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## San Francisco City Championship Tourney

### PRELIMINARIES NEAR FINISH WITH FEW SURPRISES

SAN FRANCISCO, August 14. With the preliminaries nearly finished there have been very few surprises in the San Francisco City Championship Tourney. William Addison leads Section 1 with a 4-0 score with Dave Nieder (3-1) left to play as this goes to press. Jules Kalisch has a 4-1 record. Section 2 seems to be just about cinched by Walter Pafnutieff with 4-0, but Carl Huneke has a surprising 3-1 score so far in this section. Leighton Allen stands at 3-2, and George Farly is even with 1½-1½. Section 3 is playing its games slowly with Ed Simanis 3½-½ and Russell Freeman 2½-½ leading so far. Bob Burger played no games at press time and Bob Hampton stands at 1-1. Les Talcott 3-0 and Sief Poulsen 3-1 head Section 4, and Tom Tracy stands at 1-1 followed by Frank Olvera 1-2. James Murray seems to have Section 5 pretty well sewed up with a 4½-½ record. He is followed by Art Wang 3½-1½ and Herb Rosenbaum 2-1. Section 6 shows a tie between Dr. Ken Colby and Charles Svalberg, each with 4½-½, with Henry King following with 2½-2½.

With this tourney going full blast the Bay Area clubs have been busy with chess activity. As usual Mechanics' Institute seems to be the favorite meeting place for the various participating players, though the Golden Gate Club, the Oakland Chess & Checker Club, and the Precita Valley Club are all getting their share of these 64-square battles. The preliminaries are scheduled to finish August 17 at which time the final rounds will be formulated to determine the various class championships. There will be five divisions; Master, Expert, A, B, and C.

## U. S. Open

### FOUR-WAY TIE - BISQUIER, EVANS, STEINMEYER, COBO-ARTEGA LEAD

ROCHESTER, Minn., August 13. After nine rounds of play, the U. S. Open Chess Championship featured a four-way tie with the leaders being Arthur Bisquier of New York, Larry Evans of Los Angeles, Robert Steinmeyer of St. Louis, and Eldis Cobo-Artega of Havana, all with scores of 7½-1½. Steinmeyer and Cobo-Artega, leaders at the start of the ninth round, drew each other while Bisquier was defeating Anthony Santasiere of New York and Evans was winning from Olaf Ulvestad of Seattle.

Right behind these four stalwarts was another four-way tie, Donald and Robert Byrne, Edmar Mednis and Stephen Popel all have 7-2 scores as this goes to press.

And then we have another quadruple of names with 6½-2½ scores; Olaf Ulvestad, Curt Brasket, Dr. Peter Lapiken, and Charles Henin. They are followed by Jack W. Collins, Anthony Santasiere, Raymond Weinstein, Herbert Avram, F. B. Ballboe (of Barcelona, Spain), and L. Szedlacsek, all with 6-3. Ronald Gross, Atillo Di Camillo, and Anthony Suraci each had 5½-2½. Lieut. John Hudson and Dr. Erich W. Marchand were at 5½-3½ each and Elrod Macskasy and Bruno Schmidt had 5-3 scores.

San Francisco Bay Area players taking part in the U. S. Open are Henry Gross, David Krause, Guthrie McClain, and Leo Van Gelder. Participants from Southern California are Larry Evans, Ronald Gross, Harry Borochow, and Lyn Henderson.

There are 138 players taking part in the event as compared to 176 last year at Cleveland, Ohio. ===== SEE LATE NEWS FLASHES ON PAGE 4 =====

\*\*\*\*\* CALIFORNIA STATE OPEN AT SANTA BARBARA OVER LABOR DAY WEEKEND --- SEE PAGE 4 DETAILS \*\*\*\*\*



Valley Of The Moon Chess Festival ResultsBENDER, OBERG AND TALLY WIN DIVISIONS AT SONOMA - SPANN TIRES IN EXHIBITION

SONOMA, Calif., July 27. With 220 players grouped about the Plaza, and with some happily accepting trophies, wine, and book prizes, the annual Valley of the Moon chess festival was a success as usual. The main prizes were taken by Ostap Bender, Sacramento, A Division winner; Robert Oberg, Richmond, B Division winner; Richard Tally, S.F., C Division winner; Mike Hoogasian, S.F., Junior Division winner; and Mrs. M. Bartholomew, Hayward, the Women's Division winner. Awarded trophies for coming the longest distance to the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Burlingame of Phoenix, Arizona, and Embree Reynolds of Marysville. The General Dean Trophy, for the club scoring the best out of four representatives, was awarded to the Redwood City Chess Club. The Carroll Ogden Chess Club of San Francisco won the trophy for the greatest number of participants in the event.

The various section winners were Mike Hoogasian, S.F.; Kris Kraft, Mill Valley; Mrs. M. Bartholomew, Hayward; Mrs. W. M. Bettencourt, Pedro Valley; Norman Wood, Santa Rosa; Ronald Thacker, Richmond; Gunner Rasmussen, Vallejo; O. Bender, Sacramento; J. Packard, Vallejo; M. Feldstein, Richmond; Robert Turner, Berkeley; Amos Knack, Redwood City; George Fouke, S.F.; James Schmerl, Piedmont; Dick Tally, S.F.; Dr. Glen W. Kent, Walnut Creek; Lars Lunn, Stanford; Ben Wong, S.F.; Eric Brent, S.F.; William Gowen, Mill Valley; Maury Holmes, Oakland; Richard Shorman, Oakland; Michael Ewell, S.F.; William Koenig, Oakland; Larry O'Doan, Vallejo; E. Fish, S.F.; Robert Oberg, Richmond; James Gough, S.F.; Dr. E. Schnoor, Redwood City; Henry King, S.F.; L. E. Meyer, Potter Valley; Charles Loveland, Fairfax; Ron Morris, San Leandro; Jules Kalisch, S.F.; R. Roslin, Palo Alto; Walter Seavey, Corete Madera; Robert Hughes, Los Altos; David Bartholomew, Palo Alto; J. Heynemann, Belvedere; Warren Clifford, S.F.; Frank Lynch, S.F.; Peter Cleghorn, Redwood City; Noel Baggett, San Bruno; Robert Dickinson, Redwood City; Lowell Tullis, S.F.; R. Allen, San Carlos; Leroy Turner, Concord; Frank Weinberg, Oakland; Vic Lombardi, S.F.; Don Sutherland, S.F.; Michael Nattenberg, Berkeley; and Dr. L. Dickstein, Oakland.

The main feature of the festival, of course, was the simultaneous exhibition by USCF President Jerry Spann. Anyone who defeated Mr. Spann was to receive a bottle of good ol' "Californie" wine. Jerry tired after some 45 minutes, however, and needed assistance from others, including international master George Koltanowski, who directed the whole affair. Maybe everybody didn't beat Jerry, but several got that bottle of wine! Jerry just wasn't around part of the time to get beat! All in all everybody had a grand time at Sonoma on this sunny Sunday.

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Tandem ExhibitionFUNDS RAISED FOR U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM IN EXHIBITION FEATURING ADDISON, BAGBY & SPANN

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, S.F., July 26. With the main idea being to raise funds to support a U.S. team in the CHESS OLYMPICS at Munich this Fall, a tandem simultaneous exhibition featuring William Addison, Charles Bagby, and Jerry Spann was held at this club. The three allies only faced some 21 players though others had donated but preferred not to play knowing that space was limited. The USCF president was quite tired from extensive travel and only gave some partial assists to Masters Addison and Bagby. Mr. Spann also took time out to listen to debate regarding a few current issues at hand regarding the United States Chess Federation.

PRECITA VALLEY MEMBERS NOTICE

You will soon receive ballots for the annual September election of officers of the Precita Valley Chess Club. If you don't get one, ask for one, and be sure your ballot is handed in to the present Club Director, Leighton Allen, on or before Thursday, September 11, 1958.

\*\*\*\*\*LATE NEWS FLASHES!!!\*\*\*\*\*

ELDIS COBO-ARTEGA OF HAVANA CUBA WINS U.S. OPEN AT ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA!!!! (What's this--, another Capablanca????!!) 2ND: LARRY EVANS OF LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 3RD: BOB STEINMEYER OF ST. LOUIS, MO. 4TH: ROBERT BYRNE (not Donald).

Bobby Fischer draws Bronstein in Interzonal Tournament -- keeps even at 2 1/2-2 1/2!

LATEST S.F. CITY CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS!! SECTION 1: ADDISON DEFEATS NIEDER TO WIN THIS SECTION IN LAST ROUND..... SECTION 3: BOB BURGER (reported as 0-0 on page 1) WINS FIRST FOUR FOR 4-0..... SECTION 4: LES TALCOTT CINCHES THIS SECTION OVER SIEF POULSON.....

More details about the above late news bulletins will appear in the September edition of CHESS HERALD.....

Precita Valley Championship

MIKE KRAMER CINCHES B CHAMPIONSHIP JIM REYNOLDS LEADS FIRST DIVISION

Precita Valley Club, S.F., August 14. With only one round remaining to be played in the Precita Valley Chess Club Championship Tourney, Jim Reynolds leads the first division with 4-0, followed by Leighton Allen 3 1/2-1 1/2. These two will play each other in the final round for the club championship.

The second division has already been cinched by young Mike Kramer who has scored 4 1/2-1 1/2, having a draw only with John Ramirez 3 1/2-1 1/2. Mike Kramer, then, has won the regular B Championship of the club, and will be awarded a trophy for this accomplishment. The standings to date are as follows:

FIRST DIVISION

Table with 3 columns: Name, Wins, Losses. Jim Reynolds 4-0, Leighton Allen 3 1/2-1 1/2, Dave Gibson 3 1/2-1 1/2, James Gough 1-3, Lowell Tullis 0-4.

SECOND DIVISION

Table with 3 columns: Name, Wins, Losses. Mike Kramer 4 1/2-1 1/2, John Ramirez 3 1/2-1 1/2, George Lydeard 3-2, Ted Gee 2-2, Paul Bogosian 1-3.

Interzonal Tourney

AUERBACH, PETROSIAN LEAD - FISCHER EVEN

PORTOROZ, Yugoslavia, August 13. Two Russian participants, Yuri Auerbach and Tigran Petrosian won their fifth-round games to hold their leads in the interzonal chess tournament. Bobby Fischer, the hopeful young American, had an even score of 2-2, drawing a bye in the fifth round. James Sherwin, the other American from New York, stood at 1-2, and adjourned his game with Ludek Pachman of Czechoslovakia. Auerbach's fifth round win was over Hector Rossetto of Argentina and Petrosian won from Alexander Matanovic of Yugoslavia.

STANDINGS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Wins, Losses. Auerbach 4-1, Petrosian 4-1, Olafsson 3 1/2-1 1/2, Tal 3 1/2-1 1/2, Gligoric 3-2, Larsen 3-2, Fanno 3-2, Sanguinetti 3-2, Benko 2 1/2-1 1/2, Bronstein 2 1/2-1 1/2, Matanovic 2 1/2-2 1/2, Szabo 2 1/2-2 1/2, Fischer 2-2, Filip 2-3, Pachman 1 1/2-2 1/2, Rossetto 1 1/2-2 1/2, Cardoso 1 1/2-3 1/2, Sherwin 1-2, Neikirch 1-4, de Greif 1/2-3 1/2, Fuster 0-5.

California State Open

SANTA BARBARA IS SITE OVER LABOR DAY WEEKEND - USCF MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

The California Open Chess Championship will be held at the Hotel Barbara, Santa Barbara over the Labor Day weekend, Aug. 30 to September 1, 1958. The entry fee is \$6.00 plus CSCF membership (\$2.50) and USCF membership (\$5.00). The tourney will be 100% USCF rated. Registration will be at the Hotel Barbara from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 30. The first round is scheduled to start at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, with the seventh and final round scheduled at 2:00 p.m. Monday, September 1. Guthrie McClain will be the tournament director. The first and second rounds will be played at the rate of 30 moves an hour and subsequent rounds will be at 40 moves in two hours. Entrants are urged to bring chess sets and clocks and to make hotel reservations immediately, due to other special events taking place in Santa Barbara during the Labor Day weekend.

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B A C K D R O V I N G R E P O R T E R

DURING THE SUMMER SEASON little chess activity is expected to take place around the San Francisco Bay Area. The personalities that make up the color in our various activities usually take off for a vacation, some even travelling to some far off place to take a postman's holiday at some such event like the U.S. Open, this year being held at Rochester, Minnesota. Others just seem to make themselves scarce in chess club meetings that continue to be held even in Summertime. So it is said that action is drab at all of these clubs during these Summer months. But, for some reason or another 1958 seems to be different, for this reporter finds the various clubs just buzzing with activity. Though a few of the colorful personalities may be missing, the San Francisco City Championship preliminaries has brought about that necessary action to keep things humming.

To offset Summer boredom, there seems to be that stream of chess playing visitors that come to our town, too, vacationing, of course, and finding out what chess clubs look like in our area. Elmer and Mabel Burlingame travelled all the way up from Phoenix, Arizona to drop in on a couple of clubs in the Bay Area and take in the festival up at Sonoma while they were at it. Elmer and Mabel attend the ENCANTO CHESS CLUB in Phoenix so if you are vactioning from this area and you happen to pick Arizona as the spot to do it, you might just happen to drop in and say hello to them as they did us. Of course, the Burlingames won the trophy at Sonoma for coming from the farthest distance to participate, but I also noticed that Mabel won a bottle of wine in the exhibition featuring Jerry Spann. I know that Elmer was determined to also win a bottle. I gorgot to ask him if he finally did the second time he visited our local club. When I mentioned to Elmer that his wife had won a bottle, he remarked, "Won't do me no good so I still have to win one to enjoy it!" "How come?" I asked. "Well," Elmer replied, "Anything Mabel wins in chess has to be placed on the mantlepiece as a memory of the event and so I wouldn't even get to touch it!" On my way home, I began to wonder; i.e.--, what if they won a big hunk of Limburger cheese??!!

Then we had a distinguished visitor in the person of USCF President Jerry Spann. Of course, Jerry was hardly on a vacation--, he was here to promote chess and rally for the cause of the United States Chess Federation. I must say that Jerry Spann has really been working hard to enlarge the USCF membership and to get backing for such things as a U.S. team for the CHESS OLYMPICS. He is a very likeable fellow, and I feel sure he will win out in his various endeavors. He met with opposition on some ideas and I hope he doesn't regard all debate as expression of ignorance of his followers. I feel sure that he realizes that we San Franciscans, Bay Area members, and Californians, are also very concerned with the success of USCF, and, though we may argue a few points, he still has our votes of confidence.

So, the Summer months have not really been lacking with chess activity. It will all be climaxed with the final rounds of the San Francisco City Championship and the California State Open Championship at Santa Barbara over the Labor Day weekend. There are some players in the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League who feel we should have a short Summer team match season as does CFNC, but after reviewing the present scheduled events I do not see how they can insist on this. The various clubs that make up the league do need time to have their own club tournaments and there are always these other separate events such as the North-South match, the City and State Championships and what-have-you. Before one realizes it, it is that time of the year again when the various teams are pressed to find personnel to make up a representative and competitive group to carry on with their colors. So, for those who find this time of the year boring and with too much leisure time to kill, now is the time to be working on that team you want to enter comes December!

Here's hoping I see most of you at Santa Barbara August 30, 31, & September 1. In the meantime, JOIN USCF and CSCF -- SUPPORT CHESS THROUGHOUT AMERICA!!!

GAMES SECTION Edited by Noel Renaud

(Send games to Noel Renaud, 125 Brompton Ave., San Francisco 12, Calif.)

GAME PLAYED IN A TEAM MATCH between Mech. Inst. B & Precita Valley, Feb. 8.

Game No. 46

Both players indulge in reckless Queen moves. This results in an exciting game, but not too sound. Black misses as easy win for failing to call White's bluff.

White: J. Kalisch

Black: J. Gough

ENGLUND-BEHTING DEFENSE

- 1. P-Q4 P-K4
2. Pxp B-B4

In this defense 2...., N-QB3 is the correct move. If Black intends to play the Balbin Gambit, it is better to play 2...., P-Q3 at once as the text loses time.

- 3. N-KB3 N-K2
4. P-K4 O-O
5. B-QB4

Is this one of those rare occasions when Black's bad strategy calls for violation of a fundamental principle and play 5. N-N5?

- 5. ... N-N3
6. N-B3 N-B3
7. Q-Q5 P-Q3

With 7...., N-N5; 8. QxB, NxP ch; 9. K-Q1, NxR; 10. P-N3 and White wins two pieces for the Rook.

- 8. Pxp Pxp
9. B-KN5

White's Queen, having accomplished its purpose should now seek a safer post. 9. Q-Q1 is safe but not too attractive.

Q-R5 is more aggressive and the threat 10. N-KN5 is unpleasant for Black.

- 9. ... Q-N3

And this is Black's contribution to this "live dangerously" contest.

- 10. O-O B-K3
11. Q-Q3 QN-K4
12. NxN NxN
13. N-Q5

White has a lost game, but tries one monumental bluff that pays off.

- 13. ... QxP?

This capture was not good on move 10--; it is much worse now. Black has a forced

win with 13...., NxQ; 14. NxQ, NxBP; If 15. RxN, BxN.

- 14. Q-KN3!

The main threat being N-B6 ch. Black tries to parry this with--

- 14. ... N-N5

Bringing more pressure on White's KB2 but to no avail. Better is 14...., N-N3.

- 15. QR-Q1

Necessary in view of the threat 15...., BxP ch.

- 15. ... BxN
16. BxB NxBP

Desperation--, for the game is lost.

- 17. RxN QxBP
18. R-QB1 BxR ch
19. QxB QxQ ch
20. KxQ R-QB1
21. BxP RxR
22. BxR R-N1
23. B-Q5 K-B1

The King cannot protect the Queen Pawn in this position. A better try is 23. ... P-KR4.

- 24. B-R3 K-K2
25. P-K5 R-N4
26. Pxp ch K-Q2
27. B-N3

Of course not BxP.

- 27. ... R-QR4
28. B-N4 R-B4 ch
29. K-K3 P-QR4
30. B-R3 P-B3
31. B-R4 ch K-Q1
32. P-Q7 P-R4
33. B-Q6 R-Q4
34. B-N8 P-B4

White's plan of getting a check with his Queen Bishop may be delayed longer with 34...., P-N3. But in any case Black will eventually be forced to give up his Rook for a Bishop.

- 35. B-R7 R-Q3
36. K-B4 R-QR3
37. B-Q4 R-Q3
38. BxP R-KN3
39. B-Q4 R-N5 ch
40. K-K5 Resigns

Useless is 40...., R-K5 ch; 41. K-Q5 wins the Rook.

# Humorous GAMES

from the files of

BOB BARRINGER

## II - Russian Chess Club Champion 1948

PLAYED AT THE RUSSIAN CENTER, San Francisco, November 12, 1948.

White: J. Watson

Black: M. Radaikin

FRENCH DEFENSE

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|-------------|---------|
| 1. P-K4     | P-K3    |
| 2. P-Q4     | P-QB4   |
| 3. P-QB3    | Q-R4!?  |
| 4. B-Q2     | N-QB3   |
| 5. P-Q5     | N-K4    |
| 6. P-KB4    | N-N3    |
| 7. N-B3     | N-B3    |
| 8. B-Q3     | PxP     |
| 9. P-B4     | Q-B2    |
| 10. P-K5    | PxP     |
| 11. ExN     | BPxB    |
| 12. PxN     | PxP     |
| 13. O-O     | P-Q4    |
| 14. N-B3    | Q-B3    |
| 15. R-K1 ch | K-B2    |
| 16. Q-K2    | P-QR3   |
| 17. QR-Q1   | B-B4    |
| 18. N-KR4   | B-Q6    |
| 19. Q-B3    | R-Q1    |
| 20. P-B5    | B-Q3    |
| 21. K-R1    | B-K4?   |
| 22. RxB1    | P-Q5!   |
| 23. QxQ     | PxQ     |
| 24. R-K6    | P-N4    |
| 25. QR-K1   | KR-K1   |
| 26. RxR     | RxR     |
| 27. RxR     | PxN/B6! |
| 28. ExP!    | KxR     |
| 29. N-B3    | B-K5    |
| 30. N-Q2    | BxP     |
| 31. ExP     | P-N5    |
| 32. NxB     | K-B2    |
| 33. B-R4    | K-K3    |
| 34. B-B2    | B-N3    |
| 35. P-QN3   | B-N8    |
| 36. P-QR3   | B-R7    |
| 37. N-Q2    | K-Q4    |
| 38. K-N1    | P-B5    |
| 39. NxB     | K-K5    |
| 40. K-B1    | K-Q6    |
| 41. N-K5 ch | K-B6    |
| 42. P-QN4   | K-N6    |
| 43. B-B5!   | K-R5    |
| 44. NxBN    | B-B5 ch |
| 45. K-K1    | B-N4    |

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|-----------|---------|
| 46. N-K5  | KxP     |
| 47. NxB1  | K-R5    |
| 48. N-R5  | B-Q6    |
| 49. K-Q2  | B-K5    |
| 50. P-N3  | K-N4    |
| 51. K-K3  | B-Q4    |
| 52. K-B4  | B-N7    |
| 53. P-R4  | B-Q4    |
| 54. P-N4  | B-B2    |
| 55. K-K5  | B-N3    |
| 56. K-B6  | B-K5    |
| 57. P-R5  | B-B6    |
| 58. K-N7  | B-Q8    |
| 59. P-R6  | B-B6    |
| 60. K-B4  | B-Q8    |
| 61. P-N5  | B-B7    |
| 62. B-K7  | B-N3    |
| 63. N-N3  | K-R5    |
| 64. N-Q4  | P-R4??  |
| 65. P-N5  | B-Q6    |
| 66. P-QN6 | B-K5    |
| 67. P-N6  | Resigns |

At last!

For odd moves, this game must be unique.

### PROBLEM CORNER

Solution to Problem No. 15: 1. N-B4

Problem No. 16 by A. Bottacchi

BLACK (6)

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. . . q . N . . .
. . . . r . . . N :
. . . . . . . . p :
R . . n r k . . .
. . . Q . . . R . .
. . . P . . .
. . . K . . .
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WHITE (7)

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# CHESSALUMINATIONS of Lowell Tullis

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## Of Tourneys And Ratings

EXTENSIVE PLAY OVER THE BOARD and in postal play have taught me, the hard way, that no matter how highly rated or how good their previous record, top players can be beaten! --And, sometimes quite easily. When these opponents "blunder" and allow me to get a won game, I invariably generously give the game back to them!

Another move that is considered a blunder is to have a chess tourney 100% USCF rated! Currently we are playing the San Francisco Championship Tourney and even with most of the top players missing, partly because of the date conflict with the U. S. Open, over one-half of the entrants are USCF members. Would \$5.00 additional scare too many away? Perhaps--, but nearly everyone who enters a tournament feels, deep down in his heart, he can win the trophy for his class! Those forced out would be faced with three inadequate alternatives: (1) Never win because they never enter; (2) Form their own tournaments; and (3) Come back.

Let us look at these alternatives. Be there anyone lacking the pride (or conceit) that they will admit that they will never, in this lifetime, win at least once? The feeling one gets from winning, proving his superiority, cannot be obtained with mere money. Can any of us afford to deny ourselves the opportunity to enjoy this wonderful feeling? Could we organize our own tourney? Yes, perhaps, but only if the USCF members didn't stand firm against us. If they only ignored us and stayed away en masse our chances of success would be very slim.

But--, fellow members of USCF, we do not live up to the first word of the title of our organization--, UNITED--, for we participate in as many non-USCF tourneys as are available.

To me, USCF ratings do not attract the average nor patzer class players. To them and many of the higher rated players, and tourney promoters, the ratings are good only to aid in drawing eligibility lines. What we want is more and bigger prizes, and more and bigger tourneys and leagues. If, in our tourneys, we insisted that nearly all entry fees be returned to the contestants by way of prizes and most of the hall rental and salaries be paid out of membership dues, we would see, in a few years, tenth and fifteenth prizes that exceeded today's first prizes!

A skeptic? --Then I'll give you a concrete example. The formula I have given above was shamelessly stolen from the number one indoor sport in America--, bowling. Prior to adopting this method approximately ten years ago, that sport was virtually unknown and prizes were equally lacking. USCF we are waiting.....

## MEDITATION UNDER TIME PRESSURE

What lies there--, behind  
That superficial thing?  
For one cannot waste  
His forces on a fling.

Why should this man,  
So valuable and true,  
Be thrown upon the Blade?  
For this is not a hero's due.

Is he like the brave,  
Who must surely die, to protect  
His fellow warriors in retreat?  
No, the enemy is now in check.

Let us look at this little man  
Who stands so bravely before the crown,  
For his life must now be spared,  
We dare not chop him down.

For to lower the sword of doom,  
To seal this hero's fate,  
There would follow a check  
And then the inevitable mate!

Is the danger a-bubbling?  
Or is it only benign?  
The only move I can see  
Is to flee, but first--, I RESIGN.