-KB3
5. Kt-QB3 An alternative for Black is 5... P-QR3; 6. B-K2, Q-B2; 7. 0-0, P-K3 with an eventual pressure on the Q-side as the ultimate goal—witness the Kashdan-Kotov game in the USSR-U.S. Radio Team Match of 1945.

6. B-K3 B-K2
7. P-KR3
This has been "book"—Adams-Reshevsky in the 1945 Pan-American Tournament; but Black has evidently read the wrong book. Here Reshevsky played 7... Kt-B3 and the game went 8. Q-Q2, 0-0; 9. 0-0, KtxKt; 10. BxKt, B-K3 and Black submitted to a violent attack but survived to conquer in the end.

7. B-Q2
8. Q-Q2 B-B3
9. P-B3 QKT-Q2
10. B-KR6 !
Black's development has been too deliberate; the idea of posting the QB on B3 was not bad in itself, but too much time has been lost in the execution. Now Black has little alternative but to castle into trouble.

10. 0-0
11. 0-0 Kt-R4 ?
Provoking the sleeping dog that all proverbs agree should be left undisturbed. This and the next two moves merely implement White's attack. Better was 11... Kt-B4 with 12... Q-Kt3 in mind. Black plays this sequence three moves later, and it is then three moves too late.

12. P-KK4 Kt-K6
13. R-R2 KtxB
14. RxKt Kt-B4
15. P-KR4 Q-K3
16. BxB KxB
17. P-R5 Kt-R5
18. KtxKt BxKt
19. PxP BPxP
20. Kt-K6 ch. K-Kt1
21. Q-R6 R-B2
22. R(B1)-R1 R-QB1
23. QxKtP ch. Resigns

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RETI OPENING
New York State Consolation Tournament

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
E. W. MARCHAND S. J. SHAW

1. Kt-KB3 Not necessarily intending a Reti, but keeping an eye open for favorable transportation.

1. P-Q4
2. P-B4

If 2... P-QB3 intending Lasker's excellent defense, White can play 3. P-Q4 or 3. PxP arriving at a Slav Defense. Such transportsations are of use in practical play to lead one's opponent into an opening with which he may not be familiar.

3. Q-R4 ch.
3. P-K8, Kt-QB3; 4. BxP, P-K4 gives Black a good development.

3. Q-Q2
4. QxP Q-B3
5. P-QK3

Neither side wishes to yield a tempo by exchanging Queens.

5. B-K3
6. Q-B3 Kt-B3
7. Kt-Q4 QxQ
8. KtxQ B-Q2
9. B-K2 P-B3
10. P-K3 P-KKt3
11. B-K2 B-K2
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29. BxR R-R3
Black probably counted on this move to regain at least one of his Pawns. A neat combination foils him.

30. B-K7 KtxB
31. BxR ch. KxR
32. RxKt ch. K-R3
33. R-Kt3 K-Kt4
34. K-Kt2 P-R4
35. P-K3 R-R4
36. P-Q4 K-R5
37. P-B4 R-KB4
38. R-B3 R-B2
39. P-O5 P-Kt4
40. R-B4 R-K2
41. PxP ch. Resigns

The sealed moved, 41. P-Q6 also wins by force.

41. KxP
42. K-B3 K-B4
43. R-B4 ch. Resigns

32. PxP BxP ch.
33. B-K2
There was little hope in 33. K-Kt1, QxP; 34. QxKt ch., K-R1 (not 34... R(1)-Kt2, 35. QxKBP stops the threatened RxP ch.); 35. Q-Q5 ch., R(1)-Kt2; 36. QxR, QxR and White has no defense. The rest is easy and Kotanowski finishes in artistic style.

33. P-B6
34. BxP PxP ch.
35. K-K2 QxP ch.
36. Kt-K3 Kt-K4 RxR
37. BxR ch. R-B6 ch.
38. Q-B2 PxKt(Q)
39. K-Q2 QxP ch.
40. RxQ Kt-Q3 ch.
41. K-B3 Kt-Q4 ch.
42. K-Kt2 R-Q5 ch.
43. Kt-Q3 R-Q5 ch.
44. KxR K-Q5 ch.
45. K-B4 R-B4 ch.
46. K-Q3 B-R4 ch.
47. K-Q2 Resigns

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NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE

U. S. vs. USSR Chess Team Match at Moscow

White Black
M. BOTVINNIK S. RESHEVSKY
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3
2. P-QB4 P-K3
3. Kt-KB3 B-Kt5
4. P-K3 Castles
5. B-Q3 P-B4
6. P-QR3 BxKtch
7. PxP P-Q4
8. Kt-K2 PxBP
9. BxP Kt-B3
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14. B-R2 P-K4
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17. Kt-B3 KR-QB1
18. K-Q2 Kt-B5 ch.
19. BxKt P-KR3
20. KR-QB1 B-K4
21. K-Q3 B-B4 ch.
22. P-B3 P-K4
23. P-K4 Rx

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Denker Defends His U.S. Title

TWENTY PLAYERS IN EVENT, STRONG FIELD COMPETING

Reshevsky Seeks to Regain Championship Nineteen Others Set to Thwart His Hopes

One of the strongest fields in the history of the U. S. Championship Tournament is assembled at the Chanin Auditorium in New York City to contest the right of Arnold S. Denker to continue as the U. S. Chess Champion. Among them are the former U. S. Champion Samuel Reshevsky and I. Kashdan. Others are Albert S. Pinkus, I. A. Horowitz, Herman Steiner, Olaf I. Ulvestad, Weaver W. Adams, George Kramer, Anthony E. Santasiere, A. Rothman, Attilio DiCamillo, Jacob Levin, Lewis J. Isaacs, Albert Sandrin, Sol Rubinow, Dr. G. Drexel, A. J. Fink, Walter B. Suesman and Stephen W. Kowalski.

Results of the first round were, Isaacs 0, Drexel 1; Fink ½, DiCamillo ½; Ulvestad 1, Suesman 0; Kowalski 0, Pinkus 1; Rubinow 0, Horowitz 1; Levin 1, Sandrin 0; Santasiere ½, Reshevsky ½; Kramer 1, Rothman 0; Denker 1, Adams 0; Kashdan vs. Steiner, postponed.

Round two results were: Drexel 0, Adams 1, Rothman 0, Denker 1; Reshevsky ½, Kramer ½; Steiner 0, Santasiere 1; Sandrin 0, Kashdan 1; Horowitz ½, Levin ½; Pinkus 1, Rubinow 0; Suesman ½, Kowalski ½; DiCamillo 1, Ulvestad 0; Isaacs 0, Fink 1.

Round three results: Reshevsky 1, Denker 0; Kashdan 0, Horowitz 1; Pinkus ½, Levin ½; Steiner 1, Kramer 0; Santasiere 1, Sandrin 0; Ulvestad 1, Isaacs 0; Drexel 1, Fink 0; Kowalski 1, DiCamillo 0; Rubinow 1, Suesman 0; Rothman vs. Adams adjourned.

Round four results: Drexel 0, Rothman 1; Reshevsky 1, Adams 0; Sandrin 0, Kramer 1; Horowitz 1, Santasiere 0; Suesman 0, Levin 1; DiCamillo 1, Rubinow 0; Isaacs 0, Kowalski 1; Fink ½, Ulvestad ½; Steiner vs. Denker and Pinkus vs. Kashdan adjourned.

MARYLAND CHESS CLUB 100% USCF 44 MEMBERS JOIN

The newly organized Maryland Chess Club (Baltimore) set something of a record when forty-four of its members united to send in their individual dues to the United States Chess Federation while the Club was filing for a charter as a Club Chapter. Of the fifty members at the organizing meeting, the other six were already individual members of the USCF.

WM. R. HAMILTON EDITS BOOK OF PITTSBURGH OPEN

William R. Hamilton of Pittsburgh is acting as editor for a book of the Pittsburgh Open Tournament games, which will contain two hundred and eight game scores—all the games played by the top twenty players in the tournament. Publication date has not been announced but the book is subject to an advance sale to members of the USCF at a special pre-publication price.

H. A. DITTMANN PRESENTS USCF CHESS TROPHIES

H. A. Dittmann, craftsman and artist of Salt Lake City, Utah, has presented to the United States Chess Federation a very novel and beautiful set of three trophies for the U. S. Championship Tournament.

For the winner of the U. S. Championship—the King. The chessboard is holly and maccassar ebony, the border is lacewood (Australia). The black face is India ebony with genuine gold leaf lettering. The King itself is of bleached maple.

The winner of the U. S. Woman's Championship—the Queen. The Queen is made of maple on a base of birds-eye maple and mahogany, with the black trim of African black wood.

The Pawn Assembly, designed for the player in the U. S. Championship with the lowest score. The Pawn is of local mountain mahogany, rare wood on a base of African mahogany. The black pawn is of African black wood, the red pawn is Philippine Yackal, stained red, and the two pawns in the rear are Yackal in natural finish.

WILMINGTON CLUB TUNED-UP FOR G. KOLTANOWSKI

The Wilmington (Delaware) Chess Club is tuning up for a visit from George Koltanowski by a strenuous ladder tournament. Koltanowski will appear on November 26 when he will give an exhibition of blindfold play and will also play 30 boards simultaneously against members of the club and their friends.

Plans progress for the short-wave match with New Rochelle, and five members of the Amateur Radio Club of Delaware have been named to handle the radio part of the Wilmington end of the match. The date has not yet been settled, but according to Dr. Harold H. Morris, club president, the match will probably be played on a Saturday afternoon in the fall.

A. SID. TEST SAYS:

Don't be greedy. Many a player has grabbed the QKTP and lost the game.

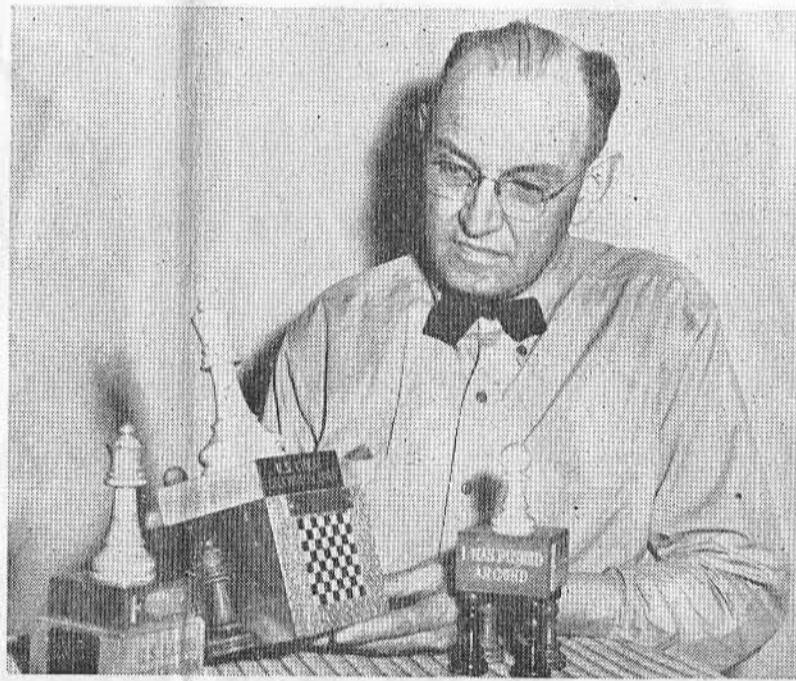


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INSPECTING U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES

H. A. Dittmann, artist and craftsman in wood, gives a final inspection to the U. S. Championship Tournament Trophies which he has donated to the United States Chess Federation.

WOMEN'S U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP MRS. GRESSLER DEFENDS TITLE

Tourney Played Saturdays and Sundays At Chanin Auditorium Oct. 26 - Nov. 16

Ten players will contest for the Women's U. S. Chess Championship title; and of the ten players four have held the U. S. Championship in previous years. Mrs. Gisela Kahn Gresser is the defending Champion who won her title in 1944. Dr. Helen Weissenstein, Mrs. Mary Bain and Miss N. May Karff were co-champions in 1939. Of these Miss Karff repeated as champion by herself in 1942.

Among the other contestants Miss Adele Raettig, Miss Kate Henschel and Miss Wally Henschel were veterans of the 1944 Tournament, and Miss Raettig's career covers the 1942 and 1940 meetings as well.

The complete list of entrants include Mrs. Gisela Kahn Gresser, Miss Adele Raettig, Dr. Helen Weissenstein, Mrs. Kathryn Slater, Miss Kate Henschel, Miss N. May Karff, Mrs. Catherine Nye, Miss Wally Henschel, Mrs. Mary Bain, and Mrs. Raphael McCready. Mrs. Bain is from Miami, Fla., Miss Raettig from Hoboken, N. J., and Mrs. Nye from Syracuse, N. Y. Otherwise the players are all from New York City.

Among those invited to play who were unable to attend were Mrs. Adele Rivero Belcher (New York), Miss Nanny Roos (Los Angeles), Mrs. A. H. Palmi (Jackson, Mich.), Mrs. Charles Gurney (Yankton, So. Dakota), Miss Mary Selensky (Philadelphia), Miss Edna Horowitz (New York) and Miss Edith Weart (Jackson Heights, N. Y.). Mrs. Caroline D. Marshall will act as Tournament Director and Miss Edith L. Weart as Assistant Tournament Director. Play will be held in the Chanin Auditorium on Saturdays and Sundays from October 26 to November 16.

A SMART FACULTY SHOW FACULTY AT PLAYING CHESS

Eight members of the faculty of the University of Oklahoma at Norman, Oklahoma, traveled as a team to Oklahoma City and defeated the Oklahoma City Chess Club by a score of 11 to 5. A return match will be played at Norman on November 3 when the members of the Oklahoma City team hope to prove that they can outsmart the professors in chess.

DUBUQUE CHESS CLUB ORGANIZED BY C. E. RHOADES

As a chess player and recently elected director of the USCF it has irked C. E. Rhoades to know that his home town had no place for the serious playing of chess. This has been remedied by the formation of the Dubuque Chess Club which will become a chapter of the USCF as soon as the final details of its organization are completed.

(By Special Wire) RESHEVSKY LEADS HOROWITZ SECOND

Reshevsky alone is undefeated with two draws and five victories. Standings at end of seven rounds with three games adjourned:

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|------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Reshevsky | 6-1 | Pinkus | 31-21 |
| Horowitz | 5-1-1 | Steiner | 3-3 |
| Levin | 5-2 | Fink | 3-4 |
| Kramer | 4½-2½ | Rothman | 3-4 |
| Santasiere | 4½-2½ | Drexel | 2½-4½ |
| Kashdan | 4-1 | Kowalski | 2½-4½ |
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Women's Champion Grisela Gresser lost in third round to Dr. Helen Weissenstein. Standings are:

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| Mrs. Bain | 3-0 | Miss Raettig | 1-2 |
| Miss Karff | 3-0 | Mrs. Slater | 1-2 |
| Mrs. Nye | 3-1 | Miss W. Henschel | 1-3 |
| Mrs. Grosser | 2-1 | Miss K. Henschel | 0-3 |
| Mrs. Weissenstein | 2-1 | Mrs. McCready | 0-3 |

DELMAR SAXTON WINS FIFTH CCLA U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP

The Fifth (1937) Grand National Correspondence Chess Tournament of the Correspondence Chess League of America has ended in the victory of Delmar Saxton of Omaha, Nebraska, who becomes the CCLA U. S. Correspondence Chess Champion. Saxton is also an over-the-board player of note and has held the Championship of Omaha four times and of the State of Nebraska twice.

CLEVELAND CLUBS START TEAM PLAY IN ANNUAL MEET

November 10 will see the first round of the annual team match play between Cleveland chess clubs under the sponsorship of the Cleveland Chess Association. Eight teams from eight clubs will participate in the seven round tourney which was won last year by the Pawns Club, composed of junior aged players, including the National Junior Champion Larry Friedman and Cleveland's City and Junior Champions George and Harald Miller.

Clubs entering teams in the team tourney are: Brooklyn Chessnuts Club, Checkmate Club, Kings of Chess, Lakewood Chess Club, N. Y. C. "Y" Chess Club, Queens Women's Chess Club, South Euclid Chess Club, and Pawns Club. Five of the eight clubs are Chapters of the USCF.

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THE TRIUMPH OF MURPHY

WITH the United States Chess Championship Tournament in full swing at the Chanin Auditorium in New York City, it is fitting perhaps that we pause to think of that first United States Chess Championship Tournament held in New York City under the title of First American Chess Congress, which opened upon October 5, 1857. This first championship tournament was specifically a tribute to the organizing drive of a Daniel Willard Fiske, who was to become editor of the *Chess Monthly*, and it was representatively American as a tournament in the fact that of the sixteen competitors in the main event only nine were born in the United States and seven were born abroad: Lichtenstein and Paulsen (Germany), Marache (France), Fuller, Perrin, Stanley and Thompson (England). It resulted in the triumph of a Murphy.

This particular "Murphy," who was destined to do many spectacular things in chess, in his own ancestry personified the striking divergence of America from Europe and exemplified that blending of many races into one that Israel Zangwill has dramatized as the "melting pot." Names of his successors to the title of U. S. Champion from Lipschitz, Showalter and Pillsbury through Marshall, Reshevsky and Denker merely emphasize the fact that in America there is and has been no place for racial discrimination to the detriment of art and progress, for the United States is that land where races meet and blend.

This Murphy of 1857—was one Paul Morphy, whose great-grandfather was a Michael Murphy (Miguel Murphy), an emigrant from Ireland to Spain during the Jacobite troubles. Oddly enough this Irishman with the name in Spanish spelling became the United States Consul at Malaga. For details, see *Morphy Gleanings* by Sergeant. Paul himself was of mixed Irish, Spanish, French Huguenot and Creole French descent—in other words, his race was American.

So, whoever wins when the smoke of battle clears on November 16, whether the name is Murphy or Jones or Zimbraski—it does not matter. What matters is the fact that in this troubled world once again without malice or prejudice the U. S. Chess Championship has been settled in the old American way—as it was in the days when Murphy triumphed. In these times that ring with the biased cries of rage against this or that, it is good to remember that in chess there is still no race, or caste, no prejudice—in chess all men remain brothers.

Guest Editorial

CHESS IN THE SOUTH

By Martin Southern

President, Southern Chess Association

MANY things are booming in the south. Among them is chess. Perhaps a little less explosively than the atom business.

This is the country that gave you Morphy, Showalter and Hodges. In more recent times, this is the country of Nestor Hernandez, W. N. Woodbury, the famous Sweets brothers, Major J. B. Holt, Dr. G. Drexel, Prof. James McClure, R. S. Scrivener, Leon Jourolmon, Frank Gladney, Max Greenfield, Paul Cromelin, Paul Barton, R. B. Edgar, Russell Chauvenet, M. H. Davis, John N. Buck, Jack Palmer, A. T. Henderson,

And Mary Hofferbert, did anybody ever hear of her? And Mrs. John Harrison. Our boy prodigy, Gerry Sullivan. And ultra-radioactive Bob Covayou of Oak Ridge. Gone from our ranks are our beloved W. W. Gibbs, the gracious Virginian, Charles S. Roberts, A. S. Harris, Perry Hewitt, and Atlanta's blind coroner, Paul Donehoo.

The Southern Chess Association grew out of the Georgia-Florida Chess Association organized in 1922. The twenty-fifth annual tournament was held in Tampa last July. Most popular meeting place has been Atlanta, but two sessions in Knoxville, in 1935 and 1944, were very productive of new personnel.

We have had many visitors from other sections to participate in tournaments. Among them have been the Federation's genial vice-president, J. C. Thompson, and Dr. Werthammer, N. J. Hognauer, and W. M. P. Mitchell.

If I had space here I would like to dwell more on the history of our Association, in which we cherish a reasonable pride, but perhaps the present and future of chess is more nearly in line with our subject. I would like to say that practically no tournament has ever been held in our twenty-five years that has not been dominated by our Hernandez and Woodbury, or both, and their personal conflicts are classics of the game.

Small chess clubs and associations are flourishing. The North Carolina Association and the Virginia Federation have almost as many traditions as the Southern. Plans are being laid now for an invitation Tennessee tournament. Tennessee furnished this year's winner of the

Championship Class, G. W. Sweets, and the winner of A. Class, J. G. Sullivan, Jr.

For a small club I would like to refer briefly to the Knoxville Club. Organized in 1931, it has not missed holding its weekly meeting a dozen times in its history. Twice it has been host to the Southern Association. It has played two matches with the Atlanta Chess Club, and three matches with the Chattanooga Chess Club. This fall it played a most interesting match with the Franklin Chess Club of Johnson City and Elizabethton, and a bitterly contested match with the Oak Ridge Club. Return matches with both are on schedule. A city tournament to determine the Knoxville Champion is now in progress.

The quality of play may be slightly below some of the metropolitan areas, but we have been highly flattered by Mr. J. C. Thompson's kind appraisal.

It is true that we have been dilatory in associating ourselves with U.S.C.F. and other chess enterprises, and I believe that can be attributed partly to the fact we have never played the game "professionally," and that even our better players have treated it as a game. We have exploited the cultural resources of the game, and I for one am inordinately proud of my associations with cultured and refined gentlemen who play chess.

The benefits of associating with enterprises has been revealed to us in the Correspondence tournaments. We are proud of our new friends in other sections of the country, and want to associate more with them in the future.

We want to know you better, and want you to know us. Our next tournament will be in St. Petersburg July 3, 4, 5 and 6. We have always kept the welcome sign out for visitors, and although our prizes are always token awards, we may make up in other ways a justification for the expense of a visit and to play with us at Chess.

¶ The views expressed in this Guest Editorial are not necessarily those of CHESS LIFE.

A VENTURE IN DEMOCRACY

(Monthly Letter No. 35)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.
President, United States Chess Federation

THIS is being written during the early rounds of the sixth tournament for the chess championship of the United States. The sixth in the series of tournaments which had its beginning in 1936, but in a different sense, the first truly national tournament for the national Championship. For this is the first time in the history of the event that entry into the tournament has been open to any chess player in the United States.



The holding of the current championship tournament represents the fruition of the efforts of many people. People working together and people working independently, but all coordinated into one great whole. To the Tournament Committee must be accorded high praise for their accomplishment. Theirs was a large and difficult task and they have done it magnificently. Of basic importance also was the work of the Area Committees in each of the seven Areas into which the country was divided for the purpose of qualifying finalists for the championship play.

For a venture of experimental nature, the results have been encouraging notwithstanding a number of weaknesses which have been demonstrated as we

Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. have gone along. But the principle upon which we have constructed the present tournament has been demonstrated to be sound. Refinements are needed and they will be made. It is apparent, for instance, that the time of the year is unsuited for obtaining the most favorable representation in the tournament. Robert Byrne, to name but one, won the New England Championship and with it the right to compete for national honors, but his studies at Yale would not permit him to take the necessary time to play through the long schedule.

The entire subject will receive the earnest consideration both of the Executive Committee and of the Directors of the Federation, not at the next annual meeting but immediately after the finish of the tournament. The experience of the past year has brought many interesting facts to light of which good use can be made in planning for the next championship competition. The reports of the various Area Committees will be studied carefully so that the maximum benefit may be obtained from the preparations for the tournament. The master players who are taking part in the tournament will be asked to submit their suggestions so that knowledge may be available from every possible source.

Many benefits have been realized which were not foreseen when the Area system of qualification was planned. In the State of Missouri a new and greater state association has come into being with a program of activity surpassing anything that has gone before. There was nothing new injected into Missouri from the outside, but in working together for the larger goal the chess players there found new life within their own borders.

And so it has gone in many parts of the country. Achievements of lasting worth have far outweighed the imperfections which have here and there been revealed. The former will be expanded into greater effectiveness, while the latter will be eliminated as rapidly as ingenuity and human effort can do so.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

I would like to take friendly issue with Guest Editorialist J. C. Thompson's assertion that Staunton's contribution to chess was greater than Paul Morphy's.

A study of chess conditions in this country prior to the Morphy era shows that Staunton's text books and chess promotion had made little impression in the spread of the game. Chess was still confined to a few small cliques in the large cities.

What happened as a direct result of Morphy's triumphs? Let me quote the words of Editor D. W. Fiske in the November 1858 *Chess Monthly*:

"...the most marked result springing from the éclat of Mr.

Morphy's European triumphs is the impetus given to chess in the Western World. Clubs are everywhere rapidly forming; chess publications are largely increasing. Hundreds of people now play chess who, half a year since, were utterly ignorant of the moves. It is in this that Paul Morphy has laid the chess community of our country under lasting obligations."

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In the inner world of chess itself, Morphy's career was also of the utmost importance. He showed with startling clarity that the sloppy opening play of that age would have to be reformed, and he left a collection of games whose worldwide influence has been felt to a

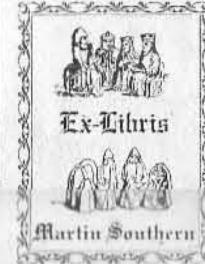
Who's Who In American Chess

Martin Southern

A native of Knoxville where he still resides, Martin Southern practices law for a living and for the edification of the courts. Perhaps there is some concealed affinity between the law as a profession and chess as a hobby. But chess was not adequate as a wife, so in 1931 Martin took an assistant who has proven sufficiently broadminded about her predecessor to permit Martin to teach chess to their two sons and two daughters.

Martin entered into the active work of the Southern Chess Association in 1930 and has become its president. He has also been active in local chess affairs in the thriving Knoxville Chess Club which has twice been host to the Southern Association Tournament. Among his hobbies, aside from the playing of chess, has been the collection of chess books and chess novelties. It is said that these so intrigued Fred Reinfeld on a visit that he remained for several days, working on one of his books in competition with the mowing of the neighbor's cow and the wailing of one of Martin's infants.

Aside from chess Martin Southern is interested in poetry, politics and psychology, and has contributed his services to the Boy Scout movement by acting as neighborhood commissioner.



This Bookplate
Identifies
The
Chess Books
of
Martin
Southern

It's A Question

Advice to the Chess-lorn on History, Laws, Personal Ethics

Question: We are a newly organized club and are looking for information on handling a tournament, pairing the players, writing a constitution, etc. Where can we obtain this information?

C.A.K. (Minneapolis)

Answer: One system of tournament pairings is described in detail in the 1940 Yearbook of the United States Chess Federation, which also has an article on "How to Promote and Organize A Chess Club" by Samuel A. Collins, complete with skeleton model constitution. A few copies of this Yearbook are still obtainable from the USCF Secretary. More complete information on various systems of tournament pairings, including the now popular Swiss, will be contained in the Club Manual now being compiled under the editorship of Gene Collett, together with much general information on successful club management and organization. The USCF will publish this Club Manual sometime this fall.

A. SID. TEST SAYS:

In life or chess, watch the board. Many an absent-minded bachelor has been mated when he wasn't looking.

degree to which Staunton's times can never hope to aspire, despite the latter's unkind criticism in his *Chess Praxis*, which was the final proof of Staunton's ill-will.

I thought we ought to keep the record straight on this matter and it is for this reason that I therefore take exception to the contention that Staunton was of a greater benefit to the game of chess than our own Paul Morphy.

JAMES J. BARRETT,
Buffalo, New York.

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CHECKMATE CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS HABAN PRESIDENT

The Checkmate Club (Cleveland) has inaugurated its fall season with the election of officers at the annual meeting. Frank Haban was chosen as president; S. S. Kenney as vice-president; John Meller as secretary; and Charles Bielecki as treasurer.

The Checkmate Club is among the group which have established the individual rating system for all members, covering all games played (whether serious, casual or match). By percentage points won or lost on a graded scale each member's individual record is kept and his standing determined by the wins and losses he has had.

Among the more prominent members of the club is S. S. Kenney, USCF director for Ohio.

RED ROSE CHESS LOSES MATCH TO WILMINGTON CLUB

With its first match of the fall season the Wilmington (Delaware) Chess Club swung into a victorious stride as it defeated the Red Rose Chess Club of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The score was 7½-4½ in Wilmington's favor.

| Wilmington | Lancaster |
|------------|-----------|
| Smith | 1 |
| Fischer | 0 |
| Ranshaw | 0 |
| Warner | 0 |
| Pattison | 0 |
| Hope | 1 |
| Bergman | 1 |
| Leonard | ½ |
| Lewis | 1 |
| Muir | 1 |
| Urquhart | 1 |
| Breslin | 0 |
| Wilmington | 7½ |
| Lancaster | 4½ |

Lancaster had white on the odd-numbered boards.

CLEVELAND SHOWS LIVE INDUSTRIAL CHESS LEAGUE

The Industrial Chess League of Cleveland, Ohio, was off to a fast start on October 1 when a nine-round tournament began between the ten teams which form this League. The firms sponsoring these chess teams are: Atlantic Tool & Die Co.; Cleveland Graphite Bronze Co.; E. F. Hauserman Co.; Murray Ohio Mfg. Co.; New York Central R.R.; Ohio Bell Telephone Co.; Parker Appliance Co.; Quality Tool & Gage Co.; Strong, Cobb & Co.; and U. S. Post Office.

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Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojans

EVER inventive was the genius of Benjamin Franklin, and so it is not surprising that even in chess the sage from Philadelphia found a novel approach whereby the joys of the game were combined with an ingenious system of instruction. It is an idea that should be commended and brought to the attention of all educators, and Franklin explains it vividly in his own autobiography:

I had begun in 1733 to study languages; I soon made myself so much a master of the French, as to be able to read the books in that language with ease. I then undertook the Italian. An acquaintance who was also learning it, used often to tempt me to play chess with him. Finding this took up too much of the time I had to spare for study, I at length refused to play any more, unless on this condition, that the victor in every game should have the right to impose a task, either in parts of the grammar to be got by heart, or in translations, which tasks the vanquished was to perform upon honor before our next meeting. As we played pretty equally, we thus beat one another into that language.

There now is the plan for some far-seeing pedagogue to install in his classes and unite thus happily scholarship and chess.

PRISON IN and Prison OUT—the fault and the salvation lay in Chess. For Thomas Middleton wrote a comedy entitled "A Game at Chess" which was performed nine times at the Globe Theatre—Shakespeare may have witnessed a performance there. It offended the Church (and more to the point, the Queen), so James I suppressed this satire and lodged its author in gaol. There he stayed until this whimsical petition sought and won him freedom:

A harmless game, coin'd only for delight,
Was play'd twixt the Black House and the White.
The White house won; yet still the Black doth brag,
They had the power to put me in the bag.
Use but your Royal hand, 'Twill set me free,
'Tis but removing of a man—that's me.

FOOTNOTE TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP**For -- "You Can't Tell the Players Without a Score Card"**

Arnold S. Denker: Defending U. S. Champion, winner of the 1944 U. S. Championship Tournament; tied for third with A. S. Pinkus in the 1942 U. S. Championship; tied with A. Kupchik for sixth in 1940 U. S. Championship; tied for second with A. Dake in the 1936 U. S. Open Tournament. Several times New York State Chess Champion. In 1945 placed in a tie for third with H. Steiner in the Hastings (England) Christmas Tournament, and subsequently placed third in his section of the 1946 London Tournament.

Weaver W. Adams: First place in 1945 Ventnor City Invitation Tourney; tied for seventh with H. Steiner in 1945 Pan-American; tied for eighth in 1944 U. S. Championship; third in 1941 U. S. Open Tournament; tied for twelfth with H. Seidman in 1940 U. S. Championship; tied for third with E. Marchand in 1940 U. S. Open Tournament. New England Champion in 1945 and several times previously. Author of *White to Play and Win*, and exponent of an aggressive chess.

Attilio DiCamillo: Tied for tenth with S. Weinstock in 1944 U. S. Championship; tied for third in Consolation Tournament of 1936 U. S. Open with R. Drummond. 1944 Pennsylvania State Champion.

Dr. Gustave L. Drexel: 1945 Southern Chess Association Champion; second in 1946 Southern Chess Association Tournament.

A. J. Fink: Better known as chess problemist and composer than as a player; last appearance in a national tournament was a twelfth in the 1932 Pasadena International Tournament which Alekhine won. California State Champion in 1922, 1928 and 1929, as well as in other years.

Israel A. Horowitz: Fourth in 1945 Pan-American; tied for third with H. Steiner in 1944 U. S. Championship; first place in 1943 U. S. Open Tournament; third in 1942 U. S. Open Tournament; sixth in 1942 U. S. Championship; third in 1939 U. S. Open Tournament; tied for first with I. Kashdan in 1938 U. S. Open Tournament; first in 1936 U. S. Open Tournament. Co-Editor of *Chess Review* and chess annotator.



Photo: Courtesy of The Austinite

Paul Poschel (seated left) plays John Nowak (seated right) while interested members of the Austin Chess and Checker Club, to which both players belong, watch the proceedings. The playoff at the Austin Club was necessitated by a tie for first place in the Illinois State Tournament, played in Garfield Park. Paul Poschel won the playoff from John Nowak, who is the ten-second chess champion of the Austin Club.

CABLEGRAM

The Hague, Holland,
October 28, 1946.

To M. S. Kuhns
11 So. La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill.
May CHESS LIFE be the symbol
of prosperity in all activities of the
USCF. Live long as Emeritus Presi-
dent. Kindest regards.

Rueb, FIDE.

A JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE FORMS IN TORONTO, CANADA

Saturday, October 19, saw the organization of the Junior Chess League of Toronto when representative boys and girls from twelve secondary and public schools of Toronto met at the Central YMCA and elected officers from their own members. Five other schools with active chess clubs were included in the membership of the new league although not represented at the organizing meeting and other schools have also indicated that they will enter as soon as they have completed formation of chess clubs.

Officers elected were Walter Prystaski, president; Margaret Swain, secretary; Mary Karch, assistant secretary; Bob Warner, treasurer; Dave Douglas, tournament director; and Ralph Berrin, assistant tournament director.

An Advisory Board of teachers and chess leaders was set up with H. F. Gulston named as Convener. Bernard Freedman outlined all the details of organization for the league and Mr. Gemmell of Eastern High School of Commerce acted as secretary. Mr. File of Central Technical, Mr. Brown of Danforth Technical, Mr. Rubinoff of King Edward Community Centre and Mr. Bowers of Rosedale School were the other adult advisors of the League present at the meeting.

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FRENCH DEFENSE
Pittsburgh Open Tournament
Preliminaries

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black

CAPT. J. RAUCH 1. P-K4 P-K3 2. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. O. I. ULVESTAD Kt-Q2 4. P-K5 P-K4 5. P-Q5 P-Q4

After the text Black can equalize easily by 4. ... QxP! Alekhine has suggested in this variation 4. ... Kt-B3; 5. P-K5, Kt-Q2; 6. P-K4, Kt-B3; 7. QxP!, P-K5; 8. Kt-Q2, P-K4; 9. O-O-O ch and White won with a brilliant attack.

4. ... KPxP 9. Kt-K3 B-K5 5. Kt-B3 B-Q3 6. P-K5 P-B3 7. P-K4 B-K5 ch 8. Kt-B3 P-K3 9. O-O

White stands somewhat better because of Black's isolated Pawn. The square Q4 is thereby a safe and powerful pivot square for White's pieces.

13. B-KB2 17. R-K1 KR-K1 14. P-B3 P-QR3 18. KtxKt KtxKt 15. B-R4 R-B1 19. Q-Q2 RxPch 16. B-B2 Q-Q2

Black can hardly be blamed for rejecting 19. ... P-Qb because of the fantastic complications. For example, White could reply 20. K-R1, QxP; 21. K-R3 (otherwise Kt-K2 and P-B1); 22. PxP, Kt-Q2; 23. Kt-K1 (if 23. Kt-K1, P-BQ3) ch.; if 23. Kt-Q2; P-B8 (Kt ch.), 24. B-B5 ch.; 24. B-Q3! RxQ; 25. BxR ch. But Black can do better with 20. Q-Q1!; 21. PxP, KtxP; 22. KtxKt, BxR; 23. QxR ch.; 24. B-B5 (QxQ); 25. RQ, RxR. So White would do better to play 20. RxR ch., QxR; 21. PxP, KtxP; 22. KtxKt, BxKt; 23. ExP ch. etc.

20. ... RxR R-Q1 21. Kt-Q4

Black has equalized. White might have tried 21. B-K3, BxR; 22. QxR; 23. PxP, KtxP; 24. KtxKt, QxKt; 25. QxQ, R-Q1; 26. R-K7 BxKt equals.

21. ... BxKt Why not 21. ... KtxKt? It does not seem wise to give up the two Bishops in such an open position.

22. PxP B-K3 24. B-K3 Q-Q6

Sage would be 24. ... R-K1. White now threatens a Pawn in order to penetrate the Black position.

25. Q-B4 QxP 27. R-K6 R-R1

26. Q-B7 Q-Q15 28. BxP B-B2

Overlooking White's killing reply. After 28. ... R-K1; 29. BxRt wins a Pawn and the attack continues.

29. R-K8 ch. Resigns

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Ohio State Championship
Tournament, 1946

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black

N. GABOR 1. P-K4 P-QB4 2. P-KB4 Kt-QB3

An interesting alternative here is 2. Kt-KB3. Then if 3. P-K5, Kt-Q4; 4. P-B4

Kt-B2 with a kind of Alekhine's Defense. Or, if 3. Kt-QB3, P-Q4; 4. P-K5, P-Q5.

3. Kt-KB3 P-K3 5. P-K5 Q-K5

4. P-B3 P-Q4 6. P-QR4

P-Q must come eventually. Why not now?

5. Kt-R3 Kt-Q5 6. Kt-QK15 P-R3

7. Kt-R3 B-Q2 9. Kt-K6 ch.

This shows that the entire trip of the Knight was ill-advised. A Pawn is lost.

9. ... BxKt 13. R-QK1 Kt-K5

10. PxP Kt-B4 14. B-Q3 Kt-B3

11. Kt-K5 15. P-QK4

12. KtxP KtxKt

Trying to open up lines for an attack. But this gives away another Pawn.

13. P-B4 23. PxPQ R-QP R-QP

14. B-P3 Q-B2 24. R-R7 KxR

15. BxKt QxP 25. P-Q4 ch. K-K3

16. Q-K2 QR-QB1 26. RxR RxR

17. P-K3 Q-K4 27. P-Kt Kt-K5

18. B-B5 QxR ch. 28. B-K15 Kt-QB3 ch.

21. Kt-Q2 Kt-K4 29. K-Q3 Kt-B2

22. RxP ch. K-B3 30. PxKt KxP

After all the fireworks Black retains his two extra Pawns. A little technique should score the win. Black should now reply 31. R-KB1, whereupon 31. ... R-KB1 and P-B3 or B4 would eventually win for Black.

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31. R-QB1 R-R6 ch. 33. K-Q3 R-QB5
32. K-Q4 R-R5 ch.

The best plan for Black is to eliminate the White KP and get his own Pawns rolling. Thus 33. ... R-K5; 34. R-J7, RxP; 35. RxP, R-K4.

34. R-Ktch. R-K5

Now 34. ... K-B3 should be played so that after 35. R-Ktch, R-Ktch can follow. After the text White has a fine chance to go Pawn hunting but overlooks it.

35. R-QB8 R-Ktch

36. R-Ktch R-Ktch

37. K-Q4 R-Q5 ch. 38. Kt-Q3 R-Q5

39. PxP e.p. PxP 44. R-R4

40. RxP R-K4

If 44. R-Q7, R-Kt7 wins the RP. But 44. R-R5 would give Black some trouble. For instance, 44. ... R-Kt7 ch.; 45. K-Q1, P-K6 (the K cannot advance); 46. P-R4, R-Kt8 (in order to advance the K); 47. K-K2.

44. ... Kt-K7 ch. 46. R-R5 P-K6

45. K-B1 R-Kt7 47. P-R4

Here 47. K-Q1 was essential, preventing the Black King from advancing. Now comes the finish. A very creditable game.

47. ... K-B6 49. R-Q1 P-K7

48. RxP R-B8 ch. Resigns

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TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENSE
Pittsburgh Open Tournament
Preliminaries

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black

D. J. SIBBETT 1. P-K4 B. C. JENKINES

2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 3. B-K3 4. P-Q4

5. B-B4 Kt-B3 6. R-K1 7. Kt-B3

8. P-Q5 Kt-B2 9. P-KB4 10. Kt-B3 Kt-Ktch.

11. P-Q3 B-K2 12. Kt-B3 B-R4

13. Kt-Q1 R-Ktch 14. B-K3

15. Kt-B3 B-K2 16. Kt-K3 R-Ktch.

17. Kt-Q1 R-Ktch 18. Kt-B3 Resigns

* * *

At one time this line almost refuted the Reti. Black's idea (due to Tarrasch) was to play P-KB8 and P-K4.

3. P-K3 Kt-QB3 4. P-QK4

After 3. P-QB4 this Pawn sacrifice would be playable. But now either KtPxP or PxP gives Black the better game. Black chooses a weaker line, giving up two Pawns for rapid development.

4. ... P-K4 10. QxP KB-B3

5. P-K5 P-K5 11. Kt-Q4 ch. Kt-K2

6. P-Kt PxKt 12. Kt-B3 B-B3

7. QxP PxP 13. Q-B2 Q-Q2

8. QxPch B-Q2 14. P-Q3 ?

9. Q-K4 ch. B-K2

10. ... O-O 16. Kt-K2

11. ... Kt-Q1 Kt-B4

12. ... Kt-B4 16. P-Q4

13. ... Kt-B3 PxPch 17. Kt-B3

14. ... Kt-B2 18. Kt-B3

15. ... Kt-B1 19. Kt-B2

16. ... Kt-B3 20. Q-Q2

17. P-K4 Kt-B3 19. Kt-B3

18. ... P-Q4 was much better. After the text 19. ... B-B7 would win back one Pawn, Black, however, prepares an unusual sacrifice.

19. ... Kt-K1 21. QxP R-K1

20. ... P-K1 R-Ktch 22. Q-Q5 ?

Why not simply 22. QxP ch., QxQ; 23. PxKt with two Rooks and a Knight for the Queen? White should then win easily.

22. ... QxQ

Resigns

* * *

RUY LOPEZ

Groningen Tournament, 1946

White Black

A. YANOFSKY 1. P-K4 P-K4 2. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

3. B-Kt5 P-QR3 4. P-K5 P-K5

5. B-R4 Kt-B3 6. P-Q5 Kt-B3

7. P-Kt5 P-Q5 8. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

9. P-Kt5 P-Q5 10. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

11. P-Kt5 P-Q5 12. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

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19. P-Kt5 P-Q5 20. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

21. P-Kt5 P-Q5 22. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

23. P-Kt5 P-Q5 24. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

25. P-Kt5 P-Q5 26. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

27. P-Kt5 P-Q5 28. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

29. P-Kt5 P-Q5 30. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

31. P-Kt5 P-Q5 32. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

33. P-Kt5 P-Q5 34. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

35. P-Kt5 P-Q5 36. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

37. P-Kt5 P-Q5 38. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

39. P-Kt5 P-Q5 40. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

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Reshevsky Regains U. S. Title

KASHDAN 2nd, SANTASIERE 3rd,
LEVIN 4th AHEAD OF DENKER

Dr. Mengarini Wins Masters' Reserve
Avram Noses Out Berliner For 2nd

After eighteen rounds of play at the Chanin Auditorium in New York, it is conceded that Samuel Reshevsky holds the number one spot among American chess players. Once again he becomes the U. S. Champion, a title he lost by failure to compete in the 1944 Championship Tournament. His most dangerous rival was the runner up, I. Kashdan, who once tied him for the title but failed this year to repeat.

Anthony Santasiere, playing some of the best chess of his career, was a surprise third to most handicappers who were also outguessed by the steady play of the Philadelphian Levin who ended in fourth. Horowitz proved the disappointment by setting off to a flashing start but lost heart when beaten by Kramer in the fifth round and never recovered. Kramer and Sandrin upheld the honor of the younger players by finishing ninth and tenth.

The only incident to mar the perfect conditions of the meet was the withdrawal of Lewis J. Isaacs after nine rounds of play. It was agreed to cancel his score.

Kenneth Harkness was Tournament director, and the referee was Richard W. Wayne well known for his conducting of the Ventnor City Invitation Tournaments.

In the Masters' Reserve Tournament, Dr. Mengarini won while Herbert Avram edged out Hans Berliner in a tie for second place by virtue of his win over Berliner.

Milton Finkelstein served as Tournament Director of this Master Reserve Group which consisted of Herbert Avram (New York), Hans Berliner (Washington), Robert Durkin (Ventnor City), Major J. B. Holt (Miami Beach), Edgar T. McCormick (East Orange), Dr. Ariel Mengarini (New York), Irving Rive (New York), W. Rohland (Milwaukee) and Mel Schubert (Twin Falls). Larry Friedman (Cleveland), the National Junior Champion, was to have played, but was forced to withdraw at the last minute.

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YANKTON MEET STARTS CHESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

With the new South Dakota Chess Association issuing the first of its series of monthly bulletins, there is every sign of great chess activity in South Dakota. The Rapid City Chess Club has organized to meet Thursday nights at Ellison's Cafe with O. H. Ellison as president and Arnold Baron as secretary-treasurer. In Sioux Falls chess players are organizing another chess club with Leo McKenna as president and R. B. Denu as secretary-treasurer. M. F. Anderson, Co-Champion of South Dakota and president of the South Dakota Chess Association played an eleven board simultaneous exhibition at the Battle Mountain Sanitarium on October 18, winning eight, drawing one and losing two.

Among the planned activities is a State Correspondence Chess Championship tournament to begin on December 1st, open to members of the Association who are residents of the state.

WOMAN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE TO N. MAY KARFF, MARY BAIN 2nd

Defending Champion Grisela Gresser Loses Title, Comes In Third Place

In an intense struggle which saw four former Women Champions involved, Miss N. May Karff (former Champion) regained the crown from Mrs. Grisela Gresser, the defending Woman's Champion. Miss Karff went undefeated, conceding one draw to Mrs. Slater. Mrs. Mary Bain, who placed second, drew with Mrs. Gresser as well as losing her game to Miss Karff. Mrs. Gresser suffered an early round loss to former Champion Dr. Helen Weissenstein in addition to her loss to Miss Karff and draw with Mrs. Bain, and so had to be content with third place.

PFC. STEINMEYER LIKE LIGHTNING AT CHESS DIVAN

Pfc. Robert H. Steinmeyer entertained the Washington (D. C.) Chess Divan on November 6 with a distinguished performance, playing a twenty board simultaneous in two hours and ten minutes—winning 18, losing 2 games.

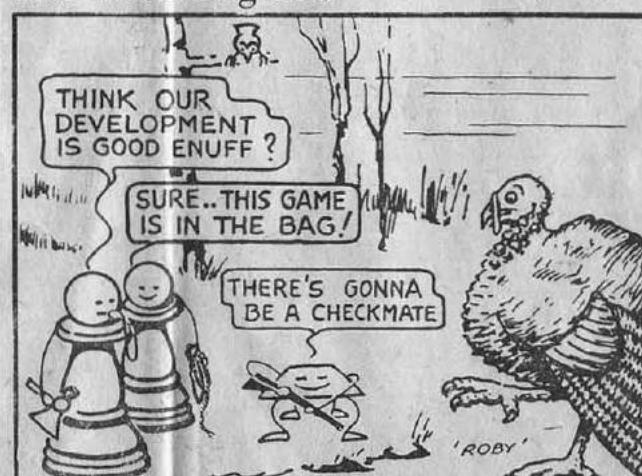
Steinmeyer may be remembered as the 17-year-old Champion of St. Louis who tied for third in the 1944 Open Tournament at Boston.

PROMISED USCF CLUB MANUAL ABOUT COMPLETED

The long awaited Club Manual which will contain a wealth of information on every subject of interest to Chess Clubs and will cover every phase of club life is almost ready for the printer. Associate Editors of this compendium are Lucius A. Fritze of Glen Ellyn (Ill.), N. P. Wigington of Washington (D.C.), J. C. Thompson of Grand Prairie (Tex.), and W. W. Winans of Rochester (N.Y.). Contents will include material on how to organize a chess club, how to conduct a club, how to manage tournaments and matches, together with the complete rules of chess and many other items important to the management of any chess club.

The Chess Bug Sez:

by Robson



USCF ORGANIZES NATIONAL CHESS RADIO LEAGUE

Now that the wartime restrictions on amateur and shortwave radio transmission have been lifted, the USCF announces the formation of a national chess radio league to encourage and promote the playing of matches between distant chess teams by amateur radio. In recent weeks several chess clubs have probed into the possibilities of matches by shortwave, as being in tune with the spirit of the age; and it is to assist these clubs and encourage others to share their pioneer spirit that the USCF has organized its radio league.

Details of organization are being studied and developed by Paul G. Giers, executive vice-president, and Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., president of the USCF; but the primary purpose of the league is to provide competition between distant teams of nearly equal strength and arrange for matches between all clubs desiring to participate in radio chess. A competent official will be placed in charge of the league's activities as soon as all organization details are completed; and information on registration will be published in a later issue of CHESS LIFE.

TORONTO CHESS ALWAYS ACTIVE IN GAMBIT CLUB

On November 1 former Canadian Champion R. E. Martin gave a simultaneous exhibition and scored 19 wins, 3 losses and 3 draws. Successful against him were G. Tharp, R. Cody and J. Shebaylo while J. Good, G. Cunningham and C. Joathan were the players who drew.

On November 15 a tournament to decide the Rapid Transit Chess Champion of Ontario will be held at the Gambit (Toronto) Chess Club upon the occasion of the official visit of W. S. Ross, president of the Chess Federation of Canada.

AFTER U. S. MEET HOROWITZ PLANS LONG CHESS TOUR

After the completion of the current U. S. Championship Tournament, I. A. Horowitz, Co-Editor of Chess Review, plans an extended tour giving lectures on chess and simultaneous exhibitions. Horowitz has always been rated as one of the most instructive and entertaining lecturers on chess subjects and is one of the outstanding performers in the field of simultaneous chess. Interested clubs may obtain further details by writing Horowitz at Chess Review, 250 West 57th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

MOST WELCOME IS VETERAN'S HOSP'L OF LEXINGTON, KY.

The Advocate, published by the Veteran's Administration Hospital of Lexington (Ky.) notes in its pages the formation of a chess club which is affiliating with the USCF, formed by ten patients in the hospital under the encouragement of the Recreational Director. The club will meet once a week, and refreshments will be served at each get-together. For those more willing than learned in chess, instructions in the rudiments of the game will be furnished.

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LET THE POSTMAN HELP YOU TO PLAY CHESS

No learning is painless in the acquiring; and when Euclid stated that there was no royal road to knowledge, he covered a wider field than the mathematical learning he proposed to teach. But there are shadings in the intensity of effort required to accumulate the lore of chess. And the wise student profits by the shadings.

Practice in itself is important; but practice without an effort toward increased learning is a rather barren pursuit. There are players who play their chess games every day without perceptible betterment in style or conception. Practice alone solves no problem.

But practice adjointed to study is the creator of improvement. And how can that end be better achieved than by playing correspondence chess? In a game over the board there is no time to give study to the full implication of each move, nor can a reference book be consulted to seek out the best response to some unexpected retort of a more skilled or knowing opponent. In correspondence chess there is time for both, and beyond that the competitive urge to seek and find out. And the lore acquired by playing out the variations you study in a correspondence game lodges in the memory without effort.

There is an interest in the game that absorbs the time devoted to study of opening and variation so that it passes without notice; whereas the time devoted to the memorizing of lines of play without other exterior motive than the memorizing for future use is both tedious and uninviting.

Then there is the attractive fact that correspondence chess can be played upon a pocket board at odd moments of the day and does not demand the seeking of an opponent when the urge for chess descends on the spare time for chess becomes available. Perhaps that is why the professional men—the doctor, the lawyer, the minister—are among the more devoted proponents of the game. While in the background of many a young player now rising into general notice is the fact that much of his skill and fluency in the game were developed by correspondence play.

Therefore, let the postman aid you when you play at chess—the cost of the postage is trivial; and the reward in friendly contact and learning of the game is beyond price.

DR. WERTHAMMER IS RIGHT (AND ALSO WRONG)

UNDER the heading of "Chess Problem by Dr. Werthammer" the versatile and aggressive editor of the West Virginia Chess Bulletin, Gene Collett, publishes a letter from Dr. Siegfried Werthammer and editorially requests CHESS LIFE to reproduce this letter. We are glad to comply and reproduce the greater part of it, for Dr. Werthammer is both right and wrong in his statements therein—a state of affairs that is more frequently in occurrence among mortals than we are generally willing to admit.

I have a little problem which I think is very important for the promotion of publicizing of chess, a thing which should be nationally attacked. As you know in late June I went to San Francisco to take the Pathology Board examinations. I had to stop in Chicago several hours and having no place to go I went to two libraries to study. I asked in both libraries (one on 86 E. Randolph St., I forgot its name, the other one the big public library on Michigan boulevard where I went when the first one closed) for chess journals. Neither library could give me one . . . In San Francisco, I tried the same (a tremendous-sized library on Civic Square) and to my biggest surprise they had only the British Chess Magazine and NO American chess journal . . . On my return to Huntington, I asked a librarian in our local library (which has a few chess books) if there was ever a request for chess journals. She said, "Yes, a few youngsters (!!) ask for them but, of course, the magazine budget for the library is too small to include them." . . . Locally, that problem is solved; I donated to our library the \$5 necessary to subscribe to Chess Review and the American Chess Bulletin . . . Don't you think it would be a worthwhile action if chess clubs or individuals would make it possible to secure chess journals for the public libraries in their cities?

Dr. Werthammer is correct in his belief that it would be a worthwhile action on the part of clubs and individuals to assure chess players in every city that their own public libraries had copies of the more important chess publications. CHESS LIFE endorses his belief. But Dr. Werthammer is incorrect in some of the facts which spurred him to his conclusion, and it is only fair to the institutions named that their characters be cleared of the charges against them. We cannot speak for San Francisco, which must speak for itself on the subject; but the "big public library on Michigan boulevard" does have copies of both

Chess Review and American Chess Bulletin. Current numbers in the periodical room on the fourth floor, bound volumes in the reference room on the same floor. The Editor has had occasion to visit the Chicago Public Library recently and in view of Dr. Werthammer's remarks verified his own recollections, so Dr. Werthammer must have been misinformed by some not-too-alert employee of the library. As to the library "on 86 E. Randolph St.", this is the John Crerar Library—an institution devoted exclusively to technical works in a limited number of fields, and chess does not fall into the orbit of its purpose.

Dr. Werthammer is right, however, in his general assumption that the libraries subscribing regularly to one or more chess publications are all too few. With the larger libraries it is frequently only necessary to convince the librarian that a demand for these chess publications exist—with the smaller libraries it is sometimes necessary to supply the funds for these subscriptions. But in any case, it is the duty of chess players in every city to see that their libraries subscribe to at least one chess publication.

IS YOUR CLUB IN STEP?

A Regular Message by

Paul G. Giers

Executive Vice-President, United States Chess Federation

ALMOST daily the mailman brings tidings of chess clubs newly organized, requests for information and advice from players who want to organize a club, and offers of cooperation from clubs eager to take part in our Federation's club program: New club applies for USCF charter, enrolls each member as individual USCF member; Veteran enthusiasts aid of Recreation Director to start club at U. S. Hospital, teaches his buddies and enrolls them in USCF; "Send application blanks for our fifty-seven members"; "Tell us how to conduct our first city tournament"; "How do we go about having a State Tournament?"; etc., etc.

It is encouraging indeed to observe this tremendous increase in chess club activity everywhere. Our congratulations to the many new organizers who so cheerfully forego playing pleasure to devote their energies to the important task of chess organization. Outstanding among these are our veterans who learned, under Uncle Sam's tutelage, the art of ignoring obstacles and getting things done.

Chess clubs form the backbone of organized chess. Theirs is the all-important function of uniting the players in a congenial group, developing greater playing strength through tournaments and other club activities, initiating new players into the game and of providing inter-club and state-wide competition.

Our Federation is vitally interested in the welfare of the nation's chess clubs. After careful consideration of the various club problems, it has developed a program of club sponsorship and club assistance which is constantly being enlarged to meet new needs. Since this program was initiated at the Boston Annual Meeting in 1944, it has been wholeheartedly endorsed by the many clubs which have become USCF chapter members.

Advantages of chapter membership include:

A beautiful charter certificate suitable for framing and display in the club-room.

Federation Merit Certificates awarded to the winners of club tournaments.

A copy of the current yearbook.

A free subscription to CHESS LIFE.

Advice from USCF officers on all club problems.

A valuable aid to our chapters will be the new Club Manual which is now being prepared under the able guidance of Editor Gene Collett. Assisting him with their wealth of experience as Associate Editors are J. C. Thompson, N. P. Wiggin, Lucius A. Fritze and Wm. W. Winans. This Manual will cover all phases of club activity and management.

A book of chess instructions, "Chess for the Millions," will soon be ready for publication and made available to all clubs at lowest possible cost. This book will play an important part in the club's educational program. Enlivened by a series of descriptive cartoons, penned by Ed Robson of "Chess Bug" fame, it will catch the beginner's fancy.

Under new arrangements with manufacturers of chess equipment, chapter clubs may now obtain chess sets through the Federation at an attractive discount.

If there is no club in your city, get busy and let us help you get one started. We need more clubs, strong and active clubs, to ensure the future of American Chess.

Address inquiries concerning club matters to: Paul G. Giers, 2304 South Avenue, Syracuse 7, N. Y.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

Congratulations to Mr. Giers for his editorial in CHESS LIFE; and for his appointment to a new position. Thanks for his chess work as Secy-Treas.

Here is a suggestion to you that might cover one of the points in the editorial:

If you could spare the space, publish in CHESS LIFE the enclosed column from the Philadelphia Inquirer (writer encloses "Chess and Checkers" by Isaac Ash, Ed.) or another like it after permission from Mr. I. Ash or the paper and then in other issues columns from papers that are listed in USCF Yearbook, 1945.

This might be interesting to the members and encourage publication of columns in other newspapers.

W. T. McCalla,
Philadelphia 31, Penn.

Dear Sir:

We had an evening of real fun, October 30, A Tandem Rapid Transit Tourney, with rotating partners. Twenty players (of widely varied strengths) drew numbers out of a hat and then were paired, according to a system we'd worked out, with nine different partners, each during the round-robin of play. The Divan has featured Tandem Rapid Transit many times; but this novelty seemed more enjoyable than any previous session. We think the idea is well worth passing along. (Reading over what I've written, it occurs to me it is somewhat unclear—perhaps! Each player had nine games, playing tandem with a different partner each time against nine different "teams".

N. P. WIGGIN, Washington Chess Divan Washington, D. C.

Who's Who In American Chess

Samuel Reshevsky

Since the days when he toured this country and Europe as the boy wonder of chess, Reshevsky has always been one of the most distinguished practitioners of the game. For some years while going to school he made no appearances in tournament chess, but after graduation from college soon demonstrated that his chess had not grown rusty in the years of tournament idleness.

In 1931 Reshevsky won the Western Association Tournament at Tulsa, and in 1933 was second to Reuben Fine in the Western Tournament at Detroit, winning his individual game from Fine. In 1934 he tied for first with Fine in the first U. S. Open Tournament at Chicago; and won the Syracuse International Tournament.

At Margate in 1935 he won without loss of a game and finished ahead of Capablanca from whom he won his individual game. In 1936 Reshevsky began to assert his claim to the U. S. Championship by winning the first U. S. Championship Tournament; he has won every U. S. Championship Tournament he has played in since that date (tie with Kashdan in 1942). Since the 1936 Tournament he has never lost a game in defense of the title. He lost to Horowitz and Bernstein in the first tournament and lost two games to Kashdan in the play-off match in 1942.

Other international success include finishing in a three-way tie for first at Kemerri with Flohr and Petrow ahead of Alekhine, Keres, Fine and Tartakower; and a first at Hastings ahead of Alekhine, Keres, Fine and Flohr in 1938.

Dr. Ariel Mengarini

The winner of the Masters' Reserve is a practicing physician who has only recently returned from active service in the medical corps. In 1943 he won the Second Annual Amateur Tournament without a loss, defeating E. S. Jackson, Jr. his predecessor in the title. Previous to this he had finished second to Reuben Fine in the 1942 Championship Tournament of the Washington Chess Divan.

In 1940 Dr. Mengarini won the Championship of the District of Columbia, and in 1941 placed fifth in the Ventnor City Invitation Tournament, won by Jacob Levin of Philadelphia.

In 1944 and 1945 Dr. Mengarini was unable to compete because of his military duties, but his showing in the first Masters' Reserve Tournament demonstrates that his chess skill did not diminish from the lack of tournament practice.

N. May Karff

Miss N. May Karff has been among the most active of New York women chess players and has a distinguished tournament record. In 1938 she first won the Woman's Championship in Boston with Mrs. Mary Bain as second. In 1939 she finished in a three-way tie for first with Dr. Helen Weissenstein and Mrs. Mary Bain. In 1940 she lost the title to Miss Adele Rivero (Mrs. Belcher), finishing second ahead of Mrs. Gresser and Dr. Weissenstein. In 1942 she regained the title without losing a game in a tournament which had Mrs. Belcher and Mrs. Roos and Mrs. Gresser among the contestants. In 1944 she lost the title to Mrs. Gresser, losing their individual game—a defeat she avenged in regaining the Woman's Title this year.

Dear Sir:

I suggest you print fewer game analyses (P. 4) and then you can use larger print which will be more conducive to reading.

Rev. GEORGE L. PAINE
Boston, Massachusetts



Photo: Courtesy St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer

U. S. Smith (left) of Willernie and Archie Olson (right) of St. Paul ponder their moves, while (left to right) Mrs. Maury Boudreau, Mrs. Kenneth Moen, Mrs. Sprague Smith, Mrs. U. S. Smith and Mrs. Arthur Cheasick watch.

Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojam

CHESS, the game for heroes and for warriors. Did not Abu'l Fida record in his Annals how the Emperor of the Romans (at Constantinople), one Nicephorus, wrote the Harun Al-Rashid (he of the Arabian Nights' fame):

The Empress (Irene) into whose place I have succeeded looked upon you as a Rukh and herself as a mere Pawn; therefore she submitted to pay you a tribute more than the double of which she ought to have exacted from you. All this has been owing to female weakness and timidity. Now, however, I insist that you, immediately on reading this letter, repay me all the sums of money you ever received from her. If you hesitate, the sword shall settle our accounts.

The gentle Harun replied to this bombast briefly: "I have read thine epistle, thou son of an infidel mother; and my answer to it thou shalt see, not hear."

A few years of warfare sustained Harun's assertion; and Nicephorus was forced to admit that he had confused his pieces on the chess board in his little game of bluff.

Heroes? Did not Charles XII of Sweden beguile the weary hours at Bender when besieged by Turk and Tartar by playing chess with his ever faithful Albert Christian Grothusen? (And of this fact Professor Willard Eliske once concocted a charming tale, illustrated with ingenious chess problems by the great and only Samuel Lloyd). Did not Timurlane play at chess with his son, Shah Rukh, while his Mongol hordes overcame the famous Bayazid the Thunderer outside the walls of Turkish Angora? —a battle given space in Creasy's "Decisive Battles of History."

NOTE that the first (or possibly second) book printed in the English language was that strange and popular morality by Jacobus de Cessolis, translated and printed by William Caxton in 1474 as "The Game and Playe of Chesse."



William Rojam

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| Ulvestad | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | x | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7½-10½ | |
| Rubinow | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | x | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7-11 | |
| Adams | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6½-11½ | |
| DiCarlo | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | x | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6½-11½ | |
| Rothman | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | x | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6½-11½ | |
| Suesman | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | x | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6½-11½ | |
| Drexel | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5½-13 | |
| Fink | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 14-14 | |
| Ko'alski | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 13½-14½ | |

MASTERS' RESERVE

| Players | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | Score | |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------|------|
| Mengarini | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7-1 | |
| Avram | | x | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6½-11 | |
| Berliner | | 1 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6½-11 | |
| McCormick | | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5-3 | |
| Rivise | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5-3 | |
| Durkin | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 2½-5½ | |
| Schubert | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 13½-6½ | |
| Holt | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | x | 1 | 5-13 |
| Rohland | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | x | 1 | 7-17 |

U. S. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

| Players | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Score |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|---------|
| Miss Karff | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8½-1 |
| Mrs. Bain | | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7½-11 |
| Mrs. Gresser | | 0 | 1 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6½-2½ |
| Dr. Weissenstein | | 0 | 0 | 1 | x | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6-3 |
| Mrs. Nye | | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4-5 |
| Miss K. Henschel | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | x | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3-6 |
| Mrs. Slater | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3-6 |
| Miss W. Henschel | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 2-7 |
| Miss Raettig | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 2-7 |
| Mrs. McCready | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | x | 1 | 13½-14½ |



Photo: Courtesy St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer

Ham radio operators Maury Boudreau (left) of Bald Eagle and Thomas Boudreau (right) of Minneapolis relayed the moves of the Piccadilly Chess Club via short-wave to the Milwaukee Club in two seven hour sessions.

PICCADILLY CLUB HAS RADIO MATCH WITH MILWAUKEE

NEWTON'S CHESS NUTS VICTORIOUS OVER WELLESLEY

On September 12-13 the Piccadilly Chess Club of Willernie, Minnesota, contested chess match by radio with the Milwaukee Municipal Chess Association. This match antedated the Kansas City vs. St. Louis radio match (reported in October 5th CHESS LIFE) by more than a week and is reported as the first amateur radio chess match in the United States.

Play began at 7 p.m. Thursday and continued until 3 a.m. On Friday night it began again at 7 p.m., and concluded at 2 a.m. on Saturday morning. The six board match was won by Milwaukee with two victories and four draws. For Piccadilly the "ham" operators were Maurice and Thomas Boudreau, operating short-wave station W9WKK. The Milwaukee operator was Cyril Shallow of station W9SQK.

The system of procedure used by the Piccadilly Chess Club in this match is available to any interested club upon writing to U. S. Smith, the Piccadilly Chess Club, Willernie, Minn. The match received full coverage in the St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer, the White Bear Press of Willernie and the Milwaukee Journal and Milwaukee Sentinel.

Milwaukee Chess Club **Piccadilly Chess Club**
Mark Surgies 1 Archie Olson 0
George Tufts 1 V. G. Lowe, Jr. 0
Robert Schmidt 1 A. L. Johnson 0
Rich'd Crittenden 1 U. S. Smith 0
Richard Kujoth 1 Kenneth Moen 0
W. G. Manschet, Jr. 1 Dick Hammond 0

Milwaukee 4 Piccadilly 2

CHESS INVADES UNIV. OF TAMPA CLASSES FORMED

UNIVERSITY CLUB BEATS OKLAHOMA CITY AT CHESS

The Tampa (Florida) Chess Club has made a peaceful invasion upon invitation of the University of Tampa where it will make its home in the future. Dr. Robinson of the University will organize and conduct a chess class to teach the game to students, and Arthur Montano, publicity director of the club, will write a column under the heading of "The Chess World" which will be published regularly in the Minaret, the official student publication of the University.

The Tampa Chess Club is the home of Nestore Hernandez, frequent Southern Association Chess Champion, and will be associated with the St. Petersburg Chess Club in acting as host for the 1947 Southern Chess Association Tournament.

As the names Hernandez and Montano indicate many members of these Floridian chess clubs boast of a Spanish ancestry and some of them have not forgotten the tongue spoken by their forefathers. Arthur Montano, the club's publicity expert, frequently writes articles on chess for La Traducción Prensa, the daily Spanish-language publication of Tampa.

THE RED ROSES LANCASTER, PENN. ELECT OFFICERS

The Red Rose Chess Club, proud in its rapid growth from sixteen to sixty-four members in one year's time, held their annual meeting to elect a new scroll of officers. Elvin T. McDevitt was named president; J. Snyder, vice-president; J. Logue, recorder and treasurer; and C. Malcolm, secretary and editor of "The Red Rose Clatter."

The Club meets at 141 Queen Street, Lancaster; and recently had an over-board match with the Wilmington (Delaware) Chess Club, which was lost by 7½-4½. The Red Roses expect to do better in a return match at home on Armistice Day, November 11.

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R. BADERTSCHER JR. CHAMPION OF HUDSON CO., N. J.

Ronald Badertscher becomes the first Junior Champion of Hudson County, N.J. in a lively contest between seven aspirants from four townships. The tournament was sponsored by the Jersey City Chess Club, and Badertscher was off to an early lead. Second place was in doubt until the last round when Ray Lutwiniak defeated Alfred Lingen to create a three way tie for second place between these two and George Stevenson. Final standings were:

R. Badertscher 6-0 S. Kreitzberg 13-4½

Alfred Lingen 4-2 Michael LoBu... 4-1

Ray Lutwiniak 4-2 Martin Dale 0-6

George Stevenson 4-2

Omaha defeats Kansas City 6-4 at Falls City

In a recent match this fall a team from Omaha defeated a team from Kansas City at a meeting in Falls City, Neb.—half-way point between the two cities. State Champion Howard E. Ohman (USCF Director of the Junior Chess Program) was successful upon board one against W. Wesenberg. The score by players was:

Omaha **Kansas City**

| | | | |
|------------------|---|----------------|---|
| Howard Ohman | 1 | H. Wesenberg | 0 |
| Delmar Saxon | ½ | H. Honik | ½ |
| Altred Ludwig | ½ | H. Hardy | ½ |
| George Haase | 1 | Art Leonard | 0 |
| Gerald Rotstein | 0 | Harold Morell | 1 |
| David Ackerman | 0 | Harold Busch | 1 |
| Lee Macree | 1 | Howard Nichols | 0 |
| E. L. Holland | 0 | Garth Webb | 1 |
| W. D. McLaughlin | 1 | Ross Latshaw | 0 |
| Jack Spence | 1 | P. Vials | 0 |
| Omaha | 6 | Kansas City | 4 |



Photo: Courtesy Tampa Morning Tribune

Arthur Montano (left) engaged in a friendly battle with James B. Gibson, Jr. (right), Vice-President of the Tampa Chess Club.

UNIVERSITY CLUB BEATS OKLAHOMA CITY AT CHESS

At Norman, Okla. on November 3 the Faculty Chess Club of the University of Oklahoma (assisted by five students) defeated a team from Oklahoma City Chess Club in a double round match.

Univ. of Okla. **Oklahoma City**

de la Torre 0 Gill 2

Mueller 1 Svendsen 1

Svendsen 1 Lee 1

Lee 1 Bernhart 2

Bernhart 2 Daniel 1

Daniel 1 Calenzani 1

Calenzani 1 Hendrix 1

Hendrix 1 Friend 2

Friend 2 Long 1

Long 1 Carroll 1

Carroll 1 Univ. of Okla. 11 Oklahoma City 9

Dr. Bela Rozsa of Tulsa and Mr.

E. H. Gill of Oklahoma City are drawing up plans for a state chess tournament to be played December 28-29.

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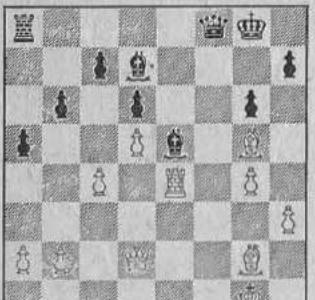
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KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE
U. S. Championship Tournament, 1946

| White | Black |
|----------------|--------|
| P-04 | KI-KB3 |
| P-QB4 | P-KK3 |
| Kt-QB3 | B-K2 |
| P-K4 | P-Q3 |
| KKt-K2 | O-O |
| P-KK3 | QKt-Q2 |
| B-K2 | P-K4 |
| R-K1 | R-K1 |
| P-Q5 | P-QP4 |
| P-KR3 | KI-B4 |
| B-K3 | KKt-Q2 |
| Q-Q2 | P-B4 |
| After 23. | B-Q2 |
| Horo | Witz |



| White | Black |
|----------------|--------------|
| RxB | PxR |
| P-B3 | 31. Q-B3 |
| B-B5 ch. | 32. Q-Q5 |
| Kt-R1 | K-B3 |
| Q-K2 | 34. QxP ch. |
| P-B2 | R-B4 |
| Q-B2 | PxP |
| P-Q5 | 36. Q-K7 ch. |
| B-B6 | K-B5 |
| BxQ ch. | P-Q6 |
| Kt-B3 | 37. QxR ch. |
| After 18. | Resigns |

NIMZOVITCH DEFENSE
U. S. Championship Tournament, 1946

| White | Black |
|--------------|--------------|
| A. S. DENKER | S. RESHEVSKY |
| P-Q4 | Kt-KB3 |
| P-K3 | 25. B-B4 |
| B-K15 | Kt-B3 |
| Kt-QB3 | 26. BxP |
| P-Q4 | 27. Kt-B4 |
| Q-B2 | P-QK4 |
| PxP | 28. Kt-K6 |
| P-K4 | RxP |
| B-K15 | 29. B-B5 ch. |
| P-B4 | K-R2 |
| P-K5 | 30. P-Q6 |
| B-K15 | P-K5 |
| P-Q4 | 31. B-K15 |
| P-K3 | Kt-B3 |
| B-K15 | 32. BxP |
| P-Q4 | Kt-B3 |
| Q-B2 | 33. Kt-B4 |
| PxP | P-QK4 |
| P-K4 | 34. Kt-B5 |
| B-K15 | RxP |
| P-Q4 | 35. Kt-B6 |
| P-K3 | Kt-B5 |
| B-K15 | 36. Kt-B7 |
| P-Q4 | Kt-B6 |
| P-K3 | 37. Kt-B7 |
| B-K15 | P-QK4 |
| P-Q4 | 38. Kt-B8 |
| P-K3 | Kt-B7 |
| B-K15 | 39. Kt-B9 |
| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 40. Kt-B10 |
| B-K15 | P-QK4 |
| P-Q4 | 41. Kt-B11 |
| P-K3 | P-K7 |
| B-K15 | 42. Kt-B12 |
| P-Q4 | P-QK4 |
| P-K3 | 43. Kt-B13 |
| B-K15 | P-K7 |
| P-Q4 | 44. Kt-B14 |
| P-K3 | P-QK4 |
| B-K15 | 45. Kt-B15 |
| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 46. Kt-B16 |
| B-K15 | P-QK4 |
| P-Q4 | 47. Kt-B17 |
| P-K3 | P-K7 |
| B-K15 | 48. Kt-B18 |
| P-Q4 | P-QK4 |
| P-K3 | 49. Kt-B19 |
| B-K15 | P-K7 |
| P-Q4 | 50. Kt-B20 |
| P-K3 | P-QK4 |
| B-K15 | 51. Kt-B21 |
| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 52. Kt-B22 |
| B-K15 | P-QK4 |
| P-Q4 | 53. Kt-B23 |
| P-K3 | P-K7 |
| B-K15 | 54. Kt-B24 |
| P-Q4 | P-QK4 |
| P-K3 | 55. Kt-B25 |
| B-K15 | P-K7 |
| P-Q4 | 56. Kt-B26 |
| P-K3 | P-QK4 |
| B-K15 | 57. Kt-B27 |
| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 58. Kt-B28 |
| B-K15 | P-QK4 |
| P-Q4 | 59. Kt-B29 |
| P-K3 | P-K7 |
| B-K15 | 60. Kt-B30 |
| P-Q4 | P-QK4 |
| P-K3 | 61. Kt-B31 |
| B-K15 | P-K7 |
| P-Q4 | 62. Kt-B32 |
| P-K3 | P-QK4 |
| B-K15 | 63. Kt-B33 |
| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 64. Kt-B34 |
| B-K15 | P-QK4 |
| P-Q4 | 65. Kt-B35 |
| P-K3 | P-K7 |
| B-K15 | 66. Kt-B36 |
| P-Q4 | P-QK4 |
| P-K3 | 67. Kt-B37 |
| B-K15 | P-K7 |
| P-Q4 | 68. Kt-B38 |
| P-K3 | P-QK4 |
| B-K15 | 69. Kt-B39 |
| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 70. Kt-B40 |
| B-K15 | P-QK4 |
| P-Q4 | 71. Kt-B41 |
| P-K3 | P-K7 |
| B-K15 | 72. Kt-B42 |
| P-Q4 | P-QK4 |
| P-K3 | 73. Kt-B43 |
| B-K15 | P-K7 |
| P-Q4 | 74. Kt-B44 |
| P-K3 | P-QK4 |
| B-K15 | 75. Kt-B45 |
| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 76. Kt-B46 |
| B-K15 | P-QK4 |
| P-Q4 | 77. Kt-B47 |
| P-K3 | P-K7 |
| B-K15 | 78. Kt-B48 |
| P-Q4 | P-QK4 |
| P-K3 | 79. Kt-B49 |
| B-K15 | P-K7 |
| P-Q4 | 80. Kt-B50 |
| P-K3 | P-QK4 |
| B-K15 | 81. Kt-B51 |
| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 82. Kt-B52 |
| B-K15 | P-QK4 |
| P-Q4 | 83. Kt-B53 |
| P-K3 | P-K7 |
| B-K15 | 84. Kt-B54 |
| P-Q4 | P-QK4 |
| P-K3 | 85. Kt-B55 |
| B-K15 | P-K7 |
| P-Q4 | 86. Kt-B56 |
| P-K3 | P-QK4 |
| B-K15 | 87. Kt-B57 |
| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 88. Kt-B58 |
| B-K15 | P-QK4 |
| P-Q4 | 89. Kt-B59 |
| P-K3 | P-K7 |
| B-K15 | 90. Kt-B60 |
| P-Q4 | P-QK4 |
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| B-K15 | P-K7 |
| P-Q4 | 92. Kt-B62 |
| P-K3 | P-QK4 |
| B-K15 | 93. Kt-B63 |
| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 94. Kt-B64 |
| B-K15 | P-QK4 |
| P-Q4 | 95. Kt-B65 |
| P-K3 | P-K7 |
| B-K15 | 96. Kt-B66 |
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| P-K3 | 97. Kt-B67 |
| B-K15 | P-K7 |
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| P-K3 | P-K7 |
| B-K15 | 102. Kt-B72 |
| P-Q4 | P-QK4 |
| P-K3 | 103. Kt-B73 |
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| P-Q4 | 104. Kt-B74 |
| P-K3 | P-QK4 |
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| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 106. Kt-B76 |
| B-K15 | P-QK4 |
| P-Q4 | 107. Kt-B77 |
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| B-K15 | 108. Kt-B78 |
| P-Q4 | P-QK4 |
| P-K3 | 109. Kt-B79 |
| B-K15 | P-K7 |
| P-Q4 | 110. Kt-B80 |
| P-K3 | P-QK4 |
| B-K15 | 111. Kt-B81 |
| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 112. Kt-B82 |
| B-K15 | P-QK4 |
| P-Q4 | 113. Kt-B83 |
| P-K3 | P-K7 |
| B-K15 | 114. Kt-B84 |
| P-Q4 | P-QK4 |
| P-K3 | 115. Kt-B85 |
| B-K15 | P-K7 |
| P-Q4 | 116. Kt-B86 |
| P-K3 | P-QK4 |
| B-K15 | 117. Kt-B87 |
| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 118. Kt-B88 |
| B-K15 | P-QK4 |
| P-Q4 | 119. Kt-B89 |
| P-K3 | P-K7 |
| B-K15 | 120. Kt-B90 |
| P-Q4 | P-QK4 |
| P-K3 | 121. Kt-B91 |
| B-K15 | P-K7 |
| P-Q4 | 122. Kt-B92 |
| P-K3 | P-QK4 |
| B-K15 | 123. Kt-B93 |
| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 124. Kt-B94 |
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| B-K15 | 135. Kt-B105 |
| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 136. Kt-B106 |
| B-K15 | P-QK4 |
| P-Q4 | 137. Kt-B107 |
| P-K3 | P-K7 |
| B-K15 | 138. Kt-B108 |
| P-Q4 | P-QK4 |
| P-K3 | 139. Kt-B109 |
| B-K15 | P-K7 |
| P-Q4 | 140. Kt-B110 |
| P-K3 | P-QK4 |
| B-K15 | 141. Kt-B111 |
| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 142. Kt-B112 |
| B-K15 | P-QK4 |
| P-Q4 | 143. Kt-B113 |
| P-K3 | P-K7 |
| B-K15 | 144. Kt-B114 |
| P-Q4 | P-QK4 |
| P-K3 | 145. Kt-B115 |
| B-K15 | P-K7 |
| P-Q4 | 146. Kt-B116 |
| P-K3 | P-QK4 |
| B-K15 | 147. Kt-B117 |
| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 148. Kt-B118 |
| B-K15 | P-QK4 |
| P-Q4 | 149. Kt-B119 |
| P-K3 | P-K7 |
| B-K15 | 150. Kt-B120 |
| P-Q4 | P-QK4 |
| P-K3 | 151. Kt-B121 |
| B-K15 | P-K7 |
| P-Q4 | 152. Kt-B122 |
| P-K3 | P-QK4 |
| B-K15 | 153. Kt-B123 |
| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 154. Kt-B124 |
| B-K15 | P-QK4 |
| P-Q4 | 155. Kt-B125 |
| P-K3 | P-K7 |
| B-K15 | 156. Kt-B126 |
| P-Q4 | P-QK4 |
| P-K3 | 157. Kt-B127 |
| B-K15 | P-K7 |
| P-Q4 | 158. Kt-B128 |
| P-K3 | P-QK4 |
| B-K15 | 159. Kt-B129 |
| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 160. Kt-B130 |
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| P-Q4 | 161. Kt-B131 |
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| P-Q4 | P-QK4 |
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| B-K15 | 165. Kt-B135 |
| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 166. Kt-B136 |
| B-K15 | P-QK4 |
| P-Q4 | 167. Kt-B137 |
| P-K3 | P-K7 |
| B-K15 | 168. Kt-B138 |
| P-Q4 | P-QK4 |
| P-K3 | 169. Kt-B139 |
| B-K15 | P-K7 |
| P-Q4 | 170. Kt-B140 |
| P-K3 | P-QK4 |
| B-K15 | 171. Kt-B141 |
| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 172. Kt-B142 |
| B-K15 | P-QK4 |
| P-Q4 | 173. Kt-B143 |
| P-K3 | P-K7 |
| B-K15 | 174. Kt-B144 |
| P-Q4 | P-QK4 |
| P-K3 | 175. Kt-B145 |
| B-K15 | P-K7 |
| P-Q4 | 176. Kt-B146 |
| P-K3 | P-QK4 |
| B-K15 | 177. Kt-B147 |
| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 178. Kt-B148 |
| B-K15 | P-QK4 |
| P-Q4 | 179. Kt-B149 |
| P-K3 | P-K7 |
| B-K15 | 180. Kt-B150 |
| P-Q4 | P-QK4 |
| P-K3 | 181. Kt-B151 |
| B-K15 | P-K7 |
| P-Q4 | 182. Kt-B152 |
| P-K3 | P-QK4 |
| B-K15 | 183. Kt-B153 |
| P-Q4 | P-K7 |
| P-K3 | 184. Kt-B154 |
| B-K15 | P-QK4 |
| P-Q4 | 185. Kt-B155 |
| P-K3 | P-K7 |
| B-K15 | 186. Kt-B156 |
| P-Q4 | P-QK4 |
| P-K3 | 187. Kt-B157 |
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Gonzales' New Chess Speed King

CORRESPONDENCE CHESS OLYMPIADE FINDS U. S. READY

In the first such match in the annals of American chess, the Correspondence Chess League of America, correspondence chess chapter of the USCF and U. S. A. member of the International Correspondence Chess Association (ICCA), have sent a six-man team into battle with similar teams from Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay, in Group 5 of the ICCA World Olympiad for correspondence chess.

This ICCA World Olympiad, being directed by Erich Larsson, Tranberg, Sweden, assisted by Edmundo Moreira de Mattos, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is to determine an Olympic Champion team from the more than thirty countries throughout the World that comprise the ICCA, which is the correspondence branch of the FIDE. Each member-country is allowed to enter up to four six-man teams, which are divided into "Groups" of seven teams each. Group winners from the first round will meet in a final round, with the ultimate winner being crowned World Olympic Correspondence Chess Champion, 1946-49.

U. S. A. participation, under the auspices of the CCLA, is being directed by Carl K. Czernak, West Orange, N. J. One team has already begun play, in a partially completed Group, while a second is awaiting assignment.

All moves are being transmitted via Air-Mail, and it is estimated that from twelve to eighteen months will be required to play a match. The ICCA numerical system of recording moves is being used exclusively. In this system, each of the 64 squares on the chess-board is represented by a number — ranks being numbered one to eight from the White side of the board, while files are also numbered one to eight from the Queen side of the board. Thus, Q7 becomes 37, K5 becomes 55, KR3 becomes 83, etc. Moves are indicated by first writing the square occupied by the piece to be moved, and then writing the square to which it moves. A capture is made by moving the capturing piece onto the square occupied by the piece to be captured. Castling King-side is written 5171 or 5878, while Castling Queen-side is written 5131 or 5838, since those are the only times the King may move two squares at once. This system, eliminating all use of letters, does away with all difficulties resulting from certain letters being written differently by different peoples. Ambiguous moves are impossible.

The line ups of the teams playing in Group 5 follows:

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| U. S. A. | BRAZIL |
| 1. J. W. Jenkins | 1. J. U. Chavacano |
| Newark, N. J. | Rio de Janeiro |
| 2. L. C. Hubbard | 2. E. Sjoholm |
| Plainfield, N. J. | Copacabana |
| 3. C. R. Czernak | 3. M. Braga |
| West Orange, N. J. | Rio de Janeiro |
| 4. W. M. Byland | 4. A. Meltear |
| Pittsburgh, Pa. | Sao Paulo |
| 5. S. Stephens | 5. A. Gandelmann |
| Montclair, N. J. | Sao Paulo |
| 6. T. Tait | 6. R. Heilbrunn |
| Philadelphia | 7. R. P. Pinto |
| Captain: | Captain: |
| J. W. Jenkins | E. Mattos |



Photo by George Rutherford

JUNIOR CHESS HAS ITS DAY IN TORONTO

Standing (left to right): A. Rubinoff (Chess supervisor at King Edward School); Shirley Davis (first in Junior Tournament Under ten group); Margaret Swan (Secretary of Junior Chess League); T. Gulston (Principal of King Edward School); Bernard Freedman (Member of Advisory board).

Sitted (left to right): Ernie Shulman (15), Junior Chess Champion of Toronto; William Davis (13), second in Junior Chess Tournament.

ARGENTINA URUGUAY

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. F. M. Casas | 1. L. Baum |
| Buenos Aires | Montevideo |
| 2. P. Velaquez | 2. L. A. Gula |
| La Rioja | Montevideo |
| 3. A. Barros | 3. H. Corbo |
| La Plata | Montevideo |
| 4. A. Cuadraido | 4. M. Suarez |
| Bahia Blanca | Montevideo |
| 5. J. F. Satur | 5. E. Marchisotti |
| Catamarca esq. | Montevideo |
| 6. A. Rojas | 6. U. Miralles |
| Peyrano | Montevideo |
| Captain: | Captain: |
| A. Loefler | E. Marchisotti |

The second U. S. A. team is composed of: 1. L. E. More, University City, Mo.; 2. Robert Wyller, Hillsboro, Calif.; 3. Benjamin Koppin (Captain), Detroit, Mich.; 4. Carl E. Diesen, Cloquet, Minn.; 5. R. M. Thurber, Ann Arbor, Mich.; 6. N. W. Grant, Baton Rouge, La.

BRICE-NASH WINS PANHANDLE OPEN, CZAPSKI SECOND

The first Panhandle Open Tournament at Amarillo, Texas, from October 26 to 27 was a definite success although a Kansan, B. Brice-Nash of Medora, outpointed the Texan, Capt. Edmund Czapski of Amarillo, to win first place. Both had four wins and two draws in the six round Swiss system tournament, but the weighted score of the Kansan was better.

Final standings in what promises to be an annual event sponsored by the Amarillo Chess Club were:

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. B. Brice-Nash | Medora, Kansas |
| 2. Capt. Ed. Czapski | Amarillo, Texas |
| 3. A. P. Coles III | El Paso, Texas |
| 4. Carl Weburg | Salina, Kansas |
| 5. Dr. R. S. Underwood | Lubbock, Tex. |
| 6. G. L. Merchant | El Paso, Texas |
| 7. Dr. A. L. Stroot | Lubbock, Texas |
| 8. A. O. Johnson | Amarillo, Texas |
| 9. J. Douglas Smythe | Amarillo, Texas |
| 10. R. N. Meister | Hutchinson, Kansas |
| 11. Hall McCrummon | Lubbock, Texas |
| 12. Elmer L. Miller | Amarillo, Texas |
| 13. Ray J. Lyman | Amarillo, Texas |
| 14. W. R. Reed | Amarillo, Texas |
| 15. John W. Lynch | Lubbock, Texas |
| 16. Robert L. Summers | Hobbs, N. Mex. |
| 17. John R. Brand | Hobbs, New Mexico |
| 18. H. L. Jordan | Pampa, Texas |

CLEVELAND ASS'N NAMES OFFICERS; A. MARTENS, PRES.

The Cleveland Chess Association at the continuation of their Annual Meeting, October 30, named and elected the officers for the ensuing year. A. H. Martens was named the new president unanimously when S. S. Keeney, also nominated for the office, refused to accept the nomination. A. R. Phillips remained first vice-president. Other officers were: J. J. Worz, second vice-president; Ernest Melchior, third vice-president; and Stanley Prague, fourth vice-president; C. A. Berry, secretary; Milan A. Konotosh, treasurer; and Harald Miller, corresponding secretary.

BEST BUY IN CHESS IS CHESS LIFE.

FIRESTONE CLUB HAS HOT WELCOME FOR KOLTANOWSKI

Friday and Saturday, November 15-16, George Koltanowski visited the Firestone Chess and Checker Club (Akron) and received a warm welcome from Akron's players. In the Friday evening simultaneous exhibition Koltanowski played against twenty-seven opponents and lost games to four: Pete Seitz (Firestone), city champion of Akron; Joe Chirich (Firestone); R. A. Harrington, secretary of Goodrich Chess Club; and E. J. Cerny (Goodrich).

On Saturday afternoon Koltanowski gave a blindfold exhibition against eight players, drawn from the Firestone and Goodrich Chess Clubs. Leo Sweet (Firestone), who placed fourth in 1946 Ohio State Championship, won his game; Dr. D. M. Beach, president of the Goodrich Chess Club, and Pete Seitz (Firestone) obtained draws. The blindfold exhibition was held in the Federal House of the M. O'Neil Co. store which sponsored both events on behalf of Akron's chess players.



Photo by George Rutherford

The Junior Chess Committee of Toronto meet in solemn session at the Central Y. M. C. A. Left to right are: Bob Warner, treasurer (Jarvis Collegiate); Margaret Swan, secretary (Eastern Commerce); Walter Prystowsky, president (Parkdale Collegiate); David Douglas, tournament director (Parkdale Collegiate); Ralph Berrin, assistant tournament director (Harbord Technical).

KENTUCKY HAS SPANISH MENACE IN JOSE PUENTE

At a simultaneous exhibition at the University of Kentucky Chess Club (Lexington) Professor Jose Puente of the Romance Languages Department displayed his fluency in another tongue by winning 14 games, losing one and drawing one. Victor in the lone defeat of Prof. Puente was Eric Ryden of Lexington, while Wendell Kingsolver, a student at the University, held the draw.

Jose Puente is a native of Spain and was a friend of the late Dr. Alexander Alekhine. Honor guest at the University of Kentucky Chess Club upon this occasion was Miss Grace Capablanca, sister of the late Jose Capablanca, former World Champion.

SPEED TOURNEY, CROWNS NEW KING, DR. J. GONZALES

The Fifth Annual U. S. Lightning Tournament, held at the close of the U. S. Championship Tournament on Sunday, November 17th, resulted in the crowning of a new King of Speed Chess when Reuben Fine failed to compete in defense of the title he has held for four years. The new Champion of Lightning Chess is Dr. Juan Gonzales, participating in his first U. S. Lightning Tournament. Second was A. S. Pinkus; third, G. Shalinsky, with, while fourth was shared by Donald Mugridge and H. Seidman.

As usual in such events several noted players failed to qualify for the championship event and had to be content with entry in the consolation group. Winner of this group was the youthful A. Bisguier who despite his lack of years is a veteran of several Lightning Tournaments. Larry Evans, the fourteen-year-old chess menace from Brooklyn, was second in a tie with the well-known theorist, Olaf Ulvestad.

Bad weather reduced the number of contestants from the usual forty or more to twenty-four; but the tourney lost little in strength thereby, as most of the stronger players of previous years competed. In the opinion of N. P. Wigginton of the Washington Chess Divan, an ardent spectator at these annual events, the Fifth Annual Lightning Tournament was the best staged and managed of any of these events. In particular the work of both Kenneth Harness and Richard Wayne as Director and Referee were commended as contributing especially to the success of the event.

Scores of the event were as follows:

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

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| Gonzales | 9-2 | Saltzberg | 52-52 |
| Pinkus | 8-3 | Horowitz | 42-42 |
| Shawavit | 73-53 | Parots | 42-42 |
| Mugridge | 6-6 | Kramer | 4-2 |
| Seidman | 6-6 | Sussman | 38-38 |
| Byrne | 52-52 | Weinstein | 1-102 |

CONSOLATION TOURNEY

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|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Bisguier | 93-13 | Monaghlin | 52-52 |
| Evans | 73-53 | Soudakoff | 42-42 |
| Ulvestad | 73-53 | Flores | 42-42 |
| Collins | 7-4 | Newman | 42-42 |
| Berliner | 6-6 | Gordon | 23-23 |
| DiCamillo | 52-52 | Pensinger | 1-102 |

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MOHOLY-NAGY AND MODERN DESIGN

NOVEMBER 24th saw the passing of Lazio Moholy-Nagy at the Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, Illinois; and his death deprives the world of one of its foremost exponents of modern design. His "modernism" was particularly significant in the fact that it strove to wed the machine age and mass production to the creation of art.

In the first World War Moholy-Nagy, the Hungarian, was an artillery officer. Later he became associated with Walter Gropius (now professor of architecture at Harvard) in the famous Bauhaus School of Art at Weimar. The rise of Hitler meant the end of free art in Germany, and the Bauhaus faculty fled. Coming to Chicago, Moholy-Nagy in 1937 founded the New Bauhaus School, which later became the Institute of Design.

This has little to do with chess, the reader may say; yet from the Bauhaus of Weimar came the most artistic and yet practical of all modern designs for chess men—a geometrical group of patterns well suited to contest for popularity with the long supreme Staunton design. Unlike the weird creations of most modern designers when their thoughts turn to chess, the Bauhaus pattern has a simple line and enough kinship to the chessmen with which we are familiar that any chess player can use a set of the Bauhaus chessmen without instruction as to which piece represents which piece in the standard Staunton design.

Moholy-Nagy had an imaginative genius which turned to many dissimilar fields of design; chess players should remember him because the Bauhaus, of which he was such an integral part, in its exploration of modern design found time to create a modern chess set and deemed that creation important.

IT'S YOUR MOVE NOW

A GAME of chess is a game for two, although we do not intend by this definition to scorn the solitaire some chess players enjoy in playing over published games. As a game, however, chess reaches its most satisfactory apex of accomplishment in providing entertainment for two players.

Yet such is the engrossing quality of the game, that sometimes the player finds himself lost in a maze of fascinating probabilities as he studies the board, and it takes the gentle remonstrance of his opponent "It's your move" to rouse him from the contemplation of the probable into a participation in the actual.

Strangely enough, publishing a newspaper has many facets in common with a game of chess. It is a game which reaches its most satisfactory apex of accomplishment when it provides entertainment for two players cooperating in mutual friendliness—the editor and the reader. The paper's best move in this game of chess is to publish all the news it can; the reader's best reply is to respond with his support and that of his chess playing friends. CHESS LIFE has made its first move.

Reader, it's your move now.

Guest Editorial

CHESS IN WORK WITH BOYS AND GIRLS

By Howard Ohman

Chairman, USCF Committee on Junior Chess

CHESS has always impressed most folks as a game primarily for elderly men. Whenever the game has been depicted in newspapers, magazines or other media of expression a chess board has been shown with two old cronies gracing either side of it.

True, chess is a fine game for these folks, many of them retired from regular work with plenty of spare time on their hands. In many cases chess has proved to be a life-saver for them.

But the joys and pleasures and benefits of chess are by no means limited to revered old gentlemen. On the contrary, my own experience has demonstrated that no class of people takes to the game with more enthusiasm or pleasure than boys and girls in their teens and even before their teens.

In my work in the YMCA both as a layman and as a boys' secretary, dating back twenty-five years, I have had ample opportunity to observe hundreds of boys and girls learning the game—usually with much greater ease than adults—and playing it with ability and fervor.

During a period of two years of teaching the sixth and seventh grades of school chess was the chief extra-curricular activity. Every afternoon following regular dismissal more than a dozen boys and girls could be found playing chess in the class room. When they were finally

shooed out of the building and I would emerge from it fifteen or twenty minutes later I would usually find several games going on right out on the playground, each game surrounded by a group of kids, the whole scene resembling the playground at marble time.

Yes, the place to start youngsters on the road to chess is down in the grade school or at least somewhere among the grade school age group. That is where it will be learned the easiest and where the greatest benefits will be derived, not only in the wholesome recreation afforded but also in the habits of study, analysis and concentration developed.

Then in High School the game should come into full bloom. Seldom will a High School be found where there are no chess players on the faculty. Given a faculty sponsor the rest is easy for the boys will usually go all out for a chess club backed by school authority. School tournaments, inter-school matches, city High School championships and even entrance in the National Junior Championship tournament then come along as a matter of course.

The widespread interest now being shown in chess among children and young people is most gratifying to all of us who highly respect the game for both its pleasures and beneficial influences. This definite advance is due mostly to the leadership of high-minded adults who are willing to give of their time and abilities to further the game among youth.

We know they feel amply repaid for their efforts for surely it is true that the greatest satisfactions of life come from our service to others and especially from our service to those of tender years who are to follow in our footsteps.

¶ The views expressed in this Guest Editorial are not necessarily those of CHESS LIFE.

1946—A YEAR OF INNOVATION

(Monthly Letter No. 36)

by ELBERT A. WAGNER, JR.

President, The United States Chess Federation

THE year 1946 stands out as the most active year in modern American chess history. Many important new ventures have been started in the last twelve months. In the field of tournaments as well as in others.

The first tournament for the Junior Chess Championship of the United States at Chicago in July was an innovation to which there was an instant and enthusiastic response. The 47th Annual Open Championship Tournament at Pittsburgh, which followed immediately after the Junior event, attracted an all time record entry. The qualifications of

finalists for the United States Chess Championship Tournament under the Area representation system stimulated play and resulted in renewed interest in chess in many parts of the country. The Championship Tournament just finished resulted in players from every part of the United States being brought together for the first time to compete for the national title. The Fifth Annual Speed Tournament, conducted a day after the championship tournament, added another page of encumbrance to the record of a tournament which is rapidly attaining the status of a tradition. And before the year is out, we shall see the inter-collegiate team tournament for the Harold W. Phillips trophy. A year of real accomplishment in the tournament realm.

Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. But our year of activity does not end with an account of the tournaments which have been conducted. The first problem composing contest drew a large number of entries, the winner of which will shortly be announced. The program of Chess for the Wounded is being carried on faithfully notwithstanding difficulties arising out of the transition from Government operation to Veterans' Administration, the shifting of hospital personnel and the wholesale transfer of patients. Our duty to our wounded service men cannot be neglected because of such problems as these.

The publication of CHESS LIFE is another new enterprise which we have undertaken in 1946. Still in its swaddling clothes, CHESS LIFE promises to answer a long felt need to bring to the chess players of America constant information concerning the life of the Federation and the chess life of the United States.

1946 has been a year of growth as well as a year of accomplishment. Our individual membership has reached a new high mark and a large number of clubs and state chess associations have affiliated themselves with the Federation. Our Executive Committee has been expanded and strengthened by new officers bringing their experience and talents to a bigger and more active Federation.

If these statements were made in an attitude of self-satisfaction, they might better be left unsaid. But we are keenly aware of the work which lies before us. The momentum which we have gathered in 1946 should enable us to begin the tasks of 1947 better equipped and with greater energy and enthusiasm than we have ever had before.

The results of 1946 have not been accomplished without hard work and unwavering loyalty on the part of many people. To name but the half of these would require a special issue of CHESS LIFE. But the gratitude of the Federation reaches out to every person who has contributed his time, his talents or his money to the cause of chess, to which I humbly add my own word of appreciation.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

It seems to me that the space devoted to advertisements in CHESS LIFE (to which I have subscribed) could be cut down to one-quarter of the space for each ad., and the saving devoted to more games. Then the sight of such a Chess Newspaper would make it sell itself.

I suggest a pleasing novelty for CHESS LIFE. Have every reader send in his own ideas of the competitors that should be invited to the World Championship Tournament sponsored by the F.I.D.E. next June in Holland, which is to be a four round contest. The competitors not to number more than eight at the very maximum for that

would mean twenty-eight games for each contestant, a properly exhaustive try-out, approximately the thirty game contests for the World Championships we have had in the past. To start the ball rolling, here is my list: Reshevsky, Fine, Keres, Kashdan, Botvinnik, Smyslov, Euwe, Najdorf.

AMBROSE D. GRING
Brookline, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:
Let me congratulate you upon response to the ad. Have had inquiries from all over the country: Texas, Chicago, New York, California, Lexington, Ky., Berlin, Wis., Elgin, Ill., N. J. and Grand Rapids.

WESLEY MORGAN
Akron, Ohio

Who's Who In American Chess

Howard E. Ohman

For many of us our professions in life are in part a matter of chance and circumstances; but with Howard E. Ohman his profession is a matter of conviction. This conviction arose from the discovery that in the work with boys and its success lay the future of America. And this conviction called him to the Omaha YMCA to devote his energy to the ever noble cause of training youth to follow the right pathway in life.

Twenty-five years of association with the work among boys, both in the YMCA and in connection with Boys Town, have convinced Howard Ohman of the benefits of chess as an educational and mental factor

in the training of boys. The USCF has profited by this conviction in persuading Howard to accept the task of chairman of the Committee on Junior Chess.

First fruit of this successful maneuver of the USCF was the popular U. S. Junior Chess Tournament in Chicago in July, 1946, in which thirty-two eager youngsters vied with each other for the championship under the persuasive guidance of Howard Ohman who was largely responsible for the success of the tournament.

As a player Howard E. Ohman can keep step in fast company. In the 1946 U. S. Open Tournament at Dallas, he finished in a tie for seventh with Elo in a meet which Fine won and Steiner placed second. Howard is the 1946 Champion of Nebraska, and has held the title on several other occasions.

Delmar Saxton

A gardener by profession, Delmar Saxton believes in pruning his opponents and trimming them down to his size over the chess board. He is an advocate of a balanced program of recreation and plays a vigorous game of tennis as well as an aggressive game of chess.

Delmar Saxton learned his chess in high school and developed it in the Omaha Chess Club. In 1937 he won the Omaha City Championship and has won it three more times since. In 1938 he won the Tri-State Championship

in a tournament at Sioux City, Iowa, open to players from Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. In 1939 he won the Nebraska State Championship and has won it once since then. His record also includes four second places in Omaha City Championships.

Delmar Saxton has always devoted much time to correspondence chess, and believes in it as an excellent method of improving one's game. It is his practice to play one opening against five or six players simultaneously in his correspondence games and learn the variations and possibilities of the opening by this actual practice. Delmar Saxton has played most of his "mail" chess through the agency of the Correspondence Chess League of America and is currently the CCLA U. S. Correspondence Chess Champion as winner of the Fifth (1937) Grand National Correspondence Chess Tournament.

Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojam

Dear Sir:

Since your publication of my squib on "Caissa" in your issue of October 20, I have received a number of requests for "More About Caissa."

I am glad to comply, especially to our Junior Players, and particularly to the U. S. A. Junior Chess Champion, Larry Friedman, for his fine letter to me.

MORE ABOUT CAISSA

"Me, oft has fortune crown'd with fair success,
And led to triumph in the field of Chess."

The Fantasy written in poetic form by Sir William Jones in 1763, contains an Episode which was taken from a Latin poem by Vida, entitled "Scacchia Ludus," (translated into Italian by Marino); and his own poem giving the story of Caissa. The characters in both are imaginary, and the invention of Chess is ascribed to Mars, the God of War, "though it is certain that the game was originally brought from India."

The scene in the poem is laid in the wilds of Thrace (ancient Greece); the characters are: Mars; the Goddess Delia; Daphnis, a shepherd, son of Hermes; Dryads, Sirena, Sylvia, Caissa, Traiads and other Nymphs.

The poem is long, and the following lines are Excerpts from the Episode and the poem, pertaining to the game of Chess and Caissa.

A lovely Dryad rang'd the Thracian Wild,
Her air enchanting and her aspect mild;
O'er hills and valleys was her beauty fam'd,
And fair Caissa was the damsel nam'd.
Mars saw the maid; with deep surprise he gaz'd,
Admir'd her shape, and every gesture prais'd;
Soon to the nymph he pour'd his tender strain;
The haughty Dryad scorn'd his amorous pain;
He told his woes, where'er the maid he found,
And still he press'd, yet still Caissa frown'd:
He left his car, and wander'd near a murmuring stream,
And fair Caissa was his plaintive theme.
A Naiad heard him, and mildly spake:
"Canst thou no play, no soothing game devise
To make thee lovely in the damsel's eyes?"
"Kind Nymph, said Mars, thy counsel I approve,
Art, only Art, her ruthless breast can move."

He fram'd a tablet of celestial mold,
Inlay'd with Squares of silver and of gold:
Then of two metals form'd the warlike band,
Of Armies on the chequer'd field array'd,
And guiltless war in pleasing form display'd:

With radiant feet the wilds he stray'd,
Till in the woods he saw the Nymphs and
beauteous maid;
Then show'd his tablet; pleased,
Caissa ask'd him to explain
The various movements of the splendid train;
He taught the rules that guide the pensive game,
And called it CASSA from the Dryad's name:
(Whence Britain's sons, who most its praise confess,
(Approv'd the play, and named it thoughtful Chess.)
Over the smooth plain two well-wrought hosts he pour'd:
Who burn'd their rivals to assail
Twice eight in black, twice eight in milk-white mail:

He ends: TO ARMS, the maid and striplings cry:
TO ARMS, the groves and sounding vales reply.
Sirena led to war the swarthy crew,
And Delia those that bore the lily's hue.
They gravely move, and shun the dangerous foe;
If ere they call, the watchful subjects spring,
And die with rapture if they save their King;
On him, the glory of the day depends,
He, once imprison'd, all the conflict ends.

Now swell the embattled troops with hostile rage,
And clang their shields impatient to engage;
Now rush both armies o'er the burnish'd board,
Hurl the swift dart and rend the burning shield:

The invader wav'd his silver lance in air,
And flew like lightning to the fatal square;
The swarthy leaders saw the storm impend,
And strove in vain their sovereign to defend:
The invader springs indignant on the dark-robd band,
And Knights and archers feel his deadly hand.
Now flies the monarch of the sable shield,
His legions vanquish'd, o'er the lonely field:
He hears, where'er he moves, the dreadful sound;
CHECK, the deep vales, and CHECK, the woods rebound.
No place remains: he sees the certain fate,
And yields his throne to ruin, and Checkmate.

Low in their chest the mimick troops were lay'd,
And peaceful sleeps the sable hero's shade.

Spoke Caissa: "What spell deceiv'd my careless mind?
You, Mars was fair, and was most unkind."
The Dryad blush'd; and, as he press'd her, smil'd,
Whilst all his cares one tender glance beguil'd.

MAURICE S. KUHNS
President Emeritus,
U. S. A. Chess Federation.

PONZIANI, remembered now only in the name of an opening rarely played, deserves a better fate. Professor of Civil Law at the University of Modena, Vicar General of Modena and Apostolical Prothonotary to him Chess was merely the diversion of a shrewd and busy mind. Yet he was author of the best and soundest of the early books on chess play and theory, *Giuoco Imcomparabile degli Scacchi*. The accuracy of his end-game play far exceeded the lax practice of his times, and in his own day he advanced the theory of play by the introduction and development of many new variations. We salute you, Domenico Lorenzo Ponzianni.

FIRESTONE BESTS MAHONING CO. (YOUNGSTOWN, O.)

The Mahoning County Chess Club, which meets in the Youngstown YMCA, journeyed to Akron on November 17 to meet the Firestone Chess and Checker Club. The match was played in the Central YMCA at Akron and resulted in a victory for the home team by the score of 10-6.

| Firestone | Mahoning Co. |
|----------------|--------------|
| Ernie Slater | McKinney |
| Pete Seitz | Lozano |
| Bob Sway | Baker |
| Joe Chirich | Sills |
| Prof. Roberts | Johansen |
| D. Hockenberry | J. Rosa |
| R. G. Allen | V. Rosa |
| Firestone | Mahoning Co. |
| 10 | 6 |

U. S. C. F. DIRECTOR O. CLAITOR HAS A SCHOOL—CHESS!

Baton Rouge (Louisiana) has a school—for chess. The Y.M.C.A. is the seat of this institute of chess learning; and USCF Director Otto Claitor is principal and teacher. For graduating exercises Director Claitor plans a local tournament for novices and then a local meeting for the seniors. This scachic activity foretells a strong local background of chess for the 1947 Louisiana State Chess Tournament which will be held at Baton Rouge July 4-6.

GEORGE EASTMAN WINS EN PASSANT AT EDISON CHESS

George Eastman, Co-Champion of Michigan with Dr. B. Schmidt, who has also been Champion of Ohio and held the city titles in Cleveland and Toronto, on Friday, November 15 held a simultaneous exhibition at the Edison Chess and Checker Club (Detroit). O'Keefe, top man in the Class A Ladder Tournament at the Edison Club, was the only victor, for Eastman swept the other nineteen boards of the twenty board exhibition.

MARSHALL CHESS (DETROIT) ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Marshall Chess Club of Detroit at its annual meeting has elected a new set of officers for the ensuing year of activity. Charles F. Thomas becomes president; James Roberts, vice-president and treasurer; and Dr. Harold A. Smith, secretary and tournament director.

On November 13 the Marshall Chess Club played a successful match with the Windsor (Canada) Chess Club, winning by the score of 4 to 2.

MONROE CO. TEAM WINS GENESSEE CUP BY EYELASH

Adjudication of an unfinished game in the finals of the Genesee (New York) Cup matches left it a draw between Monroe and Queens with two victories for each team. On performance in preliminaries the cup was awarded to Monroe.

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ERICH MARCHAND GAMES EDITOR FOR CHESS LIFE

Beginning with this issue, Erich W. Marchand of Rochester, New York, has stepped into the post of Games Editor for CHESS LIFE. Known as a commentator and theorist, Marchand has contributed notes and annotations to games since the second issue of the paper was published. Now, although he will still be assisted by a staff of annotators, he assumes full charge of the department.

A mathematician by profession, Erich W. Marchand has always shown an aptitude for chess and has been in four U. S. Open Tournaments in addition to many state meets. He has been champion of Missouri twice and of St. Louis three times. Currently he is champion of Rochester for the third time.

He is also well known as a correspondence chess player and has been a very active member of the Correspondence Chess League of America.

For a diversion Marchand teaches mathematics at the University of Rochester, although the family tradition preaches a devotion to biology — the study that has engrossed his mother, father, brother and sister. CHESS LIFE feels that both itself and its readers are fortunate in the acquiring of Erich Marchand's services as Games Editor.

PHILLIPS TROPHY FOR COLLEGIATE TEAM TOURNEY

There is much bustle and polishing of the Harold M. Phillips Inter-collegiate Team Trophy in preparation for the Intercollegiate Chess Team Tournament to be held in New York during the Christmas holidays, December 26-30. Teams of four players each will compete from various colleges and junior colleges throughout the country.

Milton Finkelstein, USCF Director of the Collegiate Chess Program will act as Tournament Director for these team matches. While the entry list is almost filled, there is still time for a college, acting promptly, to enter a team in the Tourney by writing at once to Rhys Hays, Secretary of the Committee, 430 West 116th Street, New York City.

N. Y. CENTRAL CLUB (CLEVELAND) ELECTS OFFICERS

At a recent election the New York Central (Cleveland) Chess Club re-elected Rip Lyons president, Reginald B. Fielding as secretary, and Dr. I. E. Halperin as team captain and treasurer.

Chess Life

Thursday, December 5, 1946

It's A Question

Advice to the Chess-lorn on History, Laws, Personal Ethics

Question: We had an argument the other night about who was the first recognized World Chess Champion. I said it was Paul Morphy and another player insisted that it was Howard Staunton. Who was correct?

E.F.M. (Baltimore)

Answer: You were both wrong in a technical sense, for the first acknowledged World Champion was Wilhelm Steinitz. Paul Morphy is usually conceded an honorary title of World Champion; but the fact remains that he never was matched with Howard Staunton, his only real rival in the chess world of that day, and therefore his claim to the title is slightly clouded. While Morphy defeated all the masters whom Staunton had defeated and won a match from Anderssen to whom Staunton lost a match, there are still those chess enthusiasts who claim that Staunton was the stronger player.

Question: Could you tell me where I can get the latest, most up-to-date, complete and official rules of chess? I want something that will settle any arguments.

Elijah A. Brown
(Atlanta, Ga.)

Answer: Alas, experience teaches that no book will settle all arguments in chess, as some player can always think of a new one the books forgot to answer. You need the USCF Club Manual; but unfortunately this valuable handbook on chess will not be published until sometime in the spring. Until that time you may be able to settle your disputes by referring to the Laws of Chess published in the 1939 Yearbook of the USCF. These are the rules officially recognized by the USCF until such times as the Club Manual is off the press. A few copies of the 1939 Yearbook are still available and may be obtained by writing to the USCF Secretary, Edward I. Treend, 12869 Strathmoor Avenue, Detroit 27, Michigan.

CANADIAN CHESS HAS ACTIVE WEEK FOR ALL PLAYERS

At Montreal Max Guze of the En Passant Chess Club won the 1946 Montreal Speed Championship from a field of thirty-six contestants. C. Podlone and S. Betwenik placed second and third among the competitors.

The Maritime Chess Championship went to O. M. McConnell of Halifax who placed first in a fifteen-man Swiss tournament held at St. John during the Thanksgiving holidays. O. P. Doucet of Moncton was second.

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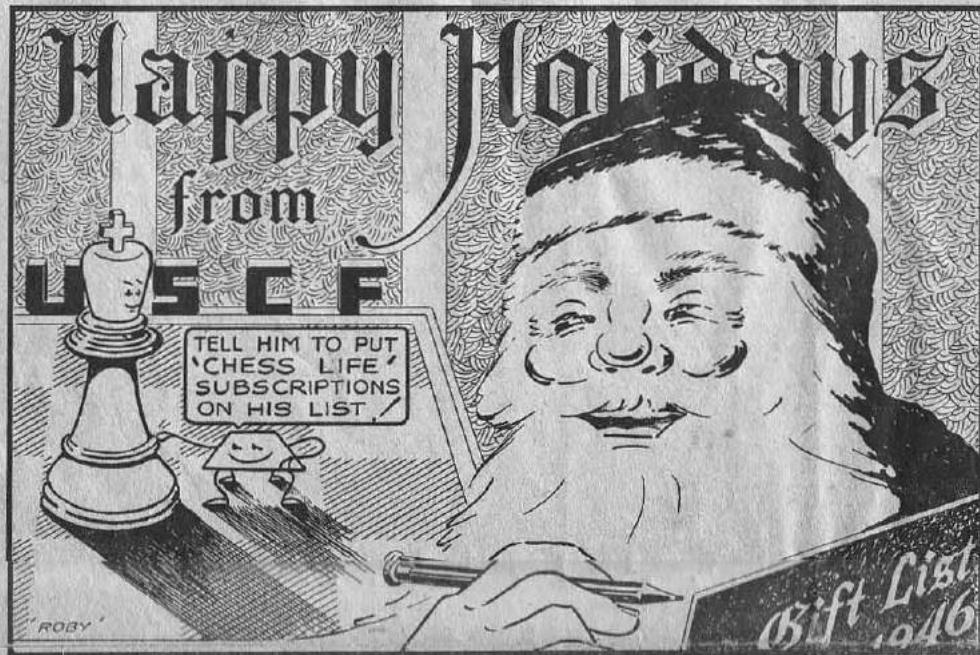
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INDIANA, OHIO, KENTUCKY FORM IOK CHESS GROUP

Within the last year chess enthusiasts at the University of Kentucky (Lexington) have formed a chess club, which now boasts of twenty-five members. W. B. Long of this club in co-operation with James A. Yunker, Jr., of the University of Louisville have been instrumental in organizing the IOK Intercollegiate Chess League which consists of chess clubs from the University of Kentucky (Lexington, Ky.), the University of Louisville (Louisville, Ky.), DePaul University (Greencastle, Ind.), and the University of Cincinnati (Cincinnati, Ohio). The name of the league comes from the initials of the three states: Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky. The league tournament is upon a home and home basis between the teams, and each player contests two games with his opponent.

YOUNGSTER CHESS MENACE TO ELDER AT MINNEAPOLIS

Joining the growing ranks of youngsters like Sandrin, Friedman, the Byrne brothers, Berliner and many others, who prove a serious menace to the chessic peace of mind of their elders, Dave Eliason is leading in the current club championship tourney of the Minneapolis Chess and Checker Club with five wins and no losses or drawn games. Among his victims have been some of the best players in the club. Two veterans of the U. S. Junior Championship Tournament at Chicago are in the upper half of the contenders: Melvin Janowitz with a score of two wins, two losses and one draw, Sheldon Rein with three wins and two losses.

HARRISBURG CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS FOR BUSY SEASON

The Harrisburg (Penn.) YMCA Chess Club (organized in July) held its first annual meeting to elect its first slate of permanent officers. John D. French was chosen president; Ira Isenburg and H. B. Brillinger, vice-presidents; and Harry Schwartz, secretary-treasurer.

The Club has started its winter season auspiciously by defeating the Cumberland Valley Chess Association (Carlisle, Shippensburg, Chambersburg, Waynesboro) by a score of 6-4 in the first of a series of matches at the Central Y in Harrisburg. The exciting game of the match was the five-hour battle between Ira C. Isenburg (Harrisburg) and C. S. Shive (Shippensburg), runner up for the State title a few years back. Quite a crowd lingered until 1 a.m. to see the finish, for if Shive had drawn the game, it would have tied the match.

KING'S MEN BEST EDISON CHESS (DETROIT) 7-5

In a team match played at the Service Building headquarters of the Edison Chess and Checker Club (Detroit) on November 22, the King's Men Chess Club (Detroit) came out victorious by score of 7-5 in the twelve board contest.

| King's Men | Edison Chess |
|------------|--------------|
| Schmidt | Menzel |
| Eckhardt | O'Keefe |
| Schoeckler | Watson |
| D'Amato | Thomas |
| Gaba | Rutherford |
| Sergeant | Robert |
| Heinicke | Black |
| Huster | Mason |
| Wolfe | Mahon |
| Weiss | Drake |
| Ermahn | Pytikovsky |
| Bookstein | Shaw |
| King's Men | Edison Chess |

PEORIA LEAGUE ONLY ONE CHESS ACTIVITY OF PCA

The Peoria Chess Association (PCA) of Peoria, Illinois sponsors among other chess activities the Peoria Chess League, composed of chess clubs and chess teams playing under the banner of various commercial institutions. Each sponsoring firm pays a \$5.00 fee to enter its team in the league, and these fees pay the incidental expenses of the league.

Present standings in the league, with the season well under way, are:

| Team | Match Points | Game Points |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Caterpillars Bishops | 4½ | 24 |
| World Drug Store | 4 | 13 |
| Illinois Furniture | 5½ | 12 |
| Northern Regional Lab. | 3 | 13 |
| Hiram Walkers | 3 | 11 |
| Shah Mat Chess Club | 1 | 6½ |
| Caterpillar Knights | 1 | 6 |
| Central Ill. Light Co. | 0 | 4 |

The number one team Caterpillar Bishops, consists of USCF Director Arthur R. Hartwig (Champion of Peoria), Fritz Miller (Champion of Caterpillar Tractor Co.), Claude Holford and Joe Kraft. Play in the league is semi-monthly on the first and fourth Fridays of the month at the Leed Hotel.

Aside from the league competition the Peoria Chess Association has two active clubs. The Shah Mat Chess Club meets every Friday night at the Leed Hotel. Dean Lybarger is president, Howard J. Bell secretary-treasurer, and Henry G. Cammer club champion. The YMCA Chess and Checker Club meets Tuesday and Thursday nights at the YMCA. Albert W. Johnson is president, and Forrest Cockerell secretary-treasurer.

Peoria has long been an active spot for chess, and Illinois players will remember with pleasure the Illinois Team matches held there for several years as well as the occasions when Peoria acted as

USCF SETS FEBRUARY AS THE MONTH FOR MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

February—National Chess Month
"Boost American Chess" the Slogan

Rolling up their sleeves for the task ahead, the members of the USCF National Chess Month Council are preparing for the gala month of February when the USCF inaugurates its first national drive for membership since its organization.

The time has passed, according to William M. Byland, Chairman of the Membership Committee, when the USCF can be content to rely upon the normal membership which has supported it through the years without solicitation. The growing program of the USCF has increased to a degree that demands whole-hearted support from all chess players in the country. Realizing that many of these players would gladly join the USCF if approached directly, the USCF Membership Committee will follow the example of Mohammed in dealing with the mountain and bring the membership drive directly to the chess players throughout the country.

CHICAGO CHESS & CHECKER BESTS ILLINOIS UNIV.

The recently organized Chess Club of the University of Illinois travelled to Chicago to meet defeat at the hands of a veteran team of the Chicago Chess and Checker Club at the latter's home quarters. After a hard struggle in which the teams proved more evenly matched than the score would seem to indicate, the University team was forced to admit defeat.

Bruno Czajkowski, captain of the Chicago Chess and Checker team, expressed the hope that this would be the first of many matches with teams from colleges and universities, and suggested that members of the Big Ten Conference in the vicinity of Chicago organize for intercollegiate competition around the nucleus of the chess clubs at the University of Chicago and the University of Illinois. The new IOK League in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky has successfully organized its competition with greater distances to span between the member teams.

Results of the match at the Chicago Chess & Checker Club were:

| Chicago Chess | Univ. of Illinois |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| B. O. Dahlstrom | 1 R. H. Berg |
| J. Winter | 1 T. O. Omeara |
| C. Jensen | 0 R. E. Banister |
| E. H. Wilkund | 1 C. K. Kirshner |
| S. Hackert | 1 R. G. Gorodetzky |
| A. Aronson | 1 G. E. DeWolf |
| Mrs. E. Aronson | 1 B. E. Youngberg |
| J. Bets | 1 C. E. Glucroft |
| W. H. James | 1 E. Ockert |
| Chicago Chess | 7½ Univ. of Illinois |

host for the Illinois vs. Missouri team matches. More recently Peoria's hospitality as host and organizer of the 1945 U. S. Open Tournament will long be remembered.

Now the Peoria Chess Association adds its voice to those air-minded localities clamoring for a chess match via short-wave radio. Any club or community interested in this challenge may communicate with A. R. Hartwig, R.R. 6, Peoria 8, Illinois.

A National Chess Month Council has been appointed with a key member in every State to organize the campaign in each area of the country efficiently. Chess clubs and chess publications will be requested to lend their efforts to the drive to make every chess player in the United States a member of the United States Chess Federation. And it is emphasized by the Committee that the success of the drive will largely depend upon the amount of cooperation given by the individual members of the USCF in canvassing their own friends and fellow club members for USCF memberships.

GLEN ELLYN CLUB IS SMALL GROUP ACTIVE IN CHESS

The Glen Ellyn Chess Club, home of Illinois USCF Director Lucius A. Fritze, is a small group but very active during its chess season from the middle of September to the middle of May. Fifteen to thirty-five players turn out regularly for the semi-monthly meetings on the first and third Fridays of each month at the church hall of the First Presbyterian Church in Glen Ellyn (Ill.). John Wohl is president; Wilfred S. Stone, vice-president; and Carl V. Krichton, secretary-treasurer.

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IS THIS NEWS TO YOU?

READER, are you among those who have written to the Editor of CHESS LIFE, commenting upon the fact that certain localities seem favored in the news published in these columns? If you are, here is the answer to your questions. CHESS LIFE is still in the process of expanding its new-born facilities for news coverage; but even when that expansion is completed CHESS LIFE will not have official correspondents in every city. Its pages will rely upon the unofficial reporter for many an item of interest to chess players.

Clubs whose players feel slighted at the lack of comment on their activity may remedy that sad state of affairs by instructing the secretary to report all important events to CHESS LIFE or by putting CHESS LIFE on the mailing list for the club publication. Officials of State Associations and Leagues have the same remedy, for the columns of CHESS LIFE are open to all news of interest to chess players in the United States and Canada.

And what is news? Reader, if what happens in your chess community would make interesting reading to you if it had happened elsewhere—that's chess news.

THE USES OF AN EDITOR

MUSING as we must upon the habits of mankind, for that is supposed by the principle diversion of editors, it occurred to us to wonder what is the use of an editor in the opinion of the public. Certainly, it cannot be much, for the mail that contains items of interest for chess players is addressed to every chess player that of the editor. Just yesterday a very estimable gentleman in the East sent a letter to Mr. Wagner (USCF President), with copies to Mr. Giers (USCF Vice-President) and Mr. Treend (USCF Secretary) containing material he thought should be published in CHESS LIFE. But apparently he wished to keep the matter secret from the editor.

Such tactics, however, are fruitless for the editor is a stubborn man and insists on reading and selecting the items that are published in CHESS LIFE. Therefore, the interests of chess and news can be best served by addressing matters pertaining to CHESS LIFE (aside from the subscriptions which are destined for Mr. Treend) to the editor at the editorial office in Oak Park, Illinois. Much time can be saved by doing this, for letters addressed elsewhere must be forwarded—and forwarding means loss of time.

Guest Editorial

IT'S UP TO YOU!

By William M. Byland

Vice-President, The United States Chess Federation

ALL of us have become aware, during the last few years, of the tremendous growth in chess interest throughout our forty-eight States. New clubs are springing up everywhere, new local and state associations are being formed, the touring simultaneous experts report mob scenes more characteristic of Sinatra than Caissa. The chessboard is attracting thousands of new devotees, and one of the most encouraging features of America's chess revival is the increased hold our game has taken on the nation's youth. On the levels of college, high school, grade school—yes, and even kindergarten!—we are fast developing the chess leaders of tomorrow. Many cities are planning to follow the admirable example set by Milwaukee, with its far-famed playground program; many more are devoting particular attention to high school and college chess; in practically all of our clubs, the young player is now an honored guest, receiving friendly instruction and guidance. In the space of a few short years, we have developed an outstanding array of promising young talent.

Thus, since the United States Chess Federation launched its coordinated coast-to-coast program in 1944, noteworthy progress has been recorded. The tremendous initial stimulus has already been provided—but we must not rest content with our present achievements. Greater programs, greater tasks, greater horizons lie before us. Much more remains to be done; more will be done; more will be done more quickly through a great and speedy increase in USCF membership. Our goals of service to American chess and chess players require the full and active support, by every chess enthusiast, of our national organization. Every chess player—and every club—in the country must become a member of the United States Chess Federation. In unity alone can we find the requisite strength to achieve our objectives; unity of purpose, unity of effort.

February 1947 has been designated as "National Chess Month." One of the important features of this period will be the first nation-wide USCF membership drive, our first concerted effort to enroll every American chess player in our national family. You will be asked to do your part in making this campaign a success. You—the individual chess player—are the very life-blood of our game. You—united in a common effort—can truly inaugurate the Golden Age of chess in our country.

Do you believe in the future of American Chess? Would you like to see a greatly increased program of events and services to all American chess players? Would you like to see our game assume its rightful place in American Life? Then—be a chess "Booster" in February. It's up to you!

SPEAKING OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS...

A Regular Message by

Paul G. Giers

Executive Vice-President, United States Chess Federation

I has been pointed out, and quite justly so, that the state chess associations should be tied in more closely with the development of American chess and that the official state organizations should take over certain functions of the national body. Considering the vastness of our country, the great amount of missionary work still to be done and the best means of making the USCF program generally effective, there can be no question that American chess will be best served if every State assumes its share of responsibility and brings its own house in order.

If the work of our Federation is at present carried out primarily through the individual members and club chapters rather than the state associations, it is because of the fact that chess organization by States still leaves much to be desired. Let us look at the picture as it stands at present.

Only one-third of our forty-eight States have an active association. There are five other States where no state tournaments have been held in recent years. This leaves no less than twenty-seven States still to be organized.

These statistics may seem a bit discouraging at first glance. It must be remembered, however, that for many years organized chess activities were principally centered in our larger cities and that the growing popularity of the game in less populated areas is of fairly recent origin. Nor should we overlook the excellent work being done by our more active state associations, as well as the New England, Southern, and Southwestern Chess Associations, which are bringing the players of their respective areas together each year in well-managed tournaments.

A state association has certain definite functions in addition to sponsorship of an annual State Championship Tournament. It should establish a close relationship between the State's chess clubs, arrange for inter-club matches, sponsor the organization of new clubs wherever needed and help the clubs arrange for simultaneous exhibitions and other special events. Going outside of its own borders, it should join the associations of neighboring States in providing for Area Tournaments and other inter-state competition.

The United States Chess Federation stands ready to assist in the formation of more state associations. If your State is not already organized, we invite you to communicate with us and to give us detailed information regarding chess activities in your State. A list of Federation members in your State will be sent upon request.

Five new state associations are now in the process of formation. We urge chess leaders in the remaining States to take similar steps so that there will soon be an active association in each and every State.

Address inquiries regarding state association matters to: Paul G. Giers, 2304 South Avenue, Syracuse 7, N. Y.



Paul G. Giers

Who's Who In American Chess

William M. Byland

Among the most active chess enthusiasts in the country, William Byland combines enthusiasm with a facility for both playing the game and organizing chess players into groups.

Employed in the Mortgage Loan Department of the Reliance Life Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Bill has managed his affairs so that business has not interfered too seriously with the more important occupation of playing chess. Perhaps the fact that he has so far escaped marriage has also contributed to his success in

devoting so much time and effort to chess affairs.

As an organizer Bill has been secretary and then president of Pittsburgh's strong Downtown Y Chess Club for a number of years. He has been President of the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation since 1940 and Director for Pennsylvania in the USCF since 1944. In 1945 Bill became Vice-president of the CCLA, and in 1946 Vice-president of the USCF. In addition the USCF entrusted to his care the important tasks of the Membership Committee, of which he was appointed chairman.

As a player Bill Byland is noted for a rather aggressive style of game. He has been champion of the Downtown Y Chess Club four times: in 1941, 1942, 1944 and 1946. From 1941 to 1945 he was the champion of Pittsburgh. In 1945 he tied for fifth in the U. S. Open Tournament at Peoria, and in 1946 placed fifth in the International Tournament at Yankton.

Isaac Ash

Chess seems to have a particular fascination for men in the learned professions, and Isaac Ash, attorney-at-law in Philadelphia, has not been immune to its charm. Born in Philadelphia in 1888 (where he has lived all his life), Ash took up chess in his early high school days.

Entering college, he played for four years on the University of Pennsylvania team and in 1908 was selected as one of the college players in the famous Intercollegiate cable match held between Columbia, Princeton and Pennsylvania in America and Oxford and Cambridge in England.

The match was a victory for the United States collegiate team; and Ash drew his game with Woodhouse of Oxford.

Upon graduation from college and after admission to the bar, Ash restricted his chess playing to the local clubs and tournaments in Philadelphia. In 1936 he held a tie for the championship of the City of Philadelphia with Jacob Levin (fourth in the recent U. S. Championship Tournament).

Upon the death of Walter Penn Shipley in 1941 he took over the editing of Shipley's famous chess column in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* (a feature for fifty years). In addition Ash has been President of the Pennsylvania State Chess Association for eight years and a Director in the USCF for Pennsylvania for four years.



Isaac Ash

Messrs. Kenneth Harkness and Richard Wayne are to be warmly congratulated on the arrangements for, and the conduct of, the play. For the first time in these tournaments, an electric 10-second clock was used; and it was attached to two amplifiers, so that all could hear its (maddening) chiming.

Each player was given a number-tag; and each a printed card giving his opponents' numbers, round by round, his "color" in each round, and a letter designating the seat he was to occupy in each round. He could not go wrong; there was no confusion.

Most important and unusual, however, was the fact that this was a refereed 10-second tournament. Players were required to move on the bell—not before, or more than one second after the ring on pain of forfeiture. I do not know how many forfeitures occurred, but there were a good many in both the afternoon (qualifying) and evening sessions. As one capable young contestant admitted to me, grinning: "We're not used to this here!"

I will say this, however: There was no protesting, no fuss or grumbling that I could hear or observe.

Incidentally, I missed witnessing only the 1944 Speed Championship. Except for the strength of players, none of the others can be compared with this one. And please tell people I said so.

N. P. WIGGINTON
Washington, D. C.

Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojam

PROBLEM composers turn to Fairy Chess as an outlet for their more fantastic conceptions; this column eschews such lurid designs as these and is content to present only the orthodox to its readers. But in the interest of the unusual, we will waive a lifetime rule in order to bring these two rare specimens of "Gremlin" chess problems to the readers' attention. Be warned that these two problems are much simpler than they look, for they represent "gremlin" and not "fairy" chess.

(Solutions on page four.)



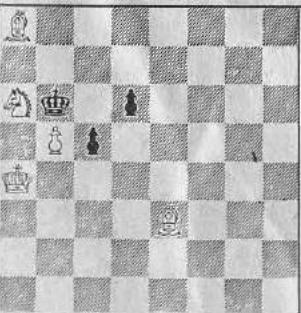
William Rojam

I. Main Gremlin Theme



White to Move and Mate in Two

II. Masked Gremlin Theme



White to Move and Mate in Two

ILLINOIS BESTS WISCONSIN 6-4 IN ANNUAL MATCH

In the annual fall match at Lapham Park School in Milwaukee December 8 the Illinois Chess Team defeated the Wisconsin Chess Team by a score of 6-4 in four hours of intensive play. But the Wisconsin Junior Team whitewashed the Illinois Juniors 3-0. This annual affair is over fifteen years old and grew out of an informal team contest inaugurated by the late Otto Rathmann of Milwaukee and the late Charles Leach of Oak Park.

| Illinois | Wisconsin |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Paul Poschel | Jerome Krazewski |
| Albert Sandrin | Averill Powers |
| Samuel Factor | Arapd Elo |
| Sam Cohen | Robert Simpson |
| S. Gerdezt | G. R. Ayers |
| Angelo Sandrin | Fritz Rathmann |
| Earl Davidson | Paul Liebig |
| Don Thompson | Dr. O. H. Wehrley |
| Frank Krasnow | Marshall Rohrland |
| Alfred Poschel | Sgt. Geo. Harley |

Illinois 6 Wisconsin 4

The notable line-up for Wisconsin included Wisconsin Champion Krazewski, the 1945 Co-Champions Powers and Elo, former Milwaukee County Champion Dr. Wehrley and President of the Wisconsin Chess Association Ayers. The Illinois team was headed by Illinois Champion Paul Poschel with former Champions Sandrin and Factor in support.

| Illinois Juniors | Wisconsin Juniors |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Paul Adams | Richard Kujoth |
| Ted Lewis | Robert Schmidt |
| Geo. Engelhart | Freddie Rathmann |

Illinois Juniors 0 Wisconsin Jr. 3

PHILADELPHIA (PA.) CHESS LEAGUE STARTS SEASON

The Philadelphia Chess League begins its season with a strong line-up of competing teams. The defending champions, the Franklin Chess Club, will have a group headed by Frank and Harold Bandier, Sydney T. Sharp and Isaac Ash (Chess columnist on *Phila. Inquirer*). Merchantile Library Chess Association's entry will be headed by State Champion A. DiCamillo and Jacob Levin (4th in U. S. Championship). Germantown Chess Club will have two teams: the Red Team headed by Al Saxon and Walt Hall, and the White Team (or Gremlins) composed of youngsters of eighteen years or younger headed by Sol Wachs (State Junior Chess Champion), I. Steifel and Charles French. The North City Chess Club has not announced its

ACES' 7-0 WINS KANAWHA VALLEY CHESS LEAGUE

The first season of the Kanawha Valley Chess League, jointly sponsored by the Charleston (W. Va.) Chess Club and the Carbide Chess Club of South Charleston, ended in the triumph of the Aces with seven match victories and no defeats, winning as a team twenty-six

games while losing only nine.

Individual scoring leaders were Allen DuVall (Monarch) with the perfect score of 7-0; Edward Foy (Marshall) with 6½-½; and Allan Gilliland (Marshall) with 6-0. Other top scorers were: Fred White (Aces) 6-1; John Wiles (Aces) 6-1; T. A. Snyder (Aces) 5½-½; John Hurt (Monarch) 5-2; Ray Martin (Chemicals) 5-2; and Harold Liggett (Instruments) 4½-½.

Final standings of the teams were:

| Team | Matches | Games |
|-------------|---------|-----------|
| Aces | 7 - 0 | 26 - 9 |
| Marshall | 5 - 2 | 20½ - 14½ |
| Monarch | 4½ - 2½ | 22½ - 12½ |
| Shah Mat | 4 - 3 | 18 - 17 |
| Chemicals | 2½ - 3½ | 14½ - 20½ |
| Instruments | 2 - 5 | 14½ - 20½ |
| Luths | 1½ - 5½ | 15 - 22 |
| Vinylite | 1½ - 5½ | 11 - 24 |

W. VA. CHESS ASS'N ELECTS OFFICERS FOR NEW YEARS

The West Virginia Chess Association completed its election, balloting by mail, and the results of the final count have been announced. William F. Hartling of St. Albans becomes president; H. Reid Holt of Charleston, secretary-treasurer. Directors named were: John F. Hurt, Harold W. Liggett and Allen DuVall for Kanawha County; William Challenor for Harrison County; Milford B. Mott and Dr. C. C. Spiker for Monongah-Preston County area; Father Gene Huber and Gene Collett as directors-at-large.

ERROR IN SCORE OF U. S. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Inadvertently in printing the box score of the U. S. Women's Championship, Mrs. Kathryn Slater was not credited with her win over Miss K. Henschel, although in Miss Henschel's score the loss is correctly noted. As a consequence Mrs. Kathryn Slater should be given the score of four wins against five losses (instead of 3-6) and placed in a tie with Mrs. Catherine Nye for fifth place.

COLLEGIATE TEAM TOURNEY COMBINE OF OLDER CLUBS

The Intercollegiate Team Tournament to be held under the auspices of the USCF at John Hay Hall on the campus of Columbia University December 26 to 30 represents a fusion of collegiate elements which formed the old Intercollegiate Chess League and the even older H. Y. P. D. College Chess League. Play will be by college teams of four for the U. S. Collegiate Team Championship and custody of the beautiful Harold M. Phillips trophy.

As reported by Milton Finkelstein, director of college chess for the USCF, teams of four players each have been entered in the tournament by Brooklyn, Columbia, City College, Cornell, N. Y. University, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Temple, Cooper Union and there is a possibility of a team from either the Army or Navy. Finkelstein heads the collegiate committee for the tournament of which the other members are Rhys Hays, Carl Pilnick, John D. French, David Furman, Louis Kurelmeyer and Sol Weinstock.

BETWEEN STRIKES DOWNTOWN "Y" HAS ANNUAL MEET

At the end of the Pittsburgh power strike and shortly before the coal-strike, the members of the Downtown Y Chess Club (Pittsburgh) held their annual meeting on October 24 after a month's delay. The meeting was well attended with over fifty members present.

As the result of the balloting William P. Holbrook became the new president; T. M. Cherington, first vice-president; R. C. Cheeseman, second vice-president; J. H. Stahlaker, treasurer; H. C. Lowe, secretary. In addition, Mr. Holbrook became the new Editor-in-chief of the club's official publication, *End Passant*.

PHILIP L. GOLD NEW PRESIDENT BROOKLYN CLUB

At the annual business meeting of the Brooklyn Chess Club, held at the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences where the club meets on Tuesdays and Saturdays, Philip L. Gold was elected president; Gustav Gustafson, vice-president; Harry Ekstrom, treasurer; Jack W. Collins, secretary; and Dr. Harold Sussman, chairman of the tournament committee and team captain. Other members of the tournament committee are Profs. L. B. Adams and Albert Sheftel.

There is quite a literary flavor (in a scacchic sense) to the Brooklyn Club as Philip L. Gold is editor of the *Chess Correspondent* (publication of the CCLA) while Jack W. Collins is responsible for the Chess Movies in *Chess Review*.

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UNIV. OF PENN. HAS UNDEFEATED CHESS CLUB TEAM

Last year the Chess Club of the University of Pennsylvania had an undefeated season in which it met and vanquished in turn teams from Army, Navy, Princeton, Pennsylvania State, the Log Cabin B Chess Club (New Jersey) and finally Temple to claim the Chess Cup presented by the *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin* as Champion of the Intercollegiate Chess League of Philadelphia.

This year the Chess Club continues in the vein of last year's victories by an initial conquest of the chess team of the United States Naval Academy by a score of 6½-2½.

LEHIGH VALLEY RIDES HIGH FOR FIFTH SEASON

Undefeated in five seasons of play, the Lehigh Valley Chess Club (Penn.) continued that winning streak with the second win in this fall season of chess. At the Allentown YMCA they crushed the Reading Chess Club by a score of 16½-3½. Previously the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis had succumbed to the so-far invincibles of Lehigh Valley.

A. SID. TEST SAYS:—

Join the USCF. It is always a sound opening move.

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FIRESTONE CHESS BESTS GOODRICH (AKRON) BY 12-5

On December 3 at the Goodrich Chess Club, the Firestone Chess and Checker (Akron) was victorious by the score of 12-5.

| Firestone | Goodrich |
|------------------|----------|
| Ernie Slater | 1 |
| Pete Seitz | 1 |
| Bob Harrington | 0 |
| Leo Seltin | 1 |
| Walt Paetz | 0 |
| B. J. Clegg | 0 |
| A. E. Phinebaum | 1 |
| Joe Chirich | 1 |
| Dick Hoekemeyer | 0 |
| R. G. Allen | 1 |
| A. Tarnoczi | 1 |
| W. Zimmerman | 1 |
| A. R. Craig | 0 |
| Richard Sweet | 2 |
| Leonard Sweet | 1 |
| A. J. Kellar | 2 |
| R. D. Mackay | 1 |
| Earl Snyder | 1 |
| Dr. D. M. Beach | 0 |
| Bob Harrington | 0 |
| Herman Schlichte | 1 |
| Tom Stadman | 0 |
| Harold Tucker | 1 |
| Chas. Stitz | 0 |
| H. W. Newbauer | 0 |
| Halt Boush | 0 |
| Harry Gilbert | 1 |
| Clyde Harris | 1 |
| Art Latham | 0 |
| Martin Allen | 0 |
| Bill Fox | 0 |
| Earl Cole | 0 |

Firestone 12 Goodrich 5

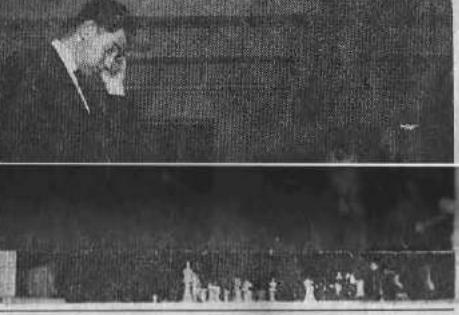
UNBEATEN PROV. CHESS DEFEATS BROWN UNIV. 6-4

On October 23 the Brown University Chess Club lost to Providence Chess Club (R. I.) by 6-4.

| Providence | Brown Univ. |
|-------------|-------------|
| Snedman | 1 |
| Hoffer | ½ |
| Reife | 0 |
| Corey | 1 |
| Hudnut | 1 |
| Glynn | 1 |
| H. Winsor | 0 |
| Worell | 0 |
| Butterworth | 1 |
| Mancini | 1 |
| Rubinow | 0 |
| Karp | ½ |
| Wolk | 0 |
| Arsova | 0 |
| Rodas | 0 |
| Fisher | 0 |
| Shapiro | 1 |
| Putnam | 1 |
| Schwartz | 1 |
| Ecate | 0 |
| Providence | 0 |
| Brown Univ. | 4 |

USCF President
Elbert A. Wagner,
Jr., ponders a difficult move against Homer F. Stesman in giving a

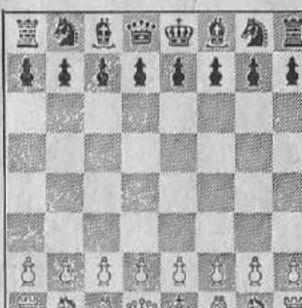
Twenty-five board simultaneous at the Glen Ellyn (Ill.) Chess Club.



A COMPLICATED POSITION

What Is White's Best Move?

(Study the Position Carefully Before You Consult the Answer to the Problem Given Below)



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QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE

1946 U. S. Championship
Tournament

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 A. S. DENKER

2. P-QB4 P-K3 Kt-K5

3. Kt-KB3 P-KB3 Kt-Kt

4. P-KB4 BxKt BxKt

5. B-K2 B-Kt5 ch. R-B2 P-Q4

Up to this point the game has followed rather well-known trails. If now Black plays P-QB4 intending Kt-Q2-B3, then 11. Kt-K5 wins the exchange.

10. Kt-B3 12. P-Q5 PxP

11. QR-Q1 P-Q3 13. PxP Kt-K5

13. ... Kt-K4 seems much better. Black soon finds himself hopelessly tied up.

14. Q-B4 P-QR4 19. PxP P-QK4

15. P-QR3 Kt-R3 20. Q-Q3 B-B1

16. P-QK4 Kt-Q2 21. R-B1 R-KU

17. R-Q4 KR-K1 22. R-KB4

18. P-K3 PxP

White has an overwhelming positional advantage. Hence he looks for combinations in order to cash in. The text threatens R-K15 with dire effect.

22. ... Q-Q1 26. KR-R2 R-K2

23. P-R4 P-R3 27. Kt-Q4 Kt-K5

24. Q-B3 B-B2 28. Q-Q1 Q-R3

25. R-B1 Kt-B1 29. P-K4

Of course no 22. QxP, R-QB3. With his next move Black gives up a pawn in hopes perhaps of unwrapping his pieces.

29. ... B-B1 31. Q-B3 Kt-Q2

30. QxP R-K1 32. QxP!

After 31. ... Kt-Q2

Denker



Horowitz

This sacrifice was not possible before because of the action of Black's Rook on the second rank. Now the end is near.

32. ... RxQ 33. RxR ch. Kt-B1 If 33. ... Kt-B2; 34. B-R9 ch., P-B4 (if 34. P-KB5, BxR mate); 35. RxP with a immediate check to follow.

34. Kt-K6 P-K3

If 34. ... P-K4, one way to win would be 35. Pd4, R-B2; 36. R(8)xRt ch., Kt-R2; 37. R-B1 ch., R-R3; 38. R(8)-R7 ch., Kt-K1; 39. R-Kt7 ch., Kt-R2; 40. R-K4 Q-R8 40. R(8)-R7 ch., Kt-R1 Resigns

37. RxR ch. A very convincing game by Horowitz.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

1946 U. S. Championship
Tournament

Notes by A. C. Margolis and S. Cohen

White Black

A. SANDRIN I. KASHDAN

1. P-K4 P-QB4 7. B-K2 Q-B2

2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3 8. Q-B2 B-K2

3. P-Q4 P-KB4 9. Q-B2 B-K4

4. Kt-B5 Kt-KB3 10. Q-B2 P-QK4

5. Kt-QB3 P-K3 11. B-B3 P-K2

6. B-K3 P-QR3 12. P-QR4

White should play 12. P-QR3 here as it certainly is not wise to give up his center pawn for Black's Knight's pawn. After this move in the game (73) we may say White can accomplish nothing against the excellent defense of the grandmaster Kashdan.

7. P-K5 Kt-KB3 23. B-R7 R-R1

8. Kt-K2 Kt-B5 24. B-R6 Q-Q2

9. Q-P4 P-QB4 25. B-R7 Q-B2

10. Kt-B5 Kt-B3 26. Kt-B6 P-K4

11. Kt-B3 P-K2 27. Kt-B6 P-K4

12. Kt-B2 B-K3 28. Kt-B6 P-K4

13. Kt-B1 B-K2 29. Kt-B6 P-K4

14. R-R4 Kt-B1 30. Kt-B6 P-K4

15. P-B4 Kt-B2 31. Kt-B6 P-K4

16. R-R2 Kt-B1 32. Kt-B6 P-K4

17. P-B4 Kt-B2 33. Kt-B6 P-K4

18. R-R2 Kt-B1 34. P-K4 Kt-B6

19. P-B4 Kt-B2 35. P(2)-Q1 P-B5

20. R-R2 Kt-B1 36. Q-B5 P-K6

21. P-B4 Kt-B2 37. Kt-B6 P-K6

22. R-R2 Kt-B1 38. Kt-B6 P-K6

23. Kt-B3 Kt-B2 39. Kt-B6 P-K6

24. Kt-B2 B-K3 40. Kt-B6 P-K6

After 36. ... P-K6 Kashdan

Sandrin